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Welcome



to the Crystal Anniversary edition of Caledonian+. Glasgow Caledonian University celebrated 15 years as a university with a week of events in late April, reflecting on our achievements and focusing on our plans for the future. Even though we are only 15 years old, we should remember that GCU has played a major part in education in Scotland as

far back as 1875, when we were known as The Glasgow School of Cookery. In this edition, we take a look back at the University's history and trace the steps leading up to the present day.

Our alumni continue to achieve and make a name for themselves. Business Spotlight (p19) features some of our alumni who have gone on to start their own businesses, ranging from a PR and events company to eco-friendly taxi cabs and a chocolate factory!

Gordon Cunningham, featured on the front cover, is a remarkable individual. His relationship with the University grows from strength to strength. As managing director of a construction company, 15% of his work force are Caledonian graduates. His story is on page 17.

We are proud to announce that the experience of international students at GCU (p16) has been ranked number one in the UK, testament to the hard work and commitment of staff to ensuring a memorable learning experience.

Our main article (p10-15) focuses on the University's past and present and features the week-long celebrations, which kicked off with the Crystal Football Tournament. With guest lectures, afternoon tea and the Alumni Ball, staff, students and alumni celebrated the University's milestone.

Lastly, our alumni e-survey has been a huge success with more than 2000 responses to our online questionnaire. The results will help us improve our services, engage with our alumni and develop a sense of affiliation with the University. Congratulations to Sarah Jane Napier (BA Entertainment and Events Management, '06) who won the Nintendo Wii for completing the e-survey!

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From the Principal

On celebrating a milestone



WELCOME TO THIS SPECIAL ISSUE OF CALEDONIAN+.

We have just launched a year of celebrations for our 15th Anniversary of being a University with a week of events attended by over 1000 alumni, students, staff and friends. Our University has played a part in education in Scotland as far back as 1875, but in 1993

Glasgow Polytechnic and The Queen's College came together to create Glasgow Caledonian as a vibrant new University for the City of Glasgow.

The last 15 years have seen Glasgow Caledonian become one of Scotland's most dynamic, innovative and forward-looking universities.

Our commitment to our motto 'For the Common Weal' and the work we do in support of this mission has ensured our reputation as a socially inclusive

and entrepreneurial University. All of our work is underpinned by our commitment to our students, and to the businesses and communities with which we engage.

We have begun to see the fruits of our ambitions to become a more enterprising University. In February, we welcomed Jim Mather, MSP, Minister for Enterprise, Energy & Tourism, to launch the University's £500,000 Enterprise Fund. The Fund is led by Dr Robert Crawford, Executive Director of Business Development and Commercialisation, and aims to encourage enterprise amongst students and staff by providing financial support to turn the ideas into business initiatives and social enterprise organisations.

We plan to further embed the creation of a culture of enterprise and entrepreneurialism amongst our students, and will soon launch a new module in enterprise and employability for all of our students from nurses to engineers. We look forward to watching their progress as they use these new skills to advance in their chosen career paths.

The Caledonian Business School was delighted to host Charan Gill MBE, affectionately known as Glasgow's 'Curry King', when he delivered a lively Masterclass to an audience of students, staff and members of the public. Mr Gill has received numerous awards in recognition of his business achievements and supports a number of charities through his Harlequin Charitable Trust. Giovanni Benedetti, entrepreneur and inventor, will deliver the next Masterclass.

As we mark our 15th
Anniversary year, we reflect on
our achievements thus far and
look towards 2015 and beyond.
We will pursue our commitment
to enhancing our student
experience. We will promote the
cultural diversity and further

our international aspirations by continuing to provide the best environment in the UK for international students. We will reach out to create a small number of international campuses based on our winning model for excellence in learning and teaching and applied research. Above all, we will continue to engage in activities in Scotland and around the world to build the University's growing contribution to the social and economic development of the communities we serve.

PROFESSOR PAMELA GILLIES

Principal & Vice-Chancellor

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We will promote cultural

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Cutting EDGE programme

GLASGOW CALEDONIAN UNIVERSITY'S EDGE PROGRAMME

offers students a unique summer school opportunity to learn entrepreneurial skills in a real-world environment. Deemed beneficial to both students and participating businesses by independent evaluators, the programme is entering its third year.

Students from GCU and the universities of Warsaw in Poland, Waterloo and Simon Fraser in Canada, alongside 16 fifth and sixth year Glasgow school pupils take part in the eight week programme.

Following a two-week immersion programme focusing on entrepreneurship, enterprise leadership, economic development and cross-cultural teamwork and consulting, teams of students work as consultants in companies based in Glasgow with teams consisting of two students from GCU, two from overseas and two school pupils.

With support from business mentors, teams work on two consultancy projects to implement strategies and plans for growth and development for their adoptive business, as well as a business plan for their own start-up company. Students also take part in a range of cultural activities, such as visits to Loch Lomond and the Scottish Parliament, designed to allow overseas students to experience Scotland.



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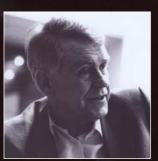
The diversity within the teams stimulates creativity with students learning from each other. Teams armed with their business plans then pitch to a "Dragons Den" panel of successful business people, and the teams receiving highest marks from the panel are rewarded with prizes for "best business plan" and "best consultancy project" at an awards ceremony

Carl Bow, Director of Enterprise at GCU, says that the programme benefits participants and immensely enhances their CVs. She also confirmed that an independent evaluation conducted by Dr Sarah Cooper at Strathclyde University and Bill Lucas from MIT in the USA stated that: "It [the EDGE programme] is successful in creating entrepreneurial intent, mainly down to the authentic experience the students take part in."

