Research and Student Support Receive Early Backing

The College’s development work has attracted substantial funding for a number of programmes primarily in the priority areas of research and student support. In several cases, these programmes will bear the names of individual benefactors with effect from the new academic year, 1997/98.

In addition, the Governing Body has now voted unanimously to proceed with Phase Two of the New Library, after a number of unrestricted gifts have been made to the College’s Milestones Campaign in its early stages. Building work began last month, and the library should be ready for student use in time for the beginning of the 1998/99 academic year.

"There is a long way to go, but we have made a good start — thanks to the generosity of many old members, institutions and other Friends of the College,” commented the Master, Sir John Lyons.

"The funding arrangements we have been able to set up in the past year go to the heart of our development priorities, underpinning for future generations the College’s central and traditional purpose. The College has good reasons to be grateful for the very evident warmth of feeling there is for Trinity Hall. If I say more fully elsewhere in this edition, it makes me feel very proud to be Master of a College that is genuinely, and to be obvious, an Alma Mater for its members, regardless of generation."

The campaign tally has now reached £5.25 million. Several newly-named programmes, each of them supporting key areas of College research or student support, commence either in October 1997, or a year later.

The Trust Board of the Walter Grant Scott Research Fund in Science, a biorganic chemist, begins his appointment in October. The programme has been endowed in perpetuity through a bequest from Dr Walter Scott (1969).

The College has been invited to nominate recipients of the first two awards to students in Law from the Christopher James Memorial Trust. The Trust was established by Mrs Jane James in memory of her late husband, Christopher James, a member of the College (1951) and a partner in the firm of Lindsays & Paterson. The Trust will fund bursaries to Trinity Hall law students in need for the next 15 years.

IN OCTOBER 1998, the Schulman Research Fellowship will be awarded for the first time, to a candidate either in Arts or the Sciences. This Fellowship has likewise been endowed in perpetuity thanks to a gift by Mr Evan Schulman, a senior businessman based in Boston, Massachusetts, to celebrate the lives at Trinity Hall of his father and three uncles.

A THIRD FELLOWSHIP, to be known as the Haslett & Eileen Dewood Research Fellowship in Science, has been generously funded for an initial period of three years. Mr Dewood is the Managing Director of the Dewood Group of Industries, based in Lahore, Pakistan. (Photo, page 2)

In a separate development, the College intends to hold an annual competition in a programme of one-year studentships. Known as the Nightingale Research Studentships in the Law of Mental Health, the programme is funded from a bequest to the College made by the late Michael Nightingale (1953), who died in 1991, and has been augmented with effect from October 1997. The research topic of the successful candidate is the evaluation of the clinical basis for the insanity defence. (See page 2 for further details).

Commenting on the new funding arrangements, the Bursar, Miss Susan Pope, said: "As we face further erosion of the college fees, these gifts will be of enormous benefit in securing key areas of the College’s activities for the future.”

Further information about The Milestones Campaign, the newly-funded programmes and the New Library are contained in this edition.

Double Honour for Graham Storey

Many old members who were pupils of Graham Storey, or came to know him later through the Trinity Hall Association or the Anta Club, will be pleased to learn that he has been doubly honoured this summer.

Dr Storey (1959) became a Fellow in 1949, was Senior Tutor, 1958-68, and Vice-Master, 1976-74, and was elected an Honorary Fellow in 1996. This summer, within consecutive weeks, he was awarded an OBE in the Queen’s Birthday Honours, and a LLD by the University, for his contribution to the study of 19th-century English literature and, more particularly, of Dickens.

And Other Honours

Revd Sr John Polkinghorne (1986) was also honoured with the award of KBE in the Queen’s Birthday list.

The Governing Body has elected two members as Honorary Fellows: Sir Derek Thomas KCMG (1950), formerly Ambassador to Italy, 1987-89 and currently a Director of N M Rothschild & Sons. He served as President of the TUA in 1996/97.

Dr John Drury (1957), Dean of Christchurch, Oxford, since 1991.

Initial Reaction to Dearing

The likely impact of the Government’s proposal to introduce an annual tuition fee has to be assessed, but, with the College committed to the principle of ensuring that access is determined by merit regardless of financial background, and the conscious of students about the fees which already exist, the need to increase the funds available for Student Support becomes especially urgent.

The same time, Oxford and Cambridge college fees remain under threat. The Dearing report states that: “The college fees in Oxford and Cambridge represent a substantial addition to the standard funding for institutions of higher education. We propose that the Government should cover the two principles we have proposed.”

The two principles are that variation in public funding should occur only where there is an agreed difference in provision or society concludes that the high level of funding, in relation to other funding needs in higher education, represents a good use of resources. The University and College Bursars are preparing a case for Ministers. In the meantime, the erosion of College fees continues. A late decision by the Government has meant that the previously agreed formula for determining College fees was abandoned and fees will increase by only 1% in the current year.

Terry Waite CBE, Fellow-Commoner 1991/92

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New Library: Dream Turns to Reality

The Fellow Librarian, Dr Peter Hutchinson, with the College's architect, Tristan Rees Roberts (TH 1967), look ahead to the forthcoming construction.

There have been rumours - did the ugly hole in the ground mean that Trinity Hall was sinking?

Yet a bit of it. The hole was formed, initially, to allow the archaeologists to do their excavation, and primed to allow the laying of foundations for the magnificent New Library. So, after four years of thinking, designing, planning, considering, re-considering, construction has finally started on site. The successful tender was submitted by York Construction, the same builder who carried out the first phase of work in P and Q staircases.

It could be said during the tendering stage that the cost of forming an artificial barrier to the river to enable work to proceed was prohibitively expensive. The solution came from an unexpected quarter. A retired naval engineer friend, Dr Michael Burrow, fixed ideas based on battleships and harbour repairs, which together with the assistance of the College's Clerk of Works, Mr Gnd Fylesworth, means we have found a solution, which will use the old river wall as the edge of the site. This has saved enough money to keep the project on budget.

Progress will appear slow in the first few weeks. Floors have to be sunk, concrete floors have to be poured, concrete walls have to be cast to the height of the famous 1947 floods. Drains and service pipes will be laid, the elevator pit will be dug. Although we have chosen the brick, sample panels will have to be built to test mortar mixes and test the bricklayers' ability to match the amazing work of their Edwardian forbears. The joiners are starting to look for the oak for the enormous window sections.

By the time winter approaches, the new building will be taking shape, thus completing the long line of red brick buildings in Latham Court, first begun in 1889, and preserving, indeed extending, the memorial terrace, with an improved river landing point.

So what will the new extension do for the College apart from providing an architecturally outstanding structure? The advantages will be threefold:

First, it will create the reading and working spaces which are currently lacking in the present library and in the computer room. Pressure from users has been growing steadily over the years, and in the evenings of Easter Term it is not uncommon to have difficulty in finding a seat in the library, the law library, the new reading room, and even at the tables in the Leslie Stephen Room, which has to be opened up annually by popular undergraduate request.

Secondly, it will provide space for our books. At last, for example, we will be able to display properly the great Lumen Collection which was presented to the College in the 1960s. Further benefactions have been promised, and it is comforting to know that these will be housed in the appropriate splendour.

And thirdly, the new building will provide ideal conditions for study and reflection. The air handling system should provide warmth - without stuffiness - in winter, and cool - without draughts - in summer. Given the extremes to which users of the present library can be exposed, these will be most welcome. And finally, in a Cambridge increasingly troubled by noise, the double glazing and the carpeting should provide the silence which remains critical for academic progress.

Dawood Celebration

Hussain and Kilsom Dawood join Sir John Lyons in the Master’s Lodge last month to complete the formalities for establishing the Dawood Research Fellowship in Science, with effect from October 1997.

Tax Plays Its Part

A high proportion of donations to The Milestones Campaign have been made in one or other of the various tax-efficient forms, writes the Campaign Director, Douglas Collins. Accordingly, tax recovered from the Inland Revenue already forms a significant part of the current campaign tally.

The primary ways tax-efficient giving can be summarised as follows.

