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THE COLLEGE

St Antony's is a postgraduate college which specialises in the inter-disciplinary study of Europe, Russia and the other successor states of the former Soviet Union, the Middle East, Africa, Japan, South and Southeast Asia, China and Latin America. Fellows of the College are specialists in modern history, language and literature, politics, economics, anthropology, sociology and international relations. Visiting and Research Fellows, as well as Senior Associate Members, complement the Fellowship. Junior Members of the College are men and women working for higher degrees of the University.

The corporate designation of the College is 'The Warden and Fellows of St Antony's College in the University of Oxford'. Its foundation was made possible by a gift of the late Antonin Besse of Aden, a leading merchant of French nationality. Provisional arrangements for the foundation of the College were made by a decree passed by Congregation on 21 September 1948. On 30 May 1950 a further decree bestowed on the College the status of a New Foundation. Its main functions were then defined: '(a) to be a centre of advanced study and research in the fields of modern international history, philosophy, economics and politics; (b) to provide an international centre within the University where graduate students from all over the world can live and work together in close contact with senior members of the University who are specialists in their field; (c) to contribute to the general teaching of the University, especially in the fields of modern history and politics.'

In Michaelmas Term 1950 the College opened its doors on the Woodstock Road in a former Anglican convent built in the 1860s which had hitherto been used by the University as a graduate hostel. Today, many of the academic facilities, the Library and the administration of the College can be found in the old convent, now known as the Main Building. In 1970 the newly built Hilda Besse Building was opened. Named after the wife of the Founder, herself a benefactress of the College, the Besse Building houses the Hall, Common Rooms, Buttery and other rooms for College functions. In 1993 a new building was opened, housing a new Lecture Theatre as well as the Nissan Institute of Japanese Studies and the Bodleian Japanese Library. And in 2000, the College's 50th anniversary year, the Founder's Building, containing extra accommodation and teaching space and named in honour of Antonin Besse, was inaugurated by HRH The Princess Royal. Other College properties, both within and beyond the curtilage, include the centres for regional studies, student residences and the Warden's lodgings.

The original body of the College consisted of the Warden, the Sub-Warden, the Bursar and seven students. Soon, the College grew and became recognised by the University and beyond. On 1 April 1953 a Charter of Incorporation was granted, and the Statutes of the College were approved by the Queen in Council. On 2 October 1962 a Supplementary Charter was granted to enable the College to admit women as well as men. On 21 May 1963 a statute was passed in Congregation making the College a full College of the University, and this was approved by the Queen in Council on 20 December 1963. The body of the College consists of the Warden, the Bursar, some forty Fellows, about 300 students and, at any time, more than sixty Senior Members.

The name, St Antony's, was chosen for the group set up to create the new College, the St Antony's Foundation, and intended to allude to the name of the Founder. For many years there was some ambiguity about whether the patron saint was St Antony the Abbot (17 January) or St Antony of Padua (13 June). When in 1961 the College was persuaded by one of its members that St Antony the Abbot was more appropriate, it decided also that the College flag should be flown on both saints' days. Nine years earlier, in 1952, the College coat of arms had been designed in the colours of the Red Sea (Red) and desert sands (Gold) with mullets borrowed from Antonin Besse's trade mark and crosses of St Antony the Abbot: Or on a chevron between three tau crosses gules as many pierced mullets of the field.

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Report by the Warden on the Academic Year 2004-5

“In the University, the process of change continues”. That is how I opened the Warden’s Report in last year’s *College Record*. Change was the dominating phenomenon in 2003-4, but it was nothing compared with change in 2004-5. The engine of change is, of course, the University’s new Vice-Chancellor, Dr John Hood, until recently Vice-Chancellor of the University of Auckland in New Zealand. He had done a lot of homework before coming to Oxford and hit the ground running when he took up office in October 2004. But the ground has turned out to be harder and rockier than he - and most of the rest of us - expected.

The Address which he delivered on the occasion of his Admission to Office on 4 October 2004 set out very clearly the conditions which in his view had to be fulfilled if the University was to retain its status as a “world-class university” with the capacity to compete with the major universities of Europe and, especially, North America. Most of what he said conformed with the conclusions that his predecessor, Colin Lucas, had reached during his seven years in Wellington Square. Indeed, most of Vice-Chancellor Hood’s first policy paper, on *Oxford’s Academic Strategy*, was based on consultations that had taken place during his predecessor’s last year in office. It was published as a ‘Green Paper’ in January 2005, was discussed by the Divisions and the Colleges, was revised in the light of those discussions and has now been incorporated in the University’s Corporate Plan which is likely to go to Congregation for formal approval at the end of the current Long Vacation.

The paper sets out, in more detail than can be accommodated in this article, the University’s objectives, the factors which could cause it to lose its place in “the international super-league” and nine strategies to prevent that happening. The strategies relate to the University’s research, its teaching, its size and shape, its personnel, its admissions policy, the services it provides, its finance, its planning and management, and its external relations.

This reform of the University’s academic strategy had been work in progress when the Vice-Chancellor took office. In the months before taking up appointment, he had undertaken an analysis of the University’s finances. The conclusion was that the University’s current costs exceeded its revenues; that there was little free cash flow for investment or depreciation; and that the University was unduly dependent on the annual subvention from the Oxford University Press. He proposed that there was an urgent need for both the University and the colleges to manage expenditure prudently and to raise funds more effectively than they are doing at present. Although Oxford (and Cambridge) was more successful in devel-

opment work than other UK universities, there was considerable room for improvement. A joint University-College group has been formed to consider ways in which the University and the Colleges could work more closely in these matters.

This College's Governing Body has appointed an *ad hoc* committee to address this issue, taking into account not only the Vice-Chancellor's exhortations but also the imminent retirement of Polly Friedhoff who has played an enormously important role in my predecessor's and my fund-raising efforts during the last decade.

However, the most controversial of John Hood's proposals for reform has been a Green Paper on *Oxford's Governance Structure* that was published in March 2005. It addresses four main issues: the need to "unify" the parallel decision-making processes of the University and the Colleges; the need to "involve a larger proportion of the University in academic decision making"; the need to ensure better communication between the University and the Colleges and thus build "a greater sense of trust and common purpose"; and the need to "improve ... institutional governance to meet best practice in this area".

These needs were to be met by (a) establishing a 150-strong Academic Council to which the Divisions would report and which would determine the University's academic policy, (b) establishing a smaller Board of Trustees, most of whom would be outsiders, to "take responsibility for institutional governance and ... ensure the integrity of the University's processes" and (c) maintaining the existing powers of Congregation and adding new powers relating especially to the appointment of the Trustees.

The Vice-Chancellor's intention had been to allow two months for consultation on this Green Paper, with a view to obtaining Congregation's approval of the new governance structures before the end of Trinity Term 2005. But some of the proposals in the Paper, taken together with his strictures about the University's finances, accounting and fund-raising, were ill-received in some quarters. It was accordingly decided that the decision on the new structures should be deferred until 1 November of this year.

The sky was further darkened by an unhappy session of Congregation on 17 May at which a proposal in the Academic Strategy Green Paper for regular, joint University-College appraisals of academics' performance of their duties was voted down, with 351 votes against and 153 in favour, "in order to ensure the paramount principle of academic freedom". This setback to the Vice-Chancellor's reform agenda was seized on by the media both to chastise the University for failing to accept what has become standard procedure in other institutions and to exaggerate the setback as a threat to John Hood's continuation as Vice-Chancellor. Wiser heads realize that his resignation would be a disastrous blow to Oxford and my own impression is that during these first few weeks of the Long Vacation there has been a rallying of support for him. Long may it continue.

