

COMMENT

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Tuition fees

Acting Principal Professor Barry Ife outlines his thoughts and observations on the controversial Higher Education Bill.

Those of us who received a high-quality education, free of charge and with a maintenance grant, in the 1960s are naturally reluctant to let go of the principle of free tuition in higher education. If you ask me as a citizen, I would certainly be prepared to pay more in tax to fund tuition from the public purse.

But as the ageing rockers take over the running of our universities we have increasingly to recog-

nise that the world has changed: universities have expanded massively, our cost base has risen (though not nearly as fast), and Government is clear that graduates, the direct beneficiaries of higher education, should pay at least some of the cost.

The Higher Education Bill currently before Parliament is the result of sustained lobbying in support of a proposition which

now has universal assent: universities need higher funding if they are to maintain standards and compete internationally.

The priority for Vice-Chancellors and Principals is to ensure that this country has high-quality universities to which we can admit a wider range of students, and to which those students will want to apply. So the proposals are welcome in that they will go some

way towards closing the funding gap. In the case of King's, the net gain is unlikely to be much more than £10 million, about three per cent of our annual turnover. Not a fortune, but not to be sniffed at.

The anxieties come from the possibility that the barriers to higher education, which we have

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all worked hard to reduce, will be raised by the prospect of increased levels of debt. For the poorest 30 per cent of students, the proposals should be reassuring. The combination of a maintenance grant of

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Archbishop Desmond Tutu, King's Visiting Professor of Post-Conflict Societies, delivered the College's Commemoration Oration on 22 January. This annual event has been revived after an absence of 20 years and marked the beginning of the College's 175th anniversary celebrations. Pictured with him here are student helpers at the event (*left*) **Mel Vanderpuye**, and (*right*) **Sophie Hudson**

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£1,500, fee remission of £1,200 and a £300 bursary from the universities should offset the maximum fee of £3,000.

But the system looks complicated and slightly illogical: what is the point of remitting a fee that might never have to be repaid? It would be better – simpler and more logical – if the fee remission were added to the maintenance grant to provide a greater measure of support when students really need it, that is, during their period of study. It is good that the Secretary of State has agreed to look further into this alternative proposal.

The Bill itself contains little detail since much of what matters will be in regulation, not in primary legislation. Only the power to raise the cap on fees will require the consent of both Houses. Charles Clarke has skilfully left himself plenty of room for manoeuvre over the detail, while retaining the ability to say that it is not a pick and mix package.

We need the money, and I'm sure that King's will be doing everything possible to balance high standards, good facilities and wider access.

The Higher Education Bill

The Education & Skills Secretary Charles Clarke introduced the Higher Education Bill to Parliament on 8 January. Some of the main points are included below:

- From 2006, 30 per cent of the poorest full-time students will be guaranteed at least £3,000 a year in help, through:
 - maintenance grants of £1,500 a year
 - £1,200 fee grant
 - university bursaries of £300
- up front tuition fees will end in 2006
- variable fees will be introduced, capped at £3,000 per year

King's fee statement

The following statement was issued by the College on 27 January (and has yet to be considered by College Council).

King's welcomes the recognition by Government that a large funding gap exists in British higher education, and accepts that the proposals included in the Higher Education Bill currently offer the best prospect of narrowing that gap. The College notes that, under the provisions of the Bill, no home or EU student will be required to pay a fee in advance, and that the poorest 30 per cent of students will receive much increased support from public funding while they are attending university. However, the College is conscious that the proposals of the Bill will not meet the full cost of the highest quality research-led teaching, and therefore expects to charge the maximum permissible fee of £3,000 per annum for all its programmes.

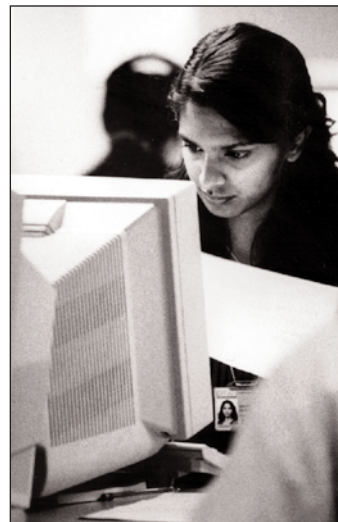
In accordance with its Strategic Plan, the College will invest the additional income from increased tuition fees in four priority areas:

- strengthening academic departments by attracting and retaining staff of the highest quality
- improving premises and facilities for staff and students
- improving library, IT and elearning resources to support teaching and research on campus and online
- strengthening student support

In particular, the College will increase significantly its investment in a wide range of bursaries, scholarships and exhibitions to remove barriers to entry and give students the best possible support when they need it most – during their period of study. The College will work closely with the Students' Union to ensure that the additional funds which the College will make available for this purpose are administered to greatest effect.

- a review of the impact of variable fees will be conducted by the access regulator after three years
- future rises in the £3,000 annual tuition fee must be approved by both Houses of Parliament
- student loans to rise to £4,405 or £5,620 for London
- graduates to start repaying loans and fees once earning £15,000
- loan and fee debts will be written off after 25 years.

Students face the introduction of variable fees of up to £3,000 per year



The Chairman of Council



Dear Colleagues

This looks like being a very busy year in the College history. As I write, there is feverish discussion at Westminster about the Government's Higher Education Bill, which will have profound ramifications for the funding of King's and every university in the country.

Our estate will also be undergoing great change: the long awaited redevelopment of the Strand campus finally gets underway, resulting in major improvements to the working environment there.

Also, this is the College's 175th anniversary year, and a number of events are taking place which explore its history and commitment to work 'in the service of society', including a Commemoration Oration by one of our most distinguished alumni, Archbishop Desmond Tutu.

I am sure that the next 12 months will prove to be very exciting indeed.

Rawlings

Baroness Rawlings
Chairman of Council

Commemoration Oration

History was made on Thursday 22 January with the delivery by Archbishop Desmond Tutu of the College's first Commemoration Oration in more than 20 years providing a memorable start to the College's 175th anniversary celebrations.

Desmond Tutu, former Archbishop of Cape Town and Visiting Professor of Post-Conflict Societies at King's, took as his theme *Citizenship in Post-Conflict Society*.

His lecture (which can be found on the website at www.kcl.ac.uk/phpnews/wmview.php?ArtID=53) exhibited all the compassion, spirituality, humanity and humour for which he has become famous. Qualities that shone through in his roles as a priest, General Secretary of the South African Council of Churches – for which he won the Nobel Peace Prize – and head of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission.

During his lecture he heaped

praise on the College and highlighted the role King's students had played in bringing about the end of apartheid, the struggle for justice and a new South Africa. His talk was illustrated with perceptive anecdotes and jokes.

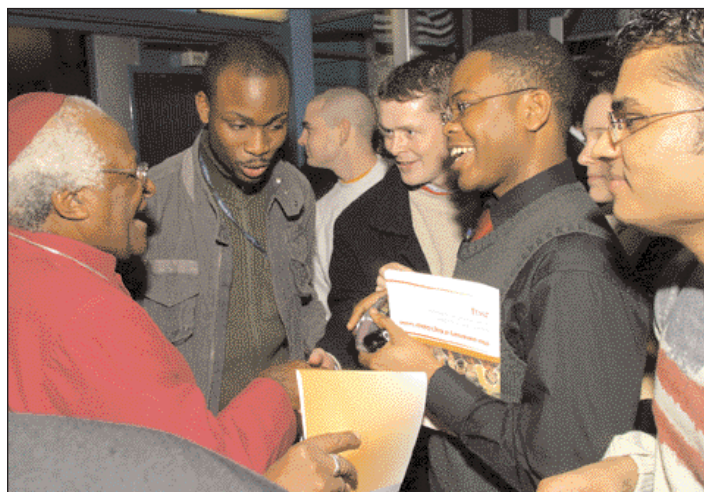
More than 600 people listened to him in the Great Hall, the Arthur & Paula Lucas Lecture Theatre and 2C.

As David Dunne, KCLSU President, said in his introductory remarks before the Oration, 'Archbishop Tutu is an example to us all of the values by which every King's student should aspire to live: service to society and courage through faith...'

below: **Archbishop Tutu** with some of his former teachers (*from left*) the **Revd Professor Christopher Evans**, Professor of New Testament Studies at King's (1961-1970), **Professor Morna Hooker**, Lecturer in New Testament Studies at King's (1961-1970), **Professor Michael Knibb**, Professor of Old Testament Studies at King's (1964-2001) and **Helen Hudson** Tutor to Women Students (1959-1973)



above: **Archbishop Tutu** with (*from left*) **David Dunne**, Students' Union President, **Baroness Rawlings**, Chairman of King's College Council and **Professor Barry Ife**, Acting Principal, the other speakers at the Commemoration Oration, and the **Revd Dr Richard Burridge**, Dean of King's College



above: **Archbishop Tutu** with students in the Students' Union nightclub, Tutu's, which was named after him in 1990s

below: **Archbishop** and **Mrs Tutu**



Nobel mystery

Research by two King's scientists in the mid-1980s has turned out to be central to a controversy surrounding the recent award of a Nobel Prize.