Gift Aid is the usual method of making a one-off single gift, and must be a minimum of £250 (with no upper limit). The College is able to recover tax at the basic rate of income tax (currently 25%), while higher-rate taxpayers may claim relief in the difference between the higher-rate (40%) and the standard rate of tax. For example, a gift costing £1000 after relief to a higher-rate taxpayer, can be worth £1570 to the College.

Deed of Covenant is the method to use if you wish to spread your gift over a period of years, and, as is commonly known, involve a written undertaking to make payments periodically to the College for a maximum of four years. Both the College and its benefactors who are higher-rate taxpayers may claim tax relief at the same levels as are allowed in the Gift Aid scheme. So for example, an annual gift for four years costing £1000 after relief, can be worth £680 to the College. Likewise, a monthly gift of £100 net, made over five years, accumulates to a gross value of £10,000 to the College at the completion of the Deed.

Legacies All gifts of Capital and Bequests to the College are exempt from Inheritance Tax, and can provide an attractive way of reducing eventual tax liability. A number of members have generously informed the College that they have made such provision in their wills. Making a bequest is a simple matter, and the College is pleased to advise on this matter.

COMPANY GIFTS Those in a position to contribute through a Company will also find this an advantageous way of giving. A company can claim relief against Corporation Tax on the gross value of single gifts (£250 or more) or gifts canvassed for a minimum of four years, while the College is able to recover tax at the basic rate. The Company has to be profitable in the year in which it makes a claim against Corporation Tax, while the charge on income can only be made in each accounting year it cannot be carried forward. Corporation tax currently stands at 31%.

GIFTS FROM OVERSEAS Donors resident in the United States or Canada may make tax-deductible gifts to the respective alumni organisations in those countries.

Elections

Elected into a Staff Fellowship in English from 1 October 1997.

Andrew Miller MA, PhD (1982), Judith J Wilson Lecturer in Drama and Poetry

Elected into a Research Fellowship in Arts (Modern Russian History and Politics) for three years from 1 October 1997:

Wendy Slater MA, Jesus College, Cambridge and Manchester University

Elected into the Walter Grant Scott Research Fellowship in Science (Bio-organic chemistry) for three years from 1 October 1997:

Florian Hellfelder MPhil, Queens’ College, Cambridge, Diplom-Chemiker, Technical University of Berlin

Nightingale Fund

The programme of Nightingale Research Studentships in the Law of Mental Health, funded from a bequest to the College made by the late Michael Nightingale (1933), who died in 1991, has been re-activated with effect from October 1997, on a basis of a widely advertised, open competition. It is intended that a similar competition will take place annually until further notice. The successful candidate, whose work will be carried out in the Cambridge University Institute of Criminology, is Edward Mitchell and his PhD research topic is the evaluation of the clinical basis for the insanity defence. His predecessor as a Nightingale Research Student, Dr John Critchlow, currently working as Clinical Lecturer in the Department of Developmental Psychiatry in Cambridge, has been appointed Clinical Lecturer at the Department of Forensic Psychiatry in the University of Edinburgh with effect from February 1998.

The Milestones Campaign

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Discovering In Our Past the Best of Our Future.

In his sermon at the Commemoration of Benefactors, the Dean, Rev'd Dr Charles Elliott, explored the notions of commemoration and benefaction. We publish here abbreviated extracts, but copies of the full address, which attracted much praise, may be obtained from the Alumni Office:

This remembering together is of course a good deal trickier than it looks at first sight. What we remember and how we remember it are shaped, not only by the facts or events that we remember, but by the circumstances in which we do the remembering: and particularly, who we are with when we do the remembering.

What I want to suggest to you, you see, is that the sharing of our common memories; the re-telling of the stories; the re-presentation of

significant people from our past is itself a benefaction. Apart from the satisfaction of our friends in this and earlier generations, then, another of the benefactions that we celebrate are the memories that we share. Some of these will be relatively trivial; some will be amusing; some will be no more than the froth and bubble of social interaction.

But others will be much more profound. We will remember people who have had a great influence on us. We will remember moments when we had to make very significant decisions. We will remember, perhaps, moments when phrases like "the search for truth" actually came alive and meant something so profound that it left us changed. Caught by the beauty of truth, and will not be the same again. In those moments we caught a glimpse of what the College is about; of what the College community at its best is for its members and to its members.

What we remember is important. As the Master invited me to be a Patron of the Appeal I gladly accepted. I owe a lot to Trinity Hall and it was the very least that I could do in an attempt to repay something of that which had been given to me in the past. When I came to Trinity Hall as a very junior Fellow Commoner, I cast my eye around the portraits in Hall. Immediately I spotted my former employer looking rather more serene than I remembered him! Of course we had discussed Trinity Hall on many occasions and he had told me of the many happy days he had spent here. He noted that the stained glass windows - commemorating his appointment as Archbishop of Canterbury - were strategically placed between the Chapel and the Hall indicating his affection for both his spiritual and material appetites!

Let me say something of what this place has meant to me - as perhaps my perspective on the College is somewhat different from that of others - and at times I was found very shaky. I was beginning toeadjust to life after spending years in solitary confinement. I needed to catch up with the world as it had changed; to read books old and new and more than anything to catch up with myself! The Hall opened its doors to me and welcomed me. I recall what was said to me when I arrived. "Presumably you'd like a flat; have a little space of your own after being confined in a cell?" I replied that all I needed was one ordinary room - a student room. I had been accustomed to that for so long and that was all I required. I lived in that room for... the whole of my time here. At weekends I would return at night to my wife and family and during the middle part of the week I stayed in College guarded from the pressures of the media and others by the excellent College Porters.

During that time I began to put down on paper the book that I had written in my head during the long years of solitary confinement. I wrote every word in longhand - as I wanted as little as possible to come between what was stored in my mind and the written word. Someone said to me at the time: "Is it therapeutic?" Then I said it was not, but now I revise my opinion. I think it was the way I was able to objectify the experience and manage it. I was able to be alone and that was something which I had always known, but that you could be alone. I learned once more how to be a member of a community where one was not treated as an icon or an unusual sort of person. You could be there and be left in peace. I was also able to have the benefit of friendship and intellectual stimulation of a remarkable community - including not only the active Fellows but also the retired Fellows. I was also treated with their wisdom, knowledge and experience. Unusually I learned how to communicate again. One was not allowed to get away with trite statements or fall into over-sentimentality. One could be challenged but challenged in the spirit that is unique to Trinity Hall the spirit of a caring community.

To my mind, real education takes place within such a community. I now have the opportunity to express publicly my gratitude for that which the College has meant, not only to me, but to so many hundreds of students. A copy of the Terry Waite's full text can be obtained from the Alumni Office.

Now in this presentation, this co-memoration of our shared memories is not just a pleasant wander down nostalgia lane. The telling of the stories has a much profounder significance. There is a whole school of organisational theorists, now getting a serious hearing in Cambridge, who talk about the heliostatic principle. That is the idea that organisations - of which a Cambridge college would be a very good example - move towards what gives them energy, satisfaction, meaning, significance - in exactly the same way a heliostore moves towards, or follows round the path of the sun from which it derives its energy. Now the re-telling of the good stories is precisely what enables and encourages the College to move towards the values that give it energy, meaning and significance today. In other words, the re-creation of the College today to face the huge challenges of tomorrow and the day after that is dependent upon the co-memoration of the best of the past. The commemoration of the best of the past is essential for the discovery of the best of the future.

Let us now say a word about benefactions. Without them and the largeness of spirit that they make possible, the College would be poorer in every sense and the education that we offer would be impoverished indeed. Some of those people will be, in one sense or another, big names - Lanceolae Fleming; Charles Curd; 'Ted' Ellis Lewis; Owen Wamborough-Stone; ‘Daddy’ Dean; Robert Runcie. Others will be much less well known. Many of them will be our contemporaries, some of whom perhaps have risen to prominence; others of whom served their span in anonymity. But apart from our contemporaries as students, there will be other members of the Trinity Hall community. The favourite porter, a wise beadle. A bookeeper. A master of the Buttery stuff...

