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Guest Editor Peter Hart (EAS91)

How many UEA graduates have never used their degree? Don't ask me, I haven't a clue, but I certainly won't be the only one who's forgotten everything they learned within seconds of walking out of their finals. Discussing this recently with a colleague at the BBC, he suggested this meant my studies had been wasted. Then again, he continued, what did it matter? Nobody took qualifications from the 'University of Easy Access' seriously anyway. Thankfully most alumni, and other sane individuals, will think different. UEA is a world leader in many subjects, and competition for places is fierce. Only a few dinosaurs would now dare to suggest, like people once did, that it's a third-class university replacing a second-class golf course. In any case, since when was a university experience solely about the teaching or the studying? Surely it's about a lot more, as the special memories in this and every issue of Ziggurat reveal.

As a founding editor of *Concrete*, UEA's independent student newspaper (we borrowed the name from its 70s incarnation), many of my personal memories lie in the stories we covered, and the fantastic times we had writing them. Anyone attending UEA in the early 90s can't fail to remember the drawn-out closure of Fifers Lane, the mouldy mattresses in the University Village, and the reopening of The Waterfront, all immortalised on *Concrete*'s front pages. There were many more light-hearted stories too, with headlines like 'Cod Off: Plans for campus chippy flounder!', and 'Daring Two Who Took The Mickey!', when jokers replaced the Registry's Union Jack with a flag featuring Mickey Mouse.

The paper's incredible sense of community is something I've never felt so strongly since, and several of my very good friends today were fellow hacks or designers on *Concrete*. Yet all that united us at the time were our battles with the Student Union or the University, and far too many late night office lock-ins when press deadlines loomed.

An interesting thought occurred to me recently, when I received a phone call from a current student raising money for the University's Alumni Fund (there's a report on page 5 of this issue). We're often ready to dig deep in our pockets, but how many of us could contribute something as precious to UEA's students – our time? While at the University I would have given anything to get a foot in the door at a major media organisation like the BBC or News International. Perhaps we could all be a bit more vocal about our connections to give existing students a bit of help. My troublesome colleague, I'm sure, would disagree.

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In this issue>>>

It is always enjoyable to be able to pass on good news. In this issue of Ziggurat we are delighted to be able to tell you that in the first ever national survey of students' views on their universities, UEA has come out as one of the UK's top ten higher education institutions.

This may or may not come as a surprise to you, but it should be good to think you can count yourself a part of one of the UK's favourite universities. If you are an 80s graduate, then you are in a position to return to UEA for this year's campus reunion and remind yourself of just what was so good about being here. In large part, the answer to that is always going to be "the people", so make sure you encourage all your friends to come too – we'll do the rest to guarantee the perfect weekend away.

There's good news about UEA friendships renewing as many of you continue to organise your own reunions – we have reported on as many as we've room for on page 6. There's good news about alumni winning prizes, publishing books, releasing films and CDs on page 11. And lastly, on pages 12 and 13 we are glad to bring you just a selection

of the good news about the research that continues to radiate from UEA. Whether the news is international development, creative writing or climate change – and granted it is not always strictly good news – UEA is making the news in so many of these important areas. Ziggurat can only give you a tiny sample of all the things going on at UEA, but we hope it provides enough to explain why students gave the university such a stirring endorsement, and why doing different has always been good news for those who try it.

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The UEA effect

UEA is the most effective research university in the country according to a recently published table based on Higher Education Statistics Agency data analysed by Evidence Ltd. The table was based on the number of PhD degrees awarded and research income, compared to a measure of academic costs. UEA topped the national scale for "research effectiveness" in the table. Other institutions in the top 10 included Oxford, Cambridge, York, Warwick and Manchester.

Professor Trevor Davies, Pro-Vice-Chancellor for research and knowledge transfer, said: "This is a very clear confirmation that UEA is way up with the very best of research universities. This news will give us immense confidence in our position as a top institution within the rapidly changing higher education landscape."

This was the third accolade won by UEA in recent months. Together with a place in the Sunday Times' short list for University of the Year, we achieved excellent results in the first National Student Survey which placed UEA as one of the UK's top ten higher education institutions. Only two mainstream universities ranked higher than UEA for overall satisfaction and only three were considered to have better learning resources for students.

"This survey is a ringing endorsement for the all round quality of our staff, teaching and student support," commented Professor David Eastwood, Vice-Chancellor. "This is the first time that students have been asked for their views about the sector and they have shown their general preference for good-quality, student-focused campus universities that concentrate on their needs".

The results of the new survey confirm that levels of satisfaction with the courses taught at UEA are amongst the highest in the country. Around 70% of eligible UEA students responded to the survey, compared with a sector average of around 60%. This demonstrates the high levels of engagement of UEA students with the survey and reinforces the broad levels of satisfaction with the university's courses.

The first National Student Survey was undertaken in January 2005 by undergraduate final year students across England, Wales and Northern Ireland. Students rated their courses in seven areas: overall satisfaction; teaching; assessment and feedback; academic support; organisation and management; learning resources; and personal development.

Welcome back to the House of Fun

If you were at UEA in the 1980s get your diary at the ready. We are pleased to announce that the eagerly anticipated 1980s UEA Alumni Weekend will be held on 1-2 July this year.

We're sure that for alumni from this decade, the 1980s hold more memories than just Culture Club, stone-washed jeans and Margaret Thatcher. So we have put together a full and exciting programme of events designed to remind you of your student days as well as bring you up to date with the university and Norwich as it is today; from campus tours and school events to a pub tour of Norwich or Broads Cruise. You will be able to dine in style in the newly refurbished Sainsbury Centre for Visual Arts and revisit more familiar eateries, which have seen more than just a lick of paint since your time here. There will even be an opportunity to relive those student nights at the LCR. And all of this can be enjoyed while catching up with old friends or faculty and meeting new ones.

We already know from interest shown so far that the event will be very popular and there is an upper limit on capacity, so send your booking form back as soon as possible to ensure you don't miss the celebrations. If you or any of your UEA friends haven't yet received an invitation, please let us know and we will send you one. You can also log onto www.uea.ac.uk/alumni to find out more and download a booking form, or call Natalie Bailey on 01603 593978.

If you can't make the reunion, why not leave a message for those who can? Send your messages to alumni@uea.ac.uk and we will display them on our website and at the event. We would also love to see any photos or memorabilia you have from your time at UEA. If you have anything you'd like to share, please send it in to us or bring it along with you (please mark your items clearly, so that we can return them).

A night to remember

The 2005 Christmas LCR reunion was another disco-fevered success. Jointly hosted by the UEA Alumni Association and the Union of UEA students, the event attracted over 800 alumni and students. If you attended the event, or would like to spot those that did, check out our website for a full photo diary of the evening.



UEA Alumni Association Fund

In the last two years the UEA Alumni Association has donated over £75,000 to schemes across the university, all thanks to the continued generosity of our alumni donors. In the last issue of Ziggurat we reported on seven projects currently underway. We are pleased to bring you the latest news from a further five projects we have been able to fund. Together they bring a diverse range of benefits to UEA and its students.

School of Philosophy



The first ever UEA Student Philosophy Colloquium, funded by the UEA Alumni Association, was held on 26 November. The event brought together staff, alumni, undergraduate and postgraduate students, including some students from other disciplines and other institutions. Topics of students' papers, given in plenary and parallel sessions, ranged from 'One is not born a female?' through 'Rawls and civil disobedience' to 'Pascal: the wrong wager'. The best papers from the day will now be eligible for consideration for publication in "UEA Papers in Philosophy".

Norwich Business School at UEA

The Norwich Business School (formerly School of Management) received funding for a programme of speakers as part of the MSc Business Forum. Speakers have included the Chairman of Norwich City Football Club on the management of premiership football and consequences of relegation, the Marketing Director of Archant Norfolk on the rebranding of the Evening News, the Managing Director of one of the fastest growing financial services companies in the UK explaining what it takes to achieve success and the Marketing Director of the Theatre Royal in Norwich reflecting upon how marketing theory can be applied to arts marketing.

Terry Kendrick, who organised the speakers and visits said: "Our MSc students are keen to learn both theory and practice. The programme of guest speakers from industry and commerce

has enabled our students to hear first hand current management approaches to business issues". Professor Tzokas, Head of the Norwich Business School, added: "The MSc Business Forum is now an established part of the School's programme, providing great opportunities for interaction with businesses."

