



## Support for intensive care unit in new Small Animal Hospital



The Small Animal Hospital campaign was delighted to receive a donation of £250,000 towards the intensive care unit in the new building, from the Stirling-based Stafford Trust. The Trust was established in 1991 by the late Mrs Gay Stafford, who was a great supporter of animal welfare charities.

The Intensive Care & High Dependency Unit is a key area within the hospital, offering dedicated, round-the-clock care to patients by highly skilled staff. It is hugely labour-intensive, requiring one-to-one attention and demanding the full range of highly specialised equipment such as fluid pumps, defibrillators, a dedicated laboratory with blood/gas machines and analysers, incubators and specialist equipment for moving critically ill animals. The new unit will be able to accommodate many more patients who would not have the chance of survival without this specialist care, which is increasingly in demand.

'We are delighted to have this support from the Stafford Trust and we are very glad to have the opportunity to commemorate the memory of such a remarkable and generous animal lover as Mrs Stafford in a fitting and lasting way,' said Dean of the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, Professor Stuart Reid.

Details of further support for the Small Animal Hospital campaign can be found on page 9. Why not join us at this year's Doggy Dawdle – details on page 2.

## Orascom invests in six business scholarships

**Egyptian telecom company Orascom, led by Naguib Sawiris, plans to invest more than £140,000 to fund six business scholarships at the University in a bid to develop the economy and workforce of its country.**

On completion of their one-year business Masters degree, the six scholars will return to Egypt to help with the development of their country.

Mr Sawiris (pictured below) said: 'The University of Glasgow has an international reputation and we would like to give some talented students the opportunity to study at a world-class institution.'

The scholarship programme includes courses on business administration, economics, banking, finance, international trade, international accounting and international management.

Sir Muir Russell, Principal of the University, welcomed the support of Orascom in providing these prestigious scholarships. 'This programme plays an important part in the University's international development role and in our bid to attract the best students from around the world to Glasgow.'



## Message from the Director

Welcome to the latest edition of givingtogleasgow. I hope you will read with interest about the projects which your gifts make possible, projects which help the University provide the best facilities for research and teaching and help us attract and provide opportunity to the very best staff and students.

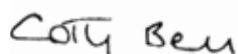
The welcome support from the Stafford Trust and the Bellahouston Bequest will help deliver our Small Animal Hospital, crucial to the continuing competitiveness of our Faculty of Veterinary Medicine.

The tremendous support we have received for scholarships, featured throughout this edition, is enabling Glasgow to attract excellent students from across the world, whatever their background, and is making a real difference to each student who receives support.

In addition we are very pleased that gifts such as the Tristan Manji Talent Scholarships in dentistry and the Duncan & Morag MacLean Studentship in Celtic Studies not only provide real opportunity to talented scholars but also enable our supporters to commemorate their loved ones.

I hope that you will enjoy reading about the online benefactor wall, which gives us a new way of recognising the generosity of our donors.

On behalf of all of us working, researching and studying here, please accept our thanks for your continuing generosity and the difference you make.



**Cathy Bell**  
Director, Development & Alumni  
Office

## Dates for your diary – fundraising events in 2008

The Development & Alumni Office has helped the University to deliver some of its most important campaigns – including the Wolfson Medical School Building and the BHF Glasgow Cardiovascular Research Centre – through its varied and challenging fundraising events held throughout the year. Many of these events will be familiar to those who continue to lend their support by returning year after year. We look forward to welcoming both old and new participants to this year's events.

### Sunday 22 June: Doggy Dawdle

The third annual Doggy Dawdle takes place this year in the beautiful grounds of Garscube Estate in aid of the new £10m Small Animal Hospital. Participants can choose a 5km or 10km walk alongside the banks of the River Kelvin, following a safe and stewarded route.

Previous years have been a great success with £9,000 raised to date. So why not come along this year and support the appeal? You don't even need a dog to take part!

### Sunday 17 August: Cycle Glasgow

This year is the sixth annual cycling event to help raise money for the Paul O'Gorman Leukaemia Research Centre at Gartnavel Hospital. It will take place on Sunday 17 August at 10am from Kelvingrove Park.

