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Special commemorative print by Joe Scarborough – Our University

As its contribution to the University Centenary, the Sheffield University Association commissioned renowned local artist Joe Scarborough to paint a new work. Our University, evocative of the University past and present, is now on public display in the entrance to University House.

Unsigned prints measuring 19” x 17” are available to purchase. Unframed and packed in protective cardboard tubes, they are priced at £15.00 each (incl VAT) plus p&p (£2 UK; £2.50 Europe; £3 rest of world).

University tie

In 100% silk with multiple University shields. £18.00 each (incl VAT) plus p&p (£1.00 UK; £1.30 Europe; £1.70 rest of world).
Welcome
to the 2008 issue of Your University magazine.

One of the highlights of last year was the opening of the Media Hub in the Union of Students, which saw different parts of the University working together to bring this exciting project to fruition. The Union wanted the project to go ahead but were in need of extra funding. Convocation came on board with a generous donation, whilst the Alumni Foundation allocated a sum from the legacy of Kathleen Rogers, an English Literature graduate. This fantastic facility is the first of its kind in the country and is now open to students who are interested in journalism. It supports all forms of student media including radio, web and the award-winning student newspaper, Steel Press.

In this year’s magazine we introduce the new Vice-Chancellor, Professor Keith Burnett. Since his arrival in Sheffield he has demonstrated his commitment and enthusiasm to developing links with our alumni and supporters. He gives his thoughts on the importance of the involvement of alumni in the life of the University. This theme is continued in an article about the Careers Service which explains how alumni can get involved and help today’s students.

It is always fascinating to find out what our students do after leaving the University. I’ve had the pleasure of meeting many of you at our events and the range of what our alumni are doing now always amazes me. I hope that the profiles in this issue give a flavour of the incredible range of careers and activities that our alumni go on to experience.

Please use the enclosed questionnaire to let us know what you are doing, update any of your details and help us to keep in touch. You can also contact us via our website or register with our online alumni directory, Sheffield Reunited, and make your changes there – www.sheffield.ac.uk/sheffield-reunited.

Miles Stevenson
Director of Development

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Catching up with our alumni
A new approach to collaboration between researchers and manufacturers has provided the University with a fourth Queen’s Anniversary Prize for Education. Professor Geof Tomlinson, Pro Vice-Chancellor for Research, collected the award from the Queen during a ceremony held at Buckingham Palace on 14 February 2008.

The prize recognises ‘outstanding achievement at a world-class level’ and is assessed by a specialist panel. It is the highest national accolade available to UK universities.

The Advanced Manufacturing Research Centre (AMRC) is the focus of a joint venture with world-class companies, led by Boeing and including Rolls-Royce. In a relatively short time it has produced major quantifiable benefits of process efficiency and cost savings in aero-engine manufacture. These have turned research outcomes into new shop-floor techniques. The Centre has engaged local schools through apprenticeships and is also a catalyst for business improvements within the University.

“The University’s vision includes our stated aim to develop a critical mass of strategic partnerships and collaborations with world-leading companies in which the process of discovery is accelerated,” said Professor Keith Burnett, Vice-Chancellor. “The AMRC is a wonderful example of exactly this. In the five years since its development, growth at the AMRC has been staggering and tangible benefits have been felt in the regional and national economy, with key orders won for this country and jobs secured on the basis of research-led solutions which make companies more competitive.”

Nick West, Director of Communications at Boeing UK, added: “Thanks to our partnership with the University, new techniques have resulted in more energy efficient aircraft. We are also using composite materials to push the boundaries of new materials vital to the next generation of aerospace. Such cutting edge developments are the result of a collaboration which develops skills and creates wealth and intellectual property for us as a company, for the University and for the benefit of UK industry.”

The previous Queen’s Anniversary Prizes were for the Humanities Research Institute (1998), Environmental Outreach to Business and Industry (2000) and research into ageing (2002).
Celebrating 100 years of student representation

“IT brought back so many magical memories”, “wonderful photographs and great stories”, and “an exceptional book about an exceptional organisation” are some of the responses from readers of Standing up for Students, the centenary history of the University’s Union of Students.

The book is the first history of a students’ union in the UK, and is about much more than just the organisation. It provides an extraordinary insight into student life at Sheffield from 1906 to 2006, told by students themselves.

Author Dr Helen Mathers carried out exhaustive research into contemporary student publications and recruited a team of current students to interview their predecessors. The result is a hugely enjoyable book which weaves together individual stories with an account of the development of the country’s leading students’ union.

Copies are available from:
Samantha Hay
Tel: 0114 222 8601
Email: s.d.hay@sheffield.ac.uk
Order form: www.sheffield.ac.uk/union/about/union-history/centenary.php

New lease of life for Jessop’s

Honorary degree for Sean Bean

Sean Bean received an honorary doctorate (LittD) from the University for his achievements as an actor and his ongoing commitment to the City of Sheffield.

Sean was set to become a welder at his father’s workshop in Sheffield before discovering acting while attending an art course at Rotherham College. He went on to win a scholarship to study at RADA before making his professional debut as Tybalt in Romeo and Juliet. He is now best known for his roles in the Sharpe TV series and big-budget movies such as Troy and Lord of the Rings.

He opened the Osteoporosis Centre at Sheffield’s Northern General Hospital in 1998 and, the morning before his conferment ceremony, he helped plant a tree in the grounds of the Royal Hallamshire Hospital to mark the launch of a fundraising appeal to equip a new leukaemia ward.

The new Jessop West building, on the site of the former Jessop Hospital for Women, has reached a milestone in its development with a ‘topping out’ ceremony – the recognition of the completion of the frame of the building.

Vice-Chancellor Professor Keith Burnett was invited by the main contractor, Bowmer and Kirkland, to pour the final bit of concrete on to the roof of the five-storey building. Jessop West, which is opposite the Information Commons, will house the University’s School of Modern Languages and Linguistics and the Departments of History and English. It is due to be completed later this year, with the academic departments taking possession of the space in 2009.
Mr and Mrs Duck make a splash

Two Mallard ducks were regularly seen around the campus, especially the Union concourse, during 2007 and raised a family. According to their Facebook entry – The Mr and Mrs Duck Appreciation Society – the pair disappeared over the winter months but returned in the spring, stealing bread from unwary students at lunchtime! The society has over 360 members and is part of the much larger Sheffield Alumni Facebook group.

Almost but not quite!

A brilliant team (Paul McKay, Phil Smith, Katherine Swindells and Adi Balachander) from the University of Sheffield made it to the final of this year’s University Challenge on BBC2 – only to be beaten by Christ Church, Oxford, by 50 points. Team captain Paul said, “This was the best result ever by a team from Sheffield. It would be great if we could develop into a real force on the programme. We’ve shown that we can compete with anyone and it would be good to see our success pave the way for another blazing run to the final in 2009.”

A vivid reminder

A First World War recruiting poster for the Sheffield City Battalion, dating from 1914, has been discovered in the porters’ lodge of Firth Court. Enlistment began on 10 September at the Corn Exchange and in only two days the battalion had reached its full complement, with between 900 and 1,000 men joining up.

A total of 153 University students enlisted at the start of the war, almost half joining the battalion. This was at a time when there were just 349 full-time students and approximately 1,450 evening students (1913-14). As the war progressed, and particularly after conscription was introduced in 1916, male students who were fit for service left when they reached their 18th birthday. Only selected medical students were exempt, in order to complete their training. Women students joined the Red Cross and some helped with agriculture during the summer vacations.

Of those who went to fight, 157 graduates and students were listed as killed, dead of wounds or missing. Twenty-one members of academic staff and ten laboratory assistants joined the armed forces, together with 38 honorary medical staff who went to medical hospitals; four academics and four laboratory assistants did not return.
Clinical placements train dentists of the future

A successful outreach scheme pioneered by the School of Clinical Dentistry is encouraging dental students to understand patients’ needs more fully. On a visit to the University, Hew Mathewson, President of the General Dental Council, said, “Outreach is an exciting and demanding development for dental schools and Sheffield has been at the forefront of this advance.”

Within the five-year dental degree programme, dental students receive six months’ training in ‘high street’ NHS-funded dental practices and NHS dental clinics. Here they provide treatments to patients under the supervision of local dentists and the scheme brings major benefits to both the student dentists and local communities. It allows students to treat an extended range of patients to those they would normally experience in the dental hospital environment. This encourages them to develop their speed and confidence, improve communication skills and have greater contact with other members of the healthcare team.

Sheffield students voted the School of Clinical Dentistry as being the best provider of dental education in the National Student Survey 2007. It was also named top dental school in The Times Good University Guide 2007.

The yearly undergraduate intake rose from 60 to 80 students in 2005 as part of the government’s push to increase the number of practising NHS dentists. The School needed to increase in size to accommodate the extra numbers and students now benefit from additional research and teaching facilities, the result of a £5.5 million extension. A collaboration between the University and the neighbouring Charles Clifford Dental Hospital, the scheme received funding from the Science Research Investment Fund and the Sheffield Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust.

The Dental Practice Unit has also been expanded and modernised, with funding from the Trust and the Higher Education Funding Council for England. It provides fourth and final-year students with an environment where they can treat patients under the supervision of University staff. Professor Paul Speight, the new Dean of the School, comments, “Recent developments within dentistry at the University provide our students with outstanding learning opportunities. It is an honour to lead the School during this exciting period.”
Your city needs you!

