

Class Notes News

Thanks to everyone who shared their news with the Alumni Office for the Class Notes section of the alumni magazine. If you wish to contact someone who hasn't given his or her details, please send your correspondence in a sealed and stamped envelope with the name of the person for whom it is intended on the front. The Alumni Office will be happy to forward it on your behalf.

2004

LUHRING, Anique (*PGDip Entrepreneurship*) is one of the four directors (together with Euan Johnstone, Asela Perera and Chris Gibson, all *PGDip Entrepreneurship 2004*) of Fly On the Wire, a Dundee-based web design company. The company won a business start-up award from SIE (Scottish Institute of Enterprise), and includes prominent organisations such as Dare 2 Be Digital and SEPA (Scottish Environmental Protection Agency) among their clients. Anique received the Euan Lambert Memorial Prize for Outstanding Performance while at Abertay.



Anique Luhring

MURRAY, Claire (*BSc Hons Forensic Psychobiology*) is hoping to continue her studies with a course in Educational Psychology or a postgraduate teaching course. A former member of the Abertay Skydiving Club, Claire says she remains a "mad outdoors fan" and continues to do white water rafting.

WHITTINGHAM, Paul (*BSc Mechatronics*) views his time at University as "an amazing five-year life experience" that gave him the chance to really think about the career path he wanted to follow. At present Paul is working in CAD for the Forsyths Group in the Highlands of Scotland and enjoying life with his partner Jennifer Acton (*BSc Mechatronics, 2003*).

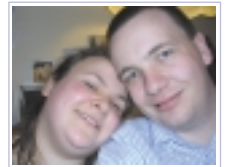
2003

ANDRIOPOULOS, John (*BA Tourism*) is happy to be at Les Roches, one of the top schools in Switzerland, undertaking an MBA in Hospitality Management. John says he finds Switzerland very nice, even though it snows all the time.

BALISTAIRE, Amelie (*MSc International Marketing with Languages*) is a frequent contributor to *Class Notes* who writes that she had a great time at Abertay and that she and her fiancé Sebastien are always happy to hear from the Alumni Office and share their news.

Amelie has changed her mind about the French Army, and now plans to work for the Ministry of Education instead of the Ministry of Defence, as that will make for a much easier family life. She and fiancé Sebastien Lehenbre (also a former Abertay student, *BA Hons Marketing with Retail, 2002*) will be married on 6 August, and are looking forward to seeing many old friends from Abertay, some of who will be travelling from Japan and Iceland as well as Scotland. The wedding promises to be fun, and Amelie promises to send photographs at a future date.

FRASER, David Richard (*BSc Hons Applied Chemistry with Pharmaceutical Chemistry*) has been working with Axis Shield as a Transfer Scientist for two years. He is currently engaged to Miss Linda Evans; the couple are planning to marry in April 2006.



David & Linda

LAWMAN, Roderick (*BSc Sports Coaching & Development*) writes that he is still living happily with his girlfriend of two years in Dundee. Currently employed by Arnold Clark, Roderick continues to job hunt.

HEEPS, David Thomas (*BA Hons Business Studies*) used his qualification to move towards a career in law, after successfully completing work experience within a law firm. He attended the University of the West of England (Bristol), where he undertook the law conversion course (C.P.E.) and the Bar Vocational Course (B.V.C.), as well as enjoying the company of his fellow students, most of whom came from Oxford or Cambridge University. After two years of hard work David completed his qualifications, gaining a Distinction overall. In January 2005 while taking part in an advocacy competition David was approached by the North American Law firm Cravath Swaine and Moore LLP to go and complete a two-month conversion course which would enable him to become a member of the American Bar Association (ABA). He was delighted and accepted the offer immediately, and is now well on the road to fulfilling his ambition of becoming an International Barrister. David says his undergraduate degree is the foundation to his career. He holds very fond memories of his time at Abertay, and would be proud to accept any applications from students at Abertay to come and work in his team in the future.

2002

CARTIN (née MacKenzie) Kirsty Ann (*BSc Hons Nursing*) married former Abertay student Shane Cartin (*BA Business Studies, 2002*) in Erskine last November. The couple honeymooned in Brisbane, Australia.

FAITROP, Jérôme (*MSc International Marketing with Languages*) spent two years working in the United States before returning to France, where he is currently in charge of International Development and Senior Accounts at France Telecom. Jérôme also arranges exhibitions worldwide for the French moving company AMDT in Marmande.

JEFFREY (née Stephen) Lesley (*BSc Hons Health & Behavioural Science*) has been happily married to Paul Jeffrey since October 2003. Lesley is currently working in Perth, helping people who have been socially isolated due to mental health problems.



Paul & Lesley Jeffrey

MOLHO, Jeremie (*BA Hons European Economy & Management*) completed his MSc in Marketing at Edinburgh's Napier University, graduating in November 2004. Jeremie is now back in Paris, busily looking for a job in France and Scotland.



