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## OVERVIEW OF THE COLLEGE

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

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

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

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

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

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## COLLEGE AFFAIRS

**Report by the Acting Warden on the Academic Year 2006-7**

The academic year 2006/7 was a transitional one for St Antony's following the retirement of the College's fourth Warden, Sir Marrack Goulding, at the end of September 2006 and the arrival of its fifth Warden, Professor Margaret MacMillan at the beginning of July 2007. As someone who had spent most of their adult life in the College as a student, Junior Research Fellow and Governing Body Fellow, it was a great privilege for me to serve as Acting Warden during this interim.

*The College, the University and Area Studies*

My brief for the year was to ensure continuity - and as smooth a transition as possible - between the Goulding and MacMillan eras. While he was too modest to make much of it himself in his previous College Record reports, the changes which took place during Marrack's time as Warden were dramatic. The almost-termly emergency meetings about funding - accompanied by alarming charts illustrating how many more years we could continue to draw down so heavily from our endowment - were replaced by discussions about how to spend our 'academic dividend'. Thanks in great part to the stewardship of our Bursar, Allan Taylor, the Holy Grail of a safe-take of 4.5% from our endowment has been reached and we currently actually produce a modest surplus at that rate. In the meanwhile, the goalposts have been moved and what was ten years ago considered a safe-take of 4.5% is now out of line; the College has now committed to drawing no more than 3.5% from its general endowment within five years.

The Goulding Era also saw the establishment of an in-house professional fundraising operation in the College. Following the retirements of Polly Friedhoff and Janet Collyer, the College appointed its first full-time Development Director, Emma Tracy. This expansion was in part due to the belief within the College that now was the time to build on the invaluable base that Polly and Janet had laid, in part because the College needs to be in a strong position to work with the University as it sets about launching its Campaign of Campaigns in the spring of 2008. The College has also appointed a dedicated Alumni and Public Relations Officer, Vanessa Hack as well as a full-time assistant, Katherine Mackay, to support both Emma and Vanessa in an expanded Development and Public Relations Office, though still situated at the top of a challenging set of stairs on the top floor of the old building.

There are other developments during the course of the year which bode well for the financial future of the College. Following a review of provision for graduate students across the collegiate university, the University announced a new initiative to increase prestigious full cost scholarships for graduate students. This is a further sign of the shift within the university from undergraduate to graduate teaching which of course fits well with the College's own agenda. Similarly, there is a shift within the University from teaching to research and a renewed commitment to area studies, both of which are trends which we at St Antony's welcome.

If the changes from undergraduates to graduates and from teaching to research are long-term and gradual, the development in area studies has been spectacular. In 2006, the School of Interdisciplinary Area Studies (SIAS), the university department which includes a high proportion of the Fellows of St Antony's was among the recipients of grants of £5 million and £5.5 million from the UK government and research councils to boost Chinese and Russian and East European Studies respectively. In part related to the former of these awards, and in part from other funding flows, eleven (a whole football team!) new appointments in Chinese Studies, most of them permanent, will take up positions in Oxford in Michaelmas Term 2007. At the same time, the University has permitted the establishment of new Master's programmes in South Asian and Contemporary Indian Studies which is expected to presage expansion in staff numbers in that area. African Studies has expanded and strengthened across Oxford substantially in the last three years following the launch of a University Centre and the MSc in African Studies which has become among the most competitive courses to enter across the university. Modern Japanese Studies has also received a boost following a third endowment from the Nissan Motor Company in 2006 of £1.5 million which underpins all of its core activities, further funds for a new sociologist of Japan which it intends to appoint in 2007 and the establishment of a new Master's programme in Modern Japanese Studies, which will take in its first students in October of this year. It is expected these developments will lead to further posts and academic initiatives. The links between SIAS and the College have been very close since the former was established in 2004. I was the first Head of SIAS and the College collectively (and I personally) were delighted that William Beinart agreed to be Acting Head of Department during the period I was Acting Warden and oversaw major developments in the School during his tenure. Another department with which the College has close links is Development Studies, based at QEH, and the College is also very pleased that Valpy Fitzgerald has been appointed Head of Department there from October 2007.

While all of the developments in area studies described above are good news for St Antony's, they do not automatically always bring a direct benefit to the College. The reason for this is that the College, in bringing its finances under control, has decided that it will not increase the size of its Governing Body Fellowship unless the College costs of the post (around £10k a year, about half of which pays for the rent of a College room) are met in full by an external party for at least the first five years. As a result of this financial rectitude, many posts which would normally have come to the College (and which the College would have loved to have been associated with) have gone elsewhere and St Antony's no longer has on its Governing Body the majority of senior scholars within the University in many of the areas which it instituted, developed and maintained almost single-handedly over the past fifty years.

The reason that Governing Body Fellows cost the College money is because the funds that post holders bring to the university, through their teaching and research, are all kept by their university departments. A bold initiative announced during this past academic year seeks to change this so that those who pay the salary of the post holder will receive the income that that post holder earns. This initiative known by its acronym JRAM (Joint Resource Allocation Model) would bring University and College finances in line for the first time and would greatly benefit St Antony's which has effectively been cross-subsidising university activities in area studies over the past fifty years to a substantial degree: if

the College was to receive back the full amount of this cross-subsidy each year, it would equate to almost 50% of its current uncommitted endowment. The JRAM, however, has winners and losers, and it will be no surprise to anyone who knows Oxford that those Colleges which will lose out in the JRAM have been fighting a rearguard battle to mitigate their losses. While, as an anthropologist, I found watching this battle from close quarter fascinating, such battles do not, in my view, show the Collegiate University at its best. Indeed, with over two-thirds (mostly contract researchers in the sciences and medical departments) of those on the university's academic payroll no longer being members of any College, there is a real danger of the Colleges becoming increasingly peripheral to the real running of the University. In any case, while it remains to be seen exactly how the JRAM will come into play, it is almost certain that it will be implemented in some form in 2008.

If the discussions about the JRAM took up most of the second half of the academic year, the first half was dominated by the Congregation debates over governance reform. These events provided high drama (if not always clarity of argument) exacerbated of course by being played out in front of the media who presented it as a Titanic struggle between the forces of change and the forces of conservatism. When the governance proposals were decisively defeated - first in Congregation and then again in a postal vote - this was widely presented as a disaster for Oxford. I do not wish to go into the rights and wrongs of the proposals themselves (like many participants, I could sign up to some but not all of them and never understood why they had to be put forward as a single package), but simply point out that one of the problems for those preaching the need for change has been the publication of league tables which keep showing Oxford doing nationally and internationally better than ever: for the second straight year, it came top of the Guardian Newspaper University Rankings; last year, it secured more research funds than any other university in the UK by a significant margin; and in the Social Sciences (which of course includes most of those at the College) it was ranked top in the world in the THES University Rankings, beating Harvard for the first time. It has proved to be difficult to convince people of the need for change in the face of such good news, however much one preaches the dangers of complacency and hubris.

### *College Administration*

Enough about finance and the University. As well as ensuring that the College was in a sound financial state for the arrival of the new Warden, the other part of my brief was to ensure that it was running smoothly administratively. This proved to be a far easier and more enjoyable job than perhaps it sounds as it meant I met almost all of those who work around the College and got to know just how dedicated they are. St Antony's is a large academic community with around 450 students; 40 Governing Body Fellows; 55 Emeritus, Honorary and Foundation Fellows; 100 Research Fellows, Visiting Fellows and Senior Associate Members; and 125 Senior Common Room Members. Many of the staff who work in the College work part-time but if one turns them into that basic denominator of people beloved of funding councils, Full Time Equivalents, they number around sixty. In short, St Antony's has grown to a community of over 800 people and yet in most ways it has managed to maintain the family-like environment that those who were here in the very earliest days of the College describe as the key aim of the College's first Warden, Bill Deakin.

The College is extraordinarily well served by a very dedicated staff – in the lodge, kitchens, hall, maintenance, accounts and IT offices, centres, libraries, housekeeping, development office, Warden's office and all along the bursary corridor. The whole of this operation is overseen by our imperturbable Bursar. We took the opportunity during the course of the year, following the departure of Pauline Maclean, the Governing Body Clerk and the impending retirement next November of Jill Flitter, the College Secretary of re-organising the College Office. The College office is the first port of call for students with issues ranging from the pastoral to the bureaucratic and the job has become increasingly complex and demanding due to the growth in legislation surrounding the student experience as well as, of course, the growth in the number of students themselves. We have recently appointed Margaret Couling as our new College Registrar. Margaret comes from the LSE where she has been responsible for their admissions process and she will overlap for two months with Jill who has kindly agreed to pass on as much of her institutional memory and her incomparable list of institutional contacts to Margaret as possible.

