



## UNIVERSITY UPDATE : 18 February 2005

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**NEWS:** <http://www.bath.ac.uk/news/>

### **Education needs 'fundamental re-think' to assist sustainable development:**

Most education policymakers are unaware of the scale of change needed if education is to help Britain become a more sustainable society, according to Dr Stephen Sterling, a researcher in the Department of Education.

<http://www.bath.ac.uk/pr/releases/sustainability.htm>

### **Computers to be used to find blueprint for new flu drug:**

Professor Ian Williams and Dr Gus Ruggiero (Chemistry) have won a £261,000 grant to use the latest computer modelling software to produce a blueprint of a designer drug that could stop influenza and other diseases from replicating in humans.

<http://www.bath.ac.uk/pr/releases/flu-comp>

### **Internet dating is much more successful than previously thought:**

Dr Jeff Gavin (Psychology) has published a study showing that Internet dating is a much more successful way to find long-term romance and friendship for thousands of people than was previously thought.

<http://www.bath.ac.uk/pr/releases/internet-dating.htm>

### **Mental health worker:**

Francis Armstrong has been appointed as a Student Mental Health Worker to offer information, advice and support to members of staff working with students who have mental health difficulties such as depression, anxiety and psychosis. He is also able to offer training to groups of staff on request and will be providing training as part of the 'Horizons' Staff Development Programme. Francis works one half day a week (Fridays 9am – 12pm) during term and is managed by the University Counselling Service. He is a member of the Community Mental Health Team for Bath South. Francis is based in Wessex House 8.24 and can be contacted on ext: 4796. Students can be referred to Francis through the Counselling service, Learning Support Service or Medical Centre for an assessment as well as short-term support.

### **Professor Guy's inaugural lecture:**

Professor Richard Guy from the Department of Pharmacy & Pharmacology will give his inaugural lecture entitled 'Science meets the skin: Delivering drugs legally' on Wednesday 23 February 2005 at 6.15pm. Admission is free with tickets obtainable from: Mrs Sheila Willmott, Public Relations, Wessex House 8.16 | Ext 6631 | [s.d.willmott@bath.ac.uk](mailto:s.d.willmott@bath.ac.uk)

## Troops out of Iraq now?

A debate on whether the troops in Iraq should be brought home immediately now that elections have taken place is to be held on Wednesday February 23 at the 8 West building in room 1.1 and all are welcome. Critics of the occupation think that the Iraqis should now be left to govern themselves. Others feel that withdrawing the troops would result in chaos. Professor Stefan Wolff (ESML) will speak in support of the troops remaining in the short term in a debate with Dr Michael Carley, a member of the Bath Stop the War Coalition, who supports immediate withdrawal.

## Prof Chris Eccleston at Bath Literature Festival:

The Bath Literature Festival has invited Prof Christopher Eccleston (School for Health) to chair Prof Oliver Sacks' presentation on Saturday 5 March 10-11am, at the Guildhall. Renowned as the 'The poet laureate of medicine' (New York Times), Oliver Sacks' books include 'Awakenings' and 'The Man Who Mistook His Wife for a Hat'. In a rare UK appearance, Oliver Sacks will present extracts from his autobiography 'Uncle Tungsten: Memoirs of a Chemical Boyhood'. Tickets cost £7 (£5 concessions) and are available from the Bath Festivals box office, tel: 463362.

## International public procurement:

Professor Christine Harland and Dr Helen Walker from the School of Management's Centre for Research in Strategic Purchasing and Supply (CRiSPS) delivered the keynote address at the first ever joint seminar event of the Swindon and West of England branches of the Chartered Institute of Purchasing and Supply (CIPS).