Creative Sheffield is looking for graduates from the University of Sheffield to help them shape the future prosperity of the city. The UK’s first city development company launched the Sheffield Economic Masterplan at London’s Stock Exchange in January and a manifesto for the city in June.

“This is a call to action,” says Sir Peter Middleton, Chairman of Creative Sheffield and Chancellor of the University. “Our graduates all play a key role in the profile of the city and its future development. Whichever company, city or country you are working in, you can play a part in creating Sheffield’s future and changing perceptions of the city. The last ten years have seen sustained growth in the economy and the city centre has been transformed. This success will be built upon. We have bold, large-scale objectives and I am confident that, with your support, Sheffield will achieve its potential.”

The Masterplan sets a number of goals:

- The creation of 30,000 new jobs
- Attracting a number of major employers to the region
- Helping local companies to expand
- Taking 16,000 people currently without work into employment
- Working with Manchester and Leeds to create the UK’s second largest economic growth pole
- Building a 1.5 million sq ft New Business District
- Building a Digital Square Mile around the Digital Campus.

Creative Sheffield also organise networking events within the sectors of Creative and Digital, Modern Manufacturing, Retail, and Business and Professional Services and are keen to involve our alumni in future networking opportunities. Contact Laura Foster (laura.foster@sheffield.gov.uk) for more details.

www.creativesheffield.co.uk

Portrait takes its place

The latest portrait to be hung in Firth Hall is that of former Vice-Chancellor Professor Bob Boucher. The oil is by Andrew Festing, President of the Royal Society of Portrait Painters. Professor Boucher retired at the end of September 2007, following a long and successful career with the University. In a moving farewell speech to staff and friends in Mappin Hall, he paid tribute to the tremendous support he had received in his time as Vice-Chancellor, especially from his wife Rosemary. Just before his retirement date, Professor Boucher was appointed a Deputy Lieutenant for the County of South Yorkshire. He has also been appointed as Chairman of Museums Sheffield, following the retirement of Sir Hugh Sykes.

Centenaries galore

Architecture and Geography are celebrating their centenaries in 2008 (see pages 18-19 for a feature on Geography). Both departments have organised a programme of events which are open to alumni. Please visit their websites for further details:

School of Architecture
www.sheffield.ac.uk/architecture/alumni

Department of Geography
www.sheffield.ac.uk/geography/centenary
Law on the move

Law students no longer have to walk up and down the steep Northumberland and Conduit Streets to access their department. The School of Law has moved from the Crookesmoor building to Bartolomé House on Winter Street, opposite the Department of Geography.

“The move means that the central campus is much more accessible, with Firth Court and the Students’ Union just a short stroll away,” explains Dr Matthew Wainwright, Head of Administration. “We now have space for more extensive teaching facilities, including small group rooms and our own fully fitted courtroom. Our students also have access to great IT facilities, computing rooms, a common room and dedicated postgraduate study space.”

The Crookesmoor building, designed by William Whitfield who also designed the Geography building, opened in 1977. “It’s interesting architecturally,” says Matthew, “but it wasn’t best suited for our purposes. The wedge shaped rooms were novel but not very practical, so the move to Bartolomé House has been of great benefit to us.”

Farewell to Ranmoor

More than 100 people, including residents past and present, attended a ‘farewell’ party at Ranmoor House Hall of Residence. The event was a chance to celebrate Ranmoor’s long history, as well as say goodbye to the buildings ahead of their demolition. They are making way for the latest phase of the Student Residences Strategy. The new Ranmoor Village is scheduled to open in 2009.

Those who attended, including current and past students and staff, wardens and tutors, enjoyed the chance to mingle and reminisce. “It was really nice, if somewhat bittersweet, to say goodbye to Ranmoor,” said Sara Hilditch, who worked as a tutor and warden at the hall for 11 years. “I’ve had a long association with Ranmoor and it’s strange to think that the buildings that hold so many memories for me will disappear. But I’m sure that the new student accommodation will be absolutely fantastic.”

Adrian Hall, the first student resident of Ranmoor in 1968, shared his experiences of arriving three weeks before everyone else to set up the Junior Common Room. He also told the audience of the early Ranmoorians’ delight at being in one of the first mixed-gender halls of residence, saying that despite the sexes being segregated there was plenty of interaction between the two!

We have rescued 12 bricks from the demolition of Ranmoor! They are now on sale to the 12 highest bidders – proceeds to go to the Alumni Fund (the bricks must be collected from the Development and Alumni Relations Office). Please submit your bid via email to alumni@sheffield.ac.uk by 31 October 2008, with ‘Ranmoor brick auction’ in the Subject line. We will inform the winners by email.
Compelling plots, a brilliant eye for detail and a mesmerising lead character have all ensured that Lee has been top of the best-selling charts in over 50 countries – and a more modest and charming man you could not expect to meet.

“What brings you to New York?” he asks Keith, as we order blue cheese burgers and Rolling Rock beer. “To see you,” Keith replies, and goes on to explain how one of his top priorities as our new Vice-Chancellor is to engage with as many alumni as possible and share with them the successes of our University. Lee seems genuinely touched.

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redundant in the mid-1990s as part of a company restructuring."

It was at this point Lee underwent his *carpe diem* moment. He decided to become an author, secured an agent and started to write the manuscript of the first Reacher novel, *Killing Floor*, "in pencil on my kitchen table".

It was a huge success, noted (as are all his books) for their brilliant evocation of contemporary American culture and *mores*. When critics discovered that they were written by an Englishman, they were amazed. Yet Lee is extremely modest about his achievements. "I don't go in for literary pretensions at all. The basic premise of Reacher is an age-old one: the loner, with no ties, who drifts into your life, changes it dramatically and then just as quickly disappears."

Yet it is precisely the literary qualities combined with page-turning thrills that make Lee's books so addictive.

Over dessert and coffee, Lee tells us how fond he is of Sheffield. He met his wife Jane (BA Archaeology 1975) whilst studying here and his brother, who is also a writer, still lives in the city. He agrees to return to the University in November to participate in a crime fiction festival, and he also intends to leave his archive to the University Library.

As the temperature plunges still further, and we move on to a Reacher-type bar – the famous Stonewall on Christopher Street – I begin to think about the number of people whose lives have been touched by a Reacher novel. The next day I have a graphic illustration of the books' impact.

Keith and his wife Anne invite Lee and Jane to dine with them at the University Club off Fifth Avenue. Lee, knowing I have read all 11 books and am counting down the days to the March 2008 launch of the 12th – *Nothing to Lose*, most kindly gives me an advance copy. (It takes Reacher in a new direction, the fall out from the Iraq war.)

As we are collecting our coats after the meal, the attendant observes to Anne that I have been jealously guarding a copy of a Lee Child. "He's my favourite author," he says. "That man changed my life. When I first came to the States I was learning to read and it was his books that cracked it for me." The look of amazement on his face when it was revealed that he had just handed his hero his coat is priceless. For a Professor of English, it is also a wonderful reminder of the enduring power of words.

**Professor Dominic Shellard is Pro Vice-Chancellor for External Affairs, with a special interest in alumni relations. He would be delighted to receive your responses to this article (d.m.shellard@sheffield.ac.uk).**

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**Win a signed copy of Bad Luck and Trouble**

Answer the following question:
What is the name of Lee Child's first Jack Reacher book?

Email your answer to alumni@sheffield.ac.uk, citing 'Lee Child competition' in the Subject line.

Deadline: 31 October 2008

Professor Shellard will then pick the winning entry out of a hat and we will inform the lucky winner by email.
Alumni are very powerful ambassadors for us, because it is their place, it is their University. They have a deep insight into what it is like to be here. Their time as students has had an enormous impact on their lives. One of the greatest pleasures I have had, in recent months, has been talking to alumni and understanding what the University was to them. It is crucial that we involve alumni in our ambitions and aspirations.

We need to be listening carefully to our alumni, asking what they think is important for the University to do. Alumni have their own experiences which can be of great benefit to us and our students; they can help us navigate a very challenging and changing world. Having friends across the world encourages us to be a truly successful, international university.

I hope our alumni will see the financial support many of them provide – and may be thinking about providing – is a real material benefit for current students. It is very much like a family providing for its next generation, and continuing to feel warm about it because they share the traditions, the experience and become part of it.

I favour funding scholarships initially because these affect students’ lives directly. It is where you change the experience someone has, and change their whole future. If people feel there are other ways they can give to the University – it might be art, or time, or involvement in capital projects – that would be fantastic. I think the first priority is the people. There is no better way to build the University than by supporting individuals.

There is an enormous difference between the financial experiences of current students and my experiences as a student – they have fees to pay and money to borrow. There is greater expectation for individuals to pay for their own education now, and this has put enormous pressure on some people. Having talked to our scholarship students, I know that the financial support has been of great importance to them. By making it possible for intelligent people to be able to come to the University, no matter what their circumstances, we change their lives and we also enhance the University. We build up intellectual breadth and, in so doing, we are able to benefit the rest of the community, locally, nationally and internationally, as well.

As the new Chief Executive Officer of the University of Sheffield, Vice-Chancellor Professor Keith Burnett is committed to maintaining links with graduates around the world.
Keeping it personal

The Alumni Fund telephone campaign keeps graduates in touch with what is happening at their University. Each year a dedicated team of student callers pick up the phones and talk to Sheffield alumni from all walks of life and degree backgrounds.