The brunt of decision-making in the College falls on the Management Executive Team and I would like to formally thank my colleagues on the MET for their sterling support this year: Paul Collier (Sub Warden), Mark Rebick (Delegate for Finance and Library Fellow), David Johnson (Dean and Tutor for Admissions), Philip Robins (Senior Tutor), Allan Taylor (Bursar) and the successive JCR Presidents (Jaideep Gupte and Ricardo Borges de Castro). Jaideep and Ricardo have both been spectacularly good JCR Presidents and I have greatly enjoyed working with them and their executive teams. I also greatly enjoyed the Graduate Consultations which Philip and I did with every graduate student in residence during the course of the year; this reminded me what an extraordinarily interesting and diverse student body we have at the College and I do not think that there was a single consultation from which I did not learn something.

### *Building Plans*

The effects of the College's current financial and administrative stability can be seen most clearly in the fact that it is on the cusp of its biggest building programme since the 1960s. In Trinity Term, the Governing Body endorsed a Master Plan which will see the College develop around three large quads, two either side of the Hilda Besse Building and a third on the north side of Church Walk. The Master Plan has caught the imagination of the whole College community and a lot of work has already been undertaken this year in order to make it realizable. In particular, Governing Body discussed three major building projects within the context of the Master Plan, all of which are at a slightly different stage of development

One of these projects is virtually ready to start. The £1 million target needed for the refurbishment of the Russian library project was achieved at the very end of the Trinity Term and it is anticipated that the building work will get underway in the new academic year. Fundraising for this project involved a stressful but ultimately successful race against the clock; the Russian Centre's Fundraising Advisory Committee was given just five months to raise £400K in order to secure a further £600K which had been offered on the basis of matching funds. This was managed with literally a day to spare and so many people deserve the College's gratitude for their support that rather than list them here I will refer readers to the entry on the Russian and Eurasian Studies Centre later in the Record.



A second project is virtually ready to apply for planning permission. The plans for the Middle East Centre extension designed by the world-famous architect, Zaha Hadid, were revealed to the College community for the first time at the Gaudy and will go for public consultation in September. The Middle East Centre extension is an extraordinarily beautiful, imaginative and challenging design and will certainly become a North Oxford landmark. For more details of the project, I again refer readers to the Middle East Centre's entry in the Record while wishing here to acknowledge the College's debt to Eugene Rogan, who has brilliantly steered the project, and our anonymous donor, who is funding it.

The building projects in both Russian and Middle East Studies are significant not only in a College context but also in a University-wide one. As mentioned in last year's Record, the University has recently purchased and is beginning to develop the old Radcliffe Infirmary Site as a centre for Humanities and Area Studies. This is good news for the College in the sense that the centre of gravity of the university is moving in its direction, but potentially problematic in that it might see the dissipation of the College's own strength in Area Studies. Indeed, we have already had one example of this danger in the move of the College's Africanists over this summer into a new University African Studies Centre up the Woodstock Road. In order to counteract these trends, the College has proposed to the University that the new developments at St Antony's should be seen as part of the University's developments on the old Radcliffe Infirmary Site and has even suggested that the latter be called the Woodstock Road Development to reflect this. This nomenclature is unlikely to be accepted (the current favourite nomenclature is Radcliffe Observatory Quarter or ROQ for short) but the University has welcomed the College's willingness to co-operate in the development of the site and there is no doubt that such co-operation will be good for the College's long-term future.

The third building project discussed by Governing Body this year is the new accommodation and administration building which we intend to put up along the Woodstock Road frontage. It has been challenging for the Governing Body to reconcile our need to use this important site to maximum advantage and at the same time to make a statement about the College and its location. Nevertheless, we will continue to work on the new accommodation building plans over the summer and intend to apply for planning permission in the autumn and begin the campaign to raise funds to build the building as soon as possible thereafter.

#### *Arrivals, Awards, Promotions and Departures*

While the end of the academic year saw the arrival of our new Warden, the beginning saw the arrival of one new Governing Body Fellow, Joe Foweraker, Professor of Latin American Politics who has moved to Oxford following a long and distinguished career at the University of Essex where he was Professor of Government. Joe has carried out extensive field work in Brazil, Spain and Mexico, and has published monographs on these three countries with Cambridge University Press. He has also published widely on social mobilization and citizenship rights in Latin America.

At its last meeting of the year, the College also elected a new Honorary Fellow, Sir Michael Llewellyn-Smith, the distinguished diplomat and scholar of modern Greece. Sir Michael was a doctoral student, at the College and his thesis became the well-known

book, *The Ionian Vision*, which to this day remains one of the best studies of modern Greek politics. Since then he has published books on Crete, modern Athens, the Olympic tradition, and the Greek statesman Elfetherios Venizelos. He has also, of course, been a very distinguished British diplomat who served in Moscow, Paris, Warsaw and Athens as well as London during a thirty-year career.

I am delighted to report that the quality of the current Governing Body Fellowship in the College has been recognized in a number of ways in the course of the year. Avi Shlaim was elected to a Fellowship of the British Academy. Four Fellows – Jane Caplan, Knick Harley, Jan Zielonka, Valpy Fitzgerald – were awarded the title of Professor in the University's biannual Titles of Distinction exercise and Nandini Gooptu was awarded the title of Reader. Among the Emeritus Fellows, Tapan Raychaudhuri was given one of India's highest honours, the Padma Bhushan; Alan Angell has received the status of the Gran Oficial of the Order of Bernardo O'Higgins from the Chilean Government; Roger Owen has been elected to the American Academy of Arts and Letters.

At the Governing Body Dinner in June, we said farewell to three departing fellows although only two were immediately leaving – Leslie Bethell and Ann Waswo. David Washbrook will leave at the end of this calendar year. It is hard to imagine the GB without each of our departing fellows, but without any of them it would be a very different place indeed.

Leslie Bethell joined the Governing Body in 1997 having previously been a Baring Senior Research Fellow at the College following a distinguished career at the University of London, where he was a former director of the Institute of Latin American Studies. Over the past decade, he has established in Oxford the most important centre for Brazilian studies outside Brazil. The Centre has brought to Oxford over a hundred prominent scholars, intellectuals and policymakers as Visiting Research Fellows and Associates. Its level of research activity has been prolific: over two hundred seminars, eighty workshops and conferences, twenty monographs and eighty research papers. Leslie has guided this on top, of course, of continuing his own scholarship on nineteenth and twentieth-century Latin American, especially Brazilian, political, social and cultural history, in particular his editorship of the definitive eleven-volume Cambridge History of Latin America. Talking to the SAMs from Brazil at the College this year has given me some idea of just how major a reputation Leslie enjoys in Brazil; personal friend of both the current and the immediate past president of Brazil - men of very different intellectual and political hues - he has put Brazilian Studies on the map not only in Oxford but also in the UK.

David Washbrook joined the College in 1993 from the University of Warwick as Reader in Modern South Asian History specialising in the history of Southern India between the eighteenth and twentieth centuries. He will leave us at the end of the calendar year to take up a Senior Research Fellowship at Trinity College Cambridge. In what is a much appreciated and quite characteristic selfless act, he has delayed his departure to Cambridge so that we can include him in the RAE and also persuade the History Faculty to advertise for a replacement. During this time at St Antony's, David has done a huge amount for the College. He has run the South Asian Studies programme within the Asian Studies Centre and has served on a large number of College committees, in particular he was Chair of the

old Property Committee and more recently has filled the joint role of Dean and Admissions Tutor on the Management Executive Team. In the last of these roles, he became one of the few people who understood the new graduate admissions system, and we were very grateful when he temporarily took on this role again this year when the current Admissions Tutor, David Johnson, was temporarily indisposed.

Ann Waswo has been in College the longest of this year's leaving Fellows. Indeed only two Fellows, Malcom Deas and Rosemary Thorp, who both retire next year, have been on the Governing Body longer. As a fellow Japanologist, I can attest personally to the huge esteem that Ann enjoys among her colleagues both here and in Japan and I join myself with the comments that Jenny Corbett made about Ann as a social historian at Ann's valedictory lecture at the end of May. I would only add that I have personally particularly enjoyed running a joint Japanese Studies Graduate Seminar with Ann over the past fifteen years where we have been able to trade insults about the historian's and the anthropologist's trade in front of our sometimes surprised graduate students. Ann's contribution to the College over the past twenty-five years has been enormous. She has served as head of the Asian Studies Centre and the Nissan Institute of Japanese Studies. She has been responsible for many carefully-worded College policies including those on sexual harassment and College attachments and she has overseen, as Sub-Warden, the complete rewriting of the College statutes which are currently before Privy Council for consideration. Ann has probably served on every committee that has existed during her time in the College and she is widely regarded as the repository of both process and practice within the Governing Body; I certainly have drawn heavily on her institutional knowledge during this past year, as I know Marrack did before me.

