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Welcome

Welcome to the latest issue of *The Graduate* in its new eco-friendlier size. The smaller format significantly reduces our postage costs and allows us to engage with an alumni network that now spans 127 countries.

If you have just graduated and are reading this magazine for the first time, I want to welcome you to the 100,000 strong Queen's alumni community worldwide. The Development and Alumni Relations team aims to strengthen this network, to encourage you to take advantage of the many benefits available (pp19-21) and to persuade you to remain actively involved in the life of your University. As ever, we would welcome your feedback by email to: editor@qub.ac.uk.

This issue has a special focus on enterprise in recognition of the University's status as **Entrepreneurial University of the Year**, an award which acknowledges the spirit of enterprise among staff, students and alumni. It is fitting that, at a special event in June, the new Library at Queen's was named in honour of one of Northern Ireland's most notable and successful entrepreneurs, Sir Allen McClay (p3).

You can read about innovative research projects (pp12-15) and our plans for a Graduate and Executive Education Centre at Riddell Hall that will meet the needs of local and global business (pp 22-23). You can also pick up tips for business success from six entrepreneurial Queen's alumni (pp 24-29).



So far, 460 graduates have responded to the spring 'Adopt a Book' campaign raising over £28,000 for the Special Collections Endowment. This is a terrific success and I thank everyone who made a gift.

We are always seeking to improve the programmes on offer to graduates, so we need to know what you think – good and bad. Our biggest ever alumni survey is now 'live'; to complete the survey please go to: www.qub.ac.uk/Alumni/Reconnecting or contact the Office on 028 9097 3100 for a copy of the questionnaire.

Thank you for reading!

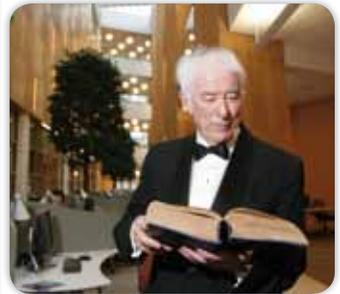
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News

Nobel Laureate opens landmark library

One of Northern Ireland's newest landmark buildings - the £50 million McClay Library at Queen's - was officially opened in July by one of the University's most famous sons, Nobel prize-winning poet Seamus Heaney.

Describing The McClay Library as "a fitting monument to one of the University's greatest benefactors,"



Seamus Heaney added: "The redbrick walls of the new structure match those of the venerable Lanyon Building, and will stand as a symbol of both continuity and ongoing development."

In June, the library was officially named after one of Northern Ireland's most famous entrepreneurs, the late Sir Allen McClay. Lady Heather McClay, who attended the opening, said:

"Allen spent his entire life learning, even in his older years. As he set up and built Galen and then Almac he always said that he was learning every day. He held Queen's in very high regard and was acutely aware of the role universities play in driving forward an economy. I am hopeful that what he achieved can inspire future business leaders in Northern Ireland."

Annual Alumni Awards

A pioneering West Indian surgeon hailed as a miracle worker in his native St Vincent is 2010 Graduate of the Year. **Dr Cecil Cyrus** (below left), who graduated in 1957, was the first qualified surgeon in St Vincent when he returned there in 1963.

His service to his country over 40 years has achieved international recognition. In 1983 he was awarded the OBE and in 2002 was named a Local Health Hero by the Pan American Health Organization. A commemorative stamp featured his portrait and, in 2003, he was awarded the CMG, Companion of the Most Excellent Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, for service in the field of medicine.

Vincent Murray (below right with Vice-Chancellor Professor Peter Gregson and the Graduate of the Year), who led a number of peace and reconciliation and environmental projects as Chairperson of SIFE (Students in Free Enterprise) at Queen's, is this year's Student of the Year.

SIFE is a global network which nurtures students' entrepreneurial skills to benefit their careers and the wider community.

In his role as Chairperson, Vincent also contributed to the portfolio of activities which resulted in Queen's becoming the Entrepreneurial University of the Year.

A member of the Students' Union Management Board, Vincent serves as a Trustee of Share-Uganda, a student-led charity pioneered by SIFE that works with orphaned children in southern Uganda.

The Annual Awards were launched in 1999 by the Queen's Graduates' Association and the Development and Alumni Relations Office, with the support of First Trust Bank.



2012 countdown begins at PEC



Queen's Summer Activity Scheme participants, **Ryan Holland** and **Paul Armstrong**, help launch the countdown to the 2012 Olympics and Paralympics with (from L to R): **Paul Deighton** LOCOG, **Kevin Murray**, Queen's Sport, **Lorraine Conlon**, Head of the Northern Ireland 2012 Unit in DCAL and **Joanne O'Hagan**, DSNI.

Local schoolchildren have helped the Chief Executive of the London Organising Committee of the Olympic Games (LOCOG) kick off the official two year countdown to the 2012 Paralympics.

Paul Deighton joined children at the Summer Activity Scheme and Disability Sports' NI's 5 Star Disability Challenge, as part of a UK-wide day of events to raise children's awareness of disability sports ahead of the 2012 Games. Each child was given the opportunity to participate in five challenges, each one based on a Paralympic event.

Joanne O'Hagan, Disability Sports NI (DSNI) and **Johnny McCarthy**, player with the Knights Wheelchair Basketball Team, delivered the Disability Challenge project to children attending Queen's Summer Activity Scheme.

Kevin Murray, PE & Sport Development Officer at Queen's Sport said: "Through involvement in this project we hope to challenge commonly held negative attitudes about people with disabilities, and to inspire and encourage more disabled and able bodied children to become more active in sport."

Angela Hendra MBE, Chairperson Disability Sports NI said: "We are delighted with the success of the

Five Star Challenge Education Project since its launch last year and are happy that Queen's Summer Activity Scheme has come on board so enthusiastically with the project to help us mark the two years to the 2012 Games."

National recognition for Queen's engineer

A Queen's professor is to receive the 2010 Sir Harold Hartley Medal in recognition of his contribution to control engineering and condition monitoring.

Professor George Irwin of the School of Electronics, Electrical Engineering and Computer Science, will be presented with the Medal by the Institute of Measurement and Control at its Presidential Address and Learned Awards at the Royal Society in London in October.

Last year, Professor Irwin was one of only nine engineers worldwide to be elected Fellow of the International Federation of Automatic Control. His work, including the exploitation of control engineering methods for batch processes, has seen him collaborate extensively with DuPont, Seagate, Radox and other industry leaders in Northern Ireland.

Dressed to impress!

The Development and Alumni Relations Office, in partnership with Perks, held its annual 'dress to impress' competition during graduation week in July.

Leading fashion retailer DV8, which has stores across Northern Ireland and a shopping website at www.dv8fashion.com, sponsored this year's competition with £100 vouchers for daily winners and an additional £200 for the overall winner - **Grainne McGill** from Magherafelt (pictured).

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Appointments

Queen's has appointed **Wendy Galbraith** as Director of Finance. A chartered accountant, Mrs Galbraith joins the University from the Belfast Health and Social Care Trust where she was Deputy Chief Executive and Director of Finance.

An Associate member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in Ireland, she became a Fellow in 2003 and has extensive experience across a wide range of strategic financial management arenas in the public and voluntary sectors.

Mrs Galbraith, who lives in Belfast and is married with two daughters, graduated from Dundee University in 1988 with a First Class BSc Honours in Mathematics

and Statistics. She trained in accountancy with Price Waterhouse before moving to Deloitte and Touche in 1994.

Scott Rutherford has been appointed Director of Research and Enterprise, joining the University from Imperial College London.

Mr Rutherford has substantial experience within the higher education sector and has worked in a variety of roles covering research policy, strategy and management information systems. He has also worked for the Medical Research Council, where he was responsible for developing new funding initiatives and policies.

Mr Rutherford holds an undergraduate degree from the University of Keele, an MBA from Imperial College London and has conducted several independent research projects within the field of research management.

Students 'engineer' success

Sixteen Queen's students from the School of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering are the first to benefit from a unique new partnership with local company, FG Wilson.

The FG Wilson Caterpillar Scholarships provide financial support, mentoring opportunities and work placements, giving the students the best possible chance of achieving their full academic potential.

At a ceremony in the University, students received a certificate and a cheque for £1,000 from **Dr Mark Sweeney**, Managing Director, FG Wilson and **Dick Elsdon**, Caterpillar (UK) Ltd's Director of Government Affairs.

Head of School **Professor Robert Fleck** said: "We are very grateful for the growing support and successful partnership we have with FG Wilson and the Caterpillar Foundation, which is providing these students with an outstanding opportunity for learning and development."

Olympian takes centre stage

Double Olympic Gold medal winner **Dame Kelly Holmes** was among those to receive honorary degrees from Queen's during summer graduation.

Dame Kelly made British athletics history by taking gold in both the 800m and 1500m events at the 2004 Athens Games.

Making her second visit to Queen's, (she officially opened the new PE Centre in 2007) Dame Kelly picked up a Doctorate of the University for distinction in sport and for public service. She has now swapped her running shoes for a number of roles including ambassador for the London 2012 Olympic Games and National School Champion.

Delivering her citation, **James O'Kane**, Queen's Registrar and Chief Operating Officer, said: "Dame Kelly's life has been about striving to be the best, overcoming all of the challenges before her and remaining focused on achieving her lifetime ambitions.

The first British woman ever to achieve an Olympic double, Kelly is a truly inspirational and respected figure in the world of sport."

For more news from Queen's go to www.qub.ac.uk and follow the links for Latest News.

Profile

Clear Blue Water



When Cambridge University's second string (Goldie) rowers challenged Queen's 1st VIII to a race the week before going head to head with Oxford, they probably didn't expect to receive a thrashing at the hands of the Belfast crew. Thanks to Queen's Coach of the Year, Mark Fangen-Hall, that's exactly what happened as Alumni Officer, Gerry Power, found out when he spoke to him in August.

"I want to create something special at Queen's. We are already being recognised both internationally and closer to home and yet we've only just started," says the quietly spoken Londoner.

Queen's may have recently seen off rivals Trinity College Dublin in the annual Ramada Hotel Shaw's Bridge Boat Race and they might be justifiably proud to hold men's and women's Irish and British University titles in several disciplines, but Fangen-Hall views these as 'minor battle victories'.

Mark comes from a strong line of oarsmen - his father was a former coach to the Great Britain team in the 1980 Olympics. He represented GB in a coxed four in the under 23 World Championships and has held senior positions at Kingston Grammar School and Great Britain Rowing. He was also assistant coach at Cambridge Boat Club, working with the crews who race Oxford in the annual Boat Race.

"After a few years as a ski instructor in France, I wanted to get back into UK rowing and in

coming to Belfast I certainly fell on my feet! It's a real challenge and, in rowing terms, Queen's is definitely a sleeping giant," said the former top flight rugby player.

Few universities in the UK have a full-time professional rowing coach. Oxford and Cambridge (of course) along with Durham and Reading make up the powerhouse of college rowing.

On arriving in Belfast, Fangen-Hall was immediately struck by the level of enthusiasm shown by the University's oarsmen.

"Everything, except for that enthusiasm, needed changing! The last real winning team here was in 1963, so clearly the opportunities now are mind-blowing."

Recognising this, Coach Fangen-Hall doubled the training load on students shortly after he arrived, a move that was quickly and willingly accepted.

Unlike other sports where participation at an early age is a



prerequisite, rowing is one of the few where both men and women can start from scratch at 15 and reach the top.

"It is physically demanding and time-consuming and it requires both self and collective discipline," says Mark. "With up to 12 training sessions each week (2-3 hours at a time) you need be passionate. But it is a discipline that transfers easily into other areas of life."

It is argued, by Mark and others, that rowing is the ultimate team activity, with the best oarsmen often coming out tops academically.

"Given that teams tend to lose more than they win, consistency and stability are every bit as important as the result."

And there is more to rowing than just competition and results, as Fangen-Hall was keen to point out.

"While others might not agree, I am not obsessed with results! Coaching is all about process and performance. Given that teams tend to lose more than they win, consistency and stability are every bit as important as the result."

A typical day for Mark, and for the athletes he trains, starts around 5.45am, with an early morning

training session in Queen's Physical Education Centre (PEC).

"The PEC has some world-class land training and testing facilities - rowing machines, weight trainers and so on," says Mark. "They are probably the best outside of the US and I am delighted that Queen's Sport now embraces the idea of elite rowing," he adds.

With carbon fibre boats costing £6-£10k for a single scull, £10k for a pair and £30k for an eight (excluding a set of oars which will set Queen's Rowing Club back £3k) rowing certainly isn't cheap! Funding the sport at a top class level is one of the toughest challenges being faced by the Club.

"You can't go fast in an old boat!" says Mark. "While the University is now putting more money into the sport, most of the boats at Queen's are older than the people in them! Several are in a bad state and have to be patched up every summer and they are easily damaged.

Last year, each member of the Senior 8 contributed £3,500 to represent Queen's. We don't really have enough new boats or funds and at best a new boat really only lasts 3 seasons," he added.

Without a doubt Queen's has established clear blue water between itself and many of its main rowing rivals. Fangen-Hall has made a major impact in the

20 or so months he has been in charge, underscoring the influential role of a fulltime coach. And with Queen's students helping Ireland win bronze at the recent World University Rowing Championships in Szeged, Hungary, Mark's guidance is already helping the University's rowers to fulfil their potential.

So what next for the sport at Queen's?

"I am hopeful that Queen's Rowing will recruit 70 freshers this year - and with it still being regarded as a 'new sport' a good intake is important. I also want to push Queen's up the national and international rowing league tables.

And of course, I'd like to increase the number of new boats in the fleet," he concluded.

With such a demanding schedule it is no wonder that Mark has little time for hobbies. But with the University now attracting enquiries from prospective students with an interest in rowing because of its growing reputation in the sport, the future looks bright for Queen's, its oarsmen and its rowing coach. **G**

Anyone interested in making a donation to the Rowing Academy equipment fund should contact Shauna Hughes in the Development Office - 028 9097 3233 or by email - s.l.hughes@qub.ac.uk



Keep up with rowing at Queen's online at www.queensrowing.org

All the way from America

Involving the University's US-based graduates in the life of Queen's is a top priority not just for student recruitment but also for strengthening ties and creating a positive image of Northern Ireland.

Keeping in touch with former students when they return home - or move - to America is also a prerogative for the University's Development Office. Queen's now has three graduate associations in the US; extant groups on the East and West Coasts were recently boosted by the creation of a new alumni Chapter in Boston. And The Friends of The Queen's University of Belfast Inc help improve the University's profile and alumni networking in North America while facilitating tax efficient giving for US citizens.

The historical links between Northern Ireland and the United States are legendary. No less than 10 US presidents, including Andrew Jackson, Ulysses S Grant and T Woodrow Wilson, claimed Northern Ireland as their ancestral home. More recently in 2001 Bill Clinton, the first serving President to visit Northern Ireland, received an honorary degree from Queen's for his contribution to the peace process.

That same process was facilitated by **Senator George Mitchell** in his role as United States Special Envoy for Northern Ireland. For 10 years, from 1999 to 2009, Senator Mitchell was Chancellor of Queen's, actively promoting the University around the globe and helping secure funds which have been invested in staff, students and facilities.

Queen's is justifiably proud of its connections with the United States – University researchers are collaborating with their American counterparts on projects which have the capacity to change the world in areas as diverse as health, environmental sustainability and

electronics. Thousands of local graduates, including many medics who answered the call for doctors in the 1960s, have set up home in the US.

"I decided to come to Queen's because of its outstanding international reputation and for the experience of studying outside America."

The University's present-day links with the United States include student exchanges such as the Washington-Ireland Programme and the Mitchell Scholars, joint staff research projects and several taught collaborations. Currently there are over 150 American students enrolled in study abroad, undergraduate and postgraduate degrees at Queen's, including 1st year medic **Brian Cox**.

"When I first arrived, I was struck by the history of the place," said Brian, who comes from San Diego.

"I marvelled at the architecture of Queen's and the eminent individuals who have studied here. I spent the first few weeks exploring the city, eager to find what else it had to offer. And as a Californian surfer, I was most surprised to find that Queen's even offered a surf club!" he added.

"So far I've been challenged by coursework, inundated with opportunity, and have met some of the most generously kind people in the world," concluded Brian.

Jordan Junge from Denver, Colorado is in her 2nd year of an International Studies degree. In 2009 she was the Northern Ireland regional winner in the British Council's SHINE! International Student Awards and not surprisingly is enthusiastic about the campus and the staff.

"I love my course - the staff are amazing and actually care about the students' progression. Queen's is a beautiful place to study and I would recommend it to anyone," she added.