School of Allied Health Professionals

The UEA Alumni Association funded three 50% studentships on the MSc in Health Sciences in the Institute of Health. Rod Lambert, Director of the MSc programme said: "These exciting places provide important assistance to professionals wishing to further develop their academic and clinical careers".

Three excellent candidates, Peter Penny, Ann Borrows and Kathryn Walton were appointed in September. The studentships clearly mean a lot to the students. Anne said: "Further study had been on my mind for a number of years. I've just completed my first unit and really appreciated the challenge. I'm returning to work with renewed motivation and enthusiasm". Peter echoed these sentiments. "The studentship provided me with a springboard for my professional and clinical development. It would have been difficult to manage my MSc financially without it. I really appreciate the chance I have been given."



From top to bottom: Ann Borrows, Peter Penny and Kathryn Walton

School of Chemical Sciences and Pharmacy

CAP received funds from the UEA Alumni Association to extend their schools liaison programme. The main drive for this programme was to help reverse the trend for fewer school leavers or mature students choosing chemistry as a subject of study at university. In many schools, chemistry teaching is limited by a lack of equipment. This programme allowed school students access to fume cupboards, chemicals and spectroscopy equipment, facilities available in the university chemistry labs, but not at school. This created the opportunity for them to experience a more exciting range of experiments. Current UEA students were involved in the demonstrations allowing them to experience a teaching environment. In addition, participants also had the opportunity to meet students and faculty from UEA, to appreciate that universities are not intimidating and that chemistry offers a stimulating and attainable course of study.

School of Biological Sciences

BIO was awarded funds from the UEA Alumni Association in support of internships in biodiversity conservation for selected students on completion of the MSc in Applied Ecology and Conservation. The internship benefits students as it allows them to complete additional research and data analysis providing the opportunity to prepare their research for submission to a peer-reviewed journal. The internships were awarded to Amruta Rane and Joe Hawes.

Amruta had researched habitat restoration for endangered birds in Mauritius, in particular two threatened endemic species, the Echo Parakeet and the Pink Pigeon (pictured). Joe Hawes compared hawkmoth species abundance and diversity in areas of primary and secondary forest and Eucalyptus plantations in the northern Brazilian Amazon. Like Amruta, Joe has used his internship to continue this research and at the time of going to press both are working in threatened forest ecosystems in Brazil and the Indian Ocean.



UEA calling

It's the first night of our annual telethon and the student callers are gathered in the office shuffling through call sheets, looking at their notes on the Alumni Fund and trying to pluck up the courage to pick up the phone and make their first call.



The sense of nervous anticipation in the room is palpable and the supervisors retreat to a side office to ease the tension and allow the students to gather their nerve and start making the calls they have been preparing for over the previous three weeks.

LIT student, Mike Brand, makes the first break for it and the others look on with respect for a few moments then turn back to their own phones and follow his lead. Fifteen minutes later the office is humming with one-sided conversations as current UEA students chat to their forebears with an increasing sense of ease and enjoyment.

Despite the initial nerves, the chance to speak to alumni is often cited as the best aspect of the job for the students who take part in the telethon. "It is good to listen to people's tales about UEA and to hear that people hold it as such an important time in their lives, as I'm sure I will too," says MGT student, Rachel Chatterton. This is echoed by LAW student, Kami Weddle. "I enjoy discussing with alumni what careers they have gone on to, and what positive changes have taken place on campus since they have been here."

The telethon provides an opportunity for personal contact with our alumni, thanking donors for previous support, checking database details are up-to-date, answering any questions alumni may have and getting feedback on UEA and the Alumni Association. We also use the telethon to raise as much money for the UEA Alumni Fund as possible.

Our student callers are as aware as anyone of the pressures on university resources. While 20 years ago it was one in eight of our young people that went to university, today the

figure is one in three. As funding per student has also decreased, universities need to find additional support to ensure our place in a competitive market. Projects like those funded by the UEA Alumni Fund make all the difference to the students at UEA today, relieving financial burdens, enhancing the learning experience and improving facilities available around campus.

The students feel a genuine pride in the amounts raised through the telethon and see it as an opportunity to do something positive for UEA while they are still here. Two of this year's callers have themselves been recipients of previous funds from the UEA Alumni Association. "I've been given a wealth of opportunities thanks to alumni donations", said BIO student Ross Cloney. "Through the telethon, I can help give other students similar opportunities". Willow Outhwaite, studying in ENV, feels much the same. "Knowing that all the donations achieved go towards improving facilities for myself and fellow students is motivation enough to keep going".



2005 Telethon

The successful telethon in the autumn of 2005 saw over £15,000 being added to the UEA Alumni Fund over the course of a year. The generous donations of alumni will continue to help projects across the university. The UEA Alumni Fund supports enhanced learning and teaching resources, studentships and bursaries and the alleviation of student financial hardship.

In addition to the bi-annual allocation of funds made by a small committee on which UEA alumni are in the majority, the UEA Alumni Association has committed to

Thank you!

The University of East Anglia would like to thank all alumni who generously contributed donations during the 2005 telethon.

S Afnan, S Allan, D Allan, S Ambrose, s, Andreoli, Q Ansari, F Appleby, C Appleyard, J Arthur, G Atherton, E Aylmer, N & J Backhouse, Y Bailey, K Bashford, S Bean, M Beaumont, P Beddoe, M Beharrell, C Belford, A Bennett, A Bennett, M Bertram, C Bird, L Bloom, H Bottomley, J Bottomley, L Boyall, M Bradley, J Bradley, D Bradshaw, V Bridge, A Brightman, U Brookes, W Brown, J Buchdahl, E Bullivant, P Burlison, M Canty, M Carman, A Carter, N Chambers, K Chappell, S Charles, N Chase, J Christian, V Christie, A Chudley, H Clay, S Clewlow, T Coates, K Cole, J Cole, J Coleman, T Coleridge, M Colledge, G Collister, W Colquhoun, H Colyer, N Cooper, J Cowen, A Crowe, M Cubitt, J Culme-Seymour, J Dady, H Dancer, S Dargan, V Dearing, J Dennehy, A Diamond, M.Dixon, J Donnelly, J Druker, M Ducret, K.Dyos, J Ebbage, B Esam, M Estes, L Evans, A Evans, A Farquharson, N Fawkes, A Fisher, M Follett-McLellan, M Ford, T Foster, J Fowler, J Franssen, T Frater, D Fry, E Gardner, J Garton-Sprenger, T Gauntlett, M George, F Gilbert, M Godfrey, R Goodwin, L Gosling, J Grady, A Grist, L Guest, E Gulseven, J & V Halsey, L Hanson, D Harris, D Harrison, R Hart, R Havergal, J Hawes, J Hawkes, M Hayes, A Hewitt, B Hide, P Hill, N Hilton, A & S Hirschhorn, S Hobbs, J Hodgson, M. Hodgson, S Holland, A Holt, D Hopkins, I Hunter, A Hurst, I Ingram, A Jafari-Fini, C Jones, S Jones, S Kays, J Keeler, R Keevil, M Keighley, N Kenna, R Kidd, C King, B Kingston, A & V Lacey, K Lau, M Laughton, T Lea, C & B Leach, V Lee, D Leech, A Lees, T&J Lovett, D MacDonald, J Macsween, A Mahomed, S Margaron, G Markham, S Marpole, S Marsden, C Martin-Ross, E Maxfield, R Maysey, G McElvogue, W McKenzie, L Melville-Larsen, J & K Mitchell, L Moffatt, M Moore, T Muleta-Erena, D Mytton, C Newton, G Noble, G Norman, R Ogunleye, J Olivier, J Orloff, H Ovens, R Pack, M Pandya, M Parker, P Patel, G & J Paterson, R Penfound, D Phillips, G Pond, S & J Portas, E Potter, J Prior, A Radford, S Redford, B Renouf, S Reynard, C Reynolds, M Rhodes, S Ricketts, K Rignall, P Robinson, R Roll, L Rose, J Russell, B Samuels, M Samuelson, R Sangha, B Sanghera, P Sappa, P Savidge, M Scanlon, M.Seal, H Seddon, M Shields, O Simjee, K Slade, C Smith, K Soothill, K Speed, P & V Spinks, N Stainton, N Stancliffe, T Steels, J Stenson, C Stevens, S Sweeting, R Talwar, A Taylor, M Thorley, G Tisdall, G & F Traynor, M Trillian, H Tupper, C Turner, C Vaight, S Wade, S Ward, P Whiffin, D White, M Widnall, J Wiles, R Williams, M Williamson, D Wilson, K Wilson De Roze, Y Windsor, J Woodhouse, A Woolley, G & D Wright, S Wright, E Ziercke.

finance bursaries for academic achievement across the four UEA faculties. Sixteen awards of £500 each are proposed for UEA undergraduates together with one award of £1,000 per faculty to UEA students extending their studies to postgraduate level.

