



Univ Newsletter

Spearheading Research

In Trinity 2003, we reported on the establishment of several academic research clusters across the College, generously assisted by a group of Old Members. Three years on, funding has been obtained from Old Members for a further three research projects.

One of Univ's key strategic objectives is to integrate graduate students better into the daily life of the College and to secure our position as an inclusive and academically stimulating community within the University. Since 2003, a succession of major gifts has supported this aim, helping to attract first-class postgraduates in areas in which Univ has existing strengths. They often share research interests with Fellows, may contribute to teaching, and help host academic conferences, workshops, seminars and keynote lectures at the College. The first three beneficiaries of this funding were the Global Economic Governance Programme (led by Dr Ngaire Woods), the Centre for Ethics & Philosophy of Law (Prof. John Gardner) and Experimental Psychology (Prof. Nick Rawlins). Now, we have Old Member support for a further three projects.



Mid-sagittal MRI scan

Prof. Peter Jezzard (Dunhill Professor of Neuroimaging) is establishing a Biomedical Imaging Training Programme. Drawing together Oxford's outstanding research in a variety of imaging approaches, the Programme will help us to study biological systems all the way from single cells to whole organs – with applications for clinical neuroscience, cardiovascular imaging and cancer. Not only will this 'hub' ensure that integrated and effective collaboration is fostered, it will also serve to attract and train brilliant young scientists in imaging methodology and enable them to take the research and its applications forward into the wider community.

Similarly, it is hoped to make Univ a frontier of collaborative work across Oxford in Economic Theory. Prof. Sujoy Mukerji (The Schroder Family Fellow in Economics) hopes to develop a hub of graduate and undergraduate research around his own work at the interface of the economics of bounded rationality and behavioural economics. A College-based cluster of graduate students interested in this area will ensure regular formal and informal interactions and discussions – from reading groups to arguments over lunch. The result will not just be good discussions but new research ideas and, equally importantly, an ongoing training that will provide experience of collaborative work, from undergraduate to doctorate level.



Gideon Henderson

A third cluster, led by Dr Gideon Henderson (Sollas Fellow in Geology), is working on understanding and predicting climate change. It will focus some of Oxford's multi-disciplinary research into climate change around a dedicated cell at Univ, with the addition of junior research fellows, visiting researchers and studentships. At the core will be paleoclimate observation and modelling – with an engagement of engineering, politics, international relations and atmospheric chemistry within college and beyond. The spill-over for other undergraduates and graduates at Univ is clear. Establishing Univ as a collegiate centre for climate research will help to educate the next generation of leaders about the science and policy issues underlying climate change – through holding College seminars and hearing invited speakers as well as through the simple presence of an energetic group of climate researchers in diverse disciplines within the College.

Together, these projects will help make Univ a physical and intellectual meeting point for those engaged in cutting-edge research, and ensure that it is a lively academic community in which members at all levels – from undergraduate to professor – develop close relationships

with leading scholars in their own subjects and with each other across a broad range of disciplines. We will seek to extend this over the next few years – several Fellows are currently in the process of putting together proposals within their own fields of expertise – and it is an area in which Old Members' support is always welcome.

From the Master

At the end of my column in the last *Newsletter* I referred to the report of a Working Party on the undergraduate admissions system, proposing a degree of centralisation.



Lord Butler
of Brockwell

Some newspapers had reported that colleges had surrendered the right to select undergraduates. I pointed out that the report was a consultative document not originating from the University's central administration and that Univ opposed any move to take selection away from College tutors.

A proposed common framework for admissions and selection has now been produced. This provides that final decisions on who should be offered a place should rest with colleges. At the same time the system should ensure that the best candidates from a diversity of backgrounds should be admitted and weaker candidates should not get into Oxford simply because they apply to a college where in that year there happens to be a weak field.

