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WELCOME TO ISSUE 2 OF *insight*.

In my experience of working in publications, when you produce something new, people usually only contact you when they don't like it.

So, I was surprised – and absolutely delighted – by the number of positive messages we received from readers about the first edition of *insight*. Thank you all so much. In fact, there were so many letters, anecdotes and suggestions, we've started a letters page, *In the Post*, which you'll find on page 23.

In response to many requests from readers, this edition of *insight* takes a look at some of the University's architectural gems – and also some of the new buildings taking shape around the campus. We also celebrate Liverpool's new status as a World Heritage Site and what this means for the city.

We've spoken to alumni from fields as diverse as counter-terrorism and laughter therapy, and last, but by no means least, we've put legendary broadcaster and Liverpool Honorary Graduate, John Peel, in the hot seat. Find out his views on education, music and life on page 5.

Thanks to everyone who submitted ideas for stories – please keep them coming.



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Scientists at the Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine, working with colleagues at the University of Dundee, have discovered how the tiny sand fly spreads one of the world's most deadly tropical diseases – Leishmaniasis.

TROPICAL MEDICINE

Breakthrough on deadly disease

Their discovery, which has been published in the magazine *Nature*, could eventually lead to a vaccine being developed against the parasitic disease which affects about 12 million people at any one time, causing severe illness and death.

Scientists have known for many years that if you get bitten by a sand fly carrying the *Leishmania* parasite you may catch Leishmaniasis, but Liverpool researchers Dr Paul Bates and Matt Rogers have worked out how the parasite has manipulated the sand fly to be the perfect transmission system for itself.

Among other insights, their research reveals the novel contribution made to infection by a parasite-secreted gel that is co-injected with the parasite when the sand fly bites its victim. Their findings – the result of four years' research – shows that this gel greatly enhances the infectivity of the parasite.

Dr Bates explains: "There are three players – the person or animal affected, the sand fly itself and the parasite. To understand the transmission of the disease we have had to look at the three players together and in doing so have discovered something completely new about the transmission – namely that the gel that the parasite manufactures itself, and which the sand fly carries, actually causes more disease. This is firstly because the gel is sticky and stops the sand fly being able to feed properly on its victim's blood. This means that it gets more and more frustrated, causing it to bite again and again, which means more likelihood of infection. Then secondly, the gel makes the parasite itself cause a more virulent disease. "If we can target the gel with a vaccine we can reduce the severity of the disease or prevent it happening at all," he adds.

The sand fly, a hairy little creature about half the size of a mosquito, has caused major epidemics in countries such as India and Bangladesh and is likely to affect people who have been forced to migrate through civil war, as in Sudan at present. It is a huge problem among the urban poor of Brazil and tends to affect the vulnerable and malnourished most severely.



A multitude of Labradors (and their owners) descended on the Small Animal Hospital when the Faculty of Veterinary Science announced it was looking for dogs to take part in a study into osteoarthritis.

VETERINARY SCIENCE

New hope for dogs with arthritis

Osteoarthritis is a disease of the joints leading to inflammation and gradual loss of cartilage. The debilitating disease is more common in older dogs, but Labradors often develop the disease at a very young age, with some severely disabled at just 15 months old.

The team will use a technique called Gait Analysis, a hi-tech system of infrared cameras and floor-mounted sensors, which enable the scientists to measure the speed of a dog's legs and the amount of force being transmitted through the legs.

Andrew Maclaughlan, a PhD student based at the University's Small Animal Hospital, said: "We needed around 30 dogs for our study but ended up with 40 suitable candidates. We hope to gain new insights into the condition and inform future treatments."



The Faculty of Engineering is working with the University of Basra to try and help rebuild the Higher Education infrastructure in Iraq, which has suffered greatly during the war.

ENGINEERING

Damaged but not defeated

Professor Salman D Salman, President of Basra University, studied for his PhD at the University's marine biology station on the Isle of Man. He visited the Faculty earlier in the year as part of a mission to encourage greater UK-Iraq university links.

During his visit, Professor Salman spoke of the damage that has been inflicted on Basra University. Looters stripped the place bare, taking not just books, equipment and furniture, but also windows, doors, tiles, even bricks. A library containing an estimated two million volumes dating back to 1015 was also burned to the ground.

Dr Hameed Al-Badairy, who invited Professor Salman to the University, said: "Research at Basra University has continued but has, understandably, fallen behind the international research community. We, at the University of Liverpool, are committed to playing a role in the rebuilding of Iraq's Higher Education system by helping to modernise and develop teaching and research methods."

Staff from the Faculty of Engineering, along with Pro-Vice-Chancellor Chris Gaskell, discussed options such as joint supervision of postgraduate students and offering Iraqi academic staff experience of modern research equipment and techniques.

LAW

Top law graduate honoured

Juliana Kho from Singapore has been awarded a prestigious Student of the Year prize for the commitment and courage she showed while studying for her degree.

Juliana gained the award, given annually by Merseyside law firm Lees Lloyd Whitley, for gaining a first class honours degree despite facing extremely difficult personal circumstances. She was forced to work to support herself during her studies following the death of her father six months into her law degree.

Professor Anu Anora, Dean of the Liverpool Law School, nominated Juliana for the award. She said: "I was impressed by the way Juliana managed to balance the need to support her studies financially with a determination to achieve academic success. She was one of only five of our students to be awarded a first class degree this year."

Juliana was also given the Dean's Prize for contributing greatly to the life of the Law School during her studies.

Right: Professor Anu Anora (left) and Juliana Kho.



faculties in brief

MEDICINE: CAESAREANS AVOIDABLE

University scientists say 25% of emergency caesareans are avoidable if alternative treatments are given. The research, funded by the Medical Research Council, shows that acid levels in the uterus and bloodstream dictate the success of a natural birth. Production of lactic acid increases when contractions in the uterus muscle intensify during labour. This increase can prevent the uterus from contracting to its full potential, often leading to the baby being born by emergency caesarean section. With further research the team hopes to establish what factors contribute to lactic acid accumulation so that it may be possible to avoid acid build up in the first place, enabling mothers to enjoy a natural birth without surgery.

ARTS: LIVERPOOL HOSTS IRISH CONFERENCE

The Institute of Irish Studies has hosted the American Conference for Irish Studies (ACIS). The conference included seminars and discussions covering all fields of Irish Studies from literature and politics to gender and geography. The event was supported by key figures in Irish public life. Lord Christopher Haskins and the Irish Ambassador to Britain, Daithí O'Ceallaigh, were accompanied by editors of the *Irish Times*, *The Irish Post* and the northern editor of the *Sunday Tribune*.

SES: HOLIDAY ROMANCE?

A "carnival atmosphere" is behind high rates of teenage pregnancy in UK holiday resorts, according to new University research into the sexual behaviour of young people in seaside areas. The research, funded by the Teenage Pregnancy Unit of the Department for Education and Skills (DFES), found that the holiday atmosphere contributes to a sense of temporality, heightened by a steady stream of temporary workers, holidaymakers and a culture of high levels of alcohol consumption. The research team found that "the entertainment industry capitalises on the attraction of sun, sea, sand and casual sex and so young people drawn to seaside resorts and surrounding rural areas can be easily exploited".

VETS: NEW DEGREE

Liverpool students have become the first in the UK to graduate in Bioveterinary Science. The degree was established in response to increased demand from prospective students to study animal related subjects. The programme is designed to develop students' knowledge in the maintenance, management and welfare of animals at all levels, equipping graduates for careers in animal industries, conservation and pharmaceuticals. Almost a third received first class degrees.

ARTS: SCI-FI COMES HOME

World-renowned writers and critics travelled to the home of Europe's largest collection of science fiction – the University of Liverpool – for an international conference in August. Critically-acclaimed science fiction authors Damian Broderick, John Courtenay Grimwood and Nalo Hopkinson spoke about their work, the science fiction market and what it takes to be a success in the US.

SCIENCE: INSIGHT INTO ALZHEIMER'S

Scientists at the University have been awarded £250,000 to study Alzheimer's disease. Alzheimer's sufferers have irregular levels of sugar, enzymes and peptides, which disrupt normal cell functions leading to progressive memory loss. The grant from the Biotechnology and Biological Sciences Research Council (BBSRC) will fund research into sugar and enzyme interactions that could lead to the development of novel drug treatments for this debilitating disease.

SES: MEDIA WAR

Politics experts at the University are undertaking research to examine the relationship between the British media and the government during the Iraq war. The study will assess the extent the government were able to influence media reporting and whether media autonomy was maintained. Researchers will interview key journalists and government officials to "broaden debates surrounding mass-mediated politics, the government's use of "spin" and consequent concerns regarding legitimacy and the democratic process".

Will record A-level results affect Liverpool?

A-level results have improved for the 22nd consecutive year, reigniting the now annual debate as to whether education standards are dropping.

The pass rate rose to 96%, with 22.4% earning an A grade. The record results have prompted accusations that A-levels are being 'dumbed down', a claim rejected by examiners, teachers and students.

Professor Kelvin Everest, Senior Pro-Vice-Chancellor at the University of Liverpool, cites student commitment, diverse teaching styles and the expansion of Higher Education as more valid reasons for success.

Speaking to Roger Phillips on BBC Radio Merseyside, Professor Everest said: "I think it's a myth that A-levels are getting easier. And I think it's most unfair to the 18-year-olds who are doing so well today.

"You've got to remember that, although the demand for HE has increased enormously as more people stay on and work harder to do better, the supply of HE has also expanded enormously over the last 10-15 years.

"When I went to university I think I was one of about 4% of 18-year-olds that went. It was very hard to get in and there were very few places available. Now we have a mass HE system, which is what a modern economy needs," he added.

Some courses are proving more popular than others. Students are turning their backs on traditional courses such as science and mathematics in favour of media related courses.

"There is no doubt that we find it harder to recruit really outstanding candidates into the hard sciences," admitted Professor Everest.

The record results mean that top universities such as Liverpool, when faced with record pass results and increasing applications, find themselves over-subscribed and unable to pick out the best candidates.

Professor Everest claims more information on students is needed but warned: "We need to be careful these days that we don't use supplementary methods of selection which might unwittingly discriminate against people from an educational background where they're not prepared for that kind of test."

The government has announced it will seriously consider plans to help universities choose between top applicants. The proposed plan will examine several options such as a 4,000 word "super essay", the publication of individual modular marks and interviews, which will stretch the most able candidates.

news in brief

UNIVERSITY WINS £4.4M FOR BUSINESS LINKS

The government and the NWDA have awarded the University a total of £4.4m to expand its programme of research and business activities in the North West. The grant, part of the second round of funding by the Higher Education Innovation Fund (HEIF2), will build on current Business Transfer resources and support a range of new business activities planned for the next two years. Vice-Chancellor, Professor Drummond Bone, said: "The award will enable us to upgrade the University's capacity to engage academics with business to promote knowledge transfer into the regional and national economy."

For more information visit:

www.liv.ac.uk/research/business

ONLINE PARTNERSHIP

The University has signed a 10-year deal with Laureate Education Inc – the US based global leader in commercial education provision – to deliver innovative online degree programmes. University Chief Operating Officer, John Latham, said: "This initiative will remove some of the traditional barriers that have limited opportunities for postgraduate study." Liverpool is now Europe's largest provider of online degrees. For more information visit:

www.laureate-inc.com

UNIVERSITY MAKES WAVES IN MARINE RESEARCH

Proudman Oceanographic Laboratory – a world-leading centre for marine research – has moved to a £5m purpose-built facility at the University. The facility was previously housed at Bidston on the Wirral. Scientists will research and monitor storm surges responsible for flooding, global sea level rises, climate change, oil spill movements and the dispersal of pollutants.

