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*Front cover: Sisters Anela (left) and Nureen Naz have both been awarded prizes for their academic achievement*

# Double celebration for outstanding blind sisters

Sisters Nureen and Anela Naz, who are both studying English at UWE, have been awarded prizes for their outstanding performance.

Nureen Naz has been awarded the Ede and Ravenscroft Prize for outstanding personal achievement and Anela Naz has been awarded the Kate Fullbrook Memorial Prize. Both sisters are registered blind.

Robin Jarvis, Reader in English, nominated Nureen Naz for the Ede and Ravenscroft Prize. He said, "To most of us it would be unimaginable to do a degree in English as a blind student, since it's a degree that revolves around private reading and the close analysis of written texts. Merely accessing the literature is a problem in itself. But Nureen has taken complete responsibility for her learning right from the start, to make sure she had the same opportunities that other students take for granted.

"She was the most conscientious and best-prepared of any student I taught last year, made a full contribution to the course, and got a good grade. Hers is just the kind of 'outstanding personal achievement' that this prize is meant to celebrate."

Nureen has been awarded a cheque for £1,000.

Nureen, who is 24, says she was determined to make the most of the course and from the start took responsibility for getting the help she needed, "I am so delighted to get this award. At the start of the course I contacted the Disability Resource Centre to tell them about the help and resources I needed. Then I contacted the tutors to let them know about my needs in lectures. Initially there was a lot of hard work setting things up and making sure all the texts were available in a format I could manage. I have also made a big effort to contribute to the seminars because I want to make the most of all the opportunities I have here. I am planning to do a Master's degree so the prize money will be set aside for that!"

Nureen's sister Anela, who is 26, completed her degree and obtained a 2:1 in English. She has been awarded the Kate Fullbrook Prize for outstanding academic achievement and will receive her award at a graduation ceremony in Bristol Cathedral on 2 November.

Anela says, "Receiving this prize gives me a great feeling of completion. I was ecstatic when I realised I had a 2:1 but to get this prize is confirmation that other people have recognised my efforts and my achievement. My parents are so proud of both of us – they have always given us the courage and confidence to achieve what we put our minds to. This carried us through secondary, further and higher education. I was also helped by the DRC at UWE and by library staff who helped me find the resources I needed. Now that I have completed my degree I would like to work as a journalist and I am now trying to find work in that field."

The Kate Fullbrook Prize is being awarded for the first time. It was established to commemorate Professor Kate Fullbrook, a leading academic in the Faculty of Humanities, Languages and Social Studies, who died at the age of 52 in July 2003.



# New Environmental Management Team for UWE

UWE has appointed its first Environmental Management team to lead the University's efforts to become a greener place.

This is the first time that environmental issues have been managed centrally by the University and the new initiative has the dual aim of improving environmental performance and helping to reduce long term costs for the University.

The new Environmental Manager is Mark Webster, who brings a wealth of experience and enthusiasm to the job. As a Research Associate in FBE Mark studied Environmental Management in local government across Europe and produced guidance on how to put environmental management systems into local government. Before working at UWE Mark was an Environment Officer at Newcastle City Council where he was implementing their environmental management system. The other member of the team is Claire Scadding from House Services where the team is currently based.

The team will carry out an environmental review of the University and propose an environmental policy and a programme of activities for UWE. Initially the focus is on waste as Mark explains, "During the summer months we carried out a review of waste on all campuses and student residences. As a University we produce an enormous amount of waste each year and ultimately we want to reduce that amount and recycle as much as possible.

"From our review we concluded that more recycling is needed and we are currently in the midst of the tender process looking for a waste company which can work with us on our plans to reduce waste and increase the amount we recycle.

"The overall aim of reducing waste is to save money for the organisation as well as meeting environmental standards. Initially it may cost more to implement some of these changes, but as more stringent legislation is introduced – for example a tax on landfill and disposal of hazardous waste - maintaining the status quo is likely to cost more in the future.

"In addition applications for research funding are increasingly including a question about the environmental performance of the University, and this is likely to appear on more and more research applications particularly those for European funding. It is therefore important that the University is seen to be addressing its environmental performance so that we don't lose out on important funding opportunities."

Mark is very enthusiastic about his new role and optimistic about the University's ability to meet the challenge of becoming more sustainable, "This is something I have always wanted to do - to be an Environment Manager for a large organisation. I enjoyed the research but I am really a 'doer' and there is plenty to be done here at UWE! I feel we have a great opportunity here to be one of the best performing universities in the country on sustainability."

The new team wants staff and students to be able to have their say and to influence the process. Achieving the support of everyone is crucial to the success of the team. Open forums are planned for this term to discuss environmental concerns at UWE, to which everyone is invited.

For more details about the new Environment Management Team, to have your say about environmental issues or register your interest see the new web pages at: <http://www.uwe.ac.uk/environment/>



*Mark Webster, Environmental Manager*

## Planning permission granted for £75 million Frenchay Freshers Village and Recreation Centre

As the Bulletin went to press planning permission was granted for the new Frenchay Freshers Village and Recreation Centre. The scheme had been revised to take account of local councillors' earlier comments and the final version was praised by officers and the planning committee members. It introduced different materials to break up the mass of the buildings, mature landscaping for courtyards, differences in height for some buildings, reduces the wind exposure, makes more subtle use of colour and brings greater variety to the design.

Each courtyard of buildings will now use different materials. Courtyards comprise buildings of varied floor height and the buildings are staggered in their layout so that their external faces do not line up uniformly. The facade materials include red brick and timber for courtyard one; white render with metal panel reveals for courtyard two; timber with white render reveals for courtyard three and buff brick with white render reveals for courtyard four. The variety of the design now avoids the linear terraces of the earlier version and adds interest to the facades.

The Vice-Chancellor, Alfred Morris, commented " This is very good news of huge importance to Bristol UWE. We hope to complete 'Freshers Village' in time for occupation in October 2006. If that is possible it should give Bristol UWE a significant competitive advantage at exactly the right moment."

He went on to pay tribute to everyone involved in the preparatory work and planning application "... particularly Dr David Halton - he is an absolute hero."



## 'Powerful' conference leads the way



### Succession Planning

At a meeting of the Board of Governors' Chairman's Co-ordinating and Planning Committee on 11 October, the Vice-Chancellor outlined his proposals for an interim restructuring of the Directorate. This will cover both Dr Halton's departure at the end of the December, to take up the post of Vice-Chancellor of the University of Glamorgan, and Mr Morris's retirement later in 2005.

A detailed announcement of the membership and roles of the interim Directorate is expected in late October, following further discussion with individuals about possible internal secondments.

Meanwhile, the senior management team has been strengthened by the appointment with effect from 1 November 2004 of Dr Sheila Watt with the provisional title of Assistant to the Vice-Chancellor and Head of Policy Analysis. The provisional title will be reviewed when the portfolios of members of the interim Directorate are decided.

Dr Watt was Head of Learning and Teaching and Widening Participation Policy at HEFCE from 1999 – 2003. More recently, her role as Senior Management Consultant, PricewaterhouseCoopers has included responsibility for consultancy advice and services for schools, further and higher education institutions; government departments, regional development agencies; FE and HE Funding Councils; and local authorities.

The Search Committee overseeing the appointment of a new Vice-Chancellor has appointed the consultants Heidrick & Struggles to assist them with that task.

The Power System and Electronics Research Group (PSERG) in CEMS is involved in work which addresses one of the key issues facing modern technological society – that is our dependency on electricity and the systems which carry it to us.

The Group recently hosted a major international conference on Power Engineering, the International Universities Power Engineering Conference, (UPEC), 2004, (6 – 8 September), which brought together engineers, research scientists and academics throughout the world to explore recent development, current practices and future trends in Modern Power Engineering.

Dr Hassan Nouri (CEMS) who is this year's Conference Chairman says, "Power engineering studies the systems and technology which enable much of modern life to function as we expect. In recent years failures in the system have caused major blackouts in the USA and in this country. We need more well trained engineers to manage the existing systems and to develop new solutions to the complex problems caused by an increasing demand for electricity."

The International Universities Power Engineering conference, attracted 213 delegates from 37 countries, and was this year's key event for those working in the field.

Delegates attended a civic reception at the Council House in Bristol hosted by Simon Cook, Mayor of Bristol and University Pro Chancellor. Technical visits were arranged as well as cultural visits to the Industrial Museum and the City of Bath. The keynote address was given by Jean Koval of Cigre (France). As well as a wide range of technical papers delegates also considered the role of electricity in developing and developed countries, and the political and economic dimensions of power supply.