The route will follow the Glasgow to Loch Lomond cycle path to Clydebank, and then join the Forth and Clyde Canal path, back to Kelvingrove Park. Cyclists will have the option to cover 13 or 26 miles. Why not make it part of a keep-fit challenge?

### Friday 5 September: Think Pink Golf Day

Buchanan Castle Golf Club is set to host the second Think Pink Golf Day. The format of play is a four-ball better-ball match with the best net score to count on each hole. Teams will consist of four players with a maximum handicap allowance of 18 (Gents) and 30 (Ladies). Entry costs £300 per team, which includes a meal in the club house.

### Sunday 12 October: Charity Abseil

Take the plunge from the 177ft University bell-tower and raise funds for the new Beatson Translational Research Centre to be based in the Garscube Estate.

No previous abseil experience is necessary as full training will be given by abseil coordinators from the Glasgow Climbing Centre. Participants must be over 16 years of age.

### Saturday 25 October: Think Pink Ribbon Ramble

Now in its second year, the Think Pink Ribbon Ramble involves a sponsored walk from Rowardennan to Balmaha in aid of breast cancer research. This is a great family day out along the bonny banks of Loch Lomond. Last year more than 160 people took part, raising almost £10,000.

We are hoping to increase the number of stewards at our events this year.

If you, or someone you know, would be willing to help or if you would like an entry form for any of our events, please contact Angela Hair on +44 (0)141 330 3593 or email [a.hair@admin.gla.ac.uk](mailto:a.hair@admin.gla.ac.uk)

## Air Gallery reception

On Wednesday 12 March 2008, 130 graduates and friends of the University enjoyed a reception in Air Gallery, Mayfair, London. A hint of Scotland came to London on this evening when guests had the opportunity to view the Jolomo Lloyds TSB exhibition, which featured work from the nine finalists of the 2007 awards.

Those present, who have all supported the University in the past, had the opportunity to meet the artists, enjoy Scottish fare from Orkney Rose, whisky from Monkey Shoulder and traditional Scottish music from two-piece band, Calmac.

Professor John Coggins, Vice-Principal for Life Science, Medicine & Veterinary Medicine, hosted the event, which proved to be extremely popular with guests.

The organisers are grateful to University of Glasgow graduate Amanda Brock from Caledoniart, who kindly provided the gallery as a venue for this popular event.



## New way of thanking our donors

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The online benefactor wall is the University's new and innovative way of recognising the generosity of our donors. Using the benefactor wall, donors who have supported the University can commemorate their gift with an inscription and then view that inscription online by visiting the website listed below. Whether you're a donor, one of our alumni or one of the University's many friends, you can view the benefactor wall and browse through the inscriptions that have been uploaded.

One of the great benefits of having an online benefactor wall is that the inscriptions are – quite literally – not set in stone. If a donor would like to change their inscription at any time, we can do so. Also, while donors to building projects such as the Wolfson Medical School Building or the Scottish Centre for Ecology & the Natural Environment can have inscriptions added to a material wall on site, the benefactor wall allows us to thank donors who have supported other projects, such as the Chancellor's Fund, the Medical Fund or the Scholarships Fund.

We are still in the process of adding inscriptions for our donors past and present, with new and old inscriptions being added all the time. We hope to have every inscription for every gift on the benefactor wall soon. To qualify for a benefactor wall naming opportunity, your gift must be of at least £250 – see the giving levels tables for more information.

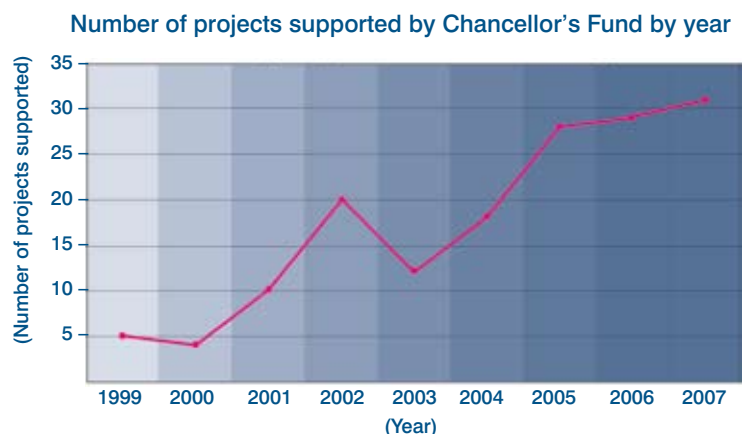
To view the benefactor wall and check to see whether your inscription has been added, visit: [www.glasgow.ac.uk/benefactorwall](http://www.glasgow.ac.uk/benefactorwall).

