



## Welcome

Welcome to the final edition of FD News for 2006. The year may be drawing to a close, however it has been one of success for FD.

Many challenges have been met and overcome with significant accomplishment. Several departments have seen positive changes and improvements, and with that in mind, we have every reason to look forward to the next 12 months with great optimism.

This issue of FD News features an update on the University's Estates project, details on an upgrade for the Security Control Room, news on work experience students in FD and much more besides.

You'll also find many of our customary features inside including Travellers' Tales and the Charity Update. In addition, make sure you check out our Christmas quiz with £20 worth of vouchers up for grabs.

Finally, the FD News team would like to wish all staff a Merry Christmas and all the best for 2007.

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INVESTOR IN PEOPLE

# Building for the future – extended learning opportunities



*Furnival Building – exterior*

Last month Director of Estates and Facilities, Alex Pettifer, talked with some of FD's staff about what's happening in terms of Estates projects currently, and over the next few years. It's clear the changes are going to affect everyone, not just those in Estates, so FD News thought it would keep you informed of the key developments.

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Adsetts Centre



Adsetts Centre rear view

As Psalter Lane Campus has gone up for sale, it is important to remember that the University is not downsizing – far from it. The closure of Psalter Lane Campus in 2008 is part of a plan to consolidate the University on two campuses and bring the student and staff communities closer together. To do this the University is investing in Collegiate Crescent and City Campuses in a number of ways.

The pictures to the left show the planned extension to the Adsetts Centre. Project Manager Ian Heath is very excited about it. 'We'll start work in the New Year and be finished by Christmas 2007. It's hard to believe that it's more than ten years since we built the Adsetts Centre and now we are extending it.'

The extension will provide the extra learner spaces needed for the increased student population at City Campus and room for the collections which will move as more subject groups arrive on the campus. In addition, the extension will also offer interactive and exciting ways of learning, as well as greater self-service areas to support the 24/7 opening needed to provide students with the support they need. Maurice Teasdale, Planning Services Manager in LITS, said, 'We always aim to anticipate tomorrow's technologies and remain at the centre of the delivery of the University's Learning Teaching and Assessment strategy by providing an essential and prominent component of the learning landscape. For this reason it's vital we can reorganise and expand the Adsetts Centre'.

The building on page 3 (top right) is being referred to as the 'Arundel Building' currently. It is right next to the Stoddart Building at City Campus and the exterior is almost complete. The interior will be



## Dates for your diary

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Week of 12 December  
Wednesday 14 December

Teamtalk  
Rony Robinson with mulled wine and mince pies  
Pennine Theatre  
(Tickets are free. E-mail [Events@shu.ac.uk](mailto:Events@shu.ac.uk) or call ext 4957)

Friday 22 December

Staff Christmas party - HUBS (tickets available from University receptions and Steeleys at Psalter Lane)

Week of 8 January 2007  
Wednesday 24 January

Teamtalk  
Evening with Chief Nursing Officer, Christine Beasley  
Pennine Theatre  
(Tickets are free. E-mail [Events@shu.ac.uk](mailto:Events@shu.ac.uk) or call ext 4957)

finished in the New Year and the whole building will be ready for occupation by summer 2007. The building will mainly house Education elements of Development and Society which are moving from Collegiate Crescent Campus. There will also be a stylish University deli run by FD.

Planning permission was given earlier this year for a second new building at City Campus, currently being referred to as the 'Furnival Building' (see front page and bottom right). Dave Furniss, Project Manager, gave us the latest update. 'We have now appointed a contractor – HBG – who also worked on the main entrance and work will begin in February/March. It's a large project and will be complete in summer 2008 ready for occupation in September.'

The completion of this building coincides with the movement of the student and staff population from Psalter Lane Campus. Most of these courses will relocate to Sheaf and Harmer Buildings which are also being extensively refurbished, whilst the new building will house other elements of the ACES Faculty. There will be pool teaching space within the new building and another catering outlet run by FD, as well as a beautiful mezzanine floor and a gallery. The outside of the building will act as a shop front to the University – much like a department store – and will be dressed with student work at certain times of year to engage the local community.

One of the key features of all these projects is the joint working they require to make them work. More than ever before, all areas of FD are being included in the plans as well as the customers in the faculties. Projects will progress quickly after Christmas and FD will keep you up to date with these and future projects in the New Year.



*Arundel Building (with Stoddart Building to the left)*



*Furnival Building – interior*

## Sport Hallam's starter for ten

Did you eat a bit too much turkey during Christmas? Did you devour one too many mince pies over the festive period? Or did you overdo the Christmas pudding? If so, fear not. Sport Hallam is offering free gifts to new and existing members in a bid to help them get motivated for fitness in the New Year.

Use Sport Hallam fitness suites or classes 10 times\* from the start of January 2007 until the end of

February 2007 and you can claim a Sport Hallam t-shirt absolutely free.

Get the most out of your membership.

To find out more ask at Sport Hallam receptions.

\* Offer valid for one visit to fitness suite or class per day.



# Catering invest in the future

*By Anita Staniforth*

In October, four final year students from Waltheof School joined Catering Services for a two week placement to see a working kitchen first hand. Kelsey Cade and Melissa Perrozzi worked in Millers Restaurant at Collegiate Crescent supervised by Head Chef Andy Whelan. Kerry Humphries and Laura Jones were based in Rollers Restaurant at City Campus supervised by Head Chef Paul Rutter.

