



ST ANTONY'S COLLEGE

NEWSLETTER



St Antony's from the Air. This photograph was taken in August 2003 during the hottest summer on record - hence the scorched lawn. In the foreground is the Woodstock Road and from the left moving clockwise, you will see the Hilda Besse Building with the fascinating pattern of its roof lights, above the Dining Hall and Common Rooms, clearly visible; the Nissan Institute of Japanese Studies and the Founder's Building. The beautiful elevation of the former chapel, now the main library, can be seen on the right. At the top of the picture (the eastern side of the curtilage and Winchester Road) and at the bottom (the western side) are some of the Victorian properties which house students, centres and fellows' workrooms. Photo: Commission Air.

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The Warden

Dear Antonian

My contribution to this term's *Newsletter* is more about the University than about the College. In this "collegiate University" there are times when changes in University policy can have significant, and sometimes unwelcome, implications for the colleges. Even when the motives are mutually desired, the means of achieving them can be controversial. Consultation and frank discussion between the University and the colleges are therefore essential. Fortunately a number of initiatives in recent years have succeeded in turning the Conference of Colleges and its subordinate bodies into a more effective mechanism for defining the needs and wishes of the colleges and communicating them to the relevant University bodies (almost all of whose members are, of course, members of colleges).

The several debates that are currently in progress have been generated by two major issues.

The first is the financial crisis which confronts all universities in the United Kingdom. It results from a steep decline in public funding for higher education, the real value of which per student fell by 20% between 1976 and 1989 and by a further 37% between 1989 and 2002, during which period student numbers increased by 94%. Not only does this create real problems for all universities; it also raises doubts about the feasibility of the Government's declared objective that 50 per cent of school-leavers should go on to higher education (compared with about 43.5% at present). The Government's intended authorization of universities to charge undergraduate fees of up to £3,000 per annum (compared with a flat rate of £1,125 at present) has generated much controversy. Many oppose this policy because they think that there should be more, not less, public funding of higher education. Many others, including most of the leading universities, say that £3,000 is not enough to ease the financial difficulties.

The second cause of debate, which is also an essentially financial one, is the fear that Oxford and other top universities in this country will lose "world class status" as they become less and less able to match the research capacity of the leading American universities.

The University has responded to the financial crisis by taking steps to increase its income. In particular, it has introduced a number of new nine or twelve months masters courses judging, accurately, that they would attract overseas students who pay higher tuition fees than students from the UK and other European Union states.

Initially, this policy encountered some opposition. Some units in Area Studies were hard pressed to handle the number of new students whom they had to teach and supervise. Additional income to meet the new teaching and administrative needs was slow in coming and is still inadequate to reduce the heavy load that has fallen on those administering and teaching the new courses. In colleges, both fellows and student bodies worried that the intensity of the new taught courses would leave those doing them little or no time to participate in the social and sporting life of their colleges and would thus deny them an important part of "the Oxford experience". Bursars in some colleges, including St Antony's, foresaw that the proliferation of one year courses meant that a larger proportion of their students would be first years and that this would make it increasingly difficult for them to guarantee College accommodation for first year students.

These concerns were not received with enthusiasm in Wellington Square. It was pointed out that the rationale for the new degrees was

not just financial. They also reflected a policy newly adopted by the ESRC and other research councils which provide public funding for postgraduate education in this country. The favoured model for doctoral studies was now "1 + 3" (i.e. a one year research methods degree followed by three years for the doctorate) and no longer "2 + 2" (a two year M.Phil. followed by two years for the doctorate). However, this formula has adversely affected the Area Studies degrees as there is no automatic route to the doctorate of the kind that exists in Development Studies and many degrees that were eligible to receive ESRC-funded students are no longer eligible.

As regards the University's world class status, debate continues on how Oxford can best ensure that it is not eclipsed by the academic distinction and wealth of the leading American universities. Everyone says that Oxford needs to raise more private funds and the University and its colleges, including St Antony's, are making ever greater efforts to do this. But it is also argued by many that there needs to be some shift of emphasis from undergraduate teaching, which has for so long been Oxford's *tour de force*, to graduate studies and research. The recently adopted policy, which will be reviewed annually, is to hold undergraduate numbers at their present level and to increase graduate numbers over the next three years by 4.5% per annum for research students and by 7% per annum for taught course students. This is equivalent to an increase of 1.9 % per annum in student numbers as a whole.

