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Message from the Editor

Welcome to this special edition of Queen's alumni magazine, *The Graduate*, in this, the University's Centenary year.

Queen's academic and social calendar has been brimming with special events marking the University's Centenary throughout 2008. The Mitchell Conference held at Queen's in April explored lessons to be learned from Northern Ireland in conflict resolution. In March, the University hosted a Royal Visit when Her Majesty The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh visited the campus as part of the celebrations. For a full round-up of the year's events to date, turn to page 8.

In our media exclusive, we ask cover star Annie Mac and some of the University's other alumni how they got their big break and what advice they would offer fellow graduates in search of a career in the media (p44).

Other alumni breaking new ground in their fields include Francis Campbell, the UK's first Roman Catholic ambassador to the Vatican. In his profile on page 6, he takes us through a career in which politics and religion have been closely woven. On page 48, law graduate and editor of the Northern Ireland Law Reports Anne-Marie Forker, offers her unique perspective on how Queen's and the city have changed since her student days.

It's also been a year of discovery and accolades for our students and alumni. In April a Queen's postgraduate student found a mammal which has never been seen before in Ireland (p12), and the discovery of 10 new planets was announced by Queen's astronomers (p42). On page 37 Queen's graduate Connor Clements shares his delight at gracing the silver screen at Cannes, and we profile Sinéad Morrissey's success in winning the UK's biggest poetry competition (p38).

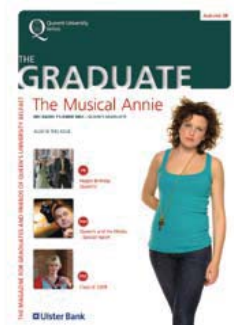
The Graduate also brings you the latest in alumni news and insight into the latest developments at Queen's. And, don't forget to check out the expanded Class Notes section to hear what's happened to your former classmates since graduating.

Alumni feedback on *The Graduate* is always welcome either using the mailing sheet which accompanies this magazine, or via email to: editor@qub.ac.uk, or in writing to the address given.

And remember, you can keep up to date with all the latest news from Queen's by visiting our website: www.qub.ac.uk/alumni

I look forward to hearing from you.

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Answering the call

Queen's graduate Francis Campbell has been the UK's Ambassador to the Holy See since 2005. The University's Alumni Officer, Gerry Power, who recently met the Ambassador in the splendour of the Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO) in London, talks exclusively to him about a career in which politics and religion are closely woven.

"It's the most demanding job I've ever done!" said Francis. "On any one day I could be dealing with matters relating to a hostage situation in Columbia, religious violence in India or the latest developments in Lebanon. If it's of interest to the Vatican, it's of importance to the UK."

The hallowed corridors of the Vatican and the challenges thrown up by international diplomacy are a long way from the rolling hillsides around Barnmeen, near Rathfriland in Co Down, where Francis Martin Campbell was born in 1970.

Now at 38, he is one of the youngest UK ambassadors and the first Roman Catholic to hold the Vatican posting since the Reformation. More unusual perhaps is the fact that Campbell is the first person to become an ambassador by answering an advert in a newspaper!

International affairs were not always on his career radar though; the young Campbell actually wanted to be a priest.

The son of a farmer turned miner from Co Down and a housewife mother from Co Galway, Francis Campbell attended St Colman's School in Newry. This despite his parents meeting and marrying in London in the early 1960s. London would always be pivotal to the life of the future diplomat, who spent several teenage summers working there in diverse jobs such as aircraft cleaning and sorting money in Harrods!

Thanks to the influence of his teachers Campbell 'reluctantly' completed an UCCA form and applied to Queen's to study scholastic philosophy and politics with the intention of going on for the priesthood.

For Campbell, his University experience was one of lectures during the day and pastoral duties in Unity Flats in the evening. He lived in 'the wing' in St Malachy's College seminary on

the Antrim Road, in itself a cloistered existence.

"While I had heard about the Bot and the Welly Park, and was aware of life in the Students' Union, I knew nothing about them, certainly not first hand. We were allowed out one night per term, but we had to be in by 11pm!"



The Vatican

With many friends - both lay and priests - from his time at Queen's, Campbell has fond memories of lively classes in politics with Paul (now Lord) Bew, Mick Cox (now at the LSE) and Bob Eccleshall.

Campbell graduated in 1992 with a BA in Politics and Scholastic Philosophy and headed briefly to Dublin to further his studies in theology, though he didn't settle and after one semester moved to London.

Still unsure, he went on to take MAs in European Integration at the Catholic University of Leuven in Belgium and in International Relations at the University of Pennsylvania - the latter on a Thouron scholarship. Notwithstanding this early exposure to the world of politics, and with the calling to the priesthood still playing on his mind, he found himself back in London.

"I came to London late in 1992 but I don't suppose I ever really left it despite several wonderful years in Belgium and the US," said Campbell. "The city opened up many opportunities for me and in 1997 I joined the fast stream of the Civil Service and the FCO."

For the next few years, Campbell's career focused on Europe with postings to the European Enlargement Unit of the FCO and then on secondment to the European Commission as part of its delegation to the UN in New York.

In 1999 he moved to 10 Downing Street, first as Policy Adviser (until 2001) and then as Private Secretary to the Prime Minister (until 2003). Working in the policy unit brought Campbell into direct contact with Tony Blair and he joined the PM on several overseas visits.

Five years later Campbell left for Rome to become First Secretary at the British Embassy, which, not to be confused with his current posting, was his first experience of life in Italy.

"After two years in Rome I thought that perhaps diplomacy wasn't for me," said Campbell, almost apologetically. "I was somewhat unsettled, and became, briefly, Senior Policy Director with Amnesty International in London, before the position in the Holy See came up."

Campbell's undoubted intellect and ability to get on with people, his fluency in Italian and French and two years' experience in the Embassy in Rome, made him perfectly suited for the post.



Francis Campbell meets Tony Blair and Pope Benedict XVI

"Diplomats are moved every four or five years, so I don't imagine I will be here much beyond 2010 . . . and as to where next, anywhere is possible"

One of 120 applicants, his appointment at the time was described as "an event that could have more lasting significance for Britain's diplomatic service".

Predictably some local commentators focused solely on the fact that Campbell was the first Northern Irish Catholic in a UK ambassadorial position since the Republic of Ireland gained independence in 1921, and the first Catholic to hold the Vatican job since the Reformation, though it was clear to others that he had more to offer than his religion.

His modesty, charm and breadth of experience at the highest political levels made him well suited to life in Rome. But what exactly does the British Ambassador to the Holy See do?

"The 9am-5pm part of the job is policy-related and covers a vast array of topics. If the Vatican has an interest in any issue, anywhere in the world, then it's my job to make sure I am up to speed on those matters," said Campbell.

"The second aspect of the role is representing Her Majesty's Government. This could involve attending major international meetings, or hosting visiting dignitaries."

And does he actually talk to Pope Benedict XVI on a regular basis? Well, not exactly.

"The substantive part of my work is done with the Cardinals and other Vatican officials, so I would only meet or see the Pope perhaps once a month, and rarely on a one-to-one basis. That privilege is restricted to the ceremonial presentation of credentials in St Peter's on taking up a Vatican posting."

Among the many high-profile issues Francis Campbell has dealt with was the meeting of the parents of Madeleine McCann with Pope Benedict in May 2007.

"This was very much a pastoral matter, given the dire set of circumstances," said

Campbell, solemnly. "The family requested a meeting with the Pope and, having discussed the matter with Cardinal Murphy O'Connor, the Archbishop of Westminster, I was able to make arrangements. Kate and Gerry McCann stayed with me the night before the meeting; in all they were only in Rome for 24 hours."

While by his own admission, being an ambassador presents many deep human challenges, it is the stark contrasts which make the position unique. Having handled the world's media for most of that day, Campbell then had to 'switch roles' and host a diplomatic dinner later that evening, once the McCanns had left.

How much longer can Francis expect to remain in Rome, a posting which he describes as both "wonderful" and "challenging" and where does he anticipate being posted to?

"Diplomats are moved every four or five years, so I don't imagine I will be here much beyond 2010," he answers. "And as to where next, anywhere is possible."

"What I do is connected to my faith so my next move could be outside diplomatic circles," he continues. "I could never rule out the priesthood - even now. Life for me has taken many steps and corners which I have never seen coming, so who knows?"

If diplomacy is about understanding the society you are in and about persuading others to act as we would wish them to, then many avenues remain open to this most complex and intelligent of Queen's graduates.

ABOUT THE VATICAN

The Vatican is the world's oldest institution. The Government of the Vatican City State is known as the Holy See. The Holy See keeps abreast of the world at governmental and grass roots levels, and knows who's who in the world's faith communities.

The Vatican has its own typography, railway station, security force, fire and ambulance services, daily newspaper, health service, bank, shops and radio station, which transmits in 34 languages throughout the world, with the biggest directional antenna in the world.



Francis Campbell

CENTENARY

Queen's Centenary

Celebrating 100 years as a leading university



A cheering crowd gathered outside the Lanyon Building to catch a glimpse of the Royal guests. Staff from across the University were nominated by their managers to attend. Student clubs and societies were also represented.

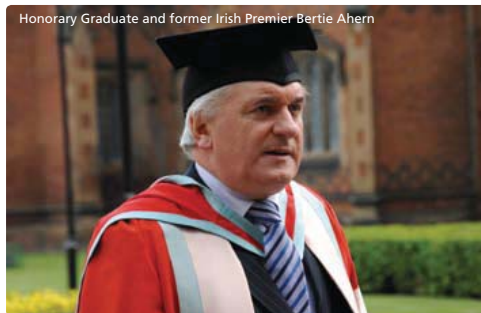
"Above all, the story of Queen's is the story of its people - the staff, students, alumni and friends who have made the University what it is today"



The Queen is welcomed to the University by Queen's Vice-Chancellor Peter Gregson.



The Vice-Chancellor with The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh as they prepared to leave for their next engagement.



Honorary Graduate and former Irish Premier Bertie Ahern

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Attending the Conference dinner were (L-R): Deputy First Minister Martin McGuinness, Lord Trimble, Queen's Vice-Chancellor Professor Peter Gregson, Archbishop Dr Desmond Tutu and John Hume



Queen's Jubilee 2008

"The University is at the forefront of world-class research and scholarly innovation, having contributed much to our economic and cultural life. We look forward to Queen's having even greater success over the next 100 years."

The Centenary message by Northern Ireland's then First Minister Dr Ian Paisley and Deputy First Minister Martin McGuinness set the tone for Queen's year-long series of celebrations to mark its 100th anniversary as a university.

From the red-letter Royal Visit and the international Mitchell Conference to the conferment of an honorary degree on world statesman Nelson Mandela, the programme marks Queen's 100 years as an international centre of academic excellence rooted at the heart of the local community.

Pro-Chancellor Sir David Fell, who launched the Centenary programme at the start of the special year, said: "The University has much to celebrate. As a member of the Russell Group of the UK's 20 leading research-intensive universities, Queen's has a distinguished history and is looking towards a bright future as a global player in research and education."

"The history of Queen's is a story of success and achievement

in a century of challenge and change. Against a backdrop of two World Wars, the Northern Ireland Troubles and financial stringencies, the University has emerged as an international centre of excellence in research and education at the heart of the community it serves.

"Above all, the story of Queen's is the story of its people - the staff, students, alumni and friends who have made the University what it is today."

Among the highlights of the year was the Royal Visit to Queen's in March by Her Majesty The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh. This historic event was also attended by one of the University's most eminent alumni, President of Ireland Mary McAleese.

In May, some 500 leaders in law, politics, academia and community work from around the world gathered at Queen's for the Mitchell Conference on the lessons to be learned from Northern Ireland's experience of peace-building and regeneration. During this event, named after Queen's Chancellor Senator George Mitchell, former UK and Irish premiers Tony Blair and Bertie Ahern were awarded honorary degrees for their contribution to peace in Northern Ireland.



Walking in the graduation procession was (L-R): Senator George Mitchell, Lord Trimble, Dr Mary Robinson and Dr John J DeGioia

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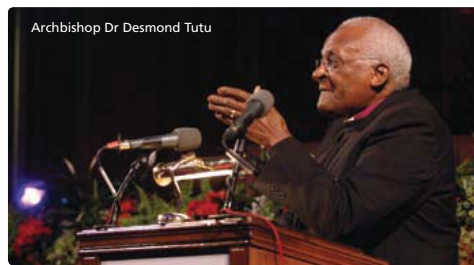
Former British Prime Minister Tony Blair receiving his honorary degree from Queen's Vice-Chancellor Peter Gregson

In July, one of the most important figures of the 20th and 21st centuries, Nobel prizewinner Nelson Mandela, was named the University's Centenary Honorary Graduate. The former President of South Africa, who led the struggle against apartheid, received an honorary Doctorate for distinction in public service.

As the University continues to mark its 100th anniversary with a host of ceremonial,

cultural and social events, it is looking forward to an even brighter future in which it will play an even greater leading role on the world stage.

The Sunday Times recently said of Queen's: "It is hard to imagine a more confident university." As it looks towards a second century, which will be even more impressive than its first, its confidence has never been higher.



Archbishop Dr Desmond Tutu

The Centenary Stone

The Centenary Stone - currently on display in Queen's Welcome Centre - is an iconic and tangible symbol of the University's first century.

Unveiled by Her Majesty The Queen, the stone displays the Centenary Stanza, coined to mark the occasion by one of the University's most distinguished graduates, Nobel Laureate Dr Seamus Heaney.

The Centenary Stanza

*Still red brickwork
Remains our bulwark:
Here exercise
Of mind has stood
To us, for us
These hundred years,
And will, for good.*



The unveiling of the Centenary Stone. (L-R): Queen's Vice-Chancellor Peter Gregson, The Queen, The Duke of Edinburgh and Queen's Registrar James O'Kane

Share your Centenary memories

Queen's Centenary is the perfect time to look back at your time at the University and share your memories with staff, students and alumni. It doesn't matter if you graduated this summer or 50 years ago, we'd love to hear your experience of Queen's and invite you to share your memories and stories.

Visit the Centenary website at www.qub.ac.uk/Centenary and go to the *Tell Us Your Queen's Experience* page to send through your stories and photographs.

We look forward to hearing from you during this special year.

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The next 100 years

By Futurologist Ian Pearson



With the accelerating development of technology, we can look forward to the next 100 years with the certainty that it will bring more change than the last millennium.

Nano-bio-info-cogno convergence will lead to the mastery of materials, synthetic intelligence and consciousness, and the technology of life itself. As well as redesigning nature to include superior synthetic biology, and repairing our environment, we will bring about the forging of ever closer links between man and machine, ultimately leading to a full, direct brain link, extension of our minds into the machine world, and hence electronic immortality. Meanwhile, rapid progress in space technology will enable our first colonies away from Earth.

It is perhaps hard to see this as anything other than science fiction when today we are bombarded with doom and gloom from environmentalists and witnessing the restart of the cold war. But problems don't stay around for long before people start to fix them. Just as newspapers tell us daily that we have to take our lifestyles back to the 19th century to stop global warming, engineers are already well under way designing technology that will see huge solar farms in the Sahara providing almost all of Europe's energy needs, delivered across superconducting cables.

Rather than environmental catastrophe, it is more likely that we will see a carbon-free transport system and most of the remaining oil being left in the ground. Fleets of electronic and electric cars will be more socially inclusive than even public transport today, as well as much

cheaper, faster, safer, more reliable and of course cleaner. Sustainability is best achieved by means of the application of human intelligence to solve the problem, not by trying to wind the clock back with policies formed from muddled thinking. Future Queen's science and engineering graduates will do more to solve environmental problems than any number of green doomsayers. Old political systems will gradually give way to a more unified world order based on heavily networked grass roots people power, where poor leaders can more easily be rendered powerless.

The real problem is not trying to keep the pace of technology going, but to make sure it doesn't proceed too fast for our society to keep up, especially legal and regulatory systems. In AI, the exponential curve hasn't turned vertical yet, so people dismiss far too easily any talk of conscious machines. But give it another decade and nanotech-based probes in brains will have given computer engineers enough insight to make nano-electronic gel, in which guided evolution can take our initial ideas and build on them to deliver not only consciousness, but vastly superhuman intelligence. We will need to make sure that no one builds such a machine before we have the related technology to link such intelligence to the human brain, so that machines can't gain a dangerous advantage.

Similarly, with the ability to design and build life, we will see the creation of many new life forms, and even new kinds of people, with babies built to taste, unless appropriate regulation is made in good time. Already, it is easy for any two people to have their genomes listed on

a CD, and then randomly combined, the resulting billions of potential individuals' DNA listings just waiting for off-the-shelf assembly before they can be 'built', gestated and born. Yet it is still entirely legal to sell such listings, which carry no legal rights yet.

Many other ethical milestones will pass by unnoticed as technology accelerates behind lab doors. We have to hope that engineers in the future will be much more openly analytical of the potential social consequences of their work.

It is obvious already that the previously clear boundaries of electronics, life sciences, materials and neuroscience are being eroded. Interdisciplinary work is already key to university success. If 'UK plc' is to stay in business, we will need to educate people across many disciplines.

It is always areas of convergence that yield the highest market potential, just as the merging of computing and telecoms gave us the web and all its markets and consequences. Biotech is already converging with IT, enabled in part by nanotechnology. We must not let our universities fall behind the rest of the world in this space. Provided we can stay in the race with our foundations of wealth creation, we will also be able to afford the luxuries of the arts that make life worth living. Queen's has served well in both spheres for the last 100 years. Here's to its part in the next 100.