One of the great and usually unseen features of Trinity Hall is the way friendships develop across boundaries of age, education, class and income levels. But I want to celebrate too as benefactors people of more recent generations who have left the Hall and given of themselves with a rare generosity of spirit. They remind us of the best of our past - and by doing so they call us to the best of the future.

And that, I suggest, is what the Commemoration of Benefactors is about. It is about being in touch with the best of the past to fit us to face the future. That best is expressed in many ways, but nearly all of them involve a largeness of spirit which any College pledged to be a place of education, religion, learning and research must surely honour. So as we commemorate our benefactors by acknowledging the benefactions of co-memorating, let us thank God for those who manifest that largeness of spirit in their own way in our day.

The Debt I Owe

Terry Waite Recalls His Year at Trinity Hall

These are abbreviated extracts from Terry Waite's extempore address to an audience of members and guests at the Commemoration of Benefactors in June.

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Excavations by the Cambridge Archaeological Unit took place before construction began on the New Library. Mary Alexander of the CAU explains what was discovered.

Well preserved environmental evidence helped our interpretation of the evidence. The earliest deposits indicated that the site originally lay within the river, the gravel bed being found 2-60 metres below the present water level. The environmental evidence suggests that local river management began some time in the 15th century; the course of the river was channelled, and the banks were cleared. The evidence of an increase in edible plants, animal bone and pottery fragments reflects the urbanisation of the surrounding environment.

The site was reclaimed through the construction of a riverside wall and north wall, followed by ground consolidation. Dating evidence showed that this reclamation was roughly consistent with the College’s acquisition of the land in 1544. Under College ownership the site underwent a series of changes. An early 19th century map depicted a building beyond the north wall connected to the College grounds by a doorway. Excavation showed this building was open to the river at ground level and may have been a boat house. The doorway was subsequently blocked and a cobbled surface laid to the south of the wall. A similar cobbled slip-way still exists to the north of Great Hostel Bridge. The north wall survived in use to the present day.

In the 18-19th centuries a toilet block was built against the river wall. S旾age was flushed straight into the river with the help of a culvert carrying minority from further inland. The culvert walls had reused architectural features from buildings of the 15th and 16th centuries. The primitive sewage arrangements were updated with the construction of the Thomson Building at the turn of the century, but the toilet block continued in use until the Second World War.

Riverside Dig

The dig beside the river. Mary Alexander gives a briefing to members at the Annual Gathering.
Thanks to Our Benefactors

The College is much heartened by the response it has received to The Millennium Campaign. Listed below are the names of those who have donated so generously in the first twelve months of the Campaign.

* denotes Millennium Benefactors whose gifts and pledges exceed £100,000.

Sir John Lytton and Lady Lytton

The Master and Fellows of Trinity Hall

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1926 Mr I C Robertson
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Mr J W A Thorley
1937 Mr J Ash MC
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Memoriable Reunions

As has become the custom in recent times, the College held two Reunion Dinners this summer; the first for members who matriculated in 1985 and 1986, the second for members of the 1958, 1959 and 1960 years.

Other than dinner in Hall, members met for a tour of the College and the Old Library. Next year, reunions will be held for the 1970, 1971 and 1972 years, and for all matriculation years prior to 1946 inclusive.

"There are occasions when the process of growing older seems worthwhile, and our Reunion Dinner was one of them," one member wrote following the second Reunion Dinner, typical of many messages. "The hospitality of the College, the elegance of the surroundings, with all their associations with times past, together with the glorious weather, combined to make it an unforgettable event."

"Thank you for an absolutely marvellous reunion weekend," wrote another following the first Reunion Dinner.
Dr Peter Holland has been closely associated with Trinity Hall ever since coming up as an undergraduate in 1969. He has been a Staff Fellow since 1974 and Director of Studies in English since 1977. He has held the offices of Junior Bursar (1988-96) and Warden of Wycgefied (1982-97) and, at various times, has sat on all the major College committees. In 1996 he was appointed Judith E Wilson Reader in Drama & Theatre, but having received, as a world authority on Shakespearean Studies, “an offer I couldn’t refuse!”, he leaves Cambridge to take up the twin appointments of Director of the Shakespeare Institute in Stratford-upon-Avon and Professor of Shakespeare Studies at the University of Birmingham. Having watched from the Warden’s House at Wycgefied an enormous transformation at the College’s out-of-town site during the past 15 years, here he provides these volubilistic reflections:

I don’t remember visiting Wycgefied much as an undergraduate. I lived in College or in St Clements Grazeley and my friends were not the sporting crowd who mostly inhabited the then brand-new development of Boulton House (opened in 1960). At the recent Reunion for those who came up in the late 1950s, I met some of the first undergraduates to live at Wycgefied, in rooms in Wycgefied House and in what was then called Wycgefied Mews, the conversion of the house’s old stables. In my case, the time I came to know Wycgefied, Wycgefied Mews had been extended and renamed Dean House in memory of ‘Daddy’ Dean, Master 1926-54, Boulton House had been added and the whole site had acquired its special charm and atmosphere.

Trinity Hall acquired the Wycgefied site in 1948 to provide for future accommodation alongside its playing fields and Henry Dean lived there after his retirement until his death in 1961. The transformation of the site was, I suppose, intended to be Wycgefied House, a fine building once the home of one of Charles Darwin’s children but later the home and office of a local vet whose stable for his takings, installed in one of the bathrooms, was finally manoeuvred out of the building in 1989 with much huffing and puffing. But for me the great glory of Wycgefied has always been the gardens.

Wycgefied is a unique college site in Cambridge; the nearest analogy is perhaps the Larkhampton site on Orange Road belonging to Corpus. It gives its students a marvellous feeling of living on a grand country estate, sheltered from the roads by its belts of trees but only a few minutes from the main part of College by bicycle. It is the country in the city, a rare retreat so close to the centre of town. I like the students who have lived here over the years, have come to cherish Wycgefied’s peace, the pleasures of its parkland, the sense of community, and it is a great tribute to all our architects who have added buildings to it that they have never harmed those qualities.

As the College has discussed each stage of development, there has always been a worry that Wycgefied would be seen as a college within the College, discouraging its occupants from being part of the central site and its experience of college life. But that has never happened. Instead Wycgefied has given students a particular way of enjoying Cambridge that is unequalled.

The site has changed. Boulton House may only date from 1968 but it was built when Trinity Hall’s students were all male and the architects’ inclusion of communal washing facilities speak of a different era. Throughout the 1970s and much of the 1980s, the College provided breakfasts for Residents in Boulton House. In the 1970s the Warden was David Cove who with his wife Ann filled the Warden’s House with their extraordinary collection of eggpens, installed a weird swimming-pool in a corner of the garden for their sub-aqua pursuits and celebrated May Week with the great Wycgefied summer party. Ann often found herself cooking breakfasts for students, as I occasionally did as well, especially when we had employed a cook who always arrived nursing a terrible hangover and frequently failed to arrive at all. But students no longer wanted breakfast and the space in Boulton House taken up with communal wash-basin reconverted into communal kitchens, the site in the 1980s of a new style of undergraduate living.

In 1973 Kerrick House was built to provide 12 flats for married graduates. As always Trinity Hall was responding to a need with sensitivity and care, even if Tutors for Graduate Students came to worry more (and then less) about the precise marital status of some of the occupants. Built at the then high figure of nearly £100,000, Kerrick House, designed by Amin Associates who had built Boulton House, was to have been the first stage in a planned development along the main drive.

The plans were shelved and, in retrospect, we could feel relieved that we had not filled the site with more of the brutal 1960s architecture, even if so fashionable, were a sad indication of a style few care for any more.

But the extraordinary growth in the numbers of graduate students in Cambridge in the early 1980s (an increase to which Trinity Hall has reacted with characteristic concern that graduates should be full members of the college and not simply a convenient source of income) meant new building again. The design competition taught me much about the tastes of the Fellowship (40 Fellows and therefore at least 80 opinions) and even more about the curious behaviour of architects. But I can remember the sigh of relief we felt when Peter Jameson (1959), a Hall man, spoke of wanting to ‘heal’ the site, to provide us with buildings that would reconcile the hard concrete of Boulton House and the soft brick of Wycgefied House and provide a kind of college court, created on a beautiful sunken garden, so well planted now by Andrew Peters, our consultant gardener. In the middle of the design process a great storm brought down part of the enormous beech tree across the lawn from Boulton House, revealing the spread of disease which necessitated the felling of the rest of the tree. I can honestly say that it was one of the most beautiful trees I have ever seen and, like others, I shed a tear or two at its death, while, with the architects, heaving a great sigh of relief that the problems of designing on the site were massively eased.

