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• Creating an international community by welcoming students from more than 110 countries across the globe.

• Providing an experience that students love – the 2010 International Student Barometer ranks Glasgow 3rd in the UK and best in Scotland for student satisfaction, and the National Student Survey 2010 reports satisfaction levels of 90% among final-year students.
Welcome

Welcome to the latest edition of Avenue, our twice-yearly magazine for alumni and friends of the University.

In this issue we celebrate Avenue’s 50th edition since it first came into production in January 1987. Our feature Cover stories on page 8 looks back at the many topics our alumni magazine has explored over the past 25 years.

There have been celebrations elsewhere at the University this year too. The Students’ Representative Council marks its 125th year and in Community spirit on page 15 we find out more about one of the key areas of its work – volunteering. In our news pages we also highlight the 130th anniversary of the Glasgow University Sports Association.

The University is undoubtedly a special place, not only because of our world-class teaching, learning and research communities, but also because of the many cultural and social attractions we offer our students, alumni, staff and members of the public. In our cover feature Culture on campus on page 10 you can learn about the many reasons why people are drawn to Gilmorehill.

We’re always interested in hearing about the varied and fascinating paths our alumni choose to take after graduation. In this issue we profile Dr Andrea Fidgett, a Zoology graduate, who is the UK’s first and currently only zoo nutritionist (page 7). You can also catch up on all the latest alumni events, updates and reunions on pages 16–20.

Thank you for reading Avenue over the last two and a half decades. We hope you enjoy this special edition and we look forward to keeping in touch with you in years to come.

Professor Anton Muscatelli
Principal and Vice-Chancellor

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Half-Yearly Meeting of the General Council
Saturday, 25 June 2011
Alumni are invited to join the Chancellor and Principal at the General Council Half-Yearly Meeting in the Senate Room at 10.30am on Saturday, 25 June 2011. Read the report of the last meeting on pages 21–23.
News

Cancer drugs may treat malaria

A discovery by researchers at Glasgow that a class of chemotherapy drugs also kills the parasite that causes malaria could quickly open up a whole new strategy for combating the disease.

Malaria infects 250 million and kills 1.3 million people every year worldwide. Efforts to find a treatment have been marred by the parasite’s ability to quickly develop drug resistance through a selection of mutations. Once in the body, it hides from the immune system inside liver and blood cells, where it quickly reproduces.

However, when the researchers treated red blood cells infected with malaria with a drug originally designed to inhibit key signalling pathways in cancer cells, the parasite was stopped in its tracks. This indicates that the malaria parasite depends upon a signalling pathway present in the host – initially in liver cells, and then in red blood cells – in order to multiply.

The enzymes active in the signalling pathway are not encoded by the parasite, but rather hijacked by the parasite to serve its own purposes. Disabling that pathway could be an effective strategy in combating the many strains of the parasite known to infect humans.

The finding was made by two groups of researchers from the Wellcome Trust Centre for Molecular Parasitology at the University, and the research has been recently published online in the journal *Cellular Microbiology*. Professor Andrew Waters, whose team contributed to the work, said: ‘This work shows how a little ingenuity might provide new avenues to malaria therapy at vastly reduced development costs.’

Investing in the future of art

The University’s new Centre for Textile Conservation & Technical Art History is fast becoming an internationally significant research and education hub.

Officially opened by HRH The Princess Royal in February, the new teaching and research centre was recently awarded nearly £100,000 in funding by the Getty Foundation. The funding will support Glasgow’s researchers in developing art preservation research opportunities with institutions around the world, including the Paul Getty Museum in Los Angeles, the Netherlands’ Van Gogh Museum, London’s V&A, and many more. As well as being a multidisciplinary centre for research, the centre also offers graduate degree programmes in technical art history, textile conservation and dress and textile history.

The only resource of its kind in the UK, the centre brings together the conservation teaching work of the Textile Conservation Centre, formerly based in the University of Southampton, and the University of Glasgow’s own world-leading expertise in technical art history.

Textile Conservation Centre Foundation Chairman, the Marquess of Douro, said: ‘The University of Glasgow is the best possible home for this new Centre for Textile Conservation & Technical Art History and future opportunities for the centre are very exciting.’
News

Funding to boost the supply of donor blood

£2.5m has been awarded to the University by the Scottish Funding Council to investigate the manufacturing of synthetic blood from stem cells.

The project, which started in 2009, was initially funded by £3m from the Wellcome Trust. This second boost will help the project team, led by experimental haematologist at Glasgow, Dr Jo Mountford, to solve the issues that the blood donor industry currently faces, including maintaining supply for blood transfusions, infection risk and blood type compatibility between donor and patient.

The universal blood group used in blood transfusion is O-negative, but only 7% of the population have this blood type. The team, which includes collaborators from three other leading Scottish universities, is researching methods of using stem cells to create an unlimited supply of red blood cells in labs.

Dr Mountford (pictured right) said: ‘Funding for such cross-disciplinary work is uncommon and we are delighted to receive this investment to truly integrate these approaches.’ Mark Bathos, Chief Executive of the Scottish Funding Council, added: ‘This exciting collaboration aims to provide a solution to a longstanding problem and one that touches many lives.’

£1m for Scotland’s Bard

Thanks to £1m funding from the Arts & Humanities Research Council (AHRC), the University will produce the first complete scholarly edition of the works of Robert Burns.

The award has been granted to the Centre for Robert Burns Studies – the only one of its kind in the world – and will see the publication of six volumes over the next eight years including The Oxford Handbook to Robert Burns and The Collected Prose of Robert Burns, with another six to follow in the next decade.

A team of five literary scholars at Glasgow will be involved in the project, led by international Burns expert Dr Gerry Carruthers, who said: ‘The AHRC funding along with an Oxford University Press contract marks a seismic shift in Burns Studies. We now have the platform to assert Burns’ status as a major Romantic-period artist alongside the likes of William Wordsworth and John Keats.’

An online exhibition space will also be created as part of the project, where members of the public and researchers can discuss various aspects of the research as well as share newly discovered materials.

Charles Kennedy re-elected as Rector

The Right Honourable Charles Kennedy MP has taken up the role of Rector of the University for a second three-year term.

At an installation ceremony in the Bute Hall in April, Mr Kennedy thanked students, describing them fondly as ‘my other constituency in life’. He is only the second Rector to have been re-elected since former Prime Minister Benjamin Disraeli in the 1870s.
Does religious education work?
A three-year project examining the aims, practices and effects of religious education in schools has recently been completed.

The £365,326 study, funded by the Arts & Humanities Research Council and the Economic & Social Research Council, looked at religious education across England and Wales, Northern Ireland and Scotland.

Glasgow Professor of Religious & Philosophical Education James Conroy was the principal investigator: ‘This study has thrown up a substantial range of questions about the provision of religious education across Britain. Even in schools where it is valued, too often it is under-resourced and required to do too much with too little. As a result, it often loses focus. At its best, it is academically rigorous and intellectually stimulating.’

The key findings of the project were:
• Social and educational demands placed on religious education lead to a conflict between the academic and social and personal development aspects of the subject. Therefore students can be unclear about its purpose.

• Religious education has become very popular, with high rates of examination success. However, the drive to achieve examination success tends to distort the religious and educational aims of the subject.

• The quality of resources used in religious education is often poor, and the sometimes too comfortable relationship between examination boards and textbook authors should be scrutinised more.

• Some of the strongest religious education is found in schools serving strongly religious communities, especially in schools which see the subject as explicitly part of helping students to understand their place in a complex multicultural and multi-religious society.

• All of these findings must be understood in the context of resource concerns in a political environment where religious education faces a potential downgrading in favour of a more limited curriculum.

The world’s most accurate IVF predictor
Researchers have produced a calculator which gives the most accurate reading yet on the potential success of IVF treatment.

The team from the Universities of Glasgow and Bristol analysed the details of more than 144,000 IVF cycles using data held by the Human Fertilisation & Embryology Authority and produced a statistical model which gives a prediction of live birth which is up to 99% accurate.

The study looked at a large number of different factors which can influence the outcome of an IVF cycle – a woman’s age, number of years trying to get pregnant, whether she is using her own eggs, cause of infertility, number of previous IVF cycles and whether she has previously been pregnant or had a baby – to obtain accurate prediction.

Professor Scott Nelson, Muirhead Chair of Reproductive & Maternal Medicine at Glasgow, said: ‘The study provides critical information on the likely outcome for couples deciding whether to undergo IVF – up until now estimates of success have not been reliable. The result of this study is a tool which can be used to make incredibly accurate predictions.’

The free calculator has been made available on the internet and is also in the process of being turned into a smartphone app, to make the information as widely accessible as possible. Visit www.ivfpredict.com
Glasgow’s free Intellectual Property concept set to expand

The University of Glasgow, King’s College London and the University of Bristol have won £80,000 funding to pioneer easy access to their intellectual assets.

Five months ago, Glasgow became the first UK university to offer Intellectual Property – including groundbreaking medical and scientific research – to business and entrepreneurs free of charge. Now the award from the UK Government’s Intellectual Property Office will be used to fund a project led by the three universities to create a consortium of open-innovation universities. The successful bid was won through the highly competitive Fast Forward competition with ten projects funded in total.

Dr Kevin Cullen, Director of Research & Enterprise at Glasgow, who is leading the project, explained: ‘We hope to run an open and accessible project which aims to embed and test a new approach to licensing while stimulating debate around the issues of university and company collaboration, and the role which universities have in encouraging innovation for the benefit of UK society and the economy.’

Glasgow vets caught on camera

The University’s Small Animal Hospital, Weipers Centre for Equine Welfare and Cochno Estate Farm recently allowed a film crew behind the scenes to showcase the work of vet staff dedicated to the treatment of animals.

The award-winning Small Animal Hospital is one of the world’s most advanced animal hospitals and features specialist diagnostic and therapeutic equipment such as MRI and CT scanners, a linear accelerator for radiotherapy, and an underwater treadmill for physiotherapy.

The first of the ten-part documentary series called Animal ER aired in March on the Discovery Channel UK’s Animal Planet channel on satellite and cable television. The series followed Glasgow veterinary surgeons and nurses as they treated patients and revealed the different skills and technology within the hospital, including the oncology unit where animals are treated for cancers, and surgeons in the Weipers Centre performing operations.

Professor Ewan Cameron, Acting Head of the School of Veterinary Medicine, described the series as a ‘fascinating insight into the day-to-day work of vets’ and ‘unmissable viewing for animal lovers’.

Professor appointed OBE

Muffy Calder, Professor of Formal Methods at Glasgow, has been appointed OBE in the Queen’s New Year’s Honours list for 2011.

Professor Calder (pictured above) joined the University in 1988, and is Dean of Research in the College of Science & Engineering. Her current research is in modelling and reasoning about the behaviour of complex software and biochemical systems using mathematics and automated reasoning tools.
Glasgow University Sports Association (GUSA) is the oldest student association currently active on campus and it celebrates its 130th anniversary this year.

