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And other research news from across the University
Welcome

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

At the University’s London Burns Supper earlier this year, I had the pleasure of again talking with television writer and producer Steven Moffat. Steven, as well as being a graduate of the University, is a proud former GUSTie. Glasgow University Student Television (GUST) members past and present are celebrating the station’s golden anniversary this year, and in this issue of Avenue we take a look at how GUST has helped to kick-start the careers of many graduates (page 8).

As well as celebrating 50 years of student television, we are preparing for a special year of sport. The first ever Sport Alumni Ball will take place this summer, coinciding with the Commonwealth Games in Glasgow (page 20). Also launching in time for the Games is a new walking app called MyCity: Glasgow, which has been developed by a team of researchers here at the University, along with local partners. You can download MyCity: Glasgow for free; through the app you’ll discover Glasgow and improve your fitness at the same time. And don’t have to be in Glasgow to use it (page 12).

You’ll also notice that several articles tell you there’s more to read online. We’re dedicated to advancing how we bring Avenue to you, and the new online version of the magazine not only allows you more ways to access the articles, it means we can also bring you some extra content, such as video or expanded versions of a story.

As always, I hope you enjoy reading this issue of Avenue and continue to get involved with the University wherever you are in the world.

Professor Anton Muscatelli
Principal and Vice-Chancellor

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Half-Yearly Meeting of the General Council Saturday, 19 July 2014
Alumni are invited to join the Chancellor and the Principal at the General Council Half-Yearly Meeting on Saturday 19 July at 11am. The venue is to be confirmed. Read the report of the last meeting on pages 22 and 23.

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Big news for big data

The University’s expertise in big data will significantly expand thanks to £14 million of funding from the Economic & Social Research Council to establish the Urban Big Data Research Centre in Glasgow, as well as funding for three major research projects to help analyse big data in the arts.

The Urban Big Data Research Centre is one of three new data research centres for the UK announced by the Minister for Universities and Science, David Willetts MP. As lead partner in the project, Glasgow will share in the £14 million of funding to establish the centre. The other partners are the Universities of Edinburgh, Cambridge, Reading, Bristol and Illinois-Chicago.

‘Data is a huge priority for government as it has the potential to transform public and private sector organisations, drive research and development, increase productivity and innovation, and enable market-changing products and services,’ says David Willetts MP. ‘The new data research centres will help the UK grasp these opportunities and get ahead in the global race.’

The unique facility will bring together a mix of expertise in urban social sciences and data sciences to address problems of dynamic resource management, social justice, lifelong learning and urban engagement.

Meanwhile, researchers from the University’s College of Arts are building on their big data capabilities thanks to funding from the Arts & Humanities Research Council and the Economic & Social Research Council.

Lexicographer Dr Susan Rennie will lead one of these projects: the first ever historical thesaurus of Scots, classifying every word in the Scots language, from earliest records to the present.

You can read more about this and the other projects at www.glasgow.ac.uk/avenue.

Space research is go at Glasgow

Scottish space research has been given a major boost with the announcement of nearly £4 million in support for projects on solar flares and the exploration of Mars. The University’s Space Glasgow group is spearheading 2 of 10 new UK-led projects that have received funding from the European Commission’s Seventh Framework Programme for space-related research.

New funding for wind tunnel

The University has been awarded £1.7 million from the Engineering & Physical Sciences Research Council and the UK Aerodynamics Centre to upgrade one of the School of Engineering’s four wind tunnels.

Glasgow is one of seven UK universities – the only one in Scotland – that has been selected to form the National Wind Tunnel Facility, creating new opportunities for pioneering aerodynamics and fluid dynamics research, as well as aiding the development of key technologies in the wind energy sector.

With plans being made to enhance the capabilities of the tunnel, particularly by introducing a gust facility and equipping it with state-of-the-art diagnostic equipment that will allow real-time measurement of off- and on-body flows, the facilities will be available for use by researchers and industry. It will be able to simulate a wide variety of environments to build understanding of both low- and high-speed conditions. The UK’s aerospace industry is the second largest in the world, employing more than 230,000 people and contributing £24 billion to the economy each year.

Boost to talent scholarships

For the first time, the University has awarded £2000 talent scholarships to 21 postgraduate students from the talent scholarship fund. The scholarships, supported by philanthropic donations to the University, are for students with excellent academic records, whose financial circumstances mean that without this funding they might not be able to take a place at the University.

World lead in suicide prevention

Professor Rory O’Connor from the University’s Institute of Health & Wellbeing has been elected president of the International Academy of Suicide Research for the next two years, the first UK-based holder of the post. The Suicidal Behaviour Research Laboratory, which Professor O’Connor leads, is Scotland’s leading research group looking at suicide and self-harm, promoting collaboration between researchers and experts working in social, psychological and biomedical sciences.

Copyright for creatives

Creative industries contribute more than £70 billion a year to the UK economy, and a new website has been launched to help those working in the music, film, literature, visual arts and technology industries through the complications of copyright law. Academics from the Universities of Glasgow, Bournemouth, Edinburgh, Reading, Exeter and Strathclyde collaborated to write and develop the new resource: www.copyrightuser.org

30 years since The Smiths played GMU

It is 30 years since The Smiths played at the Queen Margaret Union. On 2 March 1984, having reached number two in the UK Albums Chart, the band played the Union as part of their The Smiths’ Tour. Following the band’s request for cut flowers, many dozens of daffodils disappeared from the University grounds that night and were later thrown into the crowd.

You can read the full stories online at www.glasgow.ac.uk/avenue.
Students vote Edward Snowden as Rector

The University’s students have elected Edward Snowden as Rector for the next three years. Mr Snowden, an American computer specialist and former CIA employee, is currently a fugitive in Russia. The results of the online election were announced on 18 February.

‘I am humbled and grateful to the students of the University of Glasgow for this historic statement in defence of our shared values,’ says Mr Snowden. ‘We are reminded by this bold decision that the foundation of all we do is daring: the courage to investigate, to experiment, to inquire.

‘This election shows that the students of the University intend to lead the way and it is my great honour to serve as their Rector.’

The Rector is elected by the University’s students and, as well as representing the students, is ex-officio chairman of the University Court, the body which administers the University’s resources. In the run-up to the election Mr Snowden was favourite to win and won the election with a clear majority, beating Alan Bissett, Kelvin Holdsworth and Graeme Obree.

Edward Snowden follows in the steps of Charles Kennedy, Rector for two terms, from 2008 to 2014. ‘It has been a pleasure and a privilege to serve the students of the University for the past six years,’ says Mr Kennedy. ‘The post of Rector is an important one, and I would like to wish my successor all the very best for his term of office.’

Faces could show less emotion than first thought

It has long been believed that there are six basic emotions universally recognised through facial expressions regardless of language, culture – happiness, sadness, fear, anger, surprise and disgust. But researchers from the institute of Neuroscience & Psychology have uncovered evidence that could challenge this view, suggesting that there are in fact just four, with fear and surprise sharing a common signal – the wide open eyes – and anger and disgust sharing the wrinkled nose.

Techniques and software developed at the University enabled the study, which is the first to objectively examine how the brain coordinates its different regions for the processing of facial expressions. The Generative Face Grammar, developed by Professor Philippe Schyns, Dr Oliver Garrod and Dr Hui Yu, uses cameras to capture a three-dimensional image of faces of individuals trained to be able to activate all 42 individual facial muscles independently.

Studying the range of different muscles within the face – or action units – involved in signalling different emotions, as well as the timeframe over which each muscle was activated, the team found that fear/surprise, and anger/disgust were confused at the early stage of transmission, only becoming clearer later when other action units were activated.

‘Our results are consistent with evolutionary predictions, where signals are designed by both biological and social evolutionary pressures to optimise their function. What our research shows is that most facial muscles are activated simultaneously during facial expressions, but rather develop over time.’

