Centenary Tall Ship Challenge

The adventure of a lifetime

Sign up as a crew member of the Tall Ship Stavros Niarchos on a voyage around the Balearic Islands – and help us raise funds for children in Sheffield with speech and literacy difficulties.

Dates: 31 March – 7 April 2005

Destination: Join the ship in Palma, Majorca, sail around the Balearic Islands, return to Palma for a Centenary celebration ashore and a last night on board

Cost: £495 per person, including insurance and Centenary reception, but excluding flights

No previous sailing experience is necessary – all you need is a sense of adventure and a determination to meet the challenge.

Our 48 trainees (16 alumni, 16 students, 16 staff) will be managed by an experienced, professional crew.

Patron of the Centenary Tall Ship Challenge

Vanessa Lawrence, Director General and Chief Executive of Ordnance Survey and a keen sailor, is the voyage’s Patron, “Sailing a Tall Ship is something I have always wanted to do, and to do so with alumni, students and staff will be a really memorable occasion.” See a profile of Vanessa on page 5.

Fundraising challenge

We plan to raise a minimum of £10,000 to provide specialist equipment to support the Department of Human Communication Sciences’ work in the community. Their staff and students provide specialist in-house and outreach support for Sheffield children with persisting speech difficulties (eg cleft palate, dyspraxia) and associated literacy problems (eg dyslexia). We suggest a personal fundraising target of at least £200 each, to help us achieve this.

For further information and applications:
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Also visit our website at www.sheffield.ac.uk/centenary2005
Crew will make their own flight arrangements. Any alumni resident in Majorca or Spain who would like to visit the Stavros Niarchos in Palma on 6 April, and join the Centenary celebrations ashore, should contact the Centenary Office.

Will YOU take the Centenary Tall Ship Challenge?

The Tall Ships Trust, incorporating the Sail Training Association, is a registered charity founded in 1956, dedicated to the personal development of young people through the crewing of Tall Ships.

The University will also be covering the costs of two school/college students from South Yorkshire on a separate Tall Ships Youth Voyage in February 2005. Visit the Trust’s website at www.tallships.org

www.sheffield.ac.uk/alumni
Welcome

The University will be 100 years old in 2005. So in this issue of Your University we look forward to plans for the Centenary celebrations. We hope that this important anniversary will provide an opportunity for you to meet up with contemporaries and to come back to Sheffield.

Since the first issue of Your University was published, we have been able to reconnect with more and more alumni all over the world. In this issue, we feature two people who have forged two very different, but extremely successful, careers – Vanessa Lawrence, Director General of Ordnance Survey, and Douglas Young, Hong Kong entrepreneur. And on the theme of reconnecting, we also have news about the launch of a new online alumni directory, Sheffield Reunited.

We have been very impressed by the generous response of alumni and staff to our first-ever mail and telephone fundraising campaign. So far, the Alumni Fund and the 175th Anniversary Campaign for Medicine have raised over £100,000 for student bursaries, facilities and equipment. Thank you all very much for your generosity. We report on what we have been able to achieve with these funds, and about our Centenary Alumni Fund campaign, in the following pages.

Finally, please remember to fill in and return an alumni update questionnaire so that we can keep our records accurate and make sure that future magazines reach you. If you do this, you will be entered in our prize draw to win a break at the Holiday Inn Royal Victoria, Sheffield. Doing it online will save us postage costs.

We hope you enjoy reading this edition of Your University. You will see that we have included a Letters page and invite you to send in a contribution for next year.

Miles Stevenson
Director of Development

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Not every group of young musicians receives praise from an internationally-renowned conductor and soloist. One notable exception is the Pisgah Ensemble, a new fixture on the Sheffield music-making scene. Following a master class at the University, Trevor Pinnock commented “I enjoyed coaching this lively and responsive group of young musicians.”

Originally a quartet and now a group of 12 string players, with piano accompanist Jonathan Gooing, the Pisgah Ensemble adds an exciting dimension to the Department of Music’s creative output. Postgraduate and violinist Chris Brain started the group in September 2003, with the intention of allowing students a musical input in an ensemble situation. He explains, “The other orchestras in the University are run by academic staff. We are all members of these groups but wanted to branch out and undertake a project of our own. With 13 committed players, we are not too large and give plenty of opportunity for members to play concertos. Each soloist gets the chance to direct the group – something which doesn’t happen elsewhere.” Run entirely by its members, the group will evolve each year as students start and complete their degrees.

“Playing with the Pisgah Ensemble is a real confidence booster,” says Rachel Barton, also a violinist, who will take on Chris’ role as Musical Director of the group next year. “Directing a performance is a great experience, explaining how you want a piece to sound. We have also learnt about administration and organising concerts. Staff from the Department have been a tremendous help with that side of things.”

The Ensemble has spent the past year building up its repertoire. “There is plenty for groups of strings to play,” says cellist Ben Eckersley. “We aren’t focusing on one particular period or style of music. The range is broad and consists of pieces we love playing.” Regular weekly rehearsals are fitted in around other commitments, and the group has performed several concerts in venues in Sheffield during the past 12 months. One highlight was an evening at the Merlin Theatre, sponsored by the University’s Alumni Foundation, which included a performance of Bach’s Viola Concerto in E flat major by Robin Ireland of the Lindsay Quartet. “I went up to him at a concert and asked him if he would like to play with us,” explains Rachel. “We were all really shocked when he said ‘yes’! It was wonderful playing with him and we learnt a lot under his direction.”

Professor Nigel Simeone, the Department of Music’s Musical Director, is full of praise for the Ensemble’s achievements. “There is often just not enough time in an academic year to work intensively on a project. The Pisgah Ensemble has taken a longer view – and we are benefiting from the spin-off when the same people play in our other orchestras. They are developing an ability to listen to players around them – a really useful skill. Their concerts give audiences an opportunity to experience student music-making at its most enthusiastic, committed and energetic.”

An unusual feature of the Department’s musical output is the inclusion of operatic and music theatre. Sheffield Cathedral was the venue for a performance of Englebert Humperdinck’s Hansel and Gretel in January 2004. This involved students as soloists and children from local schools making up the
The Pisgah Ensemble will perform at St Andrew’s Church, Psalter Lane, Sheffield on 18 February 2005 at 7.30pm. Tickets available on the door. Visit their website at www.pisgahensemble.co.uk

For details of the Department of Music’s programme of concerts, visit their website at www.sheffield.ac.uk/music or call 0114 222 0470.

Julian Payne Prizes in Music

Over the last 20 years, many students have benefited from Julian Payne Prizes. They are named after Julian Payne, an outstanding student in the Department of Music. Tragically, he died in an accident in 1983 at the end of his first year. The Julian Payne Endowment Fund was established with funds contributed by his family and friends, and by staff and students in the Department, to give thanks for his life and in gratitude for the happy year he spent at Sheffield. Through the generosity of these supporters, the endowment fund now generates regular income to support prizes.

Whilst the Fund awards prizes for academic excellence and a postgraduate bursary, the primary aim of the Julian Payne Prize is to award a sufficient amount to enable an instrumentalist to attend a Summer School. Julian had himself received grants for this purpose and had found the experience hugely rewarding. The endowment from which the prize money is drawn is able to support the awards at present, but growth of capital is needed for security over the longer term.

The Fund continues to benefit Sheffield students and is a fitting tribute to Julian’s passion for Music. If you would like to make a donation to the Fund, please contact Miles Stevenson at the Development and Alumni Relations Office.
Why do people give?

Miles Stevenson, Director of Development, considers this question.

“What’s the secret?” asked the journalist from the Yorkshire Post. “How do you get people to give money to a university?” “Well...,” I replied, “the secret is very simple... you just ask them.”

“Universities and their students are under increasing pressure so I am pleased to have the opportunity to support the Alumni Fund. The Fund is a really positive way for alumni to give something back to the University and help secure its future, as well as helping to ensure today’s students have the same opportunities that I had.” Linzey Coles, History 1995

Obvious as it may seem, the number one reason why alumni, staff and friends donate to Sheffield is because the University asks them if they would like to. The only skill is to ask in the right way, at the right time, and for the right projects. Put simply, people say ‘yes’ instead of ‘no’ because they want to, because they enjoy expressing their generosity in such a tangible way.

But why do they want to support Sheffield in particular?

In gratitude for great teachers

For many graduates, their time at Sheffield is very significant – perhaps even life changing. It is quite clear that, as time goes by and people look back on the experience, their loyalty to Sheffield grows. One of our oldest donors, who is in his 90s, made his recent gift out of a strong sense of gratitude for the teaching he received from a Professor Trotter in 1926. The impact of a great teacher and mentor can last a lifetime.

In memory of a loved one

Sometimes, gifts are made to pay tribute to someone close – such as a parent, a partner or a child. Frances Heaton graduated in 1992 with a degree in Biochemistry. Tragically, in 1999, shortly after getting married, she died of breast cancer. Her mother, Ann Heaton, is now planning to leave a bequest in her Will to endow a scholarship in her daughter’s memory. Ann told us, “Going to Sheffield University opened up a whole new world for Frances and I’d like to help others go there too.” With the change in how students are now funded, philanthropic gifts to fund scholarships will have even greater impact.

To further knowledge

People are also motivated to give by a desire to solve problems. The Medical School, which recently celebrated its 175th anniversary, is one obvious area of the University where donations can help academics to find solutions to medical problems we all face. But the education of all our students to the highest standard will have a positive impact on every area of society – healthcare, politics, the environment, economics, public services, the list goes on.

Pride in Sheffield

We also find that Sheffield graduates have a natural pride in their university and want to see it succeed. They also have huge affection for the city and the region. Richard Hollox, a Geography graduate (BA 1965), recently returned to Sheffield and told us that he made lasting friendships with local people in Hillsborough. He loved the way they introduced him to their friends: “This is Richard. He’s studying at our University.”

“Going to Sheffield University profoundly changed my life, and I would like others to benefit as I did. Unfortunately, the days of full grants are long gone, so if I can help to fill the financial gap a little it seems like a very good thing to do.” Stephen Hunter, Geography 1977

Most donors give through the Alumni Fund (see page 20). This Fund enables individual donations to be pooled, so that they can be used to maximum effect. By combining their gifts, alumni can achieve greater results – helping to fund scholarships, buildings and equipment, research, and student clubs and societies. For example, 34 student hardship bursaries, ranging from £250 to £2,000, have been awarded to students from all faculties. And a £2,000 grant for the University’s Hillsborough Resource Centre has provided facilities for students with disabilities.

I am sure that all of us – alumni, staff and friends – who have donated to the Alumni Fund have gained great pleasure and satisfaction from supporting the University, and seeing the tangible results of our generosity as it benefits others. We hope that many more alumni will consider making a gift to the University as it celebrates its Centenary.
“Part of the challenge at Ordnance Survey is building up a 21st century business without losing the qualities inherent in its 213 years of history,” says Vanessa Lawrence, Director General and Chief Executive of Ordnance Survey since 2000. The first woman and the youngest person ever appointed to the job, she is overseeing a period of great technological change that is delivering OS MasterMap, a new generation of large-scale digital map data.

Geography, computers, maps

“When I started,” continues Vanessa, “I did find there was a strong Ordnance Survey tradition – reaching back to its origins in the wars with France in the late 18th century, when military officers took their theodolites out on the South Downs to chart potential invasion routes. I have championed a technological, commercial and cultural transformation, building on our strengths of innovation and technical expertise but also making the whole organisation much more customer-focused.”

Ordnance Survey began computerising its mapping in the 1970s and has since been at the forefront of the revolution in which geographical information has been digitised, making it available in new forms. OS MasterMap has the potential to be used as a fully integrated database by government and business customers. It includes different layers – topography, addresses, imagery and an integrated transport network – and around half a billion distinct features, all referenced by unique numerical identifiers.

On her appointment to head Ordnance Survey, Vanessa was described by the responsible Government Minister as “a world-class professional known in both the private and public sectors for her vision, dynamism and wealth of knowledge.” She studied Geography at the University, graduating in 1984. It was at Sheffield that she landed her first big break in publishing.