The outstanding support of our alumni will allow us to implement these awards in the next academic year. In addition, the ongoing nature of many donations to the UEA Alumni Fund will allow for a generous allocation of funds for the bi-annual disbursement round, also expected in 2006/07. We look forward to bringing you news of further projects supported by you in future issues of Ziggurat.



Dinner and dancing in Athens

The UEA Hellenic alumni group met in Athens on 17 December. We managed to gather people who graduated from UEA from the sixties to the nineties. What was originally planned as a drink developed into dinner and dancing at a Latin bar. It was good to meet people we haven't see for years and to make new acquaintances. Our next meeting is planned for Thessaloniki. If you would like to be kept informed please contact Spyros Vassiliades (SOC76) or Maria Emmanouilidou (EAS92) through the UEA Alumni Association.

Iosif Botetzagias (ENV96)

SYS Reunited

Last summer a group from SYS met to celebrate the 10th anniversary of their graduation. Lee Marsden and wife Sue kindly laid on a BBQ at their house near Wroxham. It was good to catch up again and share old stories, especially about those lecturers who provided fond memories! Lee also created some imaginary party posters of the group as students – a fine effort. Those that made it were Mike Oldfield, Richard Harris, Steve King, James Northam, Iain Catling, Stuart Spurgeon, Paul Woolford, Lee Marsden, Jean Luc Gagne, and Rupert Sheldon (all SYS92).

We are working on the 11th year BBQ which may be in New York City as Iain Catling lives there now and keeps coming to the UK; we thought we should try and let him host it for a change!

If anyone else would like to join us, please contact Richard or Lee through the UEA Alumni Association.
Richard Harris (SYS92)



Class of '65 Reunion

In July 2005 thirty-four members of one of UEA's earliest intakes met in London.



There was some initial difficulty recognising once-familiar faces but this rapidly dissipated, so that the main problem was catching up with so many old friends before being thrown out into the cold streets at closing time.

There was talk of presenting awards to some of the more distinguished alumni present; e.g. travelling the greatest distance to be present (Vienna), having married the most times (guess), having the most children (any advance on 5?), the best entrance, the shortest miniskirt at 57 (those 2 won by the same person), having published the most boring book (nearly everyone). However, it was decided that such awards would not be in keeping with the egalitarian, not to say radical spirit of the 60s, so were cancelled.

The party was a great success and will be repeated after a decent interval. Ex-classmates who were not contacted and who are interested in future gatherings should contact Steve Bailey c/o UEA Alumni Association.
Steve Bailey (EAS 65)

UEACC OB c.1996



We took to the field at Tidworth to play The Wiltshire Queries, starting the game in optimistic mood - an injured Mick Richardson (CHE91) on barracking and score duty. Captain Mark Prince (MGT97) opened the bowling with a lively spell but we were soon concerned about the run rate.

Figuring the longer it took the ball to travel the length of the wicket the less time they would have to score, Phil Dorsett (MTH96) was brought on taking three wickets, ably supported by Mark Szpek (ENV98) who chipped in with two. Credit should also go to Andy Noller (MTH96) whose full-blooded fielding made everyone suspect he still doesn't have to wash his own whites. The Queries declared on 226 for 9 after 56 overs.

In response the Old Boys were all out for 100. There were hard luck dismissals for Athee Natkunamanickam (MTH94) and Anthony Lovell (HIS98), Phil Dorsett keeping things respectable with a hard fought 38. Confusingly, loud

cheers rang out as our final wicket was lost, then we realised England had just won the test at Trent Bridge.

The day ended on a high with a beer in the pavilion with the opposition. The Wiltshire Queries are pleased to host us again on 23 July 2006 at Devizes CC. All ex-UEA CC players of any period are invited to help us take our revenge by getting in touch via alumni@uea.ac.uk
James Melhorn (SOC96)

Hockey fund raiser

UEA Hockey Club's tradition of supporting charities continued last July with a match in aid of the Whitman-Walker Clinic, which supports AIDS sufferers in the US. The match was well attended by both alumni of UEAHC and current members, with the ever-supportive Norman Hart and Pat as umpires. Kate Dennis (ENV00), who organised the match has raised over \$4,000 for the charity. Her thanks go to everyone who supported the venture.

Where are they now?

Have you ever wondered what happened to those friends and acquaintances who left UEA?

1960s

>Steve Oakley (EAS67)

Now working as a Logistics Consultant for the MoD, my first book, a techno thriller about nuclear weapons in the hands of terrorists, called "The Mullah's Bomb", was published in July 05. The second, about drugs, is well under way with a publication target of next year. I live in West Yorkshire but do about 30,000 miles of road travel a year and would be happy to help any other alumni with career progression or advice as I will probably spend Mon- Fri at a hotel near you!

Ken McMurray (MAP68)

After getting a generous early retirement package, I am now working as a full time (unpaid) volunteer in the IT department of Wycliffe Bible Translators at their centre near High Wycombe.

Tony Ovenell (FAM68)

After leaving the RLPO in 1993, we moved to Co Clare, Ireland and began a community music school. This continues to flourish, despite our partial return to the UK for further study and more playing and teaching opportunities.

1970s

Lesley Shaw née McDowell (EAS74)

After UEA I did various things which didn't include going back to live in Northern Ireland and eventually trained as a barrister, which is what I'd always wanted to do. Now am UK legal director for global brewer. Funny how all roads seem to lead to UEA in my life! I met my (now) ex-husband at UEA, I live with someone from UEA, and my daughter is now at UEA. So far, my son has escaped...

Jack Butler (ENV75)

Following a period spent in the geophysical survey world, a career

change was made in the early nineties to commercial aviation. Currently a captain for Thomas Cook Airlines, flying Boeing 757 aircraft.

Peter Davies (BIO78)

Have just celebrated my 15th anniversary as senior company language teacher for the British Institutes of Saronno, Italy and having a great Italian lifestyle.

Robert Galeta (EUR78)

Lecturer in history and theory of art. Last couple of years developing a print making collaboration with the art school in Brno, Czech Republic. I am also part-owner of a hotel, a converted convent, in the Ardèche in France.

Joy McLead (EAS79)

As well as lecturing at City College Norwich I am developing a project to help alleviate poverty and inequality in Jamaica, through the teaching of literacy to deprived groups.

1980s

John Sprackland (ENV80)

I'd love to hear what became of Ted Stirzaker... not that I ever met him... Ted Stirzaker was a one-time member of UEA Athletics Club (of which I was President during the years when the club was inspired to great things by the Assistant Sports Director, Tony Settle), but to me he was just a name. When entering a team in a race we always put 'Ted' in as one of the team and whoever ran as a late replacement for a missing runner would always run as 'Ted Stirzaker'. In similar fashion we displayed our contempt for Cambridge University's 'Duck Egg Blue' by declaring our club colours to be 'Keswick Blue' (named after our favourite lunchtime training route). It gave us a degree of flexibility, though I was disqualified from one race when a pedantic official refused to accept that my green vest was 'Keswick Blue'. If anyone reading remembers me, how about brightening

up the 80s alumni reunion in 2006 with a commemorative 'Barf Around the Broad'?

Yilmaz Duzen (EUR81)

In 1990 I became an official Turkish interpreter and translator for the police and courts and am now an expert witness for the CJS. Last year I was selected as a European Commission Conference interpreter and I became the British Government's official Turkish interpreter. I am travelling extensively and am very happy.

Desperately seeking...

If anyone knows of the whereabouts of the following people, please could they ask them to contact the UEA Alumni Association at alumni@uea.ac.uk as someone would like to get in touch with them.

