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## COLLEGE NOTES

We congratulate Sir Harry Batterbee, G.C.M.G., K.C.V.O., formerly High Commissioner for the United Kingdom in New Zealand, on his election to an Honorary Fellowship.

We congratulate Professor Sir Wilfrid Le Gros Clark on being awarded the Viking Medal of Physical Anthropology.

Mr. C. R. Ross has resumed his tutorship, after leave of absence for government service with the Economic Section of the Treasury.

Major alterations to the interior of the College Chapel were carried out during the Long Vacation of 1955. Many will remember the biting cold which they endured during the services in Hilary Term. Electric tubular heating has been installed at knee height, so that warmth is now within inches of you as you sit in your seat. The lights which used to hang by chains from the rafters have been removed, and have been replaced by new lighting concealed above the panelling and at six points at the top of the panelling. In addition, there are two floodlights focused on the Altar and Reredos.

Plans have been approved by the Governing Body for the improvement of the surface of the New Quadrangle by means of stone steps and stone paths. The J.C.R. has started a fund to provide window boxes for the New Quadrangle.

A College Gaudy was held on 23 June 1955. Besides numerous past members, Lord Champion and Sir Harry Vaisey, Honorary Fellows, and the Warden of Radley and the Headmaster of Berkhamsted were present.

A valuable gift of mathematical books to the College Library has been received from Mrs. E. C. Sadler, in memory of her husband, L. Sadler, Scholar of the College 1904-9.

The Chancellor's English Essay Prize was awarded in 1955 to J. G. George, History Scholar of the College; and the Matthew Arnold Prize was awarded to E. B. Greenwood.

We congratulate R. W. Trimby on being awarded his Blue, and on his election as Secretary of the O.U.A.F.C.; and W. P. M. Warne on being selected as first reserve for the University Golf Match 1956.

B. Ashmole, Keeper of Greek and Roman Antiquities in the British Museum, and former Scholar of the College, has been elected to the Lincoln Professorship of Classical Archaeology and Art in the University.

J. G. N. Brown, Commoner of the College 1934-8, has been appointed by the Delegates of the University Press to be their London Publisher and Manager.

S. Gardner, Commoner of the College 1946-9, has been awarded the Emily S. Hamblen memorial award for 1956 by the Poetry Society of America for his recent book *Infinity on the Anvil*, a critical study of the poetry of William Blake. R. P. B. Paine, Commoner of the College 1947-50, has been elected to an Alan Coltart Scholarship in Anthropology at Exeter College.

Wing-Commander M. Constable-Maxwell, D.S.O., D.F.C., Commoner of the College 1936-9, has been appointed Officer Commanding the University Air Squadron.

The College Summer Ball will take place on Friday, 15 June (Double Ticket Three Guineas).

## UNIVERSITY AND COLLEGE NEWS

### SCHOOLS RESULTS, 1955-6

*Lit. Hum.* Class III: J. E. C. Palmer. Class IV: E. L. Pomeroy.

*Theology.* Class II: H. F. Buckingham, R. M. Chantry, G. Harper.

*Jurisprudence.* Class II: G. A. W. Bracher, B. J. Bowen, J. T. Finney, P. J. Hobson, J. R. James, R. E. Newbold, A. J. Richards, J. T. Salusbury, T. E. J. Savery. Class III: P. F. McCarthy, T. J. Strevens. Class IV: J. R. C. Stevenson.

*Mathematics.* Class I: R. M. Cox-Johnson. Class II: F. A. Scott.

*Modern History.* Class II: L. O. J. Boynton, P. J. Coulson, R. J. R. Hartley, C. D. Lee, T. J. MacDonald, N. H. Mackereth, D. S. J. Price, P. H. Ramsay, M. R. Smith, D. T. Tudge. Class III: J. G. George, H. J. Hayes, W. A. Scott.

*English Literature.* Class III: F. D. A. Burns, M. P. Kelly.

*Modern Languages.* Class II: F. C. Ashbee, P. A. G. Jeffers, J. S. Whitehead.

*P.P.E.* Class III: B. J. M. Lloyd.

*Physics.* Class II: B. A. A. Matthews, D. S. C. Samuel. Class IV: R. G. W. Bantock.

*Chemistry.* Class II: J. R. Harrold.

*Engineering.* Class IV: J. A. B. Denton.

*Geography.* Class II: F. B. Hampson. Class III: D. S. Henderson.

*Physiology.* Class II: W. G. Everett.

*Mathematical Moderations.* Class II: I. D. Lawrie, L. A. Taylor.

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*Classical Moderations.* Class III: P. J. Ingrams, M. C. D. Kirby, D. R. McLeod.

## DEGREES 1955-6

*D.Phil.*—C. S. Exley, B. P. Wolfe.

*B.M.*—M. Ashley Miller, B. E. Sayers, T. C. Wood.

*B.C.L.*—A. W. Mewett.

*M.A.*—A. J. Burger, T. F. Barclay, J. F. Bowman, A. C. Burns, R. G. Carpenter, E. A. Hardy, W. G. Jenkins, R. A. C. Lowndes, M. J. A. Lambert, M. W. Morris, M. Namasivayam, R. P. B. Paine, A. H. Penrose, D. L. Popplewell, P. E. Raes, D. A. Reynolds, P. C. Sanderson, J. D. Smithard, J. B. Slayton, A. G. H. Warden, M. C. Windsor, P. F. Widdows.

*B.A.*—R. G. W. Bantock, R. W. Burgess, G. A. W. Bracher, B. J. Bowen, F. D. A. Burns, L. O. J. Boynton, A. M. Bowman, J. C. Campbell, T. A. Cowlett, R. M. Chantry, P. J. Coulson, J. A. B. Denton, W. G. Everett, J. G. George, F. B. Hampson, G. Harper, P. J. Hobson, R. W. B. Judson, J. R. James, P. A. Jeffers, S. H. Kirby, C. D. Lee, M. P. Lippner, J. W. Mallinson, N. H. Mackereth, B. A. A. Matthews, P. F. McCarthy, R. E. Newbold, D. S. J. Price, A. J. Richards, P. B. Rowley, D. J. C. Samuel, F. A. Scott, T. E. J. Savery, J. T. Salusbury, T. J. Strevens, D. Wintle, J. S. Whitehead.

