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Standing together
It is my great pleasure as always to address the alumni of the University of Sheffield – former students of an outstanding institution which has once again been cited as firmly within the top 100 higher education institutions around the world.

Yet 2010 has of course been a year of enormous challenges. To issues of climate change, health and well-being and how we might all live richer, fuller lives has been added a global financial context in which the economic concerns of banks have spread to nations, governments and all the areas of work which they support.

In many of the countries in which our graduates live and work, these issues are being addressed through significant political and economic change. Here in the UK, a new coalition has taken on the task of government and we are beginning to understand what the likely programme of stringent public cuts will mean for higher education, for current and future students and for this University.

Shared values in hard times
During difficult times, people tend to show their true colours. Under pressure, we need to unite around what most binds us together – our values.

It is important for each of us in life to be guided by our principles. In the same way, I believe it is essential that we as a University are thoughtful and deliberate about defining the things which are important to us as a community. But despite a policy and funding climate which give very real cause for concern, I firmly believe that we also have reason to be confident.

United we stand
Building on our common passion to ‘discover and understand’ – and to apply that understanding in the wider world – will ensure Sheffield comes through tough times stronger, as it has before in its history of over a century. For that reason, I have asked the whole University to focus on our core values of the highest quality teaching and research. We need to be ready to explain to others the essential importance of what we do, and to fortify our own priorities even in the face of difficult times.

In the 1970s I was a pupil in Bridgend in Wales. My school motto was taken from The Mabinogion, the ancient mystical saga of the Welsh people. It reads in Welsh A fo pen bidd pont, which translates as “To be a leader, be a bridge”. This advice has never felt more pertinent.

During tough times, we need to stand together. As a University, we are determined to do this. I would thank all of our alumni for your generous support and encouragement in ensuring today’s students and scholars can continue to uphold the values which Sheffield holds dear.

Miles Stevenson
Director of Development
THE UNION OF STUDENTS HAS CONSTANTLY BEEN
reinventing itself since its first building opened in 1936. The
Graves Building, named after local business magnate and
benefactor J G Graves, now houses the Interval cafe bar. The last
major rebuild was in the early 1990s, which added a dramatic
glass frontage and facilities including a 400-seat lecture theatre,
informal study space, meeting rooms and catering outlets.

The current £5 million project, due to be completed in August
2010, is renovating current facilities as well as creating new
ones. Union President Paul Tobin said, “This is a really exciting
development which will strengthen our ability to enhance the
student experience and attract new students to Sheffield. I’m
passionate about the facilities available to the students at the Union
and, although it is already the hub of the University social scene,
the refurbishment will create an even bigger and better Union
with top-class facilities to suit our diverse student body.”

THE OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE UNIVERSITY’S NEW
Student Villages at Endcliffe and Ranmoor took place on 26 May
2010, with guest of honour alumnus Dan Walker (BA History 1998,
MA Journalism Studies 1999), the presenter of Football Focus
on BBC1. The celebration brought the University’s £160 million
Student Villages project to a successful conclusion. The scheme
involved the demolition of Earnshaw, Sorby and Ranmoor Halls
of Residence, together with Wolfson Flats and Woodvale Flats,
and their replacement by contemporary accommodation for
single undergraduates, mature students and families.

The Ranmoor Village provides accommodation for 1,100
students in modern apartments with The Ridge as the social hub
of the site. Together with The Endcliffe Village and its social hub,
The Edge, which opened in 2007 and is home to around 3,500
students, the new accommodation is a far cry from traditional
halls of residence.

A living yew tree hedge – The Hedge of Friendship – has
been installed within the grounds of The Ranmoor Village,
representing the lifelong friendships and lasting connections
made by students at the University. Designed by artist Jo Fairfax,
the hedge wraps around one of the oldest oak trees on the site.
When two people meet in the archway, sensors detect them and
light panels glow red. Pat McGrath, Director of Accommodation
and Campus Services, said, “The Hedge of Friendship is such
a fantastic concept and perfectly illustrates the relationships
which begin in University accommodation and last a lifetime.”

Follow the new build’s progress at
www.sheffieldstudentsunion.com
The first of the brave

MEMBERS OF THE SHEFFIELD UNIVERSITY SPELEOLOGICAL Society (SUSS) were the first explorers to enter a vast underground cave network on the Greek island of Crete. The 2009 expedition saw the six-strong caving team descend more than 550 metres below ground to discover a vast hidden cavern the size of the dome of St Paul’s Cathedral. They also revealed a network of more than 350 uncharted caves in the Mavi Laki region of the White Mountains.

After weeks of clambering and squeezing, they discovered a huge underground vault. The round trip to the deepest cave – a 60-metre high cavern more than half a kilometre below the surface which the team dubbed Final Destination – took about 16 hours. “It’s such a thrill to walk down a passage and not know what’s round the corner,” said team leader Rob Eavis (BSc Mathematics and Physics 2006, MSc Environmental and Energy Engineering 2007). “But it’s even more of a thrill when you realise that no one has ever known what’s round the corner!”

Visit www.undergroundadventure.co.uk for news of this year’s trip, which is sponsored by the Alumni Foundation.

Athlete’s winning streak continues

VICTORY IN THE PENTATHLON AT THE 2010 WORLD Indoor Championships in Doha further confirmed Jessica Ennis’ status as one of Britain’s leading athletes. The Sheffield graduate (BA Psychology 2007) returned to the University in January 2010 to receive an honorary degree (LittD) in recognition of her outstanding successes on the athletics field. Speaking after the ceremony, she joked, “It’s Doctor Ennis at all times please...”

After a fractured ankle forced Jessica to miss the Beijing 2008 Olympic Games, she returned to win gold in the World Heptathlon Championships in Berlin last year; was named Sportswoman of the Year by the Sports Journalists’ Association and took third place in the BBC Sports Personality of the Year 2009 competition.

She also captained the GB team at the Aviva International Match in Glasgow.

Reaching out to students

AN EXTREMELY GENEROUS DONATION made by Lee Child (LLB Law 1977, Hon LittD 2009) – best selling crime writer and Visiting Professor at the University – and his wife Jane (BA Archaeology 1975) has resulted in the award of 25 undergraduate and 27 postgraduate Jack Reacher Scholarships, worth £2,000 each – named after Lee’s main character in his series of best-selling novels.
Sheffield made me

A PAIR OF ANIMATED TRAINERS WALKING THROUGH SIGNIFICANT places in Sheffield won Pól Gallagher (MA Architecture 2009) the £3,000 first prize in the Sheffield Made Us film competition. Organised by the University, the competition asked students to produce a short film demonstrating how their experiences of Sheffield helped define the person they are today.

Pól mixed hand-drawn pictures with video and still images to create an animation celebrating his time at the University. He said, “It feels amazing to have won this prize. The concept of my video was to emphasise the fun I’ve had whilst studying at the University and to do this through graphics.”

View the video on YouTube – search under ‘poleire’.

Huge fundraising effort supports essential MND research

A NEW STATE-OF-THE-ART £12 MILLION RESEARCH institute, the Sheffield Institute for Translational Neuroscience (SITraN), is being built on a site on Dorset Street, near the Royal Hallamshire Hospital. The project has been generously funded by an £8 million donation from the Sheffield Institute Foundation for Motor Neurone Disease (SIFMND), which was formed by a concerned group of patrons who wanted to support the development of the institute.

SITraN brings together scientists and medical specialists who are dedicated to finding the causes and cure for motor neurone disease (MND), as well as other degenerative conditions such as Parkinson’s disease, Alzheimer’s disease and spinal muscular atrophy. International expert in MND and head of the new institute Professor Pamela Shaw said, “The patrons of SIFMND are inspirational and their support and generosity have spurred me on to build a dedicated research institute which will bring together the best clinicians and scientists under one roof.”

Miles Stevenson, Director of Development, commented, “This is the largest philanthropic gift to the University from private benefaction since the Edwardian period. We are most grateful to all the donors to SIFMND, both large and small, who have made this possible.”

Supporters of SIFMND gather to celebrate the start of work on the SITraN site.
Major boost for the UK’s civil nuclear industry

THE GOVERNMENT HAS ANNOUNCED A £25 MILLION NUCLEAR ADVANCED Manufacturing Research Centre (NAMRC) to be based alongside the University’s award-winning Advanced Manufacturing Research Centre (AMRC) with Boeing. The new development will be led by the University of Sheffield in partnership with the University of Manchester, with Rolls-Royce as the lead industrial partner. It is the intention that the NAMRC will be a centre of excellence for research and development of advanced manufacturing technologies that will deliver high-value, low-volume systems and components to the UK nuclear industry.

Professor Keith Ridgway, Programme Director for the NAMRC and founder of the AMRC, said, “The UK Government and major industrial players such as Rolls-Royce recognise that the long time lag since the last domestic nuclear plant was built poses challenges to UK-based businesses seeking to take advantage of global nuclear supply chain opportunities. We are confident that the success of the AMRC can be translated into the nuclear industry which is so crucial to our energy sustainability.”

Visit the NAMRC’s website at http://namrc.group.shef.ac.uk/

Wind powers next generation technologies

SIEMENS ENERGY HAS OPENED A CENTRE AT THE University to investigate wind power generation – the first of its kind in the UK. The pioneering Sheffield-Siemens Wind Power Research Centre (S²WP), located at the Kroto Innovation Centre, will focus on developing the most reliable, innovative and efficient wind turbine generators.

