

College Chronicle

ADAMS SOCIETY

The Adams Society held three meetings during the term, all of which were well attended. The first was addressed by Dr A. F. Beardon who gave an interesting yet easily understood account of the use of circles in the expansion of real numbers. The second heard a talk on fluid dynamics from Dr M. McIntyre, who introduced an interesting theory for the real spot on Jupiter. Dr F. Smithies gave the third talk on the intriguing subject "How to differentiate Half a Time": this drew a large audience and was no disappointment to anybody.

The Triennial Dinner was the big event of term, with about thirty members present, and speeches from Dr Reid and Messrs Sweeney, Crook and Johnstone. The Society wishes to express its thanks to all the speakers both at the meetings and the dinner.

D. R. BOSTOCK

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL CLUB

President: DR R. E. ROBINSON

Captain: D. M. NICHOLSON

Match Secretary: B. J. SINGLETON

Fixtures Secretary: T. P. MCGING

Once again, the Club has enjoyed a most successful Michaelmas term. The 1st XI retained the League Championship won last year; the 2nd XI held their place in Division II, whilst the 3rd and the 4th XI's were comfortably placed in Divisions III and IV respectively.

The 2nd XI was badly hit by injuries, both to their players and to 1st XI players, and the side never really settled down. All their opponents were 1st XI's and after a series of defeats early in the term, relegation was a distinct possibility. Fortunately they performed well in the relegation games, winning two by the odd goal, and drawing two.

The 3rd XI, promoted last year, had no trouble in holding their own in Division III. The initial pattern was that the team lost heavily on Tuesdays and won by an equally large margin on Fridays. At the time of

writing, the League is not completed, but with six wins already, the team should finish in the highest position ever achieved by a 3rd XI.

For the first time, a 4th XI was entered in Division IV; this proved a great success, the team gaining several victories.

The 1st XI immediately lost Tom McGing and Steve Desborough to the university teams, and Barrie Singleton was only able to play three games, because of injury. Despite these losses, we started well by beating St Catharine's 3-2, but lost to Queens' 3-1 after making all the running. Our next three games proved to be fairly easy, and we beat Sidney Sussex, Caius and Trinity 4-1, 3-0, and 10-1 respectively. After the spate of goals against Trinity, we were brought down to earth by Selwyn, whose defence proved impenetrable. Neither side made many chances, and Selwyn deserved their 2-0 victory, with two second-half goals. Incidentally this was the first time the 1st XI had failed to score in a League game since the 1967 season. We then dropped another point in a 1-1 draw with Pembroke, and with Queens' and St Catharine's consistently winning, it seemed that one of them must take the title. Queens' were unbeaten after seven games, but contrived to lose their last two games 9-0 to Downing, and 4-1 to St Catharine's. With St Catharine's losing to Christ's we suddenly found ourselves back in the running, and finished our programme with two excellent 4-0 victories over Downing and Christ's.

The defence, consisting of Nigel Quayle, Peter Collecott, Don Nicholson and George Worthington, was generally very sound. The mistakes that were made, however, were usually rather drastic, and our keeper, Tim Young, could scarcely be faulted with any of the goals concerned. The main influence further forward was undoubtedly the play of Eric Read, who played an important mid-field role, and also scored eight goals, taken with characteristic coolness. John Martin and Alistair Stevens were the other main goal-scorers, with Dave Barnes and Rod Nicolson making the openings. These were the regular players; the last place went to Ray Walsh, Tim Neill, Barrie Singleton or

Steve Sugden, depending on varying circumstances. Jeff Cash and Trevor Jones also made appearances in times of need.

The 1st XI would especially like to thank Alan Goldsmith and Al Thompson for taking on the task of refereeing several matches, and for bearing with the consequent insults during the course of the games.

Final League Records:

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.	Position
1st XI	9	6	1	2	30	10	13	League Champions
2nd XI	9	2	2	5	15	29	6	Sixth
3rd XI	9	6	0	3	37	22	12	(to date)
4th XI	11	3	3	5	31	39	9	

D. M. NICHOLSON

BADMINTON CLUB

Captain: M. J. SOUL

Match Secretary: C. F. MACBEAN

Fixtures Secretary: J. S. HALLIDAY

Club membership continues, as last year at about twenty, over half of whom are freshmen, so that we are again able to run a Third Team, playing in the Fourth Division of the University League.

In spite of a certain amount of frustration due to the small amount of court time that has been allocated to us, seven matches have been played this term. Results so far have been encouraging, although the First Team, playing in Division One, where it finished joint second last year, had a disappointing start. The Second Team is holding its own in Division Three, after promotion at the end of last season.

John Nutt, in his first year, is playing in the University Cockerels' Club, and the play of several other new members seems very promising, all of which bodes well for the future.

J. S. H.

CLASSICAL SOCIETY

In the earlier part of 1969 the Society was given a cosmopolitan look by the presence of Mr L. F. Fitzhardinge, Commonwealth Fellow from Australia, who spoke on "Sophocles' *Ajax* and Athenian politics" to a critical but appreciative audience, and by Dr J. T. Killen, from nearer home as an Irishman and former Johnian, who went "Into the Labyrinth"

to examine, with colour slides and a great willingness to answer many questions, recent developments in the decipherment of the Linear B script. The academic year was concluded with an informal evening of classical readings by members, and by the Annual Dinner, as well attended as ever and embellished again by Dr Killen's Hibernian humour.

This term our activities began with a reading of Aristophanes' *Thesmophoriazousae* in English, which was both an entertainment in itself and an opportunity to renew acquaintance with our guests from Girton who bravely read on, blushes notwithstanding. At subsequent meetings Dr M. S. Silk read an intriguing paper on "Metaphas, Pustules and Liddell and Scott", including a tilt at the sacred Lexicon, and Mr P. A. Brunt spoke, to a disappointingly small but responsive audience, on "The Economy of Italy in the Roman Republic".

The Society's thanks are again due to Mr Crook for his continual support and for allowing us to use his rooms for meetings.

D. E. WILLIAMS

THE COULTONIANS

Czar: MR BROGAN

The Society met twice during the Lent Term, 1968. On 23 January Mr Stephen Spackman read a paper on the American Civil War, in which (following on Mr Winn's robinsonian effort of the previous term) he attempted to apply hinslaic theories to his subject. The attempt met with general approval—among others, from Professor Hinsley himself. On 6 February Mr Colm Brogan read a paper on the Action Française. It was lucid and lively and enjoyed by all; it made the causes of Action Française's failure very clear.

The Czar has been inspecting the outer provinces since the spring, but he will have returned to the capital by next term, and hopes it will prove a lively one.

D. H. V. B.

CRICKET CLUB

I remember Eric Read producing a ball that did all the proverbial things that Swanton and company revel in clichéing at 6.35 on the evening of a test match. With the fielders swaying with Bolshoi precision in the wrong direction the ball nestled quietly into Frank

Collyer's gloves. A suitably bewildered batsman made the return journey, while the silence in the middle was broken with an irritated "—, I forgot to make it look difficult".

Figures can never say much and those attached here are suitable evidence. Guy Markland got through a lot of work, Kim Bruce Lockhart thrilled us once, Eric Read was tenacious (or in cricketing parlance, "playing for his average") and Dave Barnes didn't bowl much. The last-mentioned saved himself for the Old Johnians game when he managed to help our opponents to an easy win by taking a handful of wickets.

Not many people would have lost money on our run through Cuppers. Two weak teams were beaten rather than crushed, the first with only three balls to spare. Then we played Fitzwilliam, who produced a side stronger than ours, at least one that could score more runs. Outside these matches we had some excellent afternoons and the Week was blessed with good weather and firm pitches. The former we have no say in but the latter is due to Jim Williams who managed to stay as cheerful as ever although he must dream of Graham Wells cutting up three pitches every time he follows through.

No one could accuse the Club of being entirely dull. Bob Fuller, to whom we are very grateful, if the arguments ensuing when we try to give each other out are anything to go by, was quietly writing himself into the history books as the "Unmoved Mover" until the day he managed to appeal and give someone "run out" in the same movement, all whilst lying on the ground.

The batting was steady and fairly reliable although the prime "target" of the season remained unblemished. Dick Cullen started with an excellent sighter on the pavilion clock in the first game but never again approached it, usually saving such antics for straight balls. The bowling was much the same with a magnificent three day spell by Graham Wells, including the match against Northants Amateurs.

The fielding, alas, left something to be desired; even the effectiveness of somewhat ungainly Geoff Howe at first slip could not make up for the rest.

So as a season it was quite successful: with at least three class players in the side there were moments to be savoured—Kim Bruce Lockhart helping himself to runs, courtesy of Christ's, Frank Collyer providing a veritable sink for anything passing the stumps, and a fund of knowledge invaluable to the newer members of the side. He is leaving us, as are Cullen, Mavor, Bruce Lockhart and Wells: we wish them well.

Results:

Played 13. Won 6. Drawn 4. Lost 3.

Bowling Averages	O.	M.	R.	W.	Av.
Wells, G. J. ...	76.4	18	175	19	9.2
Barnes, D. J. ...	39.4	7	142	11	13.0
Markland, G. S. ...	121.4	30	301	23	13.1
Howe, G. M. T. ...	96	19	264	16	16.5
Cullen, R. B. ...	72.3	13	213	12	17.5
Read, E. J. ...	75	17	216	11	19.6

Batting Averages	Inns.	N.O.	Total	H.S.	Av.
Read, E. J. ...	7	4	142	49*	47.3
Harrison, G. E. ...	8	0	228	49	28.5
Bruce Lockhart, A. K. ...	8	1	177	97*	25.3
Parker, J. H. ...	8	0	193	52	24.1
Keeble, G. R. G. ...	8	2	134	37*	22.3
Cullen, R. B. ...	9	0	173	48	19.2
Jackson, R. A. ...	10	1	112	30*	12.4

G. HARRISON

CROSS-COUNTRY RUNNING

This season as last, St John's has maintained a high standard in Cross-Country Running. The College finished second in all three Inter-College Competitions last year, although, much to our intense frustration, in each case we were beaten by our main rivals, Queens'. In both Cuppers and the Hare and Hounds Cross-Country Relay, their margin of victory was a narrow one. This season has so far followed exactly the same pattern as last year—the College having won both the League matches so far, but having been beaten into second place in Cuppers—once again by Queens'.

We are fortunate in having one Athletics and two Cross-Country Blues in the team this year—P. L. Thomas, R. J. Shields and R. D. Hirst, who, of course, is the University Team Captain. We rely on these three very heavily since although there is never any lack of runners to make up a team of six, our main weakness lies in the gap separating the three above from the rest. This was all too apparent in Cuppers this year, where, with three

men inside the first eleven runners home, the fourth scoring man came in at 34th, with the 5th and 6th members of the team close behind. Even so, several of our good runners have been injured or are out of training this term, and if we can ensure that our team is at full strength next term, we stand a very good chance of taking first place in the League and in the Cross-Country Relay.

Our prospects beyond this season, however, are perhaps not so good unless we benefit from a healthy crop of freshmen next October. But then, nearly every other college secretary must be thinking the same.

Runners this term: A. M. Brander, D. P. Dearnley, R. D. Hirst, M. E. V. Haggard, A. R. Mattingly, J. H. Pickles, A. R. Roe, R. J. Shields, P. L. Thomas, D. K. Turnbull, R. C. A. Ward.

ALAN MATTINGLY

FILM SOCIETY

This year has mainly been notable for the diversity of films shown, varying from the obscure to the trivial—Rivette's *Paris Nous Appartient* to Clair's *Les Fêtes Galantes*. The difficulty has always been to offer films that have not recently been shown in Cambridge. Kobayashi's *Rebellion* and *Harakiri* were very well received, as were *The Saragossa Manuscript*, *Simon of the Desert* and, inevitably, *Ivan the Terrible*. The general trend was away from realism (*To Die in Madrid* and *Hands over the City*) towards illusion and expressionism, of which the incredible double bill *White Zombies* and Fabst's *L'Atlantide* was the best example. It looks as though the focus in the Lent Term will be on the old classics, interspersed with some recent successful features.

S. J. ST. CLAIR-THOMPSON

GOLF CLUB

St John's College Golf Club has enjoyed unusual success this year, winning four matches out of five so far—beating Peterhouse, Trinity, Magdalene and Emmanuel and losing only to Corpus. In St John's, in common with many other colleges, there seems to be an increasing interest in the game, with many more players participating. Malcolm Greenwood has a firm place in the Blues Team, while Jonathan Choyce and Dick Bell have played for the Stymies. Others who have

played for the College include:—J. C. Lackington, N. J. Forwood, G. Dean, P. F. Cox, A. Pickford, A. Shaddock, B. N. Jolles, S. R. Wilkinson.

B. N. J.
R. C. B.

HISTORY SOCIETY

The History Society has continued to function this term, with a diminished, though nonetheless enthusiastic attendance at meetings. After a Bacchanalian Reception for Freshmen at the beginning of term, the subsequent meetings adopted a more serious tone, and the element of participation has continued to encourage originality and wit in our approach to the subject. If they are averse to edification, more people should at least avail themselves of the entertainment to be had at the Society's meetings.

P. J. C.

HOCKEY CLUB

Northern Tour

"Did you paint them orange?—Simon, you're sitting on my shillelagh—What a hat George—Mike's not here, the rest must hitch—Is Neil on the leash?" Rick's foreign tour was on the road; "Aye luv we got t'manager to do t'interpreting."

First stop Sheffield—no one knows why—smog, driving rain, the glare of the floodlights on the puddled all-weather pitch, and a torn finger within minutes put us under pressure. Still the banner headlined article in *The Guardian* next day was complimentary—moreover it did not affect our drinking style. One at least enjoyed the night I hear—but it was Giles who was nearly left behind, asleep, when we left at noon next day for Leeds.

Here the famous Irish snooker player's waistcoat emerged and Leeds never recovered; only continued effort persuaded them to play what I shall call "a little of what yer fancy", and despite numerous difficulties—having Peter crippled, being led all over town with John blindly in charge of directions, finding only a garden picket fence for emergency calls—we still took Carnegie Hall by storm. One Leeds student's comment: "What's going on at this 'ere party—all the girls are from Ilkley and all the guys from bloody Cambridge." What with Phil being whistled at by all the guys and John K notching

up 25, it was only Giles who let down the side by almost getting involved (we packed him off on a train to London for his troubles).

With two fine social victories behind us then, we arrived in York. Neil certainly played better drunk, but after our star footy team of Ray and Mike were beaten by the ladies, we had to concede a draw. The Newcastle ran out, and so, scooping up those lingering in the atmosphere of a 50:50 male:female ratio, we headed back south (Steve for some ulterior motive insisting on another visit to Sheffield).

"Hockey?"

"We played some."

"Results?"

"I hear you beat York' would be a more tactful question."

Footnote: Our thanks to Rick for his organization, and to Mike, George and John for doing the driving. Finally the quiet subdued sobriety exemplified by the captain's conduct deserves a mention.

R. E. M. R.

LADY MARGARET BOAT CLUB 1968-1969

President: THE MASTER

Senior Treasurer: COL. K. N. WYLIE

Captain: A. F. PRYOR

Vice-Captain: I. M. DALZIEL

Secretary: P. J. MAYNE

MICHAELMAS TERM

Light and Clinker Races

We were unlucky to come up against an outstanding Fitzwilliam Four in the first Light race, losing by 18 secs. Fitzwilliam won all their other races comfortably.

There were two Clinker IVs, the "A" losing to Emmanuel in the first round, as did the "B" IV—to the same strong crew, by the same margin of 10 seconds.

Light IV	Clinker "A" IV
Bow P. J. Mayne	Bow N. J. Harding
2 C. H. Collis	2 A. J. Adams
3 A. F. Pryor	3 R. J. P. Aikens
Str. J. M. Rhodes	Str. B. J. Bence
	Cox J. W. T. Meakin
Coaches	Coach
A. Twinn	Col. K. N. Wylie
N. Hornsby	

Fairbairn Cup Race

The 1st VIII trained hard, and after this their final position of 7th was a little disappointing, though an improvement on last year. The 2nd VIII did well, coming 19th—second of college 2nd boats. Four crews were entered.

1st Boat	2nd Boat
Bow A. J. Adams	Bow F. R. J. Hindle
2 S. J. Pickford	2 N. J. Odum
3 A. C. Pine	3 M. J. Williams
4 D. P. Sturge	4 D. J. Deacon
5 R. J. P. Aikens	5 R. G. Groves
6 J. O. P. Sweeney	6 G. S. Markland
7 A. F. Pryor	7 J. H. Lees
Str. C. H. Collis	Str. B. J. Bence
Cox E. J. P. Browne	Cox J. F. Durack
Coach	Coaches
S. G. F. Spackman	A. F. Pryor
	P. J. Mayne

The Club also entered the Clare Novices and Emmanuel Regattas and the Colquhoun and Bushe-Fox Sculls, but without success.

LENT TERM

The 1st VIII unofficially established itself as one of the fastest college crews, but 'flu unfortunately struck during Races Week, and C. H. Collis substituted for stricken members: albeit the crew achieved two bumps—St Catharine's and Pembroke.

The 2nd VIII held off Jesus II but were bumped by a strong Pembroke 2nd VIII, while the 3rd VIII held their place despite having to row six times (twice as sandwich boat).

Six crews were entered.

1st Boat	2nd Boat
Bow A. J. Adams	Bow W. J. D. Scandrett
2 J. O. P. Sweeney	2 N. J. Odum
3 D. P. Sturge	3 F. R. J. Hindle
4 B. J. Bence	4 G. S. Markland
5 R. J. P. Aikens	5 R. G. Groves
6 A. F. Pryor	6 P. F. Cox
7 P. J. Mayne	7 J. H. Lees
Str. J. M. Rhodes	Str. S. J. Pickford
Cox J. W. T. Meakin	Cox J. F. Durack
Coaches	Coaches
L. V. Bevan, Esq.	C. H. Collis
E. G. Cooper, Esq.	R. A. Cutting, Esq.
S. D. Sharp, Esq.	Dr R. N. Perham
A. C. Twinn, Esq.	
R. C. W. Church, Esq.	
3rd Boat	
Bow P. L. M. Household	7 C. D. Auger
2 R. A. Bramley	Str. C. M. Hood
3 C. A. J. Brightman	Cox I. G. Galbraith
4 G. K. Cobb	Coaches
5 A. M. Tonge	A. F. Pryor
6 F. D. J. Dunstan	J. M. Rhodes

Head of The River Races

The 1st VIII were not fully recovered for Bedford and came only 7th: but at Reading we rowed into 20th position and won at Norwich the following week. 45th out of 300 at Tideway was disappointing, but, as a new entry, we were handicapped.

MAY TERM

During the term we came 4th in the Head of the Cam Race, and reached the final of the Cambridge Regatta where we lost to a very strong Dutch university crew.

In the May Races, having bumped Pembroke in the Gut on Wednesday, the row on Thursday was nervous, and we just failed to catch Jesus. But on Friday we caught 1st & 3rd at the Pike and Eel, while Saturday was anticlimactic, as we again failed to catch Jesus.

The 2nd VIII, one of the best for some time, though bumped by Caius and Selwyn 1st VIIIs, bumped St Catharine's II to become the highest 2nd boat on the river.

The 3rd VIII went down one place, the 4th went down each day, but the 5th held its place for the first time in five years.

Eleven crews were entered.

1st Boat	2nd Boat
Bow A. J. Adams	Bow F. R. J. Hindle
2 B. J. Bence	2 P. F. Cox
3 D. P. Sturge	3 N. J. Odum
4 C. H. Collis	4 F. D. J. Dunstan
5 R. J. P. Aikens	5 A. C. Pine
6 A. F. Pryor	6 J. O. P. Sweeney
7 P. J. Mayne	7 J. H. Lees
Str. J. M. Rhodes	Str. S. J. Pickford
Cox J. W. T. Meakin	Cox J. F. Durack
Coaches	Coaches
A. C. Twinn, Esq.	Col. K. N. Wylie
E. G. Cooper, Esq.	R. A. Cutting, Esq.
R. I. L. Howland, Esq.	Dr R. N. Perham
D. F. Earl, Esq.	S. G. F. Spackman, Esq.
J. Parker, Esq.	
3rd Boat	4th Boat
Bow T. B. le M. Holland	Bow P. Houghton
2 C. M. Hood	2 M. J. B. Agass
3 W. J. D. Scandrett	3 A. M. Tonge
4 R. A. Bramley	4 W. H. R. Bertram
5 C. A. J. Brightman	5 A. M. Williams
6 D. J. Deacon	6 G. K. Cobb
7 M. J. Williams	7 J. C. Cattford
Str. I. S. Sanders	Str. M. Fabianski
Cox E. Yates	Cox A. S. Wassermann
Coaches	Coach
J. M. Rhodes	P. J. Hennessy
J. W. T. Meakin	
A. J. Adams	
A. F. Pryor	

Peterborough Regatta

1st VIII won Junior-Senior in the fastest time of the day—a new course record, while the 2nd VIII lost to a very fast Kingston R.C. boat.

Marlowe Regatta

Jesus and Hampton G.S. were beaten by a canvas and 2 lengths respectively in the first race, as were Clare, by 6 feet in the second race. We won the final against R.M.A. Sandhurst to take the Junior-Senior Cup.

University Championships

J. M. Rhodes and J. W. T. Meakin (cox) represented the University in the Coxed Pairs, and came second to London University. D. P. Sturge won the silver medal in the Single Sculls.

Henley Royal Regatta

The VIII was entered for the Ladies Plate and, having equalled the Barrier record in practice, first raced old rivals Jesus and rowed them down by 2 lengths from behind. Clare we beat on Thursday by 1½ lengths, but in the semi-final we lost to a very powerful Dutch crew by 3 lengths—they later won the event. We were, however, the only crew from Oxford or Cambridge in the semi-finals.

The Visitors Cup IV began well against St Catharine's but unfortunately clashed with their opponents early on, and thus lost easily, being unable thereafter to row at full pressure.

The Britannia Cup Coxed IV beat the Army in a preliminary heat, but then lost in the race proper to a strong Severn Scullers crew.

C.U. Crew in Spain

J. M. Rhodes rowed in a Goldie Crew which defeated an Oxford University crew and the Spanish national champions at Orto during the Long Vacation.

Overall the Boat Club has had considerably more success this year and, with determination to win, prospects look quite bright.

J. M. R.
R. J. P. A.

LAWN TENNIS CLUB

Captain: A. SHADDOCK

Secretary: R. B. GRAY

The 1969 season was not a very successful one for the College. Defeat in Cuppers was

inflicted by Trinity by 5 matches to 4. The narrowness of the result against a strong team gave hope for a good season in the league, but it was not to be.

There was a noticeable weakness in the bottom half of the First Team, and although the first pair of M. T. Greenwood and A. Shaddock remained unbeaten after playing some of the strongest pairs in the university, the Team as a whole could not avoid relegation after only one year in the First Division. There were, however, some fine individual performances during the season and mention must be made of J. O'Keeffe. Owing to the withdrawal of several regular players during exams he was pressed into the first pair against Christ's, and to his credit helped bring about the defeat of their very strong first pair.

Both the Second and Third Tennis Teams played consistently well this year, and although neither obtained promotion, they both maintained high positions in the College Leagues.

The most notable feature of the season was the number of fixtures which, having been postponed due to rain, were played in the space of a few days after exams. The bad weather prevalent for much of the term meant that most of the friendly fixtures arranged had to be cancelled. One can only hope that the weather is kinder next year when, following the arrival of some good tennis playing freshmen, things should be much brighter.

A. S.

MODERN LANGUAGES SOCIETY

A varied programme of meetings was arranged last year to cater for the wide interests of the Society's membership. They ranged from the erudite and academic to the amusing and boozy, and throughout displayed Mike Cox's talent for finding speakers and subjects in the byways—unexpected delights—of Cambridge's intellectual road-system.

In the first meeting Mike Cox himself spoke about the way of East German refugees through interrogation centres to Freedom. A real live German in the audience provided corroboration of the rather harsh experiences we had been told about.

At the end of the Michaelmas Term Mr P. A. M. Seuren explained the work of the Linguistics Department to an audience which

had previously suspected linguists of the most weird practices.

In January Mr C. W. Thompson of Clare College gave a fascinating talk illustrated with slides on the relationship of Art and Literature in 19th-century France. The sheer wealth of detail he was able to employ in discussing Victor Hugo and the Romantic painters in particular was quite astounding.

Mr Than Nyun talked on Burma at the end of February, but unfortunately, not many members attended this meeting.

The final meeting, if such it can be called, took place just before the Easter vacation, when, according to the circular, Dr Wolfram Köck prescribed "An Austrian Medicinal Compound". This turned out to be a charming occasion. Dr Köck provided a survey of Austrian folk-music and dancing which was taken as an excuse to chat with the guests from Cambridge language schools who graced the assembly.

I am sure Mike Cox would like me to thank Dr Stern very sincerely for allowing all this to go on under his auspices and, what's more, in his rooms.

RICHARD D. DAVIES

THE RUGBY CLUB

1st XV: Played 11. Lost 2. Won 9.

2nd XV: Played 5. Won 5.

The Club this year has been fortunate in the choice of freshmen. Talented rugby players have somehow pierced the bureaucratic "antis", unrecognised, to strengthen the sides both individually and in depth. We have two extremely capable sides, including four and a half brilliant back rows, who have enjoyed the game by gaining reasonable success, as is reflected in the results shown above. Our hope, indeed our expectation, was to win the League but we were disappointed in this. However, the Club has developed a spirit and enthusiasm, which gives relevance to the apparently endless training sessions of the early part, and to the frost-bitten extremities of the latter part, of the term. Perhaps most importantly, the sides have realised the vision of the "executive" and played brighter rugby—we have won our games by open, though not always flowing, play with a really positive outlook. The points tally is indicative of this: 334 for, 52 against.

The season opened with our First XV winning its first five League matches, during which Selwyn suffered their first defeat in two years, and the chance of winning the League was apparent. The decisive encounter was with Emmanuel in a game of such high standard and excitement, thanks partly to a tremendous turn-out of supporters, that will take some time to repeat. We lost 8-6, despite obtaining three quarters of the possession—as Gerald Davies put it "who does train the pack?" (??)—a feat I previously would have considered impossible. The fact that we presented them with a truly amazing gift try and conceded a stupid penalty have eight points to do with it. Pride somewhat dented by this match, we have since succumbed to St Catharine's and now need to beat Trinity to secure second place in the League.

The side has been a well-integrated unit, but against class opposition it has been evident that flair and fortune are lacking in about equal combination. Vital passes have been dropped, half breaks not capitalized upon, attacks all too often have broken down within yards of the opposition line. The set moves used to avert these occasional deadlocks have succeeded overall, but on a couple of notable occasions have served to ensure our downfall. However our three-quarters have been able to round most opposition by direct use of speed and overlap, so that simple, positive rugby has enabled us to accumulate several massive points totals. The forwards deserve especial praise for their insistence in the rucks, in the tight, and in covering duties. Their size and strength have been of tremendous value in obtaining "good ball" and, as important, spoiling the opposition's possession. We have a fine back row, as in previous years, but now it was able to operate behind a pack that is going forward, giving them the extra yard, and hence the ability to be first at any breakdown.

The Second XV have achieved a remarkable points tally in their few games, indicating the Club's strength in depth. Their ability to move the ball quickly and incisively is a revelation after watching the flounderings of last year's 2nd's. They have the misfortune of being placed in the 4th Division, due to last year's lack of playing members, so that

league fixtures result in landslide victories. We have attempted to arrange outside fixtures to find worthy opponents, but have only managed a few. Perhaps the only weaknesses of the side are a lack of line out jumpers, and a really cohesive effort in rucks and mauls, but their overall speed has held them in good stead.