## MATRICULATIONS 1955-6

### MICHAELMAS TERM 1955

*Scholars.* A. D. Macintyre, J. C. P. Riddy, D. S. Cutler, J. B. W. Robins, A. H. Warburton, J. G. Wilkinson, J. Harding.

*Exhibitioners.* D. G. Blomfield, G. Matthews, S. R. Dauncey, J. N. Sorton, D. G. Evans.

*Rhodes Scholar.* W. W. Eyer.

*Commoners.* J. E. Langley, J. P. Wroughton, C. Aldred, L. F. J. D'Alessandro, R. W. Trimby, D. T. R. Pearce, D. F. Boakes, P. Dennis, R. B. Lewis, R. J. Sherwell, G. B. Dyer, P. M. W. Kelham, P. Moss, C. R. Bantock, J. P. Loebel, C. J. F. Rowbotham, J. P. Icke, B. W. Martin, M. N. G. Stewart, M. J. Kinder, J. A. R. M. Harris, K. S. Ranyard, M. R. Anderson, J. Bowles, A. G. Barker, R. Derbyshire, F. J. Heyworth, R. A. Jeffries, J. S. Jackson, D. O. Moseley, I. R. Watson, C. J. Wilkinson, D. C. Woolf, R. W. Cotton, W. Spettigue, A. J. Williams, B. T. Stokes, N. S. Gordon, G. H. Glanville, D. V. Cook, D. R. Whitehead.

### HILARY TERM 1956

*Commoner.* R. O. Campbell.

## CLASSICAL, HISTORY, MATHEMATICAL AND ORGAN SCHOLARSHIPS AND EXHIBITIONS, DECEMBER 1955

### IN CLASSICS

*To an open Lucy Scholarship of £100 per annum.*—J. Percival, Colchester Royal Grammar School.

*To an open Baring Scholarship of £100 per annum.*—D. Cressey, Grimsby Wintringham Grammar School.

*To a College Exhibition of £50 per annum.*—J. S. Conway, Emanuel School, Wandsworth.

*To a College Exhibition of £50 per annum.*—M. S. J. Montgomery, Harrow.

#### IN HISTORY

*To an open Baring Scholarship of £100 per annum.*—D. N. Dilks, Royal Grammar School, Worcester.

*To an open Baring Scholarship of £100 per annum.*—R. K. Hill Brown, Sherborne School.

*To an open Baring Scholarship of £100 per annum.*—B. K. Hunter, Buckhurst Hill School.

*To a Baring Essex Scholarship of £100 per annum.*—A. G. Bacon, Highgate School.

*To a Meeke Scholarship of £40 per annum.*—M. H. Rawlings, King's School, Worcester.

*To a College Exhibition of £50 per annum.*—M. E. W. Gorman, Rugby School.

#### IN MATHEMATICS

*To an open Baring Scholarship of £100 per annum.*—C. M. Payne, Sherborne School.

*To a College Exhibition of £50 per annum.*—E. E. Wood, King William's College, I.O.M.

#### ORGAN SCHOLARSHIP

*To an Organ Scholarship of £100 per annum.*—D. E. Olleson, Oundle.

ABBOTT'S SCHOLARSHIP (HISTORY).—J. C. P. Cole, Christ's Hospital.

## COLLEGE CLUBS AND SOCIETIES

### J. C. R. DINING CLUB

*President:* J. S. MUIR; *Secretary:* K. JACKSON

THREE dinners have been held in the course of the year. In Trinity Term nineteen members and their guests dined under the presidency of Mr. J. A. B. Denton. Sir John Rothenstein was the guest of the Club and the S.C.R. was represented by The Principal and Dr. Vaughan Williams. In Michaelmas Term under the presidency of Mr. J. D. H. Watt eighteen members and their guests dined, with Mr. C. R. Ross as representative of the S.C.R. The Hilary Term dinner was attended by sixteen members and their guests, with Dr. W. L. Ferrar representing the S.C.R.

### THE TYNDALE SOCIETY

*President:* Q. I. L. KNIGHT

*Secretary:* M. E. KNIGHT; *Treasurer:* M. J. WILLIAMS

DURING the past year the Society has had the privilege of hearing the following:

Sir Charles Woolley, G.B.E., K.C.M.G., M.C., on 'Enosis', Mr. Basil Blackwell on 'Publishing Today', Prof. H. H. Price on 'Apparitions', Mr. J. N. L. Myres on 'The Development of Oxford Libraries in the 17th and 18th Centuries', and a selection of gramophone records presented by Mr. Markham.

The Annual Dinner was held on 29 November 1955 with Mr. Nevill Coghill as guest of honour.

Officers of the Society for Trinity and Michaelmas Terms 1955 were: *President*: A. J. Richards and C. R. I. Matheson; *Secretary*: K. Jackson and Q. I. L. Knight; and *Treasurer*: C. R. I. Matheson and M. J. Williams.

### THE FOX SOCIETY

ALTHOUGH the Fox only functioned on four occasions in the Michaelmas and Hilary Terms of 1955 and 1956 it still perpetuated fully the immortal memory of Charles James. The atmosphere peculiar to a Fox debate, which must be unique among the meetings of college societies, was adequately maintained, exuding its own rare quality. The general bonhomie of the Society is reflected in the fact that all the motions debated were carried. In the Michaelmas Term the house regretted the attitude of the working man and thought that to be pure was to be obscure: whilst in the Hilary Term a purge was urged of the popular press with the beast of the river being preferred to the fowl of the field.