In recent years, this article has had quite a lot to say about the state of Area

Studies in the University and the risk that they might get lost in the cracks between the Divisions which were created in response to the North Commission's Report of 1997. I am glad to be able to say this year that the situation has stabilized: Queen Elizabeth House has gone its own way as the University's International Development Centre in the Social Sciences Division. Area Studies are now managed by the School of Interdisciplinary Area Studies (SIAS), headed by our own Roger Goodman, which is also in the Social Sciences Division. This is a good step forward, and the School is working well, but there is a remaining problem. Area Studies include some disciplines in the Humanities, such as Modern History and Language and Literature. As a result, they are not included in the remit of SIAS, notwithstanding the 'Interdisciplinary' in its title. A solution to this problem is in prospect in the case of North American Studies but little progress has been made with Oriental Studies.

This partial rationalization of Area Studies has had one very welcome spin-off. This is the establishment of an African Studies Centre which, like the Latin American Centre, is a University body located in a St Antony's building, namely 22 Winchester Road. Its Director is William Beinart. This is something for which a number of us have been campaigning for several years. It fills a gap created some years ago by the retirement of the distinguished Africanists of St Antony's who had promoted African Studies in the University – Kenneth Kirkwood, Terry Ranger and Tony Kirk-Greene. It also joins the College's current Africanists with Paul Collier and his highly-rated Centre for the Study of African Economies. The establishment of the new African Studies Centre was celebrated in an intense two-day conference at St Antony's in tenth week of Trinity Term.

The admission of graduate students is another field in which reform in the University has created problems for colleges. Our main concern is that the new system significantly reduces a college's ability to choose its own students and in some cases actually obliges a college to take a student whom it does not wish to admit. This rigidity has created problems in the new system's first year and it is not yet clear whether the rigidity can be reduced. However, this year's process has demonstrated that this College remains extremely popular with applicants in the fields in which it specializes. Our hope is that as the new admissions system beds down, it will help us to develop the College's recognized areas of academic strength.

So much for the University. There is also much to say about your College.

The most important news is the election of our next Warden. The post was advertised early in February and 26 applications were received. On 15 June, after interviewing six short-listed applicants, some of them twice, Governing Body elected Dr Margaret MacMillan, Professor of History in the University of Toronto and Provost of Trinity College in that University, to be the next Warden. Her appointment was announced five days later. Because of her existing commitments in Toronto, she will not be able to assume her Wardenship until September 2007 and Governing Body intends to appoint an Acting Warden to hold the fort be-

tween my retirement in September 2006 and her arrival a year later.

Professor MacMillan obtained her D.Phil. at St Antony's in 1974 and returned as a Senior Associate Member for a year in 1993. She taught at Ryerson University in Toronto for 25 years and assumed her present position in the University of Toronto in 2002. In 2001 she published in London a widely-acclaimed book on the Versailles Peace Conference of 1919, entitled *Peacemakers: The Paris Conference of 1919 and Its Attempt to End War* (the edition published in the United States has a different title: *Paris, 1919: Six Months that Changed the World*). And in 2003 she was elected to an Honorary Fellowship at St Antony's.

As the Warden has no say in the selection of the next Warden, I am free to congratulate my colleagues in Governing Body on the excellence of their choice: Dr MacMillan is a world-class historian but she is also a distinguished scholar of international relations, she is familiar with Oxford and its ways and she is a woman. The last factor is long overdue in a College where half the students are women but all its Wardens have been men. (54% of the students admitted in 2004-5 were women; the average over the last eight years has been 49.9%).

I come now to the students. For reasons explained last year, it is not possible to give you now the academic results achieved by all the students who have done their finals in the academic year 2004-5 which is about to end. But I can give you the results achieved by their predecessors, ie students who left the College at the end of the academic year 2003-4. They numbered 102. Of fourteen doctoral students, seven were awarded the D.Phil. and the other seven had their dissertations referred back for further work. Forty-one of the students did two-year M.Phil. courses: six got distinctions; 32 passed; and 3 failed or did not complete. Forty-seven students did one-year M.Sc. or M.St. courses: seven got distinctions; 38 passed; one failed and one withdrew. These are impressive results and the College has cause to be proud of them, as do the Fellows of other colleges who supervised some of them.

This year's students have again flourished on playing field and river. Allan Taylor has stolen my thunder with the graphic account in his article of the College's last-ball victory in the annual cricket match with Nuffield. The women footballers, in a joint team with Wolfson which is known as 'The Chihuahuas', have again had a very successful year; for the second year running they came top of their division and were consequently moved up two divisions in the League.

The Boat Club also did extremely well. The men's first crew won blades in Torpids and, for the fourth year in a row, they won blades in Summer Eights. The women's crew, who had to be built up from scratch at the beginning of the year, performed creditably in the regattas. They are currently using a boat hired from LMH. This is better than using, as they did last year, the College boat, designed as it is, for heavy-weight men, but there is still a pressing need for them to have a boat of their own. The Boat Club is doing its best to raise enough money to purchase a women's boat and the College is making a contribution. But what we really need is

a generous benefactor who will fund the cost of the boat (about £13,000) and, ideally, endow its running costs (about £1,000 per annum, which would require an endowment of £22,500). Is there an Antonian out there who is willing to do this?

The Bursar's article in this edition of the *College Record* is not only about cricket. It is also about something which is even more difficult than winning a cricket match with the last ball; it is about the balancing of the budget. For two years now the College has achieved a modest surplus in its financial results, after a long period of chronic deficit; and at the time of writing there is reason to hope that the result for 2004-5 will just be in the black, despite the unbudgeted decline in income mentioned in Allan's article. Many are to be congratulated and thanked for these results: Allan himself, of course; the College staff, and especially our new Domestic Bursar, Peter Robinson, who have cooperated with Allan in reducing expenditure and increasing efficiency; and the members of Governing Body who have accepted and observed the Ten Precepts in the College's rolling Five Year Plan, recognizing that respect for them is essential if we are to succeed in reducing expenditure and increasing income on a sustainable basis.

The reform of our finances is not the only reform in which we have been engaged this year. For more than two years a small group led by Ann Waswo has been updating and rewriting the College's Statutes. It has been a slow and laborious undertaking but the revised Statutes have now been formally submitted to a University Committee which will examine them, mainly to ensure that they do not clash with anything in the University's own Statutes. Once that has been confirmed, the revised Statutes will go to the Privy Council for Her Majesty's approval. And then we shall have to start revising the Colleges By-Laws.

Governing Body has continued to use and monitor the new structures for the governance of the College that were established in 2001. The Management Executive Team is functioning effectively thanks to the hard work of its members, who include the President of the JCR *ex officio*, this year's President being Julian Brown. In Hilary Term Philip Robins was elected by Governing Body to do a two-year stint as Senior Tutor in succession to Rosemary Foot, with effect from the beginning of the 2005-6 academic year. Rosemary has been a hard-working, calm and conscientious Senior Tutor and I record here my special gratitude to her for her role in 'graduate consultations', an exhausting but rewarding procedure in which the Warden and the Senior Tutor meet each student individually once each year to discuss her or his academic progress and to resolve any problems that may have arisen.

