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Variable fees – the future

As the controversial Higher Education Bill reaches committee stage, Salford Vice-Chancellor **Professor Michael Harloe** shares his views on top-up fees, which will affect UK undergraduate students, and the future of higher education.

The Higher Education Bill – and specifically the proposed introduction of variable fees – are set to dominate national headlines once again.

Having scraped a narrow five-vote victory in the first fees ballot, Prime Minister **Tony Blair** now sees the Bill come under the scrutiny of a committee of MPs, who are likely to spend months examining it word by word. It is at this stage that any amendments will be put forward.

Before the vote took place, **Professor Michael Harloe** was one of a group of university vice-chancellors who publicly urged MPs to back Tony Blair's fees proposal when registering their vote.

And, while he is anxious not to underestimate the narrowness of the vote, Professor Harloe admits he is pleased with the outcome.

"If the vote had been lost at the second reading, it would have been a disaster," he said. "It's the best chance some universities have of getting the significant additional funding that they need."

Professor Harloe explained that there was a definite need for increased funding in Higher Education and that charging for courses was one way of achieving that.

"An even less popular alternative to charging variable fees would be an increase in taxation – and there have been suggestions that there are simply too many students and reducing the numbers would allow resources to stretch further," he added.



The decision of whether to charge the maximum £3,000 or a lower fee falls with each individual university – and it's a decision that the University of Salford has not yet reached.

Professor Harloe said: "If the Bill passes, we will have to decide what we are going to do here at Salford."

"It's a matter for the University Council to decide what we will charge. I'm aware that some other universities have announced their intentions already but I think, in most cases, that it's just the vice-chancellors talking."

"Assuming the Bill passes through Parliament, and variable fees are introduced in 2006, we will definitely need to make up our minds by the time we publish the undergraduate prospectus for that intake."

"There are lots of things to consider before making the decision – if we were to charge a lesser sum, say £2,000 for example, does that mean that we would be seen as a 'cut-price' institution?"

"I imagine that most universities, including Salford, will have reached their decisions by the end of the summer so we'll know then what's likely to happen. That's assuming that the Bill is passed and not delayed in any way."

Since the Higher Education Bill was first put forward, the Government has been forced to make concessions for students from lower income backgrounds which, according to Professor Harloe, means there will be more opportunity for payment remission.

"Under the new regime, students from low income backgrounds will continue, as they do now, not to pay any fees at all, even where universities charge the full £3,000 fee," he explained. "And, very importantly, under the new arrangement no students, whatever their finances, will have to pay anything up front. Currently most students do have to pay some or all of their fees at the start of each year."

He added: "Fees are only repayable once the student has graduated and is in employment. Then the repayments are linked to income – graduates have to be earning more than £15,000 before they're liable to repay the fees. This is a huge improvement, which will benefit all students."

Manchester: Knowledge Capital IN Salford

The Manchester: Knowledge Capital initiative brings together the two cities of Salford and Manchester with the four, soon to be three, universities of Greater Manchester.

Granada's Upgrade helps University

The University is grateful for all contributions but the recent generous donation, by Granada Television of its old Granada Reports studio set, will make a most welcome addition to what the University is able to offer to its media students.

The handover came as a result of Granada Reports' director, **Mike Sergant**, informing Salford lecturer **Bill McCoid** about the new hi-tech set that the programme was launching. Bill recalls: "Mike was talking about the state-of-the-art new set and I said great, but what are you doing with the old set?" Mike made some enquiries and Granada generously decided that the University could have the £20,000 studio set free of charge.

Salford's Studio manager, **Mickey Reynolds**, said: "With new microphones and lights, in addition to the digital mixing desk, digital tape recorder and our cameras already in place, the studio will be in the best shape yet. It looks as though we have a very exciting year in prospect."

Staff News

Sue Bromby, School of Languages, is the new Chair of the British Association for State English Language Teaching (BASELT).

Chris Collier, Faculty of Science, Engineering & Environment, has been elected Vice-President of the Royal Meteorological Society.

Professor Martyn Pemble, Faculty of Science, Engineering & Environment, has been elected to Fellowship of the Institute of Physics, by the Institute's Council, in recognition of his personal contribution to the advancement of physics as a discipline and a profession.

Manchester is the UK's only Knowledge Capital outside London - other Knowledge Capitals include Helsinki, Barcelona, Chicago, Boston, Seattle and Atlanta.

