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is year is my seventh year as Principal and so I am already well beyond the halfway mark of my tenure, indeed so much so that my portrait is already being painted at Hertford College. This year we have elected more than 20 new Fellows, half of them women. Our support for postgraduates continues to increase, having been enormously boosted by the new Graduate Centre. It has also allowed us to extend our Visiting Student Programme under the guidance of Dr Fionn Dunne, as well as our programmes for English Language Teaching, which keep the College fully occupied during the vacations. These are managed with great skill by the College Bursar, Mr Peter Baker, and the Conference Manager, Mrs Julie Deavers. We are also continuing our formal backing to enable us to maintain and develop our academic aspirations as part of the collegiate university. There is a continuing pressure from the demands of research, administration and departmental duties on the time our Fellows have available for tutorials, which are so much the distinctive feature of our undergraduate education. This is accompanied by financial pressures on the University that make it increasingly difficult to replace Fellows when they retire or leave, and so putting pressure on the College to find resources for replacements with replacement University support.

We have, however, been fortunate in being able to make a number of new appointments. Dr Claire Valentine has joined us as a replacement for Professor Keith McLauchlan; Dr Stefi Friedrichs joins us as a University Career Development Fellow in Chemistry; Dr Anne Haour has a prestigious British Academy Post-Doctoral Fellowship and joins us as a Junior Research Fellow helping to keep our connection with the College’s academic affairs so effective. In her place we welcome Jane Webber as our new Academic Administrator.

During the last year two of our Honorary Fellows have died. Byron White was one of the most distinguished judges of the Supreme Court in the United States of America and also, remarkably, in his youth a well known football player. Professor Max Cowan was an eminent neurobiologist, Fellow of the Royal Society, Member of the US Academy of Sciences, and for a number of years, Vice President of the influential Howard Hughes Medical Institute.

We have elected five new Honorary Fellows, Neil Tanner, former Tutorial Fellow in Physics, has made an enormous contribution to the academic development of the College. Sir David Goldberg is one of the country’s outstanding psychiatrists. Sherrill Cowper-Coles, the new owner of the National Trust for Israel, has a most challenging position at the present time, which he is carrying out with great distinction. Richard Fisher has had a very distinguished diplomatic and government career in the United States and is also very successful in the financial sector. And we welcome Helen Alexander, the Chief Executive of the Economist Group, who becomes our first Female Honorary Fellow who was also a student of the College. We have had the usual events for members, including a most successful and highly appreciated Gaudy this October for 1959–60 matriculation year graduates. We are very fortunate that Roger Van Noorden, our senior and most experienced Fellow with many years involvement in College and University affairs, has agreed to take on the Senior Tutorship in the years before he retires. After three years at the College and after a very productive year as Senior Tutor, we were sad to say goodbye to Dr Sonia Mann, who decided on a change in career, taking on the challenge of NHS hospital management. We are very fortunate that Roger Van Noorden, our senior and most experienced Fellow with many years involvement in College and University affairs, has agreed to take on the role of Tutor for medical students.

We want to assure you that the College is in good heart despite these challenging times and I always look forward to seeing you here at Hertford.
Members and Development Office News

The year 2002 has been a busy time with a full programme of meetings, reunions and dinners, as well as events held at the University’s North American Reunions in March. All these occasions have provided splendid opportunities for Hertford old Members to meet up again, renew acquaintances and exchange news and updates on their personal and professional development over many years. We wish them all the best in their retirement during which we know they will be continuing a high level of scholarship.

This year we also said goodbye to Barbara Poon who has served the College with enthusiasm and devotion as Secretary to the Development Office Assistant, and also as an ambassador for the College during her many years. We wish all the best in their retirement during which we know they will be continuing a high level of scholarship.

Finally, the Members and Development Office for Hertford’s activities across a wide range of areas, including student scholarships and bursaries, the establishment of Fellowships in crucial academic disciplines, sponsorship of College events, and support towards College publications, such as this newsletter. If old Members would like to help in this way, they are encouraged to contact the Members and Development Office. The College is most appreciative of the support of old Members and Development Office, Hertford College, Oxford OX1 3BW. Membership is payable by a subscription of £10 which covers five annual issues of the newsletter.