Dr Hassan Nouri says, "We see the need for research groups such as ours to work closely with industry in order to address some of the major technical issues involved in power distribution. The current system needs upgrading and demand is increasing.

"This conference has enabled us to make useful contacts with other researchers at universities in Japan, Germany, Poland, Portugal, Italy, Iran, and China who have expressed an interest in working more closely with us.

"This country has a serious shortage of power engineers and we often look to foreign expertise to help deal with major power problems. In addition to the research we carry out, through our courses we are producing the next generation of well trained power engineers who will be well placed to take up jobs in this field."

The main sponsors of the conference were the IEEE (Institution of Electrical and Electronic Engineers); PES (Power Engineering Society of the IEEE Region 8); IEE (Institution of Electrical Engineers); and Cigre – the International Council on Large Electric Systems (UK). Full details of the conference can be found at: <http://www.uwe.ac.uk/upec2004>

Members of the PSERG at UWE are: Dr Hassan Nouri - Group Leader; Dr Terry Davies - Head of School; Dr Rade Ciric - Visiting Professor; Dr Mohammad Montakhab; Professor Stanislav Kharin - Visiting Professor; Ashley Longdon; Dr Radnya Mukhedkar - Visiting Researcher; Dr Tony Pipe; and Postgraduate Researchers: Clifton Ellis, Alexis Polycarpou, Sergey Skacheck and Shan Paramoban.



Professor Wendy Purcell and Dr Kim Howells

### New HE minister visits UWE

Only five days into his new job as the higher education minister, Dr Kim Howells visited UWE. In a packed schedule on 14 September, Dr Howells and members of the DfES visited the UWE supported City Academy in St Georges, followed by a presentation by Sue Hatt on widening participation in the South West. He also heard about UWE's research from Linda Skinner including a tour given by the Dean of Applied Sciences, Wendy Purcell of the new Genomics Laboratory. Dr Howells also met the Directorate, visited the new Education building, answered questions from staff and talked to local school children.

## UWE puts natural history online in BBC link

UWE and the University of Bristol have joined forces to develop a series of fascinating web pages to link up with the latest natural history blockbuster from the BBC's Natural History Unit *British Isles: A Natural History*, which started on 29 September on BBC1 at 9pm.

Frank Burnet, Professor of Science Communication (FAS) who is involved in the project says, "When people watch these programmes it often sparks an interest in science and the natural environment. We want to make the most of that spark and recruit people onto science based courses – particularly the environment where more students are needed. The aim is that the additional material on the website will be the beginning of a learning pathway and will encourage viewers to take their interest further."

Television series such as *The Blue Planet*, *The Life of Mammals* and *Walking with Dinosaurs* made by the BBC's Natural History Unit, based in Bristol, excite public interest and create a greater interest in studying science. For example when the Blue Planet was broadcast, there was a big increase in the number of people applying to study Marine Biology the following year.

The pages, under the headline 'Scientists - How do they know that?', are written so that the latest research and most expert knowledge is made available to a wide audience in an easily understandable form. The pages can be found at [www.open2.net/natural/history/how](http://www.open2.net/natural/history/how).

People can explore the nature of the Earth itself in 'Dynamic Earth'; find out how scientists turn into detectives when they uncover the secrets that fossils have kept hidden for millennia in 'Palaeobiology'; and learn how the tiniest creature can cause catastrophic consequences when it turns up in the wrong location in 'Invaders'.

At the launch in Bristol of the *British Isles* series, John Willis, Director of BBC Factual and Learning Programmes, praised the 'fantastic web content' developed by the partners.

The University of Bristol in association with UWE won the contract against stiff competition – they beat 33 other universities, including Leeds and Cambridge.

The team at the heart of this new initiative are: Professor Mike Benton (Professor of Vertebrate Palaeontology, Department of Earth Sciences, University of Bristol), Dr Jane Memmott (Senior Lecturer in Terrestrial Ecology, School of Biological Sciences, University of Bristol), Professor Frank Burnet (head of Graphic Science Unit, UWE and Professor Angela McFarlane (Professor of Education, University of Bristol).

The BBC has already called upon expertise at UWE for forthcoming programmes. Neil Willey (FAS) has contributed to a taster module on Bioremediation, using his research on the abilities of plants to clean contaminated soil by drawing contaminants up through their roots and into their leaves.

## Royal Historical Society Lecture at UWE

The School of History (HLSS) hosted a meeting of The Royal Historical Society on 22 October 2004 on 'The Environmental History of the Russian Steppe'.

The lecture was given by Dr David Moon, of the University of Strathclyde, who challenges the tendency of both liberal and Marxist historians to belittle the contribution of peasants to Russian agriculture.

Part of his story links the development of serfdom in Russia to the need to control newly acquired fertile areas as Russia expanded south and east. Diana Jeater, Head of the School of History and event organiser, said, "The lecture was attended by members of the council of the RHS, who welcomed this opportunity to meet Fellows and members of the Society."

## Widening participation recognition

The Faculty of Health and Social Care has been awarded a certificate in recognition of its valuable contribution supporting young people in work related learning activities by the Wiltshire and Swindon Education Business Plus and Sheldon School, Wiltshire. The certificate was presented to Kevin Foreman, Associate Dean on behalf of the Faculty by the Mayor of Chippenham at a recent employer's award evening held in Chippenham Town Hall.

*The mayor of Chippenham presenting the certificate to Kevin Foreman, Associate Dean (HSC)*



## Successful EU project bid in Intercultural Competence

Interculturalist, Rebecca Fong (HLSS) and Education Specialist, Penelope Harnett (EDU) are part of an EU Socrates Comenius Project that has just been successful in gaining funding for a major, two-year, pan-European research and training project in Intercultural Competence.

Led by the Institute for Intercultural Communication at Ludwig Maximilians University in Munich, Germany, the five partner states, Germany, Britain, Greece, Turkey, and Bulgaria will spend two years working together to facilitate the integration through intercultural education of old and new EU member states. Ethnic diversification of European societies is one of the most challenging economic, political and cultural issues today, with tensions apparent among members and newcomers at all levels. A pre-requisite for real future success in intercultural communication, therefore, is the development of an intercultural curriculum available at a pan-European level, from early education upwards.

This project is part of the HLSS Faculty's commitment to developing European Ethnology and is an initiative of the Ethnological Research Unit (ERU).



## UWE talks business at Queen Square exhibition

The historic heart of Bristol was turned into a regional business exhibition recently – and staff from UWE’s Business Interface Team (BIT) (CRIGS) took the opportunity to make contact with potential collaborators. Bristol’s planned purpose-built arena at Temple Meads is still at the blueprint stage – but in the meantime, a temporary exhibition space was created in the city-centre’s Queen Square. The event, called B2B West, brought together businesses from all over the West of England from aerospace to creative industries.

“Our stand generated over 50 new enquiries during the two day exhibition,” said Dr John Bradford, of the BIT team.

“Visitors to UWE’s stand were interested to learn about UWE’s latest research including the work of the Revolutionary Aerospace Machining Project and studies being carried out into biofuels by the Faculty of Applied Sciences. Interest was also shown in UWE’s professional and short courses, and student placement opportunities.”

For further information on B2B West or the work of the Business Interface Team contact [Fern.Urquhart@uwe.ac.uk](mailto:Fern.Urquhart@uwe.ac.uk) or telephone 0117 32 82542.



*Marquee in Queen Square, Bristol*

## Disability Update

A Disabled Student Advisory Group (DSAG) with representatives from faculties and services was established in October 2003 to monitor and review provision for disabled students at UWE. The Group will shortly produce an Annual Report outlining progress. In addition, a two year part-time role of Disability Development Officer was created, based in the Centre for Student Affairs. This role assists faculty staff with moving towards a more inclusive curriculum and developing policy and practice in relation to teaching and learning of disabled students. The role complements the work of the Disability Resource Centre, which provide services to disabled students at UWE, and guidance to faculty staff.

A website has been designed [www.uwe.ac.uk/csa/disabilityinfo](http://www.uwe.ac.uk/csa/disabilityinfo) to allow the Advisory Group and Development Officer to house resources. The website will keep staff informed of developments at UWE, and give easy access to resource material relating to teaching and learning issues for disabled students, and the disability discrimination legislation.

