



Motorcycle simulator. Page 12
Tackling meningitis. Page 14
Searching for spacedust. Page 19
Golden bells. Page 21



The University of
Nottingham

exchange

News and views from across the University | Issue 16 | March 2008

Raise a tankard...

...to students past. Iconic images from the alumni archives. Page 8



Upcoming events

Looking forward

From the moral to the environmental, the focus is on improvement at the University this month.

Human Rights Film Series

March 2008, Broadway Cinema, Nottingham



Previous year's screenings have proved popular.

The Human Rights Law Centre has joined forces with Nottingham's Broadway Cinema this month to screen the Human Rights Film Series. The series includes:

- *Taking Liberties*, a documentary on the erosion of basic liberties in the UK over the last ten years
- *Drowned Out*, a documentary on the fight against the building of the Narmada Dam in India
- *The Devil Came on Horseback*, an award-winning documentary on the genocide in Darfur
- *In This World*, a drama-documentary of two Afghan refugees making their way from Pakistan to London.

Guest speakers will introduce the talks. These include Chris Atkins, director of *Taking Liberties*, and MC Mehta, an environmental lawyer in the Supreme Court of India.

A student-led initiative, the Human Rights Film Series began in 2006. Time is available after each screening for discussions on issues raised by the film. The films screened are chosen for their engaging and provocative content.

Gearoid O Cuin is Student Activities Officer at the Human Rights Law Centre — he has organised this year's programme.

"Recent cinema has experienced a surge in the appetite for fantasy films, *Lord of the Rings* mania and *Matrix* virtual violence both representing cinematic milestones. However a more interesting counter-current has emerged, crowned by the successes of films like *Blood Diamond*, *Hotel Rwanda* and documentaries such as *Fahrenheit 9/11*," he said.

Screenings will take place between 5 and 26 March. Visit www.broadway.org.uk for more info.

// In brief

Carbon capture

Cutting-edge research into reducing the planet's carbon footprint is taking place at the University, following the launch of the Centre for Innovation in Carbon Capture and Storage. Director of the centre Prof Mercedes Maroto-Valer was joined by Prof David Greenaway, Pro-Vice-Chancellor for Research, Lord Oxburgh, President of the Carbon Capture and Storage Association and MP Nick Palmer, Parliamentary Private Secretary to Energy Minister Malcolm Wicks, at the launch. Research at the centre will be cross-disciplinary, bringing together engineers, mathematicians, bioscientists, geographers and geologists. Research projects conducted in the centre will include the storage and conversion of CO₂ into materials and fuels. Prof David Greenaway said: "This represents a new development for the university that will support fundamental curiosity-driven research and also focused knowledge transfer activity, both of which have been valued at this university for a long time."