In addition to the appointment of **Ian Moore**, Deputy Head of Alumni Relations, who has responsibility for international graduates including those in North America, Queen's now has a designated member of staff for student recruitment in the United States - who is American and also a Queen's graduate! **Bridget Carey** told *The Graduate*:

"I was initially attracted to Queen's on the basis of the academic programmes on offer.

The job in international recruitment seemed like a great opportunity to marry my love for this city and for



Queen's and to represent a University where I, personally, had such a wonderful academic and personal experience."

Focusing on her role as Queen's principal student recruiter in America, Bridget continued: "Queen's has a long tradition of welcoming students from the United States, and we are focused, more now than ever, on raising the profile of the University throughout the US and on encouraging American students to think of completing a degree here."

With over 150 American students currently enrolled at Queen's, the aim is to increase those numbers. Our alumni can play an important role in that mission by talking about Queen's and sharing their experiences with potential students," she concluded.

Queen's also works closely with organisations such as the Northern Ireland Bureau and Invest NI to develop a positive profile of Northern Ireland – and Queen's – in the US.

The final word, however, goes to **Shawn M Reming Jr.**, a 1st year PhD student in Irish Studies from Mathews County, Virginia.

"Outside of the world-class research environment at Queen's, the city of Belfast is a great place to live. The people make you feel welcome immediately, and the opportunities to experience the physical and natural beauty of Northern Ireland are boundless."

Bridget Carey with Norman Houston of the NI Bureau

Graduate profile: Our man in Washington

Timothy Curry, MA Comparative Ethnic Conflict, 2002, is currently a Policy Advisor in Washington, DC. The former Personal Assistant to the late Senator Edward Kennedy grew up in Boston and was encouraged to come to Belfast by Paul, now **Baron Bew** Professor of Irish Politics at Queen's.



Timothy Curry at the Capitol

Timothy's current role as Acting Director, Counter Terrorism Policy Division in the Department of Homeland Security involves him in regular high-level contact with members of the US and international intelligence communities, the US State Department and the White House. "It's a tremendous advantage to go outside the US to study," he told *The Graduate*.

"At Queen's, and in Europe in particular, there is a higher level of diversity - politically, culturally and socially - that may not be represented in the US. Discussions I had at Queen's greatly enhanced my global understanding in a way that may not have been possible had all of my education been in the US."

Prior to coming to Queen's for his Masters Timothy helped make a documentary film in 1999 on the role of paramilitary prisoners in the Northern Ireland peace process. For Timothy, Northern Ireland was an interesting case study, in a subject

area where it is often difficult to examine conflict close at hand.

"Given the excellent quality of teaching, the academic staff and the significantly cheaper cost of education, Queen's is a great education destination."

"We don't have a lot of models for resolution of conflict," he said from his office in the political heart of America. "My research was a comparative analysis of Hezbollah and Sinn Féin, focusing on the rise of these political parties from the origins of their paramilitary organizations.

Given the excellent quality of teaching, the academic staff and the significantly cheaper cost of education, Queen's is a great education destination. It is also a tremendous gateway to Europe," added Timothy, who has already convinced a number of his friends to apply to Queen's.

Timothy maintains links with Belfast through renowned academics Lord Bew, **Adrian Guelke**, Professor of Comparative Politics, and with **Beverley Milton-Edwards**, Professor of Politics at Queen's.

He serves on the board of the Washington Ireland programme and the American Ireland Fund. He is also involved in the Belfast-Beltway Boxing Project - a Washington, DC based non-profit group dedicated to providing cultural exchange and international amateur athletic competition by supporting at-risk youth, primarily in DC and the Ardoyne in Belfast.



American Partnerships

Queen's has strategic links with several key American institutions among them Georgetown and Vanderbilt Universities and the University of Maryland. It also has close ties with the University of Massachusetts Lowell and Boston College and, through its Centre for Cancer Research and Cell Biology, currently has a dynamic partnership with the US National Cancer Institute in Maryland.

Georgetown University

Several partnerships exist between Queen's and Georgetown ranging from Cancer Research, Peace and Conflict Studies to Law, Politics, History and Creative Writing. The colleges have worked very closely on developing joint seminars and conferences at both campuses.

The President of Georgetown, **Dr John DeGioia**, received an honorary degree from Queen's in 2008 to mark the special relationship between the two universities.

Vanderbilt University

Queen's also has strategic ties with Vanderbilt in Nashville,

Tennessee covering a broadly-based programme of research partnerships and staff/student mobility. Successful collaborations in English/Humanities and Astronomy have led the universities to pursue other areas of mutual research interest, including Paediatric Pharmacology, Information Systems (Engineering), and possible collaborations in Education.

Opportunities for co-operation are also being explored in respect of English (Creative Writing), Music (Sonic Arts and the Curb School of Music) and Chemistry/Pharmacy (Drug Discovery). Additionally, Belfast and Nashville have been 'Sister Cities' since 1995 which has strengthened the ties between the universities.

University of Maryland

In January 2010, a group of 20 social science students from the College of Behavioural and Social Sciences, Maryland visited the School of Politics, International Studies and Philosophy at Queen's to study conflict resolution and deeply divided societies. A further group of Maryland students will be visiting in 2011 for an expanded series of talks and events

Getting involved

North America is just one area where partnerships continue to be developed. Among other priority countries for Queen's are India, China and Malaysia. We need your help to achieve our ambition of attracting more international students and to tell the world that Queen's is a great place to study.

For further information please contact the International Office (see details below). 

Among the University events which have taken place in the US, was the conferment of an Honorary Degree on former Queen's student Liam Neeson in New York, in May 2009. Dr Neeson (left) is pictured with Queen's Vice-Chancellor, Professor Peter Gregson.



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Research Meningitis breakthrough

Saving lives - researchers develop ground-breaking test for meningitis.

Any parent who has ever worried that their child may have meningitis can take heart from the latest research from Queen's.

A new rapid diagnostic test for meningococcal bacteria that can produce results within an hour has been developed by scientists from Queen's Centre for Infection and Immunity and the Belfast Health and Social Care Trust. The speed of this new test is a vital factor in the treatment of young children with meningococcal meningitis and septicaemia who become very ill over a short period.

This research has been supported by the Meningitis Research Foundation (MRF).



Professor Mike Shields, of Queen's and the Belfast Trust, explained: "The first symptoms of meningococcal

infections are the same as a simple viral infection, making it difficult to diagnose in the early stages. Parents often use the 'tumbler test' on their children's bodies, but the non-blanching rash that is associated with a positive outcome of this test is a late sign and is not always present in children who have meningitis.

Currently doctors will admit and treat with antibiotics any child that they suspect of having meningococcal disease while they await the traditional test results that take between 24 and 48 hours. Some children are not

diagnosed in the early stages while others are admitted and treated 'just in case' when they don't actually have the disease.

"Speedy identification of the cause of infection enables doctors to make life-saving decisions..."

"With the development of a small piece of equipment, which resembles a portable home printer, a sample of blood or a secretion such as saliva, can be tested quickly by the machine. This produces a colour reading that determines if the patient has meningitis or not."

Alongside saving lives, early detection can potentially improve outcomes for meningitis patients who are often left with life-altering conditions such as deafness and cerebral palsy.

The machine is now being trialled in the A&E Department of the Royal Belfast Hospital for Sick Children.

"There is no other rapid test that can confirm the diagnosis in such a short time. Current tests are expensive and take up to two days. Speedy identification of the cause of infection enables doctors to make life-saving decisions about the treatment of patients. If we have the results within an hour we will be able to start the appropriate course of treatment right away," said Professor Shields.

The new test is very different to standard culture-based detection methods used until now.

Professor Shields: "In recent years molecular diagnostic tests, that use the DNA finger print from 'bugs' for diagnosis, have been developed, but they still require the specimen sample to be transported to the laboratory and it takes a considerable time to get the result back to the doctor. This means that doctors have to make clinical decisions before results are available.

The new test called 'loop mediated isothermal amplification' also utilises a molecular method to detect genes that are common to all strains of the meningococcus. The real advantage of the new LAMP test is that it has the potential to be a simple bedside test that is rapid, cheap, easy to use and doesn't require laboratory trained staff."

Currently there are 1,200 to 1,500 laboratory confirmed cases of meningococcal disease in the UK each year and it is thought that actual numbers could be higher.

The medical team behind this breakthrough was recognised for its work in June of this year when it won an Elevations Diagnostics idea of the year award, organised by HSC innovators, a panel of experts from industry, healthcare and business support organisations.

If you are interested in making a donation to Meningitis research please contact Kerry Bryson in the Development Office.
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The future of technology

In partnership with Seagate Technology, the global leader in data storage solutions, new levels of information and data storage will be just one of the groundbreaking potential applications that will be created in new research hub ANSIN, at Queen's.

By attracting a wide variety of international companies to ANSIN, it is expected that advances in new medical sensors, security devices and many other areas will also be made possible.

Seagate has provided £7.5 million worth of equipment to ANSIN which is based in the School of Mathematics and Physics at Queen's. Unparalleled in third-level physics education in the UK, the ANSIN facility is one of the top ten industry-linked university research centres in the world.

"Twenty-five years ago my music collection filled many shelves, now I've 100 times more music and it fits in my pocket."

In ANSIN, researchers will work on new advanced materials from the

micron scale, about 50 times smaller than the width of a human hair, all the way down to layers of materials just a few atoms thick.

Explaining how work at ANSIN will impact positively on people's daily lives, **Professor Robert Bowman**, Director of Queen's Centre for Nanostructured Media said: "Twenty-five years ago my music collection filled many shelves, now I've 100 times more music and it fits in my pocket. The science, technology and manufacturing required to make that happen has been revolutionary.

Before the end of the decade you will have the ability to carry a vast digital library of text, images, music and HD movies with you in the same way. To make that possible will again require revolutionary developments of advanced materials and their exploitation in as yet unimagined ways. This is all only possible by understanding and exploiting fundamental physics and materials science questions. This is what we are aiming to do at ANSIN.

We hope that new partners will bring their ideas into ANSIN and that by co-operatively working with other partners in the hub, new

inventions will arise and products can be improved."

Queen's Vice-Chancellor **Professor Peter Gregson** added: "ANSIN builds on Queen's internationally recognised research strength in advanced materials, with special reference to nanostructured media, to promote an ecosystem for the creation, transfer and exploitation of knowledge. This new facility will encourage further investment by indigenous companies and multi-national corporates in Northern Ireland."

ANSIN was first raised as a concept following discussions between Queen's, Invest NI and Seagate, following Invest NI's £12.7 million offer of support for a £58 million research and development investment by Seagate in its Springtown campus. Seagate have also committed to a £1.7 million collaborative research project at Queen's which is funding 10 research posts at the University.

Dr Kenneth Allen, Seagate's Vice-President of Development, said the joint project with Queen's would not only contribute directly to Seagate's R&D learning but would also provide an ongoing flow of highly skilled engineers into local industry. He added: "ANSIN provides a unique opportunity to make a difference for Northern Ireland and for Seagate in the long term. By establishing this initiative, we hope to provide the spark which leads to a stronger base of magnetic and nanotechnology capability in these islands."

L to R: Professor Robert Bowman, Vice-Chancellor Professor Peter Gregson, Enterprise Minister Arlene Foster and Dr Ken Allen, Seagate Technology.

A new £7.5 million international research hub, which will bring major advances in computer hard drives, medical sensors and security devices, has opened at Queen's.

To boldly go...

“The mission would focus on solar systems close enough to be scanned for bio-signatures, or signs of life by later missions and ground-based telescopes.”

Image courtesy of David A Hardy/
Science and Technology Facilities
Council.

Artist's impression of 'exo-planets'
discovered at Queen's from the
SuperWASP.

The discovery of new life-bearing planets is a step closer as the result of a new space mission involving physicists from Queen's.

Known as PLATO (Planetary Transits and Oscillations of Stars), the mission is designed to seek out planets far beyond Earth's solar system, orbiting stars in the Milky Way Galaxy. PLATO will be capable of discovering small rocky planets (like the Earth) that are potential abodes for life.

PLATO is one of three missions to share in a £3.65 million development grant from the UK Space Agency. In June 2011, the European Space Agency (ESA) will choose two of the three missions to build and launch into orbit between 2017 and 2020.

Planet hunter **Professor Don Pollacco**, from Queen's School of Maths and Physics, is Principal Investigator of the international PLATO Science Consortium. He said: "The discovery of life-bearing planets is one of the major scientific and philosophical challenges of our time and at Queen's we have been active in this area for many years. Already our SuperWASP experiment, using ground-based telescopes, has discovered 43 'exo-planets'.

We envisage that the new PLATO spacecraft would be launched between 2017 and 2020, on a Russian Soyuz Fregat rocket. We hope it will be powerful enough to detect rocky planets in the habitable zones of sun-like stars, those regions around a star where liquid water can exist. In other words, it could find new earths.

Using a suite of space telescopes on a single spacecraft, PLATO would detect these planets by picking up a brief and tiny dimming of light as they pass in front of their stars, blocking their brightness.

The mission would focus on solar systems close enough to be scanned for bio-signatures, or signs of life by later missions and ground-based telescopes."

If selected for full development, the UK, together with other ESA member states, will design PLATO's scientific instruments and finance its development, while ESA would commission the spacecraft to be built by European industry.

Second only to the United States in space science, the UK's thriving space sector contributes £6.5bn a year to the UK economy and supports 68,000 jobs.

The International PLATO Science Consortium involves seven UK institutions (Queen's, Queen Mary University of London, UCL, University of Leicester, Open University, University of Cambridge and Warwick University). 

For the latest news on research at Queen's go to www.qub.ac.uk/home/Research

Finding cures for blindness

Queen's is to further develop its Centre for Vision and Vascular Science after the announcement of a £4.8 million grant award from the Wellcome-Wolfson Capital Awards Initiative.

Focusing on fighting sight-threatening diseases of the retina, the Centre offers hope to those suffering from serious eye conditions. The new facility will encourage the brightest science and clinical graduates into careers in biomedical research and develop the bio-industry as an important part of the local economy.

Vanishing Lizards

Northern Ireland's precious lizard population is under threat. Lizards are found in local coastal areas, heath and boglands, but a Queen's study, published in the journal *Amphibia-Reptilia*, suggests natural habitats may have been replaced through agricultural intensification. The study concludes that a new ecological network is needed to preserve the connectivity of remaining heath and boglands, or the reptiles could disappear.

Cancer care improving

Research by the Northern Ireland Cancer Registry (NICR) funded by the Public Health Agency has reported a better quality of treatment for cancer patients, despite cases increasing.

Recent NICR reports highlight the need for continued preventative work while pointing to improvements such as closer working between clinicians, early diagnosis and better treatment options as having had a significant impact on positive patient outcomes.

Also illustrated is the unprecedented change in health care delivery, with professionals involved in cancer care across Northern Ireland working together to bring life changes to those with the disease.

Scholarships - putting education within reach



Queen's has opened the door of opportunity to well over 100,000 students since

it was established 165 years ago. Since then the University has undergone many changes but its mission remains unchanged - to provide transformational experiences for students.

Scholarships have always been an important part of University life. They provide students with the means to achieve their ambitions. With the introduction of fees, scholarships are even more important than ever as **Norma Sinte**, Director of Development and Alumni Relations, explains:

"A scholarship is awarded to cover, or to make a significant contribution towards, the costs of University attendance for the duration of an undergraduate or postgraduate course.

Students today can expect to leave University with debts of around £10,000 and they are often reluctant, therefore, to apply for postgraduate courses and increase this liability. Consequently, many talented young graduates are forced to abandon further research opportunities because of lack of finance.

A scholarship can make the difference between success and failure for many individuals. These awards are important not only to the students fortunate enough to receive them, but also to the University, the professions, industry and to communities around the world.

The availability of scholarships enables the University to offer places to outstanding students, irrespective of their ability to pay for their education. Given that Queen's provides the majority of local lawyers, teachers, doctors, dentists and nurses, scholarships are also an important investment in Northern Ireland's future. The University also trains researchers, policymakers and business leaders so no part of local life remains untouched by Queen's.

By enabling the University to offer more scholarships, you will help ensure that Queen's can put education within reach of gifted students and make it a viable option for those considering third-level study.

Scholarships, which are often named in honour of the donor, are a time-honoured way to make higher education accessible



and promote the talent of those studying in Northern Ireland."

If you are considering creating a new scholarship or prize in your name please contact Shauna Hughes in the Development Office. Telephone 028 9097 3233 or email s.l.hughes@qub.ac.uk for more information.



Esme Hamilton graduated from Queen's with an LLB (1st class) in 2006. Her opportunity for further study was made possible when she was awarded the James MacQuitty Scholarship in 2009.

"Having studied at Queen's at undergraduate level, I always wanted to pursue further studies in Law; however this would not have

been possible had I not gained the MacQuitty Scholarship.

This opportunity has provided me with a stepping stone to progress as both a practising and academic lawyer.

