2006-7 has been a significant year in the history of the University. It is a year in which our energies have focused on preparing for a bold and successful future while acknowledging our 40th anniversary as a University in our own right.

The University’s mission to advance and diffuse knowledge, wisdom and understanding by teaching and research and by the example and influence of its corporate life was embodied in the Royal Charter granted in 1967. In pursuing this mission seven years into the twenty-first century, our emphasis is on four key themes. We want to continue to develop as a University which translates knowledge into public good and prepares graduates who are professional, creative and ready to shape the 21st century.

Translational research is essentially about applying fundamental knowledge to solve practical problems and develop new products and services. It is seen most clearly in the life sciences and medicine where discoveries on cancer, diabetes, cardiovascular diseases, neurosciences and tropical diseases inform the development of new diagnostic tests, drugs and treatments. The University is well placed to deliver on translational research and our close partnership with NHS Tayside is a major asset.

About 70% of our graduates pursue their careers in the professions – including law, accountancy and finance, education, social work, community education, medicine, dentistry, nursing, architecture, engineering and town planning. Education and training for the professions is one of the University of Dundee’s key strengths and a major contribution to our society. Professional careers are tough and challenging and the learning and skills required need to be constantly updated. The professions must keep pace with change and in recognition of this the University is continually extending and revising its programmes of continuous professional development.

Creativity is one of Dundee’s greatest strengths. Creativity is at the core of our ability to compete in the modern world. It is most often highlighted in relation to the arts but the most creative, fruitful and innovative thinking also takes place at the interface between disciplines. It is there that ideas, technologies and knowledge collide yielding fresh perspectives and approaches. Turning creative ideas into new ways of thinking requires open minds and a fusion of skills.

When we talk about preparing our students for the 21st century, we have in mind some of the major issues facing the world today - globalisation, climate change, sustainability and world security. We believe that by bringing together the various disciplines and professions we have the framework to initiate ideas, lead debate and influence policy.

In August 2006 the University adopted a new college structure taking account of our expansion over recent years, giving clearer definition and authority to the professional disciplines and maximising our ability to build on success in a rapidly changing environment. The four colleges – the College of Arts & Social Sciences, The College of Art, Science and Engineering, the College of Life Sciences and the College of Medicine, Dentistry & Nursing replace the previous seven faculties and have, nested within them, 16 schools. Such changes are demanding on staff and can be unsettling to students. I would like to take this opportunity to thank staff and students for supporting this change and implementing it so smoothly. I am in no doubt that the new structure strengthens our academic management and puts the University in a much better position to move forward with focus and energy.

Financial issues have loomed large in recent months as concentrated efforts have been made to ensure the academic and financial sustainability of the University. The downstream effects of a rigorous sustainability review will continue to be felt for some time as we address its recommendations. But this is only part of the story, and undoubtedly the least exciting part. The University of Dundee is making a difference to health, to education, to the professions, to science, to culture, to the economy and to the citizens of Dundee and Scotland. Together we will continue to expand and develop in key areas, to recruit the highest calibre staff from an international field; and to relentlessly raise our academic standards, our achievements and our aspirations.

Sir Alan Langlands FRSE
Principal and Vice Chancellor
The University has continued to raise its standards, capitalising on success as a UK leader for teaching quality by increasing the entrance qualifications required of our students in almost all disciplines. Over five years since 2002 the number of UCAS tariff points required on entry to Dundee has gone up by over 30%. In spite of this the number of applications has risen by 28% over this period and has now found a new level. We are more much more attractive to students and our dependency on clearing has halved over the last five years – a remarkable set of achievements and one which we must now work hard to sustain. We were pleased to see that the Schools of Medicine and Dentistry were both ranked in the top three in the UK in the 2007 Guardian League Tables.

High achieving students raise the University’s standing and go on to become leaders and opinion formers. They also ensure lower rates of non-completion and are most likely to embark on further study or continuing professional development, enhancing our postgraduate activity.

