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Welcome from the Director

Readers will see that much of this edition of Giving to Glasgow is dedicated to articles about bequests. Over hundreds of years, bequests to the University have enabled us to do exceptional things, and examples of our many bequests are apparent to anyone talking a walk around the campus.

The collection represented by the William Hunter Bequest formed the basis of the Hunterian Museum & Art Gallery; that of Charles Randolph, the Randolph Hall and staircase in the Gilbert Scott Building; and lectureships, scholarships and chairs funded in perpetuity by bequest demonstrate that bequests have enriched all aspects of University life. However, we also receive many modest gifts, which together are just as valuable.

The generosity of those who remember the University in their wills is remarkable. The stories behind the bequests bear testament to the strong emotions felt by graduates and the people of Glasgow towards the University.

Bequests provide the University and its staff with the chance to do amazing things outwith the everyday running of the campus, and the stories you will see in this edition bear that out. Every gift in every will makes a difference and remembering the University in your will allows it to flourish, seek out and finance new opportunities and challenges, helping it to remain a world-class university.

Cathy Bell
Director, Development & Alumni Office

New Talent Scholarship for Law

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Our Talent Scholarship scheme helps to ensure that restricted financial means are no barrier to undergraduate or postgraduate students taking up their place at the University, and this scholarship will provide a life-changing opportunity for one of our most outstanding students in law. Caroline said: ‘My father would have been delighted that money would be going towards helping students with financial difficulties.’

The recipient of the Gerard Welsh Talent Scholarship will be announced in the next academic year. He or she will join over 300 students who have benefited from the scheme to date. To read more about Gerry Welsh, there is a touching obituary in The Scotsman online, which you can find at http://goo.gl/YjH1pq.

The robotics revolution: the Baxter research robot comes to Glasgow

Gifts from alumni to the Chancellor’s Fund have helped to support the cost of a Baxter research robot, a state-of-the-art bi-manual humanoid robot being used for undergraduate and postgraduate teaching and research in the School of Computing Science.

A key aim of the Chancellor’s Fund is to support the learning environment by providing access to new technologies and enhanced facilities which engage and challenge students. Baxter will give undergraduate and postgraduate students direct experience of programming, developing and investigating robotics systems using tools and systems previously only available to the most advanced research labs.

Baxter’s new home is a showcase glass-walled laboratory in the foyer of the Sir Alwyn Williams Building. Dr Paul Siebert, Reader in Computing Science, said: ‘He has already proved to be enormously popular with open day visitors and will hopefully attract and inspire the best student applicants to Glasgow.

‘The Chancellor’s Fund award of £10,000 to secure Baxter’s acquisition, which has been matched by the school and by the College of Science & Engineering’s Dean of Learning & Teaching, will help us build on our current research base to provide an outstanding student experience, expand our capacity for robotics research and help to show that we are at the forefront of teaching and research in advanced robotics systems.

The Baxter research robot displays its talent for stacking blocks in the Sir Alwyn Williams Building.

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First Giving Tuesday is a resounding transatlantic success

Giving Tuesday 2014, a global day of thanks designed to inspire acts of philanthropy and charity, was celebrated around the world on 2 December. The University held its own first ever Giving Tuesday appeal and encouraged alumni in North America to embrace the spirit of this special day and make a donation to their alma mater.

Our goal was to raise $10,000 to create ten new Travel Scholarships, and all donations received on the day were matched by the University of Glasgow Trust. Thanks to our alumni and friends, our first Giving Tuesday appeal turned out to be a roaring success, with $15,500 raised in total – a figure which far exceeds our original goal. This means that with the matched funding from the Trust, creation of at least 20 new Travel Scholarships is now possible.

Travel scholarships can lead to many exciting and valuable opportunities. Whether attending an international conference, spending time abroad to learn a foreign language, studying at a partner institution or completing an internship overseas, these experiences are extremely important for students’ academic and personal development. Travel opportunities provide students with a greater range of experience and depth of understanding, which can further their research, improve their job prospects and broaden their outlook on life.

