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New Business School building opening Spring 2011



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2010 proved to be another momentous year for the University of Exeter. I'm delighted to report that for the first time ever we are one of the top 200 universities in the world. As you'll see from the article on page three, this means we are among the best 1% of universities. We plan to build on that success to reach our target of being in the top 100 in the future.

We also launched our campaign: *Creating a world-class University together*. One of our key fundraising projects is the striking new building for the Business School and our students had the chance to have a closer look at the new facility just before it was finished. We've also been asking for your time as volunteers to help current students. We've been delighted by the response and are, as ever, indebted to our alumni and supporters who give to the University in so many different ways. You can read more about these projects inside.

With most of our £348m construction programme due for completion this year, 2011 will be notable too. We will have the chance to enjoy the new building at the Business School and first-class facilities within Biosciences. The first phase of the Forum will open, providing a stylish University reception and fabulous outside piazzas. Construction will continue on the rest of the Forum during the year. In Cornwall work will start on the prestigious Environment and Sustainability Institute, which will be a world-leading facility in this field.

2011 is also likely to be dominated by changes to the way English universities are funded. I've gone into more detail about my thoughts on this on page six and you can hear from our Students' Guild President too. Working alongside our dedicated staff, Students' Guild and supporters like you, we are more than capable of coming through these changes and I am confident about our future. I know we will continue to provide a world-class experience for our students.

Just before Christmas I spent some time in China and Hong Kong, meeting with our active and supportive alumni there. As you know, internationalisation is one of our key priorities, and as part of this our new project offices in Beijing and Shanghai offer support to our alumni. More on that visit on the back page.

We look forward to seeing many of you at our events or visiting our campuses, and to sharing an exciting year to come for the University of Exeter.

Professor Steve Smith
Vice-Chancellor



^ View of Washington Singer building, Streatham campus

Truly world-class

The University of Exeter has been named as one of the **top 200 universities in the world for the first time.**

The ranking was made in the authoritative *Times Higher Education* league table and places Exeter among the top institutions in the world.

Vice-Chancellor, Professor Steve Smith, said: "It is a great achievement to feature amongst the top 1% of universities in the world. This ranking is further proof of the enormous progress we have made in the past few years and my thanks go to everyone at the University for their contribution. Exeter is now firmly on the international map."

Times Higher Education editor, Ann Mroz, added: "We would like to congratulate the University of Exeter for its performance in this year's rigorous rankings. Being ranked 184 in the world top 200 is an impressive achievement. The top 200 universities in the world represent only a tiny fraction of world higher education and any institution that makes it into this table is truly world-class."

The 2010/11 world rankings have been produced using a sophisticated new methodology that constitutes the most detailed, rigorous and comprehensive study of global university performance ever undertaken.

Phil Baty, editor of the rankings, said: "It is particularly impressive that Exeter has secured its place among the elite group of the world's top institutions against new, more rigorous and more comprehensive performance indicators. This could be seen as vindication of Exeter's highly-focused international strategy."

Exeter has also been moving quickly up the UK league tables, rising from 34th place to 12th in the *Times Good University Guide* in just five years.

International Exeter film released

The University has released a film which **reflects its growing international nature.**

Narrated by renowned broadcaster and Honorary Graduate Jonathan Dimbleby, it encapsulates the international strengths and ambition of Exeter as a leading, research-intensive university. It also shows the outstanding natural beauty of its campuses and the wider region.

The film is aimed at a diverse international audience, including senior management at

university partners, overseas research agencies, our alumni, corporate sponsors and governmental and non-governmental bodies.

Dr Shaun Curtis, Director of International Exeter, said: "While the University of Exeter has a very strong national reputation, its international profile is less pronounced. Despite its prestigious history, the city of Exeter as a sense of place is not well known outside of the UK in the same manner as Edinburgh, Manchester or Bath. Our

Internationalisation Strategy recognises the need to imprint the city, region and University on international audiences."

The University of Exeter has over 4,000 international students from 130 countries and has 500 international staff. In 2010 the University opened project offices in Shanghai and Beijing and will establish representation in Bangalore in April 2011.

View the film at www.exeter.ac.uk/international/film

New facility for Mood Disorders Centre



^ Ben Bradshaw MP, Naomi Gilbert and Professor Mark Goodwin

Construction work is underway on the £3.6m Sir Henry Wellcome Building for Mood Disorders, which will provide facilities to improve the understanding and treatment of depression.

Part of the University's Mood Disorders Centre within Psychology, the new facility will allow basic experimental and applied clinical research into mood disorders to be carried out. It is being built at the rear of the Washington Singer building and will have facilities for more than 400 people a year to take part in clinical research. This will improve our understanding of depression and help develop new psychological treatments.

Dr John Williams, Head of Clinical Activities, Neuroscience and Mental Health at the Wellcome Trust, said: "The Mood Disorders Centre at Exeter is one of the leading centres in the UK for this type of research, and this new facility will help the research team play a leading role in this important area."

