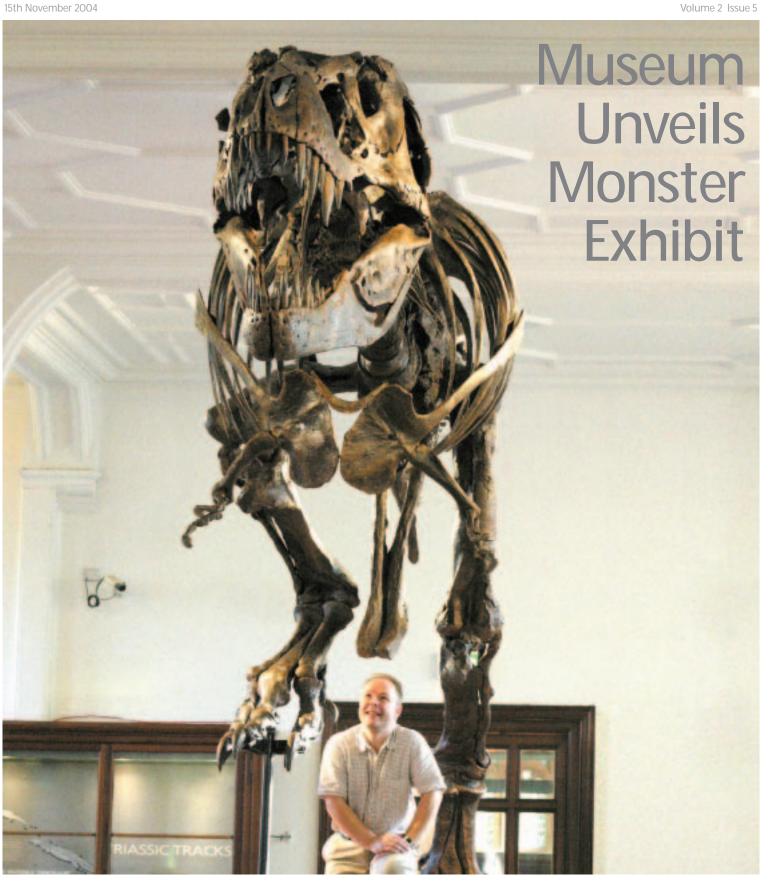


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Front cover photo: Dr Phil Manning and T.rex at the Museum. Photo by Pauline Neild

A summary of the key news in this issue of UniLife:



a cast of the second most complete Tyrannosaurus rex skeleton known to science. At 40 feet in length, the monster exhibit will be not only be a major visitor attraction, but also used for study and research.

The Museum unveils its latest and largest exhibit,

Central Manchester Central MP Tony Lloyd paid a visit to the John Rylands Library on Deansgate on the 10th anniversary of the Heritage Lottery Fund which has awarded £8.2 million towards the redevelopment of the historic building.

Staff of the new Careers, Business and
Community Division have been busy in launch
activities to alumni and British Consulates
overseas as well as to local communities in
Manchester.

A number of buildings and locations have changed following the merger of the two universities. To ensure staff are up-to-date with these, we have recreated the campus map and highlighted where these are, along with their new names.

Professor Geoffrey Beattie, Head of the School of Psychological Sciences, has been elected President of the Psychology section of the British Association for the Advancement of Science. The BA aims to promote openness about science in society.



Monster Exhibit



At three tonnes and measuring 12.2 metres (40 feet) in length and 3.7 metres (12 feet) to the hip, "Stan" – named after its discoverer - dwarves the other large museum exhibits, such as the skeleton of the sperm whale skeleton (see page 17).

The original 65 million year old T.rex skeleton was discovered in 1987 by amateur

palaeontologist, Stan Sacrison, near Buffalo, South Dakota in the USA and excavated in 1992 by the Black Hills Institute of Geological Research. To date, 199 bones have been found – 70% of a complete skeleton. This is on permanent display at the Black Hills Museum of Natural History Exhibit in Hill City, South Dakota.



The Manchester Museum unveiled its largest ever exhibit at a special preview on 3 November, a cast of the skeleton of the dinosaur Tyrannosaurus rex, the second most complete T. rex known to science.

Dr Phil Manning, Curator of Palaeontology at the Museum, said: "Stan is already proving to be a major attraction at the Museum particularly for young visitors, but it's much more than that, we will use it for study and research purposes as well."

Researchers are hoping to unlock the secrets of Stan's fossil record and teach us more about this incredible creature and the links between dinosaurs and birds.

They have already learned that Stan survived a broken neck, almost certainly in a fight with another T. rex – a hole which is a perfect match for a T. rex tooth has been found in the bones at the back of Stan's skull.

Phil and his team had been working on the display for Stan in the Fossils (Palaeontology) Gallery since July but after careful preparation were able to erect the cast in just one day.

Stan is displayed as if in a flat run, which may be familiar to viewers of the BBC's Walking with Dinosaurs series - but this is the first time that a T. rex skeleton has been displayed in this position.

The exhibit was unveiled by President and Vice-Chancellor Professor Alan Gilbert at the preview which was also attended by a group of specially-invited schoolchildren from Saddleworth and covered extensively by the media.

Stan is now on permanent exhibition at the Manchester Museum.

News



Staff survey

This week (week beginning 15 November), the campus-wide staff survey, announced in the last issue of UniLife is being launched.

Staff who have access to a computer will receive an e-mail message once the survey is `live' with a link to the web page. They can then complete the survey online or – if they prefer – complete a paper copy. Staff who do not have access to a computer will be given a paper copy.

The anonymous and confidential survey should take 30-60 minutes to complete but it will be time well-spent, with the results used to directly inform the University's operational planning. The deadline for responses is 3 December.

It is intended that the survey will be carried out every two years so that the President and his Senior Management Team use the feedback to influence how the University is run.

The results will be publicised in 2005.

The staff survey team would like to thank all the staff that have helped in the focus groups, pilot and the drafting of the questionnaire.

Chinese Law Visit

A high-level delegation of Law academics from universities in China visited the School of Law on 28 October.

The delegation comprised Professors Zeng Xianyi, Dean of the Law School of Renmin University; Wu Handong, President of Zhongnan University of Economics and Law; Zhu Yong, Vice President of China University of Political Science and Law; Wang Chenguang, Dean of the Law School of Tsinghua University; along with officials from the Ministry of Education and the Chinese Embassy in London.