[http://www.bath.ac.uk/management/news\\_events/news/2005/16-2.html](http://www.bath.ac.uk/management/news_events/news/2005/16-2.html)

## IN THE MEDIA

- **Jeff Gavin** (Psychology) has been in great demand this week to talk on numerous radio programmes about his research into internet dating, including BBC World Service, BBC Radio Bristol, BBC Radio Gloucester, Bath FM, 3 Counties Radio, GWR, Vibe, Radio Humberside, Wtop radio-Washington, USA. The item has received extensive coverage in the press. See <http://www.bath.ac.uk/pr/bathinpapers>
- **Mathew Penrose** (Maths) was asked on GMTV about the probability of a sister and brother both having a baby on the same day, in the same hospital. He calculated the chances as being one in 10 million.
- **Angela Berners-Wilson** (Chaplaincy) was interviewed for a piece on the BBC website when she gave her opinions on women bishops and spoke of her experience of being one of the first group of women to be ordained as a Church of England priest. [http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/uk\\_news/4265121.stm](http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/uk_news/4265121.stm)
- The '**Real**' Varsity rugby match between Bath and Loughborough received extensive media coverage, including reports on Sky TV, ITV West, Bath FM and BBC Radio Bristol. There was also a feature on Mechanical Engineering student Adam Hopcroft, Bath's captain, in Rugby Times. The Times ran a match report: <http://www.timesonline.co.uk/article/0,,377-1487966,00.html>

## INFORMATION

### Pay modernisation:

The three main trades unions on campus - AMICUS, AUT and UNISON - have suspended their involvement with the implementation of the University's pay modernisation plan (which involves a move toward a single pay spine and a common pay and grading structure underpinned by a job evaluation scheme, Higher Education Role Analysis). The position of the University and the Unions can be found on this page: <http://www.bath.ac.uk/internal/news/paymodern-160205>

### **Quality Library services?**

The 2005 LibQual online survey runs until 4 March. Please take this opportunity to say what you think about the quality of library services – and win a £50 Waterstones voucher.

<http://www.bath.ac.uk/library/surveys/2005-quality/>

### **Self-organised religious diversity group:**

This new group is for members of different faith communities to come together and discuss faith-related issues. Its aims are to share information, reduce fear and misunderstanding, and to celebrate the diversity of traditions and their potential contribution to the cultural life of the University. It will also provide an opportunity for members of different faiths to socialise together. The first meeting is to get to know each other, and to discuss "What do we mean by faith or religion?" All welcome. Wed 23 Feb | 1:15 PM | 8W 2.22

### **Who should get an honorary degree?**

The next round of nominations for the award of honorary degrees will be considered by the Honorary Degrees Committee on 14 March 2005. Submission deadline for nominations: 4 March. In line with the University's Mission Statement 'to advance learning and knowledge ... particularly in science and technology, and in close association with industry and commerce', nominations are actively sought in respect of persons pre-eminent in industry and finance, and individuals achieving distinction in the commercial application of engineering or science. More info contact Clare Henderson:

M.C.Henderson@bath.ac.uk

<http://www.bath.ac.uk/internal/news/honor-nomin.htm>

### **Daily headlines direct to your inbox:**

The Press Office is offering staff at the University the opportunity to receive an email containing a daily round-up of news stories about the University and higher education issues. If you would like to receive the daily email, please contact a.mclaughlin@bath.ac.uk

<http://www.bath.ac.uk/internal/news/headlines.htm>

### **Awe-inspiring speaker sought!**

Applications are invited from scientists at the cutting edge of research to present a series of 5 fifty-minute lectures at the Royal Institute during December 2005, which will be recorded by Channel Five Television and broadcast over the Christmas holidays. The theme of the lectures will be based on a life sciences topic.