This year UWE has become a partner in the SPACE project (Student Staff Partnership for Assessment, Change and Evaluation). The Project seeks to improve provision for disabled students through researching and evaluating alternative assessments for academic work of all kinds. CEMS and Built Environment have recently sent out SPACE questionnaires to second year students, and CEMS will undertake two case studies this academic year for the Project. The SPACE Project will run until December 2005, and will produce guidelines for higher education institutions based on the research.

This term two focus groups with faculty representatives are meeting to review disabled students on placement, and auditing modules and programmes in relation to disability. The groups will produce good practice guidelines for use across faculties.



If you would like to find out more about the focus groups and current work at UWE, you can contact Rebecca on 82017, [Rebecca2.Wright@uwe.ac.uk](mailto:Rebecca2.Wright@uwe.ac.uk)

*Rebecca Wright,  
Disability  
Development  
Officer*

## Training reform for Police Federation

The Police Federation for England and Wales is set to overhaul training methods within its organisation and has fully endorsed recommendations in a report by education experts from the Faculty of Education. The project team includes Professor John Dwyfor Davies (Project Leader), Professor Saville Kushner, John Lee, Jonathan Simons, all from UWE and Dr Steven Wilkinson, from the University of East Anglia’s Faculty of Education.

The UWE research team has been invited to act as consultants to help the Police Federation to implement the changes that are recommended in the report entitled ‘Review of Training and Development in the Police Federation of England and Wales’. The report recognises the strengths of present training provision but makes recommendations for improving the training of Federation Representatives so that they are best equipped to meet the needs of members. The previous training review took place in 1984.

“The role of a Police Federation Representative has changed dramatically over the past 20 years as have training models and practices,” said project leader Professor John Davies. “I think to be best positioned to support members in the context of rapid change in policing the Police Federation needs to address the report recommendations. The Police Federation takes training provision very seriously and this project is the biggest that the organisation is currently engaged in.”

Federation Representatives answered detailed questionnaires about training experience and eight case studies were conducted nationally. The case studies included Federation Representatives, key players in the Federation and training providers.

Professor Davies continues, “In total 69 recommendations were put forward. We found that much training provision had been conducted through courses that responded to needs as the organisation evolved. Although this is fine and good we identified a need to re-conceptualise the way training is interpreted by introducing new models and to adopt a holistic (as opposed to a pragmatic) approach to training. We recommend that the Federation broadens its perception of training activities to encompass activities such as ‘shadowing’, coaching and mentoring. We have also recommended fundamental change like working through aims and objectives for training initiatives, both in a strategic context and from an operational perspective, to ease evaluation of training effectiveness and subsequent refinement.”

## Check UWE bus departure times by text

A new service is available to staff and students who want to check the bus departure times from Frenchay Campus. Chris Wallace in CEMS has been working on a new SMS texting service which makes the bus timetable available in a readily available form. He said, "I regularly use the bus to get to and from work and thought it would be useful to know when my next bus was due to leave. This new facility will mean that all you need to do is text our SMS number with the service number you need. The service will then send you the next two departure times for your requested service number. The SMS timetable includes all departures of First and UWE shuttle services and the 518 service run by South Gloucestershire.

"We hope to extend development of SMS texting services and we are in the process of putting together a bid for funding. Ideas include looking at good ideas for marketing open days and fun ideas like a dummy US election."

To use the service, text BUS, a space and then the name of the service to 076 24 80 37 59. For example the message 'BUS 99' will receive information on the next two timetabled departures of the 99 service.

Full information on this and other bus timetable information can be found under Transport services on the UWE web site.

Details on the SMS service and other bus information services can be found on the Parking and Transport web page: <http://www.uwe.ac.uk/hsv/transport/getonatuwe.shtml>



Chris Wallace catches his bus on time thanks to the new text service

## 500 international students enjoy Welcome Event

More than 500 international students and 100 staff from UWE and the University of Bristol attended the International Welcome Event at the Commonwealth and Empire Museum on 7 October 2004. The Commonwealth Secretary General, the Rt Hon Donald C McKinnon spoke about the role of the Commonwealth in the light of world security and democracy. The Lord Mayor of Bristol and Pro Vice-Chancellor of UWE, Cllr Simon Cook spoke about the importance of culture in the City of Bristol.



(above) l to r Commonwealth Secretary General Rt Hon Donald C McKinnon, The Lord Mayor of Bristol Cllr Simon Cook, UWE Vice Chancellor, Alfred Morris

Neil Harrison, event organiser said, "A fantastic time was had by everyone and the evening was a great success all round. I am now in discussion with the Students' Union and we plan to hold more internationally focused events in the coming six months."



(right) International students enjoy the Welcome Event

Warwick Jones and John Haddrell of Bristol Business School attended the award ceremonies of the Escuela de Negocios in the Canary Islands in July. This was as part of a programme in support of a progression agreement involving the Business Schools of the University of the West of England, Manchester Metropolitan University, Sheffield Hallam University and Northumbria University. Students on the Escuela's three year Undergraduate Diploma Programme and MBA graduated at award ceremonies in Santa Cruz, Tenerife and Las Palmas, Gran Canaria. In speeches at each ceremony Warwick Jones congratulated the graduating students on their achievements and looked forward to meeting some of the 40 or so who will be joining the final year of BA(Hons) Business Administration programmes at the four UK universities this year.

Bristol Business School staff are pictured outside the Tenerife Opera House in Santa Cruz with their Canaries partners. Pictured from left to right are: Jill Haddrell; Bill Braddick (President Escuela de Negocio MBA); Pedro Hernandez (General Manager Escuela de Negocio MBA); Ralph Spence (Sheffield Hallam University); Pat Jones; Barclay Jackson (Manchester Metropolitan University); John Haddrell (BBS); Warwick Jones (BBS).





## Yale anthropology expert speaks at Black History Month event

The Regional History Unit and the Kuumba Arts and Community Resource Centre held a Half Day School on 'Migration, Religion and the African Diaspora' as part of Black History Month.

The star attraction was keynote speaker Kamari M Clarke from Yale University, who spoke on 'Mapping Diasporic Networks: the Yoruba example'.

Dr Clarke toured Britain and Ireland during October. She is an associate professor of anthropology at Yale University and research associate in the Yale Law School. Research interests have taken her to Yoruba communities in the American South, traditionalist religious and legal domains in South-Western Nigeria and elsewhere throughout Europe, America and Africa.

Edson Burton (UWE and Kuumba) spoke on 'Departures and Continuities: Afro-Syncretism in African Caribbean Pentecostalism', and Dr Raingard Esser (UWE) spoke on, 'Migration History: Old Paradigms – New Perspectives' at the event on 9 October.

Madge Dresser, organiser of the event for UWE's Regional History Centre, said, "We are delighted that Dr Clarke was able to join us for this event. Her research is at the cutting edge of her discipline and tied in well with Edson Burton's talk on the connections between traditional African forms of worship and their relation to western culture. Dr Esser's talk offered us an overview of the latest ways in which the history of migration is being approached. The event offered both academics and the wider public an insight into the way our views of migration and the African diaspora are being revolutionised by new research."

## Drug discovery symposium

The latest research into drug discovery and related technologies in the West of England is to be showcased at a technology transfer symposium on 15 November 2004. The symposium is being organised by the Western Arc Bioscience Exploitation Platform and is aimed at encouraging further potential collaboration between the member institutions and between academics and industry.

Western Arc was founded in 1997 to provide a means for identifying, protecting and successfully exploiting complementary bioscience expertise from the five founding Universities – UWE, Cardiff, Bristol, Bath and University of Wales College of Medicine. North Bristol NHS Trust and United Bristol Healthcare NHS Trust are also members of Western Arc. The event is sponsored by BTG plc, BioApproaches South West and Severn Biotech Ltd and will take place at the University of Bristol. Registration is free.

Poster presentations from attendees are welcome. For further information, contact Andrew Wilson, Centre for Research, Innovation and Graduate Studies, on techtran@uwe.ac.uk, ext 83698.

## UWE contributes to international benchmarking programme

UWE, through CRIGS, is one of only four UK universities to be invited to participate in an international research management benchmarking exercise. Led by the Association of Commonwealth Universities (ACU), with the support of HEFCE, the aim of the project is to compare current research management practices in order to benefit the operations of the participating institutions, and provide generic findings which can be disseminated throughout the sector as a whole. Along with UWE, participants from Manchester, Glasgow and Surrey Universities in the UK and universities in Australia, Canada, India, New Zealand, South Africa, Japan, China and USA are participating in the ACU programme.