She was spending time in the Department of Geography, writing up her University of Dundee’s Masters thesis on satellite imagery, when she met the main geography editor for Longman Group, who was about to leave his job. He suggested, perhaps not too seriously, that she should consider the vacancy. Imagine his surprise when, in due course, he found that his replacement was a 23-year-old woman with no previous experience in publishing.

In 1993 Vanessa jointly founded a Longman company specialising in the provision of information in all media to people working in the geographic information systems market. This was followed by a global management post in strategic marketing and communications at software company Autodesk. Here she had a world-wide remit to position Autodesk and its GIS division strategically with major organisations such as governments and national mapping organisations. Projects included the creation of one of the largest geographical databases in the world to help create the geographical election ward structure for the 1999 General Election in South Africa.

In addition to heading Ordnance Survey, Vanessa is also adviser to the Government on mapping, surveying and geographic information, a Government e-Champion and a Non-Executive Director of the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister. She was awarded an honorary DSc degree by the University in 2001, in recognition of her outstanding achievements.
Firth Court is now home to a bronze bust of the Rt Hon David Blunkett MP. One of the University’s most distinguished graduates, the Home Secretary read Politics at the University from 1969 to 1972. He had become Leader of Sheffield City Council by 1980 and within seven years had entered parliament as the Member for Sheffield Brightside. In opposition, he served as Front Bench Spokesman on the Environment, Shadow Health Secretary, and Shadow Education and Employment Secretary. In government, he was Education Secretary before being appointed to his present post in 2001.

Among those attending the unveiling ceremony were Sir Bernard Crick, then Head of the Department of Politics, departmental secretary Elizabeth Dawson, and three of Mr Blunkett’s undergraduate contemporaries – Stuart Lowe, Alex Erwin and Jonathan Foster. Members of his family and many other close friends ensured that the event was, in Mr Blunkett’s words, “a relaxed and happy occasion.”

The bust was made by leading sculptor Shenda Amery, a Fellow of the Royal British Society of Sculptors. Her works include portrait busts of Margaret Thatcher, Mo Mowlam and Robin Cook.

A flagship University of Sheffield partnership between business and industry was officially launched by the Duke of York on 22 July 2004. The Advanced Manufacturing Research Centre brings together world-class research in the Faculty of Engineering and top international companies, in particular the world’s largest aerospace and communications company, Boeing. Other partners include over 20 industry leaders such as Messier-Dowty and Hamble Structures, with Rolls-Royce the latest principal partner.

Prince Andrew showed a keen interest in the work being carried out to link aerospace companies with the latest in British research when he visited local partner company Technicut in his role of promoting UK business overseas. The AMRC’s bespoke new building is based off-campus near the M1 and will form the hub of an Advanced Manufacturing Park, a national and international focus for high-tech manufacturing industry supported by the regional development agency, Yorkshire Forward.

The official opening of the new building was followed by a celebratory dinner hosted in the Cutlers’ Hall in Sheffield. As well as an opportunity for over 200 guests from business and the regions to meet and talk to the research team, guests heard speeches from the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Bob Boucher, UK President of Boeing Sir Michael Jenkins, and Economic Secretary to the Treasury John Healey MP. The many business guests from overseas were also able to view the unique collection of Sheffield silver and hear more about the city’s heritage in the metal trades and craftmanship.

Prince Andrew (centre) is greeted by (left-right) Adrian Allen, Commercial Director of the AMRC, and George Hibbard, Bill Scherer and Bart Moenster of Boeing.

Credit: Andy Gallacher

Captured in bronze
Sheffield reunited

Want to get in touch with old University friends? The new Sheffield Reunited alumni directory is now up and running on our website and works in a similar way to the popular ‘Friends Reunited’ site. It allows visitors to create an entry in the directory, search for old friends, by year or department, and send secure emails. The directory is password-protected and accessible only to confirmed Sheffield alumni; all contact details remain hidden, to keep personal data secure.

To register, please visit www.sheffield.ac.uk/alumni and follow the links to Sheffield Reunited. You will need your own reference number to register, which is printed above your name on the address box of the questionnaire included with this magazine. If you do not have a questionnaire, the web page will explain how to request your personal reference number.

IN Brief...

PRAISE FROM OFFICIAL AUDIT

The national Quality Assurance Agency institutional audit report on the University of Sheffield, published in May 2004, places the University in the best of the three categories used in these audits – ‘broad confidence’ in both its management of the quality of its academic programmes and the academic standards of its awards. The assessors particularly commended the University for its good practice in developing skills and employability, its student support systems and the high standard of the information it produces for the guidance of its students.

They also highlighted its outstanding record in the Subject Review exercise (the University has the third highest number of subjects rated ‘excellent’ for teaching quality among all UK universities) and its collaborative relationships with partner institutions in the UK and overseas.

KNOWLEDGE STARTS HERE

A pioneering partnership that brings Sheffield’s two universities together with Sheffield City Council to boost wealth creation and regeneration has been praised by Science and Innovation Minister Lord Sainsbury. The Knowledge Starts Partnership is one of the first of its kind in the UK and aims to create 90 companies, 340 jobs and £20 million worth of additional economic activity out of academic discoveries.

SPORTSPULSE LAUNCHED

The Rt Hon Richard Caborn MP, Minister for Sport, launched SportsPulse at the English Institute of Sport, Sheffield. A business partnership that is aiming to make South Yorkshire an international centre for the research, development and commercialisation of innovative sports products, SportsPulse’s partners include the University of Sheffield, Sheffield Hallam University, Sheffield Chamber of Commerce and Industry, and a number of private companies. It is backed by a grant of £1 million from the European Union Regional Development Fund.

All flowered up

Students from the University’s Architectural Society (SUAS) papered a huge daffodil onto the windows of the top eight floors of the Arts Tower in support of the Marie Curie Cancer Care’s Daffodil Campaign, during March 2004.

Mehalis Walsh, SUAS Co-President, said, “The School of Architecture has always tried to involve itself with the community. This was a great opportunity to beautify the Arts Tower and to use its prominence to help a very worthy cause. We would like to thank Pinders for supplying over 500 square metres of paper.”

Do you have memories of any similar events, using the Arts Tower creatively, during your time at the University? Contact us with details.

Credit: SUAS

The grant daffodil seen from Firth Court quad

Celebrating Graduation Day
2005 is a major landmark in the history of the University of Sheffield. It will be a year to remember with a full calendar of events to celebrate our Centenary. There is something for everyone – alumni, students, staff, friends and the City of Sheffield, which played such a key part in the University’s foundation.

Centenary Achievement Awards Ceremony
At the Centenary Awards Ceremony, on 23 July 2005, the University will present 100 centenary medals, 50 to young achievers and 50 to citizens of South Yorkshire.

Launch of Steel City Scholars
The centenary history of the University, Steel City Scholars, will be launched on 6 May 2005. This fascinating and fully illustrated account of the development of the University, from its roots in 19th century Sheffield to the present day, includes the reminiscences of many present and former staff and students. It has been written by History graduate Dr Helen Mathers and will be published by James & James.

Special pre-publication offer
Copies are available at a pre-launch price of £20.00, plus p+p (UK £6.50; Europe £10.00; rest of the world £14.00). If you wish to reserve a copy, please contact Jeanette Newcombe in the Public Relations Office on 0114 222 1030 or email j.newcombe@sheffield.ac.uk. Payment may be made by credit card, bank draft or International Money Order in £ sterling or cheque, payable to ‘The University of Sheffield’. From 6 May 2005, the price will be £25.00 plus p+p.

Commemorating two key dates
Charter Day has been designated to mark the date that King Edward VII signed the Royal Charter of Incorporation formally establishing the University. A special service will take place on 31 May 2005 in Sheffield Cathedral.

Centenary Day will take place on 12 July 2005, exactly 100 years since King Edward VII and Queen Alexandra opened the University buildings on Western Bank. The celebrations will be centred on Weston Park, and will take on a traditional theme, complete with circus, carousel, sideshows, music, food and drink.
Honorary Degrees

Among those receiving honorary degrees in Centenary year are:
Sir Ranulph Fiennes, explorer; Hugh Howe, Head Teacher of Fir Vale School in Sheffield; HE Julian Hunte, St Lucia’s Foreign Affairs Minister and President of the UN General Assembly; General Sir Mike Jackson, Chief of the General Staff; Baroness Helena Kennedy QC, Chair of the Human Genetics Commission; Bob Kerslake, Chief Executive, Sheffield City Council; Peter Lee, Chairman of the University Council; Hilary Mantel, novelist; Professor Andrew Motion, Poet Laureate; Trevor Pinnock, conductor and harpsichordist; HE Professor Max Richards, President of Trinidad and Tobago; and Joe Simpson, climber and author.

If you would like to come to any of these events, tickets will be available on a first come, first served basis. Please contact the Centenary Office for details.

100th birthday! the University’s Centenary

Centenary Lectures
A series of nine lectures by distinguished speakers will take place throughout the year. Full details will be published on the Centenary website.

Lecture 1
13 January 2005
Baroness Helena Kennedy QC, Chair of the Human Genetics Commission

Lecture 2
9 February 2005
The Basil Hicks Lecture
General Sir Mike Jackson, Chief of the General Staff

Lecture 3
To take place during National Science Week, 11–19 March 2005
Dr Richard Roberts, Nobel Laureate and a University graduate and honorary graduate

Lecture 4
13 April 2005
The John Carr Lecture
Dr Ted Cullinan, architect and honorary graduate

Lecture 5
4 May 2005
An evening with the Poet Laureate Professor Andrew Motion

Lecture 6
8 September 2005
The Turner Memorial Lecture
Dr David Whitehouse, Executive Director of the Corning Museum of Glass, New York

Lecture 7
October 2005, date tbc
The Roberts Lecture
Dr Vanessa Lawrence, Director General and Chief Executive of Ordnance Survey, a University graduate and honorary graduate

Lecture 8
3 November 2005
The Sir Arthur Hall Memorial Lecture
Sir Paul Nurse, Nobel Laureate and President of Rockefeller University, New York

Lecture 9
6 December 2005
The Hatfield Memorial Lecture
Speaker tbc

Heritage Open Weekend, 7–8 May 2005
The University opens its historic buildings, with conducted tours for visitors – come and see the Centenary Exhibition and the Treasures of the University, and buy your signed copy of Steel City Scholars. For alumni, there will be a special Champagne Reception and Centenary Dinner (black tie) in Firth Hall on Saturday 7 May.

Other special events
Take to the high seas in April with the Centenary Tall Ship Challenge (see inside front cover) … join our team of 101 runners (each representing a year between 1905 and 2005) for the Sheffield Half-Marathon on 1 May 2005 … calling all quiz teams – we are holding a Centenary Quiz Night in the Octagon Centre on 18 October 2005 and we need 100 teams to answer 100 questions … join us at the After Dark Fireworks display in Sheffield in early November 2005 … and completing the year-long programme of events is the Centenary Charity Ball, again in the Octagon Centre, to be held on 17 December 2005 – why not book a table for this glittering event?
The Sheffield University Association has commissioned renowned local artist Joe Scarborough to paint a new work commemorating the Centenary in 2005. Our University, so evocative of the University past and present, will hang in a prominent position on campus.

Five hundred limited edition, signed prints, measuring 22”x17”, will be available for purchase from October 2004. Unframed and packed in protective cardboard tubes, they are priced at £35.00 each (incl VAT), plus p+p (£2.00 or £5.00 Special Delivery in the UK; £2.50 for Europe; or £3.00 outside Europe).

All profits will go towards providing Alumni Fund bursaries for students.

To place your order, complete the order form or a photocopy (or download it from the Centenary website at www.sheffield.ac.uk/centenary2005) and send it with your cheque or £ sterling draft, made payable to ‘The University of Sheffield’, to: Centenary Office (Scarborough print), The University of Sheffield, 277 Glossop Road, Sheffield, S10 2HB.

We are also offering the following commemorative items in our Centenary year

**The University Solid Silver Ruler**
With the Sheffield Tudor rose hallmark and the University crest. £33.00 each plus p+p (£2.50 UK; £6.00 Europe; £7.00 rest of the world)

**The Centenary Calendar**
For 2005 with superb photographs of the University ‘now and then’, presented in CD-style case. £3.00 each for UK (incl p+p), £3.50 for Europe (incl p+p), £4.00 for rest of the world (incl p+p)

**Two new University ties**
In 100% silk with the University crest. £15.00 each plus p+p (£1.00 UK; £1.30 Europe; £1.70 rest of the world)

To order, please either download an order form from the Centenary website (www.sheffield.ac.uk/centenary2005) or contact us on 0114 222 2005 to be sent one.

