

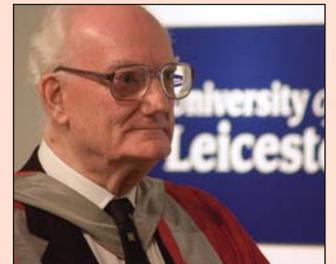
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NEW CHANCELLOR INSTALLED AT LEICESTER CEREMONY



*Top: Sir Peter Williams, new Chancellor of the University, is congratulated by the Vice-Chancellor Professor Robert Burgess. Seated to his right is Pro-Chancellor, Mr John Foster.
Honorary Graduates from left to right: Dame Stephanie Shirley, Doctor of Laws, Sir Peter Mansfield, Doctor of Science, Professor Ken Pounds, Doctor of Science and Professor Bryan Magee, Doctor of Letters.*



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NEW CHANCELLOR INSTALLED AT LEICESTER CEREMONY

► Eminent physicist Sir Peter Williams, who has worked in both academia and industry, was installed as the new Chancellor of the University of Leicester on 12 December, in a ceremony that also honoured four other people for their contributions to business, academic life and science.

Sir Peter Williams, CBE, FREng, FRS, is the University's fifth Chancellor, succeeding from Sir Michael Atiyah, OM, FRS who served as Chancellor for ten years before stepping down earlier this year.

Trained as a physicist with an MA and PhD from Cambridge, Sir Peter initially pursued an academic career at Cambridge and Imperial College, where he was a lecturer in the Department of Chemical Engineering and Chemical Technology from 1970-75.

In 1975, he left Imperial College to join VG Instruments, a high technology manufacturer of scientific

instruments, where he became Deputy Group Managing Director. He then joined Oxford Instruments (the first spin-off company of Oxford University) in 1982 and became its Chief Executive and then Chairman before retiring in 1999.

He is Chairman of the UK's Engineering and Technology Board, the Advisory Council on Mathematics Education (ACME) and of the National Physical Laboratory. In addition, he is a non-executive director of GKN plc, where he chairs the Audit Committee, and of W.S. Atkins plc.

Previously, Sir Peter was Master of St. Catherine's College, Oxford, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the National Museum of Science & Industry (1996-2002), President of the Institute of Physics (2000-2002) and President of the British Association for the Advancement of Science (2003). He is a Fellow of the Royal Society and of the Royal Academy of Engineering.

In 1986 Sir Peter won the Guardian Young Businessman of the Year award. He was awarded the CBE in 1992 and was knighted in 1998. He has received honorary degrees from nine universities, including, in 1995, the University of Leicester.

During the 1990s when he served as Chair of the Particle Physics and Astronomy Research Council (PPARC) he worked closely with Professor Ken Pounds, PPARC's first Chief Executive Officer and a member of the University's Department of Physics and Astronomy.

Vice-Chancellor of the University of Leicester Professor Robert Burgess commented:

"We are delighted to welcome such an acclaimed physicist as Sir Peter Williams as Chancellor of the University. His contributions to industry, academia and to the education and training of young scientists are well-known and we are looking forward to working with him."



Sir Peter Williams addresses the congregation. Seated is the Registrar and Secretary, Mr Keith Julian.

The ceremony at the Richard Attenborough Centre included an organ recital by Mark Batten and music from the University Brass Ensemble conducted by Kieran O'Riordan. Among the music to be played was Dance Fanfare by the University's Director of Music, Anthony Pither. 📍

HONORARY DEGREES

► Professor Bryan Magee (Doctor of Letters)

Born in London in 1930, Professor Bryan Magee attended Keble College, Oxford. He was President of the Oxford Union in 1953 and was awarded his MA in 1956. His academic career has included a year at Yale as the Henry Fellow in Philosophy and a lectureship at Balliol College, Oxford 1970-71. He has held visiting fellowships at a number of Oxford and Cambridge Colleges, has been a visiting scholar around the world, including at Harvard and at Sydney University, and was German Marshall Fund Fellow to the USA in 1989. He has also had a successful political career, serving as a Labour Member of Parliament for Leyton, from 1974 to 1982, and then as a Social Democrat Party Member of Parliament, from 1982

to 1983. A further dimension to his career has been in the world of the arts, media and journalism. He has been a theatre critic for The Listener and a regular columnist with The Times as well as a member of the Arts Council. He has broadcast his own series both on radio and on television: 'Conversations with Philosophers' and 'What's the Big Idea?' (BBC Radio 3); and 'Men of Ideas' and 'The Great Philosophers' (BBC TV 2) and was awarded the Silver Medal of the Royal Television Society in 1978. He has served philosophy on many different levels: by making original contributions (through his published articles and his book 'On Blindness'); by scholarship (for example in his book 'The Philosophy of Schopenhauer'); by teaching; and by popularisation through his television series.

► Sir Peter Mansfield (Doctor of Science)

The son of a gas-fitter, Sir Peter Mansfield, was born in London in 1933. He left school at 15 to work as a printer's assistant, but resumed study at night school after National Service. He went on to study Physics at Queen Mary College, University of London, and was awarded a BSc in 1959 and a PhD in 1962. He pursued an academic career, firstly at the University of Illinois and subsequently at the University of Nottingham. He also spent a year as a Senior Visitor at the Max Planck Institute für Medizinische Forschung in Heidelberg. He was appointed Professor of Physics at the University of Nottingham in 1979 and remained there until retirement in 1994. His work in the field of magnetic resonance has led

to applications in medical imaging, improving diagnostic techniques and replacing several invasive methods of examination, thereby reducing risk and discomfort to patients. His outstanding achievements have resulted in numerous awards. These include: the Gold Medal of the Society of Magnetic Resonance in Medicine in 1983, the Royal Society Wellcome Foundation Gold Medal in 1984, the Duddell Medal and Prize of the Institute of Physics in 1988, a joint award of the Royal Society Mullard Medal and prize in 1990 and the International Society of Magnetic Resonance prize (jointly awarded) in 1992. The awards culminate in the joint award of the Nobel Prize for Medicine in 2003 (with P Lauterbur). Sir Peter is married with two daughters and was knighted in 1993.



