

Brunel Students Bid For Skills Olympics Gold

Hard work, supreme professionalism and the will to win have been keynotes for many years in the College's Hair and Beauty School. It has a record of successes in competitions at national and international level to prove it - and this autumn it will again be sending our Bristol-trained national champions to the International Youth Skills Olympics in Lyon, France, in October to pit their skills against the best from the rest of the world.

In addition to the distinction already brought to the College by our two hairdressing contestants, Clare Pawsey and Robert Taylor, who now work for the Robert John Hair Group at Portishead - we are also proud of the achievements of cabinet making student Paul Davey, who was trained by Brunel's Furniture Studies School.

All the competitors are receiving top class individual coaching in the run-up to the Skills Olympics. The hairdressers are being trained by Brunel College Head of Hairdressing, Christine Vokins, who has for many years been connected with the Skills Olympics in a variety of capacities.

Brunel's three contestants form part of the 28 member squad co-ordinated by UK SKILLS, the organising body for the British entry to the Skills Olympics. The team includes a number of others from the south west, including Chef Simon Hulstone, who works at the Swallow Royal Hotel in Bristol and contestants from Yeovil and Corsham. All the youngsters are getting to know one



Pictured above is Clare Pawsey from Olveston, first prize winner of a national hairdressing competition organised by the National Hairdressing Federation.

another and have met at team briefings and training sessions - an important psychological preparation and back up for when the pressure is on over the three-day competition period.

Christine will be there in her capacity as the technical expert in hairdressing - a function which has not only involved the training and psychological preparation of her charges but liaison with experts from the 27 other countries involved over the details of the competition and test pieces. She will also be a member of the international jury panel.

The Skills Olympics provides a showcase and testing ground for the training provision of every country taking part, many nations attach far more importance to the contests and the training leading to them than does the UK.

UK SKILLS is under the chairmanship of Sir John Cassels, who as former director general of the National Economic Development Office, has a lifelong involvement in education, training and employment issues. As the national standard-setting body for skills competitions, UK SKILLS is dedicated to improving existing standards of excellence in vocational training within industry and sources of further education.

Brunel College's Hair and Beauty School already has a record of distinction in the

competition:

Gary Taylor, 1988, Mens Silver
Nick Williams 1989, Mens Gold
Nicola Haven, 1989 Ladies Silver
Jason Taylor, 1991 Mens Silver
Wayne Hill, 1993 Mens Bronze.
Tina Silk, 1993 Ladies Diploma of Excellence

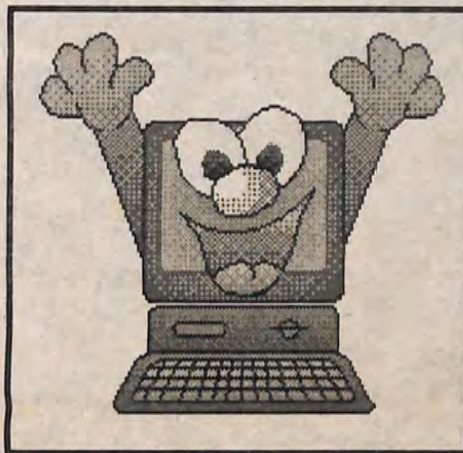
Claire was 1995 in Lyon France
Robert Taylor was 1995 in Lyon France
BRUNEL STUDENT REPRESENTS SOUTH WEST

Brunel student, Joseph Dybowski, has won the regional Guild of Bricklayers competition for 1995. Joseph will now compete in the National Skill Build Competition which will be held at the National Exhibition Centre in Birmingham in November. The National Skill-Build Competition, encompassing all the major



construction crafts, is the UK Championships from which selected competitors will go forward to compete for the UK in the International Youth Skills Olympics to be held in Switzerland in 1997.

Another New Computer Suite Opens



A brand new computer suite opens this September providing another fifty state of the art computer stations for our students. In addition to the computers the new open learning suite will provide additional private study facilities.

In September the College will have ten open learning computer suites with over 500 terminals, the largest of which has over eighty workstations. One of these suites is dedicated to Apple Macintosh computers and provides specialist design capabilities for Brunel's expanding range of art and

design and graphics courses. Another in the Faculty of Engineering operates with Sun work stations and provides computer aided design capabilities for engineering applications.

"With information technology so important in the modern world" says Computer Manager, Alf Lake, "it is essential that Brunel provides the up-to-date information technology to give our students the best possible start".

DRAMATIC NURSERY NURSE STUDENTS

During the Spring Term the BTEC National Diploma Nursery Nursing students performed two plays for two local schools - Bishop Road Primary School and Ashley Down Infant School.

The students adapted their stories from well-known folk tales and took the responsibility for the stage management and the production of events. The children were involved in the plays and great fun was had by all.

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