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## WORLD'S FIRST VIRTUAL AUTOPSY WEBSITE AT UNIVERSITY

STUDENTS and staff at Leicester University have written a new page in medical history - by creating the world's first virtual autopsy website.

The pioneering development in the Faculty of Medicine and Biological Sciences allows medical students to conduct a 'virtual post-mortem' with the mouse taking the place of the pathologist's knife!

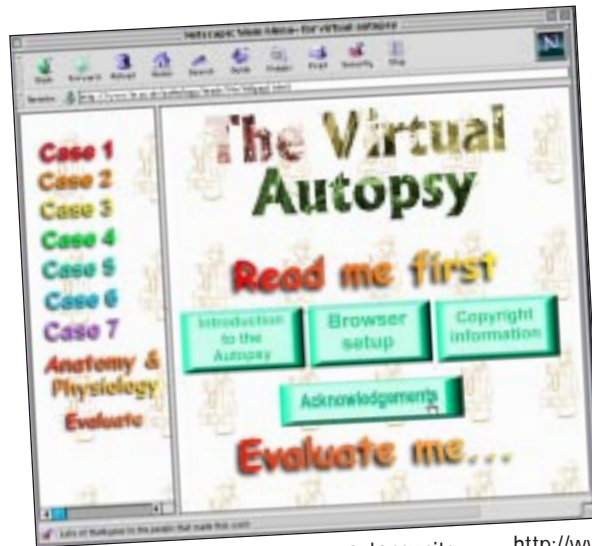
They will study authentic clinical histories, using the information that would have been available to a pathologist carrying out an examination to establish the cause of death.

They have to identify the correct, certified cause of death and disregard a number of alternatives which seem to be possible but are not actual causes of death. If they click on the wrong cause, they will be given further advice in order to investigate further.

The new site is being hailed as a breakthrough in computer-assisted learning for medical students. Senior lecturer in Pathology, Dr Kevin West, said: 'As the hospital autopsy rate has dwindled the exposure of medical undergraduates to the post mortems as a valuable teaching aid has diminished.

'However, it is possible to use autopsy files to facilitate learning without the traditional post-mortem demonstration and modern information technology allows access to such material.'

Dr West said that the virtual



autopsy site

was developed by a Leicester third year medical student Tim Taylor, in conjunction with staff, as part of a Special Study Module which is taken in addition to the core curriculum. It is geared at medical undergraduates in the early stages of their training.

The final design is based around seven autopsy files. The basic details of these were extracted from departmental records. The images were obtained from a wide variety of sources and do not come from the original autopsies.

Dr West added: 'In the interests of decency, because the site has open access, whole body images were not included and thus the voyeur is discouraged. Students are presented with a clinical history and may then view the autopsy findings by clicking on the appropriate system on a body outline. 'There are opportunities to review aspects of the underlying basic medical science and at any stage the student may propose the cause of death. If the

answer is wrong further advice is offered.'

Dr West added that there had been much positive reaction to the site, and medical students found it an excellent way to learn pathology. He said that there were plans to develop the site to offer more challenging opportunities for senior students.

The site can be explored at the following address:

<http://www.le.ac.uk/pathology/teach/VA>

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# NEWS

## NEW COURSE FILLS TRAINING GAP FOR SOCIAL WORK MANAGERS

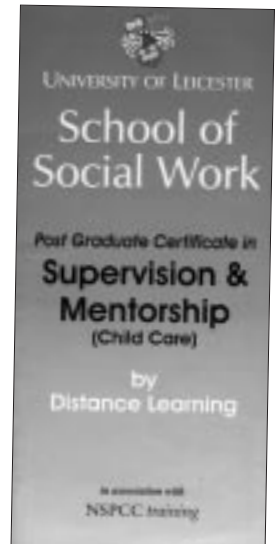
THE University, one of the biggest providers of distance-learning courses in the UK, is continuing to expand its programme of courses.

The School of Social Work has launched its first distance learning programme. It has been set up in collaboration with the NSPCC to meet the needs of first line managers in child and family social work who carry an onerous responsibility in trying to ensure that children are protected whilst involving minimum intrusion into family life. Social workers and their managers have been criticised for acting too slowly or too precipately in their efforts to achieve this difficult aim.

Over the past few years post qualifying programmes have been set up which focus on the continuing professional development needs of social workers. This new Postgraduate Certificate in Supervision and Mentorship (Child Care) is designed for their first line managers and supervisors and aims to offer:

- an up to date knowledge base including current research for child care social work
- a non-stigmatising way of achieving expertise and qualifications which complements those being gained by their team members
- a way of developing skills in managing and mentoring professionals

This innovative distance learning programme, the first of its kind in the UK, was launched at a residential weekend at Scaford Hall, Melton



Mowbray, in July.

Successful candidates receive the Advanced Award in Social Work from the Central Council for Education and Training in Social Work and a Post Graduate Certificate from Leicester University.



GOING THE DISTANCE: Staff from the School of Social Work which has launched its first distance learning programme.

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## ILLICIT DRUG USE AND LABOUR MARKET ACHIEVEMENT

THE relationship between illicit drug use and success in the labour market may be more complex than simple media stereotypes would suggest, according to a recent report by Ziggy Macdonald and Stephen Pudney of the Department of Economics.

The report describes findings from their investigation into the impact of illicit drug use (past and present) on labour market outcomes. This work was the first of its kind to use UK data and revealed some unexpected results.

Using data from the British Crime Survey, they observed that compared to the sample proportions, those in the managerial/professional class were over-represented in the group reporting drug use.

For those reporting having used hard drugs, this representation was only slight. However, a significantly higher proportion of those reporting soft drug use were in the managerial/professional class compared to the sample proportion. For all other classes, drug users were under-represented compared to the sample proportion, except for those who were currently unemployed. In particular, whereas 7% of the whole sample were unemployed, 12.5% of those reporting having used hard drugs were unemployed.

These relationships were further explored by estimating a tri-variate model in which current drug use, unemployment and occupational stress were jointly estimated, conditional on past drug use. The main findings

are summarised as follows:

For the older cohort (aged 30-59):

- A history of past hard drug use is significantly associated with unemployment.
- There is a weak correlation between current soft drug use and unemployment, but any adverse effects of soft drug use do not appear to be large or permanent.
- There is no evidence of a significant association between drug use and occupational achievement, conditional on being employed.

For the younger cohort (aged 16-29):

- There is a strong association with drug use (hard or soft) and unemployment.
- There is a mild positive association with past soft drug use and occupational achievement, conditional on being employed.

In trying to interpret these results to aid policy determination, Ziggy and Steve suggested that any positive associations between soft drug use and achievement might simply reflect unobserved attributes (such as personality) that are correlated with both outcomes. They suggest, however, that given strong evidence of a persistent adverse effect of drug use on employment prospects, policy should be focused on the employment outcomes of drug use, rather than productivity effects.

## PLACES FILLED IN RECORD TIME

THOUSANDS of students clamoured to get a place at the University during the hectic clearing period following the announcement of the A-level results. Head of Admissions and Student Recruitment, Janet Graham, said the University places were filled in the fastest time on record, with all places full by Thursday 27 August 1998. Admissions and Student Recruitment Office staff and Admissions Tutors in departments were on call to help and advise students, and a special Hotline was established dedicated to taking student enquiries. Janet said she would like to thank all staff in the University who contributed to the success of the Confirmation and Clearing period this year.



ON LINE TO HELP: Janet Graham, second from right, with members of the Admissions Office.

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## NEW MARKETING DIRECTOR APPOINTED

THE University's Marketing Director Lynne James took up her post on 7 September.

Lynne comes to the University with a breadth of experience from business and industry. She has 17 years' expertise in marketing, gained within a number of leading companies - Courtaulds, Nestlé and Prestige. Her last position was Deputy Chief Executive and Marketing and Business Development Director for SOLOTEC, The South London Training and Enterprise Council.

Her appointment has strengthened the University's management team and a key aspect of her challenging new role is to ensure that the academic and marketing cultures are successfully integrated.

Lynne is keen to meet with and listen to the marketing concerns of departments and centres. She said: "Everyone is involved with marketing and promoting the University.

"My primary role will be to create a new marketing environment within the culture of the University, whilst respecting its distinctive ethos.

"I aim to work with colleagues to develop and reinforce the University's corporate identity and to increase the effectiveness of our marketing activities.

"Leicester University has many strengths to differentiate us from other universities. By working together as a team, we can ensure students and customers are aware of our unique qualities. I am tremendously excited about the opportunities that lie ahead."

Lynne will be responsible for overseeing the development and implementation of a marketing strategy including market analysis, image building and branding, promotion, advertising and fund raising.

• Lynne can be contacted on ext. 2850.

**VISION:** Lynne believes that the many and diverse strengths of the University can be pulled together to create a unique position for the University.



## POLAR PIONEER RECOUNTS TALES OF ANTARCTICA

ONE of the first female British scientists in Antarctica described in a public lecture on campus her three years' experience of life at the Polar ice-cap.



Lucy Yeomans (24) gave the free public lecture 'Three Long Days Nights' on October 8 when she told of her experiences living in a land with six months of daylight and six months of darkness.

The Geographical Association Lecture was organised jointly with the Royal Geographical Society, the Institute of British Geographers and the University.

Lucy Yeomans, from the British Antarctic Survey, told of her time at the Halley and Rothera Research stations and of her lifestyle in a cold climate.

Geographical Association member Liz Mansell said: 'Lucy Yeomans and her colleague Dr Kate Charles were the first two women to cover winter at the Halley Research Station, the most southerly and harshest of the British Antarctic Survey's bases. Three years of research ended in May this year with Lucy returning to work for the British Antarctic Survey in Cambridge.'

Lucy was born and grew up in Ashby de la Zouch and was educated at Ashby Grammar School and Reading University from where she graduated in meteorology in July 1995.

Liz added: 'Before leaving to set sail for the Antarctic, Lucy had to have her four wisdom teeth extracted as a precautionary measure and her head shaved. She did not leave Antarctica during the three years, even taking her vacations in the area. The title of the lecture 'Three long days nights' refers to the six months daylight, six months darkness at the poles which Lucy experienced.'

## CAMPUS THEN AND NOW

WHEN Kay Lattimore first came to the University as an undergraduate in 1992 she was pleased to get a second bannister to help her climb the stairs in her department. Now she has returned, a successful graduate with two degrees under her belt, to celebrate the installation of a lift in the building she struggled to use six years ago.

With a spinal injury and also dyslexia, she was nonetheless determined to study Psychology at the University at a time when disability access and support were in their infancy in all universities nationwide.

Encouraged by her tutor, Nigel Foreman, and with the support of the Students' Union Welfare Officer, Clare Taylor, she achieved the degree of BSc and went on to get a Master's degree in Social Work, also from Leicester.

Admiring the lift which will make life easier for future disabled students, Kay acknowledged the transformation which had taken place on campus. Just some of the improvements she saw during her student years include designated car parking, dropped kerbs, storage space for wheelchairs, stair rails and ramps.

Car parking used to be her biggest nightmare. "The main reason for missing lectures was not having a parking space. Once I drove round and round the campus looking for a parking space, then drove back home because there simply wasn't one," she said.

Clare Taylor worked closely with Kay and acknowledges the part she played in helping her to form a support strategy for disabled students.

She also remembers the struggle they faced for dyslexia support. "We were right at the beginning when Kay first came. In her first year she had no help at all, then we managed to get a tutor for two hours each week to

help her. It allowed her to function on an equal basis with everyone else. When I first met her, I told her she was going to be a trail blazer.

"We are still not there yet, but we are a lot further down the line. There is no stigma to being disabled now. Originally a lift was out of the question because of the £50,000 cost. Now the whole ethos surrounding students with disabilities has changed and people accept what is needed."

Even as an undergraduate Kay Lattimore worked on a voluntary basis with young offenders. Now, as she puts it, "I am paid for doing the work I love, as a youth justice officer. In terms of disability access I had to start all over again with my job, but once people saw how hard I was trying then they started to put things in place. If you show you are committed then people do help you."



**IMPROVEMENTS:** Kay with Clare Taylor and Dr Nigel Foreman.

## PLAQUE UNVEILED IN GREENHOUSE 2

THE University's new fitness facility, greenhouse 2, was decorated with a plaque in recognition of the fund-raising efforts carried out during the Jubilee Year campaign.

The £140,000 cost of the sophisticated gym, housed in the Percy Gee Building, was met through donations made during the campaign that extended to alumni and parents of current students. The campaign, conducted by phone and mail shots, amassed a total of £1 million.

The unveiling took place at this year's Convocation Reunion in September. Pictured with the Vice-Chancellor at the ceremony are Dr Wendy Hickling, Chairman of Convocation, and fitness advisors Duncan Kilburn (left) and Spencer Oakes.



## FOCUS ON ENGLISH



THE University-based English Association has published its latest magazine which was produced with help from staff from the Audio-Visual department. The magazine looks at aspects of drama, the National Year of Reading and non-fiction. It is published three times a year.

### PUB VIOLENCE EXAMINED

ALCOHOL and violence can be closely linked and no one has more opportunity to examine the reasons for this than pub managers.

Leicester researcher, Dr Claire Lawrence, Lecturer in Psychology and Security Management at the Scarman Centre, has been granted new funding from the University's Faculty Research Committee to analyse the ways in which pub licensees explain violence.

'These explanations are important for a number of reasons,' says Dr Lawrence.

'Research is beginning to show that people's explanations of others' actions during a conflict are of paramount importance in determining their likely behavioural responses. For instance, if a person believes that they have been treated badly and with malice, they are more likely to retaliate aggressively.'

She believes that understanding the subjective experience of workplace violence helps to predict how different people exposed to that violence may respond differently.

The aim of her research is to explore how licensees differ in terms of their ability to deal with aggressive situations, and to record their verbal explanations for violence they have encountered at work.

Claire expects that licensees who have dealt with conflicts peacefully

and those who have been, for whatever reasons, unable to prevent an escalation to violence will differ in terms of the explanations they give for aggressive situations.

Similar research has proved to be reliable and valid in other areas particularly in family therapy and in other retail organisations.

The results will be used:

- To identify any link between licensees and their verbal explanations about violence
- To recognise differences in the ways in which licensees react to conflict
- To establish how far existing psychological techniques apply to research into pub violence

Dr Lawrence hopes that the results of this work will lead to a larger-scale study looking at other occupational groups associated with work-related violence.

'Violence towards staff is becoming a major cause for concern for many industries,' she adds. 'These findings have clear implications for training and have the potential to change the way customer service is viewed.'

### NEW LINK IN CANADA

THE University is widening its international interests with a new link being established by the Scarman Centre and a Canadian university.



**INTERNATIONAL LINKS:** Professor Benyon with Professor Margaret Jackson, director of the school of criminology at Simon Fraser University. Professor Jackson's research interests include criminal justice policy analysis, correctional process and sentencing policy, and elderly and women prisoners.

Professor John Benyon, Director of the Scarman Centre, signed a letter of intent to collaborate with the School of Criminology at Simon Fraser University, Vancouver, British Columbia.

He said: 'This is one of the leading departments of criminology in North America, with over 20 staff and a strong graduate programme. This proposed collaboration includes exchanges of

staff and students, comparative research profiles and organisation of international seminars and conferences.'

The Scarman Centre now has an array of agreements with institutions in other countries which conduct research and teaching in the fields of public order and police studies, criminology, crime prevention and security management, risk assessment and disaster management, and related issues.

These include agreements with the University of Hong Kong, Gong An University in Beijing, law institutes in Moscow and Omsk, Monash University in Melbourne and the John Jay College of Criminal Justice in New York.

### CARNIVAL COVERAGE

LEICESTER University featured prominently in publicity for the Caribbean Carnival held in Leicester this summer. The Scarman Centre took a half-page advert in the Carnival's souvenir magazine and it was also featured in editorial and photographic coverage. This referred to a report, African Caribbean

People in Leicestershire, a research project carried out by the Centre. It was commissioned by the African Caribbean Support Group in partnership with the County and City Councils, the City Action Team and the University.



## FACT IS STRANGER THAN FICTION

WHILE film-goers in Britain watched in horror the impending doom of an asteroid collision with Earth as portrayed in the movies *Deep Impact* and *Armageddon*, scientists in the UK are preparing to meet up with an asteroid!

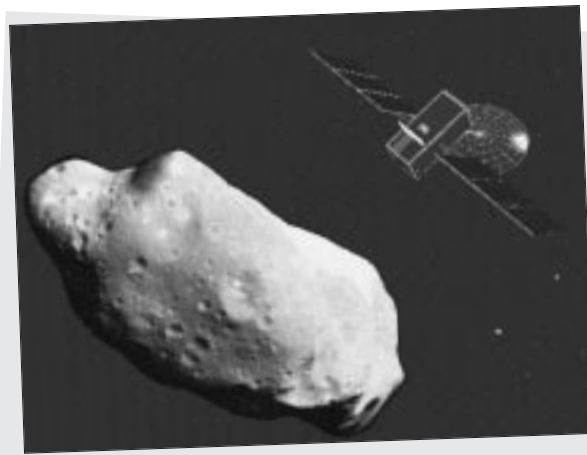
A UK-led X-ray instrument designed to measure the surface composition of a near-Earth asteroid is part of the scientific payload approved by the European Space Agency's Science Policy Committee for the space agency's SMART-1 satellite.

The Imaging X-ray Spectrometer (IXS), led by Dr. George Fraser at the Space Research Centre at the University, will use X-ray telescope and detector technologies originally developed for X-ray astronomy to map the metal content of a one kilometre long asteroid.

X-rays from the Sun, shining on the still-to-be-selected asteroid, will excite secondary X-rays whose characteristic wavelengths, measured by the IXS, indicate the elements present in the object's surface.

SMART-1 (the first Small Mission for Advanced Research in Technology) is due for launch in 2001. The spacecraft, built by the Swedish Space Corporation and powered by a novel ion drive, will fly by the Moon on its way to a rendezvous with the asteroid.

**'We are tremendously excited about this project which opens up an exciting new field of space research for the University. This will be the first spacecraft to make a complete map of an asteroid.'**



During the one-year cruise to the target, the IXS will make observations of the X-ray

variability of cosmic sources such as Active Galactic Nuclei (AGN) – giant black

holes at the centres of distant galaxies.

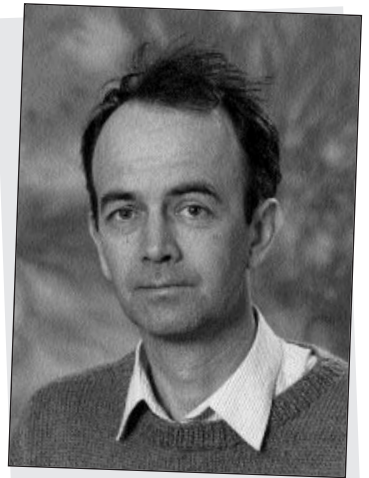
The IXS will be built by a consortium of UK universities (Leicester University and Open University), Finnish and US research groups. The total value of the project is estimated at between £2million -£2.5 million.

Dr Fraser, Reader in the Department of Physics and Astronomy, said: 'We are tremendously excited about this project which opens up an exciting new field of space research for the University. This will be the first spacecraft to make a complete map of an asteroid.'

'There have only been three spacecraft encounters with asteroids in the past and these have all been fly-bys ie. the asteroid has been travelling at high speed past the craft.'

'In our experiment the spacecraft will rendezvous 10km from the asteroid. The information we will gain will have fundamental science benefits – from understanding how the early solar system was formed to long-term technological benefits including mining asteroids for mineral contents.'

'And if anything out of *Deep Impact* were to come true – it is just as well to know what kind of material we are dealing with.'