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Hertford College Bursary Scheme – Gift from Mike Thorne and Leila Shakkour

The College has recently established a Bursary Scheme for undergraduate students, in parallel with the University’s own scheme, funded by a major benefaction. Undergraduate students who are domiciled in Oxford and whose tuition fees are paid in full by their local authority are eligible to apply for support which is worth at least £2,000 during their university careers, with £1,000 being paid in full by their local authority are eligible to apply for support which is worth at least £2,000 during their university careers, with £1,000 in each of their first two years at Oxford. The scheme is initially being made available to eligible students who began their courses this autumn. The University and the College will continue to contribute £1,000 towards the cost of this scheme in each year of the course. The College is enormously grateful to Mike and Leila for helping to ensure that students from all backgrounds are able to take up their places.

The Bursary Scheme at Hertford has been funded by a most generous donation from Mike Thorne and his wife Leila Shakkour. With their support the College is able to provide assistance to needy students for the next five years. This will enable all students who might otherwise be deterred because of financial constraints to take up their places at Hertford. The College is enormously grateful to Mike and Leila for helping to ensure that students from all backgrounds are able to take up their places.

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College Jubilee Celebrations

The Queen’s Golden Jubilee in June was marked in College by a number of festive events. Bursary staff organised a party at which many of the College office staff were present.

The Quad was suitably decorated with Union Jack bunting, which, together with the sunshine, added to the occasion, with students entering into the spirit of fun, notwithstanding this was the middle of Trinity Term and exams were looming.

DIAMOND WEDDING CELEBRATION

IN COLLEGE CHAPEL

and Mrs Robert Mowat celebrated their Diamond Wedding Anniversary with a service in the College Chapel on Saturday 15 June 2002. The service was attended by 150 guests, and was led by Dr Mowat’s brother, Canon Geoffrey Mowat. Dr Mowat came up to Hertford in 1931 to read History. He met his wife Renee in Egypt while he was a lieutenant in the army and she was working for the British forces.

They married on 14 June 1942 and have five children, thirteen grandchildren, and three great grandchildren.

Dr Mowat’s brother John was also at Hertford in 1933 and read Literae Humaniores.

DEATH OF NIGHT PORTER

Mr Greg Goodlake, who died on 29 July 2002, aged 76. Greg was a Night Porter at Hertford from 1988 to 1996.

CHAPEL ACTIVITIES

For forty years, Hertford College Chapel has been under the guidance and care of Michael Chantry in Michaelmas Term. Currently, myself, the Chapel Warden and Choir began the daunting task of building on Michael’s outstanding and gracious service to the College and its Chapel. We continue to welcome distinguished visiting preachers. The Revd Professor John Polkinghorne, Emeritus Professor of Mathematical Physics at Cambridge and recently winner of the prestigious Templeton Prize, spoke about the relationship between science and religion. Paul Boeting, MP, recently promoted to the Cabinet as Chief Secretary to the Treasury, preached an inspiring sermon concerning politics and social justice.

Dr Ryle Jones, a Consultant Oncologist at Addenbrooke’s Hospital, Cambridge, preached on health and healing.

The lifeblood of the Chapel is the daily round of morning and evening prayer. A number of students also gather by candlelight for Compline, a quiet and contemplative service, late on a Wednesday evening. The Chapel Choir, under the direction of the Organ Scholars, continues to flourish.

The Chapel now has three well-established programmes for visiting students, enabling small numbers of undergraduates from universities overseas to spend one or two terms at Oxford. Places are awarded on the basis of academic merit. The programmes were initiated by the Bursar, Peter Baker, with Princeton University. The College now admits about twelve Princeton students each year for the Princeton Programme, which commences in September, and includes specially developed teaching packages usually in politics or history together with the ‘Task Force’, an extended project usually in politics and international relations, in which all the students work as a team. The Task Force meets throughout September and during Michaelmas term. In addition, during Michaelmas, the students also undertake Oxford tutorials in subjects they have chosen. These range from Ancient History to Psychology, but are predominantly in the arts and humanities subjects, reflecting the interests of the Princeton University Woodrow Wilson School for International Affairs, from which they come. Hertford also runs a visiting student programme with the College of William and Mary in Virginia, and takes a small number of students from the US-based Butler Institute for Study Abroad, which coordinates the placement of students from American universities in the UK.