► **Professor Ken Pounds (Doctor of Science)**

Professor Ken Pounds has been a pioneer of UK space research. He grew up in Yorkshire and went on to study Physics at University College London, where he gained a BSc and a PhD. He joined the University of Leicester in 1960 and became Deputy Director of Space Research in 1967. He was one of a small number of individuals who pushed forward with research using rockets and satellites in the 1960s, helping to establish the UK's space capability and making our research internationally competitive. After a sabbatical at the American Science and Engineering Inc. and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, he became Director of the X-ray Astronomy Group at Leicester and established the field as a major UK and Leicester strength. He became Professor of Space Physics in 1973. He was a member of the Science and Engineering Research Council from 1980 to 1984 and a member of the Management Board of the British National Space Centre from 1986 to 1988. In 1994, he became the first Chief Executive of the Particle Physics and Astronomy Research

Council (PPARC). He has always felt it important for scientists to communicate their work to the wider community and he took the ground-breaking step of establishing an outreach office at PPARC and providing direct financial support to scientists to develop outreach projects. President of the Royal Astronomical Society from 1990 to 1992, he is currently Vice-President of the International Astronomical Union, a trustee of the National Space Centre in Leicester and a Director of Space School UK. Honoured with a CBE in 1984, he has also received honorary degrees from four other British universities and was elected Fellow of the Royal Society in 1981. Professor Pounds is married with five children.

► **Dame Stephanie Shirley (Doctor of Laws)**

Dame Stephanie Shirley (72), a highly successful entrepreneur turned ardent philanthropist, arrived in Britain from Germany in 1939 as an unaccompanied child refugee. She was educated at Sir John Cass College, London and was awarded a BSc from the University of London in 1956. In 1962 she

founded a software house on her dining room table with only six pounds. In 25 years as its Chief Executive she developed it into a leading business technology group, Xansa plc, pioneering new work practices and changing the position of professional women (especially in hi-tech fields) along the way. Since retiring as honorary Life President in 1993, she has served on corporate Boards such as the John Lewis Partnership, but her focus has been increasingly on philanthropy based on her strong belief in business people giving something back to society. Her main interests are autism (her autistic son Giles died aged 35 in 1998) and making better use of IT in the voluntary sector. Her charitable Shirley Foundation is now one of the top 50 grant-giving foundations in the UK with £50 million donations committed to some 30 projects over the past seven years. It has initiated and funded a number of projects that are pioneering by nature, strategic in impact and significant in money terms. Her current focus is on the National Alliance for Autism Research in both the US and UK, dedicated to fund research into the

causes of autism and hence halve the global cost of the disorder.

Comments from Honorary Graduands:

Professor Bryan Magee:

"I lived for 1 1/2 years in Leicestershire (Market Harborough) at the ages of 10 and 11, as an evacuee from London during World War Two. It was my first experience of happy family life, and I have felt warmly towards it ever since. It therefore gives me particular pleasure to receive a degree from the University of Leicester."

Professor Ken Pounds:

"Of the several awards and honours I have had over the years, this one – from my immediate colleagues and friends – gives me the most pleasure."

Dame Stephanie Shirley:

"I wish the new Chancellor every happiness and am very proud to be a member of the University of Leicester. It is relatively young considering the City got its Charter from Elizabeth back in 1589. I guess her favourite, Dudley, Earl of Leicester, had something to do with that." 🗨️

LEICESTER LAUNCHES CAMPAIGN FOR 'NEW BLOOD'

► A half-a-million pound-plus annual investment in a new portfolio of lectureships has been announced at the University with the advertising of 20 New Blood Lectureships.

The new campaign in 19 subjects adds to continuing investment in staff across the University.

Leicester employs over 1,100 academic and research staff and the latest campaign aims to increase the calibre of research active staff at the University even further.

In a national advertising campaign, Vice-Chancellor Professor Robert Burgess has written an open letter inviting interest from well qualified candidates with high quality research records. He states:

"Those joining us through this initiative will be guaranteed reduced teaching loads, study leave

and start up funding as part of an appointment package. The appointments will be made on the Lecturer B scale (£28,829 – £36,959 pa and exceptionally to £41,294 pa). If you are one of tomorrow's leading researchers we would be delighted to hear from you."

The New Blood Lectureships will be made in the following subject areas:

- Ancient History
- History
- Archaeology
- Law
- Biochemistry
- Mathematics (Applied)
- Biology
- Mathematics (Pure)
- Cardiovascular Sciences

- Microbiology and Immunology
- Cell Physiology and Pharmacology
- Museum Studies
- Economics
- Paleobiology in Geology
- Engineering
- Physics and Astronomy
- English
- Victorian Studies
- Genetics (2 posts)

Professor Burgess adds:

"When the Times Higher Education Supplement short listed the University of Leicester for the award of Higher Education Institution of the Year 2005 it described us as "a strong research institution with excellent teaching that hid its light under a bushel". In

2006 we intend to change just one thing – no more bushels.

"Leicester is offering talented junior or new staff the opportunity to enter the sector with an exciting package. A combination of guaranteed study leave, reduced teaching loads and resource for research travel we hope will attract the star researchers of tomorrow.

"Leicester is ambitious and is going places. Our exciting £300m Development Plan is bringing about physical changes to the campus and also creating new opportunities for academic developments. It is a great time to be at Leicester and this recruitment campaign is about getting exciting and innovative people to work here."

More information on the campaign is available on <http://www.le.ac.uk/newblood/> 🗨️



LEICESTER PROFESSOR HAILED AS 'ONE OF THE OUTSTANDING SCIENTISTS OF HIS GENERATION'

► A Professor at the University of Leicester has been hailed as 'one of the outstanding scientists of his generation' and is to receive a prestigious international award.

Professor Stan Cowley, Professor of Solar-Planetary Physics, at the University is to be awarded the Julius Bartels Medal at a ceremony in Vienna in April where he will also deliver a lecture to international delegates.

The award has been established by the European Geosciences Union in recognition of the scientific achievement of Julius Bartels. It is reserved for outstanding research in solar-terrestrial sciences.

The citation states:

"Professor Stan Cowley is one of the outstanding scientists of his generation. His work in the field of space plasma physics encompasses a breadth and depth that is incomparable. His work has proven to be seminal in our understanding of the physical processes involved.