For more information visit:

www.liv.ac.uk/earth_sciences/dept

BEST CONFERENCE CENTRE

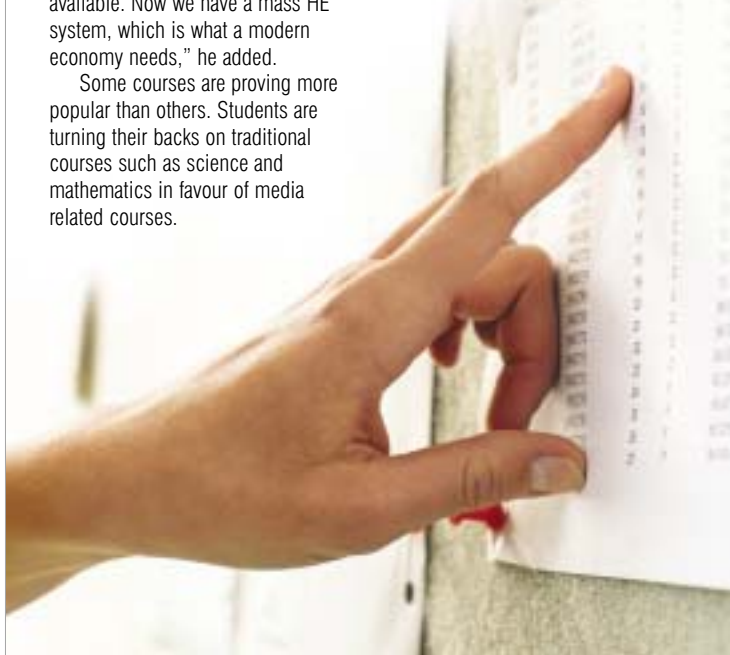
The University's Foresight Centre, based in part of the old Royal Infirmary, was named Best Conference Centre by a group of industry experts at The Mersey Partnership Annual Tourism Awards. Lynn Westbury, Business Development Manager for the Centre, said: "It is recognition of the hard work, creativity and excellent customer service provided by the whole team." To view the facilities go to:

www.liv.ac.uk/foresight

PROSPECTUS PRAISED

The University's 2004 undergraduate prospectus won the Higher Education Prospectus category of the annual HEIST Awards for Higher Education Marketing. Claire Brown, of the UK Student Recruitment Office (UKSRO), said: "This award really raises the standard for the University. Now we need to focus on continuing to deliver excellent results." The team worked with Chester-based design agency, Loines Furnival, to create a publication that, according to the HEIST judging panel, "stands out when compared to those of similar organisations". For more information visit:

www.liv.ac.uk/uksro/uksro.htm



You've recently celebrated your daughter's graduation from Liverpool. What was your own education like?

I was packed off to a boarding school in North Wales when I was about seven years old. It was a very strange place – the main thing was just to survive it, really...

A private school education in those days had few benefits that I could see. Unless you were really clever indeed – which I certainly wasn't – you came away with the ability to talk for about 20 seconds on almost any topic on earth but didn't actually know a great deal about anything. So you could be good at something like *The Times* crossword or lacrosse but it didn't exactly equip you for life.

According to my school reports, which I got from my mother a few years ago, a lot of the teachers wanted to throw me out of the school. Not because I was wicked, but I was a real handful in my own way. I was just incredibly absent-minded and I hated being told how to do things – I still do – and that's not a great advantage whatever schooling you have.

Do you have any good memories of your school days?

We all absolutely adored our housemaster, an extraordinarily eccentric man called RHJ Brooke, who always staunchly defended me against the other members of staff who wanted to get me expelled.

He was amazingly perceptive. In one of my school reports he wrote: "Perhaps it's possible that John can form some kind of nightmarish career out of his enthusiasm for unlistenable records and his delight in writing long and facetious essays." And, of course, that's exactly what I have done. The book, if it ever gets published, will be dedicated to him.

John Peel has led a rich and strange life. He's been on Top of the Pops with Rod Stewart, married a 15-year-old in Texas, been given a 'God-like Genius' award from the NME and, recently, agreed a £1.5 million deal for his autobiography. He is also a devoted husband, a father to four grown-up children (two of them Liverpool alumni) and a collector of antique coins.

insight spoke to the legendary broadcaster and Honorary Graduate who still has the ability to surprise.

golden



Was there pressure on you to do well at school?

My father, both my grandfathers and my brothers went to Shrewsbury School, which is where I eventually ended up, and none of us did particularly well so there wasn't really any pressure.

I got four O-levels although I can't take full credit for one of them. In my Divinity exam, I got it into my head that the examiners would be bored reading the same thing over and over again so I wrote all my answers in what I considered to be the style of Damon Runyan. I thought the examiners would be enormously pleased with this because it would be a break from the norm. I got 11% but, for some reason, when the certificates were issued, Divinity was on there so I didn't argue.

Did you want to go to university?

No. At the time I saw university as an extension of Shrewsbury and I wasn't very happy there...

...So, when they said to me 'if you don't work you won't get to university' I thought 'ahhhh...' so I didn't work and didn't go to university. I didn't feel I was letting the family down because nobody in our family had been to university so it wasn't seen as a disgrace at all.

So how does it feel to have so many honorary degrees now?

I'm very pleased and flattered. I like to remind people I work with that I am technically a doctor. Obviously, I can be summoned in a medical emergency so I always tell them to loosen any clothing in a responsible manner.

...But, seriously, it's nice to go to those ceremonies and dress up in silly clothes and be important for a few hours.

Did you ever consider boarding school for your children?

Oh no, even if we'd had limitless amounts of money we would never have sent them away. We didn't have children with the intention of packing them off to somebody else to educate and look after. However much of a pain in the arse they may have been, we liked having them around. I know you can't really miss something that you never had but I would have much rather spent my formative years near my mum and dad than away at boarding school.

Two of your children have studied at the University of Liverpool. Did you influence their decision at all?

Not in the slightest although I was genuinely pleased that they did. Again, if I had limitless money, I would buy a holiday home in Liverpool. The children going to university there has helped me keep some kind of contact with the city. In fact, my daughter who's just graduated is thinking about returning to Liverpool so I'll have no excuse for not visiting.

You did National Service when you finished school. What was that like?

I applied for early call up just to get it over with so I entered the army at 17. The worst thing was, if I'd been born two days later, I wouldn't have had to do it at all, which is frustrating – but I did actually quite like it.

First of all, I got fit and I quite liked all the repetitive tasks in a funny way. Before going

into the army, I worked briefly in a cotton mill in Rochdale. It was really hard physical work and the noise from the factory was so great you didn't have to speak to anybody, which, for a shy bloke, was great. The army was pretty much the same except I did develop some life skills, like petty theft and evasion, which have proved quite useful.

Would you consider it a more useful education than going to university?

I often claim that but I don't know if it's really true. The one thing that university does give you that I would like to have, particularly now I'm trying to write this book, is the ability to marshal your thoughts.

I'm trying to write the book roughly chronologically but I keep whizzing off on tangents and things leap into my mind and I have to write them down while I'm thinking about them.

For example, writing something about when I was eight triggered off some thoughts about David Bowie and so I wrote all of the things I knew about David Bowie in one go. I keep whizzing backwards and forwards in time so I'm hoping the publishers will think it's a clever device and not a truly crap idea and tell me to do it all again.

You've managed to stay at Radio 1 against all the odds. How have you done it?

I've just never got caught up in office politics – I just do what I do and keep my head down. The trick is, if they ask you to do something, don't dig your heels in and say no, say yes you'll do it and then just carry on doing what you were doing before. I've had people come up to me and say 'thanks, John, it sounds so much better now' and I snigger to myself because I haven't actually changed anything. They've just listened to it with a different mind.

Your shows on Radio 1 and Radio 4 have very different audiences. How do you manage to appeal to both teenagers and pensioners without alienating either?

I think it's by not setting out to have an appeal at all, really. I never spend time analysing either why people would like the programme or why they wouldn't, I just get on with it.

One of the things that pleases me most is that, according to audience research, my Radio 1 show has the highest percentage of listeners under the age of 15 on the station. I don't know why that is but it could be *because* I don't know why it is, if you see what I mean. The teenage audience is pretty volatile and easily offended and I think people often try too hard to win over 'the kids', as they would put it. Just because you're 15 doesn't mean that you're stupid or you can't tell when someone is coming on to you just to get you to listen to their show or watch their TV programme. I think people resent that. I resent it and I'm 65.

Can you see yourself still doing your Radio 1 show at 70 or 80?

Provided I still like it myself, I can't see why I wouldn't. My life was transformed by hearing Elvis – you can't imagine what that was like in the mid-50s. It was like meeting a man from another planet. It was just the most extraordinary event.

So, in a way, I'm still looking for the next Elvis. The next thing that will just seem so astonishing to me that it's almost frightening. Like when punk first started or hip hop – it did seem a bit scary.

Do you actually like everything you play on your show?

I do, or at least I can see that someone else might. I couldn't fake it because I'm not very good at lying. I may not like it in three or four years' time, but that's quite good too. A lot of people my age still like what they liked in 1969 and haven't moved on at all. Occasionally, someone will say to me 'how come you don't play the Grateful Dead these days?' They're not aggressive about it but they basically want you to play their record collection because they can't be bothered... or they've got arthritis.

You've been instrumental in the careers of so many bands. Is there one you're particularly proud of?

That's not really the way I perceive myself. I almost see myself as the editor of a magazine or a newspaper. It's just my job to choose which stories to set before the public. So I never think this band or that band wouldn't be in the position they are in now if it hadn't been for me.

I'm pleased that I've managed to keep The Fall in the public eye for a long time because I think that they're as important a band as there has ever been. I played a small part, I suppose. Of course, Mark E Smith (The Fall's grumpy lead singer) would deny that anybody had any responsibility other than himself, which is his right, but at the same time I like to feel I've played John the Baptist to his Jesus.

Do you have a lot of famous friends?

People are always saying 'what's so and so like?' because they imagine I have this glamorous life hanging out with Elton or something and, of course it's not like that at all. Nor would I wish it to be. I live near Delia Smith but that's about it. I don't really know people in bands and you have to bear in mind that I am a pensioner and people in bands don't want to hang out with old geezers.

Who would you like to play you in the film of your life?

Because I'm so busy listening to records, I don't really get the chance to go and see films so, if Brad Pitt walked in now, apart from thinking 'what the hell are you doing in my house', I probably wouldn't know who he was.

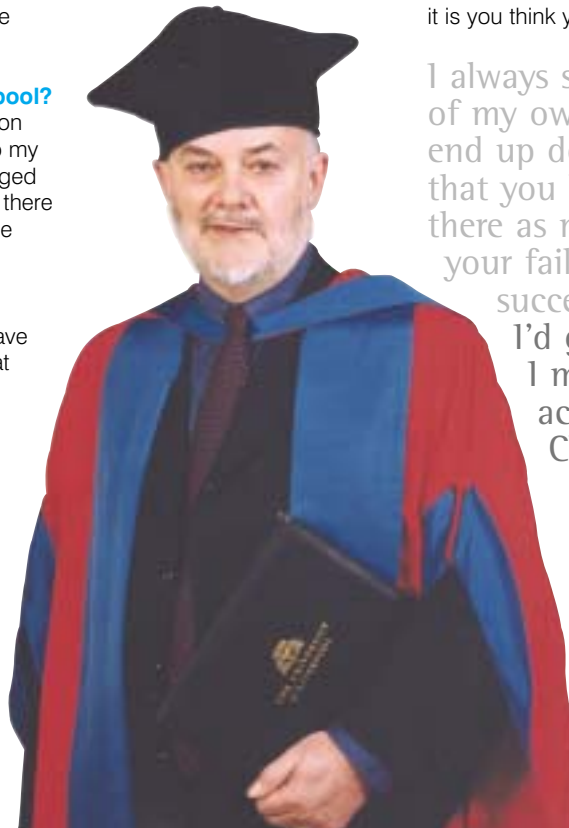
When people ask me if I've seen such and such a film, I always say 'is Margaret Rutherford in it?' and when they say no, which invariably they do, I say 'in that case I don't think I will have seen it'. So, I guess the answer would have to be Margaret Rutherford.

What's your favourite place in Liverpool?

There's a place called Irwell Chambers on Fazakerley Street. It was the entrance to my dad's office and, amazingly, it's unchanged since he used to work there. I like to go there and imagine my dad walking through the entrance because I really miss my dad.

What kind of a dad are you?

Quite a good dad, I think. Before you have children you think you know exactly what to do and how they're going to be and how you are going to be with them. But from the moment they issue from the womb, you can forget all that. They simply refuse to conform to your notions of what they should be like. Our children seem to like us but they also like each other immensely, which is really nice. We all get on enormously well.



So there was none of the usual teenage angst in your house?

I'm not saying that but we had very little striking of attitudes and adopting bizarre anti-social beliefs in order to annoy us.

It's great when your children get a bit older and start to treat you like an equal rather than regarding you as a grossly inferior form of life. That's really nice.

They all went through a stage where they found me slightly embarrassing, but I don't think they find me so embarrassing now. I did a gig recently in Barcelona during the Sonar Festival and when I looked up three of our four children were there dancing to the records I was playing. They had made their way to Barcelona independently and I just thought, how nice is that to be doing a gig and to have your own children dancing to it?

Do you have any final words of advice for recent graduates?

Set your sights low, that way you might find something that you can actually do and might even enjoy rather than driving yourself mad because you haven't become whatever it is you think you should have aspired to...

I always say, in justification of my own life really, if you end up doing something that you like, you've got there as much through your failures as through your successes. Just think, if I'd gone to university I might be an accountant in Cheshire now.

building safer skyscrapers

UNIVERSITY SCIENTISTS WILL INTERVIEW 9/11 SURVIVORS AS PART OF A £1.6 MILLION STUDY INTO THE EVACUATION OF THE WORLD TRADE CENTER.





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Professor David Canter
Director of the Centre for Investigative Psychology, the University of Liverpool

A team from the universities of Liverpool, Greenwich and Ulster will interview over 2,000 survivors of 9/11 in the largest research project ever undertaken into the evacuation of high-rise buildings.

