Sir William Deakin, the College's Founding Warden, died in January. Pictured here at the special Antonians' Weekend in 1993 which celebrated his 80th birthday, he sits between Pussy Deakin (right) and Monna Besse and is surrounded by “his students” from the College’s early days. Tributes from Antonians speak of “...a sense of awe and admiration for what he had done in the war and as an historian, but also deep affection; the founder of so many good things about the College. We remain greatly in his debt”; “... his calm and perceptive ways of running the College, as well as to take each one of us to his care and attention”; “I remember vividly his and Pussy's visit to Israel ... when the then Foreign Minister of Israel, Yigal Allon, held a reception in his honour and every Israeli Antonian showed up to pay him respect... everyone here loved him.” A celebration of his life will be held at St Antony's on 23 April(details on page 3 of this Newsletter).
A very busy Hilary Term has just ended. Our new Vice-Chancellor, Dr John Hood, formerly Vice-Chancellor of the University of Auckland in New Zealand and once a student at Worcester College, has hit the ground running. He set out his objectives in his inaugural address on 5 October 2004. His message was clear: if Oxford is to retain its status as a “world-class university”, competing successfully with other such universities, especially those in North America, it has to devote more of its resources to graduate teaching and to research, with undergraduate teaching being pegged at its present level.

Revision of the University’s academic strategy was already on the agenda and an “Action Plan” had been drafted in 2004. John Hood’s energy and vision created a new impetus and in February this year a “Green Paper” was published. It set out a new and comprehensive strategy, building on the earlier Action Plan but including many new ideas. Nine sets of strategies were proposed for: research, teaching, the size and shape of the University, personnel, admissions, services, finance, planning and management, and external relations. Comments have been sought from institutions and individuals throughout the University and the aim is to complete a “Corporate Plan for the Collegiate University” by July this year. Reactions so far indicate that this ambitious target will be achieved on time.

The Vice-Chancellor’s second move, in a second Green Paper, has been to propose reform of the University’s governance structure by unifying academic decision-making (currently done in parallel by the University and the colleges), by increasing transparency and by adopting the best practices in institutional governance. The main new structures proposed are: a Board of 12 independent Trustees, plus the Vice-Chancellor, which will be responsible for monitoring and auditing the University’s governance and finances; and an Academic Council of about 150 people which will be the forum for academic decision-making. These proposals have been less well received than the Academic Strategy, the main concerns being the composition and role of the Board of Trustees and the perceived unwieldiness of decision-making by a 150-strong Council.

During his first two terms, the Vice-Chancellor has also devoted much time to mastering the complexities of the University’s finances. His findings have been damning: if the University is to retain its world-class status, it will have to increase its income, reduce expenditure, find better ways of financing capital projects and publish transparent and informative accounts.

Two of his proposals have caused some concern in colleges, including this one. The first is his determination to “reduce the costs of complexity”, by inter alia making more efficient use of the assets of the University and the colleges, eg consolidating libraries and simplifying the administrative and financial relationships within the collegiate University. The second relates to fund-raising: he is scathing about Oxford’s weakness in this field and wants fund-raising to become a joint, transparent and better financed effort by the University and the Colleges, working together. This is an issue which has aroused much passion in the past and may do so again.

So much for the future. Allow me to venture into the past. As you are probably aware, our founding Warden, Sir William Deakin, died at his home in the south of France on 22 January at the age of 91. We can no longer say that all the Wardens of St Antony’s are still alive. Extensive obituaries were carried in all the British broadsheets and a shorter tribute was published in dozens of newspapers across the United States.

The obituaries rightly concentrated on Bill’s derring-do in Yugoslavia during the Second World War and on his relationship with Winston Churchill - as a research assistant when the great man was writing his biography of Marlborough in the late 1930s; as a trusted SOE officer in Cairo and Yugoslavia whence he persuaded Churchill to switch British support from the Royalist resistance to Tito and his partisans; and as research director when Churchill was writing his History of the Second World War. The obituarists also gave full recognition to his key role in establishing St Antony’s College, defining its academic mission and raising significant funds in the 50s and 60s.

After he retired from the College in 1968, Bill and his wife Pussy moved to a beautiful fortified hill village, Le Castellet, near Marseilles. But he frequently visited London, usually staying at Brooks’s, and was a generous host there. His last visit to the College was in 2000 to take part in our golden jubilee celebrations. By that time, the years were taking their toll of his body. But his mind remained intact and sharp and right up to the end of his life he could give detailed and graphic accounts of his adventures in Yugoslavia and more widely in south-eastern Europe during the War and its aftermath.

I first met Bill (not yet Sir William) in the British Embassy in Belgrade in 1972. I was there as the junior member of The Queen’s suite in a State Visit to Yugoslavia; Bill had been invited by the then Ambassador to stay at the Embassy, brief the Royal party about his doings in the War and see Tito again. I have to say that Bill did not make much of an impression; he was out-starred by the ebullient Pussy, who appeared to have taken charge of the Ambassador’s household and to be running the whole event herself.

After joining the College, I saw Bill on all his visits to London and after London had become beyond his reach I went to see him at Le Castellet. He remained intensely interested in the College and was determined not to lose touch with us. My last two visits before his death were to discuss with him the disposal of his library; some of it was stored in Cambridge but the more interesting items were still with him at Le Castellet. Some of these will now come to the College.

