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# Hello Alumni



I would like to congratulate all our 2005 graduates and honorary graduates.

This year we have been busy as the University has been celebrating 75 years of higher education on Teesside. Our predecessor institution was opened by the then Prince of Wales on 7 July 1930 and, as the Vice-Chancellor explains on the next page there has been much celebrating.

Thank you to everyone who returned the survey accompanying the last edition of the magazine. The results

were most interesting and have helped us in putting together our schedule for the year.

I hope you enjoy the magazine and will continue to keep in touch with us. If you would like to get in touch to update details or request support organising your own reunion - or just to say hello - then you can contact me via our website at [www.tees.ac.uk/alumni](http://www.tees.ac.uk/alumni).

Good luck in the year ahead.

Sarah Jane Irving, Alumni Officer

## Win ££££s

### Your views are important to us...

We need your input so that we can continue to keep up-to-date with you and your life whilst trying to refine and develop our alumni services. Please complete and return the enclosed survey on the reverse of the carrier slip accompanying this issue of *The Graduate*.

**If we receive it by 1 April 2006 you will be entered into the prize draw, or you can enter by updating your details online at [www.tees.ac.uk/alumni](http://www.tees.ac.uk/alumni).**

**Good luck!**

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# welcome

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*New Chancellor Lord Tom Sawyer at his installation ceremony in April.*

One of my greatest pleasures in this job is welcoming members of the Alumni Association back to the University who haven't been here for a while. I've had many opportunities to do this during the last 12 months as we celebrated our 75th birthday and installed our new Chancellor Lord Sawyer. The reaction of Alumni Association members is often one of surprise and always one of great pride and admiration at what has been 'built' here at your University - 'built' not just in terms of our physical campus, which has changed beyond recognition in the last five to ten years, but also in terms of the achievements of the many thousands of alumni who have at some stage been at our



*The Duke of York officially opens the University Gateway.*

University and happily remain a part of us to this day.

I know that many alumni remain in our region and many visit us from time to time. My colleagues would be delighted to provide members of the Alumni Association with a tour of the campus to give you an insight into the scale and pace of change that has taken place - simply email us at [alumni@tees.ac.uk](mailto:alumni@tees.ac.uk).

But I don't want to simply look back at what we have achieved here at your University. I also very much want to look forward at the exciting next stage of our development.

Work is about to begin on two new stunning buildings - the Institute of Digital Innovation and the Centre for Creative Technologies. These will provide state-of-the-art facilities for student learning, together with facilities for research, for graduate start-up companies, and for relevant businesses and partner agencies. Both buildings will be ready for use in the autumn of 2007 and are part of our exciting DigitalCity initiative.

And we are very excited about a parallel project that will create a new University of Teesside Centre within the new campus of Darlington College - new centres are also planned as part of new construction projects at Middlesbrough College and at Hartlepool College. This is part of the University's strategy of trying to make higher education more accessible throughout the Tees Valley and surrounding areas.

These new centres will be instrumental in supporting attainment of the objectives of a new pan-regional project, led by the University, in which we are working in partnership with all of the other universities and colleges

throughout the North East (28 in total) to create a new regional Lifelong Learning Network (the biggest of its kind in the UK). This development is focused on optimising participation in, and progression through, higher education in the region.

This is just a small snapshot of the developments taking place in the University which, together with the positive feedback that we are increasingly receiving from a number of sources, not least the recent National Student Survey 2005, fills me with both confidence and optimism for the future. I look forward to sharing that future with members of the Alumni Association for many years to come.

Do keep in touch and please accept my very best wishes for 2006.

Professor Graham Henderson  
Vice-Chancellor and Chief Executive

# university news

## Improving our town

Last issue we took a pictorial look at the developments on campus in the last decade and many of you requested that we include a feature showing the changes and developments that have taken place in Middlesbrough over the last few years. As the student numbers have grown (currently over 20,000) so too have the amenities in and around Middlesbrough benefiting both the student population and locals alike.



*Albert Park.*



*Psyche, Linthorpe Road.*

The Middlesbrough shopping experience has exploded over the last decade. The Hill Street Shopping Centre has undergone a £9 million refurbishment and extension, The Mall - Middlesbrough (formally the Cleveland Shopping Centre) will be investing around £20 million on internal improvements and will be welcoming H&M and George as new retailers to the town. The Dundas Shopping Mall has also benefited from improvements and the most recent shopping addition, Captain Cook Square, boasts a great range of shops. Linthorpe Road Central area has fast become the designer area of the town centre and includes the award-winning designer department store Psyche. This location is also home to numerous other designer stores plus great bars and restaurants.

Middlesbrough town centre has undergone significant developments and currently one of the council's most ambitious projects - the new Middlesbrough Institute of Modern Art (mima) - is under construction. Work began in the summer of 2004 and the gallery is expected to open later this year. It is the centrepiece of the redevelopments of Victoria Square and will host internationally acclaimed exhibitions.



*Artist's impression of the new Middlesbrough Institute of Modern Art.*



*Captain Cook Square.*

The Dorman Museum has been extended and there have been major improvements to Albert Park. The University has also developed KINO cinema, in partnership with Ten Feet Tall, which shows a broad range of movies from classics to recent releases. Screenings are on the University campus and are open to the public.

# Institute of Digital Innovation



*MoShine, winners of the best new company award at the Digital Fellowships 2005.*

Nearly 300 new jobs and 130 new companies will be created by 2010 as the result of the Institute of Digital Innovation (IDI) to be built by the University with support from One NorthEast.

This new development aims to put the Tees Valley at the forefront of digital technologies with a world-class reputation for excellence in areas such as computer animation and creating virtual learning environments. DigitalCity, a bold economic regeneration project developed by a partnership involving One North East, the University of Teesside, Tees Valley Partnership and Middlesbrough Council, will create a vibrant and successful super-cluster of digital technology and digital media enterprises that will play a key role in the overall economic regeneration of the Tees Valley.

Existing digital businesses in the Tees Valley and throughout the North East will benefit from DigitalCity as will potential new start-up businesses, including many spin-out companies set up by staff and graduates from the University. The IDI will be based on the University campus next to the Innovation and Virtual Reality Centre. It is expected to be completed in the summer of 2007.

Alan Clarke, Chief Executive of One NorthEast, said, "The University of Teesside has a growing reputation in the digital media and technology sector and this exciting programme will ensure that this academic excellence is converted into business creation and growth, putting the Tees Valley at the forefront of digital technologies. Jobs in digital technology are already replacing jobs lost in more traditional industries and are widely recognised as being a strong part of the future economy of the Tees Valley. DigitalCity will attract and retain the major talent in the region that is crucial for the economic growth of the North East."

Among the talented graduates to form their own digital media companies thanks to the scheme are Onisoft, Seed Animation, Fake Believe and MoShine. MoShine is a new graduate company, which won the best new company award at the DigitalCity Fellowships 2005 and has been commissioned to create the graphics for the DigitalCity DVD.