The three-year project, to create a *High-Rise Evacuation Evaluation Database (HEED)*, will bring together engineers and psychologists to analyse human behaviour during evacuations. The research will, ultimately, be available to architects, engineers, building design teams and emergency services around the world to help design safer skyscrapers and improve evacuation procedures.

The data will be collected through face-to-face interviews and questionnaires in an attempt to build a detailed picture of what happened inside the towers.

“The study of human behaviour in fires and related emergencies, sadly, can only be of value when it deals with actual incidents,” says Professor David Canter, Director of the Centre for Investigative Psychology at the University, who is among those leading the study.

Professor Canter, who was involved in the government inquiry into the Kings Cross Underground Station fire in 1987, found that role expectations and group identity accounted for a considerable amount of people’s actions in complex and threatening environments. In Kings Cross, for example, staff who didn’t have any organisational contact with passengers, such as shop workers, did not tend to know how to direct themselves or others during the emergency. Whereas guards and the police, who were used to directing people in their normal roles, were able to organise the evacuation more successfully.

The evacuation of the World Trade Center buildings was the largest full-scale evacuation in modern times. It is estimated that around 14,000 people were in the two towers at the time of the attack. More than 2,500 people died in the atrocity.

“The survivors are the “experts” in these situations,” says Professor Canter. “We owe it to everyone who has suffered from this dreadful attack to learn as much as we can from those who survived.”



three is the magic number

The Unsworth family from St Helens has been producing Liverpool alumni for three generations – the first Unsworth undergraduate, Joseph, even predates the modern University as we know it, studying to become a doctor at University College, Liverpool as it was known until 1903.

Peter McCarthy (LLB 1940, LLM 1942), brother of Emeritus Professor Kevin McCarthy, also a Liverpool graduate, married into this remarkable family in 1945. This is his personal account of three generations of Unsworth alumni.

My wife, Isabel, was the fourteenth child and youngest daughter of Joseph Unsworth, born on 31 December 1870. The son of a south Lancashire farmer, Joseph was recognised as a gifted boy and sent to the Jesuit college of St Francis Xavier in Liverpool, the first of his family to receive any secondary education.

While there he excelled in science and maths, winning the handsome prize of £20 for the highest matriculation mark in all the Jesuit colleges in Britain.

Joseph received a Ranger Scholarship to read Medicine at University College, Liverpool as it was then, becoming the first of many Unsworths to study at the institution. In his pre-med year he studied physics under Sir Oliver Lodge, renowned physicist and pioneer of the x-ray, who tried, unsuccessfully, to persuade him to forego medicine and turn to pure science.

Despite ignoring his advice, Joseph Unsworth remained a friend of Sir Oliver for the remainder of Lodge's life. In 1913, Joseph built and installed his own x-ray machine, which he used in his practice for more than 20 years.



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In 1891, Joseph was awarded a medal for Anatomy and Physiology and, two years later, qualified as a doctor. He went into private practice in his native St Helens and, in 1896, built a house and surgery at 38 North Road from which he practised until his death in 1941.

A keen motor engineer, Joseph Unsworth was the proud owner of the first car in St Helens. However, as family history has it, he narrowly missed out on claiming the prestigious registration number 1. On the day registration was introduced a patient came into the surgery with a broken leg and, while Joseph was attending to him, a rival St Helens doctor beat him to it!

In his attitude to women Joseph Unsworth was far ahead of his time. He insisted that all his nine daughters, as well as his six surviving sons, had tertiary education, either at the University or professional training. Indeed, when his fifth daughter, Marie,

failed her Chartered Accountancy final in 1931 he is said to have made her postpone her wedding until she had retaken and passed the exam! He wanted each daughter, whether married or not, to be an independent person in their own right.

Joseph's eldest child, Dorothy, entered the Medical School at the University of Liverpool in 1915 – the only woman in her year and the first female in the family to enjoy a university education. In 1918, she was awarded the Senior Lyon Jones Scholarship and, after qualification, went on to do a DPH. She married John Twomey, another University medical student, and emigrated to South Africa.

Unsworth's eldest son, Cyril, went into the army in 1916 and within weeks was killed on the Somme. His next three sons, Leslie, Stanley and Cuthbert, and his second daughter, Marjorie, all graduated from the Faculty of Medicine.

Leslie and Cuthbert went into general practice while Stanley, who qualified at 20, had to wait until his 21st birthday before he could be registered. Stanley became a much-respected Liverpool consultant surgeon, lecturing on clinical surgery at the University. A ward at Broadgreen Hospital is named in his honour. Marjorie became a consultant ophthalmologist.

Five other of Joseph's children were students at Liverpool as well as many grandchildren. Two of them, Leslie's sons, Tony, now a retired doctor, and Denis, Headmaster of the English School in Geneva, both captained the University First XV.

I had the inestimable good fortune to meet his youngest daughter, Isabel, a student in the Department of Social Science in November 1940. We were both part of the first group to use Plas Geraint, the hostel at Llangollen, taken over by our kindly Vice-Chancellor McNair in 1940 as

a place of rest and relaxation for students suffering, as he touchingly believed, from the stress of the bombings that started in Liverpool in August of that year. Isabel was a remarkable young woman. We found we had so many common interests that weekend, that the rest was inevitable.

In 2000, as a family millennium project, we put together the story of my and my late wife's families. We launched our history at a great party at Joseph Unsworth's old home and surgery – now a restaurant. Scores of his descendants, many graduates of the University of Liverpool, gathered to remember and celebrate one of University College, Liverpool's earliest and most distinguished sons.

A copy of Peter McCarthy's book *Change at Prescot: A family story from two traditions* (Amherst Publishing Ltd, 2000) is available in the Sydney Jones Library.

Unsworth alumni

1891	1920	1921	1922	1924	1925	1941	1942	1946	1949	1951	1960
Joseph	Dorothy	Stanley	Leslie	Marjorie	Cuthbert	Beryl	Isabel	Barbara	John	Anthony	Denis



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01 Joseph Unsworth, aged 19, in the somewhat formal dress then expected of a Medical student.

02 Joseph Unsworth in later life.

03 Isabel Unsworth in her office in the Students' Union, 1941.

04 Anthony Unsworth, captain of the First XV, 1950.

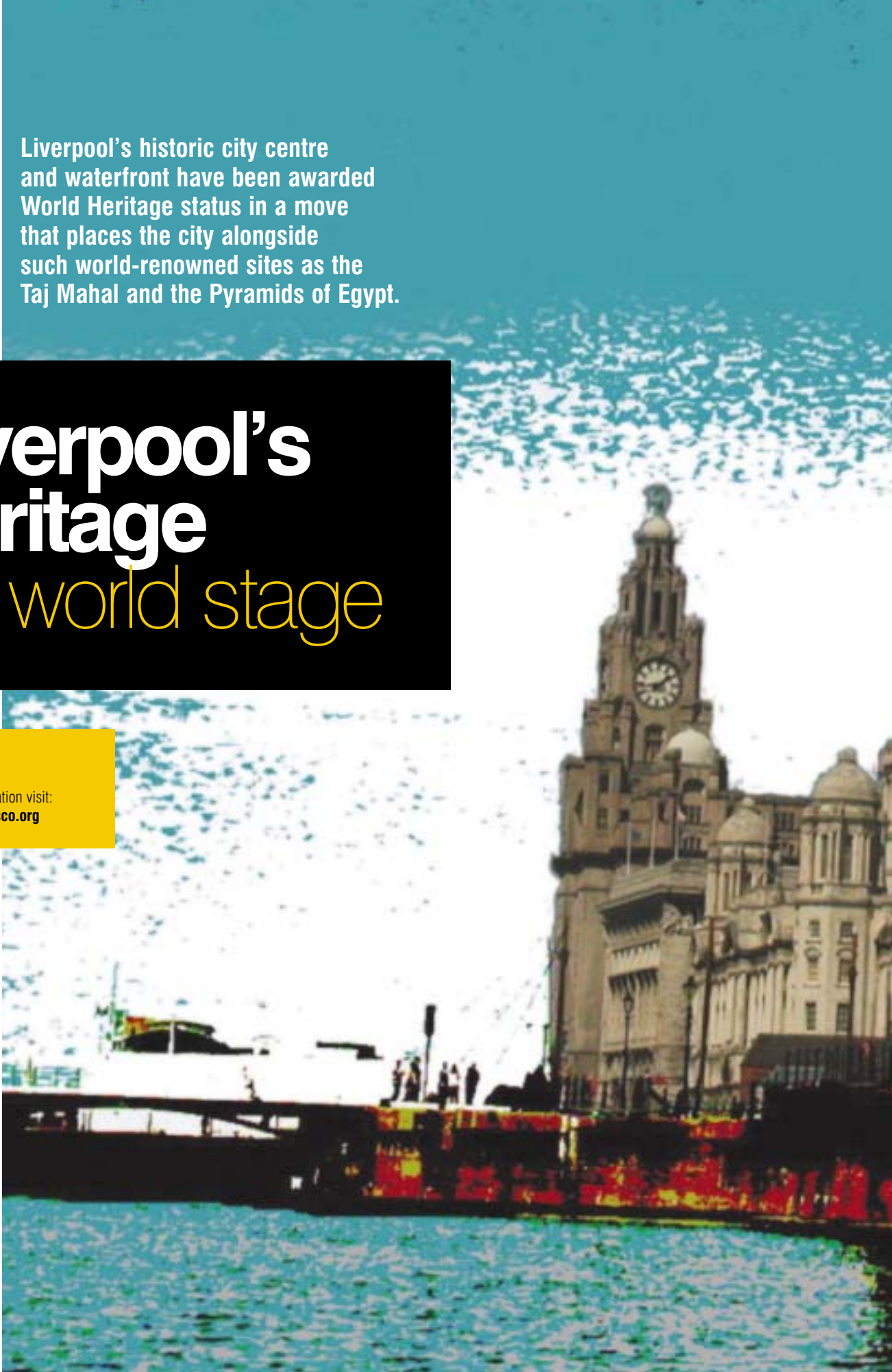
05 The surviving Unsworth children from Joseph's first marriage, taken in 1918 on the occasion of his second – the five who went through Liverpool Medical School are together in the back row, l-r: Marjorie, Stanley, Dorothy, Leslie, Cuthbert.

Liverpool's historic city centre and waterfront have been awarded World Heritage status in a move that places the city alongside such world-renowned sites as the Taj Mahal and the Pyramids of Egypt.

Liverpool's heritage on world stage



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“In the long term, this is going to be more significant than the Capital of Culture. This is something Liverpool can enjoy forever.”

Sir Neil Cossons
University of Liverpool alumnus and Chairman of English Heritage (pictured right, centre)



Liverpool now joins a select, but largely southerly-dominated, list of English World Heritage sites including the big-hitters of English tourism – Stonehenge, Westminster Palace and the Tower of London.

The historic city centre, the commercial area of warehouses and merchant houses around Duke Street, and William Brown Street have all been recognised by the United Nations Educational Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) for their rich Victorian and Maritime history.

At the time of Britain’s greatest global influence in the 19th century, Liverpool was a flourishing port and gateway to the Atlantic for imported and exported goods. The city was a pioneer in the development of modern dock technology, transport systems, and port management. The listed sites feature a great number of significant commercial, civic and public buildings, including St George’s Plateau.

The accolade comes hot on the heels of the city’s Capital of Culture 2008 win. Sir Neil Cossons, University of Liverpool alumnus and Chairman of English Heritage,

expressed his delight at Liverpool’s success. “In the long term, this is going to be more significant than the Capital of Culture. This is something Liverpool can enjoy forever,” he said.

Although there is no immediate financial award associated with the title, Liverpool’s reputation as a World Heritage site should bring an increase in public funding, tourism, revenue and employment to the city. It is also hoped that private businesses and other organisations will contribute financially to maintain and preserve the area.

However, UNESCO has placed a condition on Liverpool’s new status, that all new developments must be in harmony with the city’s existing features, such as the Pier Head and the Albert Dock, to help maintain the balance between degradation and over-regeneration of the area.

Thirty-four new sites join Liverpool on the World Heritage list for 2004 including the Dresden Elbe Valley in Germany, three sacred sites in the Kii Mountains of Japan and the Royal Exhibition Building in Melbourne, bringing the total number of listed sites to 788.



Fourth Grace axed

Plans for the newest Grace on Liverpool’s waterfront, a building called *The Cloud* designed by architect Will Alsop, were dropped after an emergency meeting called by Liverpool City Council, Liverpool Vision, Northwest Development Agency and Liverpool National Museums. The spiralling costs of the project, which were expected to reach in excess of £270 million, were blamed.