The delegation was welcomed by Professor Andrew Sanders, Dean of the School, Professor Asif Qureshi, Director of External Relations, Dinah Crystal External Relations Officer, Law School; Professor Alistair Ulph, Vice-President and Executive Dean of the Faculty of Humanities; Professor Paul Layzell, Vice-President for External Relations.

After a discussion on co-operative arrangements, the guests met Chinese students and toured the University including the Legal Advice Centre. This award-winning service set up by the School of Law with the support of law firms in Manchester, gives undergraduates the opportunity to work on real cases alongside solicitors while providing free legal advice to the public.

This was followed by lunch when the Chinese delegation also met members of the local Chinese community including Mr Michael Redfern QC (Northern Circuit) and Mr Frank Sinclair the Law Society President.

Laurie Taylor Lecture

All staff are invited to attend a free lecture and drinks reception at the University organised by the Times Higher Education Supplement (Times Higher) on Thursday 25 November in the Whitworth Hall starting at 6pm.

Given by Times Higher columnist Professor Laurie Taylor, who writes the humorous back-page column as Vice-Chancellor Professor Lapping of the fictitious University of Poppleton, the lecture is the first of its kind to be organised by the publication.

Laurie Taylor also presents Thinking Allowed and Room for Improvement on BBC Radio 4. He was previously Professor of Sociology at the University of York and is now a freelance writer, presents Thinking Allowed and Room for Improvement on Radio 4 and is an accomplished public speaker.

Earlier the same day, the Times Higher also require the participation of a number of staff in a focus group. This will be aimed at helping to shape the content of the Times Higher and to ensure it carries relevant coverage and reflects the interests of those working in the higher education sector.

Anyone who would like to attend the lecture or take part in the focus group should contact lecture@thes.co.uk with their details.- or call 020 7 782 3396...

News

MP Lends Library His Support

Central Manchester MP Tony Lloyd paid a visit to the John Rylands Library on Deansgate recently on the tenth anniversary of the Heritage Lottery Fund which has contributed £8.2m to the redevelopment of the building.

The Library, which is the Special Collections building of the John Rylands University Library, is currently undergoing refurbishment to carry out restoration works on the historic building and provide state-of-the-art visitor facilities.

The work has been funded by £8.2 million from the Heritage Lottery Fund and more than £3m from the European Regional Development Fund, with the `Unlocking the Rylands' campaign aiming to find another £4 million.

During his visit to the site, Tony Lloyd met with Head of Special Collections, Dr Stella Butler, who accompanied him on the tour of the Library.

Tony Lloyd said, "I have visited John Rylands Library in the past and it is certainly true that it is one of Manchester's hidden treasures. It is appropriate that my visit coincides with the 10th Anniversary of the creation of the Heritage Lottery Fund, as this project is one of the many that have benefited from the fund over the past 10 years."



From left: Dr Stella Butler, Head of Special Collections; Alison Firth, Library Development Officer; Tony Lloyd MP.

www.ryliweb.man.ac.uk

Molyneux Scholarship

The University's international and alumni relations activity has led to the establishment of a \$25,000 (c£16,000) scholarship for an Arizona State University (ASU) graduate to study for a Masters in any subject here at Manchester.

The award has been funded by a donation from Mike and Shirley Molyneux to the North American Foundation for the University of Manchester (NAFUM), and is for study in any discipline in 2005/6. The University already has close links with ASU through its undergraduate exchange agreement and first made contact with Mike in 1997 through the Development and Alumni Relations Office (VUM).

The Molyneuxs who live in Phoenix, are originally from the North West of England - Mike was an engineering student at Manchester Metropolitan University. Now

retired, he was previously President of Cytec Engineered Materials.

Tanya Luff, Deputy Head of the International Office, said: "The fact that we are now the UK's largest university played a key role in creating the scholarship which will help to raise our profile in the US and significantly strengthen our existing undergraduate links with ASU.

"A key selling point for US students to study in the UK is that here a Masters only takes a year to complete – in the US it takes two."

Research



Crossing the Cultural Divide

A new Centre has been established at the University to bring together the wealth of expertise in cultural theory on campus from across several disciplines within the new Faculty of Humanities.

The Cultural Theory Institute (CTI), is a cross-disciplinary networking initiative which co-ordinates research activities on the Cultural Theory theme. Members of the Institute are drawn from the Schools of Social Science; Arts, Histories and Cultures; Languages, Linguistics and Cultures; and Environment and Development.

There is currently a network of 50 affiliates to the CTI and the University can boast leading experts in this field. These include Professor of Cultural Theory, Terry Eagleton, Senior Lecturer in English Literature, Ken Hirschkop, and Amelia Jones, Pilkington Professor in Art History.

CTI Director Dr Lisa Adkins, a Reader in Sociology, said: "Across the former Faculties of Arts and Social Sciences, there was the recognition that many people were working on cultural theory themes in different departments. The idea of this initiative is that bringing people together will produce more than the sum of its parts - for example generating stronger research grant applications. We want to draw on the fact that we have these individuals who are renowned internationally and enhance our profile.

"There is a lot of synergy between different departments and crossdisciplinary research fits in with the new University structure and the Manchester 2015 agenda. There is real potential for some exciting collaborations."

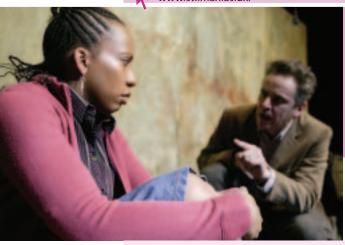
The CTI team, based at 178 Waterloo Place, comprises an Administrator and five Student Research Associates whose work includes organising a series of

postgraduate activities under the Cultural Theory theme including reading groups, a postgraduate seminar series and culturerelated activities under the auspices of Kultur Café.

On 21-23 January 2005, the CTI will hold its inaugural conference `Making Use of Culture' to instigate a rethinking of customary ways of imagining, interpreting, allocating and implementing culture. Five international plenary speakers will be showcased, and University President, Professor Alan Gilbert, and Vice-President and Executive Dean of the Faculty of Humanities will welcome delegates.

For further information, visit the website below or call 275 8997/8.

www.cti.man.ac.uk/



Actors Suzann Mclean and Joe Young

'In Place of War' is a £386,000 project being undertaken by the Drama Department's Centre for Applied Theatre Research.

