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Degrees for
the Bee Gees

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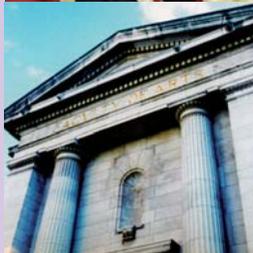
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Founders' Day

International recording stars, Robin and Barry Gibb, were the recipients of an Honorary Degree from the Victoria University of Manchester on Wednesday 12 May 2004. The brothers also accepted their Doctorate of Music on behalf of their late brother Maurice, who died in January 2003.



They received their Honour from the University's Chancellor Ms Anna Ford at the annual Founders' Day ceremony in the Whitworth Hall.

The brothers, were presented by Deputy Secretary to Council and Senate, Gareth Evans who, in an entertaining speech, recounted the their first foray into entertainment singing in the cinemas around Manchester, through to their international success and numerous accolades from the music industry.

Barry Gibb said: "This is a tremendous honour. People who do what we do, don't expect something like this. This isn't because of our education, it's because of our music and what that means to people."

The occasion was reported across the world as far afield as Australia.

The full list of those who received Honorary Degrees is: **Barry Gibb, Robin Gibb and the late Maurice Gibb** (Doctor of Music): The Gibb brothers were born on the Isle of Man, but moved to Manchester in the 1950s.

They formed a band and performed from an early age - impressing audiences in Manchester before the family emigrated to Australia. The Bee Gees went on to become one of the best selling and most influential pop groups in the world. They have released 28 albums and sold 110 million copies - making them the fifth biggest selling pop group of all time. Their hits, which include 'Staying Alive' and 'How Deep Is Your Love?' have been covered by everyone from Elvis Presley to Take That.

Claude Blair (Doctor of Letters): Claude is recognised as a distinguished scholar in the field of European arms, armour and



historic metalwork. He is a former Keeper of Metalwork at the Victoria and Albert Museum, London, and has published many books including a two-volume study of The Crown Jewels. He was born and educated in Manchester and is a graduate of the Victoria University of Manchester.

Sir Ian Kershaw (Doctor of Letters): Sir Ian Kershaw is widely regarded as the worlds' leading expert on Adolf Hitler and the Third Reich. He was born in Oldham and educated in Manchester and spent an early part of his academic career in the Department of History at the Victoria University of Manchester. He began his academic career studying medieval history, before a visit to West Germany in 1972 inspired him to begin research into the social history of Nazism. His books 'The Nazi Dictator' and 'The Hitler Myth' have become central texts for students all over the world.

Professor Wang Shenghong (Doctor of Science): A distinguished academic in the field of precision mechanical engineering and the holder of a number of senior positions in the Chinese higher education system. Since 1998, Professor Wang Shenghong has held the position of President of Fudan University in China. The Victoria University of Manchester has just concluded a major research agreement with Fudan University.

Councillor Roy Walters (Doctor of Laws): Councillor Walters was born and educated in the Parish of Clarendon, Jamaica, and settled in the UK in 1958. He was employed by Manchester Corporation Transport from 1960 to 1991 and in 1983 was awarded the British Empire Medal for services to transport. Councillor Walters was elected as a Councillor for Moss Side in 1998 and was Lord Mayor of Manchester during 2002/3. He has served on many Committees at Manchester City Council and is a former non-executive director of Central Manchester Healthcare Trust.

News



Gold Standard for Recruitment Drive

The Victoria University of Manchester has won a HEIST (Higher Education Information Services Trust) Gold Award for its Strategic Marketing Campaign to increase student recruitment from the South East and London.

The first of the campaign's activities was the publication of 'Manchester Uncovered' a booklet produced by the Public Relations Office aimed at prospective students in the South East. Other aims included increasing the number of HE events attended in the

region, targeting schools and colleges for direct liaison work and developing a 'Student Ambassador' Scheme for schools and colleges in the region.

Julian Skyrme, Undergraduate Recruitment Officer, collected the award at a special ceremony. (Pictured on the right)

Executive Education is the Business

Manchester Business School's executive education activity has been rated among the 50 best business schools in the world by the Financial Times for the second year running, rising to 42nd in the world, compared to 47th in 2003.

The Financial Times Executive Education survey looks at non-degree programmes, including open enrolment programmes and those which are specially designed for particular organisations.

The survey looks at the satisfaction of clients with such factors as course design, teaching materials and the relevance of new skills learned from the training. It also takes into consideration the proportion of international clients and participants, overseas programmes and diversity of teaching faculty.

Professor Paul Sparrow, Academic Director for Executive Education at Manchester Business School said: "We

now outperform some of our keenest rivals in terms of course design, preparation, and new skills and learning created for our clients, where we are in the world's top 25. The highly-rated research carried out by our staff enables them to share the latest management thinking with our clients, who can apply this to their businesses to gain a competitive edge."

The School was ranked 6th in the UK for executive education and 42nd in the world, in a list which includes world-renowned US business schools such as Duke, Columbia and Harvard as well as European rivals such as London Business School and Switzerland-based IMD.



Honorary Degrees for Unity

In recognition of their contributions to Project Unity, four North West people were awarded honorary degrees in a special ceremony on Founders' Eve (11 May).



Honorary graduates, front row, from left: Nick Sanders, Dr John Beacham, Mike Shields, Sir Howard Bernstein

Dr John Beacham: Dr Beacham retired from the post of Chief Scientist of ICI plc in 1998 after 30 years' service. He is currently a director of the analytical services company LGC, Vice-Chairman of North Cheshire Hospitals NHS Trust, Chairman of the Pro-Bio partnership and Chairman of the Society of the Chemical Industry. He has strong links with higher education and is a member of Council at Liverpool University and an Honorary Professor at Liverpool, Liverpool John Moores and Leicester Universities. He was awarded a CBE in 2000 for services to the Chemical Industry.

Sir Howard Bernstein: Chief Executive of Manchester City Council. Prior to becoming Chief Executive, In 1996 Sir Howard was Head of Urban Policy for the city (1980-86), Assistant Chief Executive (1986-90) and Deputy Chief Executive (1990-98). He played a key role in the Commonwealth Games and has been Chief Executive of the Manchester City Council Task Force since 1996. Sir Howard was knighted for his services to Manchester in the 2003 New Year's Honours.

Nick Sanders: Director for Higher Education in the Department for Education and Skills since 1999. He has enjoyed a long and distinguished civil

service career in education since 1971 holding a number of senior positions including Principal Private Secretary to the Secretary of State (1974-7) and Private Secretary to the Prime Minister (1978-81.)

Mike Shields: Chief Executive of Manchester Knowledge Capital and formerly Chief Executive of the North West Development Agency (NWDA). He has held a number of positions in local government in Leeds, Salford and Trafford where he was Chief Executive (1983-87) before going on to head the Trafford Park Development Corporation. He was a Pro Chancellor, Chairman and Deputy Chairman of Council at Salford University.



Something for the Weekend

If you are a graduate of the Victoria University of Manchester, or know someone who is, then you might be interested to find out more about this year's Alumni Weekend which is taking place between 10 and 12 September.