Janice Webster, DigitalCity Project Director, explained, "By 2010 our goal is to create a self-sustaining project boasting world-class people and projects with a brand that is a byword for innovation, daring and excellence."

## PEOPLE'S PEER IS TEESSIDE CHANCELLOR

Lord Tom Sawyer of Darlington was installed as the University's new Chancellor in a grand ceremony. Lord Sawyer, originally from the North East, worked in the engineering industry until 1971 when he became a full-time official for the National Union of Public Employees (NUPE) and Secretary of Darlington Council. He rose up union ranks and became Deputy General Secretary of NUPE/UNISON in 1981 until 1994, when he was appointed General Secretary of the Labour Party.

He is a former Chairman of the Notting Hill Housing Group and of the Royal Mail Partnership Board and former Director of Investors in People UK. He is currently Chairman of the Britannia Building Society Members' Council and Thompsons, the labour movement solicitors. He was appointed visiting Professor of Cranfield Business School in 1999 and became a life peer in 1998. He is delighted to become Chancellor and sees his role as being the University's champion in Parliament and, working with the Vice-Chancellor, ensuring that the University's reputation is spread far and wide.



# Become a business doctor



If you fancy progressing from your Masters qualification in business then Teesside Business School's new programme might be right up your street. The Doctorate in Business Administration (DBA) is a part-time programme at an equivalent level to a PhD. It is aimed at those who have senior managerial experience, and a relevant UK Masters degree.

Brian Brown is a current student on the programme, he works for Durham County

Council as Sure Start Children's Centre Programme Manager. He said, "The DBA presents an excellent opportunity for manager practitioners to blend operational practice with theoretical perspectives at the highest level. Perhaps most importantly it offers access to undertake a real research project which will contribute to the management knowledge base. The expertise gained from achieving the DBA will undoubtedly open many career advancement opportunities."

The first stage of the programme is a 15 month structured part-taught element, the second stage is negotiated learning and the preparation of a dissertation proposal over a six month period. The third stage is spent on the dissertation and culminates in the submission of the research thesis (a minimum of 27 months further study). For further details about the DBA please contact course leader David Preece on 01642 342919 or email [tbsp@tees.ac.uk](mailto:tbsp@tees.ac.uk).

# New university fees made simple



From 2006 most universities in England, including the University of Teesside, will be charging £3,000 a year tuition fees for full-time undergraduates. All students who have to pay these fees will be able to take out a loan from the Student Loans Company, so parents or students do not have to pay tuition fees up front

There is also new support to help with living costs. Students can get a new maintenance grant of up to £2,700 a year and can also take out a maintenance loan, both are available from Local Education Authorities. For more

information about government support visit [www.dfes.gov.uk/studentsupport](http://www.dfes.gov.uk/studentsupport).

All universities that are charging fees will be giving money to students in the form of grants, bursaries or scholarships. Every institution has something different to offer and the minimum students can expect is £300 a year if they are from less affluent backgrounds.

The University of Teesside has a comprehensive offer of financial support to all full-time UK and EU undergraduates.

We have bursaries of up to £1,300 a year for less affluent students and every student is guaranteed a Welcome Grant of £500 in their first year. On top of this, we are offering scholarships worth £1,000 a year for students that have 300 tariff points at A Level or equivalent. Certain conditions apply. For more information about the University of Teesside support package visit [www.tees.ac.uk/funding](http://www.tees.ac.uk/funding).

# WALLY'S WORK COMES HOME

Honorary graduate Wally K Daly, originally from Grangetown in Middlesbrough is internationally renowned for his prolific career as a playwright. He has written hundreds of stage and radio plays, television shows and even songs.

Last year he decided to take semi-retirement and spend more of his time at his summer home in Bournemouth. So the question arose of what to do with the vast archive of work he has built up over the years. Wally K was in no doubt that his legacy should be returned to his roots in the North East, so he generously decided to donate the entire archive to the University for the use of students and staff in their research.

Suzanne Heywood from the Learning Resource Centre has been tasked with cataloguing the collection. She said, "Wally K's archive is a huge collection of handwritten proposals and scripts and also some radio reels from his many years as a successful playwright. It is a fantastic resource for the University to have at its disposal."

We would like to take this opportunity to publicly thank Wally K for his kind donation.

*Wally (right) is pictured handing over part of his archive to Vice-Chancellor Professor Graham Henderson.*



# Teesside Incubator opens for business



In May the Teesside Incubator was officially opened by Margaret Fay the Chairman of One North East. She opened the newly refurbished Victoria Building on behalf of the Regional Development Agency (RDA).

Since 2000 the University has helped to nurture over 70 graduate businesses on campus and created 150 jobs. The Teesside Incubator is a dedicated building aimed at further developing this support. One feature is the Teesside Cocoon which is located within the building and is aimed at raising the aspirations of would-be entrepreneurs before they start their own business.

The Teesside Incubator was formerly Victoria Road School and has been totally refurbished

*Graduates Rob Wormersley, Neil Kidney and Morgan Powell (all MA Computer Animation, 2004) from Seed Animation who have an incubator unit. They are pictured with Maurice Tinkler, Gillian Maxfield and Curtis Jobling from the University's department of Academic Enterprise.*

to provide 13 further business incubator units and business support for graduate start-up businesses. During the refurbishments a time capsule was discovered which included information about the original costs of building the school, a mere £12,000 in today's money. That is a fraction of the £1.3 million spent on the redevelopment of the building, funded by the University, the RDA and European grant support.

If you are interested in finding out more about graduate incubator units and other support for setting up your own enterprise please contact Jan Harris, Business Developer, on 01642 384425 or email [jan.harris@tees.ac.uk](mailto:jan.harris@tees.ac.uk).

## HONORARY & PROFESSORIAL PUBLIC LECTURE SERIES

If you are still living or working in the local area then why not pop along to one of this year's free public lectures. They are all held in the Centuria Building on the University campus on Wednesday evenings from 6.30pm - 8.00pm. Light refreshments are available from 6.00pm.

For more details contact the Alumni Office at [alumni.office@tees.ac.uk](mailto:alumni.office@tees.ac.uk) or call 01642 384255.

### Shiulie Ghosh *Making the News*

Wednesday 15 February 2006



ITV news correspondent Shiulie will examine many aspects of working in television news, including the inherent dangers in the business and changes in technology. She will draw on her extensive experience of working both in radio and television.

### Professor Rob MacDonald *Disconnected Youth? Popular Myths, Dangerous Theories and Mundane Realities*

Wednesday 29 March 2006



Utilising extensive research carried out in Teesside's 'poor neighbourhoods', Professor MacDonald will ask if young people really are disconnected from the social, economic and moral mainstream, or if popular representations and academic theories have failed to connect with the more mundane realities of growing up 'poor' in Britain.