The aim is to create an internationally-acclaimed Knowledge Capital within the Greater Manchester conurbation, which will position Manchester at the heart of the knowledge economy, significantly contributing to the economic growth of the nation and the northwest region.

The University of Salford and Salford City Council are key partners in Manchester: Knowledge Capital, playing an important role in ensuring that the initiative achieves its vision and goals. The City and the University jointly launched a new publication, *Manchester: Knowledge Capital IN Salford*, identifying their contributions to the initiative.

Situated on Manchester's Left Bank, Salford brings a wealth of assets to the project, from its waterways and cultural infrastructure to its world-class University and its tradition of creativity and innovation. A key feature is the 'arc of opportunity', a geographical band stretching from the University of Salford in the west to Piccadilly Station in the east and the campuses of the three Manchester universities in the south. The arc contains a concentration of academic enterprise, cultural assets, core commercial activity and new and growing commercial sectors.

Copies of the brochure *Manchester: Knowledge Capital IN Salford* are available from, **Karen Charnley** at Salford City Council, on **0161 793 3408** or e-mail karen.chnrley@salford.gov.uk



As gruesome experiments go, the one that **Dr Mike Leahy** volunteered for, as part of a University of Salford research project on parasitic infections, takes some beating.

A Tape Measure of Success



Run by Professor Phil Craig in the School of Environment & Life Sciences, aimed at the development of diagnostic tests for the human beef tapeworm and other tapeworm species, Mike courageously volunteered to grow the gruesome parasite inside his own gut.

Mike, a freelance science journalist working on the BBC series *Bodysnatchers*, swallowed the immature tapeworm cyst with a glass of red wine and the worm subsequently grew at the astonishing rate of three centimetres a day.

Professor Craig, who had in the past infected himself with a tapeworm, advised Mike along the way. During the period of his hosting the worm Professor Craig instructed Mike to collect weekly faecal samples and any tapeworm segments, which are about two inches long and half an inch wide, that he passed or that crawled out on their own.

This material was invaluable in developing a new type of diagnostic test based on tapeworm DNA or worm carbohydrate detection. The test will now be assessed with naturally-infected persons in areas of the world where the beef tapeworm is very common.

After 12 weeks a halt was called to the experiment. Mike was getting married and his future wife didn't want to spend her honeymoon with Mike and the worm, which he had named 'Rory'. So, after taking an anti-worm medication, Mike eventually passed an intact, 2.5-metre (seven feet) long, tapeworm. Mike then went on his honeymoon to New Zealand, without Rory, much to the delight of his new wife.

Mike's worm made an important contribution to research but sadly it perished once it was purged from the warmth and nutrients of his bowel. Do not feel too sad for Rory though because s/he remains intact and floats in a jar of preservative, viewed by appointment with Professor Craig, in the Biosciences section of the School of Environment & Life Sciences, and will be used for parasitology demonstration and teaching purposes.

'Mike eventually passed an intact, 2.5-metre (seven feet) long, tapeworm'.



There were over 600 applications to provide retirement homes for BA's seven-strong Concorde fleet and at 11am on Friday 31 October 2003 the flagship of the fleet, registration G-BOAC, landed for the last time on runway 06L at Manchester Airport.



Concorde's last landing

'Since her maiden flight on 27 February 1975 she has clocked up about 22,000 hours of flight time and made about 7,600 landings, without hurting a soul.'

After landing, G-BOAC was saluted by being taxied through a water archway formed by the airport fire tenders. She was decommissioned later that day.

G-BOAC was BA's first ever Concorde, which made history when she went into service in 1976 as the world's first supersonic airliner. Since her maiden flight on 27 February 1975 she has clocked up about 22,000 hours of flight time and made about 7,600 landings, without hurting a soul.

She will now be used for teaching purposes by academic staff at Salford University to complement the lecture material. Nothing beats examination and measurement of engineering hardware when reinforcing theoretical knowledge gained with equations on paper and due to its unique capabilities, Concorde already features as a case study in the existing syllabus. No other supersonic aircraft,

military or civil, can cross the Atlantic unaided to this day. All others need in-flight refuelling.

Dr Thurai Rahulan, School of Computing, Science & Engineering said: "On behalf of the University of Salford, I would very much like to thank British Airways and Manchester Airport for involving us by emphasising the educational need of the future generation of engineers. The technologies that enabled supersonic travel to become a successful commercial reality will be publicised as much as possible and passed on to future generations. Many do not realise that the lessons learned during the development of Concorde were transferred onto designs of current generation airliners, enabling Airbus to become the world leader in commercial aviation."