The Alumni Weekend is traditionally a great opportunity to meet up with old friends and relive those student days, and this year there are a range of interesting and enlightening trips, tours and talks to keep you entertained.

The first major event of the weekend takes place on Friday 10 September in the shape of the Welcome Reception. This will feature a talk on four famous people connected with the University – physician and compiler of the Thesaurus Peter Mark Roget; family planning pioneer Marie Stopes; children's author Alison Uttley and Labour politician Ellen Wilkinson.

The Saturday programme of activities is very full and varied, featuring everything from a tour of Manchester's City Art Gallery to a behind the scenes look at the BBC studios on Oxford Road.

There are also a range of talks taking place on Saturday, including one entitled "Who Lived in a House Like This?" by Blue Badge Guide Alan Holmes, who will be looking at the many 'blue plaques' in the City of Manchester which commemorate buildings of historic and architectural interest.

There are also a range of talks being organised in celebration of the Department of Religions and Theology's centenary. These include a talk by Professor Mark Juergensmeyer from the University of California who is recognised as a world expert on religion and globalisation.

For many, the highlight of the weekend is the Alumni Weekend Dinner which this year is being held in the Whitworth Hall and will feature two special guests – Professor Sir Martin Harris, the Vice-Chancellor of the Victoria University of Manchester and Professor Alan Gilbert, President and Vice-Chancellor Designate of The University of Manchester.

Those attending should remember to have an early night however, as there are a number of trips arranged for the following day, including a coach tour of Bronte Country, a visit to the Jewish Museum and Buddhist Centre in Manchester and a trip to Jodrell Bank.

For a full programme of all the events at the Alumni Weekend and details of their cost, contact Patricia Ross in the Development and Alumni Office on 275 2195 or e-mail her at patricia.ross@man.ac.uk

Research

Research Recognition



Research prize nominees, from left: Joanne Pennock (winner), Anthony Valentjin, Christopher Sellick, Paul Cahill, Scott Allen, Christian Jarrett and Andrew Coogan.

The School of Biological Sciences (SBS) at VUM, in conjunction with the Department of Biomolecular Sciences (BMS) at UMIST, presented eight postdoctoral and postgraduate scientists with Research Prizes on Wednesday 12 May.

The Annual Research Prize was established in 2003 to promote the School's outstanding achievements, not least its 5th award in the Research Assessment Exercise of 2001. This event showcased the best research papers published by SBS and BMS in 2003, the eight finalists all received industry-sponsored prizes. The overall winner was Dr Joanne Pennock of the Microbiology, Development and Repair Division of the School of Biological Sciences (VUM) for her work.

The event began at 12.30 with a trade exhibition, followed by presentations from each of the scientists. The overall prize, with the prize of a laptop computer donated by AstraZeneca, was judged by several leading scientific figures from industry, UMIST and the Victoria University

of Manchester, who took into consideration the scientists' research impact and their oral presentation.

Professor Martin Humphries, Associate Dean for Research in what will be the Faculty of Life Sciences in the new merged University, commented: "A number of extremely important discoveries were made by scientists within the School of Biological Sciences in 2003, and it is important that we celebrate and publicise our successes. It is particularly pleasing to see the young postdoctoral and postgraduate researchers who are responsible for much of the benchwork underpinning these discoveries getting deserved recognition".

Research

Logging Innovation

A year ago Manchester Innovation provided free copies of the Innovation Logbook, produced jointly by the DTI's Innovation Unit and the Patent Office, to research groups at the Victoria University of Manchester on a "first-come first-served" basis, all of which were snapped up.

The logbook is designed to record the development of original ideas and inventions and to help accumulate legal evidence of intellectual property (IP) ownership. In its role of identifying and protecting the University's IP, MIL encourages the keeping of correct and validated records of research. It is important to have a secure, formalised record of the scientific research, but it can also be a crucial factor in obtaining patent protection.

Copies of the Innovation Logbook can be purchased from Findlay Publications. A sample copy is held by Manchester Innovation Ltd for those who would like a preview before ordering. Contact jan.hilton@maninv.com

 www.findlay.co.uk

Amazon Adventure

Professor Everett, Julia, Karen and Ingrid



Deepest Amazon is this summer's destination for Professor Daniel Everett and two of his students who will be studying endangered languages in remote villages in Brazil.

Professor Everett of the School of English and Linguistics (VUM), has been awarded two research grants, to record and further our understanding of Amazonian languages – some of which are now only spoken by as few as 70 people.

The National Science Foundation in the US has awarded him £135,000 (with Professor Robert Van Valin of State University New York in Buffalo), to study intonation and information structure in the languages of Satere, Piraha, Banawa, Yarawara, Wari' and Suyu. Put simply this means how the meaning of a language is affected by how it is spoken eg the rising intonation in a question. The second project is funded by the ESRC for £249,000 to compile, for the first time, a grammar and dictionary of Suyu.

Accompanying Professor Everett will be Julia Reinbold, an MA Linguistics student who will write her thesis while in the Amazon on Banawa – in time to submit it when she returns in September; Ingrid

Turner, an undergraduate, will be gathering data for her dissertation for completion next year; and his wife Karen who was raised in Brazil and speaks Satere well.

Professor Everett, who has 25 years' field experience in the Amazon said: "By studying these endangered languages, we can find out a lot more about the parameters of human language and this tells us more about the human mind. My theoretical goal is to understand more about the interaction between psychology and culture."

Both projects will involve at least three trips each year for Professor Everett, a research associate (to be appointed) and a Brazilian colleague.

Since Professor Everett arrived in Manchester in 2002, the study of Amazonian languages at VUM has developed with the appointment of two further staff and it is a growing area of study and research in the School.

 <http://lings.ln.man.ac.uk/Info/StaffPage.html>

Research

First Image of Dying Star

Researchers from UMIST have unveiled a dramatic new image showing a dying star 4000 light-years away, surrounded by hailstones. Despite being the hottest star known to astronomers - at least 250,000 degrees C - the star itself has never been seen before.

The image, taken by the Hubble telescope (pictured), shows vast walls of compressed gas, laced with trailing strands and bubbling outflows. A dark, dusty ring surrounds the inner nebula (upper right) hiding the central star from view.

The image of the Bug Nebula NGC 6302 was unveiled at The Museum of Science and Industry in Manchester.

Albert Zijlstra from UMIST's Astrophysics Department leads a team of astronomers probing the secrets of this extreme object. He said: "What caught our interest

in NGC 6302 was the mixture of minerals and crystalline ice - hailstones frozen onto small dust grains. Very few objects have such a mixed composition."

The dense dark ring around the central star is something of an enigma to astronomers. They believe the nebula was expelled around 10,000 years ago, but do not quite understand how it formed and how long the dust ring can survive evaporation by the now very hot central star.

Dr Ian Griffin, Director of The Museum said: "We have worked closely with North West scientists in preparing the contemporary science section of our new flagship gallery 'Manchester Science: Discoveries that Changed the World' and this is another opportunity to bring the fascination of cutting edge science to the general public."



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Biologists Reveal Source of Civilisation

UMIST academics have won more than £1m for their work to reveal the source of European civilisation. Keri Brown and a team of archaeologists and biologists are analysing the DNA in wheat and barley to trace the path of agriculture.