The findings were published in the journal Current Biology.

New building for virus research

The MRC-University of Glasgow Centre for Virus Research (CVR), which is currently split between the Garscube campus and the Gilmorehill campus, will move to one site at Garscube this summer. A new building, which will significantly enhance the centre’s laboratory facilities, will open alongside the existing Garscube CVR facilities.

The CVR works not only on human diseases but also animal diseases, which is unique in the UK, and it has the largest number of human and veterinarian virologists working together. It was set up in 2010 as a result of the competition by the Medical Research Council, which was seeking to establish a centre for excellence in virology in the UK.

The new building will have both wet and dry laboratories, a bioinformatic hub, a cryo-electron microscopy suite, laboratories for viruses which require biosafety containment; insectaries – to study viruses transmitted via insects which are expanding worldwide; as well as tissue biobanks.

‘Since the centre was established the number of our researchers and postgraduate students has steadily risen,’ says Professor Massimo Palmarini, director of the CVR. ‘Nevertheless, we have been operating in two different sites of the University. The construction of this new building in the Garscube campus will allow the relocation of the CVR to a single site. This will facilitate research collaborations – the foundations of all we do!’

Change of SCENE

The University’s teaching capacity in ecology and environmental sciences will significantly expand with the opening of a new facility this summer at the Scottish Centre for Ecology & the Natural Environment’s (SCENE) site in the Loch Lomond & Trossachs National Park.

This latest phase in SCENE’s development is part of a £7m investment that will help the field station boost the number of students being trained in field biology from the current 600 to 1,600 over the next three years. The research wing opened in 2007 and has been recognised by a number of awards, including the Carbon Trust’s ‘Low Carbon Building’ award. Also sensitively designed to its surrounding environment, the new teaching facility includes a laboratory with 45 bench spaces, a lecture and dining hall and other learning resources such as an invertebrate specimen room.

Benefitting from the natural environment on the field station’s doorstep, SCENE leads on teaching, training and research in ecology and environmental sciences, and is run by the University’s Institute of Biodiversity, Animal Health & Comparative Medicine.

Professor Colin Adams, director of SCENE, says: ‘This development of our excellent field teaching facilities will further consolidate the University as the place to study ecology and environmental topics.’

Dental School developments

Doors opened to a new and much-needed clinical research and training facility at Glasgow Dental School in May.

The £230,000 joint University and NHS project saw a clinical techniques facility on level 7 that was no longer needed converted into a combined clinical research facility and area for basic life support training. The facility is named in honour of Dr Jim Rennie CBE, former Dean of postgraduate dental education for Scotland and erstwhile senior lecturer in Pathology at Glasgow.

‘I welcome this development, which is an excellent example of partnership working between the University and the NHS,’ says Professor Anna Dormitzak, Vice-Principal and Head of the College of Medical, Veterinary & Life Sciences. ‘The new facility provides very valuable support for the flourishing research portfolio within the Dental School, whilst the life support training area will further enhance the undergraduate student experience.’

The bespoke accommodation has two dedicated chairs, an essential resource for academic staff and postgraduate students conducting clinical trials. The life support training area includes technology such as video-recording so that students can review their performance in detail and make faster progress.

Get involved

Glasgow graduates and academic staff automatically become members of the General Council. Members can be a part of the conversation on how the campus develops by attending General Council meetings. There you will be able to hear what is happening, how the consultation has progressed and voice your thoughts. Find out more about the General Council and dates of the next meeting on page 22.

Meanwhile, other sites around the University are also being improved, see below:

To read more about the School of Psychology and its history, see www.glasgow.ac.uk/avenue.
Saved from closure

It seems a distant memory now. But it is only 25 years since a government determined to cut public spending tried to close Glasgow’s School of Veterinary Medicine.

“They primarily looked at the costs of different university courses and at future manpower,” says Professor Peter Holmes, a head of department then and an editor of the school’s history. “Medical courses were subsidised by the NHS, so the six UK vet schools came out at the highest cost per student.”

Closure of two schools, including Glasgow, was recommended and that was almost the end of a distinguished history that began in 1862. “It was devastating news,” says Professor Holmes. “We were determined to fight.”

Sir James Armour was the new Dean of the school. “William Kerr Fraser had just been appointed Principal of the University,” he says. “So it was almost the first thing on both our desks.”

“The year-long campaign that rallied domestic and international support was a wonderful team effort,” says Sir James. “We got tremendous backing from the University.”

Support from the Evening Times and the Herald was also crucial, says Professor Holmes. “We received letters from all over the world, saying ‘You can’t close Glasgow Vet School!’”

Eventually the powerful campaign – 700,000 people signed the petition – swayed the government and the school was saved.

The strength of feeling then has been supported by hard facts since, says Professor Iain Cameron, the current Head of School. “It was supposed to be a manpower survey but they got it wrong. Student numbers in UK vet schools have increased steadily and new schools are opening.”

Glasgow’s School of Veterinary Medicine has gone from strength to strength. But we have always been strong – both in research and in teaching. They got it right in the end.”

Finding Franklin

Fresh analysis of forensic and other historical data by Glasgow scientists has cast new light on the fate of Captain Sir John Franklin’s Royal Navy expedition to find the Northwest Passage nearly 170 years ago.

The disappearance of the Franklin expedition, which set off in 1845, made international headlines and led to that biggest search and rescue mission in history.

The expedition was the first to use canned supplies, and in the 1980s Canadian scientists found high levels of lead in ice-preserved remains, prompting the theory that lead poisoning played a large part in the men’s deaths. But Professor Keith Miller of the Institute of Health & Wellbeing and Professor Adrian Bowman of the School of Mathematics & Statistics, working with their colleague, archaeologist and author William Battersby, have found that while there was evidence of lead poisoning, rates were in line with normal rates for 19th-century Britain.

Statistical estimation showed great variation in lead levels, suggesting that only some of the men had symptoms. This is backed up by written records from the expedition, showing that the first two years went well, with the crew doing extensive exploration on land and building winter camps. This would not have been possible if they had all suffered from lead poisoning, which causes psychological and neurological damage.

It is now known that the expedition set out at a time when Arctic climatic conditions were unusually harsh. The two ships became trapped for two winters in a remote region where neither rescue nor escape was possible.

Tackling Type 2 diabetes

Researchers from Glasgow’s School of Medicine are collaborating with Newcastle University in a Diabetes UK funded project that will look at whether following a low-calorie diet could put Type 2 diabetes into remission.

The £2.4 million research project, the largest single research project Diabetes UK has funded in its 79-year history, will involve 140 people with Type 2 diabetes spending between 8 and 20 weeks consuming just 800 calories per day, mainly in the form of nutritionally complete formula shakes as normal meals are reintroduced, they will learn how to permanently change their lifestyle.

Participants will be monitored over two years, and results compared to another 140 people with Type 2 diabetes following what is currently accepted as the best advice for managing weight. Some will have MRI scans to help researchers understand what is happening inside their body.

“The reason for doing this research is that we do not know whether the extra effort, and possible stress, of following a very restrictive diet for several months will indeed bring benefits in the long term,” says Professor of Human Nutrition Mike Lean (pictured). “This is why we need to study sufficient numbers of people for long enough to be sure that the benefits outweigh the costs.”

Free online learning

The University’s first Massively Open Online Course (MOOC) started in May. The course, ‘Cancer in the 21st Century’, is one of two Glasgow courses to launch this year on FutureLearn, a UK-led platform for delivering high quality, free, online courses.

The second course, ‘Right vs Might in International Relations’ starts on 23 June and runs for six weeks.

Glasgow is one of 26 university partners of FutureLearn, which is backed by the Open University. While not credit-bearing, free, online courses are seen as an excellent way for increasing knowledge and interest in different subject areas.