Scottish Enterprise evaluates the programme to measure how companies can benefit from taking part. The results have shown an increase in sales and productivity for participating companies with some even offering positions to graduates who have taken part in EDGE. So, it is no surprise that many of the companies come back year after year, offering to take on more students.

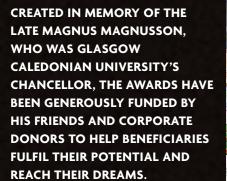
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MAGNUS Magnusson AWARDS

The winners of the inaugural awards from over 70 applications



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Grant English BSc (Hons) Pharmacology

Magnus Magnusson Award

Grant will use his award to fund travel and living expenses this summer while working on a clinical research project at the University of Maastricht.

"I am looking forward to experiencing living and working in a foreign country, meeting new people."

Yvonne Fairholm BA (Hons) Social Work

Magnus Magnusson Award

Yvonne's award will enable her to return to Spaask, a six-hour bus ride from Moscow, to continue her work with the charity Love Russia, supporting orphans and helping them integrate successfully into society.

"The summer camp gives the children memories to help them through the whole year"

Carlo Jaconelli BSc (Hons) Interior Design

Garry Hannah BSc (Hons) Integrated Product Design

Kaupthing Singer and Friedlander Magnusson Award

This special award, sponsored by Icelandic bank, Kaupthing Singer and Friedlander will help Carlo and Garry to expand their clothing design company, TheBigRuler.

"This award will help us develop new projects and products that would have taken us vears to fund."

Emily Macintosh BA/BA (Hons) Journalism

Magnus Magnusson Award

In the third year of a journalism degree, Emily's ambition is to become a European correspondent specialising in politics.

"The only way to truly learn a language is to immerse yourself in the culture but without this award that would have been an impossible dream."

Robbie Mack LLB (Hons) Bachelors of Law UNISON Magnusson Award

Robbie combines his studies with a passion for football and this summer he will be passing on his love for the beautiful game as a volunteer coaching assistant in Moshi, Tanzania.

"The Foundation works to offer companionship to young people in Tanzania and foster a sense of self-worth and hope."

John McAlinden Dip HE/Bachelor of Nursing (Mental Health) Gordon Masterton Magnusson Award

GCU honorary graduate Gordon Masterton's generous gift will help John's band, Ping Pong Banana Show, record their first album and develop their song writing skills.

"I feel we are on the cusp of achieving something great with the band and this award will bring us to a much bigger audience."

Kirsty Margaret McAllister BSc Psychology Magnus Magnusson Award

While studying for her degree, Kirsty travelled to Malawi to gain the experience she needed to realise her dream of becoming a midwife.

"I hope my award will eventually help save the lives of babies born into hardship."

Joel Somerville BSc (Hons) Optometry

Glasgow Caledonian University Magnusson Award

Joel wants to develop his language skills so he can combine travelling with helping people with preventable blindness in developing countries.

"I have always wanted to be an optometrist so I could be part of the solution for people suffering unnecessarily."

Daniel Turner, Jenny Flinn and Aaron McIntosh

 ${\it Members of academic staff, Division of Cultural Business, Caledonian Business School}$

Icelandair Magnusson Award

This young team's research project into the Highland games was commended for its practicality and for its close links both with the business interests of Icelandair and with Magnus Magnusson's passion for world cultures- particularly Celtic.

GCU applauds alumni achievers



IN THIS CRYSTAL ANNIVERSARY YEAR, the University is delighted to

the University is delighted to announce the first winners of the Alumni Achievement Awards, celebrating the success of our former students.

The awards, presented at our Alumni Crystal Ball in April 2008, are in recognition of graduates who have excelled in their chosen profession, have made exceptional

contributions to society, the community, the arts, humanitarian issues, or charitable work.

These alumni, from diverse and fascinating backgrounds, provide excellent role models for current students and we are immensely proud of them. In future issues of Caledonian+ we will feature the winners and their exceptional achievements.

2008 GCU ALUMNI ACHIEVERS ARE:

DR ANDREW MCLAUGHLIN

BA (Hons) Social Sciences, 1990

Director, Economics and Corporate Affairs and Group Chief Economist for the Royal Bank of Scotland Group (RBS).

MAURA BUCHANAN

BA Nursing Studies, 1987

Royal College of Nursing (RCN) President

HELEN MACKECHNIE

BA (Hons) Food Product Design, 2001

Owner/Founder of Oban Chocolate Factory

SEAN TRACEY

BA (Hons) Social Sciences. 1990

Chief Executive of Powerleague Group

CATRIONA KERR

BSc (Hons) Health Studies, 1999

AIDS AFRICA, a charity that helps AIDS sufferers in Africa

PAULINE CHABINGA

BSc (Hons) Health Studies, 1999

MSc Health Studies, 2001

 $\ensuremath{\mathsf{AIDS}}$ AFRICA, a charity that helps $\ensuremath{\mathsf{AIDS}}$ sufferers in $\ensuremath{\mathsf{Africa}}$

DAVID SIBBALD

HND Applied Physics with IT & Electronics, 1983 DTech, Doctor of Technology, 2004

Founder and Chairman of Sumerian Networks UNICEF UK Vice President for Scotland

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Getting women on site



JANEY MILLIGAN HAS LECTURED AT GLASGOW CALEDONIAN UNIVERSITY FOR THE LAST 10

YEARS. She is joint manager of GCU's widely recognised Adjudication Reporting Centre (ARC), researching trends in adjudication and

providing regular reports to the industry.