Ian Pearson graduated from Queen's in 1981 in Applied Mathematics and Theoretical Physics. After four years in Shorts, he joined BT Laboratories as a performance analyst, and later worked in network design, computer evolution, cybernetics, and mobile systems. From 1991 until 2007, he was BT's Futurologist, tracking and predicting new developments throughout information technology, considering both technological and social implications. He continues this work for Futurizon, a startup futures institute. He was awarded an honorary Doctor of Science by the University of Westminster.

He has received many awards for his papers, written several books and has made well over 400 TV and radio appearances.

FACULTY OF MEDICINE, HEALTH AND LIFE SCIENCES

Grants of over £500,000 for Queen's to investigate blindness

Queen's Centre for Vision Science (CVS) has been boosted by grants of over £500,000 from three charities to investigate the two leading causes of blindness in the UK.

Recognised as a centre of excellence for ophthalmic research, its researchers, led by director Professor Alan Stitt, will carry out studies of sight-threatening conditions affecting diabetics and the elderly over the next three years. The team, part of the School of Medicine, Dentistry and Biomedical Sciences, is based in the Royal Victoria Hospital.

The largest grant has come from the New York-based Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, which has awarded Professor Stitt over £250,000 for research into diabetic retinopathy - a disease that causes about 40 per cent of new adult blindness cases in the UK.

After 20 years, almost everyone with type one diabetes will develop some form of retinopathy.

Sight can be saved by laser therapy if the condition is detected early enough, but the cost of treating just one person is around £237,000. Professor Stitt and his team will investigate the nature of chemical modifications in the retina and their role in the condition.

Professor Stitt has also been awarded two other grants to research age-related macular degeneration (AMD) - the leading cause of sight loss in people over 50 in the western world. Around two million people in the UK are affected, with numbers set to rise dramatically as our population ages.

Over £170,000 has been granted by the charity Action Medical Research to try to find important information about the molecular and cellular processes that damage the retina, and cause vision loss in AMD.

The charity Fight for Sight has given over £90,000 for the team to understand the role of chemical modifications and



the way they interact with a receptor in causing the condition.

Professor Stitt, who is internationally renowned for his work, said: "We are delighted with these very prestigious awards.

"Queen's is a centre of excellence for ophthalmic research in the UK, especially in the study of diabetic retinopathy and age-related macular degeneration. These grants reflect our international standing and I am convinced that they will make a telling contribution as we seek to understand the underlying causes of major retinal diseases and, importantly, develop new, effective therapeutic interventions".

The naming of the shrew

A Queen's postgraduate student has discovered a mammal never seen before in Ireland. The shrew, spotted in Tipperary and Limerick, is only the third new mammal to be found on the island in almost 60 years.

Dave Tosh, from the School of Biological Sciences, found the greater white-toothed shrew *Crocodyria russula* while working with University College Cork and BirdWatch Ireland. Its natural range is in parts of Africa, France and Germany and before now the closest it has been spotted to Ireland is in the Channel Islands.

As part of his PhD, Dave was studying the diet of the Barn Owl in Ireland. Last winter he received pellets from owls to help with the study.

Dave explained: "It was among a batch that I was about to dry in an oven, that I noticed a very large shrew skull. Having

examined hundreds of pellets from Ireland I knew that what I was looking at was unusual as our native pygmy shrew is very small in comparison."

In March seven greater white-toothed shrews were trapped at four locations in Tipperary and their existence has just been recorded in the scientific journal *Mammal Review*.

Professor Ian Montgomery, Head of the School of Biological Sciences at Queen's, says the animal is likely to have been introduced recently to Ireland and the discovery of a new mammal species is extremely rare.

"Most species which occur in Ireland also appear in Britain but the nearest this species of shrew has been found is on the Channel Islands and the Scilly Isles.

"These records are evidence of at least one recent introduction event, probably

accidental, from continental Europe to Ireland and has resulted in a rapid increase in numbers over a short period."

The discovery raises issues related to ecological impact and control which need to be researched further. While the shrew is likely to sustain threatened birds of prey, it could lead to the loss of small native mammals.



Queen's strengthens its links with India

A number of recent initiatives and new partnerships have seen the University strengthen its links with India. These include international research collaborations, student exchange programmes, plans for a new Centre for Contemporary Indian Studies at the University and a new Queen's-India Lecture Series.

One such partnership is between Queen's and the Ministry of Biotechnology, Government of India. Aimed at developing new ways to understand and treat cancer, the agreement is between top cancer specialists from the National Institute of Immunology, New Delhi and the £25 million Centre for Cancer Research and Cell Biology at Queen's.

An international conference in New Delhi on Cancer Biology, led by Queen's and supported by the Government of India and the Department of Employment and Learning, Northern Ireland was opened by Minister for Employment and Learning, Sir Reg Empey.

World leader

Leading the local delegation was world renowned cancer oncologist, Professor Patrick Johnston from Queen's. Speaking at the event he said: "Cancer does not recognise national boundaries and affects people across the globe. Through this collaboration we will be able to develop new treatments and improve the diagnosis of cancer for the betterment of everyone.

"India has great expertise in the diagnosis and treatment of cancer. With the beginning of this new partnership I am confident that we will make significant strides in combating one of the world's most prevalent diseases."

Knowledge sharing

The sharing of information and knowledge was also a key factor in the decision to introduce a unique scholarship programme, in association with Bengal Engineering and Science University (BESU). Based in Kolkata, BESU is one of India's top science and engineering universities.

The scheme will help identify the research leaders of tomorrow and already 20



"Through this collaboration we will be able to develop new treatments and improve the diagnosis of cancer for the betterment of everyone"

students from BESU have visited Queen's to study in the Institute of Electronics, Communications and Information Technology (ECIT) - one of the University's world-class research centres.

Dr M Satish Kumar, Director of Queen's India initiative said: "BESU is one of India's oldest science and engineering universities. As Queen's celebrates its Centenary, I am delighted that BESU students are now working alongside specialist researchers in the vibrant and international setting that is ECIT.

India lectures

Another aspect of the initiative is the Queen's-India Lecture Series, part of the University's Centenary celebrations. Through an established network with the major Indian universities, this Series brings leading scholars and researchers from India to Belfast for public lectures and interaction with relevant Schools within the University.

The Series will also bring leading Indian academics from around the globe to an annual symposium that addresses issues

of Postcolonial India and Ireland: Empire and Resistance.

Indian Studies

Also sure to bring leading Indian academics and students to Northern Ireland will be the establishment of a new Centre for Contemporary Indian Studies at Queen's.

The new Centre will be a bridge between Indian science, culture and society and the entire Queen's community in Northern Ireland. To be launched formally in the summer of 2009, there is a commitment to endow a chair in Ghandian Studies within the Institute.

Professor Peter Gregson, Queen's Vice-Chancellor said: "India is the second largest source of Foreign Direct Investment in Northern Ireland, creating more than 3,000 jobs.

"In addition to the many partnerships and initiatives already announced, I will be returning to India in November this year to consolidate and develop our key partnerships. In developing its links with India, I can assure you that Queen's University will not be standing still."

Honorary graduate

Queen's also honoured Madurai-born Dr Chitra Bharucha at its recent summer graduation. Dr Bharucha has lived in Northern Ireland since 1972 and was presented with an honorary Doctorate for services to medicine and for public service (DMedSc).

Cutting-edge cancer research

Recent medical research advances at Queen's include Dr Joe O'Sullivan's supervision of clinical trials for a new drug which could be a significant development in the treatment of prostate cancer.

Dr O'Sullivan is a senior lecturer and consultant in clinical oncology at the Centre for Cancer Research and Cell Biology at Queen's (CCRCB). The drug, arbiraterone will be given to up to 20 men suffering from an advanced form of the cancer when the trials start at the Cancer Centre at Belfast City Hospital later this year. It means the group of Northern Ireland patients will be among just 1,200 across the world with access to the drug.

CCRCB is working with other world-class research establishments to develop new ways to understand and treat cancer, including a partnership agreement with the Ministry of Biotechnology, Government of India.

Research by the Northern Ireland Cancer Registry at Queen's shows that people with oesophageal cancer are often enduring serious symptoms for over a year before seeking help. The Registry aims to provide accurate information on cancer cases for research, planning and education.

Each year around 200 local people are diagnosed with oesophageal cancer. But the good news in the report is a 10 per



Viewing a demonstration at the new Cancer Research Centre were (L-R) Senator George Mitchell, Deputy First Minister Martin McGuinness and Professor Patrick Johnston, Dean, School of Medicine, Dentistry and Biomedical Sciences Director, Institute of Health Sciences

cent increase in observed survival rates for oesophageal cancer patients one year after surgery. 69 per cent of patients operated on in 1996 were alive a year after their operation while those who underwent surgery in 2005 had 79 per cent survival rates one year later.

Two members of staff at the Cancer Registry have been honoured at the Northern Ireland Healthcare Awards for their work in developing a system to improve services for cancer patients.

Dr Lisa Ranaghan, a Cancer Information Consultant, and Giulio Napolitano, Information and Technology Officer, won the Innovations in Oncology Award 2007 for creating an electronic system to record the decisions cancer teams make on patients' diagnosis and treatment.

The winners worked for over three years on the project developed in partnership with the Northern Ireland Cancer Network (NICaN) and local cancer specialists.

A new facility at Queen's Bioimaging Unit, the first of its kind in the UK, is helping to research cancer and develop new treatments.

The Northern Ireland Virtual Tissue Archive (NIVTA), funded by a £250,000 grant from the Health and Social Care Research and Development Office (HSC R&D Office), stores high resolution images of tissue samples, establishing a digital archive. Based in the School of Medicine, Dentistry and Biomedical Sciences, it stores the images electronically for research and educational purposes.

Supporting Cancer Research



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As Director of Development, I have been inspired by the huge international success of Professor Paddy Johnston and his colleagues in the Centre for Cancer Research and Cell Biology (CCRCB) on the Belfast City Hospital site.

The CCRCB is a world-class facility working with other international research establishments to develop new ways to understand and treat cancer.

With over 300 clinical and basic researchers from across the world the Queen's team is committed to the highest quality of research excellence. The CCRCB mission is to develop new avenues for the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of cancer and infectious diseases, to relieve human suffering.

If you would like to support the pioneering work of the scientists and clinicians at the Centre please send your donation to me, using the form opposite.

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FACULTY PROFILE



Michael Decker and Andrea Guiotto

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LECTURER IN MEDICINAL CHEMISTRY

DR HABIL. MICHAEL DECKER MPhil
LECTURER IN MEDICINAL CHEMISTRY

Why did you decide to work at Queen's?

What key areas/projects are you working on at the moment?

What are your hobbies/interests?

What is the best thing about working at Queen's?

GRADUATE AND STUDENT OF THE YEAR

The Cream of the Crop

Nine years since their inception, the annual Graduate and Student of the Year Awards which are supported by First Trust Bank, continue to attract the highest calibre of entries and this year was no exception as Queen's Alumni Officer, Gerry Power, reports.

A bumper crop of nominations was received for the 2008 University 'Oscars', representing all that is great about Queen's students and alumni. While there were many inspiring claims on the prestigious Awards, the eventual winners were recognised for their individual excellence and personal achievements in the diverse fields of wildlife and music.

Details of the winners - presenter of the BBC's spell-binding Big Cat Diary series, Jonathan Scott, and inspirational singer and music student Marcella Walsh - were announced to a packed Sir William Whitla Hall at the University's evening graduation ceremony on 2 July.

Graduate of the Year

Jonathan Scott has been a familiar face to many wildlife viewers over the last 20 years, yet his links with Queen's were, until this summer at least, not all that obvious. The softly spoken Englishman, who now lives in Kenya, graduated from Queen's in Zoology in 1972 and has made

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a remarkable contribution to wildlife and conservation in the intervening period.

Announcing the Award winner, Oonagh Ferrity, Vice-President of Queen's Graduates' Association (QGA) said: "Jonathan is undoubtedly best-known for his BBC Wildlife documentaries, but the eminent zoologist has also co-presented a wildlife TV series in the United States, has written and illustrated numerous books and picked up the Wildlife Photographer

of the Year Award in the last 20 years.

"Jonathan has also brought us the Big Bear Diaries in 2005 and more recently the very successful Elephant Diaries."

Jonathan was born in London in 1949 and brought up on a farm in Berkshire. As a child he developed a love for sticklebacks, tadpoles, foxes and wild animals. Early inspirations were Armand and Michaela Dennis (who presented On Safari for the BBC in the late 1950s and early 1960s) and the film *Born Free* which Jonathan says captivated him, embodying everything that was then his idea of Africa.

On hearing the news that he had won the Award, Jonathan told *The Graduate*: "This is such an honour, thank you so much. I had four wonderful years at Queen's; it was such an interesting time between 1968-72, particularly being from England, and everyone was so friendly. Going to Queen's was my first big adventure."



BBC's Big Cat Diary Series

He added: "At some point I realised to my great relief that hard work and perseverance could make a difference. The American Philosopher Joseph Campbell believed that finding one's 'bliss' was the key to success and happiness, and I count myself very fortunate to have found my 'bliss' at an early age - the great outdoors and a fascination with wild animals have been the joys of my life."

After graduating, and a year spent in the US, Jonathan travelled to South Africa and later Botswana before settling at the

Helferty, who described her as "an inspiration to others".

Marcella, who earlier in the day joined Queen's Chancellor, Senator George Mitchell for lunch, has already been identified as one of the finest young sopranos of her generation, with a repertoire ranging from classical to Irish traditional, jazz and modern music. And, as President of Queen's Music Society, she was also closely associated with the organisation winning the 'Most Improved Society' title at a recent Students' Union awards.

Outside Queen's the Student of the Year has been an active member of St Peter's Cathedral Choir, Belfast Music Society and Cór Loch Lao, Northern Ireland's only Irish language choir. Marcella has also carried out voluntary work with the Northern Ireland Commissioner for Children and Young People and with the Northern Ireland Youth Forum.

Dr Sarah McCleave of the University's School of Music, who submitted one of the two nominations for Marcella, said: "Marcella's consistent ability to offer commanding performances in stylistically

Marcella Walsh (left) with her Student of the Year Award pictured with her mother Patricia Walsh



Mara River Camp in Kenya in 1977. It was there that he met his future wife Angie, and where they married in March 1992.

Big cats have been the focus of much of Jonathan and Angie's work over 30 years. They have been the basis for a number of hugely popular BBC TV series, including Big Cat Diary and Big Cat Week, which he co-presents. In a recent UK poll of TV viewers, the big cats were voted the nation's favourite wild animals.

In true 'Oscar fashion' however, Jonathan was unable to attend the ceremony as he was travelling in the Arctic, so the Award was collected on his behalf by his sister Caroline.

Student of the Year

Travel was not such an ordeal for the North Belfast-based Student of the Year, Marcella Walsh. Marcella, who graduated later the same week, was announced by Students' Union President, Ciarnan

"Marcella has a real passion and enthusiasm for music and is clearly someone we should all watch out for in the future"

Delivering the citation, Ciarnan said: "Marcella has made a considerable impact on the lives of students and staff in the University, as well as in the wider community. She is an excellent role model for her peers."

Marcella was one of the main contributors to the setting up of a student-led choir and orchestra within Queen's, which now boasts over 100 performing members. And she was a driving force in initiating a series of 'Drive Time' concerts while also pioneering a new mentoring scheme for undergraduates in the School of Music.

divergent repertoires is almost without parallel - even among professionals. As a performer she has given great pleasure to many audiences in her three years at Queen's."

And in concluding his remarks at the Award ceremony, Ciarnan Helferty added: "Marcella has a real passion and enthusiasm for music and is clearly someone we should all watch out for in the future."

High praise indeed all round for the cream of the crop.

The Graduate and Student of the Year Awards were launched in 1999 by the QGA with the support of First Trust Bank. The Awards aim to recognise excellence, achievement or service by Queen's alumni and students, either to the University or to the wider community. Nominations are now open for the 10th anniversary awards which will be presented in July 2009 during Graduation Week.



NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF CONVOCATION

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The Annual Meeting of Convocation will be held in the Canada Room in the main University building on **Thursday 27 November 2008 starting at 6.30pm**. Coffee/tea will be served from 6pm.

The business of the Annual Meeting will incorporate the Report of the Standing Committee and any other relevant matters of which due notice is received not later than **13 November 2008**. Motions to be included on the Agenda should be submitted on the appropriate forms, which are available now from the undersigned or online.

The Annual Meeting will be followed by **Queen's Question Time**, to be chaired by William Crawley (BBC), which will give graduates an opportunity to put questions to local politicians on education and other matters. The evening will also include a special Centenary Lecture, full details of which will be available online in due course.

All papers (including minutes of the 2007 Annual Meeting) are now available at - www.qub.ac.uk/convocation

Gerry Power
Clerk of Convocation

LAST DATE FOR PROCEDURAL STEPS:

Issue of this summons - 22 September 2008 (online)

Receipt of notice of business - 13 November 2008

Issue of agenda - Thursday 20 November 2008

Fabulous at 40!

For most of us, turning 40 is traditionally seen as a pivotal moment: a point in life where one looks back at achievements, at regrets, at a steadily receding youth while looking forward to the unknown.

Like any other 40-year-old, the QFT's birthday has proven a time for reflection and reminiscence; for looking at the past and planning for the future.