Colleges have long had arrangements for pooling and exchanging candidates in order to achieve that result. These procedures are now likely to be developed by individual subjects. All candidates within a subject will be assessed by common criteria and short-listed candidates will be interviewed not just by their College of first choice but also by another College when their abilities suggest that they have a reasonable chance of success.

The essential point is that candidates will continue to be admitted by the decision of the tutors in the College which offers them a place. This direct link between tutors and students from the earliest stage of their University lives is an essential aspect of the tutorial system which Univ, together with other colleges, has insisted on maintaining.

College News

The Master's Sunday evening guests this term included Sir John Pattison (1960), former chairman of the Spongiform Encephalopathy Advisory Committee, who spoke on the compatibility of science with politics; Roz Savage (1986), who told the story of rowing across the Atlantic; and Lord Heseltine, who spoke on "Thirty years in Politics: was it worth it?" As we went to press last term, there was a talk by Dame Eliza Manningham Buller, Director General of the Security Service, about her service's work in countering terrorism.

Below: Prof. Hartmut Pogge von Strandmann pictured (centre) at a conference held in his honour this March: "Wilhelmine Germany and Edwardian Britain - Cultural Contacts and Transfers."



The first of the lectures at the North American reunion was on Oxford's contribution to countering disease in Africa and featured two members of Univ, Ed Scott (1960), Chairman of the Center for Global Development, and Dr Ngaire Woods, Director of the Global Economic Governance Programme. Those present reported how proud they were of Univ's contribution to the saving of so many lives, including the work of ex-President Clinton (1968) who has been a figurehead in the struggle against Aids.

Dr Liz Pellicano (Scott JRF in Autism) has been awarded the 2006 Neil O'Connor Prize from the British Psychological Society for the most outstanding article in development disorders published by a young researcher. Liz will be giving a keynote address at the Development Psychology Section's annual conference later this year.

A memorable dinner was held in March to mark the retirement of Head Chef, Ken Tucker, after 46 years of service to the College. In addition to Ken's family, Fellows and friends from the College, the dinner was attended by chefs from other colleges, many of them trained by Ken.



This year's H.L.A. Hart Memorial Lecture speaker in May was Prof. Jules Coleman (Wesley Newcomb Hohfeld Professor of Jurisprudence & Philosophy at Yale). He spoke on "The Internal Point of View". The lecture, chaired by Prof. John Gardner, was a fitting tribute to Professor Hart and a testament to the thriving state of legal philosophy in Oxford. It attracted a great deal of interest and a seminar was held on the following day at which Prof. Coleman responded to comments.

Charlotte Coles (2002) has accomplished the feat of playing Women's Blues football over four consecutive seasons. Charlotte, who took FA coaching qualifications last year, also captained the Blues side during its 04/05 campaign and has joined them on three European tours, travelling twice to Portugal and once to Rome. Fellow students Katy Langley (2004), Tim Marshall (2002) and Marcus Mason (2005), and recent graduate Tom Brown (2002), also played Varsity football this season.

On Ascension Day, the Revd Canon Mountford once again led the parishioners of St. Mary the Virgin through the College to 'Beat the Bounds'. As in previous years, the procession in Main Quad was followed by the singing of hymns by school children in the Master's Garden.

Dr Tamsin Mather, currently at Downing College, Cambridge, will be coming to Univ on a five year RCUK Academic Fellowship in Earth and Environmental Science. She works on the near-source chemistry of tropospheric volcanic plumes. Dr Tony Howe, a specialist in poetics, philosophy and literary controversy in the Romantic period, has accepted a three year stipendiary lectureship. He will replace Dr Jon Mee, Margaret Candfield Fellow in English, who has been awarded a three year Leverhulme Trust Major Research Fellowship.

The Master's and Lady Butler's annual walk and picnic with the graduates took place on one of the rare sunny days of the summer term. Appropriately, it followed Shelley's footsteps from Buscott to Kelmescott via Lechlade (where he wrote some of his poetry).