The University was chosen as the site for the centre following Siemens’ long-term partnership with the Department of Electronic and Electrical Engineering, which includes the Electrical Machines and Drives Group headed by Professor Zi-Qiang Zhu. A fundamental element of the collaboration will include access to the group’s 70 academic and research personnel, as well as the University’s state-of-the-art facilities.

The first endorsement of the collaboration came with a £1 million award to undertake joint innovation funded by the Northern Wind Innovation programme and Siemens Wind Power in Denmark. An additional £0.55 million has been awarded to the University in direct funding by Siemens Wind Power.

THE UNIVERSITY OF SHEFFIELD HAS an inspiring and proud tradition of support from an array of philanthropists. While many of the buildings across the campus are named after these generous individuals, their story and connection to the University remains little known to most of today’s staff, students and visitors. Now, a series of plaques details the biographies of our benefactors past and present, and provides some context of what their gifts have meant to the University.

Those commemorated include:

Outside Firth Hall, Firth Court, Western Bank
Mark Firth (one of the principal founders of what would become the University)

The entrance to the Rotunda
William Edgar Allen (gave money for the first library, now the Rotunda in Firth Court)

Mappin Building
Sir Frederick Mappin (helped to found the Technical College, which later became the Faculty of Engineering)

Development and Alumni Relations Office
J G Graves (his gift gave the UK its first purpose-built Students’ Union; the building is still part of the expanded Students’ Union today)

Student Services Information Desk, Students’ Union
Emeritus Professor Thomas Stevens (his legacy is supporting work in the Student Services Information Desk, Dyslexia and Disability Services and the Humanities Research Institute)

The Charlesworth Suite, Department of Chemistry
Raymond Charlesworth (Keeper of Stores for Chemistry whose gift has endowed a scholarship fund).

Further plaques will be installed over the coming months as we recognise the generosity of our supporters.
Professor Mike Parker Pearson, of the Department of Archaeology, was named Archaeologist of the Year at the Current Archaeology Awards held at the British Museum in February 2010. And the Stonehenge Riverside Project, of which he is project leader, received the award for this year’s best research project in archaeology.

In October 2009, Professor Parker Pearson revealed a 5,000-year-old stone circle on the west bank of the River Avon, which was dubbed ‘Bluestonehenge’ after the colour of its Welsh stones. Excavations by Professor Parker Pearson and his Stonehenge Riverside Project team, which includes archaeologists from the Universities of Sheffield, Manchester and Bristol, revealed the new stone circle was 10 metres in diameter and surrounded by a henge – a ditch with an external bank. The project was funded by the Arts and Humanities Research Council (AHRC) and the National Geographic Society.

Professor Parker Pearson has now begun a new project entitled Feeding Stonehenge. This study, which has been awarded a further £800,000 grant from the AHRC, will aim to discover exactly how the people who built the stone circle lived, what they ate and where they came from.

He said, “I am absolutely delighted with the awards. It has been a wonderful year for me, beginning with digging on Easter Island and ending with completing 18 years’ research on the archaeology of Madagascar. In between, we found the remains of a second stone circle near Stonehenge. I want to say thank you to everyone for following our work and helping to promote the projects.”

Professor Mike Parker Pearson
Hundred Years’ War comes to life

A WEBSITE SHOWCASING VIRTUAL MANUSCRIPTS CHRONICLING THE Hundred Years’ War now provides a unique account of this epic struggle between the English and the French. Emeritus Professor Peter Ainsworth, from the Department of French, directed the Online Froissart project, which provides essays, commentaries and notes on the history, politics and personalities of the 14th century, plus a powerful collation tool and search engine. Funded by the Arts and Humanities Research Council, the website has been produced in conjunction with the University of Liverpool.

The website provides more than 100 transcriptions from the Chronicles by Jehan Froissart (1337–1404), a major source of information on the conflict which describes the realities of warfare in late medieval Europe. Professor Ainsworth said, “We have used pattern recognition, data mining and other supercomputing techniques to bring fresh light to bear on areas of medieval scholarship that we believe can benefit significantly from the application of these methodologies.”

President Eddie

EDDIE IZZARD (HON LITTD 2006) RAN an incredible 43 marathons around the UK, covering 1,100 miles, in just 51 days and raised over £1 million for Sport Relief; he received a special award at the 2009 BBC Sports Personality of the Year programme for this epic feat. He was elected Honorary President of the Students’ Union in March 2010 – following in the footsteps of the Dalai Lama!

In brief

MORE ACCOLADES
The Times Higher Education Student Experience Survey rated the Students’ Union as the best in the country, alongside Loughborough. The Union was also voted the Best Students’ Union by the Virgin Alternative Guide.

SHEFFIELD STARS
Plaques commemorating actor and honorary graduate Sean Bean (LittD 2007) and Emeritus Professor Barry Hancock OBE, oncology specialist (also see page 23), are the latest additions to Sheffield Legends, a Walk of Fame located outside Sheffield Town Hall.

DRAMA STUDIO CELEBRATES 40TH ANNIVERSARY
The Drama Studio, an imaginative conversion of the former Glossop Road Baptist Church, opened in 1970. Bill Royston was its first Director; he was succeeded by Reuben Grocock as Theatre Manager in 1998.

TOP MARKS
Sheffield was named in the top five universities in the UK in the Times Higher Education Student Experience Survey: our library services were voted the best in the country.

Management School reaches out to alumni

THE MANAGEMENT SCHOOL’S ALUMNI SERVICE HAS UNDERGONE some exciting developments over the past few months. Professor Lenny Koh became Associate Dean for Alumni Affairs in December 2009 and the School has held a number of successful alumni events, with many more planned for the future including visits to India and China. These offer opportunities for social and professional networking both in the UK and overseas.

Visit the School’s web pages at www.sheffield.ac.uk/management for details of events and to listen to podcasts of recent guest lectures. A new newsletter keeps alumni in touch with the latest news from the School: download a pdf from the website. And current students and alumni can stay in touch via the LinkedIn and Facebook sites. Simply click on the icons on the Management School homepage and register.
The University of Sheffield offers a range of services, benefits and events 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.

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
A quarterly 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. Phone 0114 222 8999 for details (and see page 39).

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. An additional £500 is available for University of Sheffield graduates who have received a first-class honours undergraduate degree. For further details and the application form, visit www.sheffield.ac.uk/international/enquiry/money/alumni.html

Benefits

You can take advantage of a range of Sheffield Alumni offers that we have negotiated for you. These include library access, University sports facility offers, Students’ Union lifetime membership and a range of hotel and cottages discounts.

For some of the 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. For further details and to keep up to date with the latest range of services and benefits available please visit www.sheffield.ac.uk/alumni/services

Remember — we can only keep you informed of what’s on offer if you stay in touch! So please tell us your current address and email by completing the enclosed questionnaire, update online at www.sheffield.ac.uk/alumni/keepintouch or email: alumni@sheffield.ac.uk, tel: 0114 222 1043.

Front man of legendary band ABC Martin Fry (BA English Literature 1979) and his wife Julie made a generous donation to the 2009 annual reunion fundraising campaign. They are pictured here with the Vice-Chancellor at the Annual Alumni Reunion 2009.
The following events are currently planned for the forthcoming year:

UNIVERSITY OF SHEFFIELD IN AMERICA ALUMNI RECEPTION
Saturday 4 September 2010,
1 West 54th Street, New York
An event for our alumni in the US.
Email Helen Rey at helen.rey@sheffield.ac.uk or call (+1) 509-994-5102.

ANNUAL ALUMNI REUNION INCORPORATING THE CONVOCATION AGM
Saturday 11 September 2010, on campus
All alumni are welcome to return to the University, especially those from the anniversary years of 1970, 1980 and 1985. Tours and activities during the day will be followed by a dinner in Firth Hall. As part of the morning activities the Convocation AGM will take place with an address from the Vice-Chancellor. This is open to all alumni to attend (although only members of Convocation are allowed to vote). This will be followed by lunch for everyone attending the reunion and AGM at the Endcliffe Student Village. Email alumni@sheffield.ac.uk or call 0114 222 1043 for further details.

DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS
Saturday 11 September 2010, on campus
The Department of Philosophy invites all former students to join their centenary celebrations, with a range of activities and celebrations in Mappin Hall. Contact Sally Smith, email s.smith@sheffield.ac.uk or tel 0114 222 5071, for further details.

CONVOCATION NW BRANCH ANNUAL LUNCH
Sunday 26 September 2010, Old Hall Hotel, Buxton
Please contact Branch Secretary Joan Evans on 0151 334 1299 if you wish to attend.

THE HISTORY OF FIRTH COURT
Wednesday 13 October 2010,
Firth Hall, University of Sheffield
Reception in the Rotunda for alumni focusing on the history of Firth Court and the famous scientists who worked there. Email alumni@sheffield.ac.uk

For further details of alumni events and to see the latest calendar please visit: www.sheffield.ac.uk/alumni/events
For Convocation events please visit: www.sheffield.ac.uk/convocation/social.html
Bright sparks
Supporting young entrepreneurs

Here we focus on three stories that illustrate how imaginative business ideas can become reality.

A passion for parrots

Native to a small area comprising northern coastal Venezuela and the islands of Margarita, La Blanquilla and Bonaire, yellow-shouldered Amazon parrots are vulnerable and their numbers in decline. Sam Williams and Rhian Evans, Sam’s partner, are developing a conservation project to protect the birds on Bonaire, following Sam’s and Rowan Martin’s PhDs on the birds (undertaken with the Department of Animal and Plant Sciences and completed in 2009). The project also aims to support the Bonaireans in promoting the island as an ecotourism destination.