The officers for the two terms upheld the tradition of their predecessors. Mr. K. Jackson and Mr. D. Loewe kept firm order from the Presidential chair, assisted by Mr. C. R. I. Matheson and Mr. R. J. Wells, who eloquently moved Mr. Shaw's motion, falsely described as the *raison d'être* of the Society, in their capacities as Vice-Presidents; whilst Mr. R. J. Dougherty and Mr. J. C. McLaughlin as Secretary, continued to record faithfully the oratorical displays of members.

### THE CLARENDON CLUB

NAMED after one of the College's more illustrious graduates, the College Wine-tasting Society was founded in December 1954, by sixteen enthusiasts, under the benevolent eye of Mr. Markham. N. H. Mackereth presided for the first two terms, assisted by M. J. Talbot as Secretary.

After an inaugural meeting, Hilary 1955 was graced by the visit of Mr. Harry Waugh of Harvey's, who progressed briskly round the wine map of Europe before regaling the Club with some first-class Clarets. A mixture, in its more ambiguous sense, of a number of Messrs. Jones's products was laid before the members at a third meeting.

In Trinity the Club was privileged to entertain Lord Grenfell of David Sandeman & Son, who expounded the virtues of a selection of 1953 Burgundies, with a few older and wiser vintages as contrasts. In June Mr. E. L. Simon of Sichel's introduced us to a most delectable array of Hocks, Moselles, and Alsatian wines. The Club held its first annual and vinous Dinner at Tudor Cottage, Iffley, which fourteen members attended with very considerable satisfaction; and, blossoming forth, filled in a Sunday morning with a wine-party attended by over thirty members and guests, the Club temporarily foregoing its celibacy to air its increasing fund of wine-ploys to the fair sex.

M. J. Talbot succeeded to the chair in Michaelmas, M. P. Lippner was appointed Treasurer, and A. W. D. Sankey Secretary. The Club opened its second year, having increased its membership to twenty-one, by reading selections from a paper by Señor P. Utrera on Spanish wines, with a wide range of illustrations. Mr. Markham organized a blind tasting, effectively chastening a number of pseudo-connoisseurs, J. D. H. Watt carrying off the evening's bottle; and Mr. P. H. Guimaraens gave the Club a most enjoyable talk on Port, illustrated with a short film and some very distinguished vintage Ports.

A Sherry-and-business meeting opened 1956, after which Mr. Ferrari of F. S. Matta provided a thoroughly successful Italian evening. Mr. Plattnauer of B.N.C. read us a paper on more general topics, after which some highly varied illustrations were uncorked by the Club's officers. The term closed with the second Annual Dinner at Tudor Cottage, attended this year by seventeen members, two of whom had gone down in June. We feel this an appropriate note to end on, a certain tradition already beginning to surround the Club's activities.

## THE DRAMATIC SOCIETY

*President:* M. E. KNIGHT

*Treasurer:* C. R. I. MATHESON; *Secretary:* R. J. WELLS

DURING the past year the Society has enjoyed several play readings produced by members, and a visit to the backstage of the New Theatre, where the Manager showed us some of the machinery used in a large and complicated production, and explained the difficulties and hazards of mounting an ice-show. While he told us anecdotes and interesting snippets of stage-history, we roamed over the entire theatre, examining everything, from the projector that throws advertisements onto the safety curtain, to the machinery operating the revolving stage.

The Society's most ambitious venture was the public performance of *This Way to the Tomb* by Ronald Duncan in the sixth week of Michaelmas Term. The generous backing of the J.C.R. enabled us to put on a production that was enjoyed by those who saw it. The producer, Rev. J. R. Porter, Chaplain of Oriel, worked wonders with a cast of very limited experience; he transformed a rather difficult play into an interesting visual spectacle, containing stylistic and naturalistic movements, and exploiting the comic possibilities of the second half of the play. The technical staff was drawn mainly from College, the set being designed by Michael Crowder and executed by him and Peter Icke; the Stage Manager was John Middleton, whose temperament is ideally suited to calm anxious or nervous actors. Perhaps the acting laurels should go to Norman Hunt, who contrived to act the part of a very old man without ever dropping the mask and revealing his own youthfulness. We are especially grateful to the Misses Nadine Brummer, Patricia Fullwell, and Wies van Wijk who took part in the play and gave excellent performances.

A successful party was held on Monday, 2 December, for members of the cast and all concerned with the production.

The Society is at present in a rather unfortunate position: while the number of third- and fourth-year members remains pleasingly high, there are few second-year members, and no regular first-year members. If more support from the Freshmen is not forthcoming, the Society may soon cease to exist.

### MUSICAL SOCIETY

*President:* M. C. D. KIRBY; *Secretary:* J. E. INGLETON

*Musical Director:* I. T. SHIELD

THE Musical Society has this year concentrated upon madrigal singing. This was planned as a contrast to last year's venture in performing *The Messiah*, and has been equally successful, so that we have built up a fairly wide repertoire of fifteenth- and sixteenth-century madrigals. Ian Shield has been our most able musical director, so that we have not noticed the College's lack of a member of the music faculty. We would like to thank Michael Knight for straining his vocal chords so frequently in coming to the rescue of the depleted tenor ranks.

In Michaelmas Term several members of the Society recorded some plainsong for use in the Dramatic Society's performance of *This Way to the Tomb*.

We have enjoyed two gramophone evenings during the year, for one of which we were very pleased to be the guests of Mr. Markham.

### CRICKET CLUB

*Captain:* J. J. McINERNY; *Secretary:* M. J. TALBOT

ALTHOUGH the weather did its customary best to make three or four sweaters not a luxury, but a necessity, and although the number of Freshmen cricketers was disappointingly small, the College enjoyed a successful season. The statistician can see little of this in a record of 5 matches won, 4 lost, and 6 drawn, for it is in the manner in which these results are achieved that the cricketer finds his pleasure. There was a fine start to the term, with an honourable draw against B.N.C., and while the games against Cowley St. John, North Oxford, and St. Peter's Hall are unhappy reminders of failure, long may the memory last of a triumph against Lancing. The side also beat, in convincing fashion, Balliol, St. John's and Worcester, while many of the drawn games might have ended in this way, and none more so than that against Lincoln.

