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4 December - Monday  
Graduation Ceremony  
Guildhall. By invitation

12 December - Tuesday  
Watson Wyatt Lecture: Impact on Economic Security Programmes of Rapidly Shifting Demographics. Professor Robert L Brown  
University of Waterloo, Canada.  
Oliver Thompson Lecture Theatre.  
5.30pm for 6pm  
Contact: Marilyn Parris 020 7477 8470

12 January - Friday  
Department of Music: Critical Musicology Forum. Focussing on issues of intertextuality, appropriation, borrowing, influence etc irrespective of genre. Music Department.  
All day.  
Contact: Dr John Richardson 020 7477 8283

24 January - Wednesday  
Birley Lecture: Why Learn? Higher Education in a Learning Society. Baroness Blackstone.  
Oliver Thompson Lecture Theatre.  
Contact: Catherine Thatcher 020 7477 8038

5 March - Monday  
Chancellor's Dinner. The Rt Hon the Lord Mayor of London, Alderman David Howard, will preside over this black tie dinner in support of the Business School Campaign. Mansion House 7pm for 7.30pm. By invitation.  
Contact: Sally Ross 020 7505 5560

7 March - Wednesday  
Spring Concert: Dvorák/Saint-Saens/Robert Percy/Hindemith. St John's, Smith Square 7.30pm. £8 (£4/£2.50 conc.)  
Contact: Kathryn McCutcheon 020 7477 8284

8 March - Thursday  
N'Ions Lecture: UK Travel into the 21st Century. Mike Grant, Chief Executive of the Shadow Strategic Rail Authority (and MBA Alumnus). Poynton Lecture Theatre. 6.30pm for 7pm  
Contact: Mo Filmer 020 8876 7532

20 March - Tuesday  
The Marketor's Lecture  
The Old Library, Guildhall.  
Contact: Pat Watkins 020 7477 8788

16 May - Wednesday  
Graduation Ceremony  
Guildhall. By invitation

17 May - Thursday  
Vice-Chancellor's Lecture 2001:  
Professor Lord Winston, Professor of Fertility, Imperial College  
Contact: Pat Watkins 020 7477 8788

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## From the editor



Congratulations to everyone who helped launch the City University Alumni Association in September. In particular I would like to thank all of the Convocation Committee members, who have given so much time and attention to build City University alumni relations activity, for the strong foundation they have built and for their continuing interest and support.

The Association begins in this new millennium with over 24,000 members in touch with the University. As you will see in several articles in this issue, many alumni already are actively involved with City's students, courses and other areas of University life.

The new Alumni Association Board is considering ways to develop the areas of contact with the University that are most important to you. Guiding them are your **responses to the alumni opinion survey**, which was included with the spring issue of *CityNetwork*. Continuing education and development were clearly important to you, with more than a third of respondents ranking it as the first or second priority for the new Association. Professional networking and events were also rated highly.

### Mini City Directory

**Alumni Relations**  
020 7505 5557  
alumni@city.ac.uk  
www.city.ac.uk/alumni

**Career Development Centre**  
020 7477 8093

**Courses for Adults**  
(evening courses)  
020 7477 8268

**International Office**  
020 7477 8019

**Library**  
020 7477 8191

**Registry**  
020 7477 8321  
(degree certificates – for transcripts or references contact your academic department)

**Postgraduate prospectuses**  
020 7477 8014

**Sports Centre**  
020 77505 5656

**Student Employment Service**  
020 7477 0145

**Students' Union**  
020 7505 5600

**Switchboard**  
020 7477 8000

**Undergraduate prospectuses**  
020 7477 8029

Thank you for taking the time to respond to our mailings, send your news and, of course, update your own details to help keep our records up to date. The response for members' news was particularly good. We have included most of your news, but have reserved some for the next issue. Please send us more, and if you have any good photos we are always delighted to receive them. The next issue of *CityNetwork* will be published in the spring. Meanwhile, you can send us updates on line and check for events or other news on the alumni website.

Please let me or other members of the Alumni Board know if you have questions or ideas.

With best wishes,

Lesley Richardson, Alumni Relations Manager

The mission of the City University Alumni Association is to facilitate a mutually productive lifelong relationship between City University and its alumni and friends.

# City launches Alumni Association



The Vice-Chancellor, Professor David Rhind, emphasised the important role of alumni in University life. *'Alumni are a crucial part of City University,' he said. 'We are a good University and together can be a great one.'*

At the first Board meeting, in October, members formed action groups to explore potential developments in alumni communications, benefits and events.

Board member and MBA alumna **Neeta Patel** (2) (story on page 8) is chairing a group exploring alumni communication possibilities, looking particularly at the potential of the internet, and music alumnus **Alex Poots** (3) (story on page 9) is leading an action group to generate ideas for Association events.

Continuing professional development arose as a top priority for alumni in the spring 2000 survey, and **Adam Kahan** (4) (MBA, 1988) is looking into how the Alumni Association might help to meet these needs. Adam is a past chairman of City's MBA Association and is Senior Manager, Corporate Planning, for the College of Law of England and Wales.

There was standing room only when the first Board of the City University Alumni Association was introduced to fellow alumni and University staff at the Association launch in September. The Board aims to develop greater involvement of alumni with the University.

The President of the new Association, Nigel Hickson (1) (Electrical Engineering, 1977) led the transition from Convocation to the new Association. 'I am very grateful for the strong start that fellow members of the Convocation Standing Committee have ensured,' Nigel said. 'Now it's up to us on the new Board to deliver a programme that will involve even more City alumni.'

**Simon Walsh** (Law, 1985) is a practising barrister and this past year became one of the youngest Aldermen of the City of London. He serves as Deputy President of the Association. (5)

**Barbara Suggitt** (Systems Science, 1974; Health Management, 1991), another new Board member, is Director of Intermediate Care for West Herts Community Health Trust (6). She has two City degrees and her husband, Richard (see story page 11) is also a City alumnus.

Several former Convocation Committee members are offering their experience as Board members.

**Robert Chappell** OBE (Optometry, 1963) continues his role representing alumni on the University Council, City's governing body. Bob is a former chairman of Convocation. A practising optician he is also managing director of two optically-

based companies and a leading member of the three councils that regulate the profession in the UK, Europe and the world. (7)

**Tony Pollard** (Electrical Engineering, 1962) is continuing as Treasurer of the Association. Tony currently does personnel work for the DTI and is the former Director of Personnel and General Administration for the Radio Communications Agency. (8)

**Don Harper** (Applied Mathematics, 1960) has been active in both Convocation and the City N'Ions Association, the original alumni organisation of the Northampton College of Engineering. Don is Principal of Eaton House Schools, a group of three private schools in London. He and his family also recently launched a private charter air company, Platinum Air 2000 with nine aircraft and an operating base at Northolt (the Royal airport) (see ad on back cover). (9)

**Richard Trim OBE** (Electronic Engineering, 1952) is Managing Director of Gilden Research Limited, which designs and manufactures SmartSound, awarded Millennium Product status from the Design Council. Developed at the request of Docklands Light Railway, it is a PA system that adapts its sound levels so that they are intelligible against unpredictably changing levels of background noise. (10)

The University's Academic Registrar, **Dr Adrian Seville** (11); and Director of Development, **Edward Lord** (12) also have places on the Board, along with **Lesley Richardson**, (opposite) Alumni Relations Manager, who is Clerk to the Association.

Comments, suggestions or questions to any or all members of the Board are very welcome. Please send them care of the Clerk: email: l.a.richardson@city.ac.uk; telephone 020 7477 8789.

# Fuelling the new e-economy

The new internet economy has a huge appetite for people who have the skills and knowledge to maintain its rapid growth.

To feed that hunger City is offering innovative postgraduate courses combining the renowned expertise of its own staff with the advice and support of those active in the new economy, including, of course, its own alumni.

## The MBA for technology management and e-business

The City University Business School MBA programme offers the opportunity to major in the management of technology, and earned a ranking in the global top ten for its IT teaching in the *Financial Times* MBA rankings earlier this year. Courses include entrepreneurship, systems thinking and e-business.