The Alumni Fund encourages charitable giving to the University and raises around £150,000 each year. The funds are used to finance undergraduate and postgraduate scholarships worth up to £2,000 each, as well as library and IT equipment and grants for student clubs and societies.

One member of the calling team is also a scholarship holder. Julia McClure is in her first year studying for an MA in Medieval History. As a scholarship holder, she is in a perfect position to tell alumni what a difference their donations make. “I really enjoy being part of the alumni fundraising team,” she says. “I knew I was working for a good cause and I like being up to date with the alumni projects and telling former students all about them.

“Continuing my research in Medieval History wouldn’t have been possible without the scholarship I received from the Alumni Fund. The £2,000 has allowed me to reduce the number of hours I work in my various jobs and still pay my rent. The alleviation of financial pressure has allowed me to invest more time and concentration into my research.”

Another member of the calling team, Stephen Pillinger, a third-year student of biblical studies and philosophy, sees the telephone campaign from a donor’s point of view. He has joined the Silver Arrows Circle, the Gift Club that recognises people who show their support for the University by making a regular donation. He explains, “It is easy to think of the Alumni Fund as ‘just another charity’ asking for money but in my opinion the effect universities have on our country is profound.

“This is a very good university with an inspiring history and I am glad to support the Fund myself in whatever way I can. My years in Sheffield have positively been my best so far, and I could think of no job I would rather do than to give something back to the University by getting involved with the telephone campaign.”

So, the next time you receive a call from a student from Sheffield, please take some time to have a chat about your experiences at the University, update any of your details and, if you can, make a donation to the Alumni Fund.

We would like to say a big thank you to the local businesses that have shown their generosity to the Alumni Fund by joining our Supporting Business Programme. Our special thanks go to Cadbury Trebor Bassett Sheffield for their support for the telephone campaign this year.

For further details of the Alumni Fund, contact: Ruth Stanley, Head of Annual Giving
Tel: 0114 222 1075
Email: r.e.stanley@sheffield.ac.uk

Calling team members Julia McClure and Stephen Pillinger.
Careers services across the UK are undergoing massive changes and the University of Sheffield is leading the way in the higher education sector. Gone are the dusty folders and left-over recruitment brochures from last year’s milkround. Instead, students now access a range of high-tech services. And alumni can get involved too. Careers adviser Marcus Zientek explains how.

The developments include web-based services such as online practice selection tests, careers DVDs on CampusTV, and podcast-style careers talks. Not that the human touch has been lost, though. Information staff and advisers are also accessible in a variety of ways, both in the Service’s new home on Glossop Road, and in the Jobshop, the drop-in student jobs facility in the Students’ Union.

Part of the strategy is to bring Sheffield alumni back to campus to talk to today’s students about their jobs and how they got them. Events featuring graduates as speakers include the popular evening occupational panels and the lunchtime ‘Day in the life of…’ series.

“We are always looking for alumni who are interested in using their experience to help current students make career decisions,” explains Gill Anderson, Administration Manager. Gill’s employer liaison team develops relationships with employers, which are essential to maintaining Sheffield’s high profile. The team is always pleased to hear from alumni who are in a position to recruit from the University.

Increasing the employability of Sheffield’s students is at the heart of the Service’s work, from helping students benefit from any work experience, to encouraging them to see the value of extra-curricular activities such as student societies and volunteering. Director of the Service Steve Fish points to initiatives such as the Degrees with Employment Experience scheme and the Sheffield Graduate Award, both of which help students prove their value to potential employers.

“Degrees with Employment Experience gives our students the chance to include a year’s employment within their course programmes,” says Steve. “The Sheffield Graduate Award means students can get recognition for the skills gained at University outside a degree, in areas such as enterprise, work experience, volunteering and cultural awareness. It’s fantastic to see the enthusiasm of our alumni who get involved with the Service and our initiatives. And our alumni of the future are definitely making the most of what we have to offer.”
Zander Mills (BA Journalism 2005)

Senior Account Executive, HR Media Ltd, Sheffield
Occupational Panel member: Careers in Journalism and PR

“The support I received at the University was excellent and I wanted to give something back. In particular, I wanted to do something to raise the profile of my department, Journalism Studies, whose exceptional support and guidance set me on my career path. I hoped my contribution was especially relevant because I had graduated recently. You go to university thinking you’ll find all the answers, but in reality it’s only the start of lots of questions and uncertainty about your future. Events like this offer students some reassurance, ideas and guidance and that is why I will always be more than happy to contribute.”

Sally Millen (BA Accounting and Financial Management 2005)

Trainee Chartered Accountant, Hawsons Chartered Accountants, Sheffield
Occupational Panel member: Careers in Accountancy

“When I was deciding which route into accounting to take, a real life account of a ‘day in the life of’ would have assisted me greatly, as well as having direct comparisons of the different areas and professional qualifications. The event was well attended and there were plenty of questions at the end. My firm has also been involved in the University Careers Fair and has attended networking sessions with students. All these events enable students to develop their knowledge and understanding about the different opportunities available and so increase their employability.”

Adam Oxley (BA Journalism 2005)

Communications, Engagement and Marketing Officer, South Yorkshire Police, Rotherham
Speaker at a PR and Advertising careers event

“I feel I owe the University a debt of gratitude after my degree. So when I was asked to attend the PR and Advertising event I was more than happy, if a little nervous, to give students an insight into my role. You can’t beat first-hand experience of any profession and the talks I heard whilst studying were invaluable when making career decisions. No matter how much theory you read, until you know what happens ‘in the real world’ you can’t really gauge whether a particular job is right for you.”

Get involved

If you would like to be involved in the evening occupational panels or the lunchtime ‘Day in the life of...’ series, please contact Pete Lord, Information Officer, at careers@sheffield.ac.uk.

The Career Service’s website has a dedicated section for employers, outlining the ways recruiters can publicise their internships, placements or graduate jobs and also raise their profile with students in all years of study. Visit www.sheffield.ac.uk/careers for full details.
Some of the worst flooding ever experienced by Sheffield was caused by the unprecedented heavy rainfall of 25 June 2007. Many parts of the city were disrupted and the recovery programme is still underway.

Roads became torrents, rivers burst their banks and the transport network was badly affected. A large section of the M1 was closed due to concerns that the dam of Rotherham’s Ulley Reservoir would collapse. Tragically, two Sheffield residents lost their lives during the floods.

The affected areas of the city were the Wicker, Hillsborough, Middlewood, Malin Bridge, Ecclesfield, Chapeltown, Kelham Island, Riverside Exchange, Burncross, Neepsend, Wincobank, Meadowhall, Oughtibridge, Fir Vale, Stocksbridge and the Upper and Lower Don Valley – 1,260 homes and many businesses were damaged, as were the A61 and the A6102.

"June 2007 was the wettest month in Sheffield since records began 125 years ago," says Richard Ashley, Professor of Urban Water in the Department of Civil and Structural Engineering. "The ground was sodden and all open storage facilities were full. Developments within the Don Valley have closed down the flood plain and there isn’t enough capacity in the pipe drainage system."

Professor Ashley is a specialist adviser to the Cabinet Office and has recently co-authored a report, State of the Nation: Coastal and Flood Risk Management, for the Institution of Civil Engineers.

"In England, we have one of the most complicated systems for managing flood risk in the world," he explains. "The Environment Agency deals with river flooding; the water companies with sewer flooding; local authorities with planning, land drainage and emergency planning; and property and land owners are responsible for drains and other parts of the system. These arrangements are complicating an effective response to the challenges. We need a single agency to take control of flood risk management, with a long term strategy backed by secure funding."

"The floods of last summer highlighted the vulnerability of the UK’s critical infrastructure to natural hazards. We need to accept the fact that we are now at increased risk from serious regular flooding. We can’t re-engineer the existing infrastructure; it will take decades to work through the planning system. However, the civil engineering profession can offer effective, adaptable and sustainable flood protection – and has regularly alerted the government to the dangers of the current disjointed and disorganised system."

"Technically, we know exactly what to do to alleviate the impact of flooding. What we need is joined-up thinking by government – we can’t be too radical."

Pennine Water Group (PWG)
The PWG aims to advance engineering and scientific knowledge across all aspects of drinkable water, stormwater and wastewater service provision and management of associated assets. It is based at the Universities of Sheffield and Bradford and is headed by Professor Richard Ashley as Managing Director and Professor Adrian Saul as Research Director. A range of expertise, including engineering, economics and bio-chemistry, sociology and psychology, enables researchers to develop innovative perspectives, solutions and techniques and to inform policy. The PWG is an Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council-funded Platform Grant centre.

www.sheffield.ac.uk/penninewatergroup
The Edge

Introducing a new concept in student living.

The creation of a ‘student village’ at Endcliffe and Ranmoor is well underway, the result of the University’s most ambitious attempt yet to rethink its residential strategy. The £160 million project is due for completion in 2009, but students are already benefiting from the first phase of the developments.

The Edge is the focal point of the Endcliffe Village and opened for the first time to students at the beginning of the 2007-08 academic year. Adjacent to new residential blocks, all named after the edges in the Derbyshire Peak District, the building has a dual purpose, acting as a social and welfare facility and as a conference venue for the University and external clients.

