The Trinity Hall Year Representatives scheme has been launched, with volunteer members representing almost every undergraduate year since the 1940s. It is shortly to be extended to include postgraduates and pre-war undergraduates.

A total of 46 Year Reps joined College officers and Fellows, together with THA committee members, at the inaugural conference held at the Hall during December.

The scheme, which was devised by Dr Jonathan Steinberg during his period as Vice-Master, has been borrowed from the system of "class agents" commonly in operation at American universities, including Harvard and Yale. Year Reps will help the College to establish and maintain greater contact with their contemporaries, to develop alumni relations and enhance the spirit of Trinity Hall (friendship and association).

"Reunions are much more fun when a good crowd of contemporaries shows up," Dr Steinberg is fond of saying. "But the Year Reps have a role to play in advising us about the future of the College; how we can protect our endowment for the 21st century, and how alumni relations can be made to work so that both the College and the alumni benefit."

Further coverage of the scheme, including the tasks Year Reps have been set, and a summary of decisions taken at the Conference, appears in the magazine, together with a list of the names of Year Reps and a telephone number for members who want to contact their Rep.

The delegates spent a busy weekend: they listened to a number of presentations about College affairs, including the Bursar on College finances and the Senior Tutor on student admissions and academic performance. The Master, who acted as Conference chairman, told delegates about the assessment of the College's role and priorities as the 21st century approaches. Dr Steinberg gave a stirring and evocative account of the way pressure front outside on the University affects the way Colleges function. The Vice-Master gave delegates a report on the results received from the Old Members' Survey which had been conducted when the Annual Newsletter was published last year. The London Secretary of the THA, Mr Barry Lewis, gave delegates a report on the activities and role of the Association. Reports of these presentations with extracts are published in the following pages. The Senior Tutor's report on admissions and academic performance will appear in the autumn issue so that it can incorporate data for 1999/2000.

In between conference sessions, the Year Reps paid a visit to the Wychfield Site and toured the College's new student-accommodation buildings. They were given a guided tour of the Old Library and inspected the plans for the New Library with the College's architect. Some even "surfed the Internet" on demonstration computer pages about Trinity Hall, which will be accessible later this year.
DECISIONS

Principal decisions taken at the Year Reps Conference included the following:

- **Reunions:** Two reunion dinners will now be held in each year. One dinner will be for a two-year grouping of younger members, while the second dinner will be held for a wider group of older members. Details of dinners will be agreed and published well in advance so that members from abroad can plan trips to attend. During reunion occasions, members will be invited to mount an exhibition or revue relating to their period at the Hall illustrating what College life was like in their day. Gatherings in London and regionally will be considered.

- **Communications:** Year Reps welcomed a move to increase and improve communications with members, keeping alumni better informed about what is going on in College (such as through the publication of Front Court). Year Reps will also produce their own individual news sheet (with the aid of the Alumni Relations Office) and the first of these will be issued with the annual Newsletter.

- **Development of Alumni Relations:** Year Reps agreed that alumni relations should concentrate on increasing contact between members: the sharing of career experiences and commitment to continuing education were seen to be high priorities.

- **Representation:** In establishing the scheme initially, it was noted that the College had not yet invited members from pre-war years to be Year Reps. It was agreed to do so: the College will contact members who are likely to serve as volunteers, most likely representing a span of years. The College will also take steps to increase the number of Graduate Year Reps, particularly from the pre-1980s, and of Overseas Reps in order to represent the considerable number of members living abroad.

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year representatives

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year rep TASKS

1. Maintain contact with members in their year and provide missing addresses to the Alumni Relations Office.
2. Recommend newsworthy items for the annual Newsletter about their contemporaries.
3. Promote the Alumni Relations Programme in 1996 and thereafter.
4. Conduct the Alumni Pulsetaking Survey by Easter 1996 amongst a sample of their contemporaries in order to collect views and values about the College and the Association.
5. Advise on the format for Reunion Dinners.
6. Elect nominees to the THA and Alumni Relations committees.
7. Agree date and format of next Year Rep meeting
"ONLY "PERFECT" to call your reps

The Rev Dr William Catchkin, Assistant Chaplain, delivered the sermon during the First Year Rep Conference:

This morning we are here to celebrate and encourage the development and growth of our community. The word "perfect" is often used to describe a high standard or excellence in various aspects of life. However, it is important to remember that perfection is not always attainable or necessary. The goal is to strive for excellence and improve continuously.

The word "religion" itself is related to "religare", to bind or connect.

We are here in this building on this occasion because of a particular vision of the intellectual life: a congregation that wisdom is learned in a varied and complex community. Where the wise and the very young might meet on conditions of equality, and learn from each other. Where we can work with the gifts of our lives, making connections in culture and community, and find expression in their natural forms.