GUSA began life as the Glasgow University Athletics Club (GUAC) after University students lobbied for the construction of a new gymnasium at the new Gilmorehill campus. This became the home of the University’s sportsmen and women until the Stevenson building was constructed in 1961. ‘The Stevie’ still houses the University gym and indoor sports facilities on campus and caters for 15,500 students, staff and alumni members.

In its early years, GUAC only represented the major sports, such as athletics, cricket, rugby and tennis; however, as student engagement in sport became more common, membership steadily grew. Today there are 48 sports clubs affiliated under GUSA and more than 2,000 students training and competing on a regular basis.

Notable former members of GUSA include: Sir Menzies Campbell, who broke the British 100 metre record in 1967, Jim Craig, a footballer who was a part of the Glasgow Celtic 1967 European Cup winning ‘Lisbon Lions’ team, and Rebecca Cooke, a swimmer who won a gold medal in the 2006 Commonwealth Games.

- Glasgow University Hares and Hounds running club celebrated its 90th anniversary this year – see page 19.

Plant power

Scientists at Glasgow are working on a £5.4m international collaboration to improve the process of photosynthesis.

Photosynthesis allows biological systems to convert sunlight into food and is the source of all the fossil fuels we burn today. Four transatlantic research teams will explore ways to overcome limitations in photosynthesis that could then lead to ways of significantly increasing the yield of important crops for food production or sustainable bioenergy.

Glasgow Professors Lee Cronin and Mike Blatt will lead the UK efforts in two of the four teams, which include scientists from a range of disciplines from the UK and US.

The funding has been awarded by the UK Biotechnology & Biological Sciences Research Council (BBSRC) and the US National Science Foundation (NSF). Professor Janet Allen, Director of Research at BBSRC, said: ‘This is hugely ambitious research but if the scientists we are supporting can achieve their aims it will be a profound achievement.’

Three of the research projects will focus on improving a reaction driven by an enzyme called Rubisco, which is a widely recognised bottleneck in the photosynthesis pathway. By attempting to transfer parts from algae and bacteria into plants, the researchers hope to make the environment in the plants’ cells around Rubisco richer in CO₂, which will allow photosynthesis to produce sugars more efficiently.

The fourth project aims to harness the excess light energy that reaches photosynthetic organisms but cannot be used due to bottlenecks in natural photosynthesis. This project aims to transfer high-energy electrons from a cyanobacterial cell where there is excess that would otherwise be turned to heat to an adjacent cell which will be engineered to produce food or fuel products.
Glasgow graduate Dr Andrea Fidgett (BSc 1991, PhD 2002) is a chef unlike any other. Whereas most only have to cater for a human palate, she has to think about the needs of over 450 different species and, what’s more, they tend to be very fussy eaters.

‘You could think of what I do as a bit like creating a recipe book – it gives all the nutritional information about the food, such as the ingredients, quantities, nutritional values and where it comes from; it’s a big book and growing all the time.’

Andrea is the Animal Nutritionist at Chester Zoo and is the UK’s first and currently only nutritionist working specifically in a zoo. It’s her job to ensure that all of the animals are being fed a nutritionally balanced diet, to ensure they stay in good shape.

Zoo animal nutrition is hugely important because, just like humans, animals in zoos are prone to obesity because of overfeeding and lack of exercise. Despite this, nutrition of wild and exotic animals is still something we know relatively little about.

‘Looking more closely at the nutrition of our animals means they are more likely to be healthy, happy and relaxed,’ says Andrea.

‘Healthy and happy animals are much more likely to breed, which is of course great news for the zoo.’

Andrea took the first steps down her unusual career path when she applied to the University of Glasgow’s Zoology BSc programme. However, it wasn’t until she took a position in Jersey at the Durrell Wildlife Conservation Trust, that she recognised what might be a future career path. It was here that she gained her first experience of active research, working with international collaborators from New York’s Wildlife Conservation Society, based in the Bronx.

‘Up until this point, I still had no idea where I wanted to take my career; certainly, researching animal nutrition had not occurred to me. The job itself was a fantastic experience because it meant that I got a chance to apply the results of my research directly to the species I was studying, to improve their care. Also, the Durrell Wildlife Conservation Trust is forward-thinking and I worked with some very supportive people during my time there. This really made me think that this is what I wanted to do and ultimately led me back to Glasgow to do my PhD.’

Andrea’s unique research experience combined with her unusual role at Chester Zoo means that her current job has developed teaching and research elements that have taken her down a quasi-academic route.

‘Firstly, what I did at Chester Zoo was document the diets of all our animals. I then compared this against data from other zoos and from the past, to chart successes and failures and produce scientific, evidence-based guidelines for feeding practices. Because I gained valuable research experience at Glasgow and I am the first person to formalise this information for a UK zoo, I spend a lot of time doing what might be termed academic work.

‘My time is split between providing a nutrition service to Chester Zoo, providing expert training and consultancy service to universities and other zoological collections and, as a supervisor on UK research council funded doctoral studentships, also conducting targeted, collaborative research. I’m not, and I don’t think I’ll ever want to be purely an academic, but I do definitely enjoy having a foot in both camps.’

No matter what path she takes from here, one thing for sure is that with the help of Andrea’s recipe book, the animals at Chester Zoo will continue to enjoy contented lives, courtesy of the UK’s one and only zoo nutritionist.

Chester Zoo is a registered conservation charity that supports projects both locally and globally. It is the largest zoo in the UK, home to 7,000 animals, 400 different species, many of which are endangered.

Photos courtesy of Chester Zoo.
As Avenue celebrates its 50th issue, we look back at some of the stories that have appeared in the University’s magazine for alumni over the decades.

On Tuesday 23 September 1986 a meeting took place on campus to finalise the details of a new magazine for graduates and friends of the University. The minutes of that meeting documented the outcome of an important discussion: ‘The name has been chosen from a short list of three – Avenue, Courant, and The Glasgow Graduate.’

In January 1987 the first issue of Avenue was mailed out to graduates across the UK and beyond, and it has come out twice a year in January and June ever since. The welcome letter of the launch edition clearly set out the aim of the magazine: ‘It is a new venture by the University and the General Council to reach you, our graduates and friends, and to involve you in the life and development of your University.’

Since day one, our alumni magazine has always sought to feature up-to-the-minute articles. Among the many topical stories printed in Avenue during its early years were a promotion of science subjects to female students in January 1987 by Dr Patricia Connolly of the Electronics & Engineering Department, who advocated that ‘engineering is as much a subject for the girls as for the boys’, and a report in June 1988, after the Chernobyl disaster, on the University’s work on a ‘research programme to improve practical countermeasures against nuclear contamination of the urban environment’.

Cover stories
The new decade got off to an impressive start in 1990. The January issue heralded Glasgow’s recent naming as Cultural Capital of Europe by the European Union. The accolade was celebrated with a vast programme of events and described in Avenue as ‘one of the most exciting years in the history of Glasgow’. In the same year, we reported on a special visit by The Princess Royal during which she attended the annual conference of the Institute of British Geographers and also presided over the finals of the 1990 World Debating Championships hosted by the Glasgow University Union.

Our pages regularly feature stories promoting the arts, and the January 1994 edition of Avenue was no exception. Among the contents was a feature on the changing perceptions of Scottish art, written by celebrated local artist and Glasgow graduate Louise Annand, just prior to her being awarded an honorary degree by the University. This issue also appealed to budding writers among our readers with the launch of a special one-off short story competition – the winning entry, Space: a short story by Tracey A Sinclair, was printed in the June edition that year.

The January 1998 issue of Avenue included a focus on Computing Science to mark the department’s 40th anniversary at the University. In the feature Senior Lecturer Phil Gray reflected on the unexpected boom of the Internet in the mid-1990s: ‘The Web is the fruit of computing science research but we didn’t anticipate its phenomenal growth and influence.’ The story highlighted projects in progress at the time, including ‘safety critical’ computer systems to combat unpredictability in a world still adapting to rapidly developing digital technology.

With the dawn of the new millennium in 2000, Avenue turned its attention to politics. In a feature about the new Scottish Parliament, we learned that of the 129 men and women elected in May the previous year, 25 were University of Glasgow graduates, including Scotland’s inaugural First Minister Donald Dewar. The following year Avenue was celebrating another prestigious establishment. To mark the 550th anniversary of the University in 2001, we highlighted the festivities in a special feature, which included an alumni ball in the Bute Hall and a torchlight procession through the city by 1,500 students, staff and alumni.

The University’s international endeavours have been well documented too. In a series of features between 2002 and 2005 Avenue looked at Glasgow’s associations with the continents of the world. Intrepid academics were working on key overseas projects at the time, including: gathering ecological data on expeditions in the flood plains of Brazil; studying the threat of long line fishing to the survival of albatrosses on New Zealand’s neighbouring islands; and introducing powerful cartography computer systems to create computer-generated census maps in Saudi Arabia.

Avenue has always been keen to report the successes of our alumni and staff. In 2007 alone our news pages celebrated world-renowned 18th-century philosopher and economist Adam Smith as the first Scot to appear on an English banknote, and the release of Emeritus Professor of English Literature and Scotland’s first National Poet Edwin Morgan’s critically acclaimed Book of Lives. The June issue also profiled graduate Mark Beaumont who had just become the fastest person to circumnavigate the globe, some 18,000 miles, by bicycle. He later went on to be awarded the University’s Alumnus of the Year trophy.

Over the years the covers of Avenue may have changed, but we have strived to maintain the aim printed in our first edition’s welcome page of bringing our readers ‘lively features and news and views about the University’. In January 1987 Issue 1 was delivered to 45,000 alumni and in June 2011 that figure is closer to 100,000. We look forward to maintaining our strong relationship with the Glasgow alumni community as it continues to grow, and hope you enjoy reading the stories in our 50th edition and all those still to come.
Culture on campus

From stunning art exhibitions and engaging public lectures to romantic weddings and emotional alumni reunions, the University is not only a centre for academic excellence and world-class research but also a hub of social and cultural activities for people to enjoy.

With a 4-star rating by Visit Scotland’s quality assurance scheme and art and artefacts in abundance it’s no wonder that the University’s Hunterian Museum & Art Gallery is heralded as ‘one of the city’s greatest cultural assets’ by the Glasgow City Marketing Bureau.

The Hunterian may be Scotland’s oldest public museum, but its focus is very much on the future. Temporary closure of the Main Hall due to roof renovations has given the Museum a chance to prepare an exciting new gallery, dedicated to the history of the Roman frontier in Scotland. Museum Director Professor David Gaimster explains more about the new installation which is due to open in September: “It will showcase a world-class collection of Roman monumental sculpture in a way that has never been achieved before, by bringing the vast majority of this collection into one location and creating a new interpretation about the impact and legacy of the Romans on the Scottish landscape.”