Completed forms should be returned to Centenary Office (Merchandise), The University of Sheffield, 277 Glossop Road, Sheffield, S10 2HB. Payment by cheque or £ sterling draft, made payable to ‘The University of Sheffield’.
Alumni reunions

Make 2005 the year you meet up with old University friends. Several reunions have been arranged already:

- **4 January 2005** Trinidad and Tobago, in Port of Spain (alongside a degree ceremony)
- **6 January 2005** St Lucia, in Castries (alongside a degree ceremony)
- **6 April 2005** Palma/Majorca, visit the Tall Ship Stavros Niarchos on her return from the Centenary Tall Ship Challenge and join the Sheffield crew for Centenary celebrations ashore
- **7-8 May 2005** Heritage Open Weekend on campus, Champagne Reception and Centenary Dinner in Firth Hall on 7 May for alumni from all disciplines and decades. Tickets approximately £50 – why not book a table with your contemporaries?
- **25 June 2005** Special reunion and Centenary Dinner in Firth Hall for Law alumni
- **2 July 2005** Civil & Structural Engineering reunion on campus, contact Jenny Chambers on 0114 222 5725 or email j.a.chambers@sheffield.ac.uk
- **30 July 2005** Special reunion and Centenary Dinner in Firth Hall for alumni who graduated before 1965
- **29 October 2005** Special reunion and Centenary Dinner in Firth Hall for alumni who graduated after 1965
- **12 November 2005** Officer Training Corps reunion in the Somme Barracks, Sheffield (to include former members of Yorkshire Universities Air Squadron & Royal Naval Unit), contact Lt Col Paul Burns, Somme Barracks, Glossop Road, Sheffield S10 2HU by 22 July 2005, tel: 0114 272 7029 or email suotc@suotc.fsnet.co.uk

Other alumni reunions are being arranged in South East Asia (September 2005) and in London in late 2005, including an event at the House of Commons. We also plan to hold a special Centenary event for alumni in the USA. Details will appear on the Centenary website in due course.

Alumni who are interested in attending these reunions or are planning their own reunions in 2005 are invited to contact Claire Kilner, Development Manager – Alumni Relations on 0114 222 1043 or email c.kilner@sheffield.ac.uk. Claire can help you track down your old classmates.

Special offer for alumni reunion accommodation

Thinking of holding an event or reunion in Sheffield? Why not choose a University Hall of Residence as your venue? Throughout 2005, Sheffield alumni will receive a 10% discount on bookings* of:

- Residential Conference Packages
- Day Conference Packages
- Group Bed & Breakfast Packages

*All bookings are subject to availability

We can support your event with excellent catering, meeting facilities, and an extensive range of audio-visual equipment. Our Halls of Residence discounted rates are ideal for alumni organising reunions, AGMs and a host of other events. For more information, rates and availability, please contact the Conference Office on 0114 222 8822 or email conferences@sheffield.ac.uk

Contact the Centenary Office

Please check the Centenary website or contact the Centenary Office for up-to-date details of the Centenary 2005 programme, including ticketing arrangements.

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Centenary Music Programme

**17-19 February 2005**
Sheffield City Hall, 7.30pm

**An evening with the Lindsay Quartet**
The Lindsays play Tippett, Bridge, Ravel and give the world premiere of a new work by their violist Robin Ireland, commissioned by Convocation. The Lindsays were Quartet in Residence at the University from 1972–1978 and have been based in Sheffield ever since. After 40 years of playing together they retire as a quartet at the end of July 2005, so this will be their last concert on campus.

Tickets £18 (£8 for students), including a post-concert reception for The Lindsays and the audience, on sale from January 2005. Contact the Centenary Office or see the Centenary website for details.

**11 December 2005**
Sheffield City Hall, 7.30pm

**Centenary Gala Concert**
The Centenary Gala Concert in the refurbished City Hall will bring together the University Orchestra, Chorus and guest choirs in performances of Elgar’s *Psalm 48*, Walton’s *Belshazzar’s Feast* and the world premiere of George Nicholson’s *Concerto for Orchestra*, specially commissioned for the Centenary.

Tickets will be available from the City Hall Box Office, tel: 0114 223 3777. Contact the Centenary Office or see the Centenary website for details.
At 4.55pm on 12 May 1964, John Baker and his future wife arranged to go to their first dance. They had met shortly before in the Union of Students’ travel bureau. He wanted to book a holiday to Yugoslavia with a group of friends. Angela Clarke ran the office and helped them organise the trip. Now, 40 years on, John and Angela’s story is told in the worldwide hit film, Calendar Girls, which has helped the real Calendar Girls raise nearly £1 million for leukaemia and lymphoma research.

“I can remember seeing this tall man standing at the back of the group,” says Angela. “He looked very interesting, but didn’t say anything. I eventually drummed up enough courage to ask him out to a dance and that was it! I think part of my attraction for John was that I had a car, could get free tickets for Union events and could type. We had a brilliant, happy time in Sheffield, loving every minute – and I never got anyone lost when I was working in the travel bureau! John really enjoyed his degree and we got engaged at his graduation in 1965. He was extremely proud when our son, Matthew, chose to study Law at Sheffield.”

John’s degree was in Sociology. This was a new subject at the University and the first intake of students didn’t know quite what to expect. Arthur Till, one of John’s friends from the course, recalls, “The degree sounded interesting, but even by the end I wasn’t entirely sure what it all meant. I remember there were 31 students in our year – including only six men. John was a harder worker than most, very level-headed and measured.”

This description is echoed by Ian Johnson, who met John on their first day as freshers. “We shared a room in Crewe Hall in our
second year. I can remember coming in late one night and finding John still up, smoking his pipe. He told me that Kennedy had been shot. John was very easy going and yet mature for his age – you could always rely on him."

John and his friends enjoyed living in Crewe Hall, with its traditions and formality. Barry Tall comments, "It was rather more special than the other halls. However, I felt that attitudes were changing from post-war traditionalism during the time we were there."

A highlight of the friends’ University career was a Rag stunt that made headlines in the local press. John, Arthur, Barry, Ian, Alan Broadbent and John Ward dreamt up the idea of hitting a croquet ball from Birmingham to Sheffield in 24 hours. They set off at midday, with the intention of reaching the town hall steps and a civic welcome from the Mayor the following midday. "We were a lot quicker than we expected," confesses Ian, "and we reached Sheffield at about 4.00am. So we went to bed and got up in time to keep our appointment. Someone had the bright idea of painting the balls with luminous paint. We had an escort of cars and ran in relays, two at a time. "I have one memory of John," adds Arthur, "searching under a car at 1.00am for the ball. A chap looked out of a house window and asked what was going on. John replied that 'he was looking for a croquet ball' and the owner said 'that's all right then', and went back to bed!"

On leaving the University, John followed a career in town planning, in Harrogate and Northallerton, before becoming Assistant National Park Officer for the Yorkshire Dales in 1974. "He was known as Mr Sustainability," explains Angela. "He was one of the first people to realise that certain sites in the Park attracted huge crowds of tourists and that they needed protection. He developed effective maintenance plans."

Sadly, John’s career was cut short when he was diagnosed with non-Hodgkin’s lymphoma. He died in July 1998, aged 54. During his illness, John’s friends raised money for leukaemia and lymphoma research. Angela’s friend, Tricia Stewart suggested the idea for an alternative WI Calendar – in the nude. This scheme, involving 11 members of the Rylstone and District Women’s Institute and their photographer, Terry Logan, provided John with much amusement throughout his difficult treatment. Launched in 1999, the calendar was a phenomenal success. It has resulted in media coverage in the UK, across Europe and in the USA, countless public appearances and the film Calendar Girls, starring Julie Walters and Helen Mirren. And the projects keep on coming – a new calendar for 2005 and The Calendar Girls Story by Jim Simpson, published by Dalesman, are two of the latest.

"The whole thing about doing a film was a very hard decision to make for me and my family," says Angela. "The story is so very personal and I wasn’t sure I wanted anyone to share it. In the end, it seemed too good an opportunity to miss from the fundraising point of view. Our share of any royalties goes to the Leukaemia Research Fund. About 75 per cent of the story is true to life and we were involved in full discussions over the script."

Funds from the campaign are being put to good use. One example is the John Baker Laboratory in the Epidemiology and Genetics Unit at the University of York, where staff are researching minimum residual disease in children treated for leukaemia.

"I’ll continue to be involved with fundraising for as long as we are wanted. I feel that John is watching everything that we are doing – all the trips, photo shoots and public appearances," concludes Angela, "and I think he is finding it all very entertaining!"
Give it a Go is a brilliantly simple idea that has given students at the University of Sheffield access to a wide range of entertaining activities. Whether they are looking for something to stimulate the body or mind, learn a new skill, do something out of the ordinary or just get involved, Give it a Go has it all.

The scheme started five years ago when it was becoming noticeable that fewer people were signing up to join the Union clubs and societies. “It was very interesting,” comments Kathryne Fraser, Sports and Activities Manager. “We were seeing nearly 9,000 students at the Societies Bazaar in Freshers’ Week. One-off events such as the 24-hour musical in 1998, when students rehearsed and performed Bugsy Malone in just 24 hours, attracted 450 people to the auditions. And yet, the numbers of students involved in societies were dwindling, with just over 70 societies active in 1999.”

In response, the Union undertook market research to find out what was happening. The results showed that students believed the societies were cliquey, needed a substantial time commitment and were for ‘experts’ only.

The success of the first programme of Give it a Go events encouraged the Union to expand the scheme. Coordinator Kim Randerson came on board in October 2002 and now organises five programmes a year. “We always have queues of students now when the new programme of events comes out. Give it a Go has definitely become an important part of student life here. It is a great way to make friends and become an active member of the student community.”

This image did not appeal to a large section of the student population. What students did want was access to taster sessions and casual membership of societies. With a large percentage now working part-time, coupled with increasing academic pressures, student lifestyles were changing. This meant that many had no spare time to run clubs and societies.

“We realised that societies such as Salsa were really popular because they offered maximum opportunity for minimum commitment,” says Kathryne. “To test our theory that students would participate in activities if they were accessible, we put on a seven-week programme of taster sessions, where everything was organised for the students. Basically – pay and play. We sold out! We also opened up our facilities and made equipment, including digital cameras and camcorders, available for hire. Students didn’t have to be members of a club or society to participate. All our activity is focused on the Source, the Union’s one-stop resource centre, which has its own Information Point and multimedia Computer Suite.”

The programme for summer 2004 included such delights as Candle Painting, Break Dancing, Pony Trekking, Aqua Aerobics, Buddhist Meditation, Wine Tasting and a weekend trip to Newquay. From as little as £1 for a fitness session, the events are very affordable. “We don’t subsidise the courses,” explains Kathryne. “Students are happy to pay when they know they are getting value for money. The low fees mean that they can easily choose to do more than one thing from each programme.”
Some satisfied customers

“I’m a fifth year student, with very little time to dedicate to regular activities. Give it a Go is a perfect and inspired way for someone in my situation to still get involved and meet new people.” Indian Head Massage course participant

“Fantastic! I really enjoyed it and am going to join the society.”
Gospel Choir participant

“Absolutely amazing weekend, and so satisfying to learn something totally new – wish I could have stayed for a week. Thank you very much!” Newquay surfing weekend

When planning the Give it a Go calendar, Kim also considers students’ requirements and how the sessions can enhance their CVs. Skills sessions have included first aid, sign language, self-defence and basic language courses. The sign language programmes have really taken off and will soon be offered at Certificate level. “Our main aim is enjoyment but if our students can take something more concrete from our activities, then that is great.”

Perhaps one of the most surprising things to come out of Give it a Go is that the number of Union societies has now risen dramatically to a very healthy 150. Kathryne explains, “Although much of the programme is delivered by external trainers, the involvement of clubs and societies offering sessions is vital – not only in raising the profile of student groups but also in helping them to recruit new members. Someone enjoying a one-hour session on Flamenco might go on to join the Sheffield University Dancesport Society. We have also made it easier for societies to run efficiently by reducing Union bureaucracy and offering loads of advice through the Source Information Point.”