Exeter MP Ben Bradshaw, along with Naomi Gilbert of the Mood Disorders Centre Lived Experience Group, and Professor Mark Goodwin, Dean of the College of Life and Environmental Sciences, performed the turf cutting ceremony.

For more information see www.exeter.ac.uk/mooddisorders

Work to start on world-class ESI

Building work starts soon on the new world-class Environment and Sustainability Institute (ESI) at the Cornwall campus.

The ESI will generate leading research into the causes and consequences of environmental change and investigate how we adapt to and manage its technological, political, economic, social and behavioural effects. Led by Director Professor Kevin J Gaston, more than twenty academics will work across the three selected

themes of clean technologies, natural environment, and socio-economic research.

The Vice-Chancellor, Professor Steve Smith, said: "This is great news for Cornwall, especially at a time of national cutbacks in public spending. The ESI will build on the University's research strengths in climate change and environmental science."

Funding for the £30m project has come from the European Regional Development Fund's Convergence programme and the South West

RDA (Regional Development Agency). The building should be completed by next summer.

The Cornwall campus has also received £10 million for an innovative learning, teaching and research resource called The Exchange. The facility will be shared with University College Falmouth and should be ready for occupancy in August 2012.

For more information see www.exeter.ac.uk/ESI



Artist's impression



House of Lords alumni reception

Tours of the Houses of Parliament were one of the highlights of a special reception held in London. 255 alumni and guests attended the reception, held in the Cholmondeley Room and Terrace of the House of Lords.

The group was greeted by the Chancellor of the University of Exeter, Baroness Benjamin, and the Vice-Chancellor and Chief Executive, Professor Steve Smith.

Guest speaker for the evening was Sir Richard Dearlove, former Chief of MI6 and Master of Pembroke College, Cambridge. Sir Richard

told the gathering about some of his work as a spy master. He also spoke about leadership in times of challenge and commended the University on its strong leadership, as the higher education sector faces significant changes to the way it is funded in the coming years.

The audience also heard from Baroness Benjamin and Professor Smith who briefly outlined the University's strong position against the backdrop of the changes to higher education funding.

The University would like to thank alumnus Michael Pownall (History 1971), Clerk of the Parliaments for the House of Lords, for hosting the event, and all the speakers.

The Chancellor of the University, Baroness Benjamin OBE DL, Hon D.Litt (Exeter), was made a peer in the last Dissolution Honours list. She said of the honour: "I feel very privileged to be given the opportunity to serve my country in a significant way and will be concentrating on children, young people and education."

New College Alumni Officers

The transition to a five college structure from nine academic schools has taken place within the University. New alumni officers for each College have now been appointed. Please feel free to get in touch with them.

College of Engineering, Mathematics and Physical Sciences

Alumni Officer Emma Royle: e.royle@exeter.ac.uk

University of Exeter Business School

Alumni Officer Emma McFadyen: e.mcfadyen@exeter.ac.uk

College of Humanities

Including Archaeology, Classics, Drama, English, Film, History, Modern Languages and Theology

Alumni Officer Claire Panzeri: c.j.panzeri@exeter.ac.uk

College of Social Sciences and International Studies

Including Education, the Institute of Arab and Islamic Studies, Law, Philosophy, Sociology, Politics and Flexible Combined Honours

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College of Life and Environmental Sciences

Including Biosciences, Geography, Psychology and Sport and Health Sciences

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For further information see www.exeter.ac.uk/students/colleges



InFocus:

Future funding of education

The Browne Report and Comprehensive Spending Review will change dramatically the way universities in England are funded. So what will it mean for the University of Exeter and its students?

Here the Vice-Chancellor Professor Steve Smith and President of the Students' Guild Jonnie Beddall give their analyses.

Professor Steve Smith

The changes to student funding announced by the government at the end of the last year represent a seismic shift in the way that universities will operate.

From September 2012 universities can charge up to £6k a year in graduate contributions (currently just over £3k) and up to £9k if they meet new requirements on widening participation. The changes affect UK and European Union full-time undergraduates.

Alongside this development the government has imposed major cuts on the Higher Education budget expected to amount to 75% of teaching funding. The government has therefore transferred more of the cost of teaching onto graduates.

It is important to stress that students will not have to pay upfront. Graduates will repay the cost of their education only when they are employed and earning above £21k (up from the current £15k). Repayment rates on loans will be at 9% of income over £21k. Debt will be forgiven after 30 years. The government says that around a quarter of graduates, those with the lowest lifetime earnings, will pay back less in total than they do at present.

The government will lend any eligible student the money to pay for tuition costs. Students from families with incomes of up to £25,000 will be entitled to a more generous student maintenance grant of up to £3,250 and those from families with incomes up to £42,000 will

be entitled to a partial grant. A new £150m National Scholarship Programme will be targeted at students from poorer backgrounds. Eligible part-time undergraduates will no longer have to pay fees upfront.

The University has not yet set its graduate contribution level and is unlikely to do so before at least February or March 2011. We are optimistic we can continue to perform strongly in the new fees environment. Exeter has a strong brand, low reliance on public funding and high entry tariffs (11th in the UK this year). It is now ranked among the top 200 universities in the world. We will be delivering most of our £348m programme of new facilities for the start of the 2012 academic year. Further enhancing the student experience is the subject of discussion with the Students' Guild and proposals will emerge from these talks during 2011.