Dr Gideon Henderson has won a Royal Society Wolfson Research Merit Award for his research on developing and applying geochemical tools to improve our understanding of the Earth's surface environment now and in the past. His noteworthy published research has, additionally, earned him a Wollaston Fund award from the Royal Geographical Society. Dr Marc Stears (Fellow in Politics) has been awarded a one year Leverhulme Research Fellowship which, together with support from the Department of Politics and the College, will allow him to spend the academic year 2006-7 working on 'Radical Democrats: Reconsidering the Democratic Tradition in the 20th Century United States'. The project will focus on the place of protest, dissent and civil disobedience in thinking about democracy in America.

Dr Ngaire Woods' *The Globalizers: the IMF, the World Bank, and their Borrowers* was published by Cornell University Press in April and launched to an audience at the Carnegie Endowment. It was also telecast live on C-Span. The London launch of the book was at the LSE in May, chaired by Sir Nicholas Stern. As we go to print, the 3rd Annual Lecture of Univ's Global Economic Governance Programme will be given by Egypt's Finance Minister, the Hon. Dr Youssef Boutros-Ghali, on "Globalization at the Periphery: the case of Egypt". As is customary, the lecture will be followed by a reception and dinner in Univ.



The portrait of Lord and Lady Butler by Benjamin Sullivan, commissioned by the Fellows for the Hall, was unveiled at the end of Hilary Term and exhibited at the annual exhibition of the Royal Society of Portrait Painters. It is believed to be the first College portrait in Oxford to include a Head of House's spouse.

Three graduate students gave Martlets talks in the Master's Lodgings this term. Rosemary March (2003) discussed the early letters and poetry of Lady Caroline Ponsonby Lamb. Tom Lickiss (2005) explained how to make a brain (!) as well as presiding over an animated discussion on Free Will. Chien-Jung Lo (2003) presented on 'Bacterial Flagellar Motor: A Natural Rotary Molecular Machine', offering insight into the unique and efficient method of propulsion of microscopic organisms.

This year's Gareth Evans Memorial Lecture, "Composing Thoughts from Senses", was given in May by Prof. Richard Heck of Brown University. The lecture was followed by a reception and dinner in Univ.

Gabriel Savage (2003) has been elected women's captain of the Oxford University Real Tennis Club for 2006/7, having been women's 2nds captain of the OU Lawn Tennis Club this year. The Real Tennis Club is located just behind Univ on Merton Street: any OMs interested in finding out more information can contact Gabby at gabriel.savage@univ.ox.ac.uk

Screened in June, Sergei Paradjanov's 'Colour of Pomegranate' (1968) was the latest offering by the Univ Film Society; other recent showings have included Armenian, Russian, Italian, Japanese, Iranian, Chinese, British, US, French and Swedish films. The MCR/JCR jointly-run society was set up by Nariman Skakov (2004) and Peter Hoskin (2002) in Hilary 2005 to promote art house cinema and to encourage Univ members to explore films in greater detail.

As we go to print, the Univ Arts Society will be hosting a trip to see the Van Gogh exhibition at Compton Verney on 14th June. A number of the works displayed in the exhibition used to hang in the Lodgings, forming part of the collection of Sir Michael Sadler, Master of Univ from 1923-1934.

Assisted by two of our American Rhodes' Scholars, Univ won the basketball Cuppers, beating St Anthony's 41-31 in the Final.

Univ's Veterans Luncheon Club goes from strength to strength. Meeting spasmodically at pubs around the environs of Oxford, the most recent lunch was at the Victoria Arms where they celebrated the 93rd birthday of Mrs Ethel May and the debut of Ken Tucker, the most recent Univ Veteran.



UCMS presented the new Sinfonietta Eroica at an inaugural concert in the University Church earlier this term, under the baton of Sam Draper (2001). The program included Beethoven's Eroica Symphony as well as a Mozart piano concerto by Dr Roger Moseley (Musicology JRF in the Arts). The Music Society also hosted lunchtime piano recitals by Chisato Kusunoki (1998) and Emma Coombs (2003) in the Master's Lodgings.