So, how would someone summarise the four decades of QFT's existence so far?

Well, first of all it's been about the people, beginning with Michael Barnes and Michael Emmerson who had the

vision for QFT back in 1968. And all those who have sustained and helped QFT grow over the years; from the dedicated 35-year stewardship of Michael Open to all the various McCaffreys, man, woman and boy and everybody else in between. And of course, it's about our audience, especially our members whose loyal support is so valuable to us.

The QFT has always been about the films: whether it's Kurosawa or Kubrick, Lynch or Lean, QFT always has, and always will, show the very best of cinema from around the world.

Queen's Film Theatre is Queen's own art house cinema, without whose help and



continued support the QFT would never have made it to the big 40.

And of course, the QFT is about Belfast itself. No matter what the troubled past has brought or what future beckons, the cinema is proud to be part of this wonderful city.



New scheme launched to recruit GB students



Queen's graduate and Derry Native Brendan Durkan has signed up to be an ambassador for Queen's, supporting its drive to increase the number of students from Great Britain applying to Queen's. He is the first 'advocate' in a new scheme launched by the University's recruitment team.

The University is targeting its graduates who are working in schools in GB. It wants them to promote the University among their students and share positive experiences of their time at Queen's.

Domestic Recruitment Officer Anthony McGrath said: "We are making steady progress in the GB market and are keen to build upon this. The new 'advocacy programme' will help us further develop our presence and knowledge base in the market and is already proving to be a success.

"Yet while our experience within the GB market has been positive, we are starting

from a low awareness base which is why there was a need to establish an 'advocacy scheme.' The initiative is about relationship -building and ensuring that we have a team of advocates who have access to our target markets on a daily basis."

Part of the scheme involves GB careers teachers visiting the University. One teacher who took up the invite was Brendan Durkan, a Business Studies teacher and UCAS rep at St Ambrose College in Altrincham. Brendan graduated from Queen's in 1998 with a business management degree and later went on to do his PGCE at University of Huddersfield.

He has become the first official Queen's advocate and will work closely with the Domestic Recruitment team over the coming years. "I was delighted to attend the recent careers weekend at Queen's. I was then able to promote the University's stand at the Manchester UCAS event to my students. The feedback I got from them was very positive and it certainly had some of them thinking about applying to Queen's."

Commenting on the success of the scheme, Brendan said: "St Ambrose College has approximately 15 students expressing an interest in applying to the University this year. It really is incredible as these students would not have known anything about Queen's a year ago. With the interest that has been created I can see a large number of applications this year. I am delighted to be an advocate of my old university."

Anthony is keen to recruit additional Queen's advocates: "We have contacted all of the alumni who gained a teaching degree from Queen's, but we feel there are many more people out there who have gone onto a career in teaching but we don't have their contact details. We would love to hear from these people so we can explore how we can work together in the future."

If you are involved in education in any form and believe you could add value to the work of the Domestic Recruitment team within any of the home-based or domestic markets (GB, ROI or Europe), please contact Anthony McGrath at a.mcgrath@qub.ac.uk, or telephone 0044 28 9097 1373.

GRADUATES

Class Notes

2000s

Emma-Louise Gibson, BA English 2007, started the NVQ4 Newspaper Journalism course at Belfast Metropolitan College in September. She was voted Journalist of the Year, at the first ever Queen's Student Media Awards in May 2008, as a result of her work for the Students' Union Magazine. Emma-Louise can be contacted at egibson06@qub.ac.uk.



Roisin Linden, BA Sociology 2007, worked for a year as a project development officer for Habitat for Humanity, conducting research on behalf of the Northern Ireland Housing Executive's Community Cohesion Unit. This developed her interest in local mixed housing and as a result she is returning to Queen's in September to study the topic at PhD level. Roisin can be contacted at rlinden02@qub.ac.uk.

Toni Maguire, BSc Archaeology and Palaeoecology 2007, has been asked to participate in a BBC programme dealing with the issues surrounding infants who died without receiving the sacrament of baptism. These children were regarded as pagan by the Christian church and buried unrecorded in areas of unconsecrated ground (Cillini - 'Little Graveyard'). Toni's undergraduate thesis focused on County Antrim and she uncovered almost eighty such sites, many of which were previously unrecorded as Cillini. Toni can be contacted at M1355902@qub.ac.uk.

Louise McNulty, BA Psychological Studies 2007, is currently working as an Assistant Language Teacher in Japan, and loves the culture and the teaching. When she returns home she hopes to

gain a qualification and make teaching her career. Louise can be contacted at lmcnulty02@qub.ac.uk.

Karl O'Hanlon, BA English 2007, was made a Fulbright Scholar for the academic year 2008/09 to study for an MA in English at Georgetown University, Washington DC. Karl can be contacted at kohanlon04@qub.ac.uk.

Amy Robinson, BSc Biological Sciences 2007, will fly the Northern Ireland flag in the televised Miss Earth competition - an international beauty pageant promoting environmental awareness - on 9 November 2008. Amy was awarded the Silver Youth Action award and helped establish her church as the first green congregation in Northern Ireland. Amy can be contacted at amyrobinson@hotmail.com.

Catherine Brennan, MB BCh BAO 2006, and her brother, Eugene, PhD Electrical Engineering, both graduated in 2006. Catherine got married in September 2008 and Eugene is due to be married in April next year! Catherine can be contacted at B1237601@qub.ac.uk.

Janette Campbell, BSc Psychology 2006, married Stephen Hail on 1 August 2008 in the Czech Republic. Janette can be contacted at janette.campbell@gmail.com.



Emma Carter, (née Montgomery) BA Social Anthropology 2006, married Jonathan Carter on Friday 6 June in Lake Garda, Italy. After a fantastic honeymoon touring Italy they returned to have a party in Barnaby's, Ballyrobert! Emma can

be contacted at emontgomery05@qub.ac.uk.

Clare McEvoy, BMus 2006, is currently studying for her Masters of Music at Queen's. She has recently received a £1000 award from the Arts Council of Northern Ireland to study at the Canford Summer School of Music, panelled by some of the most renowned conductors in the world. Clare can be contacted at cmcevoy09@qub.ac.uk.

Fiona Watt (née Bonner), BSc Biological Sciences 2006, met Mark Watt in 2002 when they both started the same degree. They began dating in October 2004, got engaged in June 2005 and married on 5 June 2008 in Belfast. They are currently living in Banbridge. Mark is a Senior Clinical Analyst for a pharmaceutical company and Fiona is a Technical/Sales Rep for a chemical supplier. Fiona can be contacted at fbonner01@qub.ac.uk.

Sandra Mallon, MA Social Anthropology 2005, began a PhD at the University of Leicester in October 2007. Her area of interest is disability studies with a focus on a disabled identity and socio economic status. She is also a graduate teaching assistant for the department, running tutorials for undergraduates. Sandra can be contacted at sm440@le.ac.uk.

Bernadette McCabe, BA 2005, spent many years in accountancy before graduating in 2005. She has now retrained and is working in the Music Media and Copyright industry. In the course of her study she also overcame a benign brain tumour. She would like to say hello and thank-you to all her lecturers with a special mention to John Lynch and Pam. Bernadette can be contacted at bernadette.mccabe@on-music.tv.

Subbarao Bandaru, PhD 2004, is currently heading the Electromagnetic Compatibility Division at the SAMEER-Centre in India. He was awarded a US patent for his work at Queen's. He is a senior member of IEEE USA and a Fellow of IETE India, representing India as EMC



Lydia Gamble

Lydia Gamble, BA Spanish 2000, was appointed Head of Marketing and Development at the Ulster Orchestra in June 2008, having previously spent seven years in the local Economic Development Sector.

Formerly Business Development Manager at Castlereagh Enterprises Ltd (Local Enterprise Agency) Lydia was responsible for the design, development, delivery and securing of funding for programmes of economic development support to the value of £2m from 2003 to 2008.

Lydia was also instrumental in the setup and growth of the network Business for Business (B4B) which supports the networking and development of SMEs in Northern Ireland.

Prior to this, Lydia worked for Enterprise Ireland (Irish Government Agency) assisting Irish companies to develop their export potential in the UK. She also taught on the Chartered Institute of Marketing at Castlereagh College on a part-time basis over a 3 year period.

Lydia holds a masters in Business Studies, a post-graduate diploma in Marketing, as well as a range of diplomas and certificates in Consultancy, Not-for-Profit Sector Management, Innovation and Entrepreneurship. She has served on a range of Boards and Committees relevant to economic development and economic regeneration in the Castlereagh area from 2003.

expert in the IEC Technical committees. Subbarao can be contacted at bsubbarao@ieee.org.

Diane Boyle (née Wilkin) MSW 2003, and her husband became the proud parents of baby Joe on 19 June 2008. Diane can be contacted at dr.wilkin@talk21.com.

Sarah Kennedy, MPharm 2003, recently married Steven Aiken (BEng, MSc) in Kilmore Presbyterian church. They met in Queen's Elms Halls of Residence in 1999 and have been together ever since! Sarah can be contacted at sarahkennedy@hotmail.com.

Linda Caldwell, BEng Mechanical Engineering 2000, PhD 2005, got engaged to Mauro in Houston during Christmas 2007. They have set a wedding date for summer 2009 and have found out that in between they'll be adding to the family this coming Christmas! Linda is currently transferring with her company from Houston, Texas to Paris. She can be contacted at lcaldwell75@gmail.com.

Andrew Dawson, LLB 2000, and his wife, Alison, had their second child, Aoife, on 16 April 2008 - a sister for two-year-old Sarah. Andrew can be contacted at andrewdawson1@btinternet.com.

Barbara G Henderson, BEd 2000, has been teaching in Devenish College, Enniskillen since graduating. She successfully completed a degree of Master of Business Administration in 2006. Barbara can be contacted at rolybarbara@henderson312.freemove.co.uk.

Karen Marrs (née Lacey) MB BCh BAO 2000, and husband Michael, and three-year old daughter Erin, are proud to announce the new addition to the family, Ben, born in April this year. Karen can be contacted at karenmarrs77@doctors.org.uk.

1990s

Raveen Chinnavan, BEng Electrical and Electronic Engineering 1999, returned to Singapore after graduating and worked with the Land Transport Authority as a systems engineer. In 2005 he married his girlfriend of 7 years, Laurencia, and they returned to the UK. Raveen is now working as a principal consultant for Ikon Risk Consulting Ltd. Raveen would love to hear from former classmates and can be contacted at raveen07@yahoo.com.sg.

Anne-Marie Forker, LLB 1999, is living in England but getting married at Belfast Castle in May 2009! She is enjoying working as editor of the Northern Ireland Law Reports and studying for a doctorate part-time. She would love to hear from former classmates especially Aine, Claire or Elaine. Anne-Marie can be contacted at anne-marie.forker@lexisnexis.co.uk.

Glenn Hempton, MEng Mechanical and Manufacturing Engineering 1999, and his wife Julie had their first baby, James Alexander, on 22 March in Newcastle-upon-Tyne. Glenn is currently working for Procter and Gamble with global responsibility for various purchase systems strategy and delivery. He is also a board member of the Global Upstream Supply Initiative (GUSI), working to set standards and direction across the industry. Glenn would love to hear from old classmates at glenn_hempton@hotmail.com.



Rory Mackin, BA English and Spanish 1999, has recently been promoted to Vice-President, Corporate and Financial Communications with Hill and Knowlton - a leading international communications consultancy. Rory can be contacted at rorymackin@hotmail.com.

Stephen Murray, MSc Orthodontics 1999, is working as a specialist orthodontist for the Irish health service. As he turned 40 this year, his long association with Junior Chamber International is coming to an end. His last major engagements for the organisation, which develops leadership skills in young people, included organising a national debate championships and being MC at the awards ceremony to honour the outstanding young people of 2008. He can be contacted at orthodontics@ireland.com.



Pedro J Oiarzabal, MPhil in Economics and Social Sciences 1999, is the author of three books and several articles on Basque identity, migration, Diaspora and information and communication technologies. He is currently a Visiting Scholar at the University of Nevada, Oral

History Program. Pedro can be contacted at pjo@unr.edu.



Nicola Barr, MSW 1998, was awarded a Masters in Forensic Psychology by Leicester University in January 2008, after working for ten years as a probation officer. If anyone reading this is a chartered forensic psychologist who is interested in supervising a lovely, intelligent and committed person (Nicola) towards her chartership, please get in touch. Nicola is married with 2 children. She can be contacted at nicola.barr@pbni.org.uk.

Patrick Comyn, BSc Psychology 1998, is pleased to announce his engagement to Aoi bhinn Twomey from Mounseabbey, County Cork. Paddy can be contacted at paddycomyn@gmail.com.

Rachel Cooper (née Aspland), BA English Literature and Language 1998, went to Greece for a year to teach English in 1998 and fell in love with the job. She returned to the UK in 1999 and has been teaching since. In 2007 she married Tom and together they plan to move to Abu Dhabi later this year. Rachael is taking on a role as an ESOL advisor to Arab teachers in a cluster of schools, which feels like the perfect step career-wise. Rachel can be contacted at rachel76cooper@hotmail.co.uk



Philip Creaney, BSc Biological Sciences 1997, is now married and the proud father of two children, a boy and a girl – the set is complete with his wife's two Bichon Frise dogs! Philip can be contacted at philipcreaney75@hoymail.com.

Stephen Finlay, BA Geography 1998, married Margaret Henderson in April 2006. Shortly after their wedding they moved to Toronto, Canada for a 16-month career break. Stephen worked as an Advisor in the Ontario Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, while Margaret taught geography in Bishop Strachan, private girls' school. Recently returned from Canada, Margaret is now Head of Social Studies at Glengormley High School while Stephen is working as a Senior Consultant with Deloitte. Stephen can be contacted at stephenfinlay@hotmail.com.

Sarale Hickson, BSSc Politics 1998, MA Comparative Ethnic Conflict 1999, and Josh Kulla, both graduates of the inaugural Comparative Ethnic Conflict Masters, had a baby boy, Daniel Kulla Hickson, on 5 May 2008. Sarale can be contacted at saralehickson@hotmail.com.

Kathleen Bushnell Owsley, MA Irish Studies 1998, was named Director, One D, a regional transformation project for metropolitan Detroit focusing on economic development, race relations, regional transit, educational preparedness and quality of life. Kathleen can be contacted at kat.owsley@oned.org.



Edward Simmons, MEng Electrical and Electronic Engineering 1998, has recently (January 2008) become the proud father of a baby girl – Alice Edith!! Edward can be contacted at ed.simmons@ntlworld.com.

John Connellan, BA History and Politics 1997, is married to Kiera Brown from Castlewellan and is working in private legal practice in Dublin. He would love to hear from former classmates. John can be contacted at john@carleyandconnellan.ie.

June Avond (née Hadden), BA French and German 1996, moved to France after graduation specialized in teaching secondary school pupils with learning difficulties. In 2008 she was elected as a local councillor, the first foreigner in the area to do so and one of only two women on a council of fifteen. She

married a French man in 1999 and they have a daughter, Talia, born in 2003. June can be contacted at deejay.avond@neuf.fr.



Robert Craig, BEng Mechanical Engineering 1996, has just completed his Masters of Education in Digital Media Education from the University of Limerick with first class honours. He is married to fellow Queen's graduate, Pamela Andison, and they have two boys, Jacob and Lewis. Robert is currently working in Sligo Institute of Technology as a Lecturer of Computer Aided Design. He can be contacted at robertcraig@eircom.net.

Philip Grieve, MB BCH BAO 1996, has recently passed the FRCSEd in Trauma and Orthopaedics Surgery. He has been offered a Trauma Fellowship in the Royal Adelaide Hospital, South Australia for one year. Also in 2008 a new addition to the family arrived, a second child, Conor Philip. Philip can be contacted at philgrieve@doctors.org.uk.

David McNeill, BEng Mechanical Engineering 1996, moved to Brazil to work on an assignment as Latin America Aftermarket Leader for Cummins Power Generation. He has moved with his wife and two daughters for a three year period and is enjoying living in one of the largest cities in the world. He can be contacted at david.mcneill@cummins.com.

Julie Wilson, BA Business Administration and French 1996, graduated from Harvard with a Masters in Education (EdM). Julie can be contacted at juliewilson@hotmail.com.

David Gilmore, MSc 1995, was appointed as Rector of the Parish of St Anne with St Thomas and St Peter in Soho in the Diocese of London at a service on 27 April 2008. David was ordained Deacon in 2003 and Priest in 2004 in the Diocese of Chelmsford, and served his title as a curate in the Parish of St John the Baptist, Danbury until his move to London. David can be contacted at davidgilmore@btinternet.com.

Karen Salmon

Karen Salmon, MSc Nursing, 1997, is currently working on a project at Mekelle in the north-east of Ethiopia, where she teaches HIV/AIDS Awareness to young people.

A registered general nurse and health visitor Karen married Mervyn in the summer following her graduation though sadly after just four years together Mervyn was tragically killed in a car accident. By then Karen was working as a Health Visitor (Public Health Nurse) in Cupar Street Health Clinic in Belfast.

After a spell at Belfast Bible College, Karen moved to Ethiopia in the early 1990s with the Anglican Church Mission, initially at a nursing school in Gondar in the north-west of the country and then at Jimma University in the south-west. She has worked with Crosslinks in Ethiopia since 1993. Her work is primarily in the area of Aids control - education

and preventative programmes with teenagers, prisoners and other groups.