#### *Note of Personal Thanks*

It goes without saying that I feel very lucky to have been able to spend a year as Acting Warden in the College. Since I have spent most of my adult life in the College I have little with which to compare it, but I do believe that St Antony's is a unique institution.

In the course of a few months the College has hosted some of the most senior and famous individuals from around the world as well as within the UK. Amongst those who have given lectures or seminars at the College this year are: former Iranian President His Excellency Mr Seyed Mohammad Khatami; Italian Foreign Minister, Massimo D'Alema; Croatian Prime Minister, Ivo Sanader; His Royal Highness Prince Turki Al-Faisal, former Saudi Ambassador to the United States; His Excellency Dr Adnan Pachachi, former President of the Governing Council in Iraq in the wake of the American invasion; Nobel Laureate and one of the architects of the Northern Ireland peace process, the Rt Hon David Trimble; Palestinian leader and Honorary Fellow of the College, Hanan Ashrawi; Professor Lord Robert Skidelsky, the economic historian; His Excellency Judge Hisashi Owada, Japan's former senior diplomat and now a judge in the Hague. Our two Parliamentary Visiting Fellows this year, Paul Murphy and Charles Kennedy, together with Alex Pravda, organized a brilliant series of seminars around the topic of minorities; as in recent years, High Table on Tuesdays in Hilary Term was frequently the site of cross-party discussions more familiar to Westminster than Oxford. All of these events were stimulating and enjoyable. I particularly enjoyed those High Tables which included current students who were invited in recognition of outstanding academic or sporting success or for services they

had rendered the wider College community; this, I am delighted to report, has involved a large number of students and their successes and service are all detailed elsewhere in the Record. (Though in case it is not reported elsewhere, or else not reported properly, let me add here that the Annual Cricket Match against Nuffield saw the batting opened by the Acting Warden and the Steward, though their heroics were not enough to steer the team towards victory!) I also much enjoyed meeting Old Antonians who signed themselves in for the free High Table that they are allowed once a year; I would encourage as many people as possible to take advantage of this facility and can assure them a very warm welcome.

I would also like to extend a similarly warm welcome to Margaret MacMillan. Not only the College but indeed the whole University has been awaiting her arrival with keen anticipation and we are all very excited now to see her installed as the College's fifth Warden and wish her all the best in this role.

*Roger Goodman*

### **From the Bursar**

The College's published accounts for 2005/6 showed a surplus of £287,000. This was another excellent result and our fourth successive year of surplus. It shows that the financial discipline which Governing Body imposed on itself and the College with the rolling five year plan is working. Even better our forecast for 2006/7 and budget for 2007/8 show that we should have surpluses in those two years too.

Although these good figures result from a disciplined approach to our finances there are two areas where we are increasing our expenditure. The first is maintenance of the College buildings. Each year we are increasing the amount we spend on this by 20%. We plan to do this for a five year period. As I write the physical evidence of this expenditure is very apparent with 64 and 66 Woodstock Road shrouded in scaffolding. It is important that the exteriors of our buildings are well-maintained and secure against all the Oxford weather can throw at us – and in the last two months it has thrown record amounts of rain at us. It is pleasing to be able to report that this time unlike the past we have not, at least so far, suffered any flooding or other damage. It is also important that the interiors are as well-decorated and smartly furnished as our resources will allow. Our increasing maintenance spend should improve the situation considerably.

Secondly we are increasing our academic expenditure. It has always been part of the thinking behind the five year plan that as the College's financial position improves we will increase such expenditure. As I have mentioned in previous reports this increased academic expenditure has been christened the Academic Dividend. We have to adopt a cautious approach to this. We have to pay back the loans we took out to finance the Founders' Building; that is £111K each year. Also for over twenty years the College reported deficits so we have to strengthen our Balance Sheet to make up for that over-spending. In 2006/7 our Academic Dividend expenditure has been the provision of College facilities for three non-stipendiary Junior Research Fellows, an additional £2,000 for student travel and research grants, a grant of £1,700 to the St Antony's International Review to

run a conference and money to enable the St Antony's/Palgrave series committee to hold book launches; a total of £10,000 additional academic expenditure. For 2007/8 Governing Body has declared an Academic Dividend consisting of College facilities for four non-stipendiary Junior Research Fellows, an additional £10,900 for student grants, £600 for grants to academic conferences and more money for book launches; this is a total for the year of £20,000 additional academic expenditure. The College is first and foremost an academic institution and it is right that as our financial situation improves we should increase our academic spending. Let's hope we can increase it even more in the future.

This would not, however, be a proper Bursar's report if it did not contain some warnings about the future. We have been very successful in increasing our income over the four years up to July 2006. The figures so far available for 2006/7 however suggest that that is not something we can continue indefinitely. This would not matter so much if expenditure was static. Despite our tight financial discipline costs continue to increase inexorably especially in the two areas where the College spends most, employment costs and maintenance. The former makes up more than half the College's costs. The combination of increments, cost of living increases, increases in employer's National Insurance and pension contributions and the cost of assimilating to the University's new payspine are all inflationary pressures we have had to face in recent years. There is no sign of these pressures abating. So for the future we face the challenge of having to meet increasing costs while finding it more and more difficult to increase income.

A further challenge we have set ourselves is to reduce the amount we take each year from the General Endowment. Many years ago Governing Body decided that the College could take 4.5% from the General Endowment each year without reducing its real value. At that time it must have seemed a challenging target to make a surplus on that basis but as noted above we have now achieved that target for four years. All the current evidence indicates that maintaining the level of our take from the Endowment at 4.5% will endanger the future real value of our Endowment. Governing Body has therefore decided to reduce the figure to 3.5% over five years beginning with 2007/8. The budget for that year has therefore been prepared on the basis that the amount we take from the Endowment should be reduced to 4.3%. This means that we will have to be even more disciplined in our approach to our finances.

We could not have achieved all that we have without the College's staff. As usual there have been changes – many of the new arrivals have been mentioned in the Acting Warden's entry. As mentioned in my last report Pauline Maclean, our Governing Body Clerk since 2000 left in September 2006. Pauline joined the College at a particularly difficult time when there was no Bursar and we owe a lot to the way she brought her considerable organisational skills to bear on the College's procedures. Jenny Cable, my secretary and before that the Domestic Bursar's secretary, left in April to take up a post at Trinity.

In the Development Office, Franca Potts left to work at St Catherine's having carried us through a difficult time when she was on her own following Polly Friedhoff's and Janet Collyer's departures. At the European Studies Centre Ulli Parkinson left to go to the Ashmolean after more than four years of hard and devoted work. At the Middle East Centre Collette Caffrey left after more than three years committed service.

In the Domestic Bursary, David Whitaker, our Head Porter, left to take up the same post at St John's. He did a great job during his all too short time in the College. Valerie Briggs, Dorothy Greenwood and William Preston all retired from Housekeeping; Valerie had nearly 9 years service, Dorothy 17 and William nearly 6. Colin Champion also left that department. In the kitchen several junior members of staff moved on - Cicero Ailton, Robert Taylor, Orlando Cordeiro, Cristiane Dias Araujo and Luis Branca. We were particularly sorry to lose Maria Perez Lopez from the Stewarding Department through ill health and wish her a full and speedy recovery. I often feel that we do not appreciate those who work in the Domestic Bursary as much as we should. They operate in a pressured environment where if something is not done at the right time we all notice straightaway. Also our conference business which is becoming increasingly demanding is of vital financial importance to the College.

We thank all those who have left for the work they did for the College and wish them well for the future.

We are also very grateful to those who joined during the year and those who remained in post throughout the year. They are essential to the continuing functioning of the College.

As well as acknowledging the contribution of those who have left I would like to pay tribute to Stephen Eeley who has been our part-time Governing Body Clerk over the last year. He has come into the College whenever needed and turned his hand to much more than the Clerk's duties.

I have left the saddest news about departures until last. Jill Flitter, our College Secretary since 1986, retires in November. During my time at St Antony's a large number of Antonians have told of their gratitude for the way Mrs Flitter looked after them and helped them when they were in difficulty. She will be a hard act to follow and her retirement will mark the end of an era. As mentioned in the Acting Warden's report we will be merging the College Secretary's and the Governing Body Clerk's jobs into one new post called College Registrar and increasing the staff who deal with student administration. Although this reorganisation will improve the service we give to students it will not involve any increase in cost. Recruiting for the new positions is under way and we expect to have the new structure in place in Michaelmas Term.