The research team, which is being led by James Thompson will look at examples of performance in war-torn areas, as well as studying performance projects by communities fleeing conflict, such as refugees and asylum seekers in the UK.

War Work

Around 50 people attended the launch of a major new piece of research looking at the relationship between performance and war at the University last week.

At the launch, the team gave an overview of the project which was followed by a performance of a play entitled 'I have before me a remarkable document given to me by a young lady from Rwanda', which tells the story of a Rwandan asylum seeker living in London.

The play has been inspired by real life experiences by Rwandan asylum seekers in

the UK and is being performed by the London-based theatre company Ice and Fire, which aims to present new writing about people caught up in wars and conflicts.

The Iraqi theatre director who attended the event Alan Amin runs World Theatre Company, based in Manchester, and is an Iraqi Kurd who fled Iraq after suffering persecution.



In the Community

From Consulates to Check-Outs



The Business, Careers & Community Division (BCCD) has been busy in launch activities to alumni and British Consulates overseas as well as to local communities in Manchester.

From left: Alastair Newton, Deputy Consul General; Alumnus Robert W Maxwell (BA Econ Hons 1970); his wife Vanessa Maxwell; Jane Ratchford, Director, BCCD

Successful events were held at the British Consulates in Boston and New York to thank alumni and Consulate staff for their support of the former Victoria University of Manchester and UMIST and to launch the new University. The events were organised in collaboration with colleagues in the Alumni Office.

Consulates

The vision for 2015 was well received. Alumnus Roland Challons-Brown welcomed the opportunity it provided for alumni 'to develop a more strategic engagement with the University'. Both Consulate staff and alumni were keen to work with the University in imaginative ways including:

- Consultancy and support to promote the University to US businesses;
- Numerous offers of mentoring to prospective and existing students;

- · Enquiries on postgraduate study
- Commitment to work in partnership with the University to support inward investment to Manchester and the North West

There was also considerable interest in several of the University's research themes and its work with deprived communities in Manchester.

Jane Ratchford, Director of the BCCD, said: "A key aim was to develop a 'sales team' of influential advocates who would promote the 2015 strategic plan. I am confident that we left behind us alumni and Consulate staff able and willing to undertake this role on our behalf."

Check-outs

To celebrate the national 'Make a Difference Day', BCCD staff volunteered their services as careers and business advisers to the public at the ASDA Eastland store. Their message was that the University wanted to make a contribution to community, and was committed to being a university of the city, and for the city.

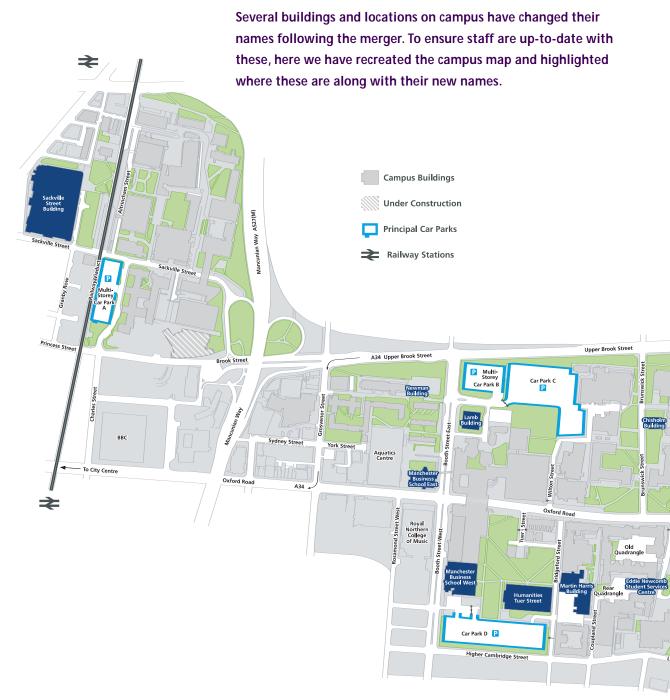
Fifteen BCCD staff, including the Director and Deputy Director, offered people of all ages and backgrounds, careers guidance, useful tips on applying to university and advice on business start-up. The venue, one of the largest superstores in the UK attracting 72,000 shoppers a week, is based in a deprived area of Manchester where progression rates into higher education currently stand at only 0.02%.

Andrea Rannard of the BCCD and event coordinator said: "University staff relished the opportunity to share their expertise with members of the local community and to try to make a difference to the lives of others.

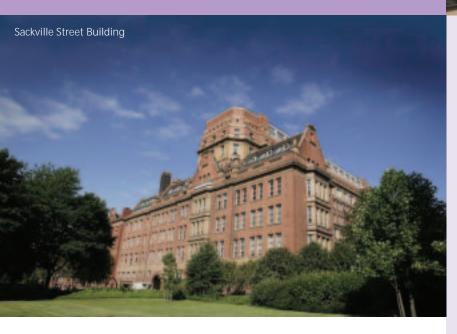
www.manchester.ac.uk/community

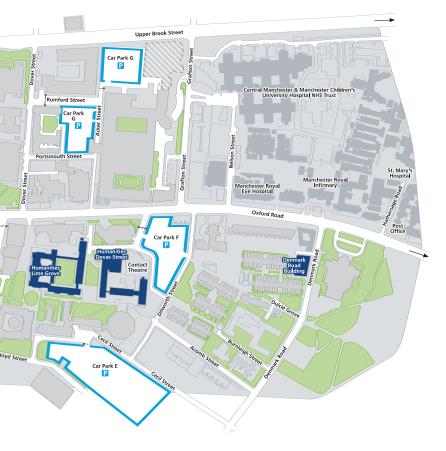


Name changes on campus









In consultation with their respective Faculties, Faculty Managers have come up with new names. Only a few changes were proposed and adopted as a temporary measure, these are:

- Manchester Business School is now Manchester Business School West
- Manchester School of Management is Manchester Business School East
- The Arts Building is now Humanities Lime Grove
- The School of Architecture is now Humanities Tuer Street

Other buildings which have name changes are:

- Main Building (UMIST) is now Sackville Street Building
- The Music Building on Denmark Road is now the Denmark Road Building
- The John Owens Annexe is the Eddie Newcomb Student Services Centre
- Coupland II is The Martin Harris Building

There are three long-term temporary accommodation areas which are to be named:

- Portacabins adjacent to Crawford House are the Lamb Building
- Portacabins adjacent to the Materials Science Centre are the Newman Building
- Portacabins adjacent to the Zochonis Building are the Chisholm Building.