The facilities include a dining room, bar, cafe, 60-seat IT space, laundrette, a flexible meeting space, and a Customer Services desk which is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The building is equipped with the latest technology including WiFi, plasma screens and a DJ area. The Edge also hosts activities and events, linking in with the Give It A Go! programme organised by the Students’ Union.

The central location of The Edge ensures that all students living in the village have easy access to the building’s services, catering and social facilities. The Residential Support Team, which includes students themselves and is managed by Accommodation and Campus Services (ACS), provides welfare support. Tom Bramall, the Students’ Union Welfare Officer 2007-08, says, “The Edge is a fantastic addition to the accommodation provision at the University. It’s great to see the new site being used and the sense of community already developing. The ‘village’ system means that self-catered and catered students can come together with The Edge as the focus. The activities and events programme is adding to the sense of community.”

“Student accommodation is changing,” adds Pat McGrath, Director of ACS. “We’ve moved away from the halls of residence with wardens and tutors. We now offer residential support rather than pastoral care. It’s a really positive move by the University and the community feeling can only grow as the Endcliffe Village is completed and the Ranmoor development gets under way.”

Belay Betty and Belay Bob

The Edge was the venue for the launch of two speciality beers created by staff and students, developed in partnership with local brewers Thornbridge. The initiative, BrewTeam07, aimed to educate students in the ancient art of beer brewing. Now on sale across the campus, Belay Betty and Belay Bob have won a Society of Independent Brewers Business Award.
Beyond the book

Professor Wilf Saunders (1920-2007) was a pioneer in the development of librarianship and information science. A survivor of the Dunkirk evacuation, he made a lasting contribution to his profession, both in this country and overseas.

Professor Saunders was the founding Director of the Postgraduate School of Librarianship at Sheffield, which was established in 1963 as only the second university school of its kind. It has gradually been transformed into today's highly rated Department of Information Studies. He was appointed Professor in 1968 and Emeritus Professor on his retirement in 1982.

"To Sheffield students and colleagues," says Peter Willett, Professor of Information Science, "Wilf and his wife Joan always gave the most generous hospitality, creating the social atmosphere in which our work could flourish. He was determined to break the mould of traditional education for librarianship, recognising that the librarians of the future had to be numerate as well as literate. Considerable emphasis was laid by the School on the application of computers to library and information work. Pioneer courses in information studies were introduced covering the whole spectrum of knowledge across sciences, technology, humanities and social sciences."

Wilf Saunders began his career in Birmingham Reference Library in 1936. During World War II he was first a Territorial in the 48th Division Signals. He was posted to France in 1940 as a wireless operator, part of the British Expeditionary Force, and was involved in the retreat to Dunkirk. His diary of this difficult time was a principal source for the Bafta-winning BBC docudrama Dunkirk, first shown in 2004. He subsequently served in North Africa and Italy, finishing the war as a Staff Captain at the Allied Headquarters of Field Marshal Earl Alexander of Tunis.

On his return from military service he studied economics at Cambridge University. He then continued his professional career as Deputy Librarian at the Institute of Bankers, moving in 1949 to be the founding Librarian of the University of Birmingham's Institute of Education, followed by Sheffield, as Deputy University Librarian, in 1956.

His expertise in manpower planning, education and training was called upon by universities, governments and professional organisations in five continents. Many of his assignments were undertaken on behalf of the British Council and UNESCO, including the creation of China's first postgraduate programme in information studies.

When the Library and Information Services Council was set up in 1981 to advise the Minister for the Arts, Professor Saunders was appointed as its first chairman. He was also a member of the Lord Chancellor's Advisory Council on Public Records and served as President of the Library Association in 1980. He was appointed CBE in 1982 and awarded an honorary doctorate (LittD) by the University of Sheffield in 1989.

"The contributions Wilf Saunders made to librarianship and information science are of great significance – locally, nationally and internationally," concludes Professor Willett.
Award-winning photographer Simon Roberts (BA Human Geography 1996) spent a day at the University on 11 March 2008. We commissioned him to take a collection of photographs of his old department in its centenary year. See the results overleaf.

“I found it a rewarding experience to return to the department,” explains Simon, "and to explore the place through my photography. Coming back 12 years later as a non-student I found that I was drawn more to the staff and their relationship with the building, rather than the students. In documenting the department I was trying to respond to my memories of the place, recalling how I had initially experienced the building and to explore how that had changed with time.

"Despite the very formal and contained nature of the building's physical structure, the research and learning that goes on inside is very contemporary. In some ways geography is quite an amorphous subject. While many associate it with maps or soil, the subject crosses many disciplines and is making important contributions to topical issues like immigration, climate change, consumption and cultural studies.

"The highlight for me was regaining a connection with a subject that I had found very rewarding to study. While my degree has, to some extent, informed my work as a photographer, I aim now to consciously embrace the subject in my future artistic practice. My new project – *We English* – will certainly benefit from a deeper exploration into the current academic thought in cultural geography."

I was trying to respond to my memories of the place
Celebrating its centenary in 2008, the Department of Geography is well-established as one of the top ten geography departments in the UK. Its origins lie in the recognition of a degree within the Faculty of Pure Science in the autumn of 1908 and the appointment of a lecturer, RN Rudmose Brown. It is now one of the largest departments in the country in terms of undergraduate numbers with over 30 full-time academic staff, including nine professors, spread over human and physical geography. Geography is housed in an award-winning, purpose-built building, which opened in 1970.

Photographer Simon Roberts (BA Human Geography 1996) comments on his images of the department (also see page 17).

Above The decorated doors to Dr Robert Bryant’s and Professor Nicky Gregson’s offices perhaps provide signs to their research interests?

1 Left: Dr Dan Vickers in his office. A sign pinned to the wall states ‘Research, Research, Research’ and a few mascots grace the top of his computer screen.

2 Left: Professor Danny Dorling in his office. Wedged behind his computer screen is a 40th birthday balloon.

3 Left: Professor Peter Jackson’s office wall with academic books, postcards and paintings by his children.

Right: Professor Danny Dorling’s bookshelf decorated with certificates and a few bottles of wine and beer.

4 On entering the seminar room for their ‘Research Design in Human Geographies’ workshop the students automatically split themselves into a male/female divide in choosing which tables to sit at; the course leaders Matt Collins and Anna Krzywoszynska had to encourage gender mixing.

One of the top ten geography departments in the UK.

Photographer Simon Roberts

Credit: Simon Roberts.
Ruling the airwaves

As Head of Music at Radio 1, Sheffield graduate George Ergatoudis (BA Architecture 1986) has a huge influence on the tastes of a generation of music lovers. Claire Rundström, Development Manager for Alumni Relations, discusses his passion for music and his rise to one of the top positions in music radio.

George is passionate about music. Even after almost 20 years in the radio industry he still gets a buzz out of discovering the next big thing. And as Head of Music at Radio 1 he is lucky enough to be able to indulge his passion and get paid for it!

With responsibility for the whole of the daytime music played on Radio 1, it is George who decides which artists the station does or doesn’t support. As a result he spends hours each week listening to all sorts of music and seeing live bands. He says, "I think I have some kind of instinct about potential new stars and it’s partly to spot something that is genuinely different and partly to spot something that is going to click with a lot of people."

Within three years George had helped launch new digital radio station 1Xtra and was in charge of its music policy. He started his current job in 2005. "For me, the opportunity to find an act that you are passionate about and to be able to give people the chance to hear new music is amazing. If you love music this is one of the top jobs you can get.”

I have some kind of instinct about potential new stars

profile.jpg
In this Olympic year, Jessica Ennis (BA Psychology 2007) is making great strides in her challenge to be the world’s best heptathlete.

Sheffield-based Jessica has the essential ambition of a top competitor – “to be one of the greatest British athletes”. She is being touted as ‘one of our brightest Olympic prospects’ in the press and already has her eyes firmly set on the London games of 2012. “I’ll be 26 then and at the peak of my career,” she explains. “London will be massive and I definitely want to be part of it.”

In the meantime, there’s the tough challenge of the Beijing Olympics in August 2008, for which she has already qualified. One of Jessica’s main rivals – defending champion Carolina Kluft – has dropped out of the heptathlon. However, she is taking a calm approach to the news: “There are a great deal of good athletes out there and gold is probably a bit too far out of my reach. I am not going to be thinking like that. But it would be amazing to come back with a medal.”

Jessica is already a household name in her home city. There are gigantic posters of her in the lobby of the English Institute of Sport on Coleridge Road. Her first season as a senior athlete was in 2006, and she achieved her first senior medal in her first major championships – a bronze at the Commonwealth Games in Melbourne.

At the British National Championships in 2007, and World Trials, Jessica won the 100m hurdles. Later in the same day, she won the high jump. At the following World Championships, she was the fastest of the heptathlon field in all three track events, setting a personal best of 12.97 seconds in the 100m hurdles. Overall, she finished fourth. Jessica then completed a fantastic year by winning the inaugural European Athletics Rising Star Award.

She also found time to graduate! “The Psychology Department was really supportive of me during my three years there,” says Jessica. “It was especially hard in the third year when I was working on my dissertation. I had to balance my academic work with training and technical work. I train six days a week, but luckily the degree was flexible in that I didn’t have to spend lots of time sitting in lectures. I’m really glad I did it. I met lots of people, and the University was a great help with funding when I competed at the World University Championships.”