While Visiting Students do not sit University examinations nor gain a formal University qualification, they are integrated as far as possible with the Hertford undergraduates and share many of the same opportunities in academic, social and sporting activities. They contribute significantly to the diversity of College life and take back with them to the United States many happy memories of Oxford, and Hertford in particular.

Barbara Paxman Retires

Barbara Paxman, the College Secretary, retired this October after 11 years at Hertford. College staff and Fellows were present at a small farewell party to show their appreciation for all the hard work she has done over the years. Barbara plans to enjoy her retirement at her cottage in Donet, with husband Tony.

We welcome the new Academic Administrator, Mrs Jane Webber, who comes to us from the Oriental Institute where she was Faculty Secretary and Undergraduate Studies Assistant.

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Dr Robert Davies

Dr Robert Davies BM DM FRCP was appointed Fellow and Clinical Medicine Coordinator at Hertford College in September 2001. He has been a Consultant in Respiratory Medicine at the Oxford Radcliffe Hospital since 1995 and has also been a Senior Lecturer at Oxford University since 2001. He studied as an undergraduate at the University of Southampton Medical School where he came joint first in his year, winning several prizes. After completing his early postgraduate training and becoming a Member of the Royal College of Physicians, he completed his research doctorate (Doctor of Medicine) in 1993. This work explored the cardiovascular problems that are common in sleep apnoea. He worked in various hospitals in Southampton and Nottingham before joining the Osher Chest Unit at the Oxford Radcliffe Hospital as a Consultant in Respiratory Medicine in 1988. From 1990 to 1992, he was Wellcome Graduate Research Fellow in Respiratory Medicine and was elected Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians in 1999. He is married with two children.

Dr Davies is currently involved in studies on diseases of the pleural cavity – particularly pleural infection and pleural cancer, the genetics of pleural infection, and neurological function in obstructive sleep apnoea. He is a member of the Medical Research Council Clinical Trials Unit, and is involved with clinical trials in pleural disease and respiratory sleep disorders.

Dr Gonzalo Rodriguez-Pereyra

Hertford College welcomes Dr Rodriguez-Pereyra as Liberal Ryle Fellow and Tutor in Philosophy. Originally from Argentina, Dr Rodriguez-Pereyra came to the UK in 1994 to study for an MPhil in Philosophy at Cambridge University where he went on to do a PhD. While at Cambridge, he was awarded the Matthew Buncombe Prize for the best overall performance in the MPhil. After successfully completing his doctorate, he became a Junior Research Fellow at Churchill College, Cambridge. He then went on to lecture at Edinburgh University for a year before coming to Oxford as CUF lecturer. In 2001 he received the Continued on page 6
HELEN ALEXANDER (1975)
Helen Alexander has been Chief Executive of The Economist Group since January 1997, overseeing more than 30 businesses and newspapers across the world and several profitable investments and acquisitions.

Helen was educated at St Paul's Girls' School, where she was Head Girl, and came to Hertford in 1975, which was the second year the College admitted women. She played tennis for the College, participated in athletics and was chosen to be part of the first women's tennis team in the UK to compete in Europe. She then went on to study for an MBA at INSEAD, and joined The Economist Group in 1984 as a Marketing Manager.

PROFESSOR NEIL TANNER
Eminent Fellow and former Tutor in Physics at Hertford College, Neil Tanner is Australian by birth. He studied Physics at the University of Queensland, Australia, and then worked at the Australian National University before coming to Hertford in 1981, where he continued his research into the properties of materials. He became a Fellow in 1984 and was appointed Professor of Physics in 1993. He is a keen researcher and has made significant contributions to the field of condensed matter physics.