The side was greatly strengthened whenever J. J. McInerny and A. H. P. Beater evaded their obligations to the Authentics or higher cricketing circles, for they, together with M. J. Talbot and A. E. Murton, were the only members of the team to show any consistent success with the bat. Likewise, the brunt of the bowling was borne by four players, with K. Jackson taking most wickets, closely followed at pace, literally, by A. F. Barker, D. M. Loewe, and M. J. Talbot.

Congratulations to K. Jackson and A. F. Barker on being awarded their College colours.

The team was picked from: J. J. McInerny, M. J. Talbot, A. F. Barker, A. H. P. Beater, B. J. Coles, T. T. Crowhurst, A. Fraser, P. S. Ingrams, K. Jackson, D. M. Loewe, K. G. Lane, A. E. Murton, A. C. N. Neale.

The season ended in a happy climax, with a tour of Sussex, which fortunately coincided with the appearance of the sun. In such a lovely part of England and with a week of excellent cricket, not even a hardened batsman could have failed to enjoy himself. Never has the reason for the eternal appeal of cricket been more appreciated.

## BOAT CLUB

DURING the last year the Club has almost consistently met with success. Both the Summer VIII's and both the Torpids crews went up to a greater or lesser extent, and there has also been some good racing in other events.

The First VIII started training ten days before the Trinity Term on the Tideway, thanks to the kindness of Quintin B.C. whose boathouse and equipment were used. This laid a good foundation for the subsequent training on the Isis and at Godstow, which also proved very valuable. On the first night our crew was overlapped by St. John's, but rowed away through the Gut. On the next night Corpus, full of confidence after bumping St. John's, overlapped us across the bay, but were left far behind up the Green Bank. On the third night Corpus were caught by Exeter whilst Hertford, moving with some speed, proceeded to chase Magdalen II, bumping them near the finishing line. All seemed set for a bump on Pembroke on the last night, but a series of incidents deprived the crew of a preliminary outing, and perhaps unsettled by an unaccustomed haste to get to their station in time, they had a hard but most exciting race to hold their place, Magdalen II overlapping them in the Gut, and keeping to within a few feet of them all the way to the top.

The second VIII rowed over on the first night, bumped Magdalen III soon after the concrete bridge on the second, bumped Keble II coming out of the Gut on the third, and rowed over, a bump having been made by St. John's II in front, on the last night. This was a very creditable effort due very largely to the high spirits in the boat.

The crews were:

	FIRST VIII	SECOND VIII
Bow	M. B. Dyson	J. D. Scott
2	C. R. H. Warren	M. E. Knight
3	J. M. Fussell	A. J. Broome
4	L. O. J. Boynton	L. W. Jarrett
5	J. L. Firth	P. G. Brushwood
6	T. J. Strevens	T. Charlesworth
7	M. F. Harris	J. R. Welch
Str.	D. T. Tudge	T. D. W. Molander
Cox	P. W. H. Dommett	R. J. Tacagni



For his valuable services to the Club, the Desborough Medal was awarded to the President, G. A. W. Bracher, who had been Captain during the previous year, and who had also done much for the Club during his Presidential year.

After Eights week a coxed IV was entered for the Maiden IVs at Wallingford Regatta. The crew (consisting of J. R. Welch, T. Charlesworth, J. L. Firth, T. D. W. Molander, and P. W. H. Dommett) won the final with little difficulty, thus gaining the Coronation Challenge Cup for the year.

The Christ Church Dashes were deservedly won by J. L. Firth, who also won the College Sculling Race, after a fierce struggle due to the severe handicapping.

At the end of the Trinity Term, D. T. Tudge handed over to the Captain Elect J. L. Firth, and M. L. Holland handed over to the Secretary Elect J. R. Welch.

A coxless IV (comprising M. F. Harris, T. Charlesworth, J. L. Firth, and D. T. Tudge) was entered for the Town Cup at Marlow Regatta, but owing to the negligence of another boat, the race was stopped and restarted in the middle of the course. This was detrimental to our crew who were defeated by Vesta B.C. who later reached the semi-finals.

In the Michaelmas Term a coxless IV was entered for the Second Division of the races. It had been forecasted to win the division, but probably due to the effects of influenza, the crew was defeated in the first round by Queen's II. The crew was J. R. Welch, T. Charlesworth, J. L. Firth, and M. F. Harris.

The response from the Freshmen was quite good, and although there was no great success in the Novice IV races, only one crew winning one round, it was decided to enter for the Novice Division of the Balliol Long Distance Race. The crew did not however develop into a racing eight in time, and consequently met with little success. Our crew in the Long Distance Race at Radley, however, did extremely well, for, starting twenty-first, they ended ninth.

Four members of the Club entered for Trials this year, J. L. Firth, who survived the longest, reaching the last two boats until the old blues came in. It is hoped that in future more college oarsmen will persevere in this direction.

Torpids were perhaps the most encouraging event of the year. Training started ten days before the beginning of the Hilary Term, and it was over a week before the two prospective Torpid crews were segregated. The First Torpid then spent over two weeks at Henley where they were coached by Major A. T. M. Durand, Secretary of the Leander Club. After a short spell at Wallingford, the last ten days were spent on the Isis, once again under the attention of Major Durand. On the first night the crew was forced to row over, as Wadham, who were in front, caught Lincoln before the Gut. On each remaining

night a bump was obtained; firstly against Lincoln between the concrete bridge and the Gut, then against University soon after the concrete bridge, and lastly against B.N.C. who had already been overlapping Trinity before they were themselves bumped coming out of the Gut. The failure on the first night either to bump Wadham or to overbump University, who were only two lengths ahead at the finish, prevented us from getting a bump supper. However, the College was given a 'Celebration Dinner' because, not only did the First Torpid go up three places, but the Second Torpid went up five. They overbumped Jesus II by the Pink Post on the first night, and went on to bump Wadham II just before the Concrete Bridge on the second. On the third they rowed over, and on the last night they bumped Keble II just after the concrete bridge, thus going up a total of five places and gaining their oars. This was a magnificent effort for a crew none of whose members had rowed before the Michaelmas Term.

