Excellence in the Department of Mathematical Sciences

Undergraduate Prizes

**Peter Rowe Memorial Prize**
Awarded to a candidate for Final Honours in Natural Sciences or Combined Honours in Arts who is taking options in Mathematics.

Peter Rowe was born in Canada. He obtained his PhD from Imperial College London in 1963, and taught Mathematics in Ghana before joining Durham University in 1964 as a Lecturer in the Department of Mathematical Sciences. He had a passion for Particle Physics and was an expert in the quantum theory of electromagnetism and the theory of relativity. He was very popular and a maverick lecturer and Course Director for Natural Sciences and Combined Arts students. He tragically died in Yemen on 29 December 1998, caught in the crossfire between the Yemeni army and terrorists who had taken him and his travelling party as hostages.

**Iain MacPhee Memorial Prize**
Awarded to the best student project at level IV

Iain MacPhee was born in Scotland but soon moved to Australia where he grew up until being offered a postgraduate position in Cambridge, UK. He studied there under Prof. Frank Kelly (a Durham alumnus) and obtained his PhD in 1989. Dr MacPhee joined the Department of Mathematical Sciences in 1987 as Temporary Lecturer, and became a Lecturer in 1990. He was a probabilist and a specialist of operations research and queuing systems. Iain was promoted to Reader in 2010. He had very high standards and made numerous invaluable contributions to the Department, through his internationally recognized research, his dedication to teaching and supervision of graduate students, and his huge role as admission officer for many years.

**Tony Corner Prize**
Awarded to a student in Pure Mathematics in recognition of academic achievement

Anthony (Tony) Corner was born in Shangai in 1934 and returned to England at the end of the Second World War. He studied Mathematics in Cambridge under Sir Christopher Zeeman, specialising in Abelian groups. He moved to Worcester College Oxford in 1962, where he remained until retirement. In 1981, he married Elizabeth Rapp, a well-known poetess and English graduate from Durham University. Tony was a great supporter of the move to try to encourage more women to seek careers in mathematics. He and his wife were very fond of Durham, and Elizabeth wished to draw up a gift agreement with our Department in memory of her husband.