Thank you very much all those of you who have completed your 2006 Personal Information Form. If yours is still sitting in a pile on your desk, do please send it to us. It would be wonderful to hear from you.

The Library has recently acquired a very rare book published in 1879 entitled *Reflections on the Zulu War. By a Negro, B.A., of University College Oxford, and the Inner Temple*. The book was written by Christian Cole (1877), the first black African member of Univ, and it has been purchased through the generosity of Sean Denniston (1987), Ed Leahy (former Visiting Fellow), Dan Coquillette (1966) and Robin Darwall-Smith (1982). Cole later became the first black African to practise as a barrister in the English Courts, before his untimely death through smallpox in 1885, aged just 33. Further details of the book will be published in this year's Record.

Univ are the University's first ever Punting Cuppers champions. Kit Nairne (2002) triumphed on the river against entrants from nine other colleges.

Univ Dancesport entered a record number of participants in this year's Cuppers in May. The A-team gained 2nd place overall, narrowly missing the top spot by two points, with the B-team finishing a record 4th, and the C-team 18th, out of more than thirty teams across Oxford.



On Saturday 23rd June next year, the University college Ball committee invites you to an evening of abstract wonder as we take you 'Through the Looking Glass...' Anyone interested in receiving information about sponsoring the Ball should contact lucy.jackson@univ.ox.ac.uk

Univ's Women became the University's 2006 Hockey Cuppers champions in March, beating Worcester 1-0 after extra-time in the Final. The Master entertained the victors at a special supper on High Table to celebrate their win.

The Univ Players presented William Wycherly's *The Country Wife*, an entertaining restoration comedy of "sex, scandal and silly wigs", in the College Gardens in fourth week. Also during Arts Week, there was an exhibition in the Hall, comprising contributions from all the common rooms as well as pieces from the JCR art collection, many of which had been donated by former members.

With five weeks to go until the close of the 2005/6 Annual Fund, we are tantalisingly close (within £13k!) to surpassing a milestone annual pledge total of £500,000. Such tremendous support makes a real difference to College life and to what Univ can hope to achieve. 24.8% of OMs have so far made a gift this year and it would be terrific if we could extend this participation to 25% by 31st July, which would put us at the very top of the Oxford and UK league and provide a huge source of encouragement for our major donors. The College is extremely grateful to all our Old Members and friends worldwide for their ongoing support of Univ – thank you!

Rowing Matters

2006 has been a memorable year for Univ rowing. In March, the Women's First VIII achieved blades in Torpids, rising 7 places in the divisions; and in Summer Eights the First VIII also achieved blades, finishing seventh in the First Division. This is the first time that the men's First VIII has achieved blades since Univ was head of the river in 1991; it is even longer than that since we achieved a bump on each day of Eights week. All members of the First VIII will be up next year and we can look forward to further success.

Additionally, the tenders for the new boathouse are now in: a contractor will be selected shortly and construction will start this autumn. We look forward to opening the new boathouse next year.



Men's First VIII winning Blades

the Oxford University Boat Club and Univ men's and women's first and second Vllls have been accorded this privilege. If our rowers can be judged by the company they keep, the sky should be the limit for their aspirations.

So, like the phoenix, Univ's rowing is rising from the ashes of our old burnt boathouse. When this is put alongside the appointment of Lord Moynihan (1974), Old Member and rowing blue, as Chairman of the British Olympic Association in preparation for the 2012 Olympics, the triumph of Roz Savage (1986) in being the first woman ever to complete the transatlantic rowing race solo, and the achievement of Acer Nethercott (1996) in gaining the cox's seat in the British VIII for the forthcoming World Championships, this is indeed an *annus mirabilis* for Univ rowing.