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Edward Greenfield OBE (1949) reflects... on being this year's
PRESIDENT OF THE THA

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LIBRARY DEVELOPMENT

The College’s Fellow Librarian, Dr Clive Holes, and the Architect, Mr Tristan Rees Roberts (TH 1967), present the scheme for the New Library at Trinity Hall.

The Library has always occupied a central role in College life.

In the 1930s, during the reign of Elizabeth I, the building now known as the Old Library was purpose-built to house the College’s growing collection of manuscripts and printed books. This building, which is described in Peasner’s Buildings of England as “the best Cambridge Library of the 16th century”, will be preserved and will continue to be used for the storage and consultation of manuscripts and rare books. However, in its current location - the ground-floor of the ‘Old Library’ - the so-called Working Library is not able to meet the demands made upon it. The space for readers, books, and other resources is less than half of that required for a College of Trinity Hall’s size. The Governing Body has, therefore, decided that the provision of a new “working” library, with computing and other facilities, located on the ground floor of a new building, is urgently required if the College is to continue to fulfill its educational mission.

The New Library will be formed by converting and extending the western wall of the Thronton Building (F & Q staircases) overlooking the river. The plan for the new building is a bold and imaginative conception which, nonetheless, takes sensitive account of its environment, occupying a prominent position on the Backs. It immediately received Listed Building and Planning Consent. The report to the City Council’s Planning Sub-Committee noted that English Heritage supported the proposal “for an eye-catching building, intricately shaped with fees-of-defined interest”, and the Listed Buildings Panel congratulated the architect on the presentation of the scheme which has the potential to provide a very distinguished building.

The plan for the New Library is designed to blend well with the other buildings in Luscombe Court, the first of which was built in 1884 and the last in 1954, while remaining essentially modern in character. To accommodate four floors whilst keeping the height below the Trefoil-storied Thornton Building, the window cills of the lowest floor were set six inches above the 1947 flood level. Materials will be the highest quality red brick with stone dressings, and a red tile roof. Windows will be of oak and metal, providing a high degree of sound and thermal insulation. Air conditioning will be provided so that in the summer windows can be shut against noise on the river.

Costs of building and fitting out are in the order of £2.0 million. Of this, £1.0 million has already been committed by the College in Phase One of the work, which has recently been completed. This entails the conversion of existing accommodation within part of the Thornton Building. Ten of the student rooms on Q Stair have been modernised, a new room has been created for the special collection of 7000 books with 24 reading spaces, and a new seminar room has been added. We have also converted the attic of Q to become the future College computer room with space for 24 students. The Governing Body has committed itself to commencing Phase Two which involves construction of the new extension. Funding for this is being sought, as one of the major targets, with the launch of the College’s 650th anniversary campaign. The College will also seek endowment funding to underwrite the annual running costs of the ‘working’ Library which after completion will increase by an estimated £50k per annum.

The city council was naturally anxious that the new building would look good from all aspects and asked for perspectives from as many view points as possible. This illustration shows the new building from Garrett Hostel Lane.

TRINITY HALL as conference venue

Not content with its international reputation as a centre of excellence for learning, education, research and an unparalleled distinction in the legal profession, Trinity Hall has become a popular destination for companies and individuals seeking somewhere special to organise a conference or similar event.

Once Full Term has finished, a wide variety of functions now take place on College grounds, ranging from conferences, seminars and training courses, to dinners, wedding receptions and other catered functions.

There are a variety of public rooms in Trinity Hall available for conference use. The Lecture Theatre has a maximum capacity of 120 people, seated theatre style, while there are numerous other options for seminars and meetings, including rooms now ready for use in the Phase-One part of the New Library.

Organising a function of course brings with it a high standard of College cuisine. Conference delegates can dine in the Hall which seats up to 120 people under its beamed roof or, alternatively, will take up to 150 people for a buffet-style meal. Currently, most conference accommodation is situated on Central Site. There are 100 study bedrooms and 20 sets, all with handbasins. Rooms are cleaned frequently and supplied with bed linen, soap and towels. The Porters’ Lodge is manned 24 hours a day even out of term-time. On other sites situated close to the City centre, the College can also provide accommodation with bedrooms-only or with self-catering.

“The College makes a highly desirable location to hold a business conference,” commented Mr Ron Watts (1962) who for several years brought legal colleagues from British Gas for company meetings. “The public rooms are well-equipped and comfortable, you have some very grand surroundings with the gardens and the river close at hand, while everything is dealt with in the friendly Trinity Hall spirit.”

The College cannot of course provide car parking but in compensation it has easy access to the many splendours of the centre of Cambridge.