This policy has significant implications for the colleges, in most of which accommodation for graduates is in short supply. It confronts the graduate colleges in particular with the need to acquire more student accommodation. Given that most of us have space on which we could build, we have urged the University to help us finance new construction rather than building new student accommodation of its own without any college attachment. The colleges' difficulties in admitting the growing number of graduate students have given rise to some tension during the last two summers, to the extent that some have floated the idea that perhaps graduate students, unlike undergraduates, need no longer have a college association. In the view of the graduate colleges this would be a devastating blow to the whole concept of the collegiate University and should not therefore be countenanced.

Maravall Building

Current Members - Honours, awards etc:-

José María Maravall (Honorary Fellow) has been elected as a Corresponding Member of the British Academy.

Jack Hayward (Emeritus Fellow) recently received a prize for Lifetime Achievement in Political Studies at a Political Studies Association Award ceremony.

Rebecca Clifford (current student and Sassoon Scholar) has been awarded the University's Scatcherd European Scholarship for 2004/5. This will cover all the expenses of her research leave next year.

Sunita Puri and **Nneoma Nwogu** (current students) have been awarded Paul and Daisy Soros Fellowships for New Americans.

Lindsay Whitfield and **Nikita Sud** (current students) are both the recipients of Peter Fitzpatrick Scholarships.

Dominic Coldwell (current student) has been awarded a Holly Wyatt Walter Scholarship.



Ms Kristiina Ojula, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Estonia, made a special visit to St Antony's European Studies Centre on 19 February to give a lecture about EU enlargement entitled "EU25 > 15 + 10". She then attended a reception and dinner in her honour. The full text of her lecture can be read <http://www.sant.ox.ac.uk/areastudies/esc-texts.shtml>. Photo Terry Lee.



His Excellency, President Abdoulaye Wade of Senegal was a visitor to the College in November to give a special lecture on 'The Conditions for the Development of Stable Democratic Political Systems in Africa.' Speaking to a capacity audience, the President spoke in both French and English. The full text of his speech can be read on the College Website at http://www.sant.ox.ac.uk/areastudies/lectures/President_Wade_Speech.pdf. Photo Rob Judges.

Current Members - publications

Rosemary Foot (current Fellow) has recently published *Human Rights and Counter-terrorism in America's Asia Policy* as an Adelphi Paper for the International Institute for Strategic Studies.

Jack Hayward (Emeritus Fellow) co-wrote with Vincent Wright, *Governing from the Centre. Core Executive Coordination in France* (OUP, 2002) and co-edited with **Anand Menon** ('88) *Governing Europe* (OUP, 2003) in memory of Vincent Wright.

Larissa Douglass (current student and former Sassoon Scholar) has put her 2002 Central European Conference - The Contours of Legitimacy in Central Europe: New Approaches in Graduate Studies on-line at <http://users.ox.ac.uk/~oaces/>

Recent Deaths of Antonians

Alan Birch, Senior Associate Member 1972-3 died 1 December 1999.

Hilary W. King, Supernumerary Fellow 1965-6, died 17 February 2003.

Albert Wirz, Senior Associate Member 1973-4, died 7 May 2003.

Russell Fifield, Senior Common Room Member 1963-4, died 3 June 2003.

Kofi Hadjor, student 1980-1 died 2003 - further details awaited.

Dennison Rusinow, Student 1959-63 and Senior Associate Member 1970-1, died suddenly on 20 January 2004.

Alan Bullock, Founding Master of St Catherine's College and Honorary Fellow of St Antony's, died on 2 February 2004.

Raff Lewis (wife of our Emeritus Fellow Geoffrey Lewis) died suddenly on 8 February 2004.

Kath Wheatley (widow of Fred Wheatley, founding Steward) died on 9 March, aged 90.