"Stan's work on space plasma processes are not limited to the Earth's environs, but extend also to other solar system objects. He participated in the first comet fly-by of P/Giacobini-Zinner by the ISEE-3/ICE spacecraft in 1985. Recently his attention has focused on solar wind-magnetosphere-ionosphere interactions in the rapidly-rotating magnetospheres of Jupiter and Saturn. His particular interest has been the origins of auroras on these planets, utilizing the recently

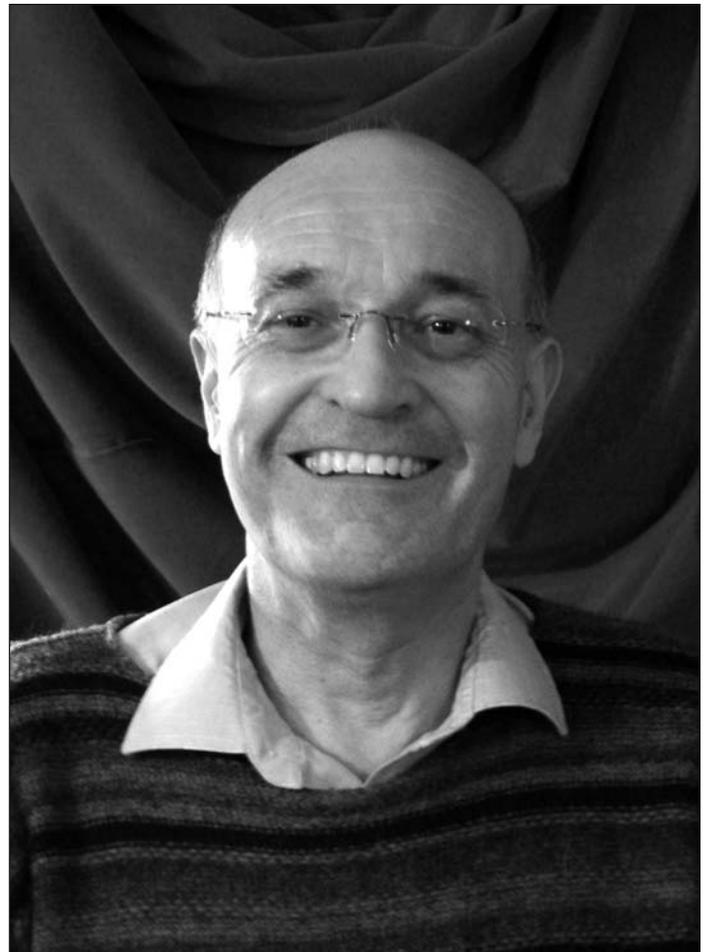
available observations from the Galileo and Cassini missions as well as auroral imaging by the Hubble Space Telescope.

"Stan Cowley is famous for his clear, thoughtful and insightful presentations and he is much in demand as an invited speaker at all major conferences. He is an excellent teacher who is capable of illustrating both the theoretical concepts and the observational results and challenges of the space plasma phenomena. Stan's leadership has produced excellent scientific achievements within his groups both earlier at Imperial College and presently at the University of Leicester.

"Stan is clearly a leader in his field and one of the people who have made major breakthroughs over the field of solar terrestrial sciences in the last 30 years. It is proposed that the 2006 Bartels medal of the European Geophysical Union be awarded to Stanley W. H. Cowley for his outstanding contributions to solar system plasma physics regarding the physics of magnetic reconnection and its consequences to planetary magnetospheres and ionospheres."

Professor Cowley said:

"Needless to say I feel very pleased and honoured to have been awarded this medal. I take it as a strong encouragement for us to vigorously continue the research programme we have pursued at Leicester for the past ten years, investigating the outer environments



LEADER IN HIS FIELD: Professor Stan Cowley.

of Earth and the planets using radars and satellites. It is also a tribute to the many excellent scientists with whom I have had the pleasure to work over this period, from the undergraduates in the Department of

Physics & Astronomy who have piloted many of our research projects, to the senior academics in my research group; all continue to play an essential role in our success." 

SECOND MEDAL HONOUR ANNOUNCED FOR PROFESSOR COWLEY

Professor Stan Cowley has been awarded the Royal Astronomical Society's highest award, the Gold Medal, for his outstanding contribution to the field of geophysics.

Professor Cowley said: "The Gold Medal is the highest award that the Royal Astronomical Society bestows, and has a long list of very distinguished former recipients going back to 1824, so it is a major honour which I have been very pleased to accept. It has occurred by chance at the same time that the Julius Bartels medal was awarded to me by the European Geosciences

Union, so 2005 has turned out to be a very special year indeed. Special thanks go to my wife and family for their continuous support over the years, and all my colleagues at Leicester for their unfailing comradeship and good humour."

Professor Martin Barstow, Head of Physics and Astronomy, said: "I am delighted that Stan has received this award. Not only does it recognise him personally but it also highlights the world-class quality of his research group in Space Plasma Physics and of the Physics and Astronomy Department." 



LEICESTER STUDENTS' UNION IS NUMBER ONE IN UK

► The University of Leicester Students' Union has won the prestigious accolade of "Students' Union of the Year" at the Club Mirror Awards 2005 ceremony.

The award, sponsored by Shark energy drink, puts the Students' Union in pole position, beating over 700 unions across the UK, which represent about 5.2 million people in further and higher education.

Leicester's student-led organisation overcame stiff competition from Bath, Dundee and Sheffield Unions, all of which were finalists.

Citing its dedication to student welfare, the support given to student societies and the contribution made to charities by student associations

such as RAG (the raising and giving group), the judges singled out the University of Leicester Students' Union for the sought after title.

"Being named Students' Union of the Year is fantastic news for our organisation and the students who run it," said Martin Cullen, University of Leicester Students' Union President.

"We all work hard to deliver essential support to people studying at the University via our advisory services department and the commercial services we run, such as bars, live music venues and shops. The Students' Union aims to ensure every one of its members has the backing they need to realise their full

potential in the academic world and beyond.

"Thanks to this industry recognition, combined with the support of our students, we are now in a stronger position than ever. We will build on the achievement to continue improving, enhancing and supporting the lives of students at the University of Leicester."

University of Leicester Vice-Chancellor, Professor Robert Burgess added:

"The award illustrates just how dedicated the Students' Union is to its members. We are proud to work in partnership with an organisation that has been singled out as a leader among student bodies. This

success follows our top rating in the National Students' Survey where students rated Leicester joint first in the country for overall satisfaction."

"Our commitment to excellence in research and teaching, combined with a fantastic students' union helps to ensure that the University of Leicester remains one of the leading academic institutions in the UK."

The win comes after a string of successful events at the Union's newly refurbished live music facility, The Venue, which has been host to widely praised bands and acts in addition to the regular, and very popular, student nights. 🎵

STAFF WELL-BEING CENTRE

► The University now has a Staff Well-Being Centre. The newly formed Centre comprises the University's Staff Counselling & Welfare Service and the Occupational Health Service (operated by the PTH Group on behalf of the University).

These services exist to promote the health and well-being of all University staff through welfare and occupational health advice, counselling support, training, group work and a consultation service for

staff that have a managerial or supervisory role.

In order to find out more about the Centre and the services on offer, staff are invited to one of The Staff Well-Being Centre Open Days which are taking place on 10th, 11th and 12th January 2006.

Representatives from a range of services and organisations will be attending to share information about how staff can access a range of practical, emotional and spiritual

support (including complementary therapists, USS, Smoking Resolution, the Carers Association and many others, both internal and external to the University).