The MBA e-business courses identify best practice worldwide in electronic commerce and IT project management. Keeping up with changes in the fast-moving sector is challenging, and **Professor Clive Holtham** credits alumni from the School – now working in the new economy – for helping the courses stay in the vanguard.

This past spring, for example, **Tom Ilube** (MBA, 1987), founder and Chief Executive Officer of Lostwax.com returned to talk to MBA students. Lost Wax builds the technology that supports e-commerce businesses and has developed software for Sony, Orange, General Motors and Psion. In three years it has grown to employ 100 people and has just raised over £5m to fund its growth.

Lost Wax is an invaluable case study for students, but Tom said there is value for him too. For the last two years he has recruited MBA students to do their project work with the company. Last year a business plan prepared with the help of students **Enrique Gutierrez** and **Asanka Rodrigo** enabled Lost Wax to raise £1m and earned the students a distinction.

Meeting a class of 50 MBA students also gives Tom the chance to hear from them what the trends and issues are in their own experience and helps keep Lost Wax ahead of the competition.

Tom is very aware of the pace of change. He said: 'The new economy changes every six months, and engaging in debate with a room full of City MBAs is a great way to re-evaluate my assumptions and spot the next wave of e-commerce.'

## A holistic approach to electronic publishing

The diploma/master's degree course in Electronic Publishing is run jointly by staff in Information Science and Journalism. **Rod Allen**, Head of the Department of Journalism and a founder of the degree, said: 'We were aware of the real need for editorial executives with a holistic view of electronic publishing – understanding both the editorial and commercial issues.'

The course covers the design and creation of electronic publications (principally websites and CD-ROMs) as well as technical, financial and organisational principles – and legal, social and ethical issues.

Alumni of the course in electronic publishing have leapt into the world of web-based business and information management with enthusiasm. **Natalie Malevsky**, who graduated just last year, recently moved to FirstTuesday.com, an online company designed to help fund start-up e-commerce businesses. Natalie works on content development for the site, which matches companies, ideas and capital and has helped raise US\$150m for 40 new start-ups.

Another graduate, **Eloise Grey** joined Confetti.com, a one-stop online resource for weddings and special occasions, in its early days. It is now one of the most successful start-ups in the UK. She said: 'In my role at Confetti, I've managed all the developments on the site from the idea stage right through to launch. It's been great fun seeing how the site has grown and how our users just keep coming back. I started when there were just 10 of us and we could all sit round a table. Now there are over 50, and we have offices in France and Germany.'

## Putting the world at managers' fingertips

Geographic Information Systems is one of the newest postgraduate course offerings. **Professor Jonathan Raper**, the course director, said geographic information can be used in the insurance, transport and service industries to inform decisions on insurance premiums, delivery schedules and marketing – including potentially the location of stores and bank branches.

With data from satellites able to be downloaded even to hand-held devices, geographic information is opening a whole new range of business opportunities. Knowledge management is a buzz phrase but it has very practical implications for the new and established business. The degree focuses on the ability to manage projects and integrate geographic information into business decision-making.

Staff on the course include the University's Vice-Chancellor, **Professor David Rhind**, who was Director General and Chief Executive of Ordnance Survey before joining City and is acknowledged as a world expert in the field.

Some students attracted to the course, which was launched this autumn, are already working in the industry and have been sent onto the course by employers who want to tap into the knowledge base at City. Not unexpectedly for a course supporting the new economy, this degree is also available by distance learning using electronic communication.

## Seeking the technical heroes behind the internet

The Computing Department is seeking practitioners in internet-based computing and applications to be guest lecturers. The Industrial Lecture Series of alumni and other experts in the field provides Information Technology students with an understanding of the computing technologies currently being used in industry and commerce.

More information is on the web at <http://lima.soi.city.ac.uk/ils/home.htm> or contact Dr Kostas Stathis on 020 7477 8586 or by email: [K.Stathis@city.ac.uk](mailto:K.Stathis@city.ac.uk)

## Computer systems: can we trust them?

The Stock Exchange computer failure this past summer was a very public and far reaching example of our dependence on computer-based systems. Now a new multi-million pound research project aims to try to stop such failures and develop reliable systems.

A unique team of researchers – including psychologists and sociologists, as well as computing, communications and mathematics experts – has been awarded more than £6m by the Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council for the six-year project. City is joining forces with Newcastle, Edinburgh, Lancaster and York

universities to work on developing highly improved techniques for designing and using sophisticated computer-based systems.

Professor Bev Littlewood, Director of the University's Centre for Software Reliability, explained: 'Systems are becoming ever more complex – and there is pressure for them to be built faster for less cost. These systems are crucial so we need to make sure that they are sufficiently dependable.'

'The Stock Exchange aside, computer failures worldwide cost society billions of pounds every year. Other fiascos that spring to

mind include the London Ambulance Service failure and the Passport Service debacle.

'Although there has been scientific progress in achieving high dependability in computer hardware and software, wider systems involving people, computers and business or social organisations are often disastrously unsuccessful.'

'We're going to be working with partners including the NHS, British Aerospace, Swiss Reinsurance, National Air Traffic Services, the Nuclear Installations Inspectorate and London Law firm Clifford Chance to look at real-life applications.'

The project will also build on work already carried out at City on how risk assessment can be measured. Bev said: 'Without scientific ways to understand, quantify and reason about risk, there can be no real discussion of dependability.'

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Director of the University's Centre for Software Reliability and member of the UK Safety Advisory Committee

## Lectures highlight themes of community

Public lectures at City University in the millennium year have tended to reflect less on the application of technology than the continuing role of human interaction and relationships to our lives and future.

### Engineering the future

**Richard Chartres**, the 132nd Bishop of London, spoke of the importance of wisdom and human relationships in the new knowledge economy in February 2000 when he gave the Bridge Lecture.

*'The new economy needs a mobilising vision which must be primarily social, cultural and spiritual.'*

'The Greenwich Dome and the debate it has provoked is a symbol of a world of huge technical achievements waiting for its mobilising narrative to replace the very successful '50s model of mass affluence, constantly improving life style and relative employment stability.'

Wisdom, he said, is key and means appreciation of the whole, of relationships, of love and compassion, balance and restraint.

'Knowledge is power to change things but wisdom is able to discriminate between when to use power and when to refrain. Knowledge can be trawled from the internet. Wisdom is only learnt in relationships.'

### Businessnews.com – the impact of new media

**Richard Lambert**, Editor of the *Financial Times*, was awarded an honorary Doctor of Letters by City University in June and spoke of the important role of trust in the competitive new world of business media. With electronic communication making it possible for anyone to set up a news service from their home computer and the abundance of information available to us becoming overwhelming, we will need to know what sources we can trust.

'Business news organisations that have the trust of their users will prosper mightily,' he predicted. 'Those that don't, won't. For similar reasons, businesses themselves are going to have to work much harder than they do now to win the trust of their various stakeholders...'

Check the diary section inside the front cover of *CityNetwork* and on the University website for upcoming lectures and events at City: [www.city.ac.uk/whatson](http://www.city.ac.uk/whatson)

### Markets, governments and virtues

The Mais Lecture, the Business School's prestigious annual event, which has featured such speakers as **Tony Blair**, **Gordon Brown** and **Eddie George**, this year stressed the role of community in our economic success.

The Chief Rabbi, **Professor Jonathan Sacks**, said the Western world owes the success of the industrial revolution and our market economy to the insistence on the equal dignity of every human being. He stressed that capitalism depends on institutions such as the family and the community where these values and traditions are cultivated and maintained.

*'The market depends on virtues that are not produced by the market... habits of co-operation, born and sustained... in families, communities, friendships, and built not on exchange and power but reciprocity, loyalty, forgiveness and trust.'*

### Promoting better care for older people

**Professor Julienne Meyer** of the St Bartholomew School of Nursing and Midwifery looked beyond our working years in her lecture in September. She challenged views of 'old age', highlighted inequalities in the care offered to older people, and told how action research – where researchers work closely with practitioners to create change – can make a difference.