The project is taking place over a period of 18 months, centred around two intensive benchmarking sessions, in September 2004 and April 2005. The first of these, held in Fremantle, Australia, looked at the development and strategic management of the research base within the institution. Richard Bond led one of the workshop sessions on UWE's approach to bidding support. The second event, to be held in Edinburgh, will look at mechanisms to maximise the impact of research externally.

Linda Skinner (Director, CRIGS) said, "It is a sign of UWE's growing research reputation that we have been invited to participate in this benchmarking exercise. It is already proving useful as a means of sharing our practices with leading institutions in different countries, many of whom are facing similar challenges."

The outcome of the exercise will be a comprehensive statement of current practice, and alternative approaches, for each of the key areas considered. This will include specific examples of good practice and a series of 'good practice statements' against which participants will be able to benchmark their own provision. There will also be a more generic report, highlighting broader policy implications, which will be available for wider circulation.



Linda Skinner (fifth from left) and Richard Bond (second from right) of CRIGS, alongside delegates from universities in Australia, the US, New Zealand, Canada, Japan and China at the ACU Research Management Benchmarking meeting in Fremantle, Australia

## Focus on 'Bristol Docs'

Bristol Docs is an initiative to provide a focus for documentary in Bristol and the South West, on the basis of a collaboration between the School of Cultural Studies (UWE), the University of Bristol Department of Drama, Theatre, Film and Television, the Watershed Media Centre, and DocHouse, London. The aim is to bring to Bristol the new trends in documentary which are now appearing across the country, and indeed more broadly in Europe. Bristol Docs is working to improve and extend public access to documentary, promote its use at all levels of education, and stimulate new documentary filmmaking talent.

Bristol Docs was launched in December 2003 under the directorship of Professor Michael Chanan (HLSS), and has since hosted the international documentary conference, Visible Evidence, as well as multiple screenings at the Watershed and other events.

The Bristol Docs autumn programme is quite full, with screenings at the Cube and the Watershed, an all-day symposium on First Person Films featuring Dr Michael Renov and Dr Stella Bruzzi in December, and a panel on the recent explosion of documentary into the mainstream at the Brief Encounters film festival.

Dr Alisa Lebow, Associate Director of Bristol Docs and Senior Lecturer in Film Studies (HLSS), has curated a dynamic series of screenings at The Cube Cinema, called 'Iraq and Palestine: Insiders' Views' (for more information see <http://www.cubecinema.com/>). This series consists of recent documentaries made by Iraqis and Palestinians about the current crises in their homelands. It aims to present the audience with images made by, not just about, people from these countries. The first documentary, *About Baghdad*, by Iraqi director Sinan Antoon, et al, was screened in October. Two more screenings are scheduled:

Wednesday 17 November, 8.00 pm  
The Cube

*Until When...* Dir: Dahna Abourahme/  
Palestine/USA/ 2004/ 76mins

Wednesday 1 December, 8.00 pm  
The Cube

*Crossing Kalandia*, Dir: Sobhi al Zobaidi/  
Palestine/ 2002/ 52mins. plus short film  
TBC

For more information about Bristol Docs and the complete Autumn programme see: <http://humanities.uwe.ac.uk/bristolDocs/>

## 'Flying' visit to Freshers' Fair

Iain Firkins a member of staff from ITS, recently dropped into Freshers Fair – literally! - in a demo jump for the University's skydiving club (more commonly known as SkydiveUWE).

Iain has been an active member of the club for nearly six years. Having joined as a student he then came to work at UWE after graduating and was able to pursue his interest. He has jumped in many places around the world and has had some amazing experiences, most notably being in freefall above Florida during the launch of a rocket from Kennedy Space Center – but jumping into Freshers Fair and landing on the Frenchay Campus is the fulfilment of a long-held ambition.

Iain says, "In the club we'd spoken about it for years, but for one reason or another had never managed to do it ourselves. We got a team to do a demo jump two years ago, and the reception was brilliant. This year, we decided to go for it ourselves.

"We had to prove we could land accurately, so we spent a few weekends at the dropzone landing on a small gym mat in the middle of the dropzone. Once we had satisfied our demo team leader, the jump was on!

"On the day of the jump itself, the weather was perfect and the wind just right. When we finally jumped, I remember looking down and thinking 'wow, that's Sainsburys! And there's Big W!'. Under canopy, it was a brilliant view of the Freshers' Fair, the entire Campus, and the surrounding area. I was wearing a video camera and took some amazing footage from the air. Everyone landed safely in the small gully at the bottom of campus by the main road.

"In effect, this was the culmination of six years of jumping and after talking about it for so long, we had finally jumped into Campus. Many a day has been spent looking out of the office window into the sky wondering what it would be like, and now I know!"

Iain finished his training programme and became a qualified skydiver in Florida in July 1999. Today, he holds a C license and has made over 630 jumps, with more than eight and a half hours of freefall. He has jumped in Florida, California, Holland, Spain, Switzerland and all around the UK. In July 2003, Iain became the Chairman of the British Collegiate Parachute Association and took over running the BCPA for 12 months.

For more information about SkydiveUWE see the club's website:  
<http://www.skydiveuwe.co.uk>.

*Iain Firkins landing on the UWE Campus during Freshers' Fair. (Photo - Dave Hutchison <http://www.cameradave.co.uk>).*



## Lands End to John O'Groats cycle ride raised £360



Charlie Beckett (ITS) has raised £360 for the British Red Cross Asian Flood Appeal. He raised the money by cycling solo from Lands End to John O'Groats - a total distance of 921.22 miles. The solo cycle ride took Charlie 11 days to complete. Charlie said, "Cycling from one end of the country to the other was a great achievement for me. However, I believe with a bit of training and a healthy amount of humour anyone can do it. As Cartman said, "Follow your dreams. You can meet your goals. I am living proof."

Charlie would like to thank his sponsors in ITS and the microbiology department at the BRI.

*Charlie reaches John O'Groats*

## Students' Union President

Christopher Morrall was elected President of UWE Students' Union in March 2004 and was automatically appointed a governor of the university when he took office in June 2004. Born in Salisbury and educated in Dorset, Christopher went to UWE to study International Business Economics from which he obtained an Upper Second with honours. To complement his course, he found time to work as a Student Representative for the years 2002-2004. Whilst at UWE he founded the University of the West of England Cricket Club, and as President helped the club find its feet to the position where the Cricket Club can now compete nationally in BUSA (British University Sports Association).

Away from the University, Christopher has a keen interest in outdoor pursuits. His devotion to the Bristol University Army Officer Training Corps has allowed him to travel all around the country and also to Germany to fulfill his desires for adventure. He captained BUOTC football team to victory over Exeter UOTC to help the unit for the first time win the TA fifth division trophy. On a lighter note Christopher is a keen supporter of West Bromwich



Albion FC, particularly after their elevation to the premier league. His wide array of interests include the outdoors, music, theatre, history and politics.

Chris Morrall

## Defence and Peace Links

Following a successful visit last year, Paul Dowdall (HLSS) has returned to the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI) where he is a Guest Researcher. SIPRI's dedicated defence and peace related library and databases allowed Paul to complete two articles which will be published shortly in the Journal of Defence and Peace Economics. This year, it is anticipated that the one semester, HLSS sponsored, research sabbatical will result in articles on: 'A Comparative Study of Defence Industrial Supply Systems in the UK and Sweden', and 'The Future of Defence Industrial Supply Systems: The Arsenal Revisited'.

After the summer refurbishment, Traders Bar has completed its metamorphosis as Core24. New opening hours are 08:00 until 18:00 Monday to Friday. Hot toasted sandwiches are available 24 hrs per day from the new vending machine in E Block Foyer.

Core24 is now a smoke free environment and offers a relaxing eating place for students, staff and visitors. Customers can enjoy freshly made coffee, hot chocolate or tea to accompany a freshly filled breakfast muffin or a warm pastry whilst listening to 'Core' radio. Core24 provides a choice of soft drinks and fruit juices, with sandwiches and rolls made to order at the deli counter. There are up to eight breads and ten fillings every day plus 'grab and go' sandwiches, salads and hot savoury snacks. A product created especially for Core24 is the 'Sandwedge' - a huge triangular filled roll available with a choice of fillings.