The arrival of agriculture allowed societies to give up their itinerant hunter-gatherer existence and settle down, grow bigger and become more complex. It also triggered the invention of writing as people began to record the cultivation and exchange of produce, and probably gave women more power.

"We were no longer chasing our food, travelling from place to place - we were controlling things," Keri, of the Department of Biomolecular Sciences, explains.

"This gave us more time to pursue new activities such as culture, as well as giving rise to writing systems. And women were probably at the forefront of all this as they had always been the gatherers of wild plant food, so they would be the ones who could observe which plants grew best in which conditions."

She adds: "It was also the start of genetically-modified crops - 10,000 years ago humans were selecting what they were going to grow and thus having an impact on crop and plant development."

UMIST is the lead institution of a consortium including the Universities of Cambridge and Sheffield and National Institute of Agriculture and Botany (NIAB) that has won a £880,000 grant from the National Environment Research Council (NERC) for this work. NERC has granted a further £150,000 for a post-doctorate placement for similar research.

"This is one of the major grants in archaeological science in Britain," Keri says. "It's very exciting and our work will help us and other researchers to address a variety of controversial archaeological hypotheses."

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Profile

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Genial Gordon

Being a musician as well as a medic helps to put things in perspective. Being a cellist of some repute – he had the same teacher as Jacqueline du Pre – David Gordon is happy when he is playing his part in the uplifting discipline of a chamber music ensemble.



That sits perfectly happily with his rôle of running an academic division which next year will have around 9,000 students, and a new title of Vice-President and Dean of the Faculty of Medical and Human Sciences. He is known for the part he plays in bigger groups – as Chair of the Council of Heads of Medical Schools (he was elected to take over from a previous Dean here, Sir Robert Boyd), and Vice-President of the Association of Medical Schools in Europe. But then he is also known for his unquenchable good humour and charm, his crisp white shirt, trademark bow tie, and colourful cufflinks.

It is a little less than five years since Professor Gordon arrived here as the first incumbent of the substantive (as distinct from rotating) post of Dean of the Faculty of Medicine, Dentistry, Nursing and Pharmacy, having previously spent 16 years with the Wellcome Trust. There, he was involved in the funding of scientific and medical research throughout the UK – and, when he left, the Trust had an annual turnover of

about £400 million. He was also enthusiastically involved in the career development of scores of bright, up-and-coming scientists. "It really is exciting to see good science developing, especially when it involves someone young and new," he said. "It is very important to get people into research at the right time – and to help people in mid-career."

"Exciting" is a word that recurs. "The past five years have been tremendously interesting and exciting," he says. "You can feel a very real energy here now. We have experienced a creative evolution, with the result that we have gathered together more logical research and clinical groupings. And this will be even stronger in the new organisation." David is particularly pleased that Medicine and all the related subjects are now very much in the mainstream of the University – not "different", like some offshore island. And all the subjects within the Faculty are seen whole.

"We have a much clearer picture of where we are going," he says. Being outward-looking by nature, he is also pleased about the good relationships with all the relevant partners in the Health Service.

He sees the new Faculty as "very exciting" – and he means it. He is enthusiastic about Medicine, Dentistry, Nursing and Pharmacy "reaching across" into Human Sciences (he cites Psychology and Human Communication and Deafness as one illustrative link-up). The Faculty will have five Schools – Medicine (including Optometry); Dentistry; Nursing, Midwifery and Social Work; Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences; and Psychological Sciences (including the former Psychology Department, Human Communication and Deafness and Clinical Psychology).

David's appointment, of course, ensures continuity at a time of change – and there will be less perturbation than in some other parts of the University, by the very nature of the new Faculty. David agrees, but



points out that "there will be huge differences for everybody". And he pays ready tribute to the work done by the Interim Faculty Leadership Team under Professor Stan Metcalfe to effect the transition. (Stan has been accorded the signal honour of having his photo in what David calls "the rogues' gallery" of Deans of Medicine going back to 1873, which adorns the corridor wall outside his office).

Looking back now, it is strange to think that he might well have opted for Music or perhaps, Chemistry or Biochemistry had it not been for a man called Bernard Saunders, Director of Studies at Magdalene College, Cambridge, who suggested he might consider Medicine. He took a First in Natural Sciences at Cambridge, won an Open Scholarship, went on to do clinical training at Westminster Medical School and house jobs in Leicester, where he "got a taste for real medicine".

Then there's this story that is typical of David – in 1971 his career got a boost from his determination during a postal strike. It happened like this: "I wanted to apply for a job at Cambridge; because of the postal strike I decided to drive there from

Leicester to hand-deliver my application. I drove down overnight in my mini – and wrote my application in the back seat." He got the job – as a house surgeon with Sir Roy Calne. "I think I was the only applicant to meet the deadline."

"Roy is a great man, he was in at the start of kidney transplantation in the UK, and he was a great influence on me," he says. Then, in 1972, he happened to see a very small ad in the *Lancet* for a Research Fellowship at St Mary's Hospital Medical School. That was a major turning point – he got the job and went to work with Sir Stanley Peart. "Stan is another great man and, through him, I started to work on renal disease and renal physiology generally." He stayed there until 1983. (He still sees Stan and enjoyed a lunch with him only last week – "He was in brilliant form".)

Then he got the call from the Director of the Wellcome Trust – and couldn't resist "the chance to do things in the academic world on a wide scale".

And now he is looking forward to the next big challenge – and, of course, the next concert with the Mary Anderson Quartet.

CV

Name

Professor David Gordon

Position

Vice President and Dean,
Faculty of Medical and Human
Sciences, The University of
Manchester

Education

University of Cambridge

BA Natural Sciences First Class
Honours (1967-70)

MA, MB, BChir (1970-71)

Career History:

1980-1983

Senior Lecturer in Medicine
and Assistant Director of the
Medical Unit, St. Mary's
Hospital Medical School.

1980-1995

Honorary Consultant
Physician, St. Mary's Hospital,
London

1983-1999

Assistant Director, then
Programme Director, then
Director of Special Initiatives,
Wellcome Trust

1999 – present

Dean of the Faculty of
Medicine, Dentistry, Nursing
and Pharmacy; Professor of
Medicine, the Victoria
University of Manchester

Project Unity

Human Resources Update

The creation of the new University of Manchester is a landmark event and is a key event in the Higher Education sector. The new University will be one of the largest employers in the North, competing in size with the leading public and private organisations based in the North, as well as the largest University in the United Kingdom.

The foundations of the success of The University of Manchester will be us. The bringing together of UMIST and the Victoria University of Manchester is about far more than bolting together our respective institutions. It is about building upon each other's strengths and unlocking the potential present within both institutions. The people of the new University of Manchester will be The University of Manchester. Its success will be our success.

Below are a number of updates in different areas of Human Resources, which will give you an idea of the work that is currently being carried out:

Pay and Structure

The aspiration to be a leading global University and an employer of choice in our sector demands that we have a reward structure that is fair, transparent and represents best practice. This will ensure that staff are directly sharing in the positive steps that are being taken towards transforming our University. The design and implementation of the new pay and grading structure will necessarily take time, but we are committed to trying to bring the benefits to all our staff at the earliest opportunity, and we are working hard, in partnership with the Trade Unions, to achieve our shared vision.