Professor Frank Coton, Vice-Principal for Learning & Teaching, said: “Our partnership with FutureLearn will allow us to reach out to a whole new group of learners and underlines the commitment of this University to widening access to education.”

The University will be launching more courses, see www.futurelearn.com.
Glasgow celebrates 50 years of student television, where many of television’s writers, producers and presenters cut their teeth and learned the skills needed to get ahead in television.

When Glasgow University Student Television (GUST) was founded in 1964, it was a standalone society dedicated to the appreciation of a relatively new phenomenon. Today, it is an integral part of the student media arm of the Students’ Representative Council, serving as both a social outlet for students and a University-funded service. For the 50 years in between, GUST has been the impetus for the forging of lifelong friendships, the winning of countless awards and the carving out of fledgling careers in what is a notoriously competitive industry.

Television writer and producer Steven Moffat (MA 1983), of Doctor Who and Sherlock fame, believes GUST certainly influenced his and others career direction. Among his contemporaries, John Hardie (MA 1983) now runs ITN, Hamish Barbour (MA 1983) is MD of IWC Media, and married couple Peter Jamieson (MA 1984) and Julia Knowles (MA 1983) are each renowned producer-directors in their own right. There continues to be a great success rate among recent ‘GUSTies’ in securing employment in television journalism or production.

Broadcasting bonus
In 1967 the University established a television studio in Southpark House that remains in use to this day by the University’s own Media Production Unit and Film & Television Studies students. GUST jumped at the chance to use the new facility and by the early 1970s the station was starting to look a lot like it does today. The National Student Television Association (NaSTA) was established in 1973, with GUST one of its founding members.

An amazing stroke of luck meant that GUST was able to buy a radio frequency (RF) transmission line at some point in the late 1980s or early 1990s. Legend has it that the price paid was just £1, as it was purchased from a BT subsidiary that was going out of business. The RF line gave GUST a direct television stations with really cheap cameras,’ says former GUST controller and Scotland Tonight assistant producer James Cheyne (MA 2005). ‘Right now, there’s almost certainly a future Jeremy Paxman, Kirsty Wark, Ewan McGregor or Steven Spielberg hanging about in one of these university offices somewhere, waiting to be discovered. Student TV is giving them the opportunities to develop, the opportunities to learn, the opportunities so that when they go to a job interview, they’re just going to blow them out of the water.’

Enthusiasm for the station lasts long after members graduate. Though no longer a student of the University, former controller Bobby Rae (MA 2011, LLB 2013) is still an honorary GUST member. Having given seven years’ service to the station, Bobby has been drafted in as GUST 50 coordinator. Piecing together the evolution of the station has been a long and steady process, and there are many gaps still to be filled. Much like the technical knowledge of the longest continually operating student-run television station in the world*

GUST’s history has been passed on from one cohort of members to the next.

‘No one comes in to teach us how to do things,’ says Bobby. ‘Quite often what happens is that members will go out on work experience placements where they learn skills and they then bring those skills back to teach others. The big thing about the GUST 50 project is creating a legacy and part of that is about ensuring that people continue to pass on their knowledge and skills. So as well as beginning to archive our footage, we have written various working practice guides that will be accessible via a dedicated microsite.’

Former GUSTies who now work in the industry shared their expertise with current members and students in a day of workshops held as part of this year’s celebrations. The workshops touched on all aspects of TV, from making news and dramas to production management.

‘It’s almost frightening to think of the power that’s being developed in small student television stations with really cheap cameras,’ says former GUST controller and Scotland Tonight assistant producer James Cheyne (MA 2005). ‘Right now, there’s almost certainly a future Jeremy Paxman, Kirsty Wark, Ewan McGregor or Steven Spielberg hanging about in one of these university offices somewhere, waiting to be discovered. Student TV is giving them the opportunities to develop, the opportunities to learn, the opportunities so that when they go to a job interview, they’re just going to blow them out of the water.’

*According to NaSTA
Freshers' address. Quality has improved with www.gust.tv

2004

Though Gustav died at GUST would echo to a camera pointed on the office golden Gustav. Gustav died live on air while the crew and were eating a late night dinner in the Union.

2004/2005

The station purchased the www. gust.tv domain and began posting more and more videos online.

2014

GUST celebrates 50 years of student television and looks forward to continuing to evolve with the ever-changing world of television.

Steven Moffat's screenwriting tips

Don't believe the hype

There’s no such thing as talent, and people who believe in talent are just making excuses for themselves. People think you're born with a certain amount of ability and that isn't improbable. That may be true for running but it's not true for writing.

Hone your skills

Becoming a writer is more possible than you think and way harder. Writing a craft and you can get as good as you want to be.

Write about what you love

Don't try and write what you think other people would like because you don't know. Forget your connections.

Explore all avenues

It's the people that you meet and the things that you do at university that can really help you. Certainly being involved with GUST was one of them, and from my generation a load of GUST members got on television and became big names.
Walk this way

Take up walking, improve your fitness and discover the city of Glasgow at the same time. The University is launching a new app to encourage us all to do just that, and it can be used from anywhere in the world.

You don’t have to be an elite athlete competing in the Commonwealth Games to be fit and healthy. All you need to do is walk. The catch, of course, is that it has to be regular – 150 minutes a week, according to the latest recommendations. So, among its preparations for the Games, the University has developed an app that will get us motivated and keep us moving.

“It’s called MyCity: Glasgow and we plan to launch it on 23 June, in time for the Games,” says Dr Cindy Gray at the Institute of Health & Wellbeing. “There will be versions for Android and iPhone and it will be free.”

Based firmly on behaviour change research, the app adapts to the user, says Dr Gray. The first day you get no target. Next day it sets you 1,000 steps. So it’s training you to use it. From then on it looks at your activity over the previous days to calculate your goal each day. If you sit behind a desk, your goal will be lower. If you walk lots, it’ll be higher. But it will always be achievable. We want people to play the game and to show the concept works.

The feature that gives the app its name is the set of links to landmarks around the city – in this case, Glasgow. “It’s a pilot study,” says Dr Gray. “If it works well, we can readily adapt it to other sporting events in other cities. So, once you’ve chosen your avatar and your country, from those competing at the Games, the goals you achieve and the engagement you show with Glasgow will go towards your country’s position on the MyCity leaderboard.”

Avatars that appeal to people were crowdsourced, Dr Gray says. “So, we’ve got a boy, a girl, a panda – we’re hoping there might be a pregnancy – a duck, a griffon, an octopus. They will have athletes’ names, so the dog will be Wiggins, the duck Daley, and so on.”

The app, which has been produced in partnership with Dr Martyn McGee-Lennon at Strathclyde University, Glasgow Life, Glasgow City Marketing Bureau and Glasgow 2014, takes advantage of built-in smartphone features, such as GPS for location and an accelerometer for counting steps. “If you have it in your pocket or your bag, it registers reasonably brisk walking, but not shuffling around the house,” says Dr Gray. “We’ve been working closely with Computing Science and they developed the software to count the steps.”

A user’s sense of accomplishment comes not just from reaching their walking goals but from building the city, she says. “Each time you reach your daily goal a new Glasgow building appears on your screen. There are 42 buildings incorporated in the app, so the game is designed to run for six weeks before and during the Commonwealth Games. Over that period, you ‘build’ the city of Glasgow, with all the Games venues and iconic buildings, such as the Mitchell Library, the City Chambers, the School of Art and the People’s Palace.”

The app can be used to motivate walking anywhere in the world, but the added value from using it in Glasgow during the Games comes from earning rewards by undertaking challenges, such as walking the Games Marathon Route or completing MyCity treasure trails.

“There will also be a prize draw for people who keep using the app,” says Dr Gray. “The Institute of Health & Wellbeing is all about sustained behaviour change. We want people to become more active and to keep it going. MyCity: Glasgow will help them do that.”