When he died, his brother and his sons decided that the funeral should take place in Le Castellet and that invitations should go only to the family and to the villagers who had enjoyed Bill’s and Pussy’s presence in their village for more than a third of a century. But, aware of his deep attachment to the College, the family also invited Polly Friedhoff and me to represent St Antony’s. The funeral took place in the village graveyard in bright sunshine under a blue sky but with a brutally cold wind blowing from the North. Speeches were made by Bill’s brother Brian and his two sons, Nicholas in English and Michael in French, and a moving poem was read by a French Antonian, François Rebattet. Bill’s ashes were then laid alongside Pussy’s and the congregation dropped rose petals on the joint grave. There followed a long, rich and well-wined lunch in one of the village restaurants – just what Bill would have wanted.

On Saturday, 23 April (St George’s Day, as it happens), Bill’s life will be celebrated at a ceremony in St Antony’s College Hall at 3 pm, followed by refreshments. All are welcome but please let Polly know if you are coming, as we hope you will.
Sir William Deakin DSO, MA (Oxon), the first Warden of St Antony’s College, Oxford, died peacefully in a French hospital on Saturday, 22 January 2005. Bill Deakin was born on the third of July 1913, the eldest son of Albert Witney Deakin of Aldbury, Tring, in Hertfordshire. He was educated at Westminster School and spent a year at the Sorbonne before going on to Christ Church, Oxford, where he took a first class honours degree in Modern History in 1934. After graduation he taught for a year in a German boarding school, and his fluency in French and German were to stand him in good stead in the years which followed. From 1936 – 1939 he was a Fellow and Tutor in Modern History at Wadham College, Oxford.

In 1939 he joined the army and served with the Queen’s Own Oxfordshire Hussars until 1941, when he was seconded to Special Operations, War Office. After service in the Middle East, he led the first British Military Mission to Tito’s partisan forces fighting the Nazis in Yugoslavia. For Deakin’s gallantry in leading this mission he was awarded the DSO in 1943. The success of the mission confirmed Winston Churchill’s decision to regard Tito as the most effective anti-Nazi force in Yugoslavia. From then on the British helped the partisans with supplies and air support. This decision was of vital importance to the future of Yugoslavia after the war because it meant that Tito had established himself as an independent communist leader and was able to avoid subservience to Moscow. His British contacts made it easier for him to break with the Soviet Union in 1948. Deakin himself ended the war as a colonel and served in the British Embassy in Belgrade, 1945/6.

In 1946 Deakin returned to Oxford to continue his career as an historian. He had already had contact with Winston Churchill before the war, when he had helped him with research for his History of the English Speaking Peoples. Thenceforward he continued to assist Churchill with his monumental history of the Second World War, and was often summoned from Oxford to Chartwell or to the south of France, where Churchill was also working.

In 1950, encouraged by the then Warden of Wadham, Maurice Bowra, and warmly recommended by Churchill, Deakin accepted the appointment as Warden of St Antony’s College. This was a brand new foundation funded by the generosity of a French businessman, Antonin Besse. His aim was to establish an international institution of higher education. The University authorities had been somewhat half-hearted about accepting this endowment, which had been on offer since 1948. Deakin showed great energy and determination in pressing ahead with the foundation of the college according to the wishes of the donor. The first students were admitted in October 1950. The College was housed in a Victorian building that had belonged to an Anglican Convent. Its facilities were appropriately Spartan. The untimely death of Antonin Besse in July 1951 complicated matters, and it took some time for the College to be able to invest its own money as it wished. Deakin established a clear profile for the College as an international institution specialising in the study of areas outside the English speaking world. He was particularly successful in raising funds from the Ford and Rockefeller Foundations in the United States and the newly established Volkswagen Foundation in West Germany. Thanks to his efforts, the College, which had become seriously under-endowed by the 1960’s, was put on a sound financial footing and developed steadily thereafter. His also stamped his personality on the College community. A man of transparent honesty and fairness, Deakin created an atmosphere of friendship and enthusiasm amongst staff and students alike.

In this he was greatly assisted by his second wife, Livia, always referred to as Pussy Deakin, whose outgoing personality effectively balanced his own British reserve.

Having fulfilled the task set for him by the College’s founder, Deakin took the decision to retire in 1968. Despite the burden of his administrative work as Warden, he had already published a major study of the relationship between Mussolini and Hitler, The Brutal Friendship (1962), and had co-authored (with Richard Storry) a biography of Richard Sorge, the German Soviet Spy in Japan who, in 1941, vainly warned Moscow of Hitler’s intention to invade Russia. Nevertheless, Deakin felt strongly that he should devote himself more whole-heatedly to scholarly research, and retired with his wife to Le Castellet, Var, in France. There he published a memoir of his was experiences in Yugoslavia, The Embattled Mountain (1971), and afterwards he continued to work on matters relating to Italy and Yugoslavia during the Second World War. He was, for many years, the British representative on the International Commission for the History of the Second World War. He was an Honorary Fellow of St Antony’s from 1969 and an Honorary Student of Christ Church from 1979. In 1980 he was made an Honorary FBA. He was knighted in 1975. Among his decorations and honours were those of the Russian Order of Valour (1944); the Chevalier de la Légion d’Honneur (1953) and the Grosse Verdienstkreuz (1958).

Deakin was married twice; his first marriage, to Margaret Beatson-Bell, was dissolved in 1940; his second wife, Pussy, died, in 2001. He is survived by the two sons of his first marriage: Professor Nicholas Dampier Deakin and Mr. Michael Deakin.