Last October the Nobel Prize for Chemistry was awarded to Peter Agre for the discovery of water channels in cell membranes known as aquaporins.

Working at the John Hopkin's University in 1991, Agre reported the amino acid sequence of a protein that he thought 'may be the long-sought-after water channel' in biological membranes. He then went on to sequence, clone and eventually describe the molecular structure of these channels.

The controversy arises from the lack of recognition by the Nobel Prize Committee of the work of the Romanian scientist Dr Gheoghe Benga and his group. They published a substantial body of research in this area throughout the 1980s, preceding Agre's work.

In 1986 they detected the glycosylated form of the protein, subsequently worked on by Agre, which they correctly identified as playing a key role in water transport through cellular membranes.

The King's connection relates to work carried out

by Dr John Wrigglesworth and Dr Tony Brain of the Life Sciences Department in collaboration with Dr Benga. One of the several publications from this collaboration was a 1986 paper entitled *Water permeability of human erythrocytes: Identification of membrane proteins involved in water transport*.¹

Benga's early work was completely overlooked by the Nobel Prize Committee. In the announcement of its award to Agre they stated '...even as late as 1987, nobody had been able to identify a water channel protein and the

very concept of water-specific channels was still controversial.'

Dr Wrigglesworth commented: 'I was very happy to see that Peter Agre was awarded the Nobel Prize last year for his outstanding work on the molecular structure of aquaporins. However, I am fully aware of the research of Benga's group, especially that published in the mid and late 1980s, in which we played some small part. Much was clearly reported in western journals, including the USA journal *Biochemistry*, and described the first identification of a water channel protein in erythrocytes with a characterisation of some of its properties and a full appreciation of the implications for water balance.'

A key role in water transport through cellular membranes

'In this age of easy electronic searches we tend to forget that before pre-electronic publishing it was very important to supplement and promote the case for published research by presentations at scientific meetings and visits to other laboratories especially in the USA. The restrictive Ceausescu regime in Romania at that time made travel very difficult for Benga. I feel his research on water channels has not had the full recognition it deserves. This is an example of the negative interactions that can often occur between politics, ethics and science.'

A full background to the controversy can be seen at www.ad-astra.ro/benga/

¹ Benga, Popescu, Borza, Pop, Muresan, Mocsy, Brain and Wrigglesworth, *Eur J Cell Biol* 41 (1986) 252-262

Dr John Wrigglesworth (left) and Dr Tony Brain examine their original freeze-fracture electron micrographs of water channel proteins



Launch of MB BS Graduate and Professional Entry Programme

The Graduate Professional Entry Programme is a new four year course offered jointly by the Guy's, King's & St Thomas' School of Medicine in collaboration with partners in the University of Kent, Canterbury, Christ Church University College, the University of Greenwich and the NHS in south

London and Kent.

This new programme is designed to attract graduates to the School, offer opportunities to widen access to graduates and health care professionals and to improve recruitment and retention in the NHS in Kent.

The course will start in September 2004 enrolling 40 students.

Applications are encouraged from science or arts graduates of suitable academic ability and from health professionals who can demonstrate appropriate potential.

Dr Nigel Bateman, the Site Dean at St Thomas' campus said: 'The first students on the new Graduate and Professional Entry Programme students will qualify

in June 2008. The presence of these students, with their particular abilities, attitudes and experience of life, will enhance the MB BS course in the eyes of other students and of the staff that teach them.

For further information about the course contact Dr Bateman at nigel.bateman@kcl.ac.uk

King's hosts forum for UK Taiwanese scholars

The first workshop for Taiwanese PhD students studying in UK universities, funded by scholarships from the Taiwanese Ministry of Education, was hosted by the Guy, King & St Thomas' School of Biomedical Sciences at the Guy's campus on 28 November.

Acting Principal, Professor Barry Ife, welcomed the scholarship students to King's and Professor Hung-Mao Tien, the Representative of the Taipei Representative Office in the UK, gave an address.

Professor Tien, a former Foreign Minister of Taiwan and Professor of Political Science at the University of Wisconsin, said: 'I am delighted that UK universities are welcoming more students from Asia and hope to see further academic exchanges between the UK and Taiwan.'

Professor Giovanni Mann, Head of Postgraduate Research Studies in Biomedical Sciences, then provided an overview of postgraduate programmes at King's and highlighted recent scientific research achievements within the health-related Schools.

The event was attended by 45 Taiwanese scholars in the UK, two of whom are pursuing research programmes in law and life sciences at King's. They were given the opportunity to tour of the Guy's cam-

pus and discuss their personal experiences as post-graduates in the UK with Dr C J Liu (Director of the Cultural Division of the Taipei Representative Office), who is responsible for academic scholarships and exchanges between UK and Taiwanese universities.

Professor Mann said: 'The event provided the basis for establishing a formal academic link between the Taiwanese Ministry of Education and King's.'

Key members of staff who contributed to the suc-

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cess of this event were Dr Richard Siow (Lecturer in Physiology) and Keith Brennan (Senior Assistant College Secretary) from Biomedical Sciences and Deborah MacCallum (Director of Education Liaison) and Julie Rolls (International Liaison Officer).

Professor Mann will be visiting Taipei in February to further discuss recruitment of Taiwanese-funded PhDs at King's and to explore the possibility of other academic exchanges with the College.

Strand Redevelopment: update

The first phase of work for the Strand refurbishment project is well under way.

To enable construction on the first phase of refurbishment in the Main Building to start in the next few months, a number of preliminary works are in progress. The first major one of these has been the refurbishment of the College's building in Drury Lane.

This was completed in December, although some works are continuing, and the first departments have moved in. These include the English Language Centre and the New York Film Academy. Staff from York Road, including the International Centre for Prison Studies, the Centre for Crime & Justice Studies, the British Institute of Human Rights, the Criminal Policy Research Unit and the Arts and Humanities Data Service, will be joining them.

Preliminary works are starting in the Main Building. 'These include further exploration and opening up of the building fabric, refurbishment of the 'body lift' in the north end of the building, which will therefore be out of action for 12 weeks, works to improve the physical fire compartmentation in the north end and the installation of site accommodation for the contractors,' explained Ian Caldwell, Director of Estates.



Academic exchange: **Professor Hung-Mao Tien** is welcomed to King's by **Professor Barry Ife**

New head for KCLE

Dr Alison Campbell has been appointed Managing Director of KCL Enterprises and will take up the post on 1 March.

KCL Enterprises is a wholly owned subsidiary responsible for the marketing, negotiation and financial administration of research, consultancy, and technology transfer activities of the College.

Dr Campbell will join KCL Enterprise from MRC Technology where she is the Acting Chief Executive, having previously been Director of the Intellectual Property Development Division. Before joining the MRC in 1991 she worked as a research scientist at Celltech.

Dr Alison Campbell said: 'I am

very pleased to be joining such a prestigious university. King's has a clear commitment across its Schools to the spectrum of knowledge transfer and partnership with industry. I look forward to working with the team in KCL Enterprises to build on the strong foundation that has already been built.'

Professor Sir Lawrence Freedman, Vice Principal (Research) commented: 'We are delighted to have been able to attract to King's somebody with such an impressive track record in the technology transfer field. King's has long been to the fore in developing strong university-industry links, and with the increased interest in this area fol-

lowing the Lambert Report, Alison's appointment will demonstrate the College's continuing commitment to developing these links and maintaining its position as one of the country's leading research universities.'

Dr Campbell takes over from Dr Malcolm Sims who joined King's in 1993 as the first ever Managing Director of KCL Enterprises. Under his leadership income from grants and contracts increased from £27 million to £93.4 million per annum, whilst more than 100 licences have been negotiated and 20 spin-out companies established.

King's is in the top group of five universities for research earnings with an annual turnover



Alison Campbell

of £320 million and income from grants and contracts of more than £93 million (2002-2003) with some 2,500 current research programmes. The College has recently entered into a long-term partnership with IP2IP0 to commercialise the College's intellectual property through the formation and development of spin-out companies and licensing technologies.

The Web at King's

The King's website is a 'window' onto the life and work of the College and is a central means of exchanging information and interacting with the College's key stakeholders.

Currently the website consists of some 60,000 pages covering information about all aspects of College activity. Development is led by the Web Team within Information Services & Systems with more than 250 Information Providers around the College providing input.

Susan Farrell, Director of Web Services, explained: 'It is vital that the website is professional, accurate and easy to use so that it can fulfil its increasingly important function of communicating and providing information.'

'A College Web Strategy is therefore being developed which aims to increase the co-ordination of web activity within the College and raise standards so that King's has a top-class website.'

Implementation of this strategy will be led by the Web Team and has begun with the setting up of working groups looking at design and content management systems.

An essential part of the implementation will be the setting of more detailed guidelines for web page development and the Web Team will be looking to implement higher standards for all new developments.

If you are considering any new web development please discuss this with the Web Team so they can ensure that the guidelines are met.