“I’m completely fascinated by parrots and, it seems, an entrepreneur too,” said Sam. “My fascination led me to Sheffield to undertake doctoral studies with Dr Andrew Beckerman, looking at the limiting factors for endangered species. I focused on the yellow-shouldered Amazons and spent time doing field research on Bonaire. If I see a problem or a need, I’m very determined to find a solution. My experiences on Bonaire showed me what impact tourism can have. I see ecotourism as a solution to helping tackle social inequality on the island as well as funding parrot conservation.”

Sam entered and won the University’s Enterprising Ideas Business Planning Competition and received an award of £2,500 for his business plan for Eco-Tourism Bonaire: “The advice I received at Sheffield and the prize gave me a breathing space to develop the business plan. The mentoring has been especially helpful. We’ve held meetings with council leaders on the island and their responses have been very positive. What sets us apart is our desire to be culturally sensitive and involve Bonaireans in the initial discussions of our ideas. The eventual aim is to give the enterprise back to the Bonaireans and the income generated to be put towards nature conservation.”

Explore Sam’s conservation work at www.parrotwatch.org
The WillYaKi food trailer has been a regular sight on the campus – initially on the Union concourse and now on Portobello – since 2006. Selling freshly made Japanese food such as teppanyaki, sushi and bento boxes, the Willyaki brand is now expanding into catering for corporate events, festivals and private parties. It is the brain-child of Will Christophers (BA Architecture 2005) and his wife Xinxin Cao (BA Accounting and Financial Management 2007).

"It all started when we came second in the White Rose Business Plan competition in 2006," said Will, "and invested the £5,000 prize money into a food stall. I had no prior business experience and putting together the plan with advice from University staff got us going. We took six to eight months trialling the recipes while we were students so, by the time we graduated, we knew we could support ourselves."

"The idea for Roy the Eagle came to Kate O’Sullivan when she was sitting her finals in 2007. An International History and International Politics graduate, Kate – and her partner David Harfield (BA Philosophy 2007) – now have a publishing deal with Loose Chippings Books to allow them to develop their Oddtails series of picture story books."

"The aim behind the stories is to teach children the importance of accepting individuality," Kate explained. "Each animal is teased for being different but their unique features help them to save the day."

David presented the original idea to the University’s enterprise staff and received grants totalling £1,000 to employ an illustrator, fund initial printing costs and set up a website. "The funding was essential to get us going," he said. "We sent the initial print run to 30 agents and were finally picked up by an independent publisher. Roy the Eagle is now available through Amazon and Waterstones."

And the couple received a further grant from the University to help finance a book tour to schools across Kenya. Kate said, "We’d made contact with aid workers in Kenya and the idea for a month-long tour developed. The response from the schools has been fantastic and we got so much from taking the Oddtails into the classrooms. We are now developing our website so that readers around the world can keep in touch with the characters."

The possibilities for Oddtails are endless – merchandise, audio books, videos, cartoons. "We want to concentrate on this full time," added David. "The support from the University gave us so much confidence and the fact that they were prepared to invest funds in the project was fantastic."

Follow the exploits of Roy the Eagle and his friends at www.oddtails.com

Willyaki products are now available through the New Leaf food outlet in the Students’ Union. This is a licensed operation, with staff cooking noodles with a special teriyaki sauce. "We've developed the secret recipe over the last four years," explained Will. "I see the New Leaf venture as a model for the future. There is a great demand for our recipes from international students as well as from UK students, and there are plenty of other universities around the country!"

"I know we will now expand at a faster rate and the licensing model is the way to go – both in the UK and abroad, in the US, China, Hong Kong. I constantly have ideas – I think once you become entrepreneurial you get used to creating ideas and never stop."

Catch up with the latest Willyaki news at www.willyaki.co.uk. Details of Will and Xinxin's new book, which details the Willyaki story, will be online in September 2010.

www.sheffield.ac.uk/alumni: your university: 13
Creating energy technologies that don’t rely on fossil fuels is only part of the climate change challenge. How do you then persuade people to stop using petrol stations or coal-fired heating systems? A network of researchers from across the disciplines – engineering, science, social science, arts and humanities – is working together at the University to address these issues and provide workable solutions for the UK.
“WE HAVE TO DISPLACE HYDROCARBON ENERGY BY solar energy within three generations,” said Steve Banwart, Professor of Environmental Engineering and Cross-cutting Director of Research and Innovation for Energy and the Environment. “The global economy is based on fossil fuels and they are running out fast. This is a massive challenge for humanity and the transition will be as rapid and dramatic as the Industrial Revolution.

“Our first challenge – for the first generation – is to develop our energy efficiency, the second is to develop and use nuclear and renewable energy sources, such as wind and wave, and the third is the full transition to solar energy.”

And with such a short time frame of 75 years, the research undertaken at Sheffield could prove to be instrumental in addressing social barriers to renewable energy sources. “How to tackle such a pressing need requires an entirely new level of research integration across the disciplines. One of the great strengths of the University of Sheffield is the capacity for people to step up and engage in all aspects of renewable, sustainable energy,” Steve explained. “This proactive attitude is like gold dust and we enjoy the breadth of the challenge. I act as the rallying point, encouraging people to get together – like a dating agency! Our approach is already successful, with a great track record of attracting new, multi-million pound funding for environmental research across the faculties. Our aim is to do the same for energy research.

“We often lack a common language between engineers and social scientists, or scientists and arts researchers. However we are very aware of these cultural differences and are setting up structures to encourage research leaders to brainstorm and network. Targeted funding for postgraduate studentships is in place and seed money is given out across the University on a competitive basis for research that requires input from across the disciplines. The ideas and technologies that we develop will already have gone through a process of multidisciplinary evaluation within the University that lifts their competitiveness in the research funding market and will provide a compelling case for their future, public implementation.”

Case studies

Photovoltaics for the Future

**Contributing departments:** Physics and Astronomy, Geography, Applied Mathematics

Photovoltaics (PV) permit low-carbon energy to be generated directly by consumers (through solar panels), and thus offer a real method for ensuring security of energy supply. This project is looking at social, physical location and technological factors in order to maximise the future efficacy of PV at northerly latitudes. The University is funding three networked PhD studentships in this field with the overall aim of increasing the UK’s adoption of PV technology.

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E-Futures (Doctoral Training Centre)

**Contributing departments:** 16 across the Faculties of Engineering, Science and Social Sciences

**Funding:** Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council

E-Futures brings together diverse areas of expertise to train engineers and scientists with the skills, knowledge and confidence to tackle issues regarding sustainable energy generation, management and supply. Students receive a formal programme of taught course work while undertaking a challenging and original research project at PhD level.

**www.sheffield.ac.uk/energy-dtc**

URSULA (Urban River Corridors and Sustainable Living Agendas)

**Contributing departments:** Town and Regional Planning, Sociological Studies, Landscape, Animal and Plant Sciences, Civil and Structural Engineering, Computer Science, Architecture

**Research partners:** University of Bradford, Durham University

**Funding:** Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council

URSULA is studying how cities can improve rivers, rivers improve cities, and both improve life for all. The project is unique in that it tackles river corridor issues holistically by treating the river and its urban setting as a system. Focusing on the River Don through Sheffield, the team will produce innovations, tools and knowledge to help guide the regeneration of urban river corridors worldwide.

**www.ursula.ac.uk**

Arts-Science Encounters

The Arts-Science Encounters are a series of talks, open to the general public, which bring together researchers from across the five faculties and recognised external speakers. The topics are broad ranging, with the aim of stimulating conversation, comparison and debate about the ways we choose to pursue knowledge in different fields.

**www.sheffield.ac.uk/english/arts-science**

Follow the links to find out more about Energy and the Environment research and innovation at the University.

**www.sheffield.ac.uk/research**

The transition will be as rapid and dramatic as the Industrial Revolution

**PROFESSOR STEVE BANWART**

Follow the links to find out more about Energy and the Environment research and innovation at the University.
One of Sheffield’s most famous cultural landmarks has reopened after a period of two years during which it has undergone a £15.3 million redevelopment.

Artistic Director Daniel Evans is pleased: “As you walk in and look up into the ceiling the ’70s classic architecture is really emphasised and celebrated. Now you can see those geometric lines.” Daniel’s inaugural season coincided with the Crucible’s reopening. He commented, “I wanted to offer a variety of work and I wanted to present plays that speak directly to the city and the region.” The season began with a revival of Ibsen’s *An Enemy of the People* with Sir Antony Sher, who joined a distinguished group of actors – including Sir Derek Jacobi, Kenneth Branagh, Joanna Lumley and Joseph Fiennes – who have graced the Crucible’s stage.

Dan Bates, Chief Executive for Sheffield Theatres, said, “The theatre will once again be of huge benefit to the public with an excellent set of new facilities and a programme of dynamic and exciting work.”

For more information about supporting Sheffield Theatres, please contact Leah Woffenden, tel: 0114 201 3820, email: l.woffenden@sheffieldtheatres.co.uk, www.sheffieldtheatres.co.uk

CRUCIBLE THEATRE TICKETS

Answer the following question:
What was the first performance at the Crucible?

Email your answer to alumni@sheffield.ac.uk, citing ‘Crucible competition’ in the Subject line.