I also referred briefly to Sir Marrack Goulding's retirement in my previous report. Now is the appropriate occasion for me to pay tribute to his leadership of the College. His conscientiousness was a particular lesson to us all. No document came from his office with any careless drafting. On many occasions when I left my office late I would notice that the lights were still on in his and when I arrived in the morning I would find e-mails he had sent me at a time when I had been asleep for many hours. He had a particular concern for our students and they very much appreciated the way he cared about their interests.

This is also the occasion for me to pay tribute to Professor Roger Goodman our Acting Warden for nine months. He had a very difficult task. He had to act as a caretaker; his role was not to make major changes but he had to ensure that it did not stagnate. He did this

with skill and brought to the job a detailed knowledge of the University.

Most recently we have welcomed Professor Margaret MacMillan to the Wardenship. I and my colleagues in the administration look forward to working for her over the coming years and to achieving with her even greater success for the College.

Last but certainly not least I want to mention the students. Working with them is one of the aspects of the job I enjoy most. I am grateful to Ricardo, the JCR President, his colleagues who work with him in the JCR and the whole student body for all they do to make the College the unique institution it is.

*Allan Taylor*

### **Junior Common Room**

Busy! This is the word that best describes St Antony's Junior Common Room in 2007. Having inherited a sound financial situation and several successful programmes from the last executive – which was much appreciated! – the JCR was able to carry forward its agenda smoothly, but actively. The richness and diversity of interests and activities were a direct result of the uniqueness of our student body. The sociable environment around College contributed to welcoming the new students and to building a close community. In other words, it created a large and strong group of friends. The following paragraphs are just a small example of the fruits of such friendship.

On the JCR academic front the year has been remarkable so far. The JCR Writing Tutoring Service continued (with many thanks to our dedicated volunteers!) providing essential assistance to junior members of the college with regards to essay writing and revision. Additionally, exam review sessions took place during eighth week of Hilary term, and we sent student representatives to attend University Exam Consultations during the end of Trinity. Importantly, the JCR, along with the Bursar, the College Secretary and the Accountant, met with the University's Academic Registrar and the Head of the Student Administration Section to discuss fees liability for first year and continuing students and problems associated with University cards and contracts, which have been issues of great concern to the student body. On this subject, The VP Academic, Seth Anziska, has also reached out to colleagues in other colleges to discuss common concerns for graduates studying at Oxford. Seth Anziska and I will keep this high in our Michaelmas agenda.

Furthermore, the faculty lunch series continued with Professor Paul Collier discussing his new book *The Bottom Billion*, and Dr Nandini Gooptu exploring gender and South Asian politics. The feedback that I have received has been wonderful! Many thanks for the continued interest of Governing Body fellows in joining the JCR for these illuminating events.

Besides the faculty, the JCR got involved with other college members. For example, a closing session of the Visiting Parliamentary Fellows Seminar was held with Paul Murphy MP and Charles Kennedy MP to discuss "Britain after Blair." Moreover, the VP Academic



has arranged a trip to Parliament for 40 JCR members on Tuesday 23rd October (MT 07). The Rt Hon Paul Murphy will meet with college members after a full tour, and there will be an opportunity to attend question time in the House of Commons as well. Last but not the least, dates are being worked out for a visit to the Foreign Office, where Antonian alumnus Simon Chamberlin has agreed to host a small group of JCR members.

This year, two other relevant events took place. One, organized by the VP Welfare, Rebecca Steinfeld and VP Academic, Seth Anziska, commemorated the 40th anniversary of the Arab-Israeli war of June 1967. It took place on Tuesday of 7th Week in Trinity. The event was cosponsored by the Middle Eastern Centre, and included a film screening of "The Iron Wall" and a panel discussion on the future prospects for Israelis and Palestinians. The other event organized by me – the Ambassadorial Seminar – had the privilege to welcome the Mexican Ambassador Juan José Bremer de Martino to address the following two topics: 1) The actual state of the British-Mexican relations and prospects for the future; and 2) Experiences from the Ambassador's years in Moscow, Berlin, Washington, and the United Kingdom. The event was held in collaboration with Oxford University Mexican Society. A special word of thanks is also due to Professors Alan Knight and Laurence Whitehead, and to my fellow colleagues Benito Miron and Aurelio Nuño. The JCR is currently working on other invitations to continue the Ambassadorial Seminar series next term.

Academically, the JCR could not be prouder of the work that our colleagues are developing in STAIR – St Antony's International Review. The Journal held a very successful launch event at the Department of Politics and International Relations (DPIR) for its 'Democratisation' issue (Vol. 2, No. 2) on February 12th. It featured a conversation between Joseph Nye (Sultan of Oman Professor of International Relations at Harvard University and Visiting Professor in International Relations at the University of Oxford) and Sir Adam Roberts (Montague Burton Professor of International Relations and Fellow of Balliol College at the University of Oxford) on issues related to democracy and democratisation. The event drew over 150 people, including many faculty members from across the University. Furthermore, STAIR published its fifth issue (Vol. 3, No. 1) on the theme of 'The Internet: Power and Governance in a Digitised World', in 6th week of Trinity. The issue, as usual with STAIR, attracted high quality contributions.

Currently, work is underway on the next two issues of STAIR, which will focus on the themes of 'Religion and World Order' (Vol. 3, No. 2) and 'The Politics of Human Trafficking' (Vol. 4, No. 1). 42 abstracts were received for the Religion issue. A call for papers for the Trafficking issue was issued and was circulated very widely, both within Oxford and Britain, and around the world. I wish STAIR the best of luck for the coming year which will be one of growth for the Journal.

As was clear from Jaideep's report in last year's Record, apart from doing well academically, junior members excel in sports too. It was an intensive and memorable sports season. One that every Antonian can be proud of!

Seven members of the college won either full or half blues. Full blues for Justin duBois in swimming, and Eva Vivalt in fencing. Half blues for: Ted Alexander in real tennis;



Nadia Von Maltzahn in volleyball; Dan Koldyk in ice hockey; Tracy Fenwick in rowing; and, finally, Tim Winegard in ice hockey. This is an amazing record! They were all treated to a High Table and received modest prize money from the JCR. But, there is more: the Table Tennis Cuppers individual competitions 2007 finished with Alex Stummvoll being crowned Men's Champion! Congratulations Alex!

After suffering from bad river conditions with race cancelations in the beginning of the year, St Antony's boat club very much enjoyed its time on the river. Men's and women's boat club teams and a mixed non-boat club team entered the Teddy Hall relays in March. The mixed team managed to obtain fifth place overall in the mixed category and beat the men's boat club team. Furthermore, the men's boat club team won blades during the Summer Eights competition. Great job! The men's second boat was unlucky not to bump more often than the two they did get. The women's first boat had a number of difficulties and so rowed over on three days and was unfortunately bumped on the final day. The men's boat and a mixed boat with a few novices entered the Oriel Regatta as well. It was a fun and accomplished time for everyone rowing and, as a novice, I am looking forward to next year's competitions.

It was the first year that a combined Nuffield/St Antony's Cricket team was fielded in the league and, having been promoted to the giddy heights of the First XI 2nd division along with all the big colleges, the team had a great season, playing nine league games, winning four, losing three, with two being rained off. This meant that St Antony's cricket finished the season safely mid-league, a good result for the first year in such a high league, and considering that we are a post-graduate team playing against the young bucks. The record in Cuppers is less successful as the team went out in the first round. Another blemish was the Ashtray loss to Nuffield, although next year I am sure it will be very different!

The Men's Football team was somewhat weaker than in previous years, but as a result of clear determination and very hard work the team avoided relegation. Well done!

Additionally, a college pool tournament was held in 4th week of Hilary, in which Michiel Paris was the winner; St Antony's entered three running teams for the Teddy Hall relays on 7th March 2007; and a few College members competed in the Town and Gown 10km fun run on 21st May. Finally, our sports officer, Andrew Kerr, successfully organized the College sports day on Saturday 19th May. The participants enjoyed excellent weather, a tasty barbeque and good fun playing Frisbee, croquet and water balloon volleyball...