PROFESSOR SIR DAVID GOLDBERG KCB (1951)
Sir David Goldberg recently retired both as Director of Research and Development at the Bethlem and Maudsley NHS Trust, and as Professor of Psychiatry at the Institute of Psychiatry, London. He is internationally pre-eminent in the research of mental disorders in primary care and in the education of general practitioners in the field. He was Professor of Psychiatry in the University of Manchester from 1973 to 1993 and built up the largest Department of Psychiatry of any medical school in the UK at that time.

For many years he was a consultant to the World Health Organisation. He studied Medicine at Hertford and then trained at the Maudsley Hospital from 1962 to 1969. He has written several books on the subject of mental illness.

SHERARD COWPER-COLES CMG LVO (1973)
Sherard Cowper-Coles was born in London in 1955 and educated at Eton College. He joined the Diplomatic Service in 1973 and was appointed First Secretary at the Embassy in Washington from 1987 and later became Head of the Hong Kong Department, FCO. Sherard was Political Commissar in Paris from 1993 to 1995, where he was appointed Principal Private Secretary to the Foreign Secretary. He became Ambassador to Israel in 2001.

DEATH OF HONORARY FELLOWS
Professor W. Maxwell Cowan (1953) FRSE Hon DSC died on 19 June 2002. He was a Member of the US National Academy of Sciences, Vice President and Chief Scientific Officer of the Howard Hughes Medical Institute in Washington DC. He received his DPhil at Hertford in 1956 and BM in 1958. He was elected an Honorary Fellow in 1997 and was also an Honorary Fellow of Pembroke College.

Retired Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States, Justice Byron Raymond White (1959) died on 5 April 2002. He was 84. Justice White was appointed to the Supreme Court by President Kennedy in 1962 and retired on 28 June 1993 after 31 years of service, the ninth longest tenure in American history.

In the small Cockatoo town of Fort Collins in 1917, White was a brilliant student who also excelled at football. Known as "Whizmo" White for his speed (a nickname he hated), he deftly led his team to victory as a Rhodes Scholar in 1938 to play professional football for the Pittsburgh Pirates. He finally came up to Hertford in 1939 after graduating Phi Beta Kappa from the University of Colorado. His studies at Oxford were interrupted by the Second World War, and he returned to the United States to study at Yale University Law School.

DEATH OF ELIZABETH ARMSTRONG
Old Members will be sad to learn of the death on 22 November 2001 of Dr Elizabeth Armstrong, Emeritus Fellow of Somerville College, Elizabeth Armstrong was the widow of John Armstrong, a Fellow of the College for more than thirty years until his death in 1994.

Annette Elizabeth Tyler went up to Lady Margaret Hall in 1956 and graduated with a first in Modern Languages. She became tutor in Somerville in 1956 and was elected to a fellowship in 1947. She began work on her doctorate on the subject of 16th century French printers, but her French Publishing for five years with Gerald Duckworth & Co and Faber. She then decided to study for an MBA at INSEAD, and joined the Economist Group in 1984 as a Marketing Manager.

NEW APPOINTMENT FOR DR MACMILLAN
Dr Bill Macmillan, Fellow and Tutor in Geography, was appointed University Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Academi) at the beginning of the academic year 2002/2003. He succeeds Dr Glynis Breaks on the Board of Visitors. This is one of the key offices in the University structure and the College is proud that its strong presence in University affairs will continue with Bill Macmillan’s appointment. He was admitted to the office at a meeting of Congregation on 8 October 2002.

PRIZE AWARDED TO PROFESSOR MACLAUCHLAN
Professor Keith MacLauchlan, who recently retired as Professor of Chemistry, was awarded the Gold Medal of the International Electron Paramagnetic Resonance (EPR) Society for 2002. This award is given for outstanding lifetime achievement in the field of chemistry worldwide.