Mekelle is an arid and rough terrain close to the Eritrean border and to the area supported by Band Aid, founded by Bob Geldof in 1984. In recent years the Band Aid charity has helped Karen with transport.

Karen told The Graduate: 'Rural HIV statistics continue to climb, while urban stats have plateaued. Last time we helped 25 families with food and school resources; with the anticipated famine we plan to help these same families again.'

'We'll return to four rural schools this year again to build on previous HIV/AIDS Awareness and leadership training. This time our focus will be on Peer Education,' she added.

Karen can be contacted at - kesalmonethiopia@yahoo.co.uk



with two children – a boy and girl. He looks forward to meeting up again with fellow graduates and can be contacted at stephen@docklandsld.com.

Dawn Yardley, BSc Computer Science and Psychology 1994, got married in 2002 and has a beautiful 2-year old son, Sam. She is working as cabin crew for Virgin Atlantic Airways. Dawn can be contacted at dawnyardley@mac.com.



Patricia McAteer, BEd 1995, has lived in Belgium since October 2006. Patricia and Johan Verhoeven became the proud parents of daughter, Caoimhe, in August 2007. Patricia now speaks fluent Dutch and is brushing up on her French in this 4-lingual country! She can be contacted at patriciamcateer@telenet.be.



Aaron McCormack, MEng Electrical & Electronic Engineering 1993, has been selected as a member of the Young Global Leaders at the World Economic Forum. He can be contacted at mccormack@bt.com.



Sean McLoughlin, BSc Accounting 1993, has this month been named as one of the 45 emerging leaders under 45 by the pharmaceutical industry's leading magazine, Pharmaceutical Executive. Sean can be contacted at Sean.X.McLoughlin@gsk.com.

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Stephen Moore, LLB Law and Accounting 1995, set up his own Management Consultancy Company - Docklands (www.docklandsld.com) five years ago. It specialises in public sector consultancy. He is now married to Claire

Josephine Crilly, BA Social Anthropology 1993, MA 2004, was awarded the Age Concern Inspirational Older People Award (IOPA) for Outstanding Achievement in Education at a lavish ceremony in the Hilton Hotel on 6 June 2008 hosted by George Jones. In addition to her commitment to lifelong learning she is very active in a wide range of voluntary organisations in her local area and is the current Chair of the Sports Advisory Committee of Newry & Mourne District Council.



Samuel Burns, BSc Computer Science 1992, worked in the software industry as a software developer at Kainos Software Ltd and its sister company Meridio Ltd for 10 years. He moved to the United States almost six years ago and works for a company called McKesson Automation - part of a Fortune 50 company. He has been very happily married for almost 10 years and is now a US citizen living in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Samuel can be contacted at samuelburns@comcast.net.

Sean Matthews, BA Geography 1992, is currently preparing for overseas deployment with the US Army. Sean can be contacted at sean.matthews@comcast.net.

Michael Montgomery, BA Politics and Modern History 1992, became a father for the first time when his wife Deborah gave birth to Molly in February this year. He works as a Finance Officer in Newtownabbey JBO and enjoys cycling in the Carrick hills to keep fit and clear his head! Michael can be contacted at michael.montgomery1@nissa.gsi.gov.uk.



Dot Adams (née Greer), BSSC Social Anthropology 1991, began working life by teaching Nursery Nurses childcare and sociology at a local further education college and noted the gap in the market for a Nanny Agency in Northern Ireland. She launched the first Agency in the Province and sold it on in 2001. She then became a medical representative for a pharmaceutical company. She was given a public appointment twelve years ago and serves on the Fair Employment and Industrial Tribunals. Dot can be contacted at d.greer1@ntlworld.com.

Andreas Mitrakas, LLM 1991, moved to the post of Head of Administration Department at the European Network and Information Security Agency (ENISA) last year. He recently co-edited the book "Secure eGovernment web services", IGI Publishing, Hershey, PA, 2007. Andreas can be contacted at andreas@mitrakas.com.



Colin Wright, BEng Electrical and Electronic Engineering 1991, married Nichola (MEng, Bradford) this year and they are retiring to sail the oceans of the world. Since graduation Colin has worked in Iceland, Antarctica, the Middle East, America, Canada, France, Sweden and Italy. He has chased seals in Orkney, worked with the team that discovered the Ozone hole and with the European Space Agency and spent a while in the utilities sector of the FTSE 30! Colin can be contacted at colin@yachtemerald.com.



Mark Gillan, BEng Aeronautical Engineering 1990, PhD 1993, is currently Head of Aerodynamics for the German based Toyota Formula One Team, following posts as a lecturer in Aeronautics at Queen's, Principal Aerodynamicist at the McLaren F1 Team, Chief Race Engineer at Jaguar F1 and the Sir George Edwards Chair in Aerospace Engineering at Surrey University. He is married to Dominique who graduated from Law at Queen's and who is a Barrister in Surrey's Guildford Chambers. They have a son, Alexander, who is two years old. Mark can be contacted at mark.gillan@toyota-f1.com.

Pat King, BEng Civil Engineering 1990, has worked on various projects in Ireland



and aboard. Pat is currently working in the pharmaceutical industry as a Project Manager. He would like to hear how fellow graduates are getting on and perhaps meet up for a round of golf! Pat can be contacted at pandsking@eircom.net.



Fergal Gavin, MSc 1994, with wife Tanja, has become a proud (but sleep-starved) new parent to baby Ben on Christmas day 2007. He has received a promotion to commodity manager and key account manager at the aerostructure procurement department of AIRBUS. Fergal can be contacted at fergal.gavin@airbus.com.



Mark McCadden, BSSC 1990, spent nine years as a primary school teacher, and four years as a national strategy consultant for maths teaching. He is currently the West Sussex maths adviser, responsible for improving standards of maths education across 240 primary schools. He lives in sunny Bognor Regis and is married with two children, aged 11 and 9. Mark can be contacted at mark.mccadden@tiscali.co.uk

Lyle Watters

Lyle Watters, BSSC Business Administration 1986, MBA 1987, has recently been appointed Finance Director for Ford's Operations in South America. He took up the post on 1 October and is based out of São Paulo. Previously he was Director of the Business Strategy Office for Ford of Europe, with responsibility for overall strategic planning for the company's European operations, a position he held since November 2005.

Mr Watters grew up in the village of Tobermore, near Magherafelt and moved to London soon after he graduated to join Ford Motor Company.

He has held several positions with the company including treasurer, Ford of Europe and, in the year 2000, Financial Controller for the newly created Premier



Automotive Group (Jaguar, Land Rover, Volvo and Aston Martin). In 2003, he was appointed Finance Director for Global Marketing and Sales Operations at Jaguar and Land Rover.

As Director of Business Strategy Lyle was the project lead and chief negotiator on the recent acquisition of a major Automotive Manufacturing facility in Craiova, Romania, 125 miles west of Bucharest. The investment will transform the region, create economic prosperity

for thousands of families and place it on the world map as a major manufacturing source for the automotive giant. Continuing in his current role Lyle will also have the additional responsibility of Chairman of the Board of Directors of Ford of Romania.

While he has spent all of his working life outside Northern Ireland, Lyle Watters still maintains close ties with the province and regularly returns for family visits. His wife, Rhonda, is originally from Ballymena and together they have two girls aged 12 and six.

Lyle has stayed in touch with a number of former classmates from his MBA course, among them Mike Brown who has just taken over as COO of Heathrow Airport.

Lyle can be contacted at - lwatters@ford.com.

1980s



Nicky McMeekin, BDS 1989, has finally settled down in Exeter with husband Paul and daughter Katie (3), after 16 years as a dental officer in both the Royal Army and Royal Navy Dental Corps. She is now a Principal of a two-chair private dental practice in Exeter and is currently looking to move into partnership with her associate. Nicky can be contacted at nmcmee@tesco.net.



Veronica Pedro, MSc Architecture 1989, was awarded a PhD in Linguistic Studies from the Universidade Federal Fluminense, in Rio de Janeiro in 2006. She has worked as a lecturer, teacher of English, and architect having been involved in the conservation and restoration of the cultural heritage in the state of Rio de Janeiro. She is currently a lecturer in English language at tertiary level government institutions in Brazil. Veronica can be contacted at vsilveiraen@ig.com.br.

Colin Annette, BEng Electrical and Electronic Engineering 1988, obtained an MBA from London Business School in 1994. He moved into the telecoms industry working for Japanese, American and British companies in a variety of roles. He then took two years out to travel and work round the world. He is currently Director of Portfolio Development for BT's Wholesale division. He is married to Gill from Huddersfield with their first baby on the way. Colin can be contacted at colin.annette@bt.com.

Roger Brown, MB BCh BAO 1988, is married to Sandra and they have two boys and two girls aged between 6 and 15 years. As well as working in general practice for 17 years Roger has been an audit facilitator, a clinical governance lead, and is now helping to run a drug rehabilitation unit. He is still very involved in church related activities. Roger can be contacted at roger.brown@nhs.net.

Kathy Elder, BEng Chemical Engineering 1988, became part of the family business in South Florida where they sell high-end electronics and home theatre interiors. She married a man from Ballymoney 15 years ago and they have three kids (aged 12, 10, and 9). Visitors are always welcome! Kathy can be contacted at kathy@cinemadesigngroup.com.

Stephen Garvey, BEng Civil Engineering 1988, wishes to remind everyone from the civil engineering class of 1988 that

their 21st anniversary is coming up next year. Stephen and a few others (Bernard, Ciaran etc) are thinking of having a reunion bash at Queen's. If there is any interest out there please contact Stephen at ddsl@eircom.net.

Stephen McIlwaine, BEng Civil Engineering 1988, PhD 1992, has been living and working as a consultant in the Middle East for the past nine years. He has just begun work with the World Bank on the Environmental and Social Impact Assessment of the Red Sea-Dead Sea Canal Project, a project jointly coordinated by the governments of Jordan, Israel and the Palestinian Authority. Stephen can be contacted at mclwaine@bigfoot.com.



Jonathan Bramley, BSc Computer Science 1987, was the Executive Producer of the BBC's coverage of the Olympics and Paralympics in Beijing over the summer. Jonny can be contacted at jonathan.bramley@bbc.co.uk.

Ruth Capper, MB BCh BAO 1987, is settled in South Yorkshire with her husband, Dave, who thankfully has nothing to do with medicine! Ruth is a consultant ENT surgeon at Doncaster Royal Infirmary. She is sorry to have missed the reunion in March but had already committed to doing an ear surgery camp in Nepal. She did her 3rd year elective in Nepal which has led to a long term commitment. Ruth can be contacted at ruth.capper@btconnect.com.



Mary Cheung, MB BCh BAO 1987, could not attend the reunion in March but sends her best wishes to all her

classmates. Mary is working as a civil servant for the Health Authority in Hong Kong and is married with three kids aged nine to 12. Mary can be contacted at marycheung8@yahoo.com.hk.

Stephen Dobbs, MB BCh BAO 1987, spent a year working in the Sudan before specialising in obstetrics and gynaecology. He is now a sub specialist in gynaecological oncology at Belfast City Hospital. He is married to Jenny and they have three fantastic kids: Harry, Anna and Ellie. Any spare time is spent sailing, skiing and trying to keep everyone happy! Stephen can be contacted at stephendobbs@yahoo.co.uk.

Steven Lindsay, MB BCh BAO 1987, has been married to Jennifer for twenty years and they have two children: Laura (15) and James (13). Steven is a consultant cardiologist at the Bradford Teaching Hospital's NHS Trust. His sub-speciality is getting out of bed at 3am to re-open occluded coronary arteries. He wonders if this is progress as it's like being a house-officer all over again! His real interest is hill walking in Scotland with the family although the teenage children are somewhat less interested! He looks forward to retirement in the Scottish Highlands. Steven can be contacted at hsjl@btinternet.com.

Peter Templeton, MB BCh BAO 1987, completed his basic surgical training in Belfast before moving to Yorkshire in 1993 to complete his higher surgical training in orthopaedics. He was then appointed as a children's orthopaedic surgeon at the Leeds General Infirmary. In the last nine years Peter has completed a tour of duty in Iraq, was programme director for 80 foundation year-one doctors for four years, and more recently programme director for 69 orthopaedic speciality trainees. At present he has the unenviable task of being the clinical director for 18 consultants and 41 juniors in a 120-bed unit. Peter is married to Kate and they have three children: Robert, Sophia and William. Kate is currently finishing a degree course so everyone in the family is doing homework! Peter can be contacted at peter.templeton@leedsth.nhs.uk.

Tony Hoare, DSc 1987, has retired after 22 years as Professor of Computing at Oxford to a job in Cambridge at Microsoft Research Ltd. He is continuing the research into software correctness which he started in Belfast in 1968. It is only now that the early research is beginning to bear fruit in industrial application. Jill and Tony still enjoy occasional visits to Belfast,

meeting old Queen's colleagues and ex-neighbours in Mount Pleasant. Tony can be contacted thoare@microsoft.com.



Alan Bridle, BSc (Econ) 1986, is currently Head of Economics and Research at Bank of Ireland and responsible for all the Bank's briefings and presentations on the local economy. He is also a co-author of the Quarterly House Price Index, widely accepted as the most definitive barometer of residential property in the region. Alan can be contacted at alan.bridle@boini.com.

Chris McGale, BSc (Econ) 1986, has just been promoted to Head of European Fundamental Research and Sales, based in London. He began his career at Ulster Bank Investment Managers (now KBC) and was Head of Research and laterally a Portfolio Manager before departing for Smith New Court Plc (later Merrill Lynch) in 1991. At Merrill Lynch Chris was a Managing Director, Global Markets and Investment Banking, as well as Merrill's Country Manager for Ireland. After that he worked for three years on several personal investment initiatives, including an attempt to acquire NCB Stockbrokers, before joining Pali from MF Global Securities in London. He lives in London with his wife and four children and can be contacted at Chris.McGale@palii.com.

Michael Pakenham, BA French and Spanish 1985, is now living in France where he is an English Language Lecturer at Caen University in Normandy. Michael can be contacted at michael.pakenham@wanadoo.fr.

Tony C K Tham, MB BCh BAO 1985, MD 1990, completed his training as an Advanced Gastroenterology Fellow at Harvard Medical School and has been Consultant Physician and Gastroenterologist in the Ulster Hospital, since 1997. During this time, he has developed services in the Ulster Hospital, especially in therapeutic endoscopy and ERCP. He is Head of the School of Postgraduate Medicine, sits on many specialist committees and is an examiner for the Royal College of Physicians and

also Queen's. He is married with three daughters, aged 18, 16 and 13. Tony can be contacted at ttham@utvinternet.com.



Adarsh Kumar Dhawan, MSc Opto Electronics 1983, had served nine years in the Indian Army when he was selected to go to Queen's to study for an MSc. Due to his degree he became a Brigadier in the Army and retired in January 2008. In his second career he has joined the corporate sector dealing with real estate! Adarsh can be contacted at dhawan_akd05@rediffmail.com.



Brian Flanagan, BA Celtic Studies 1983, spent ten years in England working mainly in local government. During this time he qualified as a Chartered Institute of Management Accountant (CIMA). He returned to work in Dublin and has been there since in a variety of accounting positions. In 2004 he graduated from the Open University with an MBA. He presently works as a financial controller in Dublin. He lives in Navan, Co Meath and has a keen interest in politics. He represented the Green Party for the constituency of Meath West in the Republic's Dáil election of 2007. Brian can be contacted at brianflanagan@iol.ie.

Mary Heaney, LLB 1982, sold her publishing company, Legal Week, to Incisive Media, and with her former partners has now set up www.takelegaladvice.com - a new concept in the legal publishing marketplace. The first service of its kind in Europe, matching businesses and individuals with appropriate law firms, the award-winning website has seen nearly 20,000 cases go through to law firms since its inception

in 2007. Mary can be contacted at maryheaney@takelegaladvice.com.

Eugene O'Hagan, BA English and Scholastic Philosophy 1982, his brother Fr Martin and colleague Fr David Delargy, all graduates of Queen's and priests of the Diocese of Down and Connor, secured a recording deal with Sony BMG in April 2008. Their album is due for release in November 2008 and bookies are taking bets on the chances of the CD making it into the UK and Ireland's Top 10 or even Number one slot this Christmas! Eugene can be contacted at freohagan@hotmail.com.



Robert Wasson, BSc Electrical and Electronic Engineering 1982, is Managing Director of Watershed Interim Management. Interim management is a fast-growing trend, and with a panel of over 1000 senior people, Watershed is one of the leading providers. Those who are interested in either becoming an interim, or sourcing an interim, should visit www.watershedinterim.com for more information.



James Morrow, MB BCh BAO 1980, MD 1993, PhD 2008, qualified as a doctor in 1980 and achieved an MD in 1993. He has been working as a Consultant Neurologist at the Royal Group of hospitals since 1989. Nevertheless he always felt that he didn't quite live up to the customary Northern Ireland greeting, 'Doctor, doctor, doctor,' so he is happy to report that having achieved the degree of Doctor of Philosophy this year, he can now respond to this epithet. James can be contacted at morrowji@aol.com.

1970s

Oonagh Ferrity, LLB 1979, is organising a 30-year Law Reunion on Friday 19 June in the Canada Room at Queen's. For further information please contact Oonagh on o.ferrity@ntlworld.com.

James Galway, DMus 1979, joined BB King and Liza Minelli as one of the latest inductees to the Hollywood Bowl's Hall of Fame in Los Angeles on 20 June 2008. A very special moment, as it is almost 30 years ago that Sir James made his US stage debut on the very same stage at the start of his solo career. Also, in August, Sir James hosted his international flute masterclass in Weggis, Switzerland for over 50 flutists from around the world.