'Nurses tend to be 'doers', and I have valued the fact that action research has allowed me to combine my clinical, research and teaching skills in order to influence others. It blurs the boundaries between academic elites and those who have to get on and do the job,' Julienne said. 'More importantly, it offers us the opportunity to promote better care for older people... This is in all our best interests.'



### The Office of the Future: why the most important technology will be the coffee machine

**Clive Holtham** (above), Professor of Management Information in the Business School, in his June lecture challenged the notion that a knowledge economy will be largely virtual. He said:

*'Face to face matters, because it allows for relationship building and interaction.'*

Clive advocates spaces that benefit different types of knowledge work. He called for companies - and universities - to rethink work spaces, giving greater emphasis to spaces such as around the coffee machine, where workers can 'hang out', thinking and sharing information in ways that best suit their personal preferences. He said these were among the most neglected spaces but were where creative ideas can take root.

His concepts of spaces were considered in planning the new building for the Business School, which Clive hopes will provide a model for business environments.

### Stress management – a masterclass

**Professor Stephen Palmer**, leading stress management expert and Visiting Professor in Psychology at City, pointed out in his inaugural lecture in November that work is the key cause of stress in London, with 77 per cent of Londoners believing they suffer from it. He shared the results of a new survey with the audience during his lively interactive session.

'The main causes of stress were work, family and financial problems,' he said. 'This was the same for both sexes. Work was way out in front. In the past ten years, stress at work has been increasing due to additional workload and our long-hours culture.'

'The biggest surprise from the study was that overall watching television was the most popular stress management strategy – the Prozac of the people,' he said.

## New Dean for the Business School

**Lord Currie of Marylebone**, Professor David Currie, has been appointed the new Dean of City University Business School.

He will replace **Professor Leslie Hannah**, who in June was headhunted to Ashridge Management College.

Lord Currie, presently Deputy Dean, Professor of Economics and Governor at London Business School, will take up his new role in January.

He said: 'I am delighted to be taking over a business school linked so firmly with the City of London – the world's leading financial centre. The School has



huge potential. Its staff, its new building in the heart of the financial sector and its relationships with leading players will make it an international success.'

Lord Currie has worked with the International Monetary Fund, the Bank of England and the European Commission. Specialising in forecasting and macro-economic policy, he is widely published particularly on Economic and Monetary Union.

Leslie Hannah is continuing his links with City as a visiting professor. City also validates Ashridge's MBA and diploma in general management courses.

## Alumna shadows Vice-Chancellor

**Mandy Bentham** (Systems Science, 1990) writes of her first-hand experience of university leadership, as she spends a day shadowing City's Vice-Chancellor, Professor David Rhind:



Shadowing the V-C for the day is a definite second best to being the V-C for the day, but serves me right for mishearing. When I contemplated the approaching day I realised that I had very little idea of what went on in the corridors of power of the University despite having spent so many years here – first as a PhD student in the early 90s and as a member of staff since 1997. Now I was to spend the day shadowing David Rhind.

The day's agenda looked daunting. The morning was taken up with meetings on fundraising and risk management, highlighting the financial pressures that universities are under and the importance of alumni support. The senior management team came in and out of the V-C's office like the cast of some obscure opera (would I remember who they all were in the next act?) – until finally it was time for lunch. But no – another meeting had been squeezed in which meant running to a waiting taxi and hurtling up Holloway Road to St Mary Magdalen's Church and a talk by Tim Brighouse, who has the job of turning around Islington's failing schools. He stressed the importance of breaking down barriers that prevent many local kids from accessing educational opportunities (including those on their doorsteps) – and the need for us to be more pro-active – what has been termed the 'Heineken effect': reaching learners other universities don't reach!

We soon had to hurry back to the University for our 2.30 meeting with the Director of Development, Edward Lord, and discussions on future projects to raise City's international profile. Next was a meeting with the architects of the new Business School (the first time that I'd seen Armani suits in the College Building!) to finalise plans for the new building. The meeting illustrated how important it is for universities to carve a niche for themselves in today's competitive education market and highlighted City's unique position with the City of London.

I had just enough time to return briefly to my desk before crossing the road to the V-C's house for a drinks reception – with City alumni. Funny how you feel you know people when they've been to the same University as you...

## A head for engineering



Staff with national and international reputations are joining City's School of Engineering.

A key new player is **Professor Dinos Arcoumanis** (above right), formerly of Imperial College's Department of Mechanical Engineering, who from this autumn became the first head of City's newly reconfigured Department of Aeronautical, Civil and Mechanical Engineering, as well as Dean designate of the School.

Dinos, who headed the internal combustion engines group at Imperial, has a DSc (Eng) from the University of London for his work and has visiting professorships at the Tokyo Institute of Technology and Doshisha University in Japan. He aims to raise the status of City's engineering research activity to international standards.

Another appointment is a more familiar face at City – **Philip Thomas**, Professor

of Engineering Development, has been a visiting professor in the School for the past five years and frequently hits the headlines for his research into the possibility of a CJD epidemic. Philip will be working to establish a unique modular master's programme with pathways leading to such specialisations as major project management, de-commissioning (eg of nuclear plant and offshore installations), risk management and project financing.

The new appointments are among a number of changes led by **Professor David Thorley**, Dean of the School and also an alumnus of City's mechanical engineering programme. In addition to balancing the books, David wants to foster imaginative and positive growth.

'We are investing in more staff with excellent national and international reputations to join those already on our team' he said.



## Leader in the internet revolution



**Neeta Patel** (MBA, 1994) has carved out a reputation as a guru of the online financial world. After leading a web revolution in the UK insurance industry, she helped to give French and Spanish consumers more choice in their financial services through FT personal finance and, in August 2000, was appointed general manager of FT.com.

Through her MBA course, Neeta became fascinated by the commercial potential of the web and, two days after graduating, she joined Legal & General. Neeta soon calculated how the internet could bring real benefits to the company. Conspiring out-of-hours with a web enthusiast from the IT department, they discovered how to bring greater interactivity to the company's existing site and, within a year, Neeta persuaded Legal & General to invest in what was to become a multi-award-winning site.

Insurance may not be the sexiest of products, but Legal & General stormed ahead of trendier companies, such as Nike and Virgin, in winning *Revolution* magazine's 1998 Grand Prix Award for Electronic Commerce Company of the Year.

One of Neeta's guiding principles is to keep sight of what people actually want from the web. She is not impressed by over-engineered sites with complex animations.

'When you're producing a financial site, utility is important, not gimmicks,' she says. 'Customers are interested in what they can get out of the site, over and above the service they already receive on the telephone.'

She sees online product sourcing as the next big area of development for consumer finance, whereby consumers go to the web for like-for-like comparisons of different products. This, she believes, will do much to change the whole industry, making it less complacent and more consumer focused.

'The more knowledge the consumer has, the more they will shop around, and this will increase competition, drive prices down and bring better value for money,' Neeta says. 'We are at the outset of a true buyers' market.' One no longer has to go begging the bank for a mortgage. Now the banks are coming to customers, and finding ways of offering improved personalised services.'

Her next challenge is to make FT.com the website of choice for busy executives, and to increase its influence in the important US market, where the Financial Times brand is still relatively unknown.

Neeta still makes time to share her experience with today's City MBA students and is a member of the new Alumni Association Board. She is even returning to do a PhD programme in, what else!, online business and the internet.



## A different take

He introduced reggae to Lord's Cricket Ground, brought top contemporary techno group Orbital to Edinburgh Castle and had James Brown 'getting down' at the Barbican. For **Alex Poots** (Music, 1989), member of the new Alumni Association Board, the key to an event is context.

An events programmer and producer, Alex likes to organise events with a special twist. 'You have to do something that hasn't been done before, create a tension between the conventional and unconventional,' Alex said.

Techno group Orbital often performs in traditional concert venues, for example, but by setting it at the base of an ancient castle and adding coloured lighting and fireworks, Alex created magic. 'The environment can enhance the performance,' he said.