A trip to the zoo

The history of the University of Liverpool can be traced not only through its written records but also through its buildings

ORIGINALLY HOUSED IN A DISUSED LUNATIC ASYLUM IN ASHTON STREET (LONG SINCE DEMOLISHED), UNIVERSITY COLLEGE, LIVERPOOL, AS IT WAS KNOWN THEN, MOVED TO A NEW GROUP OF BUILDINGS IN THE LATE C19TH, WITH THE VICTORIA BUILDING AT ITS HEART. OVER SUBSEQUENT DECADES THE UNIVERSITY HAS CONTINUED TO EXPAND UNTIL TODAY THERE ARE 298 BUILDINGS SITED ACROSS 621 ACRES.

The University encompasses a wide variety of architecture from the pretty squares of the Georgian period to Victorian gothic to the stark functionality of the 1960s. This striking visual diversity elicited a comment from renowned architectural historian Sir Nikolaus Pevsner who, in 1969, said of the precinct: **“The whole is not a whole but a zoo, with species after species represented.”**

insight took a trip to the zoo to discover some of the University’s unique architectural heritage.



01 The Victoria Building

Faced with fiery red brick and terracotta, the iconic Victoria Building, built by Liverpool-born architect Alfred Waterhouse in 1889-92, was the original ‘redbrick’ university building. The stunning Tate Hall, a former library, is named after Sir Henry Tate, the sugar magnate, who helped meet the cost of the building. Sir Oliver Lodge advised on the provision of electric lights and lightning conductors, while the clock on the tower was made by the great-grandfather of the University’s current Pro-Chancellor, Michael Potts.



02 The Foresight Centre

The former outpatients’ department of the Royal Infirmary is now an award-winning conference centre. It has been sensitively converted, preserving the original glazed green tile interior.



03 Ashton Building

Original home of the Faculty of Arts, now part of the Engineering complex. Look out for the sphinxes on either side of the archway leading to the library on Ashton Street.



04 Harold Cohen Library

Clad in Portland stone, this classical building of the 1930s was named after the Chairman of Lewis’s, whose personal gift of £100,000 made the building possible. The library stands on the site of a former Lock Hospital which was converted in 1919 to form the School of Architecture, popularly known as ‘Reilly’s Cowshed’ after the Head of the School.



05 Guild of Students

The earliest part dates from 1910 when it had separate entrances for men and women with the Gilmore Hall (an ornate debating chamber, now a bar) the only place they were allowed to mix, under the watchful eye of the matron. In the mid-1990s, the courtyard was roofed with a huge, wedge-shaped skylight, echoing the Metropolitan Cathedral’s sloping roof and framing a view of its tower from inside.



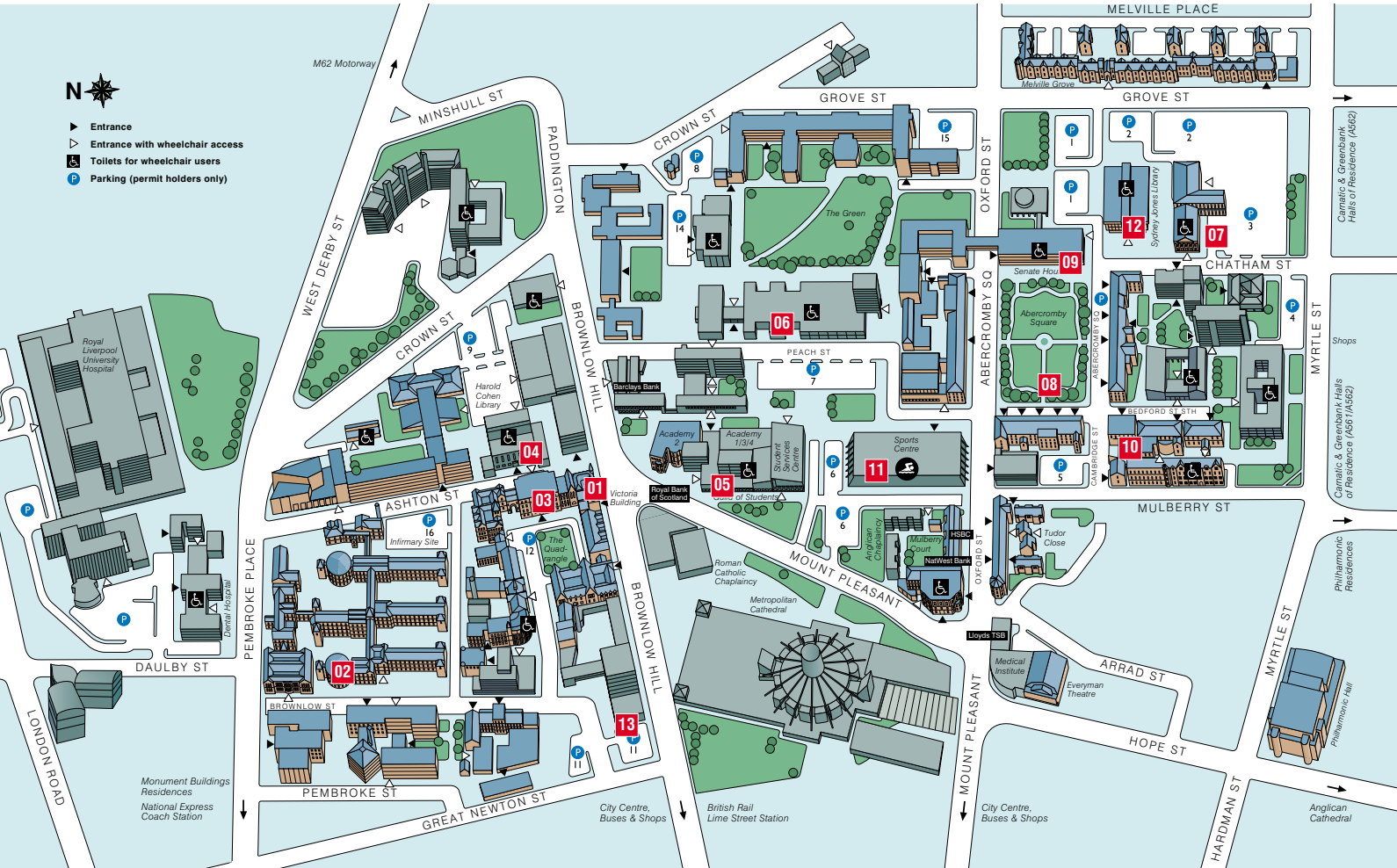
06 Chadwick Laboratory

An eight-storey tower on stilts by Sir Basil Spence (who also designed Coventry Cathedral), completed in 1959 and named after Nobel Prize winner Sir James Chadwick, Professor of Physics between 1935-48. In 1969 Pevsner called it “one of the visually best new buildings of the university”. Outside, the human-like forms of the sculpture, *Three Uprights* by Hubert Dalwood, seem to look up at the tower.



07 Chatham Building

Originally a Welsh Presbyterian chapel, this ornate Italianate building was sold to the University for £6,500 when congregation numbers dwindled following WWII. In the final Annual Report for 1949, the Rev Oswy Davies expressed satisfaction that “all who loved this edifice have peace of mind as they see its future in the hands of a noble institution”. Now forms part of the Management School, opened in 2002.



Abercromby Square

A former peat bog, this area was transformed in the early C19th into a fashionable Georgian houses with a square in the centre. The majority of the buildings, plus the garden-house in the centre of the square, survive.

No.4: Staff House, as it is now, was the former home of Vice-Chancellor Sir Alfred Dale, from 1908-15.

No.8: Former residence of Henry Booth who was instrumental in the development of the Stephenson Rocket steam train. It is now the School of History.

No.19 (inset): The grandest surviving C19th house in the city centre. It was designed for a South Carolina-born businessman who supported the Confederate cause during the American Civil War. The painted vestibule ceiling still features a palmetto tree, a symbol on the South Carolina flag. The house later became the Bishop of Liverpool's Palace.



Senate House

Built in 1968, on the site of the bombed-out St Catherine's Church, the design and materials for this building were chosen to respond sensitively to its terraced neighbours. Adjoining is the Senate Room, a circular, panelled meeting room used by the Council and Senate of the University. An assembly hall was to have been built on the adjoining site and together the buildings would have enclosed a square, but this never materialised. Outside is a bronze sculpture, *Squares with Two Circles*, by Barbara Hepworth.



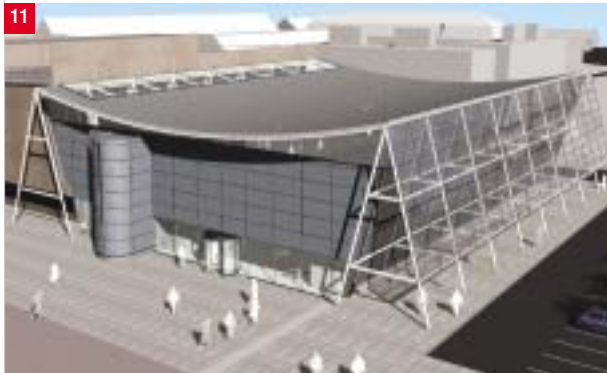
Department of Civic Design

The first new building to be completed after WWII in 1951, it has the slightly undernourished look that marks that period of austerity. William Holford, who was commissioned to plan the University's post-war expansion, claimed buildings of this time "present elevations in the execution of which ... a great deal of expense has been spared". The rear courtyard features a 50s sculpture, *The Quickening*, by Mitzi Cunliffe: a bird resting in the palm of a giant hand.

Thanks to Adrian Allan, University archivist, and Joseph Sharples from the School of History. **The Pevsner Architectural Guide to Liverpool** (Yale University Press, 2004) by Joseph Sharples is available from bookshops priced £9.99.

The University is continuing to improve the precinct with a major investment of more than £75 million in existing and new buildings.

Sports Centre: The newly-extended and renovated Sports Centre opens its doors in the Autumn of 2004, featuring a brand new fitness suite, weights room and second sports hall. As well as providing state-of-the-art recreational facilities, the £3.5 million investment in the Sports Centre will also see improved access and services for disabled staff and students.



Sydney Jones Library: A proposed new 4000m² extension will provide an enhanced study environment for students in addition to a café, IT facilities, meeting rooms and offices. The main entrance will be significantly improved. A model of the proposed extension will shortly be on display in the Library. The work is due to commence in June 2005 with completion scheduled for late Summer 2006.



Engineering: A major project to refurbish the existing Faculty of Engineering accommodation and create a new Project Laboratory is due to commence in 2005. This work will be carried out across a number of buildings around the Brownlow Hill site. Under the proposals, the Mechanical Engineering Tower will be demolished and the new Project Laboratory will be built on the Tower podium.

The accommodation in the Ashton Building and the upper floors of the George Holt Building will be vacated by Engineering and refurbished for the Computer Science department as a separate project. All of this work is expected to be completed by 2008.



Small Animal Teaching Hospital, Leahurst:

An 86-room hospital with state-of-the-art facilities will integrate small and large animal teaching at Leahurst, meaning students will no longer have to make the time-consuming and expensive 25-mile round trip to Liverpool each day – all of their study, for the first time, will be based on one site on the Wirral. Construction of the new hospital is planned to start in 2005.



Please note: see map on previous page for building locations

student eye

After a long year of lectures, deadlines and exams it's only natural to want to kick back and relax over the summer. It's a chance, not only to get a tan, but also to recharge the batteries in preparation for the next year of lectures, deadlines and exams (alternatively known as the vicious circle). But the summer also provides a wealth of opportunity for improving the CV and taking the first steps onto the corporate ladder.



Work experience placements can be invaluable for when it comes to deciding what to do with the rest of your life. Training for certain careers, such as law, can require students to take on a vacation placement of around two weeks in the penultimate year of their course, which can be helpful as you have time to impress a possible future employer, while researching the job and finding out whether it's for you. In other words, work experience can be seen as an extended interview where you get to be yourself and show what you're really capable of.

The prospect of going into your final year can be daunting as you realise that a big part of your life is coming to an end and you start to seriously question what you've been working towards all this time. If you're one of the lucky ones who's known what they wanted to do since they were little, then the thought of graduation should be a dream, but for the rest of us, the uncertainty about the future can make you want to stay in education for life. Here's where it's necessary to get some advice. The careers department is an excellent tool in guiding you towards a job which focuses on your interests and strengths, while opening your eyes as to how to improve on your weaknesses, such as interview technique. A little objective outside help can be just what's needed as you prepare to make one of the most important decisions of your life: your choice of career.

Summer just wouldn't be as fun without attending one of the run of festivals over the holiday period, but this year it was always going to be difficult choosing which one. There was always cult favourite Glastonbury in June but that was by no means the only option. In fact, seeing how stormy and miserable it was then led me to realise that if you want to listen to some tunes while basking in the sun, it's difficult to beat a festival in August, especially when this August offered up such treats as V2004, Carling's Reading and Leeds gigs and T in the Park to name a few. As for Liverpool, there was the choice between the month-long Summer Pops that featured a diverse range of artists spanning the decades, the 60s kitsch of the Beatles-based Matthew Street Festival, and the dance acts of Creamfields. The festival season always guarantees a great time and this year was no exception. Now all that's left is to plan for 2005.