All the Open Days will be held in the Belvoir Lounge and City Annex on the second floor of the Charles Wilson Building at the following times:

10 January – 11.00am to 2.00pm
11 January – 9.00am to 12.00 noon
12 January – 1.00pm to 4.00pm

If you are able to attend, please contact the service on (0116) 221 2461 or email ar146@le.ac.uk.

For an informal discussion about service provision please contact Veronica Moore from the Staff Counselling and Welfare Service on (0116) 223 1702 (email staffcounsel&welfare@le.ac.uk) and/or Sarah Barlow from the Occupational Health Service on (0116) 221 1462 (email sjb112@le.ac.uk). 🎧

EAST MIDLANDS' BIOSCIENCE KNOWLEDGE EXCHANGE INITIATIVE LAUNCHED

► BioKneX, the new bioscience knowledge exchange initiative for the East Midlands, held its official launch at BioCity Nottingham, UK. To an audience of more than 100 delegates, Peter Jones, Pro-Vice Chancellor for Research and Business Development at Nottingham Trent University, highlighted the research strengths within the East Midlands' universities. Paul Harper, a leading bioscience entrepreneur,

shared his views on how effective knowledge exchange can fuel commercialisation and economic development in the region.

The aim of bioKneX is to enhance collaboration and partnering between the region's universities, industry and education system, and to publicise bioscience excellence in the region. The initiative has been established following the award of funding from the HEFCE to

Nottingham Trent University, the University of Nottingham and the University of Leicester with further funding from the East Midlands Development Agency (emda) and the EU.

In his opening talk, Steve Beasley, CEO of bioKneX, commented:

"The academic strengths of the region have been highlighted by this year's award of 'Science City' status to Nottingham. bioKneX

will help to foster and promote these strengths and help attract further research funding into the East Midlands' universities.

"Through effective knowledge exchange and collaborations we shall also identify investment opportunities that will bring together researchers, commerce, education, investors and suppliers to encourage the growth of the bioscience competence and community in the region." 🎧



NEW DIRECTOR FOR RICHARD ATTENBOROUGH CENTRE



► Louisa Milburn (pictured), former Deputy Chief Executive of VIVA: the orchestra of the East Midlands has taken up post as Director of the University of Leicester's Richard Attenborough Centre.

Built in 1997 and opened by Diana, Princess of Wales, the Richard Attenborough Centre is based on campus at the University and combines an extensive range of short-courses in the arts with a programme of events and exhibitions. The Centre won an award for its innovative design that ensures that it is completely accessible to all users enabling participants with disabilities to be involved in all areas of its work.

Louisa has just completed the Clore Leadership Programme: an initiative designed to give experience and

opportunities to emerging leaders within the arts and cultural sector. Only 26 fellows were chosen from an extremely competitive field of over 650 applications. Louisa was the only Fellow selected from this region and her fellowship was sponsored by Culture East Midlands through the East Midlands Development Agency. The programme was tailor-made and offered many opportunities to gain considerable intensive experience; from working within the Senior Management Team at The Lowry, Gt. Manchester, to spending part of the summer shadowing the BBC's Press and Marketing Team during the Proms.

Louisa commented: "My career path to date has been both exciting and varied. Beginning with a solid grounding in amateur youth music-making and continuing on to a degree in music, I soon realised that my passion was not necessarily about the personal creation of an art-form, but the ability to 'make it happen' or enable others to do so in the broadest way possible."

"I began with the UK's only horse-drawn theatre company and went on to work with various arts organisations across the country, including venues, festivals and performance-based companies."

'I joined the management team at VIVA: the orchestra of the East

Midlands in 1999, initially as Education Manager and then taking the role of Deputy Chief Executive. My year as Clore Fellow: East Midlands has given me some amazing opportunities and enabled me to learn from leaders who have really made an impact in the arts world. I have especially enjoyed working with former Culture Secretary the Rt. Hon. Lord Smith of Finsbury who is director of the Clore Leadership Programme as well as Controller of the BBC Proms, Nicholas Kenyon, who was my mentor throughout the year. Chris Smith visited the Richard Attenborough Centre in May 1999 to open the Centre's Sensory Garden and I look forward to welcoming him back to one of our events in the near future."

"I am looking forward to the opportunity to re-energise and raise the profile the work of the Richard Attenborough Centre, by continuing to offer high quality short courses in a wide-range of arts subjects and building a new exciting programme of events that will attract a broad audience to the centre. Disability arts will continue to remain a positive focus of our work."

"Enrolment for the Spring Term is now open and our courses are designed to cater for all levels of experience. Our events programme begins with world-renowned

percussion Quartet 4-Mality on 27th January and a new exhibition by Iraqi-born artist Satta Hashem that runs from 11 January – 16 February."

"Lord Attenborough continues to offer his support to the Centre and I am thrilled to be able to work with someone of such experience, skill and passion."

Professor John Benyon, Director of Lifelong Learning, said 'We are delighted that Louisa Milburn will be joining us to take forward the work of the Richard Attenborough Centre. She comes to us with a track record of innovation and is committed to reaching out to old and new groups of people who can participate in the trail-blazing work of the Centre. She is energetic and dynamic and will be an excellent new member of the lifelong learning team.'

University of Leicester Vice-Chancellor, Professor Robert Burgess added: 'The Richard Attenborough Centre provides a superb venue for arts events of all types, including concerts, dance events and exhibitions. Since its opening it has welcomed musicians and artists of international acclaim, complementing its varied programme of classes and short courses. We are delighted that someone of Louisa Milburn's calibre will be leading the Centre on to even greater heights in the future. She is a 'great catch' for the Centre and the University.'

RICHARD PEARSON

► The title of Visiting Professor in the Centre for Labour Market Studies has been conferred upon Richard Pearson, BSc, MSc, DIitt, FCIPD.

Richard Pearson (pictured) has over 30 years' experience carrying out research and consultancy organisational HR and work force strategy and planning, graduate employment, higher education and labour market analysis. Clients include BP, the EC, the OECD; Higher Education Funding Council (HEFCE), the Department for Education and Skills, Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) and

Home Office. He is now an independent consultant on these issues having previously been Director of the independent Institute for Employment Studies (IES) for 12 years.

He is also a member of the Prime Minister's Remuneration Committee (the Senior Salaries Review Body (SSRB) which makes recommendations as to salaries of the judiciary, senior armed forces, senior civil service, MPs and the Cabinet; and on the Board of the Defence Analytical Services Agency (DASA). Prior to this he chaired the finance and audit committees and was on the Board of

Sussex Downs (FE) College, and Lewes Priory Comprehensive School. He has also served on the Council of the Society for Research in Higher Education (SRHE) and the Executive of the Association of Research Centres in the Social Sciences (ARCISS).

