

## COLLEGE AFFAIRS

### Report by the Warden for the Academic Year 2008-9

A vigorous and enlightening academic year ended with the extremely sad news that Lord Dahrendorf, the College's much respected and admired third Warden had died. This enduring admiration was much in evidence earlier in Trinity Term when Ralf attended a seminar and colloquium at St Antony's in honour of his 80<sup>th</sup> birthday. The Dahrendorf Questions was attended by the eminent German philosopher Jürgen Habermas and Ralf Dahrendorf's friend, the American historian Fritz Stern. Timothy Garton Ash chaired the proceedings as well as offering his own reflections on Ralf Dahrendorf's work. The event was a timely tribute to Ralf and illustrated his extraordinary career and accomplishments in so many fields.

This year we welcomed two new members of the Governing Body, Leigh Payne and Diego Sánchez-Ancochea, both members of the Latin American Centre. Dr. Payne is a sociologist who did her undergraduate work in the United States and has a PhD from Yale. She is University Lecturer in Sociology (Latin American Societies) and Faculty Fellow and her areas of interest are the *sociology of Latin America, with particular focus on political violence, human rights, and justice.*

Dr. Sánchez-Ancochea did his undergraduate work in Spain and has a doctorate from the New School for Social Research, New York). He is University Lecturer in the Political Economy of Latin America and Faculty Fellow and works on state-society relations, income distribution and the impacts of outsourcing, with especial attention to small Latin American countries like Costa Rica and the Dominican Republic.

We also welcome new Honorary Fellows to the College: Sir James Craig and Mr Nemir Kirdar; and also added Dr James McMullen, Dr Brian Powell and Dr David Washbrook to our growing number of Emeritus Fellows. I am delighted to report that Arthur Stockwin and Rosemary Thorp were both honoured in the Queen's New Year Honours list: Arthur received an OBE for services to academic excellence and the promotion of UK/Japanese understanding and Rosemary a CBE for services to education and to international development.

#### *Students.*

We matriculated 156 students this year, with an additional 40 continuing degrees. Included in this number were 6 Rhodes scholars, 3 Marshall scholars, 6 Swire's scholars and 1 Weidenfeld scholar. Our entire student body for the year, including those on field work or no longer paying full fees, numbered 515 – the largest to date, I believe.

We have noticed the economic downturn affecting our students in two ways. More of them are struggling to find funding and this is a particularly acute problem for students being funded in currencies which have an unfavourable exchange rate with the pound. We, and the University as a whole, are also dealing with a higher number of applicants and a greater acceptance rate of offers made as students decide to continue or resume their education rather than chance an uncertain job market.

*Administration.*

We have had relatively few changes this year. Philip Robins was duly installed in Hilary Term as Junior Proctor. The College processed to Convocation House for the ceremony and then came back for the customary lunch. Dr. Robins will be assisted by two other Governing Body Fellows, Raufu Mustapha and Carol Leonard.

*Finances*

In the past year we have set up a Financial Advisory Committee, whose members include alumni and friends of the College who together have significant expertise and experience in the world of finance. The Committee meets twice a year with the College's financial advisors to go over our financial situation and our investment strategies. The College's situation is of course not good at the moment but we take some comfort in the fact that it could be worse. The College Endowment has declined from approximately £32,000,000 before the financial crisis to, as I write this, about £23,000,000. Even before this the College had been decreasing the percentage of 'the safe take' it draws annually from the endowment so the overall result has been to leave us with less funds available to make up the deficit in our annual budget. Nevertheless, we have continued to break even this year and in next year's budget.

There are several reasons for this: the College, thanks to Governing Body and the sterling work of our Bursar, has tough financial precepts and monitors spending closely; we have increased the number of our students and therefore the income from student fees; we have managed to achieve nearly total occupancy of our accommodation; our summer conference business continues to go well; and we are starting to receive funds under the Collegiate Funding Formula. This last is the distribution of a pool of funds which comes to the University from such sources as government grants and student fees and is distributed to Colleges under a formula based partly on research accomplishments. Since this College has a consistently strong record in research, it is a beneficiary. Finally, we continue to make advances in fund-raising, as we must, if we are to survive and plan for the future.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank key contributions made this year: The Aurea Foundation for supporting the fund for the study of freedom and the New York Review of Books for supporting the Liberalisms conference; the Government of Taiwan for their support of the Professorship in Taiwan Studies; Grupo Santander for the establishment of the Santander Visiting Fellowship in Iberian Studies; Alpha Bank, the Bank of Greece and the Leventis Foundation for their support towards the SEESOX programme; and the many contributors to our appeals for the Annual Fund, the Hourani Scholarship and memorial funds for Geoffrey Lewis and Paul Bergne.