The St Antony's International Review

A new academic journal, the *St Antony's International Review* (STAIR), has been set-up by Junior Members of the College. It is being run by an editorial board of current graduate students supported by an advisory board comprising mainly the College's senior fellows. The aim of the journal will be to reflect the strengths of the College by providing a diverse site of interdisciplinary communication and debate on international issues. It will publish accessible and critical articles of contemporary relevance from any of the disciplines in which the college specialises: area studies, politics, economics, international relations, history, anthropology, and development studies. One of its central aims will be to enable emerging young scholars to publish their work alongside more experienced academics and policy-makers.

The intention is that the journal will be published tri-annually on a termly basis. A number of the editions will be themed 'special editions'. The first edition, aimed for publication in Michaelmas 2004, will be on 'The Future of International Cooperation', for which we hope to attract a range of high profile political figures and prominent academics. A call for papers for the journal has been released, asking for the submission of articles of up to 6000 words to be submitted by e-mail before the 1 May 2004. Full peer review will be conducted by members of the advisory board.

We hope that the journal will provide a link between the College and Antonians on the outside and we strongly encourage involvement from anyone wishing to contribute. The journal website at <http://www.sant.ox.ac.uk/jcr/stair.shtml> provides more detailed information. Anyone interested in subscribing, contributing or receiving our newsletter updates can e-mail the editorial board on: stantonsreview@yahoo.com

MATTHEW EAGLETON-PIERCE

New Fellow on Governing Body

Jane Caplan, University Lecturer Modern European History



I have returned to Oxford after more than thirty years – not the kind of calendar one wants to admit to, but as a historian I have to accept a certain degree of unalterability in the past. Some of those years were spent in Cambridge (at Newnham and King's Colleges), but for over twenty more I was teaching in the USA: first as a visitor at Columbia University and then for two decades at Bryn Mawr College, where I held a chair in history and ran the department for many years. There are very few places I would have left Bryn Mawr for, but Oxford was certainly one of them, and St Antony's the clinching reason.

As an undergraduate and then a graduate student at Somerville in the mid 1960s, I looked on St Antony's as my second home, which it was bound to be for any student interested in contemporary German history. Coming from a partly Jewish and wholly socialist family, I had known from an unsuitably early age that I was determined to learn more about the German regime that had targeted both those groups with such unexampled fury. Luckily for me, the Volkswagen seminars at St Antony's were already bringing a regular series of distinguished German historians to Oxford, most of them specialists in the history of the Weimar and Nazi periods. These were the scholars who, with immense generosity, helped me to shape my unformed interests into a doctoral research project on the civil service in Nazi Germany. The Volkswagen programme was run by Tony Nicholls, who I am now supposed, inadequately, to replace. For a time my supervisor was James Joll, then the Sub-Warden of the College. Nearer to me in age and status in those years was Tim Mason, at that time a research fellow at the College and later a fellow of St Peter's. Tim became a close and valued friend and colleague, and it is to him that I owe my first steps on the road to life as a historian: in fact it was through Tim that I gave my first public seminar in 1975, also at St Antony's. After his untimely death in 1990, I tried to repay my overwhelming debt to him by editing some of his works for posthumous publication.

The historiography of Nazism is now immense, and during my scholarly lifetime the focus of research has repeatedly shifted and

expanded. It now encompasses new problems and questions which have not only been generated within the field itself, but are also responses to changes within the discipline of history as such. To take two prominent examples respectively, we now know far more than we did thirty years ago about the history of genocide and biopolitics, and about the history of gender and sexuality – indeed, we have learned to formulate questions in both these fields for which we would not have had the vocabulary in the 1960s. In my own work, I have turned from the structural history of the administration and bureaucracy to more local experiences of repression, specifically the history of incarceration in the earliest concentration camps. The status of these camps, which held largely political and so-called 'asocial' prisoners, is overshadowed by their far more notorious wartime successors. What interests me in particular is the link these camps had to the history of existing institutions of incarceration in Germany, and the role this might have played in both the further development and the legitimization of the developing camp system.

My research interests have also wandered in other directions. Through my longstanding curiosity about bureaucratic administration and the structure of the official mind, I became interested in the official stabilization of individual identities in the modern state, the history of the identity card so to speak. This means teasing out how and why European states came to 'know' their subjects in the 19th century by means of standardized systems of representation – e.g. the personal name, the signature, the written description, the visual depiction. I published two edited volumes of essays on aspects of this subject in 2000/01, and will continue to work on it.