The Web Team can also help with all web-related matters. They can be contacted on 020-7848 1333 or websupport@kcl.ac.uk.

Volunteering events

The Widening Participation Office is encouraging staff to become involved in volunteering through a King's Staff Volunteering Scheme. In December, the first-ever event was arranged for staff interested in becoming volunteers in the local community. More than 30 people attended.

The main speaker, Nikki Squelch, from Volunteers in Action Southwark (VIAS), talked about staff volunteering, described the different roles available and gave staff the opportunity to sign up for their preferred activities.

Roger Mayhew, Staff Development & Training Unit, gave a talk in which he recognised volunteering activities as part of the staff appraisal scheme.

'People were very positive about the staff volunteering scheme,' said King's Community Relation Officer Gjoril Berg, 'I am pleased that so many people choose to volunteer through the College.'

Christmas Challenge

The introduction of the first King's College Christmas Challenge was a great success. Staff gave more than 200 Christmas presents to homeless people at Connection at St Martin's.

Steve Hare, Voluntary Resources Manager of Connection at St Martin's said: 'The presents were very well received on Christmas Day.'

For more information about either of these events, contact Gjoril Berg, gjoril.berg@kcl.ac.uk or 020-7848 3388.

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Margaret Haines

Margaret Haines joined King's last September as Director of Information Services & Systems. Previously she worked in the Department of Health – first as NHS Library Adviser, then as Director of Research & Knowledge Management for the NHS SE region, and most recently as Acting Director of Knowledge Management for the NHS Modernisation Agency. She has also been Chief Executive of the Library & Information Commission and Head of Information Resources at the King's Fund.



What is your background?

I was born and raised in Canada but, thanks to my British passport, have always commuted back and forth across the Atlantic. In 1989 I began work at the King's Fund to modernise their library and information service, and it was there that I met my husband with whom I have settled in North London.

My undergraduate degree is in Mathematics and Psychology and my postgraduate degree is in Library and Information Science. I have worked mainly in the health sector, but also in higher education and government on both sides of the Atlantic.

What is Information Services & Systems?

Essentially, ISS brings together the IT, Library, Archives and Corporate Records teams within one structure. With just under 200 staff and a combined staffing, resources and systems budget of £10 million, we manage the central information infrastructure for the College (eg email, PAWS and web services); manage the Information Service Centres, enquiry services and collections; and provide information-focused training through the Trainit and iGrad programmes. We also manage corporate records and lead on Freedom of Information and Data Protection.

Our resources currently include four million archival documents; 900,000 book and journal volumes; 6,400 print and 8,500 e-journal subscriptions; 1,400 PAWS terminals; and nearly 3,000 study spaces. Although it is difficult to give a fair comparison with other institutions, I think we demonstrate remarkable value for money given that our staffing levels are much lower than other Russell Group institutions with similar income levels.

Can you describe the challenges?

The main challenge is to deliver a service which meets the teaching, learning and research needs of our customers right across the College within the available resources. With the rapid pace of change in higher education, particularly in e-learning, staff and students have much higher expectations of library and information services than ever before, and most expect that we will soon be able to provide 24-7 electronic access to global resources and information services. We would like to deliver this, but need to find the necessary resources and ensure that our team is fit for purpose in terms of the structures and skills required.

What do you want to achieve?

Besides enhancing our support to research, teaching and corporate governance, there are several spe-

cific projects that we would like to introduce, some of which can be implemented within available resources and some not.

In the former category, we will be improving access to electronic resources with the MetaLib and SFX projects and with our subscription to Early English Books Online (making available more than 125,000 titles published between 1473 and 1700).

We will also be participating in an online archive project with other University of London colleges, and will be establishing more focussed support for the Research Assessment Exercise and research activities. Enhanced support for research through a more resilient network infrastructure will be possible thanks to the Science Research Investment Fund, and we will also be rolling out wireless networks on each campus.

Subject to funding being available, we would additionally like to extend opening hours for the Information Services Centres; support further portal developments as part of the web strategy; and support on-campus e-learning through replacement of terminals and upgraded software.

What do you think the future is for e-learning?

I think the future is e-learning – but not just e-learning. Our soci-

ety is changing, with many people having portfolio careers, working from home, studying part-time and so on. Our higher education community needs teaching, learning and administrative services that fit with this lifestyle – hence the emergence of distance/e-learning initiatives such as UKeU, and web portals such as myKCL.

However, not all learning can be done remotely (particularly in many of the health and lab-based disciplines) and there is simply no 'e'-substitute for the general learning that comes from face-to-face discussion and involvement in university life.

I believe that while King's needs to develop and invest in e-learning, especially in terms of 24-7 access, we will always need to provide support for traditional forms of learning and social interaction as well.

What's your favourite book?

As a former librarian and President-Elect of CILIP¹ I was delighted at the renewed interest in books and libraries that the BBC's Big Read generated. Although a former Tolkien fanatic, it was probably not my favourite this time. I remain an avid reader and my dream is to be a judge for a major book competition.

¹ The Chartered Institute of Library & Information Professionals

New Year's Honours

A number of former members of staff and students were recognised in the New Year's Honours List announced last month.

Knight Bachelor

Professor John Enderby, Theoretical Physics alumnus, senior research fellow and Emeritus Professor, University of Bristol, for services to science and technology.

CBE

Rear-Admiral John Armstrong, alumnus and chief executive, Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors, for services to the property profession.

OBE

Wing Cdr Malcolm Brecht, Defence Studies alumnus [Military Division].

Professor Deny Brunsten, FKC, former member of the Department of Geography and Chairman, Dorset Coast Forum, for services to geo-conservation and to geomorphology.

Professor Celia Hoyles, Education alumna and Professor of Mathematics Education, Institute of Education, for services to education.

Dora Opoku, Medical Ethics & Law alumna and head of department of midwifery, City University, for services to midwifery.

Margaret Spittle, Medical alumna and consultant clinical oncologist, Middlesex Hospital and St John's Centre for diseases of the skin, St Thomas' Hospital, for services to medicine.

MBE

Major Richard Bent, Defence Studies alumnus [Military Division].

Ann Dawson, Geology alumna, for services to Relate, Greater Manchester.

Rosemary Leonard, Medical alumna, broadcaster and GP, South London, for services to healthcare.

Professor John Murrell, Education alumnus and lately postgraduate tutor, Homerton College, Cambridge, for services to higher education.

Principal move

Professor Barry Ife, Acting Principal, has been appointed as the new Principal of the Guildhall School of Music & Drama. He will take up the post in September 2004.

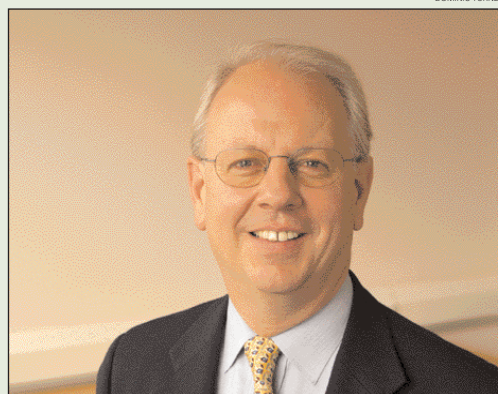
Speaking after his appointment, Professor Ife said: 'I am thrilled to be joining the Guildhall School as Principal. The School has a very distinguished international reputation for excellence in teaching and, increasingly, in research. It has enormous potential to shape the future of the performing arts in this country and abroad, and I look forward to working with staff, students and the professions to realise these opportunities.'

Dr Andrew Parmley, Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Guildhall School of Music & Drama, said: 'We're delighted to welcome Professor Ife to the Guildhall School of Music & Drama. At King's College Lon-

don he's demonstrated impressive leadership skills and a fine track record in delivering major projects. Hes worked successfully with a wide range of organisations from the Arts world and we look forward to him bringing these skills to the Guildhall School. We feel sure that the School will continue to go from strength to strength under his leadership.

Situated in the Barbican Centre, The Guildhall School of Music & Drama was founded in 1880 and is owned, funded and managed by the Corporation of London. The School has over 700 students from more than 45 countries and offers undergraduate courses in music, acting and technical theatre, and a wide variety of postgraduate courses in music including advanced instrumental and vocal training, opera, jazz and music therapy.

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Professor
Barry Ife

Council

The College is pleased to announce that Baroness Rawlings, Chairman of Council, Professor Trevor Jones, Vice-Chairman of Council, and Mr David Potter, Honorary Treasurer,

have been re-appointed as members of the Council for a further term of three years. 'They are each making a tremendous contribution in their roles and are serving the College with great dedication,' said Mr Harry Musselwhite, College Secretary & Registrar and Secretary to the Council.

Awards



above:
**Professor
Mike Richards**

Mike Richards

Professor of Palliative Medicine, Guy's, King's & St Thomas School of Medicine and 'Cancer Tsar', Mike Richards has been recognised for his 'significant and long-lasting' contribution to cancer care by being named winner of the first Hambro Macmillan Fellowship Award.

Emmanuelle Peters

Dr Peters, Lecturer in Clinical Psychology at the Institute of

Psychiatry, has won the British Psychological Society's May Davidson award for her contribution to clinical psychology in the last decade.