Jeremie Molho

WAGNER, Josef (*BSc Medical Biotechnology*) did a postgraduate degree at the University of Melbourne in Australia after graduating, receiving the coveted International Postgraduate Research Scholarship from the Australian Government. He is now in the third year of his PhD at the Murdoch Children's Research Institute at the Royal Children's Hospital in Melbourne, working in stem cell research and enjoying his stay Down Under.

2001

ALLAN, Emma (*BSc Hons Behavioural Science*) has worked for the prison service since graduating. She began as a psychological assistant and has since been moved to HMP Durham, where she was promoted and is now a trainee forensic psychologist working with male and female offenders.

LINDSAY, Richard (*BSc Mechatronics*) travelled extensively in Southeast Asia after leaving Abertay. After two more visits to the region he returned to Scotland, where he is now employed by Gardline Geosurveys as a Geophysical Engineer.

2000

DE VAUCRESSON, Emilie (*Certificate of Achievement in European Business Law*) is currently studying a specialized post-graduate degree in International Business Law and Management at the ESSEC Business School in Paris. She also works in the legal department (intellectual property) of Yves Rocher.



Emilie De Vauresson

After her studies she plans to look for a job as a lawyer specialised in IT and Intellectual Property Law, and hopes to visit Dundee again.

MUTAJUNWA, Cleoplace (*MSc Electrical Power Engineering & Management*) returned to his native Tanzania after graduation. He is now teaching at the Technical College of Arusha as a member of the Electrical Engineering Department. He also serves as the College's Industrial Liaison Officer.

1990s

ATHRON, Fiona (*BA Hons Social Science, 1999*) tried various jobs including shop work, contact centres and care work while she worked out what she wanted to do after graduating. In 2001 she secured a place on the PGDip Career Guidance course at the University of Paisley, which she completed in May 2002. She started work with Careers Scotland as a Careers Adviser the following August, and has been based in the Careers Scotland Centre and St Mungo's Academy since then. Fiona says she is really enjoying the job, finding it interesting as well as challenging.

After travelling to Italy, Mexico, Belgium, Las Vegas, Miami and San Francisco, in August 2003 she bought a flat in Glasgow, and a year later completed her Professional Development Award in Careers Guidance.

When she's not working, Fiona enjoys trying different activities. She did a Belly Dancing course last year, is currently doing a Photography course, and plans to take a pottery course next year. She also plans to continue her travels, visiting Barcelona, Prague and Iceland this year.

CHRISTOFIDES, Andreas (*Master of Business Administration, 1996*) is the Abertay alumni contact for Cyprus. He also holds the post of manager for the head office of the Hellenic Bank, one of the largest banks in Cyprus. Andreas is frequently invited to local colleges to give lectures on management issues and the behavioural aspects of marketing. In addition to his Abertay MBA, he also holds a postgraduate diploma in Marketing from the Chartered Institute of Marketing, of which he is a member.



Andreas Christophides

Andreas often meets with other graduates in Cyprus to exchange views on different issues and offers assistance to students preparing for their university exams. As a member of the Friends & Lovers of Mountain Climbers' Club, he travels all over Cyprus exploring the island with friends.

Andreas and other Abertay graduates in Cyprus are happy the Student Centre has opened, as this will give them a good reason to return to Dundee and remember "the good old days."

FLINKMAN (née Marttila), Kirsi-Maria (*Advanced Certificate, 1996*) married Ari Flinkman in April 2004. The couple's first child, a son named Eetu Kristian, was born in July 2004.



Baby Eetu

Kirsi-Maria has now returned to her job at Stockmann Department Store in the middle of Oulu City Centre in Finland. Her husband works for Stora Enso Paper Mills, also in Oulu, Finland.

Kirsi-Maria would love to hear from her former roommates, Sophie from Orleans and Suzanne Bongartz from Berlin. Email alumni@abertay.ac.uk to get in touch.

GALBRAITH (née Marwick), Zoe Janet (*BSc Hons Psychology & Mathematics, 1998*) met her husband Neil Galbraith (*PGDip Software Engineering, 1998*) at a lecture at Abertay in 1994, and attended the same Maths class all through their third year. Zoe and Neil were married in November 2004. Their wedding was attended by several other Abertay alumni: Rosie Smith, Lisa Baird (*BSc Hons Chemistry & Maths, 1998*), best man Mike Geddes (*BSc Hons Computing & Maths, 1998*), Danny Walsh, Stuart Letham, Ray & Leahn Theedham-Parry, and Sandy & Heather (née Beattie) Ritchie.



Zoe & Neil Galbraith

Her husband Neil has been employed by Scotsman Publications since December 1998. Zoe received her PGCE in Maths in July 1999. After teaching part-time for two years, Zoe is now staying at home to care for their two daughters, Crystal and Abbie.