<http://www.rigb.org/rimain/news/newsdetail.jsp?&comp=1&id=47&lang=EN>

### **Learn Spanish in Alicante:**

Chance for six members of staff to attend Spanish language/culture courses throughout the summer. Tuition and accommodation are free of charge. For information, email Silvana Stanford at: mnssss@management.bath.ac.uk

### **Jobs:**

Vacant posts: <http://www.bath.ac.uk/jobs/>

## **EVENTS:**

### **Monday 21**

13:15 PM BICS seminar: Bound states & photonic crystals

17:15 PM Millennium lecture: DNA Fingerprinting and Beyond

18:30 PM Reality Films: Beyond Mad

19:30 PM BRLSI lecture: Climate Change & International Development

## **Tuesday 22**

13:15 PM CNM seminar: Localised patterns in the 2D Swift-Hohenberg equation

13:30 PM Holburne lecture: Constable: Millworker and Landscape Painter

19:30 PM Comedy Night (featuring Richard Herring)

## **Wednesday 23**

13:15 PM Psychology seminar: Influences of androgen on human psychosexual development

13:15 PM Self-Organised Religious Diversity Group

14:00 PM School for Health: Research Conference

13:15 PM Iraq: Should we bring the troops home now?

17:15 PM GULP lecture: An introduction to British & continental heraldry

18:15 PM Inaugural Lecture by Richard Guy: Science meets the skin - Delivering drugs legally

## **Thursday 24**

12:30 AM UBSA Lunchtime Quiz

13:30 PM Holburne lecture: Looking it up in Pevsner

19:30 PM BRLSI lecture: Platonists and Stoics on the self

## **Friday 25**

17:15 PM Psychology seminar: Health promotion versus beer promotion

19:30 PM BRLSI lecture: What is it like to be a bat?

## **ICIA ARTS:**

### **Classes:**

There are still a few spaces left on some classes. Check out the ICIA website, pop into the ICIA office, email [ICIAinfo@bath.ac.uk](mailto:ICIAinfo@bath.ac.uk) or call ext 6777 for further information. Jazz, Tap, Contemporary Dance, Belly Dance, Digital Art & Digital Video, DJ Skills, Drawing & Ceramics Classes.

### **ICIA Exhibition - Dreaming Japan:**

A selection of digitally produced prints inspired by Japan from Bristol based artist, Sandra Symes. ICIA Art Space 1, entrance to Claverton Rooms, The Parade. Until Thursday 17 March.

### **Jazz - Alan Barnes Octet**

Sat 26 Feb, 7.30pm, ICIA Arts Theatre,

Alan Barnes, legendary UK jazz saxophonist, and his eight piece band present an exuberant tribute to the much-loved detective, Sherlock Holmes. This suite of original compositions features 14 pieces, with the mood shifting from eerie misty moors to creating the frantic activity and humour of Holmes' personality.

## **SPORTS STORIES:**

### **Loughborough win Real Varsity match:**

Loughborough ran out 21-7 winners of the inaugural Real Varsity match - but they had to battle all the way against a spirited University of Bath team. The Bath team took the lead through a Jack Smales try converted by Danny Gray, but Loughborough then scored three converted tries in seven minutes in the first half to wrap up the game, which was watched by an impressive crowd of about 4,000 people at Bath Rugby's famous Recreation Ground home.

### **Big weekend of sport:**

TeamBath sides are involved in a big weekend of sport, with football, basketball and hockey teams all at home. TeamBath FC host Rugby United in the Southern Football League Premier Division at Twerton Park at 3pm on Saturday (19 February). TeamBath drew 3-3 in last weekend's match against Hemel Hempstead. TeamBath Romans basketball team thrashed Tamar Valley Cannons 81-56 at the

weekend and entertain Liverpool at 6.30pm at the Founders Sports Hall on Saturday. TeamBath Buccaneers lost 4-0 to Southgate in England Hockey Premier 2 and host Belper at the Sports Training Village at 2pm on Sunday (20 February).

**QUOTE FOR THE WEEK:**

There is more hunger for love and appreciation in this world than for bread.

Mother Teresa b.1910 d.1997 Leader of Missionaries of Charity, Calcutta, Nobel Prize Winner 1979

Please send your suggestions for Quote for the Week to [comms@bath.ac.uk](mailto:comms@bath.ac.uk)

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