Jonnie Beddall

By removing the role of the state in University funding, the government will revolutionise the higher education sector. At the forefront of change is the student experience – the challenge is how best we harness it.

At Exeter, the Guild represents the most engaged student body in the country – just look at our election turnout – but if higher fees replace more than the level of funding cut, the University will have to revolutionise the way it invests in the student experience. It has never been more important that a University experience be about more than just getting a degree – the friends we make, the societies we join and the sports we play.

The University has to provide the quality to match our ambition, which permeates through today's student body – more and better contact hours, necessary course materials provided for all students and personalised career development throughout your degree. If government will cut the teaching budget by 75%, we understand Exeter's need to replace lost funding. In fact, we are lucky to face the coming years in such a strong position.

However, if Exeter is to come out 'absolutely' stronger as Steve Smith believes, then the student experience must rise accordingly. It has never been more exciting to be a student at Exeter, the future couldn't be brighter for the Exeter graduate, but the hard decisions for the Guild and University don't end here, they start.

Royal Society Fellowship for professor

One of the world's leading experts in diabetes has been elected a Fellow of the Royal Society.

Professor Andrew Hattersley is the first scientist from the Peninsula College of Medicine and Dentistry (PCMD) and one of just a handful of scientists from the University of Exeter to receive the honour.

Current Fellows include Stephen Hawking and Richard Dawkins, whilst past Fellows have included the likes of Charles Darwin, Sir Christopher Wren and Sir Isaac Newton.

Professor Hattersley came to Exeter in 1995 as an NHS Consultant in diabetes and worked with Professor Sian Ellard to set up a genetics laboratory in the Royal Devon and Exeter Hospital.

Professor Hattersley's work has focused on understanding the genetic basis of diabetes and using that knowledge to improve patient care. He heads the leading international research team looking into diabetes resulting from a single genetic change.

"To be elected a Fellow of the Royal Society is a real honour and a surprise," said Professor Hattersley. "It is very much recognition for the whole team – I have been fortunate to work alongside highly dedicated and talented colleagues over the past 15 years. Our greatest thrill is in knowing that for some patients our science has made a big difference to their lives."

Professor Hattersley also thanked the University of Exeter, PCMD and the Royal Devon and Exeter NHS Foundation Trust for their support.

When announcing the award The Royal Society said: "His clinical observations and physiological studies in patients with diabetes resulting from mutations in single genes have resulted in key insights into insulin secretion, foetal development and patients' clinical care. Importantly this work has led him to revolutionise treatment for most patients with genetic subtypes of diabetes by replacing insulin injections with sulphonylurea tablets."

The Royal Society explained

The Royal Society is a Fellowship of the world's most eminent scientists and is the oldest scientific academy in continuous existence. Its aim is to expand the frontiers of knowledge by championing the use and development of science, mathematics, engineering and medicine for the benefit of humanity and good of the planet. Its origins can be traced back to the mid-1640s when a group of natural philosophers met to discuss promoting the natural world through observation and experiment – which we now call science. It began formally in November 1660 when the group met together to form what they described at the time as a "Colledge for the Promoting of Physico-Mathematicall Experimentall Learning" [sic].





World-class diabetes centre to receive funding

Funding has been awarded to help create a new centre to understand the causes of diabetes and related conditions, and translate that knowledge into personalised patient care.

The Wellcome-Wolfson Capital Awards have awarded £4.75 million to the Centre for Translational Medicine which will form part of the Peninsula College of Medicine and Dentistry (PCMD).

Substantial financial support is also being received from the Royal Devon and Exeter NHS Foundation Trust. The PCMD and the University are giving £13.5m towards the project and the Peninsula Foundation – the South West's leading medical research foundation – is supporting it through an appeal to raise £1.5m in collaboration with the University.

The Centre will bring together clinical and biomedical scientists working in human genetics, cell biology, human physiology and interventional studies

of diabetes. The work will include treatments, therapies and behavioural change.

Professor Andrew Hattersley is the Director of Research and Development at the Royal Devon and Exeter NHS Foundation Trust. He said: "To perform first-class research for the benefit of patients needs real partnership between the NHS and University researchers. This grant is very exciting as it will allow us to develop a world-class research centre within the hospital grounds. By having a wide range of researchers working together with clinicians we will be ideally placed to make real progress in improving patient care."

When fully operational, more than 150 staff are expected to work at the centre. Construction should get underway in the spring of 2012 and be completed in the summer of the following year.

PCMD is a joint venture between the Universities of Exeter and Plymouth, in partnership with the NHS.



students' guild

Exeter's Students' Guild has been named as the best students' union in the UK.

The Higher Education Students' Union of the Year award, from the National Union of Students, recognises excellence within the student movement. It acknowledges best practice in the way a students' union is led by its members, high levels of student participation and the positive impact students have both on-and off-campus.