And so the latest phase of new building on the site gave us Walter Christlieb and Laurence Fletting Houses, adding another 54 students to our cue, bringing student numbers at Wycgefied to over 120. Designed as buildings focused on a central common room, they have the feel of homes rather than hostels, homes more than student housing. We survived the building programme and the teething troubles all new buildings suffer. We gained a partner’s lodge for Wycgefied, at long last relieving some of the pressure on the Warden and on the Wycgefied Housekeeper, even if both of us still find ourselves woken up by students who have managed to lock themselves out of their rooms (and please explain why that usually happens when they are adrift only in a bedroom, by the fire-alarm set off when someonebums their toast at 2am and by the regular need to encourage a partner to exit at a reasonable hour of the night.

But those new buildings are not the last recent change at Wycgefied. With the death of Les Coote, the last link of the Coote family to the College ended. Les, who lived to the end in the Groundsman’s House near the Storey’s Way entrance to Wycgefied, was a much-loved figure, even if we all became houseboats sitting on the side of any conversation since Les reluctantly refused to wear a hearing-aid. It was, I was always told, Les’s father who created the playing-fields and it seemed only right that, when we converted the cottage into another group of student rooms, we should take up Graham Storey’s suggestion and name this latest addition to Wycgefied’s housing Coote House in honour of the family’s many decades of service to the College’s sports.

As I write this in July, I find it difficult to imagine that in a few weeks I shall no longer be part of Wycgefied, where my children have grown up in the splendour of the lawns. I look forward to not having students walking about over my bedroom all day but there is little else. I shall be glad to have lost. For me and my family, as for the families of David Cove, Graham Howes and Keith Ward (the other Wardens here during my time in Cambridge), the Warden’s House at Wycgefied is much more than a house and a home. It is a community we have enjoyed sharing with all those hundreds of Hall students who have all (well, nearly all) come to love it as we have and with all those devoted members of staff, the butlers and porters, the gardener and the maintenance staff and housekeepers, alongside whom we have worked in that special atmosphere that is Wycgefied.
A Pageant of Legal History & Teaching

Jonathan Steinberg reports on two conferences devoted to historical and contemporary issues in legal teaching and relates how Trinity Hall found a special place in the proceedings:

During the first week of July, legal history took over the College. Two important conferences took place here, both devoted to bow law has been taught and learned from the high middle ages to the present. From 2 to 5 July, over 100 legal historians from all over the world gathered to take part in the 13th British Legal History Conference on the theme Learning the Law: Legal Education and the Transmutation of Legal Knowledge.

This was followed by the second of the planned Trinity Hall 2007 conferences to mark the 600th birthday of the foundation of the College which took up a similar theme, Legal Education and Learning. Our conference examined the place of Trinity Hall as a unique institution in British legal history, a College founded specifically for canon and civil law. The Hall conference was attended by alumni, practising lawyers interested in legal history and education, several participants from the British Legal History Conference who stayed over, and graduate students doing law or legal history.

The two conferences were organised by Professor Alan Wiffels of Leeds University who has been a Fellow Commoner of Trinity Hall since 1997. On top of numerous tasks, he arranged a splendid display of rare books and manuscripts, illustrating the development of the legal collection in a civil lawyer's College. He even preserved his Flemish coat when water suddenly poured through the ceiling of the new seminar room a few hours after all the rare documents and books had finally been carefully displayed; fortunately there was no lasting damage. If Trinity Hall could award its own DSC with bar, Professor Alan Wiffels would deserve it. Linklater and Paisley, one of our main firms in the City, generously sponsored the conference.

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The conference looked at our past on the Saturday afternoon and our present on the Sunday morning. Professor Alan Baker, Gray's Inn, Dowswell Professor of the Laws of England, and Professor Gero Dolezalek of Leipizig University told us about our founder and his encouragement of East Anglian canon lawyers, who from the 13th to the 14th centuries, played a unique part in the evolution of the Papal supreme court at Avignon, the court of the Rota, so-called from the wheel-design on the floor of the chamber in which the court sat. Professor Baker suggested that Bishop Bathurst may have seen models for his new civil law College founded in 1530 in the recently established common law Inns of Court. Professor Dolezalek marvelled at his audience by the account of the discovery of a unique set of private notes from the 1300s, almost certainly by Simon of Sudbury, one of Bishop Batacan's East Anglian team. In the notes Sianon discusses cases before the Rota, mostly cases involving conflicting claims to prebends between claimants granted rights by the Pope, the so-called apostolici, and those incumbent granted their prebends by local bishops, the so-called ordinarii. The records show that John XXII (1334–1354) granted over 51,000 prebends which were duly registered. There were no doubt others not registered, so there were more than enough contested to keep the Rota occupied. Law reports almost certainly can be traced back to the team of Batacan's smart young lawyers who in the 1530s began to circulate decisions on English cases.

Alex Shepard, Research Fellow of St John's, Oxford, began a lively review of the civil law practice before the courts of the University with a paternity case brought by a local woman against William Hodges. Fellow of Trinity Hall, in 1626, which was heard in the Vice-Chancellor's Court. She showed that after 1561 when university court jurisdiction was extended, and after an edict of 1581 (the ‘pool’ of ‘privileged persons’ entitled to use the University courts widened to include not only members of the university or Colleges, but also bedmenres, launderers, other staff and their families). Such people began to use the university as a cheaper and quicker way to get justice in perfectly ordinary criminal and civil cases that the common law courts is town. Many Trinity Hall Fellows as the principal exponents of civil law, the procedures in use in University courts, made very nice livings as procurers and advocates. The lower or Commissary Court, intended to meet once a week, sat every day and sometimes on Saturdays by the end of the reign of Elizabeth I in 1603. Dr Elizabeth Leedham-Green, author of the recently published short history of Cambridge University, took the story into the 19th and 18th century as a succession of dimness but worthy Trinity Hall Regions. Fellows resisted the introduction of examinations and a Law Inns.

Professor Wiffels used the contents of the Old Library as the occasion to trace out the nature of the legal teaching which the three great early modern collections in the Old Library suggest: that of William Mavor, Mavor in the 1550s; the Pepe collection of 1601; and Dr Thomas Rogers' library of 1640. By looking at the types of books in each collection Professor Wiffels uncovered fundamental changes in the way law was conceived, taught and practised over the century 1550 to 1650, and the emergence of new systematic, institutional categories, a transition summed up in the change from the most radical to the most modern. Mrs Lavinia Hinton, former librarian in the College, gave us a delightful survey of the Old Library as an institution, establishing for the first time a probable date before which it must have been built (1592) and tracing the changes in its use and appearance over the centuries.

It was a splendid day of scholarship, lively discussion and local pride. The Hall hopes to publish the papers as read and also to assist Professor Dolezalek to do an edition of Simon of Sudbury's notes, Professor Wiffels to do a critical edition of De diversis regulis juris canonici (Trinity Hall Ms, 37), a set of lectures probably given at Trinity Hall in the 13th century, and, finally, to produce an illustrated history of the Old Library by Mrs Hinton.
The North American-based Hall of Church Leadership chose Trinity Hall in Cambridge to hold a path-finding conference this summer. Here one of the participants, Ronald E Yoder, Vice President of the Mennonite Board of Missions, the international mission agency of the North American Mennonite Church, relates his experiences.