Life at St Antony's is not only about the 'mind' but also about the 'body'. We also know how to have fun and to enjoy ourselves! In other words, we party a lot! The social life of the college continued to be vibrant and reflected the diversity of the student body. Once again, our very own bar manager/social secretary Milos Damjanovic along with Mira Comara and Joe Rowsell – our other VIP social secretaries – put together a busy agenda for the year. Our bops were, as usual, popular and well attended. Besides dancing, several formal dinners were organised, reflecting a greater demand among students for such events. Following the dinners, the Late Bar also saw performances by music bands such

as The Agents of Jane, and Oxford Jazz Band. We also had exchange dinners organized with other colleges: St John's and Hertford Colleges. Aside from this, we hosted several successful Friday night events, including an African night and a Balkan night, neither of which have been organised in several years, and a successful Mexican night. Together, and with the generous support from the European Studies Centre, we organized a very successful party to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the European Union.

Trinity ended with the highlight of the year: the Summer Ball. Themed: "The spy who loved me – An evening of mystery and intrigue," it was a startling, fun and well attended event! We had 165 guests dining, and another 80 for the dancing. The night was sponsored by Brown's which provided £1000-worth of martinis and cocktails and also by other friends of St Antony's JCR such as On The Hoof in North Parade. The Ball ended with breakfast, soccer and survivors photos...(go to Facebook, it is all there!) The Ball Chair, Patrice Holderbach, and the Ball Committee deserve our highest appreciation for their hard work!

On the social side of St Antony's JCR, wine tasting is becoming a must as well! The Antonian Wine Tasting Society (AWTS) run by Lisa Welze has had an extremely successful year. With an average of 40 students per event, the focus has been not only on the development of wine tasting skills necessary for the appreciation of a broad range of wine styles, but also on learning the history and evolution of the wine trade in various regions of the world. Over the course of the year, we have learned to distinguish between grape varietals, regional terroir, and old versus new world wine characteristics. In Trinity term, the AWTS introduced a wine and cheese pairing course, presented by Harley Poulet of the Oxford Cheese Company. The Wine Society has been able to offer diversity to the social life of the College and has significantly improved the knowledge and wine tasting abilities of the student body.

Because the College is also our home the JCR dedicated its time and efforts to the welfare of our colleagues and to improve our common environment.

One of our main tasks this year was the Maintenance and Environment Survey. The survey was organized and conducted in Hilary 2007, by Rebecca Steinfeld, the VP Welfare, by Hart Feuer, our Environment Officer, and by Diarmuid Torney, the JCR Webmaster. The results from the survey were first analysed and then discussed with the College in Week 5 of Trinity 2007. The College expressed appreciation for the survey, and pledged to help improve the provision of the services highlighted as inadequate in the analysis. The JCR very much appreciates the College's goodwill in this regard and hopes that many of the necessary alterations will be carried out over the summer break.

Besides the Survey, the New Gym was a major undertaking by the JCR. In the first JCR General Meeting of Trinity term (24th April) the JCR resolved: "To move the gym equipment to the Carr Room"; "To make the current gym available for DPhil teaching space;" and "To endeavour to make adequate alternative arrangements in the Hilda Besse Building for existing Carr Room users." Following a former JCR decision, it was agreed that a weights circuit, a bench and a treadmill machine would be added to the current equipment. Throughout Trinity, further inquiries were made into housing the various activity groups

that may be relocated as a result of the JCR vote to move the current gym from its present location into the Carr Room. In 8th Week, I presented a proposal with alternative locations to current Carr Room users which was endorsed by the Governing Body. The paper was crafted with the full involvement of the College and with the consultation of the interested groups.

On the environment side, the year has been very successful and Hart Feuer's leadership has been outstanding! The new garden allotment behind 2 Church Walk and the African Studies Centre has been completed and is looking beautiful. Junior and senior fellows have been enjoying spring greens. The University gardeners have assisted the enterprise with compost and the neighbours have even offered tools. The site is looking more and more like a nice, quiet retreat off-College.

Excluding a few small hiccups with the roll-out of the city's new recycling program, St Antony's accommodations have all received the proper bins and can now additionally recycle plastic and cardboard. Yet, due attention is needed on this front during Michaelmas 2007, and the JCR will continue its role in college recycling which is a priority. Furthermore, a handful of accommodations with interested participants have joined the compost bin program and are now turning their kitchen waste into compost for our own garden allotment.

As active participants in society the members of the JCR have engaged in discussions and activities of common concern to our members. A new initiative was launched, the JCR Forum, having debated Fair Trade and Free Trade in its first meeting. Alastair Smith and Jonathan Dingel had an educated and helpful conversation on the topic, which was then opened to the audience. The event greatly contributed to our understanding of Fair Trade and the possible role of the JCR in it. We hope to continue the Forum next term.

Apart from Fair Trade, the JCR has devoted a substantial time to the issue of Socially Responsible Investment (SRI). The last JCR executive worked vigorously on a discussion paper outlining the need for a credible college SRI policy. The current JCR executive and Tom Harrison – the author of the SRI discussion paper – after meeting with a BlackRock representative along with the Bursar in London, on May 18, 2007, presented the JCR's SRI proposal to the MET on May 30, 2007. The proposal was debated and amended, and a recommendation was sent to GB. In Week 8 after a productive discussion, the Governing Body endorsed the proposal to create a Joint Committee composed by staff members, GB fellows and JCR members to further discuss and eventually draft a College SRI policy. I owe a word of thanks to Tom Harrison for his hard work on this project and to the Bursar for his essential contribution.

Additionally, the Social Action Coordinator, Emanuela Paoletti, organized a fundraising event in favour of UNICEF Sudan and invited two St Antony's alumni to talk about charitable initiatives and NGO activities either in Oxford or in the UK: Ahmed Al-Shahi, Research Fellow, St Antony's College, to talk about the Sudan project and Simon Heap from Plan International to talk about the activity of the organization he works for. Lastly, on June 20, Emanuela and Sara-Christine Gemson, the JCR Secretary, collected clothes to be given to a charity based in Oxford and to Oxfam.

On the whole, this has been a very successful and eventful year. Thanks to our experienced treasurer, Farid Boussaid, the JCR is in very good financial standing, even after some well spent funds with our Clubs and Societies in Hilary and Trinity, and the commitments already made for the New Gym and, yes, for our newest project: the renovation of the BUTTERY! This is a joint-venture with the College allowing the creation of a new 'space' with limited spending. Hopefully, the new students in Welcome Week 2007 will be greeted in a Late Bar with a fresh face. On the other hand, the Conferences in the Buttery will be more comfortable and better lit!

As far as I am concerned we have had a very productive year. This was a result of a cohesive JCR executive and a like-minded College team. The permanent collaboration and consultation with the Warden, the Bursar, and Domestic Bursar were fruitful and are much appreciated. To understand the importance of such exchanges, the return of "The Simpsons" to the Combined Common Room was only made possible after an agreement with the College to re-establish the TV connection! Furthermore, the termly meetings between the JCR and the College, initiated by Jaideep's executive, were indispensable to debate common issues and should be maintained. The systematic discussion of issues, such as the new College buildings, safety and security, maintenance and services – minuted by the JCR's 'memory keeper,' Sara-Christine Gemson – profited considerably from this forum.

Likewise, "The State of the College" address to the junior members, given by the Acting Warden, following a suggestion by the JCR, was another positive event to bring students and the College together. As Professor Roger Goodman is ending his Wardenship, I would like to express my gratitude for his leadership, support and good humour. It was a privilege to work closely with Professor Goodman.

Besides the needed 'formalities', the friendship and support that the JCR receives every year from the entire College staff in general, and from the Porters, the Scouts, and the maintenance staff in particular, makes our lives here more enjoyable.

To close this already very long account of JCR activities, I offer my full gratitude to an excellent group of people: Seth Anziska, Rebecca Steinfeld, Farid Boussaid, Sara Christine Gemson, Milos Damjanovic, Joe Rowsell, Mira Comara, Myrto Stasinopoulou, Hart Feuer, Lindsey Richardson, Andrew Kerr, Iason Gabriel, Cleon Catsambis, Lisa Welze, James Cameron, Emanuela Paoletti, Diarmuid Torney, Ainsley Cameron, Alastair Smith, Thomas Isherwood, Atef Alshehri, Woo-Jung Jon, Naysan Rafati, Florian Nickels-Teske, and Patrice Holderbach. As members of the JCR Executive, and as JCR Officers and Representatives each and every one of my good friends named above gave many hours of their life to a common project: make St Antony's home. I was very lucky to be on their team!

*Ricardo Borges de Castro*

### **The Library**

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

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

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

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

The conversion of our pre-1990 catalogues continues, and we have been delighted to be able to welcome Juliet Blackburn as an additional member of staff on the project; she will be working as a full-time retrocataloguer, albeit for a maximum of 18 months. Our search goes on for the funding we need to continue with the project thereafter.