Helen Rushton (graduating this year with a first in Applied Biological Sciences) was one of three finalists for a 2004 Science, Engineering and Technology Student of the Year award in the Best Biology or Biotechnology student category. Helen, her project supervisor Dr Heather Macdonald and Dr Peter Spencer-Phillip, Head of the School of Biosciences, attended the award ceremony at the Guildhall in London on 20 September. Amongst the 39 finalists UWE was the only new university included, ranking alongside Bristol, Bath, Exeter, Sussex and UMIST. In his welcome address, John Sunderland (President of the Food and Drink Federation, and Chairman of Cadbury Schweppes plc) emphasised that the entries were considered to be from 'all the UK's leading universities' and that the finalists 'represented the cream of the UK's science, engineering and technology graduates'. Dr Peter Spencer-Phillips, said, "It was a great privilege to support Helen and represent UWE at this prestigious event. Behind every excellent student is an excellent supervisor who has motivated and nurtured them and this is certainly the case with Heather. We are very proud of her achievement that has also been recognised here."



Pictured from left to right are Dr Heather Macdonald, Helen Rushton and Dr Peter Spencer-Phillips at the Guildhall in London

## ChinaGrid consortium learns about MammoGrid

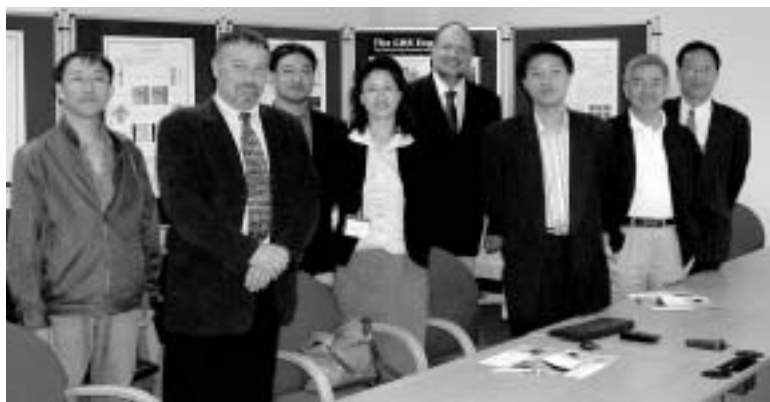
Professor Richard McClatchey and Tony Solomonides, from the Centre for Complex Cooperative Systems (CEMS), recently welcomed a delegation representing the ChinaGrid consortium from a group of Chinese universities to Bristol.

Richard McClatchey and Tony Solomonides are members of the EC-funded MammoGrid project, which harnesses database technology developed by researchers from CCCS in conjunction with the European particle physics centre, CERN, near Geneva. MammoGrid is two years into a three-year project to harness the power of the Grid for distributed mammogram analysis. It allows clinicians in the UK and Italy to co-work without having to co-locate especially in the areas of epidemiological analysis and computer-assisted cancer detection.

The meeting was hosted by the Bristol eScience Centre, located in the Department of Physics at the University of Bristol, and allowed the participants to exchange views and compare experiences in Grid computing research.

The ChinaGrid consortium was represented here by Dr Hai Jin of the Huazhong University of Science and Technology, Wuhan (HUST), and other members of the consortium from Beijing. UWE is developing strong links with HUST in several areas of computing and engineering. One of these areas is e-learning where UWE already has collaborated with the University of Peking (PKU) through the 'Internetics' scheme run by the Faculty of Computing, Engineering and Mathematical Sciences.

Professor McClatchey also reported on the status of the UWE-led STAFF Asia-Link scheme in which faculty members from the Beijing Institute of Technology and from the NUST Institute of Information Technology (Rawalpindi, Pakistan) are being seconded to Europe for the purposes of staff development and to undertake postgraduate study at UWE.



*Richard McClatchey (second from left) and Tony Solomonides (fourth from right) with Professor Hai Jin (third from right) and other members of the ChinaGrid Consortium on their visit to Bristol*

## Researcher advises government on radiation risk

In 2001 the Environment Minister Michael Meacher announced that there would be a review of models used to estimate health risks from radioactive materials taken into the body. This review was carried out by CERRIE, the Committee Examining Radiation Risks from Internal Emitters.

As Secretary to CERRIE, Paul Dorfman (ESRC Research Fellow in FAS) has played a key role in the process by which government assesses radiation risk. He co-authored both the Final Report and Minority Report of the committee which were published in October. The report considered 'the present risk models for radiation and health that apply to exposure to radiation from internal radionuclides in the light of recent studies and any further research that might be needed'. In other words, CERRIE's remit was to look at a range of radiation biology and epidemiology evidence including those on A-bomb survivor studies; post-Chernobyl health effects, cancer and leukaemia clusters near civil and military nuclear facilities, non-cancer radiation induced effects; health effects associated with the deployment of depleted uranium; and novel biological mechanisms such as radiation-induced Genomic Instability and the Bystander Effect.

Paul says of the long awaited report, "This is a very significant report. The internal radiation debate underpins all our thinking on radiation risks associated with UK nuclear civil energy and military capacities. The CERRIE process was hard-fought, and resulted in two reports: the Final Report, and a Minority Report. In essence, both reports say that there are lots of uncertainties about our knowledge on internal radiation risks – the question is do we take a precautionary approach to radiation risk, or will it be business as usual?"

*Paul Dorfman*



## 2004 graduation ceremony dates

Diary dates for this year's award ceremonies. The venue for all ceremonies will be Bristol Cathedral.

Monday 1 November 11.30 HLSS	Wednesday 17 November 14.45 CEMS	Friday 26 November 11.30 FBE
Monday 1 November 14.45 HLSS	Thursday 18 November 11.30 FAS	Tuesday 30 November 11.30 HSC
Tuesday 2 November 11.30 HLSS	Thursday 18 November 14.45 FAS	Tuesday 30 November 14.45 HSC
Tuesday 2 November 14.45 HLSS	Thursday 18 November 18.00 FAS	Wednesday 1 December 11.30 HSC
Wednesday 3 November 11.30 HLSS	Monday 22 November 14.45 BBS	Wednesday 1 December 14.45 HSC
Wednesday 3 November 14.45 HLSS	Tuesday 23 November 11.30 BBS	Wednesday 1 December 18.00 HSC
Thursday 4 November 11.30 LAW	Tuesday 23 November 14.45 BBS	Thursday 2 December 11.30 EDU
Thursday 4 November 14.45 LAW	Wednesday 24 November 11.30 BBS	Thursday 2 December 14.45 EDU
Thursday 4 November 18.00 LAW	Wednesday 24 November 14.45 BBS	Friday 3 December 11.30 AMD
Tuesday 16 November 11.30 CEMS	Wednesday 24 November 18.00 BBS	Friday 3 December 14.45 AMD
Tuesday 16 November 14.45 CEMS	Thursday 25 November 11.30 FBE	
Wednesday 17 November 11.30 CEMS	Thursday 25 November 14.45 FBE	

## Research Seminar Series: Gender, Participation and Citizenship – Political World(s) in Crisis

The six (6) one-day seminars will focus on the following themes and will run between November 2004 - JULY 2006

Youth, gender, citizenship and participation

Identity, asylum seekers, gender and citizenship

Political structures, gender and citizenship

Policy-making, gender and citizenship

Political economy, gender and citizenship

The future for gender, participation and citizenship

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Tel: 0117 32 84314



## Staff research seminars, School of English and Drama

All sessions are from 16.30-18.00 and will be held in the Library Teaching Classroom, St Matthias Campus.

**17 November**

Dr Charles Butler 'Inklings - the Next Generation'

**15 December**

Dr Victoria Stewart 'Voices from Beyond the Grave: Some First World War Life-Writing'

**9 February 2005**

Dr John Reid 'Three Sisters: Black Vespers' Opera Naturalistica

**2 March**

Caroline Hadley 'Mrs. Robinson, a Theatre Director, and the Continued Rise of the Commercial Theatre Producer'

**March 16**

Dr Kerry Sinanan 'Slave Masters and the Language of Self: Issues of Authenticity and Identity in the Eighteenth-Century Atlantic Slave Trade'

**April 13**

Dr James Gibbs 'Drama, History, and Ritual Killing in Wole Soyinka's *Death and the King's Horseman*'

**May 11**

Colette Conro Exemplary Bodies: Theatre and Impairment'

**May 25**

Dr Amanda Penlington 'Ben Jonson and London'

**June 15**

Dr Robin Jarvis 'Survival: Alexander Mackenzie and the Reading of Romantic-period Travel Literature'

*Elisabetta Liverani, Doug Naysmith MP for Bristol North and Mandy Wallington, pictured outside the House of Commons at this year's Set for Britain Conference on 15 September, an event for Science and Engineering PhD students across the UK. Amanda and Elisabetta, both PhD students presented posters about their research on liver spheroid toxicology and multiple sclerosis at the event, which aims to bring together PhD students and MPs.*



## Meningitis awareness

Many of our current students may have been vaccinated against Group C Meningitis as part of the UK immunization programme for the under 20s, but the Group B disease, generally the most common, is still rising in prevalence and as yet there is no vaccine to protect against it.