Enquiries should be made to the Conference Administrator, Miss Karen Courtice, on Cambridge 332554 or fax 462116.
The fact that the 650th anniversary of the foundation of Trinity Hall falls, by happy coincidence, in the year 2000 provides us with a doubly appropriate millennial name for our Campaign and for the programme of events associated with it.

In one sense, unofficially as it were, the Campaign has already started. Its launch has been announced in the THA Newsletter and the first in the projected series of "Trinity Hall 2000" Conferences (Towards a Common Law for Europe) was held here in College in 1994 (and was reported in the 1995 issue of the Newsletter). Several smaller reunions and other events have also taken place in advance of the official launch.

Preparing for the launch of the Campaign provides us with the opportunity of assessing, and perhaps of reassessing and modifying, our priorities, at a time when we have been doing so anyway, even independently of the Campaign. We are living in a rapidly changing world: a world in which higher education, as we have known it in recent decades, is being transformed for both internal and external - political and economic - reasons. All universities, including the University of Cambridge and its constituent Colleges must respond to the challenges that face them and must, as far as possible, foresee and control the changes that are being imposed upon them. In particular, Trinity Hall, as an institution of "education, religion, learning and research" (to quote the Statutes), must defend and improve what it sees as valuable in the traditional collegiate system. But it must not defend the traditional way of doing things out of a misplaced nostalgic conservatism. Nor should the Master and Fellows - the current custodians of what has been inherited from the past and what will be handed on to the future - decide the College's priorities with reference solely to their own necessarily partial view of what is essential or immutable and what can, and should, be changed or jettisoned.

We have therefore consulted widely, not only among ourselves, but also - if I may use the jargon of the day - among our consumers. One of the principal instruments of our market research has been the 'Priorities' questionnaires filled in by our current students, on the one hand, and by our alumni, on the other. Taking full account of the encouragingly high response rate to the questionnaires and of the constructive input that has been made in meetings of the Trinity Hall Alumni Liaison Committee and other College committees, the Governing Body has established four main 'priority' areas for development. We now welcome the input that the Year Reps and, through them, all our alumni can make in the further evaluation of these areas of development and in the working out of the details that are yet to be decided.

The four priority areas are:-

1. The building up of our Student Support Fund, for the provision of scholarships to attract talented undergraduates and well-qualified postgraduate students and for the support of those who find themselves in financial difficulties while they are here or would not be able to come here at all without such support.

2. The support of Scholarship and Research, through the existing Research Fellowships programme, the Visiting Fellowship scheme, and the organisation of specific research projects associated with the College's teaching system or disciplines in which Trinity Hall has a particular strength by virtue of its past traditions or the present composition of the Fellowship.

3. The New Library, the completion of which will be, in the short term at least, the most striking and most publicly evident achievement of the Campaign. 'Trinity Hall's' statement on the Backs and a worthy contribution to the world-famous Cambridge 'riverscape'.

4. The maintenance, care and improvement of our Material Patrimony, especially our 'heritage' buildings and gardens, not only on the Central Site, but also at Wychfield, St Clement's Gardeners' Bishop Bateman Court and Bateman Street.

Each of these 'priority' areas has a capital cost for which we shall need to increase the College's endowment, which, as the Bursar explains in her presentation, is already insufficient to meet current needs. A major part of our purpose is to associate with each area a particular financial target.

Although the Campaign is about raising money, it is not only about raising money; and it is certainly not about raising money for its own sake. (However, financial constraints do most wonderfully concentrate the mind when it comes to establishing priorities and making hard decisions!) The end for which fund-raising is the means is the preservation of the values - intellectual, cultural and spiritual - which the College seeks to inculcate in all its students.

We want to be able to provide for future students the same kind of education (in the broadest sense of that term) that we have all been privileged to receive.
College finances TODAY

AS THE ISSUE OF HIGHER EDUCATION FUNDING TOPS THE NEWS, THE BURSAR OF TRINITY HALL, MISS SUSAN POPE, INTRODUCES US TO THE STATE OF COLLEGE FINANCES

The accompanying charts provide a breakdown of income and expenditure for the year 1993/94. Approximately one-third of the College's income comes from College fees which are fixed by the Government and are gradually being eroded in real terms. The effects of the loss in fee income are shown in the graph and indicate the need to replace funding from the other main sources of income. These are generated from the College's endowment, which includes property and investments managed by professional advisers, and the charges for rooms and meals made to students, conference visitors and other guests.