Deadline: 29 October 2010.

We will inform the lucky winner by email.

www.sheffieldtheatres.co.uk
The gamble of writing a play about the 2001 collapse of a worldwide energy corporation has certainly paid off for Lucy Prebble (BA English Literature 2002). Enron has played to sell-out houses in the West End and garnered rave reviews. According to Lyn Gardner, drama critic for the Guardian, Lucy has created “a piece so confident it’s astonishing that it is only her second play.”

In Just 15 Years, Enron Grew from Nowhere to Be America’s seventh largest company, employing 21,000 staff in more than 40 countries. But the firm’s success turned out to have involved an elaborate scam, with the energy giant lying about its profits, resulting in one of the most infamous scandals in financial history. The play, originally produced by the Headlong Theatre Company, uses music, movement and video to tell the story: “We’re not interested in taking the standard liberal line,” said director Rupert Goold. “We’re trying to be interested in the glamour.”

Lucy herself has said, “Enron is not about numbers and economics. I thought, ‘Let’s do it with lots of swearing, hyper-masculinity, motorbikes and lightsabers.’ If you watch a trading floor in action, it’s one of the most theatrical places.”

She spent a year researching information on Enron, reading court transcripts, interviews and articles as well as interviewing people who worked with or at the company. Writing and re-writing took another two years. Dominic Cooke, artistic director of the Royal Court Theatre, read an early draft of the play: “I was really struck by its ambition. It’s a Shakespearean play with a massive reach, very theatrical. It’s a really fascinating study of greed and power – corporate power and how it works, corporate excess.”

If you watch a trading floor in action, it’s one of the most theatrical places.

The play received six Laurence Olivier Award nominations earlier this year, and Rupert Goold was the winner in the Best Director category. Enron also transferred to Broadway for a short run in May. Lucy has no plans for tackling another financial scandal: “After a year of research, I never want to read an economics book again.”

Lucy was a member of a very talented cohort of students. She was a very good actress actually. She was also already writing then, and contributed a scene to a collectively written piece. I recall being impressed at the time by its subtlety and emotional intricacy. It doesn’t surprise me that she’s gone on to achieve so much, as she had the essential quality which you need along with talent and hard work – an intense commitment to her writing. I’m particularly pleased that she is writing fine plays about important public issues.”

Dr Bill McDonnell
School of English Literature, Language and Linguistics

Answer the following question:

How many Laurence Olivier Award nominations did Enron receive in 2010?

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A SIGNED ENRON SCRIPT
Window on to another time
I was one of the first students to arrive at Ranmoor House in September 1947, when the weekly cost of full board was £2.14.0d in the prefab annexe huts at the rear. We had our 60th reunion at the Rutland Hotel in 2007, when 11 of the ’47–’50 original Old Ranmoorians were able to attend.”

EDWARD WARD (BSc Physics 1950)
The Faculty of Medicine, Dentistry and Health is one of the major UK centres for education and research in health and related subjects; the Faculty’s research portfolio is in excess of £30 million. Topics under investigation encompass an incredible range of subjects organised under the constituent departments of the Faculty. Here nine research projects give a taste of the work undertaken.
1 Studying the link between language and thought
New research is exploring the link between language and other intellectual abilities, and whether different forms of reasoning are made possible by structural and functional changes in the brain. The project, led by Professor Rosemary Varley, focuses on people who have lost all or most of the language faculty, as a result of a stroke or brain trauma.

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN COMMUNICATION SCIENCES
www.shef.ac.uk/research/stories/medandhealth/14.html

2 Cardiovascular and pulmonary hypertension research
A major thrust of the work undertaken by the Sheffield NIHR Cardiovascular Biomedical Unit, led by Professor David Crossman, is to define the circulating transcriptome (all the RNA molecules transcribed from the DNA of the genome) of patients who have had heart attacks. The unit also provides robust support for ongoing programmes of work in the areas of inflammation and thrombosis.

DEPARTMENT OF CARDIOVASCULAR SCIENCE
http://www.shef.ac.uk/medicine/nihrbrus/cardiovascular-bru.html

3 Making faces
Professor Richard Van Noort and Dr Julian Yates are working with colleagues in Engineering and Advanced Manufacturing to produce the next generation of dental and facial prostheses. The team combines advances in digital data acquisition and processing with advanced manufacturing technologies, applying these in oral and maxillofacial reconstructive surgery.

SCHOOL OF CLINICAL DENTISTRY
www.shef.ac.uk/research/stories/medandhealth/22.html

4 Diagnosing epilepsy accurately
Pioneering research, led by Dr Markus Reuber, reveals that linguistic observations can help doctors differentiate between epilepsy and non-epileptic attacks (NEA). Patients with epilepsy tend to volunteer detailed first person accounts of seizures; patients with NEA only provide seizure descriptions after repeated prompting. This is the first time conversation analysis has made a contribution to the differential diagnosis of superficially similar disorders.

DEPARTMENT OF NEUROSCIENCE
www.shef.ac.uk/mediacentre/2009/1436.html

5 Improving quality of life
The Rehabilitation and Assistive Technologies group, led by Professors Gail Mountain and Mark Hawley, are developing a series of ‘telecare’ technologies to help people manage their long-term health conditions, such as stroke, chronic pain and heart failure. These include a Personalised Self Management System which records the activity of the user.

SCHOOL OF HEALTH AND RELATED RESEARCH (SCHARR)
www.shef.ac.uk/research/stories/medandhealth/25.html

6 Pioneering MRI technique lights up the lungs
Professor Jim Wild is leading a project to develop innovative techniques for imaging the lungs. The new technology, which involves Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) of inhaled inert gases, could result in earlier diagnosis of emphysema and smoking related damage, as well as other lung conditions and diseases.

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN METABOLISM
www.shef.ac.uk/research/stories/medandhealth/16.html

7 New hope for breast cancer sufferers
Dr Ingunn Holen and her team have demonstrated that a combination of doxorubicin, a chemotherapy drug commonly given to stop tumour growth, and zoledronic acid, a well tolerated treatment given to protect bone in advanced breast cancer, almost completely eliminated breast tumours in mice when given in a particular sequence.

DEPARTMENT OF ONCOLOGY
www.shef.ac.uk/research/stories/medandhealth/11.html

8 Zebrafish play pivotal role in treating disease
Tropical zebrafish have helped researchers pave the way for the discovery of new drugs to treat illnesses such as chronic obstructive pulmonary disease and asthma. Dr Stephen Renshaw and his team have shown that a number of known anti-inflammatory drugs worked in zebrafish, thereby establishing that zebrafish could be used to identify new potential therapeutics for humans.

DEPARTMENT OF INFECTION AND IMMUNITY
www.shef.ac.uk/research/stories/medandhealth/19.html

9 Children’s perceptions of hospital
This project, led by Dr Penny Curtis and Professor Allison James (Sociological Studies), sought to understand how different spatial environments impact upon children’s experiences of hospitalisation. Their findings have led to the development of a range of tools which enable planners, health professionals and children to contribute to the design agenda for children’s hospital services.

SCHOOL OF NURSING AND MIDWIFERY
http://cscy.group.shef.ac.uk
Exploring the diverse group of people associated with the University of Sheffield

THINK OF A TYPICAL LAW GRADUATE AND IT IS VERY unlikely that someone like Jenna Downing (BA 2009) will come to mind. In fact, Jenna is definitely atypical, having achieved the heights of her chosen sport – extreme inline skating – while continuing her education through school and university. She is the current World Champion and this is the tenth year she has been British Champion. And she turned professional when she was 12, the youngest female skater to do this to date.

Jenna started skating when she was seven years old in her local skate park in Wakefield and began competing a year later. In the last decade she has travelled across Europe, the Middle East and the United States to compete and represent the UK. “I’m also part of the Respect Athlete Mentoring Programme and the Sporting Champions scheme for Sport England, and I work on projects for the Dame Kelly Holmes Legacy Trust. All of these aim to inspire young people and increase sport participation, which is what I am really passionate about.”

Extreme inline skating isn’t an officially recognised sport yet, although Jenna is contributing to the push to see it become one: “I’d love it to be part of the Olympics. Extreme sports are becoming more popular – just look at the recent Winter Olympics. It would be fantastic to have that extra support to push us to see what the sport can achieve in the future.”

And the Law degree? “I’ve always believed in continuing your education so you’ve always got something to fall back on. I did well at school and really enjoyed my time at Sheffield, though the degree was very challenging. I won’t be able to do skating at this level indefinitely so I wanted a Plan B. However, I did do some work experience when I was on the course and realised I’m not cut out for a desk job!”

Catch up with Jenna’s progress at www.jennadowning.com
Four decades in cancer medicine

Barry Hancock OBE (MB ChB Medicine 1969, MD Medicine 1977), Emeritus Professor of Oncology, retired in July 2009 after 35 years’ service to the University. He has made an enormous contribution to cancer research and improvement of patient care, establishing a clinical academic research centre at Weston Park Hospital which is now internationally recognised.

“MY STUDENT DAYS WERE SPENT either in Firth Court (my favourite Sheffield building), where Anatomy, Physiology, Biochemistry and Pharmacology were based, or in the old Sheffield Teaching Hospitals – the Royal Infirmary, of which the original block still stands and is now a supermarket, and the Royal Hospital, by the side of which was the way into the lecture theatre passing very close (perhaps too close) to the mortuary.