Staff (and students) are therefore encouraged to become aware of the signs and symptoms of meningitis and septicaemia and familiarise themselves with University procedures if any cases do unfortunately occur at UWE.

The revised Meningitis Information pack is available on the Health and Safety Intranet at: <http://www.uwe.ac.uk/healthandsafety/> Staff should familiarise themselves with this site - particularly the 'Who does what' section - so they can access relevant information if needed in an emergency.

Further information is available on the website and from University Safety Adviser Robin Champion on ext 82214.

## Research

**Collaboration between the Higher Education Regional Development Association (HERDA) and the NHSU**

Lesley Moore (HSC) has been appointed by the Project Board of the HERDA - SW/NHSU Foundation degree project as a co-researcher for six months. The project is led by the University of Gloucestershire. Two other researchers have also been employed from the Universities of Plymouth and Bournemouth. The professional backgrounds of the researchers include social work, nursing and psychology.

The purpose of the project is to review current provision of Foundation degree programmes for assistant practitioners, identify the needs of a common core curriculum to serve the health and social care development and identify a common accreditation approach/framework for work-based learning in the South West.

**Research proposals awarded**

Following a highly competitive national tendering process, a team from HSC have been commissioned to conduct an evaluation of Patient Advice and Liaison Services (PALS). The evaluation will assess the extent to which PALS are contributing to a change in NHS culture that places patients and other service users at the heart of service planning, delivery and improvement. The evaluation will use mixed research methods within an overall realistic evaluation framework. Subject to contract, the research is planned to start in January 2005.

PALS are central to the Government's strategy to modernise England's health service, in particular to enable patients and the public to have greater involvement in the NHS. Over 500 PALS have been established in acute, primary care, mental health, ambulance and care trusts in England. The Department of Health has worked with local PALS to establish core national standards and an evaluation framework, and to encourage local evaluations using these tools. Although there have been a number of local evaluations, to date there has not been a comprehensive national evaluation.

## Conferences

**Charles Butler (HLSS)** has been invited to attend the November conference of IBBY (International Board of Books for the Young) at Roehampton University as a guest speaker, on the occasion of the 70th birthday of author Diana Wynne Jones. Charles will talk about Jones's many achievements as a writer. Charles Butler has also recently had published *Four British Fantasists: the children's fantasy fiction of Penelope Lively, Alan Garner, Diana Wynne Jones, and Susan Cooper* by Scarecrow, 2005.

**Dr Theresa Mitchell (HSC)** recently presented at the 13th International Conference on Cancer Nursing. Theresa is seconded from HSC to Gloucestershire Hospitals NHS Trust where she is the research lead for the project 'The Psychosocial Effects of Chemotherapy Toxicity – A Patient Perspective'. The conference theme 'Celebrating Diversity' provided opportunity for cancer nurses from 34 countries to share knowledge and experiences of improving services for people with cancer.

**Gail Parsons, a PhD student in HSC**, presented a paper on health maintenance prior to hip and knee arthroplasty at the 24th Annual Orthopaedic Nursing Congress (NAON) in Nashville, Tennessee, USA in May. NAON is attended by more than 1,500 Orthopaedic Nurses from all parts of the world. Gail works clinically as an Advanced Nurse Practitioner at The Dudley Group of Hospitals NHS Trust and has a special interest in the preoperative care of patients awaiting elective Orthopaedic surgical procedures. Her thesis is related to exploring the effect of health maintenance intervention for patients who have advanced osteoarthritis and who are awaiting total joint replacement of the hip or knee. As a result of the conference Gail will continue to network with senior research nurses specialising in joint replacement, from New Jersey, Chicago, Atlanta and South Carolina, USA, regarding preparation of patients for orthopaedic surgery.

**Neil Edmunds (HLSS)** was a keynote speaker at the conference 'From Theory to Practice: Managing Chaos or How the Soviet Union Survived' held at the Aleksanteri Institute, University of Helsinki at the end of October. His paper was entitled 'Music and the Russian Revolution: the Historical Context'. He also acted as a discussant on a panel devoted to the life and theories of the Soviet musicologist Boris Asafiev.

**Dimitrios Konstadakopoulos (HLSS)** presented a paper on Vietnam at the fourth Conference of the European Association of Southeast Asian Studies (EROSEAS) which took place at the University of Paris, Panthéon-Sorbonne in early September. EUROSEAS promotes Southeast Asian studies in Europe and facilitates exchanges and cooperation among European based Southeast Asianists working in the fields of human and social sciences, as well as between European and Southeast Asian scholars. The conference, one of the largest of its kind in Europe, was attended by over 400 European and Southeast Asian academics. Three plenary sessions were devoted to 'The Impact of EU/ASEM Enlargement', 'Islamic resurgence and renewal in Southeast Asia'; and 'Teaching Southeast Asian Languages in EU universities'. The highlight of the conference was a reception at the City Hall by the Mayor of Paris. Dimitrios presented a paper entitled 'Policies, Realities and Constraints on the Adoption of Information and Communication Technologies (ICTs) by Small Enterprises in Vietnam'.

'**Northern Ireland: A Civil or Uncivil Society?**' a one-day Centre for Critical Theory Conference held on 25 September at Burwalls Centre for Continuing Education, Bristol was organised jointly by Dr Simon Thompson and Dr Adrian Little (University of Melbourne). Speakers included Paul Dixon (University of Ulster), Dr Neil Ferguson (Liverpool Hope University College), Dr Steve Garner (UWE), Dr Chris Gilligan (University of Ulster), Dr Eric Kaufmann (Birkbeck College), Professor James McAuley (Huddersfield University), Dr Jennifer Todd (University College Dublin), Professor Jonathan Tonge (European Studies Research Institute, Salford) and Robin Wilson (Democratic Dialogue, Belfast). The contributions addressed a wide spectrum of aspects such as political change, identity, ethno-nationalism, the role of Northern Ireland within Europe, paramilitarism and/or non-violent resistance, ethical considerations. A proposal for publication of the Conference papers is being considered.

**Jonathan Bradley and Derek Braddon (HLSS)** jointly presented a paper at the 58th conference of the International Atlantic Economic Society in Chicago, USA on 9 October. The paper was entitled 'Theory and Practice in Late Transition: The Case of Serbia'.

**Terryl Bacon (HLSS)** gave a paper at the Edge Hill Conference on 'Imaging Social Movements' this summer, resulting from this was an invitation to show short films at a guest slot at Bournemouth University. Terryl also attended the UN Working Group on Indigenous Peoples Conference on Conflict and Resolution in Geneva this summer as an observer.

**Professor Michael Chanan (HLSS)** presented a video essay, 'About Human Endeavour – a video essay on orchestras and conductors', to the Art of Management and Organisation conference at the European Business School in Paris, 7-10 September. Michael gave a series of guest lectures on the current state of documentary at the International School of Film and Television (EICTV), San Antonio de los Baños, Cuba during September. He also attended a workshop on oral history at the Centre for Research in Psychology and Sociology in Havana.

**Lisa Harrison (HLSS)** delivered 'Gender Balancing: A Case Study of the Liberal Democrats', at the Elections, Public Opinion and Parties (EPOP) 15th Annual Conference, of the Department of Politics and International Relations at the University of Oxford in September. She also delivered a presentation on placements in politics to the School of Social Sciences Inaugural School Conference, at University College Northampton in September.

**Professor Stephen Hoddell (Dean, CEMS)** was an invited speaker at the UK GRAD Conference in London on 9 September. The title of his session was: New Route PhD - a niche market or the tone for the future? Further details can be seen at: [http://www.grad.ac.uk/1\\_2\\_3.jsp](http://www.grad.ac.uk/1_2_3.jsp)

**Nitasha Kaul (HLSS)** was an invited speaker on; 'Economics and Ideology', symposium organised by CNRS France, Journal Revue de Philosophie Economique, University of Aix-en-Provence, 24 September; 'Economics and Identity', Madras Institute of Development Studies, 25 August; 'Challenging economic orthodoxy', Department of Economics, Mumbai University, 27 August; 'Strange Encounters: Exploring Orientalism in the economic context', at Other Voices, Other cultures: Re-reading Orientalism Conference, University of Jadhavpur, 14 August; 'Heterodox Economics: Challenging theory and practice of mainstream economics', Visvabharati University, 17 August. She has also co-authored 'Imagining Development', Hyderabad Centre for Economic and Social Studies (CESS), 24 August and 'Terrorism and Democracy' Jammu and Kashmir University.