I am already enjoying the new challenges of Oxford and St Antony's, principally the opportunities for ongoing work with graduate students and for participation in the extraordinary intellectual life of the College and University. Hard as it has been to wrench myself from an established academic life in the USA, the exchange is already living up to its promise.

JANE CAPLAN



HOT NEWS

One of the most exciting events at the College for Hilary term 2004 was the St Antony's Pool Tournament. The competition started off at the Late Bar with 17 talented players, who gave the enthusiastic crowd a great show of their abilities. Our Warden generously offered to hold the final round at his house. A long night, full of suspense and breathtaking shots, ended with Sean 'Mowgli' O'Leary as a winner. Congratulations to all the players, and especially to our other finalist, Foulath 'The Scud' Hadid, and to those who made it to the last round: Sam 'The Shark' Sims, Marrack 'MiG 29' Goulding, and Jeppe 'Great Dane' Sorensen. Stay tuned for the next tournament

ALEXANDRA DELANO

The last word on Intelligence

The 3-Year seminar series "Intelligence and International Relations" finished last summer. The programme was supported by a generous donation from our Honorary Fellow, Mr Geoffrey Elliott.

The final lecture was delivered by Professor Peter Hennessy, Atlee Professor of Contemporary History, Queen Mary College, University of London.

To mark the end of a most successful and well-attended series, Sir Michael Quinlan (formerly Permanent Under Secretary, Ministry of Defence) presented a St Antony's plaque to Michael Herman, who organised the programme from its inception.

New Fellow on Governing Body



Jan Zielonka, Dahrendorf Fellow and University Lecturer in European Politics

When you arrive in a new place everybody asks you a simple question: "Where do you come from?" I try to give a simple answer, but it usually does not work. "I come from Florence, the city of Machiavelli," I often

say, but my name is clearly not Italian, so I rush to add "I am actually a Polish national and a Dutch citizen." This is a strange combination and so I often have to explain that I was born and educated in Poland, but in 1982 I began to live and work in Holland. However, over the last eight years I lived in Italy where I taught at the European University Institute in Florence.

I am confronted with similar problems when I try to identify my academic field. I studied Law at the University of Wroclaw, but I completed my Ph.D. at Warsaw University in the field of History of Political Ideas. At Leiden University I taught International Relations and my chair at the European University Institute was broadly defined as European Studies. However, in practice I was responsible for teaching Comparative Government and Politics. My writing is also diversified. I wrote on such diverse topics as European foreign and security policy, borders and state-building, democracy and democratization. I also wrote on the evolution of political ideas in such different countries as the United Kingdom and Poland. Most recently I have been working on the EU's eastward enlargement.

Nor is it easy to spell out my theoretical identity. Since I studied the history of political ideas I am not terribly impressed by all the new trends in contemporary Social Sciences. After all, Hegel or Machiavelli were also (quite sophisticated) realists, Kant was a kind of constructivist and Hugo de Groot a classical institutionalist. Moreover, I do not believe that various theories are necessarily in conflict. For instance, I find nothing contradictory in the following three sets of assumptions expressed by three different schools of thought: (1) realism; international politics is about power and self-interest, states continue to be major actors and military power is crucial; (2) liberalism; trade and economics can alter state behaviour and so can institutional forms of communication and cooperation; (3) constructivism; structures of international politics are social rather than strictly material and they shape actors' identities, interests and behaviour. In short, I am trying to be a liberal-constructivist-realist regardless of what the guardians of individual theoretical temples may think.

By now you probably realized why I chose to come to St Antony's College. The College is famous for its multi-national membership, interdisciplinary approach and theoretical variety. I arrived here only a few weeks ago, but I already feel very much at home.

JAN ZIELONKA

(Dr Zielonka was a Senior Associate Member from 1994-5)

**Completing the Questionnaire
See pages 9 and 12 for further details**



"At the feet of the Master" - students listening to the New York Times journalist Tom Friedman ('76) on his recent return visit to the College. He later gave a lecture entitled "A Columnist's Notebook: From Baghdad to Washington and Back". He was on a visit to the UK to collect an award from Prince Charles celebrating 50 years of the Marshall Scholarship scheme. Photo Rob Judges.