He has published and spoken at a wide range of conferences and corporate events and for 10 years wrote a monthly column for Nature, the international scientific journal. He was invited to become a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Personnel Development (CIPD) in 2000, and in 2001 he was awarded and Honorary Doctor of



Letters (DIitt) by the University of Leicester.



LORD REES ELECTED AS PRESIDENT OF THE ROYAL SOCIETY

► University of Leicester Honorary Professor and Honorary Graduate Professor Martin Rees has been elected as the new President of the Royal Society.

Martin Rees is President of the Royal Society and also Master of Trinity College, and professor of Cosmology and Astrophysics at the University of Cambridge. He is also Honorary Professor at the University of Leicester Department of Physics and Astronomy and Imperial College London. He was appointed Astronomer Royal in 1995, and was nominated to the House of Lords in 2005 by the House of Lords Appointments Commission. 📧

SCIENTIST, AUTHOR AND BROADCASTER TO SUPPORT UNIVERSITY'S DEVELOPMENTS IN E-LEARNING



► Professor Brian J Ford, well-known for his books on computers and science, his television and radio broadcasts worldwide and as one of the country's leading scientists, is to become a visiting Professor at the University of Leicester's Beyond Distance Research Alliance

Professor Brian J Ford has written about IT for more than 30 years and been a presence on the web for more than a decade. Among a number of books he has written to bring readers closer to sources of specialist learning are the popular Compute

and the international best-seller, First Encyclopedia of Science.

He is currently featuring in programmes on Channel 4 Television, Channel 5, Sky One and the History Channel. His BBC series include Computer Challenge (television) and Where Are You Taking Us? (radio). He is also a contributor to regular programmes such as Any Questions? and the Today programme.

Professor Ford launched Science Now for the BBC, covered science for Newsbeat on Radio 1, presented

Food For Thought on Channel 4 TV and has been a regular contributor to Start the Week on BBC Radio. Internationally he has appeared in television programmes from Hollywood to Japan, London and Germany and has written for The Times and the Guardian.

He has also contributed to a number of scientific journals, many of which have published his own research, including New Scientist, Scientific American, Nature, The Microscope and the British Medical Journal. 📧

ALAN F EBBUTT

► The title of Visiting Professor in the Department of Health Sciences has been conferred upon Dr Alan Ebbutt from 1 October 2005 to 31 March 2008.

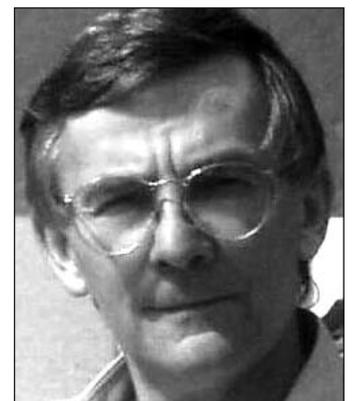
Dr Ebbutt graduated from Imperial College with a B.Sc. in mathematics and Ph.D. in statistics. He has over 30 years experience as a statistician and has worked since 1975 in the Pharmaceutical Industry.

He joined Glaxo in 1985 and managed the Medical Statistics Department in R+D until the merger

with Wellcome in 1995. Following the merger he was appointed UK Statistics Director and continued with a similar role following the creation of GlaxoSmithKline, building a strong department of 55 staff. At this time, developments in clinical trial design and statistical methodology led to major advances in the quality of clinical trials in the pharmaceutical industry. He developed interests in the application of crossover designs, survival analysis, equivalence and

non-inferiority, dynamic allocation, analysis of event rates and adaptive designs.

He has worked at a European level in the pharmaceutical industry providing input to the statistical review of regulatory guidelines (ICH E6, E9, E10). He actively supports the training of statisticians to postgraduate level having initiated a sponsorship scheme for M Sc students which is now widely followed by major pharmaceutical companies. 📧





FAREWELL FOR ROY KIRK

► On 10 November 2005, a group of around one hundred colleagues, friends and family gathered in the School of Education Library Hall to say farewell to Roy Kirk on the occasion of his retirement after 36 years at the University of Leicester. Roy was first appointed to the post of Assistant Librarian in October 1969. In 1973 he moved from being the Head of the Library's Circulation Department to succeed Dr Higson as Librarian of the School of Education Library, a role neatly bringing together Roy's educational and librarianship expertise. From that time onwards, Roy has led the Education Library with tremendous enthusiasm and skill, responding to the many changes over that period in teacher training, in education research priorities and in the world of librarianship. He has provided a truly excellent service to the School of Education for over three decades. These years saw him set up the school-based resource centre in 1975, introduce online literature searching, develop the collections to meet changing needs and significantly expand the range of user education offered to students and staff of the School.

More recently Roy has supported the Leicester Institute of Lifelong

Learning and has overseen very significant improvements in the library and information services available to LILL. The superb refurbishment and relaunch of the Vaughan College Library and the relocation of the Northampton Centre Library to Northampton College are highlights, but we should not forget the many Saturdays and evenings that Roy has devoted to teaching information skills to LILL staff and students and the very strong links he has built with the Institute.

Indeed all Roy's dealings with Library users are characterised by professionalism, integrity, good humour and a very strong service ethos. He has been rightly described as an outstanding ambassador for the University.

Throughout the decades, Roy has taken on numerous important roles in the wider library context. Perhaps the highest professional accolade came in 2002 when Roy received the Honorary Fellowship of the Library Association, a very rare honour indeed.

Roy is held in high regard and with great affection by his Library colleagues. His depth and breadth of knowledge, his warmth and unfailing good humour are well-known across the University and



Librarian Christine Fyfe hands Roy Kirk a gift at his farewell celebration.

beyond. Generations of School of Education students and academic staff have cause to thank him for his support and advice in their research, teaching and learning activities and I know from the e-mails that I have received over the last few weeks that he has guided the careers of many young librarians. I have been particularly appreciative of his wisdom, positive attitude and willingness to get involved. His wisdom and sheer energy are remarkable. Roy is as enthusiastic

about his work today as he was back in the 1970s.

I'm sure we all wish Roy a very happy retirement and I know that he has many plans. Indeed, a few days ago he told me that he is going to act as verger at funerals at his church – so although we hope we haven't seen the last of him here at the University, he may in fact see the last of us!

Christine Fyfe University Librarian

* This is an edited version of a report that appears on eBulletin

PROFESSOR APPOINTED TO NEW NATIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE

► A University of Leicester Professor has been appointed to a new national public health committee.

Professor David R Jones, Professor of Medical Statistics in the Department of Health Sciences joins public health leaders, practitioners, researchers and other academics on the new independent Public Health Interventions Advisory Committee (PHIAC). This is part of the National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence (NICE).