“I loved my time at Medical School and here acquired my passion for patient care, teaching and research. Things may be very different for today’s medical students but they still come with the same sense of vocation and wonder at the wells and ills of the human body. Cancer is no longer the stigmatised and awful disease that it was, largely because of the major advances made in understanding its cause and biology.”

“I am often asked why I chose to go into this ‘gloomy’ speciality. Well, 37 years ago, as a junior doctor, I looked after a young man who was near death with Hodgkin’s disease. It had recently been reported that a pioneering combination of chemotherapy drugs was achieving marvellous results. We managed to get hold of the drugs and I mixed and administered the dose. The transformation was dramatic – by the next day he was sitting up in bed tucking into his very large breakfast and within days he was home. Further chemotherapy was given and he was cured. I can attest to that since I saw him just last year at my Lymphoma Clinic! Not surprisingly, that experience fired my enthusiasm for cancer medicine and I was soon appointed to a lectureship with an interest in, guess what, lymphoma.

“Yes, of course, I was sad to retire but it was a great career of 40 years and I have not stopped completely – some acute oncology sessions, involvement with health care charities, chairing national groups – but I can do what I want to do when I want to do it, whilst indulging, with my wife Helen, our outside interests – wildlife, travelling, and learning to play golf. ‘Fore!’”

Making positive connections

SHAUKAT ALI (BA 2005) HAS PLAYED A leading role in local politics in Rotherham for many years, having first been elected as a borough councillor in 1998 and culminating in his appointment as Mayor of Rotherham Metropolitan Borough in 2009-10. He is the first Muslim to have held this office and is committed to breaking down barriers between the different communities in the town.

Shaukat came to live in Rotherham with his father in 1965, travelling from Azad-Kashmir, in the Mirpur district of Pakistan. “I had an opportunity to go through the education system here, and over the years I’ve seen so many changes, from the decline of the steelworks and pits to the rise of the service sector. There is a lot of resilience here and we are creating a new vision for the town under the banner of Rotherham Renaissance.”

The theme of his term of office was ‘Helping the disadvantaged across Rotherham’. Shaukat explained, “I believe that those who are able to do so should help and support those who, despite the improvements of today, still find themselves extremely disadvantaged.” He is also involved in racial equality issues and is project manager of Rotherham’s Multi-Agency Approach to Racial Incidents, which he joined in 1998 after a 20-year career in financial services.

Shaukat decided he wanted to do a part-time degree, and started the Social and Political Studies programme at the University of Sheffield in 1999. Course Leader Dr Darren Webb commented, “The way Shaukat successfully managed to balance his studies with work, family and council life is testimony to both his own commitment and the possibilities of adult education. He was always ready to contribute to debate and discussion, and was at his best when his studies allowed him to analyse and reflect on his social and political practice.”
What did it feel like when you received the award?
Sponsored by the Royal College of Nursing and the Nursing Standard, this award was made by distinguished members of the nursing profession and I felt humbled and honoured to receive it in such extraordinary company. It justified many years of hard work in a very political area, focused on trying to prepare students to operate in professional skills based local environments.

Describe the aims of the Masters programme that was cited in your award nomination
Occupational Health Nurses (OHNs) form the largest single group of health professionals delivering health services in the work place; yet, there was no standardised OHN qualification across Europe. The Masters in Occupational Health Nursing aims to improve knowledge and expertise and to provide a standardised OHN qualification through e-learning.

How do you feel this course benefits its students?
I had followed the development of the School’s on-line blended e-learning programme for midwives and been impressed by the way it brought professionals together from all over the world. The Occupational Health Nursing programme is flexible, culturally sensitive, easily accessible and cost-effective. It is based on and relevant to practice in whichever country the participant is working, and facilitates the development of an active learning community.

The School of Nursing and Midwifery has undergone some dramatic changes in the last few years. How would you describe its main strengths in 2010?
The School has survived to become a smaller and more effective organisation. Experienced, dedicated staff are committed to delivering health care research, education and training to meet the health service’s requirements, both locally and globally. A more compact School working closely with other medical professionals within the University can more easily adapt to meet challenges.

What next?
I have been fortunate to enjoy a long professional career. I began working as a nurse and then as a nurse teacher before joining the University in 1995 when nurse education moved into the higher education sector. I have recently retired, but I continue to provide support for ‘Top Up’ students undertaking their final dissertations. This work, together with consultancy on health care educational projects, means that I have a portfolio of work for an interesting and fulfilling ‘third’ career! I hope this will allow me to continue to give something back to the next generation of nurses and midwives.

Paula Hancock recently retired as a Senior Nursing Lecturer in the School of Nursing and Midwifery. She was named International Nurse of the Year in 2009.
Not afraid of controversy

THE 2009 CHANCELLOR’S MEDAL was awarded to Ciaran Jones (BA English Language and Literature 2009) who, as editor of Forge Press, nurtured the standards of student journalism across the campus. “I was very honoured to receive the medal,” said Ciaran. “I know I put a lot of work into the paper and I was very flattered that it was felt that I made such an important contribution.”

Ciaran was at the helm at a time of change within the media output of the Students’ Union. Steel Press, the former award-winning student paper, had a good reputation, developed over many years. “However, it was felt to be cliquey among many students and we wanted to break down barriers,” explained Ciaran. “The paper came under Forge Media, the Union’s media output, and was rebranded as Forge Press. We changed its look and direction, and the finished product received an overwhelmingly positive reaction from students.”

Having now completed the Postgraduate Diploma in Newspaper Journalism at Cardiff University, Ciaran is determined to face new challenges and test the skills he developed at Sheffield: “It was very intense for my three years there – I was doing insane 19-hour days to finish my course work and get the paper out. But I know that I want to be a journalist – eventually a foreign news correspondent – and continue to build on my experiences.”

Read more on Ciaran’s blog: http://ciaranjones.wordpress.com

Jumping into a tin bath

OLYMPIAN DAN MONEY (BA Business Studies 2000) is extremely candid when describing why he took to the sport of bobsledding: “I think I’m just daft! You sprint as hard as you can and then jump into a tin bath. It’s like sitting in a washing machine – no glamour, but adrenaline packed!”

Dan realised his childhood dream of competing at an Olympics when he was picked as a member of the British bobsleigh teams for the Winter Games held in Vancouver in February 2010. “I was into track and field from early on: my best time was 10.16 secs for the 100m. I was British university champion for 100m and 200m, and took part in the World Student Games in Sheffield. However, as I got older (I’m now 33), I dropped down the rankings. Having a shot at the Winter Olympics rekindled the dream and I couldn’t pass it up.”

He became part of the bobsledding team four years ago, training full time for the past year. “I’m very lucky in that my employer – I’m the head of recruitment for an engineering consultancy – lets me work from home and I could manage my hours. The bobsleigh team doesn’t receive any official funding so we had to scrimp and save all season; we rely totally on sponsorship. But we lived like kings during the Olympics – we had bag carriers, physios, you name it.

“The competition itself was phenomenal. We started in the top ten for both the two-man and four-man sections. It was disappointing that we crashed and I think my mum and dad and wife, who came over to support me, were scared stiff. I blew the ligaments in one ankle and skinned my leg. But I thought ‘we’re on BBC1, we’ve got to carry on!’ and the whole experience was awesome. I promised my wife I’d retire after the Games and I think I need to listen to my body. And I can definitely say I achieved my sporting goal.”
EMERITUS PROFESSOR DERYCK ALLEN, who has died at the age of 91, became the University’s first Professor of Applied Mathematics in 1955. The department was created at the time of his appointment, with a lecturing staff of just four. During the many years that Professor Allen served the University, the Hicks Building was built and his department developed into a multi-professorial one with wide interests. He was also responsible for the University buying its first computer, the Pegasus, in partnership with the United Steel Company in 1956.

Professor Allen was Head of the Department of Applied Mathematics and Computing Science (1955-80), a Pro-Vice Chancellor (1966-70), Dean of the Faculty of Pure Science, and Treasurer and later Chair of the Joint Matriculation Board. He was also chair of the Departmental Grants Committee during the University’s expansion in the 1960s: the success of the committee owed much to his scrupulous fairness and his incisive mathematical mind. And he was the first warden of Ranmoor House (opened in 1968) until his retirement in 1982. Jill Herbert, secretary of the Old Ranmoorians, commented, “It has been very apparent in gathering stories from Old Ranmoorians just how many individuals ‘The Prof’ had helped to make important life decisions but, most of all, to mature into confidence in themselves.”

Pegasus, the University’s first computer.

HILARY MANTEL CBE, who graduated with a degree in Law from the University in 1973, won the 2009 Man Booker Prize and the National Book Critics Circle Award for her novel Wolf Hall. Set in Tudor England, the novel, which was also shortlisted for the Orange Prize for Fiction 2010, explores the individual psychology and politics of Henry VIII, Cardinal Wolsey and Thomas Cromwell. Hilary received an honorary degree (LittD) from the University in 2005 in recognition of her standing as a novelist.

Dr Philip Harvey was appointed Registrar and Secretary and Chief Operating Officer at the University of Sheffield in October 2009, bringing with him considerable experience of higher education gained in previous senior appointments, most latterly that of Registrar at the University of Sussex. He is also an elected member of the Association of Heads of University Administration Executive Committee.
A new lease of life

A £3.4 million facelift for the Western Bank Library was completed in February 2010.