A Special Seminar Series for Hilary Term - 'Palestinians on Palestine: The Way Forward'

Since the outbreak of the Second Intifada, Palestinian voices have been marginalized in setting the agenda for the future of Palestine. The 'Quartet', the United States and Israel have at different times put forward their vision for the political future of Palestinians. But the neglect of Palestinian input in these initiatives has condemned them all to failure. In this moment of political deadlock, the Middle East Centre has put together a forum to bring a range of Palestinian perspectives into Western public debate and consciousness. Eight distinguished Palestinian analysts have provided their views on the way forward for Palestine: Afif Safieh has served as the Palestinian General Delegate to the United Kingdom since 1990. Ahmad Khalidi served as a Palestinian negotiator in the Madrid and Oslo processes in the 1990s. Azmi Bishara has served in the Israeli Knesset since 1996. Karma Nabulsi was a PLO representative from 1977 to 1990 and an adviser at the Israeli-Palestinian peace talks 1991-1993. Ali Abunimah is founder of the Electronic Intifada, one of the most interactive websites on Palestine and the Palestinian-Israeli conflict. Mustafa Bargouthi is an active participant in the building of a democratic Palestinian civil society. He is the Secretary of the Palestinian National Initiative, or Mubadara, a recently established democratic opposition movement, co-founded with Haidar Abdel-Shafi, Ibrahim Dakak and Edward Said. Haider Abdel Shafi was the spokesman of the first Palestinian Legislative Council from 1962-63. Hanan Ashrawi served from 1991-3 as the Official Spokesperson of the Palestinian Delegation to the Middle East Peace Process. Dr Ashrawi headed the Committee of the Palestinian Independent Commission for Citizens' Rights in Jerusalem, and was Founder and Commissioner General of that committee until 1995. From 1996-8 she served as Minister of Higher Education and Research. In August of 1998 she founded the Palestinian Initiative for the Promotion of Global Dialogue and Democracy, and has served as its secretary general since that time.

Photographs and texts of these lectures will be on the MEC website in the near future.



The Chihuahuas

Backrow, left to right: Katie Chan (Wolfson), Kate Sleeth (Wolfson), Emma Ralph (Wolfson), Elaine Deegan (Wolfson), Natalie Lane (Wolfson), Alexandra Delano (St Antony's), Katherine Cox (Wolfson), Ali Ball (Wolfson), Wade Nottingham (coach - Green), Lindsay Whitfield (St Antony's)

Front row, left to right: Kim Mathiesen-Owen (St Antony's), Jenni Moffitt (Wolfson), Cath Willoughby (Wolfson, co-captain), Nicole Evans (St Antony's, co-captain), Shiva Aimiri (Wolfson), Marilyn Abbott (St Antony's). Missing from photo: Stina Torjesen (St Antony's), Abril Profá (St Antony's)

Photo Terry Lee

Chihuahua Juggernaut Dominates

The Chihuahuas, the St Antony's/Wolfson Women's Football Team, have made the 2003-4 football season the 'Year of the Chihuahua.' While it is only their second season, they played like experienced vets and have the bruises and well-developed Chihuahua growl to prove it.

The Chihuahuas are of equal St Antony's/Wolfson parentage, resulting in a unique North Oxford breed of women footballers. One of our key Chihuahuas is Mexican, who introduced the Chihuahua cry "Ariba Chihuahua" that can now be heard over Oxford's spires and is loved by footballers and supporters alike. In true St Antony's style, the team is composed of women from Argentina, Australia, Britain, Canada, Denmark, Ireland, Mexico, Norway, Portugal, Russia, South Africa, and the United States. Instead of leading to a clash in footballing style, it has instead combined to create the much-heralded Chihuahua football style. This international style is what lies at the heart of the Chihuahua Juggernaut.

The Chihuahuas were undefeated in every single competitive match this season, until victory in the Quarter-Finals of Cuppers was cruelly snatched away. In our League games, we beat St Catz/Balliol 6-1, New College 8-1, Teddy Hall 5-0, and University College (our archnemesis since a broken nose incident last year) 5-1. In our Cuppers group qualifier, we beat Magdalen/Linacre 7-2, St Peter's 10-0, and St John's 3-0.