Being at the forefront of innovation in international and cross-cultural post-graduate education is a hallmark and commitment of Trinity Hall. During July 6-21, 15 Canadian and American church leaders were hosted by the College as the first two week course of a new education program to explore leadership issues and challenges in the 21st century. The Hall of Church Leadership (HCL), the name for the program, grew out of the vision of Dr Norman Shawshuck, an ordained minister, international consultant and educator in the areas of church leadership and the design of religious organisations. He stated that the conference is the fulfilment of his vision and mission "to make available to religious leaders world class educational opportunities to continue lifelong learning, so that they can remain relevant and effective in a rapidly changing world and their ministry context". "Church leaders must be effective in a variety of contexts rather than narrowly defined vocational tracks," he says. "Furthermore, if church leaders do not continue to update themselves they will become functionally obsolete." He also hopes that HCL will become a "learning community" that graduates will identify with and use as a resource to educate and encourage each other throughout their career in the ministry.

The choice of Trinity Hall as the learning environment for this conference grew out of the professional collaboration and friendship between Dr Shawshuck and Revd Dr Charles Elliott, Dean of the College. Dr Elliott, leader and designer of the course this summer, is involved in the program because he believes "academia owes it to church leaders to provide access to what is going on in academe". He believes Trinity Hall is well placed to introduce church leaders to a wide range of skills, perspectives and knowledge that will enable them to grow and be increasingly effective in their roles. He believes the critical importance of this program is enabling church leaders to keep abreast of the changing secular and religious contexts in which they work, or as he puts it "being able to read the signs of the times".

"The role Trinity Hall plays," says Dr Elliott, "is to provide the warmth of hospitality and smaller learning environment, while at the same time the sense of being in a globally connected and recognised world-class multi-disciplinary and unified academic tradition".

HCL is structured around both experiential and academic learning. The first two week course included on-site encounters with five Church of England parish church leaders to learn how their congregations are relating to post-modern culture and serving their parish community; two days in spiritual retreat to work on personal spirituality; and academic lectures that covered the areas of modern theology, organizational ethics, modern philosophy, information technology, spiritual growth and development, change management, appreciative inquiry, social patterning, human resource management, social thought, discourse and action, team building, and the role of the unconscious.

The majority of course participants are leaders of congregations ranging from 30 to 2,000 members. One participant is an executive leader of an international mission organisation, and another the head of an organisation that assists ocean surfers. The denominations represented included Presbyterian, Baptist, Lutheran, Assemblies of God, Methodist, Pentecostal, and Mennonite.

Richard M Guerra, Senior Pastor of Visalia First Assembly, a 2,000 member multi-ethnic Assemblies of God congregation in California, between the knowledge and skills he received will assist him to be more effective in blending the Hispanic, African-American, Asian, and American members of his congregation. "I enjoyed learning about the secular approaches to change management and organisational development. My congregation is in the process of changing its name, location, and mission. The information I received is helpful and timely. The appreciative inquiry approach will be helpful in getting my congregation to participate in these changes".

The next course is will take place in the United States in January 1998. Two more courses will be convened at Trinity Hall in 1998 and 1999.

Top of the Form
Special prizes won by undergraduates and postgraduates this year include the following: Andrew Miller has won a Proctor Fellowship to Princeton for 1997/98 where he will research the functions of eunuchry in English verse. In January, Andrew was awarded first prize in the annual Latham Prize essay competition open to all undergraduates, for his essay, A Gayly Trip.

Second prize in the Latham Prize competition has been shared by Charles Bril and Charles Bradshaw for the essay, "The Phoenix and the Violet: Two Amorous Genders, Thuesday Morning, 8-42, 5-4", or Walking Home and Little Vivat.

Anne Henry has won a Goddard Duff prize for the Science of Roofs and Manuscripts. Her entry, entitled, "Ancient Technology in a 21st Century, 18th century eliptical, in the 18th century novel, analysed the typograph of Samuel Richardson.

Richard Cogg (with Ms S McNally of St Catherine's) have won the 1997 Observer English Speaking Union-Evelyn White Debate National Universities Meeting Competition. The College is likely to have custody of the silver mare, presented to the winner, for six months.
Professor Leonard Forster, Litt,D, FBA
1913 - 1997

Leonard Forster, who passed away in April 1997, came up to the Hall in 1931 as an Exhibitioner in Modern Languages. Although he ultimately specialised in German, he was an exceptionally talented linguist who explored a range of other languages during his undergraduate period. Comparative studies were, in fact, his preferred field, not least since they allowed him to investigate and to publish on a range of other cultures.

Leonard was an avid reader who relished moving from one library to the next, but he was far from being a scholar alone and he was not beyond jokes. He represented the College as a runner during his time at Oxford and he was also one of the perpetrators of a great legend in British Germanist circles: the publication of a book entitled "The Beauties of Ostfriid" (an obscure medieval German poet). Leonard organised the binding of the volume during one of his vacation trips abroad, and it was smuggled into the German Department's library catalogue by a co-perpetrator. The volume consisted of entirely blank pages.

After graduating in 1934 Leonard served as an English Lecturer in three different Universities, finally in Basle where he met his wife Joanne. He was appointed to a Cambridge University Assistant Lectureship as early as 1937, when he also became a Fellow of Selwyn College. His mind was so quick and his knowledge of German so good that he naturally fixed war service at Bentley Park, decoding and translating German military intelligence signals, although, like all others involved, he never spoke of this period until over 30 years later. Undergraduates had their own version of his war service: his knowledge of German and Germany was so good that he was a spy, speaking with a North German accent when in the South, and South German one in the North.

In 1950 Leonard was elected to the Chair of German at University College London, and he spent 11 very happy years there before returning to the Chair in German in Cambridge (and a Fellowship back at Selwyn). He published prodigiously thereafter, edited various journals, and received many honours. He was elected an Honorary Fellow of Trinity Hall in 1989.

Dr Peter Hutchinson

Professor J Willard Hurst
1911 - 1997

The death of Willard Hurst, internationally recognised as the dean of American legal historians, has been announced. He was 86.

Extract from the New York Times.

In linking law and social history in his studies, Professor Hurst broke with a school of thought in which law was regarded as a self-contained society and the law library as its laboratory. How the law actually affected people or how legal institutions evolved was ignored in favour of the study of appellate decisions, according to that thought.

In 1967 Professor Hurst visited Cambridge as Pitt Professor of American History and Institutions. He received a Master's degree and was elected Visiting Professorial Fellow at Trinity Hall for 1967/68.

Rhonda Baker
1959 - 1997

Rhonda Elizabeth Baker died on 25 June 1997. She was an open exhibition to read law at Trinity Hall and came up in 1978. She was one of those early women entrants whose career at the Hall and subsequently has amply confirmed the wisdom of the College becoming co-educational. She was her Tutor and regarded her as an excellent student and a fine young woman. After graduating, Rhonda was called to the Bar (indeed she topped the Bar Finals in 1982) and undertook pupillage in Chambers. However, she then decided that the Bar was not for her and retrained as a solicitor with Denton Hall. She moved in 1988 to St. J. Berwin as a member of that firm's media and communications department, working largely in the world of films and television. Her success may be regarded as spectacular, for she was made a partner in 1990 at the remarkably early age of 30. But in 1992 she was diagnosed as having cancer. She bore her illness and its treatment with great fortitude and the humour and strength of her personality with which we were all familiar. She cared for her husband and two pages. All who knew her were deeply saddened by her shockingly early death. Her funeral was held in London on 11 July 1997. It would have been her 38th birthday.

John Céllier

Michael Roberts
1938 - 1997

Michael Roberts, who came up in 1958, died this year. He was 59.

Michael was Welsh - born in Llandudno - and proud of it. At the Hall he was active on the rugby field, in the College debating society, and in Liberal politics. He was an enthusiast, and kept in touch with his circle of friends from the Hall throughout his life. He loved seeing old faces again at reunions. He had a warm personality, ideal for teaching, and for the rest of his life he taught English to foreign students, first overseas and later in England. Apart from his MA, he also held PGCE and Dip TEL.

After studying teaching in London he taught for a time in Lisbon with the British Council, and subsequently in Kalamata in Greece, Saudi Arabia, and Lille. He settled in Bournemouth in the '70s, and taught in a number of language schools there, becoming known as a gifted teacher, and a popular figure with his many students from all over Europe, Arab countries and the Far East. He was generous and unmaterialistic, preferring to enjoy life with students and colleagues rather than amassing possessions. After a series of changes in the fortunes of different language schools - in which his talents were sometimes exploited by colleagues - he became Director of Studies at the English 2000 School of English in 1989.