ANTHONY NICHOLLS
(EMERITUS FELLOW)
Welcome to a new Governing Body Fellow:-

C. Knick Harley - University Lecturer in Economic History

I have recently joined the European Studies Centre at St Antony’s after a teaching and research career spent primarily in Canada, first at the University of British Columbia and since 1978 at the University of Western Ontario. The lectureship I now hold has long been associated with St Antony’s, most notably during the long period in during which it was held by Patrick O’Brien and more recently by James Foreman-Peck.

For me, economic history provides the evidential base for the study of modern economic growth. As an undergraduate I specialized equally in economics and history. On deciding the nature of my PhD work, I decided that issues of economic development attracted me most and chose an economics degree over a history degree. As a graduate student at Harvard, I moved to economic history undertwo influences. I was attracted to economic history by the dynamic group of students around Professor Alexander Gershenkron. On the other hand I was somewhat dissatisfied by the approach to economic development that seemed to prevail in the economics profession. Attention seemed focused on abstract models or on very detailed case studies. It seemed to me that the study of growth and development required a longer time horizon. International differences in economic development are undoubtedly the burning question in economics. The emergence of the currently developed countries and the manner in which these economies differed from less successful economies seemed an important area of study. This made it easy for me to continue my concentration on both history and economics.

My dissertation focused on the nature of technological change and its process of diffusion. In particular I focused on shipbuilding, which underwent a dramatic transition from wooden sailing ships to iron and then steel steamships in the mid nineteenth century. This led naturally to research into the development of international trade in the late nineteenth century, which was largely driven by falling transportation costs. This research expanded into a continuing research agenda that included investigation of the geographical expansion of the United States in the nineteenth century and the British economy’s adaptation to the both the late nineteenth century expansion of the trade in commodities and the periods unprecedented international flows of capital and labour. Along these lines, I have recently contributed the chapters on international trade to both Volume 1 (1700-1860) and Volume 2 (1860-1939) to The Cambridge Economic History of Modern Britain (edited by Roderick Floud and Paul Johnson). In addition I am currently carrying on research on the development of the long distance meat trade in the decades before the First World War, which as well as expanding world trade affected the development of large firms.

Of course, anyone interested in economic growth in history maintains an interest in the Industrial Revolution. Some dissatisfaction with the existing quantitative estimates of British growth quite a number of years ago led me to re-examine the estimates of the rate of growth of British industrial production between 1770 and 1840. As a result of that research I argued that the then accepted estimates seriously overestimated growth. This led to continuing work on the Industrial Revolution. On one hand, I have continued to be involved (with Professor Nicholas Crafts of the London School of Economics) in revision of growth estimates that have resulted in a generally accepted view that earlier estimates significantly overestimate the rate of growth of the economy as a whole during the Industrial Revolution. We have followed this research with the construction of empirically based models of Britain’s early nineteenth century economic growth that emphasize the forces leading to structural change and industrialization.

The projects on aggregate growth have led me to re-examine the history of the cotton textile industry, the central industry of the classical industrial revolution. Rather to my surprise, I found that there were quite extensive records – particularly in the form of account books of firms – that had not been fully exploited by economic historians. This more detailed work on the cotton industry is also part of my current research agenda.

My research interests are in industrialization and growth generally. I have worked extensively in the growth of the British and American economies. I am convinced, however, that they are both special cases – Britain because it was first to industrialize and America because of its resource abundance. I have published some in wider comparative industrialization with particular emphasis on continental Europe. I hope that here at Oxford and St Antony’s I will be able to further that work in both my own research and as a research supervisor.

At the moment much of my time is taken up with editorial responsibilities. I am one of the two co-editors of The Journal of Economic History and have responsibility for all submissions to the Journal dealing with any geographic area of the world outside English speaking North America. This has brought me into contact with a range of research areas with which I previously had only limited contact. The wide-ranging expertise at St Antony’s is aiding my task in this regard.

Knick Harley

Current Members’ news:-

Lord Dahrendorf (Hon. Fellow) has become a member of the German order Pour le Mérite and has been appointed a Research Professor at the Social Science Centre at Berlin University.

Terence Ranger (Emeritus Fellow) was awarded the Distinguished Africanist Award which was presented to him at the ASAUK biennial conference at Goldsmiths College, London.

Mark Elvin (Emeritus Fellow) has recently published The Retreat of the Elephants. An Environmental History of China (Yale University Press).

Nicole Evans (student) has been appointed Nuclear and Radiological Security Project Officer for the Global Partnership Program of the Canadian Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Marton Benedek (student) works for the International Trade Committee of the European Parliament.

Gernot Klantschnig (student) has been awarded a Holly Wyatt Walter scholarship.

Raymond Sontag and Emmanuel Neusiri (students) have been awarded Peter Fitzpatrick Scholarships.
Fay and Geoffrey Elliott’s support for Russian Studies

Geoffrey Elliott has made a contribution of $110,000 to the Russian and Eurasian Centre’s 50th anniversary campaign. This major gift provides the Centre and its Campaign Committee (of which Geoffrey is a member) with enormous encouragement in our continuing work to raise funds to establish new Research Fellowship programmes, modernize the Russian library and financially underpin the Centre’s expanding activities.

This gift to the campaign is the most recent instance of the exceptionally generous support which Fay and Geoffrey have given to Russian studies at the College for over a decade. An initial benefaction from the Elliotts has made possible the award over the years of travel and research funds to a large number of students working in the area; it has also helped the Centre to bring over Russian visitors. The Fay and Geoffrey Elliott Studentships in Russian and East European Studies have made it possible for the Centre to provide full funding to outstanding students writing DPhil theses on both historical and cultural aspects of Russian development.