"...it has opened so many doors for me, for which I am so grateful."

Pursuing a full-time Masters has not only developed my knowledge and understanding of Human Rights Law, but also provided me with the desire and self-belief to pursue further studies.

I wish to extend my sincere thanks to the MacQuitty family for providing me with this fantastic opportunity; it has opened so many doors for me, for which I am so grateful."

Kassy Ginnane - LA Bar Library Scholarship

"Without the LA Bar Library Scholarship, my experience this summer as a United States federal judicial extern would not have been possible, because the externship is otherwise unpaid.

"...I am hugely grateful for having received the generous financial support of the Bar Library."

Factoring in the relatively high cost of living in Los Angeles, it would have been impossible for me to personally finance this summer.

I appreciate the externship as my first step towards a legal career in the United States, and thus, I am hugely grateful for having received the generous financial support of the Bar Library."



Emily Dedakis - PhD Student in the Seamus Heaney Centre for Poetry, School of English

"My PhD scholarship from the Queen's Annual Fund is a gift in the truest sense. It's allowing me incomparable opportunities to challenge and develop myself as an artist, a writer, and a teacher.

As a non-EU humanities student, my chances for PhD funding were just about nil! But I knew exactly where I wanted to be: at Queen's as a part of the Heaney Centre's first creative writing doctoral programme. The grant I received, thanks to support from alumni donations, was a blessing and a surprise - truly serendipitous."



Chelsea Pascoe - Undergraduate Student in the School of Music and Sonic Arts

"The money which I receive through the Paul Monaghan Performance Scholarship is very beneficial.

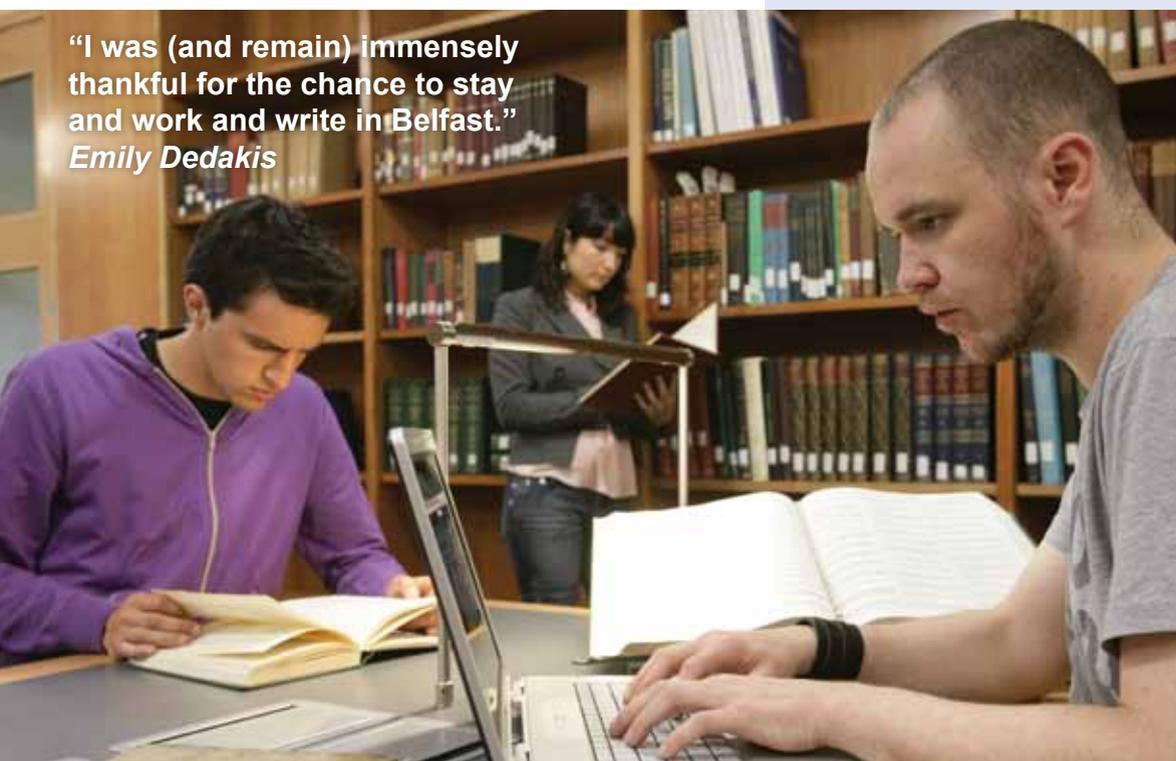
Being a musician is costly with instrument maintenance, buying music and tutor lessons on top of my University loan.

The Scholarship helps me keep on top of my financial anxieties and allows me to expand my repertoire through access to new music and additional lessons which will help me gain a Diploma on the Tenor Horn." 

Did you know...

- Over the last 10 years, The Queen's University of Belfast Foundation has stewarded £3.2 million of scholarship income raised from individuals, companies, trusts and foundations.
- Queen's has around 200 endowed named scholarships and prizes set up in perpetuity.
- The Drennan & Tennant Exhibitions ('Exhibition' is an archaic term meaning scholarship) were founded at Queen's in 1864. They are still awarded annually, although the sum of money bestowed is very modest.
- Scholarships can cover tuition, travel, international research, accommodation and cost of living expenses.
- And finally, there is a scholarship in the University of Texas endowed by the friends of a faculty member whose cat died. The scholarship, which is named in memory of the furry feline, benefits students who plan to major in English - and love cats!

"I was (and remain) immensely thankful for the chance to stay and work and write in Belfast."
Emily Dedakis



A lifetime of benefits

Graduating from Queen's marks a significant milestone in the lives of all those who cross the stage of the Sir William Whitla Hall. Shaking hands with the Vice-Chancellor and collecting well-earned degree certificates, is the start of a lifetime of contact with Queen's.

While the applause of family and friends and the enjoyment of traditional strawberries and cream on the lawns round off the end of one special era as a student, they also signify the start of a new lifelong relationship with Alma Mater as a graduate. And there are many tangible benefits to being a Queen's graduate.

Recent alumni can avail of independent advice and support from the careers service. Graduates can also purchase official memorabilia and book campus tours at the Welcome Centre and enjoy a coffee in one of a number of cafés on campus in the Students' Union, The McClay Library and the PEC.

Even a brief visit back to the campus gives graduates a chance for a trip down memory lane. The Naughton Gallery, The McClay Library and the Welcome Centre are among the many treasures outlined in detail overleaf.

Visit the Development and Alumni Relations website and:

- Find out about events and reunions
- Join LinkedIn and Facebook
- Make a gift
- Find a former classmate
- Join an association (and get 100s of Perks!)
- Update contact details
- Get advice on organising reunions
- Sign up for regular emails, including the *eGraduate*
- Find out how donations have been used to fund student programmes, University research and capital projects
- Get details of public lectures and student music and drama performances
- Buy tickets for the award-winning Ulster Bank Belfast Festival at Queen's.



Brian Friel Theatre

For further information:
Development & Alumni website:
www.qub.ac.uk/alumni

Twitter: @QUBAlumni

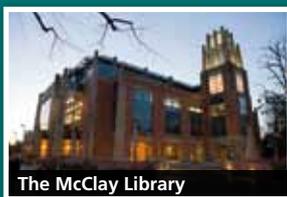
Public lectures: www.qub.ac.uk/home/Alumni/EventsReunions/PublicLectures/

Ulster Bank Belfast Festival at Queen's:
www.belfastfestival.com

To receive the quarterly ebulletin – the *eGraduate* – please make sure to send your email address to: alumni@qub.ac.uk (quoting your name, degree and year of graduation)



The Naughton Gallery



The McClay Library



Students' Union

A Queen's Accommodation and Hospitality

Planning the big day? Queen's University is licensed to hold civil marriage ceremonies and the University's facilities are available for hire to couples with a close link with the University - what better way for a graduate to celebrate their wedding than by holding it at the University!

Telephone: 028 9097 5185
f.lavery@qub.ac.uk

B Queen's Film Theatre

Northern Ireland's foremost independent cinema welcomes you! QFT's special ambience provides a world away from the local Cineplex. Situated at 20 University Square, it is available for daytime hire as a venue for conferences, launches, workshops or special occasions! Members enjoy a range of benefits including discounted tickets and invitations to special events throughout the year!

Annual membership (£35) gives QFT members a superb range of additional benefits (see website for details).

Box Office: 028 9097 1097
qftcomments@qub.ac.uk
www.queensfilmtheatre.com

C Brian Friel Theatre

The Brian Friel Theatre, a 120 seat studio theatre located in QFT on University Square is open to the public!

Reservation line: 028 9097 1382
 Enquiries: 028 9097 5299
studentshows@qub.ac.uk
www.brianfrieltheatre.co.uk

D Welcome Centre

Located in the heart of the University in the Lanyon Building, the Centre is a NI

Tourist Board Local Information Office. It hosts a regular programme of exhibitions, offers a varied selection of souvenirs and gifts and provides guided tours of Queen's!

To see BBC presenter William Crawley in action - book your place at an 'Out to Lunch' in the Great Hall.

Telephone: 028 9097 5252
queens.welcomecentre@ac.uk
qub.www.queenseventus.com/queens-welcome-centre
 Admission Free / Wheelchair Access

E Students' Union

With a £9 million redevelopment, the SU offers state-of-the-art facilities including coffee shops and eateries, two first class bars, the Mandela Hall - one of Northern Ireland's most prestigious live gig venues, and is also home to one of the country's most popular nightclubs, SHINE.

www.qubsu.org

F The Naughton Gallery

The Gallery is a former winner of the Times Higher Education Award for Excellence and Innovation in the Arts 2008! It features a rolling programme of works from the University's own collection and touring exhibitions by local and international artists.

Telephone: 028 9097 3580
art@qub.ac.uk
www.naughtongallery.org/
 Admission Free

G Queen's Sport

Queen's Sport is still for you! Over £10 million has been invested in the Physical Education Centre to ensure the facilities at Queen's are

second to none. A wide range of activities are available from performance sports, climbing, swimming, exercise classes or just recreation, extended opening hours, kids' party packages and various membership packages: whatever your interest, you are sure to find an activity for you.

Recent graduates can avail of all-inclusive membership for £25 per month (£295 for the year). Full membership for all other alumni is £340 per annum - with other packages also available.

Telephone: 028 9068 1126
sport@qub.ac.uk
www.queenssport.com

H The McClay Library

Providing instant, direct access to the latest learning in any field and housing 2,000 reader places, the Library accommodates 1.5 million volumes - and you can join! Various memberships are available for graduates starting at £40 per annum with a reduced rate of £25 for the Class of 2010

Telephone: 028 9063 2695
library@qub.ac.uk
www.qub.ac.uk/lib

I Sonic Arts Research Centre

The Sonic Arts Research Centre (SARC), located in Cloreen Park off the Malone Road, houses the Sonic Laboratory, a unique space for cutting-edge initiatives in the creation and delivery of music and audio. Frequent performances and lectures are hosted throughout the year and the venue is open to all - and attendance is free!

sarc@qub.ac.uk



Queen's Film Theatre



Welcome Centre



Queen's Sport



Sonic Arts Research Centre

Riddel Hall

Building for the Future

By Keith Baker

In the early years of the last century, two Belfast women had a vision. They dreamed of establishing something of lasting value that would benefit generations to come. Their vision was about empowerment and opportunity, about helping young people to reach personal goals. It was about education.



Eliza and Isabella Riddel had not had the chance to go university. In those days, higher education for women was almost a revolutionary idea. But they believed passionately that other young women should not be deprived of the experience which had eluded them.

Their father, John Riddel, had been a prosperous Belfast hardware merchant. Thus they had the means to fulfil their dream. And so in 1915, the original Riddel Hall opened on the Stranmillis Road, founded and endowed by the sisters, as a residence for female

students at Queen's University. Even in those days, Queen's was blazing a trail as one of the first UK universities to accept women. It continues to break new ground today and Riddel Hall, almost a century on, is at the heart of a programme of ambition and innovation such as the sisters could never have imagined.

"We need to tap into that generosity of spirit that we know is out there among our alumni."

Thanks to their generosity, more than 1,000 women passed through the doors of Riddel Hall as residents until it closed in 1975 to become the headquarters of the Arts Council and later of the Ulster Orchestra and Opera Northern Ireland. Now the listed building, one of Belfast's most elegant yet least known, set in 11 acres of parkland, is being given new life. At Riddel Hall, Queen's will become the first university in these islands

to create a Graduate and Executive Education Centre. This will house a Management School, a unique Graduate School and a Leadership Institute to meet the needs of local and global business.

QUMS, Queen's University Management School, is already acknowledged as the leading research establishment of its kind on the island of Ireland, with 95 per cent of its work assessed as world-leading. The Riddel Hall project will further enhance the University's international reach and reputation.

Work is well under way with the aim of being open for business by autumn 2011. The total cost is £14 million. The University and the Government have committed £9 million and the Queen's Foundation aims to raise the remaining £5 million from donations. So far £1.5 million has been secured. Norma Sinte, Director of Development and Alumni Relations, says: "It was a



combination of philanthropy and family success in business that led to the building's existence. We need to tap into that generosity of spirit that we know is out there among our alumni. This is a Northern Ireland landmark and we're creating a facility of truly international significance. But it's about much more than bricks and mortar. It's about personal growth and the growth of our society."

Two years ago, in the first Programme for Government, the Office of the First Minister and Deputy First Minister declared Queen's to be the powerhouse of the Northern Ireland economy. Its aspiration to be one of the top 100 universities in the world is closely linked to Northern Ireland's ambition to become an internationally competitive region.

As **Professor Richard Harrison**, Director of QUMS, sees it: "We're creating something from which the whole community can benefit. The new Leadership Institute in particular will support senior

managers and emerging leaders in all sectors of the economy and help them develop the knowledge and skills which they and their organisations need."

"In their time, the Riddel sisters created something unique and enlightened."

He added: "The Department for Employment and Learning has estimated that there'll be a shortfall of up to 20,000 postgraduates in Northern Ireland by 2030, relative to the needs of the economy. The developments at Riddel Hall are designed to help meet this shortfall, ensuring that QUMS continues to make a significant contribution to industry, commerce and the various professions. As well, we're committed to increasing the postgraduate population across the University to 4,000, which is 30 per cent of the student community. This will have a positive effect on the local economy and further afield."

Vice-Chancellor Peter Gregson

comments: "Our annual impact on the Northern Ireland economy is estimated to be about £700 million but our impact on society can't be measured in financial terms alone. Graduates of Queen's play a central role in every walk of life.

What's happening at Riddel Hall is enormously exciting. In their time, the Riddel sisters created something unique and enlightened. The current project is part of a vision which we believe is equally so – to help make Northern Ireland a world class society with world class services, businesses and institutions. That's a vision which we hope you share." 

If you would like make an online donation to Riddel Hall go to www.qub.ac.uk/alumni and follow the links via Support Queen's and Ways of Giving

Cover story:

The E-Factor

Why Queen's has become the enterprise leader



Niall Haughey
BSc Psychology, 2003
MSc Finance, 2004
Founding Director,
Blue FX Markets,
www.bluefxmarkets.com

This foreign exchange (FX) business for private and corporate clients launched in 2009. Based in Dublin and employing three staff members it saves clients money by dealing directly in the London wholesale market. Turnover in year one was €15.5 million.

What made you decide to set up your own business?

My Queen's education prepared me well. I studied FX markets extensively in my Masters course and Psychology is useful when dealing with people and this is a

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big part of setting up any business.

Having spotted a gap in the market I wasn't able to sleep till I did something about it. It was the first time I considered myself an 'entrepreneur'; until then, I was certain I would become a banker!

What issues have you faced?

My biggest achievements so far were getting regulatory approval in both the UK and Ireland. Approaching the financial regulators with a new business plan in the middle of 2008 was tricky as they had other things to deal with.

What advice would you give someone else wanting to launch a business?

Make use of the strong alumni network at Queen's, take advantage of the support available and just go for it!

Entrepreneurship is embedded in the fabric of Queen's University Belfast. Given the number of entrepreneurial students and staff winning major prizes, the award-winning student societies, a top ranking UK knowledge transfer unit, and excellent local and international links, it is not surprising that *Times Higher Education* awarded Queen's the prestigious 'Entrepreneurial University of the Year' title last autumn.

Indeed, the *Sunday Times Good University Guide* said that "no other university in the UK has had such a direct influence on the region it serves" and described Queen's as "a casebook study of how a university can help drive the regeneration of the region in which it is located."

"Enterprise is the process of thinking of something and then making it happen," says Queen's academic **David Gibson** who was named by the United States Association of Business Educators as one of the top three enterprise educators in the world. David is the first person in Europe to receive

"Entrepreneurial University of the Year"

Times Higher Education

this honour which recognises his work introducing entrepreneurship education (or the 'E-Factor' as he calls it) into all courses at Queen's.