Advanced entry programmes, fast tracking the best qualified senior pupils onto a three year honours degree with a fourth year postgraduate Masters option, are differentiating Dundee from its competitors and we will continue to develop in this important niche area. This scheme was boosted with the introduction of ten Chancellor’s Scholarships giving high achievers direct access to an accelerated degree. Our early adoption of the international Baccalaureate is another indication of Dundee’s drive to attract the best students from the widest geographical area. New undergraduate courses have come on stream in areas as diverse as film studies, environmental sustainability, neuroscience, time-based art and pharmaceutical chemistry while at postgraduate level over a dozen new courses are now available including up to the minute topics such as design for medical technologies, remote sensing and computing and forensic and medical art. An innovative initiative from the Unit of Anatomy and Forensic Anthropology under the leadership of Professor Sue Black led to Dundee being awarded the contract to train police officers from all over the UK to form part of the new UK Disaster Victim Identification response capability. The first of 300 UK officers expected to train on the course started in early 2007 and the accompanying UVI Practitioner’s Guide will be published by Dundee University Press.

A significant boost in the development of postgraduate programmes and recruitment – particularly in the international market – is key to our strategy for the coming years, and we have set ourselves exciting targets in this area.

While raising the entrance standards we have continued our commitment to extending the opportunity of university education to candidates lacking traditional qualifications but with recognisable potential, through our pioneering access and participation programmes which continue to recruit and prepare over 80 students each year for places at the University. Many of these students have shown enormous determination in difficult circumstances to overcome obstacles and achieve at the highest level. Graduation 2007 was the biggest ever for the University, with over 4,000 degrees and diplomas conferred on graduates as a total of six ceremonies.

International recruitment is an area of vital importance at both undergraduate and postgraduate level and a number of partnerships and collaborations with institutions across the globe, notably in China, India and Singapore, have been signed and actioned over the year, with more to follow. We continue to develop closer links with our alumni across the world and to build on this year’s efforts reaching out to our alumni through a homecoming event.

Meanwhile our efforts to enhance the Dundee student experience are beginning to show real results with a first class learning environment leading the way in the sector. Innovations such as electronic Personal Development Planning and an online group assessment system have attracted wide interest from other universities and Dundee’s strength in e-learning is also reflected in this year’s innovative teaching awards which went to three e-based projects “The Museum of Lost Interactions”, the “Groupwork Assessment System” and “Weblogs in History Teaching”. Huge improvements in the physical environment have also taken place, with 1,100 new top quality student residences now on stream on and off campus and state of the art teaching facilities, library extension and sports centre all due for completion before the end of 2007. We expect the benefits of these superb new facilities to be reflected in measures of student satisfaction with their experience here and to influence our performance in the National Student Survey.

The opening of the new teaching facility at Heathfield by Her Majesty the Queen marks a particularly significant development for students and staff, allowing the transfer of all academic activity – education, social work and community education – from Gardyne Road to the city centre campus and providing new opportunities for the School of Nursing and Midwifery and other disciplines.

LEFT TO RIGHT:
• students from 66 countries currently study at Dundee
• pioneering drug discovery programmes for neglected diseases such as African sleeping sickness caused by Trypanosoma brucei
• addressing climate change with new courses in environmental sustainability
• another record graduation in 2007
• Her Majesty the Queen was guest of honour at the University’s 40th Anniversary Thanksgiving
• tiny molecular machines in the cell continue to exercise the best scientific brains in the quest for understanding
• human identification through facial recognition at the new Centre for Forensic and Medical Art
• The Museum of Lost Interactions – an internet sensation from students of Interactive Media Design
The University’s performance on research and on commercialisation remains strong in a time of increasingly intense international competition, securing pledges of over £50m in new research grants over the last year. A major coup in 2006 was the attraction to Dundee and Scotland of the Translational Medical Research Collaboration - a £60m initiative and groundbreaking partnership involving US pharmaceuticals giant Wyeth, Scottish Enterprise, NHS Scotland and the Universities of Dundee, Aberdeen, Edinburgh and Glasgow. This unique venture has established its core laboratory at Dundee creating 50 new jobs here, expected to rise to 120 over five years. The first round of 28 research projects to be funded through this initiative have already been identified and almost £8 million has been released to support work in a range of therapeutic areas including heart disease, cancer, inflammation and the central nervous system, creating a further 40 jobs across Scotland.