Thus, the Chihuahuas are Division champions!!! This is a first for St Antony's football for a much longer time than we care to admit to, and our team photo will be the first football photo to hang in the much examined St Antony's Hall of Sporting Fame (i.e. the Bursary corridor). We will move up a Division in the League tables next year.

But even this accomplishment did not satisfy the Chihuahuas' competitive urges. After being undefeated in the Cuppers group qualifiers round, we stood ready to take on St Anne's in the quarter-finals. The Chihuahuas were ready, the crowd (a key group of loyal Chihuahua supporters) was revved up, and we kicked off. It was a difficult team, with St Anne's having the Blues captain and goalkeeper, and a few other Blues players, on their team. Not to be intimidated by such football finery, the Chihuahuas fought the good fight and at halftime the score was 0-0. About 15 minutes into the second half,

the Chihuahuas scored after a demonstration of what pretty football should look like – making space and perfect passes. We then fiercely held our advantage until, with just 10 minutes remaining, the referee (the St Anne's coach) called a silly foul on a Chihuahua, which resulted in a direct free kick and a goal. Soon afterwards, we lost another goal due to a handball infraction on a corner kick and the game ended with the Chihuahuas losing 2-1.

This game led us to consider further an enormous problem in women's football at Oxford. While the men's team are allocated official referees for every single game they play, including all League games, women's teams are only allocated official referees for Cuppers semi-finals and finals. This tends to mean that the coach of the home team referees the game, which can lead to unfair biases and makes the match difficult on the home team, the away team, and the referee himself. This is because the men's teams have first claim to all the referees on the weekend, leaving the women without. The Chihuahuas still do not understand why men's football is apparently more important than women's football, but we are campaigning for the provision of objective, if not official, referees for women's football next year.

While gutted, we are proud of our accomplishments this year. We are also proud that the team is very large, and that for every game we had the difficult task of choosing a team of 11 from 16-plus women who wanted to play. This is a good problem to have, when many large undergraduate colleges are frequently unable to get out a full team. That we are able to encourage such commitment, inclusiveness and a desire to play from graduate colleges is perhaps the biggest Chihuahua accomplishment of all.

With Chihuahua cheers (a-chi-a-chi-a-chi-hua-hua),

NICOLE EVANS
StAntony's/Wolfson Women's Football Captain
(Chief Chihuahua)

**Please don't forget to complete the questionnaire
you will find on the reverse side of the carrier sheet
with this Newsletter**



People travelling along Woodstock Road tend to overlook St Antony's College. However, after you have stopped once and entered the vicinity of this College, it is hard to regard it in any other way but home. This was the case for me when I first arrived here almost a year and a half ago. By the end of my first year here I decided to run for the JCR President position as part of my

contribution to the tradition of the St Antony's JCR.

One of the first tasks I faced in my post was the rent negotiations. After long and detailed consultation between the JCR and the College, there was a collective sigh of relief when we managed to come to an agreement about the rent and its structure for the next 5 years. I believe that this agreement is for the benefit of all Junior Members (as it is for the College). In addition to that, it will make the lives of incoming presidents of the JCR easier by allowing them to settle into their position without the urgent need to take part in the rent consultation exercise as soon as their term begins. This couldn't have happened without the helpful assistance of Sonia Sodha and Vivek Krishnamurthy (who are incidentally also our Harassment Officers), of our OUSU Representative Alexey Gorchakov, and of Pierre Gemson. The agreement will make the managing of accommodation income from students more transparent than it has ever been, while establishing new accountability mechanisms for the levels of maintenance in student accommodation.

On other fronts, the new JCR Executive, voted in at the end of last term via an unprecedented turn-out, has many new faces. Pierre Gemson, a first year Canadian student reading for an MPhil in International Relations has taken the position of VP Academic. Amongst his plans are the continuation of the Graduate Seminars, a trip for Junior Members to the House of Commons and, with Matt Eagleton-Pierce and Graham Ziegner, the revival of the old graduate journal under a new name and editorial board. The *St Antony's International Review* aims to have its first issue out later this year (see <http://www.sant.ox.ac.uk/jcr/stair.shtm>, and page 3 of this *Newsletter* for further details). Alex Bristow, the new JCR Secretary and another first year MPhil in IR from Britain, has been adding his personal twist and humour to the JCR Newsletter, while maintaining high standards of minute-taking during JCR meetings.