Peter Hill (1988)

Ed Switalski
1955 - 1996

The following appreciation originally appeared this spring in the Black and White news-sheet, 1970's edition. It is repeated here for all members.

Ed Switalski collapsed and died in November 1996. It was an unexpected tragedy.

Ed was an extraordinary character even by Trinity Hall standards. He could be encountered almost anywhere - exploring the attic under the F Staircase roof, queuing at midnight to see the obscurest of films, communicating by radio with the Polish Solidarity movement, attending reunion functions as a stalwart of the Establishment. Always he was friendly, interested in people's news and with something extraordinary to say himself. It is difficult to realise that we will not bump into him again in this life at some unexpected moment.

Roy Wisdom (1973)

Dr J W Boyd FRCVS
1932 - 1997

James Boyd, who died on February 19, came to the Hall as an affianced student in 1956 to read Pathology for Part II of the Natural Sciences Tripos, having earlier taken a degree in Veterinary Science at the University of Bristol. In that era he was one of several veterinary graduates whose career in pathology began under the direction and encouragement of Professor H R Dua.

James Boyd's subsequent career was principally as a veterinary clinical pathologist, first at the Institute of Animal Physiology at Babraham and then for several years at the University of Liverpool. This was interspersed with periods of working in a range of state and private North American veterinary schools that included Cornell, North Carolina, Prince Edward Island and Mt. Kiitos. In recent years, after returning to his country, he had worked in the State Veterinary Service and for the PDSA.

James Boyd was something of a veterinary polymath, but shortly before his death, returned to his scientific roots as a clinical pathologist at the Animal Health Trust in Newmarket.

Professor Donald Kelly (1957)

Liz McLauchlin
1971-1997

Liz McLauchlin came to the College in 1980 to read Natural Sciences. She grew up in Uley, a small village near Stroud, and came up with the intention of becoming a physicist, although she changed direction and took Part II Psychology, prior to medical training at Sheffield University. She had an especially broad range of friends, spanning both subject and year-group divides, which was due in no small part to a very easy-goingpersonality and an extremely mischievous sense of fun. Liz started 1997 on her medical finals in South Africa, but died on 25 July 1997 after an illness which developed after she had returned to the UK. A memorial service was held in Uley on 6 August, which was attended by many of her friends from College.

Gareth Marlow (1999)

Water-colours of Trinity Hall

Trinity Hall has been associated with the commissioning of two fine water-colours depicting College scenes by Dennis Roxby Bott, RWS.

One depicts a view of the 14th-century Front Court through the 19th-century entrance archway. The second painting is of the frontage on Trinity Lane with the Senate Building on the left, a quintessential Cambridge view.

It was decided that 350 prints would be produced of each painting. These will be signed and numbered by the artist. They are offered directly to members at £95 or £175 for the pair, by means of the leaflet enclosed with this edition.
From Australia
Henry Gordon-Clark (1975) reports from Victoria.
Since 1965, graduates of Trinity Hall who live in Victoria - and principally, but not exclusively, in Melbourne - have gathered for an annual dinner. The function is normally held around Trinity Hall's birthday and provides an opportunity for old friends to meet, recall their time at the Hall, drink a toast to the College and generally remember the privilege of membership that we all share.
This year's dinner took place on 23 May and was attended by 13 graduates, 11 of them with their wives. To date we have been unable to discover any women graduates, either visiting or resident in the area, but I for one look forward to their arrival. I know of some 35 College graduates in Victoria, a similar number in New South Wales, with few numbers in other states.
Ex-patiate or visiting members may wish to contact the Victoria group or members in other states. New members are always welcome, to swell our numbers which have risen steadily over the years.
To contact me: Address - 12 Morang Road, Hawthorn, Victoria 3122; tel at home 9819 6404, at work 9670 6111 and fax 9602 5291.
Alternatively, Michael Gregory (Phx), who is secretary of the Cambridge Society in Melbourne, can be contacted at: Address - 4 High Street, Mont Albert, Melbourne 3127; tel & fax 9990 5656.
Given reasonable notice, we shall be delighted to welcome and entertain visitors.

to South East Asia
Professor Sir Roy Calne FRCs, Professor of Surgery and a fellow of Trinity Hall since 1965, makes frequent visits to the Orient. Later this year, he has lecture engagements in Hong Kong and Manila.
In his capacity as a patron of The Millennium Campaign, during his visit he will be holding a series of receptions for Trinity Hall members and friends, at which he will be accompanied by the Campaign Director, Mr Douglas Collins. The centres where these will be held are in Hong Kong, Kuala Lumpur and Singapore. Plans will be finalised during August and members in those countries will be consulted as soon as possible.
Sir Roy's tour is likely to take place during the final week of November and the first week of December.
We shall be writing to all our members who, according to our records, are currently resident in Hong Kong, Malaysia and Singapore to give them further details of the proposed receptions, in which we all hope to be in any of these countries at the time and have not heard from us by 1 October is invited to contact the Alumnus Office.

Letter from America

The Master toasted the California Victory on his boat, Dr Allan Diamond's sleek ship up in the Hollywood Hills.

Gathering in Cape Town

Professor R H 'Dick' Christie QC (1948), for many years a professor of law in Zimbabwe, tells of a rare College gathering in Cape Town.

A lunch was held at Cape Town Castle on 30 February to mark the retirement of Chief Justice M M Corbett (1946 and Honorary Fellow). Among those present were R M Cadman OMSG (1948), D C Grice (1945) and myself. The purpose of the lunch was to honour Dick Corbett and also to honour R W M Dias (1939) who had supervised us all in Roman-Dutch law at his room in College in 1947. Unable to be present were S de C G Grady (1948) and Mr Justice D L L Sheehan (1946). In addition there were members from other colleges. We felt that it isn't every day a group can gather after 50 years to honour its most distinguished member as well as the supervisor who taught us all. We presented Mickey Dias with a silver dish engraved with the College coat of arms and our signatures. (It is made of pure silver mined, manufactured and engraved in Zimbabwe.)

Remembering a Vanishing World

The Last Music is the title of a new volume of poetry by Katrina Portous (1979). published by Bloodaxe (£6.95), but it is also the theme of much of her recent work. For the past several weeks she has lived among fishermen in Northumbria, learned their dialect and been to sea in their boats. She has kept the record of their vanishing world in superb poems, some in dialect and some in standard speech, which she read to an audience of students, dons and others in the SCR on Sunday 4 May.

Nothing present will forget the biling sounds of that remote world recaptured in Katrina Portous' verse.
Chamber Orchestra Of Europe: An Irresistible Concept

The concept was irresistible, and in May 1981 the Chamber Orchestra of Europe’s inaugural concert at the Merchant Taylors’ Hall in the City of London launched what has come to be regarded as one of the finest orchestras in the world.

The 50 players come from 15 countries and over the years have retained a fresh, inspirational approach to their music making not only through their acknowledged ability (many are members of eminent string quartets, professors of music and international soloists) but also by restricting their annual schedule to around just 150 days spread over ten different projects.

The CORE (with its distinctive red bad logo) performs on the most prestigious concert platforms throughout Europe and occasionally in the USA and Japan with the leading conductors and soloists of our day. They have no home as such, and no resident conductor, but have strong links with London, Paris, Berlin, Florence, Cologne, Vienna, Salzburg, Graz and Ferrara, and close relationships with Claudio Abbado and Nikolaus Harnoncourt to name but two.

The Orchestra has recorded over 200 works for which they have won numerous international awards including three highly-prized Gramophone Record of the Year awards.

The realities of bringing the players together for individual concerts, tours, festivals and recording projects have always presented significant business and logistical challenges. The Orchestra has no direct public funding whatsoever. It has always relied heavily on the generosity and support of a number of corporate and individual friends to enable its musical ambitions to be realized, in addition to alliances with individual concert halls and major European festivals.