Another major success was provided by the MRC Protease Phosphorylation Unit led by Sir Phil Craven which had its funding for the next five years almost doubled to £1.6 million following an outstandingly positive review. The additional funding will allow the expansion of research programmes into the causes of global diseases and the development of drugs to treat them.

The two major stands of activity this year have been preparation for the 2008 Research Assessment Exercise – now virtually complete – and the development of profitable partnerships which have led to pooling and collaborative initiatives from a range of disciplines being funded.

The Scottish Universities Life Sciences Alliance (SULSA) was launched in February 2007 – a new £7.7m initiative to coordinate life sciences research strategies at Aberdeen, Dundee, Edinburgh, Glasgow, St Andrews and Strathclyde. SULSA brings together a critical mass of scientists to real major centres internationally to invest in world class facilities and to attract top scientists to Scotland and is supported by a £2.7m investment from the Scottish Funding Council. The alliance focuses on three themes – cell biology, systems biology and translational biology. Dundee leads the translational biology theme.

The Northern Research Partnership is a three-way collaboration with Aberdeen and Robert Gordon universities, to establish four hubs in research excellence in engineering, and related disciplines to take on the challenge of increased international competition in these areas and to enhance postgraduate training. Dundee receives £3.5m from this £8m initiative to support projects in civil engineering, medical technology and computing.

The university is also benefiting from a pooling initiative in economics, as one of ten university partners in the Scottish Institute for Research in Economics (SIRE). Through this initiative Dundee will play a key role in the Work and Wellbeing strand of activity and is the base for several new posts including a new chair in Economics/ Econometrics of Health Care.

Dundee is a partner in SNAPPE – a research pooling initiative to develop imaging in neuroscience. The Dundee facility will be housed in the new Clinical Research Centre at Ninewells and the University will receive in the order of £1m from this £7m initiative which is being pursued in collaboration with Edinburgh, Glasgow, St Andrews and Stirling universities.

A further pooling initiative, SAGES – the Scottish Alliance for Geoscience, Environment and Society – includes Dundee as one of nine collaborating universities whose goal is to build a world-leading capability in the study of global change and society. The initiative represents an investment of £22 million by the universities and the Scottish Funding Council.

The School of Medicine is well placed for the future with world class research programmes (in cancer, diabetes, genetics, cardiovascular disease, dermatology, neurosciences and early human development) and strong education and service programmes, carried out in partnership with NHS Tayside – one of the best performing health systems in the UK. The University and NHS Tayside reached a milestone agreement to work together in the new £15m Clinical Research Centre at Ninewells, which will open later this year. The centre will play a key role in translational medicine – describing the pathways of disease in greater detail and developing new diagnostic tests, therapies and medical devices, and will deliver direct benefits to patients suffering from diseases including cancer, heart disease and diabetes. A donation of £2.7m from Perthshire businessman Brian Souter will purchase and operate an MRI scanner supporting research in cardiovascular disease. This effort will be supported by strong basic sciences – a real feature of Dundee – and increased investment in population sciences aimed at disentangling the genetic, lifestyle and environment determinants of certain diseases.

Dundee has led two successful collaborative bids for Scottish Research Development Grants from the Scottish Funding Council. A bid led by Professor Nicholas Style, Geography has been awarded £2.1m to create the Institute for Policing Research in collaboration with partners.

Professor Roland Wolfit led a successful £1.6m bid for the Postgenomic Technologies for Personalised Treatment of Cancer with partners universities of Edinburgh.