One of the Elliott scholars, Polly Jones, recently secured a lectureship at the School of Slavonic and East European Studies, University College, London. Most recently, Elliott funds have provided bursaries to help support students doing advanced doctoral work on Russia.

As well as providing the Centre with invaluable material support, Geoffrey and Fay have had a significant impact on its intellectual life. The Elliott Lecture, established in Fay and Geoffrey’s honour, has become one of the highlights of the College calendar – Robin Cook and Hans Blix (see above) are the most recent in a line of distinguished Elliott lecturers. Geoffrey’s own research interests in Russia have brought him into regular and close contact with the Centre’s Fellows and students. And the results of his research have been impressive, producing Secret Classrooms: an Untold Story of the Cold War (2002), co-authored with Harry Shukman (an Emeritus Fellow of the College), and, most recently, From Siberia, with Love. A story of exile, revolution and cigarettes (2004), a meticulously researched and vivid account of the experience of Geoffrey’s grandparents’ in pre-revolutionary Siberia. The Russian and Eurasian Studies Centre is fortunate to have such generous and dedicated friends.

Dr Vladimir Sergeevich Lisin, chairman of the Novolipetsk iron and steel corporation (one of the largest metals producers in the world), visited the College on 4 February. His lecture on ‘The State of Business in Russia: the Role of Russian “Big Money” was extremely well received by a packed Nissan Lecture Theatre. In his talk and in full answers to a host of wide-ranging questions, Dr Lisin gave the audience a rare insight into the evolution and dynamics of the Russian political economy. He brought to bear the perspective of a leading industrialist - with long experience of managing a large manufacturing plants (employing over 70,000 workers) and dealing with Moscow as well as local authorities- and that of a trained economist, with many scholarly publications to his name. The evening provided Antonians with an exceptionally rounded picture of the social and political factors shaping Russia’s economic environment.

Dr Lisin is pictured in the centre of the photo with Prof. Archie Brown and Ms Tina Podplatnik (left) and Sir Marrack Goulding and Dr Alex Pravda (right).
Antonians’ “Weekend” this year celebrates both African Studies at St Antony’s and the opening of the new University Centre of African Studies located at the College. For the first time we are having a weekday event - starting on a Monday - designed so as to precede the large European African Studies conference in London, beginning on the evening of 29 June, to allow attendance at both events.

As always, we are keen to welcome all Antonians whatever their interests. Further details are on the College Website: www.sant.ox.ac.uk, the University Website: www.africanstudies.ox.ac.uk and available from the Development Office at St Antony’s - from whom you may obtain a booking form and draft programme. Email - dev.office@sant.ox.ac.uk, telephone 44 (0)1865 274496 or write Development Office, St Antony’s College, Oxford OX2 6JF.

Recent Deaths of Antonians
Professor François Bédarida (‘67) died in 2001.
Milcha Dadirep (‘93) died on 2 March 2002.
Earl Miner (‘66) died 17 April 2004.
Klaus-Peter Hoechke (‘82) died 19 October, 2004.
Maria Alexandra Repec (‘89) died 20 October 2004.
Frank Eyck (‘56) died on 28 December 2004.
Sir William Deakin (Founding Warden) died 22 January 2005.
Abdul Azia Al-Sarawi (‘63) died on 14 February 2005.

St Antony’s Twenty Years On - Wade Goria
Twenty years is a long time. Rip Van Winkle learned this when he awoke in 1776 following a slumber that afforded Washington Irving a literary opportunity to contrast the colonial world in which he had lived from the newly emerged American nation in which this tired and henpecked New York resident now found himself. In December 1984, accompanied by my brother and some close friends, I was graduated at the Sheldonian Theatre during a ceremony in which Derek Hopwood presented me before Oxford’s Vice-Chancellor. Strangely, sadly, I did not return to Oxford for nearly twenty years. My task here is to report in brief form some highlights and impressions of this return to St Antony’s College.

The College population has more than doubled since 1984; as we know, the grounds upon which tennis and squash ball courts once stood have now been replaced by residential and academic buildings. At first, I felt discomfort as I witnessed the results of this re-configuration. Quickly, however, I gained an appreciation of the vital role these quite handsome improvements have made on life at St. Anthony’s. Much like the academic village it is intended to be, the College lawn now swirls with far more intellectual and social interaction than was the case twenty years ago - overall a splendid development for our college.

The layout of the Porters Lodge has been substantially altered, perhaps for the better. During my era - the late 1970s and early 80s - stalwart mainstays of the lodge included Colin Prettie, who I recall possessed an astonishing ability to accurately pronounce even the most esoteric and challenging of college member surnames. As Porter, the usually congenial, sometimes irascible, always loquacious Mr Prettie, a former Colonel in the British Army, willingly discoursed on any subject. My mind also turns to images of another Porter, Mr. May, who always seemed to find peace of mind outside of the Lodge on Church Walk, Woodstock Road, or Bevington Road while walking his dogs or to Nancy Spittle, our very dedicated switchboard operator who for years connected an endless stream of calls in a room situated where photocopying is now done. The current Porters serving our college do so most congenially and professionally and as ever they remain vital to the spiritual well-being of St.Antony’s.