Rosalind Franklin

The 2003 Van Slyke Award for Outstanding Contributions to the Science of Clinical Chemistry was given posthumously to Rosalind Franklin, one of team who worked on DNA at King's in the 1950s. The award recognised her x-ray crystallography work which laid the foundation for the discovery of the structure of DNA. The

award was presented to members of the Franklin family.



New Heads of School

Dr Robert Frost

Dr Robert Frost, Reader in Early Modern History and Head of the Department of History, will take over as Head of the School of Humanities from Dr David Ricks on 1 August 2004.

Dr Frost joined King's in 1987 as a temporary lecturer in the Department of History, becoming permanent in 1988 and promoted to Reader in 2001. He was a schoolteacher for three years before joining the College.

His main research interests lie in the history of the Polish-Lithuanian commonwealth, in particular in the 16th and 17th centuries. He is also interested in the history of warfare in northern and eastern Europe from the 16th to the 18th centuries, the Thirty Years War, and the history of Sweden.

He has published *After the Deluge: Poland-Lithuania and the*



Dr Robert Frost

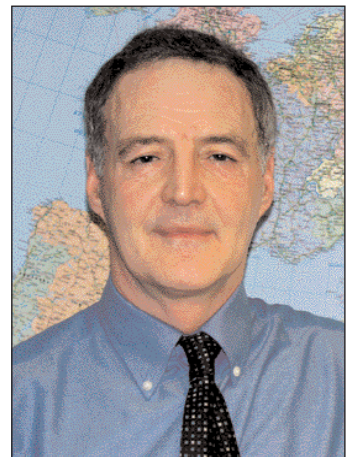
Second Northern War and The Northern Wars, War, State and Society in Northeastern Europe, 1558-1721 He is currently working on the Oxford History of the Polish-Lithuanian Union, 1385-1815 for Oxford University Press.

Professor Michael Clarke

Professor Michael Clarke, Director of the International Policy Institute and Professor of Defence Studies, has taken over as Acting Head of the School of Social Science & Public Policy with immediate effect from Professor Sir Lawrence Freedman. On 1 September, Professor Keith Hoggart will take over as Head of School.

Professor Clarke joined King's in 1990 as Director of the Centre for Defence Studies. He was appointed Director of the International Policy Institute when it was established in September 2001 as the dedicated research arm of the War Studies Group, within the new School of Social Science & Public Policy. Since then, the IPI has been designated as one of the six departments of the SSPP and been given special responsibility for the School's knowledge transfer policy.

Professor Clarke's own research interests include the politics of international security with



Professor Michael Clarke

special emphasis on British defence policy and European security. He is an advisor to the House of Commons Select Committee on Defence, and the British member of the United Nations Secretary General's Advisory Committee on Disarmament. He appears regularly on *Channel Four News* and the *Today* programme commenting on defence and security issues.

King's people

Who's Who

The 2004 edition of *Who's Who* has just been published and new entrants include five members of King's staff and more than 25 alumni of the College and constituent institutions.

The staff are:

David Clarke FBA, *Professor of Psychology and Head, Department of Psychology, Institute of Psychiatry*

Professor Clarke is one of the world's leading experts in anxiety disorders and post-traumatic stress. With his team of leading psychology experts, they have developed new specialised treatment programmes for anxiety disorders using cognitive behaviour therapy (CBT). These have proved to be significantly more effective than standard forms of treatment such as relaxation training or medication.

Andrew Coyle, *Professor of Prison Studies and Director, International Centre for Prison Studies, School of Law*

Professor Coyle has 25 years' experience at a senior level in the UK prison service and a PhD in criminology. He has written books and articles on issues concerning criminal justice and has extensive experience on prison matters, having visited prison systems in many countries as an expert consultant for bodies including the UN and Council of Europe.

M M McCabe, *Professor of Ancient Philosophy*

Professor McCabe writes mostly on Plato (*Plato on Punishment*, California, 1981, *Plato's Individuals*, Princeton, 1994, *Plato and his Predecessors: The Dramatisation of Reason*, Cambridge, 2000), but also on the pre-Socratics, on Socrates and on Aristotle. She is the general editor of the Cambridge University Press series *Studies in the Dialogues of Plato*.



Professor M M McCabe

Raj Persaud, *Senior Lecturer, Institute of Psychiatry and Consultant Psychiatrist, Maudsley Hospital*

Dr Persaud's research focuses on how mental illness can be prevented and has published over 60 research papers. He published the first comprehensive review of the current science of resilience and the prevention of psychological problems, the best-selling *Staying Sane: How to make your mind work for you*. He appears regularly in the written and broadcast media.

Dominic Rathbone, *Professor of Ancient History, Department of Classics*.

Dr Rathbone's research interests lie mainly in Roman history, especially economic history, including the agrarian history of Roman Italy, Egypt as a Roman province and Roman state finances. He is writing a book on the agrarian history of Roman Italy, for which he has been awarded a Leverhulme Research Professorship.

Alumni include:

Brian Altman, *Senior Treasury Counsel, Central Criminal Court and Recorder*

His Hon Judge Birtles, *Circuit Judge*

Very Revd Michael Chandler, *Dean of Ely*

Prof Harry Coles, *Professor of Photonics of Molecular Materials, University of Cambridge*

Surgeon Rear-Adm Ralph Curr, *Medical Director General (Naval)*

Rear-Adm Peter Davies, *Chief Executive, Naval Recruiting & Training Agency*

Surgeon Rear-Adm Michael Farquharson-Roberts, *Medical Director General (Navy)*

Prof James Fawcett, *Chairman, Centre for Brain Repair, University of Cambridge*

Ven Paul Gardner, *Archdeacon of Exeter*

Rt Revd Alan Hopes, *Auxiliary Bishop of Westminster (RC)*

Jonathan Jagger, *Surgeon-Oculist to the Queen*

Sir Colpoys Johnson, *8th Bt cr 1755, of New York in North America*

David Laverick, *Pensions Ombudsman*

Prof Richard Mayou, *Professor of Psychiatry, University of Oxford*

Prof John Northover, *Professor of Intestinal Surgery, Imperial College*

Revd Mark Oakley, *Rector of St Paul's Covent Garden*

Air Vice-Marshal Warwick Pike, *Director General, RAF, Medical Services*

Mark Pelling, *QC*

Dr Bernadette Porter, *Rector, University of Surrey Roehampton*

Conor Quigley, *QC*

Prof Alison Richard, *Vice-Chancellor, University of Cambridge*

Prof Phillippe Sands, *QC and Professor of Law, UCL*

Prof Anthony Schapira, *Professor of Neurology, Royal Free & UC Medical School*

Patrick Tomkins, *Chief Constable, Lothian and Borders Police*

Prof Paul Wellings, *Vice-Chancellor, Lancaster University*

John Wolfe, *Consultant Vascular Surgeon St Mary's Hospital*

Service of remembrance

Donald Nicol, *Koraes Professor of Modern Greek and Byzantine History, Language and Literature, 1970 to 1988*

There will be an orthodox

service of remembrance for Donald Nicol on Tuesday 16 March at 17.30 in the Chapel at the Strand campus. All are welcome.

New College history

A book to celebrate the College's 175th anniversary, *King's College London: In the service of society* by Dr Christine Kenyon Jones, will be published on 10 February. It tells the story of many larger-than-life characters who have contributed to the history of King's and its constituent institutions.

Review by **Dr Trudi Darby**, Deputy College Secretary

King's College London in 2004 is a very different institution from the modest college founded in 1829: a union of distinguished and historic parts, the oldest dating back to 1106. *King's College London: In the service of society* is the first attempt to look at the new King's College as a unified whole.

Dr Kenyon Jones has selected figures from the history of the College who represent the common theme of service to society. There are, of course, those who worked in the health professions, such as Mary Jones and Florence Nightingale in nursing, Lord Lister in surgery and John Yudkin in nutrition, as well as chapters on the Dental Institute and the Institute of Psychiatry (IoP).

There are the scientists who advanced our knowledge of the physical world: Wheatstone,

Clerk Maxwell (a guest chapter by Professor Arthur Lucas), Daniell and, inevitably, Franklin and Wilkins; the spiritual aspect of the College's role is chronicled and F D Maurice, whom the College employed as professor of divinity, literature and history until sacking him for his dangerous views, is given his rightful prominence.

The contribution which King's has made to the arts is represented in figures as diverse as John Keats and the musicologist Thurston Dart, and its place in national policy-making is demonstrated in the section on War Studies. Other chapters explain the influence which King's has had on science education and the College's early contribution to adult education and evening classes.

The emergence of university education as a profession, and the move away from the multi-talented amateur, is implicit in this study. John James Park, for example, the College's first professor of law, included among his publications *The Topography and Natural History of Hampstead*; C R Boxer, an expert on the history of Portugal and its colonies, was an autodidact who had studied his subject while on duty in the Army; Wheatstone invented a concertina as well as the Wheatstone Bridge. Modern-day professors may retain their eccentricities, but as Christine Kenyon Jones demonstrates, contemporary scholars are dedicated professionals.