Having spent her entire career in the construction industry, Janey now runs her own business, Construction Dispute Resolution, and is chair of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (RICS) in Scotland. As the first woman to hold this position, she is promoting the drive to improve the construction industry's track record in the recruitment and retention of women.

Janey is keen to point out that members of the RICS can follow a wide variety of career paths. "The image that chartered surveying is all about dirty building sites and portakabins is one that has to be dismissed," she says.

Equally important, in her eyes, is the issue of flexible working practices. "In reality, flexibility in employment benefits everyone, but women in particular often feel that work in construction is not compatible with caring and other family responsibilities," she says. She sees this perception as a drain on the industry and fears that it potentially rules out a significant proportion of the working population. Nor does it make sense for employers who have to start from scratch with a new employee. "Retaining someone you have already invested in training is surely more profitable," she points out. "The sector needs to revisit its image and employment strategy." For more information, visit

www.adjudication.gcal.ac.uk.

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GLASGOW CALEDONIAN UNIVERSITY HAS BEATEN OFF WORLD-WIDE COMPETITION

to establish a prestigious research partnership with Shell to develop new and dynamic approaches to learning in the workplace.

The partnership will help Shell address key challenges such as demographic change and graduate training through close integration of formal and informal learning approaches. The Caledonian team is led by Caledonian Academy director Professor Allison Littlejohn, with Dr Anoush Margaryan (lecturer in learning technology) and Dr Colin Milligan (research fellow). The partnership was launched at Shell's learning centre in the Netherlands in March where Professor Mike Smith, Pro Vice Chancellor for Research, presented a speech outlining the value of the partnership to Caledonian and Shell by collaboratively researching and progressing learning innovation.

The research partnership centres on the concept of collective knowledge. The concept is based on the unique idea of learners charting their own exclusive learning pathways and tapping into collective knowledge using new and emerging technologies.

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Charting lets individuals set their own learning paths, determine their own goals and tasks, assess their current knowledge and develop a plan of action to achieve their goals. In charting, individuals take advantage of the collective knowledge within the organisation and beyond. Individuals can contribute their own knowledge and experiences to the collective by using a range of Web2.0 technologies, social networks and blogs. Sharing collective knowledge will help maximise the speed and effectiveness of learning for Shell employees around the world. Allison explains: "Imagine employees at Shell learning on the job through solving a work related problem. Their learning will be most effective if technologies can point them to places where they can find interested experts or useful learning resources using tools similar to recommender systems in Amazon. Technologies can even reuse other peoples' activity patterns or learning trails to help others find ways of solving problems. These charting processes and tools could help make learning more effective, not only in companies but in universities as well".



SPOTLIGHT ON: THE CALEDONIAN ACADEMY GCU has to be at the forefront of learning innovation' says Professor Allison Littlejohn, director of the Caledonian Academy. The Academy is ensuring a secure future for the University through investigating new ideas on innovative forms of learning that can be em-bedded across the curriculum. The Academy was launched in October last year, aiming to research pioneering approaches to learning and teaching and to work in partnership with colleagues in schools so they can embed new ideas into their practice. The Academy supports the University's aim to develop pioneering and creative forms of learning for students both in Scotland and further afield. Allison says: 'The Academy is truly the first of its kind in the UK. No other university holds the ambitious aim of linking research with practice across the entire organisation. It's a challenging and demanding concept with potentially huge spin-offs for GCU' The Caledonian Academy also incorporates the Real World, an actionbased research initiative which aims to prepare GCU students to for the workplace and Moving Forward, an innovative scheme aiming to improve progression and transition at GCU.

SPOTLIGHT ON RESEARCH AND INNOVATION SERVICES

IN THE PAST DECADE THE UNIVERSITY HAS developed its research base to become the leading

post-92 institution in Scotland. However, for its academics and researchers, who simply want to focus on the job, that could mean finding themselves increasingly tied up in red tape. That's where the University's Research and Innovation Services team comes in. The department was set up in 2000 to support the development of research activity and help the wealth of applied research, knowledge and innovation built up in the University get beyond the campus walls and into the outside world.

Before helping to establish the team in 2000, the department's director, Professor John Marshall, was himself an active researcher in higher education and latterly in the corporate sector, so he understands all too well the difficulties in research management, securing funding and delivering project outcomes.

Says John: "I've done the practical side, from academic research to industrial product and process development.

I appreciate that people often don't understand the increasingly

complex external regulatory and commercial environment researchers now have to operate in. We are here to support academic research by "joining things up" across the University.



Before the department was established there was no research support. Now we seek to proactively solve any of the problems academics might encounter and make the whole process simpler, and engage with the whole cycle of research activity, not just filling in the application forms."

The team – a "one-stop-shop for research knowledge transfer" – can offer advice on accessing funding: guiding staff through the University's internal grant application submission procedures and

accessing research council, charity, government, EU or private sector funds by helping match ideas to funding priorities, support on-line grant application submissions, full economic costing or constructing a research agreement.

It is also helping to meet the University's key objective to increase income generation from external sources through, building relationships and highlighting the value of its research to external clients as well as developing and negotiating practical commercial contacts, delivering staff research and innovation development workshops and helping identity and protect intellectual property. John adds: "We are happy to come to see people and try to help solve problems, whether internal or external. Staff shouldn't worry about how they re going to do something. Think about what you want to do and we can help with the rest."