G-BOAC is being prepared for static display purposes and will become a permanent exhibit at the Aviation View Park, next to the Avro RJX aircraft. She will become accessible to the public, schools and colleges from spring 2004.

Spitfire Ace

David Mallon, BEng Aeronautical Engineering 2003, recently won the *Spitfire Ace* competition featured on Channel Four Television.

Owing to his profound understanding of aeronautics, which helped him through the selection process, David was judged the top gun amongst the chosen few.

He was rewarded with nine hours of aerobatic training in the Spitfire, very similar to the training provided to the Battle of Britain pilots during World War II.

David is currently working for an airline and will commence commercial pilot training this summer.



'The MP520-T will provide the essential link between knowledge-based theoretical equations and experience-based actual flight feel factors.'

The University of Salford's Engineering Discipline Group within the School of Computing, Science & Engineering has added a moving-base engineering flight simulator to its existing range of fixed-base simulators.

Head in the clouds – feet on the ground

Salford is now only one of eight UK Universities to own the Merlin MP520-T Engineering Flight Simulator. One of the students, [Mr Alastair Gray](#), has already commenced his project under the supervision of his tutor, [Dr Thurai Rahulan](#), on the installation and commissioning of the simulator in Newton Building where the School is based.

Salford has been producing aeronautical engineers for many years and is today home to over 300 students studying courses in this dynamic, exciting and important field. Students studying on our Pilot Studies programme already benefit from the opportunity to fly real aeroplanes out of Barton Aerodrome, but this new facility will enable students to experience flying aeroplanes that they have designed.

The possibilities for teaching, research and development are enormous and soon all students will be benefiting from this important addition to Salford's already well-equipped aeronautical engineering laboratories. Salford even boasts privileged access to the RJX and Concorde aircraft located at Manchester Airport.

The simulator comprises a fully-enclosed, single-seat capsule mounted on a moving platform. The interior is fitted with cockpit controls such as a side-stick, rudder pedals and levers for throttles, flaps, spoilers etc. The main visual system, with an integrated head-up display, is complemented with two secondary instrumentation displays. Engine and aerodynamic noise acoustics is included in the package.

The external console for the instructor is equipped with a more comprehensive set of displays, override facilities and a two-way voice link to the pilot. The electronic library within the simulator control computer contains a variety of generic aircraft, airfield and meteorological data that are user modifiable.

The MP520-T will provide the essential link between knowledge-based theoretical equations and experience-based actual flight feel factors.

It will also enable the students to be subjected to real pilot workloads, needed to maintain favourable aircraft behaviour, throughout a complete mission under a range of weather conditions. Without this tool, the students' comprehension of operational requirements would be limited to 'imagination sessions' in classrooms.

Salford University has had an association with the aerospace sector for decades owing to the concentration of associated industries within close proximity such as Warton, Broughton, Samlesbury, Barnoldswick, Lostock, Chadderton, Woodford, RAF Woodvale, Barton Aerodrome and Manchester Airport. As a result, the portfolio of study programmes offered now spans from the mathematically-intensive taught MSc in Aerospace Engineering at postgraduate level to the finance/management focused BSc with Honours in Aerospace Business Systems.

Dr Rahulan added: "This welcome addition to the School's extensive list of aeronautical learning tools will open new areas of teaching and research that have until now been considered inconceivable within these university walls."

Can you support the Network Project?















The Network Project, based within the Careers Service at the University of Salford, aims to enhance the motivation of young people to progress through university and onto rewarding and successful careers. Operating in partnership with nine local colleges, the Project delivers a range of activities to promote the development of employability in pre-university students, undergraduates and graduates.

To encourage positive working between education and employment sector, staff from the Alumni Relations Office and the Network Project have contacted a number of Salford graduates and have agreed methods through which help can be provided. These include case studies, career talks and discussions and/or the provision of specialist occupational advice to students in their nine partner colleges; Salford College, Pendleton College, Eccles College, Bury College, Oldham College, Oldham 6th-Form College, Xaverian College, City College and Ridge Danyers College.