Appointments

A cornerstone of the single University will be the new organisational structures that shape how and where we work. Appointments to the senior administrative teams, which will be responsible for completing the design of the detailed administrative structures, have now been made. These teams are currently working with urgency to complete the organisational structures that will allow the transfer of the remaining staff to the single University to commence.

Their work and the appointments which follow represent a great step in turning the vision into reality, and is the beginning of the 'home straight', to coin a phrase from the second most significant event to happen to Manchester in the last few years. This work builds directly on the active consultation with all staff and stakeholders that has been ongoing since the inception of the idea to create a single University.

This consultation has continued throughout the process. Most recently, all staff have been offered the opportunity to contribute to the goals and ethos of the new university by completing the questionnaire designed by the President and Vice Chancellor (designate) in order for him to gain

clarity on where we are at the moment, and what the aspirations of staff are for the single University.

Communications

A web address will continue to be available until the completion of Project Unity, for staff to raise any concerns or queries that they have about the issues relating to the formation of the single University. The web address is projectunity@lists.man.ac.uk and a prompt response to your enquiries can be expected.

Team Briefing

Team Briefing is a mechanism for relaying information to staff on a monthly basis, which has been used within the Registrar and Secretary's Department at VUM for a number of years. Within Central Administration at UMIST there are a number of effective existing communication practices in place and team briefing is being implemented to complement and add value to these existing approaches. The idea of team briefing has been well received by senior staff within Central Administration at UMIST where both Estates and Finance have 'gone live' with team briefing and Personnel and Registry will be following soon. When communications across the single University are reviewed, team briefing, or





a similar process - will continue to ensure that we have effective communication mechanisms in place.

Pensions

Both universities currently have final salary schemes for all staff and the single University is committed to

continue to provide good quality final salary pension schemes.

A Pensions Steering Group, comprising both Trade Union and University representatives, has been reviewing future pension arrangements for all support staff. Their aim is to make a

recommendation to the Company Limited by Guarantee (CLG) by the end of June as to which scheme (UMSS or GMPF) should be offered to staff joining the University from 1 October. This team has been working hard and made good progress to ensure that the right choice is made for the single University and for staff who join after 1 October.

It is important to reassure staff currently in both schemes that combining UMIST and the Victoria University of Manchester will not result in any change to their own circumstances. In the future the Pensions Steering Group will review the best options for staff in the existing schemes, but this will not be for some time. We can confirm that staff currently employed at both institutions who contribute to either UMSS or GMPF will continue to do so from 1 October and their benefits will not be affected in any way. Similarly there will be no change for staff who currently contribute to either USS or NHSPS and those schemes will continue to be offered to appropriate staff joining the single University.

We will continue to keep you informed and updated once the steering group's recommendation has been reviewed by the CLG.

Chad Ryan
HR Project Manager

People



UMIST Computation postgraduate Richard Lamb is returning to Scotland to climb mountain that claimed the life of his friend when the pair plunged 80oft down a ravine

Return to Tower Ridge

Richard, 33, lost his lower right leg because of the accident and lost virtually all of his fingers to frostbite as the overnight temperatures plummeted to -20C.

But his friend, 29-year-old Neil Stoodley, didn't survive the fall at Tower Ridge on Ben Nevis and Richard was left lying for hours. Incredibly, Richard was spotted and rescued the next morning after lying in the snow for over 16 hours.

Despite his injuries, including shattered legs, a fractured skull, septicaemia, severe shock and hypothermia, Richard emerged from a partial coma and regained consciousness 13 days later in hospital. But he admits: "I really shouldn't be here today – it's a miracle, really."

That was in 2001, but next month Richard is going back to Scotland to try again...and this time he's hoping to raise

£20,000 for for the Limbless Association and the English Federation of Disability Sport, climbing exactly the same route.

Richard said: "I'm a tough, stubborn Yorkshire man and I won't let that mountain beat me. I need to put that demon to the sword and this is the only way I can do it.

"The accident was actually responsible for me coming to UMIST in the first place. I had been planning to join the Earth Sciences Department in Gothenburg, Sweden, but the accident put a stop to that. So I made some enquiries and in September 2002 I started a Conversion Masters at UMIST in Computation."

Anyone wishing to help Richard with sponsorship can contact him via email at dickymintos@hotmail.com or by calling 0161 236 3736

Fond Farewell

UMIST bade a fond farewell to its Registrar Jon Baldwin with a special dinner at the Weston Conference Centre. Jon, who joined the University four years ago, has left to become Registrar at the University of Warwick. The new Acting Registrar for UMIST is John Cunningham, formerly UMIST's Director of Finance.

John would like to thank all those who gave him gifts which included a camera, a signed Manchester United football shirt and football and a UMIST shield which he says will be a "fabulous memento".



People

Bishop Checks In

On a recent return visit to UMIST, Outstanding Alumnus the Bishop of Nottingham, the Rt Rev Malcolm McMahon, said he was proud of its plans to merge with the Victoria University of Manchester to create a world-class university – and was particularly impressed by the new logo.



"The logo is brilliant. I like the reference to 1824, when UMIST was founded and it's in an Episcopal colour!" he joked. "The two were part of the same university when I was here so it's just as well they are coming together. I'm very pleased I attended UMIST, I gained a lot from my four years here, so I'm glad to see it going from strength to strength."

Fr Malcolm, studied for his BSc in Mechanical Engineering from 1967 to 1970. "I didn't plan to enter the industry but I loved the academic side."

The course also gave him time to pursue other interests. He was President of the UMIST Students' Union 1970/71, a precursor to his 30 years of pastoral work with the Catholic Church.

Fr Malcolm visited UMIST courtesy of the Alumni Office with his brother Peter McMahon, who graduated from Mechanical Engineering in 1975. Peter's son, VUM medical student Sam McMahon, and Fr Malcolm's old friend and fellow student Daniel Filson joined them. They were given a tour of the

campus by UMIST Students' Association Education Officer Laurence Rowe, followed by lunch and a tour of the Mechanical Engineering Department by Professor Graham Thompson, a contemporary of Fr Malcolm and now Head of Department.

Fr Malcolm, Mr Filson and Professor Thompson recalled heady days when famous bands such as Procol Harem, Steppenwolf and the – "not so great" according to Fr Malcolm – Herman's Hermits played on the campus green.

Laurence Rowe with the Rt Rev Malcolm McMahon

A Piece of Cake

Never mind Mr Kipling, UMIST's Department of Chemical Engineering makes exceedingly good cakes! It has raised more than £280 for the Liver and Bowel Cancer Appeal with a Bake a Cake Day fundraiser.

Sixty staff sampled cakes baked by 30 colleagues, whose international origins generated a delicious spread from across the globe, in exchange for a donation to the appeal.

The event was organised by secretary Pauline Howarth to help colleague Lisa Marsden, who became involved with the appeal after her sister Lorna was diagnosed with bowel cancer in February 2003. Lorna had her bowel removed then, following a course of

chemotherapy, a further cancer in her liver was diagnosed.