For Professor Gaimster, it is vital that features like the new Roman gallery are really brought to life for people to enjoy. In a new initiative, MUSEs (Museum University Student Educators) will soon be on hand to guide people around and enhance the cultural experience of The Hunterian. In collaboration with the University’s Club 21 programme, 20 students are currently being trained up and our Museum Director is keen to see these new MUSEs in action: “It’s really interesting to see what the various interests of this first cohort of student guides are. We have opportunities to create a varied programme of tours, which I think will transform how our students and our visitors see The Hunterian.”

The Hunterian Art Gallery shares the Museum’s ethos of making the most of its cultural assets. As well as having walls lined with impressive works by Rembrandt, Chardin and Rodin, and the major collection in Europe of James McNeill Whistler, it is also home – quite literally – to the world’s largest selection of work by Charles Rennie Mackintosh. In The Mackintosh House, a reconstruction of the principal interiors from Mackintosh’s own Glasgow residence, over 800 drawings, designs and watercolours, together with furniture and decorative art, and an archive of correspondence, photographs and periodicals, are displayed together to recreate the world of the famous Scottish architect and designer for all to see.

As well as permanent displays that capture the imagination, the Art Gallery also pays similar attention to detail in its many temporary exhibitions, often transforming them into cultural events. In March, the worlds of music and art united in a special celebration of the work of one of the leading avant-garde composers and artists of the 20th century. To coincide with the first major UK retrospective of John Cage (1912–92), entitled ‘Every day is a good day’ at the Gallery, the University hosted a series of performances in the University Concert Hall to truly showcase Cage’s artistic and musical talents.

The John Cage concert series attracted renowned musicians such as the Arditti Quartet, John Tilbury, Red Note and Hebrides Ensemble, and world-class performers like these are a regular feature on the University’s year-round lunchtime and evening music programme. As a celebrated part of campus culture, music is not only a feature of public concerts but also of personal celebrations, in particular the celebration of love. The sound of bagpipes played by the University’s resident piper, Donald Campbell, and of the organ played by Kevin Bowyer, James Grossmith or John Butt, can often be heard as a wedding party arrives at the University Chapel.

The cultural tradition of getting married on campus took off when William Tweedale and Greta Lees became the first couple to tie the knot on 15 March 1930. Since then there have been more than 7,000 weddings conducted in the University Chapel, not to mention the many civil marriage and partnership ceremonies that take place in other University venues.
such as the Randolph and Hunter Halls, Melville room and Kelvin Gallery. For Reverend Stuart MacQuarrie, offering this service really allows people to feel connected with their University: "It’s about a relationship that we have with our alumni and student and staff community, and that’s really the important thing. For so many people who get married here, it’s like coming back home. Many people then return to have their children baptised, establishing a relationship with future generations. That’s what the University represents in many people’s lives."

Reverend MacQuarrie, along with the University’s Wedding Organisers, Rebecca Robinson and Carol Wallace, and the Conference & Visitors Services team, work closely with every couple to arrange the perfect day. For novelist Alison Irvine, who graduated with an MLitt in Creative Writing in 2006, her wedding here in June 2009 was a day that she’d dreamed of since studying at Glasgow: ‘I was so inspired by the surroundings of the University and because the Chapel was so stunning I used to tell myself that if I was ever to get married I’d like it to be there. My husband and I got married in the evening, with drinks and canapés afterwards in the cloisters. Our minister made our ceremony very feel intimate and personal.’

Many couples like Alison are drawn to the atmospheric stone cloisters of the Gilbert Scott building after their ceremony. Rebecca Robinson believes it’s all about capturing their special moment forever, as she explains: ‘When people are married here they go to the cloisters afterwards because there are some outstanding photographs possible.’ It’s no surprise that alumni who’ve celebrated their graduation with a glass of champagne in the cloisters should wish to return to this picture perfect setting for their next big day.

The University is not only a location for love, but also for many other cultural occasions, including community events. As host to the first ever Glasgow Science Festival (www.glasgowsiencefestival.org.uk) in 2007, the University welcomed nearly 20,000 participants from local schools and the city to learn about all things scientific across Gilmorehill. Since then the festival has grown and it celebrates
its fifth year in June, with enlightening and entertaining events including a science musical in the University’s Concert Hall, a showcase of Glasgow’s world-class research in the Fraser Building and a wildlife exhibition in The Hunterian.

Learning has always been part of our campus culture and, as well as educating undergraduate and postgraduate students from around the world on our degree programmes, we offer many recreational opportunities to people looking to expand their knowledge. Along with opening both our impressive library and archives to the public, the University also hosts a popular public lecture programme throughout the year. Covering subjects from science to the arts and everything in between, the Kilbrandon Lecture, the Stevenson Lectures in Citizenship and the Gifford Lectures ensure that the University’s wealth of information is easily accessible by all.

In one particularly memorable Stevenson Lecture, hundreds of poetry enthusiasts filled the Charles Wilson lecture theatre to be entertained with expert readings in Scots by former University Writer in Residence Liz Lochhead. Following in her illustrious footsteps today is award-winning writer Louise Welsh (pictured top right), who regularly gives public readings and in her role as Writer in Residence is also eager to share her creative pearls of wisdom with staff and students: ‘I’m keen to see not just novelists but poets, memoir writers, song writers and those people who don’t quite know what kind of writing they’re doing.’ She adds, ‘I’d also like to meet scientists, engineers, architects and others because writing should not be confined to the College of Arts.’

This sense of being open to the varied interests and beliefs of people is an integral part of the University’s culture and can be found across campus. While the University Chapel is well known for weddings it also regularly holds multi-faith ceremonies, welcoming people of all religions and backgrounds, to strengthen community ties.

‘We go to enormous lengths to make sure that the excellence Glasgow is renowned for in academic life is equally applied to University Chapel services and the pastoral care we extend to people. We try very hard to get that across in every service that we do in the University Chapel,’ Reverend Stuart MacQuarrie explains.

Among the many services held in the University Chapel is the Commemoration of Benefactors, which is a firm fixture every June in one of Glasgow’s much-loved cultural traditions – Commemoration Day. As well as marking the foundation of the University in 1451 it also celebrates our long-standing alumni community. In 1903 the General Council urged an official annual Commemoration Day ‘in order to maintain the connection of the graduates with their University’.

Over the years many former students have returned to Glasgow for this special occasion to celebrate their Alma Mater and reminisce about their time here with fellow classmates. We are proud that so many alumni continue to reunite on campus, and thanks to the Chapel web cameras Commemoration Day can now be watched online, so even those who can’t be there in person can still feel a part of this auspicious occasion.

The relationship our alumni, staff, students and new friends have with Gilmorehill is one that is built to last a lifetime and our cultural campus will always be there for people to share and enjoy. So whether you’re here for an emotional reunion, the latest exhibition, a joyous wedding or a tranquil stroll through the cloisters, one thing you can be sure of is this – you’ll be welcome back time and time again.

Planning a visit?

With so many events, attractions and services open to visitors, you’d be forgiven for not knowing where to begin. Our Visitor Centre, situated in the Main Building, has friendly, knowledgeable staff, to help you with queries, directions and information on the University.

www.glasgow.ac.uk/about/visit/visitorcentre

For a full list of all forthcoming events taking place at the University visit

www.glasgow.ac.uk/events
Glasgow student Natalie Frendo-Cumbo is just one of many volunteers at the University involved in overseas projects.
The Students’ Representative Council (SRC) has been devoted to the welfare of the University’s students since it set up shop in 1886. In turn, it encourages students to make a difference in wider society through a range of volunteering opportunities. As the SRC celebrates its 125th anniversary we learn about its deep-rooted dedication to philanthropy.

One of the oldest volunteer organisations on campus is the University of Glasgow Settlement. Founded in 1897 by the women of the University’s Queen Margaret College, it began by sending young volunteers out to live in local areas of poverty to lend people practical support. From offering legal advice to setting up after-school clubs, these early altruists set a trend that has flourished ever since.

Today, Fiona Buckland, the SRC’s Student Volunteer Support Service Coordinator, helps hundreds of students get access to charity projects and she believes the women who led the Settlement into Glasgow’s deprived communities can be seen as the pioneers of the modern student volunteer:

‘Our students are still involved in a huge variety of volunteer work. We’ve always had an active volunteer community and in that respect we’re really lucky, there’s a tremendous culture of volunteering at Glasgow that really took off with the Settlement.’

Today about 570 active student volunteers are busy working on various SRC-affiliated projects alone. Among these are: Nightline, a confidential listening telephone service for the Glasgow student community; Bield Buddies, a befriending scheme for students wishing to lend a helping hand to older people in residential and nursing dementia homes; and Language Café, an informal language group offering students the chance to pair up and improve their conversational English skills.

Like the original University Settlement, many of the projects that the SRC organises benefit communities in and around Glasgow. Our students are also keen to use their philanthropic skills further afield and a number of overseas projects are run independently by volunteers with support from the SRC’s Student Volunteer Support Service.

The Glasgow branch of student-run charity SKIP (Students for Kids International Project) sends nursing, medical and dental students to Malawi every summer to work with orphaned children, while Student Volunteers Abroad (SVA) offers opportunities on community and environmental projects in developing countries such as Cambodia, India and South Africa.

Angela Ireland is a third-year English Literature student and Vice President of the SVA programme. A committed volunteer, she also finds time to help out on the Bield Buddies project and has worked on Nightline too:

‘Volunteering is something that I got involved with pretty much as soon as I got to University. I’ve been working with the Bield Buddies for over two years and I’m also currently coordinating the SVA trips abroad.

‘I’m really pleased that I’ve had the opportunity to get involved with all these projects as I’ve met some great people. It’s really enhanced my social life and has meant that I have an insight into the kind of work I would like to get into after I graduate. The SRC provides a lot of help when you’re looking to get into volunteering, they’re very well connected and a great resource to have right here on campus.’

It’s fair to say that the original trail-blazing women of the University of Glasgow Settlement would have been proud of our many dedicated student volunteers, and of the support the Students’ Representative Council has given generations of volunteers over the past 125 years. For true community spirit, SRC, we salute you.

Community spirit
International alumni events round-up

Alumni all over the world have been getting together to celebrate their association with the University of Glasgow. Representatives from the University have enjoyed meeting graduates and prospective students at a range of social events and encouraging Glasgow’s esteemed network of former, current and future students.

From Europe and the USA ...

Madrid, Spain
A group of staff and five students from History of Art made a fascinating visit to Madrid in February for an academic seminar and alumni reception at the outstanding Thyssen-Bornemisza Museum, which coincided with the *Jardines impresionistas* exhibition for which Dr Clare Willsdon, Reader in History of Art, was the academic adviser. The reception attracted 50 graduates and friends from all over the Iberian Peninsula and was the first University of Glasgow event of this kind in Spain. Delighted guests met with friends, staff and students and plan to stay in touch.