### Professor Gerda Roper *Imaging Women*

Wednesday 17 May 2006



Professor Gerda Roper trained as a fine artist and went on to teach art in higher education. She is now Dean of the University's School of Arts & Media. Professor Roper will look at how women are represented in literature, fine art and the media and will include images from her own work.



# STOP PRESS

- Do you fancy returning for further study? We are now offering a non means-tested postgraduate bursary worth £2,450 to all full-time UK and EU students on taught courses. For more information contact the Finance Department at [finance@tees.ac.uk](mailto:finance@tees.ac.uk). Note this excludes those on NHS funded courses
- **The University participated in the National Mentoring Consortium Ethnic Minority Undergraduate Mentoring Scheme and has clinched two trophies. The scheme is designed to improve the employment prospects and career progression for ethnic minority students. Law student Uzma Shezaadi won the trophy for Mentee of the Year, her mentor Steve Trimmins, Director of the Home Office Crime Reduction Centre in Easingwold, was awarded Mentor of the Year.**

Following a successful five-year partnership with the National Mentoring Consortium, the University has now developed its own mentoring scheme, DiversiTees. The scheme is aimed at black and minority ethnic, mature (26+) or disabled students. We would love to have some University of Teesside graduates as mentors. If you are working in the North East area and could mentor a student please contact [jane.simpson@tees.ac.uk](mailto:jane.simpson@tees.ac.uk). For more information see [www.tees.ac.uk/careers](http://www.tees.ac.uk/careers) and click on the blue DiversiTees logo.

- **The University of Teesside has been the top English modern university of graduate employment and/or graduate-level further study or training for two out of the last three years of published data. Teesside was one of the first modern universities to be accredited under the Government-backed Matrix national quality standard for careers information, advice and guidance.**



The University welcomed London's successful bid to host the 2012 Olympic Games. Martin Pout, Senior Lecturer in Exercise Physiology said, "This is fantastic news and will have a huge impact on the whole country. The University is already at the

forefront of providing sport science support to elite athletes and partnership agencies and I anticipate a massive increase in the number of sport scientists, coaches and sport workers over the next few years as Olympic fever hits. Our own £6.5 million Olympia Building, which includes a state-of-the-art environmental chamber will undoubtedly have a role to play."

- **Professor Philip Barker has won one of the country's most prestigious teaching prizes - a National Teaching Fellowship Award. Professor Barker is based in the School of Computing and was given the award in recognition of his excellence in teaching and learning. This is the fifth win for the University of Teesside since the scheme was launched in 2000.**



Two University of Teesside lecturers, Siobhan Fenton and Clive Tonge, attended the world's largest short film festival in Hollywood, Los Angeles, last year to present their own short film. The film is entitled *Emily and the Baba Yaga* and is an animated dark fairytale based on the traditional Russian story of the Baba Yaga. Siobhan said, "I am absolutely thrilled that *Baba Yaga* has done so well. We are using it to showcase the kind of talents which exist in the North East." To view a trailer of the film visit [www.thebabayaga.com](http://www.thebabayaga.com).

- **Experts from across the world took part in the second International Fire and Arson Investigation Conference held at the University in July. The conference was organised by the University's Centre for Forensic Investigation, in partnership with Cleveland Fire Brigade and Cleveland Police. The speakers included Ken Rach from Queensland Police and Special Agents Robert Schaal and Ron Tunkel from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms & Explosives in the USA. They shared their experience and knowledge of dealing with major scenes such as the Bali and Madrid bombings and the Australian Palace Youth Hostel fire.**
- President of the Royal College of Nursing (RCN) Sylvia Denton visited the University last year to meet and address final-year students on the Diploma/Advanced Diploma in Nursing Programme. Sylvia said how impressed she was at the current retention rate for students on the Diploma Programme. She also praised the tripartite system, where academic staff visit and support students in clinical practice. The nursing provision at Teesside was subsequently mentioned by name in Sylvia's address at this year's RCN Congress as an example of good practice.
- **Students at the University of Teesside are overwhelmingly satisfied with their lecturers, learning resources and personal development, according to a massive new survey of student experiences published in September last year. In all, over 1,200 Teesside students responded to the Government's survey which had the backing of the higher education funding councils and the National Union of Students. The results will form part of the new Teaching Quality Information (TQI) website which will give prospective students and their advisers greater insight into choosing what and where to study.**

# Graduation 2005

Over 4,000 awards were presented at this year's Academic Awards at Middlesbrough Town Hall in November - the culmination of years of hard and rewarding work by both students and staff. Ten individual ceremonies were held with graduates receiving their awards in front of family, friends and VIP guests. We would like to pass on our congratulations to everyone who received an award - well done!

As usual during the final ceremony honorary degrees were awarded to six leading figures that the University considers to have made a significant contribution to society.



*Lord Brittan (centre) is pictured with Vice-Chancellor Professor Graham Henderson (right) and former Chair of the Governors, Mr Hackney.*

**Lord Leon Brittan of Spennithorne QC** (honorary Doctor of Laws). Lord Brittan was awarded his honorary degree at the new Chancellor's Installation ceremony in April. Lord Brittan was the first Chancellor of the University of Teesside, from 1993 to 2005. He is Vice-Chairman of UBS Investment Bank and has previously served as European Commissioner following a distinguished parliamentary career. He was elected to the House of Commons in 1974 as a Member of Parliament for Cleveland & Whitby and in 1983 for Richmond. During his career he also held posts as Minister of State at the Home Office, Chief Secretary to the Treasury, Home Secretary and Secretary of State for Trade and Industry. Lord Brittain was knighted in 1989 and became a life peer in 2000.



**Bob Champion MBE** (honorary Doctor of Laws). Bob was born in the Tees Valley and began a career in horse racing aged 15. In 1979 he was diagnosed with cancer and given eight months to live. He fought the cancer successfully and went on to win the Grand National in 1981, riding Aldaniti. He finally retired from racing in 1983 having won some 500 races and in the same year received the MBE and founded the Bob Champion Cancer Trust.



**Bryan Hanson OBE** (honorary Master of Laws). Bryan is a former leader of Hartlepool Council where he made a major contribution to local government. He is now Chairman of North Tees & Hartlepool NHS Trust and Cleveland College of Art & Design's board of governors.



**Geoffrey Muirhead CBE** (honorary Doctor of Business Administration). Geoffrey is the Chief Executive of the Manchester Airport Group and a graduate of Teesside Polytechnic. He started his career with British Steel and progressed to a number of senior positions with different companies in locations ranging from Belgium to Saudi Arabia.



**Geraldine Peacock CBE** (honorary Doctor of Laws). Geraldine lectured in Social Administration at Teesside Polytechnic in the mid-1970s and went on to become Chief Executive of the Guide Dogs for the Blind Association. She is now Chair of the Charities Commission and has advised the Government on a range of charity issues.