FAR REACHING MISSION: Dr George Fraser

## LEICESTER UNIVERSITY MENINGITIS CAMPAIGN

THE University has devised a year long campaign to increase awareness about meningitis and septicaemia.

The Welfare Service has worked with Dr Philip Monk, Consultant in Communicable Disease Control from Leicestershire Health, Dr Paul Davies from Freeman's Common Health Centre and the Students' Union to produce comprehensive information. A leaflet has been written which attempts to address the particular concerns of the university community, 16,000 copies have been distributed to staff and students. In addition, staff have received a personal letter from the Registrar. Talks have been given to staff and students in Halls of Residence. Posters have been strategically placed throughout University accommodation. Students have been reminded by



VIGILANT: Clare Taylor, Senior Welfare Officer.

sub-wardens to 'look after their friends'.

A vaccination programme has been carried out within the Oadby Halls of Residence - 90 per cent of students living in this accommodation have so far availed themselves of the offer of free immunisation. A second vaccination session is planned for early October. The vaccine offers protection against strains A and C meningococcal meningitis. Students are encouraged to stay vigilant over strain B of the disease, for which no vaccine is yet widely available.

The campaign will continue with a visit from the Meningitis Trust Roadshow in February and through the Students' Union Health Campaign.

More information about meningitis and septicaemia from the Welfare Centre, Percy Gee Building (223 1185) or Freeman's Common Health Centre (255 4776).

• Helplines:

Meningitis Research Foundation (24 hours) 01454 413344  
Meningitis Trust (24 hours) 0345 538118

Clare Taylor

## LEICESTER TEAM AIMS TO REPEAT CHALLENGE SUCCESS

A TEAM from the University selected for BBC-2's *University Challenge* hopes to emulate the success of former students – Leicester University won the first ever series of the gruelling competition.

The five from Leicester – four contestants and a reserve – were among 150 teams applying to enter the 1998/99 season of the TV intellectual quiz show. Only 28



**OFF TO A RACING START:** The *University Challenge* team are, front l-r, Tim Stanton, Matt Burrows, David Bates, Brian Mellerick. Rear, Jo Slade and Amanda Shaw.

teams were successful of which Leicester University is one.

The team – Tim Stanton (PhD Politics) from Leeds; Matt Burrows (BSc

Genetics) from Nottingham; David Bates (PhD History) from Cambridgeshire; Brian Mellerick (BA Combined Studies) from Leicester and reserve Jo Slade (Engineering) from Bolton – have recorded the first round of the competition, the outcome of which will be shown later this year.

David said: 'The team was selected on the basis of a trial arranged by the former President of the Students' Union. It involved answering 30 questions; I was surprised at the number of students that rallied to the cause – we had to move into a lecture theatre to accommodate everyone.'

'Once the team had been selected, we had to complete the entry formalities and answer another set of 30 questions, this time as a team – it was the first time the four of us had met. We then progressed to a further test/audition. At this point I learned that there were 150 teams applying and, without knowing the standard of the others, it was impossible to judge our chances, but the odds didn't look too good!

'I'm not sure how the 28 successful teams were selected – presumably on the quiz scores, but also charm and good looks in our case!'

Leicester University won the very first series in 1963 when Oliver Andrew, Madalane Hall, Geoff Ford and John Hewitt beat a team from Balliol College, Oxford, to emerge as the first series champions. Members of this winning team returned to the University last year to celebrate the Jubilee Year.



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## ON THE MOVE

DAVID Rew, senior lecturer in the Department of Surgery, didn't let a leg injury hold him back from his work - instead he raced ahead with an orthopaedic scooter!

The consultant, based at Glenfield Hospital, ruptured his Achilles' tendon in a sporting accident in May. Rather than take it lying down, he carried on with his work using a K9 that left his hands free.

He said: 'I was lucky to read an article by design engineer John Reid in the *BMJ* 12 years ago and keep details in my teaching files.'

'By ordering K9 within 24 hours of injury, I was able to keep working normally from the time of the accident until full recovery, to get around faster than on two legs and even to travel abroad.'

The scooter allows casualties in below-knee plaster to get about without the need for crutches.



Pic: Leicester Mercury.

## BIOLOGISTS BATTLE TO PRESERVE RARE BRITISH PONY BREED

A TEAM of scientists has determined through DNA evidence that wild ponies in Exmoor are truly prehistoric – but that their future survival is at risk.

The study, published in *British Wildlife*, provides hope for saving this rare breed – whose origins date 130,000 years – but which at one point this century fell to 50 animals.

Now biologists fear the desire to produce showhorses through interbreeding may pose a further risk to the genetic survival of this unique native pony.

The team – Professor Herbert Macgregor (Leicester University); Dr Sue Baker (honorary research fellow, University of Exeter) and Dr Alma Swan of the British Pony Centre are spearheading the campaign to save the pony. They sought to establish:

- Are Exmoor ponies special?
- Can one distinguish between breeds of native pony?
- Can one distinguish between founder groups within the Exmoor breed?
- Can one measure the 'genetic health' of today's Exmoor pony population?

Professor Macgregor, of the Department of Biology, said: 'Britain is unique in its native breeds of ponies; no other country in the world has such an array of breeds native to its shores.'

'Although some have been lost over the last century, nine distinct breeds still survive. Many zoologists believe that the Exmoor Pony, in particular, descends directly from the original Hill Pony that walked into Britain before the English Channel was formed, some 130,000 years ago.'

'This was before man's habitation of these islands, a time when sabre-toothed tigers still presented the greatest threat to horse survival. This population of hardy, self-sufficient horses has lived largely untouched on the uplands of Exmoor to the present day.'

'There are only some 770 left, however, making them rarer than the giant panda. Even of this 770, the majority are geldings (castrated males), leaving only around 250 mares and 40 stallions.'

'The future of the breed is dangerously threatened.'

'Every feature of an Exmoor pony, physical and behavioural, is in some way adapted to surviving in a wet and cold climate, efficiently subsisting on meagre rations and avoiding predation. These adaptive characteristics, together with a uniformity of a phenotype that is recognisably primitive,

strongly suggest that the Exmoor is not really a breed but a surviving biological race of British equid. Although marginally absorbed into the hill-farming system and having their distribution and breeding under man's control, these ponies have probably changed very little since prehistoric times.'

The team of scientists found that DNA testing is not only a rapid and effective way of obtaining genetic data from horses and ponies but is particularly applicable to breeds of British native ponies.

The scientists recommend three principal objectives for the future of the pony:

- Maintenance of the health and robustness of the gene pool
- The need for a larger breeding population
- An ongoing study of the pony and its environment so as to make fuller use of the special qualities of the breed for the benefits of both landowners and ponies.

They add: 'Perhaps the most important issue emerging from our research is the vulnerability of the genetic health of the Exmoor pony. Safeguarding the gene pool is of paramount importance.'



PREHISTORIC PONIES: Scientists traced the origins of the Exmoor pony.

Pic Herbert Macgregor.



Pic: Leicester Mercury.

## IT ADDS UP TO SUCCESS

A LEICESTER student who gained outstanding results in his maths exams has been honoured by the Institute of Mathematics and its Applications. Kalpesh Patel, of Leicester, received a special certificate and a year's free membership of the IMA after his results were announced.

## WE ALL MAKE MISTAKES, CLAIMS PATHOLOGIST

THE Head of Pathology at the University, Professor Ian Lauder, claims that pathologists must be allowed room for error.

Professor Lauder, who is Vice-President of the Royal College of Pathologists, defended an article in the *Journal of Clinical Pathology* that claimed that zero error is impossible in the work of pathologists.

The article, by Dr Milena Lesna, a consultant pathologist in Dorset, follows a series of 'scandals' involving alleged misdiagnosed cancers.

But Professor Lauder, who was interviewed by *The Independent* and radio programmes, among others, agreed with the article which said: 'Pathologists need to explain to the public that all diagnostic and screening errors carry a certain rate of error, and that accusations of

professional incompetence only end up demoralising experienced staff who are often difficult to replace.'

Professor Lauder said that the number of pathologists whose work had been identified as sub-standard was disproportionate compared with other professions. Doctors, for instance, were able to 'bury' their mistakes, while the work of pathologists with tissue samples or cervical smears remained on file and forever open to scrutiny.

In 1995, 19 pathologists were suspended for alleged incompetence, but in 16 of the cases the allegations were proved unjustified at subsequent tribunals.

## JOHN'S HAT-TRICK OF SUCCESSES

JOHN Williams, Centre Administrator for the International Centre for Management, Law and Industrial Relations has for the third consecutive year been nominated as a finalist in the Document Management Project Award category.

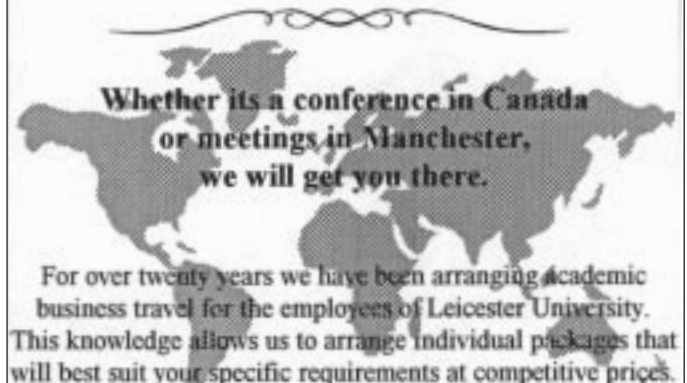
The award goes to the most innovative and successful application of document management technology in a project completed during 1998. The awards are sponsored by Deloitte & Touche Consulting Group and supported by Document World Magazine

John said: 'The current strategic phase involves a project designed to take the paperless office to 'The Final Frontier' by using new products in an innovative and integrated fashion in order to improve and bring to full potential the information systems in use by the International Centre.

'The primary objective has been to complete work on the administrative process of dealing with large volumes of paperwork generated by students; administrative and academic staff (both within the University and externally). There has been concern to take advantage of recently improved communications systems in order to produce a fully paperless environment. The achievement of such a paperless environment also backs the University's pledge on environmental matters.'

Students and staff can now communicate by voicemail, Email, fax, and ISDN2, as well as through videoconference facilities. Archival paperwork can be scanned and held on a fileservers or CD for transmission via Email and fax, or in order to be available to be viewed remotely. Since the inception of the strategy of which this project forms the current stage, a 'future-proof' tag has been recognized as an essential element for success. Such 'seamless' transitions enable speedy and painless progress towards a more efficient and less costly system of document management.

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## NEW STUDY UNCOVERS LINKS BETWEEN MENTAL ILLNESS AND STATUS

A NEW study co-authored by a Leicester academic has discovered a startling link between mental illness in Britain and perceptions of 'status'.

The findings have important implications for business and industry as up to 30 per cent of absence from work due to sickness may be due to depression, which is now being linked with not owning a car or a home.

Dr Traolach Brugha, a senior lecturer in the Department of Psychiatry, was a member of a collaborative study group that found that a proportion of the neurotic disorder in the UK is attributable to those that rent their homes and cannot afford to run cars.

The report, published in the medical journal, *The Lancet*, stated: 'The UK has experienced one of the largest increases in income inequality within western market economies over the past 20 years, and this inequality may have had adverse consequences for the mental health of the population.'

The study, *Socioeconomic status, standard of living, and neurotic disorder*, was carried out by a team of scientists from the University of Wales College of Medicine; University College London Medical School; Whittington Hospital, London, the Institute of Psychiatry and the Social Survey Division for the Office for National Statistics, London.

At Leicester, the section of Social and Epidemiological Psychiatry at the University Department of Psychiatry, the Brandon Mental Health

Unit, Leicester General Hospital were involved in the study.

A total of 10,108 adults aged between 16 and 65 were selected for the study which used housing tenure and access to cars as measures of standard of living. The authors state: 'The common neurotic psychiatric disorders, mostly depression and anxiety, have a prevalence of about 14 per cent in the UK. They are associated with 15-30per cent of all absence due to sickness, and lead to as much or more disability than many other chronic medical disorders.'

The authors concluded: 'Lower social class, no access to cars, home renting, and low educational attainment were associated with higher prevalence of neurotic disorders. The most robust finding was that car access and house ownership were independently and inversely associated with the prevalence of neurotic disorder.'

'Our results suggest that that income inequality is likely to have an adverse effect on mental health and increase the prevalence of neurotic disorder. Changes in social and economic policies that would reduce inequality should improve the mental health of the population.'

## GARDEN CULTIVATES INTEREST

MORE than 1,400 visitors were attracted to the third annual sale of rare and unusual plants at the Harold Martin Botanic Garden on September 6. It was organised by the Leicestershire group of the National Council for the Conservation of Plants and Gardens and was attended by 20 nurseries.

During the day, the chairman of the organising group planted a specimen of *Chamaecyparis Lawsoniana* 'Kilworth Column' to commemorate the 20th anniversary of the NCCPG. The University holds a national collection of this species containing around 110 cultivars.

## LAND OF MAKE BELIEVE

THE Botanic Garden was transformed into a fictional country, *Botanica*, as part of a special schools project.

Thirty Year 10 students assumed the role of journalists reporting on the imaginary 2001 Games in a land in south-east Asia. They covered preparations for the event and also reported on aspects like pollution, environmental devastation and growing shanty towns.

Sue Baughan, of the educational project SEED, based at the Garden, said the pupils were offered an 'extraordinary educational experience.'



**FIRM ROOTS:** Graham Jackson, Chairman NCCPG, plants the tree with, I-r, Brian Arnold, assistant superintendent of gardens, Barrie Frankland, superintendent and Rosie Peddle, secretary of the county NCCPG.

## UNIVERSITY CENTRE HOSTS WORLD CUP CONFERENCE IN PARIS DURING FRANCE '98



TOP TEAM: John Williams and Professor Phizacklea with Keith Cooper, director of communications at FIFA.

LEICESTER University's fame in football research was demonstrated by the Sir Norman Chester Centre for Football Research which organised the official FIFA World Cup Conference hosted in the International Media Centre in Paris.

The Centre's Director, Professor Annie Phizacklea, and Centre staff,

Janet Tiernan, Sean Perkins and John Williams all attended the conference. John Williams also spoke at other World Cup conferences in Paris before the Finals and conducted research in France during the World Cup. The Centre has also produced some research on perceptions of the Finals among fans in England.

The conference drew speakers from across the world. Subjects covered included the reasons why national teams are still important in football and how national identities are explored and expressed during global events of this kind. The history and role of FIFA itself was also investigated at a time when the sport's governing bodies seem increasingly under threat from external groups and new business interests in world football.

John Williams said: 'The event touched on 'social' issues connected to the sport – racism, child labour, social exclusion, for example – and at the developing new international order at the very top of the world game. The conference considered the role of the football fan in the world game. Inevitably here discussion turned to ticket allocations, cultural diversity, the World Cup as a TV event, and also to the hooliganism during the Finals involving English, German and Tunisian fans.

'It is hoped that the venture can be repeated, perhaps in South Korea or in Japan in four years time. The game is growing strongly in Japan – another massive new market for a sport whose global reach now seems to know no bounds.'

## NEW REPORT WARNS OF SPLIT IN FOOTBALL RANKS

INTRODUCING technology as an aid to football refereeing could change the way the game is played and cause a split between top clubs and those in lower leagues, says an expert in the Centre for Research into Sport and Society.

The room for interpretation inherent in the wording of the laws of the game provides the key to understanding why controversial decisions by referees have been a long term issue in football.

The rules of the game allow for interpretation of the 'spirit of the law' but if technology is introduced the game's universality will go, claims Sharon Colwell, who is undertaking a PhD thesis in refereeing at the Centre – the first of its kind in the UK.

Writing in the newly released Review of the 1997-98 season published by Singer & Friedlander and edited by the Centre's Director, Patrick Murphy, Sharon looks at Pressure Points: Officiating in the 1990s. She points to the referee as the scapegoat for a club's failure to achieve success, with the attitude of the players towards referees changing over recent years.

'There is a lot at stake, both financially and in terms of the kudos of the team,' she explains.

'It is a very complex issue with cameras looking at the match from every angle in major games such as in the World Cup and in other top tournaments and leagues.'

Bringing in sophisticated technology such as introducing micro chips in football boots is not practical for all clubs and may only be viable for some.

'The laws of football are now universal but different leagues would be playing under separate rules if decision-making takes account of technology.

'The referee is expected to achieve a balance between the 'spirit' and the 'letter' of the law. This flexibility can allow a referee to facilitate a flowing game, playing on when offences occur, which, if the 'letter' of the law was enforced, would result in play being stopped,' says Sharon in her article.

'The aim of the Singer's Review is to provide readers with a perspective on football which fills a gap,' says Patrick Murphy.

'On the one hand there are annual publications which constitute an invaluable source of primarily statistical data. At the other end of the spectrum, there is a wide range of weekly and monthly magazines which range from the gossipy to the more serious and informative.

'What we aim to do in this

publication is to take up current issues and sometimes adopt unusual perspectives on the game with a view to exploring them in rather more depth than is generally the case.

'While most of the contributors are academics, they are also life-long soccer fans and the aim will be to present the arguments in ways that are readily understandable and accessible.'



FOOTBALL REVIEW: Pat Murphy and Sharon Colwell from CRSS.

## FOOTBALL 2000: CHALLENGES IN THE NEW MILLENNIUM

THE threat posed to top-flight football by the prospective European Superleague was among the issues tackled at a unique conference held at the University and attended by policy makers and practitioners, analysts and academics

Experts also examined issues relating to political control of the game, commercialisation and the impact on communities during the three-day event organised by the Scarman Centre and the Centre for Research into Sport and Society (CRSS).

The conference explored issues such as the political control of the game, the game's changing commercial face, the latest developments in fan policing as well as football's role in our communities and the various developments in the playing, coaching and refereeing of the game.

Other topics included: Football and learning disabilities; football and the law; nationalism; gender; democracy and fandom; race issues; football writing and popular culture.

Jon Garland of the Scarman Centre said: "This conference addressed all of the salient issues facing football in the next millennium. This is a crucial time in football's development and this conference aimed to provide a blueprint for the future."



**FOOTBALL PANEL:** Conference organisers (standing) and speakers, including FA Technical Director Howard Wilkinson, sitting, second left.

## SCULPTURE PRESENTED TO UNIVERSITY

The Vice-Chancellor, Dr Kenneth Edwards, was presented with a special memento following the degree congregations at Nene - University College Northampton.

This is the final year the College's degrees are to be accredited by the University and, in recognition of the close links that have existed between the institutions, Dr Martin Gaskell, College Director, received an honorary degree of Doctor of Laws as did Sir John Lowther, Lord Lieutenant of Northamptonshire.

Dr Edwards was presented with a sculpture, *Bird of Transformation*, which is modelled on the first sculpture at the University College's Park Campus. This sculpture, by Roland Piche, was acquired by Nene in 1993. The bronze, inspired by the Ibis bird of Egyptian mythology, stands at the



**PRESENTATION:** Leicester honorary graduate Sir John Lowther presents the *Bird of Transformation* sculpture to Dr Edwards.



**HONORARY DEGREES:** Representatives of the University and Nene at the honorary degree ceremony for Sir John Lowther, seated left, and Dr Gaskell (inset).

entrance to the campus.

Piche worked as part-time assistant to Henry Moore and was elected a Fellow of the Royal Society of British Sculptors in 1992.

## STUDY REPORTS ON FALL IN STANDARDS

A STUDY carried out by the School of Education has called for a review of primary education after finding evidence that performance levels have fallen.