In my day the Buttery was synonymous with the inimitable Charles and I am convinced his spirit lingers there still. It is heartening to experience the vitality of the Buttery in its present form, especially on Friday evenings when student volunteers skillfully manage the bar into the wee hours. Our dining hall upstairs, ever a
I’m having a strange introduction to St Antony’s, having been elected at the end of my first term here. The welcome that I have received has gone far beyond anything I could have expected when I flew up from South Africa. I already feel at home here. For this, both I and my committee owe the last year’s JCR committee an enormous debt of gratitude. They have welcomed us and made our transition to office vastly easier. Many of us are in our first year here, and it has been an immense help to have our predecessors lingering around to offer the advice. I do not have the words which with to thank them.

That said, we have thrown ourselves into the work of matching last year’s achievements with some vigour. We have organized academic and social events, presided over the successes of our sports teams, and begun to prepare for next term.

Starting with the academic events, I must draw your attention to the ongoing Writing Workshops run by Meredith Carew, Elizabeth Angell, and Aaron Jakes. These three students give up a substantial amount of their time in the evenings to advise their fellow Antonians on the complex and often irrational version of English used in academic writing. Without their work, the lives of many of our fellow students would be far harder. Further ongoing projects include irregular Careers Evenings and Academic Seminars, under the guidance of VP Academic Nisrine Jaafar, both of which continue.

The most prestigious of our academic events this term, however, can only have been the launch of the St Antony’s International Review (STAIR). This new academic journal is the product of more than a year’s work by a great number of our fellow students – far too great a number for me to list here. The work of the editors, Matt Eagleton-Pierce and Alex Betts, as well as that of the managing editor, Noa Schonmann, however, must be acknowledged here. They have produced an academically impressive and aesthetically polished journal. I hope many of you reading this will support them.

Life at St Antony’s is not all about academia, though. Some of us continue to stagger out of our cloisters at dawn with the brave intention of continuing to row through Hilary term. This year’s Boat Club is distinguished by the size of its membership: we currently have two men’s and two women’s boats on the river. The first Men’s VIII has, once again, won blades in Torpids – an achievement that is occurring with such regularity that we may begin to take it for granted… Meanwhile, our first Women’s VIII competed in the tough 3rd Division and held their own. I expect great things from them in Trinity.

Our other sportsmen and women have also been garnering glory for the College. We have a large number of Blues and half-Blues in the College this year, representing the University and us in sports ranging from cricket to basketball to ice-hockey to rowing. We also have one of the most consistently successful Women’s Football teams in the University – for the second year running the Chihuahuas have won their league and will once again be moving up, this time into the 3rd division. We’re all very proud.

But for all this talk of healthy minds and healthy bodies, I have to admit that the most visible members of our community are probably our three social secretaries. Without their work, we would be a far more stressed, far grumpier, and far soberer group of people. Thanks to their efforts, a veneer of civilisation has overlaid our drinking. The Late Bar has hosted a series of themed events, ranging from Arabic nights to Jazz nights.

In addition to these large events, our various societies have been active this term. The Antonian Wine Tasting Society has organized several events over the last few weeks, and continues to be immensely popular. The Boat Club and the Journal have both organized successful events in the Late Bar. Both short-story readings and poetry readings have been held to great effect. And, once again, karaoke threatens the Bar…

But all these parties are warm-up events for next term’s Summer Ball. Our Ball Committee started work early this year and have already secured the theme for the forthcoming function: this year, we present the Revolutionary Ball. We expect the masses to besiege the Hilda Besse building on 4 of June, and we hope that as many of our alumni as possible will arrive to help us man the barricades. Details are online.

Overall, we’ve had a great first term in office – and are already looking forward to a successful, productive, and fun-filled remainder of the year!

JULIAN BROWN

Journal Launch

The new St Antony’s International Review (STAIR) was officially launched on 25 February. STAIR is Oxford’s first peer-reviewed academic journal of international affairs to be run entirely by graduate students. Its aim is to allow a cross-disciplinary forum in which students and emerging scholars can publish their work alongside established academics and policy-makers. The inaugural issue is on ‘The Future of International Cooperation’ and features articles by Sir Marrack Goulding, Dr Kalypso Nicolaides and Dr Jeff Crisp. The journal was formally unveiled at a toast, attended by a number of the College’s Governing Body. At the event the Co-Editors, Matthew Eagleton-Pierce and Alexander Betts, formally unveiled the journal and set-out their vision for its future. The Warden, also a contributor to the first edition, welcomed the journal into the St Antony’s community and endorsed its achievements so far.

Following dinner, and reflecting the theme of the first edition, there was a debate on the contemporary and controversial topic of, ‘Mad, Bad or Just Big: Is The United States The Antithesis of International Cooperation?’ Reflecting the journal’s aim to recreate the College ethos of open debate across disciplines, the speakers involved came with a wide range of expertise and many were the winners of debating competitions. The arguments covered over a range of issues:- the doctrine of pre-emption, the ‘War on Terror’, the legitimacy of ‘coalitions of the willing’, the future role of the UN, the US’s role in issue-areas such as transitional justice and the environment, and Hegemonic Stability Theory. After a Q&A session and a heated floor debate, the audience voted with the opposition.

GET YOUR COPY

Demand for the first issue of the St Antony’s International Review (STAIR) has been brisk, with over 150 copies sold in three days following the launch. If you would be interested in purchasing a copy, please visit our website for further information: http://www.sant.ox.ac.uk/jcr/STAIR
Rowing - the real story

Julie Taylor (St Antony’s and the University Women’s Lightweight Crew) tells her friends how it really is:-

“Dear Friends:

The day is drawing nearer.

On Saturday 26 of March, the Oxford Lightweight Women’s Crew will meet Cambridge for the Henley Boat Race. The crews have undertaken 6 months of gruelling training for a 6-minute race, which will be watched by no less than 11,000 spectators. I think that I’ve taken on some fairly big challenges in my life, but this has been one of the hardest, physically and mentally.