A further current underlying the text is King's place in the life of London. The College's roots extend deep and wide into the capital's history. The medical school at St Thomas' has its origins in Southwark in 1106; the IoP began its history in Bishopsgate in 1247 as the Bethlem hospital; one



The Conservation Room at Guy's about 100 years ago

ancestor of the Dental Institute was founded in 1859 in Soho Square while Chelsea College started life further west, in 1895, in Manresa Road. The original King's College in the Strand soon had outposts in Kensington and Waterloo Road as well as Denmark Hill. The relationship between King's and London has always been profound, and the well-chosen illustrations of the College's past and present highlight this point.

The mergers of the 1990s are too recent for impartial assessment and a scholarly history of the new King's College must await the book which will surely be written for the 200th anniversary. But Christine Kenyon Jones gives us a timely view of King's College in its new formation, as it settles into the latest phase of its long and complex history.

Launch

King's College London: In the service of society will be launched at a reception at 17.00 on 10 February in the Weston Room, Maughan Library. There are a few places left for staff to attend the reception and these will be allocated on a first-come first-served basis, so if interested please ring the Central Enquiries Unit on extension 2929.

Obtaining a copy

Enclosed with this edition of *Comment* is a flyer with details of how to order your copy of *King's College London: In the service of society* (price £20). Please note if you order from the Central Enquiries Unit (CEU, ext 2929) and delivery is through the internal College post to any King's campus, there will be no postage costs. The book will also be on sale in the Students' Union shops in the Macadam Building on the Strand and in Boland House at Guy's.

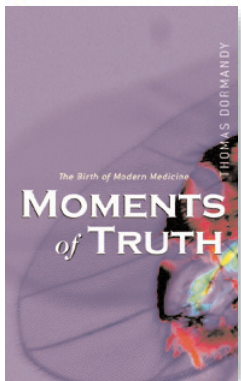


left: Early rivalry between King's and UCL

175th anniversary

King's people who changed the world: talks by authors

A short series of talks by authors who have recently written, or are currently writing, about people from King's whose pioneering work and discoveries have had immense influence on our lives today.



Wednesday 4 February

Joseph Lister:
'The father of antiseptic surgery'

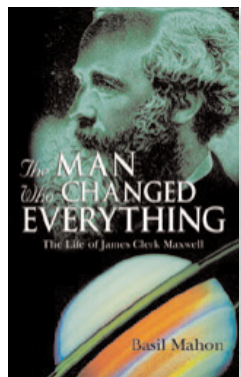
Thomas Dormandy talks about Joseph Lister, who features in his book *Moments of Truth: Four Creators of Modern Medicine* (Chichester: John Wiley, 2003). Lister (1827-1912) was Professor of Clinical Surgery at King's from 1877 to 1893. Dormandy records how he 'recognised the cause of "hospital sepsis" and devised a way to combat it, which opened the way to modern surgery'. He describes Lister as 'a great Victorian... high-minded, hard-working and compassionate but not without human weaknesses'.



Wednesday 18 February

Rosalind Franklin:
The dark lady of DNA

Brenda Maddox talks about her biography of Rosalind Franklin whose famous 'photo 51' of DNA, taken at King's in May 1952, provided the key to its double helix structure. Franklin died at the age of 37 in 1958, four years before Maurice Wilkins of King's, and Francis Crick and James Watson of Cambridge, received the Nobel Prize for their work on DNA.



Wednesday 11 February

James Clerk Maxwell:
The man who changed everything

Basil Mahon talks about one of history's greatest physicists, James Clerk Maxwell, who is the subject of his biography *The Man Who Changed Everything* (Chichester: John Wiley, 2003). Maxwell completed some of his greatest work while he was Professor of Natural Philosophy at King's from 1860 to 1865.



Wednesday 25 February

Florence Nightingale:
Romance and reality

Mark Bostridge's forthcoming biography of Florence Nightingale describes how she became a legend in her lifetime as the heroine of the Crimean War. Today she belongs to that select band of historical characters who are instantly recognisable. But how much does her image as the Lady with the Lamp obscure her real achievements, including her attempt to professionalise nursing?

All lectures take place at 13.00

Lecture theatre 2C

Main Building

Strand campus

Exhibition In the beginning: The early history of King's College London

This exhibition will explain the early history of King's College London and set it in its historical London context. The exhibition will be on display from 11 February to 10 March in the Weston

Room, Maughan Library, Chancery Lane for members of the College and their accompanying guests.

The exhibition is also captured online at www.kcl.ac.uk/archives

Good Citizenship

King's is 'dedicated to the advancement of knowledge, learning and understanding in the service of society'. In keeping with this mission statement a series of symposia will explore the question of good citizenship, which demands new answers in the context of modern globalisation and the pluralism of contemporary society.

These symposia will explore and examine what, nowadays, constitutes our notion of the good citizen. The issue is a timely one: not only are the boundaries and the demands of citizenship becoming increasingly blurred and complex, but also governments and their agencies require the universities and schools to teach citizenship as a subject.

This series has been expressly designed to cross disciplinary boundaries between humanities and sciences, and to bring together academics, professionals and the general public in productive discussion and debate. Details of the first symposium are given here.

Citizenship in an age of insecurity

Speakers include:

Sir Lawrence Freedman Vice-Principal (Research)

Conor Gearty Professor of Human Rights Law, LSE

(chair) **Barry Ife** Acting Principal

(introduction) **Brian Hurwitz** D'Oyly Carte Professor of Medicine & the Arts

Great Hall

Strand campus

Wednesday 10 March 2004

17.30

To register attendance for events

Contact the Central Enquiries Unit (09.00–17.00 Mon–Fri)
tel 020-7848 2929
events@kcl.ac.uk

Professor Sir Lawrence Freedman KCMG CBE FBA FKC

is Vice-Principal (Research) and Professor of War Studies at King's. Professor Freedman joined King's in 1982, and was Head of the new School of Social Science & Public Policy from 2001 to 2003. He is one of the country's foremost defence experts and was appointed Official Historian of the Falklands Campaign in 1997.



Professor Conor Gearty

is Rausing Director of the Centre for the Study of Human Rights and Professor of Human Rights Law at the LSE. He is also a member of Matrix Chambers. He taught at King's from 1991 to 2002. His latest book, *Principles of Human Rights Adjudication*, is published by Oxford University Press.



Ice skating at Somerset House

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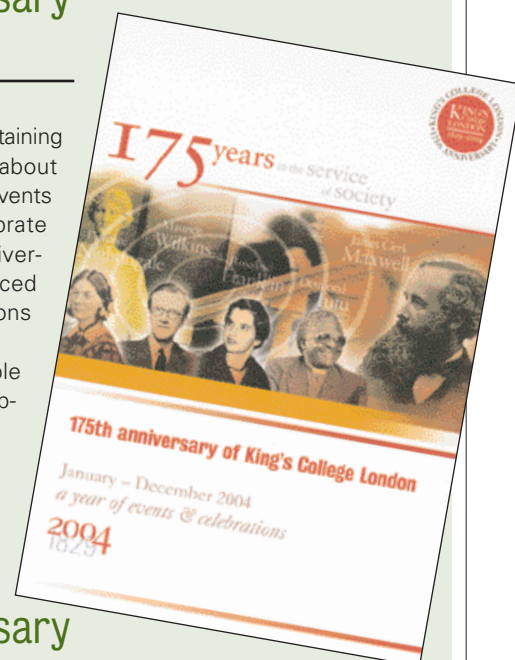


175th celebrations: students enjoy the free ice-skating, one of the events held to mark the College's anniversary

175th anniversary brochure

A 28 page brochure containing detailed information about the many and diverse events being staged to celebrate the College's 175 anniversary has been produced by the Public Relations Department.

Copies are available from all campus receptions



175th anniversary website

The website also contains information about the events, see: www.kcl.ac.uk/175

PhD students at King's: the task ahead

Professor Chris Hamnett, Chair of the Postgraduate Research Students Committee and Postgraduate Research Management Advisory Group, summarises the report he recently gave to Academic Board on the importance of postgraduate research students to the College, and the issue of submission rates.

MPhil and PhD research students are an important part of the student body at King's both numerically and intellectually.

For many academics, supervising PhD researchers means working with committed and stimulating students, who are pushing forwards the boundaries of knowledge and doing pioneering work. Some of them will go on to become the next generation of academics and researchers.

Not surprisingly for a College that ranks fifth nationally in terms of research income the numbers involved are very large. King's has almost 2,000 research students including 400 who are registered as currently writing up. We recruit about 350 students a year: 220 full-time and 130 part-time, and almost 330 students submitted PhDs this year. Almost 20 per cent of students are from overseas. The distribution of PhD students is uneven with a few big schools such as Humanities (19 per cent), the IoP (17 per cent), SSPP (16 per cent), Medicine (12 per cent) and PSE (11 per cent) taking the lion's share.