Queen's has embedded the 'E-Factor' in every degree pathway, reaching 11,000 students across the University. This includes those on the expected business type courses through to subjects often unconnected with enterprise like history, nursing and accountancy. Now **all** undergraduate students arriving at Queen's this autumn will collect not only their degree certificate when they graduate, but also a Certificate in Entrepreneurship Studies.

The Queen's model of enterprise teaching has led to over 500 students becoming directly engaged in business activity and is intended to give Queen's students an advantage in the highly competitive job market. A measure of its success is its adoption by the European Training Foundation.

Vincent Murray (MEng Mechanical and Manufacturing Engineering, 2010), Queen's Student of the Year 2010, enthused: "The Queen's approach

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Hilary Oliver
BA Spanish & Russian Studies,
1972
Managing Director,
Cameo Productions Ltd,
www.cameopro.com.

Launched in 1990, Hilary's Mayfair studios is one of only two UK companies producing bespoke radio promotions for the latest films from arthouse to blockbusters. Viewed as the market leader with 65-70% market share she employs seven permanent staff and a bank of freelance contributors.

What made you decide to set up your own business?

As Features Editor at a top commercial station in the 1980s, I received syndicated packages and PR material. With a couple of radio awards under my belt, I realised that I could create quality material more relevant and better suited to radio needs. Redundancy further concentrated my mind and Cameo was born!



What issues have you faced?

Time is the biggest challenge, balancing the demands of a burgeoning business with single parenthood and a separate broadcasting career as an arts reviewer. But it didn't stop me achieving one of my biggest successes, creating a 70th birthday radio feature for a major Hollywood studio which was subsequently sent to publicists globally as an example of best practice.

What advice would you give someone else wanting to launch a business?

Do it in a recession. When times are tough people look for fresh and innovative ways of doing things. Back your vision with a sound business plan. Prepare to work 24/7, neglect family and friends, forego holidays. Treat your biggest and smallest clients equally.

“Queen's . . .
...supporting the enterprise agenda”

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Linda Buchanan
BA English and Drama, 2003
Owner, Wee Wonders,
www.weewondersni.co.uk

Wee Wonders has just launched and provides baby/toddler activity classes with singing, drama, movement, books, games and arts and crafts. Linda also teaches Baby Sign, a phenomenon sweeping the UK. You can start signing with your baby from birth and they will quickly learn to understand and from as young as seven months old, babies can sign More, Milk, Eat, Drink, Bath and Bed!

What made you decide to set up your own business?

As a mum, I wanted to spend as much time with my children as

possible as well as contribute to the household income. My time at Queen's taught me the self-motivation to complete my work on time. It is the same with owning your own business – no one else is going to do it for you!

What issues have you faced?

It is not easy to find enough time to spend on the business while I am also a full-time carer for my two children (3 years old and 10 months). However the positivity from the parents who have attended my classes keeps me on track.

What advice would you give someone else wanting to launch a business?

Have confidence in your own abilities but don't be afraid to seek advice from others.

to enterprise is inspiring, it makes you want to get active and do something. I have benefitted from the schemes, the teaching and the valuable networks that exist.

I launched my own business and gained a strong mentor. I also chaired Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE) which is recognised locally and nationally for its excellence. It is one of several student run enterprise groups and last year we launched a unique and innovative cross-community music social enterprise as well as offering marketing consultancy to local community based groups amongst a range of other projects."

The Students' Union at Queen's is committed to supporting the enterprise agenda. Enterprise SU is a dedicated space in the Students' Union building which regularly hosts CV workshops, interview skills sessions and social enterprise events. It also hosts talks from entrepreneurs and business leaders (many of whom are themselves Queen's alumni) and links to other local or national initiatives such as the Head Start programme or 'The Wok Rules!'

“Enterprise is the process
of thinking of something...”

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The Head Start programme encourages student teams to compete to develop business ideas through a series of seminars and business visits. Students also fought for the chance to run a Belfast restaurant (Oodles loves Noodles) for a day in the Belfast City Council initiative 'The Wok Rules!' and put their presentation skills to use in Dragon's Den scenarios on campus.

To tap into the commercial value of the research and development activities undertaken at Queen's, the University launched QUBIS to assist staff with the formation of 'spin-out' businesses. A significant proportion of new high technology companies in Northern Ireland have been created as a result and more than 90% of the spin-outs' products are exported globally.

Internationalisation at Queen's has been equally successful. The University secured an RCUK Science Bridges award with China and this is complemented by two Employability and Entrepreneurship grants as part of the Strategic Alliances and Partnerships strand of the Prime Minister's Initiative for International partnerships.

Simon Grattan
BSc Physics with Materials Science, 2000
PhD Civil Engineering, 2009
Managing Director,
Sengenia Ltd,
www.sengenia.com

Sengenia draws on the expertise and experience of renowned academics in the field of fibre optics to offer consultancy and a complete range of the latest sensor reading equipment and sensors. Launched in 2007, award-winning Sengenia has been providing novel solutions to customer needs in the civil and structural engineering fields and achieved a turnover of over £130K in their second year.

What made you decide to set up your own business?

I was part way through my PhD at Queen's when the market opportunity was identified in my work. I think there is tremendous credibility to be gained from association with the University from those you come across as customers. So with QUBIS there to help and support me, this idea to make my work a commercial success excited and challenged me.



What issues have you faced?

Like any young company the challenges are always resources and time but we have worked hard to minimise our costs and the long hours seem more worthwhile when people recognise your dedication. My proudest moment was winning the 'Shell Young Entrepreneur of the Year – All Ireland Award for Innovation' in 2008 against stiff competition.

What advice would you give someone else wanting to launch a business?

Make sure you've done your market research and that there are willing customers with money ready to spend. Don't fall into the trap of inventing something you think is amazing and starting a business. There just might not be the market. Also get good legal and financial people from the start, they will save you massive amounts of time, effort and stress in the long run.

...and then making it happen”

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Fred Wilson

BEng Chemical Engineering, 1986
 Diploma in Industrial Engineering, 1988
 MSc Chemical Engineering, 1990
 Principal Consultant & Director,
 Safety Choice H&S Consultancy Ltd,
www.safetychoice.co.uk

For over 10 years this Health, Safety and Environmental consultancy has assisted in the implementation of HS&E legislation and in the improvement of HS&E performance building a strong regular client base of over 50 SMEs.

What made you decide to set up your own business?

Redundancy in May 2000 from a large chemical manufacturer left me reluctant to continue in HS&E Management within large organisations or to go back into

chemical engineering. Having participated in the European Technology Entrepreneurs Programme in 1987 while studying at Queen's, I had gained a good grounding in the principles of starting my own company.

What issues have you faced?

Most companies go under within three years of launch and finding clients was a worry until I realised that it is a bit like looking for a job. Once I understood you just have to go and sell yourself, it became a lot easier. We have now had repeat business from many regular clients including private companies and a large government department, so we must be doing something right!

What advice would you give someone else wanting to launch a business?

Get experience in large organisations and take advantage of training opportunities - it is more difficult to do this when you have to pay for the training yourself.

Make sure you have a market before you set off on your own and once you 'set your hand to the plough', don't look back, in other words, perseverance is key. Only the brave survive.

Enterprise is not restricted to industry. Queen's graduate **Maebh Cormacain** (BSc Geography, 1999) is Development Manager at UnLtd - The Belfast-based foundation for Social Entrepreneurs. She commented, "We support people with the drive to change society for the better and I am delighted to see so many are Queen's graduates," said Maebh.

"For example, **Joan Henderson** founded the charity Sólás this year to offer schools throughout Ireland ICT podcasting products and training to help children with additional needs and teenage dropouts, utilising the skills of retired teachers in the community," she added.

The University embraces its leadership role in Northern Ireland and encourages business growth in the region. Since its inception, The Knowledge Transfer Centre at Queen's has helped over 200 small and medium sized regional enterprises (SMEs) by acting as a focal point and by promoting technology transfer activities by linking the SMEs and the University in collaborative projects.

"Turn opportunity. . .
 . . .into reality"

Profile

The Chief Executives' Club at Queen's is another prestigious outreach project. It offers a forum for high level business networking and knowledge transfer between Queen's and industry.

Members of the Club also benefit from the Innovation Lecture Series which brings to Queen's internationally renowned scholars to disseminate global best practice.

Many people think of Sir Richard Branson, Bill Gates or Lord Sugar when they hear the word entrepreneur but these are only the high profile tip of the iceberg.

"Being entrepreneurial is not necessarily about making millions: instead it is about having a mindset which is geared towards making a contribution, and the skills to turn opportunity into reality," said David Gibson.

"Queen's University is committed to driving forward development by providing people with the skills and the mindsets to make a difference in whatever way they can," he concluded. 

Emma Courtney
BA Philosophy, 2000
Director, Courtney Consulting Ltd,
www.courtneyconsulting.co.uk

Emma has achieved much in a highly competitive market place since launch in 2007. Her consultancy specialises in organisational development, brand, marketing and audience development for the cultural and third sectors. So far, having worked with over 50 clients, she has helped leverage more than £50m of funding.

What made you decide to set up your own business?

The thought-leadership, debates and discussions I had at Queen's gave me the confidence to think differently and to articulate those thoughts in a constructive and creative way. I knew I could offer something better than the traditional consultancy model for my sector and I decided I had to put my money where my mouth was!

What issues have you faced?

Saying no! It can be hard to step away from the business at the end of the day. There are so



many amazing people doing such amazing work in the cultural and third sectors. I inevitably end up giving them half a day's pro-bono consultancy over copious amounts of tea and chocolate. It's humbling how spending just a little time can make such a big difference but there are only so many hours in a day.

What advice would you give someone else wanting to launch a business?

If you are passionate about it then just do it. Because one of the scariest and most glorious things about life is you are the only one who can. But you will be working 24/7 so you will need that passion to carry you through and inspire others. And just because you are a minnow don't forget to think big. I'm proof you can outswim the big fish!

Get involved!

If you have also started your own business, get in touch and we will publish your story on our website. For further details and useful web links go to www.qub.ac.uk/Alumni/Reconnecting

Class Notes

2000s



Mevlude Akay LLB 2008, took first prize in February in the prestigious Inter-Varsity 2010 mooting competition. Held by the mooting society

of the Inner Temple, it is one of the four Inns of Court and among the country's oldest legal institutions.

The 22-year-old triumphed over 19 other teams from universities and legal education providers across the UK alongside her teammate, fellow College of Law student, Thomas Evans.

Mevlude is currently studying the Bar Vocational Course (BVC) at the College's London Bloomsbury centre.



Toni Maguire BSc Archaeology & Palaeoecology 2007, is currently conducting post-graduate study on the Ethnographic Project with a

focus on the Milltown Cemetery Project.

Toni was asked by the Catholic Church in December 2008 to use her previous knowledge and expertise in identifying Cillini and areas of Poor Ground burial across Co Antrim, to help with the identification of unmarked mass graves located on land sold by the church to the Ulster Wildlife Trust in 2000. After an archaeological spot survey in 2009 an area covering 6.2 acres is due to be returned sometime in the future, to the joy of the relatives involved.

Toni has been involved in a BBC documentary 'Limbo Babies' exploring the issues of Limbo which will cover some of the aspects of infant burial at Milltown Cemetery. The programme is due to be screened later this year.

Jennifer Foster MA International Politics 2004, married Alston (Tony) Dayton Feaster on 27 March 2010. Jennifer works for Booz Allen Hamilton and her husband for the Defence Intelligence Agency. They live in Washington, DC.

Christopher Stalford BA Modern History 2004, was sworn in as the youngest ever High Sheriff of Belfast in January. Councillor Stalford, 27, is the 110th High Sheriff of the County of Belfast.

Councillor Stalford was elected to represent the Laganbank area of south Belfast in May 2005, when he became the youngest ever person to be elected to Belfast City Council.

A graduate of Queen's and a past member of the Senate, Councillor Stalford takes a keen interest in educational issues, and serves on the boards of the Somme Association and the Ulster Orchestra.



Councillor **Gareth Elliott** BA Modern History 2003, was elected on 6 May 2010 to the London Borough of Richmond Council for Whitton ward,

where he lives with his wife and fellow Queen's graduate, **Louise Elliott**.

Elected for the Conservative Party, Gareth will sit on the local audit and finance scrutiny committees.



Patrick McFadden BSc Architecture 2003, married **Geraldine McKeever** BSc Management & French 2003, on 25 July 2009. They now live

outside Ballymoney, Co. Antrim.

Patrick runs his own architectural services company called PRO-design (N.I.) Limited and can be contacted on info@prodesign-studio.co.uk. Geraldine is a teacher and can be contacted on geraldinemcfadden09@yahoo.co.uk



Chris Lyttle MLA, BA English 2003, has been appointed to succeed fellow Queen's graduate **Naomi Long** MP (MEng, 1994) as Alliance Party MLA for East Belfast. Under assembly rules if a member stands down their party nominates a replacement.

Chris, who is a UEFA B Licence soccer coach and a 2002 alumnus of the Washington-Ireland Programme, was born and raised in east Belfast. While he was at Queen's he received a Helen Ramsey Turtle Travel Scholarship for exchange study at the University of California. Chris has also attended Harvard University where he was awarded a Frank Knox Fellowship in Public Policy & Administration.

The former NI Assembly Constituency & Research Assistant to the Alliance Party Deputy Leader Naomi Long, he is currently Vice-Chair of the East Belfast sub-group of Belfast District Policing Partnership.

Chris, pictured (left) with Alliance Party leader, **David Ford** (BSc Econ, 1972) and Naomi Long, can be contacted at: belfast.east@allianceparty.org

Keelan Downton PhD Theology 2003, was recently hired as Communications and Public Relations Specialist for the Woodstock Theological Center at Georgetown University and appointed as Research Professor of Theology in the Micah Institute at New York Theological Seminary.

Downton currently serves as a member of the World Council of Churches Faith and Order Plenary Commission and is the author of 'Authority in the Church: An Ecumenical Reflection on Hermeneutic Boundaries and Their Implications for Inter-Church Relations' (University Press of America, 2006). keelan.downton@googlemail.com

To view Class Notes Extra go to the alumni website (www.qub.ac.uk/alumni) and follow the links via Keep in Touch.



Helga Sneddon PhD Psychology 2002, worked as a Senior Research Fellow at the Institute of Child Care Research, Queen's, for 12 years.

Dr Sneddon left the University in September to take up a Senior Fellow position in Research and Evidence with the Centre for Effective Services (CES). CES is an independent, not-for-profit organisation funded jointly by philanthropy and government in Ireland, with offices in Dublin and Belfast (www.centreforeffectiveservices.org).

Helga hopes to continue to have strong links with Queen's in the future to make best use of available knowledge and evidence and to make a real difference to children and families. Her new contact details are: The Centre for Effective Services, 65-67 Chichester Street, Belfast, BT1 4JD. Telephone: +44 (0)2890 438 433; Email: h.sneddon@effectiveservices.org

Caroline Connor BMus 2001, has worked in administration, marketing and management roles within the arts sector since graduating. She has recently been appointed Business Development Manager with Culture Northern Ireland, a role which will see her leading the commercial development of the organisation's website, maximising current commercial revenues, developing new income streams and meeting key e-marketing targets. carolineconnor79@hotmail.com



Dermot O'Hanlon BSSC Information Management 2000, and **Gavin McEvoy** BSSc Economics 2001, have been celebrating the first year of

their joint business venture, Quicklet, with the opening of a second branch in Stranmillis, in Belfast.

The Lurgan-based company now employs an experienced team of eight and is fast becoming one of Northern Ireland's foremost property letting agencies. And as the market grows stronger the potential exists for further expansion, with the company forecasting the opening of three additional offices and the creation of an additional 20 positions.

For further information please go to www.quickletni.co.uk

1990s

Catherine Collins BSc Psychology 1999, is married to Eoin Coleman and can be contacted at collinscookie@hotmail.com

Shona Heron Diploma in Adult Nursing 1999, BSc Health Studies 2006, unfortunately fractured a bone in her foot two days before graduation, was in plaster from toe to knee and had to accept her certificate from a borrowed wheelchair pushed by her husband!

Afterwards, Sharon could only manage a couple of photos in front of Queen's before going home to rest! No nice meal or celebratory drinks!

Annie MacManus BA English 1999, born in Dundrum, Co Dublin left Dublin to study in Queen's where she got seriously bitten by the clubbing bug. Last October she took over the controls of BBC Radio 1's flagship dance show from clubbing legend Pete Tong. She released her first compilation CD in October 2009, with another due within weeks.