Coleen Adams, MB BCh BAO 1978, retired this year. She moved to Toronto from Birmingham in 1985 to do a paediatric neurology residency and remained in Canada working as a paediatric neurologist. She married David Barker in 2004. Coleen can be contacted at coadams@shaw.ca.



Henry Elvin, BSc (Econ) 1978, joined Ulster Bank in 1989 and is now Head of Business Banking Northern Ireland. Henry leads a substantial commercial banking team, ten business centres covering Northern Ireland, and a dedicated corporate banking and property finance team based in Belfast and the North West. Henry can be contacted at henry.elvin@ulsterbank.com.

Hazlett Lynch, BD 1978, was ordained into the Christian Ministry in 1979. After lecturing for a period, he jointly founded the West Tyrone Voice victims' group. Now as Director of that organisation, Dr Lynch has represented victims in many countries around the world, and directs the activities of the West Tyrone Voice self-help group. He is also actively involved in the setting up of a European-wide network of innocent victims' groups, whose purpose is to raise awareness of human rights legislation as a tool for protecting victims against terrorism and of achieving justice for them. Hazlett can be contacted at hazlett_lynch@yahoo.co.uk.

John Weaver, MB BCh BAO 1978, is happily settled in Bellingham, Washington and working as a physician. He is married to Sue with two grown daughters. He is looking forward to an Irish golf trip despite his handicap! John can be contacted at jhweaver@hinet.org.

Stephen White, BSSc Business Administration 1978, MSc Management 1989, is now the Head of Mission for the European Union's integrated rule of law mission for Iraq, "EUJUST LEX", after a 26-year career in policing. With offices in Brussels and Baghdad he heads a team of European experts who design and provide training opportunities all over the EU and in the Middle East for high-level members of the Iraqi judiciary, penitentiary and police services. He has planned and led this unique intervention since its inception. The Mission is part of the "European Union's Security and Defence Policy". Stephen can be contacted at stephen.white@consilium.europa.eu.

Ian Dornan, BA 1977, is alive and well and working from home for the past four years as a representative in Spain and Portugal of OAG Worldwide, the British Aviation database company. Married with two children, Kevin and Paula (14 and 10) Ian is just about recovering from the pleasure of seeing Spain win the recent Eurocup! Ian can be contacted at comber@telefonica.net.

Michael Wilson, LLB 1977, is a senior partner in Elliott Duff Garrett, a Belfast-based commercial law firm. He is also President of the Solicitors' Disciplinary Tribunal for Northern Ireland. Michael can be contacted at michael.wilson@edlegal.com.

Alan McGonigle, BEd 1976, received the Tailltean Award for services to Schools' Athletics in Ulster at a reception in Dublin in November 2007. The Award

was made by the Irish Schools' Athletics Association. Alan can be contacted at barneymcgonigle@hotmail.com.



Walker Rainey, BSc (Econ) 1976, fell into the international insurance/reinsurance world while on holiday in Bermuda in 1979 and has remained in that business ever since. He spent all of the 1980s in Bermuda and since 1990 has worked for Bermuda companies in the IFSC in Dublin. He is married to Gillian with two kids, Caitlin (21) and Jack (18). Walker can be contacted at raineyjw@iol.ie.

J Alan Webb, BSc Electrical & Electronic Engineering 1975, PhD 1986, was appointed Associate Head of the (re-designated) School of Engineering at the University of Ulster in June 2007. He completed a year in office as local Chairman of the Institution of Engineering and Technology (IET) in October 2007. As a chartered engineer, a fellow of the IET and a fellow of the Higher Education Academy (HEA), he is one of nine UK Subject Centre Associates with the HEA Engineering Subject Centre, based at Loughborough. Alan is also a Methodist lay preacher and is married to Linda (née Cummings), a biology teacher at Sullivan Upper School, Holywood. They have three children who are graduates in law (Trinity Cambridge), pharmacy (Queen's) and economics (St Andrews). Alan can be contacted at jac.webb@ulster.ac.uk.

Peter William Hawthorne, MB BCh BAO 1975, has been working for the Cunard Line for the past 8 years as a sea-going doctor. He has served on Queen Elizabeth 2, Queen Mary and most recently was appointed Principal Medical Officer on Queen Victoria from its launch in December 2007. He has lived in Spain for 23 years with his German wife and international family but returns to Northern Ireland on a regular basis to visit friends and family. Peter can be contacted at tropidoc@doctors.org.uk.

Paul Boreland, BSc 1974, was awarded the Institute of Biology (IoB) President's Medal for meritorious service to the



IoB. At the award ceremony, which took place on 10th July in London, the President, Professor Raymond Dwek, FRS, presented Paul and two other recipients with the silver-gilt medals, remarking that in this way the IoB was able to formally express its gratitude to the recipients, whose long service, energy, dedication and enthusiasm have stood out and made invaluable contributions to the Institute and its work. Paul can be contacted at Paul.Boreland@setrust.hscni.net..

Pete Bryan, BSc Geology 1974, moved to Wales over 18 months ago and is enjoying the wilds and freedom in the foothills of the Black Mountain. Pete worked for Leicester City Council as a Principal Arts Officer for almost 20 years. After leaving in 1998 he set up a consultancy and now fundraises for charities and community organisations. Pete's wife is a professional potter, and exhibits internationally. Please see www.oncefired.co.uk. Pete can be contacted at pbryan5294@aol.com.



Lowell Courtney, BA Modern Languages 1974, has recently retired from his second career (FE lecturer) and is now running an all-Ireland tour company. He is happily married to Carol Fletcher from the same class and year. Lowell can be contacted at info@lynchpintours.com.

Christopher McCrudden, LLB 1974, was elected as a Fellow of the British Academy in July 2008. Christopher can be contacted at christopher.mccrudden@law.ox.ac.uk.



Patricia-Anne Moore, BA English and French 1974, set up her own life-coaching company in 2005 (www.more2life.ie). Then in September 2007 she became Educational Guidance Coordinator for the Shannon Consortium. She is married to Eddie Moxon-Browne, Jean Monnet Chair of European Integration, and Director of the MA European Studies at the University of Limerick. Patricia-Anne can be contacted at patriciaannemoore@gmail.com.

Jim Owens, BSc Computer Science & Maths 1974, survived his three-year articles in chartered accountancy but then gravitated to the ICT industry. In 1994 Jim, his wife Marion and son Andrew, left for Perth, Western Australia where he became a Project Manager and has managed projects all over Asia and Australia. He is currently Financial Coordinator and Project Coordinator with the Health Corporate Network and Vice-President of PMI WA Chapter (Project Management Institute), Honorary Secretary of ACS (The Australian Computer Society), curriculum IT advisor to Edith Cowan University and editor of the ACS Offline magazine. He can be contacted at jim_owens@acslink.net.au.

Brew Atkinson, MB BCh BAO 1973, MD 1980, DSc 1993, is still working as Professor of Endocrinology at the Royal Victoria Hospital, Belfast. He is married to Hilary and they have four sons and one grandson, so trips to Edinburgh to see their two married sons are as frequent as possible. He is still doing a bit of running but is even slower than when he was playing rugby! Brew can be contacted at brew.atkinson@belfasttrust.hscni.net.

Gerard Ennis, BA 1973, moved to Dublin in 1973 with his wife, Mairead (nee Doherty) who graduated in the same year, and worked in various positions until he was seconded to the Irish Permanent Representation in Brussels as EU Budget Attaché in 1996. In 1999 he joined the Estonian Ministry of Finance in preparation for Estonia's entry to the EU. In 2003 he became a development aid consultant, since when he has been living in Bosnia and Herzegovina, where he is

now an adviser in the Ministry of Finance in Sarajevo. Life has moved on a lot since their time at Queen's but Gerard and Mairead look back on those days with great fondness and appreciation. They can be contacted at ennisg_2000@yahoo.com.

Hilary Caldwell, BSSc 1972, is currently programme manager at Lisburn City Swimming Club. Hilary can be contacted at hilaryidzi@btopenworld.com.

Boyd McCleary, BA German 1972, joined the Northern Ireland Civil Service after graduating where he worked in the Department of Agriculture. In 1975 he applied for a job on secondment to the Foreign and Commonwealth Office as Agricultural Attaché at the British Embassy in Bonn. He enjoyed the work and the lifestyle and was able to transfer full-time to the Diplomatic Service and has served in Seoul, Ankara, Ottawa and Dusseldorf. In summer 2006 Boyd moved to Kuala Lumpur as British High Commissioner and has been helping to facilitate the links between Queen's and Malaysia. He can be contacted at boydmccleary@btinternet.com.

Sam Kernohan, BA 1971, has just finished writing his memoirs about the grand fun he had during the 36 years he spent in the Argentine pampas. The Mourne Observer, a County Down newspaper, published 18 articles extracted from the original script last year. Sam can be contacted at samkernohan@payubre.net.



Ivor Greer, BSc (Econ) 1970, has been the UK Operations Director of a Christian Development Charity working in Cambodia for the last ten years. In 2003 he ran the Angkor Wat Half Marathon to raise funds for Cambodia since when he has run several half marathons (including the Great North Run) and his first full marathon in Edinburgh raising more for the work in Cambodia. Ivor can be contacted at ivorgreer@hotmail.com.

William Hagan, BSc Aeronautical Engineering 1970, retired from BA as a

pilot in 2002, and since then has been flying for easyJet based in Glasgow. Bill was involved in the Nairobi incident in December 2000, which resulted in the recommendation that the cockpit doors of all UK aircraft are locked. Bill enjoys keeps in touch with his Alma Mater and addressed the Aeronautical Engineering Department's 50-year Reunion. He is also a regular attendee at events organised by the Scottish Graduates' Association. Bill can be contacted at bill_hagan@btinternet.com.



John Fox, BSc Biochemistry 1977, is moving back to Ireland, after 20 years in England, to a new job based in Dublin. He will be Chief Development Officer for drug delivery company, Merriion Pharmaceuticals. Based in the grounds of Trinity College, Merriion has developed technology that allows drugs normally given by injection to be administered orally - a big advantage for patients in a number of therapeutic areas, including cancer and osteoporosis. John can be contacted at johnsfox@aol.com.



Paul Murray, BA French and Spanish 1977, is currently Head of Modern Languages at Saint Peter's Catholic High School and Sixth Form Centre, Gloucester. Ten years ago he completed the 800 km Camino de Santiago pilgrimage on foot from Saint Jean Pied de Port in the French Pyrenees to the shrine of Saint James in Santiago de Compostela in Spain. He has since spent two summers as a warden in a pilgrim hostel on the route. Paul can be contacted at portnoo@blueyonder.co.uk.



Roger McCune, BSc Chemistry 1970, began a teaching career in 1976 which he ended in 1984 as Head of Chemistry in Ballyclare High School. For six years he was with the Northern Ireland Science and Technology Regional Organisation (NISTRO) and then moved to the newly established Northern Ireland Curriculum Council (NICC). He is still working; now as Accreditation Manager within the Council for the Curriculum, Examinations and Assessment (CCEA). Along the way he undertook a number of professional development courses, including the Diploma in Advanced Studies in Education (DASE) at Queen's. Roger can be contacted at rmccune@ccea.org.uk

1960s

Peter Ingham, BSc Zoology 1969, PhD 1972, retired from College Head of Department in Guildford where he taught Biological Sciences and IT. He is now living in Snowdonia, playing keyboard, learning Welsh and selling the occasional painting. Peter can be contacted at PAIngham@gmail.com.

R N (Rob) Hughes, PhD 1967, completed his PhD while employed as a lecturer in Psychology at Queen's. At the end of 1967, he returned to New Zealand to the University of Canterbury where he is currently a Professor of Psychology. In between he carried out experimental research in behavioural pharmacology and teratology, developmental psychobiology and comparative psychology. He has received the New Zealand Psychological Society's C. J. Adcock and Hunter awards for contributions to psychological research, and the New Zealand Ministry of Fisheries and Agriculture's National Animal Ethics Advisory Committee's "Three Rs Award" for contributions to humane science. Rob can be contacted at rob.hughes@canterbury.ac.nz.

Tony Watson, BSc (Econ) 1967, joined Prudential as an economist after graduation. His career has included terms with the investment firms

Touche Remnant, Citibank and AMP Asset Management. Tony retired as Chief Executive of Hermes Pensions Management in January 2006. He also serves as Chairman of the Strategic Investment Board in Northern Ireland, Marks and Spencer Pension Trust Limited and the Asian Infrastructure Fund. Tony is a non-executive director of Hammerson plc, Witan Investment Trust and Vodafone Group Plc; he is also on the Advisory Board of Norges Bank Investment Bank and is a member of the Shareholder Executive Advisory Group. Called to the English Bar in 1976, he is now a Bencher at Lincoln's Inn. Tony can be contacted at tonywatson11@btinternet.com.



Brian Weir, BA German 1967, has retired from his post as Education Officer after more than 35 years' service with the Southern Education and Library Board. His wife Daphne (née Hemsall, Stranmillis 1964) is still a part-time teacher. He remains active in Armagh Baptist Church and Baptist Missions (Ireland) and follows the dwindling fortunes of Armagh City Football Club and Armagh Cricket Club. Brian can be contacted at b.weir@btinternet.com.

David S Crawford, BA 1966, Dip Lib Stud 1967, retired as Health Sciences Librarian at McGill University in 2002 and was appointed as McGill's first Librarian Emeritus, continues to be involved with libraries as an occasional consultant and has had several articles published on medical history. (See: <http://internatlib.mcgill.ca/>) He was recently invited to join the Toronto Medical Historical Club and, as is their tradition, was almost immediately appointed President. He also works on "local improvement" projects with the St Lawrence Neighbourhood Association and is their current webmaster. David can be contacted at david.crawford@mcgill.ca.

Norman Barwin, MB BCh BAO 1965, was awarded the Biomedical Science Ambassador Award by the Partners in Research in May 2008 for his 'exceptional personal contribution



in advancing the understanding of, and support for, biomedical research.' The award acknowledged Dr Barwin's contributions as an outstanding fertility researcher and noted volunteer, known by many for his "longstanding selfless acts of benevolence". He is also a recipient of the Order of Canada for his contribution to medicine and public education in health issues, women's reproductive rights, and family building. The Norman Barwin Scholarship in Women's Health & Reproduction was established in his honour; a scholarship open to postgraduates at all Canadian Universities. Norman can be contacted at nbarwin@hotmail.com.



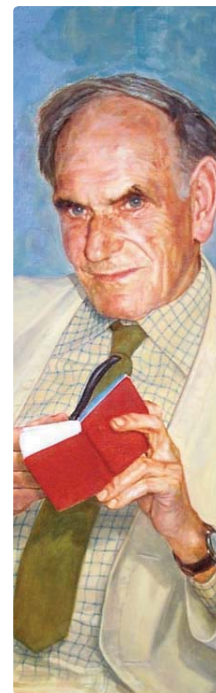
Diana Hadden, MB BCh BAO 1965, is a member of Riddell Hall Old Students Association which meets for a walk and lunch every month – climbing Slemish in July being possibly the most energetic so far! A few copies of Pioneering Women: the story of Riddell Hall and Queen's University Belfast by Gillian McClelland are still available. Diana can be contacted at dianahadden@doctors.org.uk.

S Noel Rea, LLB 1965, has retired from the Law Department of Imperial Oil Limited and is now Counsel and National Alternative Dispute Resolution Co-ordinator with Fraser Milner Casgrain LLP, a national Canadian law firm. Noel can be contacted at reasn@shaw.ca.

Alan Gurd, MB BCh BAO 1964, retired in 2007 from the Cleveland Clinic after 31 years as Head of Paediatric Orthopaedic Surgery. He was replaced by his son. He is now working part-time and enjoying some long overdue free-time. Alan is married to Ruth Imrie MD who is a full time Paediatrician at the same clinic

Last lecture with Professor E Eystyn Evans

(17 May 1956; Geography Department, Queen's University Belfast)



This is my last lecture with the Prof. . . . He is standing up there - spare and tanned. Slowly and quietly speaking of the history of world trade. . . Outside the engines at the building works Drone on and on.

Now a laugh like a breeze runs round the class and lurks longest near Jimmy and Sam. Prof's voice rises and falls. Only snatches of sentences reach me. Outside a blue sky white clouded calls. A silence of the grave is on the room. And keen eyed he looks at us. Eyes not seeing students faces But the Devon coast and windy places. White sails on a grey sea and buccaneer men of Devon bold and free. Now he muses-"I will try to sum up. Man has expanded to the edge of the world There is no way left but up"

Where are we going?
I am on the brink of something I do not understand.
There is no one beyond to greet me.
I need not stretch out my hand.

Bernadette McCartan Perry
BA Geography, 1956

and who also graduated from Queen's in 1964. Alan can be contacted at gurda@ccf.org.

Tom Ekin, BSc (Econ) 1962, was Lord Mayor of Belfast in 2004/05 and is still a Councillor trying to make Belfast a better City in which to live and do business. Meanwhile his Weaver's Court Hi Tech Business Park in the heart of Belfast continues to be successfully developed. Tom can be contacted at t.ekin1@ntlworld.com.