Competition has been the spur that has driven us toward success. There has been competition between players for places, and the combative, competitive attitude has been successfully maintained on the field. The regular training sessions have ensured everyone's fitness and aroused an enthusiastic response that creates its own rationale. The Club owes not only its fitness but "spirit" to our captain who has seemingly, indeed actually, done very little else but nurture it all term. At the end of this term, we must turn our attention to Cuppers and more ferocious battles still in France at Easter. Our hopes of glory in the former competition must be small, but it is heartening to reflect that twelve of this year's regular First XV will be back next year.

J. PARKER

SWIMMING CLUB

A generally high standard of play plus the inclusion of two University players Robert Glancy and Andrew Leake has enabled the John's Water Polo Team to win every match of the season for the second year running and once more come top of their division—this time the 2nd Division. Perhaps the most satisfying result was the 4-1 defeat of our only serious rivals Pembroke. With the score at 2-1 in our favour but Pembroke attacking the deep end, always an advantage, the captain had a few anxious moments but two quick goals by himself and Andy Leake soon put the issue out of doubt. We now look forward to surprising some of the 1st Division teams next term in Cuppers and to playing in the 1st Division ourselves next year.

Results

- v. Clare—won 3-0.
- v. Sidney Sussex—won 7-0.
- v. Peterhouse—won 10-0.
- v. Pembroke—won 4-1.
- v. Churchill—won 8-0.

Team: R. P. Glancy (capt.), A. Leake, J. Catford, M. Agass, D. M. Brookes, N. Smith, D. Thackeray.

TABLE TENNIS CLUB

Early in the term a meeting was held for those interested in playing Table Tennis on an inter-college level. The response from freshmen was good but only two of the previous year's team members came along. It was decided to enter six teams in the C.U.T.T.C. League, but unfortunately after the first week numbers began to decrease, forcing the withdrawal of the sixth team.

None of the teams had a very successful term mainly because of lack of match temperament and determination. There have, however, been welcome signs of improvement and better results are expected in the Lent Term.

On Sunday the twenty-third of November a friendly match was played at home against a team of four from Bath University. Despite some determined play from the home side, notably by B. G. Hewitt and J. Cornell, the visitors won rather easily.

During the Lent Term a table tennis ladder will operate and this will be open to all members of the College.

D. G. MORRISON

WORDSWORTH SOCIETY

Next year is the bicentenary of Wordsworth's birth, and though it is not the purpose of the Wordsworth Society to propagandise Wordsworth, since propaganda would be antipathetic to the nature of his work, it was invited by the College to suggest ways of celebrating this event. Apart from the formal recognition of his birth it was generally felt that as a more lasting gesture a fitting one would be a fund to help young Cambridge poets to publish their work.

This term's activities have been limited but of the sort which I hope will continue: they are the formal guest speaker evening, but of interest to more than English students, and the participatory evening. Last year an evening of original work passed very enjoyably, showing that a high quality of talent exists in the College, and the spirit of that evening was revived this term in conjunction with the Lady Margaret Players and the musicians of the College. Poetry (from Hilaire Belloc to William McGonagall), music (folk, choral and instrumental) and a performance in overcoats and sou'westers of the Deluge—a medieval mystery play—formed the matter of the evening helped on its way with a liberal supply of beer.

Need I add that members of other faculties are always welcome to come along to our meetings?

K. C. BARRON

the latest work and theories. "A History of the Concept of Valency to 1930" was the result of a short series of lectures given after his retirement, at the request of the Committee for the History and Philosophy of Science. He also collaborated with E. J. Holmyard of Clifton in revision and rewriting of his well known text books for schools.

Palmer was not gregarious nor anxious to take part in public affairs, but enjoyed two periods on the College Council and was always a keen supporter of full admission of women to the University. His childhood and youth were solitary, his relaxations being cycling, walking and swimming and in Cambridge he became an expert with a punt pole. He also spent much time at his piano and was very friendly with Dr C. B. Rootham, sparring with him over current developments in music. In later years gardening occupied all his leisure but stiffened his fingers, and the piano was neglected for the production of fruit, vegetables, and especially of magnificent sweet peas.

Many generations of Cambridge students will remember him with affection and gratitude, for behind his outward reserve there was much kindness and willingness to help others. Unquestionably his greatest contribution to Cambridge life was as a teacher, but those of us who also knew him as a close friend know that he had much else to give, and gave it freely throughout his long connection with College and University.

In the summer of 1919 he married Dorothy Muriel King of Girton, also a research chemist, who survives him with a son, daughter and five grandchildren. It was to his great grief that in the last two years of his life he could no longer attend Hall regularly, and his last intelligible words, a few days before his death on November 29, 1969, were a question about the dinner to the Foundation, which was planned for that date and which he had hoped to attend.

H. J. E.

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Professor Constable writes: Palmer was very human as a laboratory worker, and his appreciation of the situation, when an apparatus which he had taken some weeks to make cracked up before the critical observations could be made, was really heartwarming.

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ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL CLUB

President: DR R. E. ROBINSON

Captain: D. M. NICHOLSON

Match Secretary: B. J. SINGLETON

Fixtures Secretary: T. P. MCGING

This term saw the completion of the best season the Club has enjoyed since 1941-42. On the field the 1st XI won both the League Competition and the Cup; the 2nd XI once again retained the Plate. As a social institution the Club's success would be testified to by thirty-five happy souls who were to be seen lurching from the Wordsworth Room to the J.C.R. Bar on Monday, March 9th.

Sadly neither the 3rd nor the 4th XI's progressed beyond their groups in the Plate, although when the 4th XI reduced one set of opponents to nine men by seemingly fair though unfortunate means there was hope but no fulfilment.

The 2nd XI fared better. After defeating both of their group opponents 3-1, they faced up to Fitzwilliam II, some people's favourites. A mighty struggle which often appeared to be going against us eventually produced a 4-3 victory for St John's. Perhaps our pitch and our referee were of use. In the semi-final Emmanuel II proved unworthy opponents losing 2-7. In the final however the team made hard work of beating Queen's II 2-1, needing a penalty which was saved, but not well enough, to send their supporters away happy, though perhaps not contented.

Oh the 1st XI! Who could forget the final? To get there the team, strengthened by the return of Tom McGing and iron-man Steve Desborough, had to play a few other matches. In the first round they exposed to Caius the dangers of the off-side trap, defeating them 7-1. Then they struggled against Churchill needing the last ten minutes to gain a 2-1 victory and passage to the semi-final. Here Queens' were shown the art of the counter attack; for although they had nine-tenths of the play they lost 2-0.

Without much bother and certainly no planning the 1st XI's tactics had evolved. They would concede possession, but no

goals; then when they felt up to it, they would break away and score a goal. So it was in the final. For sixty minutes St Catharine's played much pretty and often impressive football while St John's chased, harried, tackled and scored four times. For the first the St Catharine's centre-half scored in his own goal (T. P. McGing duly thanked him). For the second Steve Desborough scored a goal which defied belief. In the second half Eric Read added the third, and then came a remarkable goal. The St Catharine's goal-keeper, all danger absent, decided to roll the ball to the edge of the area. In swooped the mercurial McGing, winged feet overcoming ventricosity, to take the ball from the goalie's unbelieving finger-tips and put it in the net. After this the team suffered from excessive superiority and failed to add to their total.

To praise individual qualities is for another, which is a pity; for all the 1st XI showed qualities deserving of praise. Suffice it to mention Eric Read who, when you watched closely, exhibited a fine understanding of this sport and a real appreciation of each moment's needs; and Don Nicholson, the captain, whose qualities as a defender are in the highest class.

Finally the Club would like to pay many thanks to Jim Williams who took care of many needs, and aided and abetted with much cunning and dedication. And also thanks are due to the many inspiring supporters who appeared so regularly.

The officers elected for next year are:—

President: DR R. E. ROBINSON

Captain: P. S. COLLECOTT

Match Secretary: A. C. STEVEN

Fixtures Secretary: T. D. YOUNG

BARRIE SINGLETON

HISTORY SOCIETY

Ruled this year by a triumvirate, the History Society has passed through a period of uneasy quiet. Not until a dictator arose was the lethargy stirred. The result was the Feast of Saint Libérale. Here, in contrast to the inactivity of the previous term, history was preached and practised. With luck this will set the pattern for the Michaelmas Term for which a programme is being planned.

R. G. H.

HOCKEY CLUB

Captain: R. E. M. ROSEVEARE

Secretaries: G. E. HARRISON, J. E. WILSON

2nd XI Captain: C. HANDLEY

The Club has had a good if undistinguished season. As the results show the 1st XI has a respectable record, and finished somewhere to the middle of the league. In fact the situation is better than shown, as this season we played a considerably stronger line-up of opponents than in former years; notably the fixtures against the strong university sides of Sheffield, Leeds and East Anglia.

The revival of the tour (this year to Northern Universities) was a great success and much enjoyed by all who participated both for the hockey and social occasion. Less successful was our appearance in the Cranwell six-a-sides where we were ignominiously defeated by weaker sides. Similarly our Cuppers record leaves much to be desired, with the somewhat dubious consolation that it was the final winners (Emmanuel) who knocked us out in the preliminary round.

Unfortunately, although there was only one freshman in the team, we did not really get settled down till after the start of the Lent Term—after that we only lost one match out of seven (that being a hard fought league game won by a penalty by Emmanuel). To point to these disappointments is not to discredit a good season, and we were pleased to see both J. O'Keeffe and T. R. G. Hill gaining their blues this year; others played for the Wanderers, with P. K. Ayton coming close to playing against Oxford. And with many players returning next year, and at last the makings of a solid forward line before the season starts, we shall look forward to better things then.

The 2nd XI suffered as usual from the inability to field the same team consistently, and this was accentuated by the lack of a regular goalkeeper. In the League we consequently suffered relegation on goal average. Though this perhaps seems unlucky when considering the defeat by Sidney after two of our men had left the field because of an injury, and as three league matches were unplayed because of snow; yet the fact remains that most of our points were gained from walkovers, and the side should more

readily find its feet in the lower division. On the credit side, enthusiasm was never wanting, and when at full strength the team looked most promising; as with the 1st's we look forward to next season, and hope to see a much needed influx of freshman players.

	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	Pts.
1st XI	26	13	11	2	39	33	
League	10	5	4	1	19	13	11
2nd XI	21	5	11	5	34	55	
League	7	0	5	2	7	26	6

MODERN LANGUAGES SOCIETY

The emphasis in this year's meetings has been on topics with broad literary interest and implications beyond the immediate areas under discussion.

George Watson established this tone with his paper, at the first meeting of the Michaelmas Term, on the history of ideas in literature. Considerable response was elicited by his talk, notably from Dr Timms, and it seemed only fair that the roles should be reversed at the next meeting, when Dr Timms himself read a paper on the English Georgian Poets and the German Expressionists. Always equal to a challenge, George Watson stoutly defended the complacent, rural attitudes of the Georgians as being justified by the substantial preservation of the English life-style after the First World War.

The Easter Term opened with a magnificent (and civilized!) dinner on the occasion of Dr Stern's return from America. The menu and wines were received rapturously, conversation was lengthy and absorbing and a good time was undoubtedly had by all.

Ian Hislop addressed the first "normal" meeting of the term on three Russian writers of the Revolutionary period, Babel, Pasternak and Mandelstam. He outlined very lucidly the difficulty they all apparently had in coming to terms, literary terms, that is, with the violent upheaval going on around them.

Interesting light was thrown on this subject at the last meeting of the term, when Mrs Helen Grant talked about several Spanish poets of the Civil War and after, under the title "Poetry and Commitment". She also demonstrated the inadequacy of most poets to

depict adequately the public misery and privation they witnessed as well as the personal response these sufferings evoked. Only a peasant-poet seemed up to the task.

At all the meetings we were very pleased to see members of the Wordsworth Society participating in the discussions and hope that this interchange will continue and increase.

Our thanks go once again to Dr Stern for placing his rooms at our disposal.

R. D. D.

PHILISTINES' SOCIETY

(Unfortunately it has not been possible to restrict membership)

At last the College has seen reason and has abolished grace and gowns in the first two halls. (Surely even Third Hall will conform soon!) But despite a term filled with success, we still have more up our sleeves for our autumn campaign. We mean to press, and press hard, for the College to lay outdoor linoleum in place of the uneven paving-stones that could make walking through the courts such a hazard—and which are hardly in tune with the 1970s. Our other demand of this year will probably be implemented next term—the covering of the unhygienic wooden tables in hall with formica—meanwhile we look forward to a more rational eating system in the Kitchen Lane scheme.

Though no-one said anything in our successful symposium entitled "John's in the 70s" it was clear that all were agreed that S.J.C. should without delay remove the few remaining impediments to its becoming the first collegiate Science City. It was also widely felt that the student intake could be improved, e.g., wouldn't arts men be more logical if recruited from scientists?

A visit to Heathrow is being arranged.

D. E. H. T.

RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB

The Club during the Lent Term was solely concerned with the Cuppers' competition in which we reached the semi-final. Though we were then conclusively beaten by Selwyn, our performance represented a considerable improvement on last year's. During our Cup run we beat Caius, King's and the favourites for the competition, St Catharine's. The team was urged on throughout by a

large crowd of supporters whose presence gave us all much encouragement and to whom we are all very grateful.

The enthusiasm of the team and supporters was never greater than during the match against St Catharine's, when, despite a tremendous weight disadvantage up-front, we were able to secure enough ball to win comfortably, thanks to a superb performance by our back division. Such results were due to a light but quick pack who fought well particularly in the loose, where we were able to obtain fine possession, and a well-drilled three-quarter line whose variety and slickness of set-moves were reminiscent of a formation dancing team

Our confidence boundless after such a victory, we disposed of King's in the next round, although our game was not of its usual standard. Against Selwyn all was lost. We were conclusively beaten at forward and were never allowed to display our normal open game, through lack of possession. Selwyn had a heavy, well-drilled pack and managed to dampen the spirit of our forwards; although our cover was quick and efficient, the endless waves of attack brought the inevitable result. In all, Selwyn had an "on" day and dictated the game from start to finish—this in direct contrast with the final, when I am sure we could have beaten either of the sides by a considerable margin. The negative attitude that Cuppers' finals seem to inspire and its personification, Jacko Page, make me even more certain that our determination to win or lose playing attacking rugby was fully justified.

The team owes a great deal to our captain, Steve Calvert, whose iron physique and words of wisdom drove us to the success we obtained. His pre-match lectures may well prove to be the most emotive occasions of a lifetime! Although the distinctive feature of the side was its team-work and general efficiency, special mention must, I feel, be made of our full-back, Paul Barclay, whose contribution was outstanding throughout. His was the strength and directness which made our mid-field threequarter play so dangerous, when, as so often, he was called into the line. His reliability and courage in the more orthodox full-back role was equally valuable to his team-mates. I find it hard to

believe that there will be a better full-back in the university next year and I hope that such ability is rewarded.

Despite our failure to win Cuppers', the team went into Europe for the second time in three years: we toured the Bordeaux area and played three matches in various stages of inebriation. We took the Cuppers' squad with the additions from other colleges of Simon Berry, Mike Biggar and Hugh Monro, who both strengthened the side and provided non-stop entertainment. Our hosts were overwhelmingly generous, plying us with the best of French food and wines to more than saturation point. We played in front of huge crowds—or so they seemed to us—whose sympathies were in no way divided, though we were assured "All zee peeple were 'appy" However, we managed to safeguard the reputation, if not the virtue, of England by winning two of our matches and only narrowly losing the third. We lost 14-9 to Surgères, whose tactics, completely unfamiliar to us all, were the main cause of defeat, despite the fact that we were playing only fourteen men. It was then a great boost to combat similar tactics in the last game against an equally good side, Roche, and emerge victors (14-3). The tour was a great opportunity to see first-hand the variety of technique and tactic of which the French are capable, at all levels of their game. All of us I'm sure, are "better for that".

In all, we had a highly successful and enjoyable tour, remarkable for its wit and good humour, and memorable for a number of reasons; the singing of "Tipperary" by a French Veteran, climaxed by his disappearance under a shower of olives; our proven ability to eat three huge French meals from 2 o'clock in the afternoon onwards; playing a game of rugby from 9.45 P.M. to 11.30 p.m.

It has been a fine season in which much good rugby has been played and friendships generated. The strength of the Club is in the number and enthusiasm of the first year element, which augurs well for the future. The captain has channelled all such strengths and managed to combine a will to win with a general camaraderie throughout the team—it has been fun to play and fun to win. We owe a large debt to Jim Williams who has prepared fine pitches and helped us through

many dark hours. We have been continually encouraged, as well as being critically appraised, by a growing number of Senior Members of College, who have enlarged our circle in the bar and enlarged our repertoire of songs on diverse occasions. The presence of the Master among the supporters for the St Catharine's game was particularly appreciated. Perhaps the status of Rugby in the College is in the ascendent—certainly not before time.

J. PARKER

THE SQUASH CLUB

Captain: G. DRAPER

Secretaries:

P. W. GORE, J. CHOYCE

The 1969-70 season has been enjoyable and successful. The net result of the league has been promotion by one division each for the 2nd, 3rd and 4th teams. In the Lent Term, the 1st team regained the place in the First Division which it lost, very closely, at Christmas. The 2nd team has amazed everyone by gaining promotion to the Second Division, on a par with average college first sides! A very creditable performance. The 3rd and 4th teams were steady, and were both promoted at Easter, to Divisions Four and Seven respectively.

The Cuppers team was ably led by M. T. Greenwood, Secretary of the University Club, and included R. A. Jackson, J. Skinner, A. Shaddock, G. Draper. After beating St Catharine's, Trinity and Clare, we lost to the very strong Pembroke side in the semi-final.

A number of matches were played against outside teams. Although we lost more than our fair share, all were close, and enjoyed by the various people involved.

This year has seen a fair crop of talented freshmen, four of whom have played regularly for the 1st and 2nd teams. Next season is expected to be quite as successful as this.

First Team Colours are (re-)awarded to R. A. Jackson, J. Choyce, J. Skinner, A. Shaddock, G. Broad, A. J. Churchill, G. Draper; Second Team Colours to J. M. English, J. Connell, G. S. Markland, A. O. Palmer and C. Howard.

Next year's illustrious captain will be Jonathan Choyce.

G. D.

TABLE TENNIS CLUB

The result of the first round of the Table Tennis Cuppers came just too late for inclusion in the previous issue. St John's beat Clare, 5-4, in a cliff-hanger decided by the last set, only to meet the defending champions in the following round. Although the St Catharine's team won 7-2 many of the sets were much closer than this score might suggest. The St John's team members were J. Taylor, J. English, G. Hewitt and J. Connell.

All the College teams had a satisfactory Lent Term in the League Competition. The college ladder proved popular and produced a few surprising results.

It is hoped that all those who supported the College this season will continue to do so and that they enjoyed it as much as I did.

D. G. MORRISON

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BADMINTON CLUB

Captain: R. G. HARDING

Secretary: J. L. NUTT

Treasurer: J. S. HALLIDAY

The College Leagues having been telescoped, we now have a team in both the First and the Second divisions: an unexpected promotion for the Seconds. But at the time of writing they have won their only match and should carry on in that vein. The First team have so far balanced wins and losses, and with a high proportion of experienced players, including two members of the Cockerels: John Nutt and Graham Harding, as First pair, we should finish reasonably well up in the League.

Next year, however, may be rather difficult unless team members take up academic pursuits, for many are now in their third year. But as usual we hope that next year will produce a collection of stars. It might.

R.G.H.

LADY MARGARET BOAT CLUB

1969-1970

President: THE MASTER

Senior Treasurer: COL. K. N. WYLIE

Captain: J. M. RHODES

Vice-Captain: A. J. ADAMS

Secretary: R. J. P. AIKENS

MICHAELMAS TERM

Light and Clinker Races

The Light Four beat Christ's easily in the first heat, but unfortunately lost to a strong Jesus crew in the second round; the eventual winners were Clare.

The first Clinker Four raced Clare, St Catharine's and 1st and 3rd 'B' in successive heats, being down in every race by up to 5 seconds by the half-way mark, but rowing through up the final straight to win each heat. In the final against 1st and 3rd 'A', L.M.B.C. was again down, by 2 seconds, when a drifting

cabin cruiser stopped the race: in the re-row L.M.B.C., yet again, were down by 3 seconds at the halfway, but once more managed to pull their fingers out up the last straight and won by 5 seconds.

The Light Four and First Clinker Four also raced in the Fours' Head of the Thames, but neither was successful.

Sculling Races

J. M. Rhodes and N. J. Odom represented the club in the Colquhouns without success—J. M. Rhodes losing to C. J. Dalley of Queens' in a re-row after a dead-heat.

There were no club entries for the Bushe-Fox Freshmans' Sculls—a sad reflection on the intake of freshmen!

Fairbairns

The 1st VIII went up two places to fifth and the 2nd VIII held their position as one of the top college second eights. Only 3 crews entered—the 3rd was the Medics, who went up several places and were awarded crock-pots.

Light IV

Bow A. J. Adams
2 J. M. Rhodes (Steers)
3 R. J. P. Aikens
Str. N. V. Bevan

Coaches

A. C. Twinn
E. G. Cooper

First Clinker IV

Bow J. H. Lees
2 F. D. J. Dunstan
3 B. W. Jacobs
Str. J. O. P. Sweeney
Cox E. Yates

Coach

Col. K. N. Wylie

1st Boat

Bow J. H. Lees
2 R. A. Bramley
3 B. W. Jacobs
4 J. O. P. Sweeney
5 J. W. Gillams
6 F. D. J. Dunstan
7 R. J. P. Aikens
Str. A. J. Adams
Cox E. Yates

Coaches

J. M. Rhodes
R. Silk
N. V. Bevan
E. G. Cooper

2nd Boat

Bow N. Curtis
2 W. H. R. Bertam
3 N. J. Odom
4 S. Johnson
5 A. M. Tonge
6 G. S. Markland
7 W. J. D. Scandrett
Str. S. J. Pickford
Cox J. F. Durack

Coaches

J. M. Rhodes
R. J. P. Aikens

3rd (Medic) Boat
 Bow R. J. Eason
 2 J. Taylor
 3 J. M. Stuart
 4 M. J. B. Agass
 5 A. B. N. Gill
 6 A. Gordon
 7 J. C. Catford
 Str. D. J. Deacon
 Cox I. G. Galbraith

Coach
 N. J. Odom

The Club also entered a number of crews in the Emmanuel Regatta and three novice crews in the Clare Novice Regatta—all without success.

Trial Eights

The Club was represented by J. M. Rhodes and P. H. S. Braidwood, and almost by B. W. Jacobs, who was dropped from the Trial Squad when it was cut from 24 down to 16.

LENT TERM

Lent Bumps

The 1st VIII were unlucky on the first night, being bumped by Pembroke in the Plough Reach while they had an overlap of a foot or two on Queens' and were going in for the kill. On the Friday, after an easy row-over on the second day they were again chasing Queens' and only just managed to bump them 200 yards from the finish; another row-over on the Saturday left them in their starting position of 6th. The other club boats performed creditably but were unable to hold their positions.

There were 5 Club entries.

1st Boat
 Bow J. H. Lees
 2 N. J. Odom
 3 B. W. Jacobs
 4 F. D. J. Dunstan
 5 J. W. Gillams
 6 P. H. S. Braidwood
 7 R. J. P. Aikens
 Str. J. O. P. Sweeney
 Cox E. Yates

Coaches
 N. V. Bevan
 E. G. Cooper
 S. D. Sharp

2nd Boat
 Bow J. M. Stuart
 2 P. J. Stacey
 3 J. C. Catford
 4 S. K. R. Johnson
 5 A. M. Tonge
 6 M. Fabianski
 7 R. N. Curtis
 Str. W. H. R. Bertram
 Cox J. F. Durack

Coaches
 L. V. Bevan
 A. J. Adams
 R. J. P. Aikens
 R. Silk
 R. A. Cutting

3rd Boat (Coaches)
 Bow T. B. le M. Holland
 2 G. S. Markland
 3 F. R. J. Hinde
 4 R. G. Groves
 5 N. J. Harding
 6 A. J. Adams
 7 W. J. D. Scandrett
 Str. S. J. Pickford
 Cox A. E. Skelton

Coach
 J. D. Nichol

Head of the River Races

The first VIII moved up several places in the Bedford Head finishing 3rd behind Jesus (by only 3 seconds) and Goldie; the second VIII went up several places. The first VIII also rowed at Reading and finished 15th out of 150 or so with A. J. Adams valiantly substituting for P. H. S. Braidwood (absent in Africa).

Oxford v Cambridge

J. M. Rhodes represented Lady Margaret in the Goldie Crew, beating Isis by nearly a minute.

MAY TERM

May Bumps

The first VIII managed to get within two feet of Jesus on the first night but somehow couldn't finish them off and ended half a length down: this left them easy prey for Clare (who made four bumps) on the second night. The third night was a mediocre row-over while Clare bumped Queens' (who had been bumped by Jesus on the second night). But the crew partially redeemed themselves by making a spectacular bump on Queens' on the last night, overtaking them up the Plough Reach before actually hitting them on Ditton corner.

The second VIII remained the highest college second boat on the river.

Of the Gentlemen's boats, the 6th (Fellows') and 9th (Anonymous) looked most like getting their oars, but both were foiled at the crucial moments by crabs.

Eleven crews entered.

1st Boat
 Bow A. J. Adams
 2 F. D. J. Dunstan
 3 J. H. Lees
 4 J. O. P. Sweeney
 5 N. V. Bevan
 6 P. H. S. Braidwood
 7 R. J. P. Aikens
 Str. J. M. Rhodes
 Cox E. Yates

Coaches
 A. F. Twinn
 E. G. Cooper, Esq.
 D. F. Earl, Esq.
 R. J. Silk, Esq.
 M. E. K. Graham, Esq.
 J. Parker, Esq.

2nd Boat
 Bow R. N. Curtis
 2 J. M. Stuart
 3 W. J. D. Scandrett
 4 M. Fabianski
 5 J. C. Catford
 6 N. J. Odom
 7 B. W. Jacobs
 Str. W. H. R. Bertram
 Cox J. F. Durack

Coaches
 L. V. Bevan
 R. A. Cutting
 Col. K. N. Wylie

3rd Boat 'Big P'
 Bow M. Hill
 2 R. Morgan
 3 M. Agass
 4 P. Stacey
 5 A. Tonge
 6 D. J. Deacon
 7 R. Groves
 Str. G. Markland
 Cox I. G. Galbraith

Coaches
 J. M. Rhodes
 F. D. J. Dunstan
 P. A. Droar, Esq.

Other events

The first and second VIIIs rowed in Nottingham Regatta, but were defeated more by conditions than anything else, used as they were to the smooth waters of the Cam.

The 1st VIII came 3rd in the Head of the Cam (Fitzwilliam won) and were beaten (again by Fitzwilliam) in the Senior Eights Final at Cambridge Regatta.

In the Magdalene Pair Oars P. H. S. Braidwood and J. M. Rhodes reached the final but were beaten by C. J. Dalley and D. Cruttenden (both from the Blue Boat).

The first two eights also rowed unsuccessfully at Marlow Regatta—the first VIII being beaten by Leander in Grand Eights.

L.M.B.C. I represented Cambridge in Penant VIIIs at the British Universities' Championships and beat crews from Oxford and London to win the event—one of only two Cambridge crews to win at the Championships.

Henley

The first VIII was drawn against the University of London in the first heat of the Ladies' Plate and were unable to match U.L.'s extremely fast start; U.L. reached the final where they were beaten by the Dutch crew Aegir.

Stern Four of the VIII entered the Visitors' Cup and were drawn against St Mary's Hospital who had beaten them at Marlow, but L.M.B.C. fought hard and won by nearly two lengths. On the second day, however, they lost to Fitzwilliam who went on to win the event.

Bow Four, coxed by A. E. Skelton, were unfortunate enough to be drawn against London Rowing Club in the Britannia Cup and were beaten in the qualifying heats. The London Crew (with ex-L.M.B.C. man D. P. Sturge at three) were the eventual winners of the Britannia Cup.

Long Vac.