Governing Body continued to meet twice a term and usually did its business more briskly than used to be the case when there were four meetings each term and no Executive Team to prepare the agenda and submit recommendations. But the burden on GB Fellows increased considerably in Trinity Term when they were called upon to attend a series of special meetings to elect the next Warden, with the happy outcome described above.

Much attention has been given this year to an institutional issue which has lain dormant for some time. This is the relationship – or, rather, relationships, because they all differ – between the College and its seven Centres, some of which receive their core funding from the College, while others receive theirs from the University. The Bursar and I have been working to codify and rationalize the relationships in the hope of making them more transparent and more efficient. Towards the end of Trinity Term, the Management Executive Team had a first reading of a long draft paper and our hope is to have it approved by Governing Body before the end of the calendar year.

As in previous years, I do not presume to report in this article on the activities of the Centres. That is done by each of the Centre Directors elsewhere in this volume. But in order to demonstrate the wide scope of this College's activities and the distinction of the people who come to take part in our activities, I draw to your attention the following distinguished visitors and the issues on which they spoke. They are listed in chronological order: the South African High Commissioner, Ms Lindiwe Mabuza, on 'The Tenth Anniversary of South Africa's Transition to Democracy'; the Chairman of KPMG International, Mr Mike Rake, on 'Globalization – a personal experience of the conflict between national statutes and the global company'; Dr Hans Blix, the Elliott Lecturer of 2004-5, on 'Weapons of Mass Destruction: disarmament and security'; Dr Bernard Bot, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Netherlands and European Studies Lecturer of 2004-5, on 'Great Game or European fair play?'; Mr Richard Dreyfuss, star of stage and screen, on 'Reflections on the US Presidential Election of 2004'; Dr Vladimir Sergeyevech Lisin, President of the Novolipetsky Metallurgical Complex in Russia, on 'The State of Business in Russia: the role of Russian "Big Money"'; Dr Petr Aven, President of Alfa Bank, Moscow, on 'Economic Policy under Putin: which way forward?'; Mr Anwar Ibrahim, former Deputy Prime Minister of Malaysia, on 'The Modernity of Southeast Asian Islam'; Mr Taro Aso, Minister for Internal Affairs and Communications of Japan, on 'Japan's role in efforts to create a stable and peaceful world'; and Mr Sonallah Ibrahim, renowned novelist and the George Antonius Memorial Lecturer of 2004-5, on 'The Development of an Egyptian Writer'.

Two Governing Body Fellows retired at the end of the 2004-5 academic year: Archie Brown and Richard Clogg.

Archie Brown has been a Governing Body Fellow for more than a third of a century, after studying at the LSE and teaching at Glasgow University. His work on Soviet politics, and especially his recognition as early as 1980 that Mikhail Gorbachev was a likely Soviet leader who would be a reformer, won him world-wide renown when it became clear in the mid-1980s that Gorbachev was indeed going to bring about fundamental changes. His book, *The Gorbachev Factor*, won a number of prizes and further enhanced his international reputation. The renown that he won for his academic work was renown that he was glad to share with his beloved College and his equally beloved Russian Centre. The College also has reason to

thank him for his success, with Ralf Dahrendorf, in establishing the College's Parliamentary Visiting Fellows programme which is recorded by him elsewhere in this volume. I must also record the admiration that his students declare for him when the Senior Tutor and I, in graduate consultations, ask them what they think of their supervisor.

With exquisite timing he was awarded a CMG for "services to Russian relations and the study of political science and international affairs" in the Birthday Honours List one week before the end of his last term as a member of Governing Body. Fortunately, he will continue to live in Oxford and will undoubtedly be a frequent and welcome presence in the College.

Richard Clogg came to St Antony's 15 years ago as a migrant from London University. He has flourished here as a researcher in, and teacher of, modern Greek history and has published several books from here. This has been of major value to the College and a current anxiety is: how are we going to find someone to replace Richard? He also deserves praise for the contribution he has made to the College's joint publishing venture with Macmillan and now Palgrave. He will live in London but it is to be hoped that he too will be a frequent visitor to the College.

One new Fellow joined Governing Body at the beginning of Michaelmas Term, namely Michael Willis, the first Fellow in Moroccan and Mediterranean Studies, a post that has been endowed by a generous gift from the Moroccan British Society, as reported in last year's *Record*. In Trinity Term the College succeeded in obtaining association with a new University Lecturership in the Social Anthropology of Africa, which is an important element in the newly created African Studies Centre. Again, a generous benefactor agreed to endow the College Fellowship which will be held by the University Lecturer, thus enabling us to acquire this new post without violating the College's Ten Precepts referred to above. At the time of writing, the selection process is almost completed and the selected candidate is likely to take up his post at the beginning of Hilary Term 2006.

This year has taken a heavy toll of the College's Honorary Fellows. Sir William (Bill) Deakin, the Founding Warden of St Antony's, died in January, aged 91, and Sir Denis Wright, an Honorary Fellow since the early 1970s, died in May, aged 94. Obituaries of both of them can be found elsewhere in this volume, in Bill's case, we have used the series of tributes given at the celebration of his life which took place in the Hall on 23 April, St George's Day. It was a wonderful event that attracted a very large congregation – in the secular, not the religious, sense – and recalled for us, by means of eloquent speeches, photographic images projected on to a giant screen, and music, the many facets and achievements of Bill's life. The College owes – and will always owe – a great debt to Bill Deakin.

As last year, I wish to remind all members of the College about the plight of another of our Honorary Fellows. Aung San Suu Kyi, the heroine of democracy in Myanmar, is, thank God, alive, and she celebrated, though we do not know how,

her 60th birthday on 19 June, which was her 3,523rd day under house arrest. Andrew Dilnot, the Principal of St Hugh's, her undergraduate college, where too she is an Honorary Fellow, and I wrote to *The Times*, urging that more pressure be laid on the Burmese dictators to end her ordeal and allow her to assume the democratic leadership of her country; let her be, we wrote, the Mandela of Asia.

Governing Body elected one new Honorary Fellow, namely Bridget Kendall. She is another distinguished graduate of this College (and pupil of Archie Brown) who has achieved world-wide recognition as a BBC correspondent and authoritative analyst of current international relations. She has a special interest in Russian affairs, is a fluent speaker of the Russian language and contributes greatly to the work of what we now call the Russian and Eurasian Studies Centre.

Governing Body also elected one new Foundation Fellow. He is Mr Adrian Fu, a businessman in Hong Kong who has been a keen supporter of this College's activities in the field of Asian Studies, culminating in the endowment of a two-year Senior Research Scholarship for doctoral students working on some aspect of Asia.

As regards the Emeritus Fellows, Archie Brown and Richard Clogg have already been elected to join their ranks. Sadly, Harry Willetts died in April at the age of 82. His field was Russian and East European Studies and after service in the War and then the Foreign Service he joined the College in 1960. He became a member of Governing Body in 1963 and remained such until he retired in 1989. He was a much respected tutor/supervisor and a brilliant linguist, so brilliant – it is said – that he was Solzhenitzyn's preferred translator.