We thank all those who have given books to the Main Library during the past year, including: Professor G. Best; Mrs I. Brooks; Professor A. H. Brown; Dr L. Carter; Center for Asia-Pacific Area Studies; Dr A. Deighton; G. Dünkelsbühler; Professor R. Florescu; Dr S. Goopu; Sir Marrack Goulding; Dr V. Gounaris; Dr N. Hope; H.-H. M. Hsiao; Dr M. King; A. Kirk-Greene; Professor P. Kitromilides; Professor J. Loughlin; Sir Roderic Lyne; Luso-American Foundation; Dr P. Mangold; Mrs June Morris; Dr J.I. Múgica; Professor A.J. Nicholls; Nuffield College Library; Oxford Institute for Energy Studies; I. Pearson; Professor R. Pommerin; Professor R. Service; Dr H. Shukman; Slavic Research Center, Hokkaido University; Toyo Bunko; Dr S. Tsang; Mrs J. Turnbull; Sir Brian Urquhart; Warsaw School of Economics; E. B. Weaver.

*Rosamund Campbell*

### **The St Antony's Series**

This long-established series publishes manuscripts by authors who are members of the College or associated with it as students, visiting members, or in other ways. Jan Zielonka was general editor of the series up to December 2006 when William Beinart took over. While the editor and the committee play an important role in soliciting books and in making academic recommendations, the final decision on proposals is made by Palgrave/Macmillan who also generally require external reviewers and are increasingly guided by the commercial viability of books. This policy has significantly reduced the number of books published annually. The board meets once a year to consider broader strategies; editorial decisions are taken as individual manuscripts are received.

During the last academic year the board included William Beinart, Nandini Gooptu, Jane Caplan, Alex Pravda, Rosemary Thorp, Jan Zielonka and Rosemary Foot. Jill Lake handled the series at Palgrave/Macmillan and it is with regret that we note her retirement. She has been a strong supporter, and a highly efficient administrator, of the series.

We continue to have a good rate of submissions, mostly dealing with recent history and politics. About 20 proposals have been considered, and 6-7 are likely to go through to the contract stage. Some of those published during 2006 have sold sufficiently well to be considered for paperback publication. Middle Eastern volumes in the series, together with some others, were displayed at the fiftieth anniversary conference of the Middle East Centre.

The copies of books in the series that have previously been stored in the Warden's office are to be moved to the Senior Common Room.

The following books have been published recently:

Hakan Thörn: *Anti-Apartheid and the Emergence of a Global Civil Society*

Paul Chaisty: *Legislative Politics and Economic Power in Russia*

Valpy Fitzgerald, Frances Stewart and Rajesh Venugopal (eds): *Globalization, Violent Conflict and Self-Determination*

Lori Plotkin Boghardt: *Kuwait amid War, Peace and Revolution*

Cathy Gormley-Heenan: *Political Leadership and the Northern Ireland Peace Protest*

Ulf Schmidt: *Justice At Nuremburg*

Richard Clogg: *Bearing Gifts to Greeks*

Twelve further books are in production or contracted and should appear in the next couple of years.

*William Beinart (General Editor)*

## SPECIAL ARTICLES

**Dr Ann Waswo's farewell speech given at the Governing Body dinner on 18 June 2007**

As I've been clearing out my room in the Nissan Institute in recent weeks, so that its rotting partition walls can be repaired before my successor's arrival in September, I have found myself pondering one question: How is it that I, a mild-mannered, fairly introverted American woman by the standards of my fellow countrymen, have acquired a reputation in St Antony's as an outspoken critic of the status quo and, in some quarters at least, as a hot-tempered feminist?

While accepting that some of the responsibility for this misperception of my character may lie at my door, I would like for the record to tell you how I was encouraged, indeed lured, into my first challenge of college policy by that politically shrewd, indeed positively Machiavellian now-retired member of GB – Archie Brown.

When I first came here in the icy winter of 1982, it was still college policy to hold occasional 'ladies nights', when persons of what was then known as the fairer sex could be invited to High Table. Archie was against this policy, and he orchestrated an assault on it at a GB meeting soon after my arrival. I'll raise the subject, he told me during a clandestine conversation, and then you just answer the question I ask. Okay, I said, pleased to be needed. Whether on the agenda or as AOB I don't recall, but Archie broached the subject and then said 'I wonder if I might ask our newly arrived American colleague what she thinks of this practice' and I dutifully replied 'Why, I find it retrograde and reprehensible.' The practice was declared null and void with a wave of Warden Carr's hand, and henceforth Fellows and SAMs were free to invite anybody of any gender anytime. So easy!

Emboldened by this experience, I soon began noticing other archaic practices in College: a ladies room on the ground floor of the Hilda Besse Building, a ladies boat crew on the river. It took a bit of time to get that nomenclature modernized, but modernized it eventually was. It may well be that I even paid for the 'women's room' sign on the door of the loo and, with help from others, installed it one dark night. I don't recall, but I do recall that help from other women, both senior and junior, was essential in both campaigns, and some of us decided at about that time to have the occasional lunch and dinner together. Four of the members of that plucky band are here tonight – Rosemary Thorp, Jenny Corbett, Susan McRae and myself – and so it is fitting that I say a few words about what some of our male colleagues regarded as a revolutionary feminist collective but we styled 'the Bathtub Ring' in view of the much less threatening, in fact positively homely character of many of our conversations: where to get a good haircut in Oxford, which one of us would host our next dinner, etc. Way back then in the early 1980s, lunch was on offer in the Buttery, and I well remember one occasion when a few of us were having lunch, and Malcolm Deas came up to us and said 'I expect you are plotting the destruction of the world as we know it' – or something along those lines. We were taken aback, I must say, but then it occurred to us that he like Alan Angell at about the same time might be lobbying for an invitation to one of our excellent dinners in the typically ham-fisted, counter-productive

way to which men seem prone. At any rate, we decided to have some Guest Nights, but that in the first instance we would invite women only. And so it transpired that the Warden's wife Sara Carr came to dinner at my place. This turned out to be a very pleasant but unexpectedly subversive event. The next day I encountered Raymond in college, and he immediately let it be known that we had 'ruined his marriage.' Why he felt this way soon became clear, when Sara's thank-you note arrived: 'I had forgotten how constrained one is in the company of men' she wrote, 'so it was a real pleasure to be in the company of women and able to speak freely.'

As it turned out, this was the last meeting of the Bathtub Ring – or maybe the last meeting was the 'sleepover' at Rosemary's house, which unfortunately I could not attend. At any rate, two of our founding members had left the country, our respective lives had become more complicated, and we no longer had the time.

I return now to that source of my undoing, Archie Brown. Just last week, at dessert on Tuesday night, he tried to inveigle me into yet another assault on college policy on this my last formal occasion to do so. The issue was the callous and uncaring way, reputedly unprecedented within Oxford, in which St Antony's treats its emeritus fellows by making them pay for their lunches. No way! I've learned a few things about politics over the past quarter of a century, and one of them is not to not to tackle anything in which one has too clearly identified a self-interest.

No, that issue – and in particular the ad hoc, ad hominem way the policy was decided some years ago – will find a place in the Oxford/Japan detective novel I plan to write in my retirement. Let me now say a few words about that novel.

Deterred by the demands of my day job, I haven't yet decided precisely who will be murdered, but there will be a murder: possibly of a Fellow, possibly of a potential benefactor – or maybe even the minister of higher education of the day. And the crime will be solved by a detection duo made up of a middle-aged Japanese woman on sabbatical in Oxford and the rebellious young son of an Oxford academic couple, she armed with a sensitivity to human relations and he with local knowledge.

The working title of this novel is 'Damaged Goods' but having googled that title recently and discovered over 10,000 entries, of which a good 40 or so were novels (starting with Upton Sinclair's novelization of a French play in the 1930s and ending with a potboiler about sex and violence in London due out in April) I have obviously got to come up with something else. Be that as it may, the idea of 'goods' will figure prominently, in both the concrete and the abstract sense of the word. Something tangible will be destroyed, but also something intangible.

The latter will be the collegiality and integrity of an Oxford college in the face of the relentless invasion of business-like 'audit culture' into academe. A once reasonably harmonious and mutually sustaining academic community will become increasingly riven by discord. There will be the grantsmen (and women) on the one hand, driven by metrics and FECs, and a harried band of scholarly soloists on the other, mostly in the humanities, who thirst after the freedom to think and to write books instead of articles. Someone will



crack.