Various L.M.B.C. men won another 6 events rowing for their local crews during the summer and P. H. S. Braidwood represented Ireland in the Home International—beating Scotland and Wales.

J.O.P.S.
 W.H.R.B.

CRICKET 1970

President: MR J. G. W. DAVIES

Captain: G. M. T. HOWE

Match Secretary: G. E. HARRISON

Fixtures Secretary: G. R. G. KEEBLE

Last summer was rather hot—as you no doubt remember—and college cricketers took full advantage of the sunshine, once it had come to stay. Before, however, in the last damp, dismal days of April the 1st XI managed to lose to St Catharine's on a technicality and so took no further part in Cuppers, to lose Guy Markland who collapsed and returned only once all season, and to get very wet against Christ's. From then on, no further rain fell from dazzling blue skies and no further defeats were incurred.

Though the fast, hard wickets encountered gave little help to any but pace bowlers, all available wickets were captured on seven occasions. This was both due to generally safe fielding and catching and to our bowlers' overall tenacity and stamina. Certain of their own peculiar attributes were also used to good effect: Geoff Howe's cunning (the dreaded late-swinging full toss), Dave Russell's accuracy (9-38 against West Norfolk C.C.) and Graham Harwood's controlled (?) ferocity, once he was pointed in the right direction. Spin bowlers came into their own on only one occasion when the wicket crumbled almost to a powder and two of our off-spinners managed to catch or bowl out the majority of the opposition by themselves. Apart from Guy Markland, who did not recover sufficiently to reproduce his performances of previous seasons, the most unfortunate bowler was Jeff Cash. He came frustratingly close to claiming wickets on so many occasions during his relatively small number of overs, and the present writer wholly deserved the bruises he suffered in vain attempts to stump such carefully prepared victims.

The side's batting too was capable and reliable, even exciting at times, set respectable totals and achieved most of those set by its opponents. Seldom, though, was the real depth of talent fully tested. Because of the trueness of the wickets, the overall security of technique and often the weaknesses of opposition attacks, players designated to go in below number five had few chances to display their ability. Many of those capable of scoring half-centuries—as the averages show—though some more slowly than others, were simply left in the pavilion to envy those out in the middle. Once or twice, notably against Queens', the whole side was called upon and was equal to the challenge. Dave Barnes' performance at this, his second run-making emergence from the Cavendish Laboratory was invaluable with one wicket left standing. Other interest was aroused by Dave Burton's M.C.C. tie and his attempts to hit a ball further with a cricket bat than he could with a golf club. Speculation too was rife on the question of the frequency with which Eric Read's cricket socks were changed during the term.

Highlights of the season were obviously Dave Russell's rare nine wickets against West Norfolk, Julian English's five wickets and Eric Read's five catches and five wickets against Gentlemen of Suffolk and a second wicket partnership of 256 between the mercurial Giles Keeble (113) and David Quinney (141) against a rather staid Buccaneers side. Our Captain, Geoff Howe ('we play it hard from where I come from, lad') helped to dismiss Sidney Sussex for only 37 with 8 for 17, in a match which nearly was not completed as both sides subsided into laughter at the sight of a trouserless Sidney fielder whose flannels had ripped from ankle to waist as he bent merely to pick up the ball.

Thanks must go to Jim Williams for his expertly prepared pitches, to his tireless mother for her superb teas and the efforts of our two more or less regular umpires Bob Fuller and Tim Young. Who will forget peering into a cloud of pipe smoke to discern the approach of a bowler at Tim's end, or listening to Bob's stirring relation of his epic conversation on the new L.B.W. rule with none other than Billy Griffith?

All in all, a well knit team evolved, able to work efficiently to beat most opponents, while accommodating good and bad performances from individuals, and—most important of all—able to enjoy its cricket. Played 13. Won 8. Drawn 3. Lost 1. Abandoned 1.

<i>Batting Averages</i>	<i>Inns.</i>	<i>N.O.</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>H.S.</i>	<i>Av.</i>
G. E. Harrison ..	10	3	305	68*	43.57
D. H. Quinney ..	11	2	380	141	42.2
R. A. Jackson ..	7	4	121	37	30.25
D. G. Burton ..	9	2	207	50	29.57
J. H. Parker ..	8	2	146	44	24.33
G. R. G. Keeble ..	9	1	190	113	23.75
L. P. Tomlinson ..	9	—	155	50	17.22
J. M. English ..	4	—	40	33	10.00

<i>Bowling Averages</i>	<i>O.</i>	<i>M.</i>	<i>R.</i>	<i>W.</i>	<i>Av.</i>
D. P. Russell ..	65.2	18	161	19	8.47
G. M. T. Howe ..	136.1	24	328	27	12.15
G. I. Harwood ..	91.5	20	233	15	15.33
J. M. English ..	70	14	228	12	19.00
E. J. Read ..	107.5	19	338	17	19.87
J. Cash ..	46	9	113	5	22.6
G. R. G. Keeble ..	37	8	118	4	29.5
D. J. Barnes ..	27	7	75	2	37.5

D. H. QUINNEY, *Secretary*

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL CLUB

President: DR R. E. ROBINSON

Captain: P. S. COLLECOTT

Match Secretary: A. C. STEVEN

Fixture Secretary: T. D. YOUNG

The season opened with a tidal wave of enthusiasm for soccer and the results of the fresher's trials augured favourably for the chances of this year's combination to emulate their illustrious predecessors in making a clean sweep of inter-college trophies. At one stage, that traditional organ of university prejudice, 'Varsity', speculated at a set of eight Johnian teams from a personnel of over a hundred players, and as events have turned out, this estimate has proved not to be too far on the inflationary side. For the first time we have a fifth team participating in the League programme, in addition to Saturday performances by 'Johnnies', 'Chappies' and the 'Flying Circus'.

At the time of writing, the 1st XI seems almost certain to retain the Division I Championship; the 2nd XI are highly placed in the Second Division; the 3rd XI are turning in highly creditable performances on their league against

opposition which is invariably of the status of 1st or 2nd XIs from their respective colleges. In the Fourth Division no opponents can treat the challenge of John's 4th or 5th XIs with impunity, although the latter side only entered the league competition halfway through the term on the eclipse of Jesus III.

The 1st XI started quietly in the league competition, defeating the newly promoted Fitzwilliam at home by 2-1, this goal against us being the last to be conceded for four matches in the course of which Selwyn, Pembroke, Downing and Christ's succumbed to the tune of 9-0, 7-0, 3-0 and 2-0 respectively. A considerably weakened team then held St Catharine's to a 2-2 draw, before emphatically re-asserting itself with an authoritative 7-0 victory over a disappointing Queens' team.

Meanwhile, under the enthusiastic captaincy of Jeff 'Chopper' Farn, the 2nd XI were accomplishing great things in their league programme, and in the seven matches played so far, they have been defeated only once—at the hands of Trinity I in a high scoring match by 4-6, and have relinquished only two other points, being held to a draw by both Churchill I and Trinity Hall I. Playing against opposition which is almost exclusively the 1st XIs of other colleges, it would be very difficult to exaggerate the credit of this record.

On the other hand, the Thirds under the skillful direction of master tactician Mick Spilsbury have found the going in Division III somewhat tricky and their present haul of points is a poor indication of their undeniable ability, and although it would appear at this time that the possibility of relegation cannot be dismissed, there is great confidence throughout the club that they will prove equal to the challenge.

In Division IV the 4th and 5th XIs have been playing well and with no little success, the high point in their season so far must be recognised to have been their titanic struggle in a Johnian Derby which ended with honours even, each side having converted three of their chances.

No small part of the current success of the 1st XI can be attributed to the return to the fold of T. McGing from the lofty heights of the 'Blue' squad, a move which has added weight, both literal and figurative, to the attack. The other principal goalscorer has been 'find-of-the-season', Dave Russell, a lapsed cricketer. In

midfield, the understanding between and ascendancy acquired by R. Nicholson, S. Sugden and B. Clyne improves with every match, and the 'thin red line' of P. Collecott, J. Davies, J. Cash and G. Harrison consistently proves to be the most difficult defence to penetrate in college soccer, backed up by the familiar figure of T. Young in goal. The experience of veteran winger Steven is an important factor on stabilising what is essentially a young and sometimes overly exuberant combination.

At present the arrangements are being finalised for a tour of Ireland in the first week of January, when fixtures have been arranged against University College Dublin, Queens' Belfast, the University of Ulster at Coleraine and against the Liverpool Ramblers on return to this country. It is hoped this experience will be an invaluable preparation for the Cuppers campaign next term.

For the first time, there will be a St John's six-a-side competition at the end of this term with participation by Selwyn, St Catharine's and the St John's Rugby Club.

The entire club wish to record a very sincere and well earned vote of thanks to the groundsman, Mr Jim Williams, for his obliging assistance and his superlative pitches.

A. C. STEVEN

THE RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB

President: MR SCOTT

Captain: D. M. WILSON

Match Secretary: S. J. F. HOBBS

Fixtures Secretary: D. G. BURTON

1st XV: Played 12. Won 6. Lost 6.

2nd XV: Played 10. Won 5. Lost 5.

Once again the season started well with the 1st XV winning their first four league matches. Training sessions, although few and far between, proved valuable early on, and because the club had been strengthened by an intake of some keen and some talented freshmen the sides looked set for a season of creditable results. We were however unable to call on the services of Paul Barclay, Dave Fryatt and Nige Waskett for many of the matches on account of their selection for the Varsity and LX club sides, and on the services of many other players due to injury.

The first four games were won convincingly. The pack worked hard for possession and the

backs occasionally rewarded them for their hard work. There was however an obvious lack of line-out ability, although the art of spoiling soon matured. Lack of penetration and enterprise in the backs has been our main failure, and we were not able to capitalise on the good ball the pack produced on a number of occasions. After the promising start, hopes were set on the league title but such aspirations are the right of the football club, as we realised after going down badly to Trinity. This defeat was all the more disheartening in view of the fact that many Johnnians had made the journey to the Trinity sports field to lend their vociferous support only to be let down. After this defeat the team only produced the football it was capable of late into the second-halves of each game and it seemed towards the end of the term that the first sixty minutes were only being played in anticipation of the late rally that would automatically follow.

Perhaps the highlight of the term was our visit to Lowestoft and Yarmouth. Only five regular 1st XV members played or rather were included in the side of whom two played in their normal positions and the remaining three would have preferred to have been given a crutch rather than a ball; the rest of the team consisted of gallant members of the second, Cygnets and Bums XVs and one gallant member of the football team, who celebrated his first try in rugby by an indulgence in some acrobatic antics that would only be seen by rugby players on a Saturday evening if they had nothing better to do at 10.15 p.m. than sit in front of a television set. Mr McGing was censured and was asked not to score again. He obeyed with consummate ease.

The second XV, now promoted to the third division, had more fixtures than last year. The spirit of the side was enthusiastically maintained by the captain Mike Lawton, who has the ability to bring players from long retirements onto the field of play, and the ability to persuade some members of the Cygnets to take rugby on a slightly more serious basis. He was thus able to field fifteen players at all times despite the numerous injuries; an achievement which can only be fully appreciated if one studies the numbers of cancellations of 2nd XV matches other colleges have to make.

S. J. F. HOBBS

TABLE TENNIS CLUB

At the beginning of term a meeting was held for all those interested in playing for the College in the University League. A small number of Freshmen came and with eight players from previous years we were able to enter five teams for the Inter-College League.

Unfortunately the first team are still only in the second division and an increase in standard is needed to gain promotion. Results so far for all the teams indicate a general improvement in form though teams could be more successful given practice.

It is hoped that a new table-tennis Table will be available next term. W. R. PEACHEY

HOCKEY CLUB

Captain: R. J. NEWMAN
Team Secretary: C. HANDLEY
Fixtures Secretary: D. LAYTON

Cuppers champions at last! Nobody believed we could do it, but today (30 November) the College Hockey team overcame St Catharine's in a thoroughly entertaining and hard-fought final.

Throughout the competition we have always seemed to raise our game at the right time, and today the whole team played magnificently, beating a St Cats team, packed with Blues and Wanderers, by one goal to nil.

Right from the start Johns attacked, with inside-forwards Mike Eaton and Giles Keeble combining imaginatively with centre-forward Richard Hadley to force their way through the opposition defence.

We didn't have it all our way though. St Catharine's always looked dangerous, and it took some courageous play by Steve Barton and Chris 'Chopper' Handley to keep them out.

At half-time the score was nil-all, with honours about even. In the second half, however, Johns began to take a grip on the game, with tireless Bob Roseveare, John O'Keeffe and Clive Cooke controlling the midfield. O'Keeffe in particular (surely the best player in the university?) gave some beautiful distribution up the left wing to Peter Bowden, whose stag-like gallops to the corner-post split the defence in two.

It was from the right wing that the inevitable goal finally came. James Wilson raced into the circle and smashed the ball at England 'keeper Barker, who could only partially smother the shot, and the ball rolled over the line.

A tremendous victory, for a team that is not founded on brilliant individual talent, but which has always shown enough courage, determination and teamwork to finally take the Cup. R.J.N.

CLASSICAL SOCIETY

The Society began the year with a stimulating paper read by Professor W. K. C. Guthrie on 'Man as Microcosm', in which he described the idea of man as a model of an ordered universe and extended the discussion to the modern issue of the individual's relationship to the State. Later in the term Mr M. H. Crawford explained the inner workings of Roman politics to a small and select group, and a rather larger number of members assembled for a showing of slides about Greek archaeology. The Easter term's activities consisted of the Annual Dinner.

At the first meeting of the Michaelmas Term an enthusiastic gathering heard Professor D. L. Page, Master of Jesus College, read a paper on Herodotus; a lively and entertaining evening ensued. At a later meeting Dr J. Chadwick explained some of the intricate work on the Pylos tablets in which he is engaged.

S. J. GALLICO

LONG VAC CRICKET

'Write a report about *what?*' I asked incredulously, 'but I only played in two matches and I can't remember anything about those!' 'Great', he said, 'just the man. Tell us a few tales. You know, a bit of Neville Cardus'.

I can't do that, but I'll tell you all I can still remember. When I was diverted to the pavilion to play my first match for that grand team, the St John's Long Vacation Cricket Team I was on my way to the University Library. I don't suppose you'll believe that, but I really was. I didn't make it of course—the lure of the willow was an apple I couldn't resist biting, and besides, Dr Linehan's press-gang at the Queen's

Road gate was obviously not going to be put off with any remark about wanting to work on such a sunny afternoon.

We lost that match against Sidney Sussex, and pretty sore about it we were, for they looked even less like cricket players than we did. But that was a dull afternoon, compared to the scene a week later, when a Junior Members' eleven faced the Fellows' eleven.

It was tense—it was certain to be tense—from the moment the captains met: the cool but wary Linehan eyeing the quietly confident Cash with a look whose venom was only partly hidden by that oh so casually held pipe. The Fellows were fielding a strong team, so strong in fact that they turned away the Dean, Mr Bambrough, who unforgiveably arrived late. But with the Dean of Chapel an early bowler, and Dr Robinson smouldering in best Freddie Trueman fashion, it was bound to be a close thing.

Cash played his trump card, and sent in Graham Harrison, top of the season's averages, as an opening bat intent on tiring the more mature performers. But it was not to be, for Graham went for a mighty lofted four off the first ball and was solidly caught at square leg. The innings never went well. I thought my moment of history making had come when I hit a boundary off a loose ball from the most feared bowler. But fiery Robbie took one withering look at me from about fifty yards away, bore down on the wicket like a rush-hour taxi, and almost quartered the wicket-keeper with what a few seconds ago had been my wicket. The tail wagged, however, with Graham Harding (who had been dragged from a tennis court to play, and who, with all respect, handled his bat as if he hadn't noticed the move) excelling everyone to hit a massive six over mid-wicket.

A couple of good knocks in the Fellows' batting took them dangerously close before they were all out two runs short of our total. Dr Linehan left the field muttering that Cash had cheated in copying Geoff Howe's method of captaincy (known to be not untruthless), but as usual all was resolved in the bar.

Long Vac Cricket?—well, I may not have impressed the selectors, but it did keep me out of the U.L. on a sunny afternoon, so it did me some good.

IAN THORPE

LADY MARGARET PLAYERS

For the fourth time in as many years the Lady Margaret Players have organised a workshop for people interested in this informal approach to the theatre. In previous years the experiment has tended to fail after a few weeks as the novelty of the affair disappears and as other commitments increase. If the level of active involvement and interest is not spread evenly between all the participants the whole object of the exercise, to learn about drama from a communal approach, can easily be frustrated by the dominance of a theatrical clique. However, this year's workshop has been a success, partly because of its separation in organisational terms from the Lady Margaret Players' production of 'Cymbeline'.

Any project, however communal it may be in its execution, needs to be planned and organised by an individual at its inception. Keith Hutcheson has provided the impetus and the continuity from which much has grown. He has worked to combine the new faces which appear in the School of Pythagoras every Thursday with the regular stalwarts, and has progressed through improvisations of movement and speech to the examination of the work of some of our contemporary playwrights. The stress has now moved, as it should, away from the organiser to the body of the group, which promises to thrive in its involvement in this stimulating approach to the many and complex problems of the theatre.

IAN THORPE

MODERN LANGUAGES SOCIETY

Two meetings have been held this term—both marked by good speakers, lively discussions and plenty of good wine. Plans are already well under way for an Austrian-style dinner at the beginning of February, under the auspices of Dr Wagner, to whom the society is grateful in many ways. Thanks are also due to Dr Stern for the use of his rooms, to the guest speakers, and to senior and junior members for their interest and participation, which make this sort of society worthwhile.

J.B.S.C.

LAWN TENNIS CLUB

Captain: R. B. GRAY
Secretary: J. G. H. STOKES

If the survival of old colours (only two remained from the previous season) be thought the gauge to a team's likely success, one had little reason to expect such a fine season.

In fact, only one defeat was suffered at the hands of college opposition—against Downing in the semi-finals of Cuppers.

Marginally relegated the previous season, the 1st VI took the Second Division with ease, winning all their matches and conceding only three rubbers overall out of 36. Only once was the team extended, by Caius. Confidence gained in the League sustained a very effective challenge in Cuppers. Nemesis came against Downing: although victory against a College that could draw upon four Blues and several Grasshoppers inter al. was never in prospect, the margin of defeat (5-3) might have been smaller: however one of the bottom three singles was dropped. Andrew Shaddock performed notably to take Mendoza to two long sets.

In club matches consistently good tennis was not always played: knowledge of local conditions; i.e. the prevailing 'Wild West Wind' (Shelley), was not always sufficient to counter a certain lack of application. Nevertheless only against the Bar L.T.C. was the result not in the balance right to the end. On the distaff side, enjoyable afternoons were spent in the company of teams from Homerton and Girton. In travels beyond Cambridge a humbling pre-term defeat was inflicted by University College School and a resounding victory gained against St Edmund Hall, Oxford.

Of individual players mention must be made of Alan Graham (styled by 'Varsity' as the best bearded player in the University), Graham Broad (who did his best to maintain the team's sartorial standards) and Andrew Shaddock (undefeated in League doubles [again] and singles).

The 2nd VI performed creditably, losing their first fixture only and gaining promotion (one believes) to the 3rd division.

With the majority of the 1st team 'pool' remaining this year, prospects for next season are good.

R.B.G.

CROSS-COUNTRY RUNNING

After two relatively lean years, this year's crop of Freshmen Cross-Country Runners has been a very good one. After losing our three Blues at the end of last season, the arrival on the scene of Dave Cordrey, Martin Hore and Steve Briault (amongst others) was a source of some relief and has meant that St John's is once again among the top half-dozen colleges in Cross-Country Running. Despite an early setback, our performances so far this season have been quite pleasing, the College team standing fourth at present in Division I and having recently finished third in Cuppers.

However, this is a very good season for Cross-Country Running at Cambridge generally and many other colleges have found themselves in a stronger position than last year—this has accentuated our by now traditional weakness in 'middle field' runners, and it also explains why, despite a record turnout for the first League Race, we were beaten into fourth place; many of our runners being squeezed out of the scoring groups.

Injuries too have prevented us from fielding a team at full strength, but more important in this respect is the waning of early season enthusiasm once the mud starts to thicken. We still have two League Races as well as the relays during the Lent Term, and anyone in two minds about running this season is urged to put in some training two or three times a week between now and Easter. If you do, you'll find the mud between here and Coton doesn't feel half as heavy.

Runners this season: S. Briault, C. W. Callis, D. Cordrey, D. Dearnaley, M. Haggard, P. Hastings, M. Hore, P. Lees, A. Mattingly, P. Morton, R. Palmstrom, R. Parker, D. Trotman, D. Turnbull.

A.M.

WORDSWORTH SOCIETY

If you think that the 'common pursuit' has anything to do with members of the opposite sex, then you need not read on; but those who recognised the significance of the phrase are most probably the sort of people who were at the Society's meetings, and so need not read on either. But for those of you who recognise the significant phrase and were not there, or for those who do not recognise the significant phrase and are still reading on, and especially for those who were there but do not recognise the significant phrase, I shall now reveal the nature of the Society's recent activities.

That was verbiage—but the papers read recently to us were certainly not. Last year Mr Bambrugh cleared our minds with a very valuable paper on the 'Definition of Tragedy and the Tragedy of Definitions' demonstrating the nature of word-use and the application of the family resemblance theory to the understanding of tragedy and the tragic. Dr Anne Barton provided another extremely illuminating paper. This was on 'Shakespeare's Sense of an Ending in Twelfth Night and As You Like It' and it provided both an insight into particular plays, and a consideration of comedy in general.

Finally, I am sure the members of the Society will never forget the Dinner held in Mr Hugh Sykes Davies' honour this term. Retiring as Director of Studies in English after 35 years, it is quite obvious that Mr Davies is very warmly remembered by past generations of English students to judge by the superb presentation that was made. It is often difficult to say exactly what one wants to say, but I think the significance of the response was that many, many past pupils wanted to say a very large 'thank you' to Mr Davies.

K. L. BARRON

College Notes

Appointments and Awards

MR R. A. L. ANDERSON was a member of an expedition to Iceland to produce an up-to-date map of the glacier, Koldukvislarjokull and its neighbouring lakes and rivers.

MR A. B. ATKINSON (B.A. Churchill 1966) Fellow, has been appointed Professor of Economics at the University of Essex.

MR J. J. BATCH (Matric. 1968) has been awarded the H. E. Woodman Prize.

College Chronicle

THE COULTONIANS

Czar: MR BROGAN

The Society has had a busy time since the last report (this one is rather overdue: it is to be hoped that readers will be forgiving). The Czar celebrated his return from the outer provinces in January, 1970, by giving a party for the Coultonians at which Tokay was served: this opened a valuable season. On 5 March 1970 Mr Andrew Porter read a paper on *British Imperialism and its Public: South Africa 1895-99*. It was exceptionally well attended, and a lively discussion followed. On 7 May 1970 Mr David Rock read a paper on *Democracy in Argentina 1916-1922: the Political Integration of the Labour Sector*, which, in spite of its formidable title, proved as comprehensible as it was instructive. The coming of a new academic year was celebrated on 22 October 1970 by a meeting in the Wordsworth Room, at which a shrine in honour of G. G. Coulton was erected. It consisted of a portrait of Coulton, with two silver candlesticks (lighted candles) and two bowls of chrysanthemums (some said this was unsuitably popish); a selection of Coulton's books, open at the title pages; a folder of his etchings (lent, like the portrait, by the Library); and various books describing the man and his controversies. At the other end of the room was a bar . . . the Society met again on 25 November to hear a paper from Mr Anthony Williams on *The Military Orders in the Latin Kingdom of Jerusalem*; and on 4 March 1971 to hear Mr Ian Adamson on *Sex, Saints and Scholars: the Scientific Revolution and its Historians*. Both papers were good; the only pity is that there were only two of them.

D.H.V.B.

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL CLUB

President: DR R. E. ROBINSON

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Incredible to believe, the long-projected Soccer club tour actually took place and in spite of the

Irish themselves who are 'casual' about correspondence and the efforts of Mr Young's indefatigable travel agent, a party of fourteen assembled in Belfast on 7 January and headed thence to Dublin with Jeff Farn at the wheel of a minibus and treating Irish traffic with all the tender loving care to which his wingers are accustomed. A hard fought draw, 1-1, in Dublin was followed by a 3-2 defeat in a niggly match with a partisan referee against Queen's Belfast. Fears that Cash's tackling might spark off fresh I.R.A. violence in acts of reprisal proved unfounded. Finally the team 'came good' and won comfortably by 5-0 against Coleraine. The last stop was at Liverpool where another 3-2 defeat was in store. Despite the two defeats, the goal average was comfortably in the black and in addition to its great social success the tour was an important morale booster for the forthcoming Cuppers campaign.

LENT TERM

The Plate has come to be regarded as a hereditary right of the College and it was felt in some circles that the main opposition to the 2nd XI this year might come from one of the other five Johnian teams participating in the competition. In fact, the Seconds were the only side to qualify from their group, although the Thirds were somewhat chagrined at being eliminated after running up a goal average of 25-1 in only three games. Thereafter the draw was tough at every stage, but, shouted on by the fanatical St John's support, they found themselves playing Fitzwilliam II in the Final after successive victories by 5-2 against St Car's II and 3-1 against a very strong Christ's II. Perhaps nerves contributed to the indignity of being level at 2-2 at full-time, but thereafter the side asserted itself with two more goals and were denied a third by the final whistle.

In Cuppers the 1st XI enjoyed a bye in the first round, a round which saw the eclipse of the strongly-fancied, Blue-studded St Catharine's team at the hands of lowly Magdalene. A

few appreciative glances cast across the punt-pool! The next round brought Jesus who appeared reluctant to play if more than a handful of Johnian regulars were available, but the team survived by 2-1. Another away fixture was in store at Queens' whom we beat comfortably by 3-0. In the semi-final Fitzwilliam were the opposition on Christ's neutral quagmire. The heavens opened continually and the Fitzbilly defence opened twice to goals from Daves—Barnes and Russell—which proved sufficient. Unfortunately, the ideal ending was not in store, despite the vast and vocal Johnian following at Grange Road. A beleaguered defence held out against Christ's till half-time but shortly after an uncharacteristic lapse in concentration led to a goal. For the first time John's seemed goaded into action, took over the match and were desperately unlucky not to score. A finely glanced header just missed; Dave Russell hit the bar and then had the misfortune to miss a penalty. Gradually Christ's weathered the storm and carried off the cup—on temporary loan only!

As usual we would like to record a sincere vote of thanks to Mr Jim Williams for his continued good humour in providing innumerable excellent pitches at all times, and his unfailing interest and enthusiasm.

Officials for next season:

Hon. President: DR R. E. ROBINSON

President: REV. A. A. MACINTOSH

Captain: J. R. CASH

Match Secretary: T. W. CLYNE

Fixture Secretary: D. P. RUSSELL

A. C. STEVEN

HOCKEY CLUB

President: MR LEE

Captain: R. J. NEWMAN

Team Secretary: C. HANDLEY

Fixture Secretary: D. LAYTON

The Double, unfortunately, was not to be ours this year. Even so, the 1st XI finished up very creditably in the League, only three points behind the leaders, and we could so easily have won it had our luck been a little better.

I don't think many would deny that a great deal of our success this season has been due to the forward-line. A record total of seventy goals, well over twice as many as last season, speaks for itself. Newcomers Mike Eaton and Richard Hadley combined excellently with the experience of Giles Keeble to produce probably the most formidable inside three in the League. They were supported at all times by left-winger Peter Bowden, and at most times by James Wilson, who achieved immortality by scoring the winning goal in the Cuppers Final and promptly went back to sleep.

But this is not to forget the defence. Considering the abuse they had to put up with from behind, their performance was first-class. When Bob Roseveare was busy playing for the Wanderers Clive Cooke took over at centre-half and turned in consistently good performances. The wing-halves were Chris Bonsall, who has improved beyond recognition over the year, and Dave 'Feet' Layton, well known author and hockey international.