Equally, the performance can enhance the environment. Channel 4's marketing department approached Alex to help bring cricket to a wider market for this past summer's West Indies-England test matches. The aim was to break down pre-conceptions about 'stuffy old cricket'. Alex's solution was to stage the 'Caribbean Summer' series of concerts at the intervals, featuring Cuban music, calypso and reggae.

Alex's work also encompasses dance, spoken word and cross-art performances. As artistic advisor for the Barbican Centre's award-winning 'Inventing America' series, he presented such performers as James Brown, Herbie Hancock

and Philip Glass, while making connections and tie-ins with the Centre's art and cinema programmes. Again, unusual juxtapositions arose. An exhibition of Harley Davidsons in the art gallery meant that, on the opening day, the Lord Mayor of London appeared alongside 50 Hell's Angels.

Alex went on to program the Barbican's multi-award-winning 'American Pioneers' series. He credits his studies of African American music and 20th century American composers in City's Music Department for landing these jobs. City was the only university that offered the contemporary focus Alex wanted and was his only choice when he applied for a university place.

Although Alex now works regularly for the Barbican, he also works on more speculative schemes. Asked by a Chinese broadcaster what it would take to get him to attempt a concert in China, Alex – presuming it to be impossible – suggested holding the first pop concert at the Great Wall of China. Several meetings and a British Council sponsored visit to China later, funding is the last hurdle and the impossible could become reality.

Interesting as his work may be, Alex confesses to feeling sceptical at times. He said, 'Recently the Chapman brothers (visual artists) said, 'this is not the age of enlightenment, it is the age of light entertainment'. To come up with an event, a happening that encompassed both, something meaningful – now that would be interesting.'



## Big sister

**Dr Linda Papadopoulos** (Psychology, 1994) featured on Britain's surprise TV sensation of the summer, the live-in gameshow - *Big Brother*. One of two on-air psychological consultants, Linda shared her observations of the psychology and behaviour of the contestants each week from edited highlights. Participants in the controversial show were watched 24 hours a day by internet viewers and had to face the prospect of being voted out of the house one by one each week.



'Channel 4 handled it very well,' Linda said. 'There were quite a few psychologists working on the programme. People were supported before they went into the *Big Brother* house and after they came out.'

Linda's 'day job' is course director – and founder – of London Guildhall University's MSc programme in counselling psychology. Her area of expertise is the psychological affects of skin disease and disfigurement. Linda has appeared on several television and radio programmes in the past year, including the Gloria Hunniford Show on Channel 5, Health Matters on BBC World Service Radio and Embarrassing Illnesses on Channel 4.

*Big Brother*, she said, was useful in bringing psychology to a lay audience. 'It demystifies it. It isn't all about lying on Freud's couch.'

## Visionary technology



Despite advances in equipment and techniques for examining eyes, most practitioners still use printed letter charts developed more than 100 years ago. Now a new product from the Department of Optometry and Visual Science is set to revolutionise eye testing.

Test Chart 2000 is a computer program capable of presenting a vast range of vision tests. People often memorise the letters they have been shown in conventional test charts, making results less conclusive. Test Chart 2000 allows letters to be randomised. The program also includes charts and tests for assessing children's eyes and other tests previously confined to research labs and specialist clinics.

'The program gives optometrists access to tests such as contrast sensitivity, which is of great value in assessing patients with cataracts, glaucoma and a number of other diseases,' explained **Dr David Thomson**, who devised Test Chart 2000.

Conventional test charts require a fixed six-metre viewing distance but Test Chart 2000 can be configured to work at any viewing distance. This allows it to be used in different sized consulting rooms or loaded on a laptop and used for tests in homes, schools or the workplace. As new tests are developed, they can be rapidly added to the program over the internet, giving practitioners access to the latest tools for assessing vision.

## Do you sign London?

Sign language experts at City are planning the first ever study of the London dialect of British Sign Language.

More than 10,000 people in London use British Sign Language, making it the most widely used language in Britain after English, Welsh and Scottish. London, however, has its own regional dialect, and City's study aims to benefit deaf tourists and people new to London, TV sign language interpreters, teachers and other professionals.

Pending funding, the researchers will interview deaf Londoners of all ages and review other sources of sign language information, such as magazines, books, old films and videos.

The research will take about a year, culminating in an illustrated phrasebook, with sections on London place names, food and travel; a website for online reference and a CD-ROM.



## Earn while you learn

This year School of Informatics launched a new way for students to combine work and study.

The Professional Pathway is designed to meet the needs of the IT industry for work-ready graduates and to help students get professional experience and earn a salary while studying.

This new mode of study is a route through the School's four undergraduate computing courses. It takes four years with an initial year spent full time at City, followed by three years combining work and study. Students spend four days a week in employment and complete their degree with a combination of e-learning and weekly attendance at City. An extranet links students, employers and University staff.

The Department for Education and Employment awarded City £198,000 over three years to assess the project and Sir John Cass's Foundation contributed £114,000. The Higher Education Funding Council has allocated 30 extra funded student numbers per year to participate. Employers, including Nortel, BT, Deutsche Bank, Credit Suisse & First Boston, the DTI and Microsoft, are also supporting the scheme.

## Nursing lecturer wins national award

A City nursing lecturer was awarded one of 20 National Teaching Fellowships by the Institute for Learning and Teaching in Higher Education this summer.



The Government launched the Institute this past year to foster high quality and innovative teaching in British higher education. The national competition for staff already demonstrating those qualities was one of the Institute's first initiatives, attracting nominations from 95 universities.

**Maggie Nicol**, a senior lecturer in the St Bartholomew School of Nursing and Midwifery, is the only London-based lecturer and the only nurse to win the award, worth £50,000, will be used to support Maggie's work developing CD-ROMs to help independent student learning.

'These allow students to learn at their own pace,' Maggie said. 'Importantly for clinical skills, they also ensure that students are practising techniques properly, before they practice on real people!'

## easyGroup chairman wins Entrepreneur of the Year Award

The Business School presented **Stelios Haji-Ioannou** (Shipping, Trade and Finance, 1987), Chairman of easyGroup, with its first Entrepreneur of the Year Award. The judging panel – the Dean's Executive – selected Stelios from seven nominations of alumni from Britain and abroad.

**Professor Costas Grammenos**, Head of the Department of Shipping, Trade and Finance, said once of Stelios: '...at 20, he was sharp, analytical, serious-minded and professional in everything. If he had not decided to go into business, he would have made an outstanding academic.'

Stelios did choose business and his successful low-cost airline, easyJet, has been followed with the easyEverything chain of internet cafes and more recently easyRentacar.

The award was presented at a formal ceremony at the University, following a panel discussion for the national 'Celebration of Innovation' week in May. Stelios participated on the panel with musician and filmmaker **Dave Stewart** of the Eurythmics; **Judith Mayhew**, the defacto leader of the Corporation of London; and **Caroline Leigh**, City's Director of Continuing Professional Development.



## Why wait till you graduate?

Entrepreneurship is flowering among City students.

One MBA student, due to finish his course this autumn, got the idea for a new business while doing coursework on emerging technologies. Cancelling a holiday in Spain over the 1999 Christmas holiday, **Grant Lemke** instead built a website, founding WAPwednesday – now Europe's leading forum on m-commerce. WAP (Wireless Application Protocol) allows consumers to surf websites from mobile phones.

Through WAPwednesday, internet professionals meet at City on the last Wednesday of every month to talk about mobile commerce and discuss ideas. Local versions have also been launched in Amsterdam, Zurich and Australia.

## Reunions

In September a group of City computing, mathematics and statistics alumni, who graduated together in 1975, returned to City University for a 25-year reunion. The event was the result of several months of detective work and planning by **Richard Suggitt**, who now works for Innovation Data Processing.

With some assistance from the University alumni office, Richard tracked down about two dozen of his graduating group. Even those living as far afield as the USA and South Africa contributed life stories, photos or videos to the event.