Gold-winning game changers

The MyCity: Glasgow app received its own Gold medal in the Creative & Cultural category at the Game Changer awards in April. Universities Scotland and Colleges Scotland teamed up to host this one-off award ceremony to recognise and celebrate the many contributions that staff and students in Scotland’s further and higher education sectors are making to ensure that Glasgow 2014 is a fantastic success and delivers an enduring legacy. A total of 21 colleges and universities took away medals, with the University winning three Gold, two Silver and two Bronze medals for initiatives they were either leading on or working on along with other universities.

Download for free

From 23 June MyCity: Glasgow can be downloaded free from Google Play or the Apple Store.

Around the Games

• Researchers at the University are engaged in a number of projects relating to the preparation, management and legacy arising from the Games; including research programmes looking at the promotion of physical fitness, the security of the Games and the impact of the Games in the East End of Glasgow.

• In July we are co-hosts with the University of Edinburgh for 33Fifty, a Commonwealth Youth Leadership programme which will see 100 young people spend two days at the University participating in seminars, workshops and masterclasses.

• At the University’s annual Commemoration Day on 18 June, the President of the Commonwealth Games Federation, HRH Prince Tunku Imran, and the Secretary-General of the Commonwealth of Nations, General Kamlesh Sharma, will be awarded with honorary degrees.

• From 9 to 11 June, the University will host the Scottish Student Sport’s annual three-day conference.

• The University’s chaplain, the Reverend Stuart MacQuarrie, will be chaplain to the 2014 Commonwealth Games.

• The University is holding a varied cultural programme of events at the University before and around the Games, including music events and a Scottish Gold exhibition at The Hunterian.

You can find out more about the University’s Commonwealth Games activities, events and research at www.glasgow.ac.uk/commonwealthgames.
Careers in progress

From following a passion to finding a niche, three alumni share their career stories. Avenue speaks to entrepreneur Carol Deeney, legal director and football lover Patrick Stewart and statistician and blogger Graeme Archer.

Entrepreneurial spirit
Carol Deeney, MA 2008
Current position: Founder and owner of Deeney’s Scottish Flavour, London

Carol has been serving up a taste of Scotland at markets across London since 2012. The success of her haggis toastie – the ‘Macbeth’ – inspired her to launch the Deeney’s haggis range in time for Burns Night.

Q: How did you get into running your own business?
A: I moved to London to work in advertising. But after almost three years I really wanted to get back into hospitality – I grew up in my parents’ restaurant. Street food was a low-risk option to get things off the ground. I quite quickly built up some good markets and, now that I have some staff, we do weddings, ceilidhs and festivals too.

Q: How did your time at the University help?
A: Some might struggle with where to start, but my degree gave me knowledge of every area of business planning. I was also exposed to some fantastic ideas at Enterprise Society meetings. But the big thing for me was doing my third year at the University of Toronto, that was a fantastic learning curve.

Q: Are you growing the business?
A: We have worked with Bel’s Butcher in Edzell to develop our own haggis range, which includes the 2kg Chieftain for the Address to a Haggis. We brought the range to our stall in time for Burns Night and now it’s about getting it into retail shops and small supermarkets to reach as many people in London as possible.

Q: What do you love about what you do?
A: There’s such a buzz. I love meeting new people and going to new places. That sort of freshness in my job is great. I like that it is quite demanding too. You have to constantly problem-solve – how do I get there, what will I need, what’s the weather going to be like – and the excitement keeps you going. There’s also a fantastic flexibility. Essentially you make your own decisions.

Q: Where do you see yourself going next?
A: Ultimately, my dream is to have a restaurant, where I can just turn the key and everything is there. But there will also be the outside catering, the market stalls and stalls at festivals and other events. It’s about having as many different aspects of the business running at once. I have this opportunity – I might as well try it all and see what works.

www.deeneys.com

For the love of football
Patrick Stewart, LLB 1994
Current position: Director of legal & business affairs at Manchester United

Had it not been for the Erasmus student exchange programme, Patrick Stewart would probably not be where he is just now – director of legal & business affairs at Manchester United.

Patrick, who was brought up in Aberdeen, became one of the first in-house lawyers to be appointed by a football club, north or south of the border, when he moved to Manchester United in March 2006. But that career success might never have been achieved had he not been the first-ever Law student at the University to take part in Erasmus, established in 1987 by the European Union.

The programme took him to the University of Mainz in Germany in 1991, where he studied Law through German for a year, improving his language skills, studying new aspects of law, but most importantly, stepping outside what he describes as his comfort zone.

After practising at two law firms in Edinburgh – W & J Bremness (as it then was) and MacKay, Murray & Spens, where he worked on a shirt sponsorship deal for Hibs with La Coq Sportif – he realised that it was possible to marry

A way with words and numbers
Graeme Archer, BSc 1990, PhD 1994
Current position: Director of clinical statistics with GlaxoSmithKline and Telegraph political columnist

Learning how to work as a self-directed investigator through his time at university has pushed Graeme Archer in directions he never would have imagined.

As director of clinical statistics for GlaxoSmithKline’s (GSK) Alternative Discovery & Development group, Graeme leads groundbreaking research and development in drugs for ophthalmology, rare diseases and the emerging markets. In his spare time, he turns the analytical skills honed during his PhD in statistical inference to writing an acclaimed political column for the Telegraph.

Graeme enjoyed university life all the more during his second degree, and by the time he handed in his thesis, he was set on staying on at Glasgow. But the research post that had Graeme’s name on it turned out to be in Italy. Following five years at the Joint Research Centre of the European Commission, Graeme returned to the UK to join GSK in 1998.

Statistics isn’t Graeme’s only passion. During his time at the University, he found refuge in the English literature section of the library, and specifically in Iris Murdoch’s novels. He was also a member of the Glasgow University Young Conservatives and remains as committed to the party today.

Graeme talks fondly of his time at Glasgow: ‘The left and right sides of my brain were brought to maturity by the daily run of the place – both the academic side and the culture of it all.’

Carol, Patrick and Graeme have given a little of their time through the Glasgow Careers Alumni Network, a global community that supports the future employability of our students. You can too, see www.glasgow.ac.uk/glascowcareeralumninetwork.
Alumni news

Notes from No 2

We had a busy and enjoyable start to 2014, with a number of successful alumni events happening around the world. It was encouraging to see how well supported and attended these events have been, and in particular to see our international alumni having the chance to celebrate their Scottish heritage at our Burns Suppers. You can read about these on page 21.

There are a number of other celebrations coming up that will bring together alumni who are linked by their similar interests, and notably this year it’ll be alumni who took part in sport or student television during their time at the University.

As you will have read in the GUST feature story (see page 8), Glasgow’s student television station is celebrating a very special anniversary this year. It’s wonderful to see that past and present members will have the chance to get together this October to celebrate the evolution and achievements of the station, which has had a huge impact on the careers of so many graduates.

Another association that has played a major role in the university experience and sporting careers of countless alumni is Glasgow University Sports Association (GUSA, or GUAC as it was previously known). Past members, along with alumni who participated in sport during their time at the University, will attend the University’s first Sport Alumni Ball on 19 July, just before the Commonwealth Games kicks off in Glasgow.

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Executive of the year

John McAdam (BSc 1972), one of the University’s earliest graduates in computing science, has won one of the most illustrious business titles in Seattle, recognised as the US centre of technology since the 1980s.

The former student from Wishaw, now president and chief executive officer of the tech company F5 Networks, was awarded the title of 2013 Executive of the Year by the Puget Sound Business Journal. Previous holders of the annual award include Jeff Raikes, CEO of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, and the Amazon.com founder Jeff Bezos.

John took over F5 Networks in 2000, just before the bottom fell out of the dotcom market. But he has diversified the company and grown it from a staff of 300 to 3,500 in the intervening years.