As a student who's just spent the last year studying abroad as part of my degree, it's good to be back in the city and getting involved with English student life again. The first week of the new university year is always a fun time, even if you're not a first year. You happily meet up with people you haven't seen for months, you're stress-free as the tutorials don't start until later in the month and, after a relative detox over the summer, you're back assaulting your liver with massive shots of vodka in an attempt to out-fresh the freshers on 2 for 1 nights out. It's also important now to consider what you want to gain from the year, whether it's settling into a study pattern, finding the right balance of extra-curricular activities to gain added experience and make new friends, or discovering what's going on around you in the city. It's important to make the most of your time and with graduation looming, and the redevelopment projects in Liverpool currently underway, this year looks to be an interesting one.

Top: Nicola Saberton is in her fourth and final year of an English Laws and French Laws with French degree.

Archaeology celebrates its centenary this year, making it the oldest university department in the UK.

A century of Archaeology

Back in 1902, due to public interest in the subject, the University elected John Garstang Honorary Reader in Egyptology. Garstang then embarked on two years of fundraising around the city. With £10,000 in place, the Archaeology Institute, with HRH Princess Henry of Battenberg as its patron, was established in 1904.

From the outset, the Institute's remit was research supported by a museum reference collection of antiquities and complemented by a library. By 1911, the Institute had chairs in Classical Archaeology, Egyptology, Methods and Practice of Archaeology, and Medieval Archaeology, together with lectureships in Oriental History and Archaeology, Assyriology, Central American Antiquities and Numismatics. In 1907 the list also included a Professor of Social Anthropology. There was even, for a number of years, a Research Fellow in the Archaeology of Music! The Institute became part of the University in 1948.

The University now has the country's largest concentration of Egyptologists and, with them, the biggest teaching programme in Europe. The School is recognised as a centre for early hominid studies, a fact reflected in a record-breaking £1 million award from the British Academy for the 'From Lucy to Language' project – a multi-disciplinary study into the origins of the human mind combining expertise in the fields of archaeology, evolutionary psychology, social anthropology and linguistics to shed new light on one of science's great mysteries.

In recent years new areas of teaching and research have opened up including archaeological science and the study of early humans. In 1991 a Chair of Archaeology was created and, with the appointment of Elizabeth Slater, there followed a series of posts and investment in research.

The School of Archaeology – the facts

- The largest coherent research grouping in eastern Mediterranean and Near Eastern archaeology
- It undertakes fieldwork in Greece, Egypt, the Near East, Anatolia, South Africa, Bulgaria and Crimea as well as retaining strong links with archaeological research in the UK.

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full-time and associated staff

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postgraduates

350+

over 350 undergraduates

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different degree programmes





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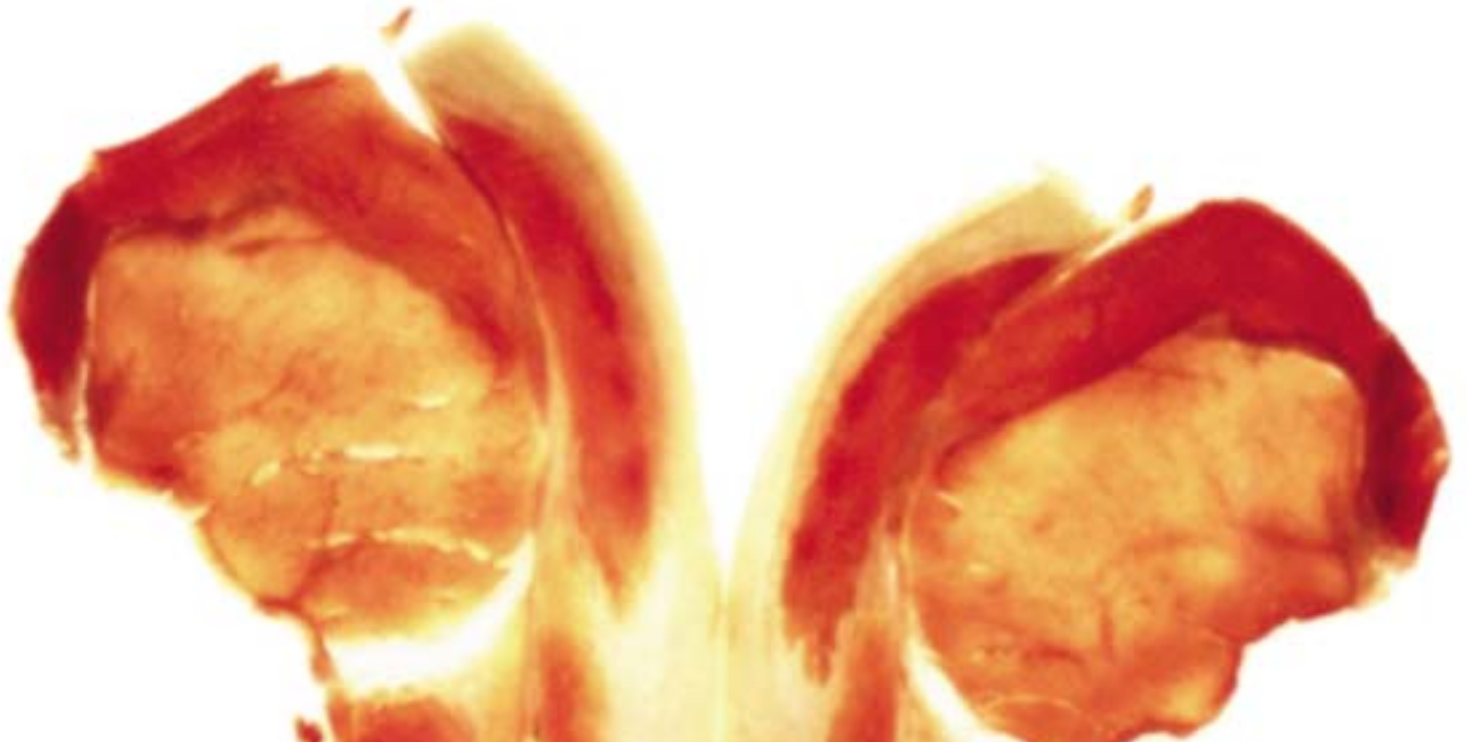
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01 John Garstang, 1876-1956. Founder of the Liverpool Institute of Archaeology.

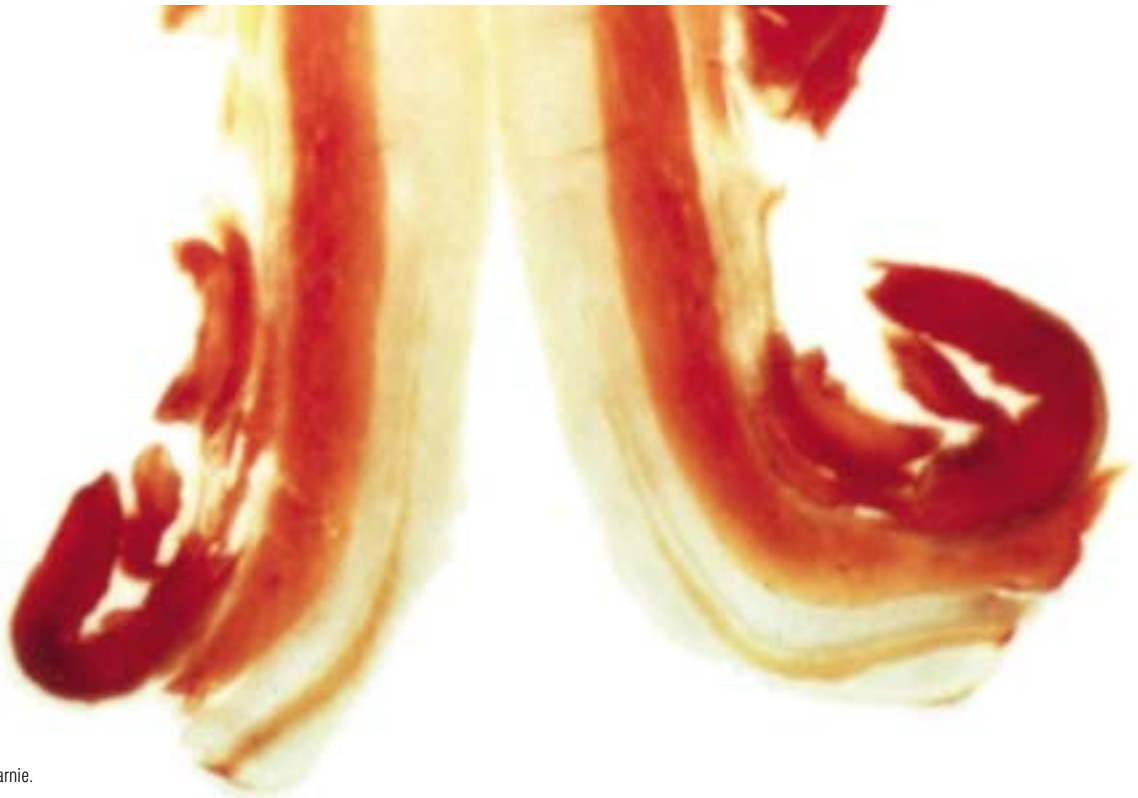
02 Professor Garstang (standing), Mrs Garstang (with teapot), Harry Jones (site artist) and friend taking tea in the tomb. Beni Hasan, 1902-04.

03 *left to right*: Visitors to the camp, Meroe, c1913. Unknown visitor, Lord Kitchener, the Sidar standing behind Lady Wingate, Professor Sayce and Professor Garstang.

04 Professor Garstang excavating at Meroe, 1912.



Former student Wynn Abbott (BSc Biochemistry, 1997) is blurring the boundaries between science and art with his provocative and unique online gallery.



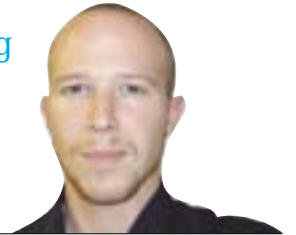
"Twins" by Andrew Carnie.

“The essence of any good modern art is originality..”

is not something you would normally expect to hear from a student of Biochemistry. The lines of demarcation between science and art are traditionally very clear, but a love of both prompted Wynn Abbott to try and find a compromise.

“I always loved science and art in equal measure, but it wasn't until I moved to London in 2000 and began working for the Science Communication Group at Imperial College that I realised careers existed that could bridge the two.”

Wynn Abbott



shock tactics

While at Imperial College, Wynn was introduced to artists including Annie Cattrell who were using medical and scientific imagery to create art. Three years later, Wynn set up *SciCult*, the first specialist science-related, art gallery of its kind in the world.

SciCult's online gallery delves into identity issues, biological and medical imaging, body parts and an examination of metamorphosis. Daniel Lee's work is among the most recognised, digitally morphing human and primate portraits in a series called *Manimals*.

Some of the pictures are not for the faint hearted. Some images will shock and others challenge perceptions. “The point is not to shock,” insists Wynn, “and not to be sensationalist for the sake of it. The aim of *SciCult* is to bridge science and culture through contemporary art.

“What I wanted to do from the outset is to be independent and free of the restrictions that exist in many institutions. It's about transgression – breaking down the barriers. You don't necessarily have to shock people to achieve that.”

Wynn had some barriers of his own to break down in the early years. “It wasn't easy making the transition from the science to the art world and be taken seriously,” said Wynn, who supplemented his degree with an MA in Science and Culture at Birkbeck College.

However, time, hard work, word of mouth and the offer of artistic freedom that contributors crave, all helped to attract artists to the project. Nowadays, the website boasts exhibits from 17 artists with another seven scheduled to join soon.

Not one to rest on his laurels, the future for Wynn and for *SciCult* bodes well. Wynn has been nominated for the prestigious “3rd Culture” award by the American based *Seed Magazine* and recently exhibited at the BA Festival of Science at the University of Exeter.

“My dream is to secure permanent art gallery space in London within the next two years,” he says. “I would love to forge links with my native North West in the future, either in public art projects or opening a Northern *SciCult* gallery.”



Identical twins, Richard and Adrian Cunliffe, gained identical degrees from the University of Liverpool last year. Now they have launched their own IT business – together.

two's company

The pair, who left school with 10 GCSEs in the same subjects with the same grades, both studied Computer Science and Management – and both left with a first-class degree. Originally from Coventry, Richard and Adrian decided to stay in the Merseyside region after graduating. Their new business – called BOZII (from a number-to-letter translation of the wireless standard 802.11) – is at the cutting edge of new technology, selling wireless networks which allow anyone with a laptop computer to access the Internet or check emails without being connected to a phone line.

insight spoke to Richard about the twins' time at Liverpool and about their joint venture.

What made you decide to go into business together?