WINNING GRANT APPROVAL RECENTLY WERE:

- Dr Chris Bartholomew, of the School of Life Sciences. who has been awarded funding by Leukemia Research Fund to investigate EVI1 isoform expression and knockdown in chronic myeloid leukemia;
- Professor John Stewart, of the School of Law and Social Science, who has Welcome Trust funding to develop a seminar series on urban health in the 19th and 20th centuries;
- Dr Jain Cameron, of the Division of Construction Management and Economics, who has been awarded funding by Construction Skills to explore worker engagement tools for non-English speaking workers in constructions;
- Professor Barbara Parfitt, of the School of Nursing, Midwifery and Community Health, who has been awarded funding by the Scottish Government to prepare a proposal for building a capacity for healthcare in the community South Africa.

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The Crystal Football Tournament saw over 60 participants thrashing it out in teams comprising alumni, staff and students. An enthralling final saw the Provisionals (alumni and students) beat the MPR Expats (current and ex-staff) by 3-2 in a last gasp strike. PowerLeague, whose Chief Executive, Sean Tracey, graduated from the University in 1990, sponsored the 5-aside event.













an audience with

Two special events were held during our Crystal Celebration week

IS THERE A FUTURE FOR NEWSPAPERS? **Visiting Professor Brian Wilson**

Will the internet be the death of newspapers? Many of Glasgow and the West Scotland's editors and journalists came to listen to Brian Wilson address this issue, in the first of two lectures to mark Glasgow Caledonian University's Crystal Anniversary. Wilson, who as a young man helped launch the West Highland Free Press, stressed that the industry must adapt to the changes forced upon it by the plethora of online information services now available.



From 1997 to 2003, Wilson served as a Minister of State at the Scottish Office, the Department of Trade and Industry and the Foreign Office. During his second of two stints at the DTI, he was given the energy portfolio. Swapping Whitehall for the lecture theatre, October sees him take up his post at GCU's Business School, teaching on such topics as journalism, media writing, political communication and media ethics. He will also deliver the first in a proposed series of annual lectures open to the public.

PHILANTHROPY UNCOVERED

Sir Tom Hunter

Sir Tom Hunter is an entrepreneur and philanthropist, and Scotland's first billionaire. In 1984, he founded Sports Division, building it into a major retail chain and selling it 14 years later to JJB Sports, making over £250 million. In 1998, he and his wife Marion established The Hunter Foundation, which has donated millions to educational and entrepreneurial projects, including the Make Poverty History campaign and the Live 8 concerts. In 2005, he received a knighthood



for "services to Philanthropy and to Entrepreneurship in Scotland". Sir Tom's talk ranged across his life since Sports Division: working in Africa alongside Bill Clinton and projects in Rwanda and Malawi. He spoke of the importance of education and its role in empowering children and in his belief that people should be helped to become self-sufficient rather than dependent on aid. Following his presentation to a sell out audience. **Chancellor Lord Gus Macdonald** interviewed him and chaired a question an answer session

medical teaching schools transferred to the college. A number of degree courses were approved, the first being a BSc in Dietetics, with degrees in catering and hospitality management joining the phalanx of subjects on offer. Running in tandem with The Queen's College during the 70s and 80s, the Glasgow College of Technology, opened in 1971. 1991 saw the College become Glasgow Polytechnic, subscribing fully to the policy of wider access. In 1993, Glasgow Caledonian University was born out of the merger between Glasgow Polytechnic and Queens College. SINCE THEN, £45 MILLION HAS BEEN INVESTED IN the university's facilities to make it, in the words of principal, Pamela Gillies, "one of the Scotland's most dynamic, innovative and forward-looking universities". GCU has come a long way since 1875. Its virtual hospital, the Saltire Centre and high-tech learning facilities testify that its commitment to progress and the modern age remains no less central to its philosophy.

In researching this anniversary feature, Caledonian+ would like to thank the University's archivist and

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GLASGOW CALEDONIAN UNIVERSITY HAS A DIVERSE ANCESTRY, and can trace its family tree back to

The Glasgow School of Cookery, which opened its doors in 1876. Glasgow, like most of Britain's cities at that

time, was groaning under the strain of the industrial age. Advances in science and hygiene technologies

Original plans to fund evening cookery classes for working women with daytime courses for middleclass young ladies failed. Maybe the women were too tired from their jobs or they distrusted the new ideas. Undaunted, the School set out to promote culinary education within the city's board schools. Meanwhile, Margaret Black, a former teacher at The Glasgow School, founded The West End School of Cookery, offering diplomas in cookery, housewifery and laundry, with certificates to housewives, housekeepers and cooks.

The modern University's tradition of forming links with the wider community hails from this era. In 1888 The Glasgow School of Cookery managed a tearoom at the Glasgow International Exhibition. This venture generated enough profits to help run the school for some years. In 1908, the two schools merged to become The Glasgow and West of Scotland College of Domestic Science, a mouthful that soon became simply the

DURING THE FIRST WORLD WAR, the College offered catering advice and training to the military and civil

authorities, and ran public demonstrations on how to cook on rations and cope with the food shortages.

Inter-war years saw the school turn its attention towards dietetics and electricity. Courses developed for

trained nurses and those wanting to become dieticians, and included subjects such as physiology, hygiene,

before, it specialised in home economics, dietetics and institutional management. This curriculum

broadened in 1975 when the college became The Queen's College, Glasgow. Over the next two decades,

Following the Second World War, when the school operated in a similar advisory capacity as it had

spurred the city's philanthropists to try and tackle the problems of poor nutrition.

'Dough School', a moniker it carried for almost ninety years.

biology and bacteriology along with cookery, laundry and some book keeping.