All four students really enjoyed the hands on experience, saying that they felt it was 'easier to learn' when they had practical sessions instead of just theoretical ones. Some of the tasks undertaken by the students included chopping vegetables, making pastry and scones, making soup and learning how to use ovens and electrical equipment (electric whisks, mixing machines etc)



*Kelsey and Melissa*



*Kerry and Laura*

safely. They all appreciated being 'treated like adults' and responded very positively to instructions from their mentors. Kelsey thought the food service aspect was quite nerve-racking but did enjoy working under pressure. Melissa enjoyed being shown how to handle knives in a correct and safe way. Both Kerry and Laura would like to return to Sheffield Hallam after they have completed their exams next year, possibly in the Careership Chef programme in place here at Sheffield Hallam, as would Kelsey. However, Melissa is unsure whether catering is the career for her.

Catering Services welcomes students who are thinking about making a career in the food industry, either in front of house on the service side or back of house on the production side. 'Finding chefs with the skills we need is becoming more difficult', said Richard McGloin, Head of Trading Services. 'There is a definite skills gap. If only one of the four students who joined us in October follows it through to have a career in the industry then we should support any initiative that embraces students' curiosity.'

## Exchange works for Accommodation Services

**Not to be outdone by their colleagues in Catering, Accommodation Services also had a work experience student working with them recently. Starting on Monday 6 October, exchange student Matthias Murawski came all the way from Germany to sample life as a Sheffield Hallam employee. Matthias is 15 years old and is from the Heinrich-von-Kleist Schule in Bochum.**

Matthias was here for two weeks and worked through a schedule of activities during his time. This included covering general office duties and spending time with each of the accommodation team to learn a little about what they do.

At the end of his first week Accommodation Officer, Adam Hawker, took Matthias to both Bramall Court and Liberty Court to see some typical student residences. On another afternoon Matthias shadowed Lee Mansell, Residential Support Co-ordinator, up at Charlotte Court for his site surgery and to take a look at the halls of residence. In his second week Matthias worked with Steve Kelly and the Customer Services team on the main reception for a couple of days. He

then spent his remaining time with accommodation.

Accommodation Services would like to thank Matthias for all his hard work during his stay.



*Matthias in the accommodation office*

# It's all under control

*By Paul P Salmen, Head of Security Services*

The planning for an extensive programme of refurbishment to the Security Control Room began in late 2005. The project was led by John Senior, Senior Maintenance Surveyor. However, the control room staff had considerable input from the outset.

Shaun Powell, Security Controller, stated, 'The overall environment has vastly improved, and is fantastic compared to before. It's brighter and cleaner, with a much better layout and upgraded equipment'.

Dawn Meates, Security Operations Manager, added, 'The new control room is wonderful. Not only has it been equipped with some of the latest surveillance and recording technology, but the project has also greatly improved the working environment for the security controllers.'

The original Security Control Room was established in 1993, helped on its way by the then Security Operations Officer, Libby Wainwright. Originally, the control room consisted of a fire alarm indicator



*Security controllers Dave Couldwell and Shaun Powell with Dawn Meates, security operations officer, in the new improved control room*

panel, radio communications equipment, two exam desks and two computers, one being utilised to monitor the Building Management System (BMS). During the next two years a substantial amount of CCTV monitoring and recording equipment was installed, including an improved console, a 'switch' and the 888 Helpline.

An earlier refurbishment of the control room was completed in the middle to late

1990s. This included enlarging the console, improving the air conditioning and generally enhancing the working environment for the controllers.

Sheffield Hallam University's refurbished Security Control Room is now, once again, fully operational, enabling Security Services to continue fulfilling its mission 'to provide a safe and secure environment for students, staff and visitors'.

Originally, there were only six controllers, as seen in the photograph. They were John Kilmartin, Graham Thompson (who has since left), Chris York, Nick Nelson (now SHUcard Administrator), Brian Dewick (now at the University of Wales) and Shaun Powell.

Over the ensuing years they were joined by Lee Mansell (now Residential Support Co-ordinator), Roger Wynne, Matt Smith, John Clegg, Dave Couldwell, Dave Allen, Dave Womack, Steve Kelly (now Customer Services Manager), Jeff Stengierski, Dennis Otter, Shaun Colliver, Richard Kershaw and Ged Holland (now Security Manager, Chesterfield Hospital).



*The original control room team*

# Three weeks in Vietnam

*By Chris Dales*

When I was about 16 years old, I spoke to someone who had just returned from a year travelling the world. One destination that they told me about stood out from the rest. Ever since this conversation I have had a desire to travel to Vietnam.

The stereotypical image of Vietnam is an unfriendly dense jungle scattered with unexploded landmines and inhabited with unwelcoming people with a grudge towards westerners. This could not be further from the truth. Just reading a 'rough guide' of Vietnam is enough to set the imagination in overdrive. The terrain varies immensely from green mountains and mysterious rocky offshore islands in the north, to deserted golden beaches and island hopping in the centre, to vast meandering river networks and thick jungle in the south. The whole of Vietnam is scattered with colourful temples and pagodas of numerous religions. The people in Vietnam vary in their way of life, from African-like tribal villages in the north, to farm workers in the centre, to communities of floating villages in the east, to a surreal mixture of eastern and western life in the capital in the south. Even given the vast differences in the way that each community live their lives, and given the number of wars and invasions (Japanese invasion, Chinese invasion, French invasion, Civil War and the American

War), one thing is common throughout the country – the Vietnamese people are the friendliest people I have met. They are so friendly that they are known as the 'smiling nation' by neighbouring countries.