What usually turned out to be the last line of defence consisted of Steve Barton (rumoured to pray for snow before every League match) and Chris Handley, a Medic who usually managed to keep his profession in business.

Possibly the most satisfying match last term was against St Catharine's, this time in the League, when we discovered that by some underhand trick they had rearranged the fixture so that all four of their Wanderers could play. Evidently they were bent on revenge for their defeat in Cuppers. Considering that our only Wanderer, Bob Roseveare, was unavailable that day, we did very well to hold them to a 1-1 draw.

The 2nd XI also had an excellent season, thrashing most of their opponents and finishing clear winners of their Division. This undoubtedly had much to do with the inspiration and energy of their captain, Jerry Batch, whose half-time talks were an entertainment in themselves.

With Cup and League honours behind it, the Club enjoyed a fitting finale to the season when it went on tour at the end of last term. The chosen venues were Chester and Manchester, despite the vigorous protests from South African Clive Cooke, who refused to go anywhere near the Black Country.

As far as the hockey was concerned, we won one match, drew one and lost one, playing quite well, brilliantly and hopelessly in that order. But perhaps there was some excuse for the third result, considering the previous two nights. The hockey was distinguished mainly by fine performances from Donald Furbinger and Solly Sutherland, and also Richard Hadley's amazing ability to beat everyone on the field except the goalkeeper. Ian Simm, as official umpire, managed to tolerate the stream of insults directed at him, and umpired extremely well.

Socially the tour was a tremendous success. High spots included taking over the complete Taj Mahal restaurant at one o'clock in the morning, making a big impression on the Polytechnic disco, and Jerry's novel method of hitching a lift. The minibus was driven superlatively and to everyone's amazement Clive managed to finish the course without knocking down anybody, black or white.

In addition Solly found his true vocation as tie-salesman and master comedian, and John Stevens proved he knows more rugby songs than all the College 1st XV put together. There was also a rumour going around about a dangerous gang of lavatory saboteurs—the Ballcock Gang—but in official circles all knowledge of this is denied.

Looking back, this year has been a very memorable one, and I'm sure the nucleus of good players that will be staying on will mean continued success next season.

In conclusion the whole hockey club would like to express its gratitude to Mr Jim Williams for producing such excellent pitches, without which it is impossible to play good hockey.

R.J.N.

their positions in their respective divisions; however it was only when Peter Gore won a decisive match against Selwyn's Jim Chesney to put us into the Final of Cuppers and the First team found themselves at the top of the first division, that the possibility of anything exceptional became apparent.

The final against Pembroke was only marred by one defeat—that of Mike Greenwood, who would undoubtedly have won had he not tried a number of pornographic shots in preparation for the Danish Open (where, needless to say, his performance was much better). With the match standing at 2-1, Jonathan Choyce threw a spanner into the Pembroke works with a great victory over their second blue, John Cooper.

The results were:

Greenwood lost to Weir 0-3

Choyce beat Cooper 3-2

Connell beat Melbourne 3-0

Gore v Cook unplayed

Morton beat Dixon 3-1

We would like to thank all those who braved the Arctic wastes of Portugal Place to support us, and Dr Robinson and the Soccer Club for their hospitality the same evening (or what we remember of it).

As for our League win, much is due to the effort and results of Peter Gore and Hugh Morton, not forgetting the mercurial Julian English, who played to the consistency of the dark rum flowing through his veins. The other teams did not quite match the success of the first team, but we still have the highest placed second, third and fourth teams in the University. With the vast majority of active Squash players still up next year, prospects are very good. Next year's Captain will be Julian English.

We are most grateful to the maintenance department and Mr Jones for keeping the Courts in such good condition. In the depths of his frustration at the 'three gloomy courts' in St John's at that time, that great squash fanatic William Wordsworth would never have dreamed of courts, or indeed squash, of this calibre. As he begins his third century, we must say in all humility, 'Wordsworth, thou should'st be living at this hour!'

J.C., J.B.S.C.

SQUASH RACKETS CLUB

Captain: J. CHOYCE

Secretary: J. B. S. CONNELL

The end of March saw St John's standing alone above the tough, uncompromising, cut-throat rat-race of Cambridge Squash. After an inauspicious start to the season, all the teams held

College Chronicle

BUMS

President: D. A. W. LLEWELLYN

For the benefit of students not yet initiated into the mysteries of this sect, the Bums were first constituted in 1969 under the auspicious leadership of our president, with the aim of reaching the nadir of all human activity. A year's apathy ensued, whereupon the Bums launched themselves, like Daniel or David or Minnie Mouse, into the realm of sport. Up to now they have had an unbroken series of gratifying defeats; against the English Faculty and the Churchill Bar Bums at soccer, Fitzwilliam at squash and against that arcane, subversive sect, the Gnomes, in which Eric Hardly excelled himself by downing boots to tackle the daunting might of those minuscule midgets. Undeterred, a rowing eight was formed which failed excellently to get into the May Races. Forthcoming disasters include football matches against the Medics and St John's Orchestra, who will provide light entertainment during the interval, and a rugby match against the Homerton Heavies.

The Bums thrive on the contempt, disparagement and mockery of others and, although an esoteric group of 33, take no account of class, creed or propensity to work. Indeed, such was their social status that last year a Bums' Dinner was introduced, graced by the not unnoticeable presence of Dr A. Wagner. Later it is hoped to consolidate their position by introducing a Bum's Tie for those who have contributed most to their cause.

In passing, we might spare a minute's silence for that outstanding music-hall duo of Bums, Hastings and Connell, who are doing brave work in Freiburg. They will unfortunately miss next year, which dawns full of hope and expectancy for this audacious band of men, who will advance from bad to worse and from worse to who knows what depths.

A. R. MACKENZIE

CLASSICAL SOCIETY

The society had a series of interesting meetings which covered a wide range of topics in the Classical field. At the first, Mr L. P. Wilkinson spoke on 'The Cult of Outrageousness' to an audience consisting of Wordsworthians and Modern Linguists as well as Classicists. Mr Wilkinson discussed the various periods in which people set out to outrage public sensitivity, from Archilocus to Malcolm Muggeridge, pointing out the two prerequisites for this phenomenon—public confidence which permits the necessary degree of licence, and taboos which may be attacked. Later in the term a smaller gathering assembled to hear papers given by two members: Bruce Bradley talked about Tacitus' attitude to the Principate, Charles Burnett about Demos and Democracy; both papers sparked off a lively debate. For the final meeting of the Lent Term, Dr R. O. A. M. Lyne read a paper on the subject of a poem by Propertius (I, 8A), giving a detailed historical background followed by a close analysis of the poem itself. Dr Lyne's remarks served to give a deeper understanding and appreciation of the poem.

The Society met only once in the Easter term, on the occasion of the Annual Dinner, which to judge by the attendance was seen by some as the principal event in the Society's calendar. The evening was a very pleasant one: the atmosphere, on account of the combined effects of the end of the examinations and a fine meal, was relaxed, not to say euphoric. The speeches, given by Mr Lee, Professor Page and David Williams, were extremely lively. Some members showed a distinct reluctance to consider the evening ended until early the following morning.

At the first meeting of the Michaelmas Term, Professor Brink read a paper in which he discussed Juvenal's famous phrase 'Mens Sana in Corpore Sano', tracing back the history

of cults of health in antiquity.

A feature of meetings were the discussions, often lengthy, which the papers provoked. These served to make the meetings particularly lively. The Society is, as ever, grateful to Mr Crook for so generously allowing its meetings to be held in his room.

P. J. R. BLOXHAM

MODERN LANGUAGES SOCIETY

Only one meeting has so far been held this term, when Mr J. T. Boorman came along from Corpus Christi to give a talk on that well-known Latin American poet, Pablo Neruda. An ample number of people came along and made the evening a big success, aided by generous and indispensable helpings of wine.

We hope to have some form of party at the end of this term and, of course, our Annual Dinner next term, but at the moment no other meetings of a more academic nature are definitely planned. However we expect to have a talk on Alexander Solzhenitsyn next term which should be very popular. Thanks are due to Dr James for his help and to Dr Stern for the use of his rooms as well as to Senior and Junior members who have taken the trouble to come along and make the meetings worthwhile.

J. C. WOODHOUSE

ADAMS SOCIETY

President: T. C. HIND

Vice-President: J. F. MCJOHN

Secretary: D. J. A. TROTMAN

Treasurer: D. J. ALDOUS

This term has seen renewed interest in the St John's Mathematical Society. In the first meeting of the term Professor Adams gave an entertaining talk on 'The Symmetry of Repeating Patterns'. This was illustrated with very amusing and skilful prints by M. C. Esher of divers fictitious creatures. Some were grotesque, some beautiful, and some, like one of angels whose silhouettes formed devils (!), were quite startling. An aged iron epidiascope was used which

had to be bundled through the streets from Downing Street, causing much consternation and noise.

The second meeting was on 'The Acoustics of Violins, or Why Stradivarius?' given by Dr McIntyre. Several musicians joined us to be held by a very interesting talk which showed us the mechanics of the sound production of the violin. We were told of recent attempts to synthesise musical sounds; the trumpet has been successfully synthesised and within the next few years it could be achieved for the violin. Perhaps a more beautiful sound than any yet played (or heard) will be produced together with the instrument to play it!

Next term we shall hear Dr Todd and Professor Mordell, and so hope for more interest in the society after last year's low ebb.

DAVID TROTMAN

THE HISTORY SOCIETY

Last year the Society thrived on popular culture. Mr Simon Schama read an unusual paper on '*Fads and Passion in Revolutionary Paris*'. In quick succession we had an anthology of '*Songs of Empire*' led by Professors Stokes, Gallagher, and Elect Robinson, and an (initially) more refined evening entitled '*Water, Pure Water!*' when the Victorian temperance movement was examined through versicle and song, organised by Mr David Thistlethwaite and aided by members of the Choir.

But the lesson was lost on the Society. At a memorable *Annual Dinner* tribute was poured on Dr Robinson and his imminent departure; and rightly so. Historians of every status are missing Robbie, the many-faceted historian, teacher, roisterer, and man. Only after the Dinner, hard-pressed by humble stewardship, did the Secretary discover that Dr Robinson was also Senior Treasurer of the Society, a post which Dr Pelling quickly agreed to take up.

Alas, however, the activity of the Society was suspended in the Michaelmas Term until the Secretary indicated his forthcoming resignation. Although still in deep financial water we are holding meetings this term on Medieval '*Black Death*' and Renaissance '*Pain and Sin*'.

A.N.D.

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL CLUB

President: MR A. A. MACINTOSH

Captain: J. R. CASH

Match Secretary: T. W. CLYNE

Fixtures Secretary: D. P. RUSSELL

At the start of the season, with most of last year's colours still available, and the Fresher's trials bringing an enthusiastic and promising response, the scene appeared to be set for another season of success for St John's in inter-College football. The services of Glyn Smith and Dave Smallwood were lost to the awe-inspiring heights of the Blues squad but despite this considerable setback for the league team, hopes of a fourth successive championship ran high.

It was again decided to enter 5 teams in the league (2 more than any other college) and this apart from regular friendly turnouts by the 'Bums', 'Johnnies', 'Medics' and even the College Orchestra (though it's rumoured that the latter have been known to experience some difficulties in fielding a team).

However, on the field, all has not run quite as smoothly as in recent years (and this despite the presence of arguably the most highly efficient set of officials ever!) The 1st XI are in fact still strong contenders for the championship, despite some mediocre performances. The 2nd XI, however, after finishing 3rd last year, are struggling somewhat in division II, though against opposition which consists wholly of College 1st XIs, their performances are still very creditable. The 3rd and 4th XIs are holding their own very well in their respective divisions, although all has not gone perfectly for the 5th XI, who have figured in some matches in which the scorelines were but very poor reflections of the actual courses of the games (surely?!).

The 1st XI started rather poorly, by the high standard of previous seasons, although two of the first three games were won. The first match, against Emmanuel, resulted in a 6-1 victory, but this against a side that was totally disorganised, and the 3-2 win against Clare—promoted last season—can only be described as disappointing. In the next match the inevitable happened in the shape of a 0-1 defeat at the hands of Queens—relentless pressure failing to produce a single

goal. A deserved 5-1 victory over St Catharine's seemed to augur well for the remaining matches, but then followed a disastrous 2-6 defeat at Christ's—a scoreline unheard-of in recent years. Downing were easily disposed of by 3-0, but another point was dropped at home to Trinity in a 1-1 draw. At last, against the main championship rivals, Selwyn, before a large and enthusiastic crowd, the team played as everyone knew it could and, turning on some irresistible football, ran out easy 5-0 winners. Ironically, the two other really creditable performances were both in friendlies, when the University of East Anglia 1st XI and the Falcons were held to draws.

The 2nd XI, under the astute leadership of Derek Holtham, have played consistently well for little reward. At the time of writing, it would appear that the possibility of relegation cannot be wholly discounted, although confidence of their ability to meet the challenge runs high throughout the club. The spirit of the side was typified by the hard-fought draw with promotion-candidates Churchill and victory next week against Sidney Sussex should see them safely clear of the danger zone.

The 3rd XI, enthusiastically marshalled by Arnie Skelton, have enjoyed a quite successful season and have emerged with some very creditable victories. One feels sure that both the 3rd XI and the 4th XI—who have also made their mark this term—have the potential to win promotion from their respective divisions next year.

The 5th XI, on the other hand, while generally playing constructive football, have been guilty on occasion of a little slackness in defence and in addition have suffered some cruel luck, as in the game against St Catharine's 2nd XI, when the game was poised on a knife-edge until the last 20 minutes when 10 goals were unfortunately conceded!

The 1st XI have a team which is basically very sound, though a little slackness in the penalty areas has crept in of late. The front runners, Dick Edge, Dave Russell and Alistair Steven have proved strong and penetrative, though occasionally remiss in adding the final touch. In midfield, the skill and stamina of Nige Baldock, Bill Clyne and Dave Tanton has been an important factor in several games, while the

defence, consisting of Pete Collecott, John Davies, Jeff Cash and Steve Waterman, with Tim Young as dependable as ever in goal, has proved difficult to beat. When injuries threatened to disrupt the team, Dave Donnan and Dave Green have stepped into the breach with commendable efficiency.

Arrangements are now being 'finalised' by Dave Russell (whose name has become a by-word for clinical efficiency in these matters) for a tour of Scotland in the first week of January. With any luck a few matches should have been arranged by then. The tour *should* provide a useful preliminary to Cuppers next term.

The club would like to record a sincere vote of thanks to the groundsman, Mr Jim Williams, for his support and assistance and for his superbly prepared pitches, which, despite exceptionally heavy use, remain among the best in Cambridge.

T. W. CLYNE

Stop Press: After much hectic calculation, it was realised that the College's final 3-0 victory over Fitzwilliam was sufficient to retain the league title.

CRICKET 1971

President: MR J. G. W. DAVIES

Captain: G. R. G. KEEBLE

Match Secretary: D. H. QUINNEY

Fixture Secretary: L. P. TOMLINSON

Time and memory permit only a cursory and skittish review. For those on His wavelength God knows what the weather was like. But as he fouled only one match cricket presumably has cosmic approval. And that match was an understandable temptation, after a very profane incident.

Lastly, the bowling. Quite balanced and effective really, with spin and seam taking about the same number of wickets. Only two sides topped 200; only Northants Amateurs let their enthusiasm run away with us (210-3), but then that match was won (211-7). A few useful names to be dropped last summer: the return of our 18 wicket Foot; a 7-37 demolition by Geoff Cash; the arrival and fleeting appearances of Robert Hadley, our man at Fenner's; Dave Burton, after an identity crisis during the

winter, producing a new unexpurgated edition of himself as 14-53 calibre offspinner. Russell, Harwood and Keeble just went on.

No recollection of the fielding, though there probably was some. Only three happenings on the field remain in mind. Firstly, a Burton waggishly deprived of his school cap, which was floating over the pavilion on the flag-pole. His expression, under someone else's cap, was a world of its own. But having an immense physical presence behind him, he was still a recognisable fielder. Secondly, the Army's 3rd Division No. 11 batsman, who had an old perspective on his job—tumbling, swiping, wheezing—driven on by a grim sense that this was his duty. And much better that way, too. Thirdly a squalid episode when an anonymous alcoholic (he knows who he is) lurched into what we may euphemise as 'the attack', completely drunk. There were four runs from the over, several questions of orientation ('where's the ball?' Umpire: 'He's just hit the last one for four.') and a lusting soggy grin.

Batting was arguably the best for years. Five people over 200 runs with four averages over 30. Graham Harrison and Bunty Kamtekar were, of course, outstanding value. Congratulations to Mike Eaton who just opened a boutique before scoring 101 not out, and was a very capable freshman. And then an old man, Julian English, who got Burton's trouble and declared himself a batsman, to our belief. There were, lamentably, two batting flops. One, by a tame line-up, against Imperial College, London. The other against Selwyn in Cuppers—a collapse which might show that a self-consciously strong order can get even more lost in panic.

And now the Giles Keeble. An all-rounder as ever and last summer, the captain. Certainly a committed cricketer, but spent the right amount of time on people. I didn't envy anyone trying to rule that mob, and Giles didn't really. Yet somehow you seemed to do what he said. John Parker's humour and serious batting have also gone, as finally have the many gifts of Graham Harrison. Everyone realises what a great shame it is not to have those three next year.

But next year we hope still to have Jim Williams, his pitches along with the teas and shandies. A huge thank-you as well to Big Bob

and Tim Young for sleepless umpiring. At last, a few random remarks. For those who have come on to His wavelength during this report, God knows what Lindsay Tomlinson will do next summer—we expect he'll be all right. Everybody kept their whites clean, so there could have been a few more female supporters. Taking a cross section of the team, and let's face it, most of them were cross about something most of the time, it was a pleasing summer's cricket.

G. HARWOOD

LADY MARGARET BOAT CLUB

1970-1971

President: THE MASTER

Senior Treasurer: COL. K. N. WYLIE

Captain: J. O. P. SWEENEY

Vice-Captain: J. H. LEES

Secretary: W. H. R. BERTRAM

MICHAELMAS TERM

Light and Clinker Fours Races

The light four beat Selwyn 'B' easily on the first day and Selwyn 'A' by 1½ lengths on the second day. In the semi-final they were out-classed and beaten by Fitzwilliam who were beaten by Jesus in the final.

The clinker four beat Caius on the first day, but lost to Peterhouse on the second. Trinity were the winners.

Light IV

bow J. H. Lees (Steers)

2 J. O. P. Sweeney

3 B. W. Jacobs

Str. W. H. R. Bertram

coaches A. C. Twinn, J. Gleave

Clinker IV

bow J. C. Catford

2 J. W. L. Gillams

3 D. D. Thompson

Str. J. M. Stuart

cox A. E. Skelton

coach Dr R. N. Perham

Sculling Races

Four scullers entered the Head of the Cam, N. J. Odom coming 34th.

Fairbairns

The 1st VIII only managed to come 14th, while the 2nd VIII and the Medics came 36th and 35th respectively. 1st VIII were awarded crock-pots since they dropped the least number of places!

1st Boat

bow N. J. Odom

2 J. M. Stuart

3 A. M. Tonge

4 J. W. L. Gillams

5 J. C. Catford

6 N. J. Harding

7 B. W. Jacobs

Str. W. H. R. Bertram

cox A. E. Skelton

coaches J. O. P. Sweeney, E. G. Cooper,
R. Silk

2nd Boat

bow I. Veltman

2 J. M. Fine

3 M. G. Hammett

4 J. Gilbert

5 C. J. Danby

6 E. J. Drifill

7 J. C. Kirkman

Str. J. C. H. King

cox W. R. Peachey

coach A. Willats

3rd (Medics) Boat

bow J. N. Hargreaves

2 A. Gordon

3 R. J. Eason

4 J. Taylor

5 M. Bacon

6 C. Handley

7 K. R. F. Boomla

Str. E. W. Selly

cox G. E. Smith

coaches J. M. Stuart, I. G. Galbraith

The Club also entered a pair, a novice IV and two scullers in Emmanuel Regatta, and two crews in the Clare Novice Regatta—all without success.

Trial Eights

D. D. Thompson rowed in the Trial Eights Race, but was dropped when the crews were cut down from three to two. W. H. R. Bertram lasted for one week in trials.

LENT TERM

Lent Bumps

On the first night the 1st VIII were within three feet of a bump on Fitzwilliam, but they somehow managed to miss and were caught above the Railway Bridge by Queens'. They rowed over on the other three nights narrowly missing Fitzwilliam again on the last night. They finished 7th.

The 2nd VIII went down four places.

The 6th (Rugby) Boat came 3rd in the getting-on race—their first outing—but were unfortunately baulked on the first night by a crew in front of them which accidentally bumped two crews and made a mess of the whole division. They made three bumps on the other nights.

1st Boat

bow N. J. Odom
2 W. H. R. Bertram
3 J. M. Stuart
4 J. C. Catford
5 D. D. Thompson
6 J. W. L. Gillams
7 J. H. Lees
Str. B. W. Jacobs
cox A. E. Skelton
coaches A. Willats, J. M. Rhodes, J. O. P. Sweeney, L. V. Bevan

2nd Boat

bow W. R. Peachey
2 J. Gilbert
3 M. G. Hammett
4 E. Metcalfe
5 A. M. Tonge
6 R. N. Curtis
7 C. D. Hunt
Str. E. Fleetwood
cox D. J. Biddulph
coaches R. N. Perham, J. M. Rhodes

6th Boat (Les Choppens)

bow D. Layton
2 S. Cook
3 P. R. Baker
4 G. T. H. Clarke
5 T. S. Davies
6 R. Dick
7 A. B. N. Gill
Str. A. O. Palmer
cox P. Morgan
coach J. C. Catford

Head of the River Races

At Bedford Head the 1st VIII came 7th behind Goldie, Bedford, Jesus and three other Cambridge colleges. The 2nd VIII put in a very slow time.

At Reading Head the 1st VIII came 25th, beating Jesus by a second; thus putting them 4th amongst Cambridge colleges—a drastic improvement on 14th in the Fairbairns!

Four members of the Club rowed in a scratch eight with St Catharine's in the Putney Head, finishing in the fifties.

MAY TERM

May Bumps

On the first night the 1st Boat had a bump behind them and in front of them and rowed over. Trinity (who made four bumps) caught them on First Post Corner on the second night. Pembroke and Queen's both made bumps on the 1st VIII in the Long Reach on the third and fourth nights respectively.

The 2nd Boat were also bumped three times, but rowed over on the last night.

The 11th Boat (B.A.'s) made four bumps and got their oars. The 10th Boat made three bumps.

All the other crews went down, many of them by three or four places. Fifteen crews wished to enter the Bumps, but there were only enough boats for fourteen. Unfortunately none of the three crews in the getting-on race was successful, Little P failing by only one second.

1st Boat

bow J. M. Stuart
2 W. H. R. Bertram
3 J. W. L. Gillams
4 B. W. Jacobs
5 J. H. Lees
6 J. C. Catford
7 N. J. Odom
Str. J. O. P. Sweeney
cox I. G. Galbraith
coaches T. Denby, D. F. Earl, S. D. Sharp, D. Dunn

2nd Boat

bow M. G. Hammett
2 E. Metcalfe
3 C. Handley
4 E. Fleetwood
5 A. M. Tonge
6 I. S. Sanders
7 C. D. Hunt
Str. J. Gilbert
cox D. J. Biddulph
coaches Col. K. N. Wylie, A. Willats, R. A. Cutting, Dr R. N. Perham

11th Boat (B.A.'s)

bow G. M. Roberts
2 W. L. Lindsay
3 M. G. Godfrey
4 J. Willcox
5 C. G. Cooke
6 J. W. Walker
7 R. H. Morton
Str. R. T. P. Hills
cox J. T. Lewis
coach I. S. Sanders

Other Events

In the Head of the Cam the 1st VIII came 9th-equal, 35 seconds behind Trinity and 20 seconds behind Fitzwilliam, Pembroke and Jesus. The 2nd VIII was the third fastest college second boat in this event, and the 3rd VIII (Rugby Boat) were also highly placed.

In Senior-eights at Cambridge Regatta the 1st VIII were beaten by Fitzwilliam by just over a length—quite heartening after the result of the Head Race only a fortnight earlier. J. H. Lees and N. J. Odom also entered the regatta in Junior sculls but were not successful.

At Marlow Regatta under extremely bad conditions the 1st VIII were beaten by Jesus and U.C.S. in the first heat of Junior-Senior eights. Without the disadvantage of a very strong stream they might have done better. The 2nd VIII were given a bye to the final of the Junior-eights for which they had to wait from 10 a.m. until 8 p.m.—they lost!

Henley

At Henley the 1st VIII improved immensely. In the eliminating round of the Ladies' Plate they beat Churchill easily. Also in the eliminating rounds, the Britannia Cup four (bow Four of the VIII) were beaten by Crowland by two lengths, and the Visitors' Cup four (stern Four of the VIII) beat Southampton University easily.

The VIII lost to Durham University in the first round of the Ladies' Plate. The Visitors' four beat Bradford University—the top seeded crew—easily but lost to Pangbourne College the next day.

Considering how the Club had done earlier in the year, Henley was quite a success! J.G.

SQUASH RACKETS CLUB

At the time of writing John's 1st V are top of Division 1 and now seem likely to retain the League championship. Moreover, the 2nd, 3rd and 4th teams are all challenging for promotion from their respective divisions. The College is in the happy position of possessing strength in depth. I can only apologise to those people on the fringes of the 4th team who have not yet had an opportunity to play for a College team. Hopefully the squash ladder will provide a clear indication of playing ability. Next term team selection will generally follow the results of the ladder.

The first V have been fortunate to have the services of John Choyce, Adrian Crewe and Hugh Morton. They have played to a consistently high standard of achievement. Our best wishes go to John, who is on the verge of a Squash Blue. Thanks are also due to Ian Carstairs, who has proved a very efficient secretary and is our fitness expert. It is hoped that the captain will pull his not inconsiderable weight next term. Two weeks hard training are

promised for those under consideration for the Cuppers side.

We have managed to win all our non-league matches against C.U.W.S.C., I.B.M., The Leys School and Addenbrooke's Hospital. Post-match celebrations have been as enjoyable as the matches themselves, though the captain was somewhat surprised when a young lady from New Hall refused to come to the bar, announcing she had to do her daily training run.

Thanks must go to all team players for a particularly successful season. The 1st V must now look forward to Cuppers and a winter of dedicated training.

JULIAN ENGLISH

LONG VAC CRICKET 1971

In the height of summer, when most undergraduates are either heading for Karachi by tricycle or bolstering up British industry, a motley but dedicated band of men comes into its own. It is the Long Vac Cricket team, a group of intrepid sportsmen who induced many a deathly hush in the close against such opponents as the St Alban's Diocesan Clergy and Liverpool University Staff. Their exploits are recorded in a manuscript preserved in the college, authorship of which is attributed to Nigel Warner. From this it appears that the team had a successful Long Vac until the last two matches, when Caius won by unsporting tactics and 51 runs, and in the final match Old Priorians brought further fame and glory to the school which produced Dr Linehan, captain of the John's team, by beating the college by 16 runs, despite a sturdy knock of 30 from Mr von Tunzelmann. Apart from the straight matches, there was the usual confrontation between the Fellows and the Junior Members (which the Establishment won by five wickets—Morgan 56 not out), and a curious 'extra' between the chapel choirs of St John's and King's, described in the manuscript as a 'distinctly esoteric affair'. King's, of course, ended the match well behind, losing by 38 runs. Linehan's captaincy is described as 'remarkably efficient and almost unflappable' and Jim Williams is deservedly thanked for his preparation of the pitches.

S.M. (after N.W.)

TIDDLYWINKS CLUB

The club duly had another disastrous campaign last year, though the record was rather spoilt by winning through to some relatively late stage in Cuppers. Things are however looking up this season, largely as a result of only about 25 per cent of last year's turn-out bothering at all this term. Thanks to a sustained effort, we've just secured a 100 per cent increase in travelling expenses, and are hoping to renegotiate the annual farce 'against' Saffron Walden college. For a final plug, meetings are held most Sundays in E10 New Court—after dark! Coffee is an added allurements for those who haven't played before.