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In time, both establishments became responsible for training teachers in domestic economy.

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1875 School of Cookery

1878 West End School of Cookery established established

1908

Cookery schools merged to become Glasgow and West of Scotland College of Domestic Science or 'Dough School' (Do.) 1944

HRH The Princess Elizabeth became patroness

1971

Glasgow College of Technology established

1975

'Dough School' became The Queen's College, Glasgow

1980s

Queen's College absorbed a number of medical schools, including physiotherapy, orthoptics, radiography and chiropody.

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David







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INTERESTING FACT:

Prime Minister Gordon Brown taught politics at the University, when it was still Glasgow College of Technology, before being elected as an MP.

INTERESTING FACT:

Grace Paterson, the driving force behind the establishment of the Glasgow School of Cookery, was a noted early feminist and pioneer of women's political and educational rights.

INTERESTING FACT:

In 1930 "an electrical experimental switchboard" was opened at the college, the first practice switchboard installed in Scotland. By 1937 electricity figured predominately in its 24 kitchens, five laundries, 14 sewing rooms. residences and model flat.

INTERESTING FACT:

Andrew Craig found himself an object of curiosity when he became the school's first full time male academic in the late 1960's.

INTERESTING FACT:

In 1979, in response to the burgeoning feminist movement, Queen's College student David Hume broke with tradition to represent the college in a city-wide beauty pagent.

INTERESTING FACT:

In July 1996 the University gave Nelson Mandela its highest honour - an honorary doctorate - at a ceremony in Buckingham Palace. It was one of eight Universities to do so and the only Scottish

THE UNIVERSITY'S HISTORY SPANS WELL OVER A CENTURY

of rapid change, from an era immersed in the industrial age to the technological modern day. An exhibition in April depicting the styles and attitudes current during different decades gave an insight into the lives of those who studied at the University and its forerunners.

By telling the story of the past, the exhibition aimed to give today's students a sense of the University's heritage prior to 1993 and alumni a feeling of belonging and continuity. It also gave the wider community a reason to visit the institution they see every day but may know little about. Thanks must go to Carole McCallum from the Archive Department for her painstaking work in putting the exhibition together.

For more information about GCU's past, visit www.gcal.ac.uk/archives.



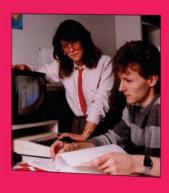




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Glasgow College of **Technology** became Glasgow Polytechnic



Glasgow Polytechnic merged with Queen's College to become **Glasgow Caledonian University**

1995

Britannia building opened. **GCU** awarded Nursing Education **Contract for Greater Glasgow**

Established The Caledonian College of Engineering in Oman.

2001

Park Campus sold to University of Glasgow

First Scottish Centre for Work Based Learning launched

Saltire Centre opened

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OF COLLEGE LIFE 50 YEARS AGO?

Myra Hunter studied for her Group 1 Diploma in Teaching at, what was then, the Glasgow and West of Scotland College of Domestic Science from 1954-57. Her timetable included cookery, laundry, housewifery, needlework and teaching. While the Park Drive site catered for all University of Strathclyde's teaching faculty, provided the teaching Management Association course cooked all the food served. component.

ately call, The Dough School are second nature.

While cookery took priority, housewifery also featured highly, of the resident student bedrooms, with teachers running a fastidious Upstairs/Downstairs lines. finger along skirtings and mantles.

would cost, prepare and serve that day's assignment. Whether they were meeting last year to celebrate their 50th.



SPRING 1957

Back row: S Furguson; S Loudon; M Sugrue; S Fergusson Front Row: Myra Hunter; P. Boreadfoot; C. Bryson; M Goodwin; B Foley

HOW MUCH WOULD TODAY'S GCU STUDENTS RECOGNISE making lentil soup or apple dumplings, everything had to pass under the critical eve of the lecturer.

> At all times, students had to wear their grey, nurses-style uniform with stiff collars and cuffs, covering their starched aprons with another one when cooking or washing up so as to stay neat.

When the bell rang at 12.50pm, everyone, staff and students alike, the core skills, Jordanhill College, whose fine buildings now house the trooped into the refectory for lunch. Students on the Institutional

In the afternoons, a further practical or theory class took place Much was expected of the students, with trainees learning to before students left for the day at 4pm. Sometimes, in keeping with exacting standards far more than they'd ever need in the classroom. its early traditions, the college opened its door to the public for Even today, many of the skills Myra learned at, what many affection- demonstrations. Students perched on the back rows to watch their lecturers educate the audience in the finer points of, say, baking.

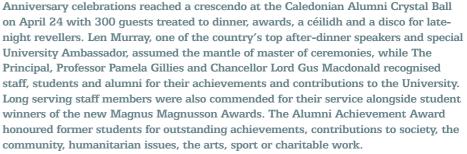
Most fun, Myra remembers, were the residential weeks, where six covering the management and practice of all the different tasks a students would take over a flat within the college to show that they housewife had to fit into her day. Myra even remembers cleaning some could run it like a home, despite being organised along rather Victorian,

Student life was very different in those days, with most people The day began with registration. Then, as often as not, girls had to living at home with their parents and travelling in. Yet Myra says she has be ready in their uniforms in the kitchens at 9.30am sharp. Sometimes kept up with all her classmates, including one from Guyana. Every single working in pairs – this was the 50s after all and money was tight – they year since graduating, they have gathered for a reunion, with 12 of them



AFTERNOON TEA 2007

L-R: C (Bryson) McFarlane; Myra Hunter; E (Maguire) Power; S (Ferguson) Macleod; M (Goodwin) Cunningham; S (Loudon) Herold; M Pollard; G (Mason) Stewart; N (Taylor) Caldwell; E (Nairn) Blair; Front: W (McLees) Tawil.















afternoon tea

The University community was delighted to welcome some 250 alumni from the Dough School who met in the Saltire Centre for a special afternoon tea hosted by the University. Guests were entertained by a student speaker and the University choir. Tea and cakes were served while alumni caught up with each other and rebuilt lost links.