Raymond Flannery, BSc 1961, PhD 1964, DSc 1998, has officially "retired" from the Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta after a distinguished career in theoretical atomic and molecular physics. He was then appointed Regents' Professor Emeritus. During his career, Ray garnered most of the external physics prizes in the field on both sides of the Atlantic. In addition, his former high



school, St. Columb's College, Derry honoured him with its Alumnus award, the Royal Irish Academy elected him an Honorary Member and Queen's bestowed a DSc on him for distinction in science. Now as well as having extra time for travel, Ray is currently writing two text books and continues with his theoretical research. Ray can be contacted at R.Flannery@physics.gatech.edu.



Leonard Evans, BSc Physics 1960, continues to be active as the world's top traffic-safety expert. His 2004 book Traffic Safety has acquired a classic status. Dr Evans has presented keynote addresses and other invited lectures in over 30 countries. His travels are not confined to professional activities. In 2000 he visited the Titanic, two and a half miles under the Atlantic, an adventure he described in a lecture to the Belfast Titanic Society in 2005. He and his wife Wendy have three children and one grandchild. Leonard can be contacted at LE@ScienceServingSociety.com.

1950s

David Hadden, MB BCh BAO 1959, MD 1963, is organising a 50-year medical reunion on Friday 24 April 2009 in the Great Hall at Queen's. For further information please contact David on davidrhadden@btinternet.com.



Brian Garrett, LLB 1959, has been appointed Chairman of the Tyrone Guthrie Centre at Annaghmakerrig, County Monaghan. Guthrie, the distinguished theatre director and former Queen's Chancellor, left his home for use as a residence/place of renewal for artists. Brian, a member of the Standing Committee of Convocation, is a Consultant Solicitor, a Deputy High Court Judge and Life Sentence Commissioner. At Queen's he was joint editor (with Ian Hill) of Gown and later Visiting Associate Fellow (International Affairs) at Harvard. Contact Brian at briangarrett9@googlemail.com.

Joan Walmsley, BA 1959, has been attending a creative writing class for several years. In May this year, Joan's class together with another class, published an anthology called 20 people write. Joan can be contacted at jwalmsley@aapt.net.au.

Erl Annesley, MB BCh BAO 1958, has retired from general practice and now works as a volunteer advisor for Citizens Advice. He has finally completed the novel he was wanted to write since his days at Queen's and enjoys fishing, bowls and playing golf (badly!). Erl can be contacted at erl.annesley@tiscali.co.uk.

Clare Davison, MB BCh BAO 1958, is enjoying retirement – playing bridge, gardening, theatre going, travelling and spending time with her family. Following house jobs, general practice and working for the Population Genetics Research Unit in Oxford, Clare married in 1970 and moved to Cambridge. Here she worked as Consultant Clinical Geneticist for East Anglia until 1994.

Michael Turner, BSc (Econ) 1956, has retired and is living in the Jane Winstone Retirement Village. He was elected a member of the King Country Electric Power Trust and is currently assisting with the research for a book on the history of the development of electricity supply in the King Country of New Zealand. Michael can be contacted at mfturner@xtra.co.nz.

Henry Brandt, BSc (Econ) 1955, was awarded the Order of Merit 1 Class, of the Federal Republic of Germany by the President. He was also appointed Fellow of the Leo Baeck College, London. Henry can be contacted at henshbrandt@t-online.de.

Peter Elwood, MB BCh BAO 1954, continues to work despite retiring – helped by daily low-dose aspirin! He was recently privileged to work in a multi-discipline team on an extensive review of aspirin and cancer. He has nine grandchildren to keep him active! Peter can be contacted at pelwood@doctors.org.

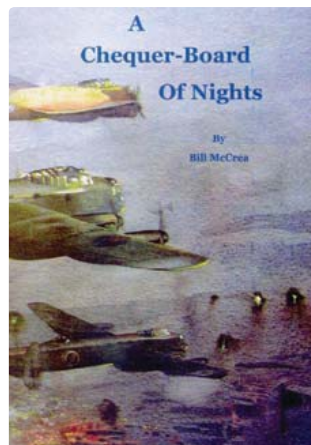
1940s



Ian McCausland, BSc Electrical Engineering 1949, is living in Toronto, Canada. He and four other engineering graduates living in the area (Fergus Ross 1951, Lance McAnuff 1952, Desmond Trimble 1952 and Neil Magrath 1948) have for several years been meeting monthly to reminisce about their time at Queen's. Ian can be contacted at imccausland@sympatico.ca.

Desmond A R Johnston, BA 1948, and his wife, Joan (Dip Soc St 1956), have lived in Napier, New Zealand since 1973. Desmond worked as a Careers Counsellor in Northern Ireland, England, and NZ. Since retiring in 1988 he has been an Adult Education tutor in History. Recently awarded a Life Membership of Hawke's Bay Photographic Society, he continues to turn out black and white work in his home darkroom. He would be glad to hear from fellow students of his era, and of Queen's Chambers '45 & '46. Desmond can be contacted at belshade@xtra.co.nz.

Books



Bill McCrea, BSc Geography 1948, became an Education Officer in the RAF after graduating. His account of his wartime raids on Germany was published as 'A Chequer-Board of Nights' by Compaed Graphics in 2003. Only a very few books about bomber pilots were actually written by the men themselves and, of these, it would appear that Bill is the only British survivor. Bill also represented Ireland at golf from 1965 to 1967. After leaving the RAF in 1972 he became Secretary at the Walton Heath Golf Club where he helped organise the Ryder Cup in 1981. He and his wife Gwyneth have just celebrated their 64th anniversary. Bill can be contacted at billmccrea@btinternet.com.

Conor O'Clery, BA English 1972, DUniv 2007, will this autumn see the publication by Poolbeg Press in Dublin a retrospective



on his career as a foreign correspondent with The Irish Times, called May You Live in Interesting Times - a Career on the Cutting Edge of History. Also this autumn Public Affairs of New York will publish a paperback edition of his biography of philanthropist Chuck Feeney, published last year, called The Billionaire Who Wasn't. Conor can be contacted at coclery@aol.com.



Sandra Baillie, BA 1985, PhD 1998, has had her second book 'Presbyterians in Ireland: Identity in the twenty first century' published in January 2008 by Palgrave MacMillan. Her first book was 'Evangelical Women in Belfast: Imprisoned or empowered?' and was published in 2001.



Patrick Hicks, MA Irish Writing 1994, is Writer-in-Residence at Augustana College and his work has appeared in scores of international publications including Ploughshares, The Utne Reader, Glimmer Train, Commonweal, Ambit, Indiana Review and Nimrod. An author of three poetry chapbooks, his first international paperback collection, Finding the

Gossamer, was recently published with Salmon Poetry, several poems from which have been nominated for the Pushcart Prize. Patrick has enjoyed long residences in Northern Ireland, England, Germany, and Spain but currently lives in South Dakota, with his wife, Tania. Patrick can be contacted at patrick.hicks@augie.edu.

Kenneth Bloomfield, LLD 1991, has been closely involved in the ongoing debate about post-primary education in his role as Chairman of Governors at Royal Belfast Academical Institution and of the Association for Quality Education. His book A New Life, published this year by Brehon Press, includes a chapter on this and on his work with universities as Chairman of the Higher Education Council. Last year he published A Tragedy of Errors. Sir Kenneth can be contacted at kenbloomfield@tiscali.co.uk.

We would love to hear from anyone who has recently published a book. To include your details in Class Notes, contact the Editor by email - editor@qub.ac.uk

Peter Tonkin, BA English 1973, MA 1974, is currently Head of Law at The Wilderness School in Sevenoaks but plans to retire next year. He married Charmaine May in March 1980 and they have two teenage sons, Guy and Mark. He published his first novel, Killer, in 1978 and since then has published another 27, with two more on the way. They vary from spy stories and horror, to action adventures with an international maritime background, and a series of historical murder mysteries set in Shakespeare's London - the subject of his MA thesis all those years ago! Peter can be contacted at petertonkin@tesco.net.

James Hodgkinson BSc 1971, has finished 35 marathons, hiked Incan Trail and Grand Canyon rim-to-rim, and completed an Adirondack 46er. He has written an unpublished novel about 'The Troubles' and is Coordinator of Doane

Stuart Middle School in Albany, NY. James can be contacted at dannyconor@aol.com.



David S H Bell, MB BCh BAO 1970, retired as a Professor of Medicine at the University of Alabama Medical School in 2007 after 25 years service. He has since published a book Diet for Life which is a weight loss book. Further information may be viewed at diet4life.net. David can be contacted at davidshbellmd@charter.net.



Verner Wheelock, BSc Chemistry 1959, BAg 1962, has recently edited and published a book entitled Healthy Eating in Schools: A handbook of practical case studies. The book features 30 case studies from schools, food manufacturers and a number of nutrition and procurement experts, showing how they have successfully improved food being served to schoolchildren. Details available at: www.healthyeatinginschools.co.uk. Verner can be contacted at verner.wheelock@wva.co.uk.

Obituaries

Dr Edgar S Cathcart, MB BCH BAO 1955, DSc 1977, died on 4 April 2008. He was an internationally acclaimed expert on rheumatology. He crossed on the SS United States from Ireland 52 years ago to become an American citizen. Prior to living in Beverly he resided in Wellesley and Dedham. He completed his residency training in the United Kingdom and Lahey Clinic Boston, followed by a rheumatology fellowship at the Massachusetts General Hospital.

A professor of medicine at Boston University from 1977 to 2003, he authored over 200 publications, delivering medical and scientific papers throughout the world. Prior to his retirement Dr Cathcart was the chief of staff at the Edith Nourse Rogers Memorial Veterans Hospital in Bedford. Appointed to this post in 1984, he had earlier established the first Geriatric Rheumatology Centre at the Bedford VA.

He was a fellow of the Royal College of Physicians in Ireland and a past president of the North-eastern Section of the American Rheumatology Association. He served on the board of directors of the Lupus Foundation. He was also a member of the Young Turks Independent Research Investigators.

Dr Cathcart was internationally recognized for his work on amyloid proteins. Such research has broad clinical implications, amyloid unbalance having been linked to Alzheimer's disease and bone marrow cancer as well as chronic inflammatory disease.

Dr Cathcart travelled extensively with family and friends. As an avid reader, he was happy to read "Pilgrim's Progress" to his young children by candlelight, while volunteering his time as the physician on call at Outward Bound's Hurricane Island. He delighted his grandchildren with Irish ditties and dancing.

Dr Cathcart is survived by his wife of 50 years, Geraldine (Dowd) Cathcart; his daughter Susan and husband Greg Mace of Seattle, son Charles and his wife Nellie Cathcart of Little Falls, son Alan and his wife Lucinda Cathcart of Newburyport, and daughter Heather and her husband Todd Kozan of Newburyport; 13 grandchildren; and his sister, Elizabeth

Orr Isles of Tasmania. He was the son of the late Sarah and Charles Cathcart of Northern Ireland.

John Alexander Creaney, BA 1955, one of Northern Ireland's most esteemed legal figures died on 3 June 2008.

Born in Armagh in July 1933, his father was a bus driver who served in Italy during the Second World War. John was educated at Royal School Armagh and at Queen's, where he joined the OTC. After graduation, and a spell at Trinity College Dublin, Creaney became the pupil of Basil Kelly, later Lord Justice Kelly of the Northern Ireland Court of Appeal.

He was called to the Bar in 1957, and took Silk in 1973. As a Senior Prosecuting Counsel from 1978 until his death, Creaney participated in many important terrorist trials at the Belfast Crown Court.

He later served as a Deputy Lieutenant for Co Down.

Claude Cronhelm, MB BCH BAO 1957, died on 1 December 2007 after a brief illness.

Claude leaves to mourn his loving wife Sandra; son Peter and daughter-in-law Kelly; daughters - Julie, her husband Marcus, Jackie and her husband Glen; grandchildren Matthew, Emma, Zoe, Jacob and Maya.

Claude graduated from Queen's in 1957 with a medical degree. He worked in general practice in Belfast before immigrating to Newfoundland where he worked in the Cottage Hospital System. He continued his medical training in obstetrics and gynaecology at the Royal Victoria Hospital in Montreal, where he completed his training and earned his FRCS (C) in 1963.

He then moved to Vancouver and began his obstetrical career with the Seymour Clinic. In 1965 he joined Doctors Bie and Nickerson. He worked at the Vancouver General and at Woman's Hospital until he retired.

Claude was a keen amateur radio operator, sailor, genealogist and photographer. In 1976-77 he sailed to the South Pacific with his family aboard their Valiant 40 sailboat Mamateek. While living in Fiji he worked at the Suva Hospital where he taught the medical students obstetrics and gynaecology.

Claude is dearly missed by family and friends for his joyous spirit, humanity, humour and sense of adventure.

Dr Nora Graham, MB BCH BAO 1976, died on 19 August 2007.

After practising for many years as a family physician in Wadena and Yorkton, Saskatchewan, and Digby, Nova Scotia, Dr Graham obtained her fellowship in psychiatry in 1993, and subsequently practiced in Halifax, Nova Scotia; and Edmonton, Alberta. She was predeceased by her eldest son, Kenneth Matthew, in 2007, and is survived by her husband, Dr Kenneth T A Graham and children, Alice, Lisa, Donald and Mark. She was widely read and a witty raconteur.

Philip Morgan Whiteman, MA Library and Information Studies 1969, died on 2 November 2007.

Philip Whiteman, born 19 June 1926, died in hospital in early November after major surgery. He was a major influence on the education of librarians and on the work of their professional body, the Library Association.

In 1964, he joined the School of Library and Information studies at Queen's, where he gained his Masters Degree before becoming director.

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FACULTY OF ARTS, HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

World-class lawyers win in India

Two of Belfast's budding young lawyers have beaten stiff competition from around the globe to triumph at one of the legal world's most prestigious international competitions.

Niall Hargan and Conor Houston, who are training to be solicitors and attended the Institute of Professional Legal Studies (IPLS) at Queen's, claimed first prize at the World Final of the Louis M Brown International Client Counselling Competition at the National Law School of India University in Bangalore.

Speaking about their victory Conor, from Holywood, said: "It was a huge honour for Niall and I to represent the Institute and the entire legal profession of Northern Ireland at the competition. It was a unique and wonderful experience to be able to compete against young lawyers from around the world and share with them our ideas and approaches to lawyer-client relations."

"The competition was a real test of the skills that are needed to succeed in the legal profession. We hope that we can continue to use these skills throughout our careers, to provide the best possible service to our clients."

Niall Hargan from Claudy said: "The competition promotes greater client empowerment and encourages lawyers to be more client-centred. Conor and I had to complete a series of mock

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thank the Institute of Professional Legal Studies at Queen's for the excellent training they have provided, and also Carson McDowell and John J Rice and Company - the law firms with which we are currently doing our apprenticeships - for supporting us during the competition."

Anne Fenton, Director of the IPLS said: "We are thrilled at Niall and Conor's achievement. They are excellent ambassadors for the Institute, for Queen's and for the Northern Ireland legal profession."



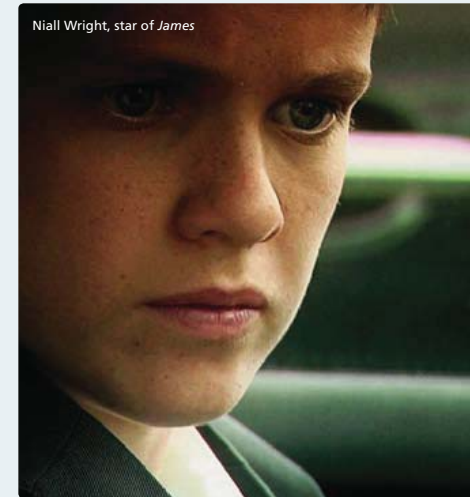
lawyer-client interviews, during which we had to listen carefully to their clients, empathise with them, try to better understand their needs and suggest the best possible solutions to their legal problem.

"We are obviously delighted to have won. We would like to

"Representing Northern Ireland, they competed against teams from 18 countries, including Australia, Canada and the USA. Considering that the team from the United States was selected from students at around 180 law schools, it is quite an achievement that Niall and Conor, who represented the smallest jurisdiction in the competition, emerged victorious."

FACULTY PROFILE

DAVID GIBSON, LLB PDPM
SENIOR TEACHING FELLOW IN
ENTREPRENEURSHIP AT QUEEN'S AND
VISITING PROFESSOR IN ENTERPRISE
EDUCATION, BRITISH UNIVERSITY IN EGYPT



In the Cannes

A short film written and directed by a Queen's student as part of his masters degree course graced the silver screens at the 61st Cannes Film Festival earlier this year.

Connor Clements from Scarva was celebrating after his film *James* was chosen for the Short Film Corner at the famous event.

Written and directed by Connor, who graduated from Queen's in December 2007 with an MA in Film and Visual Studies, *James* follows a teenage boy played by Niall Wright (*Mickybo and Me*), as he struggles to come to terms with his sexuality. It was the only film from Northern Ireland shown in the Short Film Corner at the esteemed festival.

Connor said: "Cannes is one of the world's oldest, most influential and prestigious film festivals, and I am delighted that my film was chosen."

"Apart from winning an Oscar, being shown at Cannes is one of the highest accolades available for a short film. It's a real honour for any aspiring film-maker to be part of this high-profile event, and I hope it won't be the last time one of my films is shown on such a prestigious stage."

Professor David Johnston, Head of the School of Languages, Literatures and Performing Arts at Queen's said: "We are all very proud of Connor's achievements and congratulate him on his Cannes debut. His success is a tribute to the quality of the work produced by Film Studies at Queen's. This degree aims to give our students a flying start in the film, television and media industries, and it is wonderful to see Connor flying so high."

