a photo diary of the first day of term
A DAY IN THE LIFE OF THE CAMPUS

The 2 October 2006, the first day of the new academic year, was about much more than just the first day of teaching – the University community grew from 2,800 permanent members of staff on campus over the summer to approximately 15,600 staff and students, and there were hundreds of different activities going on around campus.

For this issue, the Insider team spent the day creating a photographic record of the first day. The results are a mixture of the familiar, such as the first lectures in the new University Hall, to the more unusual, such as ballroom dancing in the Sports Hall.

This issue includes a selection of the photographs taken on the day. To view all the photographs and order prints see www.bath.ac.uk/photography/insiderphotos

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So far 46 members of staff have taken advantage of the University’s tax-free bicycle purchase scheme.
At peak times during the year there are over 2,000 vehicles entering or exiting the campus in a 24 hour period.

This year there are 2,500 freshers, bringing the student total to 12,800.

There are over 100 nationalities represented on the campus and the International Office organises an ongoing programme of events to enable students from overseas to meet and integrate with other students.
Over 5,000 new multi-functional library cards were issued during Fresher’s Week. Digital photographs were taken in the library and cards were ready in an hour.

First year mechanical engineering students fill 3WN to capacity. All have achieved A grades at A-level, or equivalent.
During the first two weeks of term the BUCS helpdesk dealt with over 3,100 queries from staff and students.

The STA travel shop issued over 3,000 bus passes to new and returning students in the first week of term. Staff are also eligible for the passes, just visit STA with your library card.
Catering Services expects to feed approximately 500 people on campus each day.
GASP, ICIA’s gospel, soul & pop choir has 70 members and is open to all staff and students. Rehearsals are held at lunchtime on Mondays.

The landscape team has planted 7,500 trees in the last six years. The campus is host to the National Plant Collection of Taxus (Yew trees).

On average 750,000 people use the Sports Training Village every year. That includes 2,000 regular student and staff visits every week. At the Founders Sports Hall table tennis, basketball, squash, tennis, badminton and volleyball are free for staff.
Approximately 23 per cent of all students at the University are studying for postgraduate qualifications.

The Sulis head, an image of the Celtic-Roman goddess Sulis-Minerva, is taken from the University's Coat of Arms which refers to the city's origins.

The first lectures were held in the new University Hall. It has a capacity of 390, improved access and energy efficiency, and the latest AV equipment.
Between 2.15pm and 3.15pm approximately 3,600 students were being taught on campus.

The Foreign Language Centre has had a record number of enrolments with more than 500 people on the community courses and nearly 1,200 on under- and postgraduate courses.

At the time of going to press Audio Visual had taken 7,678 bookings for the first semester.
Fresh Oriental is one of the only oriental supermarkets on a university campus in the country.

The Sports Fair provided students with the opportunity to sign up to over 47 different sports. Over 2,000 students attended the event and there were over 3,000 new memberships.
In 1966 the library stock totalled 2,500 volumes and 700 periodicals. It now holds over 420,000 volumes and 125,000 periodicals.

Norwood House is named after Norwood Farm, which used to stand on Claverton Down.

At peak times the University Bright Orange bus service is used by 8,000 people per day.
The cost of operating the estate in 2006/7 will be approximately £8 million. Of this, the biggest single element of expenditure is on energy and utilities at £3.4 million. This equates to £275 for every full time staff member and student.

Staff & student photography competition
This year's ICIA photography competition includes a prize category for staff. They can enter under any of the three themes: landscape, documentary & portraiture and the winner will receive £50 (there will also be a student winner from each category). For full details and an entry form see www.bath.ac.uk/icia/photocomp