'The project has been a lot of fun, and really worthwhile,' Richard said. 'I've found something of a class spirit that we did not know was there at the time, has long been dormant, and required only a small effort to awaken.'

It was such a success, they're already planning to do another in 2005. And, being a glutton for punishment, Richard is happy to co-ordinate it again. 'My sense of nostalgia occasionally becomes overwhelming,' he said.

**Coming up**  
**Caroline Peers** (Business Computing, 1989) is planning a reunion for her cohort. For more information contact her on [peers@bleier-property.com](mailto:peers@bleier-property.com)

**Planning your own**  
The alumni office is preparing a guide to help you to organise a reunion for your group. It will include information about how the alumni office can help, other useful contacts in the University and tips from Richard Suggitt and other alumni who have organised their own reunion events. The guide will be ready early in the new year. For a copy, just drop a line to the alumni office (contact details inside front cover).

## Alumni active internationally



**Alumni representative for Korea**  
**Dr In-Keun Lee** (Civil Engineering, 1985) has been appointed official representative of the City University Alumni Association in Korea. A senior engineer with the Seoul Metropolitan Government, he has organised dinners for City alumni in Korea and has welcomed such City representatives as former Dean of the Business School, Professor Leslie Hannah in May. He is interested to hear from other City alumni in Korea, who may be interested in future gatherings. Alumni can contact him by email: [iklee@engineer.com](mailto:iklee@engineer.com) or telephone: 82-2 3707 8010.

of seven other alumni of City's engineering, business and social science courses are currently planning to host lectures in Cyprus by leading City academics. For more information about the Association, contact Stavros Tsiopanis: [tsiop@cytanet.com.cy](mailto:tsiop@cytanet.com.cy) or Panikos Voskos: [pvoskos@yahoo.com](mailto:pvoskos@yahoo.com)

**Would you like to be an international contact?**  
About 25 per cent of City alumni live outside the UK, so a local contact can be invaluable in developing a worldwide community of City University alumni. The role can include offering informal advice to alumni moving to your area, sharing your experience with prospective students or even organising gatherings of City alumni. International contact details will be published in *CityNetwork* magazine and on the alumni website.

**Cyprus Association of Graduates of City University**  
Alumni in Cyprus have appointed **Panikos Voskos** (Mechanical Engineering, 1986) as its new President. The Cyprus Association of Graduates of City University, founded in 1984, is the longest standing association of City alumni outside the UK. Panikos aims to generate increased activity over the coming year. He and a committee

If you completed a course at City, continue to have an interest in the University and in communicating with people of all ages and specialisations, and have access to email, we would be happy to send you more details about being an international contact. Just send an email message to [Lesley Richardson: l.a.richardson@city.ac.uk](mailto:Lesley.Richardson@city.ac.uk)

# Members' news

The members' news section remains the most popular section of *CityNetwork* magazine. Thank you for your contributions. News is ordered according to when you entered, or first joined, the University. In order to include as many entries as possible, most have been edited with a focus on what people are doing now.

Many people have asked to hear from people they knew at University or from those with similar business interests. If you would like to get in touch with anyone here, the alumni relations office is happy to forward a letter for you. As always, in respect of people's privacy and the Data Protection Act, we do not give out contact details unless we have been given permission.

## 1930s

**David Taunt** (Civil Engineering, 1936) still enjoys touring Europe and has spent many years caravanning there.

## 1940s

**Norman Godel** (Electrical and Electronic Engineering, 1947) is co-author of *Home of the Charles Dickens Baptismal Font Today* published in April 2000. His extensive research is reflected in a new, permanent display board about the font story at St Alban's Church, Copnor, Portsmouth where the font was installed in 1914.

## 1950s

**Neil Thompson** (Aeronautics, 1955) having retired from ESDU International is now undertaking consultancy work for them on wind engineering related topics. He is also enjoying computing, golf and landscape gardening in Middlesex and Devon. Email: neil@hole-in-one.demon.co.uk

**Dr Türker Mirata** (Civil Engineering, 1958) recently completed a 'Manual for Wedge Shear Testing of Soils' available at the ICE Library. The manual enables the reader to have the devices made and to perform and evaluate all three versions of the test (published in the March 1991 and December 1992 issues of *Géotechnique*) through appended computer programs or with a programmable pocket calculator. Recent applications reported online at <http://geotech.civen.okstate.edu/ejge> 1998 and 1999 issues.

**John Webb** (Applied Physics, 1959) retired in 1999 after 31 years with Atomic Energy of Canada Ltd where he was involved in many exciting and challenging projects. The highlight of his career was a posting as Science Counsellor in the Canadian Mission to the IAEA in Vienna. John is looking forward to many years of travelling and liberal arts activities.

**Dr Roy Vigilance** (Optometry, 1959) has now retired after practising for the last 13 years in the US.

## 1960s

**Dr Clive Blakely** (Chemistry, 1961) retired in 1989 and did voluntary work for Greenpeace from September 1992 to November 1999.

**Bill Joss** (Mechanical Engineering, 1961) has joined VATECH as Regional Director of Saudi Voest-Alpine based in Dammam, Saudi Arabia.

**Tony Sanders** (Mechanical Engineering, 1961) has retired after 26 years with DeBeers, mostly in R & D related matters, and thoroughly enjoys not having to go to the office each day. He is married to Christine, who he met whilst at NCL(!), and has two daughters who occasionally return home to live.

**Peter Stebbings** (Civil Engineering, 1961), since his office moved from Reigate to Basingstoke, has been working with fellow alumnus **André Evans** (Civil Engineering, 1968) on maritime projects in the West Country varying from proposals for the redevelopment on Brixham Harbour to landing stages on the Tamar River.

**Clive Kessell** (Electrical and Electronic Engineering, 1962) is the 1999-2000 President of the Institution of Railway Signal Engineers, a body established in 1912 to promote the science and application of railway control and communications worldwide.

**David Beer** (Mathematics, 1963, Business School, 1985) is currently President of Shell Argentina and Vice-President for Oil Product activities in Argentina, Chile, Uruguay, Paraguay and Bolivia, utilising marketing and strategy skills developed during his MBA course 1985-1987. Email: david.beer@scapsa.shell.com

**Peter Higgins** (Civil Engineering, 1964) has, with a colleague, set up his own consultancy, PD Consult Ltd, after 35 years with Travers Morgan (later called Symonds). The business provides specialist contracts advice services. Tel: 01293 873868 or Email: peterhiggins@pdconsult.co.uk

**David White** (Automation Engineering, 1965) joined Witham Controls Ltd as Sales Manager. He retired as President of the England section of ISA (The Society for Instruments, Systems and Automation) in September 2000 after a two-year term but continues as Treasurer for the European Region.

**Brian Burns** (Mechanical Engineering and Aeronautics, 1966) has been a professor in the School of Industrial Design at Carleton University, Ottawa, since 1980 and director of the School for the past year. He frequently returns to the UK trying to forge links between industrial design and mechanical engineering. Brian is married to Susan and has two sons, Adam and Matthew.

**David Sterry** (Civil Engineering, 1966) was appointed Group Chief Executive of May Gurney Group in February 2000 following previous senior appointments. Prior to 1977, he spent 5 years in consulting engineering specialising in ports and harbours including 2 years in Dar Es Salaam, Tanzania.

**Colin Banfield** (Mathematics, 1967) manages the manufacturing line of business at Logica UK, Leatherhead. He is responsible for all projects undertaken for process manufacturers in the UK including pharmaceuticals, food and beverage, and other types of consumer packaged goods. Application areas include ERP, CRM, e-business and mobile commerce.

**Kingsley Blease** (Civil Engineering, 1967) is President of Atlantic Utility Services (Canada) Ltd, having emigrated to Canada in 1990. For the last 10 years, he has been involved in water efficiency and water system optimisation. From 1974-1990, Kingsley worked for Severn Trent Water in the UK. He is married with two daughters and a yellow labrador dog.