The success of Give it a Go has not gone unnoticed. Sheffield has hosted several visits by representatives from other students’ unions who are now copying the scheme. “We are delighted that Give it a Go is an integral part of the Union’s activities,” says Kathryne. “We now have a name for providing a reliable programme of quality events that has revitalised student activities and participation.”
Some of the world’s most sophisticated controlled environment facilities have been installed beneath the Arts Tower concourse, funded by the Natural Environment Research Council. The £10.3 million initiative was officially opened by Professor Lord May of Oxford, President of the Royal Society, on 10 February 2004.

The 32 chambers are capable of simulating all major global ecosystems, including polar climates, hot deserts, tropical rain forest and temperate grassland. Temperature, humidity, light intensity and day length can all be precisely controlled and monitored to produce the desired environmental conditions. Most of the chambers also have a carbon dioxide injection facility to allow experiments on the likely impacts of global environmental change on plants and microorganisms, a major research theme within the Department of Animal and Plant Sciences.

Professor Malcolm Press, Head of Department, explained, “If we know how a plant will react to climate change we can use this information to see how the changes will affect the animals and microorganisms that interact with that particular plant. We can continue this work through the food chain until we have an idea of the effect on the whole ecosystem.”

More than 60 former sabbatical officers of the Union of Students attended a reunion dinner on 29 November 2003 to mark the retirement of John Windle. John had been at the Union since 1976, taking on the role of General Manager in 1982, and had worked with an estimated 180 student officers over the years.

The officers who attended the reunion spanned over 20 years, including some of the original team who appointed John as General Manager. Many had not been back to the Union since their days as sabbatical officers and were amazed at the changes that had taken place. Others had travelled from as far as Germany, Brussels and even the USA for the occasion.

A collection was made from those who attended, and from others unable to come, and John was presented with travel vouchers worth over £500. The evening was rounded off by a nostalgic visit to Pop Tarts, the Union’s Saturday club night.
A NEW WESTON PARK MUSEUM

The City Museum and Mappin Art Gallery have been important cultural centres in Sheffield for over 100 years. The site is now undergoing an extensive development and will open as Weston Park Museum in autumn 2005. The £17.3 million project is making the most of the city’s diverse collections and their splendid location in Weston Park. Visit www.sheffieldgalleries.org.uk for more details.

BIG BROTHER BRITAIN

The number of closed circuit television (CCTV) cameras has quadrupled in the past three years to more than four million. There is now one for every 14 people in the UK. Professor Clive Norris, Deputy Director of the University’s Centre for Criminological Research, presented the new figures at an international conference on CCTV. Professor Norris conducted a study in 2001 which predicted that the number of cameras would double from one million to two million by 2004. But his most recent study concludes that there are now at least 4,285,000 cameras in operation, double his earlier prediction.

EAST ASIAN STUDIES ACCOLADE

The School of East Asian Studies has been recognised by an external assessor as a leading department in its field. The report by Professor Ellis Krauss, of the University of California, commented, “SEAS is one of the pre-eminent and best known of the East Asian programs in the UK. It has trained an outstanding number of East Asian specialists and, as the only UK East Asian program to concentrate on the social sciences, it has a unique role and mission in the field of Asian Studies. It should be perceived and treated as a national resource.”

Rolls-Royce quartet in place

The latest Rolls-Royce University Technology Centre (UTC) in Sheffield was officially launched by Dr Mike Howse, the company’s Director of Engineering and Technology, on 6 November 2003. Sheffield now has four Rolls-Royce UTCs, a figure not exceeded by any other UK university.

The UTC in Advanced Electrical Machines and Drives, headed by Professor David Howe of the Department of Electronic and Electrical Engineering, is working with UTCs at UMIST (electrical systems for extreme environments) and Strathclyde (electrical power systems). Together, they will investigate technologies and concepts for the ‘more-electric’ ships and aircraft of tomorrow.

Dr Howse commented, “Electrical power systems will prove vital in aerospace and a range of allied industries. We have selected three universities with a good mix of skills to target our future needs. I’m looking forward to an excellent working relationship and anticipate the results will quickly show the value of this partnership.”

‘More-electric’ means replacing direct mechanical drive equipment, hydraulic systems and pneumatic systems with electrical components. The technical challenges include developing electrical machines that can reliably withstand the immense heat at the heart of a jet engine. These advanced technologies have great potential for efficiency improvements, environmental benefits, high reliability and low maintenance. Use of electrical technology for propulsion and other transport sub-systems is already increasing in the marine industry. In aerospace, electrical systems are recognised to be a key area for future technology advances.

• The University’s Rolls-Royce University Technology Centres are in Advanced Electrical Machines and Drives, Control and Systems Engineering, Materials Damping Technologies, and Engineering Design (a partnership with the Universities of Cambridge and Southampton).
James Symonds, Executive Director of ARCUS (Archaeological Research and Consultancy), is uncovering the city's industrial and medieval heritage.

Public interest in archaeology has never been greater, stimulated by several highly successful TV series, such as Time Team and Meet the Ancestors. In addition to this, archaeology is now a material consideration in the town and country planning process. Since 1990, developers have been required to meet the cost of investigations into the impact of their proposed schemes upon known or suspected archaeological remains. This has led to a rapid growth in the market for commercial archaeology, with an estimated £80 million worth of archaeological contract work being commissioned by UK developers each year.

ARCUS, the University of Sheffield’s archaeological research consultancy, has established a national reputation for its work, and has a portfolio of successfully completed projects with a geographical range that stretches from Cornwall and Kent in the south, to Orkney and Shetland in the north. However, as government and EU regeneration funds take effect in the north of England, the regional dimension of ARCUS’s work has become more important, and an increasing number of projects are being carried out each year on ‘brownfield’ sites in South Yorkshire.

Anyone who has visited Sheffield recently will know that the city is currently undergoing a wave of redevelopment. Alongside this transformation some major archaeological discoveries have been made. The first of these is the remains of an early steel furnace – the only one of its kind in the world to survive – recovered by excavations at the old Whitbread Brewery site, near Lady’s Bridge. The furnace dates from the 1780s, when Sheffield steelmaker John Marshall was experimenting with furnaces for making ‘blister steel’ at his state-of-the-art Millsand works. By 1769, the works contained both cementation and crucible furnaces, arguably making it the first integrated steelworks in the modern world. Marshall employed his cutting-edge technology to achieve great commercial success. In 1778, a Swiss metallurgist referred to Marshalls’ steel as ‘without contradiction, the most beautiful steel in commerce’ and by 1827 he was exporting high quality steel to the Prussian Mint.

The steel that was converted and refined at Marshalls’, and other Sheffield steelmaking sites, enabled Sheffield’s cutlery workforce to grow in numbers until their products dominated world markets. In 1841, 10,000 people worked in the cutlery trade, compared with just 1,000 in London, where powerful guilds had hitherto dominated the market for quality English knives ever since the Middle Ages.

Sheffield’s glorious
Negotiation with Sheffield City Council and the Riverside site developers, Wilson Bowden, has allowed John Marshall’s early steelmaking furnace to be preserved in situ. It will be possible to view this monument to Sheffield’s steel making prowess next year, in the forecourt of the new Riverside offices of Irwin Mitchell. Interpretation of the steel-making furnace is supplemented by a series of display panels, which have been erected on the recently refurbished riverside walk that links Lady’s Bridge with Kelham Island.

Another important discovery by ARCUS staff is the remains of Sheffield’s lost medieval castle. Overlooking the River Don, and the Riverside site, it was built in 1270 by Thomas Lord Furnival, and is reputed to have been one of the places, along with Sheffield Manor, where Mary Queen of Scots was held prisoner for 14 years from 1570 by George Talbot, 6th Earl of Shrewsbury. Sheffield Castle, a royalist stronghold, was demolished in 1648 at the end of the Civil War on the orders of Parliament. The discovery of its remains has thrown new light on the city’s pre-industrial past, and has demonstrated that there is much more of the castle surviving than was first thought. It is hoped that Sheffield City Council will look favourably upon the idea of exposing and displaying more of the medieval remains when the site of the Castle Market is relocated to the Moor, in the next year or two.

For eight months during 2003 Tony Robinson and Time Team followed the work of ARCUS, filming several excavations into Sheffield’s industrial past. The programme, entitled Steel City: A Time Team Special, was broadcast in March 2004. The crew amassed more than 70 hours of filming for a one-hour documentary, and it was fascinating to be able to work with them. The programme attracted 2.7 million viewers, which the commissioning editor at Channel 4 described as ‘brilliant’.

The importance of documenting former industrial processes and skills before they disappear completely, along with the physical spaces that housed them, has led to a growth in the amount of work that is being undertaken on historic buildings in the city. It is now commonplace for archaeological surveys to be required of workshops and factories before planning permission for demolition or refurbishment is granted by Sheffield City Council. The archaeology of historic buildings can be as complex and fascinating as buried sites, and is in a sense simply ‘archaeology above ground’. Sheffield’s back streets still hold many jewels from the age of workshop-based industrial production.

A popular account of ARCUS’s work on the industrial history and archaeology of Sheffield is being compiled by James Symonds, for publication in July 2005. The booklet, entitled Celebrating Steel City: recent research by Sheffield University archaeologists, can be ordered from ARCUS, West Court, 2 Mappin Street, Sheffield, S1 4DT, at the pre-publication price of £4.95, plus p+p (single item £1.80 within the UK; two or more items, or overseas, £2.50). Payment by cheque only, made out to ‘The University of Sheffield’.
Ruth Stanley, Alumni Fund Manager, reports on the success of our first-ever telephone fundraising campaign.

The Alumni Fund
making a difference

Our new Alumni Fund, established to provide direct financial help for Sheffield students, has been a great success. More than 350 alumni have made donations totalling over £100,000 to either the Alumni Fund or the 175th Anniversary Campaign for Medicine – a fantastic achievement.

From October to December, a dedicated and enthusiastic team of students phoned alumni all over the UK. In contrast to ‘cold calls’ from people like double-glazing salesmen, all alumni received an advance letter from the Vice-Chancellor to let them decide whether or not they wanted to take a call from us. Over half of the people who ‘opted-out’ still made a gift. Donations ranged from £10 to £5,000, and came from all age ranges, from alumni in their 20s, to those in their 90s.

We really appreciated the opportunity to speak to our alumni personally, and our student callers really enjoyed finding out what former students had been doing since graduating. We will be repeating this programme with as many alumni as possible in the coming months.

The telephone campaign gives you the opportunity to:
• make a donation to help current students
• ask our student callers questions about the Alumni Fund, the University and what it’s like to be a student today
• give us feedback about Your University magazine
• find out about alumni benefits and upcoming events

“I was very impressed with the manner and approach of Jenny, your first-year student who telephoned me about a donation. For someone in her first year at university, I thought that she came over as a very pleasant and persuasive interviewer. I owe much to the Medical School in Sheffield. In particular, I gained an extremely good pre-clinical and clinical education, which equipped me well for what has turned out to be an interesting and eventful career.”

Medical campaign donor

Thank you all very much for taking the time to speak to our student callers, and for your support of the University. We look forward to speaking to many more of you during our Centenary campaign this year.

What your support has achieved

We are extremely grateful to all our donors – your generosity has already made a real difference to students at Sheffield. Here are just some of the projects you have helped to make possible:

• 34 student hardship bursaries, ranging from £250 to £2,000, to students from each faculty
• £2,000 towards the Hillsborough Resource Centre for students with disabilities
• £950 to the Union of Students’ Children’s Project (SheffieldVolunteering)
• £1,100 to Sheffield Sabres American Football Team for new helmets
• £500 to the Pisgah Ensemble, a student string group, to sponsor two concerts at Sheffield’s Merlin Theatre (also see page 2)

“The timing for receiving this bursary couldn’t have been better. I was looking for some part-time work but with no luck. My financial situation began to look grim and I was about to apply for a hardship loan. I would like to express my gratitude to the donors for their help in relieving one of the greatest stress factors that a student can face.”