## Chancellor's Fund – a rising trend

In 1999 the Chancellor's Fund was created as a way of raising funds which would be directed to where the need is greatest. Due to the growing generosity of our alumni and friends, funds have been available to support so many of these worthwhile University projects that might not otherwise have been able to proceed.

The graph gives an indication of the growth in the number of projects supported since its foundation. Examples of the kind of initiatives that have received awards include a student field trip to study turtles in Tobago, refurbishment of the University's fitness suite, development of swarm robots for urban search and rescue, and a new commission from the composer Dr James MacMillan to honour Robert Burns.

To find out more, please contact Sarah Richardson on +44 (0)141 330 8574 or at [s.richardson@admin.gla.ac.uk](mailto:s.richardson@admin.gla.ac.uk).



# Improving the nation's health

The University of Glasgow is committed to tackling Scotland's biggest killers – cancer, heart disease and stroke – through its world-class research, state-of-the-art facilities and partnerships with other organisations. The range of activity from primary research to clinical trials provides a laboratory bench to patient bedside approach focused on health improvement, disease prevention and cure.



## Medical Fund refocuses

Since its inception, the University's Medical Fund has raised over £2.5m from over 900 donors. As it enters its third year, there have been a number of changes to the themes to help meet the needs of the medical area which it supports and also in response to donor feedback.

The theme of infectious diseases has been merged with immune and inflammatory diseases. In addition, dentistry has been added as a theme so that donors can continue to support the work taking place at the Dental School, which was recently ranked second in the UK Dental School League Table in the Times Online Good University Guide.

Listed below are the 12 themes which donors can now support through the Medical Fund:

- Cancer
- Heart disease
- Immune, infectious, and inflammatory diseases
- Mental health
- Paediatrics and maternal health
- Diseases of the nervous system
- Kidney disease
- Diabetes
- Public health and general practice
- Dentistry
- Medical education
- General.

## Success is just a stone's throw away

The fundraising campaign for the Beatson Translational Research Centre (TRC) is now well under way.

The new centre will convert basic research into real improvements in treatments for cancer patients. Without the centre there would be an undoubted gap in the work of the clinicians and scientists in Glasgow, greatly undermining the potential to save lives by taking longer to make treatments available to patients.

The philanthropic fundraising target is £10m, with £2.1m already pledged. Lindsey McArthur, Development Officer (Cancer), stated: 'The campaign will be launched publicly in autumn 2008 and we are confident of great support from the west of Scotland. We have enlisted the support of Celtic and Rangers football clubs as well as a wide range of Scottish celebrities including Sally Magnusson, Shereen Nanjiani and Richard Wilson to help us.'



The first events of the fundraising programme will be the women's and men's 10k run taking place on 18 May and 15 June respectively. We hope to have more than 100 supporters running for the Beatson Pebble Appeal.

Glasgow is the right geographical location for such a world-class facility. Cancer services in Glasgow serve over 60% of the Scottish population. With a wealth of experience in cancer research and a high incidence of the disease, the city is strategically important in the fight against cancer.

Professor Karen Vousden is Director of the Beatson Institute for Cancer Research: 'The work of the Beatson TRC builds on the significant support that the

Beatson Institute has received from Cancer Research UK. The new development will play a key role in our ambitions to bring together basic and clinical research contributing to the creation of a coordinated cancer research centre and help us develop our discoveries into new treatment for cancer patients.'

Individuals and organisations can support this campaign through the Gifted Scheme, which allows for gifts to be remembered in perpetuity. So, why not support the Beatson Pebble Appeal and help the people of Glasgow, Scotland and beyond. Please see the table for the different giving levels.