To all my friends, this is why you’ve barely seen me for half a year! This is why I have woken up in the dark virtually every day since September; this is why I’ve trained 11 times a week. We have cycled 100km a week, or the equivalent of 7.5 hours, just to get to and from training.

We’ve trained in all conditions, including rain, sleet and snow. Some mornings I’ve worn five layers of clothing to fight off the cold and still not succeeded. We’ve slaved in the gym, pushing ourselves through the pain barrier, week after week. People have thrown up and cried. We’ve endured blistered and infected hands. We’ve dieted, calorie-counted, and trained hungry in order to reach race weight. We’ve also learnt a huge amount about ourselves throughout the process.

All in all, each member of my crew will have committed over 900 hours to this hugely demanding endeavour, which culminates in a single race. (If I had worked a minimum-wage job instead of rowing, I’d be nearly £5000 richer!)

AND ALL THIS JUST FOR YOUR ENJOYMENT AND ENTERTAINMENT!

Hope to see LOTS of you there - and of course in the afternoon teas at the Center helped to remind me how truly intimate and extraordinary my academic experience had been and continues to be for students studying Middle East history, politics and language at St Antony’s.

It is difficult within the confines of this short reflection to provide an adequate rumination of the many changes in Oxford, both positive and negative, wrought by the last twenty years. The impact of globalization upon Oxford appears to be profound and ubiquitous. Upon arrival by train, the modernization of Oxford’s once shabby railway station and the renovation of a formerly rundown area in the surrounding environs represents an auspicious development for the life of the city. As viewed from the railway station, the emergence of the Said Business School Tower on Park End Street embodies a portion of Oxford’s cityscape in what was for the most part a blighted part of the city.

What has happened to Walton Street, indeed to all of Jericho? Perhaps I was mistaken; does Little Clarendon Street now contain a row of provincial French restaurants and bakeries? The extent of gentrification of Oxford’s numerous neighborhoods astonished me. Materialism animated by wholesale privatization, as we know, has spread throughout Britain since the late 80s and 90s; in the cruel case of British Rail, the emergence of five separate railway companies gave the British riding public a system devoid of accountability. Nevertheless, Oxford has taken advantage of its special role, beauty and tradition by promoting tourism on a massive scale - far more than was the case in my day. Americanization has brought with it the horrors of SUVification, all at a time when the price of petrol in Britain is astronomical. As traffic to and from Oxford proliferates, a breakdown in common civility is in evidence among drivers. The emergence of superflores upon British motorways and within towns exemplify the impact of automobile culture upon the British landscape. How long will this last? Happily, a ban on automobiles remains in force within much of Oxford’s city center while well-marked bike paths provide cyclists far more organization and direction than was the case in the 1970s and 80s.

Unlike a good deal of Britain, twenty years after leaving it, I found St Antony’s College much as I first found it - a remarkably welcoming bastion of civility and scholarship. A modern day Rip - myself for example - would find his surroundings familiar, congenial, comfortably engaging and reassuring. May our college remain thus.

Wade R. Goria teaches at the Center for Global Affairs at New York University

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Mitchell Reiss ('81) has been re-appointed as the US Special Envoy for Northern Ireland.

David Gowan ('99) was awarded a CMG in the New Year Honours.

Brian Harrison ('61) was made a Knight Batchelor in the New Year’s Honours List, for services to scholarship.


Zayde Antrim ('95) and Roger Kittleson have a son August Lee born on 19 May, 2004.

Joanna Kavenna ('02) recently published The Ice Museum: In Search of the Lost Land of Thule (Viking).


Marianne Jago ('99) is Senior Legal Officer for the International Crime Branch of the Attorney General’s Department of the Government of Australia.

Jan Knippers Black ('97) has published the 4th edition of Latin America, its Problems and its Promise.


Huck-ju Kwon ('90) has published Transforming the Developmental Welfare State in East Asia (Palgrave, 2005).

Zayde Antrim ('95) received her PhD from Harvard for her thesis 'Place and Belonging in Medieval Syria. 6th/12th to 8th/14th Centuries'.

Christian Schmidt ('94) completed his MBA in 2003 and now works as a consultant for Egon Zehnder International, an Executive Search Company in London.

Jorge Velázquez Roa ('02) has been awarded the 2004 Research Prize in the field of Social Sciences and Humanities of the Universidad Autónoma Metropolitana, Mexico for his book Globalización, Desigualdad y Pobreza: Lecciones de la Experiencia Mexicana.

Alhaji Mahmood Yakubu ('87) has been appointed Dean of the Postgraduate School of the Nigerian Defence Academy.

Patience Mususa ('02) has been appointed lecturer in the Department of Architecture at the Copperbelt University in Kitwe, Zambia.

Christian Webersik ('00) has been appointed Assistant Professor of Political Science at the University of Asmara, Eritrea.

Milada Vachudova ('91) has recently published Europe Undivided: Democracy, Leverage, and Integration After Communism (Oxford University Press, 2005).

Jeffrey Kahn ('94) and LaiYee Leong are the proud parents of Sophia KaiLing Hannah Kahn born on 12 August, 2004.

Thomas Lynch ('83) has started his own investing firm – Mill Road Capital in Greenwich, Connecticut.

Lasse Michael Boehm ('01) is working as a press adviser for the Group of the European People’s Party (Christian Democrats) and European Democrats (EPP-ED) in the European Parliament.