Olufemi Awisole (CHE94)

Nicholas Bernie (EAS84)

Joanne Burrows (DEV83)

Jayne Cameron (SOC94)

Vivienne Coleman (DEV83)

Charlotte Coombes (EUR89)

Suzanne Davies

née Wilkinson (EUR64)

Judith Garrahan

née Cummings (EUR67)

Ubabe Gases (DEV83)

Della Gibbins (SOC80)

Matthew Harvey (SOC92)

Nathalie Hill née Thorpe (BIO94)

Isobel Humphrey (EAS84)

Eleanor Jenkin (EDU89)

Andrew Inchley (ENV82) & (CHE85)

Vicotria Izat (AHM87)

George Kokkinos (SOC83)

Anu Prashar (BIO86)

Nir Pilpely (LAW91)

Clare Rankin (EUR86)

Michael Richardson (EUR70)

Louise Smith (EAS86)

Spyros Spyrides (SOC83)

Hugh Thomson (EAS83)

Where are they now? *cont'd*

Todd Barry (EAS82)

When I left UEA in June of 1982 I returned to Cape Cod, Massachusetts and started a seafood restaurant – Moby Dick's. 24 years later I am still here!!! www.mobydicksrestaurant.com

Patrick McAuley (LAW83)

Now married with 2 children and living in the wilds of Donegal, Ireland. Working as a Financial Adviser. Is anyone going to this 80s reunion?

John Patmore (ENV83)

I have maintained my degree learning and interests, and now run the consultancy Eco-Logically.com based in Brighton. Music is my other great passion and I mix composition with travelling, in particular pursuing my Asian passions. Best wishes from Brighton by the Sea.

Paul Catlow (EAS84)

Like just about every undergrad in the middle eighties, I made the trip to the Careers Centre to do the "aptitude test" that claimed to work out which career I'd be suited to. I'm sure this particular rite of student passage is universally remembered: diligently filling in the questionnaire, and waiting until the computer clunked out the jobs you were best suited to. In my case I was offered two: "Prison Governor" and "Minister of Religion". Having no particular desire to be either, I put this down as "interesting, but not relevant" and promptly forgot all about it. After some quite tough years of wandering in the wilderness I walked into my career almost accidentally. I now work for a charitable trust delivering care services to the elderly as part of the management team of an old peoples' home. As post-student occupations go, this would not even have made the top one hundred back then – but I'm here now. I've realised from the people I work for that the things you worry about and feel insecure over, and which can really mess you up in your twenties, just don't matter a damn when you're over eighty. It's a good lesson! (I just wish I'd realized this while I was in my twenties...).

Gill Dawson née Hoyle (ART85)

After graduating I spent a few years in Zimbabwe, then working in the travel industry before joining Norfolk Constabulary in 1997. I am now a DC

in the CID office at Great Yarmouth Police Station.

Giovanna Druda (OSP85)

I spent just one term at UEA as foreign student from the University of Rome. Those were the days...I think Gordon Turner was the director. Now I live in Naples and I have a company of my own for management consulting.

Paul McLeod (EAS85)

Currently working as Cricket Odds Compiler for Stan James bookmakers in Gibraltar.

Steve Morgan (SOC86)

Was a captain of a tall ship, now a vicar as of last week.

Nigel Robinson (EAS86)

Pushing a wheelbarrow in the graveyard of ambition, was in a hole so stopped digging.

//After completing my M.A. in 1987 I moved with my wife and family to Cyprus to work for the MoD. Spent 10 years there before moving to Belgium in 1997. //

David Turner (EDU84)

Floris Hulshoff Pol (EAS89)

Although I stayed at UEA for one year as an exchange student from The Netherlands, UEA still has a special place in my heart. After UEA I went to Leiden University and got, between two short periods at Leicester University and the National University of Hanoi, my MA in History. Afterwards I worked as a researcher for the International Institute of Asian Studies (IIAS) and as tax and accountancy editor/journalist for Wolters Kluwer Publishers. At the present I am an editor for a magazine in the telecom business. Looking forward to hearing from other people who stayed at COSP in the same period.

1990s

Chris Flowers (DEV90)

After leaving I undertook a masters in engineering and left for Tanzania in 95. Have been farming tea and coffee here since with a brief few years in Uganda, Kenya and Malawi but now back in the southern highlands of TZ.

Gill Goold (SOC90)

From 1995 to 2000 I was carers' co-ordinator for West Norfolk. Started a project joint funded by Health and Social Services. I worked extensively with charitable bodies, carers and children with special needs. Now retired (I was a mature student) but still concerned actively with special needs children. Happy to correspond with anyone who remembers me (the fat one with curly hair!!).

Magda Mundford (WAM92)

Finished NVQL2 in Early Years Care and Education. Next year – level 3. You wonder – art history and children? Yes, plenty of art: splashing colours, sticking, modelling, it's what I like to do with kids (or without). Should have done it earlier.

Shadi Saredine (SOC92)

Currently with a local banking institution in Cyprus (the Hellenic Bank PLC) dealing mainly with risk management issues and the implementation of the provisions of the Basel II Capital Adequacy Accord. At the same time employed on a part time basis at Intercollege, lecturing for the business school. I have recently applied for a DProf program with an academic institution in the UK on which I was accepted and currently do my research on research methodologies and approaches. My intended field of study is the effective implementation of the provisions of the corporate governance code across Hellenic Bank and the examination of any potential effects on the bank's fundamentals.

Suzanne Arnold (DEV93)

Running my own company providing workshops in drama, art and living history, science or geography. Also a puppeteer, producing a new show on healthy eating to tour schools.

Becky Lindow née Pruthi (WAM93)

After meeting at UEA in 1996 I married James Lindow in April 2001. James completed his PhD at the V&A Museum in July 2004 and is now a fine art underwriter in the City. I completed my PGCE training in 1999 and am thoroughly enjoying my career as a teacher in the primary sector.

Thomas Pannach (EUR93)

I was an exchange student from Germany at UEA. I live in Lueneburg/Germany now and work as a teacher of English and History.

Nicola Daley (EAS94)

Living in Sydney, Australia after studying my MA in cinematography at the Australian Film, TV and Radio School. I am now working as a freelance director of photography on documentaries, music videos, TVCS and drama.

Gavin Saunders (EAS94)

Working for a small investment firm in Westminster. Also composing music for film.

Fran Mylhem (LAW95)

After 3 years as a solicitor, I decided that I'd been right all along at UEA: I really DID hate law. I am now based in London and recruit programmers into computer games companies – more money than law, for less work... and a lot more fun!

Oluwadare Taylor-Pearce (ENV95)

Presently working in Sudan for the United Nations mission in Sudan.

Peter Steward (EDU96)

I am currently head of marketing operations with Norfolk Constabulary, having spent much of my working life as a journalist. Have been married to Anne for 29 years and have two sons Chris 23 and Matt 21.

Geraldine Morin-Skinner (EDU97)

Teaching languages and working as a careers advisor in Northants. Got married in August.

Henry Walker (BIO97)

Living with growing family in Norwich. Working with farmers and land owners to make changes on the ground to benefit wildlife. Also playing a lot of music as ever.

Keith Lucking (OPT98)

I now live in New Zealand with my Kiwi partner and I am a private practice OT working for ACC, completing wheelchair & seating assessments following injury. I have now worked in this area for 2 years and love it. Found my niche I believe.

Alifereti Naioko (DEV98)

I have been recently promoted to head of research and development at the Ministry of Home Affairs – Fiji Islands.

Tracy Oakley (BIO98)

Following graduation I managed to land a job in London working in sales for a biological reagents company. After 3 years in this job I moved back to East Anglia to cover the Cambridge sales territory for a laboratory equipment company called Matrix Technologies. There are so many opportunities for me now. I feel that my degree comes into use every day of the week and I'm selling to researchers who are carrying out all types of research. In a small way this makes me a part of scientific advancement, which I find very rewarding.

// Working for Hewlett Packard in Germany. Acting in American Theatre groups. //

Nikki Webb (EUR94)

Eliot Morgan (SOC99)

I've been working at the Mayor of London's office for almost 2 years and I am really looking forward to working on the build up to the Olympics.

Caroline Ward (LAW99)

I am now in my second year of an adult nursing course at Wolverhampton University and hope to qualify in April 2007. I still have a strong interest in Law and have very fond memories of my time at UEA and Earlham Hall.

2000's

Alexandre Gurgel (CAP00)

I have just been awarded a grant to pursue Post-doc studies at a renowned university in south eastern Brazil, with a

project that is closely related to the PhD studies that I carried out at UEA. I miss my time at UEA hugely. Best wishes to all.