Professor Maurice Galton, Professor of Education, compared children in three-year groups (4, 5 and 6) at the end of school years 1976-77 and 1996-97. The study found:

Scores on maths, language and reading declined significantly as in 1976, performance was lowest in language skills, punctuation had improved slightly, decline in performance was greatest in reading, mathematical problem solving showed a decline, particularly for years 4 and 5, improvement in reading was greatest in year 5, spelling worsened, except in year 5.



STUDY: Professor Galton's report highlighted falling standards.

Professor Galton said the fall in standards could not be attributed to informal teaching approaches. He said: 'The one fact which stands out in this period of rapid change is the national curriculum.'

'It has reduced the time given to hearing children read and the amount of immediate feedback pupils receive while writing.'

'Teachers said they were under pressure to get through the curriculum emphasising instruction and content rather than teaching and understanding. This is reflected in our observation data.'

'Furthermore, there has been continued emphasis on subject specialism and a discouragement of topic work involving more than one subject area.'

'Twenty years ago children were often required to do research for a project, write out their findings and present them to the teacher who would listen and correct them. The decline in such activities was very marked indeed.'

'Hearing children read now rarely takes place outside a formal English lesson. Serious thought clearly needs to be given to the revision of the primary curriculum. We should start by looking at the evidence of what has happened to primary teaching since the 1970s.'

## PROBE INTO MENTORING SUPPORT

A NEW study by the School of Education has found significant differences in mentoring and support systems available in primary schools.

The study, *Teaching Fledglings to Fly? Mentoring and Support Systems in Primary Schools* was conducted by Janet Moyles, Wendy Suschitsky and Linda Chapman.

It sought to understand perceptions of what primary teachers feel they are *required* to do in relation to formal support structures and balance this against the *reality* of what happens for the people involved.

The research, commissioned by the Association of Teachers and Lecturers, was undertaken over five terms commencing in April 1996. It employed a case study approach in 14 Leicestershire primary schools working with either PGCE students or newly qualified teachers (NQTs).

The authors said: 'We found significant differences in the amount and type of mentoring support given to NQTs and students. Whereas Student Mentors accepted and acknowledged their role in supporting the

professional development of students through constructive analysis and critique of their teaching, this was not the role perceived by NQT mentors who mainly supported and generally befriended their less experienced colleague. Once they were perceived as 'coping', support was generally withdrawn from NQTs. Evidence of this was also apparent in the types of discussions between the two individuals: NQT mentors spent a greater proportion of their time in a supportive role than student mentors who adopted a much more 'professional educator' role, particularly with second teaching practice students.'

The authors add: 'Above all, it appears that mentors, particularly those working with NQTs, need significant support in developing their new and increasing role. Their training needs to include interpersonal and communication skills and strategies for offering constructive criticism and unthreatening challenge if they are to extend and enhance their own and the beginner teachers' continuing professional development'

## LITERACY DIRECTOR AT LEICESTER AS PART OF YEAR OF READING

The University's commitment to raising standards in education is reflected by a special event being organised as part of the National Year of Reading.

The University's Continuing Professional Development section of the School of Education, with the United Kingdom Reading Association and the Leicestershire Dyslexia Association, have invited John Stannard, the Director of the National Project for Literacy and Numeracy, as speaker at a half-day conference in the Fraser Noble Hall on Saturday 7 November 1998 from 9.00 am until 1.30 pm.

Lecturer Mrs Morag Hunter-Carsch said: "Delegates will have the opportunity to hear directly, from John Stannard himself, about the

National Literacy Strategy and the implications for all with an interest in children's literacy development at primary level and beyond into secondary education, at home and in the community."

This is the ninth conference in the series 'Sharing Good Practice' which is organised jointly by the University, UKRA, LDA and Aubrey Hart Associates. The conferences are designed to bring together teachers, head teachers, governors, parents and education specialists including lecturers, researchers, educational psychologists, speech and language therapists to share and exchange research and good practice.



RAISING STANDARDS: Morag Hunter-Carsch.



## MILLENNIUM SPACE CENTRE READY FOR EARLY CHALLENGE

THE NATIONAL Space Science Centre has announced that one of its core features/components will open nearly 18 months ahead of schedule.

The first Challenger Learning Centre to be built outside North America will open in Leicester in October 1999, well ahead of the main NSSC visitor centre which will open its doors to the public in February 2001. It will be an educational facility unique both to this country and to Europe.

Challenger Centre is already a proven concept in America. Children following programmes in the National Space Science Centre's Challenger Learning Centre will take part in simulations of space missions which are currently being specially rewritten for use in conjunction with the UK's National Curriculum.

In this way, young people share the experiences and challenges of scientists and engineers engaged in such missions. While each programme has a space exploration theme, they are designed to promote concepts in maths, science and technology, while encouraging students to improve their communication, decision making, problem-solving and teamwork skills.

Students work in teams in mission control and aboard a space station during the innovative space-themed 'lessons,' with titles such as 'Rendezvous with a Comet,' 'Return to the Moon' or 'Voyage to Mars'. Teachers

prepare students using both pre- and post-flight activities that integrate the experience into traditional classroom instruction.

Keith Beaumont, National Space Centre Chief Executive, commented: 'The Challenger Centre should help transform the way teachers teach and students learn about science and technology. Based in Leicester, the Centre will be easily accessible to hundreds of schools. It offers a facility like nothing this country has ever seen before - it is completely unique outside of America.'

'The attractions of space travel already fascinate young people, and at the Challenger Centre we hope to be able to use that to help them become just as enthusiastic about other branches of science, technology and maths. For the future of industry in the UK we need to ensure that children continue to study science after the age of 16, and they will only do that if they enjoy it. We hope the National Space Science Centre and its Challenger Centre will go some way to helping that to happen.'

Vance Ablott, of Challenger Centre in the US, added: 'At Challenger Centre, 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.'



EARLY CHALLENGER CENTRE: Children taking part in a mission at a Challenger Learning Centre in the US.



EDUCATION MATTERS: Vance Ablott supported the NSSC during a visit to the University.

## FINAL DESIGN OF NATIONAL SPACE SCIENCE CENTRE ANNOUNCED

THE NATIONAL Space Science Centre, a £46.5m Landmark Project supported by the Millennium Commission, has been awarded full planning permission by Leicester City Council – and a new image has been unveiled showing the completed design of its futuristic building.

The new computer-rendered image shows Nicholas Grimshaw and Partners' recently-finalised design of the National Space Science Centre, which is to be built at Abbey Meadows in Leicester.

The most obvious change in the NSSC's design is the addition of a courtyard at the front of the Centre. As well as providing the access ramp to the building, it is anticipated that the courtyard will become home to outdoor displays and special temporary exhibits, as well as providing a space for outdoor entertainment and refreshment areas.

In addition, the roofspace, which in the original design was to have been flooded with water to form a lake when viewed from space, will

instead be fully landscaped, planted in wave form with Alpine shrubs that will change in colour with the seasons.

Several months before construction on the project is due to begin, the huge tower is already a well-known feature of the Centre. The tower will house large artefacts such as rockets and is to be clad in a plastic foil that will alter from opaque to transparent, depending on the viewer's perspective. A mosaic of insulation panels on the walls will change colour with temperature.

Overall a building has been created that will constantly appear to change colour, like a mirage.

Construction of the National Space Science Centre is due to begin next February. It will be built into disused storm water tanks which have been empty for more than 20 years. The tanks have been donated by Severn Trent Water.

- The National Space Science Centre will be open to the public in February 2001.



## CATERING TEAM FINDS RECIPE FOR SUCCESS

It is not simply good food but good practice that is served up to thousands of students and visitors to the University.

For the University's Catering Services has now gained the prestigious Investors in People award. Members of the 100-strong team were presented with their national quality standard award by jockey and Grand National winner Bob Champion along with a director of Leicestershire TEC.

But for Catering Services Manager, Mr Nick Robinson, the gaining of the prestigious award is simply a milestone in an ongoing effort to improve the quality and service at the University.

He said: "It's not just the award that is important. Even if we'd been deferred, we have learned a lot from doing this. It's a journey, not a destination."

He added: 'Although we have achieved the standard, our work does not stop. In fact the good business practices which we have adopted will continue to be developed - and we have to be re-assessed every year.

'The most important reason for introducing the Investors in People standard is that it demands that managers and staff work together as a team, and that we all work together towards a common goal.

'We will be proud to post the plaque in the foyer of the Charles Wilson Building as it states to all visitors that we have invested in our people - and that these people work together as a team.'

## UNIVERSITY RESIDENCES TEAM GAINS INTERNATIONAL AWARD

LEICESTER University has added to the success it has enjoyed in the prestigious international quality standard benchmark, Investors in People.

The University's Residential Services section has secured the award in recognition of its investment in staff development.

This award adds to the success of the University's catering services which also recently gained the award.

Residential Services Manager Frances White said: 'It has been hard work achieving the demanding standards required.

'Team working, careful business planning and highly motivated staff all helped in this success. The commitment of the University in achieving high quality and business growth in its commercial activities was essential.

'Leicester

University has excellent and varied residential accommodation. In addition to accommodating over 4,000 students, a total of £1 million conference and functions income is generated each year.'

The University's excellence in a variety of fields, particularly science and medicine, attracts many international conferences to the city which are accommodated on campus and at the halls in Oadby. The venue is particularly attractive because of its scenic setting, next to the 16-acre Botanic Garden.

Representatives of the 350 members of staff were presented with the award by jockey Bob Champion and Leicestershire TEC's Director of Business and Enterprise, Graham Logan.



**INVESTORS IN EXCELLENCE:** Tim Wragg and Nick Robinson with members of the Residential and Catering service team collect the Investor In People award at The Grand Hotel.

## CATERING SERVICES IN THE SENIOR COMMON ROOM

Situated on the fifth floor of the Charles Wilson Building, the Senior Common Room is now open after the summer refurbishments. With a new servery and seating area, now with window seats, it is ideal for entertaining guests. Take advantage of the ongoing promotion of three courses for just £5.95.

The Senior Common Room is open Monday to Friday with a coffee service on the Parkside from 10.15 am to 2.15 pm. Choices opens at 12 noon, with a variety of sandwiches, baguettes, jacket potatoes and filled Yorkshire puddings available. Your choice will be made to order. Alternatively, call Vicki or Odette on 2216 to pre-order - a good idea if time is limited. The Restaurant is open from 11.45 am to 1.45 pm, with a daily selection of meals, pick-and-mix salads, sweets and soups. The bar is open every lunchtime and Friday evenings from 5 - 7 pm. Leicester University's Catering Services also liaise with Odd Bins to bring an additional service to the Senior Common Room - your wine order delivered for collection from the bar.

## GOLDEN YEAR FOR ENGLISH LOCAL HISTORY

THE FRIENDS of the Department of English Local History are arranging a series of events, culminating in a Departmental Open Day on Saturday 5 December.

From 10.30am onwards the Department will open its doors to the public, putting on a variety of exhibitions, demonstrations of work past and present, and five mini-lectures. Ending the day in style, Mick Aston, Professor of Archaeology at Bristol University and star of television's 'Time Team', will give an illustrated talk entitled 'Television and Local History' at 4 pm in the Rattray Lecture Theatre.

The Department of English Local History has won national and international acclaim for its research activities and has been described as "one of the jewels in the crown of Leicester University."

The Friends organisation was founded several years ago to provide a forum for the exchange of ideas and information and currently has over 300 members. As well as having access to the Department and its Library, Friends are invited to attend seminars and the annual W G

Hoskins Lecture and Friends Outing. They also produce an annual Newsletter and have recently published the first in a series of 'Friends Papers'. Other projects include compiling a bibliography for the Department. Last year, some students in the Department benefited from Friends Bursaries, to a total value of more than £2000, and it is hoped – with the help of funds raised from the celebrations – to offer similar awards each year.

Mr Shorthouse, Secretary of the Friends, stresses the value of the forthcoming Open Day: "This will be an opportunity for Friends to renew old acquaintances, but also an opportunity for the Department to display its excellence to a wider audience."

• Entrance to the talk by Mick Aston is by ticket only. For further details, please contact: Mr Shorthouse, 3 Cams Ground, Highnam, Gloucester, GL2 8LZ, (01452 311974).

*Kate Fawcett*

## BRITISH COUNCIL CHIEF AT LEICESTER

THE Director-General of the British Council recently visited the University and saw a wide spectrum of its activities from space research to English Local History. Dr David Drewry met the Vice-Chancellor and representatives from the International Office, English Local History, Physics and Astronomy and Geology. He is pictured, second from right, in the English Local History Department with, from left, Dr Keith Snell, Dr Harold Fox and Dr Graham Jones. Dr Drewry inspected an exhibition of current work and displays of published material, including a special section on the Department's publications worldwide.



## AWARD-WINNING STUDENT QUIZZES U.S. POLITICIANS OVER NORTHERN IRELAND

AN AWARD-WINNING Leicester student has engaged in a series of face-to-face meetings with influential American politicians over the Northern Ireland peace process.

Philip Robinson (20), who is in his final year as a politics student, was among those invited to a reception for President Clinton during his visit to Northern Ireland. In the US, he met Congressmen and Senators as part of his investigation into the Irish-American influence into the Northern Ireland peace process.

Philip, from east Belfast, won the Elsie and Barnett Janner Travel Scholarship from the Department of Politics, which funded the travel costs of a three-week study in the USA from September 14.

Philip said: 'On my return I am going to complete a report of the trip as

well as preparing a dissertation which will count towards my final year at Leicester.

'Upon contacting the British and Irish Embassies in Washington D.C and having already spoken to politicians in the US, I have been asked by them to prepare a report which will sum up my study and the findings of the subject in question.

'This opportunity is, in itself, a privilege to undertake and I look forward to researching a very relevant and challenging topic.'

## WORKING AT HOME: NEW PERSPECTIVES

THE CENTRE for Labour Market Studies and the Department of Sociology have secured a £160,000 Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC) grant to carry out a 2.5 year project on people who work at home.

The project will be carried out under an ESRC initiative on 'The Future of Work' which focuses on the changing prospects for employment, organisations, job security and economic prosperity. The project involves Alan Felstead, Nick Jewson and Annie Phizacklea.

Competition to carry out work under this initiative was fierce.

Following invitations in the national press to bid for funds close to 600 enquiries for information

were received by the ESRC. A total of

221 outline applications were submitted. A Commissioning

Panel selected 43 applications for submission

as full proposals. In the

light of the referees' reports, comments from

government departments

and the views of the

Commissioning Panel 19 projects

were recommended for funding.

The project has five aims:

- to identify the size and composition of various

segments of those who work at home and the characteristics of organisations employing such workers.

- to examine techniques of supervision and control of white collar home-located workers adopted by employers and managers – as well as the forms of resistance these generate.
- to examine the dynamics of relationships between home-located entrepreneurs and their clients
- to explore the social construction of working and domestic regimes in households containing home-located workers of various types, focusing on contrasts between households with different values, beliefs and practices.
- to explore the career trajectories and future employment plans of home-located producers in a range of white collar occupations. This will be achieved by analysing large scale data sets such as the Labour Force Survey and the Workplace Employee Relations Survey and by interviewing key informants, employers, home-located workers and other household members.

# Business Bulletin

## UK HE SHOPPING MALL TO BE DEVELOPED

THE HEFCE is working in partnership with other organisations to set up a single gateway to UK higher education on the Internet based on the concept of a shopping mall. The service, which is planned to be fully operational for the millennium, will provide information to a wide range of users worldwide about the rich diversity of HE in the United Kingdom.

The pilot project will be commissioned by a steering group of partner organisations and will be developed through the 1998-99 academic year. It is intended that the full service should be available from September 1999. The HEFCE has offered to provide part of the funding for the development of the pilot project.

Representatives from 25 organisations with an interest in higher education agreed at a meeting on 1 July that a steering group should be set up to develop the project. The meeting considered the findings of a scoping study commissioned by JISC and conducted by Cambridge-based consultants Segal Quince Wicksteed and Oakland Consultancy who examined the demand for and feasibility of establishing this project.

The study found that the rationale for establishing a single Internet site for UK higher education was sound, would add value and had the support of the HE community. The report presents the concept of a virtual shopping mall, where the mall developers would offer shared facilities such as a helpdesk, library and job centre in the reception area and HE organisations would occupy sites in different zones within the mall.

The scoping study was commissioned by JISC and supported by the UK HE funding bodies, CVCP, SCOP, UCAS, the British Council and the QAA.

- A more detailed description of the project and a link to the report of the scoping study are available under 'What's New' on HEFCE web at: <http://www.hefce.ac.uk>



WINDOWS TO THE WORLD: Leicester University's external and internal home pages.

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: jhp1@le.ac.uk

# INTERNATIONAL FOCUS

## LEARNING A TWO-WAY PROCESS

*LINKS between the University of Leicester and the United Arab Emirates have been strengthened through the work of Dr Simon Bennett of the Scarman Centre for the Study of Public Order.*

*Dr Bennett, who lectures on the Centre's distance learning MSc in Risk, Crisis and Disaster Management, has made a major contribution to the United Arab Emirate's police training programme, run by the Officers' Training Institute, Abu Dhabi City.*

*The training programme, which caters for the needs of middle and senior rank police officers, utilises the services of experts from all over the world.*



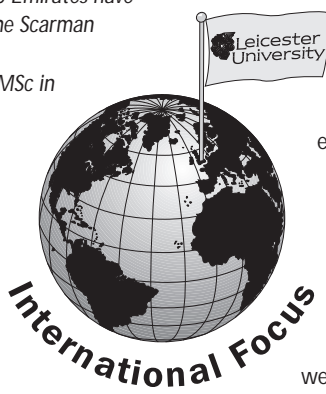
"My own involvement began in mid-1997, when I was asked to develop and present a week-long course in crisis management at the Training Institute. The invitation followed a visit to the Scarman Centre by some of the Training Institute's senior staff, including Dr Hashim Sarhan, Director of the Institute's Instruction Department.

I delivered the first crisis management course in November, 1997, to a dozen senior police officers.

The officers represented every branch of policing, including regular and special security policing and police administration. The course looked at a number of disasters, including the Hillsborough football stadium disaster, the Piper Alpha oil production platform disaster and the Iranian Embassy siege.

Students were asked to consider what lessons might be drawn from these and other catastrophes, and to think about how those lessons might be applied to their own circumstances.

The style of the courses is non-prescriptive. Students are encouraged to draw their own conclusions and lessons, based on local circumstances,



experiences, priorities and cultural values. I feel such contextualisation provides a stronger foundation on which to build an appropriate – and therefore most effective – system of crisis management. That is, a system that is in tune with local opportunities and expectations.

So successful was the first course, that I was asked to repeat it for middle rank police officers in February and May 1998. Each course contained approximately 20 officers from all over the UAE.

### Information Exchange

Working in the Gulf provides an opportunity to learn, as well as teach. Certainly, in some areas of crisis management, the UAE is better prepared and organised than Britain.

One of the prerequisites of an effective crisis response is close co-operation between the emergency services, especially the police and fire service. While the need for co-operation is acknowledged in Britain and is practised in simulations and full-scale exercises, in Abu Dhabi, for example, such co-operation is facilitated by combining the police and fire service into a single civil defence organisation, under the control of the Ministry of the Interior.

Such institutionalised co-operation arguably provides for a better system of public safety. The British experience is very different. The emergency services,



which, it must be said, perform heroically as individual services, are organised separately. This vertical organisation has caused problems in the past. The King's Fund report issued following the King's Cross underground disaster, for example, highlighted poor inter-

service co-ordination.

### New Opportunities

Following the success of the three crisis management courses, I have been invited to present a new course for the academic year 1998-1999. The remodelled course will be based around five video presentations on such well-known disasters as the Channel Tunnel fire and Challenger Space Shuttle disaster.