### Staff in the media

**Professor John Davies (EDU)** was interviewed by Star FM 11 October about his research into training reform for the Police Federation.

**Dr Selena Gray (HSC)** was interviewed by BBC Points West, BBC Radio Bristol and Star Radio FM in September about research being carried out by the Centre for Public Health Research about the safety of speed cameras, and whether the cameras prevent accidents and reduce costs to the NHS.

**David James (EDU)** was interviewed on BBC Radio Bristol Breakfast Show on 7 October about his research 'Identities, Educational Choice and the White Urban Middle Classes'.

**Susan Marriott (FBE)** was interviewed by BBC Radio Bristol on 6 October about the risk of flooding, this was following a report brought out by the Environment Agency showing areas vulnerable to flooding.

### Publications

A recent journal article by **Stefanie Dühr**, Research Fellow in FBE, has been selected as the 'Best Paper 2003' by the 'European Planning Studies' international panel. The paper is based on some early work towards Stefanie's PhD research, and entitled 'Illustrating Spatial Policies in Europe' (European Planning Studies, Vol. 11, No. 8, pp. 929-948). The award will be announced in Issue 1/2004 of the journal. For a copy of the paper, or any other related information, please contact [Stefanie.Duhr@uwe.ac.uk](mailto:Stefanie.Duhr@uwe.ac.uk) or ext 83198.

**Geoffrey Swain, Professor of European History (HLSS)** has had his research, funded by Leverhulme, published in 'Between Stalin and Hitler: Class War and Race War on the Dvina, 1940-46' by Routledge.

### Appointments

**Alison Assiter (HLSS)** has recently been appointed as a member of the Arts and Humanities Research Board (AHRB) Peer Review Panel.

**Dr Hassan Nouri (CEMS)** has been elected (for two years) as the new Chairman of the European Electromagnetic User Group at the 2004 meeting in Norway recently. The EEUG is a chartered institute registered in Germany. Currently there are around 200 members in Europe and over 30,000 subscribers.

## Bulletin deadlines 2004

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# Personnel

## Academic Induction Day

An induction day for new members of staff was held on Monday 13 September 2004. Co-ordinated by Pam Fitzsimmons from Personnel Services, speakers included David Halton, Deputy Vice-Chancellor and Wendy Purcell, Dean, Faculty of Applied Sciences. Topics covered included a strategic overview of UWE and a talk about IT facilities available to new academic staff. The day concluded with an opportunity for new academics to quiz Personnel and Payroll staff. Induction days help new academic staff to become familiar with UWE and to meet colleagues from other faculties. The next academic induction day will be held on Monday 10 January 2005. If you are an existing member of academic staff who would like to attend this session please contact [Pam.Chantrell@uwe.ac.uk](mailto:Pam.Chantrell@uwe.ac.uk)

## Training courses schedule for 2004/5 now available on website

The training courses schedule for 2004/5 is now available on the Training/Development Website <http://info.uwe.ac.uk/personnel/trainingDevelopment/>. If you wish to attend any course please discuss it with your line manager in the first instance and contact Staff Development to book your place.

## Estates Open Evening

Estates Services held an open afternoon and evening on Wednesday 29 September in the main reception at Frenchay Campus. This was to help recruitment to professional posts in order to support the ongoing and future plans for building work at UWE. The event gave people the chance to talk to members of the team, and find out more about the service. Details of the open event were included in the recruitment advertising literature. A virtual tour of the new City Academy was shown together with a presentation showing a series of snapshots of UWE buildings and facilities. Both presentations were shown on a large plasma screen and there was a display of plans and schematic drawings. This useful and successful event was attended by 20 potential applicants.

## Theatre Club Special Offers

### *The Lady in the Van* by Alan Bennett

The first ever touring production - starring Susan Hampshire  
Wednesday 10 November at 7.30pm - Theatre Royal, Bath  
Tickets: £15.20 (Front Dress Circle - normally £19.00)

### *Romeo and Juliet*

English National Ballet - Prokofiev/Rudolf Nureyev  
Thursday 25 November at 7.30pm - Bristol Hippodrome  
Tickets: £22 (Stalls - normally £27)

### *Turandot* Welsh National Opera

Puccini's final masterpiece, with vivid orchestration, superb chorus scenes and pathos-evoking 'Nessun Dorma'  
Wednesday 8 December at 7.15pm - Bristol Hippodrome  
Tickets: £21 (Rear Stalls - normally £27)

These party bookings are made by the Centre for Performing Arts in order to achieve considerable discount on ticket prices. They are open to all students and staff of the University and all members of the CPA. You may purchase any number of tickets (subject to availability) for any number of the listed performances. (Please add £1 booking fee to your total payment if you are not a CPA member.) Tickets from Vicki Jones, CPA, Room 2D53, Frenchay Campus. Cheques payable to UWE Bristol or tel 0117 32 82067 with card details. E-mail [cpa@uwe.ac.uk](mailto:cpa@uwe.ac.uk) to check availability. BOOK EARLY - we have a limited number of tickets only for each event, and they go very quickly!

# Staff Association

## Coach Club

20 November

### Cardiff

Cost: £9 members and non-members

10-12 December

### Paris Christmas Markets weekend (waiting list only)

Cost: £100 (£30 single supplement)

22 January

### Birmingham

Visit the 'new' Bullring for the January sales

Cost: £10 members and non-members

If you are interested in any of the above trips please contact the Coach Club by either e-mail [coachclub@uwe.ac.uk](mailto:coachclub@uwe.ac.uk) or tel ext 83001 (voicemail) or visit Room 2B16, Frenchay Campus.

## Christmas Buffets

7 December 12.30-13.45  
Glenside Campus, Room 1C08

9 December 12.30-14.00  
Frenchay Campus, Room 4E13

## Christmas Dance

Saturday 27 November  
20.00-01.00

Merchant Suite. Price £6.50  
Music by High Sierra

Contact [Jean.Bowles@uwe.ac.uk](mailto:Jean.Bowles@uwe.ac.uk)

## Children's Christmas Panto Aladdin

Saturday 11 December 14.00-16.00 (doors open 13.30)  
Glendinning Lecture Theatre, Frenchay Campus

For children aged between 3 and 11 years. Price £4 adult/children, adults must be Staff Association members and maximum of 6 tickets per member. Contact [Jean.Bowles@uwe.ac.uk](mailto:Jean.Bowles@uwe.ac.uk)

## Staff Ads

**Florida - Villa to let** - Large executive four bed villa, fully air-conditioned/heated with south facing private pool. Has lots of space - nobody 6ft to the side and behind you. Master bedroom/en-suite, kingsize and two x twin bedrooms to sleep eight. All amenities for adults and children, fabulous golf resorts only five minutes away, 15 minutes from Disney and 30 minutes from Orlando airport. Prices from £450/week for more details please contact Dee after 6.00pm on 01454 228 570 or look at my website [www.sunrisevilla.co.uk](http://www.sunrisevilla.co.uk)

**To let** - Modern two bedroom, two bathroom mid-terraced house in Emersons Green North. In excellent condition, gas central heating, double glazing, patio doors to decked and lawn garden. Two parking spaces at front of house, unfurnished/furnished would suit professional single or couple. Available from 1 October, references required please. £595 per calendar month, for further details/viewing telephone: 01454 228 775 or 0780 800 2308.

**Room to let** - In spacious family house in Clifton, walking distance from Whiteladies Road and 99 bus route to UWE. £280 pcm including bills, for further information contact [Antony.Beckett@uwe.ac.uk](mailto:Antony.Beckett@uwe.ac.uk)

**Reliable and inexpensive plumber available**, working throughout Bristol, Weston and the surrounding areas. Also, kitchens and bathrooms supplied and fitted at competitive prices. Call Didi on 01454 312535 or 07974 769801.

**Apartment for rent** - Cabo Roig, Costa Blanca two bedroom apartment, two years old, ground floor with gardens to the front and rear. Fully furnished, cable TV, swimming pool, close to beaches, shops, restaurants and bars. Very reasonable rates. For more information contact [holidayhome3@hotmail.com](mailto:holidayhome3@hotmail.com) or tel 01454 270261.