It has become customary for the Warden's annual report to end with a brief passage about fund-raising. This year's report is no exception. As it and previous reports have recorded, the College has received a number of specific benefactions, most recently for endowment of the Fellowships in Moroccan and Mediterranean Studies and in the Social Anthropology of Africa. These are very valuable contributions to the College's academic capacity. But they are not the whole story. The College's capacity to teach and to research depends critically on its having a General Endowment large enough to bridge the gap between its income and its expenditure on the services which its students and scholars need. That gap has been narrowed by the professional skills of the Bursar and Governing Body's recognition that we must not get into deficit again.

But the General Endowment remains dangerously small for a College of the size and complexity of this one. That is why three years ago I committed myself to raising £10 million for the General Endowment by the time I retire in September 2006. My plan of campaign was (and is) to devote the first three years (2002-3, 2003-4, 2004-5) to identifying and making contact with people who might be ready and able to give a major benefaction. It is not too late for you to help the College by drawing my attention to potential benefactors whom I have not yet approached.

Please do so. By the time you read this article, the fourth year of the campaign will have begun and I will be actively soliciting gifts, something that, many Americans have told me, we Brits are no good at because we are “too genteel”. We will see.

Marrack Goulding

From the Bursar

It has been a very good year at St Antony’s. So what was the best moment? For me, it was about 8 pm on Wednesday 22 June 2005. It was the cricket match against Nuffield for the Ashtray Trophy being played at Worcester College. It was the last ball of the match. Nuffield needed a four to draw and a six to win. Amit Upadhyay, our cricket Blue, ran up to the wicket and clean bowled the Nuffield batsman. It was an exciting win for St Antony’s.

I know that to single out one moment like this is unfair. It ignores the many other achievements of the past year. It ignores the sporting triumphs of our rowers and women footballers. It ignores individual sporting and academic achievements and it ignores those other successes, a presidential visit successfully completed, a retirement dinner well cooked and served. But for me it was the cricket match which was the best moment.

The saddest moment was when I had to voice our thanks to Tony Kirk-Greene for his thoughtfulness and generosity in giving a party to the College staff to mark his 80th Birthday. I had to do this in his absence because the night before he had been taken into the John Radcliffe Hospital after suffering a stroke. I did not just feel sadness though. I also enjoyed the occasion. Tony had made it clear that he wanted us to enjoy ourselves – his message “the show must go on” had been passed on to us by Helen and we certainly did enjoy ourselves. I also felt pleasure that one of the College community had chosen to express his appreciation of our work for the College in such a tangible way. We wish Tony a complete recovery.

I suspect those who read the Bursar’s report do not turn to it for details of cricket matches and parties. What you expect is financial and administrative detail. It was certainly a good moment when I presented our published accounts for the year ended 31 July 2004 to Governing Body. These showed a surplus of £92K. In my report last year I referred to the English proverb that one swallow does not make a summer and warned that one surplus did not mean that our financial position was transformed. We now have had two surpluses running, two swallows, but a lot still remains to be done.

Many of you will know from what I have written in the past that what has been achieved in terms of our finances has only been achieved by a series of cutbacks, for example reductions in maintenance and in cleaning. The message I have been giving to Governing Body Fellows during the course of the last year is that we

have established good control over expenditure but we are still not increasing our income enough. A similar message is shown by our forecast for the current year which is for a surplus of less than £1K and the budget for 2005-6 which shows a similarly small surplus. Our financial situation is better than it has been for some time. It is not yet good enough to put us in the position where we can do all we would like for College members or take academic initiatives. We have to continue to keep our expenditure under control and we have to do more to maximise income.

As in the past all parts of the College played their part in the achievements of the year. One of the best things about my job is working with the JCR President and his or her Executive to do all that we can for the students. The current President, Julian Brown, has been a particular pleasure to work with and I am grateful to him for all that he has done.

I must also pay tribute to the College staff at all levels. In my report last year I paid tribute to Graham Daniels, our Domestic Bursar from 1997 to 2004. During last November Peter Robinson joined us as his replacement with a lifetime of experience in the hospitality industry. He was clearly destined for Bursarial life. He showed me the crew list for a voyage of the SS Arcadia in the early 1970s. Peter was in the Purser's department together with the last Domestic Bursar of Trinity and the present Steward of Christ Church. During the year Mike Dean has retired. I once walked out of the Hilda Besse Building behind two American visitors; one was saying to the other "of course the most important person in the College is its Head Porter". If the Warden will forgive me saying so Mike did a lot to make that true in St Antony's. For many people the Head Porter and his team are the public face of the College. David Whitaker, also an ex-police Inspector, has taken on his role. Mike's was a difficult act to follow but David is rising to the challenge.

Other who left the College during the year were Ennis Frankum, College Nurse since February 2001, Alison Foss, Senior Members' Assistant since March 2003 and Ralph Bates who provided support in the Middle East Centre Library. Christine Higham, Christine Stewart, John Cooper and David Manning left Housekeeping. Q'aiser Shujja left the Kitchen and last but not least Hazel Grey, whose cheerful demeanour will be very familiar to those who indulged in a cup of tea or coffee after lunch, left the Steward's department. We are grateful to all of them for their contributions to the College and wish them well.

Tony Kirk-Greene used the opportunity of his 80th Birthday to say thank you to the College Staff. I would like to take this opportunity of doing the same because without them 2004-5 would not have been a year of achievement in the College.

Allan Taylor

Junior Common Room

For the students of this College, this has been a year of quiet accomplishment. These have been academic, sporting, and, yes, social; they have taken place both within the College itself but also within the wider world of the University. I have a great deal of praise to offer in this brief report of the year's activities, but I do want to start off by emphasising something less obvious and less often applauded – which is the calmness, the fraternity, and the quiet sense of community that has marked all our interactions this year. We have been able to solve our disputes without rancour; and we have been able to continue to build the community that does our College proud, a community within which we have able to excel in all spheres of our lives. This year's constructive atmosphere has made St Antony's a place in which I – as a first-year student – have felt privileged to live.

One sign of this – and one change that is most likely to be noticed by a visitor returning to the College – has been the manner in which we have negotiated the shift towards making the Hilda Besse Building a non-smoking space. After some conflict in JCR meetings, we were able to refer the matter to a committee within the student body which met throughout Hilary term and was able to deliver a compromise resolution to us by the end of term – a resolution which was then happily adopted, I am glad to say, by the College. So now the Besse Building is non-smoking – with the exception of the Buttery – and now both our social events, and our normal daily lives, have been bettered.

The same attitude has largely prevailed in the more formal workings of the JCR Executive and Committee this year. Those of us entering the College for the first time in Michaelmas were welcomed by the outgoing JCR, made to feel at home, and encouraged to participate in as many activities as possible – and thus many of the successes which have been chalked up under our term in office must also be traced back to their earlier work. After the elections in November, though, we have set out to continue in their footsteps and – hopefully, still – to continue to build the society which we have inherited.

Academically, the JCR in Michaelmas term organised two principal series of events: the weekly Careers Evenings (organised by Alex Bristow) in which we were given a chance to meet practitioners in a wide range of professions, first over dinner in Hall and then in an informal Q and A session over coffee and wine. These were extremely successful, and very popular. The second series of events was organised by the then-VP Academic, Pierre Gemson, and provided students a chance to present their ongoing research to their peers within the College. These sessions were most helpful to the students involved, and have continued rather erratically through the rest of the year.