It is all a far cry from when he graduated with a first-class class Honours degree in 1972 when the technology was still in its infancy and he worked with an English Electric KDF9 computer which filled a whole room and was less powerful than an iPhone is today.

John completed his computer studies with a scholarship from one of the early computer technology companies in Scotland, Honeywell, and remembers his time at university fondly. ‘Computing was as exciting then as it is now.’

To read more about John’s career, see www.glasgow.ac.uk/avenue.

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Scientist wins top award

Dr Martin Lavery (BSc 2009, PhD 2013), a postdoctoral researcher in the School of Physics & Astronomy has been awarded the ScoPus Young Researcher Award 2013. The member of the University’s optics group was the winner in the physical sciences category, thanks largely to his published research into the properties and applications of orbital angular momentum – the property of light that gives it a twist.

New Year Honours 2014

Dr Donald A Cameron (BSc 1961, DEng) received an OBE for services to Design & Manufacturing.

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Auld students of Kolkata

Glasgow Auld Students of Kolkata recently celebrated their 60th anniversary with a special dinner on 11 January and a musical evening on 22 February at the Indian Council for Cultural Relations, Kolkata.

The group, graduates from the universities of Glasgow and Strathclyde, regularly meet to catch up, socialise and reminisce about their time in Glasgow. Several members studied in Glasgow in the 1950s and 60s, and can recall a time when there was no such thing as emails and telephone calls, and when a six-week wait for a letter from home was the norm.

‘When we went to Glasgow in the 1950s we felt that we had left our home forever,’ says Asoke Kumar Mukherjee, who graduated in 1961 with a BSc in Civil Engineering, was just 16 years old when he arrived in Glasgow. ‘So to all intents and purposes, our friends and classmates became our families.’

Prabhjot Kumar Brar, convener of the Glasgow Auld Students group since 1963, agreed: ‘Glasgow is our second home: the experience, the friends, the countryside visits and above all the Scottish people’s affection towards us made it unforgettable. I’ve never visited Glasgow since 1962 but I miss it from the core of my heart.’

Commemorating 100 years since WW1

To mark 100 years since WW1, the University has established a Commemoration Group to coordinate the centenary activities. The Great War impacted on the whole University, with contribution and sacrifice cutting across boundaries between staff and students and across all faculties. Reconciliation and education will be important themes, with many events planned for the University Memorial Chapel, itself opened in 1929 to mark the loss of so many friends and colleagues. There are currently 761 names of the Fallen recorded in the Chapel. With information now widely available online, new names are continually being submitted for inclusion in both the Rolls of Service and the Fallen. To ensure the story is as complete as possible, the group welcome more submissions. You can email your story to rollofhonor@glasgow.ac.uk.

To find out about commemoration activities and events see www.glasgow.ac.uk/ww1.
1989 Christmas dinner will take place on Saturday 6 December. A special welcome will be given to those celebrating their jubilee reunion, marking 25 years since their graduation. Fourteen of our graduating year of 38 students, three of whom were female, got together to celebrate the anniversary of their final year at the School of Veterinary Medicine. On Saturday morning, we assembled at the Small Animal Hospital at Garscube. We started with a chat over the new hospital, and our jaws continued to drop as we passed from consulting to operating rooms and the imaging suite. At the Weipers Equine Centre we received a warm welcome from Professor Sandy Love. Our eyes were opened to the new farm animal teaching unit and we were reminded about days in the byres and bovines under the eagle eye of Professor Ian McIntyre. The evening saw us in the Bothy on Byres Road where a Scottish menu, along with many a dram, enhanced the telling of yarns and escapades. After the meal, the tales continued into the wee small hours until we admitted that our stamina was fading. We vowed that we would see each other in five years back in Glasgow.

1988 graduates

Over 280 guests enjoyed a delicious meal in the Bute Hall at the 2013 Christmas dinner. The University Chapel Choir once again entertained the guests with a wonderful Christmas repertoire. A special welcome was given to those celebrating their jubilee reunion, marking 25 years since their graduation. Karina Atkinson (BSc 2007) was awarded the Phelps scholarship, given to those celebrating their jubilee reunion, marking 25 years since their graduation. Although numbers attending were slightly lower than in 2008, when the class held a 20-year reunion, an enjoyable weekend was had by all. It was a great opportunity to renew friendships and relive memories, some of which are now fading slightly. A meal and drinks in the city centre on the Friday night (and the wee hours of Saturday) was followed by a leisurely morning stroll up Woodlands Road in glorious weather to the School of Chemistry where Professor Joe Connolly treated the class to an extensive tour of the facilities – where things really have changed in 25 years!

After coffee and cakes with an assortment of class photos from 1988, kindly provided by Dr Miles Peacock, the group settled in on Ashton Lane to really drink in (pun intended) the wonderful West End atmosphere. More formal classmaters arrived and a great evening of chat, Byres Road pubs and pakora ensued. Once again it had been a fantastic weekend. Some of the classmates had travelled long distances from abroad to be there – just showing how strong the pull of renewed friendship and this wonderful place is. The next gathering is planned for 2018 (if not before) in Glasgow.

1988 Civil Engineers

Twenty-five graduates from 1983 with their partners enjoyed yet another reunion dinner – this time the 45th – in Randolph Hall at the University. This group holds a formal dinner every five years, with other activities in between, such as weekends away, beer nights and informal lunches. It has also established the GU68 Engineers Trust, to help engineering students of today with their project work, and has made 34 awards so far. The trust was funded originally by the 1988 graduates, but is now being supported by other years. If you want to get involved in any of the above in the future, contact either Hugh, email Hughieoneillbuild@aol.com or Andy, email buchanan@isc-ltd.com.

1989 BVMS Class of 1963

Fourteen of our graduating year of 38 students, three of whom were female, got together to celebrate the anniversary of their final year at the School of Veterinary Medicine. On Saturday morning, we assembled at the Small Animal Hospital at Garscube. We started with a chat over the new hospital, and our jaws continued to drop as we passed from consulting to operating rooms and the imaging suite. At the Weipers Equine Centre we received a warm welcome from Professor Sandy Love. Our eyes were opened to the new farm animal teaching unit and we were reminded about days in the byres and bovines under the eagle eye of Professor Ian McIntyre. The evening saw us in the Bothy on Byres Road where a Scottish menu, along with many a dram, enhanced the telling of yarns and escapades. After the meal, the tales continued into the wee small hours until we admitted that our stamina was fading. We vowed that we would see each other in five years back in Glasgow.

1988 Chemistry

Last September 2013 saw a gathering of the Chemistry class of 1988 to celebrate 25 years since graduation. Although numbers attending were slightly lower than in 2008, when the class held a 20-year reunion, an enjoyable weekend was had by all. It was a great opportunity to renew friendships and relive memories, some of which are now fading slightly. A meal and drinks in the city centre on the Friday night (and the wee hours of Saturday) was followed by a leisurely morning stroll up Woodlands Road in glorious weather to the School of Chemistry where Professor Joe Connolly treated the class to an extensive tour of the facilities – where things really have changed in 25 years!

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Vet alumni reunion weekend 2013 (Vet 151)

The School of Veterinary Medicine’s reunion weekends go from strength to strength.

The Vet Alumni Reunion Dinner will take place on 1 November 2014. For more details contact sarah.hunter@glasgow.ac.uk or call +44 (0) 141 330 7145.

On Friday 30 October and Saturday 1 November 2013, the School of Veterinary Medicine welcomed back many graduates and friends, including reunion groups who graduated in years ending 3 and 8.

The weekend included the Sir William Weipers Memorial Lecture delivered by Professor Os Jarett, chair of the Vet School and a CPD programme. This was followed by a celebration reunion dinner and ceilidh in the Bute Hall, which was attended by over 220 graduates. For details of the next vet alumni reunion dinner see page 20.