Guild top of the class

Chief Executive of the Students' Guild, James Hutchinson, said: "The whole team of student volunteers, sabbatical officers and staff work extremely hard to ensure we provide the best experience possible for our students here at Exeter."

"To be formally recognised as the best Union in the country is fantastic and the best possible reward for the Guild and our students. We constantly review what we do to make sure we deliver the best service possible, so we plan to be even better in the future."



© Dr Garth Cripps, Blue Ventures

Research reveals extent of turtle catch

Up to 16,000 endangered turtles are being caught each year by villagers in just one region of Madagascar, despite a Government ban, according to new research.

Researchers from the University of Exeter and Blue Ventures Conservation say the figure, thought to be a conservative estimate, is the first direct assessment of turtle exploitation on the island.

The study highlights the extent of small-scale fishing and could be vital in finding a way to sustainably manage turtle fishing in the region.

Dr Annette Broderick, from the Centre for Ecology and Conservation (Cornwall), said: "Because turtles are an endangered species, it's important for us to know what's going on in the region so we can work with the local community to find a sustainable way forward."

The research used a new approach, involving locals in the process by paying a village representative to document each turtle caught, including taking a picture of each one.

Frances Humber, who works for Blue Ventures Conservation, said: "Catching turtles

for their meat is an important part of Malagasy culture for many coastal people, but the villagers also understand the importance of ensuring the future of this resource.

"This study is a great way of involving communities in the process of finding a sustainable way forward. Obviously we can't be sure every turtle catch is reported, so we view the figures from this study as a conservative estimate which is still nevertheless very valuable for informing policy."

Musical theme to Paddon Award

Entries are being invited for The Paddon Award Competition 2011, which this year centres around musical composition.

Betty Paddon was a graduate who was keen to foster links between the University and students, past and present. Betty and her husband Percy were particularly interested in the arts and set up an annual prize which each year encouraged a different aspect, with a performance element included.

This year entrants are invited to submit an original piece of music around the theme 'New horizons – music in a cross-cultural landscape.'

The closing date for entries is 11 April 2011 and each should be submitted in the form of a recording, with a written introduction. The first prize is £100, second prize £75 and third prize £50. Ten short-listed entries will be selected in May, with final judging taking place at a performance in June in the new music facilities at Kay House, on the edge of the Streatham Campus.

The competition is open to all former or current students and staff of the University of Exeter or former University College of the South West of England, along with current students and staff from University College Falmouth on the Tremough Campus, other than those who are currently (or recently) professional musicians.

Full details on how to enter, including the competition rules, can be found at www.exeter.ac.uk/alumnisupporters/paddonaward

A photograph of a modern building's interior, featuring a glass balcony with people standing on it. The ceiling has four large, circular, illuminated light fixtures. The text "New building" is overlaid in white.

New building



means **business**

Students from the Business School recently had the opportunity to see their brand new building at close quarters for the first time, as some finishing touches were being made.

"It's good to see that the University is investing in truly impressive world-class facilities which meet the expectations of world-class students," commented Vadim Kim, who is taking an MSc in Financial Analysis & Fund Management.

The inspiring building, opening in spring 2011, is part of a £25 million investment in the School and will help it achieve its goal of becoming one of Europe's top business schools. The new building will double the School's capacity and offer the best possible environment for teaching, learning and research. Students will also have use of a dedicated employability, placement and partnership office to help enhance their career opportunities, as well as a student services centre.

"It is an amazing space," said Maria Isabel Brol-Morales who is also an MSc Financial

Analysis & Fund Management student. "It will definitely help to stimulate Business School students into creating cutting-edge ideas."

Funding for the new building has been boosted by the support of a UK foundation which has promised to match gifts given to the School by the end of June this year. Coupled with the UK Government's Matched Funding Scheme, it means that many donations made between now and 30 June could actually be worth over two times more to the Business School in real terms.

Dean of the Business School, Professor Richard Lamming, said: "We're delighted with the new facility and are sure our students will be very impressed. We've designed it to meet their needs, and to enhance their experience with us still further.

"Watching it grow over the past eighteen months has been fascinating. We are very much looking forward to moving in, getting to work, and making it a part of

the Business School success story." Exeter has been in first place in the UK league for student satisfaction among business schools for the past four years.

So far, 82 alumni and supporters have made donations to the Business School. Thanks to match funding, the total value of these gifts is over £1 million.

John Allwood (Economics & Statistics 1973), a non-executive director of Talk Talk and Carphone Warehouse and a member of the University's Council, who has made a significant donation to the Business School, said: "This is a great time for alumni to support the University's Business School. I am delighted that my gift will be worth twice as much more to the University through the matched funding on offer."

For more information about how you can support the Business School and take advantage of the time-limited matching opportunity, visit www.exeter.ac.uk/campaign/campuses/business

One planet One MBA

A brand new MBA which will create planet-minded business leaders of the future has been launched by the University's Business School, in conjunction with the world's leading environmental organisation, WWF.

The One Planet MBA is the first of its kind to have sustainability embedded throughout the curriculum. It has been designed to reflect contemporary business management challenges within a complex world, where the responsible stewardship of natural, social and financial capital has become a priority.