**Brian Bowes** (Civil Engineering, 1967) after 23 years with Blue Circle Industries, latterly as a director of Armitage Shanks, has now established his own business offering project and general management support and specialist passive fire resistant materials and installation services.

**David Brookes** (Mechanical Engineering, 1967) works in deepwater oil and gas developments and is team leader at BP Amoco. Email: BrookeDa@bp.com

**Bob Davey\*** (Civil Engineering, 1967) Started work in the developing world in the late 1970s, specialising in project management, irrigation and rural engineering, and rural, agricultural and agro-industrial development. Since the early 1990s, he has worked as an independent consultant in irrigation and rural development.



**Bob Davey\***  
1967

Recent assignments have included work in Kenya's Maasailand, Bangladesh, Ethiopia and Armenia. Phone/Fax 01732 882305 or Email: robert.davey@virgin.net

**George Gibbons** (Electrical and Information Engineering, 1968) still lives in New Zealand running his own management consulting business. Email: r.gibbons@xtra.co.nz

**Dr David Lewis** (Chemistry, 1968) works full time at the Qualifications and Curriculum Authority in London.

**Mike Stephens** (Civil Engineering, 1968) has, within the last 18 months, completed his MSc in engineering project management at Lancaster University. With that behind him, he can devote more time to his current assignment from The Nichols Group Ltd at LUL's JNP Infiaaco where he is business client for the upgrade of the Piccadilly Line.

**Garry Tomlins** (Applied Physics, 1968) has just formed a power supply company in Dublin, Excelsys Technologies Ltd. He is currently involved in building the sales, marketing and engineering organisation and is seeking power engineers for Dublin. Email: garrytomlins@haswell.ie

**Professor Peter Voke** (Mechanical Engineering and Aeronautics, 1969) has been at the University of Surrey for nine years. He travels extensively in Europe as part of his research activities resulting from many European research grants involving large eddy simulation for engineering applications.

**John A White** (Civil Engineering, 1969) moved into the overseas consulting market after working initially for a contractor and later Suffolk County Council in highway design. After working for DIWI Consult in Germany, the Middle East, Africa and the Caribbean, he has now returned to the UK and is working for WSP International at Gatwick Airport and overseas. He is married with three children. Email: john.white@wspgroup.com

## 1970s

**Professor Owen Hanson\*** (Business Computing, 1970) is continuing his work with industry at Middlesex University. He works for his own company and contracts for the University.



**Professor Owen Hanson\***  
1970

**Mike Jones** (Optometry 1970) and Janey Jones née Warren have recently celebrated 25 years of marriage and 22 years of business partnership. They are soon to be 'empty nesters' again.

**Chris Zakarian** (Civil Engineering, 1972) studied law and qualified in March 1998 after 18 years in the construction industry. He specialises in construction law at Eversheds Solicitors in Birmingham.

**Professor Anthea Tinker** (Social Sciences, 1973) was awarded the CBE in the Queen's Birthday Honours for services to housing for older people and has been elected as Founding Member of the Academy of Learned Societies for the Social Services.

**Brian Deas\*** (Sociology, 1975) is enjoying his days in Normandy, a few trips to the Paris Opera House and is rapidly gaining fluency in French.

**Carol Rothwell** (Psychology, 1976) runs a change management consultancy business working with personal and management development, culture change and enhanced recruitment and selection processes.

**Chris Walters** (Mechanical Engineering, 1976) joined Mars in 1986 as a production manager after several years in chemical/petrochemical industries. Having performed several functions in manufacturing and logistics, he now heads European industrial engineering for snackfoods. Chris is married to Sarah and has two sons.

**Dr Sassan Majlessi** (Civil Engineering, 1977) is Technical Director at Pell Frischmann Consultants in London.

**Shelly Rubenstein** (Psychology, 1978) is Managing Director of Impact Consulting Business Psychologists Ltd, a non-executive director of Bury Healthcare Trust and a council member of North West in Business.

**Paul Saville** (Mechanical Engineering, 1978) transferred back from the US two years ago and is settling back into British life with his family. Last year, after nine years at York Intl, he became Operations Manager for Greenco UK Ltd.

**Richard Skinner** (Mechanical Engineering, 1978) has joined Alstom Train Services Ltd as Maintenance Project Engineer for the three 'Juniper' electric multiple train fleets which are operating on Scotrail, South West Trains and Gatwick Express.

**Paul Gregory** (Optometry, 1979) runs a Specsaver Opticians practice in Poole.

**Ana Nisha Meireles, née Souza** (Chemistry, 1979) emigrated to Michigan in 1993 and is Data Manager for the Melanoma Clinic at the University of Michigan Hospitals. She is married and has a daughter (5) and a son (2). Email: niso@umich.edu

**Dr Robert Wood** (Mechanical Engineering, 1979) is senior lecturer in the School of Engineering Sciences at University of South-ampton having worked for BP Research as a tribologist. His research interests continue to be surface engineering and tribology.

## 1980s

**Nick Ash** (Civil Engineering, 1982) is Technical Director of MLM Consulting Engineers at their Cambridge office.

**Nitin Dahad** (Electrical and Information Engineering, 1982) was promoted to Director of Worldwide Communication for ARC Cores Ltd. Within two years of joining, he raised ARC's profile from ground level to high recognition in North America and Europe.

**Dr Karen Facey** (Mathematics, 1982) has taken on the role of director in the newly formed Health Technology Board for Scotland, which evaluates the clinical and cost effectiveness of healthcare interventions. Settling in to life north of the border with trusty cat, Thumper, Karen looks forward to discovering more of the Scottish culture and countryside.

**James Yong** (Business Computing, 1982), after 18 years in IT, finance and marketing, is now General Manager for e-business consulting in National Computer Systems, Singapore. James is married to Voon Kam Lien (Business Computing, 1983) and has a daughter (9).



**Brian Deas\***  
1975

**Simon Harris** (Actuarial Science, 1983) recently joined Alba Life Ltd as Product Actuary after 8½ years at Scottish Legal Life. Based in Glasgow, he lives in Paisley with wife, Helen, and children, Elizabeth and Robert, and is still battling with the actuarial exams. Email: simon.harris@2fischergardens.swinternet.co.uk

**David Wayman** (Electrical Engineering, 1983) and his wife, Rachel, are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter, Olivia Serena Rose, born at Cheltenham Hospital on 4 November 1999 weighing 7lb 15oz. David also graduated from Henley Management College this year with an MBA.

**Rod Witmond** (Systems Science, 1983) left the Royal Navy in 1993 and went to the US to complete his MBA. He moved into consulting with Coopers & Lybrand (now PriceWaterhouseCoopers), leaving in August 1999 to join internet start-up E-Stamp Corporation in Silicon Valley.

**Leda Bouzali** (Journalism, 1985) mother of two little girls, soon found out that career and motherhood do not mix. Although currently unemployed, she edits the newsletter published by the Scholars Association of the Onassis Public Benefit Foundation.

**Claudia Josephs** (Journalism, 1985) is working on turning *The Economist* magazine into a television programme for worldwide broadcast as series editor. She previously edited two series for C4 on cinema and organic gardening & cookery.

**Maria Orologa** (Business Computing, 1985) is married to Lucas Vouzas and has two children, Dimitra (10) and George (1). Based in Athens, she is the Business Development and MIS Manager at Minerva Pharmaceuticals SA.

**Pratap Chaterjee** (Journalism 1986) is producer and host of a weekly environmental radio show, *Terra Verde*, serving Northern and Central California.

**Lisa Hardi** née Harris (Social Sciences, 1986) and Robin Hardi (Mechanical Engineering and Aeronautics, 1988) are living in France while Robin is on a BAE secondment to Toulouse.

**Peter Hill** (Optometry, 1986) married Helen on 22 July 2000.

**Dale Templar, née Hayhurst** (Journalism, 1986) and husband Owen Gay (Journalism, 1986) now have a daughter, Mimi Templar-Gay.

**Alistair Dalton** (Journalism, 1987) was admitted to the Livery of Drapers' Company in the City of London in April 2000.