Lorna is happily on the road to recovery and, wishes to give something back to the people who saved her life.

Pauline said: "The support and goodwill from everyone has been overwhelming!"

To make a donation to The Liver and Bowel Cancer Appeal, Registered Charity Number 10 58 776, contact Pauline Howarth at Pauline.Howarth@umist.ac.uk.



People

Mentor Carolyn Blunt of Real Results Consultancy with mentee Ruth Budd, BA (Hons) UMIST, French and Translation



Developing the talents of university staff, fostering better links with alumni, improving the skills of PhD's, enhancing students' employability, and retaining talent in the North West are just a few of the benefits of the many mentoring programmes offered by the Victoria University of Manchester and UMIST Careers Service.

In fact, with nearly 500 successful mentoring partnerships annually, the Careers Service offers one of the largest programmes of careers mentoring schemes in the UK.

The flagship programme, Manchester Gold, is aimed at students of The Victoria University of Manchester, UMIST and the Manchester Business School. Mentees are matched with mentors representing major employers such as the NHS, Norton Rose, Accenture, the National Audit Office, BT, Barnados, HBOS, AstraZeneca, Mott Macdonald, Shell, PricewaterhouseCoopers, and the British



Mentor Professor John Helliwell, Dept. of Chemistry, VUM with mentee Karen Hassell, Senior Research Fellow in Pharmacy, VUM

Mentoring for Success



Mentors David Buckley and David Sin of Goldman Sachs International with mentees Yuya Fukutomi, VUMr, Bsc (Hons) Economic Science and Hugh Rittner, VUM, BA (Hons) Philosophy

Council. Mentors, many of whom are alumni based in the UK and abroad, equally benefit by developing coaching skills and sharing their experience and knowledge with enthusiastic students.

VUM graduate David Buckley, who is Managing Director and International Treasurer for Goldman Sachs, has mentored two students each year for the last four years. "Through Manchester Gold, I have raised my organisation's profile on campus, encouraged the talent of my mentees and forged closer links with my alma mater." HR consultant and UMIST graduate, Caroline Blunt, agrees: "The beauty of mentoring is that it is a win-win situation for all involved."

Through the programme, students improve their employability and develop the confidence and skills needed to succeed. Final year student Lucy Attley said, "Manchester Gold has definitely been influential in securing a graduate position and will continue to be of use as I progress in my career," adding, "alongside practical advice, I have also acquired precious networking skills and a new support structure for the future."

Aiming to unleash managerial and supervisory potential in university staff, Manchester Gold Staff brings together mentors and mentees working in

academic, administrative, secretarial and technical roles. This pioneering programme, supported by the Staff Training and Development Unit is in its third year and runs from May to October.

The Careers Service, in partnership with the VUM Graduate School of Science Engineering and Medicine, also trains current postgraduates to mentor incoming PhD students, many of whom are international, to help them manage the transition to Manchester and assist them in their critical first few months as a PhD student.

Funded by the North West Development Agency, Sector Mentoring North West is another major initiative run by the Careers Service. Piloted with the 30 partnerships in the environmental technologies sector, the scheme has been a resounding success, with one student mentee crediting her mentor for helping her to secure a Knowledge Transfer Partnership position next year. Mentor Iain Taylor of the Mersey Basin Campaign said "Environment Mentoring North West is a terrific programme and a tremendous asset to the sector and the region."

For further information on all our mentoring programmes, please contact Patrick.Johnson@man.ac.uk or Patrick.Johnson@umist.ac.uk.

Shining Examples

Three UMIST students' inspiring stories of life in Manchester have seen them perform well in a major national award scheme. The three international students were chosen from more than 3,200 students from 145 countries, across 258 UK institutions in a 'letter home' writing competition organised by the British Council.

Jun Zhou, a second year International Management student from China, wrote one of only 58 entries that were 'highly commended'. June described her UK experiences in the form of a letter home to her parents. Her inspiration was "the whole experience of growing up, really. I just felt that I've learnt so much academically and socially since I came to the UK."

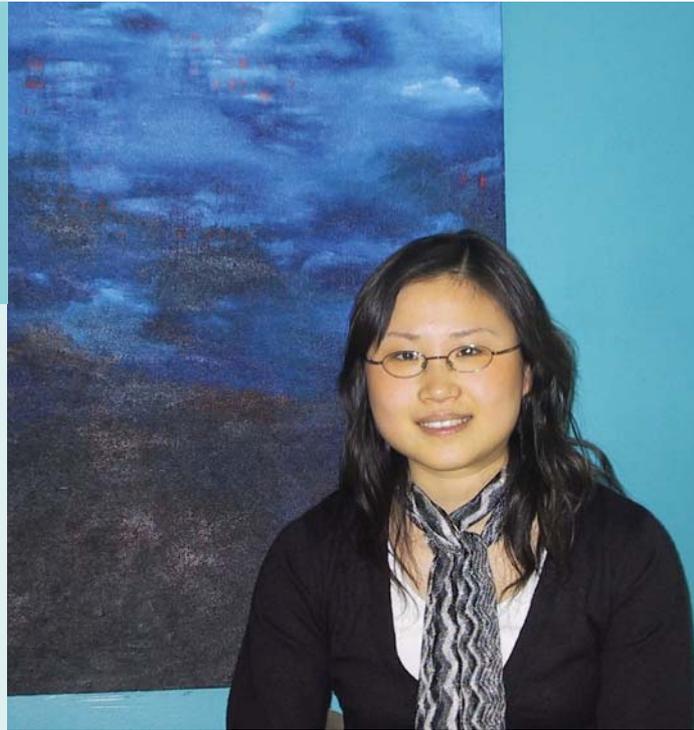
Two students – Alessandra Modesti, an MSc Marketing student from Italy, and Fara

Ardialisa, a final year BSc Textile Science and Technology student from Indonesia – were both shortlisted.

Alessandra says: "One of the most exciting things I have experienced here is the fact that I have been able to meet people from all over the world and to understand their culture. I like the multicultural mix and the fact that Manchester is a big city, with all the opportunities associated with it. Studying abroad is a wonderful experience, and if you can motivate someone else to do it too, you can be proud of that."

Fara entered the competition in order to share her own achievements as a student in the UK, such as being treasurer of the Indonesian Society, a correspondent for a British Council newsletter and also "my daily life here, which I count as an achievement too".

Students



Jung Zhou

Pulling Together

The 34th Manchester V Salford Boat Race

On a dreary Sunday afternoon, Manchester University Boat Club set the crowd alight, effectively whitewashing Salford University in all categories in the annual boat race clinching the overall prize for yet another year.

Although Manchester gained victory in almost every race, certain crews deserve particular mention. Hot on the heels of a gold-medal winning performance at the British University Championships, (BUSA) the men's novice VIII cruised to a three-length victory over their Salford rivals. Similarly, the men's 1st VIII, after

finishing an amazing 5th at BUSA, participated in a far closer race against Salford but managed to stave off any worries of defeat after recovering from a messy start. In addition, both women's VIII's have developed remarkably over the year and secured deserved victories in their respective races.