In particular, I would to express the College's thanks to His Royal Highness Hamad Bin Khalifa Al Thani, Her Royal Highness Sheikha Mozah Bint Nasser Al-Missned and the Qatar Foundation for endowing the Programme in Contemporary Islamic Studies in conjunction with the new Chair in Contemporary Islamic Studies.

*Building Projects*

This past year has seen the successful completion of our new Russian Library. We have also obtained planning permission for two new projects: the Middle East Centre building designed by Zaha Hadid and the Gateway Buildings which will form a new and more dignified entrance to the College on the Woodstock Road. The Bridge building will link the Middle East Centre itself with 64 Woodstock Road, just to the south, which houses the Middle East Archives. Thanks to a generous donor, funding is in place and work is expected to start during 2010. The two Gateway Buildings will stand on either side of a new entrance and provide much needed student accommodation, office space and seminar rooms. We intend to start construction once we have sufficient funding in place.

*University.*

The site of the old Radcliffe Infirmary has now cleared in preparation for new University buildings. What we are all learning to call the Radcliffe Observatory Quarter will eventually house the Humanities Division along with the Mathematical Institute. A new development destined for the site which is particularly interesting for this College is the new School of Public Policy. This will draw on Oxford's strengths in a number of areas of public policy and will stress interdisciplinary and international approaches. Such an approach clearly fits well with what this College does.

The University administration is in a period of transition as Dr. John Hood finishes his term as Vice-chancellor and Dr. Andy Hamilton, currently the Provost of Yale University prepares to take over in Michaelmas Term 2009. Dr. Hood's tenure was marked by a major overhaul of the University's administration and by passionate debate over governance. Although he was unable to get some key reforms in governance approved, in my view he leaves the University much stronger as it faces what are likely to be some turbulent years.

*Margaret MacMillan*

**From the Bursar**

In my report last year I suggested that the year ended 31 July 2009 would be one of steady progress but that there would be a background of continuing financial uncertainty.

Let's look first at the steady progress. The restructured College Registrar's department under Margaret Couling's calm leadership is providing an excellent one-stop shop service to students. Having two Assistant College Registrars, Gillian Crook and Rachael Connelly located together in one room with the students' files, means that there is nearly always someone available who can deal immediately with an enquiry. Although each of the two Assistant Registrars is responsible for about half of our students; either is normally able to respond to a request from any student. Similarly having the three Bursary Assistants, Julie Irving, Grace Sewell and Mary West, all located together in one room means that our senior members will normally find someone there to deal with their enquiries. It is particularly gratifying that our reorganisation of the Bursary corridor staffing taken together with my decision to take advantage of the technology available and not have a secretary has resulted in a significant cost saving.

As reported elsewhere the Russian and Eurasian Studies Centre Library refurbishment project with a new seminar room and book stacks in the basement has now been completed. That it was done with so little disruption and so close to our original cost estimates is a major tribute to the skills of our Domestic Bursar, Peter Robinson. Inevitably there was some disruption; by far the largest part of this was borne by Richard Ramage the Centre administrator who remained commendably relaxed and cheerful throughout. As I noted last year the refurbishment of an existing building which is in use is a lot more difficult than putting up a new building on a neatly fenced off piece of land.

Our other two major building projects continue to move forward. The Middle East Centre "Softbridge" building designed by Zaha Hadid was considered by a City council committee in September 2008 and after a tied vote was approved by the Chairman's casting vote. Next month the Gateway Buildings designed by Bennetts Associates were considered by the same committee; these buildings will provide a new College entrance and Lodge, 54 en-suite bedrooms including some for the disabled, administrative offices, a roof-top meeting room and a Senior Members' workroom. Again the result was a tied vote and again the Chairman's casting vote went in our favour. We are now busily engaged in fund-raising for the latter building.