The partnership between the University and WWF is committed to promoting sustainable business – demonstrating that conserving natural resources is entirely compatible with winning and maintaining customer value and confidence. This will be central to the new One Planet MBA.

Director of the programme, Professor Malcolm Kirkup, said: "This MBA will show that economic growth and sustainability are not mutually exclusive and indeed should go hand-in-hand. It is currently one of the few programmes of its kind in the world, but increasingly this approach will become the business norm in the future.

"Business planning in the future will have to take into account the fact that we only have one planet's worth of resources. Our MBA graduates will be leading the way with this kind of global thinking."

The programme has a number of distinctive features. Firstly, sustainability is embedded throughout the curriculum and is not a bolt-on. Secondly, it explores the specific action that businesses need to take to innovate, transform and develop sustainable strategies. Thirdly, the programme is highly practical and experiential and aims to develop leaders with the mindset, knowledge and skills to make a direct contribution to sustainable change. Finally, it provides the students with exciting and transformational opportunities to engage with businesses through consultancy so they can experience first-hand the challenges of developing sustainable business approaches.

WWF has been at the forefront of sustainable management education for several years through its One Planet Leaders' Programme (OPL). Whilst the One Planet MBA is a unique collaboration in the sector between an MBA and a non-governmental organisation, it is one of a succession of selective partnerships that WWF has formed with business in the last decade.

Jean-Paul Jeanrenaud, Director of Corporate Relations at WWF International, said: "We are really excited about this opportunity to work with a new generation of business leaders who are ready to meet the global challenges head-on and help to create a world with a future."

The Business School's aspiration is to create the first generation of planet-minded business leaders – leaders who are equipped with the knowledge, skills and attributes to meet the challenges of the next decades with confidence.

Professor Kirkup added: "As one of the top Business Schools in the UK it is only right that we should take a leading role in delivering this type of programme, which will make a difference in the future, not just within the world of commerce but also to the wider population."

The first course starts in September but an innovation cohort is already working alongside the Exeter faculty and WWF to refine the final content of the programme.

More information about the course can be found at www.oneplanetmba.org



THE ONE PLANET MBA





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I manage resources, just like many managers, but mine are physical, tangible, environmental resources. I joined the One Planet MBA to find out more about business. My organisation has an important role to play in promoting sustainability, and I needed to understand how businesses operate and make their decisions. I am genuinely excited to be part of this new programme and what I believe it can achieve.

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Chris Davis MBA 2010, Senior Specialist, Marine Policy – Natural England

Volunteering target met

Alumni and other supporters have generously given nearly 2,800 hours of their time to help students and the University within the past 18 months. This has surpassed our volunteering target of 2,012 hours, two years earlier than expected. It is the first target to have been met in the current campaign: *Creating a world-class University together*.

Susie Hills, Director of Development and Alumni Relations, said: "The level of support we have received from our alumni has been overwhelming and we would like to thank everyone who has helped us. Reaching this target is a real boost and makes us even more determined to secure our other goals of raising £23 million and securing 250 legacies for the University."

The volunteering support has ranged from sitting on advisory boards to hosting events, giving careers talks and mentoring individual students.

Much of the volunteering has taken place with the support of the University's employability team and is designed to improve students' career prospects. More than 90 alumni careers talks were given last year, including the popular 'Widen Your Options' fortnight, giving students insights into a range of different careers which they may not have considered otherwise. Nineteen alumni returned to campus to talk about their careers, which ranged from media to advertising, the civil service and the charity sector.

Paul Blackmore, the University's Director of Employability and Graduate Development, said: "I cannot stress enough how valuable it is for students to be able to meet with alumni who are already working in the area they aspire to. That insight into what a particular role entails and the steps needed to get there is crucial."

He added: "The move from being a student to that first rung of the career ladder can be daunting and tricky to navigate. The helping hand our students have received from alumni has undoubtedly enhanced their career prospects. On their behalf and that of the University, I'd like to thank all those alumni and supporters who've given up their time for us. We look forward to working with more in the future."

Some alumni have been able to improve their own skills alongside giving to students. They have been trained to run outdoor leadership courses as part of the University's Team Development Programme for first year students. They have been able to take those new skills back to enhance their own workplaces.

The alumni volunteering programme continues to allow an ever-growing number of alumni to support the University. This includes the one-to-one Career Mentor Scheme which is now a permanent project after a successful pilot. The quality of the programme was recognised when it gained "Approved Provider Status" from the Mentoring and Befriending Institute.

If you would like to find out more about volunteering your time to help the University, please contact Alumni Volunteer Officer Stephanie Anagnostopoulos at s.r.anagnostopoulos@exeter.ac.uk or telephone her on 01392 725003.

For more information about our campaign *Creating a world-class University together* see www.exeter.ac.uk/campaign



The volunteer's view

Sitting across the desk from a student, alumnus Nick Chapman (pictured) questions him in detail, testing knowledge and seeking aspirations in a mock job interview which is very close to the real thing.