ROBIN MASEFIELD

TABLE TENNIS CLUB

Last year proved quite successful, with one team gaining and another just missing promotion. However, despite the acquisition of a new table, this season has started rather disastrously, owing to the almost complete lack of experienced players, and we will be lucky if we manage to keep the 1st team in Division 2. But if the present freshmen retain their enthusiasm and improve their abilities, we can expect much better results in future.

DAVE ALDOUS

LAWN TENNIS CLUB

The achievements of the past season can only be seen in the light of a development which took place early last spring. Darwin College, the graduate institution with affiliations to St John's, Trinity and Caius, found itself in the possession of three keen and competent tennis players, and no facilities. Naturally such talent could not be wasted, and so St John's and Caius vied for their allegiance. The former were successful, and consequently the latter, being in the same division of the league, suffered twice over.

The following weeks, however, saw a complete domination of the league's first division by John's men on their own account; stability and solidarity at third pair being the main contribution of the guest players. The outcome of the intercollegiate matches was rarely in doubt, a total of only two singles and one double being lost. So the first division title was ours at the

first attempt since regaining our rightful place in the premier group.

For the third year in succession Michael Greenwood's contribution was invaluable, as was that of John Reardon when not required for University duty. In fact the quarter-final of Cuppers, in which we were narrowly dismissed by Jesus, happened to coincide with one such University fixture, and neither of these two players was available.

Enthusiasm for the game was such that the college could once again raise three teams and although no outstanding victories were recorded, success may be claimed on the grounds that some kind of competitive tennis was offered to all those who wished to play. The friendly fixtures which were played at the weekends performed a similar function, first team experience being given to players without the pressure associated with league and knock-out matches.

For next season, therefore, we will have a nucleus of players, who have been exposed to a good standard of tennis, around which our promising freshmen can be moulded into a winning combination.

JOHN STOKES

HARE AND HOUNDS CLUB

The hopes for a number of good freshman cross-country runners which had been entertained by the nucleus of last year's college team were not realised; so the dream of a team to rival Queens' College is not near to fruition. However, this is a high ideal and we have been successful compared with last year's performances.

A valuable gain to our team has been John Proctor who has more than compensated for the loss of last year's captain. Halfway through the term we gained Alan Roe, who has since been instrumental in our success both in the second League match and Cuppers.

After the first two league races the College is placed third in Division 1 behind Queens' and Selwyn. We unfortunately lost to Selwyn in the first League race through the absence of our five leading runners. Cuppers towards the end of term saw us field our strongest team for the first time. Martin Hore, previously injured, ran for the first time this season and ran extremely well. This was lucky as Steve Briault

lost at least eight places through going the wrong way. However, with the help of Neil Coulbeck as sixth scorer, in this the biggest college match of the year we secured second place—inevitably behind Queens'.

On the basis of positions in Cuppers selections were made for the University teams to run against Oxford. St John's College runners selected were: Spartans—S. Briault, D. Cordrey; Third team—M. Hore; Fourth team—J. Proctor.

The regular runners would like to record their thanks to all those who, despite being not quite so dedicated, have taken on the notoriously adhesive Cambridge mud. Thanks to R. Beaumont, J. Burling, N. Coulbeck, D. Dearneley, Dr R. Griffin, D. Ilsley, R. O'Donovan, R. Palmstrom and A. Woodhouse.

D. M. CORDREY

HOCKEY CLUB

President: MR A. G. LEE

Captain: C. G. COOKE

Team Secretary: R. HADLEY

Fixture Secretary: C. BONSALL

The situation in the Club has changed quite considerably this year. Despite losing six of last year's first eleven, we have gained a large number of very talented freshmen. We are thus able to put out three league teams and an occasional social side, which is quite a record for St John's—if not in the university. However, practicals and an unfortunate spate of injuries have prevented us from playing as frequently as we would like at least four of our most promising recruits in the first team.

After a disappointing defeat in our first league match when we fielded a virtual second eleven to Cats, we have been winning all our games fairly easily. A new style of playing has been initiated; more like soccer. It is the easy, accurate pass with the accent on possession. However, we still have a long way to go to perfect our basic skills like stopping and passing.

The second team, under the enthusiastic captaincy of Nick Sutherland, is playing in a higher division this year and is looking very powerful with an almost unchanged team from last season. With only two draws and all the

rest wins so far, it is the hot favourite in the finals of Cuppers. Billy eased our first team out of the third round of Cuppers by playing our style of game. Yet we were one goal up at half-time and the predictions were that it could go either way. Individuals played hard and intelligently which is always great to see.

With the tension of Cuppers over and a tour of Wales ahead, we can settle down to enjoy our hockey and win the league. We look forward to the return of the injured players and also less practicals attended. The non-playing Captain whose theory has been 'the word is mightier than the stick' hopes to prove next term that it is the stick which is mightier.

C.G.C.

BADMINTON CLUB

Captain: J. L. NUTT

Secretary and Treasurer: P. J. RICHARDS

There are teams in both the First and Second divisions again this year, the Second team having held its position after being promoted at the beginning of last year. The freshmen have provided both teams with some experienced and very enthusiastic players. Consequently, at the time of writing, the First team is unbeaten this season and with three members of the Cockerels—Graham Harding, Richard Parker and John Nutt—it stands a good chance of winning the league.

J.L.N.

College Notes

Appointments and Awards

MR R. A. L. ANDERSON (B.A. 1971) was a member of the Cambridge University Expedition to the Khwaja Muhammad range of the Hindu Kush in Afghanistan.

MR B. J. APPLEBY (B.A. 1951) has been appointed Queen's Counsel.

MR N. M. BALDWIN (Matric. 1941) has been appointed chief executive of the Royal Automobile Club with the title of Secretary-General.

MR D. R. BEAMISH (Matric. 1970) has been elected to a Rebecca Flower Squire Scholarship in Law.

MR M. BEDDOW (B.A. 1969) has been awarded a Research Studentship at Trinity Hall.

MR F. J. BENTON (B.A. 1953) has been appointed Commercial Director of IMI Refiners Ltd.

MR J. F. BISHOP (B.A. 1971) was leader of the Cambridge University Expedition to the Khwaja Muhammad range of the Hindu Kush in Afghanistan.

MR J. M. BREARLEY (B.A. 1963) has been elected captain of the Middlesex County Cricket team.

DR W. G. BURTON (M.A. 1947) has been appointed a Manager of the Broodbank Fund.

MR E. J. CALLARD (B.A. 1935) has been appointed Chairman, Imperial Chemical Industries Ltd.

MR A. E. CAMPBELL (B.A. 1952) has been appointed Professor of American History and head of the Department at the University of Birmingham.

MR P. L. CARTER (B.A. 1965) has been elected to the Graham Robertson Research Fellowship at Downing College.

DR C. W. CHILTON (B.A. 1936) has been appointed a Reader in the Department of Classics at the University of Hull.

MR J. A. CROOK, F.B.A. (B.A. 1947) Fellow, has been elected President.

MR T. B. DUFF (B.A. 1956) M.B., B.Chir., F.R.C.S., has been appointed consultant E.N.T. Surgeon, Preston and Chorley Hospital group.

College Chronicle

THE ADAMS SOCIETY

President: P. M. H. WILSON
Vice-President: D. J. ALDOUS
Secretary: G. A. KALORKOTI
Treasurer: J. PROCTOR

Last term brought the sad demise of Professor L. J. Mordell, but not before he had given a most interesting and entertaining talk to an unusually large gathering of the society on 'Numbers, Numbers, Numbers'. His talk covered a very wide field indeed: from Diofantus, and the 'Father of Number Theory' Fermat, to some of Professor Mordell's own work, and the applications of computers to number theory.

The two talks before this had been one given by Dr Todd and one given by two research students. Dr Todd spoke on 'The Odd Number Six (Warning: smoking can damage your health—*Ed.*), or, Duads and Synthemes', and the two graduates, Alistair Steven and Morris Godfrey, spoke on 'Mad Dabblings of a Research Graduate', and the development of the concept of a topological space, respectively.

The Sixteenth Triennial Dinner, Part One, was held at the end of February, with Mr P. M. H. Wilson proposing the traditional toast to the senior members, and Dr G. A. Reid replying by attempting to show that 'Dons is People'.

The Annual General Meeting of the Society, on 17 March, approved several constitutional amendments, and set up a sub-committee (Messrs Aldous, Johnstone, and McJohn) to consider possible ways of celebrating the Society's fiftieth anniversary in the coming academic year. New officers were also elected.

Next year promises to be a very good one for the Society, with offers to give talks from Professors Cassels, Hoyle, Kendall and Lighthill, and Drs Lickorish and Smithies.

In connection with the fiftieth anniversary dinner, I would be glad to hear from any Old Johnians, and particularly ex-officers of the Society, who would be interested in coming.

GEORGE KALORKOTI

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL CLUB

President: MR A. A. MACINTOSH
Captain: J. R. CASH
Match Secretary: T. W. CLYNE
Fixtures Secretary: D. P. RUSSELL

The St John's football team had a Lent Term of mixed fortune. The main event, Cuppers, came to a sudden end in the first round when, after easily despatching Jesus 7-2 in the preliminaries, we went 3-1 down to Christ's—the eventual competition winners. This was a disappointing result as St John's had established an early lead from a well taken header. From then on the John's defence had to soak up the pressure of continual attacks from the Christ's forward line who were determined to score the equaliser. However it was not until twenty minutes from the end that a decidedly worried Christ's managed to level the score. This gave them renewed confidence, and they went on to take the game. It was unfortunate that St John's had to meet the best team in the competition so early on, but it is an indication that if we are to win Cuppers next year this is the team that we must learn how to beat.

In the Plate competition the 2nd XI enjoyed a complete reversal from the form which had unfortunately brought them relegation from the second division. After an initially shaky start when they scrambled home 2-1 against Queens they sailed through against Downing, St Catharines and Jesus, playing attractive and

effective football. In the final against Fitzwilliam the second team had no trouble in running out 2-0 winners, the scoreline somewhat flattering the defensive abilities of the runners-up. And so the first column of the Plate is filled up with six successive wins by St John's teams.

The tour of Scotland in the New Year can best be described as a social rather than a sporting success. The team lost heavily to Edinburgh, Strathclyde, and St Andrews, but only went down by the odd goal out of three against Glasgow University second team, the first team being engaged, we were relieved to hear, in the Scottish Amateur Cup. It was in Glasgow that we met with some very generous hospitality when one of the Strathclyde players offered us accommodation in his flat, thus saving us from a night in the Y.M.C.A.

Mention must go to Dave Russell who spent much time and energy organising the tour; Alistair Steven who showed us, from his native knowledge, where to do our drinking; and Bill Clyne whose 'car' broke down only three times and who got into trouble with the police only once. (Is this a record?) It was in fact a memorable week which did much to explode the traditional myths about the Scots; and the standard of both their football and hospitality was much appreciated.

The last Saturday of term was a full one for the football team which, for some, started in the Mitre, continued with a 4-2 hammering of Lads United, then the Annual General Meeting and finally the football dinner. George Reid gave an amusing historical account of the early development of football from its mediaeval origins, which was followed by 'jokes' of varying quality and cleanliness. The traditional game of soccer then took place on Cripps lawn with, this year, a marked lack of porter intervention.

In conclusion we must thank the fanatical banner-waving and bugle-playing supporters who gave much encouragement to the teams' efforts in their various competitions; and of course our appreciation and congratulations must go to Jim who was often called upon to achieve miracles of repair to a field which after heavy rains and continual playing at times seemed more like a paddy field than a football pitch.

S. R. WATERMAN

THE COULTONIANS

Czar: MR BROGAN

It has been a successful year. The Society met for the first time on the 1st of November for a Brains' Trust, at which the Master, Professor Hinsley, Dr Linehan, Dr Iliffe, and the Czar performed. Questions were put from the floor through the chairmanship of Mr Julian English, appointed Czarevitch for the occasion. He performed his duties well and agreeably. The next meeting took place on Shrove Tuesday, and would have been refreshed with suitable pancakes, but for a power cut. Mr Christopher Dean read his Mansergh Prize essay on *The Internal Problems of Norman Sicily*. On 3 May the Society met for the last time in the academic year—pancakes were served, cooked by the Czar—and Mr Graham Harding read a paper on *Men and Words In The Middle Ages*. Intellectually and socially, all three occasions were (the Czar reckoned) most rewarding.

D.H.V.B.

HOCKEY CLUB

President: A. G. LEE, ESQ.

Captain: C. G. COOKE

Team Secretary: R. S. HADLEY

Fixtures Secretary: C. BONSALE

We started out rather late owing to a controversy between James and myself as to which was first gear. When that was settled there was the dispute over how the starting mechanism worked . . . 'Push you lot!' Then we were off; twelve chaps and Dimps. At Bedford the weird noise in the minibus was found to be Colin's tape recorder; James and I managed to put most of the engine back together again.

We knew we were getting near Wales as we were beginning to hit more sheep than people. Using our weight a lot. Colin suggested we play some hockey so we threw him out of the window. And then there were eleven. A bit of a waste really as we couldn't even pawn his shirt. In any case James had left his kit behind.

Donald, as umpire, was unflappable. Send him off Donald! On second thoughts he is bigger than you . . . Donald? And then there were ten. Salcem was still doing his hair in the changing room when we returned after the game. We knew they were Welsh because they had started singing in the showers. Robin out-did them all with a virtuoso rendering of 'On Ilkley Moor', so they drowned him. And then there were nine.

The Arms Park Club house was tremendous (no, we don't play girls in our team) with souvenirs of great sporting occasions. So how could we refuse them Dimples for their museum? Now we had eight.

University College fellows were pretty smart. They had a cunning one-eight-two-five system that had us beat. Fortunately Daave* spotted their weakness. We were at a great disadvantage having only seven; Sal was still changing. Ray managed to score, for the opposition, so we gave him Wanderers' Socks as a consolation. We knew that next game we would have to pressurise Chris into playing. He hadn't actually come down with us to play hockey. He was in charge of team morale. He realised straight away that we were going to lose. Not marginally, but drastically, and that there was no point in playing hard at all. Not even in exerting ourselves because we'd still lose badly. Frankly, he thought we shouldn't play at all but go to the South of France (financed by the G.A.C.) and send back fictitious results. It was too late as we were already on the road to Swansea.

Chalked across the bridge: 'Free Wales from England.' Richard rephrased it slightly. He is the first English Martyr in Swansea. We were now down to three. Solly cut himself which only goes to bear out what Confucius said about he who has sharp tongue in cheek. James left his borrowed kit at Swansea.

I couldn't work out the first gear. It's quite nice here in Port Talbot, really, once you get used to the smoke.

C.G.C.

*Sec: D. Layton: *The Art of Captaincy: Hockey the Layton Way*, part v, and many other classics.

BADMINTON CLUB

Captain: J. L. NUTT

Secretary and Treasurer: P. J. RICHARDS

The first team, as expected, had a very successful season, winning the League with the loss of only four points out of a maximum of 27. Richard Parker and John Nutt (the Captain of the Cockerels) combined well with Graham Harding and Neville Walton to make up the first and second pairs; neither of which lost a single match in the League. We congratulate Richard on gaining a half-blue, playing as the University no. 1 against Oxford.

But in Cuppers, despite a long and successful struggle against Emmanuel, we succumbed in the quarter final against Downing, who were the eventual runners up to Fitzwilliam. The 2nd team contained a very enthusiastic first pair, Andrew Moore and Edgar Knobloch, but unfortunately the team did not match up to the achievements of previous years.

Prospects for next year are very promising with four members of the first team still here, including the veteran Cockerel, Graham Harding, who will be contributing to the College's success for the fifth successive year.

J.L.N.

SQUASH RACKETS CLUB

The Squash Club had another good term, but was unable to repeat last year's success of the League and Cuppers double. The Cuppers side reached the semi-finals only to be beaten by a strong Selwyn team which went on to win the final. The first team came second in division one of the league; beaten in the main by the numbers of walkovers it conceded, but hampered also by the secretary's play. Again the second and third teams narrowly missed promotion by coming third in their respective divisions, and the fourth team justified its promotion of the previous season. Thanks to Julian English for his year's captaincy, and to players for venturing out in all weathers to away matches.

IAN CARSTAIRS

THE RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB

President: MR K. SCOTT

Captain: N. D. WASKETT

Match Secretary: G. S. MORGAN

Fixture Secretary: M. A. J. BOUGHTON

Senior Treasurer: MR D. G. MORGAN

The season started with the sad news of the death of Neil Bell, but the vacuum created by his loss was filled by Nigel Waskett, who soon came to grips with the task.

The 1st XV did not have a very good season. After winning the first League game against Trinity they then lost the following four games, each time by a narrow margin. The match against Caius should have been a win, but the addition of unaccountable extra time by the referee allowed Caius to put over the winning drop goal right on the final whistle. The best game of the season was played against Fitzwilliam. At that time there was a very real danger of relegation, and Fitzwilliam were the only unbeaten side in the League. After a shaky first quarter we went on to win 22-13. The training session conducted before the game by Carwyn James, the British Lions coach, certainly paid dividends. With two more wins and another defeat the final position in the League was a safe though not glamorous fifth.

In Cuppers the 1st XV revenged themselves on Caius, beating them 7-3 in the preliminary round, only to lose to Pembroke 16-6 in the next round.

The 2nd XV had a very successful season coming third in their League. There was comforting surplus of players who wanted to play for the 2nd's, much of this enthusiasm stemming from Les Swann, who also organised a University 2nd XV 'Cuppers' competition for the first time. Here the 2nd XV showed the 1st XV up, though one wonders how much of this was due to the luck of the draw. After beating Emmanuel in the semi-final 14-6 after extra time, Rob Hadley's kicking boots playing a vital part, they were beaten 16-3 in the final by Christ's. After the final it grieved Dyfrig Morgan, our most ardent supporter, to have to present the trophy to the opposition.

The Saturday fixtures provided the usual entertainment both on and off the field. Jerry Collis, after helping us to beat Balliol, Oxford,

in the afternoon, in the evening drank their team under the table and then went off to look for 'some more beer'.

This season Foster Edwards played in the University Match against Oxford. Murray Meikle played for the LX club against the Greyhounds. Both Nigel Waskett and Dave Fryatt were forced to withdraw from the University squad in the Michaelmas Term with cartilage trouble.

Finally your reporter wishes to deny all rumours that he will refuse to play against Pembroke next season, in spite of being carted off to hospital on both occasions that we played them this season.

P. G. MACKLEN

THE MODERN LANGUAGES SOCIETY

Since Christmas, we have held our eagerly-awaited meeting on Alexander Solzhenitsyn, when Mr J. D. Barber of Jesus College came and gave a historically-inclined talk on the Russian writer. The meeting was packed to overflowing, and the intellectual atmosphere was electric, relieved only by the fortuitous alcoholic provisions which are so much a part of these occasions. Mr Barber's talk was interesting and provocative and he only just survived the onslaught of questions which followed. Many thanks are due to Mr Barber for a talk which had obviously involved him in much work, and which was sufficiently informative to retain the interest of the uninitiated.

At the end of the Lent Term we held our Annual Dinner at the University Centre. This was a grand occasion, well-attended, and we must thank our guest speaker, Dr Ronald Gray of Emmanuel College, who gave us an amusing résumé of the sort of language prevalent in the Common Market, including a German rendition of an extract of 'Finnegans Wake'. The usual sort of 'celebration' rounded off the evening, and one umbrella is still missing, now thought to be in Freiburg!

In conclusion, I would like to thank Dr Stern for his help and guidance, and everyone who made the year's meetings such a success.

J.W.

MUSICAL SOCIETY

President: MR G. H. GUEST

Musical Director: MR I. M. KEMP

Senior Treasurer: DR D. L. FROST

Secretary: JONATHAN RENNERT

Junior Treasurer: NICHOLAS CHISHOLM

Orchestral Conductor: NICHOLAS ROUTLEY

Orchestral Secretary: SIMON HARRIS

This year members of the Society have heard everything from madrigals to violin and piano sonatas to 'Land of Hope and Glory', sung by Dame Clara Butt . . . or was it?

A new committee has been responsible for a number of Smoking Concerts in the New Music Room (now redecorated), an orchestral concert at the end of each term, and special events such as the Concert by Freshmen, the annual candlelit concert in the Senior Combination Room, and a light-hearted occasion entitled 'Music to Forget'.

Highlights have been the performances by Dr and Mrs Michael McIntyre (violin and piano), and indeed of the President, Mr Crook; and of instrumentalists like Tony Woodhouse (horn) and Simon Harris (oboe). Compositions by members of the College have been performed (those by Andrew Downes and Philip Booth were particularly memorable), and a group of Choral Scholars sang a piece by George Guest, written in 1795 when he was organist of Wisbech.

It is sad to have to report the defeat of the College Orchestra football team in a match against the Bums.

At the time of writing, the May Concert, on Monday 12 June, is being planned, and already ideas have been proposed for the Society's activities during the Michaelmas Term. New committee members then will include Philip Booth (orchestral secretary), Tony Woodhouse (conductor) and Michael Earle.

JONATHAN RENNERT

College Notes

Appointments and Awards

THE REV. F. P. B. ASHE (B.A. 1937) has been appointed Rector of Church Stretton with All Stretton and Little Stretton in the Diocese of Hereford.

MR D. K. H. BEGG (Matric. 1969) has been awarded the Adam Smith Prize 1971.

COLONEL T. J. BOWEN (B.A. 1939) has been appointed Colonel of the Worcestershire and Sherwood Foresters Regiment.

MR E. BROADBENT (B.A. 1948) has been appointed Deputy Under-Secretary of State (Air).

DR A. L. BROWN (B.A. 1955) is now a lecturer in Pure Mathematics at the University of Newcastle-upon-Tyne.

College Chronicle

THE ADAMS SOCIETY

President: P. M. H. WILSON

Vice-President: D. J. ALDOUS

Secretary: G. A. KALORKOTI

Treasurer: J. PROCTOR

The term started well with Dr. W. B. R. Lickorish giving a talk to a large gathering on "Topological Collapse." The other two speakers this term will be Professor Kendall and Dr. Smithies.

In the Lent term we will have four speakers instead of the usual three. These are Professor Cassels, Dr. Weiss, Professor Sir James Lighthill and Dr. Conway. Readers with good memories will remember that Professor Hoyle had offered to give a talk, but as he has now left Cambridge, he is not able to do so.

The Fiftieth Anniversary Dinner, otherwise known as the Sixteenth Triennial Dinner, Part Two, will take place in Hall on Saturday the 24th of March 1973.

GEORGE KALORKOTI

MUSICAL SOCIETY

President: MR G. H. GUEST

Musical Director: MR I. M. KEMP

Senior Treasurer: DR D. L. FROST

Secretary: JONATHAN RENNERT

Orchestral Conductor: ANTHONY WOODHOUSE

Orchestral Secretary: PHILIP BOOTH

Choral Society Secretary: ROGER HARRISON

Committee Members: MICHAEL EARLE,

ANDREW SMITH

Larger audiences, more ambitious events, wider publicity and the refounding of the Choral Society have marked this year's activities so far.

A new committee has looked into every aspect of the Society's work, and a full programme is planned for the coming terms. During the Michaelmas Term, Smoking Concerts were held in the New Music Room (one, performed entirely by Freshmen, gave an idea of the large number of good musicians in their first year), and at the time of writing, a choral and orchestral concert is scheduled to include Mendelssohn's 'Italian' Symphony and Weill's 'The Lindbergh Flight'.

JONATHAN RENNERT

WORDSWORTH SOCIETY

After a somewhat quiet year, the Wordsworth Society resumed its activities this term with two meetings.

The first, on October 24th, was at the invitation of Messrs George Watson and Hugh Sykes Davies who, in front of a sizeable audience in Mr Watson's rooms, gave an experimental reading of *The Ancient Mariner*. The 'experimental' aspect was to read the verse interspersed with the prose gloss which Coleridge added some time after the poem's first publication. Mr Davies read the poetry in a tone of restrained care which did not prevent him from speaking at some considerable speed, and Mr Watson caught the precise mood of the prose illuminations with his clipped enunciation. The whole escapade was recorded, not without manual dexterity, by Mr Davies; and the backing was provided, not without some incongruity, by Thelonius Monk.

The second venture of the term, and a novel one in recent times at least, was to invite members of the college and their guests to a meeting in the splendid setting of Merton Hall lounge, where people would read their own compositions. The meeting was compassionately guided by the Society's President, and though the intervals between readings were accompanied by the nervous passage of wine bottles, the atmosphere was generally fairly relaxed. Short stories predominated, but there were other offerings including poetry, a strongly visual account of an ascent of Scafell Pike, and an exercise in linguistics. Much of what was read was stimulating and entertaining, and this is clearly an area of activity that the Society has ignored for too long. Perhaps the greatest merit of the meeting was the opportunity to exchange creative ideas, something which is not provided for in any satisfactory way by either the college or the university.

In conclusion, we wish Mr Watson a relaxing sabbatical term, and welcome back Dr Frost. What you lose on the roundabout. . . .

A. F.

BUDGIE

Three issues of the magazine *Budgie* appeared during the last academic year, and no more are planned. This is a pity, because as an informal magazine of creative work mainly by members of the College, it certainly fulfilled a need. The Magazine Society grant was well used.

The best things in the first issue were Steve Briault's highly original poem 'Nights of love' and Tony Fullwood's stream-of-consciousness narrative 'The Boy says Welcome'. The verse was generally disappointing, though Vivian Bazalgette's attempt at literary imitation in his quasi-Renaissance sonnet was out of the ordinary. It was sensible to include some argumentative prose in the magazine, despite the fact that Mark Tinker's article on the victimization of the gypsies was too generalized and often facile ('What is at stake is creativity'). Apart from the striking design of the front cover, easily the best front cover of the three issues, the graphics were unremarkable and sometimes obtrusive.

The second issue was more confident and more consistent in quality. There were some excellent pieces of prose—an article on the Fens by Enid Porter, a witty piece by Douglas Adams, speculating on the name of the next new Cambridge college, two pages of concentrated whimsicality by 'H. S. D.', and an interesting narrative piece by Dave Mander. Bob Longman's poem 'bite . . . /night was the thief' was ingenious, and Vivian Bazalgette's 'Sonnet to Autumn' was a daring Keatsian pastiche. The graphics were more effective than in the first issue—particularly striking were the drawing-motto 'The Devil treads a finer dance than flame' and the drawing of the moonlit road (who drew what was not indicated). The double-page doodle on the middle pages was superfluous.

The third issue, though much reduced in format, was the best of the three. Steve Briault's 'A Paragraph' was outstanding; Mike Smith's article on Turkey was interesting despite the unnecessary stylistic experiment in the first and last paragraphs; both Jane Rogers' 'The hill in the sun' and Nigel Crisp's surrealistic narrative 'Headlessness' were imaginative and well-written. Except for Martin Kaplan's 'She is leaving (Dream Song)', the verse was again disappointing. On the whole the graphics were well used: the incidental drawings based on Pictish and British carvings and on an Anglo-Saxon design were simple and effective, giving some sense of unity in the presentation. The drawings of the thicket and the mountain stream were excellent, especially the first.

This term (Michaelmas 1972) the Magazine Society supported the second issue of *Fuse*, which appeared in late November. *Fuse* is an intercollegiate magazine, though one of its editors, David Thomas, is at St John's; it is more ambitious than *Budgie*, including work by better-known writers and artists as well as that of Cambridge students. *Fuse* is well worth supporting, but there is also a place for a more informal magazine devoted mainly to work by members of the College. *Budgie*, or something like it, should be revived.