Kate Heley née Halpern (EAS00)

I have just completed my post-graduate certification in Primary Education from UEA, and am now embarking on a new career in Education, specialising in Early Years. I've also got married this summer to a fantastic man, and permanently relocated to Norwich. I fell in love with this city back in 2000 and am very grateful to be back.

Tesfay Tsegay (CARE00)

Since my graduation in July 2004, I am an assistant professor and working as public relations officer in my college.

Bev Fletcher (DEV01)

You will all be pleased to know that I'm finally working in development. I now work for an international management consultancy which supplies development consultants to Dev projects all around the world for e.g DFID and Asian Development Bank. It's not an avenue I had thought of before but after a year in recruitment and HR it was a logical step.

Giulio Alberti (MTH02)

I am about to graduate (at last!). I'll soon be sending CVs, hoping to get hired! Maths research in Italy is like water in the desert, so I'll turn to the private field.

Heather Saxsby (SYS02)

As a "mature student" with a family, wanting to switch to a career in IT, I found the studying really tough. Getting a job meant lots of interviews always coming "close" but not close enough. But my luck changed, I joined Marks and Spencer graduate programme last year and work in IT at Stockley Park, near Uxbridge. I've just been appointed as a business analyst. So I want to encourage all students, especially the more mature ones to keep going! If I can do it, so can you.

Jon Vincent (SOC/PHI02)

I work in the Advertising Department of the Guardian.

Maria Sophia Smith (DEV04)

I'm currently working in the Faculty of Science & Agriculture at the University of Fort Hare, Eastern Cape Province, South Africa.

UEA graduates remembered

Alice Claypoole (HIS92) and Luke Puddy (BIO91)

Over a year on from the Asian Tsunami, the families and friends of Alice and Luke remember them with love and fondness.

Alice and Luke arrived in Khao Lak, Thailand, on 19th December 2004, having already travelled through India, Nepal, Tibet, The Maldives, Borneo, Indonesia and Cambodia. They were due to fly to New Zealand on the 27th December on the next stage of their round the world adventure. To the everlasting sadness of their families and friends, they never made it. Both were killed in the wave that swept ashore on Boxing Day morning. Both now rest near their family homes in Wiltshire and Oxfordshire.

Alice and Luke were contemporaries during their time at UEA in the early and mid 1990s, sharing a wide circle of friends. After graduating, each found their own way to London. Alice took jobs in advertising and forged a successful career as a TV and Radio producer. Luke trained as a management consultant, and worked on projects as far afield as Guatemala, Amsterdam, and Edinburgh. It was whilst sharing houses in Tufnell Park with a band of other UEA



graduates that Alice and Luke drifted, with sometimes agonising slowness, towards each other. By the time they decided to take a break from work and travel the world in the summer of 2004, they had become a dedicated couple.

Alice's friends remember her time at UEA as being full of laughs, her twin passions being fancy dress parties and a Renault 5 of dubious vintage. Luke's contemporaries still struggle to understand how he balanced being ever present on the social scene with achieving academic excellence of the highest standard.

Both Alice's and Luke's family and friends take great comfort from the way they lived their lives to the full, and the fact that they were together when their time with them was so tragically cut short.

Family and friends of Luke have established the Luke Robinson Puddy Memorial Fund at UEA for annual prizes in BIO and friends and family of Alice are considering how they wish her to be remembered. Friends of Luke and Alice who would like further information are asked to contact either Caroline Gow at caroline.gow@firedearth.com or John Charters at john.charters@uea.ac.uk.

Alan Salt (EUR91)

Stephen Emary (DEV80)

I was just one of many alumni who were deeply saddened to read of the death of Stephen Emary in a recent issue of Ziggurat.

I met Stephen almost 25 years ago as we arrived in Norfolk Terrace for our first year at UEA and together with Martin Darby, David Potter and Faith Carthy became good friends.

During those years at UEA Stephen enriched our lives. He was kind and thoughtful and a good friend. We all spent many hours talking about those things students talk about like the history that unfolded around us from John Lennon's death to the Falklands war. We also talked about the things that meant a lot to us personally. In Stephen's case this meant his exhaustive album collection, his friends in Cleethorpes and his family, who he not only loved but who were also a source of great pride to him.

Stephen graduated in Development Studies and went on to become a successful accountant who was active at work and in his local community right up to his untimely death. On behalf of all his friends, we will miss Stephen deeply and our thoughts are with his family. At the same time, we continue to enjoy some wonderful memories of his life and are grateful for his time with us.

David Legg (SYS80)

Richard Sandbrook (BIO65)

Richard Sandbrook was one of UEA's earliest students, arriving in 1965 to study Biological Sciences. He made his mark at UEA as President of the Union of UEA students during a sabbatical year in 1967/8. He remained closely involved with the university from that time and was instrumental in the founding of the UEA Alumni Association sitting on the steering committee for some years.

Biddy Rowe (BIO63), a current member of the UEA Alumni Association steering committee remembers the difference Richard made to all of our lives: "The environment was not a popular area for careers when Richard left UEA. Few of us studied ecology and thought that birdwatchers and fungus collectors were the people most concerned about the environment. Richard changed all that with his unique combination of biology and accountancy – he saw the big picture. He retained the student enthusiasm for protest against the unjust challenging the attitude of industry towards recycling; Schweppes won't forget him in a hurry as he was behind dumping a lorry-load of bottles on their doorstep with the comment "Don't Schh on Britain". Later he tempered this confrontational approach with an understanding of the needs of industry working with the International Institute for Environment and Development in developing sustainability."

Richard Sandbrook was one of the most influential environmentalists of his time. As well as founding the British arm of Friends of the Earth, his advice was widely sought by governments, aid agencies and individuals such as the Prince of Wales and Bob Geldof. He was also non-executive director of the Eden Project in Cornwall.

He married UEA alumna, Mary Wray, in 1970 and together they had two sons. Many people have contacted us expressing their sadness at his death in December at the age of 59, and would like to join us in extending their sympathy to his family and friends.



Obituaries

The UEA Alumni Association is sad to announce the deaths of the following alumni:

Ginny Annison (CHE98)
Terry Bear (MAP67)
Bismillah Bilquees (CHE69)
Margaret Ellis (SOC67)
Sandie Gill (EUR72)
David Griffiths (EUR71)
John Jackson (EUR69)
Duncan McCrae (ENV83)
Julie Mooney née Castle (EUR90)
Robert Padmore (LAW81)
Peter Pratt (LAW97)
Sandra Stewart (AHP01)
Jim Ward (CHE70)
Bo Zhuang (LAW02)

Whitbread winners

Sarah Wood



Former UEA creative writing fellow and tutor Ali Smith has won the Whitbread novel of the year award with her first full-length novel, *The Accidental*. The Scottish writer beat authors including Salman Rushdie and Nick Hornby to this year's title. Ali Smith is currently a panel judge for the Charles Pick Fellow at UEA.



UEA graduate Tash Aw (EAS02) also picked up the first novel award for *The Harmony Silk Factory*, beating fellow MA graduate Diana Evans amongst others. We are delighted to announce that Tash Aw will be joining us at this year's House of Commons reunion on 25 May as guest speaker.

Bookshelf

Below are listed books written by UEA staff and alumni and published since the last issue of Ziggurat. If you would like further details about any of the titles listed, please contact either the publisher or the UEA Alumni Association. We would like to apologise for any omissions, but have included all the titles that we are aware of.