The crews were:

	FIRST TORPID	SECOND TORPID
Bow	P. G. Brushwood	J. N. Sorton
2	T. D. W. Molander	R. Derbyshire
3	C. J. F. Rowbotham	J. E. Langley
4	T. Charlesworth	P. Dennis
5	J. L. Firth	D. O. Moseley
6	J. P. Loebel	D. M. Loewe
7	J. R. Welch	K. S. Ranyard
Str.	C. R. H. Warren	I. R. Watson
Cox	P. W. H. Dommett	A. H. Warburton

Quinton B.C. again visited the College, and this time they rowed against both Torpid crews. They were unable to bring their Second VIII, but they brought a 'Veteran's crew' instead. The race was from Timms to the top, and the First Torpid won by two lengths from the Second Torpid, who were two lengths ahead of Quintin. In the evening all three crews had a specially prepared dinner in Hall, and further entertainment ensued.

After Torpids, prospects for VIIIs are good, but we must not become over-confident for we will have stronger opposition, and there will probably be no old First VIII colours to come to our aid. There seems every reason to suppose, however, that Torpids next year should be as successful, if not more so, than this year.

## RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB

*Captain:* A. E. MURTON; *Secretary:* N. COOPER

WE were fortunate this year in retaining such stalwarts as A. E. Murton, J. S. Muir, and H. R. H. Salmon. The latter in particular was invaluable. His punting, drop-kicking, and penalty kicking saved the side throughout the season. A. E. Murton was, when roused, an unusually good scrum-leader, and, as will be explained, it was substantially due to his fine fury that the College remains in the First Division in the League.

Of the Freshmen, G. H. Glanville and the back row trio were the best. Glanville was one of the best of five good tight forwards; his loose scrummaging and line-out work will provide a solid basis for next year's pack. Unfortunately N. Gordon is only with us for a year, and never reached his best, though he was showing signs of his true form by the end of the season. B. Stokes quietly but firmly blotted out the blind side in defence; F. Heyworth is possessed of a rousing crash tackle, and runs and handles well in attack. J. G. Wilkinson is potentially a good player, at present somewhat spoiled by a tendency to tackle high.

As a whole, the side did reasonably well, without normally rousing wild enthusiasm. The one outstanding exception to this rule was the last League match, against University. The College needed a win to be tolerably certain of staying in the First Division. The day was wet; the opposition were known to be weak forward and relatively strong in the backs; so it was decided to keep the game close. The result was one of the most exciting matches one has seen. The forwards, urged on by Murton at his excellent best, dominated the game from start to finish, and the side deserved full credit for an excellent win. Had such spirit been shown in earlier League matches, one hesitates to guess at where the College would have ended in the League.

The second team performed infrequently and unsuccessfully. This is the more strange, as several of its members played regularly with credit for the first team.

The Hilary Term's fixture list was considerably shortened by the weather. In Cuppers Jesus were beaten at the second attempt, and then Worcester beat us by an astronomical score. We were consoling ourselves that Worcester would win Cuppers comfortably, when Worcester showed extremely bad taste in losing to St. Edmund Hall by 17-0 in the next round.

Colours this season were awarded to J. M. Donovan, B. Stokes, G. H. Glanville, F. J. Heyworth, N. Gordon, J. G. Wilkinson, R. Cotton. N. Cooper was awarded honorary colours.

The normal side was: L. Jarrett; L. Taylor, J. M. Donovan, R. Cotton, A. Sankey; H. R. H. Salmon, J. A. M. Sutherland; N. Gordon, R. Green, G. H. Glanville, A. E. Murton, J. S. Muir, B. Stokes, F. J. Heyworth and J. C. Wilkinson. Capable reserves were forthcoming in J. Wroughton, S. Jackson and D. Evans.

In conclusion we should like to thank Dan Gardiner for his help and advice at the ground, and to wish him a speedy return to health. Our thanks, too, to Bill Young for so ably deputising in Dan's absence.

At the Annual General Meeting, L. W. Jarrett was elected Captain for the season 1956-7, and F. J. Heyworth was elected Hon. Secretary. Record for 1955-6: played 21, won 9, lost 11, drawn 1.

## ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL CLUB

*Captain:* J. J. CROWHURST; *Hon. Secretary:* A. C. N. NEALE

THIS season the Club was fortunately able to drown previous sorrows in this year's success. Perhaps improvement is a more accurate word, for the record, in terms of victory and defeat, was not outstanding, though by no means disappointing. This soccer 'renaissance' in the College was due in no small way to the many talented and keen players among the Freshmen, which made the Club stronger in numbers and interest than it has been for the past few years. Thus, not one game was cancelled owing to lack of support—surely the hallmark of a flourishing club, in a small college.

Under this healthy stimulus, every effort was made to return immediately to the First Division, and this might have been achieved in the Michaelmas Term, had last year's bad luck vanished. As it was, five of the seven League matches were won convincingly, of which the most memorable was a battle against Keble, the eventual leaders of Division Two. In this game, the Club was leading by 2 goals to 1 until the fading moments, having lost the captain, with a fractured collarbone, immediately after the start—an injury which was to limit his invaluable support to the touch-line for the remainder of the term. In fact, with one more point, the College might have gained promotion.

