

Class Notes News

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2005

CHOE, Joseph [*MBA Management*] also has a degree in Business Administration [*BA Hons, 2001*] from Abertay. Says Joseph, "It's a good thing to be linked to the University again." He is currently employed with UMW Toyota Motor Pte. Ltd. in Malaysia.



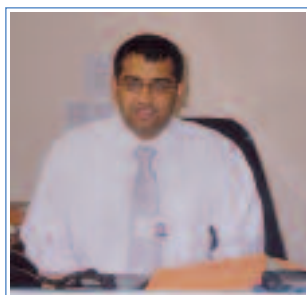
surveying full-time students' perceptions of the first year experience in 24 UK institutions of various kinds. The project is sponsored by the Higher Education Academy, and Abertay is one of the institutions contributing to the survey.

2004

ALLAN, Graeme [*BSc Sociology*] has been pursuing his lifelong ambition of a life in rock 'n roll since graduating, beginning by returning to his hometown of Edinburgh where he undertook a college course at Jewel and Esk College that taught him about the music industry as well as offering instruction in song writing and recording techniques. During this time Graeme did several gigs in and around Edinburgh, and was a semi-finalist in last year's UK Song Writing Contest run by the Brit Trust.



Influenced by singer/songwriters such as Bryan Adams, Kurt Cobain and Sting, Graeme has been in the recording studio twice to record his work. His demos are currently making the rounds of British record companies.



HUSSAIN, Munwar [*BA Hons Business Administration*] is currently working in Perth as an Employment Development Officer with Capability Scotland. He married shortly after graduating, and he and his wife Shazia had their

first child, daughter Imaan in May 2006. Munwar is also the newest member of the Executive Committee, the ruling body for the Abertay Graduate Association.

YORKE, Mantz [*Honorary Graduate, Doctor of Education*] retired from Liverpool John Moores University at the end of August 2005. He is now a Visiting Professor in the Department of Educational Research at Lancaster University.

With Bernard Longden of Liverpool Hope University, Mantz is currently running a project

2003

McGLONE, Geraldine [*BA Hons Social Science*] graduated from Robert Gordon University last December after completing a PgDip in Social Work 18 months after receiving her degree from Abertay. Geraldine did a work placement in Finland for three months before returning to work in Dundee.

2002

ALLISON, David [*HND Information Management*] recently moved to the Highlands and finds it to be a whole new country. As a serious photographer and a Licentiate of the Royal Photographic Society since 1991, David is pleased with all the new views to be seen and recorded. His portfolio can be seen at www.rps.org/portfolios.php.

GORMLEY, Yvonne [*BA Hons European Business Management w/Languages*] is now the External Relations Officer for the Health Informatics Centre (HIC), part of the University of Dundee. Yvonne was heavily involved in the open event 'Health in the Information Age', which was held last September and attended by Minister for Health and Community Care Andy Kerr. Yvonne is currently involved in organising the second Mackenzie Lecture, as well as putting together a Health Informatics Centre newsletter and updating the HIC website (www.dundee.ac.uk/hic). Away from work she still enjoys attending Spanish evening classes and is a regular at Fitness First.

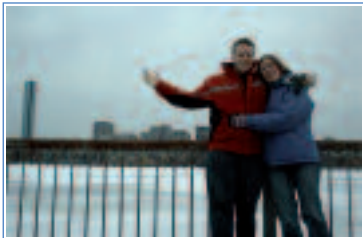


ROBERTSON, Dannielle [*BA Business Studies*] met her fiancé Arthur Hanlon [*BSc Hons Computing 2002*] at Abertay when she was 19 years old. The couple went through University together,

supporting each other along the way and are now busy planning for their April 2007 wedding at Niagara-on-the-Lake. They are currently both working for the Dundee-based company Medea International Limited, where Dannielle is a Senior Account Manager and Arthur is a Web Designer.

2001

HIGGINS, Nuala [BA Hons Social Science] and her boyfriend John Kane [BSc Hons Business Computing, 2001] have been together for eight years now, since they met at Abertay back in 1997. After graduation Nuala and John travelled to the United States, where they spent three years living and working in Boston, Massachusetts. The couple now make their home in London.



