



Source: Scotsman, The {Main}
Edition:
Country: UK
Date: Wednesday 10, December 2008
Page: 38
Area: 180 sq. cm
Circulation: ABC 49841 Daily
BRAD info: page rate £5,410.00, scc rate £26.52
Phone: 0131 620 8620
Keyword: Formula Student

> durrants

From the Chalkface

NEWS

■ A £29 MILLION partnership for computer science research has been set up by the Scottish Funding Council (SFC) and ten Scottish universities.

Among other things, the Scottish Informatics and Computer Science Alliance will look at the next generation of the internet and develop new ways for users to interact with computers.

The five-year project will create 37 new research posts and 20 new PhD posts per year, and the organisers hope to create a graduate academy to offer advanced postgraduate training.

To fund the alliance, the universities of Aberdeen, Abertay Dundee, Dundee, Edinburgh, Glasgow, Heriot-Watt, Robert Gordon, St Andrews, Stirling and Strathclyde will match the £14.5 million provided by the SFC.

■ AN EXCHANGE scheme that allows Scottish students to work overseas and brings foreign students to Scotland has been extended.

The International Association for the Exchange of Students for Technical Experience will receive more than £250,000 from the Scottish Government to broaden its work over the next three years. The programme will now support 100 young people from Scotland in overseas work placements as well as enabling 100 foreign science and engineering students to spend time at Scottish companies and in research departments.

■ THE world's top display driver and former rally champion Russ Swift has

agreed to become president of Dundee University's Formula Student racing team.

The Drive (Dundee University Race Innovation and Vehicle Engineering) team are taking part in the Institute of Mechanical Engineers' competition that challenges student teams to build a Formula style racing car. He will offer his

knowledge to the team, which will display its car to the public at John Clarke's Garage in the city today. For further information, visit www.drive.dundee.ac.uk.

■ ABERDEENSHIRE Council will consider plans to make seatbelts compulsory on every school bus operating in the area this week.

The move, which will go further than is required by law, will be discussed at a meeting of the council's education, learning and leisure and infrastructure services committees tomorrow.

■ SHAPINSAY Community School on Orkney has become one of only 60 across the UK to be selected for the Green Energy for Schools programme.

The national project, run by the Co-operative Group, aims to reduce the carbon emissions of British schools and promote awareness of renewable energy.

The scheme will see the school fitted with solar panels worth £20,000, paid for by the Co-operative.