The Hilary term was outstanding not only for its arctic weather, but also for an exhilarating, if short, venture in Cuppers. In the first round, Wadham—no mean side—were beaten by 3 goals to 1, in a match in which the College displayed similar football quality to that which gained for Hertford soccer supremacy some three years ago. The consequence of this, however, was a second round tie with St. Edmund Hall, by far the strongest College side in the University. Inevitably defeat followed, but after a hard and exciting game; 4 goals to 1 was hardly fair to a side which made the victors fight for all they got.

We warmly congratulate R. W. Trimby on being awarded his Blue, being elected Hon. Secretary, O.U.A.F.C. for the coming season, and playing for Pegasus in the Amateur Cup; also T. Harding on being elected to the Centaurs, and on playing for them in the Argonaut Cup.

College Colours were awarded, in the Michaelmas Term, to A. C. N. Neale, A. Fraser, D. M. Servant, T. Harding, A. G. Barker, and D. R. Whitehead; and in the Hilary Term, to R. W. Trimby and G. B. Dyer.

It is invidious to single out individuals in a side notable for its happy team spirit, and the First XI was usually selected from the following players:

J. J. Crowhurst, A. C. N. Neale, R. E. Newbold, D. P. Norwood, P. T. Barnard, A. Ray, K. G. Lane, A. Fraser, D. M. Servent, R. W. Trimby, T. Harding, A. G. Barker, D. R. Whitehead, G. B. Dyer, C. Aldred, M. J. Kinder, M. W. Kelham, S. C. Woolf, C. J. Wilkinson.

## HOCKEY CLUB

*Captain:* M. J. TALBOT; *Secretary:* A. FRASER

WITH most of a successful team having gone down in June, the Hockey Club was left with only four of last year's Cuppers side, and only six regular players. Just enough Freshmen enabled us to form a side, and we were fortunate to have D. P. Norwood back again after two years in the Navy.

It took us a long time to find the right combination, but by the end of the Michaelmas Term we had done so. Unfortunately, at the start of the Hilary Term everything went wrong and in the week before Cuppers we twice lost very heavily.

The defence caused little trouble. In the Michaelmas Term we only twice lost by more than 2 goals, and these were to the two best college sides in the University. In the term we only scored 4 goals less than our opponents. The fact remains that our forwards, though hard-working, failed to take scoring chances, and in most of the games we lost, we could have won if we had taken the chances that were presented to us. For instance, against Downing we were soon 1 goal down and spent the rest of the game in their twenty-five. We failed to score.

We were very unlucky to lose A. H. P. Beater, last season's captain, who broke a leg while playing for the Occasionals. This created a gap that could never be filled, and we were further handicapped by D. P. Norwood's absence on teaching practice. Our defence was not as sound as it had been, and we went into the first round of Cuppers completely out of form. Yet Balliol, a side containing three Blues, only managed to score 3 goals against us, whereas in the first ten minutes we ourselves could have scored twice.

Colours were awarded during the season to: A. Fraser, D. G. Blomfield, D. S. Cutler, B. W. Martin, and J. A. M. Sutherland.

Team: M. N. G. Stewart; A. Fraser, M. J. Talbot; I. T. F. Cochrane, A. H. P. Beater, D. G. Blomfield, D. P. Norwood, D. T. R. Pearce; P. J. Ingrams, D. S. Cutler, J. A. M. Sutherland, B. W. Martin, A. W. D. Sankey, C. J. Wilkinson.

## LAWN TENNIS CLUB

*Captain:* H. R. H. SALMON; *Hon. Secretary:* P. J. GUNA-KASEM

WITH five players who had played regularly for the First VI still up, we had entertained the hope of a successful season. And it turned out to be the best season we have had since the war. The weather was kinder than usual, and we had many enjoyable matches, played in almost perfect conditions.

After several trial games, the First VI drew or lost their early matches, but then settled down to win eleven matches in succession. Besides the fact that we had many good players left from last year, the team's success was due to the fact that we were able to settle the pairs early and to keep them throughout the season. The other contributing

factor was that all members of the First VI were able to play regularly for the College. Consequently we nearly always turned up full strength in matches.

In Cuppers we were drawn against St. Peter's Hall in the first round and won 5-1. In the second round we had another easy victory over Keble 5-1. We went down to a fairly strong all-round side of Trinity in the third round 1-5. To reach the third round of Cuppers was a rare achievement in the history of the Club.

In the League we also did extremely well, beating Keble, Lincoln, Trinity, Corpus Christi, Worcester, and Balliol. We lost the first League match to Merton but we did not have our full team playing against them. The result might have been different if we had. Nevertheless, at the end of the season we were promoted to Division 2.

One of the best and most enjoyable matches was that against Downing College, Cambridge, which we won 5-4. We also had a fixture against Cheltenham College which we also won 5-4.

There was little to choose between any of the pairs, though the First pair was perhaps slightly better than the other two. D. R. McLeod was also invited to play in several 'Penguin' matches.

The Second VI also had a very successful season: 4 matches won, 1 drawn, and none lost. Unfortunately several of their fixtures had to be cancelled owing to bad weather.

For 1956, P. J. Guna-Kasem was elected Captain and D. R. McLeod Hon. Secretary.

The following played for the First VI: H. R. H. Salmon (Captain), P. J. Guna-Kasem, D. R. Ransome, B. J. Bowen, W. P. M. Warne, and D. R. McLeod.

The following played for the Second VI: D. M. Sharp, M. A. Short, M. J. Essex, I. T. F. Cochrane, D. Roebuck, A. H. Long, W. G. Everett, R. Coupe and J. G. Hayman.

*First VI Results.* St. John's, Drawn 4-4; Oriel, Lost 2½-6½; Merton (League), Lost 3-6; St. Peter's Hall (Cuppers), Won 5-1; Keble (League), Won 9-0; Lincoln (League), Won 5½-3½; Cheltenham College, Won 5-4; Keble (Second Round Cuppers), Won 5-1; Trinity (Third Round Cuppers), Lost 1-5; Trinity (League), Won 5-4, Corpus Christi (League), Won 5-4, Downing College, Cambridge, Won 5-4; Worcester (League), Won 6-3; St. Catherine's, Won 7-2; and Balliol (League), Won by default.