For more information visit [www.beatsonpebbleappeal.org](http://www.beatsonpebbleappeal.org) or tel: +44 (0)141 330 3000.

### Gifted scheme for the Medical Fund/Beatson Pebble Appeal

Pace-setting gifts	For gifts over £250,000		
Major gifts	For gifts over £10,000		
Gifted scheme	Net gift total	Monthly gift	Annual gift
Platinum gift	£5,000	£104.17	£1,250
Gold gift	£2,000	£41.67	£500
Silver gift	£1,000	£20.83	£250
Bronze gift	£500	£10.42	£125
Noted gift	£250	£5.21	£62.50

The giving form appears on pages 11 and 12

## Scanning the future

When Dr John Vaughn returned from Georgia to Glasgow for his medical class reunion, he and his classmates from 1944 were keen to visit the latest development in the Faculty of Medicine – the new BHF Cardiovascular Research Centre. Professor Anna Dominiczak, Director of the centre, showed them around and brought the medical graduates up to date with the work of her team.

Dr Vaughn and his wife Margaret were so impressed that they made a gift to the Friends of Glasgow University Inc when they returned home, asking that the money be used for cardiovascular medicine.

Professor Dominiczak put this significant donation towards the purchase of a new MRI scanner. The existing scanner was near the end of its life, and the Vaughns' generosity has enabled the University to replace it.

Glasgow is one of the few cardiovascular centres in the UK with full research capacity in cardiac MRI, and several young clinicians have been trained to utilise this capacity, thus ensuring recruitment and retention of the best clinical researchers.

The new scanner will keep Glasgow at the forefront of research in this field.



## Think Pink exceed fundraising target

Lynn Murray and Ann Graham have been fundraising for breast cancer research since 2006.

The Think Pink ladies have exceeded their original fundraising target of £150,000 after a very busy 2007 with highlights including the Think Pink Charity Ball in Oran Mor, the Ribbon Ramble in Rowardennan and a charity Golf Day in Buchanan Castle Estate in Drymen.

The events programme is equally busy in 2008 with a broad range of charity events throughout the course of the year.

Lynn Murray (pictured far left) commented: 'I am thrilled that we have been able to reach and exceed our target of £150,000



in just two years. As a group we have worked very hard to achieve our goal but it would not have been possible without the hard work and commitment of all our supporters who have worked tirelessly on our behalf. I am now looking forward to setting a new fundraising target and getting on with our fundraising.'

## Hamish MacDonald – The Beatson Drawings 2007–2008

A reception was held in the Wolfson Medical School Building in April to mark the unveiling of the Hamish MacDonald Beatson Drawings 2007–8.

The drawings were kindly donated by the leading Scottish artist to the University's Medical School and were produced during the time spent by Hamish MacDonald at the Beatson West of Scotland Cancer Centre between October 2007 and February 2008. The work shows the nurses and fellow patients in the daily life of the unit.

Hamish said: 'Everywhere I go, my sketchpad goes with me and that included my treatment sessions. Drawing helped while away the hours at the Beatson and it kept my mind busy – I find it very therapeutic. The drawings were all produced during my chemotherapy sessions between October 2007 and February 2008.

'I simply drew what was around me – the other patients, the nursing staff and the doctors – anything that caught my eye.'

The drawings have been on public view since 9 April 2008.



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Scholarships help to ease the increasing financial burden on students and enable the University to continue to attract the brightest and best students from all over the world. Thanks to the generosity of our alumni, their families and their friends, as well as charitable trusts and foundations and others with an interest in the research and teaching carried out here in Glasgow, we already have funds available to provide a number of scholarships. Your support helps to attract the most capable students from all over the world, regardless of their ability to fund their studies.

## Investing in excellence

### University of Glasgow scholarships



## Commonwealth Scholarship Scheme – leaving a legacy

The University of Glasgow has marked the city's success in securing the Commonwealth Games in 2014 with a new range of scholarships for students from developing countries.