One of the main reasons for setting up BOZII was the lack of jobs in the IT sector. There had been a recession in IT and Telecoms in the years leading up to our graduation. Two first-class honours degrees and many graduate applications later, we were no closer to finding a job. One of our lecturers at Liverpool saw some potential in us and suggested we started a business.

Did your time at Liverpool help you in setting up your own business?

We both took on challenging dissertations that had a place in the real world. One of the dissertations was a self-adapting web page. When the page is requested it works out the type of device requesting the page and alters the web page to maximise on that computer's abilities. The other dissertation was a Virtual Internet Service Provider (VISP). This meant you could dial up our student flat and connect to the internet from anywhere in the world. The VISP would allow many companies to have their own branded dial up connections and email.

Both projects were very marketable, so we thought let's come up with a product we could both feel comfortable selling and something that really excites us. The end product was wireless broadband (Wi-Fi).

We gained a great balance of skills from university. Our degrees gave us the technical background, people management skills and, most importantly, how to produce a business plan!

How successful has BOZII been so far?

Just 12 months after graduating, we're about to sign deals with some large blue-chip companies.

Due to government stipulation, Wi-Fi was a non-charging service until July 2003, after which companies were allowed to charge for the service. We were lucky because that meant we could be part of the industry from the start. We felt that with so much network fragmentation there was an increasing need for a company to offer roaming between the networks. So BOZII talked to all of the networks to bring them together to form the UK's first Wi-Fi roaming agreement.

Did you have the same friends at university and go to the same places?

Because we were doing a combined honours degree it meant we had a larger circle of friends due to doing the two courses but, yes, we still had the same circle of friends. I also worked at ASK restaurant in Queens Square which meant that we were never short of friends. We did the usual rounds of Dom One's for vodka abuse, Modo's, the Raz and Time Tunnel and Double Vision were always on the agenda!

Did you ever play on the fact you were twins at Liverpool?

Sounds boring, but no.

Are you running BOZII full-time now?

Starting a company is expensive. Long setup times and with no income it's crippling. So, we have an arrangement between us that means I work full-time on BOZII and Adrian works for a company called Elitetele.com. He is their head IT guy for the UK and Spain. We have a financial agreement that works and hopefully that will see us through to our first million!

What advice would you give to anyone thinking of starting a business?

It's hard work, you have to believe in your ideas 110%. You will have heart-breaking moments and moments when you just want to explode with excitement. So, our advice is persistence, persistence, persistence!



in the post

star letter

After a great deal of thought, I have at last plucked up enough courage to disagree with the former Director General of MI5 (*insight*, Spring 04).

As a born 'scouser' I attended the University, graduating in 1957. Most certainly Liverpool was a different place in the 50s and, like everywhere else, was still suffering the after effects of the war.

Walking down the hill, you passed very depressing side streets that were virtual 'no-go' to the nobs from the University. On one occasion only, I walked through the Bull Ring in daylight and it was like those, then popular, Italian films. But bomb damage, certainly not. By then they had been cleared and there were many empty spaces.

Times were of course 'ard', but we still managed to have a good time, as well as do some work. It produced a special breed such as the speakers at the centenary debate: Peter Maloney, Pip Jones, Cyril Goldstein and Mike Reddington.

Down at heel – Liverpool? Never!
Bloody but unbowed.

John Adderley (BCom 1957) via email

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Strange coincidence

One leaves University and enters the real world. In truth, one doesn't expect to meet many contemporaries, except perhaps in one's own discipline. In my case, our 1960 vet graduation year began its reunions in 1961 and has continued every three or four years since.

However, about eight years ago, the scenario of the doctor, the dentist and the two vets arose in the main stand at Anfield, as four university contemporaries found themselves, by chance, with adjacent season ticket seats. Once a season ticket holder at Anfield, the only change you seek is to get a move closer to the middle of the main stand. And that is how that scenario randomly arose and we met again after all those years, and continue to meet and chat together.

Bas Hardy (BVSc 1960)
via email

Congratulations

insight will be a major highway of communication between the University of Liverpool and its ex-students. I hope this publication will shine day by day.

Dr Rathindra Kumar Sarma
(DTM&H Medicine 2001) Bangladesh

I received my copy of *insight* a few days ago and, I must say, it is excellent! I thoroughly enjoyed it, from cover to cover – although I was saddened to learn of the death of my PhD supervisor, Prof John Glover.

One quibble: two photos of Michael Owen are two (pun intended) much for a life-long Evertonian, and native Merseysider, to stomach!

Please do keep up the good work. Relatively ancient alumni like me do appreciate reading about the latest news from a place we spent some of our happiest days.

Dave Burton (BSc Hons Biochem 1962,
PhD Biochem 1965) Canada

These are just two of the many letters and emails of support we received. Thank you all for your kind words – I hope you like Issue 2 just as much – Ed.

Easier reading

I enjoyed the latest issue of *insight* which was exciting to read. I showed the pictures of the Liver Building and other monuments to my kids who have not been to Liverpool.

Only one comment – please use a larger font. Even though my eyes aren't 40 yet, the print was not easy to read, especially those printed on red background.

C K Si-Hoe (MBChB 1988) Singapore

The colours and font size were problems for other readers too – I hope you will see an improvement in this issue – Ed.

Sir Joseph remembered

Congratulations on the new *insight*. I particularly enjoyed the article on Sir Joseph Rotblat, who was my lecturer in Electronics from 1941–43 when I was reading Physics under the wartime Hankey Scheme. With Liverpool having one of the two cyclotrons in the UK, we all knew of some important work in progress at the University and regularly expected Joe (no disrespect intended) to break off in the middle of a lecture to attend to 'something in the basement!'

George Pritchard
(BSc Physics 1948)
Berkhamstead

I am writing to say how much I enjoyed reading the first issue of *insight*. I was particularly interested in the article concerning Sir Joseph Rotblat as I have recently returned from a 4-year period living and working in Warsaw, Poland. This particular issue coincides with a particular milestone in my career as I have now turned a lifelong interest into my own business.

However, it is tinged with slight disappointment that I was never able to find suitable employment as an Electronics Engineer here in the North West. During my University time I was an active member of Liverpool University Public Transport Society (LUPTS) and still keep in touch with many former members, our most famous member being Sir Neil Cossons. I am also in regular contact with my former tutor from the Department of Electrical Engineering and Electronics, Dr K R Hearne.

I always enjoy coming back to Liverpool, seeing old friends and visiting the places of entertainment that I frequented as a student.

David C Parker
(BEng 1983, MEng 1985)
Buxton

the times they are a-changin'



How a 13-year-old school leaver became **Professor Eric Moonman OBE**, former MP, social commentator and renowned expert on counter-terrorism.

The year is 1943.

The world is at war.

Allan Downie, Professor of Bacteriology at the University of Liverpool, is embarking on pioneering research that would eradicate smallpox. India, Singapore and Hong Kong are under British rule. Ingrid Bergman is the star of the silver screen, and Eric Moonman has just left Rathbone School, Liverpool, at the age of 13.

Predictably, academic study wasn't the teenager's top priority during wartime Britain – an era Eric recalls as one of “great stress, concern and anxiety”. The Moonman family, like so many, suffered greatly during the war, losing both their business and their home in air raids.

Eric then started a seven-year apprenticeship at WJ Pugh Printers and then the *Liverpool Echo*, an opportunity which allowed him to leave school before the national leaving age of 14. It was during this apprenticeship he made his first forays into politics, establishing the *Guild of Young Printers*, a workers' union to protect himself and his young colleagues.

Eric returned to education when, during National Service in the Kings Regiment, he volunteered for study time. Eric later built on his military studies with numerous evening classes in subjects such as public speaking. His hard work was ultimately rewarded in 1954 when he won a place at the University of Liverpool to study for a Diploma in Social Science. By this time, Eric had developed a self-confessed “thirst for knowledge”.

Eric took to student life with his customary gusto. He was editor of University magazine, *Panto*, and was elected chairman of the Labour Society – a political allegiance that would shape his future and one he still holds dear today.

After graduation Eric continued to quench his thirst for knowledge, achieving many professional and personal successes. Stints as a lecturer in Industrial Relations and Director of Management at SW Essex Technical College and, later, as Leader of Stepney Council were followed by what Eric describes as “my most important job” – Labour MP for Basildon...

“...actually, it wasn’t a job, it was more a marvellous opportunity,”

he recalls.

The 1960s and early 1970s was a busy time for Eric who managed to fit in getting married for the first time, studying for an MSc in Management Sciences at UMIST and carrying out his constituency commitments, as well as writing five books, the most successful of which, *The Manager of the Organisation*, was released in 1961.

Throughout his life, Eric has committed himself both professionally and academically to tackling the social issues of the day. He has been witness to events that define generations and act as signals of a changing society. Eric became more and more interested in the causes of conflict in society and, in 1985, as Director of The Centre of Contemporary Studies, a research organisation in social violence and football violence, he focused on race relations in football. This led to the publication of his 1986 book, *Violent Society*. The book was well received and, surprisingly for Eric, marked another chapter in his life.

“More and more people began phoning me up out of the blue to discuss violence in society and, increasingly, terrorism.”

He began to take on consultancy work for ITN as an expert in counter-terrorism and was also involved in high-profile research such as *Counter Terrorism in the Post-9/11 Era* for the International Centre for Terrorism Studies at the Potanic Institute for Policy Studies, in Nov 2001 – shortly after the attacks in New York and Washington.

Recently, Eric has been busy with his latest book, written in response to the demand for his knowledge in this area, called *Learning to Live in the Violent Society*, which nears completion. He remarried four years ago and is currently enjoying the first part of what he calls “two-stage retirement”. He remains as active now as you might expect. He dedicates his time to his responsibilities in the Jewish community, as Visiting Professor at City University Business School, as a lifelong supporter of Everton Football Club (he is Chairman of the Club’s Supporters, Home Counties and Abroad), and to his wife and three children.

He is also in demand as a troubleshooter in the health service (he was chairman of a number of hospitals for 13 years) both in the UK and overseas. This reflects successful assignments in Africa with the International Red Cross initiating management control systems, and also in Cephalonia, Greece helping to restore basic services following earthquake devastation. He is currently under pressure to return to Namibia for a short-term assignment to resolve an industrial dispute.

The year is 2004.

The teenager seems a distant memory to Professor Eric Moonman OBE. Society has changed, he has changed, but the commitment, ambition and enthusiasm that served the 13-year-old school leaver so well are as strong as ever.

DID YOU HEAR THE ONE ABOUT THE OCCUPATIONAL THERAPIST WHO LAUGHED IN THE FACE OF HER CLIENTS? FOR ALICE HORTOP, SETTING UP HER OWN BUSINESS HAS BEEN NO LAUGHING MATTER.

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“The average adult laughs 15-17 times a day, the average 4-year-old laughs 400 times a day. We recommend laughing at least 50 times a day to stay healthy. **We don’t stop laughing because we grow old; we grow old because we stop laughing!**”

Alice Hortop

Alice Hortop graduated in 1999 with a BSc in Occupational Therapy and initially went down the traditional route for graduates in this field, working for the NHS for five years.

In her spare time, however, Alice began to research alternative forms of occupational therapy, and developed an avid interest in laughter therapy, a treatment which encourages patients to use the physiological process of laughter to relieve painful emotions such as anger, fear and boredom.

While working at Neath Port Talbot Hospital, Alice met Sally Ann Whistance, a group therapist with a similar interest in the therapeutic benefits of laughing, and the pair started delivering laughter therapy workshops with great results.

“We enjoyed our work,” says Alice, “but felt the NHS limited our treatment delivery, with its restricted resources and endless paperwork, so we decided to set up our own company.”

The Great Escaped Ltd now offers unique workshops to counteract anxiety, stress and depression, and build productivity, motivation and social skills. The workshops, aimed at individuals, couples, families, businesses, schools, medical facilities, charities and other organisations, act as a tool for stress and behaviour management, chronic pain, illness and grief.

“We love the freedom and independence of running our own company,” says Alice. “There have been times when money’s been tight or we’ve made mistakes, but we’ve found that laughter has helped ease the stress of starting the business. We can make light of difficult situations and we find that the more laughter therapy we provide, the more we laugh in our everyday lives!”

The company’s light-hearted approach has also gained professional recognition, scooping a Trust Ingenuity Award for research and development of their findings, as well as presenting at many high-profile conferences across the country. The company has also been approached by the University of Wales, College of Medicine to teach on their courses.

Many charities have also begun to prescribe to a regular dose of laughter too, and the company now collaborates with single parent family charity Gingerbread, Hafal, a mental health charity, and WGGADA, an organisation that helps people with drug and alcohol problems.

But it’s not just people with particular problems that can benefit from a good chuckle, everyone, regardless of their age, can improve their health through laughter.

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Why is laughter so important?