Evan Bickmore of the Manchester University Boat Club said: "Clearly, Manchester rowing is moving in a new and exciting direction. The merger with UMIST in the next academic year will see an enormous growth in size and potential."



What's On



Contact Theatre

Tue 25 May 2004 - Sat 29 May 2004, £9/£6
Paines Plough in a co-production with Drum Theatre, Plymouth and Hampstead Theatre
THE STRAITS

The Straits tells the story of four teenagers, living in Gibraltar as children of the British Forces during the summer of 1982. But for the sons and daughters of the British Forces, another war beginning in the South Atlantic will soon bring a dark heart to their games. Following the smash hit GAGARIN WAY, for his second play Gregory Burke draws on his experiences growing up in a family stationed in Gibraltar during the Falklands War. Suitable for ages 14+. Some strong language and nudity. Education resource pack and workshops available. Contact Jennie on 0161 274 0651 for more information.

"Burke's engrossing new play brilliantly captures how the political is personal"
THE DAILY TELEGRAPH

Wed 26 May 2004 - Sat 29 May 2004, £8/£5
Manchester University Drama Department
ROBERTO ZUCCO

It is a cold, lonely night in the city. The nightclubs are pounding underground whilst the faint neon hum breaks the silence of the street. In Little Chicago, the city's red light district, business is going well whilst from a nearby prison, criminal Roberto Zucco escapes. Incarcerated for murdering his father, now out on the streets again, he collides with anything and everything in his path.

Thu 3 Jun 2004 - Sat 5 Jun 2004, £9/6
Penny Arcade (USA)

BAD REPUTATIONS
Penny Arcade is one of America's most prolific, articulate and outspoken independent artists. Emerging from Warhol's Factory, she is credited as one of the artists who originated New York's performance art scene of the early Eighties and remains an icon of queer performance. BAD REPUTATIONS explores notions of female identity and challenges the processes which influence its evolution. Drawing on her own experiences of growing up 'the bad girl', Arcade sets out to explode the commodified bad girl aesthetic.

Contact Theatre, Oxford Road, Manchester Tickets/Info: 0161 274 0600

For information on other events please visit our website www.contact-theatre.org

A limited number of tickets are available from just £4 on the day from the Ticket Office between 11am - 4pm daily.

Gig Guide Manchester Academy 1, 2 & 3

Mon 24 May
The Datsuns - Sold Out

Tues 25 May
Phoenix - £8.50

Wed 26 May
Banco De Gaia - £12

Thur 27 May
Gretchen Peters - £14

Fri 28 May
The Killers - £7
Coheed & Cambria - £8.50

Sat 29 May
Ozric Tentacles - £12
Hothouse Flowers - £18.50

Sun 30 May
INME - £9

Wed 2 June
My Chemical Romance - £7.50

Weds 3 June
Razorlight - £7

Thurs 4 June
Fingathing - £10

Sat 5 June
Ash - SOLD OUT
Ezio - £11

Sun 6 June
Josh Ritter - £8

Mon 7 June
The (International) Noise Conspiracy - £8

Tues 8 June
Dillenger Escape Plan - £10

Thurs 10 June
Taking Back Sunday - £8.50
Dirty Americans - £7.50

Fri 11 June
Queensryche - £17.50
Country Joe MacDonal - £12

Sat 12 June
Roxy Saint - £7.50

Sun 13 June
Killswitch Engage - £13

Mon 14 June
Tsunami Bomb - £7

Students' Union Oxford Road, Manchester, M13 9PL

Tickets from: Piccadilly Box Office, easy Internet Cafe, (c/c) 0871 2200260

Online @ www.manchesteracademy.net Royal Court (Liverpool) 0151 709 4321 (c/c)

Students' Union 0161 275 2930

The Whitworth Art Gallery

DISPLAYS/COLLECTIONS

William Morris "Ministering to the Swinish Luxury of the Rich" 10 April to 23 December 2004
An exhibition by David Mabb. Mabb recycles familiar images from the Gallery's holdings of William Morris material to produce a new installation.

Blasting the Future! Vorticism in Britain 1910 - 1920 7 May to 25 July 2004
Though short lived, Vorticism was a vigorous and influential art movement in early twentieth-century Britain. This exhibition, the first survey in thirty years, will include works by Wyndham Lewis, Wadsworth, Bomberg, Nevinson. Organised in partnership with the Estorick Collection, London.

Susie MacMurray from 15 May 2004
In March 2004, Susie MacMurray worked as Textile Artist in Residence at The Whitworth Art Gallery. During this time she created a new piece of work for the gallery's textile collection, made almost exclusively from peacock feathers. This new work will be on display alongside other textiles from the collection.

Ship Ahoy! 5 June to February 2005
This exhibition of watercolours, prints, wallpapers and textiles includes depictions of galleons, fishing smacks, trading vessels, warships and freshwater boats. The exhibition also features a Ship Ahoy! Reading area providing children's books with stories about ships, pirates and the deep blue sea.

TOURS AND EVENTS

Every Saturday at 2pm there is either an **Exhibition Tour** or an **Eyeopener Tour**.

Blasting the Future! - Curator's Tour, *Tues 25 May, 2pm, FREE*

Vorticism and the War - Lecture by Dr Jonathon Black, *Fri 28 May, 2pm, £2 (students FREE)*

CONCERTS

Cefiro Clarinet Quartet: featuring works by Piazzolla, Farkas, Gershwin and Mozart - *Sun 30 May, 3pm, FREE*

Whitworth Art Gallery Oxford Road, 0161 275 7450, www.whitworth@man.ac.uk

Opening hours Mon to Sat 10am - 5pm, Sun 2pm - 5pm FREE Admission

Gallery Café The café sells a selection of drinks and light meals. 0161 275 7497

Gallery Shop The bookshop stocks a range of art and design books, cards and gifts. 0161 275 7498



TRIPS

- Sat 29 May* Day visit to Robin Hood's Bay and Scarborough.
- Sat 5 June* Day visit to Lyme Park and Hall to see open air performance of Shakespeare's *The Tempest*.
- Sat 12* Day visit to Alton Towers
- Sat 12 - Sun 13 June* Overnight visit to Edinburgh

EVENTS

- Fri 4 June* World Quiz Night
- Wed 9 June* The End of Year Party
- Every Tuesday 8pm until late*
The Melting Pot @ The Thirsty Scholar (next to Oxford Road Station).

THEATRE AND MUSIC

For details about the availability of tickets for various theatre and music performances, please visit our website.

International Society, 327 Oxford Road (next to Krobar) 0161 275 4959
www.internationalsociety.org.uk
Monday - Friday 9:30am - 5pm

Jodrell Bank

The facilities at Jodrell Bank are going through a period of redevelopment. The Visitors Centre currently has a café, an exhibition space and a 3D theatre open, and visitors can still explore the various trails and the natural habitats of the Arboretum's 35 acres with its 2000 species of trees and shrubs and National Collections. In January 2004 Jodrell Bank completed a 180 degree observational pathway close to the base of the world famous Lovell radio telescope.