Launched at a reception held for the Princess Royal in February, the Commonwealth Scholarship Scheme will give 53 students – one for each country of the Commonwealth – the opportunity to study at the University. As the students return to their home country to contribute to future economic, social and political development, the scheme will help the city give something back to the Commonwealth.

Councillor Steven Purcell, Leader of Glasgow City Council, welcomed the announcement.

'This is a fantastic and really exciting proposal from the University of Glasgow,' he said. 'It will go a long way towards ensuring that the 2014 Commonwealth Games leave a legacy, not only for Glasgow and Scotland, but also for everyone throughout the Commonwealth.'

Full support – funding for fees, maintenance and travel costs – will be offered to those students coming from the 14 least-developed countries of the Commonwealth. For the remaining 39 scholars, full fees will be provided.

Students will be encouraged to come to Glasgow for a three-year PhD or a one-year Masters. It is hoped that the first students will start in September 2008.

## First talented scholars are selected

Following the launch of the Scholarships Fund in June 2007, the first group of successful undergraduate students who applied for a Talent Scholarship has been selected.

The Talent Scholarship scheme is open to any undergraduate UK-based students entering into a full-time undergraduate degree programme and is designed to attract the brightest and best students to study at the University of Glasgow who might have been unable to accept a place due to their financial situation.

The scheme will provide 50 undergraduate Talent Scholarships of £1,000 per annum until at least 200 scholars a year are being supported.

Mrs Champa Manji established two Talent Scholarships in memory of her son Tristan, who tragically died during the second year of his dental degree at Glasgow. She said: 'I'm pleased to contribute to the Scholarships Fund in memory of Tristan and look forward to the progress reports that I will receive from the Tristan Manji Talent scholars advising me of their studies. I plan to endow the scholarships after my death by means of a bequest so that Tristan's name will live on in perpetuity.'

For more information on the Scholarships Fund, please contact David Miller on +44 (0)141 330 1867 or [d.miller@admin.gla.ac.uk](mailto:d.miller@admin.gla.ac.uk)

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Named annual scholarships		Annual gift	Monthly gift
Glasgow Excellence Postgraduate Scholarships (for three years)		£13,200	£1,100
Glasgow Talent Undergraduate Scholarships (for three to five years)		£1,000	£83.33
Gifted scheme	Net gift total over four years	Annual gift per year for four years	Monthly gift
Gold gift	£2,000	£500	£41.67
Silver gift	£1,000	£250	£20.83
Bronze gift	£500	£125	£10.42
Noted gift	£250	£62.50	£5.21
To support this campaign, please complete the giving form on pages 11 and 12			

# Recent scholarship donors – could you do something similar?

## Outward bound

When Dr Jim Gatheral came to the University from East Kilbride to obtain a BSc in Mathematics and Natural Philosophy, he could not have foreseen how far that small step would take him.



His degree at Glasgow led to a PhD in theoretical physics from Cambridge University in 1983. From there, he entered the financial industry and worked in London, Tokyo and New York.

Today, Jim is a managing director in Global Equities at Merrill Lynch, in New York, and an adjunct professor at the Courant Institute of Mathematical Sciences, New York University. He is the author of *The Volatility Surface: A Practitioner's Guide*, John Wiley & Sons, 2006.

Jim would like to help other Glasgow students deepen their mathematical education, and just as importantly, broaden their horizons. To do this, he has made a very generous donation to Friends of Glasgow University Inc, asking the Board to use it to establish the Jim Gatheral Scholarship – a postgraduate travelling award intended to enhance a doctoral student's expertise in mathematical modelling.

Recipients will use the award to learn or develop new techniques in the field of mathematical modelling, through a placement lasting between two months and one year at a centre of advanced study preferably outside the UK. This will give students at Glasgow experience of living in other countries.

Dr Gatheral said: 'I am honoured and delighted to be associated with this project.'

The first scholarships will be awarded in the 2008–9 academic year.

## Scholarships for students from non-traditional backgrounds

Not everyone has the opportunity to attend university through the traditional route: full-time, straight from school. The University is committed to reaching out to such people and helping them to fulfil their potential, and we are proud of our record of attracting and supporting large numbers of such students.