LEHENY, Seamus [PGDip Information Technology; BA Hons Tourism, 2000] recently bought his first house in Belfast, and will marry fiancée Moira McGleenean 1st September 2006. He met Moira when he moved to Belfast, where she studied and now works as a solicitor. Their big day will be followed by a dream honeymoon to Maui, which they are both eagerly waiting for. His first job after Abertay was in the public relations department for BBC Northern Ireland, then he applied for graduate recruitment with a shipping company in Belfast, where he worked for two years before moving onto his present job of managing sales and marketing for a major shipping organisation in Belfast. His duties include dealing direct with customers and manufacturers, as well as lots of European travel, which he especially enjoys. Seamus is still in touch with some of his old friends from Abertay and always reminisces about the good times in Dundee and the many lessons he learned.

STYLIANOOU Soteris [MSc Software Engineering, Games & Development] is currently working on a research project on avatar navigation for his PhD, a paper titled "Crowd Self-Organization, Streaming and Short Path Smoothing" which appeared at the 2006 Winter School of Computer Graphics conference. In his spare time Soteris makes computer games, one of which can be found at <http://www.digitalplaything.com/echo>.

2000

McGINNIS, Danny [BEng Hons Mechanical Engineering] writes he has a hard time believing it's been six years since he left Abertay. He's managed to keep busy for the past four years by working as a technical professional for Halliburton. Danny says there are no babies or weddings in his future just yet, but he has no doubts his turn will come.

1990s

ANDERSON, David [HND Computer Studies, 1991] is enjoying fatherhood: his wife Alison gave birth to the couple's first child on 11th January 2005 at Stirling Royal Infirmary, a healthy 10lb 2oz boy they named Angus.



CHRISTOFIDES, Andreas [Master of Business Administration, 1996] attended last December's dinner dance of the Friends and Lovers Climber's Club in Limassol, held to mark the club's 50th anniversary. Andreas - Abertay's alumni contact for Cyprus - is an active member of the club, and says he greatly enjoyed the variety of excellent food, as well as the first-rate beer and wine, and the chance for a song and a dance with the other attendees.



HERON, Jason [PGDip Quality, Reliability & Management, 1995; BEng Hons Electrical & Electronic Engineering, 1992; HND Electronic Systems, 1990] works in business development for a company called Intelligent Energy. They deal with renewable energy and are headquartered in the UK as well as having offices in the US. Jason has been heavily involved with the ENV bike (more information at www.envbike.com), which will be launched in California early next year. Early in 2005 Jason did a rally to Dakar which he found quite exciting, although not as exciting as rolling his truck down a mountain in Morocco a few days before!



NB: Jason has agreed to be the USA contact for Abertay and assumes his duties 1 July.

KILPATRICK, Michael [BSc Hons Chemistry with Business Studies, 1997] decided to move to New Zealand after taking voluntary redundancy from GlaxoSmithKline in Montrose, which is also where he did his student work placement, for which he thanks Dr Bremner. He has been in New Zealand for a little over a year, settling in West Auckland with his wife and two children. He works for a neutraceuticals (eg vitamins, dietary supplements) and health foods company as a Laboratory Manager, and says he's glad he's able to use many of the lessons he learned at Abertay in his current role. Mike hopes to return to Scotland at some point in the future to see the new Student Centre.

McBRIDE, Gordon [*BSc Hons Environmental Technology, 1998*] has a hard time believing it is almost eight years since he graduated from Abertay. He looks back fondly on his days in Dundee, playing rugby and the nights he spent frequenting the old students union and other area pubs. Gordon was delighted to learn that the new union had opened, as he remembers sitting on the Executive Committee when he did the presidents' year in 1998-99 getting the first plans for the new union off the ground, so seeing the finished article meant a lot to him.



He is currently living in Donaghadee, Northern Ireland with his wife, Claire, son Matthew, Sophie the dog and Tara the cat.

Says Gordon, "Life is great, and I wouldn't change anything for the world, but part of me will forever be at Abertay in Dundee!"

McMAHON, Lesley [*BA Hons Economics, 1999*] works as a Research and Teaching Fellow for the University of Dundee. Last year Lesley received funding from the Carnegie Trust to explore the support provision for people experiencing problems gambling and homelessness in Australia. Accompanied by her family, Lesley spent two months in Australia, which she described as a brilliant experience.



McMILLAN, Stuart [*Master of Business Administration, 1997; BA Hons European Business Management with Languages, 1994*] has been selected as the SNP candidate to fight the Greenock and Inverclyde constituency at next year's Scottish Parliamentary elections. Stuart was also a candidate for the Inverclyde constituency during last year's Westminster elections, increasing the SNP vote by 5.6%.