Background

The problem that King's, and other HEIs, face regarding MPhil and PhD students is that although the standard funded duration of a full-time PhD is three years, many if not most students take substantially longer to complete their degrees. In the past, this was not seen as a problem. Research students continued as long as it

took and there was no great pressure to submit. Not surprisingly, a substantial number fell by the wayside or went part-time after their full-time funding ran out. It was not unusual for students to take seven or eight years or even longer to complete.

This all began to change several years ago when the Government began to ask whether it was getting value for money for the PhD studentships it funded via research councils. They, in turn, began to look at submission times and discovered a disturbingly high proportion of students dropped out or failed to complete.

Consequently, the research councils began to put in place a requirement that at least 60 per cent of their funded students were expected to submit within four years of commencement.

The pressures are now increasing. The Metcalf Report on grad-

uates expects all institutions to offer minimum standards of graduate research training, both specific and generic.

Submission rates

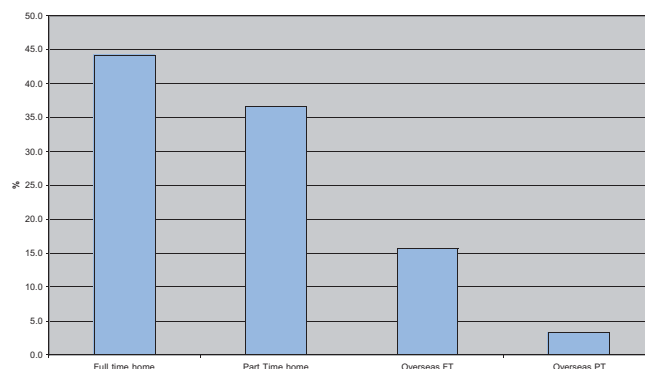
But pressure to improve submission rates and cut drop out rates is as much internal as it is external. Very long submission times for MPhils and PhDs are an unnecessary waste of time for students, supervisors and departments alike. But although there are some

schools which have successfully achieved 60 per cent four year full-time submission rates, many areas of the College are still a long way away from this. Improving submission rates is one of the major tasks for PhD management in the College. This means changing the culture of expectations so that everybody, students and supervisors, are committed to submission within three or, at very most, four years.

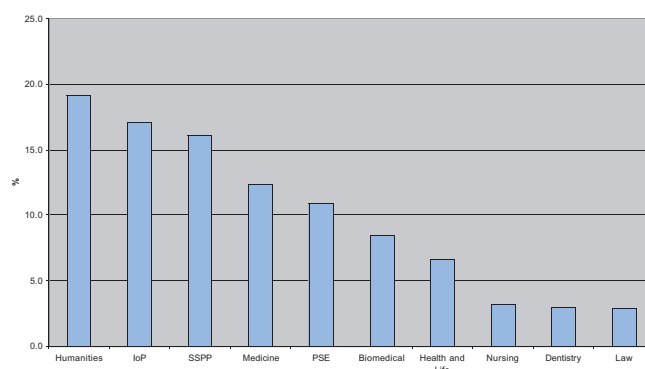
Some argue that this will inevitably result in a 'dumbing down' of PhDs. I disagree. Not only is it possible to do very good PhDs within three years, but taking six or seven years over a PhD is no guarantee of quality especially if students have run out of money, have taken a job and are working evenings and weekends on their thesis.

What this will mean, however, is that students and supervisors are much clearer, much earlier, about the precise subject of the PhD, its questions and its approaches. No more 'Waiting for Godot'.

Fig 1. Graduate Research Students at King's 2003



MPhil/PhD students by School (%), 2003



60 per cent of their funded students were expected to submit within four years

uate research training has recommended that 70 per cent of all full-time students should be expected to submit within four years and that financial penalties be imposed by Hefce on institutions that fail to meet this threshold. In addition, the report

King's biotechnology showcased

KCL Enterprises exhibited the range of technologies and research available from King's research teams for commercial collaborations and investors, at the London Biotechnology Network Conference 'Genesis', held in December at the QE II Conference Centre.

In addition CereStem and MedPharm, both King's spin-out companies, were two of the six emerging biotech companies selected to present in the 'Ones to Watch' section of the programme.

Susan Foynes, Knowledge Transfer Executive, KCL Enterprises, said: The event, attended by more than 800 delegates, was an excellent occasion for the College to showcase its biotechnology research."



KCL Enterprises exhibit at the Genesis conference

DDA Audit

The College is commissioning a new Disability Discrimination Act Audit across its estate

Lisa Foster Associates, who have already undertaken audits for other academic institutions such as the Universities of Essex and Edinburgh, and have been advising on the Strand Main Building refurbishment project, will carry out the audit.

'The audit will look at each campus in turn, starting this month with completion in April. The findings will feed into future capital investment plans and campus operational and management plans,' explained Ian Caldwell, Director of Estates

The commission will include the development of a set of design guidelines for maintenance and project staff, for example, on colour schemes and training for staff.

Academic and administrative departments will be involved through their representatives on the Equal Opportunities Committee and through the Equality and Diversity Department, who will be involved with the Estates Department in the audit.

The life and times of J J Park, 1795-1833

Afascinating public lecture on the life and times of John James Park was held in the Council Room last term. Park was the first professor of English law and jurisprudence at King's in the foundation years of the College in the early 19th century, from 1831 until his untimely early death due to poor health in 1833.

At that time, law was barely taught at the English universities, and – as Professor John Griffith, the speaker, quoted from Park's own lips at his inaugural lecture in 1832 – being a law professor was still regarded as being of

'doubtful utility to the public'.

When Park was appointed to King's in 1831, he said he found a general disposition among professional men (and, among them, men of the most superior understandings) 'to the effect that 'the office of a Law Professor was undesirable for a practising lawyer; for any one, in short, but those who had nothing else to do'.

The audience of more than 200 listened to the results of Professor Griffith's study of the literature of Park, as well as the context of legal education and the prevailing constitu-

tional thought in which Park was writing. Park wrote books on a diverse range of legal topics, and is best known for his *Dogmas of the Constitution*, in which he challenged many of the grand shibboleths of the day about the nature of British constitutional practice.

The speaker, Professor John Griffith FBA, and Emeritus Professor of Public Law at LSE, was the pioneer of the teaching of administrative law at London University in the 1950s and 1960s. The lecture on Park was organised and chaired by Professor Robert Blackburn, the Professor of Constitutional Law at King's.

King's offers Premed programme

This intensive new programme is designed to meet the needs of students preparing for US medical school. It is open to 25 US students in its first year and is a joint initiative between Student Recruitment, and the Schools of Biomedical Sciences and Medicine.

It is a UK first as it combines the core skills of basic medical sciences and involves experience of

clinical practice in the form of a two week clinical attachment in either a GP surgery or the community.

Dr Jacques Mizan of the Department of General Practice & Primary Care said: 'The blend of small group interactive seminars combined with reflective clinical practice offers students a unique insight into the real art of medicine.'

Dental Event

Dr Michael Escudier, President of the GKT Dental Society gave the Society's Presidential address at this year's annual event in December, held jointly by the Dental Society and the Dental Institute.

In his address titled 'It's not fair', Dr Escudier spoke on the various aspects and formats of assessments in the past, present and future.

Certificates and medals were presented to students for clinical and academic achievement. A highlight of the evening was the award of the University Gold Medal for the best BDS graduate to Miss Sinal Shah, a King's student by Mr David Eames, on behalf of the University of London.

Present at the event were alumni, former Deans of the School, staff, students and parents.

Gold medalist: **Sinal Shah** receives her award from **David Eames**



News in brief

New course

A new joint honours programme in Turkish and Modern Greek Studies is being offered by King's and SOAS in 2004. This is the first undergraduate programme of its kind to be established in the UK.

The aim is to bring together expertise in Greek and Turkish studies and provide an arena for students of any background to explore critically the language, history and literature of the two peoples.

The programme was launched at a reception attended by both the Greek and the Turkish Ambassadors.

£50,000 and advice to help get your idea off the ground. Taking part will introduce you to like-minded researchers, entrepreneurs, industry experts and business advisors. The Challenge is open to staff and students from King's the Royal Vet, QM, City University and London NHS trusts. See www.simfonec.co.uk/challenge

SIMFONEC is a Science Enterprise Centre working on behalf of its four partner institutions (King's, the Royal Vet, QM and City University) helping to orchestrate the delivery of science ideas to the commercial marketplace. www.simfonec.co.uk or contact George Murlewski, Spin-Out Company Mentor on ext 3665.

QAA audit

A web page has been set up with information about the College's forthcoming audit by the QAA. The page can be accessed via the Quality Assurance Section page at www.kcl.ac.uk/depsta/quasac/index.html. A draft of the self-evaluation document that the College has to prepare for the audit will be available on this page and contributions from the College community are invited by 16 February.

Teaching Fund

Details of the 2003/04 College Teaching Fund / Teaching Innovation Grants competition are available on the College Teaching Committee web page at www.kcl.ac.uk/depsta/quasac/teachingcommittee/ctcindex.html#fund There is £150,000 available and the closing date for the competition is 26 March 2004.