There was also steady progress on the financial front. The financial year ended on 31<sup>st</sup> July 2008 was the sixth successive year in which we were able to publish accounts which showed a surplus; that surplus was £134,000 and was £15,000 than we had budgeted. This surplus was achieved despite our having reduced our safe-take from the General Endowment from 4.5% to 4.3%, the first step in our plan to reduce it to 3.5% over five years and despite our increasing our maintenance spend by 20% (£62,000 in 2007/8) for the fourth successive year. These increases in maintenance spend are now beginning to show in the improved appearance of the College buildings. This progress was however made against the background of a very uncertain global financial situation which resulted in a fall in the value of the General Endowment of £1.8 million.

At the time of writing we do not have figures available for the year ended on 31<sup>st</sup> July 2009 but there is no doubt that it will be worse than the previous year. We estimate that our safe-take from the General Endowment will be down by at least £100,000 compared to budget because of the fall in the markets in the late autumn of 2008. We also estimate that our employment costs will be about

£25,000 more than budgeted. This is because we budgeted that the national pay award for the University sector on 1<sup>st</sup> October would be 3.5%. In the event because the award was linked to the September Retail Price Index the increase was 5%. These adverse variances should however be offset by something called the College Funding Formula. Put simply the graduate colleges have not previously received any share of the government funding paid to the University. This will change in 2008/9 and we will get a share of that money. The mechanism by which each college's share is calculated is known as the College Funding Formula. It is disappointing that we cannot use this new source of income to fund exciting new academic activity but instead are having to use it to fund to plug holes in our financial position. However without this new money we would have to have made severe cuts in what we provide to College members.

Looking ahead the best one can say about the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> July 2010 is that the financial background will be uncertain. The safe-take from the General Endowment alone is likely to be between £150,000 and £200,000 below the level reached before the recession began.

One area where there is some good financial news to report is our external conference activities. We expect the income from this source in 2008/9 to be well above budget. We are even more optimistic about the position in 2009/10 at least in part because in August 2009 we are holding the first St Antony's Summer School directed by Dr Paul Chaisty which will bring about fifty scholars to the College for a fortnight. This is an exciting venture and we wish Paul, the other academic staff and the attendees a very successful fortnight. More generally we congratulate Peter Robinson and the other staff involved on the successful expansion of this source of income for the College.

As always there have been changes in the College staff. Ray Allen our Computing Manager for nearly eight years left us in September 2008 to join the University Press. He managed to meet the increasing IT demands of us all on a very tight budget and remain very cheerful. He kept a careful look out for problems even when at home or on holiday. He is replaced by Christopher Hoskin from Jesus College who has already managed to draw up a five year IT plan for the College.

Jenny Griffiths retired as the Asian Studies Centre Administrator in June 2009 after more than nine years. We will miss her quiet efficiency. She has kindly agreed to come back in September to help her successor Kirsty Norton to settle in.

Rosie Hilliard the College Nurse has also retired. We are grateful for all she did to help our students. She is replaced by Alison Nicholls who was already the college Nurse at Balliol and Trinity. Vanessa Hack resigned as Antonian Network and Public Relations Officer in March 2009 to take a similar but more senior job at Oxford Brookes. She is replaced by Ranj Majumdar. Juliet Blackburn who was with us temporarily to help retro-catalogue the pre-1990 College Library acquisitions so that details can be accessed on-line left in September 2008.

In Housekeeping we said good-bye to Ann Embleton, Thomasina Lockett and Michael Dawson and in the kitchen to Geovane Carvalho, Craig Kilpin, Jean Leal and Rita Pereira. We thank all who have left the College for their contribution and wish them well for the future.

We also thank all the staff of the College; without them the College would cease to function. I am also grateful to our students for their interest in and support for the College and particularly to Calum Nicholson, the Graduate Common Room President, and his Executive.

*Allan Taylor*

### **The Graduate Common Room**

It has been another year of success for the student body, with the 2008 intake bringing fresh legs to the college sports scene, especially the rowing and football clubs, which both had notable success during the 2008-9 seasons.