INVITES

Tuesday 1 June to Friday 4 June, 2pm
Meet an Astronomer
Find out the answers to all those astronomical questions you have always wanted to ask. Meet on the Observational Pathway, under the pagoda.

Wednesday 2 June, 2pm
Children's Guided Walk of the Arboretum
This walk will give children a chance to explore and find out about trees and their natural habitats. It is essential to pre book for this walk, we would also suggest that parents accompany their child.

Jodrell Bank Science Centre & Arboretum
Macclesfield, Cheshire
01477 571339 www.jb.man.ac.uk

John Rylands Library

The John Rylands Special Collections Library, Deansgate, will be closed for a period of approximately 2 years, until 2005, for essential refurbishment and the construction of a new visitor and interpretative centre. Access to all the special collections is available through the main University Library on campus. A Special Collections Reading Room is open on Purple Four, Monday to Friday 10am - 5.15pm and Saturdays 10am - 1pm. Readers may find it helpful to contact us in advance on 0161 275 3764. Further information can be found on our website www.rylibweb.man.ac.uk/spcoll/

John Rylands Library,
Oxford Road, Manchester, M13 9PP
0161 275 3751
www.rylibweb.man.ac.uk/spcoll/



Manchester Museum

Saturday 29 May, Sunday 30 May, 2.30pm

The Grand Tour

Graeme Pye, our very own Victorian gentleman, is back again to guide you on this special tour around the Museum. Meet at reception. FREE

Saturday 29 May, 1.30 - 4.00pm

A Trek Down the Nile

Find out more about the world of the ancient Egyptians as you take a trail through the galleries on a scavenger hunt. Followed by an ancient Egyptian art and craft session.

Monday 31 May, 1.30 - 3.30pm

Bones and Skeletons

Find out about our bones and skeletons in this drop-in workshop. X-rays and model bones will be available for handling along with an art and craft activity to build your own skeleton. FREE

Tuesday 1 June, 1.30 - 3.30pm

Monkey Around

Make your very own chimpanzee puppet to take away.

Wednesday 2 June, 11.00am -12.00pm, 12.30 -1.30pm & 2.00 - 3.00pm

Unearthing Mammals

Find out how scientists study mammals in this series of interactive workshops run by the Mammals Society. There will be lots of opportunities to handle specimens and ask questions.

Thursday 3 June, 12.00 - 3.00pm

Marvellous Mammal Masks

Animal mask making session inspired by our collections.

Thursday 3 June

Alchemy and Witchcraft

(Presented by Dr Ian Fairweather, University of Manchester and co-authored by Dr Stephen Pumphrey, University of Lancaster.)

Why has the "the witch" - a person of magic and mystery - fascinated and frightened us for so long? Dr Fairweather explores this figure's transformative powers across cultures and eras. £3, book ahead to ensure a seat

Friday 4 June, 1.30 - 3.30pm

Beneath the Skin

Feel the fangs and touch the tusks! Get closer to the Museum's bone collection and find out about the work done by our Conservation Department. FREE

Saturday 5 June, 1.30 - 3.30pm

Making Mammals

Discover the beauty of the animal world through your own creature creations in this art and craft session.

Sunday 6 June (Family Friendly), 12.00 - 3.00pm

Making Mammals

Art and craft session inspired by the Mammals gallery.

Saturday 12 June, 1.30 - 4.00pm

Ingenious Illusions

A lively and challenging look at optical illusions. Find out how easily the brain can be fooled by what the eye sees in this fun-filled interactive presentation with Keith Kay.

All drop-in events cost £1 per child, unless otherwise stated. For group bookings please call 0161 275 2648. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Manchester Museum Oxford Road, 0161 275 2630, www.museum.man.ac.uk

Opening hours, Monday - Saturday 10am - 5pm, Sun 11am - 4pm

Free admission, booking is essential for all programmes

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Precinct Centre
0161 275 2894
sph.reception@man.ac.uk

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Mass Times
Mon - Fri 1.05 pm (term-time only)
Oxford Road
0161 275 6999/273 1456

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Chaplains on UMIST site Monday to Friday
Floor B, Room B 25
Renold Building UMIST
0161 236 3311 Ext 2522

Mosque: Main Building
Prayer Room:
Renold Building B26

Seminars & Lectures

Monday 24 May

Dept of Chemistry: "Title to be announced". Prof Shu Kobayashi (Tokyo). 4pm, Room G.51, Chemistry Bldg.

Tuesday 25 May

CCSR: "Schedules of work and family life in Britain - towards a typology using qualitative data". Collette Fagan (Manchester). 4pm, Studio, 1st floor Dover Street Bldg. All welcome.

Faculty of Education - Teacher Professional Development: "Models of professional development for teachers and their relationship to school effectiveness". Bill Boyle. "Why are new teachers leaving the profession?" Amanda Barton. "Improving mentor training: an evaluation of practice". Liz Smith. 12pm, Room C3.19, Humanities Bldg.

NPCRDC: "A nurse practitioner to support general practice? Does substitution of care result in an increased quality of health care and a decrease of the workload of GPs?" Miranda Laurent (University of Nijmegen). 2pm, Seminar Room 2, 5th Floor Williamson Bldg.

Wednesday 26 May

Tyndall Centre for Climate Change Research: Title to be announced. Dr Mark Pelling (King's College). 4pm, Room C16, The Pariser Building, UMIST.

Jodrell Bank Observatory: Title to be announced. Tom Muxlow. 4pm, Lecture Room, Jodrell Bank.

Centre for Philosophy: "Collective goods and public health". Angus Dawson (Keele). 4pm, Room OG.16, Old Dover St Bldg. All welcome.

Dept of Physics and Astronomy Nonlinear Dynamics: "Self-organised behaviour in driven colloidal systems". Prof Wilson Poon (Edinburgh). 4pm, Blakett Lecture Theatre, Schuster Laboratory.

Dept of Physics and Astronomy Theoretical Physics: "Log-poisson statistics in non-equilibrium ageing". Paolo Sibani (Oxford/Denmark). 2.30pm, Niels Bohr Common Room, Schuster Laboratory. All welcome.

Contemporary China Seminar Series: "The uses and abuses of pilgrimage in Taiwanese identity politics". Elana Chipman (Cornell University). 4pm, Room A112, Arts Bldg.

Thursday 27 May

Faculty of Medicine - Imaging Science & Biomedical Engineering: "Developing a musculoskeletal ultrasound service in the District General Hospital". Dr G M Hoadley (Blackpool). 5.15pm, Lecture Theatre 3, Stopford Bldg.

Manchester Medical Society - Paediatrics Regional Meeting: "Investigations in childhood obesity". Dr C M Hall. "Strategies and interventions in obesity". Dr P Gately (Leeds). "New monogenic obesity syndromes". Prof P E Clayton (Manchester). "Chinese medicine in childhood eczema". Dr N Lampert (Birmingham). 2pm, Lecture Theatre 1, Wythenshawe Hospital.

Dept of Chemical Engineering: "A loaf less ordinary: bubbles, bran and bread during a New Zealand sabbatical". Dr Grant Campbell (UMIST). 12pm, Room C63/64, Jackson Mill, UMIST.