**Hannana Siddiqui** (honorary Master of Arts). Hannana grew up in the Tees Valley and is the founder and joint co-ordinator of the Southall Black Sisters. This national organisation supports Afro-Caribbean women on a range of major policy issues, including immigration law and domestic violence.

The University would like to take this opportunity to thank all those individuals and organisations who sponsor/donate prizes at the Academic Awards Ceremonies to acknowledge individual achievement. If you would like more information about sponsoring a prize please contact the Vice-Chancellor's Office on 01642 342002 or email [m.white@tees.ac.uk](mailto:m.white@tees.ac.uk).

# leading the way

## Historical haunting

Having spent the first part of her life helping her family run an agricultural business, Jean Kirkland decided to change direction. She had always had a great interest in history and decided to return to education as a mature student. Jean graduated from BA (Hons) History in 2002. Since then she has been putting her degree to good use.

Jean works part-time as a tutor for the Workers' Educational Association (WEA), teaching local history courses. She has also written a number of local history books about her home town, Darlington, these include *Georgian & Victorian Haughton* and her latest publication *A Week on Wheels*.

But her other part-time post for Darlington Council is a little more unusual. Jean uses her skills as a local historian to give guided ghost walks of Darlington. Her knowledge and research skills allow her to prepare really interesting routes and anecdotes to entertain and inform her audiences. Jean said, "I love giving people a flavour of the darker side of Darlington. The walks are really popular and I hope to broaden and enlarge them in the future."



## SETTING THE STANDARD



BSc (Hons) Consumer Science and Consumer Law graduate Emma Willetts secured a job straight away at Aberdeen City Council as a Trainee Trading Standards Officer.

Emma's job is very varied which is one of the things she enjoys most about it. She said, "We have no typical day which is why I love the job. One day we could be dealing with safety issues or consumer complaints; then the next we are undertaking criminal investigations, for example on weights and measures issues."

Her degree allowed her to gain exemption from the majority of the Diploma in Trading Standards (an important professional qualification) which has been really valuable. Emma said, "I am really glad I went in to this profession as it is both interesting and rewarding. It is great to think you have helped an individual and improved the situation for other consumers. In the future I would like to continue within the field of trading standards. Perhaps working with consumers and schemes relating to underage sales, doorstep selling, consumer education and other problematic areas we touch upon in our everyday work."

# Costume drama



When Dawn Outhwaite graduated from BA (Hons) Entertainment Design Crafts in 2002 she knew she was now equipped with the knowledge she needed to achieve her lifelong ambition.

Dawn said, "I always wanted to go into theatre costume design and my degree allowed me to develop the necessary skills for this while also learning about other areas of design within the theatre."

As a newly qualified graduate Dawn's degree was invaluable in helping her get her very first job as Costume Designer for the Flying Ducks Youth Theatre. From there she managed to get a variety of jobs via *The Stage* newspaper and word of mouth.

Dawn has worked on a vast array of theatre productions as well as on films and television productions including *Casanova Documentary* for Channel 4 television and *Winner Takes All* for Little Dragon Productions. She is currently Deputy Wardrobe Supervisor for the Mark Goucher Company UK tour of *Annie Get Your Gun*. Dawn said, "I love my job. Working with a touring company means I am always on the road and get to visit lots of different towns. In the future I hope to use all my experience in wardrobe to design and make costumes full-time."



# Hamlett the historian

On 2 July 1930 huge crowds gathered in Middlesbrough to see the arrival of the Prince of Wales, who would later be crowned King Edward VIII. The Prince was visiting Middlesbrough to officially open Constantine College, which later evolved to become the University of Teesside. Standing at the front of one section of the crowd was nine-year-old Bob Hamlett. Bob said, "I can still remember the Prince's visit in 1930; it was absolutely marvellous with bunting and balloons. The crowds were huge as the Prince was a very popular man at the time."

Bob went on to become a blast furnace engineer and then qualified as an engineering lecturer with Constantine College where he went on to lecture. This year the University celebrated its 75th anniversary and Bob once again had reason to celebrate. At the age of 84 he has just graduated with a BA (Hons) in English Studies. Bob said, "The changes to the University since the days of Constantine College are beyond description, it's absolutely amazing. I never imagined that Middlesbrough would have such a facility. My advice to anyone my age who's thinking of studying is be positive and go for it, stretch yourself. I'm feeling a bit bored now and am definitely going to do something else, perhaps a short course. The University has a smashing atmosphere. I can't believe that anybody my age wouldn't enjoy studying there."



# Freelance finance

Glynn Davis graduated in 1989 with a BSc (Hons) Computer Science and began work in the City of London managing the computer system for a financial services organisation. He then moved on to investment administration for a fund management company. Having gained a great deal of experience, Glynn decided to use this professional insight to become a business journalist writing about financial issues for various newspapers and magazines.

This change of direction has proved highly successful for Glynn. Since going freelance four years ago he really enjoys the freedom of working for himself. He said, "It is an enjoyable way to work because not only do I get to write for many magazines and newspapers on different subjects, but there is also the freedom of not having a set work pattern to the day."

In addition to his articles, Glynn has also written a book on the dotcom boom of the late 1990s and share tips. He is currently writing for the *Financial Times*, *Retail Week* and *The Grocer* as well as judging the Pub Food of the Year Competition.



Would you like to feature in the next edition of *The Graduate*? All you need to do is submit a short article (200 words max) which includes: your course title and year of graduation, details of what you are doing now, and any other interesting or unusual information about your career.

We also need a really good photo of you preferably relating to your article - either a hardcopy or an electronic image (contact us for specifications) - or if you're local to the University, our photographer may be able to pay you a visit!

The magazine is circulated to over 35,000 graduates across the globe and it is a great opportunity to promote both yourself and your organisation, so get typing! Email us at [alumni.office@tees.ac.uk](mailto:alumni.office@tees.ac.uk).



# The film producer

Roger Shannon graduated with a BA (Hons) Humanities in 1976 and went on to further study elsewhere. He then began to pursue a career in the film industry. Roger said, "I chose humanities because Teesside allowed me to study literary creativity within a social and cultural context, which stood me in great stead for both my Masters and for my work in the film industry."

He has had a highly successful career in film production and exhibition. In 1979 he established Birmingham Film and Video Workshop, which collaborated with Channel 4 to pioneer work with young people in the film industry. In 1985 he co-produced his first feature film *Out of Order*. Roger then went on to found the award-winning Birmingham Film and Television Festival. He has numerous credits to his name including executive producer of the 1999 Cannes award-winning film, *Beautiful People*. Roger has now been

involved with 20 feature films, helping new writers and directors get their first shot at movie fame. Most recently Roger has worked on *Festival* and *On A Clear Day*. *Festival* has just been nominated for two BAFTAs, Best British Film and Best New Director.