Our new VP Welfare, the lively Lindsay Levkoff, a second year MPhil student in European Politics from Tennessee took the position, which deals with housing and other welfare issues, while getting ready to supervise the accommodation ballots on behalf of the JCR. In addition to this, Lindsay has been engaged in activities for children of Junior and Senior Members, both during the Christmas Party and at the St Valentine's Day Party. Building on these successful events and in coordination with one of the new Social Secretaries, Nur Laiq, there will be an Easter egg hunt in the next few weeks. All of these activities are planned through one of the JCR's newest efforts - the Children's Committee. The other two Social Secretaries, Richard Horton and Sang Hun Lim have been very active in this term, arranging parties and events in the late bar, most notably the Salsa party which featured a live 11-piece Salsa band and free dance lessons.

Our talented "Old-School" Treasurer, Teun Dekker, who is a second year student from the Netherlands, reading for an MPhil in

Political Philosophy, was persuaded to run for a second term. He was uncontested and won, to the great delight of most members of the College. The responsibility of maintaining the JCR balance sheet has been met with seriousness, determination, a willingness to help, and a smile. A similar approach has been taken by Teun when he accepted the most "wanted" position in the JCR: *The Keeper of the Attic*. The Attic is facing a big clean-up, and we are planning the Great Annual Attic Sale, which may also release some of the ghosts. This Sale is aided by the Boat Club who is actively fundraising to buy a much needed women's boat.

Our Social Action Coordinator, Florencia Lopez-Boo from Argentina is focusing on collecting donations for different charities. This is being done in a variety of ways: boxes for collection of old clothes, an active Social Action Committee, and special events at the late bar for collecting money for different causes. A recent example of the latter is the Tango lessons night, which took place in the late bar and was in aid of The Terrence Higgins Trust - an HIV and AIDS charity.

The Women Officer, Julie Taylor from Zimbabwe, has been planning and executing activities, such as the "Women in Academia" event which featured women Fellows from the College. We are also lucky to have the ever energetic Mexican, Alexandra Delano, as Sports Officer. Alexandra has been arranging several events (in addition to playing in the Women's football team), St Antony's Pool Tournament and has ideas on how to improve the College Gym in the coming future.

It should also be noted that this year, for the first time, we have managed to add recycling boxes to the Founder's building, and more boxes for other student houses. For this we should thank our outgoing environmental officer, Naomi Kikoler, our incoming officer Fiona Howie, and the great help of Astrid Christoffersen-Deb.

Last but not least in the Junior Members is Cathy Baldwin. Although not an elected JCR member, Cathy, who is a first year in Anthropology, has been involved in College life from the day she arrived. Amongst the things she has organised I should mention the very successful Career Dinner events featuring different key speakers every week for the whole of Hilary Term - thanks to Antonians Owen Bennett-Jones, Habib Rab and Gareth Popkins for their participation in these events - and her active involvement with an Irish Band who performed in a Folk night at the Late Bar in the last term, and will also perform in the coming future in the College.

Finally, some words of thank you are due. The outgoing JCR has been active and supportive throughout the transition period and for this I am very grateful. I am also grateful to the College Administration and Management for the support and flexibility that they have shown thus far. The biggest thank you, though, goes to the JCR and its Junior Members, without whose support, participation, and contribution St Antony's would not be as lively, creative, and inspiring as it is.

SACHAR NATIV

New Antonian Liaison Officers

We are pleased to welcome five new Liaison Officers on board:-

Egypt - Dr Ann Radwan, who has done a wonderful job over the past 8 years, particularly in welcoming students on study visits to Egypt and offering them the facilities of the Fulbright Commission, gives way to **Dr Jill Edwards**, who is Professor of History at the American University in Cairo.