Boston, USA
The Downtown Harvard Club provided spectacular views of the city for 80 alumni, prospective students, friends and family in February. Professor David Fearn, International Dean for the Americas, welcomed guests and updated everyone with news from Glasgow. Clark McGinn gave an expert Address to a Haggis, piped in by Mike MacNinitch and Tom Pixton, who entertained throughout the night with Scottish tunes. Kirsten Cairns made a welcome return, singing beautifully, and leading the group in a rendition of Auld Lang Syne to round off the celebrations.

Atlanta, USA
In October an alumni reception was held at the High Museum of Art in Atlanta. The event, in conjunction with the National Galleries of Scotland and the University of Edinburgh, brought together alumni and guests from all three institutions in a celebration of Scotland and the new exhibition Venetian Masterpieces from the National Galleries of Scotland. Guests enjoyed wine and canapés and were welcomed to the museum by Director Michael Shapiro prior to an exclusive exhibition viewing. Tour groups were led by Michael Clarke, Director of the National Galleries and curator of the exhibition, which includes two masterpieces by Titian, *Diana and Actaeon*, and *Diana and Callisto*.

Washington DC, USA
A lively night was enjoyed by all in February at the beautiful historic home of former President James Monroe on Pennsylvania Avenue, the Arts Club of Washington. Clark McGinn, attending his second Burns night of the week, delivered an amusing Address and entertaining Immortal Memory.

Throughout the night alumni, friends and prospective students enjoyed Scottish tunes from Becky Ross (fiddle) and Karin Loya (cello) who were accompanied later by our piper Bob Mitchell. Guests enjoyed steaming haggis, neeps and tatties and plenty of whisky.

... to Asia and the Middle East

Chengdu, China
Large numbers of alumni turned out for the first ever University gathering in Chengdu in March. Guests heard from Professor Anne Anderson, Vice-Principal and Head of College, Social Sciences, and Professor Mary Ann Lumsden, International Lead, College of Medical, Veterinary & Life Sciences, before enjoying a splendid buffet and drinks provided by event sponsors Diageo. Alumni enjoyed meeting up with classmates and friends, and making new contacts. Plans are now underway to form a new Chengdu Alumni Association. See GU World on our website for more information.

Tianjin, China
In May, alumni attended a special event at Nankai University to see the prominent artist Professor Fan Zeng receive the honorary degree of Doctor of Letters from the University of Glasgow in acknowledgement of his contribution to traditional Chinese art. The Principal, along with University academics, joined their Nankai counterparts for an academic procession prior to the ceremony.

Guests heard from the Principal and Nankai’s Chancellor Xue before learning about Professor Fan Zeng’s achievements as Professor Nick Pearce, Head of School, Culture & Creative Arts, delivered the official oration on behalf of Senate. Professor Fan received his honorary degree to great applause from all.

There is interest in forming a new Tianjin Alumni Association. See GU World on our website for more information.

Top image: *Woman with Parasol in a Garden*, Renoir, © Museo Thyssen-Bornemisza, Madrid
Tokyo, Japan

More than 60 alumni, friends and guests met in March for a seminar and reception at the International House of Japan. Kenneth Shimizu, Representative of the University’s Japan Alumni Association, welcomed university staff and guests. The Principal, Professor Anton Muscatelli, updated all on current activities at the University. He concluded by announcing a scholarship for 2011–12 for a student from Malaysia to mark the 100-year anniversary.

Professor John Chapman, Vice-Principal and Head of College, Science & Engineering, gave a talk on Science and Engineering: 150 years of collaboration between the University and Japan – and growing! and Professor Nick Pearce, Head of School, Culture & Creative Arts, on A House of Flowers – Mortimer Menpes (1855–1938) Japanese house.

Guests then mingled before hearing toasts to the University from Jason James (Director Japan, British Council) and Steven Baker, (Country Head, Japan, Scottish Development International) before Kenneth Shimizu brought the evening to a close.

Staff and students of the University extend wishes of sympathy and support to all our alumni and friends in Japan following the March earthquake and tsunami which occurred shortly after our Tokyo event.

Almaty, Kazakhstan

Eight alumni got together in October to welcome Professor Vivienne Baumfield, International Dean, and Caroline Boddie, Senior International Officer, from the University to Kazakhstan. The first event of its kind in the area, it is hoped that interest will grow as more students from Kazakhstan study at Glasgow.

Alumni events in 2011

For up-to-date information about our various events, including dates and locations, please see www.glasgow.ac.uk/alumni/events.
Alumni news

Sport scholarships

A scholarship scheme for sport science students has been launched in memory of the late Dr Andy Cathcart (BSc 1999), one of Glasgow’s brightest stars in this field before he was tragically killed in a road accident in April 2009.

The Dr Andy Cathcart Scholarships will offer promising students of sports science direct experience of working in a top-class sports environment. The first scholarships were awarded in January 2011 to: Chris Stoddart and Andrew Leishman for an intern period at British Cycling in Manchester; and Andrew White to work with strength and conditioning staff with Scotland’s under-20 rugby team.

To contribute to the scheme, please contact David Miller, tel: +44 (0)141 330 1867 or email: david.a.miller@glasgow.ac.uk.

2009 Queen’s Birthday Honours

Mr Francis McGurk (MA 1966, MLitt) was appointed MBE for services to education in Belgium.

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Professor Muffy Calder was appointed OBE for services to computer science (see page 5).

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Law dinner

The second law alumni dinner took place in November in the Bute Hall, where graduates, friends and staff met in celebration of their Alma Mater. The Principal updated guests on University activities before Professor Robert Rennie provided an amusing account of changes in law. A prize draw helped launch the Law School’s Law Collections Appeal. Plans are underway for the school’s tercentenary celebrations in 2013.

Ladies first, please

The fascinating history of the University’s Queen Margaret Union has been documented by former president 2006–7, Gary Brown (MA 2006), in his book Ladies First: A History of the Queen Margaret Union of the University of Glasgow (available in all good bookstores).

Margo Pitt, née Budge (MA 1958), a Glasgow alumna and president of the Queen Margaret Union from 1958 to 1959, said: ‘What changes there have been! Primarily in the education of women, but also in the evolution of the union from a small wholly independent voluntary organisation to that of today – this book tells a proud story.’

Aberdeen Club annual dinner

In November over 60 members and guests met at the Royal Northern and University Club and enjoyed speeches by Dr Alistair D Beattie, Chairman of the Medical and Dental Union of Scotland, Mr David H Dobson, former Deacon Convener of the Trades House of Glasgow and the Principal, Professor Anton Muscatelli. The Club President, Sheriff Douglas Cusine, presented the Principal with a cheque for £600 to support the University’s Talent Scholarships Fund.

The club meets three times a year and new members are welcome. Contact Evelyn Dobson, tel: +44 (0)1224 868275. The 2011 dinner will take place on Friday 4 November at the same venue.

Glasgow graduate is Good Samaritan

Alumnus Jim McManus (BD 1989), Director of Public Health for Birmingham, has been awarded the Good Samaritan Medal, the highest award for healthcare that the Vatican bestows. At a surprise ceremony in Rome, he was presented with the medal by Archbishop Zygmund Ziomek, President of the Vatican’s Health Department. Mr McManus is an adviser on healthcare to the Catholic Church and has undertaken theological and policy work on health for the Church for some years.

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Celebrating Burns in London

The popular London alumni Burns supper attracted both regular attendees and new faces this year. The Principal welcomed guests and Clark McGinn (MA 1983) provided energetic Burns entertainment. Both graduates and staff participated in an exciting recital of Tam o’ Shanter, which was a new addition to the programme. Talisker kindly provided whisky miniatures to toast the Bard’s Immortal Memory before the band struck up. The ceilidh finished with Auld Lang Syne and a good night was had by all.

A dental record

Graduate Dr Alyson Wray (BDS 1972) has become the first female dental dean of a royal college in the UK – the Royal College of Physicians & Surgeons of Glasgow. Alyson is also a consultant and postgraduate tutor at the Glasgow Dental Hospital and School.

Unique University gifts online

The Visitor Centre & Hunterian Art Gallery shops’ website offers a great range of products with the University crest, Scottish gifts and items inspired by the Hunterian’s collections. Go online to receive 15% discount on orders placed by 30 June 2011. Enter the promotional code avemay11. www.universityofglasgowshops.com
Christmas dinner 2010
Over 200 alumni celebrated with colleagues, family and friends at the Christmas dinner in the stunning Bute Hall in December. Guests were entertained by the University Chapel Choir’s fantastic Christmas repertoire before tucking in to a delicious meal. A special welcome was given to those celebrating their jubilee reunion, marking 25 years since graduation. Dr Patrick Gunning (BSc 2001, PhD 2006) was awarded the Young Alumnus of the Year trophy for 2010 and proposed the toast to the Alma Mater.

The 2011 Christmas dinner will take place on Friday 2 December. A special welcome will extend to the 1986 jubilee group.

The Hares and Hounds 90th anniversary ball
In April over 100 past and present members of the Glasgow University Hares and Hounds (GUHH) gathered in the Glasgow University Union to celebrate the club’s 90th anniversary. Old friends reminisced together in the beer bar, before heading upstairs for dinner, terrific speeches by Calum Laing, Dave Logue, Andy Girling, Michelle Jeffrey, and Cnam Burt, and a fantastic ceilidh (thanks to The Reel Deal Ceilidh Band).

Current president Des Gilmore was honoured for his 40 years of service to the club and to the Scottish running community as a whole. Des was presented with a cup in his name, which will be awarded to the winner of the GUHH race series annually. Thank you to all who attended – we hope to see you at our five-mile road race in November!

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SRC’s 125th anniversary celebration
The Students’ Representative Council’s (SRC) 125th anniversary celebration in March was very well attended, by over 150 guests, ranging from the President of the SRC in 1956, Kenneth Fee, who was also founder of the Gilmorehill Guardian, to the Principal, Professor Anton Muscatelli.

The event was a chance for former SRC members to catch up with old friends and find out about current SRC work from sabbatical officers and staff. The display of SRC archives was of great interest during the evening, and plans are being made to turn it into a permanent exhibition. See page 15 for more about the work of the SRC.

2010 BVMS reunion
In October the University was delighted to welcome back almost 200 former students representing year groups 0 and 5 for the annual reunion celebration dinner for Vet School alumni. Vets who graduated between 1955 and 2005 enjoyed a formal celebration dinner on the Saturday along with other gatherings and Garscube tours over the weekend. Janice Freer (BVMS 1975) said, ‘It was an excellent event from the morning coffee and tour round the impressive Small Animal Hospital to the meal and the last Strip the Willow!’

For information about the 2011 reunion see our alumni notices section on page 20.

Bachelor of Nursing Class of 2000
In September, the class held a 10-year reunion at Oran Móir in Glasgow for an evening of fine dining and reminiscing about our time at the University. Our constant chatter mostly drowned out the soundtrack of music from our uni days, but some of us still threw a few shapes on the dance floor. We decided not to leave it ten years before meeting up again.