**Kamal Rajput** (Computer Science, 1987) is R & D Assistant Vice President at Computer Associates Int Inc UK after a two-year stint in the US.

**Richard Steele** (Arts Policy & Management, 1987) was appointed General Manager of the Performing Artists' Media Rights Association in July after six years as Executive Director of the British Association of Concert Agents and the International Artist Managers' Association.

**Piers Alder** (Journalism, 1988) is leading a team of writers and researchers creating a website, launched in September 2000, promoting active citizenship.

**Claire Doole** (Journalism, 1988) has been the BBC's TV and Radio correspondent in Geneva since April 1998.

**Hugo Glover** (Civil Engineering, 1988) married Rachel in August 1998 and is delighted to announce the arrival of their first child, Benjamin, who arrived two weeks later than expected on 2 September 1999 weighing 9lb 5oz.

**Nina-Margret Grimsdottir** (Music, 1988) will be featured as pianist on two international classical record labels, NAXOS and BIS, during 2000-2001, performing music by Mendelssohn with violinist Nicholas Milton, and the complete piano works of Dr Pál Isolfsson.



**Emma Howard\***  
1988

Emma Howard\* (Journalism, 1988) for four years was a member of the BBC1 *Breakfast News* presenting team and the main 'live' event reporter, covering news from the Omagh bombing to the Millennium Dome. In February she joined BBC's main newsroom as a correspondent. She has covered some of Britain's top stories – from the case of the Siamese twins to the fuel crisis. She is also a radio news presenter and has begun doing voiceovers for TV documentaries. Emma occasionally lectures to City students on the broadcast journalism course and shares her experience with students through the Alumni Careers Network.

Serafim Mastrodimos (Civil Engineering, 1988) is Market Development Manager at Dow Hellas SA. Working in the Growth Organisation team, his responsibilities include the identification of growth opportunities, management of the opportunity portfolio and development and implementation of growth strategies for construction products in new geographies in Europe, the Middle East and Africa.

Brian Simpson (Music, 1988) is performing and teaching. His son, Kyle, is 2 and a daughter was due in September. He has bought a home in California and is being forced to behave as an adult.

Anne Van der Zijl (Journalism, 1988) published her first non-fiction book in 1998 and is currently managing lifestyle section HP/DE Tijd in Amsterdam.

Professor Eric Moonman OBE (Medical Informatics, 1989) is Chair of DMG Radio, running nine commercial stations throughout the Home Counties. He has negotiated joint radio promotions in most parts of the world. In February he met City alumna Gillian Mayer (Optometry 1973) who gave a vote of thanks after a speech he gave in his home town of Southport. The two are now engaged to marry in February 2001.

Andrew T S Tan (Arts Policy and Management, 1989) is Director of Music at Edgeborough, a boarding school in Frensham, near Farnham, Surrey. www.edgeborough.co.uk

Dr Saiful I Zaman (Mathematics 1989) is Assistant Professor of Mathematics at Sultan Qaboos University, Muscat, Oman. He says it is a great country but he misses City. Email: Zaman@squ.edu.om

#### 1990s

Matthew Anderson (Optometry, 1991) and Amanda Anderson, née King (Optometry, 1990) are pleased to announce the arrival of twins, Elliott Oliver Matthew (4lb 13oz) and Lewis William Robert (5lb 10oz), on 13 February 2000.

Jim Edwards (Management Systems, 1990) continues to be promoted at Philex Electronic and, in addition to being responsible for marketing and advertising, is in charge of all corporate PR and design issues.

Ekaterini Glynou (Mathematics, 1990) is working at the Athens University of Economics and Business, Department of International and European Studies. She teaches computer science labs, organises international conferences and is responsible for the department's PR and finance events.

Elisabeth Hansen (Journalism, 1990) has been appointed Editor, Egmont Publishing, Copenhagen.

Meg Hillier (Journalism, 1990) was elected to the new London Assembly in May. Now the Labour representative for the North East district, she was Islington's youngest ever mayor two years ago – at age 29.

Andrew Mavin (Aeronautics, 1990) has been appointed Whole Board Engineering Programme and Modelling Manager for BAE Systems Astute Class Ltd. Since graduating, he has worked on EH101 Merlin, Eurofighter Typhoon weapon carriage and release equipment and has lectured at an air training college. Email: andrew.mavin@virgin.net

Daniell Morrisey (Sociology, 1990) is senior editorial consultant with Recruit Media. He specialises in providing editorial staff to the corporate communications, investment banking, web and e-commerce sectors. www.recruit.co.uk

#### Staff

Professor Tony Davies (Electrical and Electronic Engineering, 1963-1990) received two awards from IEEE this year – the Third Millennium Medal, in recognition and appreciation of valued services and outstanding contributions, presented in Oslo, and the Circuits and Systems Society Golden Jubilee Medal, in recognition of outstanding contributions to the Society, presented in Geneva.

Leone Ross (Journalism, 1990) quit journalism in 1998 and now works as a full-time novelist and lectures in creative writing part time at the City Literary Institute and the Hampstead Garden Suburb Institute in London. She has published two novels, *All the Blood is Red* and *Orange Laughter*, and is working on a third.

Lea Ryyanen-Karjalainen, née Ryyanen (Arts Policy and Management, 1990) is working as a scientific secretary at The Research Council for Culture and Society at the Academy of Finland, one of the biggest research financiers in the Finnish public sector. She married Sakari Karjalainen in May 2000.

Gillian Evill (Arts Policy and Management, 1991) is producing educational resources for downloading from the web. She lives with her daughter, Serafina Taylor (5), in central London.

Jane Hartley (Journalism, 1991) formerly known as James, is happily soaking up the sun in Madrid having undergone a few changes since last seen!

Sandra Khadhour (Journalism, 1991) is a producer at Phoenix Television, an independent production company. She was previously a producer at CNN; Euronews, France and TV Asia, Bangkok and produced documentaries in Russia, Cambodia and the US.

Ahmed Abubakar Lugard (Civil Engineering, 1991) returned to academics as Senior Lecturer and Head of the Department of Civil Engineering, Federal Polytechnic, Kaura Namoda, Nigeria in April 2000 after spending three years working for two private firms of consulting engineers supervising and managing multi-million dollar projects. He is happily married with two children, Abubakar and Mohammed.

Angela Moore, née Daniels (Measurement and Information in Medicine, 1991) married John on Easter Saturday 1999. Having been appointed to the new post of Primary Care Development Manager for West Cornwall PCG on 1 March and moving to a new home in Marazion on 19 May, 1999 was a busy year of change!

Philip Cheung\* (Social Sciences, 1992) was awarded The Wincott Foundation Prize for coming top of the country in the IIMR Examinations (professional exams – Institute of Investment Management & Research). He is working as a US equity trader. Email:pcheung@slk.co

Stella Cragie (Arts Policy and Management, 1992) is an antique dealer specialising in arts and crafts artefacts from 1880-1920.

Deanna Delamotta (Journalism, 1992) trained at *Derby Evening Telegraph* before joining the features department of the *Shropshire Star* where she was appointed Women's Editor last year.

Stephen Goundrey-Smith (Information Science, 1992) is married to Sandra and is working as a curate (assistant minister) in a group of parishes on the North East Norfolk Coast. He is not missing medical information in the pharmaceutical industry too much and is in the process of completing a theology degree.

Gerard Healy (Sociology, 1992) is a freelance archive consultant within the television arena.

Charmain Hilleard-Rees (Social Sciences, 1992) is working in the Company Department at Memery Crystal on second seat as trainee solicitor. Email: chilleard-rees@memery-crystal.co.uk

Alfred Minja (Social Sciences, 1992) is working as an accountant for The Royal Netherlands Embassy in Dar Es Salaam.

Adrian Reyes-Hughes (Nursing and Midwifery, 1992) was appointed to the UK Central Council for Nursing, Midwifery and Health Nursing as Director of Policy and Standards from June 2000.