ROBERT INGLESFIELD

ATHLETICS

This season's disappointing results in Cuppers testify principally to the College Secretary's failure to come to terms with the annual problem of assembling a full set of people to perform the highly diverse set of activities grouped under the heading of Athletics; these people being as diverse as the activities they are required to perform, and never brought together for any other purpose. Hurdlers triple-jumped, distance runners launched javelins and putt (putted?) shots; but to no avail. However, many thanks to those who did turn out; let us hope their number will be augmented next season under the leadership of a new Secretary whose dynamism will blast us out of the morass of Division II—to which we have been, no doubt temporarily, relegated. A golden opportunity for a feat of minor heroism is wide open.

S. F. B.

BADMINTON CLUB

Captain: N. R. WALTON

Secretary and Treasurer: A. G. MOORE

As reported in the last edition of the Eagle the First team are holders of the League title, a position we are defending but not with as much success as hoped for. A good nucleus of four of last years players; Neville Walton, Graham Harding, Andrew Moore and Edgar Knobloch forms the first two pairs. With our Blue Richard Parker coming in for Cuppers next term we hope for success in that competition.

The club contains a large number of enthusiastic freshmen, indeed the Second team is entirely freshmen, so as experience grows we look for good things in the next few terms.

A. G. M.

CHESS

Last year has been moderately successful for the St John's College Chess teams. After early promise our 1st team finished only 4th in the 2nd division of the college league. Some success had been enjoyed in Cupper's when we reached the quarterfinals, only to loose to Trinity. Our second team won convincingly the second division of the city league.

Due to increased interest this year the college has entered two teams in each league. A college tournament with 30 participants is also underway.

E. KNOBLOCH

CRICKET

President: MR J. G. W. DAVIES

Captain: L. TOMLINSON

Match Secretary: M. EATON

Fixture Secretary: D. RUSSELL

"A truly English summer" could well be an epitaph to last season's successful succession of events. Apart from the fact that not a single match was fatally affected by rain, a resplendent Julian English, after scoring two centuries in three games, managed to stroke and tickle his way to a grand total of 521 runs at an average of 37, becoming the first batsman to top the 500 in living memory (that is, as long as Jim can remember!) As the lower order batsmen can tell you, to their own cost, the middle-men supported "the run-machine" admirably; Dave Smallwood (326) and Dave Quinney (251), followed by admirable flashes from Bunty Kamtekar, Mike Eaton and Lindsey Tomlinson, made it perfectly clear to all concerned that they did not like to entrust any responsibility to the batsmen below them. However, their mistrust was pleasingly dispersed by occasional superb innings from the inimitable Burton, whose "golf-blue" sweater had many opponents doubting the standard of our venerable University side, "superstar" Russell, John Furminger and Dave Tanton. There was a thought that we may have cracked the highest total with our 270 for 4 against Stowe Templars, but Jim soon flattened our elation by producing a dusty score book from 1965 which showed a total marginally in excess of our own effort.

The bowling scene was dominated by another Crusading Fresher, Richard Holmes, who, it is rumoured, has shattered all existing records by accumulating a total of 40 wickets, an emergent "star" whose hostile attitude at the wicket can hardly said to be reflected by his docile off-the-field temperament! Our man in Singapore, Robert Hadley, joined us for our successful Cuppers games and a few friendlies. The highlight of the bowlers' season was undoubtedly against Emmanuel in Cuppers; the statistics of the game must seem incredible to an uninvolved reader. With 5 overs to go, Emma, owing to a disastrous batting effort on our part, needed only 8 runs to win, with 5 wickets in hand; when the last over arrived, they still needed 6 runs to win with only one wicket left. The first ball produced a boundary, to the dismay of all the keyed-up fielders; but Mr Russell lived up to his "star" billing and uprooted the offender's middle stump. The 'old man' of the side, Dr Cash Esq. performed more than admirably throughout the season, his well disguised "wrong un" (which, it was rumoured, not even he could read) fooling many an unfortunate batsman.

The fielding throughout the season was remarkable for its consistency. Again the Emma game shows evidence of this, with not a single mistake in the field. This game was not the only one which ended up with everyone on their toes for the last over. The Gents of Suffolk managed to win their match off the last ball of the game and West Norfolk C. C. needed 6 runs in the last over, but were held to a draw, "star" Holmes taking 3 wickets while ostensibly trying merely to stop them from scoring. Unfortunately the Cuppers final, against Fitzwillian, at Fenners, was not quite as close, and also unfortunately we didn't quite manage to snatch the Cup from the grasp of the Pretenders. Enough said! I'm sure that none of the players concerned would like me to catalogue the disastrous events of that black Sunday.

Still, I am sure that once again under the experienced eye of Lindsey Tomlinson, we shall lay rightful claim to the Cup and hopefully we shall win our claim, instead of being the 'unfortunate runners-up' of last year. Our chances may be hampered by the sad loss of the "run-machine" English, the aforementioned Mr Burton (who could ever forget that cap?) the venerable Cash and our favourite umpire (who made a belated but short-lived return to College cricket) T. D. (Joker) Young. Before allowing you to read the other, possibly even more boring reports, I must thank, on behalf of

all concerned, Jim Williams, the pride and joy of John's batsmen, for his superb wickets and unfailing support during the season. Big Bob could hardly be left out of anything, and he isn't. And, finally, an apology for an omission; can you remember what happened after the S.C.R.E.W. party last June? That's my excuse.

D. J. SMALLWOOD

THE Match

The game of cricket is rich in literature. From Nyren to Neville Cardus, and from Thomas Hughes to "Frank Richards". Sadly the modern masters of the cricket writers art missed the outstanding match of the 1972 Season.

The Fellows and the Staff were to have played a match on 22 July, but the English Summer intervened and the match was postponed to the evening of 1 August. At 4 p.m. (16.00 hours) a torrential downpour descended. A telephone call to the Met. Office at Oakington produced the interesting forecast of "dry"—possibly relating to the Meteorologist rather than the meteorological conditions. However an assortment of members of both teams, together with a scattering of spectators duly assembled at the Pavilion, assuring one another that the clouds were breaking. Following on a certain amount of barracking from the spectators, shortly after six o'clock conditions were declared by an unknown umpire to be fit for play.

In view of the state of the pitch and the shortage of players, spectators were recruited and in the interest of brighter cricket a knock-out single wicket competition begun—the Bursary research department being conscripted as computer-cum-scorer, on the well known College rule that if the job is not demarked it's the Bursary's. A floating(!) population of fielders took the field, Mr von Tunzelmann adopted the role of Rodney Marsh (Australian, not Manchester) and Badcock (R. G.) went out to bat, and to establish his claim as Boycott's substitute in the Fifth Test Match. 5 runs and 5 balls later, rain caused a brief interlude. On resuming his majestic innings Badcock, amid applause, reached double figures, before retiring, his statutory number of balls having been received. The rumour that Michael Parkinson in the following issue of the Sunday Times wished to claim him as a naturalised Yorkshireman, proved unfounded. Tight bowling by Badcock restricted his opponent to a single. Richard "the Post" was then caught

off the bowling of N. C. Buck for 1, N.C.B. then scoring 4 runs to complete his victory. Malcolm Pratt then scored a boundary before being caught—a score which proved sufficient to beat R. Papworth's carefully compiled 3. Hobbs (P) then scored 6 runs, and amid breathless excitement the Senior Editor of the Eagle proceeded to the wicket; he was quickly off the mark, but off the second ball caught an outside, or inside, edge and was brilliantly taken at the wicket. Llewellyn then proved the second highest scorer with 9 runs before he was stumped. Meanwhile R. James opened his account against the bowling of Hobbs (D) with a boundary. Hobbs then proceeded to bowl a bouncer which is reliably reported by those close enough to see the ball through the spray to have reached a height of at least 6 inches before taking the middle stump. Then Hobbs (D) proceeded to the wicket, watched with anticipation by those who recalled his illustrious relative Sir Jack.

At this moment the flood gates of heaven were opened and all Olympic records broken by those in the long field in their dash for the pavilion. In the unfortunate absence from the Fellows' team of both the Dean and Assistant Dean of Chapel no one present felt able to offer adequate prayers for fine weather. An appalling clap of thunder suggested to those holding more fundamentalist views of the Old Testament that it would be inadvisable to resume play. Those members having cars or families present then departed. A search of the Pavilion having revealed that Jim Williams had no doves to release caused the remaining members to wait until the tops of the trees on the Ground were again visible above the flood. Through scenes reminiscent of the grounding of the Ark on Mount Ararat they then proceeded to the Buttery where the generous hospitality of the Fellows helped everyone to gain an equilibrium between the external and internal liquid level. There followed, in the words of John Bunyan, "much profitable discourse" on the social and economic history of the College, the comparative merits of Oxbridge and the Scottish Universities, the more interesting contents of the Sunday Times, and other equally profound subjects.

An appropriate stage of mellowness having been reached, it was felt by the Senior Editor of the Eagle, that, like certain other publications, the Eagle might benefit from a libel action, and your chronicler was therefore bidden to record this account.

W.T.T.



LADY MARGARET BOAT CLUB 1971-72

President: THE MASTER
Senior Treasurer: COL. K. N. WYLIE
Captain: R. J. P. AIKENS
Vice-Captain: D. D. THOMPSON
Secretary: J. GILBERT

MICHAELMAS TERM

Light and Clinker Fours Races

With only two first May colours remaining from the previous year, and insufficient time in which to weld together good crews of freshmen, the results in the fours races were very disappointing. Both crews were knocked out of the competition in the first round.

Sculling Races

J. H. Lees entered the Colquhoun Sculls, but was beaten in the first round. Four Lady Margaret men entered the Bushe-Fox Freshmen's Sculls, and G. A. Cadwalader won through to the final before being beaten by Sprague of Emmanuel. Five Scullers entered the Head of the Cam Sculls, led by J. H. Lees who finished 44th.

University Trials

R. H. Northbridge and K. P. Langley both lasted a week in trials. G. A. Cadwalader, however, rowed in the Trial Eights Race, subsequently gaining a Blue. He rowed in the boat race crew which beat Oxford by ten lengths.

Fairbairn Cup Race

The 1st VIII improved marginally on the previous year's position to finish 11th. The 2nd VIII finished 23rd, and the 4th VIII, 40th. The 3rd VIII, in finishing 29th, won the 3rd boat pennant. Crock pots were awarded to the 2nd VIII, who moved up the greatest number of places.

1st VIII
bow P. D. Scandrett
2 M. G. Hammett
3 C. D. Hunt
4 K. P. Langley
5 A. M. Tonge
6 B. R. Poole
7 R. H. Northridge
Str. J. Gilbert
cox K. J. Jeffery
coaches Dr. R. N. Perham
A. Willats
J. M. Rhodes

2nd VIII
bow W. R. Peachey
2 R. B. Stevens
3 I. Veltman
4 W. B. Dendy
5 R. H. Morton
6 C. N. F. Harding
7 R. J. P. Aikens
Str. P. D. Rudolf
cox D. J. Biddulph
coaches J. H. Lees
R. J. P. Aikens
J. M. Rhodes

Clare Novices' Regatta

Three crews were entered in this event. The "A" Crew, which had rowed as the 4th Fairbairn boat, beat Jesus "A", Downing "B", and Sidney Sussex before losing to the eventual winners, Churchill "A".

Boathouse Extensions

Towards the end of the term, work started on the Boathouse Extensions.

LENT TERM

Lent Races

The 1st VIII bumped Fitzwilliam on the Wednesday, rowed over on the Thursday, and were bumped by Emmanuel and Selwyn on the last two nights.

The 2nd VIII closed to within half a length of Sidney Sussex, only to be bumped by Downing II. They rowed over on the second night, but were bumped on the Friday and Saturday.

The 3rd VIII dropped one place, the 4th VIII were bumped three times, and the 5th VIII finished in its starting position.

1st VIII

bow P. D. Scandrett
2 C. N. F. Harding
3 C. D. Hunt
4 R. H. Morton
5 F. A. A. Kingdom
6 K. P. Langley
7 R. J. P. Aikens
Str. B. R. Poole
cox K. J. Jeffery
coaches S. D. Sharpe
D. P. Sturge
A. Willats

2nd VIII

bow G. M. Roberts
2 N. S. Maxwell
3 C. J. Spray
4 K. A. Galbraith
5 W. T. Houlsby
6 W. B. Dendy
7 W. R. Peachey
Str. R. V. Pomeroy
cox D. J. Biddulph
coaches J. H. Lees
P. J. Mayne
R. A. Cutting

Head of the River Races

The 1st VIII and 2nd VIII went to Bedford and Reading Heads, the 1st VIII finishing 19th and 32nd respectively.

MAY TERM

Three crews entered the Head of the Cam, the 1st VIII finishing 14th.

The 1st VIII also entered Cambridge Regatta, beating Bedford Rowing Club and Pembroke, before losing to Selwyn in the final of Elite B eights.

May Races

The 1st VIII bumped Queens' on the Wednesday and rowed over behind Clare on the next night. After a crew change due to illness, and with G. A. Cadwalader at stroke, they managed to bump Clare on the Friday, and rowed over on the Saturday.

The 2nd VIII were bumped by Pembroke II and Clare II, but were then affected by the 1st VIII's crew change. J. Gilbert had moved to 2 in the 1st VIII, so R. V. Pomeroy moved to stroke, and M. G. Hammett came in at 2. They were bumped by King's I on the Friday and rowed over on the Saturday.

The 3rd VIII overbumped Christ's II on the first night but were bumped on the second and last nights.

Of the lower boats, the 7th boat made two bumps, the 9th boat made five to win their oars, and the 10th and 11th boats both moved up two places.

1st VIII

bow C. D. Hunt
2 K. P. Langley
3 F. A. A. Kingdom
4 B. W. Jacobs
5 R. H. Northridge
6 G. A. Cadwalader
7 R. J. P. Aikens
Str. B. R. Poole
cox K. J. Jeffery
coaches A. C. Twinn
J. M. Rhodes
C. J. Gill
A. Willats
D. C. Dunn
J. R. W. Gleave

2nd VIII

bow W. R. Peachey
2 K. A. Galbraith
3 S. K. R. Johnson
4 C. N. F. Harding
5 W. T. Houlsby
6 R. V. Pomeroy
7 P. D. Scandrett
Str. J. Gilbert
cox D. J. Biddulph
coaches J. H. Lees
R. A. Cutting
Col. K. N. Wylie
A. Willats

9th VIII

(It's That Boat Again)

bow R. Brocklehurst
2 D. J. Biddulph
3 C. N. Dean
4 M. J. Carter
5 R. A. R. Bradfield
6 A. C. Risius
7 R. M. Stubbs
Str. J. S. Palmer
cox H. A. C. Haig-Thomas
coach J. Gilbert

Marlow and Henley Regattas

The 2nd VIII entered the Senior C event with one substitute, S. J. Burrows, rowing at 4. They lost in the first round to Churchill and Kingston R. C.

The 1st VIII was not able to compete, but a light four was formed from its members. They entered Senior B coxless IV's, and beat Christ's before losing to Thames R. C. in the semi-final.

The same four entered the Visitors' at Henley. They suffered from insufficient experience in fours rowing, and were beaten in the preliminary round by Durham University.

Light IV

bow B. W. Jacobs (steers)
2 C. D. Hunt
3 R. J. P. Aikens
Str. B. R. Poole
coach J. Parker

HOCKEY CLUB

President: M. A. CLARKE ESQ.

Captain: C. J. BONSALL

Match Secretary: R. W. COWIE

Fixture Secretary: R. W. J. WALKER

We were fortunate this year in that only a few people left the club last year, and were able to welcome a healthy nucleus of freshmen. This year, we are, as last year, running three full sides, and, at present, all are doing well in both league and cuppers in spite of some tough opposition. The 1st XI have in fact scored twenty goals in the last three games, and the 2nd and 3rd XI's under J. J. Batch, Donald Furminger, and John Wright are also doing well—if not better than the 1st XI. Caius II, formerly in Division one, were 'scalped' by the 2nd XI, whilst the 3rd XI went one better and overcame the might of Fitzwilliam II in cuppers thanks to our goalie and captain saving a penalty stroke.

One of our freshmen members, a Dutchman, is hoping to arrange a tour to Holland at the end of the next term, for which competition for places is bound to be fierce, as this represents an unusual departure from our normal sleepy tour around this country. We are, of course, hoping that our two stars of the club, Martin Bailes, who is keeping goal for the university, and Mike Eaton, who is in the Wanderers, will be able to tour with us.

Finally, we hope that James, our fixtures secretary, will continue to keep in close contact with Magdalene so as to ensure that both of us will be able to make full use of the pitches, without overcrowding each other.

C. J. B.

LAWN TENNIS CLUB

At the start of the year it seemed doubtful if we would be able to maintain the usual three college teams, but a large number of good freshmen meant that we were able to do so with ease, and in fact all three teams finished in the top three of their respective divisions.

B. R. P.

However we were unable to repeat last year's success in the first division, having to be satisfied with third place. This was partly due to being denied the services of members of Darwin college who helped us to win the League last year, but mainly because we were unable to field our strongest team for the crucial matches. This was particularly true for the match against King's, the eventual winners of the League, to whom we lost by the maximum fifteen points. We reached the semi-finals of the Cuppers competition by beating Selwyn and Magdalene, but then fell to the inevitable strength of Downing.

The second team came an easy first in the fourth division, dropping only seven points of a possible maximum of ninety, and the third team also did well, finishing second in the fifth division.

Next year, despite the loss of John Stokes and John Reardon, who have been of such service in the past, we should be able to maintain the high standard of John's teams, as most of this year's first team will still be with us.

Finally our congratulations to Asif Shah on being selected to play for the University against Oxford.

ANTHONY KNYVETT

HARE AND HOUNDS CLUB

Although the ploughed fields of Cambridgeshire are hardly being set alight by our exploits, the College Hare & Hounds Club is nonetheless enjoying a fairly successful season. The team is slightly stronger than last year's, the loss of one of our best runners being more than made up for by the arrival of hordes of keen freshmen, of whom Chris Hampson seems particularly talented. So far, we have won all our matches and hope to finish near the top of the Intercollegiate League; also several of our runners have represented the University Club. However, particular mention should be made of some of our less fanatical members who have nevertheless been willing to spend large portions of afternoon running round in muddy circles. These include N. Downing, B. Wilson, Dr. R. Griffin, J. Muir, D. P. Sturge, R. Steven, C. Harding, P. Marginson, J. Sang, P. Wilson, A. Palmer, F. Hodcroft and Richard Higginson.

JOHN PROCTOR

College Notes

Appointments and Awards

MR P. R. BARCLAY (B.A. 1971) has been awarded an Astbury Law Scholarship by The Masters of the Bench of the Honourable Society of the Middle Temple.

MR G. W. W. BARKER (B.A. 1969) has been appointed lecturer in Archaeology at the University of Sheffield.

MR D. C. BEALE (B.A. 1959) has been appointed Chief Prosecuting Solicitor for Mid-Anglia Police Authority.

SQUASH CLUB

Captain: JOHN CONNELL

Secretary: DONALD HOPE

The main sporting event of the year was held in the School of Pythagoras on 14th March, when all the near misses, convulsions and catastrophes of the last season were washed away with a mixture created by the mentor of this alien and bizarre fraternity with the dedication and finesse which he otherwise totally lacked. One look at the scene would have convinced the most nostalgic observer that the time had indeed come to put most of the old war-horses out to graze. Adrian Crewe's faded elegance, stumpy, balding Peter Robinson's ruggedness and the tenacity of that other South African black-ball-basher, Peter Flack, will be missed—mostly for sentimental reasons.

The four lower teams performed very creditably, often against first and second teams of other colleges, and there is a lot of good potential. The first team were second in the 1st division both terms, and we might have done even better of the standard of fitness had been higher; the exceptions to this being next year's captain Donald Hope and the 'find of the season' Paul Lurie. The voluptuous Donald, winner of the University Freshmen's tournament, played throughout the season with great consistency and stamina ('Hope springs eternal') and was the despair of everyone else. As far as his style is concerned there is a great future for him—in agriculture. His training sessions did a great deal of harm to all involved, but we hope that he and Nick Williams-Ellis will continue them next season.

Finally our thanks to all who kept the courts in such superb condition and tried to eradicate damage done by those anti-social pigs who insist on playing Squash in black-soled shoes.

J.B.S.C. and others

On 6th February Professor John Holloway of Queens' College was kind enough to give a reading to the Society of some of his own verse, much of which has been published in book form and in a variety of periodicals. He also answered questions about his writing and about contemporary poetry in general. It was felt that the poet's own rendering of his work brought out many aspects which might otherwise be overlooked; without, however, obviating the necessity for further attention to the printed text. Besides considerable enjoyment and interest from the poetry itself the evening provided some valuable and instructive discussion on modern literary creation; we are very grateful to Professor Holloway for both.

On a blustery Sunday early in March a small company of Society members and friends visited Little Gidding, near Huntingdon, a seventeenth-century Anglican chapel with unmistakeable associations for the English student. The outing fortunately did not become entirely a literary pilgrimage—there were few references to times past present and future, and only one person got lost looking for the pig-sties . . . The inspiration for the fourth of T. S. Eliot's *Quartets*, Little Gidding was, before the Civil War, the site of a religious community under the leadership of Nicholas Ferrar, a friend of George Herbert and like him an ex-fellow of a Cambridge College. A new community is now being started on the site beside the chapel, with much impressive work in progress in restoring the old farm buildings and outhouses. We were fortunate enough to be able to talk to the people involved about their plans. One family is already in residence there, and they very kindly gave us lunch. We wish them every success in their project.

From Little Gidding we continued to Leighton Bromswold, quite nearby, where stands the only church designed by an English poet. George Herbert planned very carefully the reconstruction and interior layout of this parish church in the 1620s, according to his own ideas of ecclesiastical priorities. The whole trip was felt by all concerned to have been well worthwhile.

The only meeting this term will probably be a dinner, after the exams, when a number of farewells, of varying degrees of sadness and fondness, will take place.

S.F.B. and A.F.

RUGBY CLUB

President: MR D. MORGAN
Vice-President: MR K. SCOTT
Captain: M. A. J. BOUGHTON
Secretaries: P. MACKLEN
W. R. HOLMES
L. H. SWANN
C. D. CUTTER

This season has been one of the most memorable and rewarding for many years. The 1st XV won the League, scoring 247 points with 46 against, and reached the Semi-finals of Cuppers. The 2nd XV did equally well, gaining promotion to the Second division of the League, and winning the 2nd XV Cuppers. The newly reformed Cygnets had an enjoyable season with plenty of good rucking in the vicinity of the touch line barrel. I am sure that nobody will dispute that this success has much to do with the vigour and enthusiasm of Mike Boughton. His sadistic training sessions at the beginning of the season produced very fit 1st and 2nd teams. The 1st XV showed this in their very convincing wins over all the college sides played. The standard of play was very high, and a certain knowledgeable senior member voiced the opinion that we were more enjoyable to watch than the Varsity. Our success lay in a mobile, barn-storming pack, and a set of very skilful backs. In the pack Jimmy Campbell and Murray Meikle inspired by their example. Jimmy also taught us a few tricks he had picked up at Queen's Belfast.

The very strong 2nd XV was captained by Tony Grant. Unfortunately Tony's illness left many of the responsibilities and much organisation on the bowed shoulders of Rory (Worry) Keelan. The climax of THEIR season—though Rory's was in Hanover—was the victory over Emmanuel II by 18–14 in the final of the 2nd XV Cuppers.

The club was very fortunate in having a loyal band of supporters who regularly forsook their afternoon snooze to cheer us on. This was very much appreciated. The team supporters joined in with the players in the usual off-the-field activities sharing in the marvellous spirit that has been very noticeable this season.

Richard Harding and Dereck Carstens both narrowly missed places in the Blues team. In the Lent term Richard, Dereck, Jimmy Campbell, Dean Waldron and Christopher Cutter played

for the Varsity. Nearly all the 1st XV were also selected to play in the LX club at some stage in the Lent term. Jimmy had captained the LX club several times in the Michaelmas term.

We are confident that there will be a good contingent of Johnians in Varsity rugby next season. The college prospects next season look good with 13 of the present 1st XV staying on under the leadership of Graham Morgan.

The climax of the season was the very successful tour to Hanover, Osnabruck, and Munster in Germany organised by Christopher Cutter. Our hosts in Hanover, Sport-Club Germania List, entertained us royally and it was at their hands that we suffered our only defeat, losing 15–0. The next day we made up for this by beating the German Club Championship winners, D.S.V. 78, 17–9. The two British Regiments teams we played were beaten 32–10 and 23–0. Off the field we drank them all under the table, following the able leadership of the drinking captain Mike Nelson. In the traditional Rugby tour manner various souvenirs were collected, including a receipt for a voluntary contribution to the Red Cross!

Finally we would like to express our thanks to Jim Williams for his care of the most important rectangle of the playing fields, i.e. the pitch, which he kept in excellent condition.

HAPPY

HOCKEY CLUB

President: M. A. CLARKE ESQ.
Captain: C. J. BONSALL
Match Secretary: M. J. EATON
Fixtures Secretary: R. J. W. WALKER

This season was most successful, rivalling, if not bettering, that of 1970–71. In fact this year the 1st XI was the only team not to win either a cup or a title. Instead, with Saleem Malik injured in the first half, they finished runners up to Fitzwilliam in Division One, which in any ordinary year would have been no mean feat. However, this year it was rather outshone by the 2nd XI who won Division Two—a tribute to Jerry Batch who in three seasons has brought them from the bottom of Division Two to a place

in Division One. The 3rd XI won the 2nd XI Cuppers, beating our 2nd XI in the process.

Unfortunately plans for the tour of Holland failed to materialize and instead a tour was hastily arranged to Leeds and York. Unfortunately the day before the tour our minibus driver, Clive Cooke, and Tony Work, our goalie—a stabilising and stout influence on us all—both went down with flu. Martin Bailes, who played for the Wanderers against Oxford, stepped in to fill the latter breach. But, without a driver, it looked as if we would never get going at all. However no-one reckoned on the artful Luigi and his Miss Jayne. In the end Women's Lib won the day and the first John's hockey tour to be chauffeured by a girl set off.

Naturally we arrived late for our first match against York University, and, instead of winning comfortably, had to settle for a 2–2 draw. An extraordinary night followed which ended with rugby in a garden led by Mike Eaton and Donald Furminger, both looking rather ill. Richard Hadley and Colin Percy were last seen chasing a live duck (not to be confused with . . .) across the campus at midnight.

Everyone awoke to glorious weather, the sun doing wonders for those with thick heads. No-one felt like playing hockey, especially not against Leeds University, but we put up a brave show only losing 2–0. Meanwhile Mike fell foul of his beer and Shaun Mahoney caught flu—both had to be rested for the next match.

Luigi and Donald were most anxious to play that afternoon, and it was chiefly thanks to them that we recorded a 5–1 victory on a very dusty all-weather pitch. Donald rose to top scorer with 2½ goals, the other half coming from Mike as umpire. By the evening the delight at beating Adol had worn off, and as a result of the excessive drinking last night, half of the team made for 'Match of the Day', whilst the others unwillingly approached a disco.

The next day saw everyone looking a lot healthier—so much so that we thought that if we rested Pete Williams we would all get a pass, and if we also rested Henry Crawley, the game would not be held up so long with his frequent obstructions. With the captain keeping out of the way on the wing, Mike was able to play the only hockey he did on tour, and score a wonderful goal. With James playing magnificently in defence, the forwards, ably supported by Alistair Argyle in midfield, were able to clinch the game

with a goal from Richard Hadley on his last appearance for the college, though Leeds Corinthians managed to score in the last few minutes.

Our highly successful tour was rounded off with much more beer, much singing and a ghastly meal on the motorway. Our thanks must go to Miss Jayne for getting us all there and back in one piece, to Luigi for letting her come with us, to the rest of us for putting up with second class quarters as opposed to those married ones, and finally to Andrew who entertained us up to the moment when he was seen boarding the London train with luggage up to his eyes and clutching only a platform ticket.

C.J.B.