PHIAC will consider and interpret evidence on the effectiveness and the cost effectiveness of public health interventions and will formulate recommendations to the Institute on the use of the interventions in England in the NHS, local government and in the broader public health arena. The recommendations will pay particular attention to the issue of tackling health inequalities.

THIRD STINT AS ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT FOR LEICESTER ACADEMIC

► Dr Tony Lawson, senior lecturer in Social Science and Information Technology in the School of Education, has been re-elected as National President of the Association for the Teaching of the Social Sciences (ATSS) for a third term at the Annual General Meeting

Dr Lawson followed the Vice-Chancellor Professor Bob Burgess into this post and has therefore served as President during the period Professor Burgess has been Vice-Chancellor. Dr Lawson will serve for a further three years whereafter he will have to step down.

The ATSS exists to promote the interests of teachers of Sociology in the education sector. Its members are mainly drawn from teachers of Advanced level Sociology, although the Association has teachers of psychology, Health and Social Care and GCSE sociology teachers as well.

The patrons of the ATSS include Professor Robert Burgess, as well as Anthony Giddens and Anne Oakley.



Obituaries

► PROFESSOR JOE BANKS

The University has learnt, with great regret, of the death on November 13 of Professor Joe Banks at the age of 85.

Professor Banks was appointed as a lecturer in the sociology department at Leicester in 1952, headed by Ilya Neustadt. He then moved to Liverpool but returned to Leicester in 1969 with his wife, Olive, to take a Chair in Sociology. Olive also gained her own Chair in Sociology in 1973- she became the first female Professor at Leicester.

Professor Banks authored a trilogy on the Victorian family: Prosperity and Parenthood (1954); Feminism and Family Planning and Victorian Values: Secularism and the Size of Families.

Professor Banks is survived by his wife, Olive.

► MISS A L FENTON

We have learnt, with great regret, of the recent death of Miss Ami Fenton. Ami was a first year student on the MGeol Geology degree who had been in temporary withdrawal since December 2004 and was due

to return to the University in January 2006. Her funeral was held in Leeds on Tuesday, 13 December.

► CHRISTOPHER HUGHES

We have learnt, with great regret, of the death on November 12, 2005 of Christopher Hughes, formerly Professor and Head of Politics at Leicester. A full obituary will appear in Bulletin and on eBulletin in due course.

► MR F C POPE

We have learnt, with great regret, of the death of Mr Fred Chapman Pope. Fred Pope joined the-then University College, Leicester, in January 1948 as an Assistant Accountant. He was promoted to the post of Senior Assistant Accountant in August 1974 and retired in January 1977.

► MRS. J. SNEATH

We have learnt, with great regret, of the death of Mrs. Sneath. Joan Sneath graduated from the University in May 1980 with a Master's degree in Educational Studies and was subsequently an active member of the Standing Committee of Convocation. She was

married to Emeritus Professor Peter Sneath.

► BOB SPIVEY

Leicester graduate Bob Spivey has died after 25 years as a Fleet Street journalist. He was 56.

Described by the Press Gazette as the 'legendary Daily Mirror and Sun news sub', it is reported that he collapsed from a heart attack while he was captaining the Mirror/Sun Badgers cricket team. The tribute paid to him in the Press Gazette states:

"As a supreme operator, the gentle Yorkshireman with forensic subbing skills had handled some of the biggest stories of the past two decades...he became a byword for his ability to turn round a story under pressure, while pursuing the news desk with quiet authority."

Mr Spivey had read Sociology at Leicester. He leaves a wife and two children.

► CHIMA UBANI

Nigerian media have reported the death of a Leicester graduate in a motor accident.

Chima Ubani graduated from Leicester with a Master's degree in Mass Communications in 2002, according to the report in the Vanguard. He was 42.

► TED WRAGG

Leicester graduate Professor Ted Wragg, who was one of the best known names in UK education, has died following a heart attack. He was 67.

He gained an MEd from Leicester in 1967 following two years as Head of German at neighbouring Wyggeston Boys' School. He had been Professor of Education at Exeter since 1978, until his retirement in 2003.

Described by The Times as "One of the most authoritative – and recognisable – educators of his generation" he was well known for his columns in national newspapers and had presented numerous radio and TV series and items on education. He had currently been presenting three series on Teachers' TV.

SWIFT SATELLITE WINS "BEST OF WHAT'S NEW" AWARD IN POPULAR SCIENCE

► The NASA Swift satellite has received a "Best of What's New" award from Popular Science magazine in the aviation-and-space category.

The satellite featured in the December 2005 issue of the magazine. Swift is a unique satellite dedicated to understanding gamma-ray bursts, the most powerful explosions occurring in the Universe.

World-renowned cosmologist Dr. Stephen Hawking, who holds the prestigious Lucasian chair at Cambridge University once held by Sir Isaac Newton and author of the international best-selling book A Brief History of Time, said:

"Cosmology is undergoing a paradigm shift in thinking about the formation of stars, galaxies, and black holes, indeed, about the origin of the universe itself.

"Seventy percent of the universe is a strange 'dark energy'. Even the 300-year-old, cornerstone theory of gravity must be reconsidered. NASA's Swift satellite, has just revealed startling new details of black hole formation. Swift's observations challenge us to consider a dramatically different view."

UK scientists, from the University of Leicester and University College London's Mullard Space Science Laboratory, have designed and built core elements of two of the three Swift telescopes. Now they support the Swift observations and are analysing the gamma-ray burst results. In addition UK astronomers are involved in follow up observations using ground-based telescopes across the World.

CARDIOVASCULAR RESEARCHER WINS TOP EUROPEAN PRIZE

► A University has won first prize at an international event for her work on repairing aortic aneurysms via keyhole techniques

Sarah Franks, a clinical research fellow in the University's Department of Cardiovascular Sciences, was adjudged as producing the best paper at the European Vascular Society meeting in Helsinki. Her research, a meta-analysis of endovascular aneurysm repair, will stand her in good stead as she is a surgical trainee about to go back into clinical practice as a specialist registrar in general surgery in St George's in London. Sarah said:

"I gave a presentation on the method and results of the research project to the conference, and answered questions from delegates afterwards. I am delighted to have won first prize for the best presentation and it is also marvellous news for the co-authors Alex Sutton, Matt Bown and Rob Sayers. Their input into the research project and the presentation was invaluable. "

Dr Rob Sayers, Honorary Reader in Surgery at the University of Leicester, said:

"This is a significant accolade for the department and a wonderful achievement for Sarah. The standard of entry at the meeting was very high and for Sarah to have emerged as the best in Europe is a testament to her endeavour and commitment to her subject. We are all very proud of her."