FUNDING FOR HIGHER EDUCATION has changed over the past 20 years, so institutions must now seek new markets and sources of support to thrive. Colin's role involves developing the infrastructure necessary for the University to build a sustainable, philanthropic programme, in keeping with its status as a registered charity, and to market this programme to the wider world.

GCU needs to be different from other, more traditional institutions to compete for funding and applicants. And it is. Across Britain, almost 50% of young people are now entering post-school education. GCU attracts many first generation students from communities where the uptake can be a little as 5%.

The University's objectives flow from this social agenda, touching many lives through its programmes. GCU trains a staggering 25% of Scotland's health professionals - in every discipline except medicine itself. Benefits extend abroad too, through programmes such as the Malaysian diabetes and African midwives projects. The University is seeking more partners to build on these successes.

Part of what makes GCU distinctive is the applied nature of its courses, which is where alumni can play a vital role. The University and its students need employers to provide scholarships, placements, work and research programmes. Many alumni act as mentors to existing students and are great ambassadors, helping the University build links with industry.

GCU's development programme focuses on people, not buildings. It strives

to strengthen its academic community, increase the number of scholarships and bursaries available and facilitate the international exchange of people and ideas. Colin wants to engage past students in the work and direction of the University and welcome alumni from its heritage back into the fold.

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A GROWING NUMBER OF GCU ALUMNI

are now based in Taiwan. Links with the island nation have grown stronger due to the popularity of the MSc International Fashion Marketing course. A big hit with the Taiwanese, many graduates go on to work and make a name for themselves in the lucrative. yet highly competitive, fashion industry.

Representatives from the Caledonian Business School have visited Taiwan frequently to build relationships with alumni and strengthen existing connections. Karinna Nobbs, lecturer in Fashion Marketing said, "The students really miss Glasgow and are interested in hearing stories about the University and news about Scotland. They sometimes ask me to bring products from Scotland that they cannot get in Taiwan and I am more than happy to do so."

Fashion MSc International students rate suits Taiwan GCU the best

GLASGOW CALEDONIAN UNIVERSITY'S INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS have

the best experience in the UK and second best in the world, according to independent research specialists i-graduate.org.

The survey measures international students' satisfaction with every aspect of their University experience: learning, living, support and arrival. GCU was rated top in the UK in every category, and rated significantly better than the Scotland, UK and worldwide averages in every category. A stellar result indeed!

Professor Graham Galbraith, the university's Pro Vice-Chancellor (International) expressed delight at the results. "Our staff work hard to deliver a great student experience and it is

encouraging that investments in our award-winning Saltire Centre, multi-faith provision and student support services are having a positive impact."

Margaret Ward, International Student Advisor for the University, added: "First impressions are very important. Students have to feel and know that when they arrive, we are here to help and support them achieve their potential and enjoy their student experience."

More than 80 universities took part in the survey, and included for the first time institutions from the USA and Europe. GCU was ranked second worldwide within a field of institutions that included Glasgow, Edinburgh, Oxford, Cambridge, Imperial, Queens University Belfast and Yale.

WHY WE ARE NUMBER ONE FOR INTERNATIONAL **EXPERIENCE:**

Expert lecturers (89% positive), Quality learning spaces (96% positive), Course content and assessment (92% positive), Teaching and research (92% positive) Location and transport links (94% positive). The rating for life in Glasgow and Scotland was also high; 92% said Glasgow is a good place to stay

Caledonians continue to serve the community

THANKS TO THE EFFORTS OF A **DEDICATED GROUP OF STUDENTS**, The Caledonian College of Engineering in Oman is celebrating the success of raising RO. 7000 (£9000) at a charity fair for the Al-Noor Society

for the blind.

Running in its third year, the charity fair on campus attracted hundreds of people from the local and surrounding area to a host of cultural and family attractions.

Students, with the help of alumni and staff, were the main organisers of this memorable event.

Professor Frank McIntosh, Principal and Dean of the college, commended the students for their remarkable accomplishments and their continual support for local charities.

Constructing a lifelong connection



LITTLE DID GORDON CUNNINGHAM

KNOW when he graduated from Glasgow Caledonian University in 1995 to pursue his career as a quantity surveyor that his first job would be on the refurbishment of one of his old lecture rooms in the Hamish Wood Building on city campus.

Since then, the University has continued to play an important part in Gordon's life and in the fortunes of Clark Contracts, the Paisley-based construction firm where he is now Managing Director. "I am always pleased when I come back and see how the campus has developed. You cannot fail to be impressed when you look at the facilities like the Continuing Professional Development Centre, which we worked on last year."

By far the most enduring connection between the firm and the University is Clark Contracts' recruitment policy. Every year, former students return to talk to students about what it's like to work and study at Clark Contracts. "Rather than send in the HR people, I think the students enjoy hearing directly from their peers about their experience of the industry and what it's like to work at here," Gordon says.