Now in only her second year as a senior athlete and her first in the job full-time, Jessica is certainly one to watch over the coming months and years. Visit www.jessicennis.net to catch up on Jessica’s latest progress. The University of Sheffield is one of the sponsors of the website and Jessica would love to hear from any alumni who might also consider sponsoring her.

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Note perfect

Why does Sheffield have such a diverse and successful music scene?
In the year when the city is in the running for the accolade of Most Musical City from Arts Council England, figures from a range of musical backgrounds give their opinions.

**Martin Fry**

“Sheffield was magical in the late 1970s. I used to think they’d put something in the Ladybower Reservoir, there was so much music. You couldn’t not be in a band. Clock DVA, Def Leppard, Human League, thousands more. It was very competitive. It was a vibrant scene and NowSoc at the Union was very important. Those are the hardest gigs you’ll do, when you’re starting out, in front of your friends. It was a community; we supported each other, checked each other out. Now, looking at Arctic Monkeys and Reverend and the Makers, you can see the original writers and performers coming through. Music isn’t tucked away in a corner in Sheffield, it’s everywhere. There’s an attitude in the city – like it or lump it, this is what I do. That’s definitely what I felt, and feel, about ABC. The tradition of craftsmanship runs deep, otherwise you’d sell out.”

Martin Fry (BA English Literature 1979) released the latest ABC album, Traffic, in April and is on tour throughout the year. www.abcmartinfry.com

**Heather Fenoughty**

“I’m a product of the Sheffield Music Service, learning the guitar at St Joseph’s Primary in Handsworth. I learnt the violin privately whilst I was at All Saints Secondary School, and played in Sheffield City Youth Orchestra. I also attended the Sheffield Music School, which brought together talented young musicians from across the city. This experience was invaluable.

“I’d been composing since I was about 12 and decided to specialise when I finished my music degree at the University by gaining a place on the MA course in Composition at Bournemouth. I have since been creating music and sound for film, TV, theatre and multimedia. I’ve stayed in Sheffield – the creative life here is very dynamic.”

Heather Fenoughty (BMus Music 2000) is an award-winning composer. www.heather-fenoughty.com

**Dr David Patmore**

“There is an incredibly thriving amateur music scene in the city, livelier than it has been for a long time. There are several highly successful orchestras and choirs who perform here as well as tour in the UK and internationally. It’s a northern tradition, dating back to the nonconformist choirs of the 18th and 19th centuries. Sheffield has always been very strong in the amateur arts. And there has also been a reasonable level of civic consciousness, with local magnates subsidising art of every form.

“The city council developed a policy in the early 1980s to promote and foster the cultural and media industries as a key part of its economic regeneration strategy. The Red Tape Studios were opened in 1986, and were then Britain’s first municipal rehearsal, recording and sound training facility. Today the Cultural Industries Quarter is a thriving and growing area of the city centre.”

Dr David Patmore is a Research Associate with the Centre for the History and Analysis of Record Music and Director of the MSc in Music Management at the University of Sheffield. www.sheffield.ac.uk/music

Dr David Patmore
Ciaran Jones

“I think the success of Sheffield bands over the last few years is partly a reaction against the London-centric nature of the music business. Bands like Arctic Monkeys and Reverend and the Makers have deliberately kept their Sheffield accents. There’s a strong cultural identity in the city. The scope of live music is fantastic, with plenty of venues – the Leadmill, the Harley, the Plug, the Octagon and the Academy. It’s an organic process; there’s a feeling of mutual support amongst bands. It’s a collaborative process. It’s also a northern thing – the camaraderie, working together, not being out for yourself.”

Ciaran Jones (2nd year student, English Language and Literature), Music Editor, Sheffield Steel Press

Mark Roberts

“There’s a great support network for bands and recent national successes have helped focus the attention of the London industry on the city. Sheffield has a unique musical history compared to other northern cities. I think this has helped keep new music coming through – and it’s also attracted musicians from other cities. It’s a melting pot. Any one musician seems to be in numerous bands and different musical influences can help people be more creative.

“There’s a quote from Richard Hawley: “You know the Little Mesters? The people that forged all the cutlery? They were fiercely independent and quite secretive and somehow this attitude has seeped into the music.” I think any underground or local scene is by definition independent. It has to be to survive. Maybe some of Sheffield’s social history has filtered through to musicians but also the one thing that Sheffield really lacks is its own music industry. There’s only a handful of managers, a couple of (very well respected) labels but not enough, and as for the peripheries then we lack live agents, PR agents, music lawyers and the like. Maybe it’s more as a result of this that musicians and bands get on and promote themselves.”

Mark’s top Sheffield artists
Arctic Monkeys
Reverend and the Makers
The Long Blondes
65 Days of Static
Richard Hawley

Breakthrough artists
Little Lost David
Green Man Says Go
And, of course, Mark’s band Watch This Fire Spread

Mark Roberts (BA Business Studies 2001) is editor and publisher of Sandman Magazine, a free monthly music magazine. www.sandmanmagazine.co.uk

Tracy Johnston

“Sheffield has a wealth of offerings for all tastes from the Hallam FM Arena, the new Carling Academy and the Octagon, which attract some of the biggest names in rock and pop, to City Hall with their international standard series of orchestral music. For world acclaimed opera, ballet and theatre you need look no further than the Crucible and Lyceum Theatres and, for something smaller and more intimate, Sheffield is also home to the largest promoter of chamber music outside of London, Music in the Round. If you can’t find anything for you then you can’t be looking hard enough!”

Tracy Johnston (BMus Music 2001) is the Concert Manager of Music in the Round. www.musicintheround.co.uk
Global perspective

Dreams really do come true

Caezaan Keshvani is in his first year of a Biomedical Science degree at the University. His journey to Sheffield from his home country of India was unusual, to say the least. He won a reality TV show. The prize? – a £55,000 scholarship to study at Sheffield.

“The idea came from New Delhi TV,” explains Professor Matthew Holley, Head of the Department of Biomedical Science. “Why did we do it? Well, India is an important country for our overseas recruitment – there are many well-educated students there who want to study in the UK. The exposure that the programme, over 35 episodes, could give us was phenomenal. I soon realised that two subjects are of great interest in India – education and quiz shows. Airtel Scholar Hunt: Destination UK brought them together.”

There were thousands of entries to the show and 400 applicants were selected to reach the second stage. “We set A level standard questions, approved by Edexcel,” says Professor Holley. “The 40 candidates with the highest scores were interviewed on camera and 20 were selected for the televised quiz rounds. I was adamant that, while only one of the 40 would win, the remaining 39 were treated with understanding and were left with the best possible impression of the University of Sheffield. There was no negativity, the film crew and producers supported us all the way. They also came to Sheffield and took extensive footage around the campus.”

By the time Caezaan came out on top of his group he had faced a series of challenges, including three quiz rounds and a competitive task designed to test his skills and aptitude. The final quiz took place in a glass chamber where he had just one minute to answer four questions including a mathematical calculation.

Professor Holley and his colleague Dr Anil Sahal learnt a massive amount from the experience. “Students in India are highly motivated and are looking for opportunities to further their studies and progress well in the job market. I knew that we had selected a good candidate when Caezaan emerged as the triumphant winner. He is proving to be an excellent student and has come through the first set of examinations with the highest marks in his year.”

Caezaan is settling into University life: “The practicals that we perform are very absorbing and we feel like small scientists exploring the intricacies of the human body. We work with different techniques and instruments like genetic markers and I realise how fortunate I am to be actually working with them rather then just reading about them in books. I truly enjoy and live to the fullest every moment of my student life at Sheffield.”
Education leader receives honorary degree

Datuk Zamani Mohamad Noor received an honorary doctorate (LittD) from the University at a degree ceremony in Kuala Lumpur. The ceremony also gave the opportunity for 52 local students, who completed various degree programmes at the University, to be presented to the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Keith Burnett.

Datuk Zamani Mohamad Noor has played a significant role in education during his distinguished career at Majlis Amanah Rakyat, otherwise known as MARA. MARA focuses its energies in two main areas – the education and training of students in Malaysian and overseas institutions, and the acquisition of entrepreneurial skills at all stages of the education process. Professor Burnett comments, "The University of Sheffield is proud of its many links with Malaysia in teaching and research and of its long-standing partnership with MARA in education and training. MARA-sponsored students contribute greatly to the University's status as a world-class institution and to the richness and diversity of life on the Sheffield campus."

Our Greek connection

The University strengthened its links with its Greek partner, CITY College, at a degree ceremony held at the Thessaloniki Concert Hall, Thessaloniki. Over 250 students were presented with their degrees in a ceremony which also included the presentation of honorary degrees to Her Royal Highness Crown Princess Katherine (LittD), for her humanitarian activities throughout the former Yugoslavia, and internationally renowned film director, Theo Angelopoulos (LittD).

The ceremony also saw the award of the first doctorates to students who have undertaken their studies at the South East European Research Centre (SEERC) in Thessaloniki. SEERC is a unique collaboration between the University and CITY College which seeks to promote research capacity in the region.

In 1993, the University of Sheffield and CITY College signed an official agreement that allowed the College to assume responsibility for running a number of University-validated undergraduate and postgraduate courses in Thessaloniki. The high academic standards achieved by the collaboration during the following years led to the official recognition of CITY as an Affiliated Institution of the University of Sheffield in 1997.