MILLER, Simon [*MBA Marketing, 1995*] is still employed as an Assistant Producer with the BBC, and still Abertay's graduate contact for Belfast. His

most recent project was working on the kids Saturday morning TV show "Dick & Dom in da Bungalow", which finished last March. You can find out what Simon's been up to by visiting his website at <http://www.simonssite.com>.



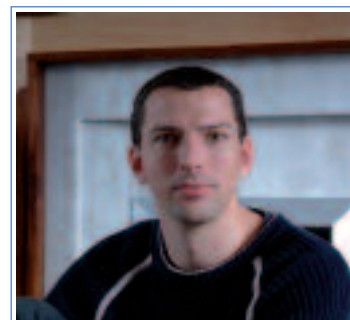
MOLLOY, Graeme [*BSc Hons Biotechnology, 1992*] has managed to settle down to a job where he gets to go home every night, after many years of working overseas. He says it's a good thing, too, as his wife and he are now the proud parents of three wonderful girls - triplets Grace, Keira and Erin - born in November 2005. All are doing fine, and fortunately Graeme's employer was kind enough to give him five weeks



paid paternity leave to get over the shock of getting them home. Graeme says he can confirm that so far nothing in life has been as

rewarding as spending time with his expanding family.

NEWHALL, Stephen [*BSc Hons Business Computing, 1997*] is currently working for Norfolk Constabulary as a Computer Systems Administrator in their ICT Department. He has been there for 3-1/2 years and although he enjoys it he is now looking to move back to Scotland so he can be closer to his friends and family. Previous to that Stephen worked for EDS on the south coast in Worthing starting as a Graduate Engineer before progressing to an Information Engineer.



NOBLE, Susan [*BA Hons Business Administration, 1999*] and her partner Mark have been together for seven years, and got engaged on Christmas Day 2004. The couple plan to marry next May at Balgeddie House Hotel in Glenrothes.



PETTIGREW [neè Murch] Nichola [BSc Hons Behavioural Science, 1999] married Ross Pettigrew (who she met at Abertay in her first year) on the couple's 10-year anniversary in October 2005. They had an amazing ceremony in Central Park, New York City. The couple recently moved to the Newcastle area where Ross is working as an Environmental Advisor.



SAYERS, [neè Robertson] Kirstine [BSc Hons Nursing, 1993] travelled in France and Greece after graduation. She worked as a nurse for John Radcliffe Hospital in Oxford, and then went to live and work in Saudi Arabia for a while before getting married. Kirstine attained an MSc from Guildford in 2004 and had her first child in 2005.

SOAVE, Paul [Master of Business Administration, 1994; BSc Hons Chemistry w/Business Studies, 1992; HND Applied Chemistry with Business Studies, 1991] and his partner Morag Dalziel had their first son, Luca, late last year. In addition to being a new father, Paul formed his own company Car Wizard (www.carwizard.ltd.uk), specialising in mobile vehicle cosmetic repairs.



THOMSON, Darius [BA Hons Business Administration, 1994] went on to do a PGCE in Peru after graduating from Abertay. In 1999 he married his wife Katty while working as the Principal of an international school in Peru. Darius and Katty lived in Peru for more than six years and greatly enjoyed the country's spectacular scenery and lovely people. The couple's first child, Matthew, was born in Scotland. Presently Darius is working as the Principal of Christian international school Guangzhou Grace Academy in Guangzhou (formerly Canton), China. He and Katty - also a teacher - have been in China for two years now, although they plan to return to the UK sometime in the not too distant future.



WATSON, Brian [BSc Hons Micro Systems & Computer Studies 1990; HND Computer Studies 1987] has been living in the United States for the past 12 years. He first lived in Austin, Texas, where

he wrote video games at Inevitable Entertainment, but the 100-plus degree summers finally got the better of him, and he packed up his family in October 2005 and moved to Burlingame, California.

Brian is currently working at Sony on the PlayStation 3 doing Research and Development, where he says he's having a great time and very much enjoying his work. He and his wife Tara have one child, Hamish, and two cats. He's been back to Scotland several times over the years, and last visited Dundee in June 2005, where he ran the Dundee Half Marathon in 2 hours and 15 minutes, gaining a nice sunburn on his right side while running from the Dundee Tech park to Broughty Ferry.

Brian would love to hear from anyone on the HND Computer Studies course from 85-87 or BSc Science course from 87-90. You can email him at biscuit@biscuits-house.com.