Park & Ride

Adam Park (2005), a first year Chemistry undergraduate at Univ, will be setting out in July with four other students from Durham and Birmingham Universities to cycle 4,200 miles (6,800km) across the United States from San Francisco to New York. The total distance that Adam will cover is equivalent to the diameter of Mars.

The expedition will take nine weeks, taking Adam through the deserts of Utah and Nevada, over the Rockies, across the Great Plains, over the Appalachians then up to New York.

The cyclists are raising funds for Student Partnership Worldwide (SPW), a youth-led organisation that works in partnership with young people in rural Africa and Asia. The charity establishes programs that focus on health and environmental issues, including the prevention of HIV/AIDS and malaria, and seeks to use appropriate rural technology to train and educate local people, offering them a better future based on positive life choices.

During their ride, Adam and his companions will also be seeking to raise awareness in American universities about issues affecting students in less developed countries. They will do this not only by fundraising but also by encouraging students to join the cycle tour through their respective States. The expedition is being named "University Challenge". For more information about Adam's progress, and to make a donation, visit www.universitychallenge.org.uk.

Meanwhile, on the English South Downs, four Univ postgraduates (Grant Gillary, Tom Lickiss, Monte MacDiarmid and Justin Richards, all 2005) will each be running 100km in July to raise money for charity. The students are competing in Oxfam Trailwalker 2006, an ultra-marathon held each year from Petersfield to Brighton. The race is equivalent to just under two-and-a-half continuous marathons, with a combined ascent greater than the height of Ben Nevis; the Univ team is targeting a finish in under fifteen hours. Money raised will support education projects run by the Gurkha Welfare Trust in Nepal and the work of Oxfam in more than 70 of the world's poorest countries. For more information about the team, and to make a donation, visit www.bmycharity.com/lovethepain.



Sir Steve Redgrave, Roz Savage, Lord Moynihan, Lord Butler and Sir Matthew Pinsent



Adam Park

Events Round up



Over 150 OMs returned to College for the 1978-82 Gaudy in March, where highlights included Jon Mee's illuminating talk on Percy Shelley, and Sian Fisher (1981)'s reminiscences after dinner. Later that month, the 2006 North American Reunion in New York City - which combined Univ's own programme with that of the University - attracted over a hundred Univ guests and provided a terrific opportunity for OMs to meet and network with lots of other Oxonians. The Univ programme included a cocktail reception courtesy of Bill Bernhard (1956) and Catherine Cahill at the Harvard Club, followed by a dinner at which Roz Savage (1986) recounted her recent solo voyage across the Atlantic. The next day, John (1961) and Clare Reid hosted a wonderfully-attended brunch at their home behind Central Park. We are already

looking forward to the 2008 Reunion! The Boyle Society Dinner for physicists and engineers took place over the same weekend at Univ and welcomed back over fifty OMs for a talk by Prof Robin Nicholas on "Developing nanotechnology with nanotubes - forces for good?" followed by a black tie dinner. Our next two subject reunions are Classics (23rd June) and Law (30th September).

There were also two golf events this Spring. In April, a Univ team which included Martin Matthews (Fellow in Law) and nine Old Members finished second out of thirteen colleges in this year's intercollegiate golf event at Frilford Heath; and in May, John Raines-Smith (1956) hosted the USPGA at Edgbaston, to which one foursome arrived by helicopter! The Master successfully avoided an upset to finish respectably in mid-table, before heading back to Univ to host the annual Roger Short (1963) Memorial Dinner the same evening. As well as introducing this year's travelling scholars, the dinner provided an opportunity to launch phase two of the Roger Short Memorial Fund: to establish a scholarship for Turkish students to study at the Said Business School in Oxford. Finally, in early June, at the annual Old Members versus current students cricket match, experience triumphed over youth as the OM team, captained by Nick Smith (1976), swept to victory by 82 runs. Andy Butler (1987) scored 110 for the Old Members.