The stalwarts of our academic programme, though, have been the three volunteers who run the Writing Tutorial sessions twice a week. Meredith Carew, Aaron Jakes and Elizabeth Angell have given generously of their time and energy to

provide the students of our College with the opportunity to have their English-language work read by a first-language speaker, and to have their grammatical usages corrected and commented upon before submitting. I cannot find sufficient fervour with which to praise these three students: their commitment to the College, the JCR, and our students is unrivalled and should be acknowledged at every level. I – for one – am very proud to have known them.

In addition to these activities, this year has also seen the launch of the *St Antony's International Review* (STAIR) – a student-run and student-edited academic journal based in the College. The first edition – launched in February this year – was the product of more than a year's work by a large editorial collective, consisting entirely of students based at St Antony's. I cannot list their names here, but must once more single out the efforts of the editors – Matt Eagleton-Pierce and Alex Betts – and the managing editor – Noa Schonmann. The publication – we can all agree – does us and the College proud. And we are all, I think, looking forward to the second issue, promised for Michaelmas.

Our academic successes, then, have been glittering. But no more so than the astonishing achievements of our sportsmen and women this year – we have seen an abundance of university-level players, representing the Blues teams in sports as varied as cricket and rowing, water-polo, basketball and ice-hockey. This is the largest number of Blues and half-Blues players ever to have been at our College at any one time. Their achievements are remarkable for themselves, certainly, but also for the galvanising effect that their presence has had on the sporting achievements of the rest of us poorer players!

Indeed, the presence of Amit Upadhyay in our College cricket team was clearly instrumental in our nail-biting victory over Nuffield in the annual Ashtray grudge match – a victory masterminded by the cricket captain (and JCR Sports Officer) Richard Horton. The match was won in the last over of the thirty over match – on the last ball, in fact, of the match as Nuffield needed to hit a four to bring the match to a tie. Instead, Amit bowled their final batsman out! Celebrations of a less-than-dignified fashion followed. This victory – while sweet – was only the capstone of a successful season which saw our cricket club finish third in the Oxford Inter-College Cricket League (Second XI) Division Two, with seventy-seven points from seven matches (two wins!).

Our cricketers were hardly the only team excelling this year. The joint St Antony's/Wolfson women's football club – the Chihuahuas – have continued their winning streak by claiming their second divisional title in as many years. Captained by Alexandra Delano (our VP-Welfare this year) they were also, in addition to their divisional success, semi-finalists in the university five-a-side Cuppers tournament. The College's men's basketball team, too, reached the semi-finals of their Cuppers tournament in Trinity term – another impressive achievement that reflects well on all students here.

And our Rowing Club has also continued in its astonishing streak of successes. Larger than ever this year, we fielded four boats in total – two men’s and two women’s. The Second men’s VIII rowed in the Christchurch regatta in Michaelmas, and in Summer Eights – in both cases doing well and rowing over in good time. The first women’s VIII entered all three of the year’s regattas, and – rowing in the very tough third division with a novice crew – did very well to maintain their position in the rankings. And, as ever, our First men’s VIII was showered with glory in both Torpids and Summer Eights as they achieved blades in both competitions. This makes our First men’s boat one of the most successful boats in competition in Oxford over the last half-dozen years – we have bumped more often and moved up more divisions than any comparable college rowing club. Their success over these years is an achievement for the whole of the rowing club.

All of these successes have been celebrated in an epic fashion in (and around) the JCR’s Late Bar. This has continued to be the centre of our social life, the axis around which we all revolve. The nightly presence of a core of students is one of the few reliable aspects of college life – but regular drinking is far from the only service provided by the Bar. It has been the venue both for the launch of STAIR’s debut issue and for a successful fundraising cocktail party/strip-show by the rowing club. In addition, we have hosted a variety of cultural events here – from a wild Arabic Society evening to Salsa lessons and an art-exhibition organised by the Latin American Society. These events have added more than just a veneer of civilisation to our drinking, but instead have given us an opportunity to mingle with students both in and out of college and to learn a little about their own cultures. These are the experiences which only St Antony’s can provide.

As, of course, are the infamous parties we throw throughout the year. The highlight of Michaelmas term was – unsurprisingly – the annual cross-dressing party, Hallo’queen. The Besse building bulged at its concrete seams – as did the dresses of many of the partygoers. In Hilary term, a Salsa-themed party at the start of the term and a cultural-exchange themed party at the end of term attracted a large number of students. In Trinity, though, the stress of exams meant that we eschewed the pleasures of large parties for the more intimate surrounds of the CCR, gathering to watch Eurovision play out live in front of us. That was an experience like no other that I could ever imagine.

Not that every social activity organised by the JCR involved the consumption of alcohol. We have had an active committee this year, all of whom have contributed by organising events that have integrated their responsibilities with the social life of the College. Miranda Worthen (our Environmental Officer) organised the rental of an allotment out by Port Meadow and many of us have spent pleasant afternoons digging and weeding there. And although it has yet to bear fruit, she has nonetheless continued to organise a series of environmental dinners at which we can taste each other’s organic cooking. Florencia Lopez-Boo has kept us all informed of the activities of the University’s LGB society, and has organised occa-

sional social events in the College.

Tracy Carson (our Social Action Coordinator) had perhaps the highest profile of all our officers in Hilary term as she organised – in conjunction with the College's Development Officer – a fundraising event in Hall. The purpose of this event was to raise funds for a local school in the region affected by this Christmas's Tsunami. Her success here is notable – we were able to raise over a thousand pounds from fellows and students of the College. We were grateful to be able to contribute, even in so small a way.

As ever, though, the biggest social event of the year was the annual Summer Ball. Under the able chairmanship of Miriam Prys, the Ball Committee this year chose the theme of 'Revolution!' There was some ambiguity in this theme, though, which became noticeable as we milled around in our black ties and ball-gowns: were we here to overthrow the Ancien Regime? Or were we here to sip champagne and, instead, repel the barbarians from the walls? Either way, the Besse building was clearly designed to withstand a student revolution. Two hundred and fifty of us circulated through the night – we ate, we drank, we lay on our faces as masseurs pummelled the tension and toxins out of our bodies, and then we drank some more. There was dancing. And gambling. And, in the foyer, a large, looming guillotine to remind us of the fragility of privilege. (Or something like that!) By the time dawn came, the revolution was over and we stumbled back to our rooms through the debris of a night well-spent. The Ball was – in other words – a spectacular success. And it even managed to turn a small profit for the JCR! The work of its Treasurer, Timo Idema, was instrumental in its good management.

Good management, in fact, has been the watchword of the JCR as a whole this year. Administratively, we have set up a Clubs and Societies Committee to administer the funding of JCR-affiliated clubs and societies. This has brought a new level of financial management to the JCR – we know where our monies are being spent. And – in part as a consequence of this – the JCR Treasurer (Teun Dekker) and I have been successful in convincing the Bursar that the JCR needs substantially more direct funding if we are continue in our provision of services to the student body. From next year, then, the budget of the JCR will be able to encompass an expansion of our services – a task which our successors will no doubt be more than equal to! In addition to these financial matters, I have spent a great deal of my time with our OUSU Representative (Daniel Russell) in cementing our relations with the University's students' union and in making sure that St Antony's has taken a leading role within the community addressing the changes taking place at a central level in the university. We live in exciting times here.