He has been a member of numerous national and regional boards, including the Lottery Film Panel and the British Film Institute. He also runs his own film production company, Swish Ltd. Roger said, "While studying at Teesside I set-up and ran the student Film Society which further developed my love of film. I have enjoyed a fantastic career as a film producer, film policy consultant and film festival director. I am fortunate to have worked on films that have won awards at the Cannes, Toronto and Sundance Film Festivals. My passion for film continues to develop and I am always looking for new challenges."

Renuka Godawatta had studied food and nutrition in her native Sri Lanka before coming to Teesside in 2002. She graduated in 2003 with an MSc Food Technology and was lucky enough to obtain a post in the nutrition field almost immediately.

Renuka works as a 5 A Day Nutrition Co-ordinator for Sunderland Teaching Primary Care Trust, a role which she is really enjoying. She said, "My job is very challenging as currently only 20% of people in Sunderland are eating five or more portions of fruit and vegetables a day. It is really rewarding as I am helping people to improve their health and ultimately their lives."

The 5 A Day campaign is run by the Government and aims to raise awareness of the health benefits of fruit and vegetables and improve access to them. Renuka said, "Fruit and vegetables are so important to our diet, they reduce the risk of many chronic diseases. Fruit and vegetables also contain antioxidants, which help protect us from many common forms of cancer."

For more information about the 5 A Day campaign see [www.5aday.nhs.uk](http://www.5aday.nhs.uk). See our article on page 17 for more information about improving your health and fitness.

# Take five



# Verity's in the news



Verity Hudson graduated in 2005 with a BA (Hons) Media Studies and her tenacious attitude paid off when she went straight to work as a journalist for the *Asian Express* in Leeds.

Whilst studying at Teesside Verity honed her journalistic skills working on the student magazine *Cup of Tees* and this, together with the skills and knowledge learnt during her degree, helped her secure her first job. Since then she has moved up the ladder very quickly and is now Sub Editor for the paper.

The *Asian Express* is a free monthly publication with a circulation of approximately 90,000 across Yorkshire and Lancashire.

Verity said, "The job can be hectic but I love the fast-paced atmosphere and the chance to experience something new every day. My role involves finding good stories, investigating them, interviewing the individuals involved and then writing up an interesting and informative article. We have a small editorial team which gives us all the chance to be a little more creative which is really enjoyable."

Verity is really proud of the work she is doing and in the future would like to progress to become a chief editor.

## ANIMATION ANTICS

Having completed a BSc (Hons) Visualisation in 2002 Steven White went on to gain a MA Computer Animation in 2003. He had initially chosen the visualisation course because he wanted to be a special effects technician, but on noticing the growth in the use of computer generated (CG) effects he felt that choosing animation would be a more prudent route to take. This decision has proved to be the right one for Steven.

He now works as a CG Animator for One, a post production company in Soho which incorporates broadcast design, motion control, Telecine, Computer Generated Imaging (CGI), visual effects and digital intermediary.

Steven's main work consists of promos and commercials for a variety of clients. The CGI department at One uses a combination of Maya, After Effects and Photoshop to achieve the goals required by the project. He says the highs of the job are definitely seeing your work on TV and being able to handle all aspects of a project, including modelling, animation and compositing. In the future he would like to work as a lead features animator.



## Graduate Profiles can you help?

We are working hard to obtain graduate profiles from as many alumni as possible, so we can celebrate your success in our marketing literature.

If you would like to provide a profile, then please contact the Alumni Association on 01642 384255 or email [alumni.office@tees.ac.uk](mailto:alumni.office@tees.ac.uk).

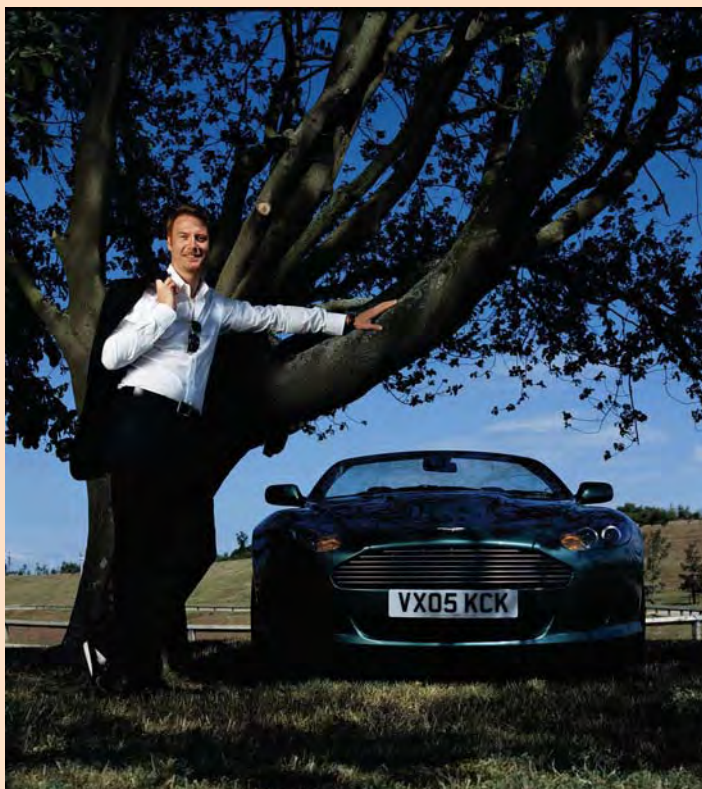
# Happy ever after

When Catherine Flanigan graduated with a BA (Hons) English in 2000 little did she realise her own work would soon feature on the BBC. Catherine is one of eight people who won BBC3's End of Story competition. She won the 'chick-lit' category, beating 2,000 other budding writers. She had to write a conclusion to a short story by internationally renowned author Marian Keyes, whose novels include *Lucy Sullivan is Getting Married* and *Sushi for Beginners*.

The story, *A Woman's Right to Shoes*, concerns Alice, a woman with odd sized-feet who advertises for someone with opposite feet, so they can swap shoes. Catherine's prize was to have the story published in a compilation book and also see actors portray the story on BBC3. In addition to this Marian Keyes also gave Catherine a lap top and set up a meeting in London with her agent, Jonathan Lloyd of Curtis Brown. To read Catherine's winning story go to [www.bbc.co.uk/endofstory](http://www.bbc.co.uk/endofstory).



# The man from Aston Martin



After graduating in 1989 with a BA (Hons) Industrial Design, Marek Reichman went on to further study. He then began an extremely successful career in car design.

Marek's career began with Rover Group in Coventry where he was part of the team responsible for the design of a new range of Rover cars. He then became Senior Designer at BMW Designworks/USA in California and worked on the overhaul of Land Rover's Design DNA. Marek returned to the UK in 1999 to establish a design studio in London to initiate the new Rolls Royce Phantom.