University of the West of England

The Centre for Performing Arts

Saturday 27 November 2004  
7.30pm

Bristol Cathedral

UWE Singers and Symphony Orchestra  
(Leader Daniel Wiltshire)

Conducted by Martin Freke and Ian Holmes

Rachmaninov  
Piano  
Concerto No 2

Soloist Julian Cheriyan

Bernstein  
Chichester  
Psalms

Lambert  
Rio Grande  
Soloist Pamela Rudge

Arnold  
English Dances

Ravel  
Pavane pour une infante défunte

Tickets: £10, £8, £5 (all concessions)  
'quid a kid' or  
'pay what you can' on the door for 16-24 year olds  
from Bristol Cathedral Box Office (tel 0117 946 8183)

For details of all CPA productions, please contact us on  
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e-mail [cpa@uwe.ac.uk](mailto:cpa@uwe.ac.uk)

[www.uwe.ac.uk/cpa](http://www.uwe.ac.uk/cpa)



## Alcohol Consumption, Smoking and Illicit Drug Use among Prague University Students

02 November 2004 (12.00-13.00)

Dr Ladislav Csémy, Prague Psychiatric Centre  
Venue: Students' Union Building, Glenside Campus

Admission free, telephone 0117 32 88800 or e-mail [Jan.Green@uwe.ac.uk](mailto:Jan.Green@uwe.ac.uk)  
Dr Csémy will describe the findings from a detailed study of the extent of addictive behaviour among students in five Prague-based universities.

## Faculty of Applied Sciences Seminar Series

03 November 2004 (13.30-14.30)

Venue: Room 1N5, Frenchay Campus

E-mail [Rebecca6.Williams@uwe.ac.uk](mailto:Rebecca6.Williams@uwe.ac.uk)

For more information visit

<http://www.uwe.ac.uk/fas/research/>

Dr Mick Bailey from Langford House. Title: 'Controlling the Mucosal Immune Response in the Neonate'

## The Big Issue: Naked and Screaming, Why?

04 November 2004 (13.00-14.00)

Jenny Hall

Venue: The Octagon, Frenchay Campus

Admission free, contact Helen Russ telephone 0117 32 82334 or e-mail

[Chaplaincy@uwe.ac.uk](mailto:Chaplaincy@uwe.ac.uk)

For more information visit

<http://www.uwe.ac.uk/chaplaincy>

Part of a series of presentations and discussion on spirituality and 21st Century issues.

## UWE Big Band Gig

08 November 2004 (19.30)

Venue: Students' Union Building, Glenside Campus

Admission free, contact Centre for Performing Arts telephone 0117 32 82067 e-mail

[cpa@uwe.ac.uk](mailto:cpa@uwe.ac.uk)

For more information visit

<http://www.uwe.ac.uk/cpa>

Directed by Ian Holmes. An evening of great melodies and foot tapping nostalgia, music from the Big Band era to contemporary classics.

## Faculty of Applied Sciences Seminar Series

10 November 2004 (13.30-14.30)

Venue: Room 1N5, Frenchay Campus

E-mail [Rebecca6.Williams@uwe.ac.uk](mailto:Rebecca6.Williams@uwe.ac.uk)

For more information visit

<http://www.uwe.ac.uk/fas/research/>

Dr Ken Mills from the University of Wales. Title: 'Diagnosis and Prognosis - Are the Answers in the Chips?'

## Remembrance Day Service

11 November 2004 (11.00-11.20)

Venue: The Octagon, Frenchay Campus

Contact Helen Russ, telephone 0117 32 82334 or e-mail [Chaplaincy@uwe.ac.uk](mailto:Chaplaincy@uwe.ac.uk)

A short service of reflection commemorating all those who have died or suffered injury in the two world wars and the many conflicts across the world since then.

## Annual Colloquium of the UWE Ethnological Research Unit

13 November 2004 (9.30-12.30 and 13.30-16.30)

Contact Professor Ullrich Kockel, telephone 0117 32 82254 or e-mail [ullrich.kockel@uwe.ac.uk](mailto:ullrich.kockel@uwe.ac.uk)

Annual Colloquium of the UWE Ethnological Research Unit and 8th Seminar of the European Ethnological Research Network on 'Research Frontiers in European Ethnology'.

## The Dynamics of Insider Action Research (Doing Action Research in your Own Organisation)

16 November 2004 (10.30-16.30)

David Coghlan

Venue: SOLAR, 650 Conference Room, Bristol Business Park

Admission £40, contact Madeleine or Veronica, telephone 0117 32 81116 or e-mail [solar@uwe.ac.uk](mailto:solar@uwe.ac.uk)

For more information visit

<http://www.uwe.ac.uk/solar>

Doing action research in one's own system (organisation, community) places particular demands on the action researcher and the action research process. The forum aims at providing a space for exploring how first, second and third person inquiry engages with these (and other) issues that the participants bring with respect to their experience of insider action research.

## Faculty of Applied Sciences Seminar Series

17 November 2004 (13.30-14.30)

Venue: Room 1N5, Frenchay Campus

E-mail [Rebecca6.Williams@uwe.ac.uk](mailto:Rebecca6.Williams@uwe.ac.uk)

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Harriet Nimmo (Chief Executive) from The Wildscreen Trust. Title: 'WILDSCREEN - Promoting the Conservation of the Natural World through the Power of Wildlife Imagery'

## School of English & Drama Staff Research Seminar

17 November 2004 (16.30-18.00)

Dr. Charles Butler

Venue: Library Teaching Classroom

Inklings - the Next Generation

## The Mysteries - Bristol Old Vic Theatre School

18 November 2004 - 27 November 2004

Venue: Bristol Old Vic Studio, Theatre Royal, Kings Street, Bristol

Contact Theatre Royal, telephone 0117 987 7877 For more information visit

<http://www.bristol-old-vic.co.uk>

Adapted from the Wakefield, York, and Chester Cycles by Christopher Denys. The Creation - the Expulsion from the Garden of Eden - Cain's Murder of Abel - Noah's Flood - the Nativity - the Life, Ministry, Crucifixion, Resurrection and Ascension of Christ - are all vividly depicted in passionate and humorous verse.

## Situations Conference - The Wrong Place: Rethinking Context in Contemporary Art

19 November 2004 - 20 November 2004

Venue: Bristol Zoo, Clifton, Bristol

Contact Angela Cooper, telephone 0117 32 84845 or e-mail [angela.cooper@uwe.ac.uk](mailto:angela.cooper@uwe.ac.uk)

For more information visit

<http://www.situations.org.uk>

The two-day conference will concentrate on the notion of the 'wrong place', as proposed by Miwon Kwon in her significant study, *One Place After Another: Site-Specific Art and Locational Identity*. Activities taking place will include presentations, responses, dialogues, screenings and performances.

## Arts Week

20 November 2004 - 27 November 2004

Venue: Various venues in and around Bristol

Contact Rosie Woodall, telephone 0117 32 83399 or e-mail [rosie.woodall@uwe.ac.uk](mailto:rosie.woodall@uwe.ac.uk)

For more information visit

<http://www.uwe.ac.uk/cpa>

Not to be missed - a whole seven days of activities and events being presented by the UWE Centre for Performing Arts and Associates of the University in and around Bristol.

## UWE Big Band Gig

22 November 2004 (20.00-22.00)

Venue: Core24, Frenchay Campus

Admission free, contact CPA telephone 0117 32 82067 or e-mail [rosie.woodall@uwe.ac.uk](mailto:rosie.woodall@uwe.ac.uk)

For more information visit

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## Faculty of Applied Sciences Seminar Series

24 November 2004 (13.30-14.30)

Venue: Room 1N5, Frenchay Campus

E-mail [Rebecca6.Williams@uwe.ac.uk](mailto:Rebecca6.Williams@uwe.ac.uk)

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Dr Richard Doudeswell, Technical Director, Kaiku Ltd, Manchester. Title: 'The Spin-out Story of Kaiku - a Tale for Academics who Dream of having Companies'

## Situations Lectures

24 November 2004 (14.30)

Carlos Basualdo, International Curator - and launch of Contemporary Art: From Studio to Situation

Venue: Lecture Theatre 2, School of Chemistry, Bristol University, Cantocks Close, off Woodlands Road, Bristol

Admission Free to UWE. Tickets £3 (£2 concessions) Contact Arnolfini telephone 0117 917 2300 For more information visit

<http://www.situations.org.uk>

Situations is a programme of activity, devised to investigate the significance of context in the commissioning and production of contemporary art works.

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