Initially, Annie intended doing Drama Studies in Trinity. "I figured the two things I liked most in life were music and socialising, so I thought talking on radio would be an extension of that. I wanted to do something practical rather than writing essays, so I did a course in a funny little town called Farnborough...it got me to England and my brother was in London at the time. I've been here for nearly 10 years, so I do consider it home now. Obviously, Dublin is still home!"

Annie tries to return to Dublin as often as possible and is always Dublin-bound for Christmas and birthdays. She has 'deejayed' at Oxegen, Electric Picnic, Twisted Pepper and Wax, which she fondly recalls as one of her best ever gigs. "Whoop! Whoop!"

David Porter BEng Architectural Engineering 1998, has recently been promoted to Director of Development in DARD Rivers Agency, the flood defence and drainage authority for Northern Ireland.

David is responsible for implementing the EU Floods Directive within Northern Ireland as well as directing the Agency's mapping and modelling requirements and planning advisory function. David.Porter@dardni.gov.uk

Carl Diver BEng Mechanical Engineering 1997, established CDAMC in January 2008 which provides research and development services to the manufacturing sector with a

specialisation in the area of micro-machining.

CDAMC has just been successful in securing European FP7 funding for a project looking at a micro-machining process, together with partners from across Europe.

The manufacturing consultants are also a partner in another European FP7 project being co-ordinated by the Fraunhofer institute in Germany. CDAMC is currently helping other SMEs and research institutes prepare proposals for the year's FP7 round of calls. carl.diver@cdamc.ie

Chris Cairns BSc Zoology 1996, took a 'year out' after graduation before enrolling at University of Ulster Jordanstown for a Post Graduate Diploma in Accounting.

He became a Chartered Accountant after obtaining his professional qualification and worked in Belfast for two different private firms. Chris left Belfast for Australia in 2007 where he currently resides.

Kerry Anthony BA History 1996, was awarded an MBE in the 2009 New Year Honours for her services to homeless people. Kerry is the youngest person in Northern Ireland ever to receive such an accolade.

After leaving Queen's Kerry moved to London to work in a semi-voluntary role with men experiencing homelessness.

She holds two Masters degrees, one in Social Work from Glasgow University and the other in Voluntary Sector Management from Cass Business School in London. She worked in a variety of roles in both the voluntary and statutory sector working with homeless people in London, Glasgow, Belfast and Dublin.

Kerry joined Depaul Ireland in 2005, initially as its Director of Services and, since 2007, as Chief Executive.

The charity is a leading provider of accommodation, outreach and training services to homeless and disadvantaged people and is the only cross-border homeless charity in Ireland. As CEO, Kerry is responsible for a staff of 200 and an organisational turnover of £7 million a year.

Born in Craigavon, Co Armagh, Kerry grew up in Waringstown and went to school in Lurgan Girls' Junior High and Lurgan College. She now lives in Belfast and splits her time between the charity's bases in Belfast and Dublin.

Gail Millar BSc Politics 1996, MA Scholastic Philosophy 1999 and her husband Walt became parents on 24 January 2009 to their first child, a daughter, Malin Rose Christina. Gail now practises law in Edinburgh.



Craig Mahoney PhD Psychology 1995, joined the Higher Education Academy as Chief Executive on 1 July 2010. Born and brought up on

a farm in Tasmania, Professor Mahoney is an Australian who has lived in the UK for the past 24 years.

He is a graduate in Chemistry and Maths from the Tasmanian College of Advanced Education (now the University of Tasmania) and he also holds a Masters degree from Birmingham University.

Craig has had a distinguished career in academia and sport. He has published widely in the areas of children's fitness, health, sport, exercise, performance and education. Before joining the Academy he was Deputy Vice-Chancellor at Northumbria University where he was responsible for all learning and teaching activity, prior to which he was the founding Dean of the School of Sport, Performing Arts and Leisure at Wolverhampton University.

A former semi-professional squash player, Craig has coached and managed squash teams in Australia, Sweden and Ireland, and is also a qualified squash referee. With an international reputation as a sports psychologist, and the first person in the UK to hold dual accreditation from BASES, for Exercise Physiology and Sport Psychology, Professor Mahoney has worked with an extensive range of performers at World, Olympic and Commonwealth level and is an adviser to UEFA and FIFA on psychology in officiating.

Amongst his professional achievements as a sport psychologist he lists the 1993 All-Ireland Gaelic Football title won by Derry, two third place finishes for the England Netball team in World and Commonwealth Championships, and several top 10 finishes achieved by Irish sailors in the last four Olympiads. Craig makes regular TV and radio appearances for the BBC, ITV and Sky and is frequently called upon to make contributions to newspapers and magazine articles on topics ranging across education, performance and undercover reporting. Professor Mahoney is Deputy Chair of the South Tyneside NHS Trust, a member

of the JISC Advance Board and an Independent Governor at Tyne Met FE College. He enjoys travel, music, sport and spending time with his family.

Tony Hamilton BSc Physics with Geology 1994, works as Executive Director and Chief Meteorologist for JP Morgan. His role is to produce proprietary weather and climate forecasts for Energy Traders and Investors.

Tony finds his job extremely dynamic and often stressful, but also highly rewarding. "The meteorologist will often be placed right in the middle of the trade floor shouting out changes in hurricane forecast tracks or major changes in the latest run of atmospheric models as they happen," he told *The Graduate*. "Changes in the weather and weather forecasts will move billions of dollars in the Global Energy markets every hour of every day - so a lot is at stake!"

Jonathan White BMedSc 1991, MB BCh BAO 1993, PhD Surgery 2001, FRCSI trained as a surgeon in Northern Ireland before moving to Calgary in 2004. He married his teenage sweetheart Paula 12 years ago. Jonathan moved to Edmonton in summer 2006 and is currently a consultant surgeon at the Royal Alexandra Hospital.

As the Director of Undergraduate Surgical Education at the University of Alberta since 2007, he is responsible for the provision of surgical education in all four years of the undergraduate curriculum within the Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry.

Jonathan recently completed a Masters of Medical Education, with a research project using qualitative methods to study the medical school admissions process.

In 2009, he was awarded the John Provan Outstanding Canadian Surgical Educator Award. He has also received awards for Excellence in Small Group Teaching (Discovery Learning) in 2008 and 2009, and was named as a Top Ten Teacher in the Department of Surgery from 2007-10.

Dermot Finch MA Irish Studies 1991, has recently taken up a new appointment as Head of Public Affairs at Fishburn Hedges.

Dermot had been Chief Executive at the independent research and policy institute Centre for Cities since it was set up in 2005. Before that, he was a policy adviser at HM Treasury for 11 years, advising both Conservative and Labour Chancellors.

Fishburn Hedges currently ranks among the UK's leading PR consultancies, specialising in providing public relations, public affairs and internal communications consultancy to organisations in the private and public sectors.

Mark McCadden BSSc Economics 1990, having worked as a School Improvement Adviser for 240 primary schools in West Sussex for six years, is now working for the school improvement arm of the Department for Children, Schools and Families.

As a National Strategies Regional Adviser for primary mathematics in the South East of England, Mark works with a variety of senior educationalists in 20 local authorities to help raise standards of education, as well as helping to write national materials and train a field force of consultants who support schools in their local authorities.
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1980s

Rowan Parks MB BCh BAO 1989, MD 1997, has been promoted by the University of Edinburgh with a personal chair entitled Professor of Surgical Sciences. He currently works as a consultant HPB surgeon at the Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh.
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Peng Seah MB BCh BAO 1987, is a consultant cardiothoracic surgeon in Newcastle, Australia. Peng works at the John Hunter Hospital, Calvary Mater Newcastle, Newcastle Private Hospital and Lake Macquarie Private Hospital. Married to Michele with three children, Anne (16), Elizabeth (14) and Nicholas (10), he has been in Australia since graduation but hopes to visit Northern Ireland in the next few years.
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Philip Matthews BSc 1986, PhD Zoology 1986, has been appointed as president at the National College of Ireland (NCI), based in Dublin's Financial Services Centre. Dr Matthews joins the College from the UCD Michael Smurfit School of Business, where he was director of executive education.

A former rugby star, Philip was a member of the Ireland Triple Crown-winning team in 1985 and still commentates for the BBC.

He succeeds Dr Paul Mooney who is returning to a management consulting role.

Melanie Shanks BSc Computer Science 1985, has been working at Astellas Pharmaceuticals US HQ near Chicago Illinois, since October 2008. She was recently promoted to Assistant Director of Business Intelligence in their Sales and Marketing Division.
msconsult@aol.com

Eamonn O'Hare BSc Aeronautical Engineering 1985, has been appointed chief financial officer by Virgin Media. Eamonn has been Tesco's UK finance director for the past four years and will take up his Virgin responsibilities in November.

Prior to joining Tesco, Eamonn played a key role in the turnaround of now-defunct Energis, a technology company that was acquired by Cable and Wireless in 2005 for £594 million. Following its debt restructuring in 2002, he joined the telecommunications network operator as chief financial officer and was part of the management team that guided the company to its first operating profit. Before joining Energis, Eamonn spent 10 years with PepsiCo in a series of senior international finance and general management positions.

John Larkin QC LLB 1985, was sworn in on 9 June 2010 as the first Attorney General in Northern Ireland for 37 years. Mr Larkin was born in Belfast and educated at St Mary's Christian Brothers' Grammar School in Belfast before coming up to Queen's to read Law. He was subsequently called to the Bar of Northern Ireland.

In 1989, aged 25, he was appointed Professor of Criminal Law, Criminology and Penal Law at Trinity College Dublin. He returned to Northern Ireland in the 1990s to work at the Bar, specialising in administrative law, civil liberties and human rights, competition and constitutional law, defamation and judicial review.

He is the first person to hold the office separately since its functions were assumed by the Attorney General for England and Wales in 1972 following the resignation of Northern Ireland's government. He is also the first holder of the office not to be a politician sitting either at Stormont or the UK Parliament.

As Attorney General, John Larkin is the chief legal adviser to the Northern Ireland Executive for those civil and criminal matters that fall within the jurisdiction of the Northern Ireland Assembly. He is also the chief public prosecutor for Northern Ireland and will be responsible for appointing the director and deputy director of public prosecutions.

Paul Murray BSc Physics & Applied Maths 1985, PhD Physics 1989, has worked in the Aerospace Industry since graduating. Initially Paul worked as an Aerodynamicist for BAE Systems and since 1994 as an Aircraft Acoustics Engineer/Consultant, working for Bombardier Shorts, Boeing, Alenia Aermacchi and, since 2007, for Rolls Royce (part-time) through their University Technology Centre at Southampton.

Paul started up his own Acoustic Consultancy (Morrisbrand Ltd) in 2007, to expand his activities into building acoustics.

He can be contacted by email at paulmurray@morrisbrand.co.uk



Margaret Rosemary Clarke (née Alexander) MA Education 1984, retired from teaching in Clounagh Junior High School, Portadown

after 38 years. For nearly 26 of those she held the post of Head of Religious Education in the School. Margaret has been married for over 10 years to Robert Stephen Clarke, a graduate of London University.

Nigel Butterwick Master of Library Service 1983, MSc Computer Science & Applications 1986, MBA 2001, completed his studies at Queen's in 2003 and took up position as Associate Director of Libraries for User Services at the University of Notre Dame, Indiana, USA.

In 2007 Nigel became Director of Libraries at Franklin College Switzerland, Lugano, and in January 2009, he took up his current post as Associate Dean, Student Support & Information Services.

Domenico Camplisson BA Modern History 1982, is currently teaching (adjunct faculty) at Coleman University in San Diego and serving on the Board of House of Ireland, a 75-year old cultural association in Balboa Park, San Diego.



Sarah Elizabeth Hilary Russel BSc Microbiology 1980, was recently awarded an MA in Research Ethics from the Centre for Professional Ethics, Faculty

of Law at Keele University. The title of her dissertation was 'The moral

dilemmas when the physician is also the researcher'.

Dr Russell, who works in the Ovarian Cancer Research Lab at Queen's, has over 25 years' experience in biomedical research and is currently Chair of the Northern Ireland Research Ethics Committee and a member of the University Research Ethics Committee.

1970s

Margaret Ritchie BA 1979, is only the fourth leader of the SDLP, the first woman to lead it and the first to be elected directly by delegates to the party conference.

Born in Downpatrick, Co Down in March 1958, she joined the SDLP in 1980 when she was 22. Margaret worked previously for the Open University at its offices in Belfast.

She was elected to the then SDLP-dominated Down District Council in 1985, became its vice-chair in 1992 and its chair in 1993. She then stood down from the Council in 2009.

Margaret was elected to the Northern Ireland Assembly in 2003 and following this, became deputy chair of the SDLP Assembly group.

She was one of the SDLP's two representatives on the Assembly's Programme for Government Committee which prepared for the restoration of devolution in 2007. She had also been a member of the party's negotiating team at Leeds Castle in Kent in 2004, and also at St Andrews in October 2006 when the Stormont Assembly was in suspension.

Margaret took the post of social development minister and, thanks to the Assembly mechanism for sharing out ministerial positions, is currently the only member of her party with an Executive seat.

Paul Fleming BEd 1977, former Associate Dean, Faculty of Life and Health Sciences, University of Ulster, has recently taken up post as Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Science) at the University of Canterbury in Christchurch, New Zealand.

Patrick Steele BSc Econ 1976, has recently retired having spent 23 years in local government service in Greater Manchester (GM). He was the only staff member at GM Research to be present at both its inception and closure.

His great uncle, Marshall Swan, founded the dental school at Queen's and Patrick remembers staying in Queen's Houses in his final year, one of which coincidentally used to be the premises of Marshall Swan's dental practice.

To relax, Patrick loves reading and travelling. He can be reached at steelfamily@hotmail.com

Dr Aine McCoy MB BCH BAO 1975, has been appointed President of the New Zealand Medical Association for 2010/11. She is only the second woman to head the organisation in 125 years.

Aine was brought up in Ballycastle, Co Antrim, and after her medical degree worked as a house surgeon at Musgrave Park and Belfast City hospitals and later trained and worked in general practice in Ballymoney.

In 1982 Dr McCoy emigrated to New Zealand where she is a GP in the Wellington suburb of Miramar. She has maintained contact with Northern Ireland - and Queen's - and in September 2010 attended a 35th anniversary class reunion in Enniskillen.

Dr McCoy was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal of the Royal New Zealand College of General Practitioners in 2009. She is married to Alan Meek and they have two sons, Arthur, a well-known playwright and actor, and Sebastian, who works in the film industry.

Neil Bennet BSc Aeronautical Engineering 1974, worked in the RAF for 17 years before moving to the Brecon Beacons National Park where he and his wife run a horse-riding tourism business.

Neil is also heavily involved with the National Park Authority on advising and developing sustainable tourism. To get a real flavour of what they do visit www.breconbeaconsandradorloop.co.uk

Desmond Gray BSc Physics 1973, returned to Canada following first year Law and completed a BA (Hons) at Carleton University in Ottawa before studying for an MA in English at the University of Toronto.

He spent a year in France studying at the Université de Pau before beginning his 25-year career in the Federal Government of Canada as

Senior Director of Public Works and Government Services.

Desmond is married to Rosemary Knes, a journalist from Ottawa and they have two children, Genie, 17 and Cullen, 13. He now hopes to complete a thesis for an MSc in Environment and Science at the Royal Roads University, Victoria, BC.

Desmond travels back and forth to Europe and would ideally like to find a nice place in the south of France! desmond.gray@pwgsc.gc.ca

Peter Tonkin BA English 1973, MA English 1974, was born in 1950 in Limavady, Co Londonderry. His father was a senior engineering officer in the RAF and during his childhood, Peter lived in many different countries including Northern Ireland, Germany and Bahrain.

Educated at Gloucester House, Portora Royal School, Enniskillen and at Palmer's School in Essex, he won the Jan Palac Memorial prize for poetry and sang with the Essex Youth Choir.

Peter was a leading undergraduate actor and director, involved in productions as diverse as Pinter's 'A Slight Ache', and Shakespeare's 'Much Ado About Nothing'.

He directed 'Everyman' for the 1972 Belfast Festival as well as the First Quarto 'Hamlet' with (as he remembers it) a young Ciaran Hinds as Hamlet and he received special mention from John Arden in the Galway Festival 1973.

Peter was Literary and Critical Editor of 'The Gown', producing the 'Literary Supplement' with poetry by Paul Muldoon and short stories by Bernard MacLaverty.

Peter's first international best-seller, 'Killer' was published in 1978. In the years since then, he has published 30 more novels, 22 in the best-selling 'Mariner' series.

Peter is married to Charmaine and together they have two sons - Guy, and Mark - and live in Royal Tunbridge Wells.



Alastair Wilson
BSc Physics 1972, MSc Opto-Electronics & Optical Information Processing 1974, was appointed Director of Photonics with

the Electronics, Sensors, Photonics Knowledge Transfer Network (ESP KTN) in July 2010.