HUANG, Mark (*BA Hons Accounting, 1991*) is the Abertay alumni contact for Hong Kong. Mark currently works for Deutsche Bank Hong Kong, where he heads the Global Sourcing function. He also oversees the outsourcing and re-engineering of the bank's procurement function to an external vendor. Mark is married and the proud father of a boy born in November 2004. With a great passion for what the city of Hong Kong can offer, culturally, historically or in its countryside, Mark is keen to give directions or personally take Abertay alumni visitors from the University around Hong Kong.



Mark Huang

MACDONALD, John (*BSc Mathematical Sciences, 1998*) married former Abertay student Leanne Alexander (*BA Hons Business Studies, 2001*) last January at Fernie Castle near Cupar. The couple make their home in Dundee.

MCCRUM (née Maxwell), Lynn (*BA Accounting, 1993*) moved to sunny Wishaw after graduating and began her quest to become a qualified accountant. She studied hard towards her ACCA qualification, which she obtained in 2000, taking time out in 1998 to marry her fiancé Kenny.

The couple's daughter Katie was born in July 2002, and in January 2003 Lynn took up her present position as Internal Auditor for the North Lanarkshire Council, a role she describes as varied and challenging.

MILLER, Simon (*MBA Marketing, 1995*) is the Abertay alumni contact for Belfast. Simon enjoys receiving *Class Notes* - he says it's good being able to keep in touch with what is happening at Abertay, and reminds him of the happy times he spent there.

Simon has been with the BBC for five years, joining them as a trainee in 2000, and becoming an Assistant Producer in 2001.

He moved to London on attachment with the BBC in January 2005 for three months, which has since been extended to 15 months, and is working on children's programmes. He has just finished work on a programme called "Dick & Dom in da Bungalow" and is currently working on a programme for the CBBC channel called "XChange". He describes his work as "good fun", and as part of his attachment, he gets to travel home every two weeks, so he is happy to continue as the Abertay alumni contact in Belfast.

MILN, Simon (*BA Hons Business Studies, 1992*) formed the general trading company Ramkor International in a makeshift office in his garage in September 2000. In December 2004 Ramkor acquired Dundee-based door manufacturer McTavis Ramsay & Co Ltd. Ramkor now has an office in Dubai and represents several European and American companies throughout the Middle East in construction, leisure & retail.

SISSON, Donald (*BA Hons Business Studies, 1995*) has worked with the Royal Mail Group for the past five years.

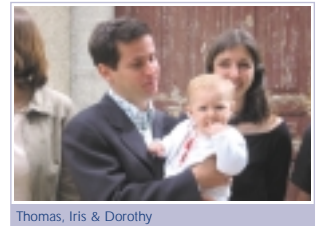


Donald Sisson with fiancée Jayne Deeble

Donald assists in developing Bespoke Solutions for the Royal Mail's major clients. He is currently living in Leeds with his fiancée Jayne Deeble; the couple plan to marry in April 2006.

SOUGY, Thomas (*1997, BEng Civil Engineering*) obtained a MSc in Contaminated Land from the University of Portsmouth after graduating from Abertay (Thomas writes that he preferred the ambiance in Dundee to Portsmouth's). In 1999 he joined the French Navy for his national service, getting one year of sailing across the Mediterranean and some time painting the ship as well.

In 2000 he began working for the global mining company TEC Ingenierie, where he is still employed. His most exciting job to date was a one-year mission in New Caledonia, East Australia in 2001. There he investigated the kinds of hauling trucks that could be used on weak soils, helped to establish the best techniques for ore mining, worked on a geotechnic program, and was involved in site testing.



Thomas, Iris & Dorothy

He had a great time, as the mine overlooked a lagoon and he enjoyed 'playing' with the 100-tonne dumper.

But the best times were the weekends he spent at sea and the journey he made to New Zealand with his fiancée, Dorothy. They returned to France and were married in October 2001, and are now the proud parents of a daughter named Iris. Thomas hopes his Abertay friends will remember him, and he would be happy to have news from them. He and Dorothy enjoyed their time in Scotland (Dorothy has visited eight times), and they are hoping to return for their holidays. You can contact Thomas at t.sougy@tec-ingenierie.fr.

THOMSON, Darius (*BA Business Administration, 1994*) is living in Guangzhou, China, where he works as the Assistant Principal for Guangzhou Grace Academy, a Christian school for children ages 4-16.

1950s

CAMPBELL, Lindsay S, (*HND Electrical Engineering, 1959*) is enjoying his retirement from the Air Force and from teaching in New Zealand. Possibly the first secretary of the Students' Representative Council, Lindsay has fond memories of 'the Tech' and is keen to hear from any members of the 1957 SRC and those in his class, particularly George Edwards, John Milne, Don Colamartino, James Russell, Iain



Lindsay Campbell

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