Thanks to a travel scholarship Camilla Ramsoy (pictured with horse Harley), a final year vet student, was able to travel to Alamo Pintado Equine Centre in California. ‘My time there was fantastic,’ she says. ‘I saw such an incredible amount of diverse cases in a very short space of time and I learnt some invaluable skills that I cannot wait to put into good use. The vets and interns were more than happy to tell me about them and take any burning questions that I had.’

• For more information about the Scholarship Fund or to make a donation, please contact Kate Richardson on +44 (0)141 330 1867 or email kate.richardson@glasgow.ac.uk.

Celebrating 40 years of oncology in Glasgow

Over the past four decades, the University has built an outstanding reputation for world-class cancer research – something which would not have been possible without charitable donations and fundraising support.

The Chancellor, Professor Sir Kenneth Calman (pictured), was appointed to the Cancer Research Chair of Oncology in 1974 – the first in Scotland. Since then, cancer research in Glasgow has grown significantly, with University scientists now working in outstanding facilities which include the Wolfson Wohl Cancer Research Centre (WWCRC), the Beatson Institute for Cancer Research and the Paul O’Gorman Leukaemia Research Centre. Glasgow’s history of pioneering cancer research stretches back to the 19th century, when Sir George Thomas Beatson developed cancer treatments in the city. Since the early 1970s, advances in research and treatments pioneered at Glasgow have meant that survival rates for many cancers have doubled.

Thanks to supporters of the Beatson Pebble Appeal, which raised £10m to help build the WWCRC, the process of translating this pioneering research into effective treatments is happening at a faster pace than ever before, helping to resource scientists, equipment and research to maximise the potential for cancer research breakthroughs.

• You can find more information about supporting cancer research at the University here: www.beatsonpebbleappeal.org, office@beatsonpebbleappeal.org.uk or +44 (0)141 330 3000.
Your valued legacies

All gifts to the University are very much appreciated, and bequests made in your will particularly so. If you are considering leaving a gift to the University in your will, our Development Officer for Legacies, Mrs Barrie Bryson, would be delighted to talk with you about your wishes and intentions.

Weighing up quarks

A gift from your estate can not only provide students with the opportunity to accept their place at Glasgow, but can also benefit the wide range of research undertaken here.

One such example is an exciting new research project in the School of Physics & Astronomy which received a large proportion of funding from a bequest to its particle physics groups from the estate of Dr David McNaught Gilmour (MA 1943). Professor Christine Davies from the school said: ‘The value of PhD funding for us and for the students involved is enormous. For the students, it enables them to develop a career path that would be closed to them otherwise. For us, it expands our research capabilities by bringing bright young people from across the world into our programme.’

The project seeks to provide a more accurate reading of the mass of quarks. ‘The calculation gives a new, more accurate determination of quark masses using the most realistic simulations of the subatomic world to date,’ says Professor Davies. ‘This is an important ingredient in understanding how a deeper theory than our current Standard Model could give rise to these different masses for fundamental particles.’

Bequest boosts global health

We are extremely grateful to receive a very generous bequest from the estate of Dr Elizabeth Gertrude Haggarty, who graduated in 1951 and was a GP in Maybole, Ayrshire for 37 years.

Dr Haggarty made her bequest to provide support for qualified doctors working in Africa or Asia. In keeping with her wishes, a fund has been established to provide awards to MBChB graduates or qualified members of staff in the College of Medical, Veterinary & Life Sciences to support projects in the areas of relief work, capacity building and disease research.

The bequest has also been able to support Dr Phil Cotton, Deputy Head of the Undergraduate Medical School, to help establish Rwanda’s first medical school. The gift is being used to set up a health screening programme for students of medicine, dentistry or nursing at the University of Rwanda. This is vital to allow these students to complete their studies in good health and so help Rwanda to establish a self-sustaining healthcare system.

‘Providing for your loved ones after your death will be one of the most important things for you to consider when making your will,’ Barrie says. ‘However, it is possible to make provisions for those closest to you as well as benefiting the University. A gift of just 1% of your estate is an affordable way to help invest in the future of research and teaching excellence at the University. I am happy to advise on wording and to ensure your gift meets your wishes and remains useful to the University in future.’ In the next issue of Giving to Glasgow we will announce details of our 1451 Society for those who have pledged a gift to the University.