The project is still looking for positive role models from the business community to act as ambassadors for local employment sectors. If you could inspire young people to develop a career in your sector, through a personal case study or talk on your career history, or to find out more about the work of Network, contact the Project Office on [0161 295 3150](tel:01612953150) / [0161 295 7065](tel:01612957065) or e-mail m.j.patterson@salford.ac.uk or j.mcdermott@salford.ac.uk

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International Fairs:

In 2004, University of Salford staff will be visiting the countries listed below. If you would like to help out at a fair or just want to chat, they'll be delighted to see you. Please check dates and venues by visiting our website: www.salford.ac.uk/international/events.php

- April**
 - GREECE - Thessaloniki - Education UK Exhibition ■ DUBAI - GETEX Exhibition ■ GREECE - Athens - Education UK Exhibition ■ OMAN - GHEDEX Exhibition
- May**
 - THAILAND ■ TAIWAN
- June**
 - INDIA ■ NIGERIA/GHANA ■ LIBYA - Gas & Technology Exhibition
- July**
 - JORDAN ■ QATAR ■ SAUDI ARABIA ■ OMAN ■ UAE ■ SAUDI ARABIA ■ INDIA ■ HONG KONG ■ CHINA
- August**
 - CYPRUS ■ MALAYSIA - Education UK Expo ■ SINGAPORE ■ HONG KONG ■ BRUNEI

Where are they now...?

Michael Bodimeade, BA Performing Arts 2003, is touring with the Ono Theatre Company that specialises in theatre for young people.

Graham Bonwick, BSc Applied Biology 1984; PhD Biology 1991, has been appointed Professor of Applied Biology at University College Chester and Director of the Chester Centre for Science Communication.

Long Puang Tey, MSc Management 1979, is working in Malaysia as General Manager of a public company. Long would like to hear from his fellow students and friends and can be contacted at Tey_Long_Puang@uac.com.my

Mike Turner, HND Total Quality Management 1997, has returned from a year's travelling and been appointed Co-ordinator of work-based learning development at London Metropolitan University.

Dr Richard Varey, former Reader, School of Management 1995-2002; ISI 2002-2003, has recently taken up the appointment of Professor of Marketing in The Waikato Management School located in Hamilton, New Zealand.

Joseph Mvula, BSc Construction Economics 1976, said: "After graduating I joined the Malawi Ministry of Works as a quantity surveyor and was promoted to Controller of Buildings in 1982. I stayed in this post until 1988 and then moved to Zimbabwe to work as a quantity surveyor under the Commonwealth Fund for Technical Co-operation. In 1997 I joined the Fitzwilliam Partnership and in 2001 I bought the Partnership in Zimbabwe. I married in 1981 and have three daughters."

Apology



Farouq Giga, HND Quality Management 1998, would like his friends to know that he is alive and well. After being informed by one of Farouq's 'friends' that he had been tragically killed we published this in the Spring/Summer 2001 issue of Universal. We send our apologies to Farouq and are delighted to have him back again!

Searching for...

1970s

Khalif David is searching for **Derek Ball**. Khalif and Derek both did their bachelor's degree in Coventry and in 1971 Derek came to Salford to study for a master's degree in Management/Economics. If you know Derek, please ask him to contact Khalif at kidavid@terra.com.br

Vaclav Jelinek, BSc Civil Engineering 1972, is searching for his friends who studied modern languages including, **Carol Watts**, **Jenny Shacklady** and **Inta Gost**.

Kuldip Ahluwalia, BSc Physics 1977, is searching for **Shaukat Ali**, Electrical & Electronic Engineering 1977 and **Gillian Steele**, Health & Environmental Physics 1977.

1980s

Vickneswaran Kandiah, BSc Accountancy & Process Engineering 1982, is searching for **Nikhil Hira** who was on the same course and **Ranjan Patel**, Chemical Engineering 1982.

1990s

Jim Ashbridge, BEng Mechanical Engineering 1994, is getting married in August and would like to invite the following friends. **Guy Worth**, Acoustics 1994, **Simon Draco**, Geography 1994, and **Steve Banks**, Building Surveying 1995. If you know the current whereabouts of Guy, Simon or Steve please contact jim_ashbridge@yahoo.co.uk

Wendy Clarkson and **Trish Wardle**, BSc Sociology 1996, said: "We would like to hear from former fellow students to see if any of you are rich or famous yet? You will never guess what we are doing now!" You can contact Wendy at wendy@virginstudent.com

Do you know **Victoria Jane Latham**, HND Business & Finance 1994; BSc Quality Management 1996? If so, please ask her to contact the Alumni Relations Office as a friend is trying to contact her.