James won the Skillset Award for the Best Northern Ireland Film at the Belfast Film Festival in April 2008 and has also been nominated for the Mini Movie International Channel Award.

Why did you decide to work at Queen's?

I joined Queen's in January 2003 and am now the Senior Teaching Fellow in charge of embedding enterprise into the curriculum for all students. I realised this would be an exciting challenge as Queen's provides a lot of the future leaders in all walks of society and I wanted to play a part in their personal development.

What key areas/projects are you working on at the moment?

My focus is on working with Humanities staff to embed enterprise within their curriculum. I see no reason why students cannot study their area of interest and still develop enterprise and employability skills to achieve personal and career goals. From October 2008 every student has the opportunity to obtain the Queen's Certificate in Entrepreneurship Studies as part of their degree. I have been approached to share our model with a number of international universities and am involved in writing a specialist textbook on enterprise in the Humanities, based on my work here.

What are your hobbies/interests?

I am a big sports fan. I support Leeds United and am a tennis coach. I also love the opportunities to travel and learn that my job has brought me.

What is the best thing about working at Queen's?

The best thing about Queen's is working with excellent students and colleagues who are so supportive of my mission. Queen's stands out as a Russell Group research university which is prepared to be innovative in its approach to teaching and learning. I feel I have been given an excellent opportunity to make a local and international impact.

Prize poet

Well-known Queen's poet Dr Sinead Morrissey has been named the winner of the UK's biggest poetry competition.

Dr Morrissey's poem *Through the Square Window* took the top prize of £5,000 in the Poetry Society's 2007 National Poetry Competition, announced at the October Gallery in London.

The competition, now in its 30th year, attracted over 8,000 entries. They are judged without the authors being identified and judges unanimously voted her poem the winner.

Through the Square Window reflects a major change in her life, the birth of her son in 2006, which she says has greatly influenced her writing.

"I'm thrilled about the win and delighted that a single poem made it to the top of the pile out of 8,000 entries. It's

"Through the Square Window reflects a major change in her life, the birth of her son in 2006, which she says has greatly influenced her writing"

made me excited too about the poems I'm writing at the moment towards my fourth collection, which will include *Through the Square Window*."

Portadown-born Dr Morrissey has published three collections with Carcanet Press, *There was Fire in Vancouver*, *Between Here and There* and *The State of Prisons*, earning her a reputation as

one of Ireland's most talented younger poets.

She currently lectures in Creative Writing at the Seamus Heaney Centre for Poetry in the School of English. The Centre is now celebrating its fifth year.

It's the latest in a long line of awards for Dr Morrissey who was awarded a Lannan Literary Fellowship worth \$75,000 in November for her work. Other accolades include the Patrick Kavanagh, Eric Gregory and Rupert and Eithne Strong Awards, and the Michael Hartnett Prize for Poetry. She has been shortlisted for the TS Eliot Prize twice.

Professor John Thompson, Head of the School of English, said: "Once again we have convincing evidence that the Seamus Heaney Centre and our colleagues in the School who work there are truly world class in their aspirations and achievement as 'local' poets."



Queen's poet Dr Sinead Morrissey

Climbing the leadership ladder

Queen's University Management School has embarked on a major expansion of courses including the flagship Executive MBA programme aimed to help those who want to widen their career opportunities through part-time study.

The emphasis of the Executive MBA is on leadership through strategic management.

It is designed to develop and enhance the leadership capabilities of highly motivated middle managers to enable them to progress to strategic management positions in the private, public and voluntary sectors.

Course intake is small, reflecting the School's determination to provide high-quality management education. Students, who are normally

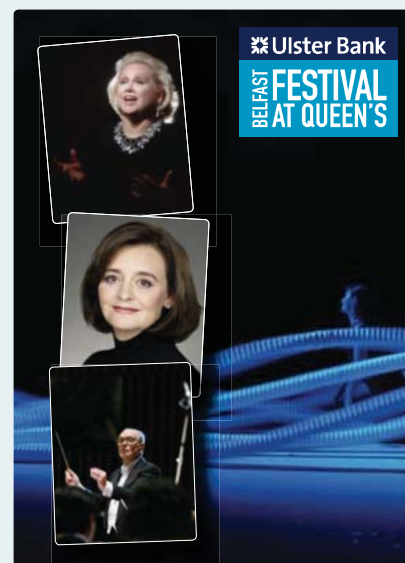
sponsored by their employers, are selected from a range of backgrounds to capture the richness of diverse perspectives and enhance peer learning.

The School has been providing high-quality business education and research to students, executives and organisations across the economy for more than 40 years. With over 1,100 students in accountancy, actuarial studies, economics, finance and management, and over 60 academic staff, the School is a major provider of professional and managerial talent needed for the development of successful organisations and economics.

For more information go to: www.qub.ac.uk/mba



A feast of arts and culture



Film music legend Ennio Morricone opened this year's Ulster Bank Belfast Festival at Queen's in October to a rapturous audience welcome. Other highlights included Cherie Blair and Broadway diva Barbara Cook, Footsbarn Theatre with a riotous *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, 1970s superstar Gilbert O'Sullivan, brilliant reworkings of *Antigone* by Owen McCafferty for Prime Cut and *Cat on a Hot Tin Roof* by The Corn Exchange, premiere visits by choreographers Michael Clark and Wayne McGregor, top-class classical music, jazz, comedy, literature, folk and everything in between!

The Festival's increased investment comes primarily from its new relationship with title sponsor Ulster Bank which has committed more than £1million over the next three years.

Speaking at the Festival's

programme launch in August, Cormac McCarthy, Chief Executive, Ulster Bank Group said: "We are delighted to be involved in such a prestigious event. The arts have a significant role to play in a modern economy and this festival is one of the most high-profile events in the country, one which has stood out as a beacon of everything positive Northern Ireland has to offer.

"We have adopted a long-term strategy in our overall sponsorship programme and believe that our ongoing support of the performing arts to such a significant extent will not only increase visibility of Ulster Bank, but will also help to bring the Festival to an even wider audience, including our customers."

The Ulster Bank Belfast Festival at Queen's is supported by Queen's University, Belfast, the Arts Council of Northern Ireland and Belfast City Council.

FACULTY OF ENGINEERING AND PHYSICAL SCIENCES

£5 million green contract

A new £500,000 laboratory, which will see Queen's build on world-leading 'green chemistry' research with the potential to impact on people's daily lives, is now in operation in the David Keir building.



Attending the QUILL Petronas Lab opening were Sir Reg Empey and Peter Gregson

The laboratory is based in Queen's University Ionic Liquid Laboratories (QUILL) and has been refurbished by the University to provide suitable accommodation for a £5.25 million research contract from Petronas, the Fortune 500 oil and gas corporation owned by the Malaysian government.

The facility is the first Petronas academic-based laboratory of its kind in Europe and will enable QUILL to expand its research capacity in the ionic liquids field. An extra 20 work spaces have been created and scientists from nine different nationalities will work on collaborative research

projects with Petronas.

Ionic liquids are salts that are liquid below 100°C. Currently, many of the organic solvents used in the chemical industry are hazardous because they are volatile, flammable and toxic. Ionic liquids tend to be non-flammable, do not evaporate under normal conditions and do not emit vapours.

Professor Ken Seddon, Co-Director of QUILL and the author of the world's number one cited paper in Chemistry last year said: "Research on ionic liquids has the potential to impact on the daily

lives of everyone in the world; massively reducing industrial pollution, improving working conditions and enhancing job and wealth creation.

"Ionic liquids are the basis of a whole new industrial technology and research from QUILL is the global driver of this industry. Petronas' vision in working with QUILL to establish this lab will have a positive impact on life in Northern Ireland, Malaysia and around the world. Ionic liquids is a fast-moving industry, where research translates into industrial application five times faster than the norm. Industrial collaborations such as

this partnership with Petronas, will ensure Queen's retains its place as leader in this revolutionary field."

Other members of QUILL include BP, Merck, Shell and Procter and Gamble and the centre has individual contracts with companies based in Switzerland, Australia, Korea and France.

Vice-Chancellor Professor Peter Gregson said: "The forging of international industrial links is crucial in today's global higher education marketplace. Under the direction of Professors Ken Seddon, Jim Swindall and Robin Rogers, QUILL is demonstrably leading the world in the development of an exciting new scientific process, inspiring a whole new generation of international researchers and delivering solutions to a problem of global proportions."

In March of last year, Queen's signed a partnership with the Universiti Teknologi Petronas (UTP) in Malaysia to focus on the collaborative research in the area of green chemistry and particularly ionic liquids.

Speaking at the official opening, which was also attended by Minister Sir Reg Empey, Datuk Zainal Abidin b Hj Kasim, Rector of UTP said: "Petronas funds and collaborates with QUILL because of its reputation as a world player in ionic liquid research. The work emanating from QUILL helps us to develop our capability and has the potential to support Petronas in its key business areas for the future."



QUILL Petronas Lab opening

Queen's/NASA to put telescope on the Moon



6m diameter LMT at the University of British Columbia
Photo Credit: Paul Hickson (UBC)

Chemists at QUILL are working with NASA and scientists in Canada and the United States to design a telescope that can be stationed on the Moon.

The instrument will have a mirror consisting of a liquid with a thin metal film on its surface that rotates to form a bowl shape, known as a parabola. When the liquid spins in a perfect parabola, it will be able to reflect infrared light from distant stars and galaxies that cannot be picked up by telescopes on Earth because of atmospheric interference and light pollution.

Telescopes with parabolic liquid mirrors are much cheaper and easier to make and maintain than conventional telescopes with glass mirrors. Liquid mirror telescopes employed in observatories on Earth traditionally use mercury as the reflective liquid. However, mercury cannot be used for a lunar liquid mirror telescope as the high-vacuum conditions on the Moon would cause the mercury to boil.

The Queen's team has been investigating the possibility of preparing a reflective liquid for the telescope consisting of an ionic liquid that can be coated on its surface with a thin layer of a reflective metal. Many ionic liquids do not freeze at the sub-zero temperatures found on the Moon and have the added advantage that they are much lighter than mercury - a key consideration for transporting a telescope to the Moon.

In a report in the June 21 issue of the science journal Nature, the Belfast, Canadian, and US scientists showed that a commercially available ionic liquid can be coated with silver and that the coated fluid is stable over several months.

"The discovery that an ionic liquid can be coated with a very thin metal layer is a major breakthrough," said chemistry professor, Ken Seddon, who is one of the authors of the report and Co-Director of Queen's University Ionic Liquid Laboratories (QUILL).

According to Seddon, around one million simple ionic liquids are theoretically possible and they can be designed for a wide variety of applications. But most have yet to be prepared.



SuperWASP camera

Queen's astronomers announce the discovery of 10 new planets

"Queen's and the Particle Physics and Astronomy Research Council funded the first SuperWASP on La Palma. The camera was designed and built at Queen's"

Astronomers at Queen's announced the discovery of 10 new planets to delegates at the Royal Astronomical Society's largest ever National Astronomy Meeting (NAM). 650 of the world's leading space scientists and astronomers descended on the University for the event which took place earlier this year.

Working as part of an international team, Queen's scientists discovered the planets using cameras located in the Canary Islands and South Africa that were built and designed at the University. The cameras are part of the Wide Area Search for Planets project SuperWASP. The planets are known as extrasolar planets in orbit around other stars.

Astronomers have found more than 270 extrasolar planets since the first one was discovered in the early 1990s. Making these discoveries has depended on looking at each star over a period of weeks or months so the pace of discovery is fairly slow and gives very little information about the planets.

SuperWASP uses a different method. The two sets of cameras watch for events known as transits, where a planet passes directly in front of a star and blocks out some of its light, so from the Earth the star temporarily appears a little fainter. The cameras work as robots, surveying a large area of the sky at once. Each night astronomers monitor data from millions of stars that they can check for transits. The transit method also allows them to deduce the size and mass of each planet.

Many of the new planet discoveries stem from observations through the Canary Islands International Time competition which was won by Dr Don Pollacco, the principal investigator and other collaborators in 2007/8.

Dr Pollacco, who is based in Queen's Astrophysics Research Centre said: "SuperWASP is now a planet-finding production line and will revolutionise the detection of large planets and our understanding of how they were formed. It's a great triumph for European astronomers.

"Queen's and the Particle Physics and Astronomy Research Council funded the first SuperWASP on La Palma. The camera was designed and built at Queen's."

Each potential planet found using SuperWASP is then observed by astronomers working at the Nordic Optical Telescope on La Palma, the Swiss Euler Telescope in Chile and the Observatoire de Haute Provence in southern France. They use precision instruments to confirm or reject the discovery. So far, 45 have been discovered using the transit method, and since they were set up in 2004, the SuperWASP cameras have found 15 of them - making them by far the most successful discovery instruments in the world.

FACULTY PROFILE

SARAH A LAPPIN

BA (Hons), March, RIBA
LECTURER, ARCHITECTURE WITHIN THE
SCHOOL OF PLANNING, ARCHITECTURE AND
CIVIL ENGINEERING (SPACE)



Sarah A Lappin

Why did you decide to work at Queen's?

The architecture department within SPACE is undergoing a period of considerable transition with new staff, new facilities and a reorganisation of how the subject is taught. The University offered the most exciting potential to contribute to a new direction, particularly at a time of considerable change to the built environment in Northern Ireland.

What key areas/projects are you working on at the moment?

I am co-ordinator for Principles of Design, a series of lectures which link architectural theory with design studio for the undergraduate course. I am part of the team teaching design studio to first year students and have organised Induction Week.

What are your hobbies/interests?

Cooking, travel, reading, walking.

What is the best thing about working at Queen's?

The built environment at Queen's is remarkable. It's a great location for taking a break in the Botanic Gardens, walking to work along the Lagan and is in close proximity to the city centre and local shops. Better than that is the extraordinarily international background of staff in the architecture department - we have staff who are from or have spent a significant part of their careers in Northern Ireland, England, Scotland, the US, Ireland, Nigeria, Algeria, Egypt, Germany, Australia and Qatar among other countries.

Media Matters **EXCLUSIVE!**

For many, there is something glamorous about working in the media. Whether it is the visual, spoken or printed word, the sector has always lured individuals with a genuine desire to report the world as it really is, as well as those bright young things keen to bask in its often glitzy limelight.

In this special media edition of *The Graduate*, we ask some of Queen's best-known alumni how they got their big break and what advice they would offer fellow graduates in search of a career in the media.

"I started listening to BBC Radio 1 when I was at Queen's. From then I wanted to be a Radio 1 DJ"

Getting that plum job in the media can sometimes be a matter of luck - the right face or voice at the right time - but it's rarely a case of good fortune alone. Those with a clear focus on where they want to be are always better placed to map out a route to their goal. Top positions often follow years of preparation, hard graft and knocking on doors. But whatever the ultimate destination, for many university is the starting point.

Annie Mac (full name Annie McManus) told *The Graduate* that Queen's made her "very confident and sociable" and helped bring her "out of her skin."

"I started listening to BBC Radio 1 when I was at Queen's. From then I wanted to be a Radio 1 DJ - now I'm doing just that on Friday and Sunday nights!"



Name: Annie Mac, Degree: BA English, 1999,
Job: Radio 1 presenter and Club DJ
Ambition: Make my shows the best they can be

And in case that sounds a bit too easy, it should be noted that Dublin-born Annie served a three-year apprenticeship perfecting her craft while she was at university.

Annie currently hosts two shows on Radio 1 and has recently made the move into television, with regular appearances on BBC's Culture Show, Sound and Glastonbury among others.

"I have loads of great memories of my time at Queen's - it was the best three years of my life. I was heavily involved in Shine in the Students' Union, where I got my first taste of life as a DJ/presenter."

It's currently an era of real contrast for the media: dozens of extra satellite TV channels are coming on stream each year, new radio stations are going to air all over the country, not to mention the plethora of web sites and blogs opening up so many career opportunities - yet individual audiences are declining. Several national newspapers are struggling with decreasing circulation figures while TV programmes rarely command the 18-20 million viewers of 10 years ago.

The medium of radio itself is also changing - with the emergence of podcasts and downloads - and it is becoming more visual. Often interviews and sessions have online visual packages, all of which offer the listener more choice.

So why is it that so many Queen's graduates choose to work in the media?

Bill Neely has gained a reputation for tackling some of the biggest news stories across the globe for ITN, both as a reporter and a presenter. He has covered many international events including the attack on the World Trade Centre, Princess Diana's death and the recent devastating earthquake in China.



Name: Bill Neely,
Degree: BA English and Modern History, 1981
Job: International Editor ITV News, Ambition: To keep doing what I'm doing, only better every year

"Ireland has always specialised in producing writers, performers and creators, so it's no surprise that Queen's pours them out," he told *The Graduate*.

"The Troubles were a breeding ground for good journalism and wonderful poetry. Thankfully, they are history but the writers they produced keep informing us and thrilling us. Maybe we just tell better stories than people in other parts of these islands."

Bill, who left Queen's in 1981, openly admits that luck played a part in his career - or perhaps he was just the beneficiary of perfect timing, a quality often required for on-the-move journalists.

"I was very lucky joining ITN as I did in the year of miracles - 1989. One of my first stories for ITN was the fall of the Berlin Wall, which still rates as a career highlight. Many other events which I've covered - such as the collapse of the Soviet Union - were astonishing too but for the sheer impact of its fall, 'the Wall' beats the lot."