The five case studies will be used to illustrate such themes as the need for effective inter-service co-operation within and between countries in complex crisis management situations (the Channel Tunnel fire) and the need to account for environmental factors and unanticipated component interactions when designing and operating modern, complex technologies (the Space Shuttle disaster).

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The course will mix the video presentations with formal lectures, group discussions and tests, and will conclude with an examination. As with the earlier crisis management course, the examination will form part of the Training Institute's officer assessment programme.

Besides the training benefits that accrue to the UAE, the crisis management courses also provide the Scarman Centre with the chance to promote both its own distance learning programme, and the University of Leicester in general. After each course, numerous requests are received for further information on the Scarman Centre itself, its courses and research interests. Business cards are dutifully collected, and brought back

to the Centre for processing. Information packs and other materials are then sent to the enquirers.

Teaching students in-situ also provides one other important benefit. It allows those of us who 'travel to teach' to assimilate and learn from the experience of others, providing – in my case – the opportunity to develop a 'best practice' in crisis management. And this can only be to the greater good."

*Dr Simon Bennett  
Scarman Centre for the Study of Public Order*

## TAIWAN EDUCATION CONFERENCE

TO be invited to give three keynote addresses at The National Chia-Yi Teachers' University Conference in Taiwan, ROC, in June was something of a surprise.

The request came only six weeks before the presentation date - Taiwanese organisation is both speedy and efficient, but it operates with a flexibility that is exhausting.

The Conference, arranged by the University in collaboration with the local Ministry of Education, had approximately 500 full-time delegates over three and a half days and focused on Quality Curriculum Experiences for 3-6 year olds.

By including educational academic speakers from the USA, Japan, The Peoples' Republic of China and England, its purpose was to inform the current debate in Taiwan about the most appropriate curriculum provision for kindergarten children. The same concerns as in England about early, over-formalised curricula for young children were expressed and explored.

The proposal to introduce national financial support for parents through a nursery voucher scheme indicates that the government will soon be able to operate a level of control over the curriculum which is generating concern amongst some early educators in Taiwan. The positive side is that working parents get some state support for their children's five and a half days of care and education.

My interpreter was magnificent, especially as we frequently (in spite of a wealth of audio visual resources) found ourselves sharing a microphone throughout a presentation, passing it back and forth, eventually with surprising deftness and not too much crackle.

One day 'we' suddenly found ourselves giving an impromptu 90-minute talk on my current play research to approximately 200 delegates, as it transpired that this was a favoured topic. (A last minute



*Janet Moyles (second from left) at the National Chia-Yi Teachers' University Conference in Taiwan, ROC.*

thought when packing my case certainly paid off.)

Thank goodness this interest in play spilled over into thinking about the speakers' opportunities and needs. Our hosts ensured that we had time to play with children on two arranged visits to kindergartens at the end of the Conference, with chance to see some of the sights of Taipei.

The hospitality and warm welcome from delegates and organisers alike was abundant. It was easy to forgive the problems of never quite knowing when a talk should begin or how long it should last. You quickly learned to take a philosophical approach which, I guess, worked.

I've been invited back next year.

*Janet Moyles  
School of Education*



## INTERNATIONAL CHAMPIONS

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Kee Ming Chi and Minesh Gadvhi, (pictured left, standing), students from the Faculty of Law. Having achieved first place in the Allen and Overy National Negotiation Competition in June, they went on to win joint second place with Sussex University at the International Negotiation Competition at Pepperdine University, Malibu, USA.

# INTERNATIONAL FOCUS

## IRISH LAUNCH FOR MANAGEMENT CENTRE

THE University Management Centre's Certificate and Diploma in Management programmes received a warm welcome from Mrs Mary O'Rourke, Minister for Enterprise in the Irish Parliament, when the courses were launched in Ireland recently.

Speaking at a meeting in Limerick attended by Professor Peter Jackson, Director of the Management Centre, Mrs O'Rourke pointed out that the Leicester University initiative would make a significant contribution to the growth and development of the Irish economy.

Irish economic growth is amongst the highest in Europe, and Ireland is popularly referred to as the 'emerald tiger', reflecting the rapid growth rates until recently enjoyed in the tiger economies of South-East Asia.



Michael Martin Photography

Pictured left to right: Tim O'Grady, Abbey Professional Development (APD); Mary O'Rourke, Minister for Enterprise; Tom Noonan, Managing Director, APD; Professor Peter Jackson, Leicester University Management Centre; Brian Hadley, Resource Development International; and Anna O'Neil, APD.

## COMPREHENSIVE EDUCATION AND CATERING IN TAIWAN

EARLIER in the summer, Professor Ken Fogelman, of the School of Education, was one of seven overseas visitors invited to lead an International Symposium and a series of regional seminars on Comprehensive High School Education in

Taiwan, ROC.

The invitation came from the Taiwanese Ministry of Education and the Educational Research Centre, National Taiwan Normal University, and the main purpose of the symposium and seminars was to enable Taiwanese

able to offer an effective blend of practical and theoretical perspectives.

A demanding itinerary across three cities included occasional sightseeing and some impressive hospitality, as well as glimpses of large classes of 50 students, with apparently endless ranks of computers.

On the final evening delegates attended a graduation event at a vocational school for students in the catering industry. They were delighted to find that not only was the food more important than the speeches, but there were quiet corners in which they could sit and contemplate an exhausting but stimulating experience.

Professor Ken Fogelman  
School of Education



Professor Fogelman with students at Shu-Te Home Economic and Commercial High School, Kaohsiung, Taiwan, ROC.

policy makers, academics and teachers to learn about the experiences of educational reform and comprehensive education in other countries.

This comes at a time of experimental government reform in Taiwan, where secondary education has been largely based on the North American model of Junior High Schools from 11-15 years, followed by vocational or academic Senior High Schools.

However, over the past three years, 26 experimental Comprehensive Senior Highs have been created, bringing the two elements together in one institution and offering a broader and more varied curriculum.

Delegates at the Symposium came from Britain, Japan and the USA, and included academics, secondary school heads and one - with a job we might all covet - Superintendent of Education for Hawaii. They were

## OLYMPIC HONOUR FOR HONG KONG STUDENT

CONGRATULATIONS to Leung Mee Lee (Educational Management student) who has recently been elected as Deputy Secretary-General of the Amateur Sports Federation and Olympic Committee of Hong Kong. She will have important responsibilities in the build up to the Sydney Olympic Games in the year 2000.



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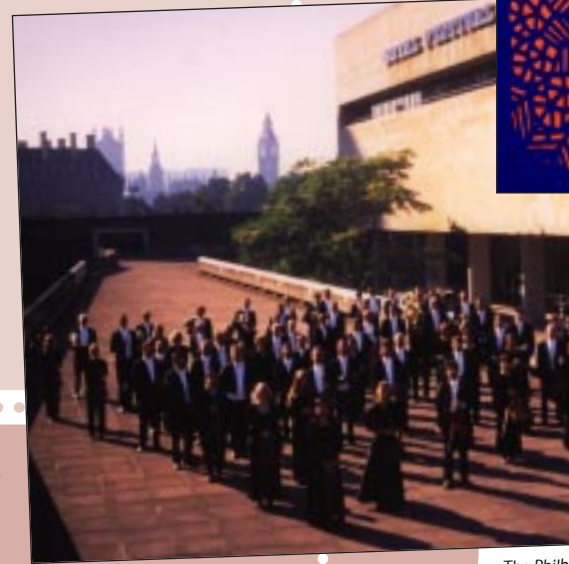
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### MUSIC

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There's considerable variety, including Handel's "amazingly inventive" oratorio **Israel in Egypt** (31 October). If you'd like to join in, there's an open rehearsal of choral highlights from **Verdi's Requiem** (17 October). The internationally-acclaimed (and recently doctored!) Lindsays return for a tenth series with six programmes of string quartets by Haydn, Shostakovich and Mendelssohn.



The Phil...

On 19 October, Vladimir Ashkenazy conducts the **Philharmonia Orchestra** in Schumann's lyrical Piano Concerto (pianist, Leif Ove Andsnes).

On 7 November, conductor Yevgeny Svetlanov and the Leeds International Piano Competition winner Ilya Itin join them to perform the **Grieg Piano Concerto**. This concert is something of a "double whammy" as the programme also includes **Sibelius' Symphony No 2**.

The major themes of this Symphony were developed during a stay in Italy, and several were originally conceived for a tone poem to be based on Dante's **Divine Comedy**. One of the most picturesque melodies is a bassoon duet that appears near the beginning of the Symphony's second movement, which had been intended to represent Death's visit to Don Juan's castle. Yet the style of the symphony is so unmistakably Sibelian, so inescapably Finnish, that perhaps the critics (and indeed the De Montfort Hall brochure!) can be forgiven for seeing it as one more expression of the indomitable nature of the tiny nation that has insisted on maintaining its identity in the face of a seemingly endless parade of would-be conquerors.

### PERFORMANCE

October seems to be the month for major modern dramatists! Tom Stoppard's **Night and Day** is one of his rare excursions into a wholly real world and deals in a thrilling way with the issue of the freedom of the press (Royal Theatre, Northampton, 2-17 October). William Golding's **Lord of the Flies** follows this (20-24 October). A plane crashes on a deserted island. The only survivors, a group of schoolboys, live in a paradise-like land. At night however a terrifying beast inhabits their dreams. Meanwhile, back at the Haymarket, **A View from the Bridge** (8-24 October), although probably not Arthur Miller's best work, is nevertheless a powerful modern classic.

In the Studio at the Haymarket, the Royal Shakespeare Company presents **Krapp's Last Tape**. Nobel Prizewinner Samuel Beckett forever redefined the nature of theatricality in this short play about laughter, hope, despair and loneliness. The tour arrives in Leicester after sell-out seasons in London, New York and the Edinburgh Festival. Following the performance, Petherbridge will answer questions about **Krapp's Last Tape** and his life in the theatre.

**'This role calls for a tragic clown and Petherbridge with the defeated air of a chagrined vaudevillian offers such a portrait.'** (New York Times)

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## GALLERY

**Hand Made in India** (City Gallery and New Walk Museum, 11 September – 29 October) commemorates 50 years of Indian independence. Exhibits include pottery and stone from Tamil Nadu; embroideries and woven textiles from Assam, Bihar and Uttar Pradesh and textiles, ceramics and tableware from Gujarat and Rajasthan.

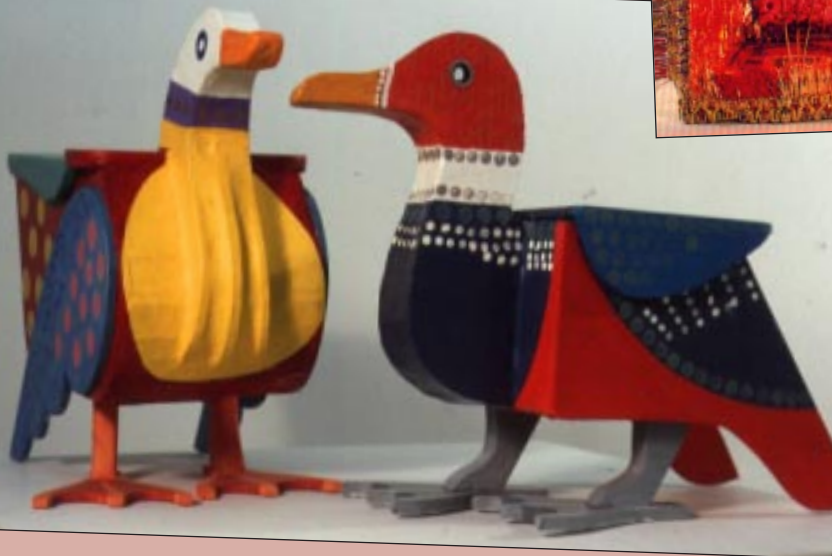
To complement this, the City Gallery's **Fusion** exhibition (11 September – 29 October) investigates how contemporary Asian makers view the issues of heritage and identity within a Western Europe culture. Forms of expression include ceramics, jewellery, printed textiles and tapestry work.

Finally, the City Gallery is calling for artists and craftspeople, both amateur and professional, to submit work for consideration for their most popular exhibition of the year – the **Tenth Annual Open Exhibition**. As well as the chance to exhibit at the gallery and to sell work, many prizes are on offer. Entries are passed before a selection panel comprising Adrienne Avery-Gray (Keeper of Fine Arts at New Walk Museum), textile artist Rachael Howard and Curator Eddie Chambers. Entry forms are available on 0116 254 0595 and your work needs to be completed by the end of October.



**GET QUACKING:** Time is running out for entries to the City Gallery's popular annual event, the Open Exhibition. Pictured left is one of last year's entries – Duck Boxes by John Barradell.

Armonia Orchestra.



## THE SCENE OF THE CRIME

Politics and ambition, power and obsession, deception and cold-blooded murder and a monarchy out of control – as interpreted by Shakespeare – in **Richard III** at the Haymarket from 30 October – 21 November.



Richard III in Castle Park, Leicester.



## THEATRE ON THE NET

The Haymarket Theatre's website at <http://www.netpresence.co.uk/leicesterhaymarkettheatre/> features information on all productions, available facilities and the ability to email bookings.



# INTERNATIONAL FOCUS

## WELCOME TO LEICESTER

NEW international students were welcomed to Leicester University with an orientation programme, which had been extended following the huge success of previous years.

From the moment they arrived on Wednesday 23 September, students were treated to a lively series of talks and social activities set to introduce them to life in England in general and at the University in particular.

The orientation programme culminated in the traditional Lord Mayor's Reception for International Students, which took place at the City Rooms in Leicester on Friday 2 October.

Also a popular ice-breaker was the Ceilidh in The Venue, Students' Union, when a five-piece band complete with bagpipes led the dancing.

Other highlights of the programme for the 250 students included :

Introductions to the National Health Service, student accommodation & welfare, Students' Union, International Services Fair, with representatives from banking, insurance, telephone companies, travel, police and International Students' Association, City and campus tours, talks and discussions on English language teaching and study skills, University computer and library facilities, 'Living in Leicester', visit to Safeway's, Cattle Market, and an introduction to the local supermarket.

Students who have attended the Orientation Programme in previous years have found it an invaluable way of making friends and getting a foretaste of student life in England. 'Very good idea to do such an orientation programme. You've probably saved my life,' one student said, while another added, 'The programme was really useful and well organised. Everybody is so friendly and ready to help. I wish I would have had a similar programme when I started studying at my home university. It would have saved me a lot of trouble and confusion.'



**MEETING:** Chie Nozaki of Japan with the Lord Mayor of Leicester, who hosted a reception for International students



### CHINA CONNECTION

Professor John Benyon and Mr Andrew Willis of the Scarman Centre (left) and Mr Jon Garland (second right), with delegates from Gong An University in Beijing, who visited the Centre earlier in the summer.

## UKRAINE CAREERS ADVISERS VISIT THE EDSC

VISITORS from the Ukraine on a fact-finding tour of the UK made Leicester University Careers Service their first port of call.

Dr Elena Gapitch, Director, and Ms Vitalia Kirilenko, Assistant, from the University of Kiev-Mohyla Academy Job and Career Center visited College House for four days during Careers Week in June, before going on to Careers Services at Cambridge and Edinburgh.

A packed schedule included discussions with members of staff, workshops, talking to employers at the Careers Fair, observing careers consultation sessions and collecting information.

They were also taken out to sample the local culture of the city.

They said they were very impressed with the services available in College House and added that they had many ideas to develop and take back to the Ukraine.



**VISITORS FROM THE UKRAINE WITH MEMBERS OF STAFF FROM COLLEGE HOUSE:**  
Left to right - Richard Clark, Carol Whitehouse, Vitalia Kirilenko, Elena Gapitch, Margaret Dunn, Martin Pennington and John Constantinou.

## SHUE YAN-LEICESTER CO-OPERATIVE PROGRAMME

PROFESSOR Steve Pudney and Ziggy MacDonald recently spent a week at Shue Yan College in Hong Kong to interview new candidates and meet students and staff to discuss the pilot distance learning course that Leicester University ran last year.

The course, delivered entirely over the Internet, was put on in addition to the courses attended at Shue Yan and was considered a valuable experience by all participants.

Staff at Shue Yan agreed that the course should be developed further, with the College acting as partner-institution as the pilot course became available to distance learning students beyond Shue Yan. Representatives of the British Council in Hong Kong were also very encouraging about future developments.

Last year marked the tenth anniversary of the co-operative programme between Shue Yan College in Hong Kong and Leicester University.

The programme allows students from Hong Kong direct entry into the second year of one of the Economics Department's four specialist degrees following successful completion of comparable qualifying courses at Shue Yan.

Among the dozen or so direct entry students each year, on several occasions departmental and faculty prizes have been awarded to Shue Yan students, and overall their performance has been very strong.

Professor Pudneys' and Ziggy MacDonalds' visit also included a tenth anniversary reception hosted by Shue Yan, where they met with Dr Henry Hu, President of the College who has visited Leicester in the past. Dr Hu remarked how proud he was of the success of the co-operative programme, and how he was impressed that Leicester University continued to demonstrate its commitment by sending representatives annually to meet and interview students.

Also present at the reception were graduates from the programme, including some from the very first intake, who happily reminisced about their student days in Leicester. Many had become keen followers of Leicester City, as Premier League Football is shown on Hong Kong television. All were firmly behind England in France 98.

Ziggy MacDonald  
Department of Economics

## LINKS WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF THE WEST INDIES, JAMAICA

OVER recent months the School of Archaeological Studies has welcomed staff from the University of The West Indies, while in return Leicester archaeologists have flown to Jamaica, all in the cause of the School's MA in Cultural Heritage.

The exchanges, which are under the auspices of the British Council, involve seminars, lectures and field work. Future links with the UWI are under discussion, with the focus shifting from classroom training to a fieldwork programme studying both pre-Columbian settlement and the archaeology of the Mona sugar plantation, which happens to be the site of the Kingston University, West Indies campus.

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### ADULT EDUCATION

#### Summer Sights

Dr Roy Loveday and his class from the Department proved that 'the sun shines on the righteous' when they picked the only scorchingly hot weekend of this year for their field trip weekend in Northumbria.

Where Dr Loveday's power over the weather comes from is not known, but what is not disputed is the wide-ranging interest of the archaeological sites he chose for the visit. Yeavinger Bell Iron-Age site on a great hill, and, close-by, the scene of the

conversion and baptism by Paulinus of Edwin's pagan tribe, were the first stops in the whirlwind weekend.

Next stop was Smailholm Peel Tower, where Sir Walter Scott stayed as a child. Further treats included Harry Hotspur's Castle and a perilous rowing boat foray across the river to visit the Hermit's Cell.

Devotees of the archaeological class at Vaughan College will not be surprised to learn that the group sweated through undergrowth and toiled up hills in search of 3,000-year-old rock

carvings, fought off Giant Hog Weed at a picnic, toured Flodden Field, minutely examined Ayldon Medieval manor and stood amazed at the huge Roman road arch built into the tower of Corbridge church. Also visited was Wilfrid's great church at Hexham.

The action-packed weekend finished with a visit to the exquisite Saxon church of Escomb before our hardy band disembarked back at the University, wizened but wiser, and fired with enthusiasm for next year.

*Wendy Brown*

### Witness Oberammergau 2000

The Department has been successful in obtaining a block of tickets for the decennial performance of the famous Passion Play on the first Sunday in September 2000.

In co-operation with York's Coaches of Northampton, the Department is arranging a ten-day study tour around the performance, leaving Leicester/Northampton on 31 August and returning on 9 September. The tour will include visits to early church sites in Trier, Würzburg and Fulda (the burial place of St Boniface, the eighth-century English missionary), and will be led by Dr David Parsons, who has spent his academic career researching the early church in Germany and its archaeology.