How to contact alumni news
Alumni news is edited by Emily Howie. Send details of news and reunions to: Development & Alumni Office 2 The Square University of Glasgow Glasgow G12 8QQ Tel: +44 (0)141 330 4951 Email: alumni@glasgow.ac.uk

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Reunion notices

1950 Honours Chemistry graduates

James Veitch (BSc 1950, PhD 1954) would love to meet up with other 1950 graduates. With enough interest, the Development & Alumni Office will help to organise a reunion lunch or tea on campus at Gilmorehill. Contact Emily Howie, tel: +44 (0)141 330 2668 or email: alumni@glasgow.ac.uk.

1956 MBCChB

16–18 September 2011, Hilton Grosvenor Hotel, Glasgow
The Zeta Club (1950–56 Medical) are having a 55th reunion. For more details contact Dr D S Munro, email: themunros2@btinternet.com, tel: +44 (0)141 956 3776.

1960 Natural Philosophy/Maths

22 July 2011, University of Glasgow
A reunion dinner is being held. For more information or to get involved, contact Randall House, email: chouse@sgu.edu or Ken Smith, email: kenway.smith@glasgow.ac.uk, tel: +44 (0)141 330 5890.

1961 Modern Languages

15 July 2011, University of Glasgow
Plans for this golden reunion include a ‘trip down memory lane’ tour and dinner on campus. For more information, contact Aileen and Alan Small, email: asmall2518@aol.com, tel: +44 (0)1244 382 876.

1961 MBCChB

8–9 September 2011, University of Glasgow
The Zeta Club will be holding a reunion with an event in the Wolfson Medical School Building and other activities. Contact Dr Douglas Briggs, tel: +44 (0)141 334 9744, email: j.douglas.briggs@sky.com.

1962 BVMS

14–16 June 2011, University of Glasgow
A 50th anniversary reunion is planned to coincide with the University’s Commemoration Day celebrations. To attend contact lain Crawford, tel: +44 (0)1372 456 625, email: iaincrawford@talktalk.net.

1962 Modern Languages Honours

Advance notice – 23 June 2012, University of Glasgow
A reunion lunch is being organised. If you would like to attend or find out more, contact lan Campbell, tel: +44 (0)1292 476 795, email: ianc62@aol.com.

Chemistry Class of 1962

Advance notice – 13 June 2012, University of Glasgow
A golden reunion is being held to coincide with Commemoration Day when all graduates of the University of 50 years’ standing will be invited. The class are hoping to celebrate together. For further information contact Joyce Allison, email: joyceallison@btopenworld.com.

1962 Natural Philosophy and Maths

Advance notice – 13–14 June 2012, University of Glasgow
Plans are underway for a 50th anniversary reunion. We hope the class will join in the University’s Commemoration Day celebrations on the Wednesday. On the Thursday a tour of the University will be followed by dinner. Contact Ian Aitken, email: irmaitken@btinternet.com, tel: +44 (0)1620 890 070.

1963/64 Classics

1 October, 2011, University of Glasgow
A reunion lunch will take place in the Melville Room on campus. For more information or to note your interest, contact Gordon Hepburn, email: gordon@hepburn13.freeserve.co.uk.

1966 Zeta Club

19–20 October 2011, Doubletree Hilton Hydro hotel, Dunblane
A 40th reunion is being held. To register your interest or for more details, email: jamesmitchell42@jimherbert.force9.co.uk.

1971 Notre Dame

3 September 2011, University of Glasgow
The 40th jubilee reunion will take place in the University Catholic Chaplaincy. There will be Mass in the morning, followed by a buffet lunch. To reserve your place, contact Barry McCartan, tel: +44 (0)141 226 5361, email: barry.mccartan@o2.co.uk or Dennis Sheridan, tel: +44 (0)141 576 6756, email: d.sheridan@ntworld.com.

1972 Psychology Class

Advance notice – 12 May 2012, Glasgow
A 40th reunion is planned with details to follow. Contact Russell Cunningham, tel: +44 (0)1764 885383, email: achray@googlemail.com.

1972 Alpha Club

Advance notice – April 2012, Peebles Hydro Hotel
The 1972 medical graduates are holding a reunion. To register interest, contact Dr Brian D Keighley, email: Alphaclub@btinternet.com, as soon as possible.

1977 Civil Engineering

Advance notice – 2012
A 35-year reunion is being planned. Members of the whole course from 1973 to 1977 (not only those who actually graduated in 1977) are welcome to attend. The date is to be confirmed. For more information please contact Peter Morrison, email: peterjmorrison@btinternet.com.

1978 Naval Architecture & Ocean Engineering

June 2011, Glasgow
A few members of the graduating class have re-established contact recently and made plans for a 33rd anniversary reunion. Contact Captain José Antonio Martínez-Landaluce, email: jamlandaluce@hotmail.com. If you have been out of touch please remember to update your contact details with the alumni office, email: alumni@glasgow.ac.uk.

MBCChB – Alpha Club 1981

12 November 2011, Marriott Hotel, Glasgow
All members and partners are invited to a dinner and ceilidh. Professor Kenneth Calman has kindly agreed to be the guest speaker and the hotel has preferential rates for those wishing to stay overnight. For more details contact Helen Mactier, email: helen.mactier@ggc.scot.nhs.uk.

Helen would also be delighted to receive any old photographs (preferably in electronic format) of life as an undergraduate medical student or junior hospital doctor.

Glasgow University Rugby Football Club

19 November 2011, Hilton Grosvenor Hotel, Glasgow
Former club players are invited to a reunion. We hope to bring old playing partners together and show support for the present University club. For more details and to register your interest, contact Allan Mackintosh, tel: +44 (0)776 416 8989, email: allanmackintosh@gmail.com.

2011 BVMS Reunion

29 October 2011, Glasgow
Every year the School of Veterinary Medicine holds an alumni reunion celebration dinner for graduates celebrating a significant (five or ten year) anniversary. This year we look forward to welcoming back our year groups 1 and 6. As well as a formal celebration dinner on Saturday, there will be a number of informal gatherings across Glasgow on the Friday evening and tours of Garscube during the day on Saturday.

For more details about this fun and successful event, contact Sarah Hunter, email: Sarah.Hunter@glasgow.ac.uk, tel: +44 (0)141 330 7145.
The General Council

Business news and reports. Prepared and supplied for the General Council by Robert Marshall, Clerk to the General Council. Email: clerkgc@glasgow.ac.uk


Minutes of the Meeting of the General Council held on Saturday, 15 January 2011 in the Yudowitz Lecture Theatre of the Wolfson Medical Building

The Chancellor, Professor Sir Kenneth Calman, took the chair and welcomed those present to the meeting.

Minutes of the meeting held on 19 June 2010

The minutes of the meeting held on the 19 June 2010, printed in Avenue issue 49, (January 2011) were approved. There were no matters arising.

Report of the Convenor of the Business Committee, Dr Frances Boyle

The Chancellor invited Dr Boyle to give her final report as Convenor. Dr Boyle informed the meeting that the Business Committee had held three meetings since the last Half-Yearly Meeting of the General Council in June 2010.

In October, the Secretary of Court, Mr David Newall, briefed the committee on developments over the summer. These included the Browne Report, which, while not relating to Scottish universities, would impinge upon them. The committee decided to set up a subgroup to review the various aspects of its own activities. In November, the Director of Estates & Buildings, Mr Jim McConnell, outlined the success of recent University buildings, such as the Wolfson Medical School and the Small Animal Hospital and spoke about future projects. He also described the challenges of maintaining the University estate under the current financial circumstances. At the third meeting, Mr Newall addressed recent cost management developments. The committee received a progress report from the subgroup reviewing the Committee’s activities.

Following the demission of the current Convenor, it was the unanimous recommendation of the Business Committee that Mr George Tail be appointed by the General Council as Convenor of the Business Committee with immediate effect for a period of four years from January 2011 until January 2015.

The Convenor also took the opportunity to thank committee members who are standing down after four years of service: Mr Eric Clark; Ms Roisin Donnelly; Dr David Fraser; and Mr Sandy Weatherhead.

In conclusion, the Convenor thanked all committee members and the Clerk to the committee and wished them well in the future.

The Chancellor added his thanks to the members who are demitting. He added a particular thanks to the Convenor and presented her with flowers.

Election of members to serve on the General Council Business Committee

The Clerk advised the meeting that three nominations, duly proposed and seconded, had been received for persons to be elected to serve as members of the General Council Business Committee. The nominees were: Mr Fred Hay (MA 1966); Mr Lewis Niven (MA 1969); and Mr Graham Paterson (MBA 1978). The Council resolved to elect all three to be members of the General Council Business Committee for the period ending 31 January 2015. The Clerk also reported that in October 2010 the Business Committee had co-opted two General Council members to serve as members on the Business Committee, taking up places which had remained unfilled for elected members: Ms Helen McAvoy (MA 1972); and Mr Duncan Marley (MA 2002).

Address by the Principal, Professor Anton Muscatelli

The Principal presented his report, as printed on page 26 of Avenue issue 49 (January 2011). He explained that he would give an update on the financial situation since he last addressed Council in June 2010 as there had been a comprehensive spending review since then. The University was responding to the financial challenge set by the general context through a number of activities such as lobbying, cost reduction and the University’s new strategy. Although the University was forced to engage in economies and cuts, the long-term focus remained the University’s strategic goals.

He explained that the new coalition government set the general financial context for Scotland through the comprehensive spending review in October, following the UK emergency budget in June. This set the Scottish block grant over the next few years but the exact position beyond 2011–12 was not yet known. For 2011–12 the allocation to the SFC (Scottish Funding Council) had been cut by 7% in cash terms. Most of that had fallen on the funding of teaching; research funding had been protected. There had been a particularly severe cut in capital funding (57%). This budget had still to be approved in a pre-electoral context. The University relied heavily on UK research budgets and the Principal was relieved to note that this had been ring-fenced in cash terms in the Scottish budget allocation for 2011–12.

The Principal reported that Court had studied the financial scenarios following the spending review. In broad terms, if the Scottish government were to cut university funding by 20–25% in real terms up to 2014–15, and if the University did nothing and carried on all its existing activities, it would face a financial gap of £35m by 2015–16. Court noted that
the additional income needed would come either from a) research (which had a rather limited scope given the funding situation within research councils) or b) unregulated (non-publicly funded) teaching, ie overseas students and postgraduate students. The University has argued that of the £35m gap, about £15m could be funded by additional sources of income (mainly through an expansion of international student numbers).

The Principal reported that the University was facing this £20m gap challenge in a number of ways which he went on to highlight:

Lobbying
Universities attempted to influence government policy and strategy via the press and other channels. Scottish university principals feel they are facing a double threat in terms of funding cuts and evidence of increasing interference in the running of institutions. Principals have continued to stress, therefore, the strength of the Scottish and UK universities in terms of being autonomous in setting teaching and research priorities, and indeed international university league tables worldwide show that countries granting autonomy to their universities generally perform better.