The UNESCO Centre of Water Law, Policy and Science was formally launched in Brussels with senior figures from the European Institutions, diplomatic missions and international organisations gathered to learn about the work of the Centre – the first of its kind in the world dedicated to developing legal frameworks to help address the pressing problems linked to managing the world’s precious water resources.

The University is one of three centres in the new Scottish Patient Safety Research Network which has attracted £1.5m funding from the Scottish Funding Council. The three universities – Aberdeen and St Andrews and Dundee are also contributing £1 million and multidisciplinary research teams will examine methods of improving safety in the Scottish healthcare system.

Duncan of Jordanstone College has won a reputation as one of the UK’s leading art schools and, more recently, as a major player in the visual disciplines. Over the last three years staff there have attracted over £1.3m in funding from the Arts & Humanities Research Council alone for major initiatives and in the last year over £70k in research funding from a range of bodies including the Wellcome Trust and the Scottish Arts Council. Projects range across a spectrum from polar culture and digitising major arts resources to craft in the 21st century, underwater mapping and design for communication and sensor.
The impending RAE deadline has added an extra urgency to our drive to attract and retain the highest calibre staff to Dundee from wherever they happen to be in the world. Taking appointments at professorial level as a barometer of success – in January the annual Discovery Days showcased the work of 22 new professors, all appointed over the last year. Since then a further 22 professors have been appointed. Out of these 44 new professors, 34 (77%) have been attracted to Dundee from elsewhere including the USA, Singapore, Hong Kong, Australia, Germany, Denmark and other arts of Europe. Their appointments are across disciplines boasting the University’s pool of expertise in areas as diverse as medical imaging technology, art and design policy, life sciences, aspects of law and creative writing.

Dundee is developing a reputation for leading the higher education sector in the appointment of female professors – a fact which was recognised with a front page piece in The Times Higher Education Supplement and continues to be reflected in recent appointments with 15 out of 44 chairs being awarded to women – well over the sector average of 18%.

Those at an early stage in their career are the focus of two new initiatives which are proving particularly successful. The Generic Skills programme for post-doctoral researchers and postgraduate students is now up and running with over 100 workshops, ranging from writing grant applications to producing a business plan. Over 100 people have registered on the programme over the last year. Postgraduates in Medicine and in Life Sciences have also benefited from Postgraduate Associates established to support their personal and career development. In a parallel development, the Centre for Enterprise Management has had particular success with a series of modules (for professionals) led by high calibre speakers and also with the Enterprise Gym, aimed at enhancing students’ employability and professional skills.

Campus developments to create a 21st century environment strengthening our competitive position in attracting staff and students from the UK and internationally, are becoming increasingly visible and over the coming 12 months a series of new facilities will come on stream, radically improving the university experience. Students are already enjoying the new high quality residences at Belmont, Heathfield and Seabears and the last in the building programme of eleven hundred student rooms are now completed at West Park. Postgraduate students have the option of accommodation in a discrete block at Seabears dedicated to their needs. The new residences replace old accommodation which was operating under time-limited licences from the local authority. In tandem with this development conference facilities at Westpark have been extensively improved and expanded providing a vital asset to the city which has an under-provision of facilities for the lucrative business tourism market.

The Queen Mother Building, the striking landmark building designed by architects Page & Park to house the School of Computing is now in full operation and has won a handful of awards for its environmental aspects and design. The UNESCO Centre for Water Law, Policy and Science opened in the superbly refurbished Peters Building and was formally launched with a prestigious event in Brussels. The James Black Centre is now fully operational and has integrated well with the adjacent Welcome Trust Biocentre, while the refurbishment of the Medical Sciences Institute, the Old Medical School, the Old Technical Institute, the Carney Building and the Blackland Building provide a much improved environment for students and staff. We look forward to the opening of the new teaching facilities for the new academic year at Heathfield and bringing education, social work and community education back onto the city centre campus. The new sports facilities and the library extension will also enhance the Dundee experience for the next cohort of students. At Ninewells the Clinical Research Centre, now nearing completion, is providing a highly attractive facility and adds new scope to activities including leading-edge medical imaging and technologies.