One such student is Ally Kay, who decided that he liked what he heard and joined the firm on a placement. He is now in his second year of the four-year course and keeps his links with Clark Contracts strong by working there when he is not studying and during his holidays. "I knew that the company has a flat

management structure but I didn't expect Gordon to have his desk in the main open plan office and to play in our football team. That's typical of how the company is, there is no obvious hierarchy. If you can do the job and understand the customers' philosophy, you will get on."

Around 15 per cent of Clark Contracts' staff are either current or former students of GCU. Gordon describes it as an 'academy', where progression and success are there for the taking if you show promise and dedication to your career.

He believes that many of the graduates could become senior members of the team.

CLARK CONTRACTS SPONSOR THE ANNUAL "TOP LEVEL 3 CONSTRUCTION TECHNOLOGY STUDENT" AWARD AT GLASGOW CALEDONIAN UNIVERSITY.

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Librarian of the Year

PHYLL SMITH HAS BEEN AWARDED the Librarian of the Year by the Museums, Libraries and Archives Council (MLA). Phyll studied Information Management Systems in 1993 and is now library assistant for North East Lincolnshire Library Service where he has been working for the past year. "While many of the teenagers coming into the library for the first time, aspire to nothing more than being leaders of the local gang or reality TV stars, with our help and time they may soon aspire to be directors, gardeners, students or teachers. In the meantime the constant stream of youngsters wanting to be library assistants shows we're doing something, however incremental, towards that."



iCafe Expands

BUSINESS GRADUATE AND YOUNG ENTREPRENEUR, UMER ASHRAF, is set to build on his growing coffee house empire. Owner of the highly successful iCafe chain of coffee houses on Gibson Street and Great Western Road, Umer already has plans for a third café in four years.

Umer started iCafe in August 2004 after he graduated from Glasgow Caledonian University. His goal was to offer products and services that global giants such as Starbucks did not, while providing excellent service with great food in a very modern and elegant environment. Reflecting on his time at the University, Umer says: "One of my biggest assets is my University course notes. We once did a case study about vehicle manufacturer Ford. It was studies like that which I found really inspirational." The newest branch of iCafe is due to open in June on Argyll Street in Finnieston. "I am also looking at two sites for a possible fourth iCafe, and then, next year, I will be looking at franchising and opening iCafe in other cities." Look out Starbucks and Costa!



Basketball Champion



BRIAN MCCOTTER IS CELEBRATING after the

Newcastle Eagles clinched the British Basketball League (BBL) title for the second time in three seasons. The new BBL Champions took the title from the Guildford Heat, on their rival's floor, with an amazing 101-108 overtime win. Brian, who plays guard for the Eagles, graduated from GCU with a BSc in Optometry in 2006. "Winning the title is such a big accomplishment. I am over the moon and happy for all the guys who have put in a lot of work this season."

Brian played basketball during his time at GCU, and was appointed convenor of the basketball club for three years. "I had a great time playing at Caley, " he said. He has recently been made honorary president of Glasgow Caledonian University Sports Association (GCUSA)".

The Business spotlight section celebrates the achievements of our alumni who have shown entrepreneurial acumen in successfully establishing their own businesses.



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YEAR OF GRADUATION: 2001

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YEAR OF GRADUATION: 2000

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COURSE: Food Product Design & Management

YEAR OF GRADUATION: 2002 (Alumni Achievement Award 2008)

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A Snapshot of Our Times

THE PRINCIPAL, PROFESSOR PAMELA GILLIES AND JORDAN MARTINDALE,

President of the Student Association, buried a time capsule on the campus to mark the University's Crystal Anniversary. Packed with memorabilia encapsulating life at the university, the capsule should offer a fascinating glimpse into 2008 when it is opened in 35 years' time. Various schools and departments, the Students' Association, the nursery and the Arc contributed to the contents, which include: prospectuses, Students' Association literature posters and tickets for Crystal Week events, the week's No 1 single and album, handprints created by the nursery children, a campus map, disks from the Saltire Centre and Caledonian Creates, featuring a wealth of innovative designs created by students and staff, a memory stick of images taken over the year, a university mug and Students' Association water bottle, a Cally teddy bear, an Arc body warmer and a university T-shirt, photographs of Glasgow in 2008, a shield emblazoned with the University's motto, 'for the common weal', and a letter.





STUDENT LEADER AWARDS

Awards recognise extra-curricula work

ALUN MYERS TOOK THIS YEAR'S CALEDONIAN STUDENT OF THE YEAR

PRIZE in a ceremony on 17 March attended by The Principal, Professor Pamela Gillies, Professor Caroline MacDonald, Pro Vice-Chancellor for Teaching and Learning, and current Student Association President Jordan Martindale.

The Student Leaders Programme, run by the Students' Association and the University, accredits students for their involvement and achievements during their time at GCU. Alun won the award for his work on student campaigns and the swimming team, among other projects. He also won the gold category, with Wendy Paton and Kapilan Radhakrishnan winning silver and bronze respectively.

The programme has been running for three years. Initially, only Students' Association volunteers could partake, but now GOALS students, Student Mentors



FROM L TO R: KAPILAN RADHAKRISHAN, STEVE REA, GILLIAN VESCO, JORDAN MARTINDALE, PRINCIPAL PAMELA GILLIES, ALUN MYRES AND WENDY PATON.

and those who volunteer through the Psychology Voluntary Work and Mentoring Scheme are eligible. This year, 143 students managed to complete the programme, up from 95 last year. In 2006 the award was won by Elaine Bruce and, in 2007, by Adam Bisset.