The Principal suggested that greater emphasis should now be placed on better recognition of teaching. Universities competed extensively for research grants, on the basis of a recognised research assessment mechanism but there was no equivalent mechanism in terms of teaching. Government funding was determined centrally, with the number of undergraduates being fixed, irrespective of the quality of the student experience. For a university such as Glasgow with a great reputation in teaching and the student experience, no competitive benefit in terms of more students wanting to study at Glasgow was therefore derived. The University has been arguing for the ability to be able to compete on the basis of teaching quality and to be rewarded accordingly.

The Principal noted that it was likely that there will be no funding gap in England. The University would not like to see fees in Scotland but it was undeniable that universities that were able to charge fees of £8,500 or more will over time be better funded than their Scottish counterparts, if current arrangements in Scotland prevail. This is a concern to Scottish universities in terms of competing for top academic staff and the quality of facilities on offer to students. The Principal estimated the gap in the Scottish higher education institutions as £300–360m per annum. Scotland therefore has a clear choice, either a) retain 100% public funding of universities, costing about £300m (about 1p on the standard tax rate) or b) think about graduate contributions. The Principal stressed that the latter was not the University’s preferred option; however, in the current financial climate, it might be possible to close the gap with a graduate contribution of around £3,500 per year, much lower than elsewhere, provided that public funding was maintained.

Impact study
The Principal noted that universities needed to stress the importance of the economic impact that they have. An independent study of the University’s economic impact showed that over £900m was added to the Scottish GDP (Gross Domestic Product) and around 13,000 jobs in Scotland in 2009–10 (1% of the Scottish economy, 3.6% of the greater Glasgow economy). For every £1 of GDP generated directly by the University and by the presence of non-Scottish students, the University created an extra £63p of GDP elsewhere in the Scottish economy.

The University also led the way in knowledge transfer, including the Easy Access Intellectual Property (IP) initiative to maximise the impact of the University’s research, much of which was publically funded. The University cannot commercialise about 95% of what it does, so as part of the benefit to society, most of the research outputs were being offered free of charge to any companies wishing to acquire them. Politicians and industry have welcomed this initiative, the first one in the UK.

The Principal also noted the major impact University research had on health, in areas such as cardiovascular disease and cancer. General Council has already been made aware of the £30m investment on the Garscube site (Beatson Translational Research Centre). There will also be a Centre for Virus Research (with a £28m grant from the Medical Research Council). In addition research on new energy sources (solar energy and other fuels) has the potential to make significant impact on the environment.

The impact study also highlighted the University’s significant contribution to culture: the Hunterian Museum & Art Gallery was one of the world’s top university museums and contributed over £4m per annum to the economy. It attracted over 160,000 visitors and over 10,000 people for educational events. The Principal commended the study as it provided an impressive account of the value of the University, in the broadest sense, and that was without taking into account the contribution our graduates made to knowledge exchange.

Other steps: cost savings
The Principal went on to explain that the £20m cost-saving plan mentioned earlier had been profiled to achieve cost savings of £3m in 2010–11; £10m in 2011–12; and £7m in 2012–13. The cost reduction project was chaired by the Principal and the Senior Vice-Principal and involved all major budget holders, including the four Heads of College and the Secretary of Court. In addition to staffing cost reduction, there will be an initiative to reduce estate costs by reducing the University’s footprint, not easy to do unless the University changed the way it worked. There were also initiatives to make University services more efficient.

The Principal explained that the University has to run a surplus (approx £5m) to allow reinvestment in the estate. At 1.2% of turnover, the University was in the middle of the Russell Group in terms of operating surpluses. Some universities run deficits of up to 3% while others run surpluses as high as 8%. The Principal believed that 1–2% was the minimum the University needed to be able to reinvest.

Building for the future
The Principal explained how important it was during a time of cost reduction not to lose sight of the University’s vision and values, as set out in Glasgow 2020: A Global Vision. The strategy set out a clear direction underpinned by clear performance indicators for research, the student experience and global reach and reputation.

Global reach and reputation
The Principal indicated that he would concentrate on teaching, since the General Council had heard much about the University’s research performance. The University’s annual ISB survey (International Student Barometer) scores placed it first in Scotland (91.6% student satisfaction), second in the Russell group and third in the ISB overall.

The University also scored very well in the NSS (National Student Survey), with an overall satisfaction score of 90%, third in the Russell group behind Oxford and Cambridge; the average satisfaction in the sector is 83%. The University was first or joint first in the whole of the UK sector for overall satisfaction in ten subjects. Improvement was still needed in areas such as student feedback.

The Principal pointed out that students (even UK students) increasingly decided where to study on the basis of a university’s overall reputation. He noted that what the University did in research and teaching – or enhancing reputation – cannot be taken as independent strands. It was no coincidence that institutions scoring well in NSS were also research-intensive. In order to enhance global reach and reputation, the University was therefore: strengthening international partnerships; growing the international student community; expanding international learning opportunities for all students; and developing collaborative degree programmes.

The Principal gave as examples links with Columbia University (New York), Nankai University (China), as well as institutions in India and Africa. The University now had 2,500 non-EU international students, still well below the Russell Group average of 4,500. The University’s target was to reach the Russell Group average by 2015. This target was partly an income imperative but it was also aimed at increasing the diversity of the student community in Glasgow. The Principal was pleased that student representatives had been very supportive about the University’s aim to make the student community more diverse and international.

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The Principal reiterated that the University:
- had a sense of direction through its strategy;
- was already working towards achieving targets;
- had around 15 University-level performance indicators (across teaching, research, global reach, administration and estate);
- had strengths and activities to be proud of and which could be developed;
- was working hard to get its message across to all stakeholders and leaders.

He also noted that:
- Court will be monitoring targets on a yearly basis;
- the University will not be derailed by short-term cost-cutting, although this will undoubtedly make the achievement of targets even more difficult;
- targets had been set in a smart way, ie on relative rather than absolute performance, but if there was no Scottish solution to teaching funding, the competitive environment will become harder.

Reasons to be optimistic and committed

In concluding, the Principal stressed that there were reasons to be optimistic, despite the difficult external environment. The University had presented evidence of the value it provided to the economy, and just as importantly to the cultural life of the community as well as its contribution to world understanding and knowledge. In addition it provided first-class opportunities to students who came from all age groups, socio-economic backgrounds and from all over the world.

The Chancellor thanked Professor Muscatelli for his address and invited questions and points from those members present.

Questions

A member felt that the absence of fees or a graduate tax seemed not to have harmed the University’s progress, as was feared when universities in England introduced fees, and wondered whether this achievement could be maintained. The Principal indicated that his concern centred on the potential introduction of 20% real-terms cuts in Scotland at the same time as an increase in fees in England.

The Principal indicated a wish that any solution be properly costed and prioritised, with education being ranked alongside or even higher than health. What the sector could not accept was empty promises from government.

In answer to a question about reported student dissatisfaction with the medical course, the Principal conceded that the course ratings had been disappointing and had in fact dragged down the University average from a potential 94%. The University was trying to pinpoint the reasons as to why this was the case. They did not lie with the facilities but may have something to do with the relationship between the clinical and pre-clinical aspects of the training. The new Head of College has commissioned a review of the curriculum and how it was delivered. There was a need to ensure that NHS colleagues understood what the University was trying to achieve from the curriculum.

A member asked about the impact of English students attempting to come to Scotland given the absence of fees. The Principal indicated that universities could not discriminate on the grounds of a student’s origin. Although average entry qualifications could be increased by an influx of non-Scottish applicants, this could lead to the Scottish higher education system being swamped. It would also not be optimal to have a UK higher education system with internal differences. In practice, fees for non-Scottish UK students were likely to be increased by a future Scottish government to control cross-border flows.

In response to a request for clarification about how much of the cost of education was paid by external students, the Principal explained that if students came from the rest of the UK, Scottish universities may charge fees. If students came from within the EU, Scottish universities were not allowed to charge fees. The Principal noted that if fees were introduced in other EU countries (together with increasing student mobility) then those countries which provided free higher education will be providing a service to all other EU countries. The Principal felt that introducing a barrier on the basis of residence would be difficult in EU law.

The Principal also noted that any fee could be charged for applicants outwith Europe. However, charging English students a fee would simply result in that fee being retained by the Scottish Government as part of the block grant.

A member asked a question about the possibility of competitive funding for teaching and research and how this would drive up teaching standards. The Principal indicated that the situation was complex. The NSS survey, for example, was based on various factors such as teaching, facilities and feedback. The Principal argued that universities with high NSS scores should enjoy greater numbers of funded places.

In answer to a question about the possibility of shortening the University Honours degree by using the facilities more intensively, the Principal indicated that this was not a proposal generally supported across the Scottish sector. The four-year degree was internationally very competitive, not least because of the opportunity it provided to be flexible in the subjects studied while at the same time allowing scope to specialise. There was clear evidence that students in China (an important growing market) and the United States prefer the four-year degree. The Principal concluded that in future the University may have to be more flexible with curricula to allow fast-tracking (for example, students with three very good A-levels) within the four years while maintaining the integrity of the degree. The Principal pointed out the negative impact of a school-type longer academic year on a) attracting the best research academics and b) students, who would suffer from the reduction in independent, non-contact study time, essential to the modern learning process with extended projects and consolidation. However, it might have to be looked at because of the potential reduction in unit costs of the University’s very expensive facilities.

In answer to a question about minimising bureaucracy in the University, the Principal explained that there were a number of areas being addressed by the Secretary of Court. He gave as an example forthcoming streamlining in research support at pre-award stage and post-award. There were also planned improvements in HR and IT services. The new college and schools structure would also reduce the number of layers and client relations.

The Chancellor, on behalf of the General Council, again thanked Professor Muscatelli for his presentation. He had found the information very helpful.

Closure of the Meeting

The Chancellor thanked all those present for their attendance. He informed them that the next meeting would be held on Saturday, 25 June 2011 at 10.30am in the Senate Room.

Convenor of the General Council

Dr Frances Boyle has retired as Convenor of the Business Committee. She joined the Committee in 2001, served on various sub-committees and became Convenor in 2007. Frances will be remembered for her boundless enthusiasm and warm personality. The Committee is very grateful to her.

The new Convenor of the committee is Mr George Tait.

The Council was set up by Act of Parliament to give voice to the views of the graduates and teaching staff on the regulation and wellbeing of the University. All graduates and teaching staff are entitled to attend.
The General Council
Paper A: Report by the Principal

In my last report I highlighted the budget position for the University given the challenges of the anticipated cuts in public funding for universities. What we now know is that within the general envelope of cuts to the Scottish block grant, the allocation to the Scottish Funding Council (SFC) for 2011–12 has reduced by 7% in cash terms. Following on from this, the SFC issued the University’s grant letter for 2011–12 on 18 March. It indicates a drop of £10.6m in public funding to the University between 2010–11 and 2011–12.