Friday 28 May

Dept of Physics and Astronomy - Condensed Matter Group: "Towards graphite-based electronics". Kostya Novoselov (Manchester). 4pm, Moseley Lecture Theatre, Schuster Laboratory.

Tuesday 1 June

Dept of Physics and Astronomy Theoretical Physics: "Lattice simulations at the Fermi surface". Simon Hands (Swansea). 2.30pm, Niels Bohr Common Room, Schuster Laboratory. All welcome.

Thursday 3 June

Manchester Business School Vital Topics Lecture: "The challenges facing business start-ups". If you'd like to attend the event, please ring 0161 275 6399 or 0161 275 6566.

Saturday 5 June

British Computer Society - British Logic Colloquium & British Society for the History of Mathematics: "Alan Mathison Turing (1912-1954). A celebration of his life and achievements". For details visit www.maths.man.ac.uk/logic/turing2004

Wednesday 9 June

Dept of Physics and Astronomy Theoretical Physics: "Quantum versions of random walks for quantum computing". Viv Kendon (Imperial). 2.30pm, Niels Bohr Common Room, Schuster Laboratory. All welcome.

Royal Society Bernal Lecture: "Are low frequency environmental electromagnetic fields a health hazard? The scientific challenges". Dr Michael Crumpton CBE FRS 6pm (reception from 5pm), MEN Lecture Theatre, Weston Bldg, UMIST.

British Computer Society Interactive Quality Day: "Quality standards for effective IT". MacDonald Lymm Hotel. For details email qsig@improveqpi.com

Thursday 10 June

Dept of Chemical Engineering: "Image reconstruction for position emission tomography". Dr Andrew Reader (UMIST). 12pm, Room C63/64, Jackson Mill, UMIST.

For further info or to list seminars contact unievents@man.ac.uk

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Looking Back

Oxford Road 1964 & 1974

As plans are drawn up for the campus for the new merged University in the years ahead, these pictures illustrate an earlier period of change for the VUM campus – the massive expansion of higher education during the 1960s. Both show the same view looking north up Oxford Road from outside the main University buildings.

These 'before and after' pictures show just how much expansion the campus underwent in this ten-year period as universities were encouraged to take in more students. The 1964 view being almost unrecognisable just ten years later, unlike the 1974 shot which is instantly recognisable even 30 years on. Although there are too many changes to mention, the most significant are the construction of the Maths Tower and the appearance of the University Precinct Centre and its landmark bridge spanning Oxford Road.

Brian Pullan's *A History of The University of Manchester 1951-73*, says: "During the 1960s the University site became, in the words of a visiting schoolteacher, who envied the amounts of money being poured into higher education, an empire on which the concrete never set."

The Maths Tower was the only building of the 1960s entrusted to London-based rather than local architects. By 1973 the popular College Hotel to the right of the earlier picture was surrounded by scaffolding in readiness for demolition. It stood on land in front of what is now the Williamson Building at the corner of Brunswick Street and Oxford Road. Although long gone there are still signs of its existence in the shrubbery where there is a piece of pub masonry carved with an eagle device.



1964



1974

Noticeboard

Interested in a Secondment to Student Support?

All academic colleagues in VUM and UMIST are invited to apply for Secondment opportunities in the Central Academic Advisory Services. CAAS is a student support service offering confidential advice to all students, undergraduate and postgraduate, on any matter relating to their academic work. The work is thus varied and rewarding, with the secondee gaining greater insight into the student perspective, as well as getting better acquainted with the University's systems and procedures across the whole institution.

Secondees spend half a day once a week for one semester working with students as part of the team of permanent advisors. A full induction programme and mentoring throughout the semester is provided. The secondee's home department receives reimbursement for the time given to CAAS and, in addition, a small grant is available to the secondee individually to fund any approved project designed to enhance the experience of students in the home department.

In the context of Project Unity, they would particularly welcome applications from colleagues currently at UMIST, for whom experience of working within a central service of student support might be especially valuable and interesting.

Applications for either Semester 1 or Semester 2 of next session should be submitted by 30 June to CAAS, 2nd floor, Williamson Building, Oxford Road. For further information, please do not hesitate to contact us on 275 3033 (internal: 53033) or email: caas@man.ac.uk

John Rylands University Library of Manchester

Centre for the History of Science, Technology and Medicine, One Day Conference "Medical History in Manchester" Saturday 16 October 2004
MANDEC
The University of Manchester
Cost: £25 (£20 unwaged/students).
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Café Scientifique...a place where, for the price of a cup of coffee or a glass of wine, ANYONE can come to explore the latest ideas in science and technology. CafeMuse, Oxford Road (Manchester Museum). Free entry – booking essential.

To book a place email cafe.scientifique@man.ac.uk or use the booking form at www.business.man.ac.uk/cafe-scientific/Cafe-web.htm

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West Didsbury. Rm avail for woman in quiet comfort hse. Use of liv rm & usual fac. Share cooking (vegetarian) with owner (female lecturer), but flexible arrang. 2 cats, non-smoker only. £260pcm inc bills. 0161-434 6359.

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Carol Rowlinson

Administrator, Department of Optometry and Neuroscience

When your bosses have nominated you for PA of the Year, it suggests you must be doing something right. But Carol Rowlinson has no time to rest on her laurels. After 13 years working in UMIST's Department of Optometry and Neuroscience, Carol's workload has never been greater.



She first arrived at the Department as a part-time secretary, working for Professor Nathan Efron at the Eurolens Research Unit having spent a year at Salford University before that. Within 12 months, Professor Efron had been named Head of Department and Carol went with him; now she is the Administrator for the entire Department.

Last year, Carol was shortlisted by The Times in their PA of the Year competition, an honour which she is still coming to terms with. She said: "The whole PA of the Year thing was very exciting but I was amazed when I was shortlisted. In truth, I found it extremely flattering and I was very proud to be nominated."

Carol has witnessed some major changes during her time at UMIST. She said: "When I first started it was purely a centre for Optometry and it was a much smaller

Department in those days, but as it expanded it was good to be in from the start. The biggest change was the addition of the Neuroscience course which doubled the workload overnight."

Since 1991, Carol has experienced something of a crash course in Optometry and Neuroscience. She said: "I had absolutely no prior knowledge of these disciplines, but I have to say my knowledge has grown in both subject areas over the years. You do pick up little bits as you go along from the various researchers and I find their work fascinating. I know everyone in this building, because quite simply you have to!"

The growth of the department and the work around Project Unity has meant some long hours for Carol, but she has had some help along the way. She said: "Thankfully, I'm not alone – Joanne Cohen is the

Department Secretary and she is a big help, but we could always do with more!"

At her home in Astley, near Leigh, Carol is very keen on cooking and baking. She said: "I'm always bringing in bits and pieces, especially around graduation time when I become very popular." But she enjoys the outdoor life, as well, and spends as much of her spare time as possible walking and travelling south to take in the coastal walks around Devon, in particular. Carol has two children, who are both currently studying at university.

As one of the top PAs in the country, Carol is ready for the challenges of Project Unity. She said: "The department is about to undergo a major change and we are currently in a state of flux as the two disciplines of Optometry and Neuroscience are heading for different faculties, so it's exciting times."

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