BADMINTON CLUB

Captain: N. R. WALTON
Secretary and Treasurer: A. G. MOORE

Last season was not very successful for the Badminton Club. With only twelve members of the college playing we were at full stretch to provide two regular teams. The first team finished sixth in the first division and the second team was unfortunately relegated from the second division.

Our best results came in Cuppers. After an interesting, and sometimes close first round against the University Ladies, we then beat Pembroke, a victory almost entirely due to Richard Parker's brilliant one man "doubles" match. However we lost in the semi-final to Churchill who fielded (courted?) a very strong side. Richard gained his second half-blue in helping the University beat Oxford (again!)

Looking forward to next year we hope that many more people will want to play, and that those who have been playing (with success or otherwise) this year will help to form a stronger club next Michaelmas.

A.G.M.

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THEATRE

Good and Faithful Servant and Titania's Ass

The two plays which made up the Lady Margaret Players Michaelmas bill had little in common, apart from an apparent wish on the part of the producers to present something unusual. The casts played to the audiences rather than to the play itself; this may have led to imperfect interpretation and erratic performances, but it helped enhance the mood of casual enjoyment which typified the production.

The first of the plays was Joe Orton's somewhat off-key black comedy, *The Good and Faithful Servant*; as a television play adapted to the stage it presented many difficulties, which careful set construction managed to overcome. Ostensibly, the play is a cleverly-worked study in the alienation between a still loyal pensioner and his old firm, but it relies for its impact on the crisp and bleakly humorous dialogue which carries the play along at a very swift pace. The actors never quite grasped the theme but worked the dialogue well, and won their share of the laughs in consequence.

The second of the plays was the more successful because it was the more consistent; again it was unusual in that it was an adaptation by the producer of *A Midsummer Night's Dream* which stressed the uncomplicated humour rather than the subtle comedy of the play. The production relied for its effect on the masterly rustic scenes, in which deliberate over-acting and moog synthesizer music combined to produce a mood of enchanting farce. Perhaps because of the success of these scenes, the more serious fairyland interludes were less popular, even if equally well acted. The belly-laugh was the rule of the day, and in consequence only half of the play was allowed to shine.

Perhaps the mood of fun prevailed over that of the serious because of the setting in the School of Pythagoras, the intimacy of which was curiously conducive to amusement rather than involvement. Perhaps it was because of the participants themselves, who approached the production in a light-hearted (although not careless) manner. Either way, the play was a success judging from the attendance on all four nights, and the nervous laughter in the green room soon mellowed before the succession of appreciative audiences.

M.C.W.

MUSICAL SOCIETY

Acting President & Musical Director: Mr I. M. Kemp

Senior Treasurer: Dr D. L. Frost

Secretary: Jonathan Rennert

Orchestral Conductor: Philip Booth

Orchestral Secretary: Anthony Woodhouse

Choral Society Conductor: Michael Earle

Choral Society Secretary: Roger Harrison

Junior Treasurer: Robert Wallbank

Committee Member: Julian Clarkson

The Musical Society has gone from strength to strength. Only three years ago, the Society organised just one event during the whole year. Now there is a Choral Society numbering over two hundred, a flourishing orchestra, and an average of three large-scale concerts and a number of smaller ones every term.

The major undertakings of the Michaelmas Term were an orchestral concert conducted by Philip Booth, which included a magnificent performance of Sibelius' Fifth Symphony and some fine virtuoso playing from Andrew Smith in Mozart's Oboe Concerto, and Michael Earle's impressive Brahms Requiem (surely no other Cambridge chorus can approach the new St John's Choral Society, for size, musicality and control).

Smoking Concerts (one performed by Freshmen) were held in the New Music Room, as was the annual "revue you cannot escape", 'Music to Forget', this time a special phone-in edition running for two nights.

Publicity for concerts has been greatly improved, and audiences have increased dramatically; large concerts now fill the Chapel, and for less formal events, the New Music Room has looked uncomfortably small.

JONATHAN RENNERT

LAWN TENNIS CLUB

Captain: A. D. Knyvett

Secretary: T. D. Jenkins

The college had a disappointing season in the inter-college league, none of the teams reaching the high standards of recent teams. On the brighter, and perhaps less materialistic, side there were again three league teams run, providing

the opportunity for serious tennis for those who wished. The college remained one of the few to have friendly matches with teams from outside Cambridge, and Asif Shah gained a Blue.

The 1st VI, in Div. 1, started badly, losing heavily to the weaker teams on the soggy courts at the beginning of the season. They improved as the season progressed, but so did the opposition and only one victory was recorded.

The 2nd VI, promoted to Div. 3 at the end of last season, found college 1st teams too strong and failed to win a match. They beat St Caths 2nd VI in a pre-season friendly, and seem destined to oscillate between Divs. 3 & 4.

The 3rd VI, promoted to Div. 4 last year, also started badly, but had some good wins later in the term, and were the most successful college team.

In Cuppers, the college beat Magdalene but lost to Fitzwilliam, winners of Div. 1, who reached the final.

Friendly matches were played against R.A.F. Peregrines, St Edmund Hall, Oxford, unfortunately curtailed by rain, M.A.'s VI and Bedford L.T.C. none of whom like to be beaten, and with (subtle difference) Girton and the University's Ladies' 2nd VI, all of which were thoroughly enjoyed.

Five of the 1st VI are still in college, and interest shown by Freshers has already been encouraging, so the prospects for this coming season are promising.

Thanks must go to Jim Williams, for keeping the courts in such good condition, despite the weather, and to his mother, for preparing the excellent teas.

TREVOR JENKINS

HARE AND HOUNDS

The College Hare and Hounds Club can scarcely be treated as a single corporate entity. Our motives for running range from conscription to addiction, and these attitudes are reflected in our respective volumes of training and competitive zeal. On the one hand there are those lithe, athletic figures who can be seen heading across the backs at distressingly frequent intervals and fearsome paces. They run for the University, as well as at our lower levels of competition, and were largely responsible for our second place in all three intercollegiate competitions last year. Steve Briault deserves congratulations for winning

a Blue and keeping our solitary trophy polished. A good batch of freshmen have arrived to join this enthusiastic band, and we appear set for a fairly good season, despite a slight fall in Cuppers.

By contrast there is a larger number of peripheral members, who occasionally plod around the local fens, and even more occasionally represent the College in races. For them the Club provides a release from the drudgery of everyday existence, replacing it with the furious excitement of traipsing across ploughed fields, plodding along the towpath, and unhesitatingly leaping stagnant ditches, at an unrelenting 7 m.p.h. They constitute the backbone of the team, and are never more valuable than when all the keen types have injured themselves by overtraining.

These two parties find common ground in the Boundary Run of 24 miles, completed by enormous numbers of Johnians this year. Even the addicts walk before the end, even a conscript summons up a measure of determination, and nobody can beat Dr Griffin! The terrible walk back from Trumpington, feeling (and looking) like anything but a healthy young athlete, is something to be forgotten at all costs. However, I can thoroughly recommend the event, if only for the feeling of achievement on completion, and it's shorter if you inadvertently stray off course where Dave Cordrey did last time!

This article would be incomplete if I did not include a note of admiration for the sterling efforts of those who irregularly brave our winter climate to maintain the College's reputation over the glutinous and rural Cambridgeshire. They include: G. C. Baylis, R. Beaumont, D. M. Cordrey, Dr R. Griffin, C. J. Hampson (our gallant captain), F. Heyes, Lady Margaret 1st VIII, J. Proctor, G. Sellens, M. Treacy, H. S. Walker, T. Unwin and M. Wilson, although not necessarily in that order.

J.P.

THE ADAMS SOCIETY

President: A. J. Duval

Vice-President: R. J. R. Benstead

Secretary: P. J. Webb

Treasurer: D. J. Pritchard

Seven Society meetings were held last year covering a wide range of mathematical topics from Dr Weiss's "Winding up Magnetic Fields", to Dr Conway's talk on a number of games

under the intriguing title "Hackenbush, Welter and Prune". The year's activities concluded with the highly enjoyable Fiftieth Anniversary Dinner.

Six meetings have been planned for the Michaelmas and Lent Terms this year. The first was a painstakingly prepared talk by Professor M. S. Longuet-Higgins on "Breaking Waves" (not "Spin Waves in the Ocean" as had originally been planned) which included a number of slides and a ciné film. Dr B. Bollobás gave the second talk on "Normed Algebras and Applications", and the other speakers will be Mr L. E. Fraenkel, Professor Swinnerton-Dyer, Dr E. J. Hinch, and Dr H. T. Croft.

Attendance at the first two meetings has not been as large as might have been expected, considering the unusually high proportion of award winners among this year's first year mathematicians. but it is hoped that this will improve. In particular, Professor Swinnerton-Dyer's talk on "Poker and other games of Imperfect Information" at the beginning of the Lent Term should prove an attraction; one suspects that interest in poker is not confined solely to mathematicians.

PETER WEBB

CRICKET CLUB

President: J. G. W. Davies
Captain: L. Tomlinson
Match Sec.: D. Smallwood
Fix. Sec.: R. Holmes

Beginning the season with most of last year's side, hopes were high that our undoubted claim to the Cup would be realised, but it was not to be. An ignominious exit in the first round meant the season's cricket would be centred on friendlies. The weather, however, was kind and the ensuing matches were enjoyable and in the main successfully concluded. Dave Russell, our resident 'superstar', though somewhat diffident in previous seasons about his ability with the bat, amassed a total of 439 runs at an average of 55, including 138 against the Gents of Suffolk, and still had the energy to open the bowling and take 22 wickets. Mike Eaton (376), John Furminger (346) and Dave Smallwood (308) provided the guts of the batting, but by no means overshadowed the supporting flourishes from Dave Tanton, Bunty Kamtekar and Glyn Smith, while Lindsey Tomlinson, although unlucky with the bat, as

captain provided us with leadership and his shrewd cricketing brain. Dave Smallwood and Dave Russell also made significant contributions to the Crusader's victory over the Oxford Authentics.

Wickets were shared in a reasonably democratic fashion amongst the bowlers, Colin Rose, one half of the new but quickly dominant spinning duo, showed the effectiveness of guile by taking the most scalps, while Richard 'star' Holmes besides finishing the season with a Riviera sun tan, also had the best match figures with 6 for 15 against the Buccaneers. Bob Corlett, the other fresher, and the self-effacing half of the spinning partnership, bowled consistently well, but in my opinion was often desperately unlucky not to collect more wickets. Robert Hadley, our Blue, joined us for a few games, and showed against Imperial College what aggressive, quick bowling can achieve.

The season was spiced with a couple of classic finishes. Northants Amateurs scrambled home with a bye to the wicket-keeper off the last ball. Dave Tanton, needing ten runs off three balls, stroked a four and then emphatically concluded the proceedings against Imperial College, by lifting the penultimate ball for a six over long on. There were also the memories of individual performances; Glyn Smith, 'hammering' his way in a ferocious manner to 60 in forty minutes against the Stoics, and Bunty Kamtekar, who kept wicket faultlessly showing how perfect timing can make batting appear effortless in his innings against Romany. The match against the Gents of Suffolk played under a cloudless sky and a blistering sun, was won by us with a total of 255 for two, on a wicket where bowling was often heartbreaking, and leaving nobody with the satisfaction of having claimed Bill Edrich's wicket.

The fielding throughout the season was remarkable for its consistency, with few catches dropped and some impossible ones taken. Three of the first four Colchester Garrison batsmen displayed a lemming-like propensity in taking singles to the cover region, where Dave Tanton, our very own 'Colin Bland', was only too happy to oblige them. Our practice throwing, however, was some times dangerously wayward, with one unfortunate young 'starlet' being rendered unconscious sitting on the pavilion steps.

Next season, under the commanding figure of Dave Smallwood, we shall no doubt prove

unstoppable and at Fenners we shall at last be provided with a stage commensurate with our talent. Although we have suffered the loss of our captain for two years, Lindsey Tomlinson, and also our opening bat Mike Eaton, informed sources talk of some promising freshers and indeed with the prospect of keen competition for places, Mr. Smallwood has expressed concern that he may be the first non-playing captain. Finally, before I mercifully finish I would like to thank those who provided us with their support; D. V. (Dino) Waldron, who in a white umpires jacket and sunglasses looked even more sinister than usual, and allied the necessary complete impartiality of an umpire with a demonic delight in claiming as many 'victims' as possible; the tireless support of Jim Williams without whom nothing is possible, and who produces wickets where everything is possible for John's batsmen, and last, but by no stretch of the imagination least — thank you Big Bob.

R. A. CORLETT

FOOTBALL CLUB

President: Rev. A. A. Macintosh
Captain: D. P. Russell
Fixtures Sec.: I. Dovey
Match Sec.: D. Leahy

This year's league results have again confirmed St John's as one of the stronger football colleges in Cambridge. With four teams playing regularly in the league, and a fifth team challenging all comers, the football club lays claim to be the biggest club in the college and standards are as high as ever. The 1st XI have dropped only two points in nine matches, scoring 41 goals and conceding 6. This record is the best performance by the 1st XI in living memory, and the 13-0 win over Clare the biggest league win, and great credit is due to the whole team. With eight past colours in the side there was more than a solid basis for building upon, and with newcomers Dovey, Tyack and Robinson (son of our esteemed past president) fitting in well the necessary cohesion and organisation have been attained. The side was also grateful for the availability of players like Ryan, Outridge and Borwick who played so well when striker Leahy took over in goal the first part of the season.

Leahy proved one of the safest keepers in the league. . . . the team missed his finishing power at times. The fate of the championship now rests with Trinity, who with a lot of luck, are in a

challenging position, but with a successful league programme completed we look forward to a strong challenge for the Cup next term.

The 2nd XI, after a disappointing season last year, look set to finish 3rd in the 3rd division, just missing promotion. Under John Davis they have played a lot of attacking football and only lapses in defence have prevented them from going up. With political opponents Hodcroft and Marginson co-operating well the team has grown stronger with each match, S. Goudie, Borwick, Ryan and Outridge being the main goalscorers, while Ted pops in one or two at the other end. The prospects of recovering the Plate from the Fitzwilliam rugby thugs next term seem very high.

The thirds have also enjoyed a very successful season, led by Gordon Travis, a lapsed referee, who is proving he can control the team as well as he can control a match. Their tally of 10 points from 10 games is a fine performance, being a 300 per cent increase on last year. With Walsh proving an experienced general and Corlett showing a skill beyond his years (13), the side has beaten other college 1st teams, notably Trinity Hall 5-0.

The 4ths, while not sweeping all before them, are proving, at least, a team of spirit. Stefan believes it is only a matter of time before his team get their first point and that only cruel luck and bad refereeing have prevented their snatching a draw on several occasions. As he says 'We play football for the joy of playing which is just as well, but even so . . . ' at which he rushed off to replace the two players who had just been promoted for the day to the 2nds.

And of course no football report could be complete without mention either of Rev. A. A. Macintosh or Jim Williams. Our illustrious president is a frequent spectator at our matches where his encouragement proves a source of inspiration to the players, while we hope his intercessions on Sundays do not go unheeded. For Jim Williams no praise is too high: not only is he far and away the best groundsman in Cambridge, but he takes such an interest that it is felt that if we have won the league we've won it in part for him.

D.R.

PEN-PORTRAITS OF FOOTBALL CLUB

Dave Russell—Captain

Despite his superstar rating in other sports, this year's captain—the most successful, sorry, the

one with the most successful team in living memory—has *only* scored 22 goals in 12 games this season. Has a knack of being in the right place at the right time—a trait which he unfortunately fails to maintain off the field. An inspiring force on the pitch and in the bar, we offer our heartiest congratulations, Dave—for not getting booked once this year!

Pete Robinson.

Pete joined our forces late in the season with a great ancestral tradition to maintain; he immediately realised the serious nature of the side, having 6" of lovely long locks shorn off after his first game. Never really been tested due to the strength of our midfield (!) and occasionally our defence, although Pete pulled off one memorable save against St Caths. Has been beaten only once in three games.

Pete Collecott.

The old man of the side, coming back all the way from America to don the red-shirt of John's once more. A solid defender who occasionally comes up with memorable goals, one notable example being against Fitzbilly, running from the half-way line, shrugging off the occasional tackle and, suddenly confronted with the opponent's goal, shut his eyes and cracked in an immaculate left-foot shot.

Bill Clyne.

After resisting the temptation to say that words can't describe this player and leaving it at that, the task remains to assess this extraordinary character's contribution to the side's success this year. Having done that, we can only say that his vast store of experience has been an important stabilising factor to the side and his goal scoring feats have had goalkeepers quaking—mainly our own.

Glyn Smith.

The solid, middle-of-the-defence man who, thankfully, makes life easy for his aforementioned partner, with whom he manoeuvred a wonderful goal early in the season—unfortunately it was one of the six we conceded, and not of the 47 we scored!

Ian Dovey.

Came in the side this year to attempt to replace the irreplaceable Ted. Said by many to be the Bruce Rioch of John's but he's surely not that bad. His inefficiency as fixture secretary is equalled only by that of the match secretary.

Rod Nicholson.

Midfield destroyer with hypnotic dribbling

power. His tackling is like the famous number twenty-five, on his back, from behind! Has been seen to dribble round the whole opposition—twice—and pass to their keeper. As with many of the side, senility is creeping up on him, often affecting his memory and his sense of time-keeping.

Dave Smallwood.

Star midfield player; on being given the opportunity of leaving the Blues squad to play in a higher standard of football with the College, he jumped at the chance. Scores often; sometimes with his head which has the advantage of being higher than anything else around and sometimes with hard-hit drives. His goal against Trinity was of international standard, scorching into the top corner of the net beating a five-man wall and the keeper. Will be sorely missed next year.

Dave Tanton.

The lack of finesse and natural skills in the rest of the team is amply recompensed by the artistry of this highly skilful individual. Dave is a true perfectionist; if a cross is a foot out, he's worried. Has scored several important goals with hard-hit, well-placed shots.

Mick Tyack.

As the only fresher to make the team, Mick's function is to make the tea. He also plays on the left-wing, at times cutting in to shoot, which in itself is an experience. As he appears to shut his eyes when shooting, one can only be sure that the ball will leave his foot at a mind-boggling pace. As for direction, Mick prefers to leave that to divine chance. Does occasionally find celestial favour as his 8 league goals testify.

Dave Leahy.

After effectively proving his inability as a striker last year, this versatile and extremely mobile character, proceeded to prove his even grosser inability as match secretary and almost finally, but certainly conclusively, as a goalkeeper. Admittedly his release from goal produced some explosive action up front, his own contribution being 4 goals in 3 games, but how far this influence was due to his own inspiring presence or his unique brand of ability, is in question. Never mind, Dave; there's always next year!

CHESS CLUB

This year the number of college teams has been increased to three. The standard of chess is steadily improving and I have hopes that all

three teams will secure promotion from their respective divisions.

The College tournament has been won by C. J. Dimock.

E. KNOBLOCH

LADY MARGARET BOAT CLUB

President: The Master

Senior Treasurer: Col. K. N. Wylie

Captain: K. J. Jeffrey

The L.M.B.C. can look back on last year with satisfaction. In almost every event entered there was an improvement on last year's performance. Perhaps more important than the achievements themselves is the fact that many of the people who forged them are available to row for another two years. With this in mind we may look forward to even better things in our future.

MICHAELMAS TERM

In the fours races the light IV reached the final only to be beaten by the 1st & 3rd Trinity crew. The clinker IV having beaten two crews were eliminated in the semi-final.

In the Fairbairns the 1st boat finished 6th, going up five places. Novice boat A, rowing as the 4th boat, finished 28th and beat seven college 2nd VIIIs.

This same crew also won Clare Novices regatta, none of their opposition came within two lengths of them.

M. E. Napier won Novice Sculls at Emmanuel Regatta.

D. P. Sturge rowed in the winning coxed IV in the Head of the River fours in October.

LENT TERM

In the Lent races the 1st boat went up one place. Having bumped Queens I and Emmanuel I they were bumped back by Emmanuel I on Saturday. The 2nd boat rose six places, making an over-bump on Ditton Corner in the process. This boat contained four members of Novice boat A. The 3rd boat gained three places, the 4th boat four. The 5th boat went down four places.

At Peterborough Head the 1st boat came 7th, the 2nd boat 8th, winning the Novice division.

At Bedford the 1st boat finished 8th, gaining eleven places, the 2nd VIII were 12th winning the restricted boat pennant.

At Reading the 1st boat came 36th, the 2nd 44th.

The 1st VIII rowed in the Tideway Head finishing 61st after starting 264th.

In the Boat Race, D. P. Sturge rowed at 5. J. Macleod (2) and A. N. Christie (stroke) rowed in Goldie.

First Lent Boat:

bow	W. T. Houlsby
	S. J. Burrows
	P. D. Scandrett
	J. Gilbert
	P. J. Robinson
	J. A. W. Barter
	C. D. Hunt
Stroke	B. R. Poole
Cox	K. J. Jeffrey

MAY TERM

D. P. Sturge won the Wingfield Sculls and came 2nd in the Scullers Head of the River. He also won Elite Sculls at Nottingham and Cambridge Regattas.

A. N. Christie and J. Macleod won Elite Pairs at Nottingham Regatta.

At the Head of the Cam the 2nd boat finished 11th, three places higher than the 1st boat last year. At Norwich Regatta the 2nd boat beat two crews in Senior C VIIIs before losing to Kings I.

At Cambridge Regatta the 1st VIII were beaten in the semi-final of the Elite B event. The 2nd VIII lost the final of senior B VIIIs after winning three races. The 3rd VIII won the Novice event—no crew coming within two lengths of them.

In the May races the LMBC's eleven entries went up twenty-six places, conceding only six bumps. The 3rd, 8th and 11th boats won their oars. The 1st boat made two bumps finishing 3rd. The 2nd boat made two bumps in the 2nd division.

First May Boat

Bow	B. R. Poole
	J. Gilbert
	J. G. Horne
	P. J. Kingston
	S. J. Burrows
	D. P. Sturge
	J. Macleod
Stroke	A. N. Christie
Cox	K. J. Jeffrey

These boats won their oars:

3rd Boat

R. R. G. Delius
K. J. Gummery
G. T. Houlsby
J. R. Morris
E. W. Taylor
S. R. Swaffield
W. T. Houlsby
N. S. Maxwell

Cox D. de Lacy

8th

J. E. Bardo
S. P. Filipkiewicz
G. O. Rowlands
M. Clasper
S. J. Pomeroy
D. B. Gamper
R. A. R. Bradfield
A. G. Moore

Cox R. J. Bloomfield

11th (Fellows)

J. E. Inglesfield
G. A. Reid
L. J. Kirsch
A. A. Macintosh
G. E. J. Llewellyn
D. L. McMullen
R. N. Perham
J. A. Olley

Cox M. A. King

Henley

A party of fourteen went to Henley. The VIII was knocked out of the Ladies Plate on Wednesday by Rollins College U.S.A. The IV entered the Wyfold's and reached the quarter

final. The Pair reached the semi-final of the Goblets. D. P. Sturge sculled through the preliminary rounds of the Diamonds. On Friday he beat his opponent by six feet after a very exciting race. In the final he was beaten by Sean Drea.

VIII: B. R. Poole IV: J. A. W. Barter

P. J. Robinson R. J. S. Bates

J. G. Horne M. E. Napier

J. Gilbert J. P. Gilbert

S. J. Burrows

P. J. Kingston Pair: J. Macleod

J. Macleod A. N. Christie.

A. N. Christie

Cox K. J. Jeffrey

P. J. ROBINSON

BADMINTON CLUB

Captain: A. G. Moore

Secretary and Treasurer: T. I. Cox

After a not very successful season last year, we were somewhat encouraged by the interest shown by freshmen. However interest now seems to have dwindled and we will be hard pressed to maintain two teams.

The members of the first team have been enthusiastic. Several of them fared well in the University tournament, the Captain, Andy Moore, setting a fine example by reaching the semi-finals; and so we look forward to a rewarding season for both teams; that is assuming the geese of Pakistan settle their industrial disputes, resuming our supply of shuttlecocks.

T.I.C.



OLD HEAVIES

Old hearties never die, nor do they fade away—they become fellows of Cambridge colleges. Of all the boats to make four bumps and win their oars in this year's Cambridge May Races, no crew was more bizarre than Lady Margaret XI, which was made up entirely of fellows and tutors from St John's College.

Ranging in age from their 24-year old stroke, Dr John Olley to the 36-year old Reverend Andrew Macintosh, assistant dean of the college, at first sight they reminded one of the *cri de coeur* of the Ancient Mariner—"they were a ghastly crew!" But to see them in action was a revelation—a monument to mind over matter, resolution over flab.

Mervyn King, his lungs and throat normally devoted to the relatively undemanding pursuit of teaching economics, shouted himself hoarse coxing them to victory. A plethora of PhDs and a welter of academic distinctions, their collective IQ must have been the greatest of any crew ever seen on the Cam.

The fellows' boat was well served by its coaches, Col H. J. Faulkner and the Reverend Canon Noel Duckworth, chaplain of Churchill College. Col. Faulkner, a protean heavy hewn from the original granite who was captain of Lady Margaret in 1934, thought the excessive brain-power of his crew was an advantage. "If you put something logically to them they see it. What you say has to make sense or you're in trouble", he said.

Canon Duckworth, a legendary figure along the banks of the Cam, who had the habit of referring to the crew as "The Scarlet Women" (a reference, no doubt, to their blood red oars and singlets), was rhapsodic in their praise. "If other colleges had tutor fellows like these, they'd be a lot better", he said. "You wouldn't have these airy-fairy beardie-weirdies howling for justice outside the Senate House."

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Orchestral Conductors: Philip Booth and
Anthony Woodhouse

Choral Society Conductor: Michael Earle

Choral Society Secretary: Roger Harrison

Junior Treasurer: Robert Wallbank

Committee Member: Julian Clarkson

The Lent Term saw the continuation of trends which have marked the recent success of the Society; large audiences, excellent performances and widespread enthusiasm, combined with administrative efficiency which has ensured financial security for the Society.

Michael Earle emigrated with the Choral Society to Great St. Mary's for a concert of little - known nineteenth - century music (Bruckner's *Te Deum* and Verdi's *Four Sacred Pieces*)—a contrast to the magnificence of the previous term's Brahms *Requiem* in Chapel, though by no means musically inferior.

The Orchestra remained in the College Chapel, when two Choral Scholars were given a chance to conduct for the first time; Benjamin Odom's *Egmont Overture* (Beethoven) opened the concert with a flourish, and Jonathan Seers produced a polished performance of Finzi's '*Dies Natalis*', whose tenor soloist (Anthony Dawson) interpreted his complex part with great understanding and sense of style. Anthony Woodhouse ended the concert with Beethoven's *Pastoral Symphony*.

The annual concert in the Senior Combination Room included settings of madrigals by Petrarch (died 1374), organ concertos by Mozart and Charles Wesley (using a small chamber organ), and two more works with an anniversary flavour by Holst and Ives (both born 1874), for strings and tenor.

Smoking Concerts took place in the New Music Room during both the Lent and Easter Terms though the chief event of the latter was the May Concert, particularly memorable for Philip Booth's setting (for tenor and 16 instruments) of six Walt Whitman poems, as well as for the virtuoso piano-playing of Christopher Lee, the beautifully-timed 'Ink Spots' numbers sung by the Gentlemen of the Choir, and Bach's Brandenburg Concerto no. 5.

The Constitution was revised and brought up-to-date during the year, and the Committee is very pleased to welcome Mr. Derek Drummie as the Society's new President. The newly-elected committee for 1974/75 includes Roger Harrison as Choral Society Conductor, and Jonathan Seers as Orchestral Conductor.

JONATHAN RENNERT

SQUASH RACKETS CLUB

Captain: N. Williams-Ellis
Secretary: P. J. R. Spargo

The Michaelmas term augured well for the year; our first team won the league and three of the other four teams won their respective divisions. However in the Lent term we went down badly in the second round of cuppers (we had a bye in the first!), and were beaten into second place in the league.

Congratulations to Donald Hope on his half-blue; we certainly missed his enthusiasm on Monday evenings.