The publishing expert, who has held the positions of Managing Director of BBC Worldwide Publishing and Managing Director of the Irish Times within his own career, volunteered his time to help give students a real understanding of what to expect when facing an interview panel for the first time.

After studying the CVs of his 'candidates', Nick (MA War and Society 2008) was able to give an authentic interview experience, followed by detailed feedback.

Joseph Johnston, currently studying for an English degree, found the exercise extremely valuable.

"It highlighted things that I may not have been aware of that I was doing wrong," he explained. "It's better to make my mistakes where it doesn't have any consequences, rather than where I could break into a career – or not."

It also gave Joseph the opportunity to pick up tips from Nick on how to begin a career in publishing.

Nick decided to offer his services after reading about the volunteering programme in University News.

"This seemed an interesting way to spend a day, helping students in entering the world of work – particularly as it's much tougher now," he said. "Hopefully I have contributed something to their learning to help them handle job interviews."

Hugh MacDougald (Law 1976) has been elected as the new Chair of the Devonshire Circle – a group of alumni who have remembered the University in their wills.

Legacies are important to the University because they help support current students and offer opportunities to fund world-class facilities and research. Every gift, no matter what size, makes a real difference.

A part of Hugh's role as Chair is to help reach the target of securing 250 pledges in the current campaign: *Creating a world-class University together*. So far 185 alumni have become legacy pledgers, and in the past five years more than £700,000 has been received by the University in legacy gifts.

A new leaflet, *Your Goodwill Guide*, is now available and offers all the information you need to leave a legacy. Alternatively, contact Suzie Bannerman by email at s.n.bannerman@exeter.ac.uk or telephone on 01392 725011. There is also further information on our website at www.exeter.ac.uk/campaign/legacy

Suzie is also keen to hear from any supporters who have already included the University in their will. This will ensure they are thanked properly and welcomed into the Devonshire Circle.

Your University Your legacy

New Chair of the Devonshire Circle,
Hugh MacDougald





Your University Your magazine

University News is created just for you – our alumni and supporters. It's your magazine and we strive to make it interesting and relevant to you, with news and features you'll enjoy.

Our plan is to improve the magazine and the way it is delivered, and in order to make sure it provides what you want to read, we'd like to hear your views. As a thank you, those who fill out our survey and leave their contact details will have the chance to win a mini-break at the University.

After this edition University News will be emailed, rather than posted, to recent alumni who graduated within the last three years. We're doing this in the interests of sustainability, cost and because our most

recent alumni tend to be highly mobile – we cannot be sure how many actually receive the magazine. However, if this affects you, and you would still like paper copies of University News, we are more than happy to send you future editions. Please get in touch with Julie Passmore, Alumni Relations Assistant, on +44 (0)1392 723141 or alumni@exeter.ac.uk. Likewise, if you are currently sent a paper copy but would prefer to receive it by email, please let Julie know.

In order to keep your magazine fresh and exciting we would like to hear your views. You can fill in our online survey at www.exeter.ac.uk/alumnisurvey

Alternatively, contact Julie and she will send you a paper copy of the survey to fill in, with a freepost envelope to return it to us.

The survey is completely anonymous, but if you do choose to fill out your name and contact details you'll be entered into a prize draw to win bed and breakfast accommodation for two people, for two nights, at Reed Hall on the Exeter campus. You can find out more information about Reed Hall at www.exeter.ac.uk/reedhall

If you aren't lucky enough to win, don't forget alumni are eligible for discounts when booking accommodation or conferences at the Streatham and St Luke's campuses – this includes Reed Hall, contact the team at Event Exeter on +44 (0)1392 215566 or email eventexeter@exeter.ac.uk for more information. Their website address is www.exeter.ac.uk/eventexeter

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Profile:

Martin Bailey

INTO in detail

The INTO Centre at the University of Exeter has now entered its fourth year of operation, offering a wide range of programmes for international students which provide direct entry to degrees at the University of Exeter.

Courses range from foundation courses for the sciences, humanities, business and economics, to English for university study.

Nearly 3,000 students have completed INTO programmes and 56% of these have gone on to take full degree courses at Exeter.

This success has led to a £53 million investment by INTO to provide a new purpose-built academic building in the centre of the Streatham Campus, opposite the Great Hall. This has classroom space for 500 students at any given time.

The investment also includes new residential accommodation for more than five hundred students at Duryard, on the edge of the campus.

Overseeing the construction of the new INTO academic building in the heart of the Streatham Campus has clearly been one of Martin Bailey's favourite projects.

It has meant a return to the campus where he spent an inspirational year at the Business School taking his MBA (2003). Listening to him talk inside the white work cabin on the edge of the construction site, he's also obviously very fond of the University's landscape and the city of Exeter.

Above all, Martin has enjoyed the opportunity to create a truly striking building. In a construction world where tight budgets often lead to architectural features being dropped, this creation has made him proud.

"The INTO building isn't just a practical space in which they can deliver lectures. It's a statement of intent really, saying "this is who we are and we are going to give you a fantastic education and fabulous experience," he said.