No report would be complete without offering a final vote of thanks to everyone who has involved themselves in the activities of the JCR this year. Thanks must first go to the previous JCR of Michaelmas term. And then I must offer my most sincere and heartfelt thanks to the members of this year's JCR Executive and Committee – I have not been able to work all of their names into this report but –

named or unnamed here – their commitment and excellence has been remarkable. My life – and the lives of all students in the College – has been made that much easier by their hard work. A special thanks, too, must be given to those members of the JCR who have finished their degrees, graduated, and have left the College. Their commitment in the face of exams is amazing.

I want, though, to reserve my final thanks for the students of the College who – without taking on any formal role or position – have thrown themselves into the daily life of the JCR. They have organised and attended movie nights; they sit in the Late Bar and in the CCR; they sit in Hall over lunch and dinner. In all these environments we have been able to talk and to relax, share opinions and hold arguments, and, above all else, build a community. At the end of the year, it is this sense of community I most cherish.

Julian Brown

The Library

The College Library, comprising the Main Library and the library of the Russian and Eurasian Studies Centre, together with the associated libraries of the Middle East Centre and the Latin American Centre, contain over 100,000 volumes, and subscribe to over 260 journals and newspapers, the collections reflecting the major disciplinary interests of the College.

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. The Middle East Centre library holds the collections on the Middle East, and the Latin American Centre library, although now part of the University Library System, continues to provide for our readers on site at the College.

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 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.

Our year began with the drama of a summer rainstorm causing extensive flooding in parts of North Oxford. Water swirled in to the car park from Bevington Road and we watched in dismay while it flowed through the lowest entry points of the Main Building into the Gulbenkian Room and library stacks. The storm ceased before the waters reached the bottom bookshelves; no books were touched, but the handsome carpeting of the Gulbenkian Room was beyond salvaging. The stacks could be cleaned and dried out within a week or two, but the damage to the Gulbenkian Room's wood block floor required several weeks of work and the room was not re-opened until mid-September. Since then we have been considering the implications of climatic change with the increased incidence of such storms. The building of dykes was pondered and dismissed, but sandbags were laid in and were brought out for active service this summer when a prolonged cloudburst threatened but stopped short of our doorways.

We are very grateful for donations received by the Main Library during the past year, including those from: Dr C. Baldoli; Professor R. Barnes; Professor A.H. Brown; A. Evans; T. Garton Ash; Sir Marrack Goulding; Ms M. Haring; J. Hatton; S. Henders; Dr R. Hingley; A. Ibrahim; W. Josephson; Junior Common Room; Ms M. Katkov; Dr J. Kavenna; Dr M. Kurkchian; Dr K. Leney; Leverhulme Programme on the Changing Character of War; Professor J. Marquand; Dr C. Müller; Dr J.-W. Müller; Naval War College; Sadako Ogata; Oxford Institute for Energy Studies; Professor V. Rittberger; Royal Navy Defence Studies; Dr L. Rychetnik; Professor R. Service; Dr H. Shukman; Dr Z. Stavrinides; S. Sullivan; Ms S. Vuola; E. Weaver; Wolfson College; World Peace Foundation; Professor A. Yamanaka; S.B. Yudhoyono.

Rosamund Campbell

The St Antony's Series

Last year five new titles were published in the series which is the same number as a year ago. These were:

Archie Brown: *The Demise of Marxism Leninism in Russia*

Ulf Schmidt: *Justice at Nuremberg. Leo Alexander and the Nazi Doctor's Trial*

Thomas Boghardt: *Spies of the Kaiser*

Ailish Johnson: *European Welfare States and Supranational Governance*

Victoria D. Alexander and Marilyn Rueschemeyer: *Art and the State. The Visual Arts in Comparative Perspective*

The series publishes manuscripts by authors who are members of - or who are

associated with - the College. Publishing proposals are first considered by Palgrave/Macmillan on commercial viability grounds, and then sent out for academic reviews. The final decision is taken by the editorial board of the series. Last year the board included William Beinart, Archie Brown, Richard Clogg, Alex Pravda, Rosemary Thorp, and Jan Zielonka (General Editor). Jill Lake represented Palgrave/Macmillan. At the end of the year members of the board expressed our thanks and best farewell wishes to two retiring board members Archie Brown and Richard Clogg. Professor Brown served at the board from the inception of the series in 1978. Jane Caplan and Nandini Gooptu have agreed to join the editorial board in the next academic year.

Last year the College successfully negotiated a new agreement with Palgrave/Macmillan. The agreement spelled out mutual obligations of the publisher and the College and also clarified financial and decision-making procedures.

More than ten manuscripts are now either in production or in preparation for publication in the next academic year focusing on such diverse topics as Economic Doctrines in Latin America and Legislative Politics and Economic Power in Russia.

Jan Zielonka (General Editor)

SPECIALARTICLES

We are reprinting in this section, the farewell speeches given on their retirement by Professor Archie Brown and Mr Richard Clogg at the Governing Body dinner on 20 June 2005

Archie Brown:- After thanking the Warden for his ‘extremely kind words’, Professor Brown said:

“People I went to school with would not have predicted that I would be retiring as an Oxford Professor or as a Fellow of St Antony’s (if they had heard of St Antony’s – which in a small town in Scotland they hadn’t). We are allowed a little autobiographical licence on an occasion like this, and so I have to own up to the fact that I was a school dropout – one of those people who left school without any qualifications at all. I didn’t even see out my fourth year in secondary school. In May 1954, the week of my sixteenth birthday, I decided I had had enough and left school. What I had been particularly good at during my time at school was English, football and cricket, and sport took up a lot of my time. The highlight of my school career was not playing for the school football and cricket teams (which I took for granted), but football for my county as a schoolboy. So I was not the sort of boy who looked as if he would finish up as a Fellow of an Oxford College.

And in those days Scotland turned out good footballers. I probably should devote my retirement to trying to solve one of the great intellectual puzzles of our age. How was it that when footballers were paid a maximum of £10 a week, Scotland produced many of the best players in Britain and a national team that beat England at least as often as England beat them? And how is it that when the going rate for the best players in England’s premier league today is anything between £50,000 and £100,000 *a week*, the Scots are conspicuous by their absence from that paygrade. So much for the curious idea that the Scots have a special interest in money. So much for rational choice theory.

Of course, I probably should also spend part of my retirement learning to do certain things which I have avoided learning up to now – such as discovering how to work the video recorder, instead of relying on my wife, Pat, for that as for so much else. It shouldn’t be beyond me, given that my paternal grandfather’s cousin, John Logie Baird, *invented* bloody *television*. The technological gene, though, seems to have passed me by.

Having left school at sixteen, I didn’t just hang around at street corners. From the age of eleven I had wanted to be a newspaper reporter, and so I spent almost six months at a secretarial college learning shorthand and typing – the fast touch-typing still comes in handy – and then got a job on the *Annandale Herald* in Lockerbie. Nobody outside Dumfriesshire had ever heard of Lockerbie in those

days. From there I moved to my hometown paper, the *Annandale Observer* in Annan. Having zero paper qualifications, I had no deferment from National Service, and so spent my years between eighteen and twenty in the army. One of the few good things National Service did for me was to provide the opportunity for second thoughts. I decided that I had made a mistake in not attempting to go to university. That was probably all the easier a decision to make, and an omission to remedy, because I was not only a school dropout but, unusually for an early school-leaver, I was also (or was to become) a third-generation graduate (on my father's side).