Lee Adams, first-year student, Sociology

Centenary Alumni Fund

To celebrate the University’s Centenary we would like to invite all our alumni to make a real difference to the University’s future, by making a donation to the Centenary Alumni Fund.

Centenary gifts will help provide Centenary Scholarships, contribute towards capital projects such as our new learning resources centre, and enhance student life through Alumni Foundation grants.

For more information about the Centenary Alumni Fund, please see the flyer enclosed in this magazine, or contact Ruth Stanley, Alumni Fund Manager, on 0114 222 1075 or email r.e.stanley@sheffield.ac.uk. Further details of the Alumni Fund are also available on our website at www.sheffield.ac.uk/alumni
Sir Peter Middleton is a committed supporter of all things Sheffield. Miles Stevenson, Director of Development, finds out what he gets out of his role as Chancellor of the University.

How did you feel when you were asked to be our Chancellor?
I was surprised, actually. I was on the Council as Pro-Chancellor but I hadn’t thought about being Chancellor at all. It’s an opportunity to do a bit more for the University. Conferring degrees is definitely fun – one of the really pleasurable things I do.

Why didn’t you move away from Sheffield to do your degree?
The main reason I chose Sheffield was that I got a couple of scholarships here. As a financial package it was a pretty good one – I don’t think I’ve been better off since!

Were you the first member of your family to go to university?
No, my aunt was first – in fact, she was one of the first women to go to this university. I think my family would have found it strange if I hadn’t applied to Sheffield, and I lived at home when I was a student. I was slightly surprised to find myself here – but I led a pretty active social life in Sheffield, so it meant I could carry that on as well.

You are obviously a very successful businessman. How do you find time to support the University in amongst everything else?
I’ve always done things outside my job and you just have to organise your time so you can do it. As Chairman of Barclays, I try and come into the office three days a week. That gives me two days when I can do other things. Funnily enough, the Sheffield One role is more difficult than being Chancellor – as Chancellor, my commitment tends to be concentrated into certain periods each year. I’ve also got another motive for coming up to Sheffield as my mother still lives here and I can visit her as well.

What do you think is the most enjoyable thing about being Chancellor?
Presiding at degree ceremonies. There are few opportunities in life to give people things they really like receiving – and this is one of the rare ones. Everybody’s happy – the students, their parents, often their children nowadays, and the staff. I’m bombarded by smiling faces from students who are at the culmination of a huge achievement. I love meeting them – the interesting thing about Sheffield graduates is that they’ve all enjoyed being at the University. And they’ve not just enjoyed it because of the quality of the academic life – they’ve also enjoyed Sheffield as well. I also like being associated with successful enterprises – and Sheffield is a very successful university by any standard. It is a hugely important institution in the city – far more important than many people realise.

What are the big changes you’ve noticed at the University during the past five years?
The most striking feature is the steady increase in Sheffield’s reputation as a Russell Group University, one of the elite universities in the UK. The creation of spin-out companies, exploiting the University’s intellectual property, is also an exciting development. The campus is looking fantastic – the West Street area is excellent and the acquisition of Jessop Hospital is very important strategically. I’m also really impressed by the Union of Students. I’m very interested to see how it is developing – not surprisingly, as I spent a lot of time there when I was a student. A good Union is very important – and it is also important that the students run it.

As one of them yourself, how do you think our alumni can support the University?
My message is the one I give out at degree ceremonies. First of all, go out of your way to speak well of the place. We want people to know about Sheffield and sing its praises. Secondly, if you possibly can, get involved. The more you can get involved, the stronger the University will be. And thirdly, if at all possible, please support our fundraising.
Penny Hughes

A Chemistry graduate (BSc 1980) and honorary graduate (LLD 1994), Penny Hughes has made the news again with her appointment as one of the first two women to join the Board of Reuters Group as a non-executive director. This is the latest achievement for a woman who is an experienced business professional with a particular expertise in international marketing.

On leaving Sheffield, Penny joined Proctor and Gamble, first as a technologist, then in the sales and marketing department. She next moved to the Milk Marketing Board – the Gotta Lotta Bottle campaign was a landmark in this stage of her career, and then joined Coca-Cola as a Brand Manager. By 1989, having successfully overseen the merger of Coca-Cola UK and Schweppes, she was appointed Commercial Director, aged 29. In 1993, at the age of 33 she became President of Coca-Cola UK and Ireland. Two years later, she left Coca-Cola to develop her portfolio of interests.

Over the past ten years, Penny has gained experience as a non-executive director on the boards of a number of significant international businesses. Currently she serves as a board member for the GAP Inc (the only non-American), Vodafone plc, Skandinaviska Enskilda Banken and Trinity Mirror plc. She is also on the advisory board of Bridgepoint Capital.

Dr Roger Webster

Forty years on, and some 20,000 students later, Dr Roger Webster is retiring from the Department of Pure Mathematics this year. An expert in popularising mathematics, his teaching skills are widely recognised as being of the highest quality and he has remained a perennial favourite with his students.

Dr Webster was appointed a Holgate Lecturer by the London Mathematical Society for three years and his most requested lecture is ‘The Tail of Pi’. He recalls “My involvement with π has led to numerous media interviews and a mention on Radio 4’s Thought for the Day.”

Attending one of his classes could produce interesting results. “One student told me her parents met 28 years ago in one of my classes – they had a nickname for me, Jolly Roger!” he says. “The course that has given me the greatest pleasure has been the History of Mathematics, which I devised in 1984, one of the first of its kind in the country. It has had the effect of stirring students into action, well beyond the University and after they have left it, if the number of letters and postcards they send me from places of mathematical interest are anything to go by. I must have at least 20 postcards of the Rosetta Stone alone.”

Lucy Prebble

Just two years after graduating with an English Literature degree, Lucy Prebble (BA 2002) is under commission to write a play for the Royal Court Theatre in London. Her debut play, The Sugar Syndrome, won the George Devine Award 2004 and she was named Most Promising Playwright 2004 by the Critics’ Circle. Lucy was also nominated for the Most Promising Newcomer Award at the Olivier Awards 2004, short-listed for the Susan Smith Blackburn Award 2003 and nominated for the Evening Standard Charles Wintour Most Promising Playwright Award 2003.

“I loved Sheffield,” says Lucy. “I chose the drama track as so many of my modules were connected with theatre. I was sorry to hear of the death of Ian MacKillop as he was one of the most fascinating tutors. Bill McDonnell was also unbelievably inspiring.

“In my final year, I wrote a one-act play, Liquid, that did well at the National Student Drama Festival and it was only then that I contemplated a writing career. I would never have got involved in the Sheffield University Theatre Company had it not been for a boyfriend I was trying to impress. I was worried it would make me bitchy and precocious. Of course, for the most part, it did – and prepared me for working in professional theatre!”
Sir Donald Bailey

Field Marshall Bernard Montgomery was emphatic in his appreciation of Donald Bailey’s famous invention – “without the Bailey Bridge we would not have won the war”. Born in Rotherham, Donald Bailey studied Engineering at the University (BEng 1923, Hon DEng 1947). He joined the Bridging Experimental Establishment in 1928 and his revolutionary idea for a new type of bridge structure, involving steel panels instead of girders, was given official backing in 1941.

The bridge’s greatest asset was its adaptability. It was developed as a suspension bridge, a mobile assault bridge and a pontoon bridge for spanning wide rivers, such as the Rhine. Over 2,000 Bailey Bridges were erected in North-West Europe between June 1944 and May 1945 and it was used extensively in Italy and South-West Asia. Some 650,000 panels were produced during the war, enough to make 20 miles of bridges.

Donald Bailey was awarded the OBE in 1944 and a knighthood in 1946. He died in 1985, five years before his grand-daughter, Christina, graduated with a Civil Engineering degree from the University. She was followed by her brother David, who graduated with a Diploma in Landscape Architecture in 2002.

Joanne Harris

Of Joanne Harris’ six novels published to date, Chocolat is the most well-known. It won the Creative Freedom Award and the Whitaker Gold, and was short-listed for the Whitbread Novel of the Year. The film version was nominated for eight BAFTAs and five Oscars. Blackberry Wine won the Foreign and the International categories of the Salon du Livre Gourmand. And Five Quarters of the Orange was short-listed for the RNA Novel of the Year, Author of the Year and the WH Smith Award.

Food features strongly in her writing. So many people wanted details of the recipes that Joanne produced the cookbook The French Kitchen, co-written with Fran Warde. A second is in the pipeline; she has recently returned from France where she spent time “buying food, sourcing food and of course, cooking food.” She is also “looking forward to getting some work done on my much-neglected new novel.”

The University awarded Joanne an honorary degree (LittD) in January 2004. She completed a PGCE from Sheffield in 1987 and spent 12 years teaching before taking up writing full-time. “I’ve been coming to Sheffield since I was very tiny,” she explains, “when my parents did their MAs, so there are a lot of people here who are like family. It’s a genuine surprise and honour to receive the degree.”

Jack Rosenthal

We were saddened to hear of Jack Rosenthal’s death in May 2004. He was a popular Maisie Glass Visiting Professor in Drama. All the warmth and generosity so evident in his writing informed his work with students, and his master classes on script-writing were conducted with the utmost tact and care.

The Jack Rosenthal Drama Scripts Collection, now housed in the University Library, continues to be a source of inspiration. Its acquisition was made possible in 2002 by generous grants from the Friends of the National Libraries and the University’s Alumni Foundation. The collection consists of typescript copies of most of his scripts, created during a career of over 40 years of writing for television, the cinema and the theatre. It also includes working notes, drafts, correspondence, and press cuttings, together with some personal and other memorabilia.

Miles Stevenson, Director of Development, witnessed the handover of the archive to the University. “The Librarian and I visited Jack at his home in London and there was a very touching moment when he waved goodbye to all his MAs, so there are a lot of people here who are like family. It’s a genuine surprise and honour to receive the degree.”

Also see Obituaries, page 27.
YOUR Alumni Travel Programme

The University of Sheffield, in association with Collette Worldwide Holidays, presents an exciting trip to China for Sheffield alumni and their travelling companions.

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Raising the stakes
launching technology transfer onto
the open market

David Catton is a man with a mission – to break the mould of university technology transfer. Managing Director of Sheffield University Enterprises Ltd (SUEL), he is investigating the potential of the alternative investment market in funding the exploitation of the University’s intellectual property.

“The UK spends between £2.4 and £3 billion a year on university research, with no expected financial outcome,” he says. “The potential for turning research into products and services is huge, but the financial infrastructure isn’t in place to do it effectively. Venture capital has its place, but the only way to raise serious finance that we can manage ourselves is through the stock market.”

Putting companies forward for public subscription can be risky, but David is confident that he has identified the right package for SUEL’s first venture. “Our Biofusion project involves the output of the Medical School and the University’s three biology departments – all rated at the highest 5* and 5 levels in the last Research Assessment Exercise. The ten companies in the portfolio are producing intellectual property with extremely high commercial potential and are blessed with entrepreneurial, motivated personnel. Getting Biofusion launched on the stock market will provide us with a £10 million springboard to consider other market opportunities.”

And there are plenty of opportunities at a university which has such a high, international reputation for its research, including the Polymer Centre, the Advanced Manufacturing Research Centre, the environmental sector and the Software Factory, a collaboration with Sheffield Hallam University. South Yorkshire was awarded Objective One status two years ago and the resulting funding has encouraged an increase in the amount of technology transfer handled by the University. “We have changed gear. SUEL is proactive in going into the University to find research that fuels new companies. Our target is another 60 spin-out companies, on top of the 40 that already exist.”

SUEL itself has expanded dramatically to deal with this new business. Its staff provide the necessary financial, legal, sales, marketing, production and management skills to assist University academics and researchers in the commercial exploitation of the University’s intellectual property. “Academics are entrepreneurs in their own world of research – they have to be to attract external funding,” explains David. “We bring a knowledge and expertise of the business world into the equation. Every day brings something different and the feeling is frequently like being a kid in a toy shop, wondering what will be in the next box. I get a real buzz out of thinking laterally and bringing forward ideas about how best to commercialise the results of a research project.”