He then went back to America to work for Ford and Lincoln Mercury in California as Chief Designer, and just last year he returned to the UK as Director of Design for Aston Martin. Marek really enjoys his career and continually finds new challenges to work on, plus being surrounded by some of the world's most prestigious cars isn't bad either!



# graduates around the globe

## Techno Thomas



After graduating in 1991 with an MSc 3D Computer-Aided Graphical Technology Applications, Thomas Drews returned to his native Germany. He now works in Frankfurt as a Senior Systems Engineer at Juniper Networks.

He worked for numerous American information technology companies, mainly in pre-sales positions, before specialising in innovative products for companies seeking to expand their European market. Thomas said, "I was very often the first techie within Central and Eastern Europe tasked with establishing and growing companies' business in these areas. Many of the organisations I worked for had overwhelming successes."

His current role involves giving lots of technical training sessions to business partners and end-customers. He also carries out technical evaluations, gives presentations and must keep up with the very dynamic evolution of technology. The job involves a great deal of travel particularly around Europe.

Thomas said, "Technology is often the key resource of the businesses I work with and I enjoy introducing it to a wider audience. I love the travelling; my favourite cities are Budapest and Moscow. In the future I would like to work on the next generation of security solutions in IT."

## INTERNATIONAL RECRUITMENT 2006

Our international team will soon be starting their international recruitment for 2006. We'd like to thank those of you who came along last year, and invite those of you living abroad to come along and meet the team when they are visiting your country this year. For exact dates, times and venues please call Elke Tinnacher on +44 (0) 1642 384281 or email [international.office@tees.ac.uk](mailto:international.office@tees.ac.uk).

<b>January</b>	Oslo, Norway
<b>February</b>	China, India
<b>March</b>	Penang and Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia and Cologne, Germany
<b>March/April</b>	Athens and Thessaloniki, Greece
<b>April</b>	Qatar, Bahrain, Kuwait and Oman
<b>September</b>	Dublin, Ireland and Berlin, Germany
<b>October</b>	Cork, Ireland and Munich, Germany
<b>November</b>	Germany

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## INTERNATIONAL REUNIONS

### Reunion in Athens - 9 April 2005

Yassas from Greece. And thank you to all of you who attended the second alumni event in Athens for making it such a success. The reunion began with drinks in the Galaxy Bar on the rooftop of the Hilton Hotel with a spectacular view of the Acropolis. We then went on to enjoy a lovely meal at a nearby restaurant.

I do hope all of you that signed up to the Athens sub-group will keep in touch via email and perhaps organise your own events - do keep us informed. If you're interested in joining the Athens sub-group please email [alumni.office@tees.ac.uk](mailto:alumni.office@tees.ac.uk).

If you would like us to organise a reunion event or set up a sub-group network of Teesside graduates in your city then please contact us on +44 (0) 1642 384255 or email [alumni.office@tees.ac.uk](mailto:alumni.office@tees.ac.uk).



# From crime scenes to the Cayman Islands



Lindzi Smith (now Stewart) left Teesside in 1998 with a BSc (Hons) Applied Science and Forensic Measurement and after pursuing further study (gaining Qualified Teacher Status) she went on to secure a position as a Scene of Crimes Officer (SOCO) at Herefordshire Constabulary. Lindzi really loved working as a SOCO and met her husband Rob during the course of her work. In summer 2003 Rob secured a position in the police force in the Cayman Islands and Lindzi decided to take a career break to go out there with him.

Despite taking a break from her career it wasn't long before Lindzi's skills were called upon. Hurricane Ivan hit the Cayman Islands in September 2004 and whilst the people dealt with the aftermath and started to rebuild their lives Lindzi worked as a volunteer for the Royal Cayman Islands Police (RCIP) in the Scenes of Crime Department.

Her role involved helping them to examine crime scenes (in particular an increase in burglaries at unsecured properties), advising on forensic matters such as the securing of crime scenes, and the correct collection of exhibits.

Lindzi said, "I was happy that I could put my skills to good use and help a much smaller, and in many respects less experienced police force to deal with situations that they had previously never encountered. My experiences dealing with serious crime situations, as well as having trained police officers in forensic awareness in Hertfordshire Constabulary, proved invaluable. My husband and I have recently moved to Cayman Brac (a smaller island) and I am working as a schools liaison for the RCIP. We love living out here; Cayman Brac is a beautiful island and the people are very welcoming, friendly and genuine."

**Do you live overseas? Would you like to share your story?  
We would love to hear all about you just email us at  
[alumni.office@tees.ac.uk](mailto:alumni.office@tees.ac.uk).**

## FLYING HIGH



When Glenn Johnson graduated in 1985 with a BA (Hons) Industrial Design Engineering, his ambition was to be an industrial designer and hopefully to try and combine that with his other passion - aircraft.

After several years working in the UK and France, Glenn was offered the opportunity to set-up a design studio in the United States. Glenn said, "The opportunity was simply too good to turn down. I now live in North Carolina which is a fantastic place with beautiful mountains and beaches."

Glenn has worked as an aircraft interior designer for numerous companies including Airbus and British Aerospace. His current role is Director of the Industrial Design Studio at B/E Aerospace Incorporated (US), the world's largest aircraft interiors supplier. He currently manages four staff and the studio has won several global design awards. Glenn loves his job as it is very interesting and involves lots of travel. He said, "My team work on the interiors of a variety of planes for Japan Airlines."



## Simon settles in Scandinavia

When Simon Dickens graduated with a BA (Hons) Business Communications in 1993, little did he imagine his current location or choice of career.

Directly after graduation Simon joined a magazine distribution company and then went on to work for the *Daily Telegraph* in distribution. He then had a self confessed mid-life crisis and became a ski guide. He fell in love with the last place he worked as a guide, Are, in Sweden and did not want to leave so he found a position as a Sales Manager for Areco Snowsystem. The company sells and produces snow machines and consultation services, which perfectly combined Simon's interest in skiing with his extensive business experience.

He then had another change of direction and set up his own business which imports and distributes hunting goods to shops throughout Scandinavia. Simon said, "I love running my own business and we also take hunting guests out on shooting trips, so I am getting the opportunity to mix with people from all over the world."

*Simon is pictured in Are with his dog Ida.*



## Life down under



Diploma in Social Work graduate, Justine Leggett, left Teesside in 1997. She now lives in Perth, Australia, and works for Workright as an Employment Co-ordinator. She supports people with mental health needs in returning to the workforce, and finds her job both interesting and incredibly rewarding.

Justine said, "I decided to move to Australia because of the climate and the country's positive outlook on life. When I initially came here, it was on a one year work visa and I loved it so much I then returned to the UK and applied for permanent residency. My qualifications were very important in being accepted for a visa. I finally emigrated in 2000."

Justine initially settled in Sydney and worked as a Respite Co-ordinator for people with intellectual and physical disabilities in the eastern suburbs. She enjoyed this role and would like to return to something similar in the future.