Martyn Bedford (EAS94)

The Island of Lost Souls
Published by: Bloomsbury, May 2006

Graham Bennett (ENV74)

Soft Machine: Out-Bloody-Rageous
Published by: SAF Publishing, 2005

Malcolm Brown (SOC93)

Drugs and Desire
Published by: Exposure Publications, October 2005

Tim Collings (EAS72)

Team Schumacher
Published by: Headline, Winter 2005

Andrew Cowan

What I know
Published by: Sceptre, March 2006

Mark Currie (LIT)

About Time
Published by: 2006

Donna Daley-Clarke (EAS00)

Lazy Eye
Published by: Scribner, July 2005

Patricia Duncker (LIT)

Miss Webster and Chérif
Published by: Bloomsbury, May 2006

Robert Graham (EAS74)

Holy Joe
Published by: Troubador, February 2006

Sheldon Hall (EAS92)

Zulu: With Some Guts Behind It – The Making of the Epic Movie
Published by: Tomahawk, October 2005

Paul (Mac) Joyce (EAS00)

Verses for the Designer Underclass
Published by: Antony Rowe, August 2005

Peter Krämer (FTV)

The New Hollywood: From Bonnie and Clyde to Star Wars
Published by: Wallflower, January 2006

Gill Lowe (EAS00)

Versions of Julia: Five Biographical Constructions of Julia Jackson/Duckworth/Stephen
Published by: Cecil Woolf, June 2005
Ed. Hyde Park Gate News, the Stephen Family Newspaper
Published by: Hesperus Press, November 2005

Deborah Philips (EAS73)

Women's Writing 1945 – 2005
Published by: Continuum Books, April 2006

Michèle Roberts (LIT)

Reader, I Married Him
Published by: Little, Brown, January 2006

Sarah Salih (LIT)

Ed. Companion to Middle English Hagiography
Published by: Boydell & Brewer, Spring 2006

Johnny Tipler (FAM81)

Ayrton Senna: The Team Lotus Years
Published by: Coterie Press, October 2005

Alex Wade (EAS85)

Wrecking Machine
Published by: Simon & Schuster, Summer 2005

Andrea Winkelmann-Gleed (DEV00)

Migrant Nurses: Motivation, Integration, Contribution
Published by: Radcliffe Publishing, Mar 2006

Sheila Wright (EDU91)

Drinkstone – School and Village: A Suffolk History
Published by: Greenridges Press, Nov 2005

CD Rack

In this issue of Ziggurat we are introducing a companion listing to Bookshelf dedicated to the music releases of UEA staff and alumni. Further information can be found on the web addresses listed, or contact the UEA Alumni Association for details. Again, we would like to apologise for omissions, but have included all releases we are currently aware of.

Simon Charterton (EAS79)

Zook: Music from the Accumulator (Tummy Touch Records: TUCH124)
Zook: EP1 (Tummy Touch Records: TUCH120)
<http://www.tummytouch.com>

Terry Edwards (MUS79)

terryedwards (Sartorial Records: FIT 014CD)
with Bedders: Butterfield 8 (Sartorial Records: FIT 008CD/LPX)
with The Scapegoats: 681 @ The Southbank (Sartorial Records: FIT 007CD)
<http://www.terryedwards.co.uk>

Julian Siegel (MUS84)

Partisans: Close-up (Sounds Recordings: SOUND01001)
Partisans: Max (Babel: BDV2553)
<http://www.juliansiegel.com>

Kate Williams (MUS84)

Kate Williams Trio: Scenes and Dreams (33 Jazz Records: 33JAZZ128)
Kate Williams Quartet: Looking Out (33 Jazz Records: 33JAZZ067)
<http://www.kate-williams-quartet.com>

'Model student' joins Kenya government

A former DEV research student has been appointed Kenya's Permanent Secretary of Agriculture. Romano Kiome (DEV89) graduated with a PhD on soil and water conservation in semi-arid Kenya. After six years as director-general of the Kenya Agriculture Research Institute, he took up his new post in the government in December 2005 as part of a major reshuffle by President Kibaki.

"Romano was a model student," said Professor Michael Stocking, head of DEV. "We worked together in Embu on soil moisture and crop production before he was snapped up by the bureaucrats. Science's loss is hopefully the Kenya Government's gain."

Poll on energy future



A UEA-led survey has revealed that more than half the public reluctantly accepts nuclear power as part of an energy future. The MORI poll conducted by researchers from the Centre for Environmental Risk and Tyndall revealed that 54% of the public may be prepared to accept nuclear power stations if it would help tackle climate change.

But most people believe that promoting renewable energy sources (78%), and reducing energy use through lifestyle changes and energy efficiency (76%) are better ways of tackling climate change than nuclear power.

Professor Nick Pidgeon (ENV/TYN), who led the survey research team, explained: "The government has already recognised the need to take public acceptability into account when exploring our future energy options. However, almost nothing is known about how ordinary people are responding to the new debate about nuclear power and climate change. This new research helps us to understand public views on this critical question".

The research was jointly funded by The Leverhulme Trust, the Economic and Social Research Council and Tyndall.



World party

A reception was held in Earlham Hall last month to celebrate the awards of scholarships to Social Science Faculty (SSF) international students.

Some 50 scholars attended. Head of LAW Professor Alastair Mullis said: "We are thrilled that UEA is able to attract so many students of such exceptional calibre and I would like to congratulate them on their achievements."



Impact of climate change in China

The vulnerability and responses of Chinese farmers to climate change is being explored in a three-year study. DEV/Overseas Development Group's Dr Declan Conway recently took on the role of science co-ordinator for the DEFRA funded project which focuses on the variety of agricultural systems in the north-west region of Ningxia.

The main aims are to help develop climate change research and adaptation; to model impacts of climate and socio-economic change; and to help devise strategies for adapting to climate change at the regional level.

Chinese researchers will also be visiting UK institutions including the Tyndall Centre and ODG at UEA. Dr Conway said the research was timely as much of the region had endured the longest and most severe drought in living memory. "Preliminary results show farmers, aided by significant government initiatives, are adopting a wide range of measures aimed at conserving and augmenting soil moisture, which is critical for maintaining viable yields," said Dr Conway.

New service for Norfolk graduates

The UEA Careers Centre, is introducing additional services for recent graduates. Careers services are available to all UEA students throughout their studies. However, a need has also been identified for additional services for those who have graduated but have not yet established themselves in a career.

"We are particularly keen to see those who feel they are not making maximum use of the skills they developed at university," says Anne Benson, Director of UEA's Careers Centre. "On the one hand there is a perception of a skills shortage in the region, yet on the other, we know that some graduates in Norfolk are not in 'graduate employment'."

The services available include one-to-one careers guidance sessions at The Forum and group workshops at UEA. Experienced advisers will help graduates find out about the range of career options open to them as well as how to put together winning CVs and application forms.

For further information contact: Careers Centre, UEA 01603 593452.

The heat is on

The northern hemisphere experienced its warmest year ever in 2005, according to the annual global temperature statistics released by the Met Office's Headley Centre and UEA's climatic research unit (CRU). The provisional statistics taken up to November 2005 revealed that the average sea and land temperature was currently 0.65°C above the long-term average.

While globally it was the second warmest year to date, satellite observations of Arctic sea-ice in September 2005 also revealed that the ice has dropped to its lowest recorded summer extent since recorded figures began in the 1970s.

In the UK, 2005 was yet another warm year. The Centre England Temperature (CET) is 1.07°C above normal and within the top ten warmest years in the 347-year record.

Dr David Viner (CRU) said: "We're right, the sceptics are wrong. It's simple physics. There are more greenhouse gases in the atmosphere, emissions growing and consequently increasing temperatures."



Striking a chord

Researchers in PSI are scouring the country for anyone involved in the Rock Against Racism/Anti-Nazi League movement of the late 1970s. The scene was centred on London, Manchester and Leeds when bands such as The Clash, X-Ray Spex and Tom Robinson fused high-octane music with strong political beliefs in an attempt to tackle racism. In London, young blacks and Asians supported the punk-reggae movement particularly in Southall and Brixton.

Seth Hague, John Street and Heather Savigny are all involved in the one-year research project which explores the role of music in political action. "Music is an integral part of all national histories and Britain is no exception," said Dr Hague. "This combination of anti-racist politics and music needs to be unpacked from the perspective of the people who made it."

Funded by the ESRC, *Striking a Chord: the Role of Music and Musicians in Public Action* will also assess more recent attempts to use music to bring

about change, such as last year's Live 8 concert.

Professor Street said: "That pop stars are involved in promoting political causes and pressuring politicians has become almost 'common sense' but it is, of course, a peculiar and fascinating sign of the way popular music and politics are changing."

If you participated in Rock Against Racism and are interested in being interviewed, please contact Dr Seth Hague on s.hague@uea.ac.uk.

STOP PRESS: As this issue of *Ziggurat* was going to print it was announced that UEA Vice-Chancellor, Professor David Eastwood, has been appointed to the post of Chief Executive of the Higher Education Funding Council for England. He will take up his new post on 1 September 2006. Further news will be reported as soon as possible.

LDG backs global literacy challenge



The UEA Literacy and Development Group (LDG) has contributed to a national report on Education for all (EFA). 771 million adults worldwide lack basic literacy skills according to the EFA Global Monitoring Report on *Literacy for Life*.

Each year the report focuses on a particular EFA goal to assess where the world stands on its commitment to provide a basic education of good quality to all children, youth and adults by 2015.