Some 24% of the College's income, amounting to over £820,000, was spent on accommodation, grounds and gardens including maintenance, utilities, gardeners and porters. A further 10% is spent on housekeeping including cleaning and furniture costs, while 19% of the College's income, totalling nearly £669,000, was used to meet the costs of academic support provided by Fellows, tutors and supervisors. Catering for students, Fellows and guests (including conferences) amounted to 16% of the total. The costs of the tutorial, bursary and alumni offices account for approximately 9% of the College's expenditure. Other items of expenditure include grants to students, donations and Chapel costs.

The College is therefore aiming to increase its endowment not only to maintain these existing facilities and activities, but to respond to the challenge of creating and improving opportunities for excellence in education and research in the future.

Commenting on the Bursar's presentation on College finances to the Year Rep Conference, Mr Martin Williams, Year Rep for 1966 and Treasurer of the THA, drew attention to the significant part which the endowment now plays in balancing the College budget. "How heavily the Hall now has to draw on this resource is an indication of the current funding climate and a signal for the future," he said.
When Dr Thomas Eden, twenty-first Master of Trinity Hall, "being (God be thanked) in usual health of Body" sat down on "this 24th of January, 1643" to make "this my last will and testament", he had not heard of the Internet, Quangos or the Research Assessment Exercise (1996) of the Higher Education Funding Council. Yet by one of those strange coincidences which make life in Cambridge so intriguing, his last will and testament and the RAE (1996) converged to affect my life on 2 December, 1995, the Saturday immediately after Full Term.

For the Master, Fellows and Scholars of Trinity Hall that dark, winter Saturday marks the annual return of a precious college moment. In the chapel we gather in the early evening to listen to Dr Eden’s beautiful and moving will and, as he laid down, we hear the Oration for which he provided "in commendation of the Civil and Ecclesiastical Laws and in Commemoration of our Founder and Benefactors". (In fact, we now hear the appointed Fellow talk about his own subject, but the spirit, if not the letter, is still observed.) On the north wall of the chapel we can see another fulfilment of his will, "a little monument or memorial of me ... not curious or costly but lasting, of Marble or such like; whereupon may be engraven my name and family, the time of my death and that I was a Benefactor to that poor College". We then move to the hall where, as he ordained, "some provision of Wine and Dyet" is "employed ... on the Master, Fellows and Scholars at supper on the night of that day on which the Commemoration shall be made".

On 2 December, 1995, more than 350 years later, I too took my place in chapel to hear Dr Eden’s words and to carry out his wishes, but I had come to chapel in a peculiar frame of mind. I had spent that afternoon writing a minute for the Faculty of History, of which at present I am chair, on the meeting of the representatives of the nine faculties in the Council of the School of Humanities and Social Sciences with the Secretary General the afternoon before. The Secretary General had summoned chair-persons and secretaries to an emergency (and inconvenient) special meeting on the last day of Full Term to brief us on our duties in fulfilling the requirements of the 1996 Research Assessment Exercise. He pointed out to us that roughly £47 million of research money depended on our getting the highest research rating and that faculties would be expected to show both quantity as well as quality of research.

Dr Thomas Eden had heard of the Internet, Quangos or the Research Assessment Exercise (1996)"

During questions a colleague asked how faculties ought to report those university teaching officers, who held major college office, such as senior tutors, and hence had written little or nothing during the specified period for report (in the jargon "research active" or "research inactive"). Would consideration be given to the peculiar structure of Oxford and Cambridge? The Secretary General doubted it; HEFCE had grown impatient of Oxbridge and its special pleading.

A week later, I had to say a few words to the first meeting of the Year Reps of the Trinity Hall Association held in the SCR here in college. The odd overlaps of 1643 and 1995 had been flickering in my imagination, and I decided to say something about the interaction of college and university and the problems that changes in the political climate had brought. As I sketched and discarded various ideas, I saw that 1643 (in college) and 1995 (in the university) formed two points of the argument: the third was the convergence of both in the college of today or tomorrow. I realised with a pang of discomfort that Charles Crawley and Ernest Frankl, the two most devoted servants of Trinity Hall of recent generations, would have been recorded in RAE (1996) as "research-active: nil". In other words, those two great College assets would have been university liabilities, embarrassments, administrative hiccups, to be concealed or fussed. In future no young man or woman would be wise to take Charles or Ernest as role models. No faculty would in future want to carry research-inactive persons. The "good college man" had gone for ever.

The challenge from outside its walls has always been a threat to our inheritance in Trinity Hall. Dr Thomas Eden who lived to see the beginning of the Civil War, had reason to be more frightened for his college, then we have for ours. But 1643 and 1995 have this in common: the old ways are disappearing as we look at them, and the new forms have yet to emerge. We may be forced by government out of the public sector or otherwise coerced into giving up habits and practices we value. Dr Eden knew that threat too. It is this challenge that all of us in the wider Trinity Hall family have to meet together.