- Releases dopamine and endorphins – our feel-good chemicals
- Improves peripheral circulation (blood flow right the way to your fingers and toes)
- Relieves and relaxes muscle tension, particularly back, neck and shoulders
- Reduces pain perception making us more able to cope with pain and discomfort
- Reduces inflammation – excellent for arthritis sufferers
- Reduces blood pressure
- Burns calories
- Improves sleep
- Increases concentration, memory, confidence, popularity and motivation
- Encourages your bowels to be regular!

Laughter study

The results of a five-year study at the School of Medicine, University of California Los Angeles (UCLA) have shown that regular injections of humour are particularly beneficial for children with cancer and AIDS. The project, known as the RX: Laughter Study, is the largest of its kind to explore the effects of laughter.

According to the report, 30 minutes of laughter a day also drastically reduces the risk of a second heart attack. And people who have a good sense of humour are 40% less likely to have a heart attack.

72

we use 72 muscles to frown and only 14 to smile!

50

laughs is equivalent to 15 mins on a bike or 10 mins on a rowing machine.

40%

people who have a good sense of humour are 40% less likely to have a heart attack in the first place.

in touch

Philip Roy Yaw Agbleze (MSc Investigative Psychology 2000) is principal controller of investigations in the Serious Fraud Office and co-ordinator of forensic investigations at the University College of Criminal Justice in Accra, Ghana.

Dr Frederick Aquilina (M Mus 1997, PhD Music 2002) is a teacher at the School of Music in Malta.

Dr Mike Ashby (PhD Physiology 2002) was seen in a BBC4 programme *Universities Challenged* which was broadcast in April. Mike, who was described on the programme as a "rising star", talked about his current research project and was shown demonstrating his experimental work to Colin Blakemore, Chief Executive of the MRC.

Dr John Beacham (PhD Organic Chemistry 1966) chairman of the Society of the Chemical Industry, SCI, was awarded an honorary Doctorate of Science from the University of Manchester in May.

Natalie Blenford (BA Hons English and Communication Studies 2001) is editor of a student website which covers a range of subjects including films, music and travel. Visit the website at: www.virginstudent.com

Roger Bolton (BA 1967) is a presenter on Radio 4. He hosts *Feedback* and *Sunday*. Since 1993, he has been a full-time independent producer and has also presented Channel 4's *Right to Reply*.

Simon Boon (BSc Hons Zoology 2001) is a logistics officer for the Royal Navy working aboard HMS Sceptre.

Christopher Brookes (BSc Hons Mathematical Sciences with Management 1991) is finance director for Feather Diesel Services based in Elland, West Yorkshire.

Lucy Byrne (BA Combined Hons Arts 2002) has set up her own business as an art agent. Dot.art aims to give both individuals and businesses the opportunity to buy and commission contemporary art at realistic prices and with the minimum of fuss. Visit the website at: www.dot-art.co.uk

Katrina Campbell (BEng Hons Electronic Engineering 1986) now works for Oxford University Press (OUP) as a software engineer, working mainly with the *Oxford English Dictionary*. Katrina recently appeared in *University Challenge – The Professionals* representing OUP. The team, pictured below, were runners-up in the final.



John Carrington (MSc Comm Health 1995) was awarded the OBE in the New Years Honours 2004 for his work as a conflict and humanitarian advisor in the Department of International Development in Uganda.

Luke Chamberlain (PhD Physiology 1998) now works at the University of Glasgow and was featured in an article published in *Wellcome News* on their 4-year PhD schemes. He is now a Wellcome Trust Research Career Development Fellow.

Laurence Clark (BSc Hons Computer Science 1995, PhD Computer Science 2000) has just taken his comedy show *The Jim Davidson Guide to Comedy* to the Edinburgh Fringe Festival.

Brian Corrin (BSc Human Evolution 1999) is the owner of the *Ship and Mitre* pub in Liverpool city centre, specialising in real ales.

Roger Crofts (BA Hons Geography 1965) chief executive of Scottish Natural Heritage, has received an honorary doctorate from St Andrews University.

Hayley Cuthbertson (BA English Literature/German 1994) has been appointed assistant news editor for the *Coventry Evening Telegraph* having spent two years as a crime reporter.

Anne Davies (MA Law 2000) is a family lawyer at Liverpool solicitors Cuff Roberts.

Stephen Donovan (PhD Geology 1983, DSc Geology 1994) is curator of *Mesozoic Macroinvertebrates* at the National Natuurhistorisch Museum in the Netherlands.

Michael Finn (BA History 2001) has been elected a Bye-Fellow of Magdalene College, Cambridge.

Bryce Glover (LLB Hons 1981) is the new director of commercial lending for the Alliance & Leicester.

Dominic Gourd (BA Hons Latin American Studies 2002) is a translator and advice worker for the Latin American Disabled People's Project in London.

Jonathan Griffiths (BArch Architecture 1994) has been appointed Associate of leading South Manchester design practice, Taylor Young. He has become a research, academic and healthcare architecture specialist.

Cosmo Hallstrom (MBChB 1971, MD 1989) has been elected a Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians. His latest book *Depression, Your Questions Answered* will be published later this year.

Michael Hayes (MCD 1971) is President of the Royal Town Planning Institute and is currently director of development and environment in Watford.

David Charles Hurman (MBChB 1975, DTM&H 1977, DMRT 1981) is a consultant clinical oncologist at the Aberdeen Royal Infirmary. He is also a visiting consultant and expert advisor at the Bhaktapur Cancer Hospital in Nepal and a Director of the Nepal Trust.

Anna Jones (BA English 2001) is a radio production assistant at the BBC World Service.

Irene Jones (MA Latin American Studies 1984) reads for the *Chester Talking Newspaper*.

Dural Kadioglu (PhD Anatomy 1974) is a Professor at the Gazi University Medical School, Turkey.

Warren Kent (PhD Electrical Engineering and Electronics 2003) is teaching engineering maths/electrical principle to officers and senior NCOs of the Royal Signals towards BSc/MSc degrees of Bournemouth University at the Royal School of Signals in Blandford.

Derek McAuley (MA Welfare Organisation and Management 1998) has been re-elected as chair of the North West Regional Council and national council member of the Institute of Healthcare Management. He has also been appointed as deputy director (Corporate Affairs) at Central Manchester Primary Care Trust.

Lucy McDonagh (BA Hons Environment and Planning 2003) is sales negotiator for RA Bennett and Partners in Worcestershire.

Sean McGuire (LLB 1997) is the Chief Executive of St Helens Rugby League Football Club.

Cheng Hwee Ming (BSc Medical Cell Biology and Biochemistry 1980 and PhD Immunology 1983) has produced a series of books on the renal system.

John Montagu (BEng Hons 1982) is chief executive of Newlife Regeneration (construction) and Thorpete Associates (gas servicing) in Leicester.

Alison Mowbray (BSc Hons Microbiology 1992) has won Silver at the Athens Olympics, representing Great Britain in the women's quadruple sculls.

Catrina Munro (MBA Entrepreneurs 2003) has set up her own business, Respond, a consumer research and recruitment company.

Jonathan Murphy (LLB 1990) is the newly-appointed Deputy Chief Constable for Merseyside.

Ioanna Oikonomakou (BA Hons Music 2001) is a printed music specialist working for Blackwell's Music in Oxford.

Michael Pace-Sigge (BA English and German 1997, MA English 2003) has set up a website of his own Liverpool photography. An example of his work can be seen on page 12. It can be viewed and purchased at: www.M4pictures.co.uk

next issue...

Rachel Phillips (BA Geography and English 1951, DipEd 1952) lives at Broddick Castle (below) on the Isle of Arran, Scotland, and wishes to extend a warm welcome to all visitors. The castle's gardens feature 400 species of rhododendron acquired from China in the 1920s by the legendary plant-hunters Joseph Rock, George Forrest and Frank Kingdom. Rachel is currently raising funds for a cultural exchange programme to offer staff from botanical gardens in China a chance to learn about horticulture and conservation at Broddick. Any donations would be gratefully received. Please contact the Head Gardener, Sw n y Mor, Sannox, Isle of Arran KA27 8JD, email: RBP@Sannox.fsnet.co.uk



Victoria Prophet (BEng Hons Integrated Engineering 2000) has been involved in the recent sale of the 'Flying Scotsman' locomotive for £2.3 million. She currently works for a firm of international property advisers in Manchester with the Plant and Machinery department which handled what was an extremely delicate tender process.

John Sayers (LLB 1986) has been seconded from Merseyside Police to Liverpool City Council, where he is now the assistant executive director for community safety, dealing specifically with issues concerning anti-social behaviour.

Christopher Fyson Stell (BArch 1955, MA 1960) is an investigator for the Royal Commission on Historical Monuments (England).

Steve Threlfall (BArch 1992) is a partner in Team a Go-Go, a firm he founded in 1997, designing work places, retail interiors, exhibition stands and office furniture.

Helen Walsh (BA Combined Honours 2000) has just published her first novel *Brass*, published by Canongate.

Roger Whalley (BA Geography 1968) has been appointed deputy chief executive of Purbeck District Council, having previously been director of community services and director of planning.

Annabel Wilde (LLB 2004) completed a family hat-trick of Liverpool alumni, graduating this year in the presence of her father David Wilde (DSc 1966) and Jane Wilde née Allen (BSc Biochemistry 1964, BSc Hons 1965, PGCE 1996).



LIVERPOOL'S MARITIME HISTORY

To celebrate the Capital of Culture's *Year of the Sea* in 2005 and the start of the UK-wide *SeaBritain* festival, the Spring 05 edition of *insight* will have a maritime theme.

Get involved!

- Do you remember the last time cruise liners docked at Liverpool?
- Were you part of the Liverpool University Naval Division after the war?
- Can you remember sailing to or from Liverpool?
- Do you have connections with Liverpool's shipping industry?
- Have you been to any recent events on Liverpool's historic waterfront?

We'd love to hear your stories. Contact us at:

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in honour

The following people were awarded honorary degrees at the July degree ceremony in the Philharmonic Hall.

01_Sir David Clarke Doctor of Laws. Sir David was called to the Bar in 1965 and became a Circuit Judge in 1993. He was appointed Recorder of Liverpool in 1997 and became a High Court Judge in September 2003.

02_Sir James Hodge Doctor of Laws. Sir James is a former British Consul-General of Hong Kong, having only recently retired. He joined the Beijing Embassy as Minister in 1995, moving to Bangkok as British Ambassador in 1996 before taking up his post in Hong Kong in 2000.

03_Shirley Hughes Doctor of Letters. Shirley Hughes is a well-known illustrator and author of children's books. The daughter of Merseyside business entrepreneur T.J. Hughes, she was educated at West Kirby High School for Girls and Liverpool Art School. She was awarded the Officer of the Order of the British Empire (OBE) in 1999 and is a Fellow of the Royal Society of Literature.

04_Professor Sir Harold Kroto Doctor of Science. Sir Harold is best known for his discovery of C60 and the fullerene molecules or 'bucky balls' for which he was awarded the Nobel Prize in 1996. He was knighted the same year. He became a Professor at the University of Sussex and later a Royal Society Research Professor. He is currently President of the Royal Society of Chemistry.

05_James Mulville Doctor of Letters. Jimmy Mulville is a Liverpool-born television producer and comedian who was educated at Alsop Comprehensive School. He is Managing Director of the independent television company, Hat Trick Productions Ltd, producing programmes such as *Have I Got News For You* and *Father Ted*. He was awarded a BAFTA for outstanding creative achievement in television in 1998.

06_Lord Renfrew Doctor of Letters. Lord Renfrew is one of the most influential archaeologists of our time, with a worldwide reputation for the development of carbon dating and other scientific aspects of archaeology. He has had a major impact upon political aspects of heritage such as the illicit trade in antiques. He is currently Director of the McDonald Institute for Archaeological Research at the University of Cambridge.

07_Professor Sir John Walker Doctor of Science. Sir John was awarded the Nobel Prize for Chemistry in 1997 for elucidating the structure and function of an important biological molecule, ATP synthase. He is currently Director of the Medical Research Council Dunn Human Nutrition Unit at the University of Cambridge.

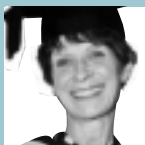
08_Professor Sir Watkins Doctor of Science. Professor Watkins has a worldwide reputation in Formula One motor racing. Known as 'Formula One's Medicine Man', he has many years of experience as a neurosurgeon. He was educated at Prescott Grammar School and went on to gain a University of Liverpool medical degree. He was awarded the Officer of the Order of the British Empire (OBE) in 2002.



Professor Sir Graeme Davies (Vice-Chancellor of this University 1986-91), Vice-Chancellor, University of

London, received an Honorary Doctorate from the University of Glasgow, of which he was Principal and Vice-Chancellor, 1995-2003.

Four members of staff and four graduates of the University received prestigious accolades in the 2004 Queen's Birthday Honours List.



Fiona Castle widow of Roy Castle, is an Honorary Graduate of this University and was awarded an OBE for charitable services.