Published in November by UNESCO the 2006 report reviews the global literacy

challenge and for this reason LDG was commissioned to contribute to its scoping and background research.

LDG co-ordinator Dr Anna Robinson-Pant said: "We saw this as a chance to raise awareness amongst policy makers about the importance of adult literacy and the challenges that face women in particular in the poorest countries of the world. This report is a key document in promoting understanding about literacy amongst government and international development agency staff."



The Norfolk accent and the Spanish inquisition

No one expects the Spanish inquisition to have influenced the distinctive speech pattern of Norfolk's residents today. But it's likely it did. Many Protestants living in the Low Countries, present day Belgium and The Netherlands, fled from the grip of the Spanish Inquisition to friendly East Anglia in the 16th Century. And those foreign residents of Norfolk helped create the distinct speech patterns of the county today.

According to Dr Ken Lodge (LLT), in the

16th Century around one third of the population of Norwich was foreign born. The immigrants' influences are to be found in present-day Norfolk culture. The famous Norfolk-ism "he go" may well hark back to the influences of the 16th Century immigrants learning English, says Dr Lodge.

Honorary professor Peter Trudgill (LLT), who was born and bred in Norwich, recently gave a lecture on the Norfolk Dialect and the Spanish Inquisition at UEA.

Media Watch

Just a few of UEA's mentions in the recent news.

August 2005

Dr Emily Finch (LAW) Guardian, Financial Times, Daily Telegraph, Times, Daily Express, Evening Standard, Washington Post, Sydney Morning Herald, Pravda, Radio 2, Radio 4 *Identity cards*

Prof Andrew Watson (BIO)

Newsnight *London's flood defences*

Prof Phil Jones (ENV/CRU)/Dr Craig Wallace
ITN News, Radio 4 *Thaw in Siberia*

Dr Jerry Goodenough (PHI)

The Big Issue in Scotland *9/11 Conspiracy theories*

September 2005

VC Prof David Eastwood Sunday Times *UEA shortlisted for University of the Year*, Education Guardian Online *Appointment as Chairman of 1994 Group*

Dr Sarah Churchwell (AMS) Radio 4 *Tarzan*

Prof Andrew Watkinson (BIO) BBC

Newsnight, BBC World *Flooding after Hurricane Katrina*

Dr Jeremy Keenan (DEV) Economist, Times
War on terror in the Sahara region

Dr David Viner (ENV/CRU) Channel 4 News, BBC News 24, BBC World *Arctic sea ice*

Sarah Gooderson (LIT) Guardian Unlimited
Role of the fairytale

Prof John Street (PSI) THES *Mercury Music Prize*

October 2005

Dr Sam Leinster (MED) BBC News, Radio 4 News, Radio 5-Live News *Private medical schools using NHS facilities*

Amanda Hopkinson (BCLT) Radio 4 Woman's Hour *Photographer Diana Arbus*

Prof William Sutherland (BIO) Independent
Linguistic biodiversity

Professor Keith Roberts (JIC) BBC4
Documentary on John Wyndham

November 2005

Dr Clare Goodess (ENV/CRU) Guardian, Times, BBC Online, Radio 4 Broadcasting House *Stardex project*

Prof Phil Jones (ENV/CRU) BBC2 Newsnight
Historical incidence of severe winters

December 2005

Dr Donard de Cogan (CMP) The History Channel *Great TransAtlantic cable*

Dr Tim Osborn (ENV/CRU) Guardian *Atlantic Ocean current*

January 2006

Dr Jeremy Keenan (DEV) San Francisco Chronicle *War on terrorism*

Dr Tim Lenton (ENV) BBC News at Ten, BBC News 24, *Trees emitting methane*

Prof Nick Pidgeon (ENV/TYN) BBC Online, ITN, Channel 4 News, Independent, Times, THES, Financial Times, Evening Standard, Radio 4, Radio 5 Live, NewKerala.com – India, Malaysia Star, Independent Online – S. Africa, Dehavilland.co.uk, Islamic Republic News Agency, Reuters.co.uk
Public opinion on nuclear power

Prof Joad Raymond (LIT) In Our Time Radio 4
History of print journalism

Prof Paul Hunter (MED) Daily Telegraph, Daily Mail, Radio 5 Live, United Press International
Increase in food poisoning & waterborne disease with warmer weather

Prof John Greenaway (PSI) Radio 4 *House of Commons & alcohol*



Eclectic literary line-up

Another star-studded line-up has been confirmed for Norwich as UEA's literary festival goes from strength to strength.

Treats still to be had start with Jay McInerney who visits campus from the US on 13 March. He is the author of seven novels including *Bright Lights, Big City* and his latest work *The Good Life*.



Political commentator and former MP Matthew Parris appears on 10 May. His books include *Chance Witness*, *Scorn with Added Vitriol*, *Inca-Kola* and *A Castle in Spain*.

On 15 May actor Richard E Grant reads from *Wah-Wah*, his very personal account of his debut behind the lens.

BBC security correspondent Frank Gardner reads from *Blood and Sand* on 17 May. In 2004 he survived an assassination attempt in Saudi Arabia and was awarded an OBE last year for services to journalism.



Pulitzer Prize winner Jane Smiley comes to UEA on 24 May. Her novels include *A*

Thousand Acres, *Moo* and a non-fiction book about owning and racing horses. Her latest work is *Thirteen Ways of Looking at the Novel*.



Comic Julian Clary brings the festival to an

entertaining close on 7 June. A regular panellist of Radio 4's *Just a Minute* and star of BBC's *Strictly Come Dancing*, he published his memoir, *A Young Man's Passage*, last year.

Alumni in and around the London area are still in time to catch the end of the UEA literary series at the Savile Club. UEA creative writing graduate Jane Harris will read from her debut novel *The Observations* on 7 April and on 12 May AMS lecturer Sarah Churchwell reads from her acclaimed biography *The Many Lives of Marilyn Monroe*. Concluding the series on 26 May, creative writing professor Patricia Duncker reads from her new novel, *Miss Webster and Chérif*.



All events begin at 7pm and tickets are available in advance from the Box Office on 01603 508080. Early booking is recommended.



The BA Festival of Science in Norwich

The BA Festival of Science will be visiting Norwich from 2 to 9 September this year. Hosted by the University of East Anglia, Norwich Research Park and Norwich City Council, the festival is the largest public access celebration of science in the country. It attracts 400 of the best scientists and science communicators from home and abroad, as well as the world media.

The festival will include a line up of around 200 events aimed at all ages; from climate change and astrology to crime scene investigation and beer brewing. As well as a main programme hosted by UEA and NRP, there will also be a young people's programme which will reach out to primary, secondary and

sixth form pupils across the region with a mixture of workshops, hands-on exhibitions and lectures. The city programme will be based round popular science entertainment including cinema showings, exhibitions, and science inspired art and sculpture.

The event will be an excellent opportunity to showcase UEA's schools of science, already renowned for contributing to some of the world's most topical debates.

To gain a flavour of what the festival has in store, log onto www.the-ba.net. Keep checking the site from April for the full 2006 programme and online ticket sales. For more information on the festival, please contact 01603 592945 or email events@uea.ac.uk

SCVA Renewed

The Sainsbury Centre for Visual Arts will reopen to the public on 21 May following a major refurbishment and building project, designed by Foster & Partners. It has undergone major changes to improve facilities and enhance the visitor experience. These include new entrances to the main building, visitor reception and shop spaces, a dedicated education studio, refurbished café and more accessible displays. The work has also included the creation of a new internal public link between the main building and the Crescent Wing extension. Both the Crescent Wing (added in 1991) and the new building link project have been responses to the evolution of thinking in museum use.

Director Nichola Johnson said: "I am in no doubt that the project will further enhance public enjoyment of the centre, which is already recognised as one of the UK's outstanding cultural venues."

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informed of news and events. Email scva@uea.ac.uk or phone 01603 593649. Website: www.scva.ac.uk

Reunion at the House



A reminder to all alumni that the ever-popular reunion at the House of Commons hosted by Dr Ian Gibson MP is to be held on 25 May.

Come and join us for an early summer evening on the Thames in one of London's most prestigious landmarks. This year's guest speaker will be winner of the Whitbread first novel award, Tash Aw (EAS02). If you would like to be on the mailing list for this event, please write to us at alumni@uea.ac.uk, or telephone 01603 592130.