Glasgow University Aberdeen Club

On 8 November 2013, at the Royal Northern and University Club, 60 members and guests thoroughly enjoyed the annual dinner of the Aberdeen Club. Speeches were given by Professor Gordon Cameron, Emeritus Professor of Chemistry, University of Aberdeen; Professor Sir Graeme Catto, Emeritus Professor of Medicine at the University of Aberdeen and former Chairman of the General Medical Council of Scotland; and from Vice-Principal Professor Frank Coton, who brought everyone up-to-date with current developments at the University.

The president of the club, Sheriff Douglas Cuisine, presented Professor Frank Coton with a cheque for £600 for the scholarships fund.

The club meets three times a year and new members are always welcome. For further information contact Evelyn Dobson, tel +44 (0) 1224 868275.
Reunion notices

GUST Golden Anniversary
18 October 2014, Glasgow University Union
A dinner and after-party, including a ceilidh and DJ, to celebrate 50 years of Glasgow University Student Television. For more information and tickets, see www.gust.tv/60.

Sport Alumni Ball
Saturday, 19 July 2014, Glasgow
Sport & Recreation invite you to reminisce with old friends and teammates, whether you were an active participant in sport or a passive member of GUAC or GUSA (as it is now known) at the inaugural Sport Alumni Ball in Glasgow. For more information and to book, see www.glasgow.ac.uk/alumni/events.

2014 Christmas Dinner
Saturday, 6 December 2014
A special welcome is extended to 1969 graduates who will be celebrating 25 years since graduating. Contact: Email alumni@glasgow.ac.uk

University of Glasgow Club of Aberdeen
Friday, 7 November 2014
Contact: Helen T ennant (Dawson), email Helen.Tennant@btinternet.com

Vet Alumni Reunion (Vet 151)
Saturday, 1 November 2014
The Vet Alumni Reunion Dinner
Contact: Sarah Hunter, email Sarah.Hunter@glasgow.ac.uk or call +44 (0)1224 862785

1954 Natural Philosophy
Summer 2014, Glasgow
The Nat Phil 1954 class might be gathering for a reunion at the University in the summer of 2014. To gauge interest Alan Cardie is contacting classmates and would be delighted to hear from any.
Contact: Alan Cardie, email cardiec@cogeco.ca or call +1 613 341 8681

1964 Classics
Saturday, 21 June 2014
A reunion to celebrate 50 years since graduation.
Contact: Gordon Hepburn, email gordon@hepburn13.freeserve.co.uk

1964 Dental Year Group
Tuesday, 17 to Thursday, 19 June 2014, Glasgow
A 50th Anniversary reunion of this group will be held from Tuesday 17 to Thursday 19 June 2014 in Glasgow. This will include the Commemoration Day on Wednesday 18 June. Contact: Olive Melvin, email b1l.melvin@btinternet.com or call +44 (0)1633 820 968

1964 History
Advance notice: September 2014
Several of the 1964-65 class hope to gather for a reunion at the University in mid-September. Arrangements are at the planning stage and we need your support. Please get in touch if you would like to be involved. Contact: Beth Melrose, email elizabethannmelrose@gmail.com

1964 Notre Dame
Thursday, 28 August 2014, Randolph Hall
A reunion to celebrate the 50th anniversary of our graduation. We will have Mass at 11.30am at the University Chapel, followed by lunch in the Randolph Hall.
Contact: Helen T ennant (Dawson), email gerardtennant@btinternet.com

1964–67/68 Law
Friday, 17 October 2014
A 50-year reunion dinner is being planned for 17 October 2014 for all those who began their LLB degree course in 1964 – a once in a lifetime experience.
Contact: Morag MacDonald-Simpson, email ardsheil@btinternet.com

1969–1975 Delta Club
Friday, 17 to Sunday, 19 April 2015, Dunkeld
The 1975 Delta Club is having its 40th reunion in October. The highlight will be a dinner at the University on Saturday 4 October.
Contact: Helen T ennant, email info@delta4.co.uk

1989 BSc Geology Class
August 2014
There is going to be a reunion of the 1989 BSc Geology graduates in August 2014 to mark a quarter of a century since graduating (a drop in the ocean in geological time).
Contact: Ian Bray, email ianbray@yahoo.co.uk

1994 Geology
July 2014
The reunion will take place at the University. Please get in touch for more information or if you would like to attend.
Contact: Graham Bryce, email graham@sugco.com

Delta 94 Year Club
Saturday, 13 September 2014, Glasgow
The Delta 94 year reunion club will take place in September in Glasgow.
Contact: Juliet Sim, email julietsim@rhn.net

Alumni events

Hong Kong
23 November 2013
Professor Nick Pearce, Head of the School of Culture & Creative Arts, opened the first exhibition devoted to the images of China taken by the Scottish photographer John Thomson (1837–1921) at the Hong Kong Maritime Museum. Born in Edinburgh two years before the invention of the daguerreotype and the birth of photography, Thomson first travelled to Asia in 1862, where he set up a professional photographic studio. Over 40 graduates and their guests joined the sellout crowd to listen to Professor Pearce’s talk about Thomson’s legacy and the many challenges encountered by a photographer at that time. The event concluded with a private drinks reception hosted by the Principal, who updated those in attendance with the latest news from Glasgow.

Botswana
Queen’s Baton Relay welcomed graduates in Botswana on 30 January.

Boston
20 February 2014
The Boston Burns Supper made a welcome return in February at the Hampshire House in Boston. The event was well supported with over 60 alumni, applicants and friends in attendance. A group of current study abroad students from Glasgow, who were midway through their study abroad year at Boston College, also joined the event. Singer Kirsten Caïms performed as part of the evening’s entertainment, and the musical trio of Tom Piston, Mike MacIntosh and Jan Schoenover kept guests on the dance floor. Special thanks go to our Boston Alumni Association coordinator Stewart Craig (BS1C 2000, EdD 2012) for his help in organising the event.

Jakarta
26 January 2014
Alumni were invited to the Four Seasons Hotel, Jakarta for a Burns-themed night with an address by Scots alumni Scott Younger, as well as Scottish drinks, snacks, poems and songs. Served by a rising ceilidh, courtesy of the band Adwli Adwali and the Jokarta Celidh Crew. The crowd danced to the best-loved Scottish country dances including Strip The Willow, The Dashing White Sergeant and The Gay Gordons.

Chicago
22 February 2014
Over 60 alumni, guests and prospective students came together at the University Club of Chicago for the popular Chicago Burns Supper. Professor David Fearn, international director for the American alumni and guests thanked all in attendance for their support of the University’s initiatives. Alumni and well-known Burns enthusiast Clark McGinn (MA 1983) took centre stage to Address the Haggis. Dr Alexander D Macnair (BSc 1963) and Dr Jane M Tiller (MBChB 1986) delivered a thought-provoking talk about Thomson’s legacy and the many challenges encountered by a photographer at that time. The event concluded with a private drinks reception hosted by the Principal, who updated those in attendance with the latest news from Glasgow.

Kuala Lumpur
20 October 2013
The Principal was delighted to invite alumni to an open house evening held at the residents of Patrick Russell (LLB 1966). Even with the torrential rain, the evening was a great success. Many thanks must go to Patrick and his family for very kindly opening up their home for the occasion and for their most generous hospitality. A highlight of the evening included the pipes and drums performance by a detachment of the Malaysia Pipe Band Club, who plan to travel to Glasgow to attend the World Pipe Band Championships in 2014.

London
17 January 2014
2014 saw another successful London Burns Supper at the Caledonian Club. Clark McGinn (MA 1983) delivered a spectacular Address to the Haggis and a highly entertaining Toast to the Immortal Memory. The entertainment continued with Robert Bar, who gave the Toast to the Lassies, followed by Professor Adrienne Scoullar’s Reply, both had the room captivated. The dinner was followed by a very energetic ceilidh. Thanks go to Tunnocks, who sponsored the event. The 2015 event will take place on Friday, 16 January.