Alexandra Issacovitch ('89) is in the International Civil Servants Unit of the Cabinet Office of the Spanish Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Ilaria Favretto ('98) edited with Dejan Jovic, “Memories of Wars; Italy and her Eastern Adriatic neighbours since 1989” (special issue of the Journal of Southern Europe and the Balkans, vol. 6 no. 2. and Storia d’Europa nel XX Secolo: Gran Bretagna (Milan: Unicopli).


Daphna Baram ('03) has recently published Disenchantment: The Guardian and Israel (Guardian Books).

Frank Underbrink ('60) is a Libertyville Township Trustee and faculty sponsor and advisor to the Environmental Action Force at the Libertyville High School.

Shuqing Guo ('86) is Vice-Governor of the People’s Bank of China.

Ian Lesser ('83) is Onassis Foundation Visiting Fellow at the Hellenic Foundation for European and Foreign Policy (ELIAMAP) in Athens. In July he takes up the post of President, Mediterranean Advisors, LLC in Washington DC.

Stefan Kirmse ('01) is a doctoral student at SOAS and is currently doing his anthropological fieldwork in Osh (Southern Kyrgyzstan) and teaching at the University there.

Frank Cibulka ('02) has been appointed as an Associate Professor in the Social and Behavioural Sciences Dept at Zayed University, United Arab Emirates.

Satoshi Mizutani ('99) will become Assistant Professor at the Institute for Language and Culture, Doshisha University (Kyoto, Japan).

Christoph Muller ('98) is Lecturer in Modern European History at University College Dublin.

Jochen Prantl ('99) has been elected as a Research Fellow in International Relations at the Department of Politics and International Relations, University of Oxford.

Heather Ecker ('90) organised a special exhibition at the Smithsonian Institute in Washington entitled “Caliphs and Kings: The Art and Influence of Islamic Spain”. She has now been appointed to as Assistant Curator of the Museum of Islamic Art, in Doha, Qatar.

Maria Mazzone ('95) has been made Corporate Relations Manager at American Express in Milan.

Carolyn Kay ('80) has recently published Art and the German Bourgeoisie: Alfred Lichttwark and Modern Painting in Hamburg, 1886-1914 (University of Toronto Press).

Andrew Zadel ('01) is working as a Social Anthropologist for the UN Office on Missing Persons and Forensics in Kosovo.

Nira Wickramasinghe ('85) has been appointed as Professor in the Department of History and International Relations at the University of Colombo.
Surender Bhutani (‘90) has published his fifth poetry book – *Life: A Milestone, in Hindustani* - at the same time as the issue of a CD of his old lyrics and poems.

Francis Ghiles (‘69) was appointed a Senior Fellow at the European Institute of the Mediterranean in Barcelona.

Robert Anderson (‘65) has published *European Universities from the Enlightenment to 1914* (OUP).

Norman Davies (‘70) was awarded the Grand Prize of Poland’s Foundation of Culture in 2004.

Wendy Stokes (‘88) is Associate Professor at the American International University in London and recently published *Women in Contemporary Politics* (Polity).

James Settele (‘03) is Operations Officer for US Naval Forces in Europe.

Celia Rothenberg (‘92) has published *Spirits of Palestine: Gender, Society and Stories of the Jinn* (Lexington Press, 2004).

Matthew Cragoe (‘84) is Course Leader for the LLM Corporate Finance Law programme at the International Crisis Group.

Eric Goldstein (‘91) and Jolantha have a second son Benjamine born on 31 October, 2004.

Henry Ryan (‘86) published a book of novellas, entitled *Impure Thoughts* (Publish America, Baltimore). *The Vision of Anglo-America* is now out in paperback, and an audio version of *The Fall of Che Guevara* has just been published.

Guy Pfeffermann (‘65) has become Director of the Global Business School Network, a capacity-building initiative for management education, the first four projects for which are in Sub-Saharan Africa.

Neil Ruiz (‘99) received an Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) Public Service Fellowship to promote world-class entrepreneurship in the Philippines. 

Louis Nhthenda (‘64) is Managing Director of 1 Search Worldwide, a Singapore-based head-hunter.

David Saltiel (‘02) has been appointed Member of the Technical Staff for International Security Programmes at Sandia National Laboratories in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

JASON PRONYK (‘97) is back at UNDP after the extensive recovery period which followed his injuries in the bomb blast in Baghdad. He will be working with the Operations Support Group in New York.

Gayle McGrattan (‘99) qualified as a solicitor and works in Investment Funds and Asset Management for a firm of solicitors in Dublin.

Meera Selvanathan (‘96) is a correspondent for *The Independent* and covers all of sub-Saharan Africa.

The family of the late Walter Zander (‘70) have put his collected published work on a website www.walterzander.info.

Stephen Ellis (‘76) was seconded in 2003-4 to head the Afric programme at the International Crisis Group.

Andrew Apter (‘00) recently published *The Pan-African Nation: Oil and the Spectacle of Culture in Nigeria* (University of Chicago Press).


Andrea Nusse (‘89) is correspondent for the German newspaper *Der Tagesspiegel* and is based in Cairo.

Sam Halabi (‘99) has taken up a post with the Law Firm Latham and Watkins in Washington DC.

Paul Riseborough (‘99) has been elected as an Honorary Research Fellow at the European Research Institute, Birmingham University.

Brian Powell (‘62) is President of the European Association for Japanese Studies.

(Ulick) Peter Burke (‘60), recently retired as Professor in Cultural History at Cambridge, has published *What is Cultural History?* (Polity Press) and *Languages and Communities in Early Europe* (Cambridge University Press).