CHEMISTRY FELLOWSHIP APPEAL
Following Professor Keith MacLauchlan’s retirement, the College is concerned to safeguard the excellence of Chemistry teaching at Hertford. This will be achieved by ensuring a Chemistry Fellowship. Individual donations, whether large or small, would be vital to achieve this aim. Corporate sponsorship is also essential to support the appeal. A pledge (20 office) will confirm your commitment to support the Chemistry Fellowship. For more information, please contact the Development office (tel: +44 (0)1865 294480).

RETRIEVAL OF PROFESSOR MARTIN BIDDLE
After thirteen years as Author Senior Research Fellow at Hertford College and Professor of Medieval Archaeology in the University of Oxford, Martin Biddle retired this September. Educated at Pembroke College, Cambridge, and then at Oxford and Pennsylvania, Professor Biddle has had a distinguished career. He has written several books, most recently "King Arthur's Round Table" (Routledge & Kegan Paul), a fascinating account of the history and structural architecture of the legendary table. For more than ten years, Martin has been studying the tomb inside the church of the Holy Sepulchre in Jerusalem for evidence that Jesus Christ was in fact buried there as many pilgrims believe.
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fellowship at Hertford College in 1960. He remained at the College until his retirement in 1997 after which he was elected an Emeritus Fellow. Professor Tanner is credited with reforming the College Admissions system in the 1960s while he was Tutor for Admissions by recruiting from the northern Grammar Schools and allowing more students from State schools to come to Hertford. A former Physics student, Mike Thorne (1966), together with his wife Leila Shukoor, established the Tanner Fund in 1997 specifically to encourage students from the North of England to come to Hertford and also to encourage more women into the Sciences.

RICHARD FISHER (1972)

Richard Fisher was Deputy United States Trade Representative in the second Clinton administration. Holding the rank of Ambassador, his primary responsibility was overseeing trade relations with the Latin America and Canada. During this period, Ambassador Fisher was the chief operating officer of the US government for the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA), and negotiated numerous worldwide high-profile issues. During his tenure as Deputy Trade Representative, Ambassador Fisher also served as Vice Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Overseas Private Investment Corporation (OPIC).

He attended the US Naval Academy, graduated with honours from Harvard University in economics, and spent two years reading Latin American History at Hertford College before going on to study for an MBA at Stanford University. He met his wife Nancy Collins while they were both at Oxford.

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RENEWAL OF FELLOWSHIP APPEAL

Shouldering the charge to safeguard the excellence of Chemistry teaching at Hertford for the future is the College's Professor of Chemistry, Keith McLauchlan. Keith McLaughlan, Professor and Tutor in Chemistry, retired this September. Keith has been a Chemistry Fellow at Hertford since 1965 and Professor since 1996. He gained his first class honours degree in Chemistry from the University of Bristol, winning the W. Geez Prize in 1965 for the top First of the year. He went on to complete a PhD at Bristol, then worked as a Senior Research Officer at the National Physical Laboratory in Teddington, before coming to Oxford in 1980.

On 27th September 2002 a retirement dinner was held in Keith's honour to which all of his former students were invited. Over 80 graduates from Hertford and from St Hugh's, where Keith also taught, attended the dinner in Hertford College in 1969. He was Professor apparently found her choice so tedious that she was permitted to do it, but instead of the subject of 16th century French printers, but her French

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Robert Plot’s Natural History of Oxfordshire

Dr Stephanie West, Fellow Librarian, writes about the First Edition of Robert Plot’s Natural History of Oxfordshire

The range of books housed in the Old Hall and the Old Library bears witness to Hertford’s long history; the contribution of Magdalen Hall to the college’s intellectual identity is demonstrated by the many volumes which still advertise on their spines their provenance in the library of that institution. Though unfortunately we lack the space for any long-term display, it is a great satisfaction to bring out from time to time a selection for members of the college and their guests to browse, and I very much hope that this will become a regular part of the programme at the Hertford Society’s annual summer meeting.