I was interested in politics (especially) and economics and I wanted to go to the London School of Economics, so I spent the next year after the army in Westminster College (near Victoria Station in London), which in those days came under the old London County Council, getting the necessary entry qualifications. Being by this time really interested in what I was studying, I duly completed in the space of nine months three A-levels (in Economics, Economic History and what was called British Constitution), together with O-level English.

In general, I think that interviews as part of the process for admitting students as undergraduates or graduate students are a waste of time. When I first came to St Antony's as a Fellow thirty-four years ago we spent quite a bit of time interviewing prospective students, but after we stopped doing so, the students we admitted were of every bit as high a quality as those whom we admitted before. I have to say, though, that I am grateful to the three people at LSE who interviewed me in 1958, in my first term at Westminster College, when I still had not as much as an O-level to my name. They were a leading specialist on British Politics, Reginald Bassett; a prominent economist (later a life peer) Maurice Peston; and an economic historian, Arthur John. Bassett and Peston were particularly encouraging and they conditionally accepted me for LSE, subject to a reasonable A-level performance. (Perhaps for dropouts with no qualifications, and for those interested in spotting their potential, interviews *are* useful in that limited category of cases.)

Another person who encouraged me when he arrived to teach at Westminster College for two terms in January 1959 was a very dynamic young man, with a brand new Ph.D. from LSE, the 27-year-old Jack Hayward, who was doing this for two terms before taking up his first university lectureship that October. I still have a report somewhere in which Jack wrote of me that 'he should develop his talent for political analysis'. Well, I suppose that's what I have been trying to do ever since, and it was a special pleasure for me when Jack Hayward came to Oxford in 1993 as Professor of European Politics and as a Fellow of St Antony's, so that we finished up as colleagues as well as good friends.

Since I don't want to go on too long and *do* want to say something about St Antony's I'll save for a short speech at a conference this Saturday how I got into the study of Russian politics. Suffice to say that after five years at LSE as an undergraduate and graduate student, seven years as a Lecturer at Glasgow Uni-

versity, which included a year's unpaid leave as a British Council exchange scholar in Moscow University in the 1960s, I arrived at St Antony's in 1971 as quite a young-looking 33-year-old. In fact, Major Hailey, the College's first Bursar, who still used to come in for Common Table meals quite often, didn't seem to be able to get it into his head that I was not a graduate student but a Fellow. Every time I met him he asked me in a genial tone: 'How much longer will you be here?' Perhaps there was a hidden message there which I was too obtuse to take on board, but he always said it with a smile. After responding on several occasions, 'Well, actually I'm here permanently – as a Fellow', but with no discernible effect on Major Hailey's consciousness, I finally answered the question by replying: 'Until 2005'. I have to say that when the words came out of my mouth in the 1970s, 2005 seemed a totally fanciful date – another century, another millennium. It was hard to take it seriously or to imagine that one would actually still be around then. But here we are.

Within the Russian Centre of St Antony's I have had many excellent colleagues and some wonderful graduate students. I should like to thank three colleagues in particular, starting with my earlier days here. The first, accordingly, is Michael Kaser. Michael and I put on many a good seminar series together and we co-operated happily on four edited books. Michael's enthusiasm – combined with prodigious energy – has always been refreshing, and it is good to see that both his energy and zeal for knowledge remain quite undimmed. I cannot guarantee that I will still be attending Russian Centre Monday seminars in my eightieth year.

My colleagues and I have also been extremely lucky in having as Secretary/Librarian of the Russian Centre Jackie Willcox. Jackie has been in the College for two-thirds of the time I have been here, which means already quite a long stint. She came to St Antony's in February 1982. To have the support of someone with her skills has been a huge bonus. She has far superior shorthand to that of this former newspaper reporter. I may have to admit that she is probably even a better touch typist! Add to that the fact that she knows five or six languages, including – rather usefully – Russian, and you will appreciate that (when the sad time comes for her to retire) Jackie will be a lot harder to replace than I have been.

I mention third – only because he has been a Fellow of the College for a mere sixteen years – Alex Pravda. Alex has been an exceptional friend and colleague. Because people trust his judgement he gets overburdened with duties and yet he has taken huge amounts of time away from his own important research on the ending of the Cold War to edit a *Festschrift* for me which Oxford University Press published this month. (This month is as good as it can get. It continues right to the end with a Department of Politics farewell presentation on 30 June. I have a strong suspicion that, starting on 1 July it is going to be downhill all the way.) To return to Alex, not only has he organised and edited an outstanding book, but he has put in a vast amount of administrative work as the main organiser of a conference next weekend to mark my retirement. (I like to think it is 'to mark' rather than 'to cel-

eborate' my departure.) The very least I can say is that I am enormously grateful to Alex.

Finally, I should mention that throughout all my time in St Antony's I have had the privilege of being in the room next door to Malcolm Deas. We started off in rather small rooms at the top of 2 Church Walk. Then one day in the late 1970s – fortunately for us, if not for the College finances – the roof fell in. (It was probably during one of those periods when the College was having a moratorium on maintenance.) Malcolm and I became evacuees. We were evacuated to large rooms on the ground floor of the same building, and there we have been ever since.

Maintenance evidently resumed, for one day I was in Malcolm's room on the ground floor at a time when the front of 2 Church Walk was shrouded in scaffolding. While I was there a workman threw a hammer down from the roof. It bounced once on the scaffolding and then smashed through the window scattering glass all around us. I said: "Bloody hell, this place gets more like the Soviet Union every day". Malcolm phlegmatically replied: "I suppose the only difference is that in the Soviet Union the hammer would have been immediately followed by a sickle". I thought that was pretty good – unrehearsed humour, given that ten seconds earlier we didn't know that the hammer was on its way.

Just outside my room in 2 Church Walk is a large and distinctly ancient-looking wooden chest which belongs to Malcolm. To all appearances it might have been washed up from Treasure Island. Perhaps it really is filled with pieces of eight and could provide the answer to our fund-raising problem. It has never to my knowledge been opened. However, our previous Domestic Bursar took against the chest from day one and in an early inspection of our premises announced that its presence in the hallway was contrary to Health and Safety regulations and that it must speedily be removed. Well, quite a few years later that Domestic Bursar has moved on and the chest is still there.

Malcolm used to have in his room a nineteenth century Colombian rifle with a bayonet nearby. He always assured me that if anyone ever tried to get us out of our rooms the bayonet would be fixed. In fact, I am going peaceably this summer. Academics are the only people crazy enough to want a bigger house when they retire and we did look ahead a bit and built a library at the back of the house a couple of years ago. I am ready to trade garden for books at any time. I haven't seen Malcolm's rifle for a few years. I suppose it is possible that *it* really did contravene Health and Safety regulations and so has been 'put beyond use' if I remember the terminology of the Good Friday agreement correctly.

I've said enough. It was chance that brought me into the study of Russia and so chance that brought me to St Antony's. But it was a very happy chance. I've been glad to spend a third of a century here. The pattern of my life is about to change quite dramatically. Everything I have ever written in the way of academic books or articles, even newspaper articles, since coming to Oxford I have written in 2 Church

Walk. In most weeks I have been in my room there for a substantial part of Saturdays and Sundays as well as every weekday. My school-friends would never have suspected that the football-mad boy would turn into such a boring workaholic academic old codger. But *I've* not been bored. The one common thread in my circuitous career has been that I've only ever worked really hard at things that don't seem like work – because they are enjoyable – and that has certainly been true of my time (well, *most* of the time) in this College.