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HOSPITAL DOCTOR AWARDS

▶ Dr Douglas Tincello, a senior lecturer and honorary consultant who lead the Prolapse and Incontinence Group in the Department of Cancer Studies and Molecular Medicine, is joint lead clinician of the Urogynaecology Services based at the Leicester General Hospital. Mr Christopher Mayne, Consultant and Honorary Senior Lecturer, and Dr Tincello have built a tertiary referral centre supported by three clinical nurse specialists, which is now internationally recognised for clinical practice and research. The team were one of three continence teams across the UK who reached the finals of Hospital Doctor Continence Care Team of the year, on the basis of the integrated care which is offered, and a patient support group for women who are considering surgery, which is led by a former patient. The research activity of the unit was also recognised.

NATIONAL HONOUR FOR GRADUATE

▶ A University of Leicester graduate has gained Barbados' third highest national honour - the Gold Crown of Merit

Allissandra Cummins, president of the UNESCO-based International Council of Museums (ICOM), became the first woman to lead ICOM in its 58 year history. It represents 22,000 museums and museum professionals in 140 countries.

The citation states that the award is in recognition of her contribution to museum development, heritage preservation and the development of the arts.

Now the Director of the Barbados Museum and Historical Society, Allissandra Cummins gained the University's Graduate Certificate in Museum Studies in 1983, and the MA in Museum Studies in 1989. She is also the first President from the Latin America and Caribbean region.

INVESTOR IN PEOPLE AWARD FOR UNIVERSITY SPIN-OUT COMPANY

▶ Perpetuity Research and Consultancy International (PRCI), a spin-out company from the University, has been recognised as an Investor in People.

The assessment provided some very positive feedback, the assessor reported that PRCI has:

"strong leadership and management... which have resulted in strong and supportive team work in a very committed and enthusiastic team".

It was also commented that: "There is, without doubt, a very strong commitment by the senior management team to people's development" and "people are extremely happy with the way they are led, managed and developed and this has contributed to maintaining a positive and healthy culture."

Martin Gill, Director of the company and a Professor at the University stated, 'we are delighted by the award. There is a collective commitment to good practice amongst the staff and this is reflected in the positive feedback from the assessor'.

Katy Owen, a company researcher who co-ordinated the PRCI submission stated, 'It was a very interesting and useful process, and will ensure that staff development continues to remain at the top of the company agenda'.

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Said Dr Ablett:

"I am delighted with this Award as indeed are my colleagues on The UKCCSG Siblings Project Group, known now as the UKCCSG Publications Committee. Over the years it has become clear that grandparents can feel particularly isolated when there is a diagnosis of childhood cancer in the family. They worry not only about their sick grandchild but also their own child and want information and support. For this reason we produced the Guide to give them ideas on how to support the family and how to get information and help for themselves. The Guide has been in high demand and the response overwhelmingly positive. It is marvellous to have our efforts acknowledged through such a prestigious award."

STAFF AND OTHER DISTINCTIONS

MEETING OF SENATE, 19 OCTOBER 2005

▶ The University of Leicester has been shortlisted in the Higher Education Institution of the Year category for the 2005 Times Higher Awards. The following have been invited to serve as members of the MRC College of Experts:

- Professor Keith Abrams (Health Sciences)
- Professor Rhona Borts (Genetics)
- Dr Peter Bradding (Infection, Immunity and Inflammation)
- Dr Mary Dixon-Woods (Health Sciences)
- Professor Ian Eperon (Biochemistry)
- Professor Peter Farmer (Biochemistry)
- Professor Andreas Gescher (Cancer Studies)
- Professor Carol Jagger (Health Sciences)
- Professor David Jones (Health Sciences)
- Professor Gordon Roberts (Biochemistry)
- Dr Nuala Sheehan (Health Sciences)
- Dr Wilhelm Schwaebler (Infection, Immunity and Inflammation)

STAFF DISTINCTIONS

▶ **Professor Chris Clarkon** (Law) has been appointed as Specialist Advisor to a House of Commons Select Subcommittee (a Joint Subcommittee of the Home Affairs and the Ministry of Work and Pensions) to consider legislation to introduce a new offence of Corporate Manslaughter.

Dr Mary Dixon-Woods (Health Sciences) has had a paper included in a volume that will contain a selection of the most significant articles published by the Lancet since 1823.

Dr Nisha Dogra (Greenwood Institute of Child Health, Health Sciences) has been awarded a Harkness Fellowship for study in the US for the academic year 2005/06.

George Doukas (Clinical Research Fellow, Cardiovascular Sciences) has been named Young Investigator of the Year in Clinical Science at the annual meeting of British Cardiac Society for his three-year study on heart palpitations.

Professor John Dumbrell (Politics and International Relations) has been awarded the Richard E. Neustadt Book Prize for his publication *President Lyndon Johnson and Soviet Communism* which was published by Manchester University press in 2004.

Mr Clifford Dunkley (former Senior Assistant Registrar, Academic Office) has been awarded a Fellowship by examination of the Burgon Society for a treatise on the academic dress of the University of Leicester. The Burgon Society is a learned society dedicated to research into the history and development of academic dress worldwide.

Professor Chris Dyer (Centre for English Local History, School of Historical Studies) has been appointed to serve on the Council of the British Academy and on the History Panel of the Arts and Humanities Research Council.

Dr Chris Edwards (Engineering) has been awarded a Royal Academy of Engineering/Leverhulme Senior Research Fellowships for 2005/06.

Professor David Ekserdjian (History of Art) has been appointed by the Prime Minister as a Trustee of the National Gallery for a four-year period.

Professor Lin Foxhall (School of Archaeology and Ancient History) has been elected by the Humboldt Foundation to receive a Humboldt Research Award for lifetime achievement.



Dr Sarah Franks (Clinical Research Fellow, Cardiovascular Sciences) has won first prize for the best paper at a European Society for Vascular Surgery meeting in Helsinki.

Dr Richard Gornall (Biology) has been elected President of The Botanical Society of the British Isles for a three-year period.

Dr Sarah Hainsworth (Engineering) has been elected as a Fellow of the Institute of Materials, Minerals and Mining.

Dr Caitríona Jackson (Physics and Astronomy) has won the Margaret Day scholarship of £6,000 from the British Federation of Women Graduates.

Professor Peter Jackson (Management Centre) has been made a Fellow of the Chartered Management Institute in recognition of his contribution to public sector management and management education.

Professor Sir Alec Jeffreys (Genetics) is one of two recipients of the 2005 Lasker Award for Clinical Medical Research. The Lasker Awards (often referred to as 'America's Nobel Prizes') constitute the United States' most distinguished honour for outstanding contributions to basic and clinical medical research, as well as public service on behalf of the medical research enterprise.

