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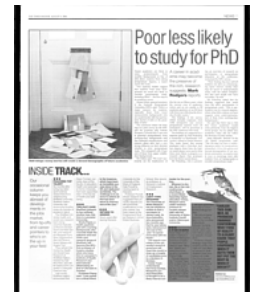
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**A STAR IS BORN**

Stuart West of Edinburgh University's School of Biological Sciences is tipped to receive the university's new "rising star" award next week from Edinburgh's chancellor, Prince Philip.

The earring-wearing Professor West, who is described as one of the world's top five young evolutionary ecologists, graduated in zoology from Cambridge in 1991.

He was appointed to a chair in evolutionary biology last year.

His area is social evolution, casting light on the complex interactions between humans, animals and even plants, which vary from lethal combat to peaceful co-operation.

Professor West's findings range from revealing which animals are most likely to babysit for their relatives (pied kingfishers are better than kookaburras) to demonstrating the ruthlessness of soya beans (they cut off the oxygen supply to bacteria that refuse to produce nitrogen for them).

**"EARLIER THIS SUMMER, HE PRODUCED FINDINGS CONFIRMING WHAT FANS OF REALITY TV ALREADY KNOW: THAT PEOPLE COOPERATE WHEN IT SUITS THEM BUT PUT THE BOOT IN WHEN IT DOESN'T"**