It is against this background that the University has been planning and implementing its two-pronged attack on the funding cuts, through a cost-cutting exercise and income generation. The University’s Senior Management Group instituted a voluntary severance scheme and identified a number of areas which should be reviewed in terms of their alignment with the University’s strategic plan. With Court’s approval, these have been the subject of a consultation exercise carried out through February and April. Understandably this has been a difficult and challenging time for colleagues but I hope that the outcomes of the consultation process will provide positive solutions to the way forward. Court will receive the recommendations of the panels at its meeting in June. In many areas, despite the cuts in government funding, we will continue to fulfil our historic and important obligation to our local community and Scotland as well as our students.

It’s crucial in tough times, to recognise our strengths and the excellent activity that is continuing to take place at the University.

In February, I attended, with the Chancellor, the official launch of the Centre for Textile Conservation & Technical Art History. As reported on page 2, HRH The Princess Royal performed the opening ceremony. The new centre is an exciting multidisciplinary development which will embrace and deploy the art, technical skill and knowledge of conservation, with the discipline of physical sciences and the insights of the history of art and textiles. It will be the first of its kind in Scotland to offer conservation training combined with our existing international expertise in technical art history; it will offer practical, object-based teaching along with research-led teaching, and mount new and exciting courses such as the taught Masters in Dress & Textile Histories. Practical and scholarly, theoretical and useful, the centre fits with our strategic view and it is already attracting worldwide attention.

Also in February we formally launched the University’s latest research institute, the Institute of Health & Wellbeing, which brings together researchers from across the Colleges of Social Sciences and Medical, Veterinary & Life Sciences. This will be a unique development amongst Scottish universities which will play an important role in shaping health policy in Glasgow, the whole of Scotland and internationally.

In March, the Cancer Research UK West of Scotland Cancer Centre, Beatson Institute, was launched. The University is a key partner in this exciting development, which has enormous potential because of the range, scale and quality of our research, and the opportunities for its clinical application which Glasgow uniquely presents.

The University was delighted to host the Institute of Physics’ Nuclear & Particle Physics Divisional Conference in April. With over 400 international physicists attending, this prestigious conference was won by Glasgow because of our strengths in nuclear and particle physics and several of our top academics in the field were presenting at conference. Earlier in the year, I had the privilege of travelling to CERN (European Organization for Nuclear Research) to see something of the exciting work being undertaken through the Large Hadron Collider, described as the largest and most complex machine ever constructed. Some of the University’s particle physicists are members of the international team at CERN in Geneva. The scale of the work, the precision and sophistication of the technology were breathtaking. And what was equally impressive was the way in which this blue skies activity is producing spin-offs in innovation and applications of immediate practical benefit, such as medical imaging.

Equally important to our strategic direction is our ongoing commitment to internationalisation and I would like to highlight recent activity in China.

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Between 28 February and 6 March, I, along with academic and University services colleagues, visited Beijing and Tianjin and took part in a flagship event. Such events are a new approach for us and support the University’s internationalisation strategy. The events in Tianjin centred on our growing relationship with our strategic partner in China, Nankai University. As reported in Avenue’s international events round-up on page 16, it included an academic symposium, largely focused on social sciences and history of art, and culminated in the award of an honorary degree to Fan Zeng – one of China’s greatest living artists and an academic at Nankai.

Such a concentration of events aims to work across several levels, building partnerships, networking, profile raising, alumni engagement and student recruitment. It was clear that across these targets we achieved some notable results. There was quite phenomenal, widespread press interest in Professor Zeng’s honorary degree (the largest exposure for the University of Glasgow in China to date, including in press outlets such as China Daily) and it constituted one of our best international campaigns to date. Over recent months we have been pursuing a long and vigorous campaign to establish several joint initiatives with Nankai University, and we hope to make an announcement in this area very soon.

This year the Students’ Representative Council celebrated its 125th anniversary and Glasgow University Sports Association its 130th. The clubs, societies and unions that support our student community are immensely important to enriching the student experience, a further key focus of our strategy. But as Avenue highlights on page 15, our students have an impact in ways that are perhaps not widely known, particularly through student volunteering opportunities. There are now about 570 student volunteers working across SRC projects, a tremendous achievement, one that grows year on year, and in which Glasgow should take considerable pride.
Deaths of members of the General Council noted from April 2010 to March 2011

Names are listed alphabetically within each graduation decade. Last known addresses have been included for individuals where family members have given approval to do so.

1920–1929

Baptie, Mary J T S P A, MA 1926, died 09/10/2010
Bone, Janet Pollock, BSc 1929, died 09/08/2010
Hamilton, Marion Forrest, MA 1928, died 09/05/2010
Hill, Grace Fenton (Mrs Rennick), MA 1924, died 30/12/2010
McLachlan, Alexandra, MA 1929, died 03/12/2010
Warnock, Helen Lennox (Mrs Irvine), MA 1927, died 06/05/2010
Wasu, Guliah Tukaram, BSc 1926, date of death unknown

1930–1939

Allan, Margaret Stirling, MA 1936, died 03/09/2007
Anderson, Andrew (Dr), BSc 1939, died 02/2010
Brown, John Kerr (Dr), BSc 1939, MBChB, died 21/10/2010
Brownlee, George (Professor), BSc 1936, DSc, died 19/05/2010
Craigie, Edith M (Mrs Macfie), MA 1934, died 23/04/2010
Cunningham, Robert Maurice, died 09/06/2010
Donnelly, John, MA 1938, died 20/01/2001
Dunn, James MacKinnon (Dr), BSc 1939, MBChB, died 15/11/2010
Frew, James Shearer (Dr), BSc 1938, MBChB, died 31/08/2010
Graham, Georgina Elizabeth (Mrs Newlands), MA 1936, date of death unknown
Gray, Robert (Rev), MA 1938, BD, died 12/06/2010
Grigor, Kenneth Clark (Dr), MBChB 1937, died 01/05/2010
Grist, Norman Roy (Emeritus Professor), BSc 1939, MBChB, died 07/06/2010
Harrison, John Edgar, MA 1935, MEd, died 04/06/2010
Higgin, Agnes Mathie, MA 1933, died 16/06/2010
Kay, Andrew Watt (Emeritus Professor Sir), MBChB 1939, ChM, died 01/02/2011
Law, John, BL 1936, died 21/09/2010
Leslie, Jessie Murray, MA 1933, died 26/04/2010
Lithgow, Thomas (Rev), MA 1939, died 15/09/2010
Livingston, Rose Helen (Mrs Glennie), MA 1934, MEd, died 28/10/2010
Logan, Margaret Ken-Craig (Mrs Holland), MA 1933, died 22/05/2010
MacAelese, William McKechnie, MA 1934, died 29/03/1983
Macaulay, Alick Hugh, MA 1937, died 02/02/2011
MacLeod, Katharine Ross (Mrs Gillies), MA 1935, died 21/02/2010
Marshall, James, MRCVS 1937, died 2002
McArthur, Janet Guthrie (Mrs MacNaughton), MA 1934, died 15/09/2010
McCubbin, Mary Milligan (Mrs MacAelese), MA 1934, died 26/04/1994
McQueen, Mary Guthrie (Mrs Nicol), MA 1932, date of death unknown