For those not planning to rely on miracles what aspects of student life are essential for a media-friendly CV?

"Activities such as the debating and drama societies are superb preparation for a career in broadcasting," suggests **William Crawley**, BBC radio and television journalist and presenter of *Blueprint*, a recent three-part natural history TV series, which sought to tell the 600 million-year history of Northern Ireland.

"As an undergraduate, I directed a full drama production that was staged in the Elmwood Hall - some of the skills acquired in that project have come to my rescue in presenting TV documentaries," he added.

But it was the analytical skills acquired in the study of philosophy - his chosen degree path - that William singled out as "the ideal preparation for journalism."

"I was a philosophy student at Queen's. Oddly enough, and given the way my life has panned out, I had not seriously considered a career in journalism at the time. The philosophy department required someone to turn up once or twice a month and read aloud their essay to the tutor and then defend the argument developed in their work. The ability to present arguments confidently in a sustained piece of rhetoric and being

prepared to respond quickly to critical objections, are skills also crucially important to live broadcasting."

And of course such skills can be acquired in other academic areas - especially in subjects such as law, politics and English.

Emma-Louise Johnston is another advocate of the drama route. Now a freelance TV presenter, reporter and producer, Emma-Louise worked for Reuters for a number of years until she joined ITN and Channel 7 News (in Australia) as a broadcast journalist, before becoming one of the UK's youngest correspondents with GMTV.

"Becoming a student at Queen's fulfilled one of my early ambitions. I'd never considered [studying] anywhere else and it enhanced my sense of belonging. And becoming involved in the drama society, as well as being brilliant fun, really boosted my confidence."

Emma-Louise's GMTV assignments have been wide and varied. She has interviewed international heavyweights such as UN Secretary General Kofi Annan and was responsible for covering the harrowing story of murdered British Iraq hostage Ken Bigley. Emma-Louise has also experienced the lighter side of life - chatting to the likes of Leonardo



Name: Emma-Louise Johnston, Degree: BA Politics, 1998
Job: TV reporter, Ambition: Write a book

Name: William Crawley, Degree: BA 1990, MA 1992,
PhD Philosophy 1999, Job: BBC journalist and broadcaster,
Ambition: To keep working





Name: John Kelly
Degree: LLB 1987, Job: RTE presenter
Ambition: To keep working

DiCaprio and Steven Spielberg and house-hunting for the Beckhams in Madrid.

But it's not all glamour and glitz, as RTE presenter **John Kelly** points out:

"You will meet some of the best people and some of the very worst and you'll need to be able to tell which is which," he said. "It's a good idea to talk to some real professionals and ignore the chancers. And don't do everything you are asked to do. Keep your dignity and trust your own instinct."

David O'Reilly, better known to devotees of ATL (*Across the Line*) on BBC Radio Ulster as Rigsy, is a TV/radio presenter and club DJ. David studied English at Queen's but points out that it was more the "general experience" of being at Queen's that he appreciated, saying it was "a very welcoming, comfortable and encouraging stepping-stone towards the real world."

"I like to think I made the most of my time at University beyond getting a degree. I met some interesting people and did some interesting things - it was all part of the Queen's experience."

David currently presents a television show dedicated to Irish music, has solo-produced a radio series and is now fronting a daytime show on BBC Radio Ulster, though the first experience he had writing and talking about music all took

place while he was at Queen's.

"I am convinced if I hadn't gone to Queen's none of it would have happened," he told *The Graduate*.

Not all media roles are high profile or carry with them instant recognition. Many positions are almost unseen, such as those behind the scenes in production or direction. Others expose the journalist to necessarily smaller niche audiences; or are more 'narrowcast' than broadcast, by virtue of being on the internet.

Peter Dickson may not be a household name, yet he appears in the rolling credits almost daily on TV and radio programmes around the world. Peter is

the voice behind some of ITV's highest-rated shows such as *The XFactor* and *Britain's Got Talent*, but is probably most recognisable as E4's continuity bloke. In 32 years in the media he has worked with Terry Wogan, Bruce Forsyth, Jerry Springer and of course Simon Cowell.

"I had always been interested in radio and TV, so in my first year at Queen's I joined the film society," he told *The Graduate*. "One of the guys who helped out was a full-time cameraman at the BBC; he had made a short documentary and asked me if I could narrate it. He then suggested that I contact the BBC as they were looking for a continuity announcer. My entire career in the media has flowed from that single set of serendipitous circumstances."

With the splintering of conventional media and the increase in online broadcasting, it is not surprising that Queen's itself has recently got in on the act.

Andrea Clements is a member of the University's Press Office and is a regular reporter and presenter on QTV, the on-demand online

TV channel, which features regular news stories from around the campus.

Andrea is one of a new breed of journalists of whom it is expected that they will craft their art in and across all media - the so-called 'multi-platform' approach.

"There is a demand for journalists to be much more multi-skilled and up to date with technology. Even though you might be working for a business which is primarily a newspaper, you may have to know how to shoot and edit a package, present it and put it online as well as writing the news story."

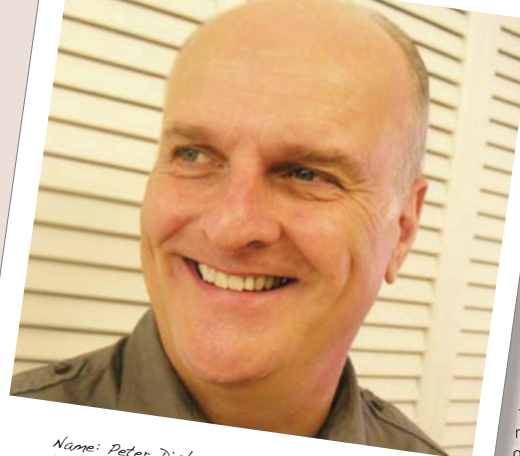
Journalism and broadcasting are undoubtedly undergoing a major revolution: new media, new technologies, and more diverse platforms have transformed the experience for every journalist and bring with them new challenges. And given the swing towards a more celebrity media culture - once described by a local newspaper editor as 'infotainment' - a key challenge in this new environment will be to maintain a serious commitment to truth.

Given that so many people stumble upon a TV or radio career, how would our panel of experts advise budding broadcasters on taking their first nervous steps into the media world?

"The approach depends on which area you are interested in - either talent- or skills-based," says Peter Dickson. "For presenters, it is important to develop an area of expertise and become



Name: Rigsy (David O'Reilly),
Degree: BA English, 2000
Job: TV/radio presenter and DJ
Ambition: Improve and become more established



Name: Peter Dickson, Degree: BA Psychology, 1979
Job: Professional voiceover artist
Ambition: Announcing the opening of the 2012 Olympic Games

known for your proficiency and enthusiasm in presenting your chosen subject. And nothing beats practise."

"Skills-based jobs such as camera operators, sound recordists and editors require the acquisition of individual and very specific skill sets. There is a well-beaten path from runner to researcher to assistant producer to producer," he added.

John Kelly recommends an alternative strategy.

"Think very seriously about it," he suggests. "It's a job. Get a professional head on because you will certainly need it."

Given the mercurial nature of the media, the ever-changing trends and the need for those working in it to be quick-thinking at all times, Emma-Louise Johnston advises self-restraint.

"As the song goes: 'whatever happens don't berate yourself too much or congratulate yourself too much - your choices are half chance, so are everybody else's'. My main tip would be to develop a thick skin, be resilient and enjoy."

For Radio 1's Annie Mac, it is all about contacts and skill.

"Try to make as many contacts as possible - and then use them! You need to make it easy for the media to employ you. Have a demo tape, know what the station's music policy is and don't be afraid to seek out people who can help you," she recommends.

"I met with five different producers at Radio 1 before I got in! Get as much

experience as possible too; it's about luck in the first instance but you need the skills once you 'break through'".

William Crawley, who has presented programmes from Ground Zero in New York, broadcast inside Nelson Mandela's cell on Robben Island and talked to Oliver Stone about his movies, advocates getting experience and getting it early.

"Get involved in student or a community radio station or hospital radio. Send film or book reviews to newspapers

and journals. Write a feature article and send it to features editors. Don't wait for a media company to approach you with ideas: write, record, and broadcast yourself onto their radar screen."

Rigsy sees the necessary skills as enthusiasm and hard work.

"If you get offered the smallest opportunity, you have to leap at it and make the most of it. The temptation might be to get a 'proper job', but you need to remain focused and work hard. While pestering people is never a good idea, you have to be available and willing to do what may seem to be menial boring tasks. It's just nice to be involved and it will lead to better things if you persevere."

There is no substitute for experience in the media environment but getting that 'inside knowledge' is often the problem.

"Even if it's only shadowing someone on an unpaid basis, experience is so important," said Andrea Clements of QTV. "Be persistent and willing to learn and don't be afraid to ask questions. I spent the summer in a local newspaper office when I was 18. I made a lot of tea and wrote some articles which probably weren't great but it was an excellent thing to put on my CV!"

And once you land that important job, the challenge doesn't stop there - as the next step is to make sure you hold on to it! Media work is no guarantee of a long

career or a gold watch on retirement.

John Kelly stresses the need to keep working.

"It is always more difficult than people think. You are never far from an axe and so you have to duck, dive, relocate, make sacrifices, take the punches and keep on pushing. The challenge however is to maintain your integrity in the process."



Name: Andrea Clements
Degree: BA English, 1999, Job: QTV reporter
Ambition: To write a book

And finally...

Bill Neely sums up the attributes required for those considering a media career in just five words: talent, determination, character, personality and luck.

"At a time when literally thousands of graduates - media studies' and others - are all hoping to make a career in journalism and traditional broadcasting, it is, thankfully, still a wide and growing field. From specialist magazines to daily newspapers and from radio current affairs to television news there is plenty to choose from - and that is without considering the numerous opportunities presented by online and other forms of new media."

Belfast Evolving

Anne-Marie Forker, a 1999 Law and Politics graduate, looks at how Belfast has changed since her childhood and her time at Queen's.



Belfast City Hall at night

I'm sure we all have wonderful memories of life at Queen's - I know I do. While most alumni come from and continue to live within 20 miles of the University, many others will not have returned to Belfast since their graduation. Yes, the Queen's Quarter - that area of South Belfast bordered by Botanic Avenue and the nearby Botanic Gardens, leafy Malone and the up-and-coming Lisburn Road - was beautiful for our student days but some graduates might think that the rest of the city is still too industrial and caught up in political strife to return.

Let me change your mind!

Belfast today is a very different place from the city where I was born and grew up. Gone are the scenes of urban dereliction and decay which were all too prevalent even 10 years ago. Gone too are the days when it was 'normal' to see armed soldiers in military jeeps on the

"It was during the 2005 CS Lewis Festival that I realised just how positive and vibrant the city had become"

walk to and from school. Not long ago I was shocked to see an army vehicle driving down University Road. Though I briefly lapsed into the past, thankfully this didn't last for long as four women pushed their arms and heads out of the top of the jeep, screaming and waving to passers by. I had not just seen the army drive by, but a lively hen party! Belfast is enjoying itself more than ever.

In the past every mural had a political message, depicting as they did years of conflict between Loyalist and Republican paramilitaries. There are still political murals - in themselves a tourist attraction - but now the artwork is just as likely to address issues such as drug use or, more positively, to celebrate the city's brightest stars like George Best or CS Lewis.

It was during the 2005 CS Lewis Festival that I realised just how positive and vibrant the city had become. I had jumped off the bus from the airport (where you now hear an increasing number of international accents), returning from England for my monthly visit home when I saw a parade heading towards the City Hall. At first, old Belfast-born instincts kicked in - "Oh no, not another parade" - but on closer inspection, I realised that the costumes were gloriously colourful and the parade was part of a festival honouring the

author of the Narnia Chronicles.

There is more spark, more laughter around the city and it has nothing at all to do with politics! People are now more likely to celebrate creativity, history, sport, fame - and to celebrate it together.

In the 10 years since the Good Friday peace agreement, Belfast has received more than £5 billion in investment, bringing with it a real sense of enthusiasm and a renewed confidence and vitality. In just a few years Belfast has undergone an amazing transformation, changing the face and atmosphere of the city for ever.

Old terraced estates are gradually being replaced with stylish houses and luxury apartments. There are new shops and restaurants on every corner and commercial buildings and offices are springing up all the time.

Recently, Rev Ian Paisley (the former First Minister) and Martin McGuinness (Deputy First Minister) - referred to locally as the 'Chuckie Brothers' (everyone is laughing these days) opened the new Victoria Square complex, one of the largest shopping centres in Europe. No, that wasn't a typo - Paisley and McGuinness get on famously now.

And Europe's largest and most exciting

waterfront development - Belfast's Titanic Quarter - is already boosting the city's economy enormously. While much of the 185-acre site on the banks of the River Lagan has already been transformed, eventually it will consist of a technology district, around 7,500 apartments, a riverside entertainment area, and a major Titanic-themed attraction - something that may become for the Americans what Disney World is for us.

In the past year around 50 cruise ships have called into Belfast and passenger numbers - and airline operators - at both the city's airports continue to increase.

As for careers and employment opportunities, Belfast is now renowned for its leading position in financial services, electronics, manufacturing, life sciences, and telecoms. Due to its central location and its unique position in Belfast life, Queen's continues to be a key driver in Northern Ireland's technology, knowledge, and research and development industries.

And the University is a major player in the social and cultural life of the city as well through the Ulster Bank Belfast Festival at Queen's, the Naughton Gallery and Queen's Film Theatre.

Belfast certainly has become a hot and trendy location for visitors from all

around the globe. If you haven't been back in recent years, I would really recommend that you come and take a look for yourself!

The city can offer a range of fantastic careers, a busy (smoke-free) social life and of course, great craic. *Lonely Planet* recently described Belfast as 'hip, historical and happening' and tipped the city as one of the 'must-see' destinations.

The future is bright; the future is Belfast.



Anne-Marie Forker is currently Editor of the *Northern Ireland Law Reports*. She works in London and is studying part-time for a doctorate in Human Rights Law. Anne-Marie has recently taken up photography and has exhibited in London: (www.annemarieforker.com).

Belfast wall mural to author CS Lewis





Kerry Bryson, Head of Alumni Relations in the Development Office

QUEEN'S GRADUATES' ASSOCIATION



The 'Perks' of being a Queen's graduate

Joining the Queen's Graduates' Association (QGA) is one way of maintaining links with your Alma Mater but there's much more to membership than just 'keeping in touch' as Kerry Bryson, Head of Alumni Relations, reports.

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GRADUATION 2008

Absolutely fabulous!

It was smiles all round for the Class of 2008 during summer graduation week. Joining graduates from across Queen's were famous faces from stage and screen and notable figures from the worlds of science, business, education, the arts and medicine who received honorary degrees as part of the University's Centenary celebrations.

In a private ceremony at his home, the University's Centenary Graduate was named as former South African President Nelson Mandela. The Nobel Laureate

received his honorary Doctorate from fellow honorary graduate Anthony O'Reilly, for distinction in public service. Among other political figures to be honoured were former UK Prime Minister Tony Blair and former Irish Taoiseach, Bertie Ahern.

Two local figures - Fr Alec Reid and Rev Harold Good - were recognised for their work on reconciliation in Northern Ireland.

Joanna Lumley, for some *Purdy* in *The New Avengers* and for many others,

Patsy in *Absolutely Fabulous*, received a DUniv for services to the performing arts. Delivering the citation Pro-Chancellor Rotha Jonston said: 'Ms Lumley is recognised as an actress of enormous range, distinction and exceptional talent as well as a tireless and selfless campaigner; she is an outstanding role model for all women.'

Over 4,000 graduates collected their degrees at 11 ceremonies before joining thousands of family members and friends at the traditional afternoon garden parties.



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Sudoku

To solve the Sudoku puzzle opposite, each 3 x 3 box, all the rows and all the columns must contain the numbers 1-9, with no repeats or omissions. And remember, there is only one correct solution.

Quiz

1. Which school did Francis Campbell attend in Newry?

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2. According to Bill Neely, what was the year of miracles?

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3. Who won this year's Graduate of the Year Award?

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Teaser

You have the misfortune to own an unreliable watch. This one loses exactly 24 minutes every hour. It is now showing 3am and you know that it was correct at midnight, when you set it. The watch stopped 1 hour ago, what is the correct time now?

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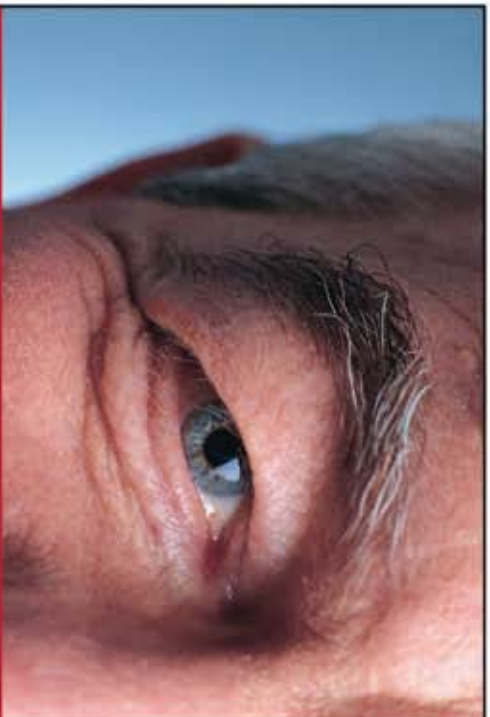
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