Now it's going to be a fictionalized, anonymous Oxford college about which I write, but it must be acknowledged that St Antony's is the only Oxford college I really know anything about. And two features of St Antony's will feature at the outset in this novel – before the real rot sets in.

The first of these is a culture of poverty and self-denial among the Fellows. They might grumble at lunch about how cold it is in Hall or wonder why they can't have an electronic sign-in system for High Table just like Nuffield's, but they take no action. And when the Bursar offers up a modest sum for use as an academic dividend, they wouldn't dream of spending it on themselves. I gather this stance is not the product of recent hard times, but goes way back to the early years, certainly to Raymond's time as Warden. There is almost something charming about it, but of course it means that the working environment for Fellows gets shabbier and shabbier, and the gap between their stipends and allowances and those at many other colleges grows ever wider. This will prove a volatile situation when sizable monetary 'incentives' become available within the University for certain types of 'approved' academic output.

The second feature is that the Fellows will form a very decent, talented and congenial group of people, again at the outset of the novel. That is certainly my view of the place, and I know many share it. The interesting company is certainly one of the main reasons why I've enjoyed my quarter of a century here, and I do feel just a slight pang of conscience that I am going to have to invent tensions, demolish goodwill and motivate real hatreds in order to make my novel work.

*Ann Waswo*

### **Professor Anthony Nicholls' address at the Deakin Days Gaudy, 1 July 2006**

#### *A Walk in a Monastery Garden*

Warden, Ladies and Gentlemen,

First of all I must apologise to those of you who may have been expecting some sort of archaeological or botanical experience as we all drift through the grounds of the old Anglican convent, nostalgically reviewing the remains of the vegetable garden or the old air raid shelters in which the gardener was reputed to cultivate mushrooms.

The fact is, that none of these romantic memorials survive, with the exception of the Convent building itself, and even that has been transformed internally. As for the rolling acres that used to surround it, they have vanished, leaving barely a wrack behind. The tennis courts have gone, a large chunk of the car park has disappeared, and you will search for the croquet lawn in vain. The latter loss is perhaps just as well, because those of you who have been following recent events in Britain will know that playing croquet has now become politically incorrect. Even the squash court, once described as the best- designed

piece of architecture in the College grounds, has disappeared. I always have considerable nostalgia when I think of the squash court, even though I myself have never actually held a squash racket. But it was once the focus of one of my favourite myths about St Antony's. During a radical spasm after the events of 1968, somebody in the Guardian newspaper accused the College of being a recruiting ground for spies. A rumour then started circulating that in the grounds of the College there was a windowless building from which grunts of pain could be heard. Obviously the chaps from MI6 were learning to withstand torture. But it was, of course, only the squash court, and the grunts were as likely to have been emitted by the young women of St Anne's, with whom we shared it, as by ourselves.

So why then am I talking about 'a monastery garden'? The reason for this curious designation is that when I was having my arm gently twisted to lead off these proceedings we were trying to find a catchy title, and I thought the association between a Victorian ballad ('In a Monastery Garden') and the architectural origins of the College somehow seemed appropriate. It just seemed like a good idea at the time – rather like starting the First World War.

What I am intending to do, in as short a space as I can get away with, is to reminisce in an anecdotal fashion about the golden era which we in this room represent, and then to make a few comments on Sir William Deakin's Wardenship. Sadly, Bill is no longer with us. But he did have a splendid innings, and was one of the reasons why this College had the unusual advantage of reaching its fiftieth anniversary with all four of its Wardens in remarkably good shape.

Ralf Dahrendorf once described the Deakin era as 'the campfire days' of the College. From what I read in the College history, some of the very early students might have been glad of a camp fire to reinforce the inadequate gas heaters provided in the nuns' cells in the old building. But by the time I arrived in January 1959 I was stunned to discover that I was in an institution blessed with central heating. Coming from the medieval grandeur of Merton, where I had been used to pulling the carpet over my bed during the winter months, this was a revelation, confirming my hope that I was joining a forward-looking institution. My own introduction to the College was not untypically casual. I had started an MPhil course in Modern History at Merton, but was finding myself rather isolated there. I had got to know a member of the MPhil group in the year ahead of me, Philip Windsor, and it became evident that his College, St Antony's, was bursting with people who might share my interests. I wrote to the tutor for admissions and was called for an interview. It turned out to be a gentlemanly chat with the charming Saul Rose, a man whose laid-back demeanour belied his alter ego as a high level apparatchik in the Labour Party and who later went on to become the Bursar of New College.

Being a typically insular Englishman, who had never set foot on what in those days was still referred to as 'the Continent', I was amazed, but also delighted, to find myself in such a relaxed international atmosphere. The President of the JCR was French, appropriately enough given the nationality of the founder, and there were several other French students, at least three German students, a sturdy representative of Luxemburg, and a Hungarian poet who had escaped from Soviet repression in 1956. Other countries represented were Israel and Lebanon, Japan and the United States. From the British Commonwealth there

were students from Canada, India, and South Africa. British students were also to be found, but they were, and have remained, a minority amongst the student body, a unique feature of our collegiate community. I quickly became friends with a remarkable Japanese colleague, Nobotoshi Hagihara, who was, I believe, at that time only the second representative of his country in the College, following in the footsteps of the redoubtable Professor Tsuzuki, who arrived in 1955. Nobotoshi became a respected biographer in Japan and remained a firm friend and a very loyal Antonian for the rest of his life. He liked playing tennis, but was not particularly good at it. For that reason he enjoyed playing against me, and at the end of most games he would put his arm round my shoulder and say ‘well Tony, old boy, you didn’t play very well, did you?’. But it was all good fun, which seemed to be a key characteristic of the College when I joined it.

So far as the old building was concerned, most of the fun was located on the ground floor. The Junior Common Room was the scene of lively debates. The more arcane the issue, particularly if it related to the JCR Constitution, the more passionate the arguments. There were also visiting speakers to address the St Antony’s society. In my time these included Julian Amery, a right-wing Conservative Minister who spoke up for British association with Europe [imagine that!]; Hugh Gaitskell, who told us about his visit to America, and the General Secretary of the Labour Party, Morgan Phillips, who ended his peroration with the confident assertion that Labour would win the forthcoming elections, which of course they did not.

On the same level as the JCR in the old building there was the buttery, a College bar of the old school, small and fuggy but also warm and cheerful. Despite its cramped dimensions it managed to house bar billiards and a dart board. There was also the famous picture modelled on that of ‘the Anatomy Lesson’. This depicted the Bursar, Peter Hailey, being cut open on the operating table to reveal a cascade of gold coins. He was being observed with sardonic pleasure by Bill Deakin, James Joll and other members of the Governing Body. Presiding over the buttery itself was, of course, the Steward, Fred Wheatley. For many of its student members he personified the College. Warm-hearted and irrepressible, Fred delighted in dishing up libations to the young gentlemen, as we all were in those days, and he was prepared to give advice on any topic from the world situation to the domestic problems facing the younger generation. He also spent happy hours bottling the College wine. To continue our tour of the ground floor, we should not forget the delights of the refectory, the College Dining Room where we were served our meals from the neighbouring kitchen – there being no nonsense about self-service. Breakfasts might include such culinary curiosities as a fried egg on a crumpet, but they were certainly nourishing. On Friday nights there was a students’ guest night complete with wine. From time to time the dining hall, with its mock Gothic pillars, was used for dances, and grandest of all, for the Summer Ball.

I was pressed into service as the Treasurer of the Summer Ball on one occasion and found myself hemmed in by a mass of tradition, even though the College was not yet ten years old. The College gardener played a role in this. He was a very large and intimidating person, who informed himself on world affairs by reading the Common Room newspapers before putting them on his bonfire – I remember that he was particularly upset when the Japanese Crown Prince married a Commoner. One morning as I was walking back to

my room in Winchester Road he stopped me and gave me a long lecture on the absolute necessity of including a bottle of champagne in the price of a Ball ticket. Without champagne the whole evening would be a disaster I was told, and I duly followed his instructions. But I then became aware of a snag, namely that the ball committee had to issue a large number of complimentary tickets to a list of senior friends of the College, which I assumed was drawn up by the Governing Body. Since they all got a bottle of champagne, and since the JCR had to meet the expense, this made something of a hole in our budget. The distribution of the champagne also cast a brief cloud over the proceedings at the Ball, since it was carried out by a large East European scout who bellowed menacingly at the guests: 'No ticket; No Champagne!'