Justine would also like to move to Queensland which she regards as one of the most beautiful states with a fantastic climate. She does miss England, particularly the sport, but as she is getting married this year to an Australian, her future is definitely in Oz.

## Steel going strong

Executive Secretary Mary Sapouniotti believes that moving to the UK in 2002 to study a BA (Hons) Media Studies, followed by an MA Human Resource Management has been invaluable in securing her job in Athens.

After graduation Mary worked in the UK for a year as an administrative assistant to help improve her English. She then returned to Greece and secured her executive secretary position at Halyvourgiki Incorporated, the largest steel plant in Greece. Mary works for the Managing Director, she has a great deal of responsibility which she really enjoys, and the

company is a well-respected organisation with a very high profile in Greece.

Mary needs to speak fluent English for her role and often deals with public relations and marketing activities, tasks which are greatly supported by her academic background. Mary said, "I really enjoy this role and love living and working in Athens - it is a fantastic city. In the future I am looking to transfer to the human resource department so that I can put the skills learnt on my Masters programme to good use."



# alumni news

## The next step...a healthy lifestyle

This section of *The Graduate* focuses on a topic we think will be of particular relevance to our alumni. In this issue, we look at maintaining a healthy lifestyle. Two of the University's academic experts offer some advice for keeping yourself in tip-top condition.

Martin Pout is a Senior Lecturer in Exercise Physiology in the School of Social Science & Law and Dr Beckie Lang is a Research Fellow in the School of Health & Social Care, examining obesity.

Beckie said, "We all hear so much nowadays about what foods are good and bad for you but the trick is to ensure that you have a balanced diet (which includes sufficient fruit and vegetables), minimise intakes of fatty and sugary foods and drink plenty of water.

"Currently over two thirds of UK adults are considered to be overweight and almost a quarter are obese. This has significant impact on health, increasing the risk of diseases such as heart disease, diabetes and arthritis - in all age groups. It also reduces fertility in men and women and causes huge problems for women who do conceive in terms of their own and their baby's health during pregnancy."

Following a healthy diet must of course go hand in hand with regular exercise. Martin suggests that everyone, whatever age they are, can be more active. He said, "As a nation we are less active than ever before and this has led to a major problem in public health. It has been estimated that inactivity costs the UK £8.4 billion a year, and can contribute to causing over 20 different diseases including heart disease, diabetes, obesity and cancer.

"However, being active doesn't necessarily mean having to go to aerobics classes or early morning jogging, as even a small amount of activity can make a difference. The Government's recommendation is 30 minutes of activity per day, five days a week. It doesn't even have to be all in one bout to be healthy; the 30 minutes can be broken down in to 10 - 15 minute smaller chunks, for example a short walk in the morning and another one later in the day."

### PRIZE WINNERS

We would like to say a big thank you to all of you who completed the survey in the last issue. The response was excellent and thousands were returned in time to be entered into the prize draw. The winner and two runners-up are named below; their prizes were NEXT vouchers.

<b>Andrew Wilde</b> , MBA, 2001	First prize £100
<b>Roy Makin</b> , BA Accounting and Finance, 1996	Runner-up £75
<b>Helen Clark</b> , BSc Occupational Therapy, 1998	Runner-up £75

### Try our suggestions to improve your lifestyle:



- Prepare snacks in advance to reduce the temptation to grab high fat, low nutrient snacks like chocolate and crisps. Slip a banana or cereal bar in your work bag.
- Park your car further away from the entrance at the supermarket or work.
- Keep soft fizzy drinks to a minimum or choose diet varieties.
- Hide the TV remote control.
- Keep alcohol in check. No more than two to three units per day - calories from alcohol do count!
- Hand wash the car instead of taking it to the car wash.
- When watching TV remember to get up in the adverts and stretch your legs.
- Use a pedometer to record the number of steps you take in a day - you might be pleasantly surprised.
- Invest in a bicycle and go cycling at weekends.
- Encourage your organisation to provide healthy meal and snack options.
- Walk up the stairs instead of using the lift.
- Try to eat five portions of fruit and vegetables per day - fresh, frozen, dried, canned and juiced all count. (A portion is about the amount you can hold in the palm of your hand).
- Have a glass of water if you are feeling hungry. Hunger and thirst are easy to confuse.
- Eat breakfast every day (preferably a whole grain breakfast cereal) to help stop mid-morning snacking.
- Instead of working through lunch, take a half-hour break and go for a refreshing walk.
- Use a little more vigour when carrying out those household chores.



# Alumni updates & desperately seeking

## 1968

**Leslie Hamilton, BEng** *Mechanical Engineering* is now Senior Vice President of Danger Inc in California. He would love to hear from old friends via his email [hamiltonl@mac.com](mailto:hamiltonl@mac.com).

## 1977

**Jill Egglestone, BA (Hons)** *Interior Design* works as a Senior Lecturer at the University of Teesside in the School of Arts & Media. She would like to hear from old friends at [j.egglestone@tees.ac.uk](mailto:j.egglestone@tees.ac.uk).

## 1989

**Richard Norton, BA Industrial Design Engineering**, now lives and works in Dallas, Texas. He has travelled extensively and works as an Engineering Manager overseeing new product development and their introduction to the market.

## 1993

**Sean Sims, BA (Hons) History of Design, Architecture and the Built Environment**, is now a successful professional illustrator signed to the New Division Agency. He devised the 'Tutti Cuti' product range for Santoro Graphics and was runner-up in the illustrator of the year 2004 competition.

He also designs cards for Beau Monde and regularly features as an illustrator in the national press, BBC magazines, *Men's Health* and *GQ*. Sean has recently illustrated his first book, a US publication called *Green Clean* giving recipes and tips using environmentally sound ingredients. He also worked on the illustrations for the TV channel Discovery Realtime. Sean lives in Brighton and collects 60s and 70s memorabilia. His old friends can email him at [sean.sims@ntlworld.com](mailto:sean.sims@ntlworld.com).

## 1994

**Jason Redgers, BEng (Hons) Civil Engineering**, works for Gemech as Regional Manager. Any old friends can contact him via email [j.redgers@virgin.net](mailto:j.redgers@virgin.net).

**Helen Thompson, BSc (Hons) Chemistry** is a Process Technologist for Invista UK Ltd. If you remember her then please contact her at [helen.l.thompson-1@invista.com](mailto:helen.l.thompson-1@invista.com).

## 1996

**Claire Woolford, BA (Hons) Criminology** now works for Kent Police as an Intelligence Analyst specialising in sex offenders and dangerous offenders. She got married last September and lives in Kent with her dog Bruce. She still visits the North East a couple of times a year to visit friends and family.

**Alan Carter, MBA** is now Chief Executive of QA International Certification Limited. Any old friends can catch up with him at [acartermba@aol.com](mailto:acartermba@aol.com).