Akash Shah (Mechanical Engineering and Aeronautics, 1992) having worked as an aerodynamicist in the aerospace and racing car industry, is now working at Unisys Ltd as a technical consultant in new technologies like WAP and e-business. Email: akash.shah@totalise.co.uk



**Philip Cheung\***  
1992

Laura Thorne-Kästner, née Thorne (Psychology, 1992) having worked in the mental health field since graduating, most recently for the Innovative Research and Development Organisation (Revolving Doors Agency), has decided to take a break. She met and married Bernie in December 1998 and they are now travelling around the world for a year.

James Brimble (Mechanical Engineering and Aeronautics, 1993) was re-elected as Chairman of the Royal Aeronautical Society's Young Members' Section at their recent AGM. Having finally completed his training period with Rolls-Royce, he is a technology engineer on the new Marine Trent Control System.

Vicky Breakwell (Journalism, 1993) has been News Editor at GWR FM and Classic Gold in Bristol since June 1998 and is now co-hosting the station's highly successful breakfast show as well.

Rob Cameron (Civil Engineering, 1993) is to be married in August 2001 to Lyn Johnson.

Karen Han (Optometry, 1993) has been re-elected Assistant Secretary of the Singapore Society of Optometrists and is the new editor of the Society's Journal.

Sharon Mascal (Journalism, 1993) lives in Melbourne, Australia after five years in London as reporter/producer for BBC radio and TV. Still working for the BBC freelance, she has her own column in *Melbourne Age*, is mum to Brad (2) and competes in the occasional triathlon.

Stephanie Thorburn (Sociology, 1993) recently completed an MA in Sociology at Goldsmiths College, gaining a distinction for her dissertation, a comparative discourse analysis of women's magazines. Currently undertaking a course in freelance journalism she is an active member of the Women Writers' Network, with a particular interest in feminist issues, health and nutrition.

Matt Coleman (Music, 1993) entered the pop charts in May under the name MJ Cole. He came in at number 10 with his song *Crazy Love*. This summer he was nominated for the Mercury Music Prize and in October won Best Producer at the Musik Awards in London.

Jacqueline Blyth (Psychology, 1994) was granted chartered status allowing her to practice privately and worked as a prison psychologist before commencing her doctoral training in clinical psychology.

Lorraine Cox (Arts Policy and Management, 1994) was appointed Head of Arts, Museums, Events for the London Borough of Enfield Council in January 2000. She is keen to network with other cultural and environmental professionals working in London to share information or develop collaborative projects.

Bob Forsberg (Journalism, 1994) was reporter and sub-editor on *Harrow Observer* and *Wembley Observer* from 1997 to April 2000 and is now Deputy Editor, Barnet Press Series.

Bruce Greenhalgh (Ashridge MBA, 1994) became Chief Operating Officer of Ithaca Solutions, an e-consulting firm, in April 2000 with specific responsibility for operations and business development. He was previously Senior Executive, IT Strategy, NatWest Group. www.ithaca-solutions.com

Paul Hagger (Journalism, 1994) married Daniela Neuser in Neunkirchen, Germany on 17 June 2000. He is currently working as a broadcast journalist for the BBC's regional news service.

Nicholas Karahalios (Sociology, 1994) was appointed Managing Director of Communication and PR for the Organising Committee of the Athens 2004 Olympic Games on 1 June 2000.

Marina Michalopoulou (Journalism, 1994) works at the foreign news desk of the daily *Adesmeftos Typos* (Athens) and is also senior editor of *Focus* magazine (Greek Edition) – a twice monthly, scientific publication

Arnold J Aaron (Aeronautics, 1995) attained the Financial Planning Certificate and now works as a personal and corporate financial consultant. He still maintains his passion for aviation and is building his business through people involved with aircraft and airlines. Tel: 07957 440724.

Andrew Beardon (Civil Engineering, 1995) has been working for Anglian Water for 3½ years and was recently appointed as a treatment

#### Deaths

**Dr Denis Stops**  
(Physics staff)

**Dr David Croney OBE**  
(Electric and Electronic Engineering, 1932)

**Albert Sloma**  
(Civil Engineering, 1947)

**Maurice Armitage**  
(Physics staff, 1959-1983)

**Brian Green**  
(Electrical Engineering staff, 1959-1992)

**Dr Terence Stanley**  
(Mathematics staff, 1967-2000)

**Sir Murray Fox**  
(Chancellor, 1974)

**Professor Joseph Black**  
(Hon DSc, 1991)

**Mrs Margot Perry**  
(MBA, 1994-1996)

**Professor Fathi Ibrahim**  
(Hon DSc, 2000)

manager based in Leighton Buzzard. Email: abearndon@anglianwater.co.uk

Paul Bromley (Psychology, 1995) was appointed Senior Lecturer and Director of the Human Performance Laboratory, Buckingham Chilterns University College in November 1999. He became BASES Accredited Exercise Physiologist in March 2000 and is currently studying for a PhD in Disease Prevention and Control under the US System.

Edward French (Mechanical Engineering and Aeronautics, 1995) having completed training at OATS, has joined BA as a first officer on their short haul fleet.

Olivia Lacy (Nursing and Midwifery, 1995) qualified as RGN, worked at Barts Hospital and is now undertaking a BSc Hons Midwifery at UCE Birmingham.

Etse Ladzekpo (Information Science, 1995) is currently researching 'the impact of IT on the education achievement and experiences of black and ethnic minority groups' at the University of Greenwich for a PhD. He is an IT teacher in a sixth form college and associate lecturer at the Open University.

Gaynor Lintott (Arts Policy and Management, 1995) was appointed Livery October Group Vocational Education Committee Officer in April. She has also joined The Worshipful Company of Chartered Secretaries and Administrators, becoming a Freeman of the Company in January, a Freeman of the City of London in March and a full Liveryman in April.

Tina Mant (Clinical Communication, 1995) gave birth to Emily Rose on 28 February 2000. She is enjoying motherhood and intends to return to work part time.

Gina Mitropoulou (Laban Centre, 1995) worked as assistant choreographer to Dorina Kaethrianou in Federico Garcia Lorca's 'Germa' last April in Greece.

Hilde Nyman (Journalism, 1995) gave birth to a son, Sigurd Christiansen Nyman, on 4 April 2000.

Padmini Raghavan (Psychology, 1995) left Ealing Mencap as an Asian Project worker to join Slough PCG as a counsellor. Now a registered primary care counsellor, she would

like to link up with other counsellors to share experiences and offer, and receive, support.

Yvette Twumasi-Ankrah (Journalism, 1995) has left the London School of Economics and Political Science and joined Lighthouse PR.

Shiok Teng Ang (Computer Science, 1996) and her husband moved back to Singapore at the end of May 2000. Email: shiokyoung@hotmail.com

Nahida Hussain (Sociology, 1996) married Ansar Mahmood in August 1999.

Dunia Kravchak (Sociology, 1996) was a props assistant in the Spring 2000 season at PCPA Theatre Fest with a production of *Oh Coward* and is now back on the East Coast freelancing in theatre and film productions in Philadelphia and New York.

Sir Montague Levine (Hon DSc, 1996) retired as HM Coroner, London Inner South Area, in 1997.

Lucie Morris (Journalism, 1996) was made south-west correspondent for the *Daily Mail* last November and is now based in Bristol. She was nominated for Young Journalist of the Year at The British Press Awards in March 2000.

Sean Ryan (Information Science, 1996) after nine years in London has moved to Paris as a senior manager in Ernst & Young Management Consultancy and can now realise a long held wish to live and work in France.

Andrew Pollard (Law, 1997) previously a chartered surveyor with GUA Grimley, was called to the Bar in March 1999 and has now joined Linklaters and Alliance, Solicitors.

Suzanne Sheppard (Information Science, 1997) works for KPMG Consulting, specialising in knowledge management with assignments in the last year in the USA and London, developing taxonomies and information management strategies.

Olivia Hill (Arts Policy and Management, 1998) is Sponsorship Executive in the Corporate Relations Department at the Science Museum. She was married on 20 May 2000.



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