David is keen to involve the University’s alumni in his vision for the future development of SUEL’s role. “We need new Mentors to join us – entrepreneurs, people with experience of investment, creating companies and joint ventures. In particular, we are keen to work with experts in Engineering, Environment, Information Technology and the Life Sciences. In return for their experience and enthusiasm, our Mentors have the opportunity to develop businesses based on cutting-edge research of international calibre and to own equity in our companies. This is an exciting time to become involved in the exploitation of intellectual property – the possibilities are enormous.”

SUEL in action

A revolutionary type of ‘self-healing’ bandage that uses the patient’s own cells is being developed by CellTran Ltd, a University spin-out company. Established in 2000 by Professors Sheila Mac Neil and Robert Short, CellTran has grown from fundamental research funded by the Engineering and Physical Sciences Council on ‘Surfaces to enhance tissue culture of skin’.

Investment from SUEL and the White Rose Technology Seedcorn Fund launched the venture. Additional funding has been forthcoming from Catalyst Biomedica and a corporate investor.

The company now offers an innovative but simple approach to healing diabetic ulcers and other slow-healing wounds, based on a combination of surface engineering and cell biology. A small tissue sample is taken from a patient and a culture is grown from the cells. This is then placed on a membrane made from medical-grade polymer which is treated to enable skin cells to attach and grow on its surface. The resulting cell-membrane bandage is used to dress the patient’s wound. CellTran’s product Myskin™ is now available for burns patients and was launched at a British Burns Association meeting in April 2004.

Do you want to know more about becoming a Mentor?

For further information, contact David Catton on 0114 222 1008 or email d.j.catton@suel.co.uk

Visit SUEL’s website at www.suel.co.uk

New developments – including our new corporate identity – will be reported in the coming months.

left: Dr David Haddow carrying out the deposition of the cell-friendly coating onto flexible medical grade polymer

Bottom Left: A biological bandage in the cell culture laboratory
Nobel Laureate opens Chemistry wing

Dr Richard Roberts, Nobel Prize-winning Chemistry graduate of the University (BSc 1965, PhD 1968, Hon DSc 1994), officially opened the £10 million East Wing of the Dainton Building on 6 April 2004. This landmark development on Brook Hill is part of the Department of Chemistry and contains five storeys of state-of-the-art laboratories, offices and teaching rooms. Professor Richard Jackson, Head of Department, commented, “It is an honour to welcome Dr Roberts back to the University to perform the opening ceremony. The new building is allowing us to develop our world-class teaching and research.”

The monument marking the burial site of Mark Firth (1819–1880), the Sheffield steel magnate, is one of the most impressive in Sheffield General Cemetery. Funding from the University, as part of its Centenary celebrations, has resulted in its restoration. It is once again a striking memorial to the founder of Firth College from which, together with the Sheffield School of Medicine and the Sheffield Technical School, the University developed.

Mark Firth was one of the wealthiest people in Sheffield. The Norfolk Works in Savile Street employed over 1,000 workers in the mid 1870s. He was elected to the office of Master Cutler in 1867, was re-elected for the two following years and became Mayor in 1874. Inspired by the success of a series of Cambridge University Extension Movement lectures in the city, he decided to establish a college in which university work could be conducted on a permanent basis. Lectures began in Firth College on 28 January 1880 and in the first session eight different Arts and Sciences subjects were available for study in day and evening classes. Sadly, Mark Firth died only months after the first students enrolled. His funeral on 1 December 1880 was a lavish affair with many civic dignitaries in attendance.

The railings surrounding the burial site have been wire brushed and re-painted and the surrounding trees pruned to give a clear view of the granite monument with its distinctive urn. Mark Firth designed the monument himself and chose its site; the railings were forged in his Norfolk Works.

Alumni celebrate 175 years of Medicine

The University welcomed 80 medical graduates to celebrate the 175th anniversary of the Sheffield Medical School at a special reunion on 24 April 2004. The event was hosted by the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Bob Boucher, and the Dean of the Medical School, Professor Tony Weetman.

Tom Ashley-Norman, President of the Student Medical Society, entertained the audience with an insight into what it is like to be a medical student today. Guests also heard from two of the Medical School’s award-winning members of staff – Professors Richard Eastell and Nigel Bax – on how Sheffield’s research and teaching are attracting national and international recognition.

A highlight of the day was a talk given by one of the University’s oldest and most distinguished medical graduates. Professor Frank Ellis OBE, born in 1905, gained no less than four degrees from Sheffield (the first one in 1927) and gave a fascinating talk in which he shared some of his earliest memories of the Medical School. These included working with Sir Edward Mellanby, who pioneered work on rickets, and the philanthropist Alderman JG Graves.

(Left-right) Professor Tony Weetman, Professor Frank Ellis and Tom Ashley-Norman enjoy the celebration
All the world's a stage

A book by part-time students from the Institute of Lifelong Learning gives a fascinating insight into the history of the theatre in Sheffield. Georgian Theatre in Sheffield, published with National Lottery funding, is the result of ten years’ work by the Sheffield Theatre History Research Group, led by Mike Gardner. This is the first time that such a vast wealth of primary sources – articles, reviews, advertisements, hand bills – has been investigated and assessed. The book charts the various attempts by managers to break even in a town which was often indifferent and apathetic and, at times, openly hostile to their efforts. Georgian audiences craved novelty and spectacle, infant actors playing Shakespeare, exotic sets and costumes, and daring feats that could end in real-life disaster.

Published by Pickard Communications, the book is available to alumni at £8.50, incl p+p (rrp £9.99). Please send cheques, payable to ‘Sheffield Theatre History Research Group’, to 49 Bingham Park Crescent, Sheffield, S11 7BH.

IN Brief...

THE STUDENT VOICE

A DVD giving potential students the opportunity to see Sheffield and hear current students talk about their experiences of the University, city, accommodation and the Union of Students has received glowing feedback from users. The Department of Marketing and Communications produced the DVD to supplement the 2005 Undergraduate Prospectus. User testing has also shown that potential students found seeing footage of the city, campus and surrounding area shifted their perceptions of Sheffield from ‘grey and industrial’ to ‘green and progressive’. Vague and inaccurate assumptions about what Sheffield is like were blown away by new images including University facilities, trams, the Millennium Galleries and Winter Garden – all enthusiastically described by current students.

REVOLUTIONARY NEW CHIP

Professor Nigel Allinson, of the Department of Electronic and Electrical Engineering, is leading a £4.5 million project that could revolutionise the way scientists, medics and others see the world. The multi-disciplinary research group is focusing on a new generation of programmable chips that will produce images that can be transformed even before they leave the camera. Active Pixel Sensors exploit the capabilities of Complimentary Metal Oxide Semi-Conductor (CMOS) Chips by allowing intelligent imaging that can focus right down to individual pixels. “The potential practical applications for this research are huge,” explains Professor Allinson. “They include developing a new method for imaging mammograms, which reduces the X-ray dose needed to produce feedback from users. The Department of Electrical and Electronic Engineering, is leading a £4.5 million project that could revolutionise the way scientists, medics and others see the world. The multi-disciplinary research group is focusing on a new generation of programmable chips that will produce images that can be transformed even before they leave the camera. Active Pixel Sensors exploit the capabilities of Complimentary Metal Oxide Semi-Conductor (CMOS) Chips by allowing intelligent imaging that can focus right down to individual pixels. “The potential practical applications for this research are huge,” explains Professor Allinson. “They include developing a new method for imaging mammograms, which reduces the X-ray dose needed to produce a good image.”

INCREASE IN ACADEMIC POSTS

The University has created more than 200 new academic posts in the last three years, representing an investment of £7.3 million in staff. Funding for these posts is available to the University as a result of income flows from its success in research and in student recruitment, alongside sound financial and academic planning.

Obituaries

We were saddened to hear of the deaths of the following academic staff, friends and supporters of the University:


Dr Brian Brocklehurst, Department of Chemistry 1966-1992, died on 19 April 2004, aged 72.

Dr Bernard Cotton, Pro-Chancellor of the University 1982-1987 and an honorary graduate (LLD 1988), died on 15 June 2004, aged 63.

Professor David Grigg, Department of Geography 1959-1999, died on 6 December 2004, aged 69.

Professor Ian MacKillop, Department of English Literature 1968-2004, died on 27 May 2004, aged 65.

Dr Peter Mayo, Department of Russian and Slavonic Studies 1969-1997, died on 13 April 2004, aged 60. He was Warden of Halifax Hall 1992-1997.

Professor Leslie Moore, Sorby Professor of Geology 1949-1977, died on 1 November 2003, aged 91.

Jack Rosenthal, award-winning dramatist, died on 29 May 2004, aged 72. An English Language and Literature graduate (BA 1953), he was awarded an honorary degree (LittD) in 1998 and was the Maisie Glass Visiting Professor in Drama 1997-1998. (also see page 23)

Dr Simon Walker, Department of History 1984-2004, died on 6 February 2004, aged 46.

Dr Gerard Young, a member of the University Council 1947-1988, Treasurer 1947-1951, Pro-Chancellor 1951-1967, an honorary graduate (LLD 1962), died on 6 January 2004, aged 93. He was Chairman of the Buildings Committee throughout the period of the University’s greatest expansion in the 1960s. The Main Library, Hicks Building, University House, Arts Tower, Chemistry extensions, Engineering buildings (Metallurgy, Chemical Engineering), and Sorby, Earnshaw, Ranmoor and Tapton Halls were built during this time.

Published by Pickard Communications, the book is available to alumni at £8.50, incl p+p (rrp £9.99). Please send cheques, payable to ‘Sheffield Theatre History Research Group’, to 49 Bingham Park Crescent, Sheffield, S11 7BH.
Radical campus transformation underway

It’s an exciting time at the University with new buildings making their presence felt all over the campus. A multi-million pound programme of capital development has been initiated – on a scale unparalleled since the 1970s. Funding of £90 million from the Joint Infrastructure Fund and the Science Research Investment Fund, with more on the way, is resulting in new facilities for teaching and research.

“The University recognises that the quality of its estate is important – not only for its present students and staff, but also because an attractive, well-resourced campus aids recruitment,” explains Tony Smith, Director of Facilities Management. “We are starting to see keynote buildings completed – The Dainton East Wing for the Chemistry Department, the new building in the Firth Court quadrangle, the Controlled Environment Chambers beneath the Arts Tower concourse and the £6 million investment in new sports facilities at Goodwin. The next phase will see a general shift of the centre of gravity of the University towards the city centre.

“Recent significant acquisitions include the Jessop Hospital for Women and the Health and Safety Laboratory on Broad Lane, and we are well under way with the development plans for these sites. The hospital site is of particular importance to us, as it provides a unifying link between the Mappin Street campus and the main campus at Western Bank.”

Jessop Hospital site

The first building to appear on the Jessop site will be the Bioincubator, replacing a redundant laundry next to the Brook Hill roundabout. Scheduled for completion in August 2005, it will house University spin-out companies. Behind it, the familiar Grade II listed Jessop Hospital building will be refurbished for academic use and further new buildings are being planned for the remainder of the site. The Humanities Research Institute, previously housed in the Arts Tower, is moving to a self-contained Georgian building next to Jessop and the new interdisciplinary ICOSS (Informatics Collaboratory for the Social Sciences) building.
Portobello area

A further £9 million is being spent in converting the Health and Safety Laboratory buildings, which will house the new Centre for Nanotechnology, the Sorby Centre for Electron Microscopy and other multidisciplinary research activities.

The front of the Mappin Building is being developed to improve pedestrian access and this area of the campus is the focus of a pedestrianisation and traffic calming scheme.

University Health Centre

The University Health Centre is moving from its present location on Claremont Place to a site on the corner of Glossop Road and Gell Street. The new £3 million building, due to welcome its first students in the autumn of 2004, will provide first-class consulting suites and have its own pharmacy.

Medical School

The Sheffield Medical Sciences Institute is undergoing a £12.6 million refurbishment and a new integrated biomedical facility has been allocated funding of £11 million.

Learning resources centre

A major contribution to student facilities on campus is the £15.9 million learning resources centre, to be built on the Upper Hanover Street site, close to the Brook Hill roundabout. This will provide an additional 950 study places and IT equipment. Completion is scheduled for September 2006; the design lends itself to a second stage of building work if more study spaces are required.

And next …?