Staff should be aware that the campus car parks have now changed and are named A-G.

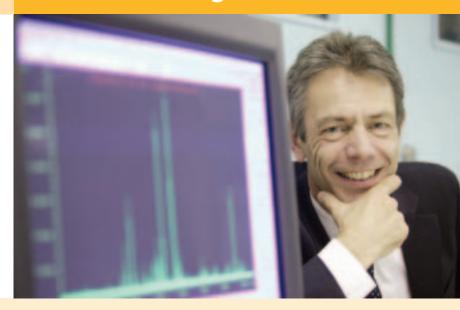
Staff are also asked to remember that the terms 'Sackville Street' or 'Oxford Road' ends of the campus should be referred to instead of 'North campus' and 'South campus,' to reflect the single University on one campus.

Profile

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Gaskell's Gateways

Not the man in the Moon, but a man with a mission to Mars has played a pivotal role in opening one of the gateways on Professor Simon Gaskell's career path.



Professor Colin Pillinger, the irrepressible architect of the attempt to land Beagle 2 on Mars, was a fellow researcher at Bristol and remains a friend. Nearly 30 years ago, he gave Simon some crucial advice when a key job opportunity came up in Cardiff. "It was the perfect job for me, but it came at the wrong time," says Simon, who was then holding an MRC post-doc Fellowship in the Department of Chemistry at Glasgow. Colin advised him to apply anyway - and see if the appointment might be deferred for a year. Simon did so, the arrangement was agreed and, in 1977, he took up the job of Principal Research Officer and Head of the Mass Spectrometry Unit at the Tenovus Institute for Cancer Research at the University of Wales College of Medicine in Cardiff.

"I'm very grateful to Colin," says Simon.
"It changed my direction at a time when I had identified the exciting opportunities in applying my skills to the medical rather than the environmental

field." It was the start of a nearly a decade of trailblazing work in Cardiff, particularly on steroid analysis in relation to breast and prostate cancer.

Today, nearly 30 years later, the research interests of his group, in this University's Michael Barber Centre for Mass Spectrometry, include a contribution to the Leukaemia Research Fund National Protoeomics Facility, in collaboration with the Paterson Institute. So, the cancerrelated work goes on. "Fundamental understanding of analytical chemical techniques enables us to contribute to the elucidation of problems of fundamental biological and clinical importance," he says.

Much has happened, of course, between that beginning in Cardiff and his position now in Manchester, and many gateways have been negotiated on the way, but you can see the path. Now, he is taking on responsibilities as Associate Vice-President for Research – and, clearly, his track record over the years of front-line research and of fostering collaboration within the University, as well as with institutions in other countries, especially the United States, enables him to lead by example.

His new responsibilities will complement the work of the Vice-President for Research, Professor Nancy Rothwell FRS, who also carries a big research commitment of her own.

"I strongly believe that individual academics need to take responsibility for covering the costs of their own research," he says. "But I also believe that research has to be collegial – we all benefit from bouncing ideas off one another."

His view is very much coloured by his experience, especially in the US, where he worked for several years, in Texas and in North Carolina, in the '80s and early '90s.

He had a sabbatical year from Cardiff to lead the Mass Spectrometry Group at the National Institute of Environmental



Health Sciences at Research Triangle Park, NC. And in 1987, he moved to the States as Professor of Experimental Medicine and Pharmacology at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston.

He worked on developing physical chemical techniques to solve medical problems, particularly aspects of cardiovascular disease. "It was very stimulating," he says. "But since Baylor was a private college, you had to compete in the marketplace - set up your stall, so to speak, and beat off your competitors. I had no problem with that, but it didn't exactly encourage collegiality in the way that we know it here."

Ever since then, he has held to his dual principles of individual responsibility, bolstered by collaboration. "The productivity of UK science is related to the collaborative approach," he says. "I suppose I have what amounts to an addiction to interdisciplinary work – departmental boundaries are irrelevant."

Even at the very beginning of his time in Manchester – he came in 1993 as Professor of Mass Spectrometry at UMIST - he experienced the sort of collegiality he champions today. He had a meeting with Rob Beynon, Professor of Preclinical Veterinary Medicine at Liverpool and formerly at UMIST. "It was wonderful," he says. "We just bounced ideas off each other all afternoon." He still collaborates with Rob and is a Visiting Professor in his department. And, reaching further back, he still does collaborative research with colleagues in the US.

His attachment to America goes back to school days. Before he went to Bristol to read Chemistry, he spent a year, courtesy of an English Speaking Union scholarship, at a private school in California – and the late '60s were a great time for a teenager to be there.

He grew his hair long, embraced the hippy culture, made a lot of friends, did the 99 days-for-\$99 unlimited travel deal on Greyhound, swapped his BOAC return ticket (as you could then) for a cruise home on the Queen Elizabeth.

Indirectly, it was that experience which shaped his future career. "I had such a good time, I badly wanted to go back and spend a summer vac there," he says. "A friend suggested I talk to the Professor of Geochemistry, Geoff Eglinton, who had collaborators in California. I did – and he set me up with a lab job in Berkeley."

When he came back, almost as a quid pro quo, but partly inspired by his summer experience, Simon opted to work with Prof Eglinton FRS, who was interested in what happens to steroids in lake sediments. (Biological processes represent the first stages in the development of oil). That's how he ended up doing a PhD in Geochemistry, leading to a thesis entitled "The environmental geochemistry of sterols." Another gateway.

He and his wife, Deirdre, an educational psychologist, met as undergraduates at Bristol. They enjoy all that Manchester has to offer culturally, having season tickets to the Royal Exchange and being frequent visitors to the Halle. They keep fit down at the gym. They have two children, Clare, 25, who is a lawyer, and 23-year-old Nick, who is training to be an architect.

In view of his "addiction" to collaboration, it is not surprising that Professor Gaskell enthusiastically embraced the Project Unity process, serving on the Dalton Group and the Board of Directors. No-one could be more positive than he about the benefits of the merger: "I'm very proud to have played a part in bringing it about – and to have a role in building still further the tremendous research profile we have."