Mainz
5 December 2013
Some 25 German alumni attended a festive event at the Kurfürstliches Schloss in Mainz. The drinks reception was hosted by the University’s Vice-Principal of Internationalisation and International Office for Europe, Professor James Conroy. Professor Conroy made a presentation to the audience, which underlined the continuing strong links between Glasgow and Germany, and gave an overview of forthcoming campus development at Gilmorehill. Alumni were encouraged to sign up to the Glasgow Careers Alumni Network (now in its second year) and to join the Ask Our Alumni scheme to help support current students in their career path.

New York City
5 December 2013
Frances Shephard, vice-president international development, and Emma Sloan, international development officer, invited alumni and friends to join our Alumni pre-holiday drinks evening at the Houndsditch Pub. Alumni also had the opportunity to catch up with fellow graduates from the local area and to meet old friends and new.
The General Council

The General Council of the University was set up by Act of Parliament to give voice to the views of the graduates and academic staff on the regulation and wellbeing of the University.

A report prepared for the General Council by Robert Marshall, Clerk to the General Council. clerkgc@glasgow.ac.uk.

The last General Council meeting was held on Saturday, 1 February 2014 in the Sir Charles Wilson Lecture Theatre on the University’s Gilmorehill Campus. The Chancellor, Professor Anton Muscatelli, was in the chair.

This article contains an abbreviated copy of the minutes of the meeting and convener’s comments.

Election of General Council Business Committee Members

Three Members were elected to serve on the General Council (GC) Business Committee: Kate Dunlop (LLB 2007); Gerry Law (BSc 1980); Lesley Sutherland (MA 1973).

Report of the Business Committee

Convener, Mr George Tall, introduced the Committee.

Business Committee Meetings: Themes include: better relationships with Court, Senate and academic staff; communication with GC Members through the Development & Alumni Office; better GC presence on web and social media.

Business Committee Matters: Court proposes to reduce the number of GC Assessors when making other changes to the composition of Court as part of the process of complying with the new Code of Higher Education Governance. Further consultation will take place.

Western Infirmary Site: the Business Committee has contributed to the consultation taking place about the University’s acquisition of the whole Western Infirmary site.

E-Learning: Professor Frank Coton, Vice-Principal for Teaching and Learning, briefed the Committee.

Science & Engineering College: Professor John Chapman, Vice-Principal and Head of the College of Science & Engineering, briefed the Committee on College progress.

Independence contingencies: Secretary of Court David Newall organised an exercise to consider University issues that might arise out of a ‘Yes’ vote.

Principal’s Report, by Principal & Vice-Chancellor, Professor Anton Muscatelli: Governance. The Principal explained changes in governance of Higher Education Institutions, recognising the value of drawing on a range of skills and experience to guide the University in the 21st century. SFC funding will be a condition of compliance with the new Scottish Governance Code, including a change in Court composition via an Ordinance. Because of the Ordinance process, the date of the next half-yearly GC Meeting will not be set until later in the year. Council will be advised of the date and venue of the next meeting.

Financial Growth: the University is doing exceedingly well; growth was 7.3% on a turnover of £450m (2011–12 to 2012–13), allowing investments in the run-up to the Research Excellence Framework exercise, including over £16m in new staff.

Glasgow 2020: Key Objectives are to: deliver an excellent student experience; deliver excellent research; extend the University’s global reach and reputation.

Enhancement-led Institutional Review (ELIR): this exercise is held every five years and is required by the Scottish Funding Council. In 2004 and 2009, the University was expected to receive the highest possible outcome for 2013.

Research: the financial measure of research success is measured by research spend. The University reached its largest order book ever in the current academic year (over £210m). Global Excellence Initiative: Benefits of restructuring: as a result of restructuring, the University is able to put together complex interdisciplinary bids, with exciting results. For the third time, it has been awarded the Queen’s Anniversary Prize (for the Boyd Orr Centre for Population and Ecosystem Health). REF Submission: 32 Units of Assessment were submitted. Only research at 4-star (world-leading) and 3-star (internationally excellent) will be funded.

Internationalisation: third key objective of the 2020 strategy: to extend the University’s global reach and reputation. The international student population has nearly doubled over the past four years. In the International Student Barometer survey, the University is again top of the Russell Group for Student Satisfaction (98% of students satisfied). International research income has grown by £3.4m. International partnerships have been established in places such as Columbia (NY), Nankai University (China); Chengdu (China) and Singapore. Finally, the University has steadily climbed the ranks of the QS World University league tables.

Support of Friends and Alumni: the University could not have achieved its current position without the support and help of donors and supporters. It is very grateful and hopes that this support will continue, as the University develops its new ambitious campus development plan following acquisition of the Western site (2015). The University’s investment strategy in people and facilities over the next 10–15 years could reach £500–750m.

Q&A: in answer to questions, Principal noted that: Russell Group graduates tend to do better in employability and societal impact over the longer term; the review of Modern Languages in 2010–11 took place to better align provision with student interest and the School of Modern Languages & Cultures is now meeting increased demand, and led to additional investment in the school which is doing extremely well at present. The University was keen to expand language provision in areas of high student demand. The impact of zero-hour contracts at the University had been exaggerated and in this University they were exaggerated and in this University they were used primarily for people who valued flexible contracts, including postgraduate students and retired staff. However, the University was committed to continue to review the use of these contracts with the trade unions.

Closures of the Meeting

The Chancellor thanked all those present and informed the meeting that the date and venue for the next meeting would be announced in good time when the governance process was clearer.
The General Council Paper A: Report by the Principal

On Saturday, 22 February 2014 we welcomed the Master of Balliol College, Oxford, and friends for the annual Snell dinner. Normally this is held in Balliol College but this year we hosted the dinner in the Bute Hall. Over 220 guests attended.

The dinner celebrated our links with Balliol and in particular the legacy of John Snell of Colmonell, who in the latter half of the 17th century established a fund to support students from Glasgow to attend Balliol. They became known as the Snell exhibitors. From that small beginning great things happened. The roll call of Snell exhibitors is distinguished among them Adam Smith. Snell’s generosity and initiative not only benefited individual students, but forged the links with Balliol we celebrate to this day.

In a day the dinner was a timely reminder of our timeless validity. It was a coming together of two great institutions which believe in the liberating and empowering benefits of education. But our capacity to deliver this mission rests on some important fundamentals.

We must be financially sound. We’ve worked to achieve this. Over 2011/12 to 2013/14 we managed a growth in income of 7.27% and this growth is reflected across all our colleges. Our budget for 2014/15 projects further growth (7.3%), and again this is projected across all colleges.

This success relies principally in our capacity to deliver our teaching and research mission, something, as I reported at the General Council meeting in February, we’ve managed something, as I reported at the General Council meeting in February, we’ve managed to achieve excellence in the student fundamentals.

Measuring ourselves against the best is the only way we can continue to improve and ensure that we are achieving excellence in the student

In their research and teaching, our partnerships and infrastructure, enabling our staff and students for people through the excellence of our

The biggest change over previous assessment exercises was the requirement to identify the impact of our research. Though a challenging

One assessment focuses on the quality of

Investing in our resources

But our potential to deliver excellence depends too on investing in our resources and estate. John Snell didn’t just fund a scholarship. He donated books to our library and gave funding to complete the bell tower of the Old College.

Development of our campus is vital, and this edition of Avenue highlights the importance we give to this strategy, particularly over the months that lie ahead. Our ambition will be to consolidate and enhance the strategy which will go to our governing body towards the end of 2014 for approval.

If approved, our investment in people and infrastructure over the next 10-15 years could reach £600-750m, a bigger capital investment than

Deaths of Members of the General Council noted from March 2013 to February 2014

Names are listed alphabetically within each year of graduation decade.