Our journey started in the city of Hanoi. This was to be our base-camp in the north. The first thing that hits you when you walk out of your hotel (other than the heat) is the fact that the '10 million bicycles' have been replaced with mopeds. To cross the street is to take your life in your hands. To start off with, you will find yourself following a slow old lady through the traffic amazed that she has the guts to walk out there. As you become accustomed to the traffic, you find yourself walking through the crowds of moving mopeds instead of twisting through the crowds of street sellers on the pavements. The second most obvious thing that hits you is the extremely 'Asian' way of life. After watching the early morning Ti-Chi and fan dancing by the lake, we visited the numerous street markets that sell every edible ingredient you could want from spices to fruits to meats (hung in the 35 degree heat) to seafood served live.

Our first excursion was to Sapa. Sapa is a small town in the northern mountain range. Here, not only can you open your curtains in the morning to views that are out of this world, but you can also visit the tribal villages where you will find locals wearing brightly coloured outfits unique to their village and be invited into their homes that are made up of wooden huts and hard earth



*Traditional Vietnamese pagoda*



*Hanoi traffic*



*Local tribal village in Sapa*

floors. After a lengthy chat with a large crowd of tribal women, we discovered the reason for their willingness to let you into their homes. They have a very hard sell technique in which you are quickly stripped of your dollar for numerous handmade crafts.

Our second major excursion was to Halong Bay near the Chinese border. Here we were able to spend three days sailing around the vast numbers of rocky islands jutting out of the calm sea. The daylong mist only adds to the mysterious atmosphere as hazy grey lumps in the background slowly turn into rocky cliffs on each side of the boat. Amidst the rocks are a number of floating villages where communities live in small floating houses, work on fishing boats and very rarely go ashore.

After the hustle and bustle of Hanoi, we flew to the centre of Vietnam and took a boat to Whale Island. The island is rented by a French couple who run scuba diving courses. However, given that we were approaching the rainy season, the island was all but deserted. The resort consists of a small bay on a 150 acre tropical island. Hidden between the coconut trees on the beach is a number of thatch roofed huts that make up the bedrooms, a restaurant and bar built over the sea and a large family of frogs whose excited call (due to the rainy season approaching) is easily mistaken for a herd of cattle. Here we spent three days relaxing on the beach, snorkelling over the coral and sampling the luxurious seafood meals and tropical cocktails. Paradise.



*Whale Island*

The peacefulness couldn't last. We were soon on a local plane to Saigon in the south. Here we tried to comprehend the contrast between the east trying to catch up with the west. You can be confronted by a street salesperson trying to sell you dried squid from the stall attached to the back of his bicycle and within the same few minutes find yourself watching a Sony advert on a giant screen attached to the side of a large department store.

Further south is the end of the world's tenth longest river. The Mekong is 2,600 miles long. Starting in the Tibetan hills, the Mekong passes through China, Myanmar, Laos, Thailand and Cambodia before ending in Vietnam where it is released into the South China Sea. The sheer volume of water passing through such a flat landscape causes it to meander and snake across to the south of Vietnam. It is here in the Mekong Delta that heavy fighting took place with the Americans. As you pass through the large number of narrow water passageways through the jungle and rice paddies, you can really get a feel for what the troops must have feared – not knowing what is round the next corner.

At the moment, unlike some of its neighbouring countries, there are not many tourists. You may even go all day and not see another tourist. Unfortunately, I fear that this will soon change and the western ways will eventually take over. Vietnam is the most beautiful country I could ever imagine visiting.



*Halong Bay*



*Market in the Mekong Delta*

# Charity update

## Jeans for Beans

On Friday 6 October Units 4 and 8 held a Jeans for Beans Day. This was a combination of Macmillan's World's Biggest Coffee Morning (Friday 29 September) and national Jeans for Genes Day (Friday 6 October). Staff were invited to wear jeans to work for a donation of at least £1. There was also a 'bring and buy' fresh coffee and cake stall. Staff could buy a coffee and a cake, again for a minimum donation of £1. £100 was raised on the day and this sum was split equally between the two charities. Thank you to everyone who made a donation.

## FD calendar boys



Stemming from an idea by Domestic Assistants Linda Wilkinson, Kath Day and Josie Ledger, a charity calendar has been produced in aid of Weston Park Hospital Cancer Appeal and Neurocare. The calendar is now on sale and features a bevy of beauties in the form of some of FD's finest male specimens. With a different theme for each month, the calendar features our boys in somewhat less clothing and in slightly different poses than you'll be used to. However, the risqué shots are done in a very tasteful manner which make even this lot look good!

So far £1,900 has been raised from contractors, suppliers and donors who have sponsored each month. Some of this money has covered design and print costs, so all further amounts raised will go straight to the charities.