The ESP KTN is one of 16 KTNs funded by the UK's Technology Strategy Board. KTNs have the objective of improving the UK's innovation performance by increasing the breadth and depth of the knowledge transfer of technology into UK-based businesses.

Alastair was a member of Professor Dan Bradley's laser group at Queen's in the early 70s and has worked in photonics, both in industry and in economic development organisations. He has also been appointed to the Board of Stakeholders of Photonics 21, the European Technology Platform for photonics. a.wilson@espktn.org



Neil Nicholls BA Geography 1972, left Northern Ireland for Papua New Guinea (PNG) in 1980 after working in county libraries. He helped to establish the

country's National Library and was National Librarian from 1992 to 1995, representing PNG at many international fora and attending the UNESCO General Assembly as part of the PNG delegation.

After consultancy work, Neil joined the Delegation of the European Commission in Papua New Guinea in 2000 as Education Adviser, and was responsible for education projects in PNG, the Solomon Islands and Vanuatu. In 2005, he became Education Attaché in the Delegation, completing his diplomatic assignment in late 2008. For his services to education, Neil was awarded PNG's Independence Medal.

Since October 2009, Neil has been working in PNG with Divine Word University as Team Leader for a Global Fund-funded national competency training programme for health workers, which will enable the national roll-out of a new drug to fight malaria, and improve diagnostic testing for the disease. Neil may be contacted at nagnich@yahoo.com

His Excellency **William Boyd McCleary**, BA German 1972, who was awarded a CMG in the 2010 New Year Honours, was sworn in as the 15th Governor of the British Virgin Islands at a ceremony held at the House of Assembly Chambers on 20 August.

The former British High Commissioner in Malaysia, who is married to wife Jenny and has three children, has held previous consular positions in Turkey, Seoul and Germany.

He started his career in the early 1970s in the Department of Agriculture for Northern Ireland.

John Copelton MSc Pure & Applied Physics 1971, PhD Psychology 2005, is current Chair of the Northern Ireland Association of Churchill Fellows (NIACF), and recently hosted a Welcome Reception for new Churchill Fellows in Belfast.

Since its inception there have been over 120 Fellows from Northern Ireland, many of them Queen's graduates. Dr Copelton is keen to publicise the travel fellowships available through the scheme to other Queen's alumni and students.

The Winston Churchill Memorial Trust was set up in 1965 as a living memorial to Sir Winston Churchill. The Trust provides Travel Fellowships to British citizens to enable them to travel abroad for four to twelve weeks to widen their experience in such a way that they grow in confidence, knowledge, authority and ambition.



Among those present at the Welcome Reception were (from left to right), Major General Jamie Balfour, Director General, Winston Churchill Memorial Trust; Patricia MacBride, LLB (Queen's) Churchill Fellow (2003); Dr John Copelton (2007), Chairman NIACF, Dame Mary Peters, Churchill Fellow (1972) and Viscount Brookeborough, President NIACF.

Margaret McAllister BA French 1960, MEd 1965, has been made an Honorary Life Member of the British Psychological Society. She is only the third woman to ever be given this prestigious status.

Henry McNeilly BSc 1960, travelled to the Republic of Georgia in the autumn of 2009 under the United States Agency for International Development (USAID)-funded Farmer-to-Farmer Programme.

The scheme provides voluntary technical assistance to farmers, farm groups, and agribusinesses in developing and transitional countries to promote sustainable improvements in food processing, production, and marketing.

Henry, who lives in Alberta, Canada, assisted Georgia Business Zone (GBZ), Ltd., with strategic marketing elements and new product advertising, as part of a project with CNFA (founded in 1985

as the Citizens Network for Foreign Affairs), a non-profit organisation focused on empowering people and enterprises in the developing world.



Allen Hill BSc 1959, PhD 1962, DSC 1996, has been awarded the Royal Medal by the Royal Society for his pioneering work on protein electrochemistry.

The Royal Society was founded in 1660 as an independent academy promoting the natural and applied sciences.

Professor Hill was Tutor in Chemistry at Queen's College Oxford (of which he is now an Honorary Fellow) from 1965 until 2004.

The Royal Medals, known also as The Queen's Medals, are awarded annually for the most important contributions to the advancement of natural knowledge and for distinguished contributions in interdisciplinary or applied sciences.



Kathleen Dallat BA History and French 1932, will celebrate her 100th birthday in November 2010.

Still enjoying good health, and excellent recall,

Kathleen looks back over a long and interesting life.

"With a Co Antrim Education Committee scholarship I entered Queen's in 1928. For the four years I attended University I lived in a nearby boarding house. Every Saturday morning I visited my grand uncle in York Street for tea and sandwiches. I only returned home at holiday times - when I took the train to Ballymoney before changing to the narrow gauge for the final leg to Ballycastle.

Just before my graduation a lady asked me where my white gloves were - they were all the fashion at the time. Seeing that I was in something of a fix, she kindly lent me a pair! Later, I joined my mother and my uncle, Fr Charley O'Neill, for lunch in the Royal Hotel on Royal Avenue to celebrate.

When I left Queen's the Sisters in Cross and Passion College, Ballycastle offered me a job and I started teaching in September '32. I had no formal training but had a real passion for History; looking back I can't think of anything else I would rather have done!

I taught in Cross and Passion for 41 years - mostly History but also English and French. I enhanced my command of French by attending summer schools at the University of Poitiers and at the University of the Sorbonne in Paris. Back then my monthly wages were £16 13s 4d except for every third month when it was £14 13s 4d - the £2 was to pay for my pension.

When I wasn't teaching I played golf at Ballycastle Golf Club where I once managed a hole-in-one at the 17th! I stopped working in 1973 and am very lucky to have enjoyed 37 years of retirement."

Is Kathleen Dallat Queen's oldest living graduate? If you know otherwise, please get in touch with the Editor at: editor@qub.ac.uk

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Notes Extra please send your details to me, Sophia McNeill, at: alumni@qub.ac.uk

We welcome stories and photographs relating to promotions, weddings or births - in fact any item of news (including obituaries) you would like to share with your fellow alumni.

Graduates wishing to make contact with former classmates can use Class Notes or our Find a Friend service (Data Protection guidelines apply) to get in touch."

Books

Wei Sha DSc Planning, Architecture and Civil Engineering 2009, has published two books, 'Titanium Alloys and Maraging Steels', in 2009, with a third one, 'Electroless Copper and Nickel-phosphorus Plating', due out in December 2010.

In 2004 Professor Sha, together with Dr Malinov and their Metals Research Group including Dr Kim Ghee Keong 2003 and Dr Zhanli Guo 2000, were the winners of the Engineering Employers' Federation Trophy.

Raymond O'Regan BA 1997, writer of 'Hidden Belfast' (due out October 2010), which is the third in a trilogy and follows on from 'Hidden Dublin' and 'Hidden Cork' by two other writers. It covers aspects of Belfast's history from earliest times up to 1912 and includes pieces relating to shipbuilding and the controversial sinking of the RMS Titanic!

'Hidden Belfast' contains 67 short stories and as the sub-title suggests, addresses Belfast in relation to 'Benevolence, blackguards and balloon heads'. raymondregan@yahoo.com



Patrick Hicks MA 1995, is the Writer-in-Residence at Augustana College in the United States and the author of several poetry collections,

including 'Finding the Gossamer' (Salmon 2008).

His work has appeared in scores of journals such as 'Ploughshares', 'Tar River Poetry', Indiana Review, and others. Aside from being a Visiting Fellow at Oxford, he has been nominated several times for the Pushcart Prize and is the recipient of a number of grants, including one from the Bush Foundation to support his first novel, which is about Auschwitz.

After living in Europe for many years, he now enjoys thunderstorms rolling across Midwest America.

Sharon Dempsey BA Politics 1991, has had a book on 'Extreme Parenting: Parenting your chronically ill child' published by Jessica Kingsley Publishers and recently sold to a Chinese publisher.

It has been described as a "valuable addition to the literature on chronic paediatric illness" by Hilton Davis

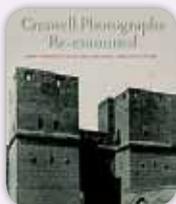
Emeritus Professor of Child Health Psychology, Kings College London. dempseymail@sky.com



Christina Mitchell BDS 1985, has published a dental textbook entitled 'Dental Materials in Operative Dentistry', part of the QuintEssentials range published by Quintessence. The book aims to update dental students and general dental practitioners on the wide range of restorative materials available for use in operative dentistry.

Dr Mitchell is a Senior Lecturer and Consultant in Restorative Dentistry at the School of Medicine, Dentistry and Biomedical Sciences at Queen's.

She was appointed as an Adjunct Professor at the School of Dentistry, University of Minnesota in 1999 and was awarded an FFD from the Royal College of Surgeons of Ireland in 2008.



Bernard O'Kane LLB 1971, is currently Professor of Islamic Art and Architecture at the American University in Cairo, where he has been

teaching since 1980. Previously he was Assistant Director of the British Institute of Persian Studies in Tehran from 1976-79.

He is the author of a number of books including 'The Appearance of Persian on Islamic Art' (Persian Heritage Foundation, New York, 2009) and is the editor of 'Creswell Photographs Re-examined: New Perspectives on Islamic Architecture' (2009) which highlights the value of over 12,000 printed images of Islamic architecture held by the University.

Professor O'Kane has held visiting professorships at Harvard University and at the University of California, Berkeley.

Geof Cox BSSc Political Science 1970, has recently published 'Getting Results Without Authority: The new rules of organisational influence'. The book is aimed at helping managers secure and maintain the agreement and cooperation of multiple stakeholders whilst simultaneously building, or at least maintaining, a positive working environment.

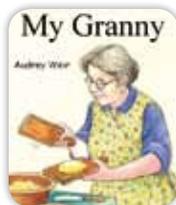
Geof has been working as an organisation and management development consultant for over 25 years, initially as an internal consultant with Esso Petroleum, then as the principal of his own international consulting practice.

He has written a number of books and articles on management subjects and has been the editor of a number of professional journals. Geof is a Member of the CIPD, a Fellow of the CMI, a Member of the AMED, a partner in Learning Consortium and was a founding partner of Castle Consultants International. He lives in Bristol, England and the Isle of Arran, Scotland. Geof can be contacted at New Directions Ltd via email: geofcox@newdirections.uk.com

Alan R Acheson BA Modern History 1959, PhD Theology 1967, published his memoirs 'Why the Whistle Went' (Columba Press) in 2009.

The former British Army Officer, rugby referee, and later Headmaster in Northern Ireland and Australia, now lives in Ontario, Canada. He is also the author of 'A History of the Church of Ireland, 1691-2001' (Columba Press, Dublin 2002).

Over the past summer Alan was invited to deliver a paper at the William Carleton Summer School, one of Ireland's most significant literary festivals, in Clogher, Co Tyrone.



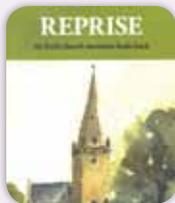
Audrey Weir BSc Physics 1963, MSc Applied Mathematics 1964, was born in Moneymore in Mid Ulster. She was educated at Rainey Endowed School, Magherafelt and Queen's.

Audrey is married with three grown-up children and two grandchildren and lives in Edinburgh with her husband. She has published a book entitled 'My Granny', a true story, set 60 years ago which tells of seven year old Audrey and her Granny and the fun they had together. The story is presented as a picture book with full page illustrations by Sally J Collins. Orders and enquiries to agstacey@blueyonder.co.uk

Ian McNeill BSc Physics 1959, had a book published in May 2010 entitled 'The Flora of County Tyrone'. He has been the wild flower recorder for Tyrone for 30 years and this book is the culmination of his study of the distribution of wild flowers in his native Tyrone.

His son, David McNeill, who is a lecturer in the electronics faculty at Queen's follows in his father's footsteps and is the wild flower recorder for Co Antrim.

For further details please contact Ian at: 86 Fair Hill, Cookstown, BT80 8DE



Harry Grindle
BA French 1957,
MA Music 1980,
held the post of
Organist
and Master of
the Choristers
at Belfast
Cathedral 1964-
1976 and was

subsequently a lecturer and later Head of the Music Department at Stranmillis University College.

In 2005 he was conferred with a Lambeth Doctorate of Music by the Archbishop of Canterbury and is thought to be the first Irish musician ever to be so honoured. He was awarded an MBE in 2009.

His latest book, 'Reprise...An Irish church musician looks back' was published last October. The watercolour of Bangor Abbey on the cover (above) is by Harry's wife, **Heather (née Loane)** BSc (Econ), 1963. This book is available online at www.amazon.ac.uk

Leonard Lavery BA 1956, published a book of poems called 'Sitting on Till Spring' in 2009.

Born in 1935 in Lisburn, Leo was for a short while a teacher before travelling abroad, living in Italy, Germany, Spain, France and Algeria with spells in London. His poems have appeared in various British and Irish magazines. He is also a widely anthologised writer of Haiku - a short, naturalistic form of Japanese poetry, which emphasises a sense of immediacy and connection with nature.

Leo is currently awaiting the publication of a book of Haikus after having consecutively won the Hiroshima prize for Haikus and poems to commemorate the 1945 atomic bombing of the city. He is married with one daughter.

If you have recently published a book please let us know and we will include it in Class Notes. Send your details to: editor@qub.ac.uk

Obituaries

The University has learned, with sadness, of the deaths of the following alumni, members of staff and honorary graduates.

Obituaries and appreciations can be found at www.qub.ac.uk/alumni by following the links via Benefits and Services.



Laura Steenson
LLB Law and
French 2002,
died on 22 April
2010.

Following her graduation, Laura took her LPC in Sheffield, before setting up home with friends in London. She worked for Freshfields as a Paralegal before gaining her Training Contract with Orricks.

Laura then worked in London for another year before returning home to Brussels in 2008 to go travelling and work for a charity. She was a fun-loving person with a great personality who loved to spend time with her many friends, travel and experience different cultures and spend time with her family.

She had just started work full-time again for a large firm in Brussels when she was taken ill at Easter this year.



James Cassley
BSc Geology
2000, died on
19 June 2010,
aged 30.

Born in Ballymena, James grew up in Quin, Co Clare before relocating to London. He was killed after the plane in which he was travelling crashed in the Congo, West Africa. He worked for the European arm of a Canadian investment bank and was in Africa on business.

Dr Alastair Ruffell, the lecturer at Queen's who taught James geology, recalls him as someone who performed well in his class and acknowledged his "gift for sedimentology and palaeontology". Others recall his enthusiasm and the breadth and depth of his general knowledge.

Mr Cassley, who was a member of the Queen's association in London, was shortly due to celebrate his third wedding anniversary with Chinese wife Hong.



Garth Heron
BA History 1971,
died on 28
August 2008,
aged 59.

Garth was born and raised in Northern Ireland, the youngest of six children. His parents were both members of the Royal Ulster Constabulary; his father was head constable and his mother the first WPC in the force.

Garth was educated at Friends' School, Lisburn and graduated in History and Politics at Queen's before moving to Scotland to take a postgraduate degree in Human Resources Management at Strathclyde University. It was there that he met Louise, his future wife; they were married in 1977.

After an early career in banking and manufacturing, Garth was appointed Compensation Manager for Honeywell's factories in Scotland. He later became Personnel Director of Honeywell UK Ltd, overseeing continuing changes as the company reacted to increasing global competition. After a short spell at United Distillers he set up Garth Heron Search and Consultancy in 1995 and quickly became one of Scotland and the UK's leading head-hunters.

Garth held several external positions including Chairman of the National Training Awards in Scotland, the Recognition Panel of Investors in People in Scotland and SI Associates. He was a member of the Association of Executive Search Consultants, a Fellow of the CIPD and a Governor of Merchiston Castle School.

His interests included sport (Tottenham Hotspur and Wigan Rugby League), days at the races, family cinema trips, golfing and gardening.

Garth died suddenly at work; he is survived by his wife Louise, daughter Tanya and son Garth. A full obituary is available via the alumni website.



Frederick (Derick) J Bingham BA 1968, died on March 6 2010, aged 63. He passed away just over a year after being diagnosed with cancer.

When, in February of last year, he was diagnosed with acute myeloid leukemia - a diagnosis that fell on him "like a meteor out of the sky" - he received

letters pledging prayerful support from Catholic bishops, Protestant pastors, leaders from other faith groups, and admirers with no faith at all.

Mr Bingham pastored at the Crescent Church, University Road, Belfast, and, for upwards of 20 years during the Troubles, he ran a Tuesday night service at the church, attended mostly by students from neighbouring Queen's University and colleges.