Professor David Chadwick from the Department of Neurological Sciences, has been awarded an OBE for services to road safety in recognition of his role as Chair of the Medical Advisory Panel on Driving and Disorders of the Nervous System.



Kate Harrison Manager of the Philharmonic Court Student Residences, has been awarded an MBE for services to Higher Education. She offers support and guidance to Philharmonic Court students and oversees the running of the student residences at all levels.



Dr Michael Martin from the Department of Oral Microbiology, has been awarded an MBE for services to Dentistry.



Professor Phil Richmond television writer and producer, has been awarded a CBE for services to drama.



John Roberts Chief Executive of United Utilities who graduated in 1967 and is a member of the University Council receives a CBE for services to the Utility Industries.



Professor Peter Roberts from the Department of Civic Design, has been awarded an OBE for services to regeneration and urban and regional planning.



Patricia Rowledge who is best known for her performance as Hyacinth Bucket, has been awarded a CBE for services to drama.

in memoriam

ALUMNI

Jim Allen (MBChB 1944)

Brian Bagnall (BArch 1952)

John Barnes (BA Hons 1961)

Monica Barrett
(BA Hons Sociology 1988)

Graham Berry (PG Cert 1996)

William Blackburn (LLB Hons 1953)

Robert William Burchfield
(Hon LittD 1978)

James Clarke (MA 1960)

Margaret Coyle-Gilchrist
(MBChB 1955, MD 1958)

Catriona Donovan (née MacGillivray)
(BSc Hons Geography 1984)

John F Douglas (BSc 1960)

Anthony H Edwards
(BSc 1960, LLB Hons 1971)

John Fenwick (BEng 1968)

David Hulmes, a mature student
studying Combined Honours (SES)

Kevin Kendrick (GPMA 1990)

Nigel Mason (BSc 1954, DipEd 1955)

Donald Matheson (BA Econ 1953)

Alfred Mawdsley (BSc Hons 1956,
MBChB 1959, MD 1962)

Milan Mirich (Cert Ed 1997)

Paul Norman (BSc 1973)

Laurence Nightingale Owen (BVSc 1950, DVSc 1970) and a
former lecturer in the Department of Pharmacology 1952-1955

George Pollard (BA Hons 1973, MEd 1975, PhD 1982)

John Reader (MBChB 1957)

Bernard Rimmer (BVSc 1944)

Lady Margaret Simey (BA Hons 1928)

E Marion Smith (née Kerr) (BA 1926) former Lady President
of the Guild and member of University staff

Stella Suddes (née Cunliffe) (BSc Hons 1960, Cert Ed 1961)

Thomas Timmins (BA 1936, DipEd 1938)

Richard Tomlinson (BSc Hons 1944)

Robin Walker (MBChB 1965)

STAFF

Dr Penney J Barber Cats Protection Senior Lecturer in Feline Medicine.

Dorothy Burchez steward in Staff House 1958-1982.

Dr Dennis Chapman (PhD 1952) former Acting Director of Studies in Business
Management in the Department of Business Studies. Dr Chapman became a senior
lecturer in Social Science in 1946 a post he held until 1967 when he transferred to
Business Studies from which he retired in 1977.

Peter Devereux driver in the Department of Buildings and Estates until 2002.

Professor Inga-Stina Ewbank (née Ekeblad) (PhD 1973) William Nobel Fellow 1955-
1957, Assistant Lecturer, Lecturer and Senior Lecturer in English Literature 1960-1972.

Professor Ronald Finn (MBChB 1954, MD 1961) Honorary Professor in the
Department of Immunology. Professor Finn had an outstanding career, working with
the late Professor Sir Cyril Clarke on the development of immunoprophylaxis to prevent
rhesus haemolytic disease of the newborn. They were jointly awarded the prestigious
Albert Lasker Prize in 1980, often dubbed the Nobel Prize in clinical medicine.

William Fox (BA Hons 1951, MA 1954) Lecturer and Senior Lecturer in German
1968-1990.

Trevor Hold Lecturer in Music 1965-1970.

Dr J Quentin Hughes (BArch Hons 1947, DCD 1948)
Lecturer, Senior Lecturer and Reader at this University.

Sir John Kay part-time tutor in the Faculty of Law 1968-1969.

Professor James Lister Chair of Paediatric Surgery 1974-1986.

William John Rowe Lecturer, then Reader in Modern History
1947-1981.

Professor Philip Stell (CHM 1976) Senior Lecturer 1965-1978,
Chair of Otolaryngology 1979-1992.

Professor Robert Lawrence Trask Lecturer in Linguistics
1979-1988.

Apology

We apologise for erroneously reporting the death of
Dr Ranjini Devi Ambalavanar (née Satkunam) (PhD 1992) in
the last edition of *insight*. Also reported was the death of Dr
Freda Milner Rowson (née Roberts) (MBChB 1948), whose
married name and maiden name were accidentally transposed
in the article.

reunions

For all your reunion and alumni information contact:

Sue Irvine, Development and Alumni Relations,
Corporate Communications, The University of Liverpool,
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email: alumni@liv.ac.uk tel: +44 (0)151 794 2269

Faculty of Law Association

2004 Lecture – all welcome

**The 2004 Faculty of Law Association Lecture will be held on Friday
5 November at 5.20pm in the Moot Room, Liverpool Law School.**

The speaker, His Honour Judge Harris QC, will present a lecture entitled
*On good authority? A crisis in public confidence: the role of the medical
expert witness in family and child abuse cases.*

The lecture will be followed by a champagne reception in the Law School
and dinner at the Liverpool Racquet Club. There is no fee for the lecture and
reception. The charge for the dinner is £29 per head. There are limited places
for the dinner and bookings must be made by Friday 29 October at the latest.

**For further information please contact: Mr P Gray, Hon Treasurer,
57 Avondale Road, Liverpool L15 3HE.**

Annual General Meeting

The Faculty of Law Association AGM will be
held on 15 December 2004 at 6.00pm in the
Moot Room, Liverpool Law School. Papers will
be available at the meeting or on the Faculty
of Law Association website in November
(www.liv.ac.uk/law/alumni/alumni.htm).
This should be taken as formal notice of
the meeting.

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Geography class of '83 reunited

Twenty-one years after graduation, 13 geography graduates from 1983 were reunited for a formal dinner in the Senior Common Room in Roscoe and Gladstone Hall.

The graduates enjoyed a trip down memory lane, lunching at the 'Everyman' and seeing the old and familiar buildings, as well as the new and improved facilities, on a tour of the University and the city.

During the meal people exchanged news and it wasn't long before stories were recounted of field trips at home and abroad, and pranks such as putting laxatives in the coffee the night before April Fools' Day! Everyone commented that, although they had mainly last seen each other half a lifetime ago, nobody had changed significantly!

The group plans to mark its silver graduation anniversary with another reunion on Saturday 12 July 2008. Any class of '83 geography (single or joint honours) graduates or staff are most welcome to join in. Please contact Kathy.Taylor3@virgin.net or telephone on **01462 816108**.



Vets get together at Leahurst

Veterinary surgeons holding the Diploma in Bovine Reproduction (DBR) held an extremely successful reunion at Leahurst, the University's Teaching Hospital and Field Station.

Approximately 20 DBRs attended a series of lectures and demonstrations by distinguished guests from the field of Veterinary Science during which guests were able to discuss their particular areas of interest with their peers. This was followed by an enjoyable reunion dinner at Burton Manor where everyone caught up on each other's news.



Cricket Club reunion – Seasons 1968-1972

Eleven members of the Cricket Club held a very successful reunion at Old Trafford, the home of Lancashire CCC, against whom they played some 34 years ago!

The group, who played for the University between 1968-1972, hired an executive box to watch a match between Lancashire and Leicestershire. After the game, which Lancashire unfortunately lost, everyone enjoyed a meal (and the occasional reminiscence) before retiring for yet more drinks (and reminiscences) at the Old Trafford Lodge hotel. Despite a few hangovers the following morning, everyone really enjoyed the event, which they plan to repeat in the not too distant future.

01_Geography graduates from 1983.

02_The DBRs watch a demonstration by Robert Anderson from Kelso, explaining the virtues of new approaches to fertility examination of bulls.

future
events

Grads in Greece

The British Graduate Society in Greece offers its members many benefits, including a new scheme to assist career development. If you are a graduate living in Greece and are interested in joining the BGS, please contact them direct via their website: www.bgs.gr

History graduates 1965

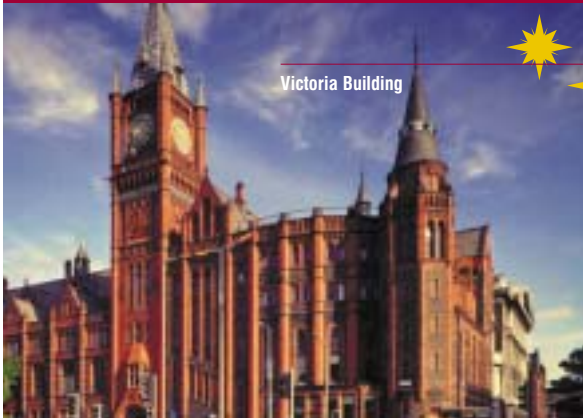
J Douglas Home is looking to hold a reunion of History graduates from 1965 to celebrate the 40th anniversary of their graduation. It is hoped to hold the reunion in July 2005. If you are a 1965 History graduate, or know of any who may not receive insight, please contact Sue Irvine.

Calling Biochemists

Stephen King would like to contact any Biochemists he studied with during 1983-86, and also anyone who lived in Morton House D Block between 1983 and 1985. If you would like to contact Stephen, please let Sue Irvine know and we will put you in touch.

Dates for your diary

ALUMNI EVENTS

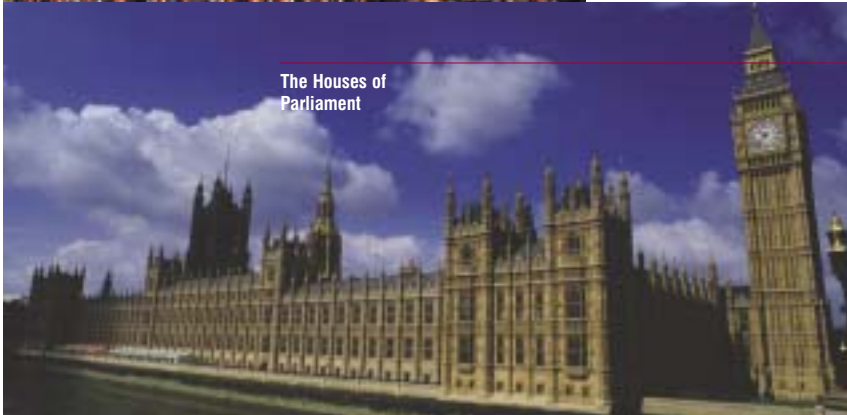


Victoria Building



THURSDAY 2 DECEMBER 2004, 7PM-9PM
Victoria Building, Brownlow Hill, Liverpool
Hosted by the Vice-Chancellor Professor Drummond Bone, with Sir Neil Cossons, alumnus and Chairman of English Heritage

Join us for a rare opportunity to return to the University and enjoy the beautiful surroundings of the iconic Victoria Building, the original 'redbrick' university building, with seasonal music, readings, mulled wine and mince pies. You'll also hear first hand about the University's plans to develop the building.



The Houses of Parliament

FRIDAY 25 FEBRUARY 2005, 6.30PM-8.30PM
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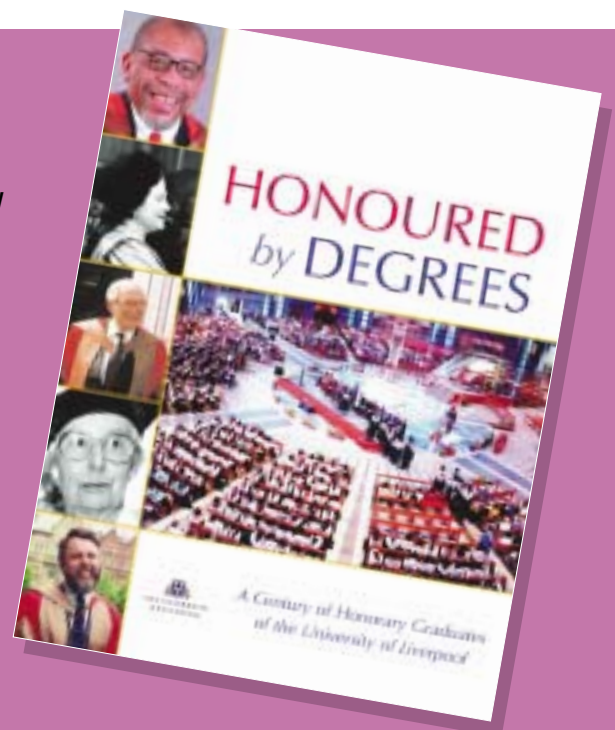
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