

STUDENTS

The Medical School gained the highest possible marks for the quality of its teaching in the subject review exercise this year. The University also produced the 1999 Science, Engineering and Technology 'Student of the Year'. The student population continued to grow, and 3,685 degrees and higher qualifications were awarded during the year.



Chris Goulding with the Shelley letter he discovered.

Mr. Gasbarrone is an
 Englishman - he will bring me a
 letter - a volume of poetry - but indeed the
 title is "A Philosophical View of the
 State of Great Britain" - You can easily see
 due to you - to ask you before I show
 other bookseller.

Poet's letter discovered

A long-lost letter from Percy Bysshe Shelley (1792-1822) was unearthed in a local records office by a mature student studying the life and works of the poet. Chris Goulding, 40, who was working for a master's degree in English literature, discovered the letter while carrying out research at the Northumberland County Records Office. The letter, in which Shelley talks of publishing a political pamphlet and of works he had just completed, was written by the poet in Italy, two years before his death, to his London bookseller. 'This is the sort of find every academic dreams of,' said Chris. 'I couldn't believe my luck!'



A medical student at work in the Clinical Skills Laboratory.

Medical School in great shape

Newcastle University Medical School enjoyed a memorable year in which it scored the highest possible marks for the quality of its teaching and won permission to provide a further 89 places for undergraduate students. Newcastle was the first Medical School in the country to receive the results of a subject review by the Quality Assurance Agency - and it set the standard for others to aspire to by scoring the maximum 24 points. This achievement undoubtedly strengthened a joint bid by the Universities of Newcastle and Durham to expand the Medical School by creating 89 new places from autumn 2000, in addition to the 16 from autumn 1999 which had already been announced. The annual intake of medical students will rise to 290. Some 220 students per year will begin the course through the entry programme at Newcastle, with an additional 70 students spending the first two years at Durham University's Stockton Campus before joining the main student body for clinical training. The successful bid was among 13 approved by the Higher Education Funding Council for England. The Health Minister, John Denham, commented: 'The medical schools which have been successful have shown that they have the necessary expertise and resources to train the doctors of the twenty-first century.'

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	Home	Overseas	Total
Undergraduates			
Full time	9,864	424	10,288
Part time	41	3	44
	9,905	427	10,332
Postgraduates			
Full time	1,513	520	2,033
Part time	967	123	1,090
	2,480	643	3,123
Lifelong Learning			
Part time			3,184
Total number of students			16,639

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