The 'Kit off for cancer' calendars are available to buy at City Campus main reception, Unit 4 in the Science Park, Crucible Theatre gift shop and at selected Ann Summers' parties. To get your hands on a copy will cost you a minimum donation of £4, which is a small price to pay to see these hunks as you've never seen them before!



## Plymouth-Banjul Challenge 2007

Brian Badger from FD Estates is taking part in the Plymouth-Banjul Challenge 2007. The challenge is simply to drive the route from Plymouth to Banjul in The Gambia with the principle aim of helping charitable causes in The Gambia. The vehicles must cost less than £100 and be left hand drive.

The journey takes the teams from Plymouth to St Malo on the ferry, and then 1,200 miles to the foot of Spain. From there, the teams will head to Gibraltar and then pass through Morocco, Western Sahara, Mauritania and Senegal before arriving in The Gambia after covering nearly 4,000 miles.

The challenge is intended to benefit registered charities in The Gambia. Vehicles and equipment are received by the Control Committee in Banjul, and then auctioned off, with the money raised being pooled for distribution to the charities. The annual challenges have been running since 2003. More than £300,000 has been raised since the inaugural event – all of which has been donated directly to charities in The Gambia.

For more information visit [www.plymouth-dakar.co.uk](http://www.plymouth-dakar.co.uk)

## Think Pink

Units 4 and 8 held a Think Pink Day on Friday 27 October in support of breast cancer research. Staff were encouraged to wear something pink and donate money in support of the charity. The total raised in aid of breast cancer



*Staff in Unit 4 'think pink'*

research was over £60. A very big thank you everyone who donated money. Congratulations to Julie Lane who won the 'Think Pink Smartie game' by guessing correctly how many pink Smarties were contained in a whole tube, and thanks to Charles Morse and Denise Nelson for donating the prizes.

## Children in Need

On Friday 17 November, Sport Hallam did their bit for Children in Need. At Club Hallam fitness suites, Beginners Spinning was offered all day for **free** – starting from 12 noon and finishing at 7.00pm.

Sport Hallam not only attracted current members to the classes, but also people around the University who fancied doing the class for free. Donation boxes were placed in the Club Hallam fitness suites and three qualified teachers delivered the classes.

# It's goodbye from Sue ...and Sue

We recently said farewell to two of FD's longest serving and most respected employees – Sue Kingman and Sue Holmes.

Sue Kingman, previously Catering Services Manager (Planning), retired on 22 September after 34 years service to the



*Sue Kingman*

University. Sue had a leaving presentation in the Howard Suite. Alex Pettifer gave a short speech commending Sue on her long service and commitment to the job, while Mark Swales and Richard McGloin also added a few words. Sue thanked colleagues and her immediate team, as well as everyone she had the pleasure of working with over the years, not only in FD but across all areas of the University. Sue hopes to keep busy in her retirement, and her plans include travelling and possibly doing voluntary work at St Luke's Hospice.

Sue Holmes, formerly Assistant Director Estate Planning, worked at the University for 23 years and left on 27 October to take up a position with Leeds Metropolitan University. Sue also had a leaving gathering in the Howard Suite where Alex Pettifer again said a few words, thanking Sue for her enormous input into the University



*Sue Holmes*

during her time. Sue remarked that she'd worked with some great people along the way, and enjoyed her time immensely at Sheffield Hallam University. We'd like to wish both of them all the best for the future and thank them for their massive contribution to the University. They will be sorely missed.

## Print Services 2007 calendar – available now!

The 2007 calendar is now available to order. Priced at 80p each, calendars can be ordered from Print Services.

Contact Print Services on extension 4763 or via e-mail to [printservices@shu.ac.uk](mailto:printservices@shu.ac.uk) to order copies for your team.

Please have a cost code ready at the time of ordering\*.

\*unless making a private purchase



## My Recipe competition

The My Recipe competition invited Sheffield Hallam staff and students to submit their favourite home cooked recipes, as part of International Week. Recipes had to be original, but could be from anywhere around the world. Many entries were received, however there could only be one winner. This accolade went to Roo Mahmid from the marketing team in the Faculty of ACES. Roo was awarded £100 worth of books from Blackwells for his winning recipe. The first prize recipe was also cooked and sold in three of the University's catering outlets – Rollers, Millers and Steeleys – on Thursday 2 November. Roo's dish of Persian chicken and aubergine was a hit with the judging panel, which included Alex Pettifer, Richard McGloin, Philip Garrahan and David Baldwin (of Balwin's Omega), for its combination and depth of flavours, as well as its originality and presentation. Second prize went to Lorraine O'Reilly from the Centre for Science Education. David Baldwin was so impressed with the dishes that he has invited both winners to dine with him at a special lunch in the New Year.

International Week, which ran from 27 October to 3 November, proved to be a great success and featured many activities, presentations, exhibits and displays of different cultures and traditions from around the world. International Week is a celebration of the University's commitment to its international students and partnerships and provides an ideal opportunity to enjoy the ongoing experience of cultural variety and richness which surrounds us. Well done to all those involved.

# Family outing review

## Weston Park Museum

*By Claire Hamilton*

The reopening of Weston Park Museum, or 'The Museum Park' as my two-year-old daughter Minnie calls it, has been eagerly anticipated in our house. Winter is coming, the weather changes, the clocks go back and your child suddenly needs sources of entertainment, rather than being able to run around the park all day. Weston Park Museum could be the ideal filler for a cold and dreary afternoon, and what's more, it's free and doesn't involve ball pools or play barns.