Two impressive examples of students who came to the University through non-traditional routes are Charles and Ilse U'Prichard. Charles studied part-time for his degree while working full-time for Glasgow City Corporation and graduated with a BL in 1939. His wife Ilse obtained her MA in 1965 as a mature student, having raised her family.

Their son, David U'Prichard, himself a distinguished graduate of the University, and his sister, Mrs Evelyn McGillion, have established the Charles and Ilse U'Prichard Scholarship, for students from non-traditional backgrounds, in memory of their parents and to honour their achievements.

This addition to our Talent Scholarship programme adds a vital new dimension to our ability to reach out to the widest range of people who could benefit from studying at Glasgow, and help us to continue to attract the best possible students.

## The road from the Isles

Donald and Marian Cameron live in Pasadena, California, but have deep roots on Islay, where they met when their families spent their summer holidays there. They still travel from California every year to spend time with friends and family. Marian's late brother, Lachie Kennedy, settled on Islay, where he worked as a builder before his untimely death a few years ago.

To commemorate him and to contribute to the Islay community, the Camerons have established the Lachie Kennedy Scholarships, which provide awards of up to £2,000 per annum for students from Islay High School to attend the University. The University and school are working together to ensure that pupils are aware of the possibility of financial support at an early enough stage so that they are confident that they will be able to take up a place if they achieve the academic results required for an offer from the University.

Marian Cameron says: 'We want to make a difference to the opportunities these young people have. It would be lovely to think students and their families who knew my brother could benefit from this fund.'

The Camerons have close links with the University. Donald is a Mechanical Engineering graduate, and Marian's cousin, Angus Kennedy, from Port Charlotte, is a graduate and Emeritus Professor of French at Glasgow.



Photo: The Lachie Kennedy scholars (from left to right): Hazel Ann Morris, Sarah McKendrick and Bryony MacIntyre)

# Spiders make birds bolder

University of Glasgow researchers working at the Scottish Centre for Ecology & the Natural Environment (SCENE) have revealed why parent birds feed their young spiders at a key early stage in their development.

The research team studied a population of blue tits, nesting in breeding boxes in the oak woodland around the University's field station on Loch Lomond. Between April and June over two years, small infrared video cameras were put in the nest boxes and researchers observed a peak in the young chicks being fed spiders at around five to six days of age. Spiders are rich in an amino acid called taurine, which was already known to play multiple vital roles in the early development of mammals, but it had not previously been known how taurine influences the development of birds.

The researchers went on to compare the behaviour of wild blue tits fed a taurine supplement. Lead researcher Dr Kate Arnold explained: 'We found that taurine has a significant impact on the personality and memory of the birds. Those who were fed taurine as chicks were on average much bolder and better at learning in adulthood than their counterparts.'

The University has the greatest concentration of biologists in Europe, combining a breadth and depth that ensures Glasgow is at the forefront of biomedical research like Dr Arnold's, across animal and human activity. The facility at SCENE is a critical tool for supporting this research, particularly into the mechanisms that operate in the natural world and how humans influence the natural environment.

- The SCENE campaign total is now £1.4m and all gifts will help us to reach our £2m campaign target. It is hoped that the new teaching facility will open at the field station in 2009.



## Gifted scheme for the SCENE campaign

<b>Pace-setting gifts</b>	For gifts over £200,000 including a research wing and a teaching wing		
<b>Major gifts</b>	For gifts over £10,000 including a teaching laboratory and a research aquarium		
<b>Gifted scheme</b>	<b>Net gift total</b>	<b>Monthly gift</b>	<b>Annual gift</b>
Ben Lomond donor	£5,000	£104.17	£1,250
Ben Vorlich donor	£2,000	£41.67	£500
Ptarmigan donor	£1,000	£20.83	£250
Conic Hill donor	£500	£10.42	£125
Duncryne donor	£250	£5.21	£62.50

To support this campaign, please complete the giving form on pages 11 and 12

## Legacy – the Glasgow connection

In 2005, Sir Eduardo Paolozzi died aged 81. Paolozzi was arguably the most important British sculptor of the 20th century and the University's Hunterian Art Gallery enjoyed a warm relationship with the artist in his lifetime.