Visit by Sheikh of Sharjah

The University is strengthening its links with Sharjah in the United Arab Emirates and we were delighted to receive a visit by HH The Sheikh of Sharjah in June 2007. He signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the University.

Funding boost to Japanese Studies

The National Institute of Japanese Studies, a joint initiative between the Universities of Sheffield and Leeds, as part of the White Rose East Asia Centre, has received grants from The Nippon Foundation and the Great Britain Sasakawa Foundation. They will help support the Institute's role as the focus for research and postgraduate training on Japan and as a national resource for the Japanese studies community.

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Dr Duco van Oostrum

Dr Duco van Oostrum, a senior lecturer in the School of English Literature, Language and Linguistics, received a National Teaching Fellowship award in 2007 for his excellence in teaching. Since joining the University in 1995, Duco, a specialist in American studies, has developed numerous academic modules and is best known for his use of IT and Virtual Learning Environments as tools to enhance student engagement. He has also designed cross-cultural elements to his American sports literature and film module, making it possible for his students to exchange ideas with students at the University of Maine in America and meet professional American basketball players in the classroom.

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This is the second accolade Duco has won during his career at the University. He was awarded a University Senate Award for his work in 2003 and was also the first Academic Fellow at CILASS (Centre for Inquiry-based Learning in the Arts and Social Sciences) in 2006-07.

Carol Barnes

A familiar face to millions in the UK, Carol Barnes (BA 1965) was a TV newscaster and journalist. She died aged 63 in March this year, following a stroke. In a career spanning 29 years with the ITV news company, she also played a central role in covering major national events, among them general elections, budgets, royal weddings and funerals. She was voted Newscaster of the Year in 1994.

She studied English, French and Spanish at the University and caused quite a stir with her miniskirts and other Carnaby Street outfits. One friend recalled: “She was the trendiest girl in Sheffield – she always wore the right clothes, hair and makeup and, coming from London, she was always the first to try a new fashion. The rest of us were rather in awe of her.”

Carol remembered her student days with fondness: “I adopted a sort of work hard, play hard philosophy. I enjoyed myself but at the same time I made sure I turned the work in. I was to be seen in the Union bar most evenings, drinking pints and sometimes playing bridge. I also sang with the University rock band a couple of times!”

However, Blerta had problems securing the necessary funding. The University’s Development and Alumni Relations Office put her in touch with a Sheffield medical graduate who wanted to give £5,000 to support a medical student. “I have met my donor,” said Blerta. “As a doctor herself, she knows what it’s like to undertake this degree, and her help has been marvellous. I want to work, to contribute, and when I qualify I’d love to stay in England.”

Blerta Ilazi

A refugee from Kosovo, Blerta Ilazi came to the UK eight years ago, with no knowledge of English or the culture. “During the war I worked as a volunteer nurse in the refugee camp, where I cared for many people struggling with the physical and psychological trauma of the war. Their courage and willingness to continue fighting despite diminishing hopes reinforced my enthusiasm to become a doctor.”

Blerta was rescued by the British army and brought to Sheffield. She studied English and completed a health and science access course, and then the Advanced Diploma in Nursing at the University. She followed this by applying to study medicine and was accepted on to the degree.

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Simon Pope

A PhD student in the Space Systems Group within the University’s Department of Automatic Control and Systems Engineering, Simon Pope (MEng Mechanical Systems Engineering 2004) has played a unique role in Venus Express, the current European Space Agency mission to Venus. He has been named full co-investigator for the magnetometer instrument, and is the only UK student with this status.

Simon has been working on a magnetometer experiment since the second year of his postgraduate studies. Venus Express was launched in 2005 and successfully reached Venusian orbit in 2006. Exciting phenomena have been discovered and investigated using the data returned from the spacecraft.

These results include previously unknown information about how the fast plasma flow emitted by the Sun interacts with an unmagnetised planet – details which can only be understood because of the high quality of the magnetic field experiment on board.

Funded by the Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council, Simon’s contribution was to develop techniques to separate the natural magnetic field from spacecraft generated interference. He says, “For a PhD student to be involved with such a unique problem is a fantastic opportunity. The systems based approach I have learnt in the department has been crucial to my success.”

Professor Pamela Shaw

Head of the Academic Neurology Unit in the School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences, Professor Shaw is a leading expert in motor neurone disease (MND). She is overseeing the development of the planned Sheffield Institute for Translational Neuroscience, an £18 million complex which is set to become a world centre for research into MND.

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"We are planning to open the Institute next year and the Sheffield Institute Foundation for Motor Neurone Disease is overseeing our fundraising activities. The University is also providing financial support, and the new building will be located on Dorset Street, near the Royal Hallamshire Hospital.”

Professor Sir Anthony Bottoms

Professor Bottoms received a lifetime achievement award from the European Society of Criminology in 2007. The selection committee cited his “deep personal commitment to social justice and willingness to engage with public issues”. This honour follows a number of others, including a knighthood in 2001 for services to the criminal justice system.

Professor Bottoms joined the School of Law in 1968 and was the University’s first specialist lecturer in criminology. He went on to become Dean of the Faculty of Law in 1981. In 1984, he took up a professorship at the University of Cambridge, but continued to have research links with Sheffield and in 2002 he returned as a part-time Professorial Fellow. He retired last December and was appointed Honorary Professor of Criminology for three years. He is currently involved in a project on crime among young adult persistent offenders and continues to focus on his research interests of the distribution of crime and victimisation in different social areas of Sheffield.

“I rejoice in the continued vitality of the School of Law, and of the thriving Centre for Criminological Research. The number of staff and students has grown hugely since 1968, but there remains a collective determination to achieve the highest standards, whilst always remembering that law and criminology impact in a very practical way on people’s lives.”
Alumni services and benefits

The University of Sheffield offers a range of services and benefits exclusively to our alumni.

**Services**

- **Free annual Your University magazine.**
- **Sheffield Reunited** – our online alumni directory.
- **Reunions and events** – we can help you with your reunion in a variety of ways, from offering advice on the type of event and venues, to publicising the event and putting you in touch with old friends.

**Benefits**

You can take advantage of a range of Sheffield Alumni offers that we have negotiated for you. For some of these benefits you may need to show your Alumni Membership Card. If you have not received your membership card, please contact the Alumni Relations team and we will be happy to send you your card.

- **Library services** – we offer a free External Borrower Service at the Western Bank Library to alumni with undergraduate or higher degrees from the University.
- **Sports facilities** – special discounted membership rates are available for alumni at all the USport sport facilities.
- **IT discounts**
  - **Viglen Sheffield Alumni Programme** – Viglen offer alumni discounts on a wide range of their IT products. Please visit www.viglen.co.uk/specialoffers/sheffield or call 08705 386 386, quoting ‘ST015-S’.

**Hotel discounts**

- **Mercure St Paul’s Hotel and Spa, Sheffield** – alumni receive a discounted rate of £115 per room, per night on a standard double/twin room. Please call 0114 252 4000 and quote ‘Sheffield University’.
- **The Leopold Hotel, Sheffield** – the new boutique hotel in the former Central Technical School has the special rate for alumni of £95 B&B for a standard double room. Please call 0114 266 4411, quoting ‘Sheffield University’.
- **The Rutland Hotel, Sheffield** – alumni are entitled to discounted rates. Please email reservations@rutlandhotel-sheffield.com or call the hotel on 0114 222 8991/8910 for details.
- **InterContinental Hotels Group** – alumni enjoy a 25% discount off B&B weekend stays at over 300 participating Crowne Plaza, Holiday Inn and Express by Holiday Inn hotels throughout the UK, Europe and the Middle East. To book from the UK call 0870 400 8135, to book from the Republic of Ireland call 1-800 55 31 55, to book from Europe call 0800 185 2428. Remember to quote ‘Exclusive Rate’.
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- **Avis Rent A Car** – Avis is offering alumni preferential discounted car rental rates worldwide. To book please call 0844 581 0136, quoting your Discount Number ‘AWD X225266’.
- **Students’ Union Lifetime Membership** – for just £10 you can get lifetime membership of the Students’ Union. This gives you access to the Union building and facilities including club nights and bars, enables you to sign a friend into the Union and you can join your favourite Union society. Visit www.sheffield.ac.uk/union/about/lifemembership/ for an application form.

**Find a friend** – if you’d like to get in touch with an old University friend, we may be able to help.
- **Sheffield Alumni Bulletin** – regular e-newsletter with the latest news and events.
- **Careers Service** – the University’s Careers Service can provide recent graduates with a range of careers advice. Visit www.sheffield.ac.uk/careers.
- **Firth Court weddings** – a stunning venue for your special day. Contact Deborah Tilbrook or Katy Alcock for details on 0114 222 8991/8910.
- **International Alumni loyalty discounts for further study** – the University is committed to rewarding the loyalty of our international alumni who have graduated with undergraduate degrees and intend to pursue further studies at this University. Rewards worth £1,000 per year of study are available for all international University of Sheffield graduates for up to three years of study. For details, please contact our Scholarship Secretary, Sarah Bramall, at s.bramall@sheffield.ac.uk.

Visit www.sheffield.ac.uk/alumni/services to keep up to date with the latest range of services and benefits available and for further details on all of the above.