The Chihuahuas (St Antony's/Wolfson's football team) did the College proud on Tuesday 26th May by decisively winning the 5-a-side women's Cuppers tournament to round off a very successful season in the First Division. They won three consecutive matches (6-3, 4-0, 2-0), including beating the 11-a-side Cuppers winners by 4-0.

Following last year's MCR league title, this year, hopes were high for St Antony's Football Club. The team took full advantage of the college's international diversity by recruiting a squad that fused Latin American flair, German work ethic and British grit with amazing results. The season started well with an unbeaten Michaelmas term in both league and Cuppers matches. In Hilary, however, a combination of injuries and fieldwork decimated the squad and St Antony's fell to Christchurch in the Cuppers semi-final. The team battled on in the league and were left with a chance to retain the title with a victory in the final match against challengers Corpus-Linacre. In a thrilling match St Antony's fought back from a 3 goal deficit only to run out of time while trailing 5-4, finishing the season as runners-up. This disappointment was somewhat offset by other successes as the team made its first ever foreign tour, to Malta, to play to a winning record in matches against local sides. Back in Oxford, there was the consolation of victory in the annual "Unfriendly" match against arch-rivals Nuffield.

In November's Christchurch Novice Regatta, the women's Novice boat came second out of sixty six boats, although given the pandemonium on the banks of the Thames, thronged as they were by Antonians braving November's autumn chill, one would have thought our boat had won by a country mile. Preparation for Torpids in March was impeded by particularly bad weather, with rain, strong winds and even a few days of snow taking their toll. Despite this, M1 bumped Pembroke III and Balliol II, before finishing 7th in Division 4. W2 succeeded in bumping Wadham III in the Rowing On division, while W1 sparked a new rivalry with Trinity, and finished 3rd in Division 3. In the Summer Eights, M1 succeeded in moving up two places, bumping St Catz II and Keble II, ultimately finishing 4th in Division 4. Facing a tough field, and despite technical difficulties, W1 finished 8th in Division 3. Early in the year, the new Women's boat was christened the 'Margaret MacMillan', joining the new men's boat, the 'Michael Bhatia', named in memory of the alumnus who died in Afghanistan in May 2008 while working as the Social Science Advisor for the Human Terrain Team of the US Military.

At the University level, three Antonians earned places on the Oxford Ice Hockey Blues, and played crucial roles in skating the team to a perfect season in league play, and a winning record while on tour in the French Alps, Berlin and Munich. The season was capped by a gritty 4-2 victory over a revitalized Cambridge blues squad and a 6-2 victory over Nottingham in the National Final in May. Johannes Sjostrand (MPhil European Politics) was awarded a half blue for his stalwart play on defence, while veteran blue Dan Koldyk (D Phil Politics) returned from fieldwork in China in time for the last crucial games of the season. Despite early soul searching about going over to the dark side, former tab Calum Nicholson (M Phil Migration Studies) put in some solid performances in sharing netminding duties for the season. In perhaps St Antony's most impressive sporting achievement of

the year, Chana Hoffmitz (M Phil European Politics) , of the Oxford Women's Ice Hockey Blues, was named team captain for the 2009-10 season.

Yiu-tung Suen (DPhil Sociology), who is also the Male Harassment Officer for the GCR, has been working to raise awareness of Men's welfare issues in the college. To this end, he organized the 'Rethinking Gender in the 21st Century: Masculinities, Well-being and Health' Seminars, sponsored by the Conferences and Speakers Fund of St. Antony's College, which explored the impact of masculinities on well-being and health. The lectures were given at 5pm on Wednesdays of week 2 to week 5 of Trinity Term, in the Dahrendorf Room. The seminar series was featured by BBC Radio Oxford.

The St Antony's International Review (STAIR) journal, now in its fifth year, published two issues, "The Politics of Nuclear Technology in the Twenty-first Century" (Vol. 4, No. 2), edited by Martin Bayly (M Phil International Relations), and "Transnational Corporations and Global Governance" (Vol. 5, No. 1), edited by Urvashi Aneja and David Louk. The 'Nuclear Launch' took place in Blackwell's bookshop on 24 February, with Prof. Ian Goldin, Director of the James Martin 21<sup>st</sup> Century School, heading an expert discussion panel. Under the guidance of the 2008-9 and the 2009-10 Directors, Elisabeth Becker and Henning Tamm, STAIR has continued to go from strength to strength. However, STAIR is a group effort through and through, and the core team must be mentioned here. They are: Sophia Mann (Treasurer), Lotte Geunis (Sales & Marketing), Dave Zarnett (Production Editor), Victoria Petitjean (College liaison), Katri Saarenheimo and Taylor St. John (Book Review Editors) Grace Bolton (Public Relations) and Diarmuid Torney (Webmaster).