The University has announced a wide-ranging strategy to improve its residential accommodation for students. This centres on the disposal and reorganisation of much of the accommodation in the Endcliffe and Ranmoor areas, to create a purpose-built, state-of-the-art community for students. The development will involve replacing outdated accommodation, including Sorby Hall, with new facilities built around a central social building to the south of The Paddock playing field, which will be preserved and enhanced.
Sheffield is undergoing a remarkable renaissance. Unrecognisable to anyone who was studying at the University 20, ten or even five years ago, the city is now experiencing an amazing development boom, with the creation of new work, living and leisure opportunities.

Sheffield means business

Sheffield has shaken off its image as being dominated by heavy industry. Steel is still an important part of the city’s economy, but the Lower Don Valley has been transformed by the development of Meadowhall Shopping Centre, the Arena and Don Valley Stadium. Recently, this sporting, retail and leisure cluster has been added to by the opening of Ice Sheffield and the English Institute of Sport. These have been followed by further retail and business opportunities throughout the city. HSBC has based one of its Global IT Development Centres here and is now the city’s largest private sector employer with 4,500 staff. Ronseal’s European headquarters is in Chapeltown. Symmetry Medical (Thornton Precision), the largest orthopaedic component manufacturer in the world, is expanding its capacity. And Dixon’s chose the Parkway as the home of its state-of-the-art customer contact centre.

The city centre is now the focus of attention with the commercial phase of the Heart of the City programme well underway. A four-star Macdonald hotel is nearing completion next to the Peace Gardens and new Winter Garden, and organisations such as the Home Office, Irwin Mitchell and John Lewis have committed themselves to Sheffield. The number of people living in the city centre has doubled in just three years to 6,000, all benefiting from the new residential developments, retail outlets and leisure facilities.

Phil Roberts, Chief Executive of Sheffield First for Investment, the city’s investment agency, is quick to point out that Sheffield is developing new strengths in the creative and digital industries, sports science, and biomedical and healthcare technology. He comments, “E-learning has really taken off in Sheffield – with more opportunities here than in any other UK city. Learndirect has its main base here and an e-campus is being developed in the Sheaf Valley with high-quality accommodation and leading edge IT and communications infrastructure. Strategic alliances with Sheffield’s two universities are important in establishing this site as a significant centre for digital activity and investment.”

“Indeed, the presence of the two universities here in Sheffield is an important factor in the city’s regeneration success, with technology transfer creating cutting-edge enterprises across the city. Also, the 12,000 graduates produced each year are encouraging businesses to locate here, with trained engineers, scientists and technicians available for employment.”

Business Ambassadors

Sheffield First for Investment is actively encouraging alumni from the University of Sheffield to become Ambassadors – key business people from the UK and abroad who are keen to endorse the benefits of Sheffield as a location to live, work and visit. “We keep our Ambassadors up-to-date with the city’s developments,” explains Phil, “and we invite them to special events each year. Our website also includes the opportunity for our Ambassadors to post details of their own products and services.”

Interested? If you would like to become a Business Ambassador for Sheffield, contact Alan Lyons at Sheffield First for Investment on 0114 223 2345 or email ambassador@makeitinsheffield.com. Visit the agency’s website at www.makeitinsheffield.com

YOUR Top 10 facts

- Sheffield has a population of 530,000 and is England’s fourth largest city
- Sheffield has one of the fastest growing economies in England
- Sheffield offers the highest level of funding assistance anywhere in Europe for inward investors
- One third of the city is within the Peak District National Park
- Sheffield is England’s greenest city, containing 150 woodlands and 50 public parks
- A centre of world excellence for metals, over 500,000 tonnes of stainless steel are produced in Sheffield each year
- Sheffield Football Club is the oldest football club in the world – traditional rival Hallam FC has the oldest football ground
- Home Office statistics show that Sheffield is the safest city in the UK
- The Sheffield Ski Village is Europe’s largest outdoor artificial ski resort
- Henderson’s Relish, invented about 120 years ago, continues to be made in Sheffield. Its distinctive aroma still floats over the campus!
Douglas and Benjamin possess the creative skills needed to make their own brand work – display, packaging, marketing and everything else associated with creativity and design. Ninety per cent of the goods in G.O.D. are designed in-house. The success of the stores rests almost entirely in making available home products that meet the particular cultural needs of Hong Kong people. “Take food,” says Douglas. “We eat with chopsticks and bowls. We eat at round tables. We’ve never before been able to buy these things in modern form. Why can’t we have chopsticks that are made of metal or of different colours? Why can’t we have interesting bowls? They don’t always have to be with dragons and phoenix. They can be modern, too.”

In the 1990s, Hong Kong had an obsession with foreign brands, luxury goods and designer names. “Everything from the West was regarded as of the highest class,” explains Douglas, “and Hong Kong brands found it very difficult to compete. But Hong Kong then started to feel more comfortable with itself and, with the handover from Britain to China, there was a revival of interest in Chinese taste. Our next move is to introduce the G.O.D. collection to key cities on the Chinese mainland. If we can find suitable partners, then there is big potential for success.”

Explore the world of G.O.D. at www.god.com.hk
Real UK – the trip of a lifetime

The University was one of just three academic institutions selected as part of a national campaign to help young people from around the world discover what life and study in the UK is really like. Real UK was organised by the British Council. Thirty-four student winners from countries including Brazil, Indonesia, Japan, Jordan, Korea, Russia, Sri Lanka, Thailand and Vietnam spent three days in Sheffield in March 2004, taking part in events on and off-campus. Representatives from the University’s own international student community made a tremendous contribution to the overall success of the event, in their role as student ambassadors.

Nobel Laureate in Taiwan

One of the University’s most distinguished alumni, the Nobel Laureate Professor Sir Harry Kroto (BSc 1961, PhD 1964, Hon DSc 1995), attended the British Council Education UK Exhibition in Taipei in October 2003. He shared his experiences of his time at Sheffield with a panel of students who were considering coming to the UK to pursue their studies. In addition, he commended the excellence of UK science education, describing the UK as a first-class environment for scientific study with its outstanding learning and development benefits.

Supporting the University in the USA

Sheffield alumni now living in the USA (or paying US tax) can qualify for tax deductions on donations made to the University of Sheffield in America, Inc. The University of Sheffield in America is a 501 (c) (3) non-profit organisation (EIN 30-0207689), established to facilitate tax effective support of the University of Sheffield. We are pleased to have the support of an impressive and enthusiastic Board of Directors, comprising:

- Dr David Fletcher, History alumnus (BA 1969, PhD 1972) and the University’s Registrar and Secretary
- Dr Richard Roberts, Chemistry alumnus (BSc 1965, PhD 1968) and 1993 Nobel Laureate
- Dr Rick Turner, Psychology alumnus (BSc 1979)
- Dr Judith Woodfolk, Medicine alumna (MB ChB 1990)

For more information, please email Helen Scarlett, Development Manager at h.scarlett@sheffield.ac.uk

Hola a Nos Alumnos Mexicanos!

A group of Engineering graduates met Professor Tony West, Head of the Department of Engineering Materials, and Fiona Brown, of the International Office, when they travelled to Saltillo in Mexico, in March 2004. Professor West was touring several materials institutes in Mexico City, Querétaro, Monterrey and Saltillo. Fiona would like to contact other Mexican alumni – please get in touch with her by emailing f.brown@sheffield.ac.uk.

Global perspective

Professor Tony West (centre) with (left-right) Alberto Recina, Pepe Reyes, Armando Salinas and Eduardo Valdes

Frances Halliwell, of the International Office, with Professor Sir Harry Kroto

The Real UK students fill the Firth Court staircase

Credit: Fiona Brown
Debora meets Israeli alumni

Debora Green, International Student Officer and Head of Student Support and Guidance, recently met up with several Israeli alumni in Tel Aviv while she was on holiday in Israel. She says, “What was really rewarding was listening to such happy, warm and positive memories the alumni have of their time in Sheffield. The only pity was how many of their friends they reported had not received invitations to get in touch with me. The reason was clear; they had not kept us up-to-date with current contact details! I do hope our Israeli alumni will send an email to the Alumni Office to keep things going.”

Success for Chinese student

Yongsong Liu, a Chinese PhD student in Engineering Materials, has been awarded one of the first Chinese National Scholarships for Excellent Students Abroad. He attended a special ceremony in the Chinese Embassy in London, where he received a certificate from Wang Yongda, Minister-Counsellor. “I was the only recipient from Sheffield,” says Yongsong. “The selection panel told me that I came top of all the applicants in the UK.” More details of the scholarships can be found at www.csc.edu.cn

An American dream

Rob Hart studied History and Politics at Sheffield from 1993-95, before his talent for American football took him to the NFL. Rob began playing quarterback, as a rare ‘barefoot kicker’, on the University team. He transferred from Sheffield to Murray State, Kentucky, to play in the College League. In his junior year he was voted ‘all American’ – the best player in the country in his position. Since then he has starred in the NFL Europe League for the past eight seasons. Rob made the all-star team again last season, for the third time in four years, and broke the record for most points scored in NFL Europe history. He has just been offered a $1/2 million contract by the New Orleans Saints – giving him the chance to compete in the Saints training camp for his place in the team.

Cyprus news

Peifkios Georgiades (Dip Arch 1967), the Minister of Education and Culture, seen here on the left, was welcomed to the University’s stand at an education fair in February 2004 by Zenon Liatsos, the University’s Recruitment Agent in Cyprus.

BRITISH COUNCIL IN HONG KONG

The Hong Kong office of the British Council organises annual gatherings and activities connecting UK alumni in Hong Kong. If you would like to take part and get in touch with your fellow graduates, register now on www.uk-alumni.hk. See page 31 for a profile of one of the University’s Hong Kong graduates, Douglas Young.

INTERNATIONAL ALUMNI SCHOLARSHIPS

The University is pleased to be able to offer scholarships of £1,000 per annum to our alumni who are eligible to pay overseas fees. The scholarships constitute a tuition fee waiver for up to three years of study. This scheme is also open to siblings and spouses of alumni. More details are available on the International Office’s website at www.sheffield.ac.uk/international. Or contact Student Recruitment and Admissions, The University of Sheffield, 8 Palmerston Road, Sheffield, S10 2TE, tel: +44 (0) 114 222 1255, fax: +44 (0) 114 222 1234.

CALLING OUR INTERNATIONAL ALUMNI

The University of Sheffield has over 120,000 alumni in more than 130 countries across the world. We are keen to develop new links with international alumni. If you are interested in forming a new international alumni group in a specific country, or perhaps just helping out at student recruitment fairs, please contact:

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IN Brief...

NEWS FROM MALAYSIA

The first formal meeting of the Alumni Association of Malaysia took place in August 2004. A short report of the meeting is on our website at www.sheffield.ac.uk/alumni. Anyone interested in contacting the association should email Azmir Abdullah at a.abdullah@sheffield.ac.uk
Professor Richard Eastell, Sheffield Teaching Hospitals’ Research and Development Director and Director of Research for Medicine at the University, has been awarded the prestigious Society for Endocrinology Medal and the Kohn Foundation Award for his 25-year commitment to revolutionising the diagnosis and treatment of osteoporosis. Working closely with hospital staff and researchers in Sheffield, Professor Eastell has led the development of some of the most effective new drugs for the treatment of this disease, which affects one in three women over the age of 50.

Emeritus Professor Keith Miller (Mechanical Engineering) has been awarded the Fellowship of Imperial College, for outstanding contributions to the field of engineering.

Dr Kypros Pilakoutas (Civil and Structural Engineering) has been awarded an honorary doctorate by the Technical University of Iasi, Romania.

Professor David Read (Animal and Plant Sciences) has been elected Biological Secretary and Vice-President of the Royal Society.

Dr Stephen Renshaw (Genomic Medicine) has been awarded an MRC Clinician Scientist Fellowship.

Professor John Sharp (Engineering Materials) has been awarded the Kroll Medal and Prize and Professor Mark Rainforth (Engineering Materials) the Rosenhain Medal and Prize from the Institute of Materials, Minerals and Mining.

Professor Graham Turpin (Psychology) has been appointed as Chair-elect of the Division of Clinical Psychology of the British Psychological Society.