July

Tue 04: Univ Society Wine Tasting: "American Wines For The Fourth of July"

Ransome's Dock Restaurant, Parkgate Rd, London SW11; 6.15pm
Presented by Mark Savage M.W. (1967): a tasting of wines from the Pacific North West USA (Oregon, Washington & Idaho). Guests are very welcome. Tickets available for £15pp (tasting) or £45 (tasting and supper). To book, send a cheque, payable to Mark Savage, to the Development Office ASAP.

Sat 08: Memorial for Prof. Sir Peter Strawson

Auditorium, Magdalen College, Oxford; 2pm
You will probably have heard the sad news of the death of Professor Sir Peter Strawson on 13th February 2006. His family has arranged a memorial for him and all those who wish to attend will be very welcome.

Thu 13: Australian Friends' Annual Dinner in Sydney

The Union Club, 25 Bent St, Sydney; 6pm for 7.15pm
The event has two parts: drinks in the Members' Bar at 6pm followed by dinner at 7.15pm. Partners are very welcome. Payment for the drinks will be in the form of a cash bar; no RSVP necessary. If you would like to attend the dinner, please contact Sarah Strasser (1991) c/o the Development Office ASAP. The cost, for two-courses plus wine, will be approximately \$100pp (the exact cost will be confirmed after the event), payable directly to Rawdon Dalrymple (1952), our host at the Union Club.

Sat 15: Degree Day

Sat 29: Degree Day

September

Fri 15: Autumn USPGA at Hampton Court Palace

Hampton Court Palace Golf Club, Hampton Wick, Kingston-Upon-Thames; arrival from 8.45am with tees from 9.30am
Invitations will be sent out in early July. Enclosed in a royal park, the Hampton Court Palace golf club is surrounded by wildlife and is generally regarded as one of the most naturally beautiful golf courses in the country. Our host is David Filkin (1961) and the cost will be £60pp, including bacon rolls, lunch and prizes.

Sat 24 - Sun 25: Old Members' Gaudy, 1983-1987

University College
Gaudies feature a complimentary weekend programme: on Saturday there will be tea in the Master's Lodgings, a short lecture by a current Fellow, an evening service in Chapel, drinks in the Master's Lodgings and a black-tie dinner in Hall; on Sunday there will be a Communion service in Chapel followed by breakfast in Hall. Accommodation is available. Dr Marc Stears

(Fellow in Politics) will deliver the lecture at this Gaudy on 'Understanding Good Leadership in Politics, Business, and Everyday Life'.

Fri 29: Degree Day (Undergraduates only)

Sat 30: Eldon Society Triennial Dinner

University College; from 6.45pm
6.45pm Pre-dinner drinks in the Alington Room
7.30pm Black tie dinner in Hall: Lord Hoffmann (Honorary Fellow) will say a few words after dessert
10pm Drinks in the College bar

October

Tue 17: Careers Q&A: *Academia & Further Study*

Goodhart Seminar Room; 8.15pm

Sat 21: Degree Day

Tue 31: Careers Q&A: *Law for non-lawyers*

Goodhart Seminar Room; 8.15pm

November

Wed 01: 4th Annual Global Economic Governance Lecture by The Hon. Montek Singh Ahluwalia, Deputy Chairman, Planning Commission, India

Venue tbc, Oxford; early evening

Sat 04: Degree Day

Thu 09: The 2nd Annual Seminar & Buffet Supper: *topic tbc*

University College London; arrival from 5.45pm

Tue 14: Careers Q&A: *Broadcasting & Journalism*

Goodhart Seminar Room; 8.15pm

Thu 30: *Univ Chorus Concert*

Venue tbc, Oxford; early evening

December

Sat 02: Univ Advent Carol Service

University College; afternoon

2007 - Dates for the new diary

Sun 04 March: Univ Old Members' Football Day

Univ Sports Ground, Abingdon Road; from 9am

Sat 21 April: William of Durham Club Luncheon

University College; afternoon

Sat 23 June: University College Ball

University College; early evening 'til late

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