The world-wide crisis of the modern state has brought conflict, uncertainty and deadlock to governments everywhere. Privatisation, decentralisation and accountability present all public institutions with new threats and new opportunities. Our little College cannot escape the turbulence and change ahead. It will only survive in a recognisable form, if all of us will it to do so. Together we can continue to fulfil Dr Eden’s will and pass his inheritance on to generations as yet unborn. In his words, at the end of his will, "I pray God preserve and prosper that poor Society".
profile of
TRINITY HALL ALUMNI

THE CAMPAIGN DIRECTOR,
MR DOUGLAS COLLINS
GAVE A PRESENTATION TO THE
YEAR REP DELEGATES ABOUT THE
PROFILE OF TRINITY HALL ALUMNI

There are 7639 members of the Trinity Hall alumni comprising all previous undergraduate and graduate students, as well as past and present Fellows. This figure has increased by three per cent during the summer of 1995 with the inclusion of the new matriculation year. The number of members with no known address has been considerably reduced in that period and now stands at 1800, owing to the greater efforts of the College, and particularly the Alumni Relations Secretary, Ms Karin Bane, in tracking down missing addresses.

The following graph shows the steadily increasing number of alumni by matriculation year since the 1920s.

The profile of alumni according to occupation sector is shown in the next graph, though its findings are distorted. Data was being collected for the Law and Medical professions at a much earlier stage and there is still much more information to be collected in the other occupation sectors:

The division of alumni by sex since the admission of women in 1976 is shown in the next column; although currently women students account for some 48% of all undergraduate admissions:
ASSESSING THE ROLE of the THA

Amongst the objectives which the THA set out to achieve when it was established in 1964 is to provide an organisation which will keep Trinity Hall members world-wide in touch with each other and the College. Now, slowly but surely, at the very end of 1995, I was delighted and privileged to attend the inaugural conference of the Year Representatives, whose raison d’etre is to put this goal into practice. Just as the College is currently re-examining its priorities and how it can keep in front in this fast-changing world, I believe the Association must reassess its role: what does it want to do, what can it do? I became involved when I suggested some years ago that we should hold a final-dinner for members and their spouses (in those days). This was agreed and I immediately found myself as joint London Secretary with the responsibility of organising one! This I did, and it was held at Trinity House, which was an attractive and interesting venue. The supper was a great success, although unfortunately it has not been repeated. This was but a beginning, and we have been trying to widen and improve the activities of the Association since then. This has been given a tremendous boost by the support, both financial and moral, of the College through the Alumni Liaison Committee, the brain-child of Dr Jonathan Steinberg, to whom full credit is due. The committee of the THA (whose membership is shown below) is continuously giving further thought to these matters, and the Year Reps are now conducting a “Pilot Testing Survey” amongst their contemporaries. This will give us much-needed feedback from you in the membership. Please give us your views and support.

Things are moving in a positive direction. The Alumni Liaison Committee, which was set up in 1992, now provides an essential and functional link between the Association and the College. We have two nominees from the Year Reps, one for each of the two committees, and I look forward to welcoming Guy Brauman to the THA committee and Dr Fiona Comish will be very welcome on the Alumni Liaison Committee.

MR BARRY LEWIS,  
LONDON SECRETARY of THE THA,  
REFLECTS ON THE ROLE of THE ASSOCIATION:

Members of the Trinity Hall Association Committee:
Mr Barry Lewis (1959) London Secretary; Mr Richard Dewis (1959) Hon. Auditor; Mr Martin Williams (1964) Hon. Treasurer; Dr Jonathan Steinberg, Cambridge Secretary; Mr Chris Chamberlain (1985); Dr Michael Waters (1946); Mr Nick Fustonell (1975); Mr Michael Gartside (1963); Mr Miles Halford (1953); Dr Barry Fustonell (1947); Dr John L. Cuddy (1957); Mrs Cathy Stansel (1983); Mr Jonathan Gibbs (1962); Mr Tim Robertson (1957); Mr Guy Brauman (1974) Year Rep nominee.

REMEMBER ABOUT dining rights

The College has for many years granted High Table dining rights to all those who have taken their MA as members of Trinity Hall, who have taken their PhD (or higher doctorate) or a Master’s Degree. Any member of Trinity Hall who has been granted MA Dining Rights is entitled to dine at the High Table free of charge (except for wine) on any four nights each year during Full Term. Evenings which are excluded are Tuesdays, Saturdays, Guest Nights and one or two other special occasions, so in reality dining rights may be exercised on Wednesday, Thursday and Sunday evenings.