Richard Clogg

Last week, in the course of our mammoth deliberations to elect a new warden, I found myself recalling a novel which at the time it was published enjoyed a considerable éclat. This was C.P. Snow's *The Masters*, an account of the intrigue-ridden election of the master of a Cambridge college, written in a prose the leaden quality of which was matched only by the pomposity of its author. If you can remember the book you must, like me, be pretty long in the tooth for it was published in 1951.

But just a few years later came Kingsley Amis's *Lucky Jim*. Published almost exactly fifty years ago, in 1954, it has always struck me not only as the best thing that Amis ever wrote but as perhaps the best novel ever about British academic life, a book written in anything but leaden prose. The novel is clearly based on Amis's experiences as a lecturer at Swansea. Indeed, his head of department apparently tried to get him sacked for bringing into disrepute not only the University of Swansea but the entire academic profession.

At this distance in time I cannot remember whether I read *Lucky Jim* at school or university, but when I did I immediately identified with the book's eponymous anti-hero, Jim Dixon, a young lecturer in history. Dixon had two great fears. The first was that he would be rumbled. The second was that he would be summoned to a musical evening by his professor and dragooned into singing madrigals.

Today I can breathe a huge sigh of relief that I have made it to retirement without having been rumbled. At least I am not aware of having been rumbled so I hope that none of you will spoil my retirement by letting on that I have been. I have also mercifully avoided the fate of warbling madrigals alongside the professor's wife, although, curiously, the nearest I came to such a grisly fate was here at St Antony's, not the first institution that comes to mind when one thinks of madrigals.

When I came to the College fifteen years ago there was a tradition, since abandoned, of college centres taking it in turns to organise an evening entertainment. Almost the first college event that I attended was one of these entertainments sponsored by the European Studies Centre, the centre of which I am a member. This was an evening of madrigals put on, in a touch worthy of Amis himself, by William Wallace's *au pair*. She doubled as a music student and came up from London with a group of her music college chums. The ghastliness of the evening was increased by the fact that the madrigalists trilled and fa-la-la'ed their way

around the ten (or was it twelve?) members of the EU. We may even have been treated, I seem to recall, to a madrigal from Luxembourg. But, mercifully, we were not expected to join in.

Another thing that puzzled me about the College when I arrived was its motto – *Plus est en vous* – a motto which, thanks to Antonin Besse, we share with Gordonstoun School, the school which educated, or failed to educate, according to your point of view, Prince Charles.

Gordonstoun offers an official translation of Besse's motto – '*There is more in you than you think*'. But a more demotic translation of *Plus est en vous* might be the phrase beloved of schoolmasters and schoolmistresses through the ages when compiling reports on their charges – '*Could try harder*'.

Besse died while on a visit to Gordonstoun and Hilda Besse wrote a lengthy obituary for the *Gordonstoun Record*. She concluded this by noting that it had been Antonin's 'earnest hope' that boys educated at Gordonstoun might complete their education at St Antony's. It would be interesting to know whether there has been an alumnus, or more recently an alumna, of Gordonstoun at St Antony's in its fifty year history.

I must say that I find the College motto, however one chooses to translate it, a somewhat dispiriting one. I should myself have preferred the motto of the proud mercantile city of Ragusa, the present day Dubrovnik, in the part of the world which I study – *Non bene pro toto libertas venditur auro*. This could roughly be translated as 'Liberty is not to be traded for all the gold in the world.'

Under the new university regime our liberties, which date back the best part of a millennium, are manifestly under threat from a particularly crass form of managerialist dogma. The notion that Oxford would have reached its present eminence if its teachers had been under the threat of redundancy if they did not publish enough is simply bizarre. No less bizarre are the earnest calculations to determine how many citations result from each million dollars of research money.

I think that those, like me, who are relative newcomers to Oxford and come from academic cultures where managerialism took hold in the 1980s are particularly alive to the dangers implicit in the proposed changes, changes which I decline to dignify as 'reforms'. At my own undergraduate university, the University of Edinburgh, for instance, the University Librarian is now designated the Vice-Principal for Knowledge Management. How long will it be, I wonder, before we have a Bodley's Knowledge Manager instead of a Bodley's Librarian?

I am greatly honoured to have been made an Emeritus Fellow, not least because I arrived at the College in unusual circumstances and for my first five years here I was actually on the payroll of the University of London. I must then have been very much an unknown quantity (perhaps I still am) but I am truly grateful to the College for granting me what can only be described as a form of academic asylum. I shall not bore you with the details led to my involuntary departure from King's

College, London. It is a complicated story, not unconnected with my writing a book about the young Arnold Toynbee's own involuntary departure from King's in the early 1920s, after a furious row with the Greek benefactors of his chair. I realised rather late in the day that writing frankly about a scandal in the history of the institution by which you are employed and which involves benefactors may not always be the path to academic preferment. Anyway, the gory details will form part of a memoir of my academic life on which I am now embarked.

Fortunately, my time of troubles at King's College coincided with John Campbell's retirement in 1990 from St Antony's and thanks to the good offices of John and of the College I was able to continue his pioneering work, if not in anthropology, then in the modern history of Greece. I have thus been able to contribute to the maintenance of a worthy tradition at the College, dating back almost fifty years, in this somewhat recondite field. When I last counted there were at Oxford twenty-three historians of the ancient world and one of modern Greece, myself. And, unlike the serried ranks of the classicists, I have not held a university post nor did John for a good part of his academic career.

Sadly, the tradition of the study of modern history of Greece looks like coming to an end at the College and hence in the University. This is not for want of trying on my part. Ever since coming to the College I have tried to secure permanent funding for my Senior Research Lectureship. Last autumn I thought success was at last in reach following a meeting with a hugely rich Greek-American property developer in Sacramento, California. Characteristically, but nonetheless sadly, when a member of the family approached Oxford University last Christmas he was told that there was no call for a post in the modern history of Greece. Instead the Foundation in question was asked to consider endowing a chair in Byzantine studies. The Foundation lost interest and the money is now, I understand, going to Stanford.

It occurs to me, however, that we still might possibly be able to attract an endowment. The Greek-American in question is proposing to erect a replica of the Parthenon on top of a 29-story office block he is building in Sacramento at a cost of over \$100 million. I haven't measured up the Besse Building precisely but at a glance it looks roughly the size of the Parthenon. And whatever you might think of its architecture, the Besse building is certainly of robust construction and could probably stand the weight of a replica of the Parthenon, complete with casts of the Elgin Marbles. This would also nicely complement the Tower of the Winds at Green College. Were we to go ahead with such a plan then our chances of securing funding for an endowment in Modern Greek History would, I believe, be much enhanced.

I shall certainly miss the College and hope to remain in touch. Some things, however, I shall not miss, in particular what I call my 'birds and bees' talk to those of my supervisees whose D.Phil. theses are nearing completion. On such occasions I have the delicate task of urging some circumspection in dedicating the

thesis to current boy or girl friends. I try to hint that the only person to whom you can safely dedicate your thesis in the most fulsome terms without the possibility of future embarrassment is your mother, because, at the moment at least, you can have only one of these.

So I wish the College every success in the future. I shall watch your progress with interest and sympathy. Above all, my overriding feeling towards the College is one of gratitude for providing me with a stimulating and, above all enjoyable, intellectual home for the last fifteen years.