OPENED IN 1959 BY THE POET TS ELIOT, AND DESIGNED BY the architectural partnership Gollins, Melvin & Ward, the library is a Grade II* listed building. The redevelopment is designed to improve the environmental performance of the building whilst safeguarding its architectural interest and heritage significance.

With its clean, modern lines, Western Bank Library is widely regarded as one of the most significant academic buildings of the immediate post-war period. The refurbishment project has been overseen by leading conservation specialists Avanti Architects, led by alumnus John Allan (BA Architecture 1969, DipArch Architecture 1971, MA Architecture 1972, CertProf Architecture 1973, Hon LittD 2008), Professor Peter Blundell Jones, of the School of Architecture, commented, "Updating a building respectfully as John Allan and his firm have with the library is a difficult and underrated task, meriting much more praise and attention."

The project had reinstated some of the features which subsequent modifications had obscured, including the marble-walled Exhibition Gallery. A generous grant of £184,000 from the Wolfson Foundation was combined with a legacy of £100,000 from Miss Margaret Lewis (BSc 1923), and other Alumni Fund gifts from many donors and friends of the University, to restore the original exhibition space and provide state-of-the-art lighting and display technology. The Exhibition Gallery, which is open to the public, will display items from the library's Special Collections and from the National Fairground Archive, as well as host visiting exhibitions.

The refurbishment has also provided group study rooms, new study spaces, and better heating. In addition, users can enjoy new soft furnishings, and enhanced wireless network access. Customers with disabilities will also find the library easier to use. Externally, the building has been re-glazed with modern high-performance glass, and its Portland stone facing has been cleaned.

Martin Lewis, Director of Library Services and University Librarian, said, "It’s been wonderful to see the Western Bank Library emerging from this refurbishment able to provide a better environment for our students and researchers, and yet closer to the architectural vision it embodied when it opened in 1959. Along with the Information Commons, we now have library facilities appropriate to one of the world’s top 100 universities."

The Arts Tower, also designed by Gollins, Melvin & Ward and Grade II* listed, is also undergoing major refurbishment during 2010. The paternoster lift will be retained!

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The library in 2010.

BELOW RIGHT: Inside the library in the 1950s.
Celebrating Saudi women’s academic achievements

THE FIRST ACADEMIC forum for Saudi female students, designed to allow them to share their experiences and achievements, was held at the University in March 2010. Organised by Ahlam Al-Zahrani, a PhD student in the School of Nursing and Midwifery, the forum brought together over 100 undergraduate, postgraduate and PhD women students currently studying in the UK and Ireland. The forum was co-hosted by the University of Sheffield and the Saudi Students’ Clubs and Schools – UK and Ireland, in association with the Saudi Cultural Bureau.

In 2009, Ms Al-Zahrani was elected as the Saudi Students’ Clubs and Schools Chief Female Students’ Coordinator for the UK. She said, “The staff at the University have been so supportive of me from day one. It’s now my turn to share my knowledge, and to support other female students from Saudi who need help: whether it be a listening ear, or someone to assess academic work. I am confident the forum will be the start of many new friendships and collaborations.”

A stabilising force

HIS EXCELLENCY DR Nicholas Liverpool (PhD Law 1965), who is President of the Commonwealth of Dominica, returned to the University in July 2009 to receive an honorary doctorate (LLD). This is the first time that the University has counted the President of a country as one of its alumni, and the award of the honorary degree was to a statesman who is widely respected throughout the Caribbean and beyond. He was appointed to a second term as President in 2008.

During his visit to the University, he reminisced with Alison Muir, Development Officer, about his time as a PhD student.

What did you think of Sheffield when you first arrived in 1962?

It was a city that had been ravaged by war and they had started rebuilding. But the surrounding area is almost like Dominica – there is a lot of greenery.

Did you enjoy your time in Sheffield?

Oh yes, tremendously. We were with some other West Indian students and we had a little band and played at the West End pub, three nights a week and the weekends, and really enjoyed it. And I think the patrons did as well. We also had the genesis of what we called the West Indian Club. Lots of the students joined us, especially African students and many English students. I think it was the first of its kind in Sheffield in those days, for the University at least.
Alumni events around the world

Every year, we organise events in a range of different countries. These are wonderful opportunities to help us maintain and develop closer links with our international alumni.

**SAN FRANCISCO:**

Californian alumni enjoyed a little piece of Sheffield in September 2009, when the American Alumni Reunion took place in San Francisco. Guests enjoyed a dinner in the Westin St Francis Hotel in Union Square. With over 50 guests, this was our largest gathering of Sheffield alumni on American soil so far. See page 11 for details of the 2010 reunion in New York.

**PARIS:**

Sheffield alumni from France and surrounding countries enjoyed a drinks’ reception at the British Ambassador’s Residence in October 2009. The event was hosted by the Deputy Head of Mission, Ajay Sharma. Speeches were made by the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Keith Burnett, who updated guests on developments at the University, and International Students’ Union Officer Alex Erdlenbruch, who spoke about his experiences of being a Sheffield student and the ongoing developments at the award-winning Students’ Union.

**TRIPOLE:**

A drinks’ reception for Libyan graduates was held at the British Ambassador’s Residence in Tripoli in March 2010, hosted by the British Ambassador to Libya, Sir Vincent Fean (BA French and German 1975, Hon LittD 2010). Guests were welcomed by the Vice-Chancellor and Professor Dominic Shellard, Pro-Vice-Chancellor for External Affairs, who discussed the improving links that the University has with Libya.

**MUMBAI:**

The Management School ran its first overseas Alumni Club networking event in Mumbai in April 2010. Some 50 guests – alumni and local business people – met in the Taj Lands End Hotel. The event was hosted by Peter Beckingham, British Deputy High Commissioner, and the guest speaker was Mr B Sridhar, Director of Bengal Tiger Line.

**TOYO**

The British embassy in Tokyo was the venue for a reception for alumni and friends of the University, held in association with HSBC, in October 2009. The British Ambassador to Japan, David Warren, kindly agreed to host the event, which was also attended by special guests from HSBC, the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science, and Technology (MEXT) and a number of universities from across Japan. Professor Dominic Shellard spoke about the strong links that the University is forging in Japan and recent developments in Sheffield. The guests were also addressed by Joseph Dwyer from HSBC. Professor Tony Ryan, Pro-Vice-Chancellor for Science, gave a speed lecture on ‘All the science under the sun’. Finally, Isao Kiso, the Director General for International Affairs at MEXT, spoke about the links being made between the University and the ministry.

Mary-Jess Leaverland

Mary-Jess has the X factor

Mary-Jess Leaverland became an overnight pop sensation in China after scooping the top prize in an X-Factor style contest. She entered Min Xing Chang Fan Tian (which translates as ‘I want to sing to the stars’) during her second year of a Music and Chinese degree which she spent in Jiangsu province, China. Min Xing Chang Fan Tian follows a similar format to the X-Factor and Britain’s Got Talent and features a judging panel of three experts including local record executives and songwriters. It has an audience of millions. Mary-Jess was the only foreign person to reach the final and she sang in Mandarin and English.

Photographs from the event in Tokyo can be found at [www.photobox.co.uk/album/222074644](http://www.photobox.co.uk/album/222074644)
After over 30 years as Secretary and Clerk, I was indeed honoured to be elected as Chairman of Convocation at the AGM in September 2009. I hope that I will be able to continue to build on the extremely good relationship that has been created by recent chairmen between the University administration and Convocation.

One of the first things which we have done is to appoint the President of the Students’ Union as an ex-officio member of the Executive Committee of Convocation and I believe that this will enable us to forge even better links than there have been in recent years between Convocation and the Students’ Union.

It is, of course, obvious to remark that almost every member of the Students’ Union becomes a member of Convocation and yet it is our experience that very few undergraduates appreciate this fact. In other institutes of higher education, the graduate body may sometimes be known as the graduate association, but here in Sheffield we have the name Convocation. It is not immediately apparent to undergraduates what Convocation is or, indeed, what it stands for. It is not only myself who has been astonished over the years with meeting the number of fellow graduates of this University who, when reminded they are members of Convocation, say they did not know, and ask what it is. Perception is everything; and I think we need to make sure that undergraduates become aware that there is life after graduation. It would be my hope that with automatic membership of Convocation and ‘Sheffield Alumni’, managed by the University’s Development and Alumni Relations Office, graduates will continue to enjoy the contacts and benefits that come from a life-long relationship with this University.

It has been two years now since the Sheffield University Association merged fully with Convocation. So now Convocation has a social function which is conducted by our Social Committee. The contact details for the social activities and visits which are arranged appear on page 11 and I hope that we will now be able to encourage a wider interest in attending some of these ventures. I am conscious of the fact that they tend to be run from Sheffield – but perhaps that is the nature of the beast. I believe it still to be true that Sheffield has one of the highest numbers of graduates remaining in the locality after graduation. That is what I did and it does not surprise me, therefore, that many of our members have also sought to live here, close by the major motorway and railway links and on the edge of the Pennines and the Peak District – and not that far from the delights of North Yorkshire and the Wolds of East Yorkshire.

At the 2009 AGM the guest speaker was the Vice-Chancellor. It was a very well received address and I am pleased to say that the Vice-Chancellor has again accepted our invitation to speak at the 2010 AGM. Something not to be missed! I look forward to seeing many of you then.