Now it should not be thought that St Antony's men took their pleasures entirely indoors. The tennis courts were constantly in use, and the annual garden party also witnessed the finals of the College tennis tournament. This tradition pre-dated my generation of students by several years. I hoped that at least one holder of the tennis title would be with us today, but Gerhard Ritter, who had intended to be here, has been unable to come over. I can report, however, that he still plays tennis regularly in Berlin, where he now lives.

There was also the College cricket team. This could be seen as an attempt to spread the English way of life to more benighted parts of the World. In fact it was a hugely popular way of seeing the Oxfordshire countryside and enjoying rural hospitality in picturesque public houses. St Antony's was welcome to village teams because they could afterwards boast of beating an Oxford College. The only worry was that the St Antony's innings might not last until the pubs opened and the village players would then have to go back home to their families with their thirsts unslaked. By the time I arrived, there were enough seasoned cricketers to give a good account of themselves, and thus appease the village teams.

To return briefly to the Old Building, on the upper floors more serious business was conducted. Of particular importance to us students was the College Library, in those days only accessible through an external staircase. I am delighted that Anne Abley can be with us today, and to her and her successors in running the Library we all owe an immense debt. There was also a lecture room, now occupied by the Library of the Russian and Eurasian Studies Centre, in which visitors of such distinction as President Senghor addressed us. It was also an important feature of the College that the administrative staff were much better known to us than would have been the case in larger institutions, even though for some time they were housed in a curious prefabricated structure on the College lawn.

I am nearly at the end of my anecdotal section; but you will have noticed that it has been what should now be described as a male chauvinist discourse. This is because during my time as a student here the college, like virtually all others, was a single-sex institution. But that was about to change. In November 1961 the College Governing Body took the decision to admit female graduate students. In this St Antony's was showing an admirably pioneering spirit, and for the next decade it was to be the only genuinely co-educational college in Oxford. The Governing Body had approved this change by a vote of eight votes to three, and I have no idea who the protagonists were. My guess is that the Sub-Warden, James Joll, who came to exert a great deal of influence on the domestic development of

the College, would have been strongly in favour; I do know that in the late 1950s Bill Deakin was not an enthusiast for the idea. He informed the *Oxford Mail* in February 1962 that 'what the change will mean in practical terms is still a matter of policy'. But once enacted, he accepted its consequences without demur, and Mrs Deakin proved a source of support for newly arrived women students who were concerned about the Spartan character of the toilet paper or the lack of curtains in the showers.

And that brings me on to the subject of Bill and Pussy Deakin, and their legacy to St Antony's. Most of us in this room were, in terms of our College membership, participants in the Deakin era. We all have our own memories of Bill. To those of us who knew him in the first decade of the College's life he was an accessible and warm-hearted leader. I have the impression that later on, when his time was more and more taken up with trying to overcome the shortage of funds needed for the consolidation of St Antony's, he became a somewhat more distant figure to incoming students, but in this I may be quite wrong, and I would appreciate any comments about that in our subsequent discussion.

My recollection of him was that he had the gift of making those with whom he was talking not only feel that he was genuinely interested in their views, but that they should raise their own expectations in line with his infectious optimism. Although I did not trouble him very often, I didn't hesitate to consult him about matters relating to my own future, and I always received constructive advice. My experience was shared by most of my contemporaries. In that respect Bill's personal influence on us was powerful, and it contributed to our sense of community, which was one of the College's most attractive features.

But I think it is important to remember how fragile our institution was in its early years. Bill had difficulty in getting the College started in the face of a University administration that was not overly concerned to speed things along. When the Hilda Besse building was opened in 1970 the former University Registrar, who had initially controlled the College endowment, remarked that it was a day he had hoped he would never see. Legal problems concerning the Irish Trustees, who for reasons of British tax policy had been given control of M. Besse's generous endowment, meant that it took several years for the College to gain control of its own capital, years in which its endowment could have been invested more effectively than had actually been the case.

My chief recollection of Bill during the period between 1961 and 1968, when I was a Research Fellow in the College, is one of concentrated determination to overcome the financial difficulties that the College faced in the 1960s. The generous and far-sighted endowment by M. Besse had launched St Antony's in fine style. However, it had soon become clear that to develop and sustain an international graduate college devoted to studying the problems of peace and security in the Twentieth Century would require a continuous financial effort. It is worth remembering how much the university environment in Oxford has changed over the last half century. The humanities and social sciences were overwhelmingly Anglo-centric in their programmes of study, and the main focus of the University's teaching activities was on the undergraduate population. It is true that, before St Antony's was set up, the Hebdomadal Council had already considered the desirability of establishing a college to cater mainly for graduate students. Nevertheless, the determination to combine graduate studies with a truly international, outward-looking

perspective was one which Bill himself developed at an early stage, a vision which he seems to have been able to communicate very effectively to the College's founder. His own interests were in the sphere of politics and contemporary history.

Here I think we should not forget the Churchill connection; Bill's own commitment to assisting Churchill in completing his history of the Second World War lasted well beyond his appointment as Warden of this College. It is documented both in Sir Martin Gilbert's monumental Churchill biography and in a more recent monograph by David Reynolds ('In Command of History'). The Cold War was the issue that dominated contemporary attitudes towards World affairs. Indeed, a few months before the College opened it had actually become a hot war, with the Soviet-inspired invasion of South Korea in the summer of 1950.

In Bill's own writings, for example *The Brutal Friendship* and his co-authored biography of the German Communist agent in Japan, Richard Sorge, he demonstrated his interest in the interaction between political leadership, ideology and international affairs. So although in the 1950s the College could display an interesting, if eclectic, mixture of academic disciplines, extending from nuclear physics to the history of medieval English agriculture, by the time Bill retired its clear profile as a graduate institution focusing on life outside the United Kingdom, with stress laid upon modern and contemporary history and politics; as well as economic, social and cultural issues of relevance to an understanding of the contemporary world, was well established.

Now of course, it could be argued that this development was itself conditioned in a way by the Cold War, since the institutions that might finance academic activity, especially in the United States, were at that time above all concerned with studies which might be relevant to the defence of what was then called the Free World. Some of the College's applications for support from the great American Foundations were indeed couched in such a way as to underline the benefits to be gained from a better understanding of, say, the Soviet Union or the political situation in parts of Asia. This undoubtedly helped develop the relevant centres of research in St Antony's. But Bill Deakin, and most of his Senior colleagues in those days - and I am particularly thinking of James Joll, John Wheeler-Bennett, David Footman, Max Hayward, Richard Storry, Harry Willets, Albert Hourani and Raymond Carr - were all themselves committed to the areas of scholarly investigation that would later characterise the College's main interests, and stamp it with what I believe is its unique character. Nor should we assume that it would have been impossible to raise money for other areas of research - nuclear physics being an obvious example - during the 1950s and thereafter if the consensus of opinion in the Governing Body had wanted to move in that direction.

If we take the Volkswagen Foundation in Germany as an example of a scholarly foundation with which the College worked very successfully for many years, it supported our programmes in modern and contemporary history, politics and economics, as well as funding fellowships for German scholars, including those from the former German Democratic Republic, interested in the non-European fields of study in which St Antony's specialised. Bill Deakin was the pioneer in establishing a relationship with the Foundation from the moment it was set up. The first fruits of this relationship were garnered in 1965.

But if one looks at the very broad fields of scientific research sponsored by that foundation one cannot argue that the activities supported by it at St Antony's were chosen simply in order to obtain funding. Bill himself had long been trying to find a way of bringing more Germans to Oxford after the suspension of the Rhodes Scholarships, and the first Volkswagen programme was aimed at providing support for both students and visiting professors in order to strengthen academic discourse between Oxford and Germany. In this way both donors and recipients were satisfied, and I think this was the case with most of the College's successful fundraising operations, whether they related to the Asia, Europe, Latin America, the Middle East or the Soviet Union.

The Volkswagen scheme was, of course, only one of the many projects for which Bill obtained financial support, and for which he scoured North and South America as well as Europe. When my wife was writing the College history in the 1990s I had the privilege of assisting her research in the archives of the Ford Foundation in New York. We were both immensely impressed by the determination with which Bill had stuck to his task of obtaining a major endowment from Ford which would put the college on a sound footing for the next few decades. He did this despite feeling that he was thereby neglecting his scholarly work as an historian, and when the Ford financing was finally agreed he felt he could at last relinquish his administrative burdens and devote himself to writing.

I think that we owe to his Wardenship the outward-looking, international quality of this College, which is still one of its unique characteristics, and which has in my humble opinion, brought considerable benefits to the University of Oxford.

But I have now said quite enough, and the time has come for others to let us have their views.

Thank you.

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