A glance round the bookcases reveals many volumes tied up with black tape; this indicates that the boards are loose, and that the book needs to be handled with great care, as complete disintegration can very easily follow. Skilled conservation can stabilize a book and make it safe for handling provided reasonable care is exercised; but the process is not cheap. Faced with a very large number of works calling for such attention and no obvious rationale for ordering our priorities among them, we now put on the waiting list books which we picked for display and then judged insufficiently sturdy.

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1 [Ovid, Metamorphoses 5.357.] (who had learnt neither to keep silent for a speaker nor to speak first herself, she was sound-exposing Echo; Plot closely exploits her reader to identify without difficulty the source of this apt quotation.)

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North American Reunion — New York, March 2002

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Events on the Saturday included a lunch and well-attended lectures by distinguished academics and others, covering a wide variety of topics: “September 11th: Six Months On”, “The History of the Book”, “Vaccines – A Way forward for Solving Global Health Problems”.

Individual colleges held their own gatherings on Saturday evening. Hertford entertained over 50 Members – representing matriculation years 1938 to 1997 – and their guests for a buffet at ‘Verdict’ Supper Club on East 53rd Street. Among those present were Mike Thorne (1966) and his wife Leila Shakkour, who have most generously agreed to support the College’s undergraduate bursary scheme. Also at the event were Dr Heather Cross (1989) and her architect husband, Vincent Petrarla, from North Carolina. Heather is a Research Scientist in the Pathology Department at Duke University. It was a pleasure to welcome James Gatty (1956), John Jordan (1957), Malcolm Davies (1961), Edwin Penney (1951) and John Harrison (1953), all of whom are enthusiastic and generous supporters of the College. Among the younger generation were Stan McGee (1992), Michael Miller (1996), John Nemec, Michael Miller, Amy Newman, Emily Macmillan.

The Principal, John Jordan, Peter Baker, and John Thorne.

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New Year’s Honours for Two College Members

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October Gaudy

MATRICULATION YEARS 1954-1959

On Friday 4th October 2002, 114 Old Members from matriculation years 1954-1959 returned to College for an enjoyable reunion. Some had kept in touch over the years, while many had not been back to College or seen each other for more than 30 years. The guests were also joined by several Fellows: the Bursar, Peter Baker, Dr Paul Coones and Mr Roger Van Noorden; Emeritus Fellows, Dr Miles Vaughan Williams, Mr Richard Malpas, Mr Tony Cockshut, Dr Brian Sreet, and Honorary Fellows, Professor Sir Christopher Zeman, Professor Neil Tanner and Lord Waddington.

The Principal’s speech proved interesting and informative as he outlined the current situation at the College, and the tremendous progress which has been made over the years. Hugh Scurfield (1956) replied to the Principal’s speech, and Jeffrey Preston (1956) proposed the toast to the College, both with entertaining remarks. The food and wine were excellent and the College port was consumed with great enthusiasm! The guests adjourned afterwards to the JCR for further refreshment where old and current members mingled happily together.

Revd Murdoch Mackenzie, Philip Chadwick, Hugh Sturzaker

The College received many letters of thanks after the Gaudy. ‘Excellent’, ‘memorable’, ‘splendid’ were just some of the words used to describe the occasion. Several people commented on the remarkable passage of time. In his letter, Andy Hurst (1956) observed that “40 odd years seem but nothing, with all thoughts on going out and carving a career and then suddenly, as if in some dream, there we all are, many careers over, and others nearing their end and six generations of six year groups of undergraduates passed into and out of the College!” Reverend Harold Harland (1956) wrote: “We felt we were still part of the College and still belonged to the community”.

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JCR News

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Trinity term started in style with the first Hertford Ball in recent memory. Dubbed the ‘Hart Ball’, it was held in a converted barn in Wantage, which proved a wonderful venue for the event. Perhaps most significantly, the organisation, catering and entertainment were entirely organised by the JCR, with our own members providing superb performances, as a string quartet, chamber choir, vocal soloists, pianist, jazz band and DJs.

The evening was a great success, much enjoyed by everyone who attended, and plans are already afoot to build on the accomplishment next year.