Brian Wrigley, Chairman of Convocation

Brodsworth Hall, one of the places visited by members of Convocation in 2009.
Honours and awards

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

**Professor Richard Jones** (Physics and Astronomy) was awarded the Tabor Medal by the Institute of Physics for his work characterising polymer surfaces and thin films, and for his more recent work in nanoscience.

**Dr Thijs Kouwenhoven** (Physics and Astronomy) was awarded a grant by the Peter and Patricia Gruber Foundation Fellowship Programme for his research proposal examining star clusters.

**Professors Geoff Craig** and **Ric van Noort** (Clinical Dentistry) were presented with the John Tomes Medal of the British Dental Association.

**Emeritus Professor Gillian Gehring OBE** (Physics and Astronomy) was elected an honorary fellow of the Institute of Physics and awarded the Mott Medal for her contributions to magnetism.

**Christopher Green** (Software Engineering) received the British Computer Society Award for the Best Information Technology Student.

**Dr Gino Hrkac** (Engineering Materials) was selected as a University Research Fellow by the Royal Society.

**Elena Rodriguez-Falcon** (Mechanical Engineering) was named an ‘educator highly commended’ at an awards ceremony held by the National Council for Graduate Entrepreneurship and Enterprise Educators UK.

**Simcyp**, a University spin-out company, won a Queen’s Award for Enterprise for its innovative research into modelling and simulation software for evaluating drugs.

**Dr Pankaj Singh** (Cardiovascular Science) received a World Federation of Neurological Societies Young Neurosurgeon Award.

**Dr Martin Talbot** (Medicine, Dentistry and Health) was named a senior fellow of the Higher Education Academy.

**Professor Graham Turpin** (Psychology) received the British Psychological Society Award for Distinguished Contributions to Professional Psychology.

**The University of Sheffield** was awarded the Carbon Trust Standard for reducing its carbon intensity by 3.8 per cent over the past three years.

**Professor Roger Watson** (Nursing and Midwifery) received a fellowship from the Royal College of Nursing.

**Professor Tony Weetman** (Medicine, Dentistry and Health) was elected chair of the Medical Schools Council for the UK.

**Professor Michael Wells** (Medicine, Dentistry and Health) was elected president of the European Society of Pathology.

**Professor Yorick Wilks** (Computer Science) was elected a fellow of the Association for Computing Machinery.

**Professor Elizabeth Winstanley** (Applied Mathematics) is the Australian Institute of Physics Women in Physics Lecturer 2010.

**Hannah Wright**, an Urban Studies student, was Highly Commended in the Association of Women in Property’s National Student Awards 2009.
Your notes & news

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

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'.

1930s

**Ernest Hampshire (Engineering Associateship 1936)**

Studied three evenings a week in the Department of Engineering while working full-time in the Samuel Fox steel works in Stocksbridge. “In those days an Engineering Associateship was highly regarded by employers as they provided work experience plus academic knowledge.” Ernest went on to teach evening classes in the department and achieved a directorship and position as general works manager at Samuel Fox.

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**Betty Bateson (Cert 1996)**

Awarded an MBE for services to the community in Hatfield, Doncaster.

**Dr Stephen Burns (MB ChB 1978)**

Awarded an MBE for services to healthcare and to the community in Rotherham, South Yorkshire.

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Early memories of Sheffield

A request sent to all our pre-1965 alumni has resulted in a fantastic response with many sending in photographs and memories of their time at the University. We are producing a special supplement using this material which will be available to view online on our website from October 2010.
1940s

Winifred Woolley (née Peake)  
(BA French 1941, DipEd Education 1942)  
“If you wished to go out in the evening you had to sign in a book in the Hall and state your destination. If you wished to stay out after 10pm you had to inform the warden who sat up for you and opened the door.”

Norman Bailey  
(BMet Metallurgy 1947)  
“Our final year enjoyed the return of the annual rag day [after the war]. It coincided with the Hallé Orchestra’s concert in the City Hall. A gang of us hi-jacked John Barbirolli, the conductor, and held him to ransom, which was then collected from the audience.”

1950s

Dr George Hart  
(BSc Biochemistry 1957)  
Was a Professor of Geology at Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge for 28 years before retiring.

Dr Graham Palmer  
(BSc Biochemistry 1957)  
Works in the Department of Biochemistry at Rice University in Houston, Texas.

Dr Gun Nagamati  
(PhD Applied Mechanics 1958)  
Was Under Secretary of State for Transport and Communications in Thailand before his retirement. He now teaches as a professor at the Engineering Post-Graduate School, Siam University, Bangkok.

Dr Malcolm Segall  
(MB ChB Medicine 1959)  

Philip Coppard  
(BEng 1972)  
Awarded an OBE for services to local government.

Dr Margaret Faull  
(MA 1992)  
Awarded an OBE for services to industrial heritage.

Professor Anthony Hill  
(BSc 1981)  
Awarded an OBE for services to environmental science.

Susan Ion  
(Hon DEng 2003)  
Awarded a Damehood for services to science and engineering.

James Loughran  
(Hon DMus 1983)  
Awarded a CBE for services to classical music.

Brenda King  
Awarded an MBE for services to healthcare.

Fiona MacCarthy  
(Hon LittD 1996)  
Awarded an OBE for services to literature.

Professor Sir Andrew Motion FRSL  
(Hon LittD 2005)  
Awarded a Knighthood for services to literature.

Lieutenant Colonel Nicholas Rynn  
(BA 1980)  
Awarded an MBE: part of the Yorkshire Regiment.

Dr John Shortland  
(BSc 1962, MB ChB 1965, PhD 1973)  
Awarded an OBE for voluntary service to the St John Ambulance Brigade.

Antonia Thoday  
(BSc 1976)  
Awarded an MBE for voluntary service to Chesham High School Pony Club, Buckinghamshire.

Eleri Thomas  
(studied Applied Research and Quality Evaluation)  
Awarded an MBE for services to children and young people in Wales.

Richard Wright  
(BSc 1978)  
Awarded an MBE for services to the manufacturing industry.
1960s

One of the more daring rag stunts was the painting of a zebra crossing on a new extension to the M1 near Chesterfield in 1967.

1970s

Howard Levenson  
(*Law 1970, LLM Law 1972*)
Was awarded an honorary doctorate (LLD) by the University of East London. He is a Judge of the Upper Tribunal.

Steve Weaver  (*BA Geography 1971*)
Is chief executive of Blackpool Council.

Professor John Wood  
(*BMet Metallurgy 1971*)
Has been appointed as the Secretary General of the Association of Commonwealth Universities.

Dr Bill Emery  (*BEng Civil Engineering 1972*)
Is chief executive of the Office of Rail Regulation.

Allan Brigham  
(*BA History and Politics 1973*)
Has been awarded an honorary master’s degree by the University of Cambridge in recognition of his services to the local community.

Juliet Green  (*BSc Geography 1974*)
Her book about Astro*Carto*Graphy, called *Fly Me to the Moon*, has been published by Athena Press.

Ray Bridges  
(*BSc Mathematics and Statistics 1965*)
Took part in a successful crossing of the Atlantic, from Tenerife to Grenada, in his 44ft boat *Sonar*.

Deborah Freeman (née Yoffey)  
(*BA Economics 1966*)
Scenes from her latest play, *The Scapegoat*, have been previewed at Manchester City Art Gallery.

Dathar al-Khashab  
(*BEng Electronic Engineering 1966*)
Is the general manager of the Doura oil refinery, Baghdad’s main and oldest oil refinery.
Professor Phinias Mogorosi Makhurane  
(MSc Physics 1966, PhD Physics 1969)  
Has retired as Vice-Chancellor of the University of Science and Technology in Zimbabwe.

Alan Thurlow  
(BMus Music 1968)  
Is the president of the Incorporated Association of Organists.

David Cash  
(BA Architecture 1973, MA Architecture 1976)  
Is international development director for Building Design Partnership.

The Right Hon Tan Sri Ariffin bin Zakaria  
(LLB Law 1974)  
Is the Chief Judge of the High Court in Malaysia.

Dr William Bedford  
(BA English Literature 1976, PhD English Literature 1980)  
His Collecting Bottle Tops: Selected Poetry 1960-2008 and selected short stories and non-fiction – None of the Cadillacs Was Pink – were published in 2009.

Professor Paul Curran  
(BSc Geography 1976)  
Has become president of the Remote Sensing and Photogrammetry Society; he is Vice-Chancellor of Bournemouth University, and will be the next head of City University, London.

Ninian Peckitt  
(MB ChB Medicine 1979)  
Is Adjunct Associate Professor in Engineering Assisted Surgery at the School of Engineering and Advanced Technology, Massey University, New Zealand.

Mary Fulton  
(BA Economics, Accountancy and Financial Management 1980)  
Is Audit Partner – Financial Services Industry Team at Deloitte.

Dr Beverley Greenwood-Van Meerveld  
(BSc Physiology 1980, PhD Physiology 1984)  
Is Professor of Physiology at the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center, Presbyterian Health Foundation Chair in Neuroscience, and Director of the Oklahoma Center for Neuroscience.

Penny Hughes  
(BSc Chemistry 1980, Hon LLD 1994)  
Has been appointed a non-executive director of Wm Morrison.

Andy Tickle  
(BSc Botany 1984)  
Is head of planning/campaigning for the Friends of the Peak District.

Richard Smith  
(BEng Civil and Structural Engineering 1987)  
Has joined the board of Stoke City Football Club.