On the domestic front, the newly renamed GCR (Graduate Common Room) have had an active year. The 2008 committee bowed out at the Christmas vacation, with their chief legacy being the new St Antony's Cafe. This new manifestation of the Buttery has proved a hit among the student body, providing a much needed focal point for diurnal college life. The brainchild of the former GCR President, Bryony Green (M Phil Development Studies), it has flourished under the ever-steady management of Saagarika Dadu (M Phil Modern South Asian Studies) and legendary baking skills of antipodean Elena Schak (M Phil Development Studies).

The 2009 GCR Social Secretaries, Chana Hoffmitz, Nalini Biggs (D Phil Education Studies) and Rory Brown (MSc Global Governance and Diplomacy) picked up where their predecessors left off, and have worked hard to maintain the Late Bar's reputation as a bastion of graduate life, laying on a range of popular bops, parties, open mic events and BBQs. St Antony's reputation as a leading centre for Area Studies was given further (and possibly unmatchable) credibility as the Social Secretaries also oversaw Latin American, Balkan and Middle Eastern nights, not to mention the annual Event that has become the Ozzie Bop. Many thanks also to Milos Damnjanovic (D Phil Politics) in his fourth year as Bar Manager.

This year's Summer Ball, 'Venetian Masquerade', was held on 6 June, and the guest list totalled 190 for dining and 163 for non-dining. Donning masks, guests were greeted with a champagne reception. The dinner was accompanied by a professional harpist and the opening act was held downstairs in the Late Bar with Oxford's University Dancesport Club providing a Latin dance demonstration. On the first floor guests were serenaded by a Cuban band until the early hours, while the upstairs hall featured two DJs.

The Hilda Besse was transformed into a modern Italian style lounge with a flowing chocolate fountain and live portrait artists to keep guests busy. A sheesha den outside provided a perfect escape for conversations and good company. For the first time ever, the famed Woodstock Road institution that is Ali's Kebab van fulfilled (if only for an evening) the fantasy of every Antonian who has ever had a midnight essay crisis, and set up shop on site, providing snacks including favourites such as chicken, chips and cheese. Following the Ball, 100 pounds was donated to the Ball's charity of choice, the Panzi Hospital in the Democratic Republic of Congo. The Ball committee was chaired by Zorana Alimpic, who was supported by Dara Macdonald, Dawn Berry, Katie Dunn, Karlin Younger, Carmen Navarro, Andrew Littlejohn, Adrienne Montgobert, Milos Damnjanovic, Chana Hoffmitz and Diarmuid Torney.

Deserving of special mention is Matthew Lee (M Phil Modern Middle Eastern Studies), the GCR VP Academic, who has quietly been providing a range of support services for students of the college, that have been extensively used, and much appreciated. Matt has compiled an index of St. Antony's students who hope to pursue term-time employment as research assistants, tutors, or the like. This index includes brief notes on candidates' areas of interest and expertise, in addition to their CVs. The VP Academic has also begun publicizing this index to other colleges and academic departments in an effort to help St Antony's students find open job opportunities relevant to their interests. Though this database remains small and these efforts remain tentative, they have succeeded in matching several students with relevant job opportunities and in securing interviews for those same students. Matt has also been holding writing tutoring sessions at least twice a week (ordinarily scheduled between 19:00 and 21:00 on Mondays and Wednesdays), and usually much more frequently than that on an ad hoc basis. So far, Matt has been conducting all writing tutorials personally; as such, demand for tutoring consistently threatens to outstrip supply, though no students have yet been turned away. Efforts to recruit additional volunteers are ongoing, but are hindered by a lack of adequate compensation for this difficult job.