The JCR has also been involved in a number of other projects – the JCR itself has been refurbished, and we have added a computer room to Abingdon House, the College annex near Folly Bridge. This term will see the most dramatic enhancements to the College environment, as we invest significant sums of money in Information Technology and the Gym, which is currently lacking a range of facilities to which one would expect.

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Sport

Last year saw some outstanding sporting success for Hertford. This was evident both in the established leagues and also the newer sports that students at Hertford have taken to. The football side went from strength to strength, and after having worked so hard to get into the premier league, they retained their deserved rewards by finishing third in the league, with the crowning moment of glory in beating league champions for the previous three years, Magdalen. Hertford’s rugby team also enjoyed success, albeit in the second division, however, where they remain an extremely close second to Brasenose. This is a tribute to the College team, because in Michaelmas Term many of our key players are involved in University Rugby, and only return in Hilary when we play the Cappers Competition and are therefore a very strong team. We are likely to see some of our undergraduates turn out in the morning of the Varsity match on 10th December in the U21’s game. Finally we come to Hertford’s cricket team, worth a brief mention due to the depth and skill that was prevalent in the side, despite the fact that the weather only permitted four games in the season, and the final league position of third perhaps reflected poorly on the skill and dedication of a strong team.

Although most of us wouldn’t believe it, the rowers continue to show us that there is a six o’clock in the morning as well, and not just when you haven’t been to sleep. This dedication and intensity paid off in the end, when the weather permitted, with another successful Torpids and Eights competition.

Hertford’s true success came in the newer sports, and our vast collection of trophies (the football side won a participation one on their tour to Amsterdam!) was added to not once but twice. First saw the brand new trampoline team romp home to a cuppers victory, and then the mixed lacrosse team, not to be outdone, saw away the more established teams to fight their way to a gritty and determined (if somewhat lacking in the skill department) place on top of the podium. Despite this incredible feat, the lasting memory of this team will doubtlessly be the commitment of the players, epitomised by Hertford’s very own fashion and calendar model, who when faced with the option of continuing to run at goal with the ball, or to pull up their tracksuit trousers, were slowly but surely making their way towards her ankles, headed for goal, and made a step towards making calendar modelling glamour modelling. Needless to say, Hertford’s didn’t have any problems securing social engagements after that!

Robby Walker, JCR Sports Officer, 2001-2002

ROWING FIXTURES 2003

Torpids
Oxford and Cambridge Boat Race
Sunday 6 April 2003
Eights Week
28–31 May 2003

Matthew Malby, JCR President 2001-2002

MCR News

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**STUDENTS**

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As I write the JCR piece for Hertford College News, JCR elections are once again looming. Ironically enough, this means that by the time you read this article, I will be old news, having been replaced by someone younger and brighter! Nevertheless, there remain plenty of new things to report from 2002.

Trinity term started in style with the first Hertford Ball in recent memory. Dubbed the ‘Hart Ball’, it was held in a converted barn in Wantage, which proved a wonderful venue for the event. Perhaps most significantly, the organisation, catering and entertainment were entirely organised by the JCR, with our own members providing superb performances, as a string quartet, chamber choir, classic solos, pianist, jazz band and DJs. The evening was a great success, much enjoyed by everyone who attended, and plans are already afoot to build on the accomplishment next year.

The JCR has also been involved in a number of other projects – the JCR itself was refurbished, and we have added a new computer room to Abingdon House, the College annexe near Fifty Bridge. This term will see the most dramatic enhancements to the College environment, as we invest significant sums of money in Information Technology and the Gym, which is currently lacking a range of machines by which to get hot, sweaty and tired. We are working with the College to enhance the environment in both the gym and computer room so that, together with the new equipment, Hertford’s facilities will become more attractive to potential students, particularly those from backgrounds that have little or no previous history of applying to Oxford.

Aside from our monetary investments, the JCR has benefited greatly from other initiatives, notably the housing catalogue, which allows JCR members to investigate the wide and varied range of Hertford accommodation before choosing their room as part of the housing ballot. Many other improvements have been made, and suggestions are still being put to this term’s meetings. I hope my successor will be able to report further developments in the next Newsletter.