The future promises exceptional music-making for this group of dedicated players, uplifting experiences for its audiences around the world, and, for its chairman, the certainty that working with the Chamber Orchestra of Europe will continue to be as rewarding as it is varied.

It is something few imagined would occur, but a phenomenon, now dubbed ‘Women’s Academic Under-Achievement’, has come to the fore as an issue in higher education. Very much commented on in national press, Katherine Angel, JCR Women’s Officer at Trinity Hall in 1996/7 - who has gained Firsts herself in each of her Tripos examinations - explains the results of research into the phenomenon, and how Trinity Hall has become involved in the debate.

Records monitoring gender performance in Cambridge undergraduate examinations were first compiled in 1977, when overall, 13.2% of men gained Firsts and 8.6% of women did.

Since then, broadly speaking, the number of women getting Firsts is half that of men, although it is important to remember that women form a smaller proportion of the undergraduate body.

This problem is not confined to Cambridge: other universities reveal similar statistics, though none to the extent noted in Oxford - a plausible inference is that factors causing the phenomenon are intensified in Oxford. It is fair to say that the gap widened greatly and abruptly with the increase in mixed colleges. What ensued was not so much that women started doing worse, but rather that both men and women started doing better - women slightly so, men significantly so.

At Trinity Hall, we have played our part in documenting and analysing the problem. A survey and subsequent report was carried out at the College by Emma Bell, my predecessor as JCR Women’s Officer. The different domains - college, faculty, university - in which the phenomenon appears have all undertaken research into it. That college environment might be a contributing factor is suggested by the deficit widening after co-residence.

The discrepancy in performance at Trinity Hall is not as marked as at other colleges - and indeed the last few years have shown many women achieving outstanding results and prizes. Nevertheless, although it was clear that the majority of students felt happy and at home in college, the report revealed some interesting information about their experiences.

Here are a few examples: 45% of women lacked confidence in group teaching situations. Asked if she had ever mattered whether they were taught by men or women, 94% of men and 81% of women said it had never mattered, but 5% of men and 19% of women said it had mattered occasionally. Yet - a concern voiced especially by NAGiC and History students. Linked to this was the question “Has the sex of your classmates ever affected your experience in supervisions and classes?” - to which 19% of men and 38% of women said it sometimes had. Comments added by the female respondents tended to refer to their lack of confidence, and feelings of intimidation in relation to their more confident male peers - this had hampered, they felt, their ability to get the most out of their classes and supervisions, as their lack of confidence led to them contributing less and being far more passive. 24% of women and 2% of men felt their sex had put them at a disadvantage during their teaching - a problem especially commented on by female natural scientists, (one respondent said she was treated like a silent partner in the lab).

Furthermore, while 15% of men expected to get a First, no women thought so. These are just a few extracts from a report which needs careful study. But from the data, it can be argued that the problem of female academic under-achievement is unlikely to be confined to a specific problem of marking criteria, or assessment in exams. That women and men project such different views of their experience at Cambridge implies that there is a problem at a more fundamental level. This was also the conclusion of the History Faculty’s Gender Working Party Report in 1994.

Considering the teaching methods and culture at Cambridge, the History Faculty Report noted that supervisors can be adversarial - and although a stimulating and rigorous education is one to be valued, there can be no doubt that women and men can respond differently to situations which could be construed as confrontational, even when not so intended - women by tending to feel personally criticised and discouraged, men by tending to be more competitive.

The History Faculty Report emphasised the fact that men ‘tend to take over proceedings, leaving women the role of operators’ - something crucially linked to women’s own self-confidence, and which was mentioned frequently in the Trinity Hall Report. There has also been much speculation about different writing styles between men and women, and several Faculties have conceded this might well be a contributory issue. For subjects where essays are the norm, surveys reveal that the matter of most concern is how women are treated in academic situations. As the interim report of the OWP puts it, it is “not a superficial problem amenable to a quick fix by tinkering with the examining process”, but one comprising a wide range of factors.

Steps taken in this College to counteract the problem include the introduction of new supervision guidelines for both students and supervisors; the latter being encouraged to attend training organised by the University. One of the Tutors has special responsibility for women undergraduates, and there is to be a continuous discussion and awareness-raising at junior and senior levels. Facilities are urged to provide analysis of and feedback from seminars, as well as explicit marking criteria, and to offer choice in modes of assessment. Equal representation and equal participation in selection and assessment procedures is also to be urged. All these points, however, should be seen within the wider context of students’ experience of their academic and social environment. The phenomenon has not been resolved just by local changes; the hope of all involved in this complex problem is that measures taken embody a suitably comprehensive strategy.

Note from the Senior Tutor: 18%-24% of women and 23%-45% of men gained Firsts in 1997.
Alumni Secretary
Enjoys Good Company.

The College’s Alumni Secretary, Karin Stane, found herself in good company at two alumni functions this year.

Saturday 5 April saw the return of a small group of songbirds to College for the Second Chapel Choir Reunion. Sprunging the years 1961 - 1991 this impropriate choir has been steadily stepped for sea, and then provided evenings in Chapel that evening, conducted by Nicholas Gleed (1976), a former Organ Scholar. The day concluded with an informal dinner that allowed old friends to catch up on news and choir members from different years get to know one another. Dr. Jonathan Stainthorp spoke of the common bond amongst members of the choir despite differing matriculation years and the pleasure of being able to sing together. The evening concluded with a most amusing after-dinner speech by Revd Canon Anthony Phillips, Fellow and Dean, 1969-74.

Norfolk Members Meet

The Master and Lady Lynas joined 22 Hall men at the medieval Stratton Club in Norwich for the first dinner to have been held for some years. Gordon Tilley OBE (1936), former Town Clerk of Norwich, was in the chair. It was he who set the foundation of the Norfolk branch in motion way back in 1959 when Laurence Fleming was enthroned as Bishop of Norwich.

We borrowed the replica of the Trinity Hall Founder’s Cup which was given by the College to the University of East Anglia on the occasion of the opening of that University; the College, which was of course originally known as ‘The Hall of the Holy and Undivided Trinity of Norwich’, having been founded by William Bayton, Bishop of Norwich, in 1350. The Master did not previously know of this replica or the gift that the College made of it, but he reported his knowledge of two other replicas, one of which is held with the College silver alongside the irreplaceable original.

The Norfolk branch is anxious to know of any Hall members in the area or in North Suffolk. If you are not already listed, you should please notify the secretary, Stanley Busheil at 427 Upton Road, Norwich NR4 7QH, so that they can be notified of future events.

Annual Dinner in Cambridge
Friday, 26 September 1997

This is the final call for reservations for the Annual Dinner. Dress in Black Tie and the cost to members will be:

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<th>R &amp; B</th>
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Members, post-Oct 1989
£34.00
Members, pre-Oct 1990
£39.00
All other members
£49.00
£34.50

Sponsors and partners are welcome to attend the Dinner. If applications are over-subscribed, bookings will be taken in order of receipt.
Closing date for applications: 9 September 1997

Annual Gathering 1997

Events agreed at the AGM for 1997/98:
Annual Dinner in Cambridge - Friday, 26 September 1997
Year Reps Conference and Dinner - Saturday, 27 September 1997
London Dinner - Friday, 13 February 1998
Annual Gathering - Saturday, 16 May 1998
Annual Dinner - Saturday, 26 September 1998
Reunion Dinners (dates to be advised) will be held for:
First Reunion Dinner - All members up to and including 1946

New THA President

Sir David James Williams was unanimously elected President for the 1995/96 year and is seen here with his son, Martin Williams (1966), Treasurer of the THA at the Annual Gathering.

Lecture Two

Tom Bigge (1964), a family doctor, in an old established practice in Barnstaple, Devon, serving a mixed town and rural community, gave a lecture entitled GP Fendholdng, but expanded this topic to describe the way in which GP’s were funded and also how their premises were provided. He explained the entrepreneurial opportunities and how his own practice had moved from a privately owned building in 1974, to a purpose-built health centre, which the practice had occupied for eighteen years, and then how the practice having outgrown this building and with a move towards privately owned GP premises, had developed an imaginative new practice building on the site of an old pottery in the middle of Barnstaple. The whole process of development was managed and funded by the partners. The six full time doctors and two part timers collectively share the funding, in excess of one million pounds, for this building.

