

STAFF AND STUDENTS

Welcome back to **David Gilbert** following his sabbatical in Australia.

Welcome back to **Melanie Price** who has returned following her maternity leave. Melanie will be working Monday and Tuesday from 9am to 5pm.

Welcome to **Angela Nutbrown** who will be with the Department until the 9th of July. Angela will be covering for the days Melanie is not in the office and will be working from Wednesday to Friday, 9am to 4pm.

Graham Bishop, who acted as Postgraduate Administrator during Melanie's maternity leave, left the Department on the 14th of May to take up the position of Accommodation Officer in Registry. Good Luck Graham in your new role.

David Simon attended the meeting of the UoL Subject Area Board in Physical and Mathematical Sciences at Senate House, 14 May.

Tim Unwin has accepted an invitation to serve from November 2004 as the External Examiner and Adviser to the Institute of Masters of Wine, which exists to promote the highest level of educational achievement for the wine industry, culminating in the internationally recognised qualification of Master of Wine (MW).

David Simon acted as External Examiner for the DPhil thesis of Peter Kyle (Sussex; supervisor Tony Binns), *Building capacity for community economic development: the case of the Kat River Valley, South Africa*, on 11 May. The internal examiner was Alan Lester.

David Simon attended the editorial working group Meeting of the Review of African Political Economy held in Sheffield on 7 May

OUTSIDE ENGAGEMENTS

Rob Imrie attended the first meeting of the reconstituted Lifetimes Home Group (LTH), chaired by Sir Richard Best. The Group is affiliated to the Joseph Rowntree Foundation and met to discuss Rob's report on revisions to Part M of the building regulations. The recommendations in the report form the cornerstone of the ODPM's recently announced review of Part M which will take place over the next 18 months. The LTH's Group will feed into the review process.

Felix Driver chaired a meeting of the Academic Advisory Board of the AHRB Centre for the Study of the Domestic Interior, at the V & A Museum, 19 May

Felix Driver has joined the Editorial Advisory Board of the Dictionary of Human Geography, 5th edition, to be published by Blackwell in 2007.

Tim Unwin was a guest of the Secretary of State for Development, The Rt Hon Hilary Benn MP, at the launch of the Department for International Development's Departmental Report 2004 on 4th May. One of Tim's photographs was used for the front cover of the report

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VISITORS/MEETINGS IN THE DEPARTMENT

Chris Yapp (Head of Public Sector Innovation, Microsoft) visited **Tim Unwin** on 14th May to discuss possible areas of collaboration in the field of ICT for Development, and the role that Geography might play in shaping Microsoft's policy agendas.

CONFERENCES-FIELDWORK-OVERSEAS

David Simon was working in Kumasi, Ghana, from 15-21 May on his DFID-funded project on implementing peri-urban sustainable livelihood plans, with the leading Ghanaian NGO, CEDEP.

ANY OTHER NEWS

2004 Room Moves

With the creation of the new academic posts and the RHIER move, there will be a new set of offices, and some moves before the start of next academic year.

To start off, Karen Till will move into Robin's current office Q159 when she arrives in June. Robin will move to Ed's current office Q129. Ed's office will be put into storage, until the completion of the RHIER move.

Phone extensions will be as follows: Robin will retain his current extension 3808. Karen will now have Ed's old extension 3642. Ed will receive a new extension after the RHIER move.

There will be a regular update of moves and changes to phone numbers as things proceed.

Refurbishments

Queen's labs are scheduled for the lab fitters to start work week beginning 7 June 2004. The fitting work may extend until the middle or latter part of July, depending on the manufacture of some items. However some parts of Queen's labs will be ready for reoccupation by the end of June.

Work on Munro Fox is scheduled to start in July, with the aim of completion by the end of August.

Work on new offices is still scheduled to be completed by the end of July (i.e. the changes to the Reading room and Computer Lab). Work to prepare the rear of Munro Fox for office space and lab space for RHIER should also proceed at the same time.

The Guardian University League Tables came out on 25 th May 2004 and the Department made the top ten Geography/Environmental Science departments - in tenth place. All the usual candidates were in the top ten. It was particularly gratifying to see that our Teaching Inspection Score was given the maximum value of 6 (i.e. equivalent of subject review 23/24), so it seems the representations made on our behalf have been taken into account. Full credit to Katie Price for that one.

There was a Geography Staff & Undergraduate football match on the 27 th of May at which both teams were evenly matched and played very well the final score was 5 – 6 to the Staff team.

Style and substance triumph over youth and mullets

As English hopes in Euro 2004 depend on a bunch of feckless, overpaid divas, the game went back to grass roots with the Annual Staff v Student football game. Although missing key personnel, Felix Driver and David Simon, spirits were buoyed in the camp with the sight of an energetic Tim Unwin, making a welcome return to lower league football, warming up with the students, but most definitely playing with the staff. News had filtered through that Mike Dolton would be late, which tarnished this optimism somewhat, however hopes of victory rested on the chosen few:

1. Ian Candy goalkeeper extraordinaire when he has got his glasses on
2. Inaki Valcarel tasty Spanish import making his debut
3. Tim Unwin taught Beckham all he knew.
4. Rik Jazeel making his testimonial appearance. Rik was entitled to the gate receipts but sadly this didn't raise enough for the taxi fare back to Egham Railway Station.
5. Mark Stephens yearning a transfer abroad but still puts his heart into his football. Supreme dribbler.
6. Adrian Palmer increasingly immobile therefore shouts a lot to feel make him feel like he is in the game
7. Xingmin Meng an old war-horse that just can't stop running.

The six-a-side game began at a surprisingly fast pace considering the warm conditions. Unwin was up and down the right flank like a metronome, finding Jazeel and Stephens in support, which gave rise to a couple of chances. Stephens broke through to score after 10 minutes, although this was quickly cancelled out with a soft goal. Palmer and Candy had a small altercation, which was only interrupted when Candy felt a faint zephyr between his legs. Closer inspection by Palmer revealed a sizeable split and an eyeful he was not mentally prepared for. This then precipitated a shaky period from Candy and a loose defensive partnership in front of him with another couple of well-taken goals from the students. Stephens replied to make it 3-2 and then an all out assault was made by the staff to pull the goal back by half time. A slick passing move between Valcarel and Meng found Stephens free and bearing down on the keeper and he completed a first half hat trick with great aplomb.

The second half was a cagy affair with neither team really willing to take the initiative. The hot weather began to take its toll and a couple of goals apiece took the game into extra time of 5 minutes each way. The rolling substitutions gave the advantage to the staff particularly with the advent of the staff talisman and spiritual leader, Dolton. His arrival sparked a flurry of activity for 30 seconds as he realised that a year off from football can be a very long time. The seconds ticked away until a corner went the way of the staff. The ball went long. Dolton picked it up at the back post, beat two defenders and slipped it to Palmer in the inside left position. He spotted Jazeel and squared it to him at the back post. The supporters held their breath, only birds could be heard as, in slow motion, Jazeel unleashed his jackhammer of a left foot on the ball. As the onion bag bulged, the team and supporters danced and jigged like they had never danced and jigged before. The final whistle went within 30 seconds and the students had been vanquished 6-5 after extra time.

It was a bit of an epic but thoroughly enjoyable game played in the right spirit, so thanks to all the students and supporters who came to watch football at its most raw.