CV

Name

Professor Simon Gaskell

Position

Associate Vice President for Research The University of Manchester

Education

B.Sc. (Hons); Chemistry; University of Bristol, 1971

Ph.D.; Chemistry; University of Bristol, 1974

Career History

1974-1977

Medical Research Council Post Doctoral Fellow, Department of Chemistry, University of Glasgow

1977-1986

Principal Research Officer and Head of Mass Spectrometry Unit, Tenovus Institute for Cancer Research, University of Wales College of Medicine, Cardiff

1984-1985 (Sabbatical)
Visiting Expert and Acting Group
Leader, Mass Spectrometry Group,
National Institute of Environmental
Health Sciences, Research Triangle Park,
North Carolina, USA

1987-1993

Professor of Experimental Medicine, Department of Medicine, Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, Texas, USA; Adjunct Professor of Pharmacology and Chemistry (1989-1993), University of Houston, Texas, USA

1993-

Professor of Mass Spectrometry, UMIST

1999-2002

Head of Department, Department of Chemistry, UMIST

1999- Visiting Professor, Department of Preclinical Veterinary Medicine, University of Liverpool

2003-2004

Member, Board of Directors, Project Unity (UMIST and the University of Manchester)

2004-

Associate Vice President for Research (The University of Manchester)

People



Veronique Rizzuto from the **Teaching and Learning Assessment Office has just** returned from Ethiopia where she worked as a volunteer for 'Habitat for Humanity' helping to build simple houses for homeless families in Dese.

Building Hope

Veronique said:"Nothing quite prepares you for the images that Ethiopia presents to the visitor. There a family of ten is crowded in a house no larger that an average sized sitting room in the UK. The school had four classrooms for 450 children and no toilets."

Veronique has now committed herself to raising funds with some of the volunteers, to build more classrooms and facilities for the Karagutu Elementary School in Dese.

Veronique thanks all those who donated money for the Habitat for Humanity building project in Dese. Your contributions helped to build 15 houses; 150 more are to be built over 3 years.

If you wish to make a donation for the school project, you can 'Buy a Brick' for £1.50. Email Veronique on hardyv_36@hotmail.com

http://groups.msn.com/Ethiopia2004

Think Pink

Staff at the John Rylands University Library took part in `Wear it Pink Day' on 29 October, a national day organised by Cancer Research UK in which organizations are invited to get their staff to dress up in pink clothing and pay £2 to Cancer Research.

Organised by Diana Leitch - Deputy University Librarian and Associate Director JRUL (Information Resources and Academic Support), the day along with a cake stall, raised £239.50.

Thomson Learning who were visiting the Library on the day were invited to join in the fundraising efforts.





People



GE Foundation awards

The GE Foundation and the Institute of International Education (IIE) recognised the first winners of the GE Foundation Scholarship at a public awards ceremony held in London recently. At the ceremony, Charles Alexander, the National Executive of GE in the UK, presented awards to 12 outstanding students from five universities, including Victor Tsoi from The University of Manchester.

The GE Foundation, the philanthropic organization of the General Electric Company, invests in initiatives that improve educational opportunity and strengthen community organizations in GE communities around the world.

The award identifies low-income, first year students who have demonstrated academic excellence, community involvement and financial need, and

continues throughout their second and third years of study. "This scholarship identifies promising young scholars who have demonstrated their commitment to society and provides them with tools to develop their leadership potential.

Victor Tsoi, a Computer Science student at the University was among the winners, and was awarded £2,000 as part of the scholarship programme. Victor commented: "I am very pleased to be given this award. I applied just thinking I would 'give it a go' and was surprised to be chosen. I will use the money to further my professional development whilst at University."

Victor will also be offered a mentorship opportunity within GE UK and will participate in community work in their home or university communities.

www.iie.hu/ge_uk.html

Psychology President

Professor Geoffrey Beattie, Head of the School of Psychological Sciences, has recently been elected to serve as President of the Psychology section of the British Association for the Advancement of Science (BA).

The BA is the UK's nationwide, open membership organisation dedicated to connecting science with people, so that science and its applications become accessible to all. The BA aims to promote openness about science in society and to engage and inspire people directly with science and technology and their implications.

Professor Beattie was chosen as a result of his ability to communicate scientific

issues to the public, and will be responsible for putting together a programme of events for the BA's Festival of Science, which takes place in Norwich in September 2006.

He said: "I care passionately about the communication of science, and in particular psychology, to a general audience. Psychological science, in my view, is far too exciting to be kept locked behind doors in the ivory towers of a University."



Professor Geoffrey Beattie





The Whitworth Art Gallery

DISPLAYS/COLLECTIONS

William Morris "Ministering to the Swinish Luxury of the Rich" 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.

Ship Ahoy! 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.

Walter Sickert 'Drawing is the thing' October to 5 December 2004

This extensive loan exhibition of Sickert's drawings offers an unrivalled insight into his techniques, themes and, most importantly, his reasons for the drawing.

TOURS AND EVENTS

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

Walter Sickert Curator's Tour -Sat 30 Oct, 2pm, FREE

CONCERTS

Dibley String Quartet: excerpts from quartets by Dvorak and Shostakovich, Sun 31 Oct, 3pm, FREE

Whitworth Art Gallery, Oxford Road, 0161 275 7450 www.whitworth@man.ac.uk
Opening hours Mon to Sat 10am - 5pm, Sun 2pm - 5 pm FREE Admission
Gallery Café 0161 275 7497 The café sells a selection of drinks and light meals.
Gallery Shop 0161 275 7498 The bookshop stocks a range of art and design books, cards and gifts.
Collection Exhibitions Archive Now Online. The Whitworth's online 'Collections Catalogue' now allows you to browse and search selected exhibitions held at the Gallery over the past 10 years.
Follow the link from www.whitworth.man.ac.uk

Gig Guide Manchester Academy 1, 2 & 3

Mon 15 Nov Beverley Knight Modest Mouse Tues 16 Nov The Concretes Weds 17 Nov Walter Trout Thurs 18 Nov Deus Fri 19 Nov The Beta Band Josh Ritter Teen Spirit Sat 20 Nov The Vandals Camper Van Beethoven Sun 21 Nov Academy Unsigned Tues 23 Nov

Kristian Leontiou

One Man and His Beard Natasha Bedingfield Thurs 25 Nov The Roots Therapy? Fri 26 Nov Machine Head The (International) Noise Conspiracy

Weds 24 Nov

Sat 27 Nov Jill Scott Mark Lanegan Glenn Tilbrook & The Fluffers Sun 28 Nov

Sun 28 Nov Willard Grant Conspiracy Mon 29 Nov Alter Bridge Tues 30 Nov Lamb of God

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



Contact Theatre

Written and directed by Nona Shepphard CRAZY LADY

Featuring music composed and performed live by Nikki-Kate Hayes. Design by takis

Two old friends, Claudia and Jaz, estranged for twelve years, meet up again in a dark and mysterious gothic bar called the Crazy Lady to talk about times past. With each of them hiding and revealing the myriad of truths in their lives, they find themselves caught up in a bizarre tangle of memories, passion and madness, with completely unexpected consequences....