Italy - Dr Ilaria Poggiolini - who has one foot in Italy and one in the UK and is always wondering which one is where, is happy to relinquish her role to the duo of **Emanuele Poli** (in Rome) and **Maria Mazzone** (in Milan).

United States - New York - Jed Weiner ('95) has kindly offered to take over the New York area from **Dr Diane Kunz** who has been in charge for 4 years. All New Yorkers willing to help should get in touch with Jed on the contact details on page 12.

Mid-West - Stephanie Mitchell ('97), whose memorable performance when nine months pregnant in the fundraising concert for the grand piano will never be forgotten, has kindly offered to take over the Mid-West. If you live in the Mid-West and want to be involved do get in touch with Stephanie (contact details on page 12).

Washington Antonians

there will be a gathering with the Warden in early May - watch out for further information on the website or contact the Washington Liaison Officers- see page 12 for contact details.

Ezrahi/von Siemens Wedding



Ariel Ezrahi ('99) married *Christina von Siemens* ('99) on 13 July 2003 in Munich. Other Antonians attending the wedding were:- *Sameen Gauhar* ('03), *Costas Kourkoulas* ('99), *Laura Gomez-Mera* ('99), *Aspasia Papadopoulou* ('00), *Sebastian Silva-Leander* ('99), *Sebastien Brack* ('99), *Peter Wien* ('99), *Lina Barouch* ('98) and *Guy Tourlemain* ('00).

Antonian Groups



(L-R) *Ahmed Al-Shahi*, *Azza Al-Qasimi*, and *James Onley* at the *American University of Sharjah*

Antonians in Arabia

Early in Hilary Term, in the United Arab Emirates, Azza Al-Qasimi (current student) and James Onley (Liaison Officer for the UAE/ Gulf region) sponsored a highly successful lecture tour by Ahmed Al-Shahi (Research Fellow). The original plan was for Ahmed to give just two talks: one at the Sharjah Book Mall and one at the American University of Sharjah (AUS), where James Onley teaches. Each talk was to be accompanied by a launch of Ahmed's recent edited book, *The Shaikhdoms of Eastern Arabia* (Palgrave, St Antony's Series, 2001) - the posthumous *magnum opus* of Peter Lienhardt (Fellow, 1962-86). Ahmed arrived in the Emirates on 19 January to discover that the Emirati authorities had banned his book. So much for the book launch. The next morning, he gave his first talk at AUS, entitled 'The Symbiosis of Shaikhs and Peoples', to an audience of faculty and local students. He spoke of Peter Lienhardt's observations on pre-oil Emirate politics. A controversial inclusion was Lienhardt's analysis of the 1966 coup that brought to power the current President of the Emirates, Shaikh Zayid Al-Nahyan. This is not a topic one hears discussed in a public forum in the Emirates! Ahmed's paper sparked a fascinating and unprecedented public discussion for the better part of an hour. No one was arrested. A few days later, Ahmed gave his second talk on 'Sudan's Peace Process: Reality or Illusion?' at the Sharjah Book Mall. A large number of Sudanese from all walks of life came to hear Ahmed speak, including a delegation from the Sudanese Embassy in Abu Dhabi (a two-hour drive away) led by the Ambassador himself. Ahmed was pleased to find in the audience a former student of his from his days at the University of Khartoum (1965-70). Ahmed spoke eloquently and persuasively on the future of the peace process, but he did not spare the Embassy delegation his critical observations. A remarkable discussion ensued in which audience members related moving stories of the horror and humour of the world's longest running civil war. A few days later, Ahmed volunteered to give a third talk at an AUS conference on 'Popular Culture in the Middle East and North Africa' organized jointly by Professor Clive Holes of the Oriental Institute, Oxford, and James Onley's department. During the conference, Ahmed was summoned to an audience with the Ruler of Sharjah, H.H. Dr Shaikh Sultan Al-Qasimi. After the conference, Ahmed went to Abu Dhabi at the invitation of the Sudanese Ambassador to give yet another talk on the Sudan. Following the talk, Ahmed was summoned to a meeting with the Minister of Higher Education, Shaikh Nahyan Mubarak Al-Nahyan. After the success of Ahmed's visit, Azza and James hope to arrange more collaborative activities between Sharjah and St Antony's. Antonians are most welcome in Arabia.