

The designs of two students from the School of Textiles and Design hit the pages of the Edinburgh Evening News and the Scotland on Sunday. Lucy Clark and Ashley Paton won a competition to design covers for Totseat, the washable highchair.

Several publications picked up on the research by Professor Glen Bramley and Dr Noah Kofi Karley into children's attainment in schools being boosted if classes are socially mixed. The Times Educational Supplement, The Scotsman, The Herald, The Edinburgh Evening News and the Press and Journal all reported on the study.

Recommendations from Professor Alan MacKinnon from the University's Logistics Research Centre, which may have contributed to the Government's change of heart on lorry road user charging, were covered by the trade publications Motor Transport, Local Transport Today and Transport News.

The Central Fife Times featured students from the School of the Built Environment who, under the supervision of senior lecturer Marilyn Higgins, won top prize in the Higher Education Academy Enterprise competition. Their project was a live urban design project for Kelty, Fife, and the group generously gave their £2,500 prize money to Kelty residents so some of the designs and ideas from their project could be realised.

Professor Bahman Tohidi from the Centre for Gas Hydrate Research at Heriot-Watt received coverage in the Press and Journal Energy Supplement for research into gas hydrates.

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## Women's Academic Network



Sir John Enderby, President of the Institute of Physics with Dr Janet De Wilde at the launch of SWAN

Heriot-Watt is one of ten founding members of a new charter which aims to create more equitable working environments for women in science, engineering and technology (SET). Dr Janet De Wilde, Research Development Co-ordinator from the Education Development Unit represented the University at the launch of the Athena SWAN Charter in June.

The Charter, which developed out of the work of SWAN (Scientific Women's Academic Network), is a recognition scheme for UK universities which aims to assist the recruitment, retention and progression of women in SET.

Membership of the Charter, with its bronze, silver and gold awards, will help universities to identify themselves as employers of choice, not only to their staff, but to students, funders, research councils and industry. Universities signing the agreement will be expected to monitor the number of women on their payroll as well as how their careers are progressing and whether they are being unfairly burdened with administrative duties.

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## Plaque for Scottish Engineer



Professor Paxton with Paula and Michael Clarke, their daughter Dr Natasha Clarke and Sarah Boyack MSP (photo Chris Dixon LBIPP)

The Institute of Civil Engineers and Sarah Boyack MSP unveiled a plaque at Haymarket station in Edinburgh recently in honour of a man described as 'Scottish Railway Engineer Extraordinaire', thanks

to Heriot-Watt's Professor Roland Paxton.

Professor Paxton acquired a portrait of John Miller for the University three years ago and felt that the engineer's achievements should be recognised and remembered. Also at the ceremony was John Miller's great, great grand-daughter, Paula Clarke.

Ayrshire-born engineer John Miller was responsible for some of the country's major lines and most spectacular viaducts, but his name had faded into obscurity. The plaque, which also marks the bicentenary of