Does anyone know the whereabouts of **Fiona Herley**, **Tina Williams** or **Scott Moore**, HND Hotel & Catering 1996? If so, please e-mail [Lynda Smallman](mailto:Lynda.Smallman@hotmail.com) (nee Howard) at lynsman@hotmail.com

Emma Dickerson (nee McCullough), HND Media Performance 1997, would love to hear from anyone who was on her course.

2000s



Daniel Yeo, BEng Electronic & Electrical Engineering 2001, would like to contact his mate **Ray**. Daniel's e-mail address is youqingren@hotmail.com

Adam Harding, BSc Physics 2001, is trying to contact another Physics 2001 graduate **Peter E J Lee**.

If you want to search for a friend or can help us find the above people please telephone the Alumni Relations Office on +44 (0)161 295 5144 fax +44 (0)161 295 5496 or e-mail alumni@salford.ac.uk

The Female Brain-Drain in IT

The **WINIT** (Women in IT) and **WINWIT** (Women in IT Northwest) projects are funded by the European Social Fund and based at the 5* RAE rated Information Systems Institute at the University.

Undertaking an in-depth survey of women in the IT industry, the projects will investigate why women are poorly represented in the IT sector as a whole, but in particular at senior levels, and will seek to find reasons for, and solutions to, the female 'IT brain-drain'.

A web-based questionnaire, interviews and case studies will be used to produce a picture of the experiences of women considering pursuing a career in IT, those currently in the IT industry, those who have left the sector, and those wishing to return.

The projects will analyse data on women's employment and progression in the sector. It will identify the drivers that encourage a minority of women to enter the IT labour market and it will also identify the barriers that encourage a disproportionate number of women to leave, revealing a frank version of events behind the statistics.

A significant outcome of the project will be the identification of good practice within the industry. This will provide a basis for offering solutions to the gender imbalance that may impact on government and employer policies of women in the IT labour market. WINIT/WINWIT will also contribute to current academic debates surrounding gender, technology and the workplace.

All information will be treated in the strictest confidence. So, if you are a woman in IT, we would like to speak to you. Whether you have had good or bad experiences about your career in IT, if you are moving in, moving up, moving out or moving back to the IT sector you can help us reveal the story behind the statistics.

For the WINIT project please contact: **Dr Karenza Moore** or **Marie Griffiths** on **0161 295 4237** or e-mail: **k.moore@salford.ac.uk** or **m.griffiths@salford.ac.uk**

For the WINWIT project please contact: **Angela Tattersall** or **Claire Keogh** on **0161 295 3443** or e-mail: **Winwit-isi@salford.ac.uk**

Marriages

1. **Caroline Jackson & Jeff Bell**
26 July 2003
Caroline, BA Band Musicianship 2001, married Jeff Bell in Sedgefield, County Durham.

2. **Wendy Naylor & Jonathan Papworth**
2 August 2003
Wendy, BA Modern Languages 1998 and Jonathan, BA Politics & Contemporary History 1997, married at St Cuthbert's Church, Lytham. Among the guests were Salford graduates **Faye Andrews, Steve Brown, Bethan Fallon, Justin Hillier, Abby Malia, Kath McAuley, Andrew McCallum, Jim Roberts, Catherine Smith, Kelly Watts and Joanne Whittle**. A wonderful day was had by all. Wendy and Jonathan have settled in Norfolk and if you would like to get in touch, Wendy's e-mail address is wendypapworth@yahoo.co.uk

3. **Amanda J Legett & Joel Guilloux**
15 August 2003
Amanda, BA Modern Languages 1997, met Joel on her placement year in Lyon, France. Their wedding was held at Humberston Church and the reception at Humberston Country Club, Humberston, North East Lincolnshire. The wedding had an international feel as half the guests had travelled from France. Among the guests were Salford graduates, **Eve Henry, Rachel Anderson** (nee Box), **Tracy Whitehouse** and **Emma Tinker** (nee Hughes).

4. **JeeLeong Yeow & June Shiu Yin Phoon**
11 January 2004
JeeLeong, BEng Aeronautical Engineering 1997; PhD 2001, and June's wedding reception was held at the Concorde Hotel in Kuala Lumpur.



3. Photograph by John Turners Photography



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And more...

See www.salford.ac.uk/alumni/newsletter for details of: **Diane Simpson & Barteld Schadenberg, Catherine Louise Drake & Stuart Samuel Robertson, Jesurajah Sebastiampillai & Ramona Culea, Ruth Scarborough & Steven Allison.**



Births

1. **Kathryn Grundy**, BSc Diagnostic Radiography 1994, and **David Williamson** are delighted to announce the arrival of their first child, **Matthew James Williamson**, born on 28 April 2003. Matthew was an early arrival being five weeks premature but he is healthy and happy.