**Remember** – we can only keep you informed of what’s on offer if you stay in touch! So please make sure we’ve got your current contact details by completing the enclosed questionnaire, update online at www.sheffield.ac.uk/alumni/keepintouch or contact alumni@sheffield.ac.uk, tel: 0114 222 1079.
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• **Annual Alumni Reunion, Saturday 13 September 2008, on campus**
  All alumni are welcome to come back to the University, especially those from the anniversary years of 1948, 1958, 1968, 1978 and 1983. Tours and activities during the day will be followed by a dinner in Firth Hall. Email alumni@sheffield.ac.uk or call 0114 222 1079 for further details.

• **Convocation NW Branch Annual Lunch, Sunday 28 September 2008, Old Hall Hotel, Buxton**
  Please contact Branch Secretary Joan Evans on 0151 334 1299 if you wish to attend.

• **House of Lords Alumni Drinks’ Reception, Wednesday 1 October 2008, London**
  Alumni reception hosted by Lord Roy Hattersley in this prestigious venue. Email alumni@sheffield.ac.uk or call 0114 222 1079 for further details.

• **Convocation Visit to Rolls-Royce, Derby, Saturday 11 October 2008**
  A coach will leave from Durham Road in Sheffield at 9.00am. The tour will be followed by a pub lunch. Email Barry Sampson at barry.sampson@care4free.net for more details.

• **Convocation Visit to the Department of Geography, November 2008, on campus**
  This will be an evening tour to celebrate the department’s centenary. Email Barry Sampson at barry.sampson@care4free.net for more details.

• **Pop Tarts in London, winter 2008**
  Get back to the good old student days with a cheesy Pop Tarts night to remember. Visit www.poptartslondon.co.uk.

• **Convocation Annual Christmas Lunch, Saturday 6 December 2008, Tapton Masonic Hall, Sheffield**
  Email Barry Sampson at barry.sampson@care4free.net for more details.

• **Convocation Visit Backstage at the Lyceum Theatre, Sheffield, February/March 2009**
  Email Barry Sampson at barry.sampson@care4free.net for more details.

• **Alumni Reception, May/June 2009, London**
  We will be hosting an event for alumni of the last 15 years. Invitations will be sent out via email, so please ensure we have your correct address.

• **Retired Staff Dinner, July 2009, Firth Hall, University of Sheffield**
  Drinks reception in the Quadrangle (weather permitting!) followed by dinner in Firth Hall. If you’re a retired member of staff and would like to receive an invitation, please email alumni@sheffield.ac.uk or call 0114 222 1079.

• **Annual Alumni Reunion, Saturday 12 September 2009, on campus**
  If you’re from the class of 1949, 1959, 1969, 1979 or 1984 you’ll be celebrating 60, 50, 40, 30 and 25 years since completing your studies. We invite you and all alumni to join us in Sheffield, catch up with old friends and see the changes on campus. Celebrate in style with a drinks reception and dinner in Firth Hall. Email alumni@sheffield.ac.uk or call 0114 222 1079 for more details.

• **Alumni Reception/Dinner, October 2009, London**
  Following on from the success of previous alumni receptions and dinners in the Houses of Parliament, we are planning another occasion at a prestigious London venue. Watch for more details on our website or email alumni@sheffield.ac.uk.

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First, congratulations and a warm welcome to 2008 graduates. You have become members of Convocation upon graduation and here are glimpses of what we do.

This has been a year of change for the University. Convocation’s executive committee celebrated the fine legacy of Professor Bob Boucher, the retiring Vice-Chancellor, with a farewell dinner for him and his wife Rosemary. Welcoming his successor, Professor Keith Burnett, soon followed. His support for what we do was immediate and he gave us the challenge to encourage more graduates to stay in touch with the University.

Our primary duty is to take part in University governance by appointing 40 members to the University Court and the report of this year’s meeting is on our website. The Chairman’s place on the University Council keeps the executive informed on key issues. Council minutes are posted on the University website (www.sheffield.ac.uk/govern/council).

Our links with the Students’ Union have strengthened further. Meetings with their officers are productive and there is always something to celebrate in what they do. They again won the national title of Students’ Union of the Year, and SheffieldVolunteering received the Good Citizenship award at the Guardian Public Services Awards for their work with the local community.

We were glad to help meet the costs of the Media Hub in the Union building, with its state-of-the-art equipment including a campus radio station. Further significant funding came from the generous bequest to the University by Kathleen Rogers, who graduated BA in English in 1934 and MA in 1935. These facilities are open to all students who want to develop skills in publishing or broadcasting.

Convocation is reaching out to support our international students, and I had the privilege of meeting more than 20 Chinese alumni when visiting Shanghai in August. Their support for the University is demonstrated by their recommendations to potential students to study at Sheffield.

The 2009 Annual General Meeting of Convocation will be held on Saturday 12 September, with the Vice-Chancellor as our main speaker. Please put this date in your diary and take this opportunity to return to Sheffield. The meeting will be followed by opportunities to visit the University and other buildings. Our Social Committee will work with the Development and Alumni Relations Office to implement this part of the day’s programme.

This has been another year of development for Convocation and we have enjoyed the successes of our University and its Union of Students. There are challenges here for all of us. We hope that some members will respond: our website will tell you how.

Dr David Bradshaw OBE
Chairman of Convocation
www.sheffield.ac.uk/convocation
Honours and awards

Staff and students from the University of Sheffield continue to be recognised nationally and internationally for their expertise.

A team of MArch students from Architecture won an award at the Architects’ Journal Small Projects Awards 2008 for their work on the Space of Waste project. They created a building using only surplus materials from a web-based waste exchange run by the Bradford Environmental Trust.

The Tenpin Bowling Club struck double gold at the British Universities Sports Association Tenpin Bowling Championships. The male and female teams beat students from 26 other universities.

Professor Jeremy Till and Dr Tatjana Schneider (Architecture) won the 2007 RIBA President’s Award for Research.

Professor Alan Walker (Sociological Studies) received an outstanding achievement award from the British Society of Gerontology and is the first recipient of the society’s Alan Walker Award; he also received a lifetime achievement award from the Social Policy Association.

Professor Roger Watson (Nursing) was the first person in the UK to become a fellow of the American Academy of Nursing.

Chris Whitlow, a Management MPhil student, won the 2007 Cover Model Awards for fitness magazine Men’s Health and was the cover model for October.

Kieran Williams, a Civil and Structural Engineering MPhil student, won gold at the 2007 World Triathlon Sprint Championships.

Professor Stephen Wood (Institute of Work Psychology, Management School) was elected to the UK Academy of Social Sciences.

Sir Gordon Duff, Florey Professor of Molecular Medicine, was elected a fellow of the Royal Society of Edinburgh.

Emeritus Professor David Read (Animal and Plant Sciences) received a Knighthood for services to Biological Science.

SheffieldVolunteering, based in the Students’ Union, won the Outstanding Project Award at the Higher Education Volunteering Awards and the Good Citizenship Award at the Guardian newspaper’s Public Service Awards.

suTCo (Sheffield University Theatre Company) won a Judges’ Award for Promoting Student Theatre at the National Student Drama Festival 2008. The group received a grant from the Alumni Foundation for their production of Beautiful Thing at the festival.

A scene from the award-winning Beautiful Thing.
Your Notes and News

We are always interested to discover what our alumni are doing now. Here is the latest news from a small selection who have been in contact with us or we have spotted in the press.

To have the chance of appearing in Your Notes and News, please complete the section on our Update Your Details form at www.sheffield.ac.uk/alumni/keepintouch or email alumni@sheffield.ac.uk with the subject ‘Your Notes and News’.

1940s

James and Mary Riddell (née Godwin) (BEng Engineering 1945; BSc Mathematics 1945)
Celebrated their diamond wedding anniversary in September 2007.

1960s

Emeritus Professor David Butler (PhD Zoology 1964, DSc 1986)
Has helped fund the restoration of the University of Sheffield’s coat of arms in the University of Toronto’s Great Hall at Hart House, which was originally commissioned in 1919.

His Honour Judge Alistair MacDuff (LLM Law 1967)
Has been appointed a Justice of the High Court, assigned to the Queen’s Bench Division.

David Pye (BA History and Politics 1968)
Is chairman of the insurance company Equity.

Dr Apisitthi Eiumnoh (MSc Geomorphology 1969)
Is a specialist on geoinformatics in the Ecology and Geoinformatics Lab in the National Center for Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology, Thailand.

Phil Wheatley (LLB Law 1969)
Is Director General of HM Prison Service for England and Wales.

Malcolm X, the campaigner for black rights, addressing the Union in December 1964.

Sheffield students taking part in a Vietnam War protest in London in May 1967.
1970s

Alison Hunter (née Knowles)  
(BSc Geology 1971, MSc Information Management 1991)  
Is a volunteer at Sheffield Botanical Gardens and has produced a booklet entitled *Sheffield Botanical Gardens: People, Plants and Pavilions*.

Ian Blackburn (BA Architecture 1973)  
Is project director of the Southbank Centre and has responsibility for the redevelopment of the Royal Festival Hall.

John Fidler (BA Architecture 1974)  
Has joined forensic engineering consultants, Simpson Gumpertz & Heger in Los Angeles, to help lead and support its preservation technology division. He was previously conservation director at English Heritage.