Any member wishing to dine should notify the Butler (who will be able to say whether there is to be a High Table) not later than 10am on the day in question, or by Saturday for a dinner on Sunday. The Butler’s telephone extension is 33200.

NEW RESEARCH FELLOWS APPOINTED

Dr Lorenzo Lioi Ancarani from Italy with a Belgian first degree in Physical Engineering (Ecole Polytechnique, ULB). He first moved to Cambridge in 1990, gaining a PhD in Theoretical Atomic Physics (Pembroke). He has subsequently held two collaborative post-doctoral positions in Cambridge and Frankfurt. The main scope of Dr Ancarani’s research is to understand theoretically the dynamics involved in specific (e,e') experiments, in other words processes where an atomic target gets ionised by an electron and the two outgoing electrons are detected in coincidence.

Miss Marta Anna Włodarczyk from Poland, has a degree in Philosophy from Kings College, London and an MPhil in Philosophy (Pembroke). She is currently completing her doctoral thesis in Ancient Greek Philosophy. The thesis investigates Aristotle’s and the Parmenidean’s views of searching for truth and knowledge. It focuses on the way Aristotle, on the one hand, and Pyrrhonian scepticism, on the other, came to terms with diversity, and opposition, between viewpoints. In post-doctoral research, she will investigate how other Greek philosophers dealt with a world in which viewpoints are opposed and conclusions diverse. This will involve examination of the philosophies of Heracleitus, Parmenides, Socrates and Avernaus. In the long term she plans to work on Aristotle’s conception of matter and Aristotle’s conception of intellect in De Anim.

WITHIN the 650 year history of the College the Trinity Hall Graduate Society or Middle Combination Room (MCR) is a relatively new born feature. To those who knew it as a small group of male PhD students (mostly older Trinity Hall undergraduates), it is barely recognizable. Today the MCR is a whole different story.

The current graduate is (almost) as likely to be a woman as a man, could be from one of over 36 different countries (at the present count), and could be studying for a PhD or any range of one to two-year Master’s courses - everything from an MBA to an MPhil in Computer Speech and Language Processing. He or she will also very likely be living in College accommodation - either at Bateman Street or in one of the newly-built residences on the Wychfield Site.

Let us dispel the common stereotype that being a graduate student involves foregoing all the pleasures in life! MCR members at the Hall absorb themselves in all manner of social and sporting activity. With the aid of an enthusiastic MCR Committee, members enjoy weekly Grad Halls, frequent exchange dinners with other Colleges, garden parties, and other social events - ranging from classical guitar evenings to jazz concerts to lively hops in the Ceylon Room. There is also no end of Trinity Hall Graduate involvement beyond college grounds - whether on the Blues rugby pitch in the ADC, or in a myriad of other University clubs and societies.

But the centre of the MCR is the two rooms of First Court from which it takes its name. This is what graduates call home - whether they are reading daily newspapers, meeting friends over coffee, or watching TV in the Lausanne Fleming Rooms. Perhaps the most important aspect of the MCR is not its location or its activities but rather the people within it. Being able to integrate with talented individuals from such a wide range of backgrounds, and with such a diversity of interests, is what College Grad Life in the 1990s is really all about.

The authors, Wendy Russell (left) and Sarah Barrett, seen entering the MCR.
The Vice-Master reviews responses to the Old Members' Survey

A total of 930 alumni returned the questionnaire which accompanied the 1995 Newsletter - about 18% of the constituency.

We cannot be sure that they are statistically representative of the whole population of Hall men and women, but we are confident that their responses give us a good indication of what members feel about the College, and what aspects of life at Trinity Hall they valued most. Their views provide a valuable framework of reference which will help the Governing Body to chart the future development of the College, the more so as respondents were well distributed according to their matriculation years, subjects studied, and in more recent years, sex. I am very grateful to all of those who took the trouble to circle the numbers!

At a time when the pressures on Cambridge colleges are mounting, it is important to assess the two key characteristics of the college teaching method - supervisions and the tutorial system. Both won resounding votes of confidence - 75% of respondents thought college-based supervisions "very important", and 80% valued the tutorial system in the same way. The importance of good academic teaching was stressed by nearly 80%, but the most important end-product of an undergraduate career was seen as a well rounded personality (79% "very important").

In relation to the admissions policy and criteria, academic potential and equality of access emerged as the most significant matters (75% and 74% rating them "very important"). The College sites and buildings were particularly valued - 92% rated their maintenance "very important."
ANNUAL GATHERING & College Open Day

It has been decided to enrich the format of the Annual Gathering Day on Saturday, 18 May this year.