In talking about the fundholding experience in his practice, he explained the changes in NHS funding which had taken place and how fundholding had empowered GPs by allowing them to negotiate directly with providers of secondary care. This process had given an opportunity for the practice to provide some secondary care services which had in the past only been provided in hospital. The practice had developed its own eye and physiotherapy clinics. With a Labour Government committed to scrapping fundholding the future was likely to see yet more changes to NHS organisation and the most likely model would be a form of “locally” purchasing organised through the health authorities.

New Year Reps in 1996/97

Year | Name
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1953 | Michael Page following the death of John Room in 1953
1953 | John Russell following the resignation of Graham Ross Russell to be Chairman of The Milestones Campaign
1953 | Roy Woman following the death of Ed Swinshhi
1981 | Mr. Stephen Whittie following the resignation of Andrew Blundell
1989 | Paul Begum-Baig in conjunction with Andrew Elder
1994 | Chris Hancock and Lynn Carrahan

Both are to attend the Trinity Ball during 1997/98

*Correction of the number published in Black & White News-sheet, 1997
Virtual McLuhan

An archive on video of lectures and interviews by Marshall McLuhan, global communications guru of the 1960s-70s, has been acquired by the College - thanks to a gift by the Canadian company, Celsones.

Marshall McLuhan was a postgraduate student at Trinity Hall in 1935. The set of six videos contains rare archival footage of McLuhan, tracing his thinking and intellectual progress from the 1940s to the 1970s. He died in 1980. The videos were written and narrated by author Tom Wolfe, and were produced by McLuhan’s daughter, Stephanie McLuhan-Orved.

Commenting on this acquisition for the Library, Graham Howes, Director of Studies in Social and Political Science, said: “Marshall McLuhan is a special old man with as he has a truly international reputation. The electronically interconnected world which he predicted (The Global Village) as he called it has now become a reality, through the Internet, e-mail and the World Wide Web - a development which will have extraordinary, and rapid cultural consequences everywhere.”

The College is grateful to Mrs McLuhan and her daughter, Stephanie McLuhan-Orved for providing memorabilia of McLuhan’s year in Cambridge.

Details of The Video McLuhan can be seen on the Internet, at http://www.videomcluhan.com/ Copies can be ordered at this web site.

Career Steps

The College has been considering the possibility of developing a careers’ service to complement the one offered by the University. The aim would be to provide a more personal level of career advice and allow students to come into contact with companies other than the major recruiters. The Nicholson seminars, established in 1943 by Dick Nicholson (1943) two years ago, are a step in this direction, and may lead to other schemes being implemented, such as the pairing of students with alumni (or mentors), practical skills training and regular speakers from a range of professions.

Anne Henry, Vice-President of the MCR, 1996/97 and a PhD student in English, attended the latest seminar and gives her reaction: “On Wednesday, 3 March, John Guinness (1956), Chairman of British Nuclear Fuels Ltd, came to the College to give a talk on management as a career. Having graduated in History, Mr Guinness told us he had become chairman of INPFL in 1992 following a career in the Foreign Office and the Civil Service. Drawing on his own experience, Mr Guinness focused on how one might enter a career in management, the different types of management jobs available and the skills necessary for good management. What emerged during the evening’s discussion was an enthusiasm for these initiatives on the part of both students and old members.

It was suggested that a database of members willing to act as mentors be set up, through which students could approach those in whose work they were interested. Various levels of contact between students and mentors were advised: beginning with a casual, mainly advisory relationship, proceeding perhaps to short meetings or work placements, and finally, for those with a high level of interest or commitment, longer periods of work experience.”

Measuring Up

The Prestons’ production of the Folio text of Shakespeare’s Measure, for Measure, staged at Clare College and then in TD Dining Hall on the evening of the Annual Gathering, was a great success, and the members who attended departed as richly entertained as they had been well fed. It also broke new academic ground for the actors, who had learned the Folio renderings, and felt the play change from comedy to tragedy as it was declaimed from the modern room at Clare College into the oak paneling of the Hall. And for the Faculty of English the production helped to chart a new way of relating the formalities of Tripos, where Measure is presently set text, to the richness of Cambridge undergraduate drama, which counts for nothing in Research and Teaching Assessments because it’s extracurricular and unappreciated.

Our thanks therefore should go to the Prestons’ Society, and to director Sarah Chew and her cast and crew, who have blazed a trail of which we may come to be very glad. Under the presidency of Elliot Shrimpton the Society has taken great strides, and seems to be becoming once again a real force in Cambridge Drama. Members who live within easy reach of Cambridge and would like to be kept informed about forthcoming Preston Society productions are invited to notify the Alumni Secretary who will be pleased to relay the information.

Dr John Leonard

Senior Tutor’s Review of the Year

Although the Tompkins Table will have been published by the time this review appears, the University’s internal Buxton Tables (compiled on a slightly different basis) show that the College has again distinguished itself academically. Indeed we have improved our overall ranking from sixth last year to fourth and have come first among Arts subjects. This reflects an enormous amount of hard work, not only on the part of individual undergraduates, but from everyone in the College. It has been a tough year as Fellows have struggled to balance their University and College commitments and staff have responded heroically to the College’s many activities. I am grateful to them all.

As Katharine Anger makes clear elsewhere in Front Cover, the College is doing its best to address the persistent failure of women throughout the University to do as well as men at the top end of the Tripos. Although statistics show that the battle has not yet been won, they contain some promising successes. Two women fillends in Classics gained starred firsts, repeating their achievement of last year. In the second year, Trinity Hall women came top of the Tripos in Medicine and Architecture, while women were tied for the seventh University prize awarded to members of the College. We can manage quality, even if there is still a little way to go on quantity!

Nor should we forget that there is an equally worrying problem at the other end of the class list; for as long as anyone can remember, a higher percentage of men gain thirds.

Looking to the future, the financing of higher education dominates our thoughts. Although the Government’s plans in the wake of the Darlington report on higher education have not been formally announced at the time of writing, there seems little doubt that undergraduates and their families will be called upon to shoulder more of the cost of university courses. Already those who have taken up their full entitlement leave with a debt of £4,500 or more on the longer science courses. Such sums may not seem an enormous investment in the future to those of us who are established in life, but they are a frightening prospect to young people from backgrounds where every penny counts. There are already a very small number of undergraduates who would rather go without than incur debt. I worry for them and also for those who may be deterred altogether from applying for a university place. It will not be easy for the others either. Undergraduates are often touchingly protective of their parents and concerns about the additional burdens on family finances will add to the pressures many already feel. It is hard to see how higher education on the scale that is needed to compete in the modern world can be funded without such changes, but the consequences must be of concern to those of us with pastoral responsibility.

Dr Sandra Rahon

Long Service...

The College has celebrated the careers of three of its longest-serving members of staff. They are: The Butler, Mr Geoff Harding, who completed 20 years of service before retiring in May; Mrs Abdal Mohammed, Battery Assistant, who has passed 30 years of service; and Mr John Cross, Maintenance Staff.

Third Year-Rep Conference

Trinity Hall Year Reps gather once again at the end of September for their third annual conference. The conference coincides with the University Alumni Weekend and the THA Annual Dinner. The programme for the evening includes discussion and consideration of a number of issues. Individual Reps will be invited to discuss their experiences on matters such as response from members in their year, the new format of the Black and White newsletter, searching for missing addresses, and their general role two years after the launch of the scheme who retired in June after 27 years of service.

... And Newcomers

Ms Sara Robins has been appointed Butler from May, having worked in the College previously from 1986-91. Mr Michael Hill has been appointed the College’s first full-time Computer Officer.

The London and Cambridge Secretaries will lead a discussion on the priorities of the THA and ways to promote greater membership participation and involvement. The Reps will form working parties and report their views on two particular issues: first, student career development, to propose a framework for alumni participation; and second, the College’s 650th anniversary, to give their response and views on the online programme of celebrations.