The cost is likely to be £850-875. Fifteen places only are available in Leicester, and any colleagues interested should telephone Wendy Brown on 5966 for a leaflet. First come, first served!

*Dr David Parsons*

### Into the Woods

Woodland of one kind or another is the natural climax vegetation of much of lowland England, including Leicestershire and Rutland. However, today's woodland in both

nature and quality is far from natural. It is the result of man's varied activities and influences over several thousand years.

A Vaughan College Saturday School, Trees and Woodlands in the English Landscape, on 24 October, led by Tony Squires, will reflect broadly on this subject and offer starting points for further study.

- Further details can be obtained from the College Office (0116 251 7368).

### BIOLOGY

#### A Degree of Delay

Ann Conolly participated in the historic ceremony in Cambridge on 4 July to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the admission of women to Cambridge Degrees and to full membership of the University. Prior to 1948 women had only been permitted to receive 'titular' degrees and had been denied full degrees. Ann said, "Degree-giving ceremonies in the Senate House in those days were not for us!"



*Ann Conolly*

On 4 July, 900 former students of Newnham and Girton Colleges assembled for formal speeches. Ann Conolly was in the first group - the 80 (or nearly 80) to 96-year-olds - who processed, in gowns, to Senate House. "This was the first time for many of us to formally wear gowns in Cambridge", she said. The ceremony was followed by a champagne reception and an opportunity to meet with old friends from some 60 years ago.



**HOT PURSUIT:** *Dr Loveday and his class at Harry Hotspur's Castle, Warkworth.*

## HISTORIC OCCASION

This summer, Rupert and Babette Evans marked their 50th wedding anniversary with a celebration party. Present at this memorable event were the Vice-Chancellor, family members, and colleagues, former students and many friends.

Now enjoying retirement, Rupert and Babette first met as members of the History Department, then in its formative years. Romance blossomed, and they were married in the summer of 1948. During their long careers at Leicester, they both served as Dean of the Faculty of Arts. Babette was the first woman to become Head of a Department at Leicester.

Together with gifts received, they were presented with a bouquet of flowers from the History Department at the party, which was organised by Professor Bonney.

**SHARING GOLDEN MOMENTS:** (above, right) Dr Babette Evans and Mr Rupert Evans, celebrating 50 years of marriage on 19 June 1998. Right: The Vice-Chancellor with guests at the Golden Wedding party in Knighton Parish Hall.



## STONE ME!

Dr Trevor D Ford (a University Fellow in the Geology Department) has been awarded a Barclaycard V.I.P. Medal as a 'Champion of British Sport' - for services to the Derbyshire Caving Association.

*Practice Together*, takes place on Wednesday 4 November on campus. This year's Conference, which focuses on contemporary issues in training and development, again promises a variety of new research findings and controversial discussion.

This will be the Fifth Annual Research Conference hosted and organised by the Centre, and the aims are to bring together a mixture of

academics, practitioners and policy-makers to encourage a stimulating interchange of views and shared experiences relating to a diverse range of key issues in training and development today.

Attracting delegates from both the public and private sectors, including representatives from the Department of Education and

## CELL PHYSIOLOGY AND PHARMACOLOGY

### Symposium in Spain

Professor Steve Nahorski and Ruth Saunders attended the II International Symposium on Synaptic Transmission at the University of Barcelona during the summer, where Professor Nahorski gave a talk entitled "Regulation of Ca<sup>2+</sup> mobilising G-protein coupled receptors" and Ruth Saunders presented a poster on mGluR Signalling. Both had their own personal tour guide there when they met up with Roser Masgrau (a Spanish post-graduate student who worked in Steve Nahorski's lab for three months last year and returns later this year) who showed them the sights of Barcelona.

the River Leam, the impressive Parish Church of All Saints and the Priors Shopping Centre, on Saturday 17 October.

The remainder of the day will be spent at Compton Verney, a restored Robert Adam mansion set in 40 acres of 'Capability' Brown parkland, where Peter Moores (son of Sir John, founder of Littlewoods Pools and Chain Stores) has established Britain's newest Art Museum. This Museum, which opened for the first time at Easter, is home to the British Folk Art Collection.

- The cost of this trip is £8 each for members and guests. To book and for further details, ring Jill Hammersley on 2559.

East European and CIS economies and are directed by Professor Wojciech Charemza; the third project, co-ordinated by Dr Robert Ackrill, is on "Household Welfare and Behaviour during Transition in Poland, Hungary and Bulgaria".

Around 65 professors, lecturers and researchers from universities and private institutions in over 16 East and West European countries attended the Conference. In two days, a total of 34 papers covering a vast number of topics were presented and discussed. Individual sessions were chaired by the project co-ordinators and members of the Department.

Most of the guests stayed at the Belmont House Hotel and on Saturday evening a Conference dinner was held at the Welford Place Restaurant. The event turned out to be a great success and was much enjoyed by both visitors and hosts.

*Dr Gudrun Pebody*

## ECONOMICS

### Successful Conference

In June the Department hosted a Conference on "East European Economies in Transition". This event brought together the participants of three ACE projects funded by the European Commission.

Two of the projects study the "Economic Inference into the Macroeconomic Dynamics" of

## DEPARTMENTAL STAFF COMMON ROOM ASSOCIATION

### Day Trip to Spa Town and Britain's Newest Art Museum

DSCR members have an opportunity to visit Royal Leamington Spa, with its Regency and Victorian terraces, the magnificent Jephson Gardens by



## WRITER'S ACHIEVEMENT:

Professor Martin Stannard is pictured receiving one of the prestigious Arts Council Writers' Awards from Chris Smith, Minister for the Arts, at a formal presentation in London in June (as reported in the People section of the August/September issue of Bulletin).

## LABOUR MARKET STUDIES

The Centre's Fifth Annual Research Conference, *Training and Development: Bringing Theory and*

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Employment, the Inland Revenue, banks, manufacturing organisations, Social Services, Awarding Bodies and other educational institutions, many of those attending are also graduates of the Centre's highly-successful MSc in Training and Human Resource Management by Distance Learning.

- For full details - cost, how to book and other information - contact Cheryl Gagin on 0116 252 5907, email [cg20@le.ac.uk](mailto:cg20@le.ac.uk) .

- News of the Conference also appears on the Centre's website, <http://www.clms.le.ac.uk/>

## LAW

### Trio Clock Up Eighty-Three Years of Service

Friends and colleagues said their farewells to three long-serving members of the Department at a special dinner in July. Dr Rosemarie Everton, pictured below, is moving to the University of Central Lancashire to take up the Chair in Fire Law. Both Professor Graham Barnsley (centre), who joined the Department at its inception in 1966, and Anne Roberts (right) are taking retirement. They will stay on to teach on a part-time basis.



## RETIREMENT FIGURES FOR SANDRA

Sandra Kirk, recently retired from the University's Finance Office, has sent a heartfelt thank you for the gifts, which she received with surprise and overwhelming appreciation. She comments, "the Royal Doulton figurines are superb and will give me so much pleasure for years to come."

She has recently returned from a holiday in Bournemouth and is now ready to tackle some Autumn gardening. Time allowing, she hopes to call in to the Finance Office in the future. She sends her best wishes to friends and colleagues.



# FEATURES

## COMPREHENSIVE SPENDING REVIEW

### STATEMENT FROM THE VICE-CHANCELLOR

IN JULY, the Government published the outcome of its Comprehensive Spending Review. It did this with a flourish about increased spending on Health and Education. Since then, the output has been subjected to detailed analysis and comment. One significant feature is that it announces firm decisions about spending for a three year period (1999 – 2002) rather than following the previous pattern of providing a firm figure for the year ahead and indicative amounts for the two years following.

This is not the place to consider the validity of the assumptions made by the Government about inflation rates, economic growth and other factors which underpin the plans. However, I think we can work on the reasonable assumption that fluctuations in these factors will be dealt with by changes in tax rates, or in the level of public borrowing, and that the cash announcements will hold. I propose, therefore, to take the figures at their face value, while acknowledging that higher rates of inflation than are assumed in the forecast could erode the real value of the amounts promised.

The news for universities is good in some parts, uncertain in others, and disappointing in yet others. There are three topics which I will deal with, each showing a different profile of good, bad and uncertain. These topics are Research, Teaching and Medical Education.

The best news concerns Research, with the Government providing extra money (£1 billion over three years) to be allocated both to the Office of Science and Technology for the Research Councils, and to HEFCE. These sums will be supplemented by a total of £400 million from the Wellcome Trust over the three year period. A breakdown of these totals is:-

HEFCE 'R'	£300m
OST	£407m for additional programmes
OST	£300m for research infrastructure
Wellcome Trust	£300m for research infrastructure
Wellcome Trust	£100m for the synchrotron x-ray facility

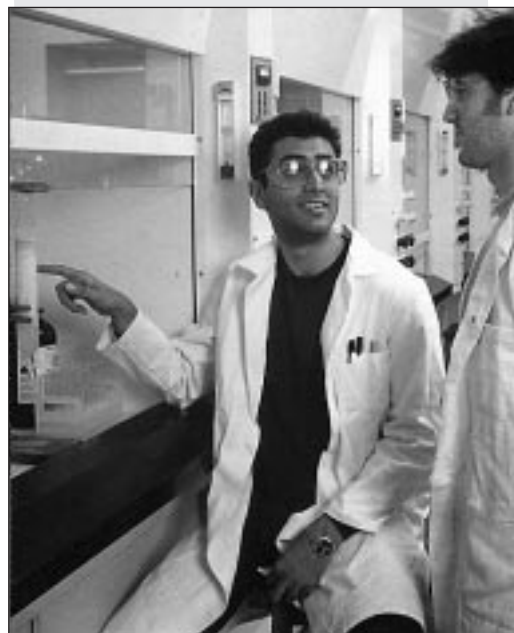
These additional funds are very welcome and surprisingly large. The Government estimates that in the year 2001/2002 the Science budget in real terms will be 15% above the 1998/99 level. The statement announcing these figures recognises that the inadequacy of previous funding had caused a serious run down of the infrastructure for research.



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It is this state that the £300m for OST and the £300m from the Wellcome Trust are meant to address.

The allocation process for these funds will be led by Sir John Cadogan, the Director General of the Research Councils, and Dr Michael Dexter, the Director of the Wellcome Trust. The £400m for the Research Councils for additional programmes will be available to meet both current and capital costs as new project funding 'in priority areas like the Life Sciences'. The substantial involvement of the Wellcome Trust in this new funding also emphasises the place of Life and Health Sciences



**LIFE SUPPORT:** Long-term commitment to Life Sciences by the Wellcome Trust.

while, at the same time, demonstrating a long term commitment

to UK science. In this context the decision by the University to create a combined Faculty and Budget Centre involving both Medical and Biological Sciences is highly opportune to give the best possible base for applications for grants from these additional funds.

While it is heartening that the infrastructure problem has been acknowledged, it is disappointing that the recommendation of the Dearing Committee that the issue could be resolved if Research Councils met the 'full indirect costs' of research projects, has not been accepted. So far there has been no statement about the way in which these additional infrastructure funds will be allocated, but it will presumably involve a bidding process.

Similarly, while it is good news that the dual funding principle is to be maintained, it is worth noting that Sir John Cadogan has been instructed by Ministers to lead a review with the aim of putting in place 'transparent and accountable arrangements for ensuring that funds allocated to HEFCE for research are used to the full effect properly complementing funding from the Research Councils'. Shortly before the completion of the Comprehensive Spending Review, there were newspaper reports which alleged that there was Treasury pressure to end the dual funding of research and to arrange for all funds to be distributed through the Research Councils. The announcement of the review to be led by Sir John, as part of the CSR settlement, plus the 'prior options' review of all HEFCE activities which the DFEE is conducting at the instigation of Treasury, suggest that the long term future of dual funding is by no means secure.

If the main benefits of the Comprehensive Spending Review appear to be greater support for research, the outcome for teaching is somewhat mixed. There will be an additional £280m to HEFCE for the year 1999/2000, of which £50m will be the first instalment of the extra £300m research money to be provided over the three year period. The extra £230m for teaching will also, however, have to cover the cost of a predicted additional 35,000 students, although it is likely that many of these will be part time and on access courses. The net result of all this is

that the increase will fall short of the anticipated inflation rate by 1% i.e. there will be a further efficiency gain of about 1%. Nevertheless, we must recognise that this is a considerable improvement on the previous predictions for that year, which were made in the last public expenditure statement from the previous Government assuming an efficiency gain of 4.5% for 1999/2000.

Finally, although not strictly part of the Comprehensive Spending Review Statement, the Government has also announced that it will increase the number of medical students by about 20%, raising the annual intake to 6000. This increase is to be phased over the next seven years and there is, at present, no indication of the funding to be associated with the increase or the criteria to be used in allocating the additional places. Although uncertainties remain about how the increase will be dealt with, the proposal for a joint Leicester/Warwick Medical School is now well developed and looks very strong since it combines: a well established and highly successful medical curriculum; an association between two prestigious Universities with complementary research strengths; proposals to create an innovative teaching programme based on a graduate intake; and the establishment of medical education in a geographical area where it at present it does not exist. We are confident that the proposal scores very highly for quality on many fronts.

In conclusion, the Comprehensive Spending Review has produced some good news for the University, particularly in the additional support available for research. On the other hand, the funding available for teaching is likely to be squeezed although to a much smaller extent than had been predicted under previous spending plans. However, it seems likely that the cost of this extra research funding will be some further constraints upon the freedom of individual universities to determine their own research programmes. Thus, it seems to me, it is more important than ever that both the University as a whole and its component parts have clearly developed research strategies which can place us in the best possible position to develop our own research programmes while being able to achieve high levels of funding given the new system which will now be put in place.

## TELECONFERENCING FACILITY OPENS

**A NEW £100,000 teleconferencing facility has been opened for the benefit of postgraduate medical students.**

Sir Leslie Turnberg, past president of the Royal College of Physicians, opened the facility in the CJ Bond Room, Clinical Education Centre at the Leicester Royal Infirmary on 14 September. It has been funded by the NHS Executive Trust.

The facility has been developed to enable junior doctors, from the Centre for Postgraduate Medical Studies, on rotational training placements at two Leicestershire hospitals to have on-site access to lectures and seminars happening in Leicester. At present, the student doctors are faced with a two-hour journey in order to attend these events, which constitute a vital part of their training.

Believed to be the first project of its kind in the country, the new facility will initially be used primarily for training specialist Registrars and Senior House Officers, but it is hoped to extend its usage to incorporate General Practice training.

## IMAGING AND IMAGINATION

CONFOCAL Laser Scanning Microscope by day? Scribbling children's books at night? It may seem a rather incongruous mix, but such is the Jekyll and Hyde world of Chris d'Lacey, senior

technician in the Department of Pre-Clinical Sciences and rapidly becoming a prominent children's author. He told *Bulletin* about his flights of fancy.



In February 1999 Chris will have been a University employee for twenty years. Beginning as a junior technician in the Medical School's then Anatomy Department, he progressed, with the advent of computer-aided microscopy, to his present position as manager of the Advanced Light

Microscope Facility – a role he relishes to this day. 'The confocal microscope is a wonderful imaging tool, capable of producing high quality images of a vast range of microscopic objects. One of the constant joys of this job is the wide variation of subject matter. One day I might be looking at biopsies of breast tumours; the next, the structure of pollen grains.'

Over the years the ALMF has aided the research of sixteen University and Clinical departments, and helped to spawn dozens of scientific papers. So how does this compare with his 'other life' as Chris d'Lacey, children's author?

'It's good to feel involved with so many publications, and always very satisfying to see your work in print. I like to think I put as much care and effort into both halves of the equation. But on balance, nothing quite beats having a work of fiction on a bookshop shelf.'

Five works to be precise, and another five due over the next eight months. Books for children of all ages, from four right up to early teens. Among those currently on sale in the University bookshop is Chris's first novel, *Fly, Cherokee, Fly*. This is a story that began many years ago, with the discovery of a pigeon on Victoria Park. 'Its wing was badly broken and no one expected

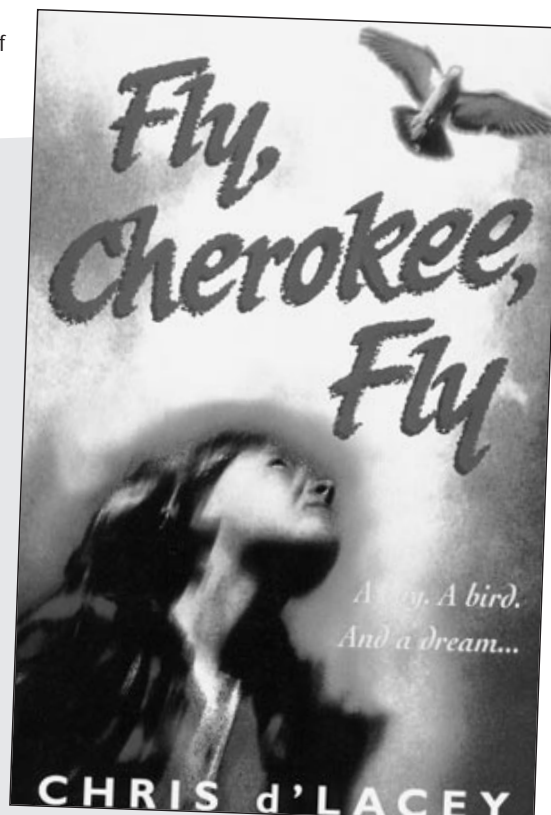
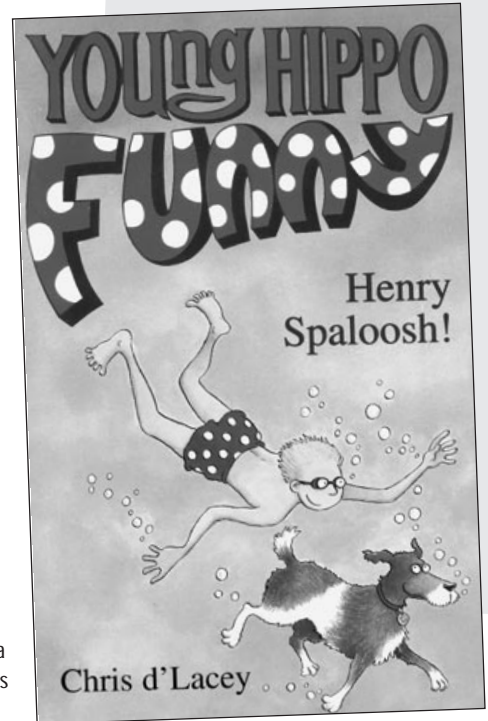
the poor bird to live. I took it home thinking I would have it for a couple of days at the most – and ended up keeping it for fourteen years!'

In *Cherokee* 'Chris' becomes a young boy, 'Darryl' who has first to win permission to keep the bird, then faces a harrowing attack from an older bully. Its gritty yet humorous portrayal of a boy involved in a kitchen-sink drama has already won glowing reviews in the media, including a spot on the BBC's *East Midlands Today*. 'Three minutes of my fifteen minutes of fame used up,' Chris reflects wryly. 'At least I've got it on tape!'

October sees the release of two new books, one of them *The Table Football League* is about his love of the football game, Subbuteo. 'I lived for Subbuteo when I was a kid. I often say that the key to writing a good children's book is to tap into your memories and rediscover the 'big kid' inside you. Let go of that and you let go of life.'