1980s

McFARLANE, Michael [BSc Hons Science, 1984] had a bang-up New Years' in Tennessee. Utilising modern technology, Mike celebrated Scottish Hogmanay at 6 pm by video-conferencing with his parents in Dundee and his brother in Aberdeen, also an Abertay alumni. An hour



later he and wife Elaine had a party at their home in Memphis, playing host to an international group of friends: Australians, English, Germans, Canadians, Swiss and of course local Memphians, joined them for an evening of celebration, which included Haggis specially flown in from Florida. The 4 am end to the evening taught Mike that one thing is certainly universal, no matter where you go in the world - hangovers!

[NB: Mike has served as the alumni contact for the USA since the Graduate Association was formed in 1997, a position he's unable to continue in, as he and his family are moving back to the UK at the end of June. The Alumni Office thanks Mike for his many years of service to Abertay, and wish him and his family the best of luck in the future.]

MILL, Colin G [HND Computer Studies, 1989] immediately got a job as a computer analyst and programmer with British Aerospace Ltd in Hatfield after graduating. He worked there for four years and moved to Epson UK Ltd in Hemel Hempstead after British Aerospace closed. After a couple of years he went to work for MFI in Colindale, North

London doing computer-programming maintenance.

A friend got Colin interested in policing, and he applied to the Metropolitan Police, joining Hendon Training College in 1995. He stayed with the Met



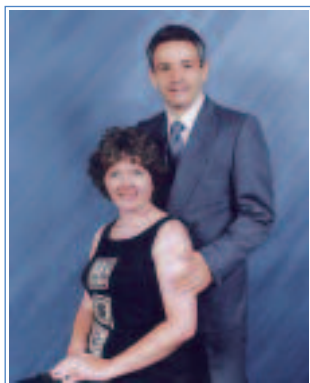
until 2000 when he transferred to Hertfordshire Constabulary, where he served on numerous specialist departments over a three-year period.

Colin then took the massive step of moving to Bermuda and joining the Bermuda Police Service. He's been on the island for two years now and finds the weather fantastic. He is currently completing all the dive courses courtesy of the Bermuda Police Service and has joined the Underwater Search and Rescue Team.

Although Colin enjoys the island's weather and diverse population, he finds 21 square miles very small indeed, and so makes frequent trips to the USA.

Colin is also pursuing an interest he's had for many years, and has learned to play the bagpipes with the Bermuda Island Pipe Band. He has already played in his first Military Tattoo, albeit the Bermuda Tattoo of 2005 with pipe bands from Canada and military bands from the UK.

Colin would like to keep in touch with anyone who remembers him from those long ago days: email him at ColinInBermuda@Hotmail.com.



ZANRE, Joseph [BSc Electrical Engineering, 1982] is the Senior Electrical Engineer

for Gambro BCT, a leading company in the blood bank technology industry based in Lakewood, Colorado. Joe ended up in Colorado when he travelled there on

holiday to visit his visit his email friend Claudette. The couple were married and celebrated their tenth wedding anniversary last October.

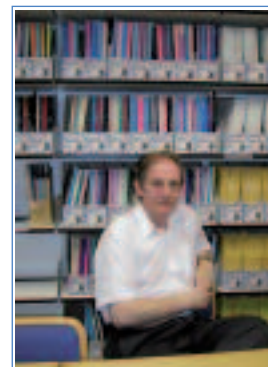
On a visit to family in Scotland last March Joe stopped by Abertay with his stepdaughter Dominique to say hi and take a tour of the new Student Centre.

1970s

OGG, Graham [HNC Chemistry, 1976] left his position last March with the University of Dundee as Division Finance Manager to become Head of Quality, Drug Development Solutions Ltd. for Ninewells Hospital, Dundee. The new post will see

Graham responsible for setting up and maintaining regulatory compliance in the Good Clinical, Good Manufacturing and Laboratory Practice for the company.

He has also had his first book published by Taylor & Francis, "A Practical Guide to Quality Management in Clinical Trial Research".



1960s

ROY, Scott [BSc Electrical Engineering, 1969] has been busy running his own company, Aerosystems International Ltd, which has offices in the United Kingdom and the United States. The company provides a range of products and services to the aerospace, defence and transport sectors, such as real-time embedded solutions for command and control, maintenance and diagnostic systems, and specialised communications software. Scott sold the business about 18 months ago and is currently looking at ideas for new opportunities, with a special interest in gaming technology.

Scott jokes he had forgotten the 'Tech', although he still has a beer mug from the Breadalbane Arms, which reminds him of happy days.



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in our thoughts

With sadness we record the death of the following alumni:

Mr Iain A Bell

BA Hons Business Administration 1999

The University offers its deepest sympathy to the family.