We went along one Saturday a couple of weeks after the opening and hit the first test – parking. Of course, you can use public transport and eliminate this problem, but it's a nightmare of traipsing a tired two-year-old home on the bus when they will fall asleep in their car seat in two minutes flat. There is no official parking, but we got lucky and grabbed the last spot on Mushroom Lane just a stone's throw from the entrance. Others among my acquaintance have not had the same good fortune, indeed several have risked the

wrath of the traffic wardens and paid the price, and others have simply turned around and gone straight home. With parking secured however, we started our visit to what truly is a beautiful building. I don't remember going to Weston Park Museum as a child so I cannot make comparisons, but it certainly seems fresh and modern on the inside juxtaposed with its more intimidating period exterior.

My husband doesn't believe in maps or directions (does any man?) so I can't comment on their quality, but there's certainly plenty available to plan your visit. However, this wasn't for us. Minnie raced straight in looking for the elusive polar bear we had promised her so we enjoyed a somewhat random tour of the rooms. Basically, there are five main sections – cold places (featuring the aforementioned polar bear), art, the natural world, the history of Sheffield, and finally one about Sheffield people and their history through to the modern day.

We loved all of it. I won't go into detail about each exhibit, but some of the highlights for us were in the Sheffield people section where Minnie played with a doll's house and examined toys from previous generations, and we watched a great film about Park Hill flats where I lived as a child. We searched the list of those who died in the great Sheffield Flood for decent names for future offspring and were intrigued by the film in the butcher's shop about what it was like to get married and work in that environment – Minnie liked the dead pig carcass hanging in the shop (which was fake of course).

The natural world has hundreds of stuffed animals. This may sound a bit depressing and dated, but they really brought them to life by placing them alongside more interactive activities using technology. As parents, the most impressive aspect for us was that there was a great deal going on at child height, which gave a sense of freedom to the visit for Minnie (and saved our aching backs). Secondly, there are interactive sections ranging from building an igloo and magnet fishing to simply drawing your favourite animal or trying on



*Lucky winner Melissa Coates reopens the Museum on her 9th birthday*

period clothes. You can also book in for the special activity room if you want to formalise your creative and learning outputs.

We even tried out the toilets, gift shop and the café (all in the name of FD News). The toilets have child height sinks, but no potties. The café is a bit of a mixed bag. Extortionate drinks prices alongside a complete Sunday roast for £3.99. The gift shop is similar. There are some reasonable and predictable options to pacify the kids, but also some more expensive treats.

By default we also tested the lost property service – one brand new coat bought by Grandma left by the doll's house and remembered later that night! Happily it was handed in and we picked it up the following week when we did the whole trip again. The service from staff for this, and the whole experience, was great and kids were made to feel at home rather than being an inconvenience. A real winner!

**Contact Weston Park Museum on 0114 278 2600.**



*Minnie relaxes with a drink in the café*

### My top tips

- get there early or go on the bus to avoid the parking problems
- go round more than once to make sure you see everything
- take a child – it's not really an adult only experience
- don't expect to feed the ducks afterwards – they have been moved whilst the lake is face-lifted
- go back again and again – it's free!
- take your own potty (applies only if bringing a toddler!)

# Top ten albums of all time

*By Duncan Storey, Campus Catering Manager*

Choosing the 10 best of anything is very personal and is influenced by what you were doing at the time and the memories which are evoked. There are not too many slow ones here in my choices, but they're ideal if you have a multi-change CD player to put on random selection and are off driving on a long journey. There's a mixture of old and new albums here, so in no particular order...

1. Stones  
Roses – Stones  
Roses

A ground breaking album which I still play constantly.



2. Employment – Kaiser Chiefs

An excellent first album. Great quality, released just recently in 2005.

3. (What's the Story) Morning Glory? – Oasis

Never to be repeated for quality from the Gallagher brothers. This was built on a mixture of Stones Roses and The Beatles.



4. Rise and Fall of Ziggy Stardust – David Bowie

It may seem dated now, but it was excellent music for a night out in the dingy Sheffield clubs during the 70's.



5. Teaser and the Firecat – Cat Stevens

One of the first albums I ever bought. I then went on to buy nearly all his albums.

6. Rumours – Fleetwood Mac

This stayed in the best selling albums chart for years, and came from the revamped band line up.



7. Abbey Road – The Beatles

You couldn't have a 'best of' without the Fab Four. Technically this was one of their best.



8. Led Zeppelin 4 – Led Zeppelin

This was a toss up between Led Zeppelin and Deep Purple. In fact I saw both bands live a few times. Deep Purple were probably the loudest band ever.

9. Best of The Police – The Police

I cheated slightly by opting for this one. A great compilation of tracks, and Stewart Copeland was a superbly skilful drummer.

10. Talking Book – Stevie Wonder

One of Stevie Wonder's classic albums and there are so many to choose from. This evokes great memories for me.

Do you have an interesting or eclectic taste in music? If so, let us know and you could be the next person to have their top ten albums of all time featured in FD News. Please contact Tim Steele (t.steele@shu.ac.uk).

## I like to move IT

Over the next few months, FD-IT will be working with LITS to move the location of the Directorate's G: and J: drives. This new area of storage space is called the SAN (Storage Area Network).