"Nothing is overstated but plenty is understood in this impressive piece." The Stage

BSL Performance Thursday 18 November Wed 10 Nov 2004 - Sat 20 Nov 2004, £9/£6

Forced Entertainment

BLOODY MESS

Forced Entertainment's Bloody Mess defies categorisation, creating a startling and comical new logic from the collisions of disconnected characters, stories and performances.

Influenced by popular culture, cinema, contemporary art and the occasional dash of heavy metal, Bloody Mess takes these elements and creates a whole that is intelligent, darkly comic and unexpectedly moving.

Marking their 20th birthday, Bloody Mess is Forced Entertainment at its best – uncompromising political Pop Art, ironic physically demanding camp trash, visual spectacle that tries to describe the modern world in all of its beauty, horror and complexity.

Post Show Discussion - Tues 23 Nov Forced Entertainment will be answering your questions at this special event for BLOODY MESS ticket holders.

Tue 23 Nov 2004 - Wed 24 Nov 2004, £9/6

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.

Jodrell

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.

Jodrell Bank Science Centre & Arboretum

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John Rylands Library

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International Society

THEATRE AND MUSIC

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

TRIPS

Sat 20 Nov Day visit to Oxford Sat 20 Nov Day visit to Liverpool Day visit to Skipton Sun 21 Nov And Haworth Fri 26 - Sun 28 Nov Weekend trip to

London (With Guided Tour)

Sat 27 Nov Day visit to Christmas At Chatsworth House

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Manchester Museum

Fridays (during term time), 11am -12 pm Magic Carpet

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Wed 17 Nov,1.30 - 3.30pm FREE What the Curator Found

Hidden Treasures from the Mediterranean

Gallery (Dr. John Prag, Keeper of Archaeology at The Manchester Museum) - Find out what real treasures are to be found in our Mediterranean Archaeology collection. Pre-booked event.

Thurs 18 Nov. 6.30 - 7.30pm Communicating Vessels

Surrealism and Contemporary Art - One of a series of public conversations organised by the AHRB Research Centre for Studies of Surrealism, five contemporary artists will discuss - how their work intersects with Surrealism. For further information and to book tickets, please call Anna Davey on 0161 275 8788.

Sat 20 Nov, 1.30 - 2.30pm FREE

Hidden Treasures

Join our curators of Ethnology and Zoology at the 'Buried Treasure' exhibition handling table, as they show some of the 'treasures' from the natural world. Drop-in event.

Sat 20 Nov, 2.30 -4.00pm Story Scrolls

Every treasure tells a tale. Create stories about your own treasured objects or be inspired by those shown at the Museum.

Sun 21 Nov, 12.00 - 3.00pm

Tusk Tales

Take a look at the Benin tusk on our Living Cultures gallery and recreate your own in this art and craft session.

Thurs 25 Nov, 6.30 - 8.30pm

Alderley
A cross-disciplinary project connecting with the community (Clare Pye) - Part of the Centre for Continuing Education Winter Lecture Series. Gain an insight into behind the scenes research and a fresh outlook on the newly refurbished Museum. The series costs £22 per person. To book your place call 0161 275 3278/79.

Hidden Treasures - Join the Museum's Curator of Archery at the 'Buried Treasures' exhibition handling table and see some of the 'treasures' from our archery collection. Drop-in event.

Sat 27 Nov, 2.30pm, FREE

The Grand Tour - Join Graeme Pye, our very own 'Victorian gentleman' guide on this special tour of the Museum. Meet at reception.

Sun 28 Nov, 2.30pm, FREE The Grand Tour - See above

Sun 28 Nov, 1.30 - 4.00pm FREE

Invoking Nataraj

An afternoon of music, song and dance in celebration of the patron God of the performing arts.

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

Music at Manchester

SPECIAL CONCERTS & EVENTS

Fri 26 Nov, 7.30pm

The Cosmo Rodewald Concert Hall

The Danel Quartet

Schubert "Quartettsatz" Five Movements Op.5 Webern Langsamer Satz Webern

Schubert Quartet in D minor D.810, 'Death

and the Maiden'

Fri 19 Nov, 5.30pm

The Cosmo Rodewald Concert Hall Beat the Rush Hour Concert

Works include Andriessen's confrontational Worker's Union, Malone's performance-art piece Out of a Box and the UK premiere of Adam Swayne's privatisational and monopolistic Maggie, Maggie, Maggie! Sing, Sing, Sing!

CHORAL AND ORCHESTRAL CONCERTS

Sat 13 Nov, 7.30pm

Christ Church, West Didsbury,

Ad Solem

(The University of Manchester Chamber Choir)

Marcus Farnsworth Conductor

John Tavener Requiem for Father Malachy Lynch

Rejoice in the Lamb Requiem

Sun 14 Nov, 11am Church of the Holy Name, Oxford Road,

Ad Solem

Marcus Farnsworth Conductor A performance of Fauré Requiem As part of High Mass on

Rememberance Sunday

Sat 20 Nov, 7.30pm The Cosmo Rodewald Concert Hall

The University of Manchester Symphony Orchestra

Clark Rundell Conductor Andrew Gourlay Trombone

Sibelius Symphony No.7 in C Suite from 'Aladdin' Symphony No.9 (Sinfonia Nielsen Kalevi Aho

Concertante No.2)

Sat 27 Nov, 7.30pm

The Cosmo Rodewald Concert Hall The University of Manchester Wind Orchestra Philip Robinison, Gareth Parry Conductors Laura Llewellyn Horn

THE WALTER CARROLL LUNCHTIME CONCERTS AND RECITALS

1.10pm Cosmo Rodewald Concert Hall Thurs 18 Nov Florian Kitt Cello Rita Medjimorec Piano Arthur Honegger Sonata (1920) Franz Koglmann Days of Yore

Thurs 25 Nov The Lindsays

Haydn Quartet in E Op.54 No.3 Barber Quartet Op.11

Stravinsky Suite Italienne

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Seminars

Tuesday 16 November

CHSTM: "Electric Accidents in History: Medical Technology and the 'New Science' of Electropathology (1890-1950)". Hans Georg Hofer (Freiburg). 4pm, Room 3.29, 3rd Floor, Maths Tower.