Hockey and Rugby qualify for BUSA Knockouts

GCU MEN'S RUGBY CLUB qualified for this year's British Universities Sports Association, (BUSA) Vase competition after finishing second in Scottish Division 3A. The team beat Salford University in the second round 16-0 away from home, before losing to Robert Gordon 14-5. This caps a great year for the club, winning six of nine games in the league. The Women's Hockey Club maintained it's place in Scottish Division 1A by winning twice and drawing two out of eight games. The club qualified for the BUSA Trophy competition but was beaten away from home by Newcastle University 5-3 in a foggy encounter on the Tyne.

Karate Championships at Caledonian

THE ARC HOSTED THIS YEAR'S SCOTTISH UNIVERSITIES KARATE CHAMPIONSHIP on Saturday April 26. Hosted by the University for the third year, the event attracted more than a hundred students from all over Scotland. Kirsty Hair, a second year Business Information Management student coordinated this hugely successfully event.

POLE VAULT GOLD

CLAIRE KENNEDY, A FOURTH-YEAR PHYSIOTHERAPY

STUDENT, has won the British Universities Indoor Pole Vault Championship. The event was part of the British Universities Championships held in Sheffield from the March 13-16 2008. Claire vaulted a personal best of 3.4m to take the gold. This is the first time a GCU student has won a BUSA pole vault event. Congratulations Claire!

FOOTBALL SUCCESS

Caledonian College of Engineering, Oman

THE CALEDONIAN COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING FOOTBALL TEAM team is celebrating success at the Triangular Football Tournament in Oman. The team finished runner-up in a tightly contested tournament, and are currently training for the inter-college football championships. The college has so far reached the quarter-finals, and coach Yunus Al Fahdi, an alumnus himself, is confident that the team will go all the way to the finals. In further football news, the college's annual inter-department league tournament was won by the Electronic and Computer Engineering Department after a record number of teams entered the league.



THE WINNERS OF THE INTER-DEPARTMENT LEAGUE TOURNAMENT IN OMAN RECEIVE THEIR TROPHY.

SPORTS AVVARDS ATHLETICS COME FIRST

THE 12TH ANNUAL SPORTS AWARDS BALL was held at Glasgow Royal Concert Hall on Saturday April 5. More than 200 students, including guest of honour, former Scottish international rugby player, John Beattie, attended the event. The awards honour

the achievements of the University's most talented athletes, all of whom train and compete at the highest level in their chosen sports, as well as follow their academic studies.

This year Craig Ruddy, a second year physiotherapy student, won the prestigious Sports Person of the Year Award for his involvement in athletics. Other notable winners were: Tim Hamlet (Coach of the Year); 1st Netball (Team of the Year); and swimming (Club of the Year).

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GORDON SMITH

Gordon Smith started playing professional football for Ayrshire in 1972. In 1977 he signed for Rangers, where he had an outstanding career with the team, winning the League, Scottish Cup and League Cup in his first season followed by a League Cup and Scottish Cup his next. He moved south in 1980 to Brighton and Hove Albion, then in the top division, and played in the FA Cup Final. Later in his career he featured for Manchester City, Oldham Athletic, Admira Wacker, Basel and Stirling Albion. Today, a recent poll in World Football magazine named him the 65th most influential person in the global game, one place below David Beckham.

COURSE: BA Business Studies **YEAR OF GRADUATION:** 1977

CURRENT POSITION: Chief Executive, Scottish FA

WHY DID YOU CHOOSE GLASGOW CALEDONIAN UNIVERSITY AND YOUR PARTICULAR COURSE?

My mother saw the advert in a newspaper and applied on my behalf.

WHAT DID YOU ENJOY MOST ABOUT LIFE AT THE UNIVERSITY?

I enjoyed meeting new friends and being in a classroom where there was a much more relaxed environment than school. Unbelievably, they even let people smoke during lectures!

DID YOU BELONG TO ANY CLUBS OR SOCIETIES AT UNIVERSITY? WHICH ONES?

I didn't have time for clubs or societies. At that time I lived in Ayrshire and was a professional footballer, training at least two nights a week, but I would loved to have had the opportunity to be involved.

BEST MEMORY?

That would have to be winning the annual 5-a-side tournament. It brought our course, the BA Business Studies, to everyone's attention.

WORST MEMORY?

I had to miss some final exams in the second year because I was playing for Scotland U23s in Romania in a European qualifier. I was away for a week and was asked to sit the exams I had missed the day after my return!

DID ANY MEMBER OF STAFF HAVE A LASTING INFLUENCE ON YOU?

I found all the lecturers interesting and approachable unlike many of the school teachers I had experienced.



WHAT WOULD YOU SAY TO SOMEONE CURRENTLY CONSIDERING ENROLLING AT THE UNIVERSITY?

There's always a fear of the unknown, but your fellow initiates will feel the same. You have to see the course and qualification as part of your life plan or else your motivation will be insufficient.

GREATEST ACHIEVEMENT PROFESSIONALLY?

To have played football at the highest level in four countries.

WHAT SINGLE WORD SUMS UP YOUR UNIVERSITY EXPERIENCE?

Challenging

APART FROM FOOTBALL WHAT ARE YOUR INTERESTS?

I enjoy reading (not novels), theatre, music, tennis and golf.

WHAT WOULD YOU NOT LEAVE YOUR HOUSE WITHOUT? My phone.

IF YOU COULD LIVE IN ANY CITY ON THE WORLD, WHERE WOULD IT BE?

Lugano in Switzerland or Stockholm

SO FAR TO DATE, WHAT HAS BEEN YOUR GREATEST ACHIEVEMENT PERSONALLY?

Being part of an immediate family that I love, trust and enjoy being with.



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