## SQUASH RACKETS CLUB

*Captain:* C. G. SAYER; *Hon. Secretary:* D. G. BLOMFIELD

THE end of this season saw Hertford in the same position as that in which it had begun, malingering in the Fourth Division. It was undoubtedly a case of 'malingering with intent', as the team showed by their performances in the Lent Term, when we defeated The Queen's College by the same conclusive margin in Cuppers as they had defeated us on their way to promotion in the preceding term. We were duly

defeated by a very strong New College team in the next round, but we won several other matches, even though J. J. McInerry and W. P. M. Warne were very seldom able to play, due chiefly to the consistent play of the lower strings. Our reserve strength was particularly notable, and consequently our second team was only beaten three times during the season.

The following played regularly for the First V: D. G. Blomfield, C. G. Sayer, A. Fraser, R. Jeffries, P. Guna-Kasem.

The following played for the Second V: D. Wickham, T. A. Lane, B. T. Stokes, R. Lucas, C. Aldred, J. Riddy, G. Dyer, M. J. Talbot.

### ATHLETIC CLUB

ONCE again we have had great difficulty in raising Athletic or Cross-Country teams. There is a certain amount of talent in the College, but we lack the tradition of competing annually in the relays, Athletic and Cross-Country Cuppers. E. Doorbar was last year's Captain of the University Cross-Country Team, and since this took up a great deal of his time, there was no one of experience available round whom a team of any sort could be built.

We look forward to next year with the hope that we may have a Freshman with the athletic ability to encourage the College to appear as a force in University athletics.

### CHESS CLUB 1955-6

*Captain:* A. F. BARKER; *Secretary:* C. R. H. WARREN

THE improvement which might have been expected after only a fair season last year has not materialized. Perhaps the most noticeable cause has been the change in the system for Cuppers matches, each team now consisting of four compared with last season's three players. This increase has made all the difference to the raising of a second team, and after three rounds of Cuppers, of which one was won and two were drawn, pressure of examinations among the Freshmen necessitated its withdrawal.

Another change in the Cuppers system has greatly affected the first team results. All College first teams now compete in the same division. This meant that, particularly in the first two rounds, we met Colleges which boasted two or more players of University standard, with disastrous results. More even matches were had with Trinity and Merton, and in the last round Magdalen were unable to raise a team against us. Whereas our record of two wins and four defeats does not compare favourably with last year, we have had much stiffer opposition as the result of the new system; it is to be hoped that this will be followed by a higher standard from our own teams next year.

Once more we have suffered, as do most Colleges, by not being able to field our strongest teams for every match. D. J. Watt and A. F. Barker have only been able to play on one occasion each. The response from the Freshmen has not been all that could have been desired, but

those who have played have all shown a keenness which promises well for next season. Of the Freshmen J. G. Wilkinson and P. M. W. Kelham have shown themselves the most reliable. The officers for 1956-7 are as follows: Captain: C. R. H. Warren; Secretary: J. G. Wilkinson.

### CONTRACT BRIDGE CLUB

*Hon. Secretary:* P. J. GUNA-KASEM

THERE are quite a number of Bridge enthusiasts in College this year. Many, especially those living in College, play quite often.

We sent two teams to compete in the Cuppers. The First IV had a bye against New College II, beat Exeter I and then lost to a strong Worcester I side, which included two University players. The Second IV beat Oriel II and then lost to New College I.

The following play for the First IV: P. J. Guna-Kasem and M. J. Talbot; W. P. M. Warne and D. G. Blomfield.

The following play for the Second IV: J. G. Wilkinson and N. Cooper; L. W. Jarrett and A. E. Murton.

### APPOINTMENTS

- P. W. Bagley, Westmorland County Council.
- R. G. W. Bantock, H.M.S. *Conway*.
- P. J. Coulson, Hertfordshire County Council.
- T. H. Doll, Associated Portland Cement Manufacturers, Estates Branch.
- M. W. Ellis-Robinson, St. Benedict's, Ealing.
- G. E. Fieldhouse, British Nylon Spinners.
- J. M. Fussell, Bedford Modern School.
- R. J. Green, English Electric.
- J. R. Harrold, Radley School.
- D. Henderson, Assistant Superintendent, Uganda Police.
- A. F. Kerr, Scottish Country Industries Development Trust.
- Rev. T. M. Lawrence, Area Music Master, Chipping Norton.
- P. J. Livingstone, Kodak.
- B. J. M. Lloyd, Holme Grange School, Wokingham.
- B. A. A. Matthews, National Physical Laboratory.
- J. Mayman, Great Lever Grammar School, Bolton.
- D. P. Norwood, Sedburgh School.
- J. E. C. Palmer, Assistant, National Central Library.
- E. L. Pomeroy, First National City Bank of New York.
- P. H. Ramsay, Erwin, Wasey, and Co.
- G. Richards, High Pavement Grammar School, Nottingham.
- D. J. C. Samuel, Decca Radar Ltd.
- F. A. Scott, Armstrong Siddeley.
- B. F. Simpson, United Kingdom Atomic Energy Authority.
- A. P. Stone, Lecturer, Serampore College, India.
- J. S. Whitehead, Foreign Office.
- M. J. Williams, Mather and Crowther.

### PUBLICATION

*Differential Calculus* by Dr. W. L. Ferrar (O.U.P. 1956).

### BIRTHS

To the wife of the Rev. N. F. D. Coleridge, 29 June 1955, a son, Robert James Nicholas.  
To the wife of A. R. Muir, 21 June 1955, a daughter, Kathleen Fiona.