**Justin Pringle, BA (Hons) Industrial Design** is now Managing Director of his own company, the Skills Gap, in West Yorkshire. He can be contacted at [justin@theskillsgap.com](mailto:justin@theskillsgap.com).

## 1997

**Simon Brown, MA Advanced Digital Design** married **Victoria Twiss, BA (Hons) Business Management, 2002**. Simon is now Managing Director of the Chilli Group of Companies and still owns his own company, Calm Asylum. Victoria is a Project Co-ordinator for Connexions Tees Valley.



## 1998

**Michelle Lawson** (now Patmore), *BA (Hons) Social Policy* worked for numerous years for the police and local government. She has recently returned to full-time study, working towards a Masters. To contact Michelle email [michellepatmore1@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:michellepatmore1@yahoo.co.uk).

## 1999

**Julie Hackney, BA (Hons) Business Studies** married **Andrew Westrop, BA (Hons) Design Marketing, 1998**.



Julie is now a Portfolio Manager for the Royal Bank of Scotland and Andrew is an Account Manager for Etrinsic, a leading Print Management Company. They were married in September 2005 and now live in Worcestershire.

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## Alumni Reunited

Did you know we have our own online directory called Alumni Reunited? It is password protected, so all you need to do is register via the online form and indicate that you are interested in displaying your email address online and you will be forwarded a password. To register, go to our website [www.tees.ac.uk/alumni](http://www.tees.ac.uk/alumni) and click on Register Online. The online directory lists graduates by year and by surname and is a great way to keep in direct contact with old friends. Give us a click today!



**Nick McCabe**, BA (Hons) Graphic Design was Chief Executive of his own company, CoolJunkie.com in Miami Beach, Florida, which he sold to Track Entertainment where he is now Partner and Creative Director. He splits his life between Miami Beach and New York. Any old friends can contact him on [nick@cooljunkie.com](mailto:nick@cooljunkie.com).

## 2000

**Nicola Crossman**, BA (Hons) Business Studies married **James Porter**, BEng (Hons) Civil Engineering, 1996 in 2005. Nicola is now the Marketing Co-ordinator for Johnson Matthey Ltd and James is a Senior Civil Engineer at Skanska Whessoe.

## 2001

**Ceris Griffiths**, BA (Hons) Marketing married **Graham Crow**, BSc (Hons) Sport Science in Nottingham in July last year.



Ceris now works as a Development Assistant at Nottingham Trent University and her husband Graham is a PE teacher in Newark. Also in attendance at the wedding were **Claire Cannell**, BA (Hons) Marketing as bridesmaid and **Pete Collier**, BA (Hons) Design Marketing as best man.

**Warren M Holden**, BEng (Hons) Instrumentation and Control Engineering now works as Senior Control Systems Engineer for Stone & Webster in Nanjing, China. He has been with Stone & Webster since graduating and has worked in their offices in the UK as well as Beijing and Kuala Lumpur. He is married and has one daughter, Cataleya Arianne Holden, born in 2004. Friends can get in touch with Warren at [warrenmholden@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:warrenmholden@yahoo.co.uk).

**Lyndsey Wiseman**, BA (Hons) Business Management is now working as a buyer for award-winning manufacturing company Miller UK in Northumberland. You can contact Lyndsey at [lyndsey.wiseman@talk21.com](mailto:lyndsey.wiseman@talk21.com).

**Alison Margetts**, BSc (Hons) Sociology married **Tom Brooks**, BSc (Hons) Psychology and Criminology in November. Also in attendance at the wedding was **Sarah Mulholland**, BA Humanities who was a bridesmaid.



## 2002

**Alexis Pitts**, BSc (Hons) Sport Science now works as Supply Chain Co-ordinator for Tesco. If you would like to get in touch with Alexis you can email her at [alix\\_victoria@hotmail.com](mailto:alix_victoria@hotmail.com).

## 2003

**Darren Bunn**, BSc (Hons) Sport Studies Coaching. Last year, after completing a PGCE Darren began work as a PE teacher at Nunthorpe Secondary School in Middlesbrough. He can be contacted at [dazbunn@hotmail.com](mailto:dazbunn@hotmail.com).

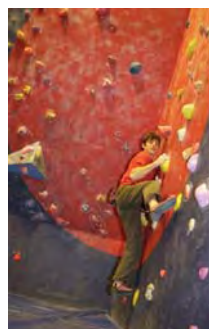
**Rasanga Alahakoon**, MBA, is currently working as a Merchandising Executive in MAS Holdings, Sri Lanka (a joint venture company with Sara Lee Courtaulds, UK). His email is [rasangaa@masholdings.com](mailto:rasangaa@masholdings.com).

## 2004

**David Scott**, BEng Instrumentation and Control Engineering is now an Instrument Engineer for Parsons E & C, working on designs for the Caspian Sea oil fields. To get in touch with David, email [dave.scott@parsonsec.com](mailto:dave.scott@parsonsec.com).

# Past versus Present Sports Tournament

The 14th annual Past versus Present Sports Tournament took place on Saturday 26 November. The Past teams were competing to retain the Vice-Chancellor's Cup. This year's overall winners were once again the Past teams. The Professor Derek Fraser Cup for outstanding achievement was awarded to Paula Jones for all her work over the last 13 years in organising the tournament. Thank you to all who participated. We are always looking for new participants and are open to any new suggestions of sports to include, just contact us by email at [alumni.office@tees.ac.uk](mailto:alumni.office@tees.ac.uk).



## Results:

	Past	Present	Winner
Men's Basketball 1	72	54	Past
Men's Basketball 2	56	85	Present
Women's Basketball	80	52	Past
Climbing	290	344	Present
Cricket	1	0	Past
Men's Football 1	6	2	Past
Men's Football 2	1	3	Present
Women's Football	4	0	Past
Women's Gaelic Football	69	12	Past
Golf	2	2	Draw
Men's Hockey	2	4	Present
Women's Hockey	7	0	Present
Netball	53	43	Past
Men's Rugby	30	18	Past
Squash	3	0	Past
Ten-pin Bowling	0	2	Present

## STUDENTS' UNION GOES FROM STRENGTH TO STRENGTH

As you know from your time at Teesside, the Students' Union (SU) provides a wide range of excellent support services, extra curricular activities and entertainment facilities.

So it's no surprise that Teesside SU has been recognised for its work, receiving a number of awards and nominations in recent years including the Students' Union of the Year Award from The Bar Entertainment and Dance Association in 2004, and the same award from Club Mirror in 2002.

Remember, membership of the SU does not have to end when you graduate. All alumni are entitled to Associate Lifetime Membership which is free of charge and enables graduates to retain many of the benefits of being a member of the SU, including access to the Terrace Bar and Club One\*. To get your lifetime membership card just contact Mark Whitehall on 01642 342234 or email [m.whitehall@tees.ac.uk](mailto:m.whitehall@tees.ac.uk).

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