### Why move?

The current location (ntlynx-2000) is now five years old and is constantly struggling for storage space, showing increasing signs of unreliability.

### Where to?

The SAN is basically a 'box of disks' that are linked to many computer servers. Because the data is handled by multiple

computers, if a problem should occur then another computer can take over to ensure that the service is uninterrupted.

### What are the benefits?

As well as offering better reliability, the turnaround on retrieving mistakenly deleted data is extremely fast. Placing the drives on the SAN also means that you can get to your data from anywhere through either

- My File Store:  
<https://filestore.shu.ac.uk/NetStorage>
- Remote Desktop:  
<http://staff.ts.shu.ac.uk/tsweb>

### Will I notice anything different?

All G: drives will open in the same place – a folder called FDR. Within this folder will be

all the relevant team/division folders. This means it will be much easier to grant users access to files across the divisions if required.

### Will everything move over?

Yes, but not to the SAN. As part of the process, data that has not been modified in a long time will be moved to another location that will be used for archiving.

### Do I need to do anything at the moment?

Most definitely! Tidy, tidy, tidy for starters! This is the perfect opportunity to delete unnecessary files and to look at how your areas are structured. FD-IT can provide a breakdown of your current folders to help you to reorganise and ensure a cleaner and better structured shared area for the future.

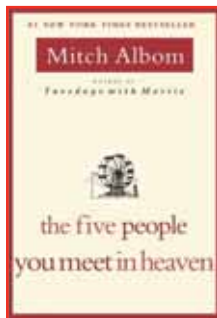
# Book review

By Juliet Ramsden

When I was asked to do a book review by FD News I felt that there were too many to choose from. Therefore I have chosen to do seven mini reviews of books which I have recently read. Hopefully there'll be something for all tastes...

The Five People You Meet in Heaven – Mitch Albom

I had to get this as I was intrigued by the title! This book isn't actually religious but is about a man who has recently died and is being introduced to the afterlife by five different people – some of whom he didn't even know. I found it a very interesting concept that you could profoundly affect someone's life without being aware of it. It left me feeling serene and very thoughtful.



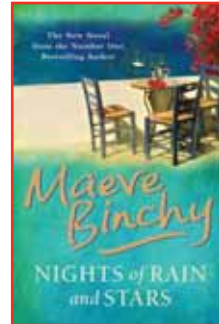
A is for Alibi/B is for Burglar – Sue Grafton

Sue Hudson in Development and Society has a love of thrillers and has lent me some. I have read these two so far. Another book which Sue has lent me sounds far too scary as it involves a stag night going horribly wrong and a guy being left buried underground after his friends are killed in a car crash – yikes! I have loaned this to my uncle first to make sure it won't give me nightmares – I will let you know. Anyway, these two Sue Grafton novels involve a female detective carrying out private investigation work in California. I enjoyed both very much. They are relatively short, not taxing and Kinsey is a very believable character. I would like to be her! Sue Grafton is up to *S is for Silence* so I have a way to go yet as she is apparently going to stop at Z. I am looking forward to them thoroughly.



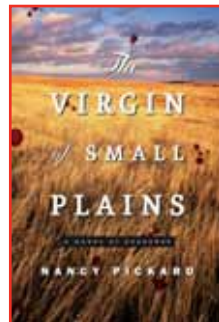
Nights of Rain and Stars – Maeve Binchy

I went to Thassos in Greece earlier this year on holiday and oh, how I wish I had taken this with me! My aunt lent me this and I assumed it was set in Ireland as Maeve's books normally are. But no, it was set on a Greek island and she captures the food, atmosphere and people beautifully. Never fear, there is the obligatory Irish girl in it though. It's an easy reading tale of four strangers who meet and become close friends after watching a tragedy unfold in the harbour from a taverna high on the hilltop. Families, feuds and friendship.



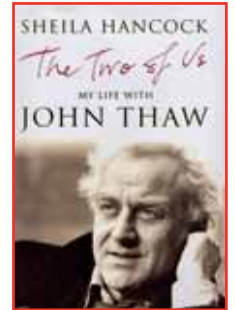
The Virgin of Small Plains – Nancy Pickard

Anita Staniforth lent me this and urged me to read it as she was unable to put it down. Neither was I, but it took me about three weeks to read. I normally read on the bus to and from work and was going through a period of getting a lift – most inconsiderate! This book is set in a small town in Kansas, but don't expect any red shoes. It's about three families and how they are connected to the body of a girl who was found naked in a blizzard 18 years previously. Once I got used to who was related to whom and whose father did which job, it made the reading much easier. The Virgin is renowned for creating miracles and a dying girl being showered with petals as she is caught directly under a tornado is thoroughly inspirational. It sounds incredulous writing that down but it was beautiful. Definitely recommended. Thanks Anita!



The Two of Us – Sheila Hancock

I thought I would need a hanky permanently in my hand for this one but Sheila Hancock has written this auto biography perfectly. It is factual and sometimes brutally frank. It documents her own life and that of her husband John Thaw, how they met, their troubles and great joys whilst simultaneously telling of his illness and last years. It is so open but not sentimental.