## MARRIAGES

- JARRETT-NICOLAYSEN. 8 October 1955, Anthony Jarrett to Ruth Nicolaysen of Halden, Norway.  
SCOTT-AUSTIN. 29 October 1955, at Wokingham, Francis Scott to Irene Austin.  
WEBB-LEE. 31 December 1955, at Twickenham, Lyndon Webb to Patricia Lee.

## ENGAGEMENTS

- R. J. BRUCE to JEAN MURIEL CURRY of Pinner.  
J. A. B. DENTON to LINDA MARY TREMLETT.  
R. S. HARDY to DOROTHY PATTERSON of Dunston.  
P. W. HARKNESS to MARGARET ROSEMARY GARDNER of Letchworth.  
H. J. HAYES to HELEN PATRICIA BRUNSTRÖM of Kingston Bagpuize.  
R. W. B. JUDSON to HEATHER AINGE of Great Malvern.  
J. C. G. SELICK to ELEANOR KAREN BLISS of London.  
D. B. SOUTHCOMBE to MARGARET CHRISTIE RILEY.  
D. WINTLE to SYLVIA FISHER of Worcester.

## OBITUARY

- ASHCROFT—On 21 February 1956 at Luston, Herefordshire, Gordon Barlow Ashcroft, Commoner of the College. Aged 70.  
BREWIS—On 10 October 1955 at Oxford, George Robert Brewis, Commoner and Lecturer of the College. Aged 83.

George Robert Brewis died at his home in St. Margaret's Road on Monday, 10 October 1955, within two days of his eighty-fourth birthday. He came of a Northumbrian family, but was born and brought up in Essex. He was at Eton from 1885 to 1891. After two years' interval, during which he tried his hand at business in the City, and then made a trip round the world, he went up to Hertford College in 1893, graduated in 1896, and began his career as a private tutor. He was appointed lecturer at Hertford, then lecturer and tutor at St. Edmund Hall in 1910. He became its Senior Tutor in 1914, and remained so until he retired in 1946. His career was thus linked with the fortunes of the Hall in those years when, under memorable leadership, its period of growth and development began. When it achieved independence in 1937, a statutory age-limit unfortunately barred him from a Fellowship; but a timely constitutional change in 1953 marked him for the honour of being elected first Emeritus Fellow of the Hall.

As a teacher of Latin and logic for Pass Moderations he was immensely successful. He initiated many generations of undergraduates in the mysteries of the Destructive Dilemma and the Undistributed Middle. By a happy knack of making instruction pleasant, he attracted a wide clientele of both sexes. It was a familiar and happy sight through the years, on almost any day in the week, to see a long stream of students pouring out at noon or lunch-time from a dining-hall one would have thought too small to contain them. No relations between teacher and alumni could have been more cordial, more immediately fruitful, more productive of permanent esteem and affection. He was a born teacher, whose urbanity and courtesy proceeded from a deep understanding of his pupils and an unflinching sweetness of disposition.

But, of course, teaching was only a part of his activities. It would be difficult, even for his close friends and colleagues, to decide which of his many responsibilities, so pleasurably shouldered and discharged, he most enjoyed. It would be difficult also to exaggerate the value of the work he did, when St. Edmund Hall was swelling in numbers and widening the scope of its academic and general activities, as the senior member of a happy little company of dons. His duties as Senior Tutor were far from filling his programme. For many years he was Senior Treasurer of the Amalgamated Clubs. Games and sports were a boon to him. He spent his afternoons in the Parks or beside the river, setting a quite inimitable example of devotion to the athletic progress of the Hall. And this without any gladiatorial fanaticism or intolerance. No doubt his first preferences went to cricket—he had captained the Eton first eleven in 1891—and

Rugby football. But the generous encouragement he gave to all prowess or endeavour greatly helped successive generations of Aularians to build up a strong tradition of competence in the playing-field. Nor was he ever a mere touch-line sportsman. When the onset of years withdrew him from the wicket, he continued with his private relaxations, fishing and shooting, with enthusiasm and skill, in term and out of term, but more particularly in recuperative vacations spent along the banks of the Evenlode or, farther afield, along the trout-streams of Devonshire. He had a marvellous capacity for filling his days with hard work and strenuous distractions.

He was a good and gentle man, serene and kind, and happy in being kind. His native benevolence, one feels, cannot have been in eclipse even when he was playing his trout or potting his partridges. There was a blend of boyish participation and spontaneous paternity in his treatment of his younger colleagues. Self-assertiveness, sourness or envy were alien to his temperament. Widely read, alert of mind and ripe in judgement, he had the personal and intellectual humility which goes with real wisdom. Criticism or deprecation, if it came at all, came from him in the form of mild banter. His humour was never hurtful. It was prompted by a perennial youthfulness; and this served him well when, as often, he was called upon to beguile or amuse the undergraduates in after-dinner speeches or on ceremonial occasions. It was the delight of juniors and seniors alike, at such functions, to follow the thread of his discourse as he planned his route and picked his ingenious path until the half-expected, but no less effective, jest burst on his audience and commanded their roars of approbation. Only a mathematician could establish the count of those hundreds or thousands who, from the time when they handed in their freshmen's proses to the years when they brought back greying hair or advancing baldness to jubilant reunions, directed towards him their tribute of gratitude. A notable example of this occurred only a month or two before he died. He was visited by a High Court Judge of Pakistan who had sat at his feet in Oxford, who greeted him with the reverence of a disciple, and aroused in his old master a conflict of emotions—gratification, surprise and a truly English embarrassment—by taking his hands and kissing them.

As teacher, colleague, friend, and as suave and generous host, in harmonious co-operation with the genial and kindly lady who shared his best years, George Brewis was a man in a thousand. Some rare spirits enjoy a special gift of unforced goodness and selflessness—by what inherent grace or by what unwitnessed, unsuspected exercise in self-mastery, it is impossible to say. George Brewis was one of these.

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BYRNE—On 17 August 1955 at Leeds, Louis Allen Raymond Byrne, Scholar of the College. Aged 29.

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