LEFT TO RIGHT:
- Dramatic redevelopment on the city campus over the last five years are providing cutting edge facilities for students and staff
- The impending RAE has added extra urgency to the drive to attract the highest calibre staff to Dundee
- Sara Marshall took up the Chair of Clinical Immunology
- State of the art teaching facilities open for the 2007 session at Heathfield
- Dundee is a sector leader in appointing a new generation of women professors
- Ruth Freeman took up the Chair of Dental Public Health
- The James Black Centre integrates with the Welcome Trust Biocentre extending the University’s capacity for 5th life sciences research
- Julie Taylor was awarded a Personal Chair of Family Health in the School of Nursing and Midwifery
- A new library extension provides superb study facilities for students
- Mike Pres, Chair of Design Policy is leading initiatives in design against crime
## Staff Numbers by College / Directorate & Job Category

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## Finance

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### Student Numbers

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Professor Daan van Aalten was awarded the Lister Research Prize for young scientists.

Professor Darius Alenisci delivered the prestigious Francis Crick Prize Lecture at the Royal Society.

Jackie Anderson, Duncan of Jordanstone fine art graduate won the £10,000 RSA Master Salvesen painting and travel scholarship 2007.

Professor Sue Black and Professor Mark Chaplin received awards from the Royal Society of Edinburgh for their exceptional contributions to the RSE’s Young People’s Programme.

Alan Chelland, student of applied computing won a UK wide competition run by the Higher Education Academy for his development of reusable learning objects used for teaching students online. The work is part of his honours project.

Professor Sir Philip Cohen has received, from the Karolinska Institute, the 2006 RF LF U Award created in 2000 in honour of Sweden’s most famous endocrinologist. Sir Philip was also awarded the honorary degree of LL.D by the University at the 40th anniversary celebrations in recognition of his contribution to life sciences, the University and the city.

Professor Sir Alfred Cudicinni was awarded the honorary degree of LL.D in recognition of his lifetime’s contribution to surgery and medical technology at the University’s graduation 2007.

Professor Alan Fairbairn was presented with a CBE by Her Majesty the Queen. He and Dr Susan Wyllie were also awarded this year’s NCRF prize for their work on new drugs for leukaemia.

Jonathan Figgis, Royal Literary Fund Writing Fellow was awarded one of 10 prestigious Creative Scotland Awards worth £10,000 to write about life in 16th century Europe and the impact of war and disease on the lives of children.

Professor Michael Ferguson was elected Fellow of the Academy of Medical Sciences.

Professor Georgina Fellows, Dean of Duncan of Jordanstone, was awarded an OBE for her services to design and to higher education in the Queen’s Birthday Honours.

Professor Malcolm Horner and Professor Geoff Gadd have been made Fellows of The Royal Society of Edinburgh. Professor Horner was also honoured by the Institute of Civil Engineers.

Anne Gill, PhD student, took second place in the Institute of Mechanical Engineer’s prize for the best student project involving the design or development of a medical device.

Professor Kirsty Gunn won the Sundial Scottish Arts Council Book of the Year 2007 Fiction Award for “The Boy and the Sea”.

Professor Ronald Harston received the Karolinska Institute Prize for Research in Medical Education 2006.

Professor Graeme Hardies was made a Fellow of the Royal Society bringing the number of University of Dundee Fellows to 11.

Professor Peter Kittis was appointed President of the English Association.

Professor Angus Lamond was awarded the Medal of Honour from the Charles University Prague for his work in cell biology.

Professor Sir David Lane was appointed Chief Scientist for Cancer Research UK and Chair of Singapore’s Biomedical Research Council - part-time roles which will complement his main research work at the University of Dundee from the end of this year.

Professor David Lilley was a recipient of a Royal Society of Chemistry Interdisciplinary award.