THE 1980s

Demos, doc martens and depeche mode

The 1980s may be the first decade that all UEA alumni have some memory of, even if those memories are more Willo the Wisp than The Young Ones. But what was it like on the UEA campus during the decade? As our 80s graduates prepare to come back for this summer's reunion, UEA press officer and alumnus, Simon Dunford (SOC85) reflects on a decade of radical change.



Concrete rock



Dodging the storms

Margaret Thatcher swept to power in 1979 and there was no escaping her iron resolve to slash public spending. Cuts in UEA's annual grant came in a series of swingeing cuts spread across the decade. The first warning came in a letter from the University Grants Commission in 1981 announcing a national cut of £30 million from university budgets. It was proposed that UEA's grant should drop from £11.7 million in 1981 to £10.2 million by 1983, and student numbers were to be slashed from 4,300 to 3,640. Things got worse. In 1983 the Conservatives were re-elected calling for deeper public spending cuts, including £23.5 million from universities. By 1986, UEA was one of eleven universities facing the largest cuts and in 1988 achieved the dubious distinction of being the second most severely cut university in Britain. Morale plummeted and students reacted with anger, staging sit-ins for days at a time in the Registry administration block, and elsewhere on campus and in the city.

All hope was not lost, however; UEA forged ahead with plans for expansion with spirit and resilience. UEA was told that recently purchased Keswick Hall teacher training college would have to be sold again as part of the cutbacks. UEA agreed, but only on condition it could keep the proceeds to pay for a new School of Education. Other new builds during the 1980s included the Climatic Research Unit, a new School of Information Systems, new student accommodation, a new supermarket and travel shop and the opening of the Arthur Miller Centre. By the close of this most troublesome of decades, in fact, there were more subjects, more students,

more research income and more prestige for UEA. Some feat considering the prevailing economic gales. UEA had ridden the storm.

Campus chic

Eighties fashion is stereotyped as big hair, Armani suits, swashbuckling frilly shirts and feather-cuts for New Romantics. The vast majority of students ignored all this and The Square was littered with a range of staple 'looks'. Residual punks and Goths sported gloomy overcoats, eyeliner and dyed black hair, back-combed to within an inch of its life. Shabby chic endured in the form of clown-size dungarees, woolly hats and everything ripped. Black leggings, long fringes, Levi 501s and Doc Marten shoes too were ubiquitous the decade long.

But then something happened. A Gallup poll of students in 1988 revealed a generation of yuppie students, non-rebellious, keen to get a good job and 15% with their own portfolio of shares. Things smartened up a notch and the more well-heeled and fashion conscious students adopted a businesslike look. Inspired by Dynasty and Princess Diana, streaked hair and boxy-shoulders arrived, with blazers, brogues and chinos for the boys.

Musically the Eighties kicked off as they were to continue – confused. Within the first six months of 1980, UEA had staged shows by The Cramps, George Melly, Judy Tzuke and Top of the Pops writers Hot Gossip. Doing differently were local bands made good The Higgons, The Farmers Boys and Gee Mr Tracey. In fact, the 1980s was the only time student bands from Norwich made much impression on the music industry.

It was also an era of permanent partying and home-grown gigs at small university venues like the Bill Wilson Room and The Barn – a semi-derelict barn by the river in The Village. These continued night after night into the early hours until the sea of cheap lager ran dry.

On the LCR stage, eclecticism reigned, with Geno Washington, Elvis Costello, Hawkwind, Iron Maiden, Culture Club and The Smiths all vying for attention. Biggest-to-be were U2, who appeared in 1981 and REM in 1984. But the decade will be remembered as the age of giant hair, as earnest synth bands Depeche Mode, Japan, Duran Duran, OMD and Flock of Seagulls filled the LCR with the acrid stench of cheap hairspray.



On graduation day in the early 1980s, a student of Dutch extraction whipped off his mortar board as he walked on to the stage and replaced it with a fez – his headgear of choice throughout his time at UEA. Later, the Vice-Chancellor asked the dean of the school why one young man had worn a fez. He received the deadpan response: "I believe it is the cap of a Dutch University, Vice-Chancellor."

The Questionnaire

Guest Editor, Peter Hart, answers our Questionnaire, examining what his experience of UEA was really like.

What is your best memory of UEA?

Like anyone, I have so many. But they must include the LCR; Live in the Hive; Mondays at Ritzy; the golden triangle; working at The Waterfront and going to Radio 1's first-ever Sound City event; 'posh' lunches in the Sainsbury Centre; plus, of course, setting up and working 80-hour weeks on Concrete.

What is your worst memory of UEA? Fights with the Student Union's wannabe politician sabbaticals, who couldn't understand why Concrete wouldn't be their mouthpiece. The answer was simple: we were the UK's first truly independent student newspaper and raised all the money to fund it through advertising. We weren't going to let them get their hands on it.

Who is the most influential person you met at UEA?

Either Steve Howard, who had the original idea for Concrete, or Prof Chris Bigsby who gave us an office in EAS when nobody else would take us seriously.

What was your worst result? Any coursework to do with feminism. I was more at home writing critiques of Just Seventeen magazine, or essays about James Bond.

Can you name someone you've kept in touch with from UEA and why? Michele Hall (née du Randt), David Hall and Niall Hampton are particularly good friends. Sorry, it's that Concrete connection again.

Can you name someone you wish you'd kept in touch with, and why? My friends from my golden triangle days – we had such great times but somehow drifted apart.

What was the best party you attended? Four years is a lot of partying, I can't pick just one. Thursday's LCR was always a laugh though.

To what extent have you used your UEA degree? I haven't.

What UEA experience have you used most? Working on Concrete, as I'd never have got employment without a mountain of cuttings.

If you had your time at UEA over again, what would you do different? Appreciate it more while I'm there. It was over in a flash.

What would your motto for UEA be? 'Surprise yourself'. It's only worth doing different if you're prepared to step outside your comfort zone.

We are looking for quotes from alumni about their experience at UEA for use in various publications such as the prospectus. Please send us any contributions you may like to include to the address in the front of Ziggurat or alumni@uea.ac.uk



Thanks for the memories

The UEA Drama Society can boast quite a wealth of talent from amongst its past members. However, it would seem that the Drama Society itself was a pivotal experience for many.

"I went to UEA thinking I was going to be a French teacher, and left with the firm commitment to be an actor. Still doing it 30 years later, so it's all UEA's fault", says actor, Philip Bird (EUR71), now a familiar face on stage and screen. Another past member, Tim Bentinck (AHM72) says: "Joining the drama society at UEA changed my life". These days, as well as regular TV appearances, Tim can be heard in our homes on a daily basis as the voice of David Archer in BBC Radio 4's The Archers. "I suddenly found myself on stage, making people laugh and sometimes cry. I was hooked. I'd found what I wanted to do, and went on to the Bristol Old Vic Theatre School to find out how to stop making people cry when it was supposed to be a comedy."

The first president of the Drama Society was John Rhys Davies (ENG63), most recently seen on screen as Gimli in the Lord of the Rings trilogy. In The History of UEA Prof Michael Sanderson says of John Rhys Davies: "His ebullient personality energised drama

at UEA and he starred in UEA's first play The Crucible by Arthur Miller (in 1964) which was produced by Professor Nicholas Brooke". Other notable names involved in acting, writing and producing in the early years were the novelist, Rose Tremain, the playwright, Snood Wilson and Jenny Abramsky, Director of BBC Radio and Music.

The current UEA DramaSoc committee is hoping to create an archive of shows put on by the society, including any records they can find of past performances. They would like to hear from ex-members who might have photos, programmes or posters from shows that they could add to the collection. If you have anything to contribute you can contact the UEA Alumni Association or Kate Forester at the DramaSoc directly on ueadramasoc@gmail.com



Classifieds...

Ziggurat has been contacted by retired Norfolk Constabulary spokesman Mel Lacey who claims to be the best thing ever to have come out of UEA. Not academically, however; he was born here. Earlham Hall, once the administrative headquarters for UEA, now home to the School of Law, was once a maternity home. "I was born in Earlham Hall way back in 1948 when your wonderful establishment was not even a pipe dream".

Proud of his prestigious place of birth, he has been the owner of the distinguished number plate A1 UEA which has been the cause of much scrutiny by staff and students over time. He is now planning his retirement and has decided to sell the number plate. Should anyone feel justification in claiming to be the next best thing to have come out of UEA, they may like to enter negotiations with Mel by email on mel.lacey@btinternet.com