Professor James Underwood (School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences) has been elected to Honorary Fellowships of the Royal College of Physicians of Ireland and of the Royal College of Physicians (London).

Dr Elaine Weatherley-Jones (ScHARR) has been awarded a post-doctoral fellowship under the new Department of Health National Complementary and Alternative Medicines Award Scheme.

Professor Tim Birkhead (Animal and Plant Sciences) and Professor Tony Cullis (Electronic and Electrical Engineering) have been elected Fellows of the Royal Society, the world’s oldest and most prestigious scientific society.

Professor Bob Boucher, Vice-Chancellor, has been elected Chairman of the White Rose Universities Consortium, which promotes the teaching, research and development interests of the Universities of Leeds, Sheffield and York.

Professor Michael Braddick (History) and Professor Andrew Gamble (Politics) have been awarded Leverhulme Trust Fellowships.

Professor Daniel Dorling (Geography) and Dr Jennifer Saul (Philosophy) have been awarded Philip Leverhulme Prizes by the Leverhulme Trust.

Denise Dunn, an Advanced Diploma student in Nursing and Midwifery, was named Student Nurse of the Year at the 2003 Nursing Standard Awards.

Dr Katherine Froggatt (Nursing and Midwifery) has won a Winston Churchill Travelling Fellowship to gain insight into how older people are looked after overseas.

Professor Louise Heathwaite (Geography) has been elected Vice-President of the International Association of Hydrological Sciences.

Professor Philip Ingham (Biomedical Science) has been awarded the Genetics Society Medal 2005.

Dr Brigid Lowe (English Literature) has been awarded the first external Research Fellowship by Trinity College, Cambridge, for her work on Victorian literature.

Professor Peter Maitlis (Chemistry) and Professor Patrick Seyd (Politics) have been awarded Emeritus Fellowships by the Leverhulme Trust.

Professor Richard Eastell

Professor Noel Sharkey (Department of Computer Science) has been awarded a Senior Media Fellowship of the Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council (EPSRC). Professor Sharkey is the first artificial intelligence researcher to receive this award. His expertise is in robotics, artificial intelligence and the life sciences, and he is best known for his roles as a chief judge on BBC2’s Robot Wars and onscreen expert on the BBC’s TechnoGames. He has also taken his work to the general public through regular robotics events and museum exhibitions and is a television regular, with appearances on over 200 programmes in 30 different countries.
Professor Sarah Wigglesworth (Architecture) received an MBE for services to architecture.

Professor Ian Woodward (Animal and Plant Sciences) has been elected a Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

Rodney Phillips (BA 2004) was the recipient of a bursary from the Stephen Lawrence Charitable Trust. The Trust was set up in 1998 to provide bursaries to students who wish to study architecture. One of its principal objectives is to give disadvantaged young people the opportunity to study for a profession they might not previously have considered and to develop practitioners in the field of architecture and other related design professions.

Amy Shaw, Nicola Brooks, Sara Jones, Lisa Huckerby and Katie Harris, students from the School of English’s theatre in education programme, Acting Together, won the top award in the first national HEACF (Higher Education Active Community Fund) Student Volunteering Awards competition. The Awards recognise student volunteers who have shown significant commitment to, or achievement in, activities funded or initiated by HEACF. Acting Together is a project which gives students the opportunity to take part in a range of activities in partnership with the Education Action Zone in the north of Sheffield.

Alumni

Russell Blackwell (BSc 1966), lately Treasurer, Benevolent Fund of the Department for Education and Skills, has been awarded an OBE.

Mike Burchall (BA 1974) has been awarded an MBE for his commitment to improving town planning in Merseyside.

Stephen Daldry (BA 1982, LitD 2001) has been awarded an OBE for services to drama.

Professor Vernon Gibson (BSc 1980) has been elected a Fellow of the Royal Society.

Maurice Kay (LLB 1964, PhD 1971, LLD 2003) has been promoted to the Court of Appeal and holds the title of The Rt Hon Lord Justice Maurice Kay.

Dr Drew Nelson OBE (BEng 1976, PhD 1982, Hon DEng 2003) has been elected a Fellow of the Royal Academy of Engineering.

Kathryn Salt (PGCE 1984) has been awarded an OBE for services to the community in Amber Valley, Derbyshire.

Lisa Smith (BEng 2002) won the BOC Award for Best Chemical Engineering Student at the 2003 national Science, Engineering and Technology Student of the Year Awards.

Dr Peter Smith (MB ChB 1983) has been awarded an OBE for services to medicine.

Dave Wickett (MA 1976), owner of the Kelham Island Brewery, is celebrating the success of the Pale Rider beer, which was named Best Beer in Britain at the Great British Beer Festival 2004. The brewery will be producing a special beer in honour of the University’s Centenary next year.
Letters

Happy times

To Sheffield Medical School, in gratitude from both my late husband Frank (MB ChB 1939) and myself for letting us meet on the steps at Western Bank on 2.11.37; for your help – in war time – to two young people displaced from Nazi Germany; and most important of all, for enabling us both, with your excellent training, to lead happy, fulfilled and, I hope, useful lives (both professionally and privately).

Dr Elena Zadik (MB ChB 1943)
Who kindly sent a donation to the Medical Campaign.

Jogging the memory

It was lovely to find the alumni magazine in my mail-box. It has brought back many happy memories of my six years at the University. There have been so many changes since I came out to Australia in 1964 that some areas are not recognisable, with all the new buildings. The articles on the history brought back memories of my grandmother who used to delight in telling us about the royal visit to open the University in 1905. She and my grandfather were present on that occasion.

The article on the sports facilities was interesting. The new areas look wonderful and so near the main buildings. It was quite a trek to go out to Norton just for a run round the track. They also made me dig out my old photographs of the inaugural cricket match at Bramley Fields, which was during my term as Vice-President of the Athletics Council.

I was sorry to read of Marjorie Shaw’s death. I have pleasant memories of her when she was a resident tutor at Oakholme Lodge, a university hall for women in the 1950s. I shall be in England in 2006, when our year celebrates our 50th year of graduation. We hold our five-year reunions which are wonderful and remind us of the lasting friendships we made during our time at Sheffield.

Sheila Marshall (MRCS LRCP 1956)

Centenary History success stories

We have now received over 1,000 responses from alumni to our request for tales of your time in Sheffield. These give a vivid picture of student life over the years, right from the 1920s to the 1990s, and form a marvellous collection of factual reminiscences and entertaining stories. This kind of material really does lend immediacy to the History, and we are using all that we can.

Even in a book of 480 pages we are only able to include a selection of your contributions (and even in this enlightened age, some of the best stories are unpublishable!), but all the responses are being preserved and will be archived in the Library at the end of the project, for the benefit of future historians.

The Project Team sends its grateful thanks to all who have contributed, and very much hopes that many of you will feel moved to purchase a copy of Steel City Scholars when it is published.

John Hawthorne, Centenary History Project Administrator
See page 8 for details of a special pre-publication offer for Steel City Scholars.

Successful reunion

Thank you for providing us with such an exciting, inspiring and enjoyable weekend. I must confess that, when I saw the programme, I thought we might be in for a rather dull afternoon, although I accepted that the speakers were important. In the event, the day surpassed all expectations! The speakers were entertaining and eloquent and the content of their talks impressive. So many of our 1950 group have repeatedly said how proud they were to be Sheffield medical graduates. Congratulations! We look forward to more of the same.

Frank Neal (MB ChB 1950)
See page 26 for a report on the reunion celebrating 175 years of Medicine at Sheffield.

The origins of Pisgah

The recital by the Pisgah Ensemble was delightful and we thoroughly enjoyed the concert. I am pleased that the Alumni Foundation is helping young musicians from the Music Department and providing them with the opportunity to showcase their skills. When we arrived home my husband found the reference to ‘Pisgah’ in Deuteronomy 3, verse 27: ‘Go up to the top of Pisgah and look west and north and south and east! Since the young musicians are to go out from the University to all points of the compass, the title they chose for themselves seems highly appropriate.

Anne Harding (BEd 1981)
The Pisgah Ensemble took their name from one of the buildings used by the Department of Music (see page 2).

YOUR Letters

We welcome letters from our alumni for inclusion in the next issue of Your University. Please send contributions to:

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You do not need me to tell you that this is the second issue of Your University but I am pleased to be able to acknowledge the genuine welcome the first issue received. It will not surprise you that Convocation regards an effective means of communication with all our members as critical and we trust that this is exactly what Your University will become. Certainly, in the foreseeable future, it will be the main print form available to Convocation by which we can reach you all. Consequently, I hope that any of you who have ideas about how our means of communication can be improved will not hesitate to let me know.

The next year is a very important one for the University and therefore for Convocation. As you will have read elsewhere in this issue, 2005 is the Centenary of our University and celebrations will take place throughout the year. Convocation will be playing its part in those celebrations and I hope that in some way each of you will participate. It will be great to see as many of you as possible at one or other of the many events planned. Perhaps you will be able to attend Convocation’s Annual General Meeting for the very first time and enjoy a very special event. You might even consider planning your own celebration with friends you made during your time in Sheffield. If that is an idea which appeals, why not try using the new Sheffield Reunited section of the Alumni Office’s website. You never know whom you may be able to contact, however long ago it is since you last saw them.

However, I recognise that not all of you will be able to make the trip to Sheffield but that does not mean you are unable to play your part in marking the University’s Centenary. Why not celebrate this very special occasion by making a donation or leaving a legacy for scholarships for today’s students. There are many who need our help. Alternatively, you may wish to join me in contributing to the Alumni Fund. Already over £100,000 has been raised. Gifts to the Fund are particularly helpful as they are unconstrained, enabling direct help to be given to provide facilities and equipment for student activities which otherwise would be unattainable or to provide student hardship bursaries. Your contribution, however small, will make a difference.

I am really looking forward to next year and hope to meet many of you – some of you I’ll know and for others it will be the first time we have met. However, there is one thing we all have in common; memories of Sheffield University and the debt each of us owes to our time there in shaping our future lives.

Yours sincerely

Peter R Downey
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Annual General Meeting

This is a preliminary notice that the AGM for the academic year 2004/2005 will be held on Saturday 16 July 2005 at 11.00am at the University of Sheffield.

The business will comprise:

1. Elections for the Officers and Executive
2. Reports from the Committees on the year’s work
3. Presentation of the Statement of Account in respect of the Convocation Fund
4. Any amendments to the By-Laws
5. Appointment of 40 members to the University Court of Governors (subject to any amendments to the Ordinances and By-Laws which may be passed subsequent to this notice).

It is hoped to link the meeting with the activities that weekend for the University’s Centenary Celebrations.

If you would like to attend and receive further details next year and are not already on the Abridged Register, please register your details (your full name, surname whilst at Sheffield if different, address, date of birth and Sheffield degrees) by emailing development@sheffield.ac.uk or writing to the Secretary and Clerk to Convocation, 9/12 East Parade, Sheffield, S1 2ET.
A legacy to Sheffield
Supporting scholarship – developing potential – helping others – giving something back

These five students have come to Sheffield from China, Hong Kong, Iran, Derbyshire and South Yorkshire, to study International Studies, Information Studies, Medicine, History and Engineering. In one image they represent the diversity of our University. At the same time they have something important in common. They are all receiving financial help from private donors – through the generosity of individual alumni and staff, or local business.

One of the primary aims of the University is to make scholarship accessible to people from all backgrounds. Many of our supporters feel great satisfaction from helping students access a world-class education that will change their lives.

“Nearly 40 years ago,” says Garth Weston (PhD 1969), “I received a scholarship to study at Sheffield. I owe a huge amount to the University and to my PhD supervisor, Professor Ken Haley. That is why I am leaving a legacy to provide scholarships for the next generation of students.”

Carys Lloyd Jones, a current medical student, has direct experience of our donors’ generosity. “I will now be able to pursue my lifetime’s ambition – to become a doctor. Thank you for this fantastic award.”

Many people contact us to ask how they can include a legacy gift in their Will – to provide funds for scholarships, to help a department, or to fund capital projects that will benefit hundreds of students. A legacy brochure is available with advice and guidance for people who want to remember the University in their Will. All legacies left to the University are exempt from inheritance tax because it has charitable status.

To request a copy of our Legacy Brochure or for further information about supporting the University, please contact:

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