Professor Irwin MacLean, College of Medicine, Dentistry & Nursing was awarded The Royal Society of Edinburgh Wolfson Research Merit Award and was named a “young winner” of the Times Higher Award for the Research Project of the Year 2006 for his work on Haplog, the principal gene behind asthma and the often reared condition of asthma.

Francis McKeon, third year planning student from Dundee, has won the Dundee Civic Award 2007 for his planning proposals for the Leuchie area.

Fraser Milne, PhD student, won the Best Paper award at the Young Geotechnical Engineering Symposium.

Professor Alan Newell was named a Fellow of the Association for Computing Machinery, one of only three in Europe to receive the honour in 2008.

Dr Andrei Nikolaev won the 2008 Royal Society of Chemistry Award in Carbohydrate Chemistry for his innovative synthesis of complex carbohydrates of biological importance.

Lauren Payne, law student, won the European Final of a major international competition in Sport Law. A team of four students from town and regional planning won the annual Planning magazine competition on planning questions. Gregor Spence, Alison Waite, Stuart McNally and Jamie Scott were jointly awarded a cheque for £500.

The Queen Mother Building won the Sustainability Award 2006 from the Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors Scotland; was named the Building of the Year by Dundee Civic Trust and the National Rendeering Association; and was highly commended by the Dundee Institute of Architects and by the annual Green Gown awards organised by the Higher Education Environmental Performance Improvement project.

Dr John Rees, a principal investigator in the College of Life Sciences was awarded the prestigious 2008 Colworth Medal - the most distinguished award for young biochemists - and was also selected by the European Molecular Biology Organisation (EMBO) as an EMBO Young Investigator - one of only two in Europe and 5 in the UK.

Dr Kel Sakamoto, Life Sciences was awarded the New Investigator Award 2007 by the American Physiological Society.

Dr Tomo-Tanaka, Life Sciences was awarded the Hughes Medal from the British Society for Cell Biology.

Professor Alan Vardy, Civil Engineering was made a Fellow of the Royal Academy of Engineering – the University’s first FRAC.

Dr Miles Witham, Medical School was awarded the Scottish Clinician Scientist for 2007.

Professor Roland Wolf, was honoured with a Scottish Enterprise Scottish Life Sciences Award for his outstanding contribution to the development of the life sciences sector in Scotland.
2007 has been a special year in the life of the University of Dundee...

...a year in which we have acknowledged our past while - even more importantly - positioning ourselves for success in the future.

The University celebrated its 40th anniversary as a fully-fledged university in 2007 with a special ceremony in the Caird Hall, acknowledging our relationship with the City and honouring figures from academic and civic life and in the arts, sports, law and science, including Liz MacCollan, pictured.

Her Majesty The Queen joined us in July to open our new teaching building at Heathfield and to give thanks for the past 40 years of the University of Dundee.

Lectures, conferences, ceremonies and events have punctuated the year in a rich cultural mix, including the handful of occasions highlighted here.

Half of the conference business brought to Dundee is secured through the University. It was noted at the relaunch of Dundee's refurbished Westpark Conference Centre in March. Major conferences brought to Dundee throughout the year included 500 delegates for the Royal College of Nursing 2007 International Research Conference in May, 200 delegates for the School of Computing's Innovation and Technology in Computer Science Education conference in June, 300 craft practitioners and academics for Duncan of Jordanstone's New Craft - Future Voices conference in July; the first International SpaceWire conference with 120 delegates; the School of Psychology with 150 delegates; Comics as Art Entertainment and Design in May, and many others.

Baroness Onora O'Neill, President of the British Academy gave a Saturday Evening Lecture tackling the idea of consent in medical advancement and the ethical issues involved.

Professor Lord Robert Winston who pioneered IVF and has championed the accessibility of science gave the University's 2007 Greatest Minds lecture.

Author Philip Pullman, one of 12 to receive an honorary degree at the 2007 graduation ceremonies, drew the crowds at the University's first Literary Festival when the Dundee Book Prize 2009 was also launched.

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