The Penelopiad – Margaret Atwood

Of those I have read there is only one Margaret Atwood book that I did not enjoy and that was *Alias Grace* which gave me the creeps at times – I don't like the paranormal. *The Penelopiad* tells The Odyssey from the women's viewpoint – Penelope and the twelve maids. Plain Penelope is immortalised as the perfect wife for staying at home and waiting for Odysseus whilst he fought for her cousin, the beautiful Helen of Troy. For twenty years she has to deal with a range of suitors who assume Odysseus is dead. Complete with a chorus it taught me the story of Odysseus in a far shorter and fun format than I imagine The Odyssey would!



Other People's Houses/Mrs Fytton's Country Life – Mavis Cheek

Sue Holmes and I love Mavis Cheek and have exchanged her books for years. *Other People's Houses* is as near to an autobiography as she has written and goes a long way to explaining her poor view on men and her feminism! *Mrs Fytton's Country Life* failed to sell on Simon Reade's eBay site and ended up with me. I enjoyed it very much – deserted wife sets out to start a new improved life in the country. However, it doesn't all go smoothly and country life isn't the idyll she imagined it would be.



# 100,000th customer on new campus link bus service

Since late September a new bus service has been running providing a link between City and Collegiate Crescent campuses. The service is the number 80 and runs every 10 minutes on weekdays between 8.00am and 8.00pm during University term times. Normal fares apply on this route, apart from students who can travel anywhere for a flat rate of 50p.

Pooja Khuti, the 100,000th customer on the number 80 bus was delighted to receive her prize. Pooja commented, 'I really like the new number 80 service, it's very

convenient for me and is very popular with students'. Pooja is in her first year of a social work degree at Sheffield Hallam University and wins a First Term student bus ticket for the spring worth £96.



*Brandon Jones from First and Marie May, Community, Sustainability and Residential Development Manager, present Pooja with her prize*

## Discounted travel tickets for Sheffield Hallam staff

We are pleased to announce that staff can now purchase discounted travel tickets for use on public transport within Sheffield.

Three different types of monthly ticket are available to buy with discounts of up to 10 per cent compared to their standard retail prices.

Further detailed information about each of the tickets, the services they cover, prices and how to purchase are available by visiting the Sustainability website at [staff.shu.ac.uk/fdr/sustainability/bustickets.asp](http://staff.shu.ac.uk/fdr/sustainability/bustickets.asp)

Alternatively, contact Sustainability by e-mail to [sustainability@shu.ac.uk](mailto:sustainability@shu.ac.uk), or telephone extension 4297.

## Quick-fire interview

### *Richard McGloin, Head of Trading Services*

Richard McGloin is well known to many staff within FD, and the University as a whole. However, we've taken the time to dig a little deeper and find out about Richard outside of the work environment. Here's what he told us...

#### **Favourite foreign city or holiday destination**

Paphos in Cyprus

#### **Favourite film**

Cinema Paradiso. An Italian classic – a celebration of youth, friendship and the everlasting magic of the movies

#### **Favourite TV or radio programme**

TV – Match of the Day  
Radio – BBC Radio Five Live's film review by Simon Mayo with Mark Kermode. Unmissable!

#### **Favourite singer or group**

Meatloaf

#### **Favourite song by them**

Heaven Can Wait

#### **Favourite food**

Breaded lamb sweetbreads, which taste much nicer than perhaps they sound!

#### **Favourite drink**

Single malt whisky – Sheep Dip

#### **Hobbies**

Golf, football, walking, reading

#### **When you were a child, what did you want to be when you grew up?**

Train driver. Well at least my office is opposite the station!

#### **What's been the best day of your life so far?**

The days my children were born

#### **What's the most frightening experience you've ever had?**

Losing my five year old son on a very crowded beach in France

#### **What do you do to relax?**

Read comedy autobiographies in the bath with a cuppa!

#### **Which famous person would you most like to be stuck on a deserted island with?**

Tiger Woods, so I could practice my bunker playing!



#### **Which famous person would you least like to be stuck on a deserted island with?**

Naomi Campbell – I don't like arrogant people

#### **What was your first paid job?**

Cleaning ovens at the Kenwood Hotel while still at school, working for £2 an hour and from 8.00pm until midnight

#### **Tell us an interesting fact about yourself or something which people won't know**

I got my glider pilot licence aged 18. I flew solo up to 1,500 feet on New Year's Eve 1979 to obtain it. It is the most amazing thing I have ever done, and bringing it in to land knowing you only have one chance at it is something else! The secret is to have the same amount of landings as you do takeoffs!

# Envisage the future

Former Sport Hallam employee Phil Carver went on to set up his own business following his employment, and study, at Sheffield Hallam. Phil created Envisage Training Providers, delivering nationally recognised vocational courses. Since leaving Phil has kept his relationship with the University very strong with many Hallam staff and students applying to study training courses offered by Envisage for added status towards their degree, and for personal and professional development.

One such student, Aimee Pearce, has been studying with Envisage. Aimee is the first student in the country to be awarded the new CYQ Level 3 Certificate in Exercise Referral for clients with specific controlled conditions. Aimee, studying BSc (Hons) Sport and Exercise Science, was part of a group of seven other successful students on Envisage's pilot course in May.