Professor Pierluigi Nicotera (MRC Toxicology Unit) has been elected to the Academia Europaea.

Dr Colin Ockleford (Infection, Immunity and Inflammation) has been awarded the degree of Doctor of Science by St Andrew's University for a thesis reflecting the research recorded in some 150 scientific publications and two books.

Dr Derek Raine (Physics and Astronomy) has been awarded the Bragg Medal and Prize for 2006 by the Institute of Physics for his work on the teaching of physics in universities, particularly for pioneering the use of problem based learning in physics in the UK.

Professor Gordon Roberts (Biological NMR Centre, Biochemistry) has been appointed by the Medical Research Council to be a member of their Investigator Awards Panel, and has been elected for a second three-year term to membership of the Council of the International Union of Pure and Applied Biophysics.

Dr Jo Story (Historical Studies) has won the inaugural Best First Book Prize awarded by the International Society of Anglo-Saxonists for her publication *Carolingian Connections: Anglo-Saxon England and Carolingian Francia, c. 750-870*.

Liz Towner (Educational Development and Support Centre) has been elected as Co-Chair of Workers in Student Community Volunteering, which is the national peer support group for those working in student volunteering.

Dr Matt Turner (Engineering) has received a Society of Instrument and Control Engineers' International Award of £500 for the presentation of a paper at Osaka University, Japan. The award is a scholarship designed to assist young foreign researchers in the field of instrument and control engineering who present papers in Japan.

Professor Rosemary Walker (Cancer Studies and Molecular Medicine) has been chosen as the next Chairman of the British Breast Group.

STUDENT DISTINCTIONS

► **Kirsty Lloyd** (Intercalated B.Sc.) has been elected to the Chair of the British Medical Association's Medical Students Committee, representing the country's 33,000 medical students.

Joanne Purves (B.Sc. Biological Sciences 3) has been awarded the undergraduate Microbiology Prize for 2005 by the Society for General Microbiology (SGM) for the best performance in second-year microbiology modules.

Laura Jane Scully (B.Sc. Psychology with Sociology 3) has won the Shell STEP Award for the Most Enterprising Student in the UK for the outcome of a summer vacation marketing and publicity project at a local nursery school. She competed against eleven other students for a top prize of £1,000.

STAFF AND STUDENT DISTINCTIONS AS REPORTED TO SENATE IN NOVEMBER 2005 STAFF DISTINCTIONS

► The University of Leicester **Library's Rooms Project Team** has been shortlisted for the International Industry Award for the Best Information/Knowledge Team in the Academic Sector.

The University of Leicester **Sports and Recreation Service** has been awarded Investors in People status for an additional three years.

Perpetuity Research & Consultancy International (PRCI) Ltd, a University spin-out company headed by **Professor Martin Gill**, has been awarded Investors in People status.

Professor Richard Aldridge and **Professor David Siveter** (Geology) have been appointed Guest Professors at Yunnan University, Kunming, China.

Dr Vanessa Beck (Centre for Labour Market Studies) has been appointed an Expert Evaluator by the European Commission to review research applications for priority 7 of the Framework 6 research programme entitled Citizens and Governance in the Knowledge-Based Society.

Professor Andrew Colman (School of Psychology) has been invited to edit a special issue of the Journal of Economic Psychology devoted to research inspired by the Nobel laureate and game theorist, Thomas C. Schelling.

Professor Stan Cowley (Physics and Astronomy) has been awarded the Julius Bartels Medal for 2005 by the European Geosciences Union for his work in solar-terrestrial physics.

Professor Alun Jones (Geography) has been elected an Academician by the Academy of Learned Societies in the Social Sciences.

Dr David Lambert (Cardiovascular Sciences) has been elected to the Board of Anaesthesia and Intensive Care Medicine as Pharmacology sector editor, and has also been awarded the Mapleson Medal by the UK Anaesthetic Research Society for the best research presentation in 2004.

Dr Tony Lawson (School of Education) has been re-elected as National President of the Association for the Teaching of the Social Sciences (ATSS) for a third term.

Professor Lorna Unwin (Centre for Labour Market Studies) has been awarded a Fellowship of the City and Guilds of London Institute for Services to Vocational Education.

STUDENT DISTINCTIONS

► **David Cornwell** (Graduate Teaching Assistant, Geology) has received the Best Presentation Award at a British Geophysical Association meeting in Galway.

Kerry Howard (Research Student, Geology) was the winner of the Best Presentation: Science and Engineering at the Festival of Postgraduate Research 2005.

Captions for back page

1. Football Varsity Match

Success for both University football teams at Leicester City F.C.'s Walkers Stadium, as the women romped to a 2-1 win, and the men followed this with a well-fought 1-0 victory.

2. Archaeology Exhibition at the Shires

On Saturday 29th October the gates were opened on 2000 years of Leicester's past as the developers responsible for the new Shires development invited the

public to a one day archaeology exhibition including a team from ULAS. The exhibition brought Leicester's history to life through tours, demonstrations and the viewing of live excavation sites on an area to the rear of The Shires shopping centre.

3. Award for UK Children's Cancer Study Group (UKCCSG)

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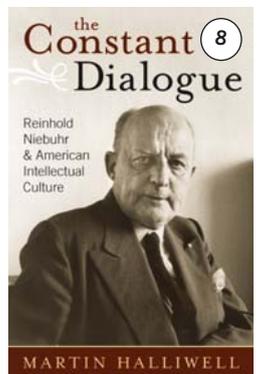
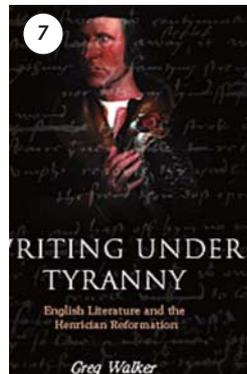
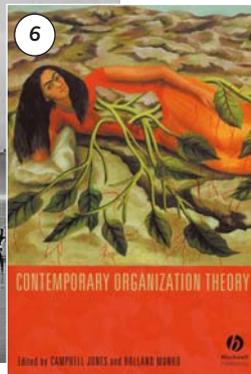
4/5. Photographic Exhibition at RAC

A photographic exhibition that takes two quite distinctive looks at landscape was held at the RAC. In *The Bones of Landscape*, pictures by the Leicester photographer and University of Leicester graduate Keith Cooper explored how the underlying geology and the passage

of vast periods of time influence an appreciation of landscape. In *Aerial Landscapes - An Alternative View*, on the other hand, all the pictures by artist, photographer and former businessman Robert Thacker were taken from the air and include locations in North West China, Kazakhstan and Western Australia.

6/7/8. The Books

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