

# notices

## SQUASH CLUB

The University Staff and Postgraduate Squash Club meets every Friday at 7.40 pm, at the Bristol Grammar School Squash Courts. There is a fair range of playing ability in the club. Newcomers welcome. Contact Alan Blackman (928 9131) for further information or just turn up on the night.

## PURCHASING EXHIBITION

Now in its fifth year at the Wills Memorial Building, this year's Purchasing Exhibition takes place on 9 November. It will be an excellent opportunity for staff to meet our contracted suppliers. There will be automatic entry to a raffle for all staff who attend and a quiz on the day to win prizes for your department. The exhibition starts at 9 am and ends mid-afternoon. A buffet lunch will be served between 12 pm and 1.30 pm. For more information, please contact Josie Weeks (331 7291) or Chris Bowden (331 7293) in the Purchasing Office.

## HIGHER GROUND

A new fiction anthology collects stories by best-selling children's authors in aid of reconstruction work in areas affected by the Boxing Day Tsunami. Higher Ground features work by Michael Morpurgo, Eoin Colfer, Melvin Burgess and others, who all based their stories on the courageous or harrowing experience of a child who survived the Tsunami. An audiobook, performed by the likes of Val Kimler, Meera

Syal and Stephen Fry, is also available. Proceeds will go to UNICEF, Save the Children, Handicap International, Y Care International and SOS Children.

Cheryl Miller, secretary in the Department of Sociology, has a special attachment to Higher Ground: the anthology is the brainchild of BBC producer Anuj Goyal, the partner of her daughter, Kara, who also works at the BBC.

## HEALTHY MALE VOLUNTEERS URGENTLY NEEDED

Would you be interested in providing a simple urine and small blood sample to help patients with prostate cancer? We need to recruit healthy male volunteers of all ages (18-90 years).

This is your chance to be involved in developing a new screening test for prostate cancer. A £10 reimbursement will be provided, for just ten minutes of your time.

Please contact the researcher, Helena Burden (tel 933 13106, email [helena.burden@bristol.ac.uk](mailto:helena.burden@bristol.ac.uk))

## ENGINEERING PRIZES – AN APOLOGY

In the last issue of *University News* ('Awards, grants and prizes', page 6), we reported on Royal Academy of Engineering design prizes won by two groups of students. We wrongly identified them as Mechanical Engineering students; they are, in fact, Civil Engineering students. We apologise for the error.

## GET TO YOUR ALUMNI

- Would you like to increase interaction with Bristol alumni and raise the profile of your department among alumni?
- Are you organising a reunion or event for your former students?
- Would you like to increase attendance at a guest lecture?
- Do you need to communicate with your alumni?

The Alumni Relations team in the Campaigns and Alumni Relations Office can advertise your event to alumni on our webpages.

All we need from you is a paragraph with time, date and place, plus a short description, contact details, and price if applicable, and we'll do the rest. We can also help to put you in touch with alumni from your department or school.

Please send details of your events to Liz Green in the Campaigns and Alumni Relations Office (email [liz.green@bristol.ac.uk](mailto:liz.green@bristol.ac.uk), tel 928 7939).



The Vice Chancellor is to open the University's first annual conference for Technical Staff at Bristol Zoo on 9 December. The conference is an opportunity to celebrate the unique contribution that technical staff make to teaching and research, and is a key objective of the Positive Working Environment agenda.

Contributors from departments across the University will speak about their work, with topics including the secrets of the anatomical world, insights into the human brain, and how digital technology is being used in medicine. Matt Levi of the Leadership Foundation will offer a national perspective on developments for technical staff, and delegates will have the opportunity to ask questions of a panel of senior University staff about issues affecting technicians at Bristol. There will be plenty of networking opportunities, including a chance to chat with colleagues over mince pies and mulled wines at the end of the day, when staff will have access to the zoo grounds. For more details, please visit [www.bristol.ac.uk/personnel/technicians/conference.html](http://www.bristol.ac.uk/personnel/technicians/conference.html). All technicians and technical managers will receive an invitation by email, but places are limited so book as soon as you can!