Sports have been extremely successful, with quality performances in the major sports, while the newly formed Trampolining and Mixed Lacrosse teams each won University cups. If the weather ever clears up, we hope to be able to continue our high standard. A great target for the College is the re-building of the Hertford sports pavilion, which would be an enormous asset to the college.

Finally, we welcome over one hundred new fresher to Hertford. A brilliant Fresher’s week was very effective at introducing them to the College, and it has given way to a good term, with plenty of activity, both now and still to come.

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Torpids 5-7 March 2003
Oxford and Cambridge Boat Race Sunday 6 April 2003
Eights Week 28-31 May 2003

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** SPORT**

Last year saw some outstanding sporting success for Hertford. This was evident both in the established leagues and also the newer sports that students at Hertford have taken to. The football side went from strength to strength, and after having worked so hard to get into the premier league, they reaped their deserved rewards by finishing third in the league, with the crowning moment of glory in beating league champions for the previous three years, Magdalen. Hertford's rugby team also enjoyed success, albeit in the second division cuppers, where they came an extremely close second to Brasenose. This is a tribute to the College team, because in Michaelmas Term many of our key players are involved in University Rugby, and only return in Hilary when we play the Cuppers Competition and are therefore a very strong team. We are likely to see some of our undergraduates turn out in the morning of the Varsity match on 10th December in the U21's game. Finally we come to Hertford’s cricket team, worth a brief mention due to the depth and skill that was prevalent in the side, despite the fact that the weather only permitted four games in the season, and the final league position of third perhaps reflected poorly on the skill and dedication of a strong team.

Although most of us wouldn’t believe it, the rowers continue to show us that there is a six o’clock in the morning as well, and not just when you haven’t been to sleep. This dedication and insanity paid off in the end, when the weather permitted, with another successful Torpids and Eights competition.

Hertford’s true success came in the newer sports, and our vast collection of trophies (the football side won a participation one on their tour to Amsterdam!) was added to not once but twice. First saw the brand new trampolining team romp home to a cuppers victory, and then the mixed lacrosse team, not to be outdone, saw away the more established teams to fight their way to a gritty and determined (if somewhat lacking in the skill department) place on top of the podium. Despite this incredible feat, the lasting memory of this team will doubtlessly be the commitment of the players, epitomised by Hertford’s very own fashion and calendar model, who when faced with the option of continuing to run at goal with the ball, or to pull up her tracksuit trousers, which were slowly but surely making their way towards her ankles, headed for goal, and made a step towards making calendar modelling glamour modelling. Needless to say, Hertford didn’t have any problems securing social engagements after that!

Robbie Walker, JCR Sports Officer, 2001-2002
DATES FOR YOUR DIARY
FORTHCOMING EVENTS IN 2003

Saturday 1 & Saturday 15 February
Freshers' Parents Lunches

Friday 21 February or Saturday 22 February
US Alumni West Coast event (venue to be announced)

Friday 21 March
Hertford College Law Association Dinner

Thursday 3 April
Drinks Party in London (venue to be announced)

Friday 4 April
College Gaudy
(for Matriculation Years prior to 1946)

Saturday 24 May
Warnock Society Annual Lunch

Sunday 25 May
Five Years On Reunion Lunch
(for Matriculation Years 1996 & 4th year students from 1997)

Saturday 31 May
Eights Week event

Sunday 29 June
Hertford Society Lunch

Friday 1 July
College Rhodes Scholars Centenary Dinner

Sunday 13 July
Garden Party (at Wadham College)

Saturday 27 September
E. W. Gilbert Society 30th Anniversary Dinner
(for Geographers)

Friday 3 October
College Gaudy
(for Matriculation Years 1990 and 1991)

For further information, please contact the Members and Development Office (tel: 01865 279428)

SIMPKINS SAYS

"It's a great idea — this Annual Giving — and all Hertford cats should support it. I'll be making sure my cheque, and Annual Giving form, is the first to arrive in the Lodge in-tray."

ADVANCE NOTICE:
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