Phil Carver and Sarah Bagshaw who developed the course for Envisage were amazed to find their students were the first to be awarded the qualification. 'We have worked hard to emphasise the applied aspects of our course, so that students can actually deal with clients effectively, applying best practice in an exercise situation' said Phil. Sarah added, 'This course has provided us with the perfect opportunity to combine our academic knowledge and practical experience in an area in which we feel inspired.'

Aimee was thrilled to be the first student and commented, 'Initially the level of knowledge was intimidating, but the practical side made it all fall into place. I now feel that I have the necessary skills to work with referred clients.'

For further information about this and other courses offered by Envisage, please

contact them on 01457 864 518 or e-mail [info@envisagetraining.co.uk](mailto:info@envisagetraining.co.uk)



*Aimee receives her certificate from Phil*

## Ipodtastic feedback fantastic

*By Lee Mansell*

All students who live in Sheffield Hallam owned or managed accommodation are required to attend a hall induction session organised by the Residential Support Co-ordinator, Security Services and the Health and Safety Department. The sessions tell students everything they need to know about life in halls and also include presentations with advice and information from South Yorkshire Police and South Yorkshire Fire Service.

As part of the induction, all those who attended were asked to complete a questionnaire. This feedback will help us develop the sessions in the future with the aim to continually improve the service we offer.

A fantastic 720 questionnaires were returned and this has given us valuable feedback to discuss and develop. The students did have an extra incentive to complete the questionnaire – the chance to win an Ipod Nano in a prize draw. The lucky winner was Hayley Williams from Charlotte Court pictured here with Adam Hawker, Accommodation Officer, receiving her prize.



*Hayley and Adam*

# Well done to...

Congratulations to the following staff who recently completed the Smarter Safety course – **Toni Guest, Margaret Harwood, Lillian Hunter, Danny Kemp, Gail Pickersgill and Margaret Saccomando.**



*John Marsden*

Congratulations to the following members of staff who graduated at this year's ceremonies – **Tom Barnes** (BSc Hons Urban Land Economics), **Andrew Gregg** (BSc Hons Applied Computing), **Bina Khan** (BSc Hons Computing), **Tom Redfearn** (BSc Hons Tourism Management) and **John Marsden** (LLB Hons Law).

Well done to **Denise Nelson** and **Nick Reader** who have completed the Certificate in Facilities Management and are continuing with their studies.

Congratulations to **Liz Chapman** who has passed her Postgraduate Certificate in Disability Studies through the Headstart scheme.



*BIFM awards*

The Facilities Directorate received a highly commended certificate at the British Institute of Facilities Management Awards held at the Grosvenor Hotel, London in October.

The award was received in the category of Marketing and Communications for the communication and marketing work undertaken for the refurbishment of the Owen Building and the development of the new main entrance.

## Moves and changes



### New starters

Welcome to the following staff who have joined FD over the last few months

Sandra Cox, Catering Assistant

Keith Mawhood, Demi Chef

Susan Taylor, Demi Chef

John Beacher, Domestic Assistant

Patricia King, Domestic Assistant

Heather Sandell, Domestic Assistant

Welcome back to Sally Stevenson, relocations and project assistant, following maternity leave.

### Farewells

We said goodbye and best wishes to the following members of staff

Julie Duncan, Events Assistant, who is moving to the Enterprise Centre on a six-months secondment

Temporary graduation staff Bina Khan, Andrew Gregg, Tom Barnes and Tom Redfearn

Sue Holmes, Assistant Director Estate Planning

Pat Sweeney, Catering Assistant

Stewart Wall, General Services Operative

### Changes/Relocations

Matthew Smith has transferred from the control room to become a security operative at City Campus.



# Christmas quiz

Answer our Christmas quiz questions and you could be in with a chance of winning £20 in vouchers for a high street store of your choice. Send your answers to Tim Steele, Unit 8, Science Park or e-mail [t.steele@shu.ac.uk](mailto:t.steele@shu.ac.uk) (highest scoring entrants will be placed into a pot and drawn at random). The closing date for the quiz is Friday 2 February 2007.

1. At Christmas it is traditional to exchange kisses beneath a sprig of which plant?
2. In many households part of the fun of eating Christmas pudding is finding a trinket that predicts your fortune for the coming year. What is finding a coin said to mean?
3. One of the most loved Christmas books is A Christmas Carol. Who wrote it?
4. Name the two reindeer which pull Father Christmas' sleigh whose names begin with 'C'?
5. The Christmas tree displayed in Trafalgar Square is an annual gift from which country?
6. What day of the week does Christmas Day fall on this year?
7. What was Scrooge's first name?
8. In The Twelve Days of Christmas how many ladies were dancing?
9. What is the biggest selling Christmas single of all time?
10. And who sang it?

## Issue 37 Wordsearch winner

In our last issue, we featured a wordsearch competition incorporating monkey references. From the numerous entries which we received, we are pleased to announce that John Helm from FD IT Support was drawn out of the hat. John wins £20 worth of Mothercare vouchers.

John features in the FD Calendar Boys charity calendar. For details of how to get your hands on a copy and see John at his most undignified, turn to page 8.

## Noticeboard

### For Sale

Complete high quality 35mm SLR camera kit

- Nikon F65 35mm SLR camera
- Nikon 28-80mm zoom lens
- Nikon 35-70mm zoom lens
- Nikon 70-210mm zoom lens
- Nikon SB-22 flash gun (with bag)
- Nikon ML-L3 remote controller
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