NPCRDC: "Post Natal Depression and South Asian Woman - local women finding local solutions". Sue Hinder. 2pm, Seminar Room 2, 5th Floor, Williamson Bldg.

CCSR: "Are religious people authoritarians in socio-political attitudes?" Reza Afkhami (CCSR). 4pm, 2nd Floor, Crawford House.

Worldwide Universities Network: "Integrated Computational Biology: From the Molecule to the Cell". Ron Johnston (Bristol). 5pm, Kilburn Building Oxford Rd.

Wednesday 17 November

School of Chemistry: "Unraveling the Structure of Molecular Wires". Dr Andrew Beeby (Durham). 2pm, Room G.53, Chemistry Bldg.

School of Chemistry: "Fragmentation of Tertiary Alkoxides". Dr Ian Watt (Manchester). 4pm, Room G.53, Chemistry Bldg.

Manchester Centre for Nonlinear Dynamics: "A Model for Bursting in Linearly Filtered Chaos". Dr Alan Fenwick (Qinetiq). 4pm, Blackett Lecture Theatre, Schuster Laboratory.

Manchester Medical Society: "The problem of giving evidence in cases of alleged Child Abuse". Prof Sir Roy Meadow (Leeds). 5.30pm, MANDEC

School of Law - EUROPEAN MATRIX: "The Principle of Solidarity in EU External Policy". Prof Marise Cremona (London). 2.15pm, Room 3.07, Williamson Bldg.

NPCRDC: "Fumbling Towards the Light -Multidisciplinary care of chronic illness in Australia". Nicholas Zwar. 2pm, Seminar Room 2,5th Floor, Williamson Bldg.

Tyndall Centre Seminar: "UK energy demand and the announcement effects of the UK climate change levy (econometric), and provides evidence of path dependency in energy demand". Dr Terry Barker (Cambridge). 4pm, Room C16, Pariser Bldg.

Cultural Theory Institute (CTI) "Works in Progress" Postgraduate Seminar: "CTI Reading Group Activity: Bourdieu" Introduced by Dr. Lisa Adkins. 5pm, Cultural Theory Institute, 178 Waterloo Place.

Thursday 18 November

TRDN: "Preparing for 25%: e-Learning, Partnership and Organisation" 12 -2pm (lunch provided), Committee Room A, Whitworth Corridor. (Booking essential; ring 275 2316 or email Veronique.rizzuto@manchester.ac.uk) German Studies, Research Seminar. "Planes, Cranes and Modern Ideals? The Reich Aviation Ministry and Cultural Policy in the German Dictatorships". Dr Matthew Philpotts (Manchester). 4.15pm, Room WG.20, Humanities, Lime Grove.

School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences: "Erythromycin B - an old drug for a new millennium". Dr Jill Barber (Manchester). 4pm, L.Th.A, Coupland III Bldg.

Imaging Science and Biomedical Engineering: "The Staging of Oesophageal and Gastric Cancer". Dr C L Kay (Bradford Royal Infirmary). 5.15pm, Lecture Theatre 3, Stopford Bldg.

Manchester Medical Society: "Tuberculosis: Back to Basics". All day event, fee £20. To register or for further information contact: Silke Trier on 0161 276 4169 or email silke.trier@cmmc.nhs.uk

Manchester Medical Society PUBLIC HEALTH FORUM: Joint Symposium with the Public Health Grand Rounds of the Evidence for Population Health Unit, University of Manchester "Drug Misuse". Prof M Bellis (John Moores), Dr M Donmall (MHSS Trust), Sergeant D Gloster (GMP). 2pm, MANDEC.

Manchester Medical Society: "Practising Surgery - A Guide to Survival". Prof A K Maynard (York). 8pm, Chancellors Conference Centre.

British Computer Society: "Business Intelligence". Paul Taylor. 6.15pm, Renold Bldg.

Music Seminar: "Schubert: a truly great composer?" The Lindsay. 2.15pm, The Cosmo Rodewald Concert Hall, Martin Harris Bldg.

Postgraduate Discussion Forum for Art History & Visual Studies: "Incident at Gethsemane: The Arrest of Jesus in the Sources and in North European Art of the Fifteenth Century". Ken Henderson. 5.15pm in Room 1.70, Architecture and Planning Building.

Tuesday 23 November

School of Nursing, Midwifery and Social Work: "A randomised controlled trial comparing telephone versus face-to-face therapist contact in the treatment of obsessive-compulsive disorder". Karina Lovell. 12.30, COPE Room, Coupland III Bldg.

CHSTM: "Mad about the Buoy: Trust and Method in the Brent Spar Controversy". Steve Yearley (York). 4pm, Room 3.29, 3rd Floor, Maths Tower.

Manchester Medical Society - Section of Imaging Symposium: "Durability of Digital Data". Dr D Leitch (JRUL), Dr N Strickland (Hammersmith Hospital, London), Mr H J Melzer (GE Healthcare Tech). 6pm (registration and coffee from 5.30pm), Health Sciences PG Centre, MRI.

NPCRDC: "A survey and audit of the first guides to local health services". Jenny Noble. 2pm, Seminar Room 2,5th Floor, Williamson Bldg.

CCSR: "Religion in Europe: One theme, many variations?" David Voas (CCSR). 4pm, 2nd Floor, Crawford House

Worldwide Universities Network: "Spaces of affect". Derek McCormack (Southampton). 5pm, Kilburn Building Oxford Rd.

Wednesday 24 November

Tyndall Centre Seminar: "Aviation and Climate Change". Colin Beesley (Rolls-Royce). 4pm, Room C16, Pariser Bldg.

School of Chemistry: "Flexible Plastic Scaffolds for Metals; Synthesis and Application". Phil Dyer (Durham). 2pm, Room G.53, Chemistry Bldg.