The GCR Keeper of the Attic, Adam Berry (D Phil Oriental Studies), has spent innumerable hours tidying the storage attic in the Main Building, and this year succeeded in bringing 'shelving' change to this previously anarchic space. The GCR thanks Adam for performing this minor miracle.

The Social Action Coordinator, Remzi Cej (M Phil International Relations) undertook a number of activities to support social awareness in the College. Remzi recently spoke at the Oxford Union as part of a four-member panel organized by the charity OxHub, on the subject of children and war, specifically, the question: "Are we doing enough for children in post-conflict zones?" He also organized a fundraiser to support a college staff member who was recently diagnosed with multiple sclerosis. Fifty two pounds was raised during a special raffle fundraiser in the Late Bar. The GCR complemented this amount by donating £100 to the cause.

The GCR Women's Officer, Tania Saeed (D Phil Education Studies), has been particularly proactive, organizing an international women's day event this year, raising funds for the Panzi Hospital in the Democratic Republic of Congo, which has been active in helping survivors of sexual violence. She and Remzi Cej also collaborated in organizing an Amnesty Letter Writing Campaign.

As GCR President, I'd like to take the opportunity to thank all members of the GCR Executive and the Officers for all their hard work and support this year. Christine Murphy has been a rock as GCR Secretary, somehow ensuring that the GCR Newsletter makes it out on time week in and week out. Dawn Berry (D Phil History), as VP Welfare, has been proactive in sorting out myriad welfare issues, including resolving a protracted discussion with the college and the Summertown Surgery regarding the provision of medical services. As Treasurer, Michael McLeay (M Phil Economics) has managed the GCR accounts and funds expertly, and we finish the academic year in a good financial situation. As GCR Webmaster,

Henning Tamm (M Phil International Relations) has been very active in updating and overhauling the website, despite a host of other responsibilities, including being Director of STAIR.

The GCR would also like to take this opportunity to thank the Warden, Governing Body and staff for all their hard work and support throughout the academic year. A particular thanks to Allan Taylor, Karin Leighton and Peter Robinson for fielding our questions and addressing our concerns. It is more obvious at some points than others that the college operates within tight financial parameters, and consequently there remain certain perennial frustrations among the student body, particularly with regard to room pricing and maintenance issues. However, it is recognized that, when all is said and done, the college bursary does an excellent job of getting unusually good value for money from the resources available, and it is always a pleasure to work with them.

All in all, it has been a busy and successful year in St Antony's, and this augurs well for 2009-10.

*Calum Nicholson*

### **The Library**

The College Library, comprising the Main Library and the libraries of the Russian and Eurasian Studies Centre and of the Middle East Centre, contains over 100,000 volumes, the collections reflecting the major disciplinary interests of the College. In addition to these resources, we also have on the College site the University Libraries of the Latin American Centre and the Bodleian Japanese Library.

The Main Library reading rooms occupy what were formerly the chapel, refectory and chapter house of the first Anglican convent, the Society of the Holy and Undivided Trinity. It holds the general collections in modern history, politics, international relations, economics and development studies, and the regional collections on Europe and Asia. The western language collections on Russia and the former USSR are also in the Main Library, while the Slavonic language material on these areas and the Eastern European countries are in the Russian and Eurasian Studies Centre library.

Archival holdings at the College include an extensive collection at the Middle East Centre of private papers and photographs from diplomats, businessmen and others who worked or travelled in the Middle East. The Main Library's archives include a number of collections of private papers relating to twentieth century Europe, of particular importance being those of Sir John Wheeler-Bennett.

While the primary aim of the College Library as a whole is to serve the needs of members of the College, the area studies centres fulfil a wider role in providing facilities to all members of the University whose studies come within their orbit; they also, under certain conditions, admit other scholars. The Main Library also admits a number of researchers from outside the College to use its unique material, in particular those on the Third Reich and fascist Italy.

By the summer of 2008 it was apparent that we had reached a point in our conversion of the catalogues where it became practicable to switch to automated circulation for the management of the vast majority of our loans. We made the required arrangements over the summer vacation and the changeover took place in time for the start of the academic year. In September we said goodbye to Juliet Blackburn who had spent 16 months with us working on the retrospective catalogue conversion of holdings in the history collections; we continue to look for funding to further the project.

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