11.00am
Selection of Lectures by College Fellows. Topics include:
- Politics & Prisons by Dr Alison Liebling
- Senior Research Associate at the Institute of Criminology and Staff Fellow in Social Sciences
- Astronomy in the 21st Century by Dr Michael Hobson, Research Fellow

12.15pm
AGM of the Trinity Hall Association

1.00pm
Buffet luncheon

2.30pm
Guided tour of the Trinity Hall Gardens, the Old Library and presentation of plans for the New Library

4.00pm
Tea

THE MASTER REPORTS ON...

The Leslie Stephen LECTURE

The Leslie Stephen Lecture, which takes place every two years, was established the year after Leslie Stephen’s death in 1905. Because of his particular association with Trinity Hall (he had been a Fellow, 1854-60), the College has, from the outset, jointly ‘hosted’ the Lecture in partnership with the University. The topics covered over the years (under the [statutory] rubric of “some literary subject, including therein Criticism, Biography, Ethics”) reflect the range of Leslie Stephen’s own scholarly interests. The list of recent lecturers includes Mary Warnock, George Steiner, Steven Henry, Martin Gilbert, Anthony Kenny and Peter Ackroyd.

If there is one thing that is known to anyone who is familiar with the name of Leslie Stephen (apart from the fact that he was the father of Virginia Woolf) it is that he was the founding editor of the Dictionary of National Biography. It was particularly appropriate, therefore, that the Lecturer in October 1995 should be Professor Colin Matthew FBA, Professor of Modern History at Oxford and Editor of the forthcoming New DNB, his title being ‘Leslie Stephen and the New DNB’. In his lecture, he gave us a fascinating account of Leslie Stephen’s involvement with the original DNB, highlighting his characteristically forceful imposition of his own view of what such a work should be and the prodigious workload that he coped with in his 20 years as Editor. No less fascinating was Professor Matthew’s preview of the format and content of the New DNB, the product of changed attitudes and values, on the one hand, and of modern production techniques, on the other, but also, clearly, of the same meticulous scholarship.

THE ALTERNATIVE PROSPECTUS

The College issues hundreds of copies of its prospectus to hopeful applicants each year. But does it give a clear picture of what life is like at the Hall?

Now, hand on the heels of the official publication, comes this year’s annual Alternative Prospectus, published by the JCR, which gives users’ views of study and life in College. As always, it promises to cover “important issues” not covered in the same way as in the official version - for example, money, advice on accommodation, sport, food and the best in college events.

Copies of this alternative view are available from the Admissions Office, Cambridge 332353.

BRAVO MRS JEFFS

In December, Mrs Jeffs completed 20 years in the College. We celebrated with a party in the SCR at which the Master made a presentation. She responded with a splendid speech recalling happy memories of students past and present, and in particular her years with Mr Frankl.

BAXTER BETTER

Those of you who were disappointed to see the College’s ranking in the Tompkins table based on final-year results will be pleased to learn that the Baxter tables make much better reading. Prepared by a member of the Department of Mathematical Statistics, they show that, taking all years together, Trinity Hall ranked third in Arts subjects and ninth overall.

College Honours

Two distinguished former Fellows of the College have been honoured:

Mr Graham Storey, Fellow 1949-88, Senior Tutor 1958-68 and Vice-Master 1970-74, has been elected an Honorary Fellow.

The 90th birthday of Mr Lionel Elvin, Fellow 1930-46, Director of the Institute of Education in London 1958-74 and Honorary Fellow since 1980, was celebrated last September with a dinner in Hall. The guests on High Table included several other luminaries.

Launcelot Fleming Memorial in Norwich

In February a memorial in the Cathedral to Launcelot Fleming - Bishop of Norwich, 1599-71, Antarctic explorer, pastor and friend - was dedicated by the Bishop in the presence of his widow, Jane, and other members of the family. The College was officially represented by the Master and Lady Lyons and was attended by a large number of Launcelot’s Trinity Hall friends and ex-pupils. In his address, Canon Richard Hamer emphasised Launcelot’s lifelong attachment to the College and the pride that he took in having been for 12 years Bishop of Norwich, the see from which Trinity Hall had been founded, six centuries earlier, by his illustrious predecessor, William Bateman.
1995 was another hugely successful year for the Hall. James Fergusson, Captain of THBC, reports:

In the Lent Bumps, the Men's 1st Boat moved up to second place on the river and the Women's 1st Boat managed an over-bump on the first day to leave them in third place at the end of the week.

The Mays saw the Hall dominating the Cams as it has been doing consistently in recent years, with a turnout of six men's crews and three women's crews. Everybody had a very good week, and the Men's 1st Boat held the headship for the fourth consecutive year. Both 1st Boats were rowing in their new Eton Eights: the men in 'The Aula 100' and the women in 'The French Connection'.