And the future? More confocal; more books. 'I enjoy both careers too much to contemplate giving either up. Maybe one day I will combine the two and write an adult novel about a man who works in a Medical School! He'll probably look down his microscope one day and see his childhood unravelling before him. That just about sums me up.'

- Signed copies of all Chris d'Lacey's books are available in the University bookshop.
- There is an interview with Chris d'Lacey on the Net at <http://www.achuka.co.uk/>



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# CUTTINGS

## WHAT THE PAPERS SAY

ACRONYM of the month is without doubt DNA, appearing in a variety of starring roles throughout the press, from finally trapping the murderer of 18-year-old Louise Smith, to determining the origins of the endangered Exmoor pony, to providing crucial evidence (with the help of a little blue dress) against a certain American president, also much in the news recently.

This subject even made several front pages along with 22 cloned (and cloned-from-clones!) mice, as *Nature* (23 July) published joint research by Leicester scientists (Esther N Signer, Yuri E Dubrova, Alec J Jeffreys) and the creators of the notorious Dolly. They have been able to prove conclusively that "the controversial white-faced sheep is indeed the product of a single cell taken from a six-year-old adult ewe." (*Los Angeles Times*, 23 July).

infamous Beast – a far cry from the techniques used to snare Clinton – or perhaps not?!

There's yet more DNA in the vitamin C saga. Following a study by Leicester's Professor Joseph Lunec published in *Nature* earlier in the year, which suggested that taking 500mg or more of vitamin C daily could have a pro-oxidant

effect and cause DNA damage which may eventually trigger cancer and rheumatoid arthritis, the popular health press was thrown into disarray. A mixture of outrage and caution characterised the many warnings to readers, aptly described in an American monthly magazine as "big media hoopla" (*POZ*, September).

Hundreds of cuttings pour into the Press Office at Leicester University from around the world chronicling the activities of staff and students. Kate Fawcett, on work experience with the Press & Publications Office, looks at the latest collection.

North has been commissioned by the Performing Rights Society to conduct more comprehensive enquiries.

"To put it at its crudest, scientists on Earth will use Beagle 2 to detect the faintest trace of a fart on a planet across the hugeness of

### SCIENTISTS SEEK WHIFF OF LIFE ON MARS

! The most extensive media coverage of the crustacean world for several years. !

space." (*The Guardian*, 27 July)

Last but not least come the lobsters, in what must be the most extensive media coverage of the crustacean world for several years. Peter Shelton and Matt

### DNA TESTING - FROM PONIES TO PRESIDENTS

Professor Sir Alec Jeffreys, who pioneered genetic fingerprinting, has also been busy analysing faeces samples collected on Bodmin Moor, as locals seek to prove the existence of the

Leicester University psychologists have also been maintaining a high profile, investigating the effects of 'wallpaper' music. In a telephone experiment, where callers were put on hold until they hung up in exasperation, "lounge-style Lennon and McCartney" (*Management Today*, July) won out over both original Beatles and a recorded message. Experiments with different background music in Bowie's Brasserie (Leicester) revealed that it affects not only atmosphere but also the price people are prepared to pay for drinks – the maximum for a pint of lager was a startling £1.25 more with music! Meanwhile a student research project found that piping French music in a supermarket increased sales of camembert whilst German tunes boosted salami's popularity! Dr Adrian

### TO C OR NOT TO C

There was much excitement about the new Space Centre, after planning permission was granted in mid-August and designs were released. Leicester Scientists are also involved in the European Space Agency's 'Mars Express' mission, planning to send an instrument known as 'Beagle 2' to 'sniff' the presence of life on the red planet in 2003. As well as drilling beneath the surface, it will use sensitive detectors to look for methane in the thin atmosphere –

Sheehy (Biology) used a pigment test to calculate the age of lobsters, finding a male of 42 and a female of 72 years-old, shocking wealthy diners across the world. Personally speaking, no background music, however fishy, could tempt me in that direction...! I'd rather take my chances with vitamin C!



SOUND RESEARCH: Dr Adrian North, Psychology Department.

### NEW VISTAS FOR EUNICE

The *Cornishman* (6 August 1998) featured news of former personal assistant to the Vice-Chancellor, Eunice Knowles, who has settled in Cornwall following a summer painting course at St Ives. After taking early retirement, Eunice completed an honours degree course in History of Art before being drawn to the West Country mecca for artists.

She has continued painting ever since, and has made her home in Lamorna, where she recently had an exhibition in the village hall. The Lamorna Picture Show included studies of a wide variety of subjects. 'The figure, and the landscape, seas and rocks around West Cornwall are my inspiration', she said.

# BOOKS

## POLITICAL ANIMALS: ANIMAL PROTECTION POLITICS IN BRITAIN AND THE UNITED STATES

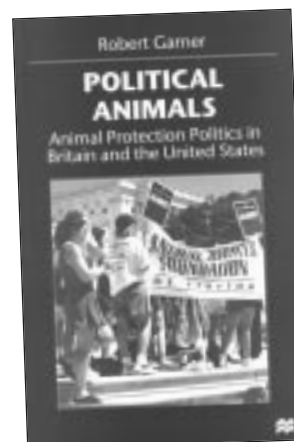
Dr Robert Garner, Department of Politics  
Macmillan Press, May 1998, £16.99 (paperback), £45 (hardback)

Available from the Bookshop  
(ISBN 0 333 73000 3 – paperback,  
0 333 61581 6 – hardback)

How can animal welfare best be promoted? How open are political systems to a pro-animal agenda? Despite its increasing saliency, the issue of animal welfare has been virtually ignored by political scientists. Likewise, there is a tendency for animal rights advocates to reject all welfarist reforms.

**'A must-read for anybody interested in the animal rights movement. Political Animals tells a compelling story'**  
*Adele Douglas (American Humane Association)*

In this thorough, yet accessible, book Robert Garner explores animal protection decision-making in Britain and the United States in order to plug the gap in the public policy literature and to examine the viability of a reformist strategy for the animal protection movement. He shows that, while increased public pressure has improved animal protection, different institutional structures play a major part. Animals thus receive less protection in the United States.



## THE IDEA OF PROPERTY IN SEVENTEENTH-CENTURY ENGLAND: TITHES AND THE INDIVIDUAL

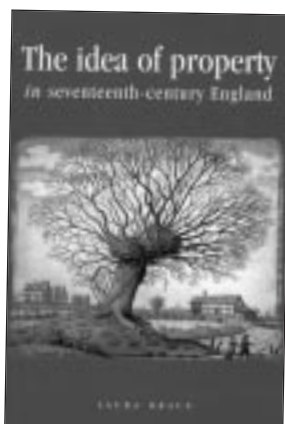
Dr Laura Brace, Department of Politics  
Manchester University Press, June 1998, £45 (hardback)

Available from the Bookshop  
(ISBN 0 7190 5179 7)

This interdisciplinary study of the controversial tithes disputes of the 1650s draws out the importance for understanding how people envisaged ownership – of the land, of labour and of themselves – in seventeenth-century England.

Ministers, reformers, radicals and sectarians all went into print to defend or destroy the clergy's right to a tenth of the produce of the land. Tithes pushed at the limits of private property, and both their opponents and supporters recognised their significance for ownership, the law, liberty and individuality. The complexity of the discussions over tithes reveals some of the inadequacies of debates over property in current political theory. Through a range of neglected yet fascinating pamphlets and tracts, Laura Brace explores notions of the increase, husbandry and the construction of the commonwealth and of individual conscience, and considers their significance for the idea of property.

• *Dr Laura Brace is a Lecturer in Political Theory at this University.*



## THE POLITICS OF PERFORMANCE IN EARLY RENAISSANCE DRAMA

Professor Greg Walker, Department of English  
Cambridge University Press, July 1998, £35 (hardback)

Available from the Bookshop  
(ISBN 0 521 56331 3)

Professor Greg Walker provides a new account of the relationships between politics and drama in the turbulent period from the accession of Henry VIII to the reign of Elizabeth I.

Focusing on political drama in both England and Scotland, this book explores the complex relationships between politics, court culture and dramatic composition, performance and publication. Drama produced and adapted for varying conditions of performance is examined through a detailed analysis of key examples of the interlude or great hall play. Professor Walker goes on to study what happened when play scripts were printed and sold commercially.

Subjects covered range from the interludes of the Henrician Catholic John Heywood to the Elizabethan tragedy *Gorboduc*. There are also chapters on the conditions of household performance and the early history of dramatic printing.

• *Professor Walker is Director of the University's Medieval Research Centre, based in the Department of English.*



### A NEW BRIEF

Leicester University law graduate Patrick Redmond has shed his legal robes to become a full-time author, following a £100,000 deal for his first novel.

His supernatural psychological thriller *The Wishing Game*, which centres around the friendship between two boys at boarding school in the 1950s, has been snapped up by prestigious publishers Hodder and Stoughton and is due to appear on the shelves next June.

With rumours of film rights negotiations in the near future and a deal for a second novel already in the bag, Redmond looks set to take the literary world by storm.

• *Patrick Redmond graduated with an upper second class degree in Law in 1988.*

## THE TWENTY-ONE BOOKS OF ENGINEERING AND MACHINES OF JUANELO TURRIANO

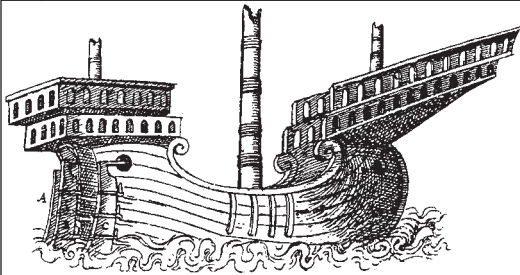
2 Volumes, translated by Dr Alex Keller, Department of History  
Fundacion Juanelo Turriano, 1998

The manuscript of this work which dates from the late-sixteenth century is conserved in the National Library of Spain at Madrid. It was not published in its own day, perhaps because its material was held to be confidential. It has been described as 'the first systematic treatise in the world on hydraulic engineering'. It was rediscovered and finally published in Spanish nearly four hundred years later. Dr Alex Keller has now produced a magisterial English translation, complete with commentaries and footnotes.

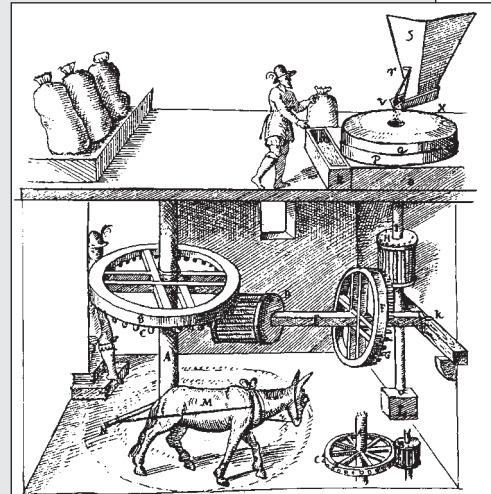
The work's theme is water, and it illustrates clearly the role of water in the human life, agriculture, and industry of the sixteenth-century. It contains detailed descriptions of

methods of water uses and transport, including recent innovations such as lock-gates, and demonstrates clearly that Spanish political power in this period was accompanied by the most advanced technology in the practice of civil engineering.

- The work was launched in Britain at the British Library on Tuesday 26 May, with a small exhibition, as part of a series of events marking the fourth centenary of the death of King Philip II.



Design for a 16th-century war ship.



A 16th-century beast or muscle mill.

## MASS COMMUNICATION RESEARCH METHODS

Anders Hansen, Simon Cottle, Raphael Negrine,  
Chris Newbold, (Centre for  
Mass Communication  
Research)

Macmillan Press, May 1998,  
£14.99 (paperback), £40  
(hardback)

Available from the Bookshop  
(ISBN 0 333 61710 X -  
paperback, 0 333 61709 6 -  
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This book provides a systematic and comprehensive introduction to the key research methods and approaches used in the study of mass communication and the media.

Starting with a discussion of the principles behind good research, addressing the question of how to select the right methods to use, the book goes on to explore a range of different approaches thoroughly. The development and application of all the central techniques in mass communication research are covered in detail, from the study of media organisations and the practices of media professionals, to media content and representations, and media audiences.

The publication concludes with guidance regarding the analysis of data and an appendix of resources and archives for communication researchers.

Accessibly structured and written with exemplary clarity, this is a definitive companion, reference and source for everyone involved in mass communication research.



## RETHINKING SECURITY IN POST-COLD WAR EUROPE

Edited by Dr G Wyn Rees, Department of Politics, and  
W Park (Royal Naval  
College, Greenwich)  
Longman, May 1998, £12.99  
(paperback)

Available from the Bookshop  
(ISBN 0 582 30376 1)

Providing a survey of the principal items on the agenda following the end of the Cold War, this book focuses upon the institutions and regions where the reconsideration of security issues has been particularly profound.

The book is organised into three main sections, examining different aspects of European security:

- \* The changed roles of the main security institutions which have survived the Cold War; NATO, the EU/Western EU, the Organisation for Security and Cooperation in Europe.
- \* The Central European countries, Russia and States of the former Soviet Union in terms of their ideologies, political structures and relationships of the Cold War period.
- \* The different perspectives and agendas of the northern and southern regions of Europe.

Written by a team of experts, this interdisciplinary study provides an historical framework for examining the Cold War period, exploring a variety of perspectives on the security of the Continent.



Next month, details of Emeritus Professor Brian Simon's recently-published book, *A Life In Education*, appears in this section.

# PEOPLE

## OBITUARIES

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

### REV. DONALD ENGLISH

Rev. Donald English, C.B.E., D.Litt. (Leicester), the only Minister in modern times to be President of the Methodist Conference twice, and a former Moderator of the Free Church Federal Council who came to epitomise World Methodism, died on 28 August 1998, aged 68.

An able administrator and scholar, it was through the spoken word that he made his greatest impact. Whether on the platform, in long sermons



**DISTINGUISHED GRADUATE:** Rev. Donald English (standing, third from the left), in the final year of his History studies at University College, Leicester, with his seven contemporaries. Seated are the staff of the History Department at that time – (left to right) Mr Rupert Evans, Dr Babette Evans, Professor Jack Simmons and Mr Norman Scarfe.

from the pulpit, or in the studio, broadcasting to millions in *Thought for the Day* on Radio 4, he had the ability to hold audiences of all ages and backgrounds. A distinguished career saw him talking with world leaders, leading Bible studies in parliament, officiating at Royal Weddings, and, as Chairman of the World Methodist Council between 1991 and 1996, addressing audiences around the globe.

Leicester played a formative and pivotal role in Donald English's life. He came up from Consett in County Durham in 1948 to read History at University College, Leicester. The Department then had four members of staff, and the annual student intake was eight. Donald soon showed a talent for communication, appearing annually in departmental revues. He was also an active sportsman, playing football for Leicester City and the English Universities team, and cricket for the College. Graduating in 1952 with a London University BA, he stayed another year in Leicester to take a Diploma in Education with a view to becoming a history teacher. Donald was also an active member of the University Christian Union – and of Clarendon Park Methodist Church.

After National Service as an education officer with the RAF, he returned to Leicester as travelling secretary of the Inter-Varsity Fellowship. In 1958 he was called to the ministry, and studied under Michael Skinner and Owen Chadwick at Wesley House, Cambridge. He was ordained and married in 1962, and soon after he and his wife left for the mission field and teaching in Eastern Nigeria. In Leicester, he had gained his education, met his future wife, Bertha Ludlow, and found a vocation, whilst a promising career as a footballer had ended.

His subsequent ministry – whether at home or abroad – was infused with a deep-rooted passion for Evangelism and Inter-Faith co-operation. He served for six years as minister in his beloved North-East, and then as

college tutor and professor in Manchester and Bristol. In 1978, at the youthful age of 47 he first became President of the Methodist Conference. Four years later he became leader of the Methodist Home Mission Division. Increasingly now he was active on the world stage, always as much at home with public figures like Pope John Paul II or P W Botha as those he met on urban or student missions, or those who had suffered for their faith. In 1990 he became President of the Methodist Conference for the second time, and in 1996 his public service was acknowledged by the award of CBE.

In 1994 he received the Honorary Degree of DLitt from his alma mater, now the University of Leicester. It seems entirely appropriate that his fellow graduate on that occasion was President Soares of Portugal. For Donald English was a world figure, and in the words of the Public Orator on that occasion, 'one of the most distinguished churchmen of our generation, and one who attracts the love and respect of Christians – and others – throughout the world'.

David Johnson

### PATRICK J M BAILEY

Patrick John Mumford Bailey, one of the country's finest and most influential geographical educators, died on 16 July 1998 at the age of 72. Evacuated from London as a child, he attended Scarborough College from 1937 to 1943 and saw service with the Royal Navy in the Pacific and the Mediterranean from 1944 to 1947.

He went up to Corpus Christi, Cambridge, to read Geography, graduating in 1950 before becoming Canadian Geographical Society Scholar at McGill University. After undertaking a Postgraduate Certificate of Education course, he worked as a Geography master in Norfolk grammar schools, rising to become Head of Geography, Housemaster and Sixth Form Master at Wymondham College (a local authority co-educational boarding Grammar/Technical School).

For a further ten years he worked in Colleges of Education and became Principal Lecturer, Head of the Geography Department and the BED Course Tutor at Northumberland College of Education, Ponteland. During this period he also acted as a tutor each summer on courses for African teachers, college lecturers and school inspectors in Tanzania.

Patrick came to the School of Education in 1969 to act as a Geography method tutor. He made a valued contribution to the teaching of Geography, to the development of Education Management as an area of excellence within the School of Education and to the development of the taught higher degrees programme. Throughout this time he also organised a range of short courses for teachers in the Leicester area and, through his excellent links with the University Geography Department, promoted Geography in the schools.

At Leicester, Patrick's practicality, which drew on his wide knowledge of Geography and Management in the field, led to his being respected by staff and students alike. His enthusiasm for his subject was infectious, his love of teaching boundless, and many students will remember with affection the care that Patrick bestowed upon them. His field trips and blackboard maps will long be cherished by those who experienced them.

Patrick's publications covered a wide range of areas. He was the author of *Orkney* (1971) and *Norwich Area* (1971) in the *British Landscapes Through Maps* series. He wrote a manual for Geography teachers, *Teaching Geography* (1974) which became a bible in its time. His last book, *The Geography Teachers' Handbook* (1996), which he co-edited with Peter Fox, was a mammoth effort and will be an indispensable text for many years to come.

Patrick was a central figure for many years in the activities of the Geographical Association, both nationally and locally. He edited the very valuable *Teaching Geography* publication from 1974 to 1985, during which time it became recognised as the UK's leading journal in the field. He was President of the Association when Geography was obliged by the then Secretary of State for Education, Keith Joseph, to justify its place in the

National Curriculum. His spirited advocacy of Geography for a place in the National Curriculum was argued in *The Case for Geography*, which he wrote with Tony Binns in 1988.

At the local level, in the flourishing Leicester Geographical Association, he was indefatigable in his support for a wide range of activities, organising conferences for Sixth Formers, giving frequent lectures and chairing sessions in his own inimitable style.

After taking early retirement from the School of Education at Leicester, he continued to teach at undergraduate and postgraduate level and became well-known on the international scene, forging links with geographers in Poland and Portugal. He was particularly proud to receive honorary membership of the Geographical Association in 1997 and, earlier this year, of the Royal Geographical Society.

Behind the teacher/scholar, Patrick was a very compassionate, thoughtful and caring man, generous in his praise of work well done, and very supportive of his close colleagues as well as his tutees. It was a measure of his inner strength and belief – he was a Christian Scientist – that in spite of a very debilitating illness he was able to remain stimulating, interested and alert, reading and writing and arguing the case for Geography until the last. He is survived by his wife, Peggy.