And more...

See www.salford.ac.uk/alumni/newsletter for details of: **Vickie Boon & Anthony Lockett** and their son **Owen Nathaniel Boon Lockett**.

Karl Miles & Christina Koester and their daughter **Zara**.

Sarah Hodge (nee King) & **Andrew** and their daughter **Katie Sarah**.

Obituaries

Norman Barnes, former senior lecturer in Modern Languages and Liberal Studies at the University, has died at the age of 94. As a wise and widely cultured colleague, he played a substantial part in the emergence of the Department of Modern Languages.

David A Kinghorn, HND Leisure & Hospitality 1996, was tragically involved in a road traffic accident on 16 May 2003 and died on 20 May 2003.

John Nyagba, PhD Geography 1983.

Professor Sir Roland Smith, Honorary DSc 1991, died on 20 November after a battle with cancer. One of Sir Roland's great loves in life was football and he was Chairman of Manchester United plc, taking it to its flotation in 1991.

Theatre Visit June 2004

We hope to block-purchase tickets for a **Shakespearean play** at The Globe Theatre, 21 New Globe Walk, London SE1 9DT one Friday or Saturday evening in June, possibly 18 or 19 June.

Cost: £10 to £15 per ticket. Travel: By train to London Bridge, Cannon Street, Blackfriars or Waterloo. By underground to Mansion House, Blackfriars, or Cannon Street (District/Circle Lines). London Bridge (Northern and Jubilee Lines), Southwark (Jubilee Line) or St Paul's (Central Line).

Please let **David** or **Stella** know by 12 May 2004 if you would like a ticket.

BBQ & AGM 31 July 2004

The London Branch AGM will be held together with a **BBQ at Chez Stella** from 4.30pm at 50 Nightingale Road, Guildford, Surrey GU1 1EP.

Please contact Stella directly for further details and to confirm your attendance by 17 July. Contact **Stella** or **David** directly or see the events section on www.salford.ac.uk/alumni

Look out for the Salford Scarf at all London Branch Events. Contact details

David Norton 01462 646249 or **Stella Whitbourn** 01483 831044 (home) 01256 313660 (work) or e-mail stella.g0swe@virgin.net

Inaugural Lecture Series

All are welcome to attend this lecture series. Entrance is free, and each lecture will be followed by a complimentary buffet.

To confirm the date/time/venue and to book your place(s) contact **Nicky Grundy** on 0161 295 5181 or e-mail n.grundy@salford.ac.uk

1 June 2004

Terrence Fernando, Information Systems Institute
Time: 5pm
Venue: Harold Riley Suite

July 2004

David Chadwick, Information Systems Institute
Time: 5pm
Venue: TBA

October 2004

Rose Baker, School of Accounting, Economics & Management Science
Time: 5pm
Venue: TBA

November 2004

Andy Steele, Environment & Life Sciences
Time: 5pm
Venue: TBA

Association AGM

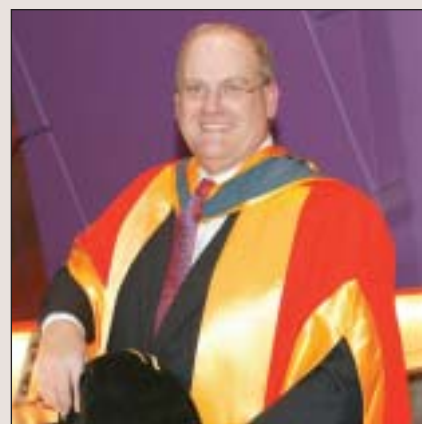
18 August 2004. Time: 2pm. Venue: Room 114, 1st floor, Faraday House

Your Association Needs You!

Current students, former students and members of staff, this is your opportunity to stay in touch with Salford and higher education as a whole. Join the University of Salford Association, where you will have your voice heard and your ideas and opinions welcomed.

Nomination forms, available from the Alumni Relations Office, must be returned by 4pm on Friday 11 June 2004.

2004 Graduation



The January 2004 graduation ceremony saw honorary degrees awarded to **Geoff Muirhead**, Chief Executive of Manchester Airport; **Adrian Nicholas**, broadcaster and adventurer; and **George Almond**, Greater Manchester County Fire Service.