"We are handing over a building which looks absolutely splendid. I think if you worked on a cathedral hundreds of years ago you would have had a similar feeling. It's not the same as a cathedral, but it is an extraordinarily good-looking building."

As Contracts Manager for Cowlin Construction Ltd, Martin is responsible for delivering the INTO academic centre. Other construction teams, including some from Cowlin, have been working elsewhere on campus too. At peak times up to 1,000 personnel have been on site, bringing valuable employment to the region. Current students, including those studying civil engineering, have been able to visit some of the sites, including Martin's, to get an insight into the construction world.

Martin went straight into the industry after graduating with a degree in Construction Management but after a few years decided to take a career break.

"I was getting lots of great construction experience but I wasn't getting the right commercial experience, so in order to move my career on I wanted to have a better basis of business knowledge," he explained. This led him to the Business School where he took his MBA. It gave him the opportunity to meet a range of people from different countries and also carry out research on the internet, which hadn't been possible when he was an undergraduate.

"I loved it. The quality of lecturing just blew away anything I had experienced before. It went from very good to world-class," he said.

Having completed his MBA with distinction, Martin resumed his career in the industry. He returned to campus a few times for networking events but came back full-time to start the INTO build in October 2009. Every working day since then he has made the journey from Newquay to Exeter, a trip which takes far longer when battling the summer tourist traffic. Despite the inconvenience this project has felt a bit like coming home for Martin – especially when walking through the University to his site office.

"You can see why there is so much emphasis on the campus grounds because it is just the most wonderful place to be," he said. "It has got to be the most beautiful campus ever."

Find out more about INTO:
www.intohigher.com/universities/united-kingdom/university-of-exeter

Exeter's sailors navigate to success


Exeter University Sailing Club (EUSC) has enjoyed another successful year with students taking part at all stages from beginners through to competitive level.

Exeter continues to attract top athletes and currently has six sailing scholars and four high-performance athletes across a range of disciplines, who represent the University and compete individually.

Over the past three years EUSC has won seven individual medals (three gold, three silver and one bronze), along with four team medals (two gold and two bronze) at the British Universities and Colleges Sport (BUCS) competition.

The team has also secured victory during this academic year at the annual Fleet Racing Championships. There were also individual medals won for James Rusden, Matt Rainback, Mike Wood and Ben Muskett, with a convincing win for Tim Saxton and Sophie Ormsby in the firefly class.

The club has also been able to put on Royal Yachting Association courses and qualifications for sailors of every level through its relationship with the Haven Banks Activity Centre on Exeter's quay.



On the water: sports scholar Dan Schieber (Exercise and Sports Science 2010)

The Annual Fund

The Sailing Club's recent reunion weekend marked its 75th anniversary and saw the official launch of six new firefly boats – which are 12-foot long, two-person dinghies. Alumni and supporters helped to fund the boats with a £5,000 donation from the University's Annual Fund.

The boats have already enabled more teams to train on a weekly basis, as well as giving newcomers to the sport additional opportunities to get on the water.

The Annual Fund is the University's yearly appeal and supports a wide range of projects. During 2009/10 the fund awarded £198,000 to 43 different schemes across the University.

Projects ranged from the creation of a study garden to enhance learning at the

St Luke's Campus, to provision of steel drums and piano stools, and enabling artwork for the Cornwall campus. The Annual Fund has also contributed towards an initiative to help international and home students enjoy social events together, as well as the creation of the University of Exeter Space Agency (UESA), which has the ultimate aim of launching a satellite into near-earth orbit.

Those giving a gift can choose to give to the general fund, wherever the need is greatest, or target their money to the other key fundraising areas of Student Life, Scholarships & Bursaries. This year there are also opportunities to give to the new Business School building and the Forum Project. This includes the chance to buy a seat or roof panel in the Forum and a lecture theatre table or stair tread in the Business School.

Donor Stewart Noakes (Physics 2004), said: "It's very rewarding to be involved in helping Exeter, after gaining so much from my time here."

Current students telephone over 15,000 alumni across the world as part of the annual telethon. This enables us to keep in touch and share experiences of Exeter, as well as seeking philanthropic support. Wherever possible students are matched with alumni who studied the same course, lived in the same halls or were part of the same sports club or society, so they can provide alumni with personal updates on those areas.

For more information about the Annual Fund or to make a donation, see www.exeter.ac.uk/campaign/theannualfund

A lasting legacy



The University would like to recognise Alumni Network Group member Christopher Edge, who passed away in December 2010.

Chris, who graduated from Exeter in 1974 with a degree in Economic and Social

History, remained involved with the University throughout his life. He was a founding member of the Alumni Network Group, the University's alumni advisory board, and served on the group until his death. Chris was a long-time supporter of the University's Alumni Golf Day, which raises significant funds to support golf scholars at the University of Exeter, and he was part of the alumni team which took on the student golf scholars for matches in 2008 and 2009.

Chris was Chief Executive of AllenbridgeEPIC Investment Advisors, and he brought his considerable professional experience to his role with the Alumni Network Group, advising the University on matters large and small. He was also a stalwart financial supporter of the University, donating thousands of pounds over many years to support building projects and students.