*Alan Sutton and Tom Whiteside*

## LESLIE COLLEY

Les Colley was born in Sunderland on 18 September 1931 and took up an apprenticeship in 1945 at the age of 14. Having completed his apprenticeship he joined the Merchant Navy as an engineer officer and served until 1955 when he left the Navy and married Betsy. His first land-based employment was at the Atomic Energy Weapons Research Institute at Aldermaston as a research and experimental engineer. In April 1965, with Betsy and his two sons, Les moved to Leicester and joined the Chemistry Department as an engineer in the workshop. He retired in September 1996 after 31 years in the University.

Les was an enthusiastic and hard-working member of the Department and the University. In his daily job he provided invaluable workshop support for the teaching and research activities of the Department, tackling tasks ranging all the way up to the building of pressure rigs, vacuum systems and even a prototype whole body ESR scanner. Les was also an enthusiastic First Aider, even as far back to his days at Aldermaston, and throughout the time in the Department Les was part of the team of First Aiders that dealt quietly and efficiently with the minor cuts and bumps that inevitably occurred.



However, his impact on the University was much more extensive than merely carrying out the job for which he was paid. Les was an energetic Union man. In the early days he was involved in the implementation and operation of the Appeals Panel, both at local and regional level with regard to the original version of the 'Blue Book' for technical staff. Technical staff throughout the University got to know Les through his willingness to advise on preparing cases for regrading or for the appeals procedures. He was the MSF Union Safety Representative for many years and, at the local level, he was a branch committee member and Appeals Panel member. Les was also an enthusiastic supporter of the DSCR, serving on the DSCR Committee and the University Catering Committee. Sports also featured prominently in Les' life. He had a passion for football and, as a qualified referee, spent many weekends refereeing local matches. In the early days he played cricket for the DSCR, he was for many years one of the 'regulars' for the DSCR/SCR badminton club on Friday evenings, and over the years challenged many of us in the

Chemistry Department at squash.

Les had already conquered a major health problem. He had a quadruple by-pass operation at the end of 1992 which he took in his stride and returned to work and to badminton with the same enthusiasm and energy. His recent short and tragic illness has robbed him and Betsy of the long and happy retirement that they both so richly deserved after such a long working life. Les, who died on 8 August 1998, will be remembered by his many friends in the Department and the University as someone who cared enough to always get involved.

*Professor Paul M Cullis*

## DR GEORGE EVERITT

Dr George Frederick Everitt of Lake Elmo died suddenly on 26 May, aged 55. Following his graduation from Louisiana State University with a PhD in inorganic chemistry, he held postdoctoral appointments at Leicester University from 1971-72. He settled in Minnesota in 1973 to work in ceramic fibre development and magnetic tape manufacturing – first at 3M and later at Imation Corp. He is survived by his wife, Elizabeth, a daughter and a son.

## JOHN A GODBY

John Godby, Night Security Assistant in the Estates and Buildings Office, died on 18 August 1998. John lived and worked in Leicester all his life, spending a significant part of his working life in the boot and shoe industry. For the latter part of his career in the 'shoe', he worked as both a Foreman and latterly as a Floor Manager. He was extremely well respected in this industry and his reason for leaving was merely the uncertainty that the industry faced allied with a desire to take on a new challenge.

John came to the University as a Night Security Assistant in early January 1990. He immediately took to the job and fitted extremely well into the team. In the nine years John worked at Leicester he received a number of commendations, not only from staff and students but also from visitors. John would always go out of his way to be helpful, with a smile and a joke for everyone.

He was extremely well liked by all with whom he came into contact. He retained a number of friends from his career in the shoe industry and made many more new friends whilst at University. John leaves behind a son and a daughter from his first marriage, and a wife and two young sons from the second marriage. He was dedicated to his children and spent most of his spare time playing with and looking after his two young sons. He will, of course, be sadly missed by his family but also by his many friends and colleagues here and by those friends John met earlier in his life.

*Jim Shaw*

## JARROD S POTTER

Jarrold Potter, who had recently embarked on a PGCE course in the School of Education, tragically died following a road traffic accident on Tuesday 29 September.

Jarrold completed his undergraduate studies at Nottingham University. He had a particular interest in Special Needs and had worked for a year with autistic children as part of his Psychology degree course.

*Clare Taylor*

**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.**

# PEOPLE

## APPOINTMENTS

**Professor Leonard A Dissado, B.Sc., Ph.D., D.Sc., S.M.I.E.E., Professor of Engineering, from 1 October 1998.**

Professor Dissado gained a BSc and PhD in Chemistry from University College, University of London, in 1963 and 1966 respectively. This was followed by a peripatetic existence between the UK and Australia during which time his research career was concentrated on quantum calculations of the UV spectra of crystals and their photochemistry. Descending somewhat (in frequency), he settled in London in 1977 and began to develop a theory for the non-exponential dynamics observed in dielectric relaxation.

Dielectrics usually relax but they sometimes break down. Professor Dissado was introduced to this fascinating topic by CEGB and STL in 1980-81. The study of dielectric breakdown lies at the interface of a number of disciplines such as polymer chemistry, non-linear processes, statistics, and high-voltage engineering, and poses challenges on a variety of fronts. Pre-breakdown phenomena such as Water trees and Electrical trees were investigated in subsequent years, and currently a quantitative computer model for the Electrical trees is being developed. Prediction is an important feature of dielectric studies, and, in this area, the intrinsic statistics associated with a number of the many failure mechanisms have been derived. Diagnosis and prediction has been set on a new track by the identification of deterministic chaos in the Electrical treeing mechanism.

Following the publication of a book, *Electrical Degradation in Polymers* (jointly with Dr J C Fothergill) in 1992 and the award of his DSc in 1990, he moved to the Engineering Department at Leicester as a Reader in 1995. Here, a programme of work was started with the intention of elucidating the processes whereby insulating polymers are aged by service levels of electric stress. This is currently supported by an EU research grant involving five companies and five universities.

• The cartoon was drawn by a friend, Professor G C Montanari, during what was obviously a totally absorbing presentation during a recent meeting of the programme's participants.



**Professor Peter Fisher, B.Sc., M.Sc., Ph.D., Professor of Geographical Information, as from 1 October 1998.**

Pete joined the Geography Department at Leicester University 6 years ago. He had previously taught in Geography Departments at Kent State University in Ohio and Kingston Polytechnic (now University). He holds degrees in Environmental Science (BSc) from the University of Lancaster, Pedology and Soil Survey (MSc) from the University of Reading and a PhD from the CNAA having studied at Kingston Polytechnic. His doctoral research was in Quaternary landform evolution and sediments in the Thames Basin, but since completing his dissertation his research has almost entirely been in the area of geographical information science.

During his career Pete has carried out a variety of research examining many aspects of the computer-based processing of geographic information. In particular, he has worked on the

consequences of database errors, on uncertainty due to problems of conceptualising information, on the visualisation and cartography of uncertainty, and on the problems of specific computer routines for determining the visible area around a point.

Currently he is editor of the *International Journal of Geographical Information Science*, which is the foremost academic journal in his area. He is Principal Investigator and Coordinator on the EU-funded project FLIERS (Fuzzy Land Information from Environmental Remote Sensing), and is one of the Investigators on the Virtual Field Course Project funded by the Joint Information Systems Committee.

**Dr Annie Grant, M.A., Ph.D. (Cambridge), Director of the Educational Development and Support Centre (promoted to Administrative Grade 6 from 1 October 1998).**

Dr Annie Grant graduated in Archaeology and Anthropology from Newnham College, Cambridge and embarked on a first career as an archaeologist. Her research has involved a wide-ranging investigation of the roles that animals have played in past cultures: her publications include *The Countryside of Medieval England* (with G Astill) and *Animals and their Products in Trade and Exchange*.

After posts at Oxford, Geneva and Reading Universities, she made a major career change in 1991 when she was appointed to Leicester as Director of the University's Enterprise Learning Initiative. In 1995 she became Director of the Educational Development and Support Centre at Leicester. The EDSC comprises the Teaching and Learning Unit, the Student Learning Centre, the Study Support Centre for Students with Special Needs, the Sick Bay, and the Careers, Counselling and Welfare Services.

Dr Grant has particular interests in teaching and assessment methods and in the development of the role of central student services in promoting and supporting students' learning. She retains a keen interest in archaeology and is an Honorary Lecturer in the School of Archaeological Studies.

**Professor Clive R Hollin, B.Sc. (London), Ph.D. (East London), C.Psychol., F.B.Ps.S., Professor of Criminological Psychology, from 1 October 1998.**

After qualification, Professor Hollin worked as a prison psychologist before beginning his first spell as a Lecturer in Psychology at this University (1982-1989). He left Leicester for a joint appointment as Senior Lecturer in Psychology at the University of Birmingham and Research Psychologist at Glenthorne Youth Treatment Centre, followed by a three-year contract with the Department of Health as Director of Rehabilitation in the newly-formed Youth Treatment Service. He returned to Leicester in 1996, as Senior Lecturer then Reader, with a joint appointment as a Clinical Scientist with Rampton Hospital Authority. He took a full-time appointment at Leicester at the beginning of 1998, based in the Centre for Applied Psychology.

Professor Hollin's main research interest is in the interface between psychology and criminology, particularly with reference to the management and treatment of offenders. He has published widely in this area, including the text *Psychology and Crime: An Introduction to*



*Criminological Psychology*, and edits the journal *Psychology, Crime, & Law*.

As well as developing courses within the Centre for Applied Psychology, Professor Hollin consults with several practice agencies, including the prison and probation services. He sits on several Home Office working groups concerned with the design, implementation, and evaluation of programmes to reduce offending.

**Professor David J Mattingly, B.A., Ph.D. (Manchester), Professor of Roman Archaeology in the School of Archaeological Studies, from 1 October 1998.**

David Mattingly studied for his BA (History, 1980) and his PhD (1984) at the University of Manchester. Subsequently he was awarded a three-year British Academy Post-Doctoral Fellowship (1986-89), held at the Institute of Archaeology, University of Oxford, to research olive cultivation, olive oil production and trade in the Roman World. He followed this with a tenure track appointment as Assistant Professor in Roman Archaeology in the Department of Classical Studies, University of Michigan (1989-1991).



He has been at Leicester since December 1991, first as Lecturer, then, from 1995, as Reader. His research is wide-ranging in terms of chronological and geographical range and in subject matter.

He is well-known for his work on Roman Africa, Roman Britain, Roman imperialism and landscape archaeology, as well as his research on ancient olive press technology. He has conducted fieldwork in Britain, Italy, North Africa and the Middle East, with current field projects in the deserts of southern Libya and Jordan. Through a range of interdisciplinary

approaches, both these projects are investigating long-term human adaptation to, and impacts on, desert environments.

**Professor Stewart Petersen, M.A. (Cantab), Ph.D. (Edinburgh), Professor of Medical Education, from 1 October 1998.**

Stewart Petersen began his time at Leicester soon after the first medical students arrived at the new medical school. Following a first degree in Natural Sciences at Cambridge and a PhD at Edinburgh he became a lecturer in Psychology at Edinburgh. He then moved to a lectureship, later senior lectureship in Physiology at Leicester.



Teaching in the Medical School over so many years, together with collaborative clinical research developed in him a keen interest in all stages of medical education. With the publication of *Tomorrow's Doctors* by the Education Committee of the General Medical Council, Stewart played a leading role in the development of the new medical curriculum introduced in Leicester in 1994. He is now Head of Medical Education in the Faculty of Medicine and Biological Sciences.

His ongoing research concerns the impact of social and environmental factors upon the physiological development of babies, and the

roles that they may play in increasing the risk of illness and sudden unexpected death. The work involves extensive collaboration with a variety of clinical colleagues.

Stewart looks forward to co-ordinating further developments in medical education at Leicester, in order that we may continue to produce high-quality doctors fit to practice in the ever-changing health services of the future.

**Professor Greg Walker, B.A., Ph.D. (Soton), F.R.Hist.S., Professor of Early-Modern Literature and Culture in the Department of English, from 1 October 1998.**

Professor Walker joined the Department of English in 1991 after training in English Literature and History at Southampton University and spells as a British Academy Postdoctoral Research Fellow at Southampton, and as a Lecturer in English at the University of Queensland, Brisbane, and the University of Buckingham. He is now Director of the Medieval Research Centre and Convenor of the new inter-departmental MA in Medieval Culture.



Greg's research interests span the disciplines of Literature and History – the legacy of never having quite made up his mind which field he preferred as an undergraduate. He has written books and articles on the literary and political history of the sixteenth century, including a monograph on the poet John Skelton (Cambridge University Press, 1988); *Plays of Persuasion* (CUP, 1991), a study of political theatre in the reign of Henry VIII; and *Persuasive Fictions* (1996), a collection of essays on Tudor culture for Ashgate. *The Politics of Performance*, a study of drama in the early

Renaissance period was published by CUP in September this year (see the review in this *Bulletin's* Books section).

He is currently working on a study of the historical reputation of Henry VIII, and his long-term ambition is to think of a book title that does not alliterate on the letter 'P'. He is 39 years old and has dedicated much of his life to a number of deeply unfashionable causes, listing among his interests both Nottingham Forest Football Club and the rock group Jethro Tull.

**RETIREMENT OF SIR EDWIN NIXON AS CHAIRMAN OF COUNCIL**

At the Senate and Council Dinner in July 1998 the University said farewell to Sir Edwin Nixon on completion of six years as Chairman of the Council. On that occasion I presented Sir Edwin and his wife a silver rose bowl in recognition of his contribution to the University.



Sir Edwin was born and went to school in Leicester and his return to be involved with the University, firstly as a Member of Council and then as Chairman, has been of great value to us. He has been a great support to me personally and his experience and his wisdom have been of great assistance both to me and to the University.

Subsequently he has written to me to express his gratitude for the gift and his very warm reflections upon his contacts with the University and I would like to quote from his letter:

"As I reflect upon the last six years there are three strands which predominate: first that I have seen enormous progress and cohesiveness in the University as a whole; second that the University is much better than its image; third that if I were a student again, Leicester would come high on my list for both academic and recreational reasons."

Sir Edwin has provided the University with an invaluable external experience and wisdom, but in particular he has, I believe, recognised the need for the University to have more confidence in its abilities and achievements and to try to ensure that the image outside of the University reflects its quality. This is something that I know our new Chairman, Mr John Foster, is very keen to take forward.

Dr Kenneth Edwards  
Vice-Chancellor

# PEOPLE

## HONORARY DEGREE FOR EMERITUS PROFESSOR

Emeritus Professor Brian Simon received an Honorary Degree of Doctor of Letters from the University of Warwick on Wednesday 15 July.

Professor Simon has an international reputation as an historian and educationalist. He was on the staff of the School of Education from 1956-80, having been Director for some years. Particularly interested in the practice of teaching in primary schools in postwar Britain, he championed the cause of education for all, observing the limitations of IQ testing and the streaming of children according to ability in schools.

• Professor Simon's recently-published book, *A Life In Education*, which contains many references to Leicester University, will be reviewed in the Books section of the next issue of *Bulletin*. It is on sale in the University Bookshop.

## CONSULTANT HONOURED

The new outpatients' department at Arnold Lodge medium secure unit has been named the James Earp Wing in recognition of the achievements, commitment and dedication of a retired forensic psychiatrist, Dr James Earp, who recently completed 20 years' service with the Regional Forensic Services.

In 1978, Dr Earp was appointed as the first consultant forensic psychiatrist and became the first member of the Trent Regional Forensic Services staff to be based at Arnold Lodge. He was subsequently appointed to the post of director at Arnold Lodge. He was also the regional adviser in forensic psychiatry to the Trent Regional Health Authority.

During his career, Dr Earp has been an associate professor of psychiatry at the University of Alberta and, for three years, a visiting professor of forensic psychiatry in Saudi Arabia. He has held a post as clinical teacher in forensic psychiatry at Leicester University.

## RETIREMENT

### MR CHRIS M DAY

Chris Day, Technician with responsibilities for Purchasing and Stores Supervision in the Department of Engineering, retired on Monday 24 August 1998 after 16 years' service to the University.

Chris has been in the Engineering profession all of his working life, apart from three years' regular service in the RAF. He served his apprenticeship at Imperial Typewriters and came to the University from Bentley Engineering in Leicester.

He has been Chairman of the Departmental Staff Common Room Association for the past 11 years and is a regular supporter of DSCR activities. His retirement leaves a void on the DSCR Committee, which the Committee hopes to fill at its 41st Annual General Meeting in October. He is also the current Chairman of the local MSF Branch.

He was in charge of the DSCR cricket kit for the past 8 years and involved with the organisation and running of the annual inter-departmental cricket competition for the Gilmore Lee Knockout Trophy. Over the years the DSCR cricket kit has enabled many teams to take part in this competition and also inter-departmental 'friendly' matches.

At a gathering of colleagues and friends on Wednesday 12 August, appropriately held in the Departmental Staff Common Room, Terry Garfield, Programme Secretary, presented Chris with a cheque, and his wife, Barbara, with a bouquet. Dr Alan Strachan, organiser of the Gilmore Lee Knockout Trophy, spoke about Chris's contribution over the years both to the Trophy

Competition and departmental cricket in general in the University. After a toast to a long and happy retirement, everyone enjoyed a piece of 'retirement cake' (a surprise arranged by his wife), that was suitably decorated with cricketing figures.

Chris has a lot of sporting interests – Leicester City Football Club, Leicester Tigers, and Leicester County Cricket Club. He is a member of the Association of Cricket Umpires and Scorers, and officiates in the Everards County League. Retirement will give him the opportunity to become more involved with these sports that he loves, and also with his fishing.

*Terry Garfield*

• At a meeting of the Technical Staffs Joint Negotiating Committee, members of the Staff Side expressed their deep appreciation for the work which Chris Day had done on behalf of members over the years and his effective contribution to both the Negotiating Committee and the Grading Appeal Panels. The University fully endorsed the sentiments expressed by the Staff Side in recognising his valuable work and contribution over many years, which had benefitted both members of staff and the University. Members conveyed their best wishes to him for a long and happy retirement.

### A DAY TO REMEMBER:

*(left) Chris Day and his wife, Barbara, get ready to share a special cake at a party to mark his retirement, and (below) together with colleagues in the Departmental Staff Common Room.*



# NOTICES

## FINE LINES FROM REPROGRAPHICS

A recent innovation by the Reprographics Unit in conjunction with Press and Publications is the addition of the University's crest as a distinctive water mark on the University's headed paper. The Gryphon, an imaginary animal with a lion's body and an eagle's beak and wings, is featured on the crest, holding between the claws an open book inscribed with the words " Ut Vitam Habeant". This water mark complements the high-quality paper used for this purpose.



## THIS YEAR'S CHRISTMAS APPEAL

Staff in the University Administration will again be given the opportunity to make donations to charity instead of sending Christmas cards to other colleagues.

This year, the beneficiary will be the Leicester Royal Infirmary CARIS Appeals. CARIS stands for:

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| <b>Care</b>       | to enhance the care the hospital offers its patients                      |
| <b>Amenities</b>  | to improve the quality of life for all the hospitalis users               |
| <b>Research</b>   | to help the hospital pump-prime research and top up major research grants |
| <b>Innovation</b> | to help the staff try out new ideas to improve healthcare                 |
| <b>Support</b>    | to provide support for patients and their families and staff              |
- Projects currently falling under the umbrella of CARIS are:

- An image intensifier for the Coronary Care Unit. This helps the doctors to see on screen an image of the heart when inserting life-saving lines.
- A travel incubator for the special baby care unit, to provide intensive care for very sick babies as they are brought to the Unit.
- A CT Scanning Centre for help in diagnosis and treatment.