NY conference

Andrew Coyle, Professor of Prison Studies and Director of the International Centre for Prison Studies and Baroness Stern, Senior Research Fellow, ICPS, spoke at a conference last November in Brooklyn entitled *A New Deal for Justice* at which Senator Ted Kennedy also spoke.

Business plan competition

Have you got a business idea with a science, engineering or technology basis? Then enter the SIMFONEC Business Plan Challenge 2004 and win over

Excellence in Teaching

The Awards for Excellence in Teaching scheme (established as part of the College's Learning and Teaching Strategy) has been advertised to students. Ten awards of £1,000 – one per School – are available.

The scheme is student driven so nominations are initiated by them. They have to submit nominations to a designated person in the School by 26 March 2004. This individual will endorse the nomination and provide further supporting evidence before submitting the nomination to the Head of School or nominee. A School panel will then select the winner, which will be announced in May.

The 2002/03 winners* are:

Biomedical Sciences:

Mr Bob Farrer, *Division of Anatomy, Cell & Human Biology*

Dr Reg Docherty, *Division of Pharmacology*

Dental Institute

Dr Mark Ide, *Department of Periodontology*

Health & Life Sciences

Mr Norman Parkinson, *Department of Life Sciences*

Humanities

Professor Malyn Newitt, *Department of Portuguese & Brazilian Studies*

Dr Ishtla Singh, *Department of English*

Law

Dr Paul Mitchell

Dr Andrea Biondi

Medicine

Dr Phil Aranson, *Division of Pharmacology*

Dr Evelyn Dykes, *Department of Paediatric Surgery, University Hospital Lewisham*

Nursing & Midwifery

Dr Peter Griffiths

Physical Sciences & Engineering

Dr Peter Sollich, *Department of Mathematics*

Institute of Psychiatry

Professor Iain Campbell, *Department of Neuroscience*

Social Science & Public Policy

Mr Stuart Thomson, *Department of Defence Studies*

*some Schools chose to make an award jointly

Details of the scheme can be found at

www.kcl.ac.uk/depsta/quasac/teachingcommittee/ctcindex.html

Dr Andrea Biondi



Dr Mark Ide



GKT RAG week 2004

GKT RAG week is an important time in the student calendar, Sonia Taneja, the GKT RAG Publicity Officer 2004, describes this year's event.

It was once said that 'Grease is the word'. However, in a few weeks, medical, dental, biomedical, physiotherapy and nursing students of King's will be saying 'RAG is the word'.

The famous GKT RAG week takes place from 6 - 13 February. It is a fun and very rewarding week for students who have the chance to give something back to what will be (for many) their new surroundings, as well as enjoy the events lined-up for each night. These include: The Hop, a Beach Party, the Circle Line Pub Crawl, a pub quiz and karaoke, and the mystery RAG Raid.

Last year, GKT RAG raised £102,000 for five local charities and this year we aim to raise even more for the following charities: YESS, Rehab UK, Lewisham Hearts, The Evelina Children's Hospital Appeal, the Guy's & St Thomas' Kidney Patients' Association, and the King's Liver Fund.

However, this can only be done with the student's enthusiasm. This week happens only once in the academic year, and it is a week you won't forget quickly. Remember, RAG is the word!

Rag time: Students raising money for charity



King's presenters

Several King's academics have taken on the role of media presenters. **Dr Raj Persaud**, of the Institute of Psychiatry, presents the long-running Radio 4 series *All In the Mind*, and **Dr John Marsden** in Addiction Science has similarly been seen on the BBC's *Body Hits* series.

Stem cells

Radio 4's two-part programme *A Cell for all Seasons*, investigated the development of stem cell research and how this field has come to be controlled. Looking at the potential use of such research to cure many degenerative diseases and any controversy associated with this, the programme featured interviews with **Dr Stephen Minger** (Biomolecular Sciences), **Professor Stephen McMahon** (Neuroscience), **Dr Susan Duty** (Pharmacology & Therapeutics) and **Dr Stephen Jones** (Biomedical Sciences).

Mobile risk

A fresh investigation into whether mobile phones can leave their users with physical symptoms such as headaches was reported in *The Observer*. Research Fellow **Dr James Rubin** discussed a trial in which volunteers will be asked to use a covered phone for 50 minutes which will be switched on or off without the sitter knowing the setting and the results analysed. Dr Rubin was also interviewed on *BBC Breakfast News*, *News 24*, and *ITV London News*.

Toy boy attraction

The Independent, *Financial Times* and *The Times* all reported the growing trend of women today to marry younger men. Presenting the research findings, **Professor Janet Askham**, Director of the Age Concern Institute of Geron-

ology, stated how biological or chronological age has increasingly become less of a defining factor in our social identity to the point where more than a quarter of all marriages now involve brides marrying a younger groom.

Royal wedding

Professor of Constitutional Law, **Robert Blackburn**, was interviewed for a television documentary on Prince Charles and Camilla Parker-Bowles broadcast on the France 5 Television Network. He discussed the constitutional implications of their relationship, the possibility of a future marriage, the role of a British monarch as head of the Anglican Church and the theoretical restrictions upon their marriage as set out in the Royal Marriages Act.

Prime numbers

Dr David Solomon, a lecturer in Mathematics, was interviewed for an article in *The Guardian* about the discovery of a new, very large prime number. Dr Solomon explained the significance of prime numbers of this type (called 'Mersenne primes'). The article went on to explain the uses of prime numbers, eg for encrypting sensitive data on the internet.

Crucial medical research

The speech made by celebrity Jane Asher at the Coalition for Medical Progress defending crucial medical research on animals was publicised in several national papers. Speaking in the *Daily Mail* and the *Daily Telegraph*, **Clive Page**, Professor of Pharmacology and Director of the Sackler Institute of Pulmonary Pharmacology, agreed that animals will continue to be needed for medical research to develop new medicines to benefit mankind and

used the example of widely prescribed anti-asthma drugs to illustrate how they had already helped.

Gulf war illness

Dr Matthew Hotopf, Reader in Psychological Medicine and **Professor Simon Wessely**, Co-Director of the King's Centre for Military Health Research, published a paper on Gulf War Syndrome and were interviewed on Radio 5 Live and BFBS. Their research was also reported in the *New York Post*, the *British Medical Journal*, the *Financial Times*, the *Observer*, the *Daily Mail* and *PA News*.

Madness and marijuana

All the major TV, radio channels and newspapers including *The Daily Telegraph*, *The Times*, *Daily Mail*, *Daily Mirror* and *Evening Standard*, discussed the report by **Robin Murray**, Professor of Psychiatry, and **Louise Arsenaault**, Lecturer, showing that heavy consumption of cannabis increases the risk for schizophrenia.

Personality type

Interviewed for *The Guardian*, and subsequently also reported in the *Melbourne Age*, **Dr Gill Clack**, Honorary Senior Lecturer in the Division of Medical Education, discussed how personality differences affect individuals in the work environment. In an article about the Myers-Briggs Type Indicator, an instrument which identifies different personality types, Dr Clack acknowledged its benefits particularly in connection with career choice.

Unmasking facial treatment

Artist **Paddy Hartley** and **Dr Ian Thompson** of the Maxillofacial Department were featured on *ITN Breakfast* and *Lunchtime News* regarding their collaborative work to improve facial reconstructive surgery and lessen scarring after facial burns. Working together to design and refine facial implants and corsets, they were also interviewed in *The Times*.

Fruit and nut case

Tom Sanders, Professor of Nutrition & Dietetics, was interviewed on *Channel Five News* on an item concerning a WHO report which blames the US for aggressive marketing of high calorie foods for the rising global epidemic of obesity. He also made headlines in *The Independent* by calling the government's £77 million School Fruit Scheme a ludicrous waste of money, and instead promoted the benefits of exercise and providing good quality drinking water in schools.

Island learning

An Assessment and Learning Conference held in Jersey and led by King's staff including **Ms Christine Harrison**, **Dr Bethan Marshall**, **Ms Ann-Marie Brandon**, **Dr Jeremy Hodgen**, **Dr Mary Webb**, **Ms Natasha Wilson** and **Professor Paul Black**, was on the front page of the *Jersey Evening Post*. In looking at ways of improving learning, the conference addressed an audience of around 1,100 (all the teachers in Jersey) and considered the role of formative assessment in the classroom.