Derek was a frequent broadcaster and contributed regularly to the BBC 'Thought for the Day' slot. From Newcastle in Co Down, the former English teacher authored more than 20 books, including several on the works of CS Lewis.

He was an English and Literature teacher at Lurgan College, a teaching pastor at the CS Lewis Foundation based in Redlands, California, and Adjunct Professor of English Literature at John Brown University in Siloam Springs, Arkansas.

BBC NI religious affairs broadcaster, William Crawley, said his first experience of the preacher had been a 'revelation'.

"A thousand people sitting in the pews of the Crescent Church in south Belfast hung on his every word, or fell about in their pews as he launched into one of his stories," the presenter recalled.

Derick is greatly mourned by his wife Margaret and family, and by his wide circle of friends and admirers in many parts of the world.

George Sidney Lowen Wilson MB BCh BAO MRCS LRCP 1959, died on 21 February 2010.

Lowen was born in Portadown and attended Coleraine Academical Institute prior to university. He graduated from Queen's in 1959 subsequently being a House Officer at Ards Hospital, Newtownards as well as working at the Quoyle Hospital in Downpatrick.

Having entered family practice in Lisburn, he later moved to Belfast before emigrating to Canada in 1966. Lowen worked in rural Alberta in a small town called Drumheller for 24 years and subsequently opened his own practice in Calgary in 1990. He was extremely well liked by his patients and his colleagues and enjoyed medical practice. His involvement with patients continued up to a few months before his death from prostate cancer. Lowen had survived other separate cancers including a removal of one kidney as well as a unilateral acoustic neuroma. The latter left him with deafness and

partial facial paralysis on one side but it did not slow him up in any way.

As well as his medical practice he was extremely active in the Drumheller community and indeed in Alberta. He was a school trustee in Drumheller and later a member of the Senate of the University of Calgary. Lowen was deeply involved in the Banff Men's Conference of the United Church and was a lifelong member of the Masonic Lodge in Drumheller.

Lowen treasured his loving relationship with his wife, Bertha, whom he married in 1960 as well as the pride and accomplishments of his son and daughter and his grandchildren. He took great pride in his Ulster roots and especially his years at Queen's and his early upbringing was exemplified by his integrity, dedication to his patients and a good dose of Ulster common sense.

Robert Ferguson MB BCh BAO 1959, died on 10 February 2010 at Wellesley, Massachusetts, USA.

Bob left the family farm in Fermanagh to join the Royal Navy in 1943. As soon as he was old enough he applied to join the Fleet Air Arm as a pilot. He trained in Canada and spent the last few months of the war flying fighter aircraft from carriers in the Pacific. After the war he took a degree in geology at Trinity College, Dublin and worked for several years in the copper mines of Northern Rhodesia.

Bob then became interested in a career in medicine and saved enough money to put himself through medical school. After graduation he worked at Belfast City Hospital and at South Tyrone Hospital, Dungannon. He then moved to Boston, USA where he served on the staff of the Veterans Administration Hospital and later at Northeastern University Student Health Service.

Members of the class of 1959 will have fond memories of Bob's lively participation in all student activities at Queen's. His extra maturity and experience enriched the lives of his fellow students and his unwavering principles set an example for others to follow.



Ian Hill BSc Anatomy 1959, BDS 1963, died on 15 July 2010, aged 73.

The former *Belfast Telegraph* 'Man About Town' died

suddenly of a suspected heart attack in

the company of his wife Helena at their Strangford home.

Before embarking on an illustrious career in journalism Ian qualified as a dentist at Queen's where he was also editor of *The Gown* newspaper. In over 50 years as an art critic, writer and columnist he also worked for the *News Letter* and *Irish Times*.

Ian was a former director of the Northern Ireland Tourist Board and a contributor to many travel books about the island of Ireland. He was on the board of the Cathedral Quarter Arts Festival and the Ulster Theatre Company.

Michael Desmond P Donovan BSc Economics 1959, died in July 2002. Desmond Donovan immigrated to Nigeria where he devoted his life to teaching mathematics in schools throughout the country. He earned a high reputation as a teacher and is remembered with appreciation by countless Nigerian students.

Major Thomas Bleakley McDowell LLB Emergency Law 1950, died on 9 September 2009, aged 86.

Major McDowell was chief executive and chairman of *The Irish Times* for almost 40 years. He became chief executive of The Irish Times Ltd in 1962 and worked with four editors before he stepped down as chairman of the trust in 2001.

Born in Belfast in 1923 and educated in the Royal Belfast Academical Institution and Queen's, TB McDowell joined the British army in 1942 and became a regular officer in the Royal Ulster Rifles in 1946. After the Second World War, while still in the army, he returned to Queen's and received an LLB before being called to the Bar in London in 1951.

After a period in the army's law department, he retired in 1955 to join an industrial company, James North Ltd, as its legal adviser in London. Seeking experience of the company's activities, he went to Dublin temporarily to run its Irish operation but stayed on to become involved in the city's business life.

Major McDowell's leadership of the *Irish Times* was most associated with the editorship of Douglas Gageby, to whom he attributed the editorial and circulation success of the paper. He was also chief executive during the editorships of Alan Montgomery, Fergus Pyle and Conor Brady, with whom he worked successfully for 15 years. Widely known as 'The Major', he kept clear of involvement in editorial content,

insisting that that was the domain of the editor.

He stepped down as chairman of The Irish Times in 1999 and as a director of the company in 2001. In recognition of his contribution, Major McDowell was awarded the title honorary president for life.

Tom McDowell, whose wife Margaret predeceased him, is survived by daughters Penelope and Karen, grandchildren Rupert, Antonia, Myles, Jeremy and Charles and sons-in-law Tim and John.

Ruadhán Mac Cormaic Charles Joseph (Charlie) Keenan BSc Civil Engineering 1950, died on 12 July 2010.

Taken from us shortly after a great game of golf, Charlie Keenan lived "a life worth living". Born in Londonderry, Charlie spent his 88 years experiencing everything life could offer him. He lived and worked in Northern Ireland, Australia, Zanzibar and New Zealand before finally settling in British Columbia in 1957.

Charlie had an insatiable love for sailing ships and the sea stemming from his early childhood in his father's boat building business in Ireland. He completed an apprenticeship in Harland & Wolff's shipyard and owned 14 boats over his life that he always made his own. After his degree, he became a Registered Professional Engineer in 1956. He enjoyed a rewarding career in Public Health Engineering holding various senior technical and administrative positions with the Government of British Columbia and in private consulting.

He retired with the publishing of his book 'Environmental Anarchy' in 1984.

From soccer to badminton to golf, competition was held in high regard. At the still tender age of 78 he was able to add his name to three more golf trophies, and remained active right to the end. His athletic legacy continues to thrive in the form of his two beloved grandsons, Stewart and Adam who have both "done him proud". He was affectionately known throughout their sport community as Grandad - a reference that made him beam!

He had two sons Brian and Ralph and a daughter Elaine who he took great pleasure in preparing for and guiding their way in this world. He always had a word or two of advice and more often than not, he was right.

He leaves behind his brother Harold, his son Ralph (Ellen), his daughter

Elaine, his daughter-in-law Patti and his grandsons Stewart and Adam. He is also survived by cousins Lyla Robinson and Gordon Douglas in Northern Ireland. He is predeceased by his parents, his brother Sidney and his son Brian.

Dorothy Eagleson BA English 1946, MA 1948, PhD 1958, died in August 2010, aged 87.

Dr Eagleson was a staunch advocate of Adult Education and was heavily involved in the Educational Guidance Service of Northern Ireland. She was also Chair of the National Year of Reading, Literacy Campaigns and the Forum for Community Education.

As a member of Queen's Women Graduates' (QWG) she pinpointed the need for a helping hand to be given to women endeavouring to enter Queen's after leaving work with little or no education. The first QWG scholarships which she helped to set up were awarded in 1996, since which time they have continued to be offered.

Dorothy worked tirelessly to improve the lot of those who had lost out on formal education in their early years and endeavoured to give them a second chance. She took to heart the familiar motto of the City of Belfast - pro tanto quid retribuamus - and gave back so much in return for her own education.

Tribute by Oonagh Johnston, former Convenor of QWG Scholarship Sub-committee & President of the Association in 1996.



Donald Burgess McNeill PhD Physics 1937, died on 8 August 2010, aged 99.

'DB', as he was known, came up to Queen's from

Portora to study engineering in the 1930s, prior to which he taught himself physics since it was not then a subject offered at advanced level at his school.

He was one of a small group of enthusiasts who founded the Queen's University Boat Club in 1931. A keen rower all his life (both as a competitor and a coach), DB had a long association with the Club over many years, including serving as its President.

While at Queen's in 1936, he was the representative of the University at the tercentenary celebrations at the University of Harvard in the USA. Dr McNeill joined the staff of University College Southampton (as it was then) in 1938 where he remained until his

retirement in 1971. His most acclaimed work while there was the production, with Dr Jerrard of 'A Dictionary of Scientific Terms' that, between 1962 and 1992, ran to six editions in four languages and is still cited as the authority in this field by the Oxford English Dictionary.

Like many of his contemporaries, DB joined up on the outbreak of the Second World War, and saw service in Europe. It will, however, be as a rowing coach that DB will be most vividly remembered at Queen's.

An appreciation is available on the Queen's University Boat Club website (<http://qub.webbelief.com>). A full obituary can also be found on the Queen's alumni website.

Ivo John Carré, Professor of Child Health at Queen's (1963-1984) and subsequently Emeritus Professor, died on 16 December 2007, aged 87.

Ivo John Carré was born in Guernsey in the Channel Islands and received his primary and secondary schooling on the island. He studied medicine at Emmanuel College, Cambridge and received his early training in paediatrics in London and Birmingham.

After graduation in 1944, he spent several years in junior posts in and around London, before settling on a career in paediatrics when he took up a post as junior registrar at the Children's Hospital, Birmingham, in 1950. Four years later he went to Melbourne, Australia, with a clinical research fellowship.

He returned to Birmingham in 1956, and in September of that year was appointed as senior lecturer in child health and consultant paediatrician at the Royal Belfast Hospital for Sick Children, succeeding to the Nuffield chair of child health at Queen's in 1963.

Professor Carré had a distinguished career in paediatrics, and was known internationally for his pioneering clinical studies in the 1950s and '60s of children with hiatus hernia and gastro-oesophageal reflux.

During his time in Belfast, he regularly spent family holidays in the west of Ireland, fishing and painting. After retiring he returned to Guernsey to maintain his 15th century family farmhouse and to research the Carré family history.

He is survived by his wife, Pamela; his son and daughter, Philip and Claire; and four grandchildren.



My time at Queen's

We continue your recollections of student days at Queen's and have included below a selection of some of the many wonderful memories received earlier this year.

Queen's Elms in the 1960s

Margaret Baguley BA 1960, BA (German) 1976, MA 2005.

I appeared first at Queen's at the age of 17 and felt that I had taken an instantaneous leap into adulthood. Music and History were my principal subjects along with French and Psychology. The Music and History syllabus I had little difficulty with but Psychology had to be re-sat and French too. The highlight of the year was the Christmas concert in the Whitla Hall. Just as the student choir was augmented by the relations of staff and acquaintances, so too the orchestra was stiffened by a number of carefully selected professionals.

In 1972, I enrolled as a student of German. I managed to combine study with full-time work as a BBC television floor manager, its irregular hours being perfectly suited to morning attendance at lectures.

Queen's seemed to have doubled in size and much of its formality had gone. I no longer remember the billowing gowns of academics as they swept into lectures and

while the old red brick library of my first acquaintance remained, alongside it was placed an ugly tower block which housed the majority of books.

In 1997 I took early retirement from the BBC and found myself for a third time applying to Queen's to study for an MA in Irish Women's History. For three years I grappled with the emergence of womankind of previous centuries into modern woman with her very different challenges and trials.

Patrick Taylor MB 1964, MD 1985.

My most vivid memory of my six undergraduate years concerned what came to be known as The Night of the Queen's Elms' Spider. A very big spider!

The Elms was a row of 'men only' Victorian houses, remodelled inside into interconnected corridors with bedrooms, bathrooms and a communal dining room. Lady guests were not permitted but some were there on the arachnoid night when the warden made his rounds specifically to apprehend

young women on the premises! Doors slammed, high heels clicked on linoleum, hems of skirts could be seen vanishing into the night. There was chaos on the 4th floor.

A fellow student, convinced that his paramour would be intercepted if she used the stairway, persuaded her to take an alternative exit. The fire escape was not a fixed iron staircase but a cunningly rigged canvas sling attached by a rope to a friction pulley to lower the escapee gently to the ground. The sling fitted. Protesting only mildly the young woman clambered out. The rope unwound gently as billed, but stopped leaving her dangling one storey up! The contractors had installed the escapes designed for the 3rd floor on the 4th. It took a good half hour to find a ladder long enough to rescue her.

I still think she might have forgiven my friend if he hadn't told her that while she was dangling she'd looked like a massive spider!

Yvonne Naylor BA Geography 1975.

I was a Geography student and loved the Geog Soc field trips; a memorable one in spring 1974 took us to Majorca and Ibiza (see photo below). All our teachers were great but I especially remember **Doc Common** (regional geography) who passed onto me his great love for the subject and also for people, introducing us to all sorts of local customs and encouraging us to extend our knowledge and experiences of the world in the 'university of life'.

Carmel Breaden MSc Psychology 1979.

It was unusual in the late 70s for people from the south to attend Queen's, at a time when 'The Troubles' were at their height. For me, it involved travel from south to north (145 miles one way), over the border, through army checkpoints and customs. I stayed in postgraduate accommodation in University Street, where a great character (I think Pat was her name) looked after the house and all of us. It was a big, full, lively house, to say the least!

Photo from *Belfast Telegraph*, March 1974; Yvonne Naylor is pictured centre front.

I was very happy at Queen's and remained in Belfast following my studies, until 1984. My two children have undertaken study at Queen's; one has completed his BSc in Physics and another is currently in his third year Psychology. My time fostered a longstanding association with the University and Belfast.

Kate Reid BSSc Politics, 1995.

The old cliché "best days of my life" comes to mind and it's true. My days at Queen's were carefree and full of fun - with the odd bit of education thrown in for good measure!

Now I live and work in New York and am lucky to share my workplace with another Queen's alum. We have a tendency to reminisce about the good old days and always end up in fits of laughing.

One memory comes to mind of me and a mate at Christmas time. We bought a Santa-shaped helium balloon as a decoration for our digs and on the way home stopped off in the pub for a Guinness. We got a lot of attention! Santa did make it home but some eejit had sucked the helium out of the balloon!

Queen's by Peter O'Rourke (MA, Irish Theatre and Culture, 2009)

Looking back at that year
Not too long ago
E'er I feel a sense of cheer
That pretty place I know

The flowers changing
Season to season
Within the campus grounds
As students rhyme and reason
O'er new ideas they've found

The green, green grass
A complement
To Lanyon's symmetry
The Botanic Gardens' trees
A nearby canopy

To shade from summer sun
And protect the milky
Freckled limbs and chests
Of students who, in the rays,
Bathe without their vests

The old library a gothic treat
A chilly one at that
Wherein one's mind could flee
To faraway places, science,
Law and philosophy

A seat of learning
An international source
Of research respected and vast
I thank my lucky stars
I've been to good old Queen's Belfast 



The Development Office would like to thank all those who submitted contributions to this feature. Please keep sending your memories of your time at Queen's to: alumni@qub.ac.uk

Further graduate recollections can also be read online at www.qub.ac.uk/alumni/reconnecting



Student Scene

Students' Union officers 2010

Message from the President

As President of the Students' Union I represent the views of the student body to the University, the government and third party organisations.

The past decade has witnessed the most radical changes in higher education and the Students' Union has had to change to meet these needs. Whilst continuing to provide high quality support, advice and

representation, we also remain at the centre of student social and cultural life. Our support is wide-ranging – catering for financial, academic or indeed personal difficulties.

This year will be one of the most challenging ever for higher education throughout the UK and Ireland;

Gareth McGreevy

with general budget cuts affecting all sectors of public life, higher education will have to deliver the same standard with fewer resources.

Nowadays employers are looking for a lot more than someone with just a degree. The Students' Union offers a range of opportunities from volunteering and enterprise to clubs and societies, to help individual students stand out from the crowd.

We need the student body - and the alumni of Queen's - to get behind us to make sure that the student voice, both past and present, is heard. If you would like to know more, please do not hesitate to contact me at su.president@qub.ac.uk

Rag time

Every year hundreds of Queen's students get involved in activities that really make a difference but often go unnoticed and unrecognised. Among them are the unsung heroes of RAG.