Andy Haldane  
(BA Economics 1988)  

Graeme Lowden  
(MEng Mechanical Engineering 1988)  
Is the director of racing for Virgin Racing.

Stuart MacFarlane  
(BA Business Studies 1988)  
Is president of global brewer Anheuser-Busch InBev UK.

Sally Mitchell (née Williams)  
(BA French and Linguistics 1988)  
Won the Primary Language Teacher Award 2009 organised by La Jolie Ronde and Scholastic.

Jonathan Jones  
(LLB Law 1989)  
Is a partner in corporate finance practice at law firm Hammonds.
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1990s

Nick Warwick
(BEng Civil Engineering 1991)
Is a director of Nolan Associates Consulting Civil and Structural Engineers.

Dr Jon Copley (BSc Zoology 1992)
Is a lecturer in marine ecology at the University of Southampton, based at the National Oceanography Centre.

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Is fund manager of the AXA Defensive Distribution Fund.

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Professor Peter Mumby
(PhD Coral Reef Remote Sensing 1997)
Received the 2010 Pew Fellowship in Marine Conservation.

Amal S Al-Dossari
(MEd English Language Teaching 1998)
Is heading a team in Bahrain to develop a National Strategy for Childhood and has been elected as a member of the World Leisure Organization’s Board of Directors.

Dr Spiros Kitsinelis (MChem Chemistry 1999, PhD Chemistry 2003)
Is a science writer and communicator based in Athens and won the first Famelab Competition in Greece in 2007, organised by the British Council.

Terence Quek
(BSc Psychology 1999)
Was named The Outstanding Young Person of Singapore 2009 in the area of Humanitarian and/or Voluntary Leadership by Junior Chamber International.

Miriam Ross
(BA Modern History and Politics 1999)

Ana Sampson (BA English Literature 1999, MA English Literature 2001)
Is head of publicity and marketing at Michael O’Mara Books.

Obituaries

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

Emeritus Professor Deryck N de G Allen
First Professor and Head of Department, Applied Mathematics and Computing Science 1955–80, Pro-Vice Chancellor 1966–70, Warden of Ranmoor House until his retirement in 1982 (also see page 26)

Emeritus Professor John Ball
Professor in the Department of Zoology 1965–84

Professor Joan Higgins
Department of Molecular Biology and Biotechnology 1978–2006

Emeritus Professor Eric Wilkes
(Hom MD 1986) Community Care and General Practice 1973–83

Emeritus Professor Peter Neville Robson
Department of Electronic and Electrical Engineering 1968–96

Dr R G Siddall
Department of Chemical and Process Engineering 1956–87

Dr Brian Kenny
Senior Lecturer in the Department of Mechanical Engineering 1959–93

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Is a television producer at So Television.

www.sheffield.ac.uk/alumni/obituaries.html
Guy Adams (BA English Literature 2000)  
Is The Independent’s Los Angeles reporter.

Robert Forbes (BSc Geography 2001)  
The former President of the Students’ Union took part in the Marathon des Sables 2010, a 150-mile race across the Sahara Desert, and then cycled from Land’s End to John O’Groats to raise funds for the Royal British Legion and the Disaster Emergency Committee.

Samantha Harvey (PgDip Philosophy 2001)  
Her first novel, The Wilderness, was shortlisted for the Orange Prize for Fiction 2009, long listed for the 2009 Man Booker Prize, shortlisted for the Guardian First Book Award and won the 2009 AMI Literature Award and the Betty Trask Prize.

Claire Moss (BA Politics 2001, MSc Information Management 2003)  
Her novel Northern Soul Revival, set partly in Sheffield, has been published by Snowbooks.

Victoria Davies (BA Journalism Studies 2002)  
Is a news reporter/presenter for ITV Central.

Dr Joanne Rendell (PhD English Literature 2002)  
Her second novel, Crossing Washington Square, was published in September 2009.

Dr Sumitesh Das (BEng Engineering Materials 2003)  
Is the head of materials modelling and product design in the research and development division of Tata Steel.

Antonia Dietmann (MSc Occupational Psychology 2003)  
Is chair of the Division of Occupational Psychology in the British Psychological Society.

Steven McLean (PhD English Literature 2003)  

Gavin James Bower (BA History 2004)  
His first novel, Dazed & Aroused, is set in the world of fashion.

Scott Lomax (BA Archaeology and Prehistory 2004)  
Is a true crime author whose latest book is Unsolved Murders in and Around Derbyshire.

Joe Tenner (BA Architecture 2004)  
Has joined Sheffield-based firm Handspring Design, a multidisciplinary practice specialising in sculptural timber structures.

Antony Blackmore (BA Sociology 2005, PGCE 2009)  
Managed to defend himself from a crocodile when swimming in Lake Malawi in East Africa.

Mittal Singla (BEng Mechanical Engineering Science 2005)  
Has been appointed chairman of the Punjab Youth Congress Urban Development Cell.

Jacqueline Yallop (PhD English Literature 2006)  
Her first novel, Kissing Alice, was published by Atlantic Books.

Terry Curran (MA Psychology for Musicians 2007)  
Produced two programmes for BBC Radio 4 looking at the psychology behind music recordings.

The International Cultural Evening is a popular annual event.

Catherine Earnshaw (LLB Law 2007)  
Has won the DLA Piper Award for the student who obtains the highest combined mark in the College of Law in Birmingham’s legal practice course.

Stu Ferguson (BA Accounting, Financial Management and Business Studies 2007)  
Is a professional footballer, playing for Hawke’s Bay United in New Zealand.

Rob Meckin (BSc Biomedical Science 2001, PGCE Science 2007)  
Is the founder of Sweet Theatre, a traditional sweet-making business with a twist.

Mark Willoughby (BA Social Policy and Sociology 2007)  
The former President of the Students’ Union is now a JP.

Dr Ruth Derksen (PhD Russian 2008)  
Explored her family’s experiences of Russia during the Stalin period in a film, Through the Red Gate, and book, ‘Remember Us’: Letters from Stalin’s Gulag 1930-37.

Mohammed Sajjad Hug (BEng Aerospace Engineering 2008)  
Has graduated from the officer training school at RAF Cranwell.

Dr Amjad Shaikh (PhD Chemical and Process Engineering 2008)  
Works at the King Fahd University of Petroleum and Minerals in Saudi Arabia.

Helen Barnett (BA Journalism 2009)  
Is one of two DJs who established Hang the DJ, a collective making waves in Sheffield, Manchester and London.

Stacey Clifford (MEng Civil Engineering with a Modern Language 2009)  
Undertook a placement with the charity Engineers Without Borders in Morocco.

Razvan Hoinaru (BA International History and International Politics 2009)  
Is an assistant to the Romanian MeP Oana Ontonescu.

Anna Mason (MA Working with Communities 2009)  
Has established Masons Academy of Performing Arts in Grimsby.

Michael Robinson (MEng Materials Science and Engineering 2009)  
Was awarded the Morgan Crucible Award for the Best Materials Student at the Science, Engineering & Technology Student of the Year Awards 2009.
More and more alumni are choosing to return to the University to celebrate the happiest day of their lives – their wedding day!

Graduates Joel and Clare Daubney chose Firth Court as the venue for their special occasion. Clare explained, “It’s a beautiful building which provided a wonderful backdrop for our reception – even though in the past we may have had the odd exam in there!”

The University’s dedicated wedding coordinators, part of eventswithUS, were on hand to help create the perfect day for the couple: “Our main contact was Katy Hinton and she was brilliant. We really felt we could trust her to organise everything just the way we wanted which meant less stress for us. All the staff were really friendly and everything went smoothly on the day – we’d definitely recommend eventswithUS.”

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Our University
Unsigned prints
As its contribution to the University Centenary in 2005, the Sheffield University Association commissioned renowned local artist Joe Scarborough (Hon LittD 2008) to paint Our University, which is now on public display in the entrance to University House.

Information:
Unframed and packed in protective cardboard tubes
Dimensions: W19” x H17”
Delivery: p+p (£2.00 UK; £2.50 Europe; £3.00 rest of world).

£15 (incl VAT)

University tie

Information:
In 100% silk with multiple University shields.
Delivery: p+p (£1.00 UK; £1.30 Europe; £1.70 rest of world).

£18 (incl VAT)

STUDIO SHOP
The Students’ Union outlet for University memorabilia is undergoing refurbishment during part of 2010: check out the Union website, www.sheffield.ac.uk/union for the latest details.
Many alumni and friends of the University are helping their former department with a planned gift in their Will. This support is invaluable and is greatly appreciated by our academic staff, researchers and students.

Dr Derek Griess (BSc Electrical Engineering 1934, PhD Electrical and Electronic Engineering 1938) had to rely on scholarships throughout his University career and felt that he wanted to give something back for future students. He remembered his former department very generously in his Will and helped to set up a prestigious scholarship and create a new laboratory. He also enabled current students to stay in Sheffield over the summer vacation and take part in project-based work for the department, helping them to develop key skills which are valued by employers.

Dr Griess’ generosity will be recognised and remembered for many years to come. Please consider a gift in your Will to your former department and help current Sheffield students reach their full potential.

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 to talk to someone in confidence about a gift in your Will, please contact:

David Meadows, Development Officer – Legacies and Individual Giving, Development and Alumni Relations Office, The University of Sheffield, 267 Glossop Road, Sheffield S10 2HB Tel: +44 (0)114 222 1073 Email: d.meadows@sheffield.ac.uk www.sheffield.ac.uk/friends

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