Chris was a well-known figure at the University, and staff and fellow alumni appreciated Chris's good humour and enthusiasm. He will be personally missed by many members of the University community, from administrative staff to senior management.

Perhaps Chris's most lasting legacy to the University has been encouraging his four sons, Jamie, Sam, Toby and Charlie, to follow in his footsteps by attending Exeter. He was enormously proud of this strong family connection with Exeter. We extend our deepest sympathies to the Edge family.

Share your Exe-perience

In preparation for our Diamond Jubilee in 2015, the University is embarking on a project to gather images, documents and memories from alumni. If you would like to take part, contact the Development and Alumni Relations Office at alumni@exeter.ac.uk or 01392 723141. To minimise the chance of material being lost, please contact us before posting any items.



Diary

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More information on all our events is available on our website: www.exeter.ac.uk/alumnisupporters/events

Investment Management Network Reception

23 March

Sarasin & Partners LLP, London

This reception, specifically for alumni working in investment management, will feature new research from leading academic Professor Alan Gregory: 'Stock Market Valuation of Corporate Social Responsibility Indicators.'

If you are interested in attending, please contact Emma McFadyen on +44 (0)1392 722550 or e.mcfadyen@exeter.ac.uk

Exeter Law Network Reception

29 March

Eversheds, London

Join other law alumni at this popular event in London. The perfect opportunity to catch up with friends, colleagues and network with peers.

To reserve your place, contact

Angela Evans on +44 (0)1392 723148 or angela.evans@exeter.ac.uk

The Gulf Alumni Conference and Dinner

31 March

Dr Sultan Al Qasimi Centre of Gulf Studies, Sharjah

For all alumni living in the Gulf. Kindly hosted by His Highness Dr Sheikh Sultan bin Mohammed Al Qasimi.

For more information, contact

Rachael Stokes on +44 (0)1392 722016 or r.stokes@exeter.ac.uk

Alumni Receptions in Greece and Cyprus

11 April: The Museum of Cycladic Art, Athens

13 April: The Leventis Municipal Museum, Nicosia

The Vice-Chancellor and other senior staff invite you to join them at receptions for alumni in Greece and Cyprus.

To join these receptions, please contact

Rachael Stokes on +44 (0)1392 722016 or r.stokes@exeter.ac.uk

Environmental Protection & Sustainability Forum (with public lectures)

13-15 April

The Business School, Streatham Campus, Exeter

For more information, email

epas-forum@exeter.ac.uk

Exetra Social Media Network Event (for alumni of the last 10 years)

7 April

London

This event will feature a presentation on social media and time for networking.

For more information and to book, please contact

Rachael Magee on +44 (0)1392 726349 or r.magee@exeter.ac.uk

Alumni Reception

May (date to be confirmed)

The Financial Times, London

Leading academic Michelle Ryan will present her research and lead a discussion on the 'Glass Cliff'.

For further details and to register your interest, contact

Angela Evans on +44 (0)1392 723148 or angela.evans@exeter.ac.uk

Summer Graduation

17-22 July (Exeter)

25 July (Truro)

Graduation is a very special time for students and the University as a whole. It marks the transition from student to alumni.

If you would like further information about

graduation, please contact the Alumni Relations Office on +44 (0)1392 723141 or alumni@exeter.ac.uk. More information can

also be found on the University's website

www.exeter.ac.uk/graduation

Annual Alumni Golf Day

9 September

Worplesdon Golf Club, Surrey

Reserve your place at the 6th Alumni Golf Day. Places are filling quickly for this popular event.

For more information and to reserve a

place, please contact John Gilbert on

j.gilbert@jgfr.co.uk

Annual Alumni Reunion Weekend

9-13 September

Streatham Campus, Exeter

Join fellow alumni for a range of exciting activities over the weekend. All alumni are invited to take part, with special activities and recognition for 50th and 25th reunion years.

If you wish to attend, please contact

Julie Passmore on +44 (0)1392 723141 or j.m.passmore@exeter.ac.uk

Convocation 56th Annual General Meeting

Saturday, 10 September, 10am

Senate Chamber, Streatham Campus, Exeter

Nomination papers are obtainable from:

The Secretary to Standing Committee, c/o Alumni Relations Office, Northcote House, Exeter, EX4 4QJ.

Nominations should be returned by Monday 15 August 2011. All present members are eligible for renomination. The meeting will be followed by a Q&A session with senior University staff.

More information is available at

www.exeterconvocation.org

Developing ties in Hong Kong and China



The Vice-Chancellor, Professor Steve Smith, along with a delegation of senior staff from the University, recently hosted reunions with alumni in Hong Kong and China.

The delegation greeted more than 250 alumni at three receptions held in Hong Kong, Shanghai and Beijing. At the events Professor Smith spoke about recent successes, including Exeter's new

ranking as one of the top 200 universities in the world, according to the *Times Higher Education* league table.

Professor Smith also addressed an audience at Tsinghua University, which is one of China's leading research universities.

The visit was supported by Bess Ying and Limin Dai from our new project offices in Shanghai and Beijing.

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