1940–1949

Adam, Flora Graham George (Mrs Neilson), MA 1940, died 26/11/2010
Alves, Mary Wilson (Dr Hacking), MBChB 1944, died 03/11/2010
Anderson, Letitia Cunningham (Mrs Roy), MBChB 1949, died 01/10/2010
Baillie, Marion, MA 1943, died 26/12/2010
Ball, Campbell Mowat (Dr), MBChB 1946, died 19/01/2011
Bass, Catherine Crawford, MA 1943, date of death unknown
Birrell, David, BSc 1947, died 09/07/2010
Bosomworth, Margaret Ramsey (Mrs Semple), MA 1945, died 04/11/2010
Bruce, James Henry Ian (Dr), MBChB 1948, died 22/11/2010
Bryson, Robert Downs, BL 1949, died 22/04/2010
Buyers, Thomas Bartlett, OBE, MBChB 1946, died 20/12/2010
Cameron-Mowat, Mairi (Mrs R A J C MacGinn), MA 1941, died 28/03/2010
Carruthers, Joseph Forsyth Scott, BSc 1946, died 14/01/2011
Chalmers, George Stewart, MA 1948, died 01/10/2010
Cockburn, Kathleen (Mrs Todd), MBChB 1942, died 09/01/2010
Conn, Margaret Dunlop (Mrs Carswell), BSc 1940, died 28/03/2011
Corrigan, Margaret J (Mrs Sheridan), MBChB 1945, died 26/11/2010
Coughtrie, Agnes Armstrong (Mrs Kinnear), MBChB 1949, died 31/08/2010
Davidson, John (Dr), BSc 1942, died 27/01/2011
Donald, Mary Bowie (Dr Thomas), MBChB 1944, died 09/04/2010
Dunbar, Grace Campbell (Dr Steven), MBChB 1949, died 04/08/2010
Fagan, Mary Josephine, BSc 1949, died 16/10/2009
Fleming, John McLachlan (Dr), MBChB 1945, died 02/09/2010
Forsyth, John (Dr), MBChB 1949, died 12/01/2010
Fulton, William Francis Monteith (Dr), BSc 1941, MD, died 21/12/2010
Gleeson, Fanchese Theresa, MA 1946, died 11/04/2010
Goodwin, Robert, BSc 1948, died 23/02/2006
Goudie, John Carrick (Rev) CBE, MA 1941, died 20/09/2010
Grant, Lily Ross, MA 1945, died 31/10/2010
Gray, James Laird, BSc 1946, died 02/08/2010
Greene, Mary Josephine (Mrs May Smith), MA 1943, died 10/11/2010
Grice, John Russell Grant (Dr), MBChB 1942, died 12/12/2009
Haddock, James Charles Morrison, BL 1949, died 26/07/2010
Handy, Peter, BSc 1943, died 10/07/2010
Harrison, Mary (Sister), Diploma 1949, died 24/04/2010
Harvie, Margaret, MA 1947, died 19/04/2010
Haylock, George Rankine, MA 1946, died 22/12/2010
Henderson, Joan Mary (Mrs Aitken), MA 1942, died 26/07/2010
Henry, Gavin Philip (Dr), MBChB 1949, died 26/09/2010
Hepburn, David Prosser, BL 1942, died 20/02/2010
Holden, Harvey Stuart (Dr), BSc 1944, PhD, died 01/07/2010
Holmes, James, BSc 1940, died 02/03/2011
Hoyle, John Frederick, BSc 1943, ARCTH, died 29/11/2009
Jack, Robert Barr (Emeritus Professor), CBE, MA 1948, LLB, DUniv, died 25/10/2010
Jamieson, Irene Rankin, MA 1945, died 06/09/2010
Jeffrey, Neil McLeod, BSc 1949, died 02/01/2010
King, John Magoveny (Dr), MBChB 1940, died 31/05/2010
Lang, George Inglis Armour, BSc 1949, died 13/08/2010
Lau, Din Cheuk (Professor), MA 1949, died 26/04/2010
Lawrence, Jean Kathleen, BSc 1948, died 03/01/2010
Lister, Douglas, MA 1941, died 04/04/2010
MacAllan, Ada Parker McIntosh, MA 1947, died 29/01/2011
Macgregor, Jessie Norris (Mrs Scott), MA 1942, date of death unknown
MacLean, Alastair (Dr), MBChB 1947, died 04/06/2010
Baker, Adrian Edward, BVMS 1982, died 12/10/2010
Birkett, Kupava Elizabeth, MLitt 1988, died 11/02/2011
Black, James Whyte (Sir), DSc 1989, died 22/03/2010
Campbell, Euphemia Crawford (Rev), BD 1980, died 16/06/2010
Campbell, James Patrick, BSc 1981, died 04/04/2010
Capp, Caud, Karen Mary (Mrs Cannon), MA 1961, died 05/10/2010
Chibutu, Lawrence Amos, MEd 1980, Kafue, Zambia, died 06/2010
Eringen, Ahmed Cemal (Emeritus Professor), LLB 1981, died 07/12/2009
Erskine, Robert Keith, MLitt 1985, died 22/02/2010
Findlay, Muriel Margaret (Mrs Gilbride), MA 1985, died 25/12/2010
Flowers, Brian Hilton (Rt Hon Lord), LLB 1987, died 25/06/2010
Hamilton, Andrew Ross Caddell, MA 1987, MPhil, died 30/09/2010
Hay, Louise Mary, LLB (Hons) 1988, died 21/09/2011
Hogg, Kenny-Jane (Dr), MBChB 1982, MSc, MD, died 25/12/2010
Jolly, Andrew John (Rev), OBE, BD 1981, died 09/2010
Lamb, Erich Werner Brunton (Dr), MBChB 1983, died 02/04/2010
McClintock, Frank Ambrose (Professor), LLB 1981, died 20/02/2011
McKeown, Anne June Patricia (Dr), MBChB 1989, died 05/05/2010
McClelland, John Gregory, MA 1985, died 08/05/2010
Morrison, David Alexander, MED 1985, died 05/2010
Primrose, Harold Robert Stuart, BSc 1981, died 08/2010
Robins, David John (Professor), DSc 1987, died 21/11/2009
Robinson, George Clive (Dr), BSc 1985, MBChB, died 23/04/2010
Young, Alison Mary (Mrs Houghton), LLB 1987, Diploma, died 08/10/2010
Yule, William Thain, MPhil 1983, died 14/03/2011
1990–1999
Armstrong, Ewen William, MA 1994, died 12/20/2010
Browning, Don Spencer (Professor), DD 1998, died 03/06/2010
Clark, Anne Gordon (Mrs Oakes), MBA (Executive) 1997, died 28/11/2010
Dewar, Lorna Jane (Mrs Spencer), MA 1996, died 10/12/2010
Howatson, Stephen Rosalind, 1990 Diploma, died 11/12/2010
Lehr, Daniel Valentine, MSc 1996, died 18/08/2010
Neilson, Elizabeth Eve, BSc 1992, date of death unknown
Sverrisson, Alan Sturla, MA 1994, date of death unknown
Thornhill, Stephen Niall (Dr), MBChB 1990, died 05/01/2001
Train, Mary Meiklem, BSc 1998, died 08/10/2010
Whittet, Norma Jessie (Mrs Butler), MPH 1994, died 24/12/2009
Williams, Nicola Lesley (Mrs Murray), MA 1997, died 28/04/2010
Wolfson, Leonard Gordon (Lord), DUniv 1997, died 20/05/2010
2000–2009
Affleck, Robert Cameron (Dr), MBChB 2002, died 18/06/2010
Eastcroft, Gordon George, MA 2005, died 24/03/2010
Fowler, Alan Robert, BEng 2007, died 05/08/2010
Jurgens, Kristin Kari (Dr), MPhil 2001, PhD, died 04/01/2011
Laird, Malcolm Alexander, MA 2002, died 17/04/2010
Malvenan, Leslie, MA 2007, died 02/04/2009
Milner, Arthur John Robin Gorell (Professor), DSc 2005, died 20/03/2010
Sackler, Mortimer David (Dr), DSc 2001, died 24/03/2010
Samuels, Michael Louis (Emeritus Professor), DLitt 2006, died 24/11/2010
Strachan, Michael Andrew (Captain), BEng 2004, died 17/11/2010
Glasgow Vet College Alumni
Brown, Peter Robb Macfarlane, MRCVS 1953, BVMS, died 21/12/2010
Hair, Derek Charles, MRCVS 1949, BVMS, died 16/02/2011
Haresnape, Ian Clark, MRCVS 1955, BVMS, died 28/05/2010
Harrison, Neville John, MRCVS 1949, BVMS, died 13/12/2010
Jarvie, Thomas, MRCVS 1949, BVMS, died 01/02/2011
MacAulay, John William, MRCVS 1933, BVMS, died 02/08/2010
McDonald, Andrew, MRCVS 1945, BVMS, died 17/02/2011
Mowat, George Noel (Dr), MRCVS 1950, BVMS, died 28/11/2010
Ross, John George (Dr), MRCVS 1952, BVMS, died 05/04/2010
Ex-Officio
Gladden, Margaret (Dr), former Honorary Research Fellow in Integrated Biology, died 03/04/2010
Marshall, Margaret (Mrs), former Secretary of Psychology, died 05/09/2009
Reid, Jimmy, University Rector from 1971 to 1974, died 10/08/2010
Smith, Margaret, Rectorial Candidate 1999, Alloway, Ayr, died 06/12/2010

Short, David Leslie, BSc 1967, died 08/08/2010
Steele, Eleanor Elizabeth (Mrs Munro), BDS 1961, died 24/07/2010
Stephens, Kenneth William (Emeritus Professor), BDS 1960, DDSc, HDE RCS, FDS RCS, died 21/06/2010
Sutherland, Norman Gregor (Dr), MBChB 1964, died 30/11/2010
Thompson, Maureen Lorraine (Mrs Clerk), MA 1969, died 25/03/2010
Thomson, Joyce Russell (Mrs Baker), BSc 1967, died 02/02/2011
Winning, David James (Dr), BSc 1963, PhD, died 05/09/2010
1970–1979
Attrill, Maureen Violet, BSc 1974, died 16/02/2011
Barclay, Bruce, BDS 1973, died 02/11/2010
Bethune, Hamish William, LLB 1971, died 17/07/2010
Bradby, David Henry (Professor), PhD 1972, died 17/01/2011
Buchanan, Elizabeth Christina (Dr), BSc 1975, died 29/10/2010
Donald, Peter Maxwell (Rev Dr), MA 1973, died 25/03/2010
Faulkner, Douglas (Professor), Honorary BSc 1973, PhD, died 13/02/2011
Frisby, David Patrick (Professor), PhD 1979, MSc, died 20/11/2010
Grant, Neil Fraser (Dr), BSc 1977, PhD, died 12/2010
Harper, Alexander Graham, BSc 1971, died 18/11/2010
Ho, Yew Kee, BVMS 1970, died 22/02/2011
Hunter, Andrew Jameson, BAcc 1975, died 14/02/2010
Jones, Alys Myfanwy Vowell, BVMS 1976, died 28/08/2010
Kehoe, Elizabeth (Mrs Conroy), Diploma 1970, died 16/05/2010
Kerr, Marianne, MA 1979, date of death unknown
Mann, Balvindar Singh (Dr), MBChB 1974, died 30/03/2011
McLean, Eileen (Mrs), Diploma 1973, died 23/09/1974
McMillan, Helen Faulds, BSc 1970, died 06/09/2010
O’Hare, Dennis Gerard, BSc 1974, died 19/11/2010
Ormond, John William (Dr), PhD 1973, died 28/06/2004
Ratcliffe, Harold (Dr), PhD 1971, died 20/03/2011
Ray, Pratul Ananda (Dr), PhD 1970, died 26/12/2010
Ross, Sheila (Mrs Aynsley Smith), MA 1971, died 03/09/2009
Rutherglen, David Scott, BSc 1976, died 13/02/2011
Simpson, Patricia Margaret (Ms Steel), MD 1974, died 25/09/2010
Stewart, William Jeffrey McMillan, LLB 1979, LLM, died 24/05/2010
Wales, Raymond Mitchell (Dr), MBChB 1970, died 05/07/2010
1980–1989
Babbitt, Milton Byron (Professor), DMus 1980, died 29/01/2011
The Hunterian Museum & Art Gallery
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New developments at The Hunterian Museum
The Hunterian Museum re-opens in September and features a new permanent display dedicated to the Roman frontier in Scotland, a new website, new opening hours and a new Friends scheme. The new Roman gallery will present The Hunterian’s unique collection of monumental sculpture and other important Roman artefacts recovered from the Antonine Wall. The gallery will also explore the interaction between the people of Scotland and the Roman occupation, illustrating life on the edge of the Roman Empire 2,000 years ago.

Breaking the Renaissance Code: Emblems and Emblem Books
25 June – 4 October 2011
The University is home to a rare collection of emblem books. Developed in the 16th century, these extremely fashionable and often beautiful books featured symbolic pictures and text which expressed a hidden moral, political or religious message which had to be decoded by the reader. Emblem books had enormous influence on literature and the visual arts and examples of their impact can still be seen today. This exhibition highlights the University’s important examples of emblem books, which can be seen alongside emblematic images, including some from the present day. It also coincides with the Eleventh International Emblem Conference which will take place at the University from 27 June to 1 July 2011.

Colour, Rhythm and Form: J D Fergusson and France
10 September 2011 – 8 January 2012
This major exhibition marks the 50th anniversary of the death of Scottish artist J D Fergusson, a key member of the internationally renowned Scottish Colourists. Focusing on The Hunterian’s important holding of works by Fergusson, and complemented by a number of key loans, the exhibition highlights his lifelong interest in France, which inspired him to produce some of his most substantial work. It also examines the role he played in the other Scottish Colourists’ connections with France. At the centre of the show are important works by Fergusson and fellow Colourists S J Peploe, G L Hunter and F C B Cadell, shown at the two Parisian exhibitions where they first exhibited as a group in 1924, and again in 1931. Three of these paintings are on display in the UK for the first time since their acquisition by the French government in 1931.

The Art of the Poster
8 October 2011 – 8 January 2012
In the late 19th century many artists exploited new printing techniques to create striking poster designs. This display features innovative work by Mackintosh, the Macdonald sisters, Toulouse-Lautrec, Alphonse Mucha and Jules Cheret. The display has been made possible with support from Museums Galleries Scotland.

For information on our current opening hours, or for updates on programmes and events, please visit our website:
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Free admission to the Museum & Art Gallery. Admission charge for The Mackintosh House (free to University of Glasgow staff and students with valid staff/ matriculation card) and some exhibitions.

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