1950-1959

Andrew, Ronald, MA 1953, died 09/02/2013
Andrews, Joyce Ramsay (Mrs Clarke), BSc 1952, died 29/12/2012
Arnott, Stuart (Professor), CBE, MBChB, PhD, died 29/12/2012
Arthur, George William, MA 1952, died 31/01/2013
Bach, Alexander Nicola, MBChB, died 28/08/2013
Balfour, Gordon, BSc 1956, died 08/11/2013
Bestow, Trevor Tenace, BSc 1951, died 19/02/2013
Bice, Elvis Blake (Mr Manson), MA 1951, died 05/05/2013
Carr, George (Mr Alan), BSc 1950, 1952, died 10/07/2013
Chalmers, Margaret Armstrong (Mrs Morris), MA 1956, died 11/09/2013
Chisholm, Ian Andrew (Professor), BSc 1956, PhD, died 25/09/2013
Cormack, Ian Leslie, MA 1962, died 17/02/2013
Currie, William T. Mackenzie (Dr Ken Curne), BSc 1958, PhD, died 12/10/2013
Dallas, Ronald William, MA 1950, died 19/03/2013
Davidson, John Sirton (Dr), FRSC, BSc 1954, PhD, CChem, CEng, died 25/09/2013
Dean, William Forbes, BSc 1951, died 04/05/2012
Devine, Maureen, Diploma 1952, died 03/03/2012
Donnelly, Margaret Christine (Dr O'Halloran), MBChB 1956, died 10/06/2013
Elder, James Gordon, BSc 1951, died 07/06/2013
Farrington, Ira Earl (Dr), MBChB 1953, died 08/11/2013
Foge, James, BSc 1950, died 25/08/2013
Glen, Alexander Ivan Munro (Professor), MBChB 1954, died 14/02/2013
Golightly, Roland Douglas, BSc 1951, died 12/07/2013
Graham, Rosemary (Mrs Armit), Diploma 1957, died 28/06/2013
Henderson, Marjory Janet Stark, MA 1952, died 02/04/2013
Hill, Patricia Josephine (Mrs Doyle), MA 1952, died 02/03/1983
Hood, James Robertson (Dr), MBChB 1950, died 14/01/2013
Hulley, Katherine Ratzliffe Smith (Mrs Carson), BSc 1956, died 11/06/2011
Jackson, John MUR (Dr), BSc 1956, died 24/11/2012
Jardine, Donald Edgar (Dr), MBChB 1952, died 12/06/2012
Jones, Charles W D, BDS 1951, died 27/12/2013
Kelly, Alistair Francis (Rev), BL 1956, died 29/11/2013
Kelly, John (Dr), OBE, MBChB 1956, died 28/06/2013
Kincail, William, BSc 1956, died 24/10/2013
Macdonald, John, BSc 1951, died 18/03/2013
MacGregor, Bernice Jayne (Mrs Russell), MBChB 1956, died 09/07/2013
MacGregor, Berthea Jayne (Mrs Russell), MBChB 1953, died 22/11/2013
Macdonald, John, BSc 1951, died 06/01/2012
1980-1989
Barlow, Geoffrey Wally Steuart, (Professor), DLitt (Honorary), died 04/02/2013
Bod, Peter Thompson, LLD 1983, died 21/03/2013
Clark, Peter (Dr), BSc 1983, died 20/06/2013
Coleman, Gerard William, BSc 1982, 13/04/2009
Frazier, Hugh Samuel, MA 1981, died 04/12/2003
Gillespie, Ruth刖 Sefina Sheridan (Mrs Cumming), MA 1984, died 31/12/2013
Lau, Joe Wing-Nin (Dr), BEng 1987, PhD 14/08/2013
Macdonald, Alexander Thomas, BSc 1984, died 02/03/2013
Masson, Grant, BSc 1986, died 05/03/2013
Matheson, Kirsteen Janet (Mrs Dowie), MA 1982, died 16/08/2013
Scott, Elspeth Womun (Dr), PhD 1988, died 13/01/2013
Shaw, Caroline Patricia, MA 1980, 06/2012
Sim, Alan, Professor Wallace, BSc 1981, BMSc, died 14/08/2013
Stoker, Michael George Parke (Dr), CBE, DSc 1982, died 13/08/2013
Wilson, Elaine Morrison (Mrs Chestnut), MA 1987, died 11/10/2013
1990-1999
Cramble, Richard McFarlane, MBA 1980, died 09/2013
Duncan, William Fulton, BSc 1980, died 05/06/2013
MacKenzie, Alan Patrick, BEng 1984, died 14/10/2013
McIntyre, John, MA 1983, died 30/11/2013
Roemer, Vidar Even, BSc 1984, date of death unknown
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What’s on @ The Hunterian

Current exhibitions

Mackintosh Architecture
18 July 2014 to 4 January 2015
Hunterian Art Gallery (Admission charge)

This is the first major exhibition devoted to the architecture of Scottish artist and designer Charles Rennie Mackintosh. Mackintosh Architecture is the result of a landmark research project led by The Hunterian and features over 80 architectural drawings from collections across the UK. Many have never been exhibited before and are displayed alongside specially commissioned film, models and archival material. Challenging the familiar view of Mackintosh as the sole genius, the exhibition presents the wider context of the practice of Honeyman, Keppie and Mackintosh, introducing the contractors, suppliers and clients, with a particular focus on Mackintosh’s designs for dwelling houses. Sponsored by Turcan Connell with funding on Mackintosh’s designs for dwelling houses.

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To find out more about the research project, see www.mackintosh-architecture.gla.ac.uk

Mackintosh Travel Sketches
18 July 2014 to 16 February 2015
Hunterian Art Gallery (Admission free)

Sketching was an essential component of an architect’s training, to develop draughtsmanship, an understanding of construction and materials and a design reference library. This new exhibition presents a selection of drawings and sketchbooks from the University’s unrivalled Mackintosh collection. Complementing Mackintosh Architecture, Mackintosh Travel Sketches plots his travels from early studies in the north of Scotland, to the series of beautiful studies of the castle at Holy Island, Northumberland, and the complex drawings from Cinta in Portugal. Mackintosh’s sketches culminated in the late watercolours painted in the South of France. These are represented by The Fort, an outstanding example of his draughtsmanship and mastery of the watercolour medium.

Coming soon

Ingenious Impressions: The Coming of the Book
February to June 2015
Hunterian Art Gallery (Admission free)

Featuring international treasures of early print publication, Ingenious Impressions is the first major exhibition on the invention of the printed book. Showcasing the University of Glasgow’s rich collections and the results of the Glasgow Incunabula Project, the exhibition charts the introduction and development of the early printed book in Europe, exploring the transition from manuscript to print and its impact on later medieval society.

National & International loans

The Hunterian’s national and international loans programme allows many more people to enjoy our collections across the world.

Australia: Art Gallery of South Australia, Adelaide
1 June to 5 October 2014
Exhibition: Mortimer Menpes. On loan: 4 works including Dolce Far Niente

Germany: Wallraf-Richartz Museum and Foundation Corboud, Cologne
6 September 2014 to 25 January 2015

Hungary: Museum of Fine Arts, Budapest
21 October 2014 to 22 February 2015

Japan: National Museum of Modern Art, Tokyo
13 September to 16 November 2014

UK: Kelvingrove Art Gallery and Museum, Glasgow
18 April 2014 to 17 August 2014

USA: Freer Gallery of Art, Washington DC
2 May 2014 to 14 August 2014
Exhibition: An American in London: Whistler and the Thames. On loan: 4 works, including the oil painting Battersea Reach.

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About the artwork:

2. Charles Rennie Mackintosh, Daily Record Building, Glasgow, 1901.
5. Alfred Sisley, The Church of Moret-sur-Loing, Rainy weather, Morning, 1893.

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