Mike Gibbons (BMus Music 1974)  
Is head of live sites for London 2012. He was previously project director live events at the BBC.

Professor Nigel Savage  
(LLM Law 1974)  
Is chief executive of the College of Law.

Richard Simmons  
(BA Economic History 1974)  

Derek Turner (BEng Civil and Structural Engineering 1974)  
Is director of road traffic operations for the Highways Agency.

Neo Chian Lim  
(BEng 1975, Hon DEng 1996)  
Is deputy chairman and chief executive of the Singapore Tourism Board.

Jim Dick (BSc Physiology and Zoology 1975)  
A former president of Smith & Nephew’s Advanced Wound Management Division, he took part in the 2007-08 round-the-world Clipper Yacht Race.

Sir Vincent Fean  
(BA French and German 1975)  
Is HM Ambassador to Libya. He was previously British High Commissioner to Malta.

Dr Lis Rodgeres  
(MB ChB Medicine 1976)  
A GP with a practice in Barnburgh, she also works with Doncaster Primary Care Trust and Yorkshire and the Humber Strategic Health Authority.

Dr Tony Watkinson  
(BMet Metallurgy 1977)  
Is consultant radiologist at the Royal Devon and Exeter Hospital, Professor of Interventional Radiology at the Peninsular Medical School and President of the British Society of Interventional Radiologists.

Martin Howe (BA Law 1980)  
Is a senior partner of west London immigration and human rights practice Howe&Co.

Dr Peter Clarke  
(BSc Biochemistry 1981)  
Has been appointed vice president, manufacturing at Savient Pharmaceuticals in New Jersey, USA.

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(BA Economics, Accounting and Financial Management 1984)
Is chief executive of specialist investment company Midas Capital.

**Stephen Sly** (LLB Law 1984)
Is the managing partner for the Sheffield office of law firm DLA Piper and has been appointed to the Board of Sheffield First Partnership.

**Teo Greenstreet**
(BA Geography 1985)
Is the chief executive of the Media Centre in Huddersfield. He was co-founder, then chief executive, of Circus Space, which is one of the top three circus training schools in Europe.

**Paul Stafford**
(MMedSci Human Nutrition 1994)
Has set up a specialist ski travel agency, Interactive Resorts, with business partner Rupert Bonington, son of mountaineer Sir Chris Bonington.

**Kenneth Jones** (BA Urban Studies 1985, MBA 1992)
Is the president of the Association of Chief Police Officers. He was previously Chief Constable of Sussex Police and received the Queen's Police Medal in 2000.

**Jonathan Bond**
(BA English Literature 1987)
Is the director of human resources and learning at international law firm Pinsent Masons. He won the HR Director of the Year award at the 2007 Lawyer HR Awards.

**Paul Elliott**
(BA Business Studies 1987)
Is director of customer services and operations at Powergen. He was previously chief executive of the BT Directories division and head of operations at First Direct.

**Richard Leafe FRGS** (BSc Geography 1987, MPhil Geography 1990)
Is chief executive of the Lake District

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**Gareth Miles**
(LLB Law 1995)
Is a partner at law firm Slaughter and May.

**Nog (Nigel) Cavanagh**
(BA Archaeology, Prehistory and Medieval History 1996, MA Historical Archaeology 1999)
Works as a post-excavation manager for MAP Archaeological Consultants in Malton and has released his second album, *Planetfall*.

**Andy Robertshaw**
(BSc Mathematics 1996)
Won the silver medal in the World Mental Calculation Championships, part of the Mind Sports Olympiad.

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**Darran Britton**
(BA Business Studies 1993)
Has risen through the ranks at Carlsberg to become their marketing director.

**Kara Owen (née Palmer)**
(BA History 1993)
Is the British Embassy’s Deputy Head of Mission in Vietnam.

**Rynd Smith** (MA Town and Regional Planning 1993)
Is head of policy and practice at the Royal Town Planning Institute.

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**Rebecca Cousin**
(BA Law and Criminology 1997)
Is a partner at law firm Slaughter and May.

**Kelly Jennings** (BSc Tech Business Studies and Engineering 1997, MSc Automatic Control and Systems Engineering 1998)
Has been appointed project manager within Yorkshire Water’s Clearwater team.

**Professor Muhammad Mumtaz Khan**
(PhD Animal and Plant Biology 1997)
Has been awarded the Pakistan Presidential Award, Izaz-i-Fazeelat, which is given to individuals who have achieved exceptional academic distinction.
Alumni News

2000s

Vanessa Badham (Erasmus exchange student 2001)
Is an award-winning playwright who has staged her own plays at the last six Edinburgh Festivals, as well as touring in Europe, Australia and the USA.

Rupert Chesman
(BA Japanese Studies 2002)
Has set up Clipps in Dubai, a company specialising in commercials, corporate films and music videos.

Mani Djazmi
(MA Journalism Studies 2002)
Is freelancing for BBC Radio in London, reporting for Radio 4's In Touch and You and Yours.

Lucy Prebble
(BA English Literature 2002)
Is the main writer of the ITV2 series Secret Diary of a Call Girl, starring Billie Piper. She is under commission to both the National Theatre and the Royal Court Theatre.

Graham Butler (MEng Mechanical Engineering 2003)
Has established Intrepid Equipment, a company that produces products to make activities such as cycling and skiing accessible to all.

Chantal Gill'ard
(MA Biotechnological Law and Ethics 2003)
Is a representative of the Netherlands Parliament where she is the spokesperson for the Labour Party on medical ethics and development cooperation.

Jon McClure
(BA History and Politics 2003)
Is lead singer with the band Reverend and The Makers, who released their debut album The State of Things in 2007.

Professor Simon Hodgson
(BSc Tech Materials Science 1988)
Is the Dean of the School of Science & Technology at the University of Teesside.

Katherine Whitton
(BA Ancient History and Classical Archaeology 1988)
Is head of marketing communications at British Airways.

Matt Howden
(BA English Literature 1989)
Is a violinist and multi-instrumentalist who performs as Sieben and has released six Sieben albums.

Professor Graham Russell
(Hon MD 2003)
Has been elected a fellow of the Royal Society.

Chris Boyd (BA Journalism Studies 2005) and Tom Davies (BMus Music 2005)
Are the comedy duo The French and performed at the 2007 Edinburgh Fringe Festival.

Hatti Dean (MSc Statistics 2005)
A British steeplechaser who came eighth in the 3,000m steeplechase in the 2007 World Athletics Championships.

Jennifer Lee (BSc Ecology 2005)
Has conducted studies of invasive plants and animals on Marion Island in the sub-Antarctic, as part of her research at Stellenbosch University, South Africa.

Zara Dampney (LLB Law 2007)
Is a British beach volleyball player aiming to compete in the 2012 Olympics.

Ben Purkiss
(LLB Law with French 2007)
Is a footballer with York City.

Michael Savage
(MA Print Journalism 2007)
Won the Cudlipp Prize for student journalism in 2007. He is now on the staff of the Independent where he works on the comment and opinion desk.

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Edward Spalton (MEng Aerospace Engineering 2007)
Was named Best Aeronautical Engineering Student 2007 at the national Science, Engineering and Technology awards in 2007. He works for Rolls-Royce on their graduate scheme.

Harsh Srivastav (BEng Electrical Engineering 2007)
Was awarded the Chancellor’s Medal for his outstanding contribution to University life. He was the first international student for 25 years to be elected Union President (2005-06).

Fiona Claire Reynolds (Hon DLitt 2006)
Awarded a Damehood for services to Heritage and to Conservation.

Professor John Stewart Savill (MB ChB 1981)
Awarded a Knighthood for services to Clinical Science.

John Keith Thorpe (MA 1978)
Awarded an OBE.

Helen Marie Vipass (PGCE)
Awarded an MBE for charitable services to families and children in crisis in Latvia.

David Wadkin (MEd 1996)
Awarded an MBE for services to Education.

Michael Roy Waterland (BSc 1960)
Awarded an OBE for services to Healthcare in the West Midlands and the South East.

Dr Brian Woods-Scawen (BA 1968)
Awarded a CBE for services to Business and to the Community in the West Midlands.

Dr David Young (Hon LittD 2005)
Awarded a CBE for services to Education.

Obituaries

We have been informed of the following deaths in the past year.

James Campbell (BA Modern History and Politics 1995)

Professor Henry Cowan (PhD Civil Engineering 1952, Hon DEng 1963), lecturer in civil engineering 1948-52, awarded the Order of Australia in recognition of service to architectural science in 1983

Professor John Crangle, Department of Physics and Astronomy at the time of his retirement in 1991, Head of Department 1981-84 and member of staff from 1952

Jim Earley (Hon LLD 1997), Treasurer 1979-97, Pro-Chancellor and Chairman of University Council 1987-97

Alan England, lecturer in English and drama in the Division of Education from 1973 until his retirement in 1984

Dr John Padley, Registrar and Secretary 1962-98: Dr Padley played a major role in raising the University’s profile at home and overseas and in the development of the University estate. He was also highly influential in establishing Sheffield as a premier destination for international students (please visit www.sheffield.ac.uk/alumni/news for further details)

Professor Wilfred Saunders (Hon LittD 1989), founder of the Department of Information Studies (see page 16)

Terry Thomas (Hon LLD 1997), Director of Finance 1980-93 and member of staff from 1965
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