RAG (Raise and Give), is one of the longest running facets of student life and, thanks to PTQ (*Pro Tanto*

Quid) and other madcap RAG fundraising activities down through the years, is probably the best known student activity outside campus. RAG has had to overcome its own challenges in recent years but since 2007, and with some very hard work and dedication, it has brought in just over £35,000 and is aiming to raise £45,000 for good causes in the year to come.

PTQ, the notorious RAG joke magazine, has been running since 1927 and can be found on sale in the Students' Union Shop and the Welcome Centre at Queen's. You can follow matters on Facebook at QUB RAG or find out more by contacting the committee at su.rag@qub.ac.uk.

Fashion's night out

Queen's Medicine and Dentistry students took to the catwalk in February to raise funds for third-world medical care.

Former Radio 1 presenter Dr Mark Hamilton and television presenter Emma-Louise Johnston were on-hand to host the ever popular show, while students modelled the latest ranges from high-street stores and designer boutiques.



SWOT Fashion Show

The annual fashion show is the biggest fundraising event of student charity society, the Students Working Overseas Trust (SWOT). Last year, the event raised £45,000, which students brought with them directly to hospitals and medical centres in Kenya, Malawi, Tanzania, Ghana, Peru, and India.

Late Love

The officers of the Students' Union have been actively engaged with the local community, facilitating meetings between long-term and student residents. Various initiatives including 'meet your neighbour minute', 'Holylands Cleanups' and 'Late Love' (where student volunteers hand out tea and biscuits at night and encourage people to get home safely) all aim to improve conditions for residents and students in accommodation 'hot spots' near the campus.

Bronze awards

The Students' Union recently received a bronze award in the prestigious 'Students' Union Evaluation Initiative' - only the ninth Students' Union in the UK to receive any level of award.

A further accolade was received when the Union was recognised for its hard work towards a sustainable green policy with the allocation of a bronze Sound Impact Environmental Award.

Students' Union
Evaluation Initiative
Bronze Award 2010

Energy Scholarships

Three Queen's engineering students have been named the inaugural recipients of energy supplier ESB Independent Energy (ESBIE) Scholarship awards.

The partnership sees ESBIE providing scholarships to students from the MEng Electrical and Electronic Engineering programme at Queen's on an annual basis.

The package includes financial support, ongoing mentoring and practical experience through summer and corporate placements at ESB's sites throughout Europe.

Digging the Blues

Around 120 students were recognised for their sporting

achievements at a special event in the Sir William Whitla Hall in June. Making the presentations at the annual Blues Awards Dinner, sponsored by Powerade, was former Northern Ireland soccer international **Jim Magilton**.

Among those teams singled out for special attention were men's rugby and ladies hockey which won league promotions during the year and the Senior Men's Eights rowers which became the fastest university men's boat crew in the UK and Ireland. The snooker players who were crowned British University Champions, the trampolining team victorious as Irish Intersarsity Champions and the Taekwondo side that took two gold and three silver medals at the British National Championships were also mentioned in dispatches.

There were also successes for netball, camogie, orienteering, badminton, swimming and shooting in tournaments across the UK and Ireland. 

For more student news visit:
www.qubsu.org



Events

A round up of events organised for graduates, by Adele McMahon.

Family fun at the Planetarium

Family Fun Days

Two exciting fun days for Queen's graduates and their families were held at Armagh Planetarium in 2009 and 2010. Over 120 people attended as part of a series of family-orientated events hosted by the Development Office.

The action-packed visits featured a variety of activities to inspire child and adult alike, including a fascinating insight into the work of the University's Astrophysics Research Centre (ARC).

Professor Alan Fitzsimmons shared some of the exciting Queen's research and described how the sun works and why stars explode. Rocket making, quizzes and face painting were included to ensure there was something for every age!

Motivation and Professionalism

Earlier this year around 30 alumni from the graduating classes of 2008 and 2009 were invited to a Projecting Professionalism workshop at Queen's.

Facilitated by the renowned motivational speaker **Billy Dixon**,

the fun and interactive session demonstrated how students should present themselves confidently in interviews. Participants were also given several tips on how to dress to impress. Feedback was so positive that we will run this event again next year.

Charter Day Dinner

The Charter Day Dinner marks the founding of Queen's as a College in 1845 and as a full university with its own Royal Charter in 1908.

The 2009 Dinner last November was a sell out! **Marcella Walsh**, former Queen's Student of the Year and one of the best young sopranos of her generation, wowed guests with her singing performance.

Guest speaker, US Consul General for Northern Ireland, **Kamala Lakhdir** (pictured being interviewed by the BBC's **William Crawley**) warmly toasted the University, and William, a Queen's graduate three times over, raised a glass to the Association.

Ruby Reunion

A Ruby Jubilee Reunion for the Classes of 1967-70 took place in October 2009. Graduates and guests from all over the world were welcomed back to Queen's by **Sir David Fell**, Pro-Chancellor and Chairman of Senate.

Celebrations commenced with a 'Return to a Literific' debate in the Great Hall expertly chaired by **Ted Graham** and **Peter Cush**.



Workshop - Projecting professionalism



At the debate - Don Anderson and Denis Tuohy

The motion "This House believes that the next 40 years couldn't possibly be as good as the last 40" was colourfully proposed by **Derrick Bingham** and **Barney Turkington**, and opposed in style by newspaper men **Brendan Keenan** and **Ed Curran**. The debate, and a number of interruptions from the floor, made for lively conversation over supper where several points were thrashed out and friendships renewed.

The following morning guests were treated to a tour of the campus. Memories evoked by the old Students' Union (now the School of Music) and the Drill Hall raised the biggest smiles!

The event culminated with a Reunion Dinner in the Great Hall when a Ross Wilson portrait of **Hugh Bevan**, the

highly regarded former Permanent Secretary of the Students' Union, was formally handed over to the University.

Golden Reunion

A Golden Jubilee for the classes of 1954-64 took place in March.

Walking down memory lane became an all-singing, all-dancing spectacle when one of the most popular films of the last 100 years, *Singing in the Rain* was screened in the QFT. Guests later enjoyed student led musical and drama entertainment in the Brian Friel Theatre.

Arguably the highlight of the day was the debate - "This house believes that things just ain't as good as it used to be." Expertly chaired by **Brian Garrett**, the motion proved to be an ideal opportunity for nostalgia for both

the speakers and the offerings from the floor. The motion was valiantly proposed by **Reverend George Cassidy** joined by **Margaret McAllister** (née Ogle) and opposed by media moguls **Don Anderson** and **Denis Tuohy**.

The event culminated with a Reunion Supper in the Canada Room where guests relaxed to jazz music. By the end of the day everyone agreed that many new memories of Queen's had been created!

We are grateful to all our graduates for making our events calendar so successful.



If you would like to learn more about our forthcoming events or reunions please call Adele McMahon, Events & Reunions Officer, on 028 9097 5289 or visit www.qub.ac.uk/home/Alumni/EventsReunions/ or complete and return the Reply Slip on p47.

Reunions

1960 Medical Reunion

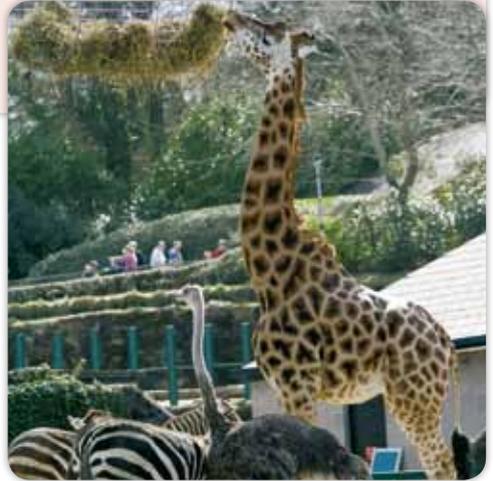
Medical graduates of 1960 held a reunion at the Slieve Donard Hotel, Newcastle in May to celebrate 50 years since their graduation. Over 30 graduates attended from Australia, USA, Canada, England and Northern Ireland. Inexorably, time had produced the usual changes but the spirit, goodwill and camaraderie were much in evidence and very quickly the years rolled away.

Class of 1969 Medical Graduates

A splendid 40th anniversary reunion was held in September 2009 with the Radisson Hotel on the old Belfast Gas Works site as the centre of operations. The reunion was attended by 67 alumni and 41 accompanying friends and partners who travelled from near and far for the occasion.

1985 Electrical Engineering

In June, 13 members of the 1985 Electrical Engineering class (plus 3 spouses) attended a Silver Reunion in the Canada Room. Paul Flanagan organised activities which gave classmates a chance to "catch up on all the news".



Forthcoming Events

Among the many events being considered for 2011 (and beyond) by the Development and Alumni Relations team is a day out to the zoo, a visit to Exploris and a Reunion Weekend in 2013. All events are open to graduates and family members.

If you would like further details on any of the proposed events please complete and return the Reply Slip on p47. 

Association events:

26 Nov 2010

QGA Charter Day Dinner

22 Jan 2011

Dublin Association (QUAD) Annual Dinner

18 Feb 2011

QWG Visit to Ulster Museum, Lunch and AGM

22 Feb 2011

Scotland Association (QUAS) Annual Dinner

28 Apr 2011

Graduation Ceremony and alumni dinner in Kuala Lumpur

Scotland Association visit to Speyside Whisky Festival

If you would like to learn more about association events please check www.qub.ac.uk/alumni or call Gerry Power, Alumni Officer, on 028 9097 5321

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Events Reply Slip

Please send me information on organising a class reunion

I would be interested in hearing more about:

- Music Symposium for 11-15 year olds
- Creative writing workshop
- Visit to Belfast Zoo
- Young Archaeologists Club
(for older primary school children and above)
- Drama Workshops
- Visit to Exploris/Marine Biology Centre, Portaferry
- Lifesaving techniques workshop (for parents and children)
- 2013 Reunion Weekend

Name Year of Graduation/Degree
 Email
 Address
 Postcode Telephone
 Name(s) & age(s) of children

If you have other ideas for similar events please let us know

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Convocation – the voice of the silent majority

Convocation is as much part of the fabric of Queen's as the red bricks of the Lanyon Building. It is as old as the University itself, yet very few graduates would be able to explain its role, which is actually an important one.

The affairs of the members of Convocation are managed by a Standing Committee, which is authorised to act on its behalf by the Annual Meeting, usually held in November. Notice of this Meeting, the focal point for Convocation's activities, is circulated to graduates by mail and email and is also advertised in the local press, as are procedures for the elections and submission of motions. Elections to Standing Committee are held at the Annual Meeting and nominations from interested graduates are always welcome.

"It is not only for the politically involved but also for those who care about their Alma Mater..."

Studentship

In recent years motions debated at the Annual Meeting have covered a diverse range of topics including tuition fees, conservation of architectural heritage, recycling policy and, last year, the introduction of a Convocation Studentship. This latest initiative will promote a closer involvement of Convocation in the day-to-day life of Queen's

and strengthen ties between the University and Convocation. The award is now open to all graduates of Queen's who are eligible to be members of Convocation and who are already accepted to study for a postgraduate research qualification.

Did you know that Convocation...

- Comes from the Latin *convocare* meaning 'calling together'.
- Includes all graduates, the Chancellor, Pro-Chancellors and Vice-Chancellor and members of Senate.
- Is involved in the election of Chancellor.
- Returns two members to the Senate.
- Has the right to 'discuss and pronounce' on any matter relating to the University.

Convocation is the formal vehicle by which the often 'silent majority' of graduates get an opportunity to voice their concerns. It is not only for the politically involved but also for those who care about their Alma Mater, so the strength of Convocation clearly depends on the participation of its members.

Convocation plays a significant role in the life and structures of Queen's, maintains a good working relationship with the University authorities and keeps itself informed of current issues and developments on campus. All graduates should consider not only attending the Annual Meeting,

but also taking an active part in Convocation to ensure that the voice of former students is heard.

Events

Convocation holds a number of events every year to engage with graduates and to link with University stakeholders. A 'Queen's Question Time' at the Annual Meeting in 2009 provided members with the opportunity to question local politicians on the subject of the transfer procedure.

In June 2010 Convocation hosted a lecture by Colonel Tim Collins OBE BSc MA PSC and, in collaboration with Queen's Graduates' Association and the Students' Union, Convocation co-hosts a fun University Challenge quiz each year.

A lecture by Professor Keith Jeffery was the highpoint of the 2010 Annual Meeting, when the Queen's academic addressed members on his highly praised and incisive history of MI6.

Get involved!

While the word 'convocation' might mean different things in different universities around the world, the main functions of Queen's Convocation remain the representation of graduate views to the University administration and the fostering of co-operation among alumni and the student and graduate bodies. If you'd like more involvement with Convocation, now is the time to get in touch!

For further information on the role and activities of Convocation, please contact the Clerk of Convocation Dr Heather Anderson, telephone 028 9097 2308, email convocation@qub.ac.uk or write to: School of Pharmacy, Medical Biology Centre, 97 Lisburn Road, Belfast, BT9 7BL.

www.qub.ac.uk/home/Alumni/Associations/Convocation

Opinions count

This summer a cross-section of local graduates attended discussion workshops on how they would like to be treated as members of Queen's alumni network.

Regular research and feedback is important so that your ongoing experience as a graduate of Queen's is a worthwhile and beneficial one.

You said

You remember fondly:

- hectic student social lives
- Students' Union societies and clubs
- The fulfilment of Graduation Day

You see the University as a traditional and staid institution with a great academic reputation.

You value your Queen's degree - it helped you in your career. You commented favourably on the campus with its wonderful architecture.

You liked the magazine but suggested improvements:

- More high level articles of an academic nature
- A striking cover image
- Feature graduates you know

You like class reunions but you enjoy them more if you know people attending.

You enjoy online social networking.

You would be interested in managing your own personal information online.

You would like to know more about the range of benefits available to Queen's alumni.

You like to be addressed by your first name when we mail/email you.

Our response

'My time at Queen's' is included to bring back some more of those special campus memories.

Queen's innovative approach to enterprise is featured (on pp24-29) highlighting how forward thinking this 'traditional' institution is.

Come back and visit: pp19-21 highlight some of the excellent campus facilities.

Pp12-15 feature some of the high level research currently being undertaken at Queen's.

We have a 'new look' magazine - we feature more graduates than ever before. The more people we include the better the chance you know someone!

We will try to promote future reunions with a longer lead time but it is up to you to encourage your friends to join in.

Check us out on Facebook, LinkedIn and Twitter.

We are working on a new online portal to allow you to do this.

We have included details on p19 of services available to you online and on p51 you can see the benefits of the Perks directory.

We will send all communication using your preferred (first name) – please let us know if you do not want to be addressed in this way.

"Academic" • "Challenge" • "Research"

In the discussion groups these were the three most popular words used to describe Queen's.

Do you agree with the workshop participants?

Do you like the smaller magazine format?

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Your feedback will make sure that what we offer is what you want.

Once you log on to this website you will be asked for your personal ID number which you can find on the carrier sheet enclosed with this magazine. Complete the survey by 12 noon on Friday 10 December for a chance to win the latest Wi-Fi enabled 32GB iPad or one of 5 iPod Shuffles!

In the meantime, send any comments by post to the address below or by email to: editor@qub.ac.uk

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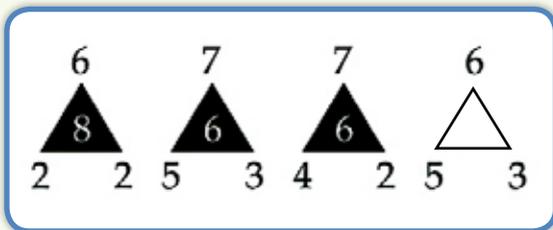
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Sudoku

To solve the Sudoku puzzle, all the rows and all the columns must contain the numbers 1-9, with no repeats or omissions. There is only one correct solution. To enter just send (in the correct order) the numbers in the shaded row at the bottom.

Teaser

Which number should appear in the empty triangle?



Quiz

Who is the 2010 Queen's Student of the Year? _____

The first two correct entries drawn for each of the Sudoku, teaser and quiz at 12 noon on Friday 10 December 2010 will receive £50 (1st prize) and £30 (2nd prize).

And the winner is...

Watch out for more reader competitions in the eGraduate (sign up today at alumni@qub.ac.uk if you wish to be added to the emailing list). In the July issue we asked you to unravel the following anagram **YOU GRIN AT A DAD** to reveal a special event. The answer was, of course, 'GRADUATION DAY'.

Hundreds of entries were received and the lucky winner, drawn at random, was Patricia Coulter from Belfast (pictured below with Malachy Toner) who wins a weekend BnB break for 2 people at the Wellington Park Hotel.



Christmas



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If you are thinking about making a will and would like more information, please contact Kerry Bryson, Head of Alumni Relations, Queen's University Belfast, Belfast, BT7 1NN on 028 9097 3162 or k.bryson@qub.ac.uk