The names of those donating will appear in the *Bulletin*, and those administrative staff wishing their names to appear before Christmas should send their donations to Vivienne Paul in the Registrar's Office by Friday 13 November. Cheques should be made payable to:

### The Leicester Royal Infirmary NHS Trust Charitable Fund(CARIS)

- Departments wishing to run similar schemes should contact Vivienne Paul on 0116 252 2411 as soon as possible.

## HONORARY DEGREES BOARD

During the Autumn term the Honorary Degrees Board will consider nominations for the award of Honorary Degrees in the session 1998/99. The Board would be pleased to receive from colleagues in the University nominations of persons of distinction who have made significant contributions to scholarship, the community, industry or commerce.

The Board will wish to have evidence that, for most cases, those nominated are of national, and indeed of international, standing but also to ensure that the Honorary Graduands will include some individuals who have made very significant local contributions.

Nominations must be made in writing and should include the nominee's full name, title and address and be accompanied by a supporting statement and a CV. Nominations should be sent, in confidence, to the Vice-Chancellor.

## UNIVERSITY REPRESENTATION ON OUTSIDE BODIES

Vacancies have arisen for representatives of the University on the following bodies:

- Ashby Endowed Schools - Governor
- Loughborough Endowed Schools - Governor

Any member of staff of the University interested in serving on either of these bodies is asked to contact Mr Nigel Siesage, Principal Assistant Registrar (2417, nps1m@admin.le.ac.uk) as soon as possible.

Appointments are subject to ratification by the Nominations Committee.

## CALENDAR 1998/99

The Almanac section of Calendar 1998/99 is now available via the University's Campus-wide Information System. Printed locally from CWIS, the Almanac is designed for use as a wall calendar.

Calendar on CWIS can be accessed using the following URL:  
HYPERLINK <http://www.le.ac.uk/press/calendar/>  
<http://www.le.ac.uk/press/calendar/>

The Calendar includes sections on Court, Council, Senate, Representatives on other Bodies, External Examiners, Staff, Regulations for Official and Academic Dress, Prizes and University Records. The University's Ordinances are also included in this edition.

A copy - for reference purposes - has been forwarded to every Department.

## SOUNDS LIKE MUSIC TO THE EARS...

Borrow CDs *free* from the University Library.

The modest collection of CDs is shortly to be displayed on racks on the Lower Ground Floor of the main Library. At present, the collection is small but steadily expanding. CDs are available, free, on weekly loan, from the Special Collections Office nearby (open 9 am - 5 pm, Mondays to Fridays). Also nearby



is the University's large collection of music and books on music. All the material - music, books and CDs - can be found in the new Unicorn catalogue which can be consulted via CWIS.

- The long-established gramophone record collection has been re-housed on the 18th floor of the Attenborough Building. Anyone wishing to peruse the collection or borrow records should contact the Music Department (0116 252 2781).

## FREE TICKETS!

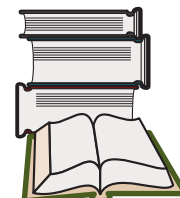
The Music Department is offering all students free tickets to the first in a series of concerts by the internationally-renowned Lindsay String Quartet on Wednesday 14 October at 7.30 pm in the Fraser Noble Hall, London Road. The Lindsays have a long-standing association with the University and are returning to Leicester for their 10th successive season, playing works by Haydn, Mendelssohn and Shostakovich. To take advantage of this offer, students should contact the Music Department on (0116) 252 2781 / e-mail [ap1@le.ac.uk](mailto:ap1@le.ac.uk) not later than 24 hours before the concert takes place.

## LIBRARY PERIODICAL CANCELLATIONS

The following proposals for the cancellation of periodical subscriptions have been received, in order to provide funding for a new subscription:

- From the Department of Microbiology:
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| <b>Canadian Journal of Microbiology</b> | <b>£242</b> |
| <b>Microbiology &amp; Immunology</b>    | <b>£162</b> |

Any Department objecting to the cancellation of one of these titles should contact David Welding, Technical Services Librarian, within one month of the appearance of this notice. Any objections should be accompanied by a willingness to provide the funding to continue the subscription by an alternative cancellation or some other means.



# NOTICES

## DESIGN-A-CARD COMPETITION RESULTS

An attractive photograph of the campus in winter is the winning design. Taken by Jo Vivian (Student Welfare), this image will be used as on University greetings cards, available for purchase in time for Christmas.

Jo receives a prize of a £25 book token.

Thanks go to members of the University who submitted entries for this competition. They are requested to ring Barbara Whiteman on 2676 in order to arrange for collection of their work.

- The image will be featured in the November *Bulletin*.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### A MORE COMPREHENSIVE LIST OF EVENTS IS AVAILABLE ON CWIS

#### Saturday October 17

Evening Concert: Sing Verdi! In preparation for the performance on Saturday 12 December, we are holding an OPEN REHEARSAL of choral highlights from Verdi's Requiem. Everyone welcome. Bring a vocal score or hire one for £3. Admission free. 2.30 - 5.30 pm. Queen's Hall, Students' Union.

#### Sunday October 18

Motivation '98 - Co-ordinator Louise Katerega. The Richard Attenborough Centre's dance platform. Volunteers to help backstage and front-of-house please call 0116 223 1529. Tickets £5 (£4). For more information telephone 0116 252 2455.

#### Thursday October 22

Department of the History of Art 1998 Public Lecture Series: A series of public lectures - The Arts and Culture in Sixteenth Century England. Images and Idols: the artistic consequences of the Reformation. Dr Phillip Lindley, Head of the Department of History of Art. 5.30 pm. Lecture Theatre 3, New Building. Open to all and free.

#### Wednesday October 28

Evening Concert: The Lindsays. Haydn, Shostakovich, Mendelssohn. 7.30 pm. Fraser Noble Building, London Road. For more information contact The Department of Music on 0116 252 2781.

#### Thursday October 29

Nuffield Community Care Studies Unit: One Day Conference. Changing Community and Primary Care: Research, Policy and Practice. 9.30 am to 4.15 pm. Charles Wilson Building. For more details contact 0116 252 5422.

#### Thursday October 29

Department of the History of Art 1998 Public Lecture Series: A series of public lectures - The Arts and Culture in Sixteenth Century England. Pompous Entries and English Architecture in the Sixteenth Century. Sir Howard Colvin, St John's College, Oxford. 5.30 pm. Lecture Theatre 3, New Building. Open to all and free.

#### Friday October 30

Special Event: Charles Moore Collection of Instruments. Do you have a music instrument that you would like the curator, Dr Stephen Weston, to identify? Bring it along between 11.00 am and 2.30 pm. Room 1806, 18th floor, Attenborough Building. For more information telephone 0116 252 2781.

#### Friday October 30

Evening Concert: His Majestys Sagbutts & Cornetts - Early Music. 7.30 pm The Richard Attenborough Centre for Disability and the Arts, Lancaster Road. Tickets £10/£7.50 concessions. For more information telephone 0116 252 2455.

#### Saturday October 31

Leicester University Chaplaincy: Day Conference. Responses to Mental Illness. For further information contact the Chaplaincy on 0116 285 6493.

#### Saturday October 31

Evening Concert: Handel: Israel in Egypt. Kingfisher Chorale and Orchestra (directed by David Fisher). Tickets: £6 (£4; £2). 7.30 pm. Fraser Noble Building, London Road.

### NOVEMBER

#### Thursday November 5

Department of the History of Art 1998 Public Lecture Series: A series of public lectures - The Arts and Culture in Sixteenth Century England. On with their heads: the hanging of Tudor Portraits. Dr Charles Saumarez Smith, Director of the National Portrait Gallery. 5.30 pm. Lecture Theatre 3, New Building. Open to all and Free.

## SMALL ADS

### LEICESTER INTERVARSITY CLUB

Leicester IVC is an informal club whose members organise a wide range of activities including speakers, meals, walks, badminton, cinema, and theatre trips. For more information contact Jan on 0116 273 5306.

### HOUSE TO LET

Newly decorated 3 bed semi, double glazed, central heating, dishwasher, ceramic hob, furnished, garage  
Near City Centre - Western Park  
On bus route and near shops £450 per month  
Please ring 0116 285 8195

### RENTAL REQUIRED

2 or 3 bedroomed unfurnished house or flat required from early October 1998 in Oadby/Clarendon Park/Stoneygate/Knighton areas, or elsewhere within easy (cycling) access to University for Research Associate and family.  
Please contact Mrs Liane Baldock in first instance on 3641.

### FOR SALE

BENDIX 800 AUTOMATIC WASHING MACHINE  
Excellent working order £75 o.n.o.  
SHARP MICROWAVE OVEN (CAROUSEL 2)  
600 WATT - good condition £45 o.n.o.  
Telephone: 0116 252 5794 (daytime)

## Computer Centre

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### NT5 Developments

Work on the development of a PC service based on Windows NT5 is progressing well. The development of an NT5 test area within the Computer Centre has resulted in good progress being made with our initial trials. A major boost to this project is our involvement in the top tier of Microsoft's Rapid Deployment Programme within the UK. This provides us with direct support from Microsoft, including consultancy, early product release and access to internal documentation and discussion lists. Leicester University is one of only 5 institutions selected for this programme and is the only HE site.

Following experience with a Computer Centre Pilot service, due to start at the end of September, we will be looking at ways to start involving computing staff from other departments.

The software licensing costs for this service depend heavily on discussions with Microsoft which are due to take place over the coming weeks. Another financial situation yet to be resolved is the upgrading of PCs in Open Access User Areas.

Further details of the NT project are available on the CWIS at: <http://www.le.ac.uk/cc/spar/ntstatus.html>

### Upgrades to Devices in Open Access User Areas

For the last few years the Computer Centre has been following a strategic upgrade policy, derived by the Information Technology Co-ordinating Committee (ITCC), of replacing PCs in Open Access User Areas on a 5 year cycle. However the budget for this has never been established following the demise of the ITCC. Consequently, any upgrades done during the last 2 years have been financed piecemeal from balances within the Academic Services overall budget.

Upgrades have taken place over the summer in Open Access User Areas in the Charles Wilson (3rd floor - Parkside) and the Bennett (Lower Ground Floor, Geography and Geology) buildings. The Macintoshes in the ground floor User Area of the Maurice Shock Medical Sciences building have been replaced with PCs, the displaced Macintoshes being used to supplement devices in the Adrian Macintosh User Area.

The above has more than wiped out any balances. There are still over 160 PCs in Open Access User Areas which are not "NT ready". The continuation of this programme depends on additional funding over the next 12 months otherwise there will be a decline in either quality or number of Open Access devices.



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## LEGAL ADVICE BUREAU

Had an accident?

Tenancy dispute?

Family or relationship problems?

Thinking of buying or selling property?

Credit problems?

Making a will or suffered a bereavement?

**Free initial advice is available on campus at  
Ironsides Legal Advice Bureau on Tuesdays  
between 12 noon - 2.00 pm.**

For your appointment call 0116 252 3334  
In emergencies call Ironsides direct on 0116 251 5253  
and ask for Mike Jarrett

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### Registration for ATHENS

Access to various UK Data Centres, providing such resources as BIDS and EDINA, is now controlled by Personal ATHENS Accounts. These new accounts enable users to access the available resources using a single username and password from anywhere on the Internet, but creates a very large registration requirement within the University. To cope with this, registration for these services has been moved from the Library to the Computer Centre. The registration procedure also involves some external processing by the ATHENS system.

ATHENS accounts are to be provided automatically for all new members of the University when they first register for any of the central computing services supported by the Computer Centre.

Existing members of the University wishing to use any resources protected by ATHENS must complete the appropriate form obtainable from the Computer Centre Information Desk. To register for ATHENS you must also be registered to use at least one of the Computer Centre maintained services (PCFS, MacFS or irix), on which you will receive e-mail from ATHENS. The first e-mail message from ATHENS will inform you that your account has been created and is ready to use, together with your initial registration details.

The Computer Centre is now responsible for ATHENS registrations. The Library is responsible for advice on use of the various ATHENS resources. The Computer Centre Information Sheet IS.No.29 "ATHENS" provides answers to some common queries about the system. This document may be viewed on the CWIS from: <http://www.le.ac.uk/cc/iss/docs/infosheets/>

### The Arrival of Unicorn

On 10 August the Library migrated from LIBERTAS to its new automated system, Unicorn. The migration involved the transfer of over 400,000 catalogue records and around 27,000 user records. Because Unicorn is windows-based and also has a Web interface, the system and its appearance is very different from LIBERTAS, but searching of the catalogue (by author, title, author with title, subject, or word or phrase) is just as simple as it was. Unicorn can also be used to check your own use of the Library and to renew material. There is a certain amount of terminology to become familiar with: for example, reservations are now called 'holds' and issued books are 'checkouts,' or 'charged items' on the renewals screens. There is a basic information sheet on Unicorn, which is available from the Library and which will be updated as frequently as is necessary. Users are encouraged to avail themselves of Unicorn's 'help' facility, which is reached by clicking on the '?' help button or by selecting 'Help' on the Telnet version. However, staff at the Main Library Enquiry Desk and at the desks at the site libraries are more than willing to demonstrate the system or to help with difficulties. Information about Unicorn is also available on the Library's CWIS pages. The Library will be supplementing its induction programme for new users with sessions on Unicorn for returning users, if required, at the start of the academic year.

Unicorn can be accessed from outside the Library via either the Web or Telnet. If you use a machine with a web browser (e.g. Netscape), enter <http://library.le.ac.uk> If you are using a Telnet session, enter 'open library', log in as 'library' and select no 23 as your terminal type from the list given. There is also a link to Unicorn from the Library CWIS home page at <http://www.le.ac.uk/library>

Inevitably, with such a major migration, there have been some difficulties. The Library is unhappy with the clarity of information regarding journals and has asked the suppliers of the system to reconsider these screens. There are still unresolved matters relating to Short Loan, for which the system cannot at present offer the 'bookings' facility afforded by LIBERTAS. For the first few weeks after migration,



Short Loan material was issued for 24 hour periods, but this has been replaced with a shorter, but still 'rolling' loan period.

Users have been both patient and positive during the first weeks of the new system, and this has certainly eased the task faced by Library staff. Further refinements are continually being made. Library staff themselves are continuing to learn and will be very happy to deal with enquiries and offer any help they can.

### Starting the new session quietly

At the start of the session, the Library will be highlighting the need for quiet in all the Library sites. This is in response to a significant problem caused by noisy users who disturb others, in contravention of Library regulations which point out the requirement for silence in all study areas and reasonable quiet in all other areas.

A publicity campaign will be supplemented by regular patrols of the library buildings; a series of penalties for users who repeatedly disregard this requirement has been agreed with the University and will be invoked as necessary. It is hoped that the outcome will be an atmosphere conducive to work, and that those who use the Library as a meeting place (or as a place to receive calls on mobile phones!) will be encouraged to relocate these activities.

### New Public Services Librarian

The Library welcomed its new Public Services Librarian on 1 September. Jo Aitkins, who has degrees both in Librarianship and in Strategy and Resource Management, has most recently been Customer Services Librarian at the University of Sunderland. As Public Services Librarian at Leicester, Jo will have overall responsibility for Lending Services, Stack Services and Inter Library Loans and will co-ordinate public services provision across all three sites of the University Library.



### JSTOR: complete back runs of scholarly journals

Members of the University now have access to JSTOR, which is a unique digital archive collection of core scholarly journals in the fields of Ecology, Economics, History, Mathematics, Philosophy, Politics and Sociology. The files start from the first volume of each title, many of which date from the last century, and reach to within a few years of the current volumes. Users can browse, search and print any article from the collection.

There are currently over 50 titles in the collection, comprising over two million pages. By the year 2000, over 100 titles will be included. Access is now available over the Web at <http://www.jstor.ac.uk>

Bulletin competitions are open to all readers except those involved in its production. Only one entry per person.

# CROSSWORD

## PRIZE CROSSWORD 27 by Seivador

FOUR PRIZES THIS MONTH: First correct entry from draw – a three-course lunch for two in the Carvery, donated by Leicester University Catering Services, second correct entry – a £15 book token, donated by the University Bookshop, third correct entry – a bottle of wine, courtesy of the *Bulletin*, fourth correct entry – a Leicester University bookmark, key ring and coaster, donated by the Students' Union shop.

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Entries (in a sealed envelope) clearly marked to PRIZE CROSSWORD COMPETITION, PRESS & PUBLICATIONS OFFICE, FIELDING JOHNSON BUILDING.

BY NO LATER THAN NOON ON MONDAY 19 OCTOBER

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

DEPT: \_\_\_\_\_

EXT. NO: \_\_\_\_\_

### Clues Across

- Incapacitate clipper, which disintegrates (7)
- Trap hidden to catch greenfly (5)
- Small vibes man at British seaside (13)
- And not in Minorca (3)
- Where to find synonym for the lizard termination (9)
- A microscopic organism exhibiting biological activity initially? (6)
- Goodness by ingesting fruit (6)
- A prize tum altered in shape (9)
- Ball game's time when males are excited (3)
- It's disturbing if the chap is in a leading position (13)
- One slow to learn about north Italian leader (5)
- Pat Ella continuously (under another name) on the leg (7)

### Clues Down

- Stop in the gut (5)
- Crime-busters ordered into a passage, put in later (13)
- Whats nice to eat? Give friend a list (9)
- Code he altered, and rang (6)
- Farrow, raised for a purpose (3)
- With deviant form, or the poem rich with deviant form (13)
- Alexis was part in this series at the top (7)
- Named movement after Ella reversed measure (9)
- Can it aid one leaving, upset? (7)
- Take over greeting to sailor (6)
- To drop litter? Raise level to brim (3,2)
- Enemy of French deserting Daniel (3)

### Winners of Prize Crossword No. 26:

A three-course lunch for two in the Carvery, donated by Catering Services - Stuart Lyon, Physics and Astronomy; £15 book token, donated by the University Bookshop - Mary Claxton, Library; bottle of wine, donated by the *Bulletin* - Anne Strang, Chemistry; a Leicester University bookmark, key ring and coaster, donated by the Students' Union Shop - Linda Duncan, Estates and Buildings.

### PRIZE CROSSWORD 26 SOLUTION:

**Across:** 1 Qualification. 8 Irate. 9 Snowdon. 10 Try. 11 Termagant. 12 Pierce. 14 Gyrate.

7 Insincere. 20 Lid. 21 Animate. 22 Heron. 23 Effervescence.

**Down:** 1 Quintuplicate. 2 Analyse. 3 Inept. 4 Insert. 5 Anomaly. 6 India. 7 Nonattendance.

13 Centaur. 15 Aileron. 16 Recede. 18 Stiff. 19 Ethic.



Pic: Sam Atkins.

Dressed as a Viking, a member of the Leicester University's Boat Club shouts a challenge to other teams at the Viking Longship Regatta in York. This month, Freshers' Week offered new experiences and lots of exciting opportunities to students wanting a part of the action.

- Photos are always welcome for inclusion in Photostop, and should be sent to the Press & Publications Office.

## EYE SPY COMPETITION

LOOK out for this University building off campus and send a note of its identity to Barbara Whiteman, Press & Publications ([ara@le.ac.uk](mailto:ara@le.ac.uk)) by Monday 19 October. Correct entries go into a draw to determine the winner.

The prize is a 36-exposure film plus free processing, courtesy of the University's Central Photographic Unit.

Michael Skaskiw, Estates & Buildings Office won the prize offered in the August/September *Bulletin*. Pictured in the last issue was the external ventilation grille on the wall of the Council Chamber, Fielding Johnson Building.