Barrie asked Janeen Carruthers, Professor of Private Law, to help explain the importance of making and maintaining your will.

Why should I make a will?

Having a will makes it much easier for your family or friends to sort out your affairs when you die. Your will makes it clear who should be responsible for administering your estate (the executors), who you wish to inherit your property, money, and other assets, how your children should be cared for and any desired charitable bequests.

What happens if I die without a will?

If you die without a valid will you have no say in what happens to your estate, and it could be distributed in a standard way, which may not match your wishes.

When should I make a will or review a will?

Everyone should have a will, but it is even more important when you change your status by marrying or entering a civil partnership, or being divorced; or if your circumstances change, for example by the birth of children or grandchildren. Once you have written your will you should review it regularly to make sure it reflects your wishes.

How do I make a will?

Making a will is often a simple and inexpensive process but to ensure appropriate inheritance tax planning you should seek the advice of a solicitor. If you need help finding a solicitor the Law Society of Scotland or Law Society can help.

• A new copy of our bequests brochure is now available. If you would like a copy or would like to make an informal enquiry on leaving a bequest to the University, please contact Barrie Bryson on +44 (0)141 330 6886, barrie.bryson@glasgow.ac.uk.
Glasgow calling

The Telephone Campaign was established in 2003 to help keep Glasgow at the forefront of educational excellence worldwide, with calling campaigns in autumn, spring and summer each year which engage with almost 14,000 alumni and supporters in 12 different countries.

In the past 12 years, almost £3m has been pledged to help current and future generations of students, by offering a fantastic student experience, cutting-edge facilities, and opportunities to all through scholarships. This support is testament to the generosity of our donors; however, the Telephone Campaign helps us do so much more than just fundraise.

As well as enabling alumni to support the University, the Telephone Campaign is a great opportunity to share your memories of the University and the city. Our dedicated calling team consists of 26 current students who are always fascinated to hear about your own experiences while at Glasgow, and are committed to making sure that you are up to date with activities at the University.

Few investments have as secure a return as that of education made available to people with talent and commitment, and the University continues to build on the progress made over recent years. Your donations play a vital role in helping to ensure that our students can fulfil their potential. Thank you for all of your support.

For more information or to donate to the University, please see www.glasgow.ac.uk/givingtoglasgow.

Kirsten Anderson, a second-year PhD student researching Czech studies, talks about her experience of being involved in the Telephone Campaign. Kirsten was a student caller and is now a supervisor.

How important do you think it is for the University to fundraise?
I think it is absolutely crucial. Fundraising gives the University freedom to allocate its resources in order to pursue projects that matter to the staff and students, making the academic environment really inspiring.

What do you think is beneficial about us fundraising by telephone?
Having personal contact across generations of students is what makes the alumni of Glasgow a real community. The student callers are able to give graduates an honest, up-to-date insight into University life and raise awareness of what matters most to the current generation of students. Alumni donors who take part in the telephone campaigns seem to genuinely care about the institution. Over the phone they can ask questions, hear stories, and find out about other ways to stay connected with Glasgow.

How do you think the Telephone Campaign will benefit the University in future?
I think that one of the most important things that the Telephone Campaign does is give all graduates a sense of ownership and involvement in the University, not just those who are in a position to donate large sums. Building a relationship between graduates and current students is how the University becomes more than a bricks-and-mortar institution.

Do you have a message for alumni who have donated to the Telephone Campaign?
Other than thank you?! You have undoubtedly made someone’s night by making your donation! Calling is so much fun – I’ve enjoyed so many hours of good conversation with people I would never otherwise have had the chance to speak to, and when someone shares your enthusiasm for a project enough to make a gift, it’s great. As I’m now a supervisor I’m not on the phone as much as I used to be, but I love listening to callers’ conversations and witnessing their genuine enthusiasm for the projects and the wider University.

Do you think this is something more graduates should be involved with?
Yes! It’s an amazing way to give something back to the University and stay involved in shaping the experiences of future generations of students, as well as contributing to some ground-breaking research that has a positive impact on all of our lives.
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