In the Michaelmas term, hard work and determination was rewarded with many victories for both men's and women's IVs. Three crews earned their blades in the University IVs and numerous pots and pendants were won at external races. The term was rounded off with a Boat Club trip to the island of Arran in Scotland which was purely in the name of fun and didn’t involve any rowing at all!!

In 1996 we intend, as ever, to ROW HALL!

ANNIVERSARIES

1946 HEAD OF THE RIVER CREW

The victorious Head of the River crew from 1946 is holding a reunion in the Hall in April, thanks to the efforts of one of its members, Mr John Neate. Unfortunately, one of their number, Mr Gay Newton, has died and they are trying to locate Mr J A Williams (1944) whose address is missing. If anyone has any information, please contact the Alumni Relations Office.

A glimpse of the celebrations 50 years ago is given by an undergraduate of the times, Mr Stanley Bushell (1943), who now lives in Norwich. He has given permission for a letter he wrote home to his mother and father in May 1946 to be reproduced in Front Court.

There has been nothing of any importance apart from (tiring) races, be it. I was on the towpath on my bike (which incidentally is missing again as a result of last night’s chief vocal encourager to all Hall boats). The 1st boat caught Trinities on the first right and easily retained Head of the River. God, they are a good crew.

After the race yesterday we marched in procession through the town from the Boathouse to the College carrying an old boat - led by belted papers. After the dinner in the evening we burnt it with due ceremony on the banks in a really good fire, attended by nearly all the other boat clubs.

I don’t know how many people visited my rooms during the evening - at least 150 during the time. It was cuddly last night so the room was very messy. My only loss or damage is a sausage and three beer glasses - and my bike. For such an occasion it was remarkably well-ordered. The Master and the dons are as pleased as punch about going Head. Who says times have changed?". Editor

MICHAELMAS

SPORTS ROUND-UP

Phil Batters, JCR Communications Officer, provides the autumn’s sports results.

Men’s Football
Won 3 Drawn 1 Lost 2

Men’s Hockey
Won 6 Drawn 0 Lost 0

Women’s Hockey
Won 1 Drawn 0 Lost 3

Men’s Rowing
1st VIII: Winners Comm Winter Head
1st IV: Winners Comm Winter Head
2nd IV: Winners University Clinker Fours

Women’s Rowing
1st IV: Winners University Women’s Fours, Novice Head of River Fours, Comm Autumn Head & Bedford Head.
2nd IV: Winners University Women’s 2nd Fours

Men’s Squash League
Won 6 Lost 0

Squash Cuppers
Defeated Sidney Sussex
Lost to Corpus Christi

Waterpolo (mixed)
Won 7 Lost 1
(Goals for: 48 Goals against: 9)

1996 WAS ANOTHER HUGELY SUCCESSFUL YEAR FOR THE HALL. JAMES FERGUSSON, CAPTAIN OF THBC, REPORTS:

As agreed at the Year Reps Conference, there will be two Reunion Dinners in College this year.

The first, to which the Master and Fellows will invite those who first came into residence in 1983 and 1984, will be held on Saturday 6 July. The second dinner, for the 1984 and 1986 years, will be held on Saturday, 20 July.

Invitations for both dinners will be sent to all members in those years whose addresses the College holds. Members who do not receive an invitation and would like to should contact the Alumni Relations Office or their Year Rep.

The Year Reps for these years are:

1983: Tim & Tricia Lenux
1984: Sue Harrison
1964: Dr Tom Biggins
1965: David Bell
1966: Martin Williams

On Sunday 7 July, following the first Reunion Dinner, the Year Reps intend to organise a family day with a barbecue at the Wychfield site.

Details will be issued with the invitations to the Dinner.

Dinners in 1997 will be as follows (dates will be published in the annual Newsletter):

1st Reunion Dinner - 1997
For matriculation years 1985 and 1986

2nd Reunion Dinner - 1997
For matriculation years 1958 to 1960

The Medical Society will be holding its 20th Anniversary Founders’ Dinner at Trinity Hall on Saturday, 14 September. Further details are available from Dr Michael Griffith on 0121 449 1580.

20TH ANNIVERSARY WOMEN’S REUNION DINNER

The first-ever dinner for Hall women, both alumnae and current students, is being arranged this year on Friday, 1 March. Its organiser is the JCR Women’s Officer, Emma Bell, and she comments:

"The occasion is the 20th anniversary of the admission of women to Trinity Hall. It will enable past and present Hall women to exchange experiences and advice, as well as promising to be an immensely enjoyable evening."

Tickets are £5 (exclusive of wine). All alumnae and current women students have been sent an individual letter and booking form with more details.

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The victorious Men’s 1st Boat