School of Chemistry: "Synthetic approaches to Eleutherobin, Huperzine A, and various other biologically interesting molecules". Prof John Mann (Belfast). 4pm, Room G.53, Chemistry Bldg.

Manchester Centre for Nonlinear Dynamics: "Liquid Crystal Devices and Applications". Dr Gerry Lester (Exeter). 4pm, Blackett Lecture Theatre, Schuster Laboratory.

Sociology Seminar: Round Table Discussion "Historians and Queer Theory (Gender, Sexuality and Culture: New Exchanges). Lisa Duggan, Chris Waters, Matt Houlbrook, Matt Cook, Ann Carden-Coyne, Laura Doan. 4pm, Room 3.51, Williamson Bldg.

Manchester Medical Society PSYCHIATRY: Annual General Meeting and Symposium "Pervasive Development Disorders in Adult Life". 2pm (Buffet from 1.15pm), Affinity Healthcare, Cheadle Royal Hospital.

School of Materials: "Modification of Material Surfaces to Control Cellular Responses". Dr Rachel Williams (Liverpool). 2.15pm, Room D13, Manchester Materials Science Centre.

Cultural Theory Institute (CTI) "Works in Progress" Postgraduate Seminar: Bidisha Ray (Untitled presentation). 5pm Cultural Theory Institute, 178 Waterloo Place.

Worldwide Universities Network: "Integrated Computational Biology: From the Molecule to the Cell". Prof Andy McCammon (California). 5pm, Kilburn Building Oxford Rd.

Thursday 25 November

School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences: "Clinical Pharmacy in the Pharmaceutical Industry?" Dr Terri Cameron (OSIP). 4pm, L.Th.A, Coupland III Bldg.

Medieval Society: "The Great Dying': A Symposium on the Medieval Plague" 6pm in Room G6, Architecture and Planning Building.

Looking Back

The Manchester Museum 1898



As The Manchester Museum unveiled its newest and largest exhibit this month in the shape of T-rex (see page three), this photograph taken in 1898, shows the winching into place of the skeleton of a young sperm whale. This was then the largest exhibit at 36 feet in length and is still the centrepiece of the Gallery today.

The whale was found stranded and dying on the Massachussets coast near Provincetown in 1896 and was bought by the Museum from Ward's Natural Science Establishment in New York state with a donation of £50 whilst the Keeper of the Museum, Professor William Hoyle, was on holiday there. The bones were shipped to Manchester Docks and assembled in three weeks.

Alfred Waterhouse's purpose-built Natural History galleries built in 1888 had, over the years, been added to in a piece-meal manner. Some features including the suspension of the sperm whale in 1898 were an improvement, although the main floor of the gallery had become cluttered by the addition of cases of varying sizes.

A complete refurbishment, in both style and content was carried out in 1990-91, in keeping with the Bird Gallery which was completed in 1981. The most recent and extensive redevelopment of the museum was completed in 2003, funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund, the ERDF and the University. This created additional galleries to display more of the museum's six million artefacts.

The next big push for the Museum is the redevelopment of its Natural History galleries, which were little altered during the capital development project. This project offers an exciting opportunity to integrate issues of social responsibility through interdisciplinary research from across the University, looking at issues of local and global concern related to the environment.

Noticeboard

The Teaching and Research and **Development Network**

The Teaching and Research and Development Network (TRDN) is an interdisciplinary network that exists to promote good practice through dissemination of research on student learning. It is open to all staff involved in the teaching and learning process.

Information on TRDN events and activities are available at www.intranet.man.ac.uk/rsd/ci/profess/trdn /index html

Grand Total

The UMIST Auction held during the Day of Celebration on 8 September, raised a grand total of £906.13 for charity.

The proceeds will be split between Marie Curie Cancer Care and The Wood Street Mission.

Thanks go to everybody who took part, with special thanks to Jill Earnshaw and Steve . Williamson for all their hard work.

The University of Manchester

"Burgundy, the 'King of Wines'". 5.30pm, Senior Staff Common Room, Staff House, Sackville Street, £5-£9.

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Just The Job

Anna Malone Trainee Disability Adviser

If you love to surf then there's arguably only one place in Britain to be – the South West coast, which is why every weekend Trainee Disability Adviser Anna Malone grabs her surfboard and heads for North Devon.



Anna took up the sport just over a year ago and, much like her new job, she's still getting to grips with it.

"I love being by the sea, and I travel down to Devon most weekends," she says.

Anna started working in the Disability Support Office, which provides advice and support to disabled students, in February after spending a year as an Administrative Secretary in the Department of Psychology. It was there she realised how much she enjoyed working with students.

"I love dealing with students and I was finding that more and more in that role, I was dealing with students who had disabilities or needed support during exam times, and I found it really rewarding. Then this job came up, I applied, and I got it," she says.

At the moment Anna is still learning the ropes. Along with the other Disability Advisers, Anna deals with student enquiries and meets with students to identify their support needs. She also assists students

with applications to their funding bodies for the Disabled Students Allowance.

"Students may require adapted materials or equipment such as dictaphones to record lectures, or screen readers for their computers, which can be expensive. What we are able to do is assess their needs, and to help them apply for LEA grants," she says.

In addition to helping with the day to day running of the office Anna's trainee programme involves her producing a portfolio of reflective writing about her experiences, networking with other Disability Advisers in the HE sector and producing a project on 'issues facing disabled students in higher education'.

There are currently over 2,200 disabled students registered at the University. These include students with Specific Learning Difficulties (such as dyslexia), mental health difficulties, visual impairments, hearing impairments, medical conditions and mobility difficulties.

"You cannot make assumptions from the nature of a student's disability about

their support needs. Two students with the same disability can be affected in completely different ways," says Anna.

Students are welcome to drop-in to the Disability Support Office at any time, although Anna would recommend that an appointment is made wherever possible.

Looking to the future, Anna is hoping to complete her training and become a fully-fledged Disability Adviser early in 2005, and on the beach front, she's got her mind set on somewhere much more exotic than Devon.

"I love being by the sea and hope to go to get the chance to travel to somewhere a little more exotic than Devon in the near future. Sri Lanka or New Zealand are both places I would like to visit."

The DSO, located in room LG27 on the Lower Ground Floor of the John Owens Building, is open from 9am-4.30pm (Mon-Thurs) and 9am-12pm (Friday). For more information about what they do please visit the following web address.



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