Eric Goldstein (‘91) is Deputy Chief Executive for School Support Services at the newly re-vamped New York City Department of Education.

Steven Everts (‘94) is Special Counselor to Javier Solana, Secretary-General of the Council of the EU, and High Representative for the Common Foreign and Security Policy (CFSP).

Jo Tanega (‘84) is Course Leader for the LLM Corporate Finance Law at the University of Westminster.

Jose Escobar (‘82) is External Technical Assistance Advisor for the International Monetary Fund.

Nathan Converse (‘01) works as a research assistant in the Asia/Pacific Dept of the Institute of International Finance in Washington.

Alison Wilke (‘92) and Richard Hepworth are the proud parents of twins – Sienna Rose and Oska Charles born on 8 February 2005.
Richard Bell (‘91) and Emi Bossio have a daughter Lauren Julia born on 21 January, 2004.

Dana Brown (‘94) and Nils Nordal (‘93) have a daughter Petra Skye Jihan born on 16 November, 2004.

Canada - Professor Margaret MacMillan has again kindly offered to host a meeting for Antonians resident in Canada at The Provost’s Lodge, 6 Hoskin Avenue, Toronto, Ontario, M5S 1H8 (downtown Toronto, between Robarts Library and Queen’s Park), Trinity College, University of Toronto, Friday, June 14, 2005, 5:30 to 7 p.m.

This year we are asking for a contribution of $10 (for wine and finger food) per person. If you plan to attend please confirm by May 31, 2005 (klaus@mayrose.com). We look forward to seeing you.

Germany - Professor Timothy Garton Ash attended a meeting of German Antonians on 8 October. Scheduled in tandem with the Frankfurt Book Fair, it attracted more than a few Antonians. In Professor Krieger's welcoming remarks he reminded everyone of the unique contribution St Antony’s made to revival of German academia since the 1950s, particularly to regional or area studies such as Arabic, Asian, African and Russian studies. The subject of Professor Garton Ash’s book - the future of transatlantic relations - was of keen interest to everyone around the table. Most of us believe that those relations are in very big trouble and that it will take years to bring them back to their previous much friendlier levels. Whether Germany will be able to play a particularly important role in this, one way or another, is, unfortunately, a matter of speculation.

A lunch is being planned shortly to discuss future activities for this group.

Egypt - there was a meeting of Antonians in Cairo on 9 March at the American University. A report will appear in the next issue.

London - lift off for the London Group happens on Tuesday 15 March at 6.30 at Balls Brothers, 158 Bishopsgate, London EC2M 4LN to discuss the way forward. To learn more contact either Kevin Rosser at Kevin.Rosser@control-risks.com or David Hothershall davidh@kinlan.net

New York - The last 2 events were the Richard Holbrooke lecture and the Fareed Zakaria lecture. Both were fun. Stand by for further plans which will be announced in the next edition and on the website at http://www.sant.ox.ac.uk/antonians/groups.shtml

Special Antonians’ Weekend in 2006

We are planning a special event for those who were students and senior members in the early days of the College from 1950-1968. The Deakin Days ‘Gaudy’ will be a celebration of those pioneering years and of the College’s Founding Warden, Sir William Deakin.

The event will include a half-day programme with a keynote speech by a well-known Antonian followed by a panel discussion. The ‘Gaudy’ dinner will be the high point of the reunion.

We have a number of volunteers who have agreed to help us make this a very special event. They will be helping the Development Office in locating and encouraging as many Antonians as possible to come.

We would very much welcome your suggestions as well as your assistance. Could you please be in touch with Polly Friedhoff in the Development Office? (email polly.friedhoff@st-antonys.oxford.ac.uk)

The date of this special event will be Saturday 1 July, 2006.

ROGER LOUIS (STUDENT, 1960-62, HONORARY FELLOW, 1996 -)

Antonian Productions

Peter Wien (‘99) and Imke Ahlf had a son Benno born in Meknes on 6 February.
Lorenzo Ruano (‘95) and Ali Hauser are the proud parents of a son, Amin, born on 29 May, 2004.
Angelinia Guillochon-Perez (‘93) and Marcos Perez Navarrete have a son Benjamin born on 13 October 2003 a brother for Pascal and Marie-Christine.
Patricio Lanzu (‘03) and Adriana Sanint have a daughter Mariana born on 9 November 2004.
Marina Costa Lobo (‘97) and Pedro Lains have a second daughter Vera born on 19 March, 2004.
Paul Gootenberg (‘79) and Laura Sainz have a daughter Léa Amalya born on 22 November, 2004.
Diane B. Kunz (‘86) and her husband Tom are delighted to announce the adoption of Catherine Mexico on September 14, 2004 in Changsha, China. Catherine joins sisters Sarah Meihui and Eleanor Meiming and brothers Charles, James, William and Edward.
Naomi Azrieli (‘00) and Francois Blanc have a daughter Madeline Judith born 8 January 2004, a sister for Joseph and Gabriel.

Antonian Couplings

Morolake Akinkugbe - aka Rolly (current student) marked Tope Akinola on 15 January.
Markus Schmidt (‘82) married Esther Lam Mei Yan on 23 November 2003 in Hong Kong.
Orest Babij (‘91) married Marianne Herzog on 20 April 2000 in Verona, Ontario.
Andres Bande (‘67) married Linda Vroonland on 21 December, 2004 in Florida.
Katya Leney (‘98) married James Hall in 2003 and now works for the British Red Cross in London.