The Public Relations Department is keen to know of any academics featured in the media. Please do keep us informed by contacting the Public Relations Office on 020 7848 3202 or email pr@kcl.ac.uk

God has a Dream: A vision of hope for our time

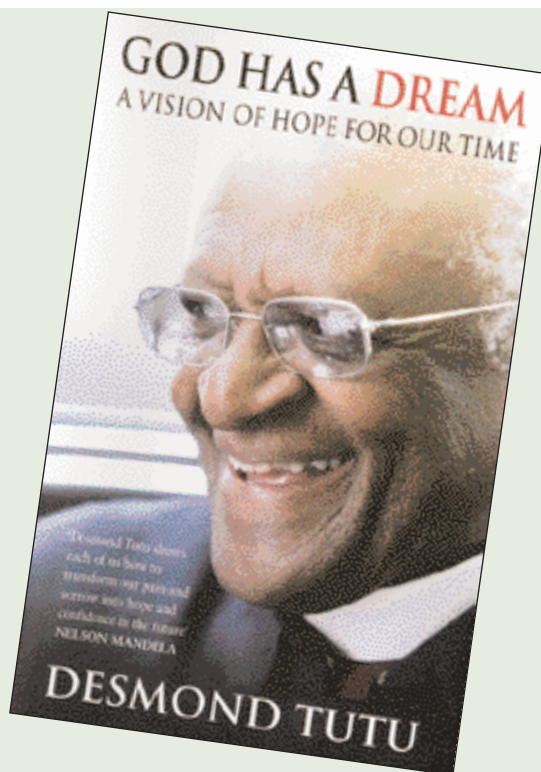
Desmond Tutu, former Archbishop of Cape Town and Visiting Professor of Post-Conflict Societies, King's College London

This thoughtful and deeply positive work is the Archbishop's first inspirational book for a general audience. Born from his own experience of the transforming quality of love, it is his very personal and liberating message of light in dark times.

Nobel Laureate Desmond Tutu has long been admired throughout the world for the heroism and grace he displayed while encouraging countless South Africans in their struggle for human rights. In *God Has A Dream*, his most soul-searching book to date, he shares the spiritual message that guided him through these troubled times. Drawing on personal and historical examples, the Archbishop reaches out to readers of all backgrounds, showing how individual and global suffering is, and can be, transformed into joy and redemption.

Echoing the words of Martin Luther King, Tutu writes, 'God says to you, I have a dream. Please help me to realise it. It is a dream of a world whose ugliness and squalor and poverty, whose war and hostility, greed and harsh competitiveness, alienation and disharmony are changed into their glorious counterparts.' And, with his characteristic humour, Tutu shows in practical ways how this can be done: by cultivating in ourselves the qualities of love, forgiveness, humility, generosity and courage that we all need in order to change ourselves and our world.

In *God Has A Dream*, Tutu underlines how



important it is that, even as we face the harsh realities of our individual lives and global conditions, we remember the importance of hope and dreams – for it is on hope and dreams that a better future will be built, and on which God's dream for us will be fulfilled.

'Desmond Tutu has conveyed our common pain and sorrow, our hope and confidence in the future.'

Nelson Mandela

Random House

Principal's Forum – for staff

The Acting Principal Professor Barry Ife will be holding a forum for staff at various campuses which will include an oral report and questions on:

- Tuition fees and the Higher Education Bill
- The Strategic Plan
- Communications and marketing

There will also be a discussion on QAA Audit and self evaluation. Please bring the latest draft with you which is at: QAA Audit and self evaluation

Forums have already been held at Guy's and St Thomas' campuses. The remaining forum dates are as follows:

9 February 2004

12.30-13.30, Wolfson Lecture Theatre, Weston Education Centre, Denmark Hill campus

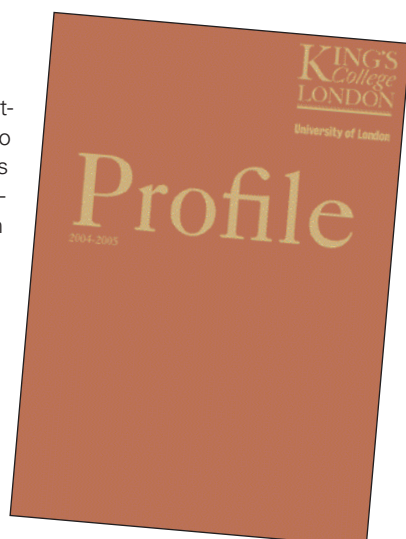
10 February 2004

13.00-14.00, Great Hall, Main Building, Strand campus

All members of staff are invited, and encouraged, to attend.

Profile

Profile – the annual pocket-size information guide to King's College London's history, structure and developments is now available from campus reception desks. The contents will also be available on the website: www.kcl.ac.uk/deptsta/ppro



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Guy's & St Thomas' NHS Trust are installing a new telephone system on 6 March 2004. For all staff based at the Guy's and St Thomas' campuses, existing extension numbers will change.

To find out more about the changes call extension 8288 or 3090, or email telephone@gstt.nhs.uk

To find out what your new extension number will be email ann.ainslie@kcl.ac.uk

International History of the Twentieth Century

Joseph A Maiolo, *Lecturer in International History, Department of War Studies*, **Antony Best**, **Jussi M Hanhimäki**, **Kirsten E Schulze**

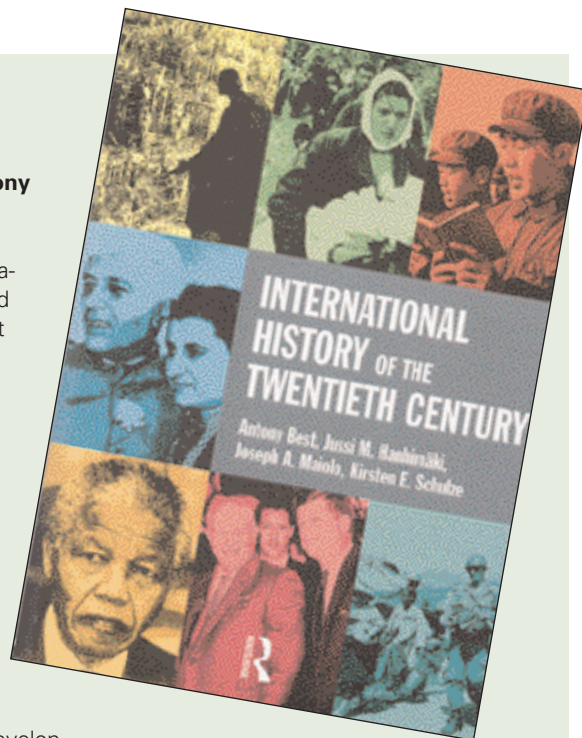
This major new global history of the 20th century is written by four prominent international historians for first-year undergraduates and upward. Using their thematic and regional expertise, the authors have produced an authoritative yet accessible account of the history of international relations in the last century, covering events in Europe, Asia, the Middle East, Africa and the Americas.

They focus on the history of relations between states and on the broad ideological, economic and cultural forces that have influenced the evolution of international politics over the past one hundred years. Among the areas this book covers are:

- the decline of European hegemony over the international order
- the diffusion of power to the two superpowers
- the rise of newly independent states in Asia and Africa
- the course and consequences of three major global conflicts: the Great War, the Second World War and the Cold War.

'The essays contained in this volume amount to as definitive a study of international history in the 20th century as is available anywhere in the world today.

The contributors, all specialists in their fields, offer authoritative accounts of key developments in international relations that reflect the latest scholarship, and have taken pains to ensure that the chapters relate to one another in a coherent fashion.' Akira Iriye, Charles Warren Professor of History, Harvard University
Routledge



Double détente

Les relations franco-soviétiques de 1958 à 1964, Paris

Thomas Gomart, *Marie Curie Fellow in the Department of War Studies*

Permanent confrontation or progressive co-operation? This alternative helps us to sum up the relations between France and the USSR from 1958 to 1964. The book contributes to the Cold War History and focused on the détente. It develops a three-levels analysis: relations between states, societies and, at last, persons.

Based on French and Russian archives and on interviews with key actors, *Double détente* proposes a pattern for the bilateral relation. It deals simultaneously with international politics (de Gaulle, Khrushchev), domestic politics (French Communist Party, France-USSR Association), economic issues (exportations, exhibitions), cultural issues (student, artist and intellectuals exchanges) and also local implications (twinning). In other words, this book explores the whole aspects of the relation

between Paris and Moscow during a very specific period.

Dr Gomart received the Jean-Baptiste Duroselle Prize (Institut de France, 2003) for this book.

Publications de la Sorbonne

Britain and Europe since 1945:

Historiographical Perspectives on Integration

Dr Oliver J Daddow, *Lecturer, Defence Studies Department*

This path-breaking work offers a refreshing and challenging perspective on the nature of history by analysing the character, role, functioning and wider uses of historiography.

Taking British policy towards European integration since the Second World War as a case study, the author demonstrates how its interpretation and reportage have changed over time. Seeking to explain these trends in terms of the different conceptions of the past held

by different schools of writing, the book invites us to confront the fundamental difficulties we encounter in undertaking studies in history. It draws attention to the impact on historical interpretation of changing times, political debate, the opening of archives and of subjects being brought to the fore by professional historians.

The study casts light on the crucial role played by historians in representing past events and in creating their narratives. It asserts that the entire historiographic process is riddled with politics and ideology, and that to write the historian out of his or her texts is to misrepresent what it entails to write history. In so doing, it demonstrates how the philosophy of history has a direct bearing upon the everyday practice of history.

This book forces us to confront the fundamental difficulties we encounter in thinking about and understanding history. It will appeal to international historians, those interested in history as a form of philosophical inquiry, students of European integration history and the Cold War, and to British foreign policy-makers.
Manchester University Press