Paolozzi kindly made provision for the University in his will and in 2007 the Hunterian Art Gallery received a work of art from his estate. The selected piece is a drawing with collage called *Untitled (Drawing) VI 1968*. The work will feature in future temporary exhibitions.

Peter Black, a curator at the Hunterian Art Gallery, commented: 'We are most grateful to Sir Eduardo for remembering the University. In fact, the University benefited in 1998 from a very large gift of works on paper and small sculptures, so the artist had the satisfaction of seeing his work placed in the Art Gallery. Our building also incorporates a very important set of his aluminium doors. We are proud to hold so many works of art by Paolozzi in our collection.'

*Untitled (Drawing) VI 1968* will be situated in the print room and can be viewed by appointment. For further information contact the Hunterian Art Gallery on +44 (0)141 330 5431 or email [hunter@museum.gla.ac.uk](mailto:hunter@museum.gla.ac.uk)



## Bequests to promote Gaelic

The University has received two major bequests worth a total of almost £600,000 to help promote teaching and research in Gaelic.

The first bequest was received from the estate of Anne Finlayson MacLean, whose gift was made in memory of her parents who originated from Skye and Mull. The bequest has endowed an annual postgraduate studentship, known as *the Duncan and Morag MacLean Studentship*, which will be launched along with the department's new interdisciplinary Masters in Celtic Studies programme later this year, ensuring that talented postgraduate students with an interest in Celtic and Gaelic Studies will be attracted to Glasgow.

The second bequest was from the estate of Robert Leith Thomson for the purpose of furthering the completion of the *Historical Dictionary of Scottish Gaelic (HDSG)*, an ambitious project which was started in the department in 1966. Mr Thomson, a much-respected Celtic scholar, who made a substantial contribution to *HDSG* during the first few decades of the project, left a legacy of £275,000 for lexicographical purposes; it will go towards the digitisation of unique *HDSG* materials and the creation of an electronic corpus of Scottish Gaelic texts, both of which will be crucial to the completion of the definitive historical dictionary of Scottish Gaelic.

Professor Roibeard Ó Maolalaigh, Head of the Department of Celtic, commented: 'Both bequests are a tremendous boost to the department. These generous gestures will make a significant and lasting contribution to Celtic and Gaelic studies in Scotland.'



## Letter from America



Dear Friends

Greetings from New York.

Glasgow alumni and friends in North America continue to strengthen bonds with each other and with the University. Our annual autumn dinner in New York has become a flagship event for us, attracting alumni, their friends and families, prospective students, research partners, and donors from all over the country.

Graduates in Toronto have now established their own Glasgow University dinner – the third in recent years will take place in October. The first Burns Supper in southern California, and renewed ones in Chicago, Washington DC and Boston, have given people a long way from Glasgow a chance to laugh, to share memories and a meal, and to dance, while keeping up with the latest at the University.

Alongside this deepening sense of community, there is a growing sense of the importance of contributing financially. Thanks to all from the US and Canada, some of whom appear in these pages, who have joined with us in such generous commitments of time and money.

With best wishes

Joanna Storrar  
Vice-President, North American Development

## The Bellahouston Bequest Fund Gift

On top of the generous donation from the Stafford Trust, the Small Animal Hospital campaign was delighted to receive a generous pledge of £25,000 from the long-established Glasgow-based Trust, the Bellahouston Bequest Fund.

The Fund's donation is supporting the Learning and Resource Centre within the new Small Animal Hospital. The second floor of the building will be a well-utilised, fully computerised area, supporting the needs of teaching, research and consulting staff, as well as our fourth- and fifth-year undergraduates, our postgraduates and two dozen nursing students.

'The hospital provides a vital role in giving the students practical, hands-on experience in the care and treatment of animals, particularly for the final-year students, who have no formal lectures, with the emphasis being on small group clinical teaching,' explained Dean of the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, Professor Stuart Reid.

'The Centre will provide them with on-site resources and space for case discussions. We are very grateful to the Trustees of the Bellahouston Bequest Fund for their support of our ambition to provide the best facilities for our students.'

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