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QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER from UCN



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Grand Reunion 2001 A Trip Down Memory Lane

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A date for your diaries...

Look out for our planned events for the coming year – we hope to see you at one or both. We want you to be as proud of your Alumni Association as you were of your College – we have plans for both social and business networking activities but nothing will work without you

Grand Reunion 2002

– Saturday 27th July 2002

May Day UCN Sporting Challenge

– Saturday 4th May 2002

Do you think you can still knock the ball around the pitch with the same vigour as the youth of today well come and enter the UCN May Day Challenge

Tell us what you want from the events by emailing us on
alumni@northampton.ac.uk

Further details will be
announced in the New Year



Grand Reunion 2001

A Trip Down Memory Lane by Simon Higgs

Simon Higgs
Alumni Association President



Saturday 21st July 2001 saw the first annual Grand Reunion at Park Campus. Over 200 former students packed into the Student Union Building, many of whom had not been on campus for several years and found the size of the campus and all the new buildings to be quite a shock!

Many thanks to all of you who attended including ex-pats from the Euro Business courses who travelled from far and wide, and to those who sent their apologies, excuses included weddings, holidays, and a prior engagement in Milton Keynes with Robbie Williams!!



Most agreed the band was excellent, playing a variety of covers from the sixties to the present day. The DJ kept the dance floor packed until we were finally thrown out at 2am. Not everyone wanted to re-visit the snakebite and black, or the dance floor frenzy of yesteryear but they more than made up for it by eating the array of food downstairs in the quiet area.

The unofficial party went on well into the early hours in several kitchens in Halls – by which time the drink had taken the better of me and I retired to bed. In true student style most people awoke in the morning with a hangover, and the campus was full of fellow sufferers taking aspirin and vowing never again. The old

feeling of "I must be missing a marketing seminar" came flooding back and didn't fade until well after lunch.

If you missed it – you missed out. I didn't speak to anyone who didn't see at least one "Blast from the past" and the general consensus was that we'll all be back next year, and with luck we won't be competing with Robbie Williams!!



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UCN Alumni Association

by Sarah Butterworth – UCN Alumni Co-ordinator

Hello former UCN/Nene College student. 2001 has been a year of progress on the Alumni front – with a new web site, a Grand Reunion and now a fully fledged UCN Alumni Association complete with a Management Committee, made up principally of former students for the first time.

This is YOUR Alumni Association and the committee wants to hear from you ! So if you have any ideas, or comments then let us know. Within the next six months we will have a system in place where you can contact a representative from your year. Alternatively you can contact the UCN Management Committee whose details are below.

What we need now are VOLUNTEERS so if you want to be involved and think you might like to join in directing the purpose and progress of the association then NOW is the time to make your voice heard. We are looking for more of you to join the committee and direct the running of the association, or Year Volunteers who will campaign on behalf of their year and co-ordinate communications.

If your interested please contact either a member of the committee listed below or email: alumni@northampton.ac.uk

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WANTED – The original BABS!! by George Haigh **Were you on the original BA Business Studies course 1990 – 1994?**

If so we would like you to get in touch as part of our pilot scheme to reunite an entire class. We already have contact with about a third of the class (George – you are such a popular guy !!!) but it would be a real achievement if we could get the whole group back together. It doesn't matter if you didn't finish the course, or joined halfway through, we want to hear from you. We will even throw in a free UCN T-shirt to all those who come forward.

email: george@ucnaa.co.uk

Or if you think you could co-ordinate a whole class for a reunion and are prepared to pull the group together let us know at

alumni@northampton.ac.uk



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Calling all Graduates from 1998/1999/2000/2001 by Sheryl Randall

We need your help...

UCN is a member of a project, looking at how we prepare students for life in the workplace. It aims to look at how graduates are progressing in their workplace eighteen months and three years after graduating.

The project is a joint initiative between UCN, Indiana University, Purdue University Indianapolis, Brunel University and Anglia Polytechnic University.



We want to track down graduates from July 1998, 1999, 2000 and 2001 graduating in the following subjects, including those who graduated with a combined honours degree with any of the subjects below:

- Computing
- Sociology
- Geography, Earth Sciences
- Law
- English
- History

"This project is an important piece of work which will be used to ensure that we offer to our students the best possible start to their working life – the outcomes of the project will play a significant role in programme improvement in the future." – Dr. Mike Daniel

What Happens Next?

During December we will be mailing the graduates in the above courses graduating in July 1998 and July 2000 with a questionnaire. Your views will shape the future for new students so we would welcome your input to the project, so look out for your pack.

Next Winter we shall be mailing graduates from July 1999 and July 2001.

We want to make sure you receive your questionnaire so if you've moved recently or believe we may have the wrong address please let us know. You can email us at patricia.hopkin@northampton.ac.uk or reply using the address update form on the tear off part of this newsletter.

Watch out for updates in future Alumni Newsletters.

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