CRICKET CLUB

Captain: D. J. Smallwood
Fixtures Sec.: R. Corlett
Match Sec.: J. M. Vivian

Cricket in the exam term is always somewhat uncoordinated, and this year was no exception. However good weather throughout the season compensated for any organizational set-backs as well as adding to the enjoyment of everyone involved with the cricketing scene.

In Cuppers the 1st XI performed with admirable adherence to tradition, losing abys-

mally in the first round to Pembroke, in order to alleviate their already congested fixture list. Yet for the rest of the season there was such a wealth of batting talent on view that anyone lower than no. 7 was rarely called upon to render his services—except, of course during May Week when the early batsmen were either unavailable or incapable.

As was to be expected, Dave Smallwood led the runs-race in irrepressible style, making effective use of a vast reach for the purpose of dispatching to all points of the compass the inordinate amount of "candy" regularly offered to a no. 5. Mick Tyack and "Donald" Furminger, the latter in a somewhat more sedentary fashion, proved an able opening pair, and "Donald" did eventually fulfil a life-long ambition to score runs in front of the wicket. Similarly Mick—his pocket-calculator working overtime—demonstrated with amazing regularity that runs could best be assimilated by "selecting" the right fielders. John Vivian and Dave Tanton also performed very creditably with the willow considering their dual role in both the batting and bowling phalanx.

As for the bowling attack, Richard Holmes performed with great application and was rewarded with a place in the University side defeated by Sussex in the B. & H. Cup. Our spin attack, formed of Bob "Five-bounce" Corlett and Colin "Is this a ball about to hit me?" Rose bowled well when luck and the fielders were on their side.

"Bunty" Kamtekar, belying his undoubted advantage in years, performed *once more* quite admirably behind the sticks, in this, his reputedly last year—an achievement for which many generations of wayward Johnian bowlers have been eternally grateful.

The 2nd XI, under the enthusiastic leadership of Dave Flacks, fought against all odds in preserving an unbeaten record throughout the season whilst also producing excellent replacements for the 1st XI.

As for the future, five old "colours" remain as the basis of next year's side and once again, we shall be looking to the Freshmen to plug the gaps.

Finally, we would all like to thank Jim for bearing with us throughout the season and preparing the best wicket in Cambridge, Deane Waldron for his efforts in the form of irrigation, and also congratulate Dave Russell on accomplishments for the Varsity side, especially at Lords.
M.T.

THE LADY MARGARET BOAT CLUB

President: The Master
Captain: A. N. Christie
Vice-captain: B. R. Poole
Secretary: P. J. Robinson
Senior Treasurer: Dr Perham
Junior Treasurer: A. G. Moore
Committee Members: R. J. S. Bayes,
J. P. Gillbe

Readers of the last edition of this magazine may recall the mood of optimism with which the LMBC was looking forward to 1973/1974. Looking back over that year it can be fairly said that our optimism was not only justified, but perhaps too cautiously expressed.

MICHAELMAS TERM

Two weeks before the fours races both the Light IV and Clinker IV(A) rowed in the Head of the River race on the Tideway. The Light IV came 6th overall, and the Clinker boat 6th in their division.

The same crew rowed in the Light IV as had done last year. They won the event with ease, beating crews from King's, Clare, St Catharine's and Pembroke, none of whom finished within 15 seconds of LMBC. The race with Clare was won in a new record time.

The Clinker IV(A) also won their event. The margins of their victories were narrower, however, and the races somewhat more interesting. Clinker IV(B) were beaten in the first round by 1st and 3rd Trinity, who lost the final.

In the Head of the Cam sculling race Lady Margaret won the team trophy and D. P. Sturge came second. He also won the Colquhoun Sculls, taking his three races by a total of 117 seconds.

The Fairbairn race was rowed over a shortened course because of ice on the bottom half of the river. The course was long enough for the 1st VIII to show their superiority, and take 5 seconds off Jesus, who came second. The 2nd VIII were 14th, an improvement of eleven places over last year. As happened last year the novices' boat did well and beat the 3rd VIII.

Light IV

B. R. Poole
J. Macleod
D. P. Sturge
Stroke A. N. Christie

Clinker IV(A)

M. E. Napier
J. A. W. Barter
P. J. Robinson
Stroke J. P. Gillbe
Cox A. G. Moore

1st Fairbairn Boat

M. E. Napier
R. J. S. Bates
M. G. le Voir
M. Williamson
J. A. W. Barter
I. P. Fleming
B. R. Poole
Stroke J. P. Gillbe
Cox A. G. Moore

LENT TERM

A net gain of eight places was made in the Lent Races. Each of the first, second and third boats made three bumps. The first boat bumped Emmanuel, Pembroke, and Clare to finish 4th, the second boat finished 19th, and the third boat 34th. The first Lent boat came 4th at Peterborough Head, having started 7th, and was the fastest college crew in the event.

First Lent Boat

P. D. Scandrett
R. J. S. Bates
M. E. Napier
M. Williamson
P. J. Robinson
I. P. Fleming
B. R. Poole
Stroke J. P. Gillbe
Cox K. J. Jeffery

This crew was strengthened for the Head of the River races and it began to resemble (in composition at least) the first May Boat. The crew were second at Bedford (13 seconds behind Goldie), 9th at Reading and 23rd at the Tideway Head. The 2nd VIII went to all these events finishing 18th, 47th and 114th respectively.

EASTER TERM

The term began with D. P. Sturge coming second in the Scullers' Head in London and winning the Wingfield Sculls for the second year in succession.

The second, third and fourth boats all did well at the Head of the Cam. The second boat came 11th and beat several college first boats. Had the first boat entered the event all three boats would have won pennants. As it was only three second boats beat LMBC III.

Cambridge Regatta saw the first win for LMBC I in an open race since 1969. The final was won from Radley by $\frac{3}{4}$ length in the second fastest time of the day.

In the May Races Lady Margaret boated 13 crews, three more than any other college. Of these boats, four won their oars and only two failed to make a bump. There was a net gain of 24 places. The 13th boat having come third in the "getting-on" race started bottom of the 8th division; they made two bumps. The 10th boat made four bumps in the 6th division and finished 86th. The 4th boat moved up into the 3rd division and won their oars in the process. The 3rd boat made three bumps in the 2nd division. The 2nd boat made an overbump on Peterhouse I on the first night of the races and on the last night bumped Jesus II and Christ's I to enter the 1st division. They are now the highest highest placed 2nd boat.

The 1st boat started third. I will not give details of the row on the first night. It is however, a pertinent comment on bumping races and on the devious minds of some spectators that, having survived two disasters but finally hitting the crew in front (without being awarded a bump), the crew should later be accused of deliberately holding back. 1st and 3rd Trinity and Jesus were duly bumped on subsequent nights and Lady Margaret are now Head of the River.

These crews won their oars:

1st boat

B. R. Poole
I. P. Fleming
P. J. Kingston
J. P. Gillbe
P. J. Robinson
A. N. Christie
J. Macleod

Stroke D. P. Sturge

Cox K. Jeffery

2nd boat

I. S. T. Baker
J. A. Olley
M. B. Chapman
M. Williamson
G. T. Houlsby
R. J. S. Bates
P. D. S. Scandrett

Stroke J. A. W. Barter

Cox A. G. Moore

4th boat

R. N. Parkes
B. Odom
K. J. Gummery
N. S. Maxwell
C. J. Spray
S. R. Swaffield
J. J. Srewin

Stroke R. T. Martin

Cox P. B. G. Stickland

10th boat

D. Mackrell
J. Mears
I. Brown
T. J. O'Brien
S. Q. Salisbury
J. Townsend
S. A. Barr-Hall

Stroke M. A. Connolly

Cox A. W. Kerr

Earlier in the term J. Macleod and A. N. Christie lost the Magdalene Pairs to D. P. Sturge and S. C. Tourek (1st and 3rd Trinity) by $2\frac{1}{2}$ seconds. J. Macleod and D. P. Sturge won the Lowe Double Sculls.

To round off the year on the Cam the club won the Mitchell Cup. This is competed for by all the colleges, points being awarded on the results of CUBC races throughout the year. Winning this trophy reflects not only a successful first and second boat, nor just a near-monopoly of small boat events. The points system takes equal count of all a club's crews. LMBC won the Cup by 105 points and by a margin of 40 points.

College Chronicle

HISTORY SOCIETY

Senior Treasurer: Dr. Pelling
Secretary : Christopher Weaver

The College History Society has had an interesting and apparently successful year; talks have luckily if accidentally been distributed to cover a wide variety of periods and interests, and this seems to have been popular to judge by the consistently high attendances at the Society's meetings, particularly among undergraduates. The Society met five times in the course of the Michaelmas and Lent Terms, and hopes to follow a similar course next year; there also seems to be some support for the idea of undergraduates giving their own papers, so this may well be a feature of next year's activities as well.

Our thanks are due to Dr. Pelling, the Society's Treasurer, and to Dr. Linehan, for kindly letting us use his room for three of the Society's meetings.

Society's meetings have been:

Dr. John Miller: The Popish Plot and the Anti-Catholic Tradition.

Dr. Christopher Andrew: Bugging and Diplomacy: The French Experience.

Prof. Giles Constable: Stigmata and Stigmatics.

Prof. Omen Chadwick: Hitler and the Papacy.

Prof. Richard Cobb: Robespierre in the Year II.

C.W.

PURCHAS SOCIETY

President : R. N. Parkes
Secretary : T. W. Pettitt

St. John's is the only college in Cambridge with its own society of geographers. Meetings were held fortnightly, with speakers covering a range of topics that stretched the term 'geography' to its limits. This year we even had an anthropologist, Dr. Gilbert Lewis, detailing his experiences in New Guinea; other speakers included Richard Smith and David Stoddart, both from the Department of Geography, the latter providing a hilarious talk on some of its past members, and an ex-President, Tim Burt, who talked about the problems of the liquid nature of some Canadian clays, complete with a demonstration.

Complementary to the academic aspect is the social role of the Purchas Society. It acts as a place where members from all three years can meet, an invaluable function in a large college. Furthermore, it holds cocktail parties. Finally the sporting scene was dominated by the crushing of the girls of Girton at soccer by 9 - 7; we also drew with them at hockey, lost to Fitzwilliam at rugby, but rounded off a generally successful season with a 3 - 1 win at football over the Lawyers.

T.W.P.

BADMINTON CLUB

Captain : T. I. Cox
Secretary: C. J. West

The college badminton teams suffered mixed fortunes this year. Strength in depth was shown by the good performance of the second team, which was rewarded by finishing top of the third division with 25 points out of a possible 30. However, lack of outstanding players doomed the first team to an undistinguished season. We were hard hit by the loss of Andrew Chester for a few weeks through illness. Subsequent reshuffling of the pairs unbalanced the team, though individual performances remained good. Lee Chong has maintained a consistently high standard of play, and is on the fringe of the university second team.

Particularly encouraging progress has been made by Geoff Moore and Dave Bachelor, who have developed into a solid playing combination since the beginning of the year.

Colours have been awarded to all the players named above, as well as Tim Cox, Chris Dimmock, Paul Manning and Colin West.

C.J.W.

CHESS SEASON 1974-5

Captain and Secretary : A. B. Haberberg
2nd team Captain : F. L. P. Heyes
3rd team Captain : R. Peel

The psychological advantage conferred on the first team by its appearing to be stuffed with obscure Eastern European grandmasters disappeared at the end of last season, as Edgar Knobloch and Stefan Filipkiewicz departed for Harvard and limbo respectively. Reduced to more orthodox ploys, it seemed unlikely that the happy band which had foolhardily got itself promoted to the University League First Division would still be savouring the fruits of its folly at the end of the season. That they are savoured still is due substantially to the generosity of King's, who played well below their potential, and of Caius, who arrived without half their players; the two shock victories gained thereby separated us from the pack at the foot of the division.

The second team performed creditably in a division populated largely with the first teams of other colleges, and look like being the highest placed college second team. The third performed sporadically but enthusiastically. In the City League both first and second teams were weakened and showed only mediocre form.

Thanks are therefore due to:

Adrian Haberberg, the sacrificial lamb on board one whose play was consistent in being below the standard of his many illustrious opponents.

Andy Masters, whose fine form on board two gave him several notable scalps and had much to do with the team's success.

Rod Nicholson, who by random opening play and persistent time trouble turned his chess into something resembling a game of chance. Unfortunately most of the chances went the wrong way, but nice try anyway, Rod!

Steve Barker, who at the start of the season seemed to be the only player capable of scoring any points at all.

Chris Dimock who, a class better than most board fives, gave several polished displays.

Mungo Carstairs and Mike Connolly, willing - and often successful - reserves.

Frank Heyes, who did all the work of the second team captain and half the work of the first team captain as well, uncomplainingly and efficiently.

A.B.H.

HOCKEY CLUB

Captain : Peter Williams
Match Secretary : Andy Hurrell
Fixture Secretary : Martin Marriott

The beginning of February saw all three teams unbeaten in League games, with some impressive scores from the 2nd and 3rd XIs. Then the weather changed, and with it our former good fortune.

The first XI, in the absence of the invaluable Messrs. Cairns and Norfolk who were playing for the Wanderers, were beaten by Emmanuel, and in the same week the second XI started their downhill slide. It wasn't until the last week in February that ashen-faced second XI captain, Tim Lewis, could regain his usual composure when the 2nd XI scraped out of the relegation zone with a 7-0 win over Selwyn/Emmanuel combined 2nd XI, after having been defeated in the 2nd XI Cuppers final and in three consecutive league matches.

But meanwhile in Division III, the third XI had put 4 goals past King's I to end the season with maximum points - a credit to the versatility of our goal-keepers, and to the other 3rd XI stars.

After the mid-term set back, and all the rain, we were ready for that annual goal-scoring spree - the hockey club tour - on which the team excelled!

M.J.M.

SQUASH CLUB

1974/1975 will go down in history as the year when the Squash Club so nearly did the 'double'. Having come second in the University first division some three times in the last four seasons (our only inconsistency was to win the League in 1973), the college first team fully lived up to form by coming ... second once again. It was quite a struggle not to win it this time, especially as the team was stronger all round than that of any other college, but by dint of a rather over-generous tendency to concede walk-overs (including two in the final league match), we contrived to come second by the tantalising narrow margin of one point behind the winners.

The highpoint of the season, however, was reached when we walked away with Cuppers - so completing one half of the 'double'! The final was reached after three or four rounds without the loss of a match; then in the final, Downing were beaten 5-0 by the rampant John's team, which was led by Donald Hope, this year's University captain who injected the team with a healthy dose of the Blues. At two, we had John Rowland, who in the same term won his half-blue and, for good measure, the University Open Competition; Dr. Lyn Jones at three, Paul Lurie at four and Chris Pauw at five, completed the team.

The four lower teams all performed well in their various league divisions, with many of their matches against first and second teams of other colleges; they loyally turned out with a regularity that was, unfortunately, not always matched by their opponents. However, I hope that all of us will long have happy memories of cycling or jogging out to Grantchester Meadows on dark and wintry evenings, in shorts, sweat-shirt, gym-shoes and not much else, of climbing over a spiked gate and through a thorn hedge or two, all for the sake of an away fixture against Pembroke or Catz and the continuing glory of the college Squash Club!

S.J.C.S.R.C. and others.

FOOTBALL CLUB

President : Rev. A. A. Macintosh
Captain : D. P. Russell
Secretaries: M. Tyack
P. Outridge

This season St. John's have maintained their position in the top rank of football colleges; indeed no other college could rival the performances of all our teams, taken together. The First XI won the League in the most emphatic manner possible by winning every game and scoring thirty-two goals while conceding only five. They failed, however, to maintain this supremacy in the Cup, needing three matches to overcome Downing, then going out to St. Caths (who had been, astonishingly, relegated in the League), well beaten by three goals to one. The Second XI struggled to stay in the Second Division, only avoiding relegation by beating Pembroke in their last match. But in the Plate they began to show better form and have reached the final, which has been postponed until the summer due to some extremely wet weather during Lent. The Third and Fourth XI's also enjoyed moments of triumph, but more of these presently.

The First XI's triumph in the League is a marvellous accomplishment, although some say that the opposition this season has been weak in comparison with previous years. The League campaign was highlighted by the 7-1 trashing of Trinity, which exacted revenge for their theft of the title last year. Once the run of victories had been launched, only CCAT looked capable of halting it, but they missed easy chances and were eventually beaten 2-1. The Christ's and St. Cath's teams were but shadows of their former selves, and were easily defeated, 5-0 and 3-0 respectively.

As the goal tally suggests - thirty-two for, and five against - the side's success was largely founded on a virtually impregnable defence. Pete Collecott, Bill Clyne and Ian Dovey remained of last year's back four, Derek Cash making up the complement. On the rare occasions when these four were beaten, new goalkeeper Gordon Miller (alias "the Hampden Roar") generally proved himself equal to the occasion. It is perhaps unfair to single out one player from a defence which played with such consistency, but since his fan club sent me such a generous cheque, I crave your indulgence to mention Derek "the Nod" Cash, perhaps the most exciting centre-half to be unleashed upon the Cambridge scene in recent years. I ought also to mention Malcolm Woods, who filled the position more than adequately while Derek dallied with the Blues squad.

The midfield, where the peerless Rod Nicholson was assisted by Bob Corlett and Andy Ryan, also proved their worth in defensive play. Careful defence during the first part of the game quickly convinced successive opponents of the futility of trying to score; and when the opposition were sufficiently demoralized, and the midfield initiative had been grasped, a steady service was generally set up for the forwards. This often led to a rush of goals when the play was opened up - against Clare, for instance, St. John's scored five in the second half after failing to score in the first half.

These tactics, admittedly unadventurous, were not always unexciting, since the forwards proved to be quite dangerous on the break, especially Tyack the tank engine, who operated effectively on both wings. All three forwards - Micky Tyack, Dave Leahy, and Dave Russell - scored regularly despite the injuries collected by the first two mentioned (a cracked wheel and a cracked head, respectively) and the bookings collected by our illustrious captain. Paul Outridge and Andy Sidwell also played, and showed themselves to be very capable deputies, the latter looking a good prospect for the future.

It was a shame that the achievements of the Michaelmas term were not followed by greater things in the Lent term. But despite the addition of Dave Littlewood to the team, after gaining his Blue, the team did not play so well. I think that this is largely due to a feeling in the college that the League title is "the big one" and the Cup a more frivolous affair. Each match in the League campaign was

approached with grim determination, especially after the disappointment of the previous season, when one lapse cost us the title. This fortitude was not reproduced in the Cup campaign, despite the greater glamour which attaches to this competition. Next year's captain must try to whip up more of a cup-tie atmosphere and to motivate the team more strongly. Otherwise there will be a repetition of this year's performance against Downing when an inferior team took us to a second replay largely through their greater determination and effort. Our luck was out against St. Cath's - Micky Tyack was injured in the opening minutes, eventually having to leave the field, and we were obliged to play the second half into a freshening wind laced with rain, a handicap which St. Cath's had not faced. Nevertheless, at half-time the score was 1-1 and, with substitute Paul Outridge settling down quickly, St. John's had the best of the play in the latter part of the first half. But pressure and clear chances were not converted into goals and, as it turned out, the match had passed out of our control. For St. Cath's came out in the second half and played some magnificent football, dominating the play, and ran out clear winners at 3-1. I should note that all St. Cath's goals were hit from twenty-five yards and so must be attributed rather to the laxity of the goalkeeper and the midfield than to the defence.

The Second XI also had a year of markedly mixed results. In the League they played well against the better sides whilst losing narrowly, but failed to beat the lesser sides. Still, they avoided relegation and ought to find more consistent form next year. It was a different story in the Plate however; the side, ably led by Pete Hartnell, have progressed easily to the final, only being seriously tested by Fitz IV (the rugby team, and winners two seasons ago), who were beaten more comfortably than the 1-0 scoreline suggests. We must, however, wait until after Easter to see whether they can regain the trophy. Several of last year's team remained, and there was an impressive influx of new talent - Pete Bolland and John Nicholas both look good prospects for the future.

The Third XI had an excellent season in the League, finishing in the top half of Division Three. Indeed, had they not had such a wretched start to the season they would have been promotion contenders, their form in the last half of the season being devastating. They also had a good run in the Plate, halted only by the aforementioned Fitz IV, an impertinence for which the Second XI exacted revenge.

It was the Fourth XI, though, which provided the most heroic display of the Lent term. They beat two second teams and took another, Cath's II, to a replay. Such stirring deeds of giantkilling are little short of astonishing when taken in the context of their truly abysmal form in the previous term. But then, when you have real talent in a side, (Boyd, Parkes ... the list is endless), anything is possible.

There remain, of course, two more names which I must mention. I must thank our President, the Rev. A.A. Macintosh for his support throughout the season despite the unfortunate effect that his presence on the touchline seems to have on the team's fortunes. Finally, it remains only for me to thank Jim Williams, not only for his marvellous work on the pitches, (made especially difficult this year by a tremendous amount of rain), but also for the interest he takes in the club's progress - thanks Jim.

A.R.

THE JOHNIAN SOCIETY : Annual Dinner 1974

The Jubilee of the Johnian Society was celebrated on 14th December 1974 in the Hall of the College.

Mr. E.W.R. Peterson (Matric. 1919) was elected president and took the Chair. There were 110 members and guests present, including the Master, Professor P.N.S. Mansergh, O.B.E., Litt.D., a number of Fellows, and past and present members of the College. The Hon. Mr. Justice Brightman was elected President to preside over the Dinner in December 1975.

The toast of the College was proposed by the President, who said that Sir Edward Marshall Hall, K.C., and he had organised the first Dinner, at which the Johnian Society was founded, at the Connaught Rooms, in London on Tuesday 8th July 1924, when the price of the meal was 12/6. There were said to be 68 old Johnians present. In his speech the President said that after dinner the Chairman Marshall Hall proposed the formation of a Johnian Society. This was carried with acclamation, Sir Edward was declared the first president, Mr. E.W.R. Peterson the first secretary, Mr. E.W. Airy treasurer, and a committee of six were appointed to frame rules, and fix a subscription (which was a life subscription of one guinea). The original rules provided that ex-presidents should become ex-officio members of committee. These rules drafted by the president and himself stood the test of time for some 25 years, but at some later period, a change was made, and the committee lost the presence of a very valuable panel of elder statesmen, whom he would like to see restored.

He also referred to the Society's Travel Exhibitions, founded in 1969 during P.H.G. Horton-Smith-Hartley's presidency. This excellent foundation carried with it the obligation calling upon the society to give it every possible support, and this itself means an annual drive for new members. Subscriptions to the fund can be made through the College Office, and tax-free covenants will be dealt with.

The Master replied to the toast of "The College" giving a review of College successes in the academic and sporting worlds, and commenting that for the first time in the history of the college we now have a Johnian Archbishop of Canterbury.

After the proceedings in hall were concluded, a number of members adjourned to the Second Court buttery, where they found the aftermath of the Johnian supporters of the University trial eights dinner (at Pembroke). The mingling of the young and the old, across half a century, was a good exercise for all concerned.

It is understood that the College will allow the Johnian Dinner to be held in College next December - for which the Society may be profoundly grateful.

E.W.R.P.

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MUSICAL SOCIETY

If the development of the College's musical life over the past decade is put under scrutiny, the impressions obtained are firstly of promise realised and secondly of new problems arising out of that very success. The potential evident in the Musical Society's programmes during 1965-66 has been so cultivated in the intervening years that by the middle of this current season of Cambridge concerts, St John's leading position amongst the University's musical colleges has been safely established.

The field in which most growth can be observed is in the work of the College Orchestra and Choral Society. Ten years ago, the orchestra's only official appearance during the season was in the annual May Week Concert; doubtless the material for more regular orchestral activity was present in College, but such a schedule was not set up until the early 1970's. Since the inception of termly orchestral concerts in the Chapel, the instrumental potential of College musicians has been harnessed into performances of ever more ambitious and rewarding programmes, with last year's offerings of Beethoven's Symphonies Nos 3 and 9 (the latter was reviewed in the last issue of *The Eagle*) securing the College Orchestra's reputation in Cambridge musical circles. Having established itself, the orchestra's objectives have now undergone some modification, the intention being to present a series of well-balanced concerts within the limitations of the forces involved. The two orchestral concerts this year have achieved just this, featuring some excellent solo playing from Patrick Williams and Tim Hewitt-Jones, and a memorable performance of Vaughan Williams' Symphony No 5 conducted by Tim Hewitt-Jones, a well-disciplined, polished rendering of a work which the composer's leading biographer rates as the most problematic to perform successfully. Now that a reasonable balance between ambitious repertoire and instrumental limitations has been reached, it is to be hoped that future years will see the continuation of the orchestra's high standards.

St John's choral tradition is, of course, of much longer standing, thanks to the Chapel choir and its Director, George Guest. The importance of this solid nucleus to the musical life of the College cannot be over-estimated, particularly when one observes that in recent years all the conductors of the Choral Society have been either Choral or Organ students, passing on much of the refinement of choral technique found in the Chapel's activities. This tradition has been raised from its already high standard to a level at which St John's Choral Society challenges University-based organisations on their own ground in the two Choral Society concerts held this year. The Berlioz Requiem performance of last Michaelmas Term was notable for the consistency of choral singing throughout the varied demands made upon the singers by the score, and for the truly spectacular impact of the orchestral sound in the more expansive passages of the work: never before has the Chapel been exposed to the collected decibels of four brass bands, twelve horns, eight timpani and three gongs! (All rumours that this performance is responsible for the crack in the Chapel Tower are denied vigorously.) The recent performance of Beethoven's *Missa Solemnis* was, if anything, more demanding on the forces concerned, but the excellence of execution

justified the decision to give the work. The performance was conducted, as was the Berlioz, by Jonathan Seers, whose dynamic reading of the piece had obviously impressed itself on the chorus; both chorus and orchestra gave a committed performance even in the most taxing fugal sections of the *Credo*, and the stamina with which the singers endured Beethoven's unsympathetic tessitura was altogether remarkable. To set the seal on a fine rendering, four outside soloists were brought in: their achievement lay not so much in individual solo passages, though these were well taken, but in their ability to blend into the well-balanced quartet required for so much of the score.

This expansion of the activities of the College Orchestra and Choral Society has not been without its attendant difficulties. In the case of the latter, the problems are well-known to all such Cambridge organisations: a shortage of good lady singers compared to the tenors and basses; the perpetual shortage of real tenors; and the unwillingness of many orchestral musicians to turn up for a choral concert. The orchestra faces different problems: to what extent should the conductor accept indifferent performances by College players in works of sufficient merit to command the public's attention; and should programmes be presented which require extensive importation of non-College performers?

Common to both is the fundamental question of finance, for despite the increased generosity of the Associated Societies, it becomes increasingly difficult to give adequate financial support in the absence of reasonable audiences. Both the Berlioz and Vaughan Williams concerts were indifferently attended. Other College music societies have the same complaint: audiences are smaller now than in previous years, with the consequent lack of financial guarantee for the concerts concerned. One possible reason for this is the large number of concerts given by other College organizations whose musical life has blossomed of late in the same manner as has that of St John's. Whatever the specific causes, the time has surely come for some Musical Societies to pool their resources, thus reducing both the necessity for large external instrumental contributions and the number of events in an overcrowded concert calendar.

Where does the Musical Society go from here? I believe we have come to a position whereby almost all the requirements of the College's large musical population can be accommodated in one or other of the Society's activities, whether in the Smoking Concerts or in the larger scale performances. The one addition which the Society is endeavouring to secure is the establishment of a series of Lunchtime Concerts, to complement rather than to replace the well-tried Smoking Concerts. Their function would be to allow established college performers the opportunity to present a concert of approximately forty minutes duration in which a short recital programme could be offered. Discussions on this proposal are still in their early stages, but it is hoped that this extension of the Society's syllabus may be in operation in time for the Michaelmas Term. With this new combination of concerts, the College Musical Society looks forward to a future in which traditions recently set forth can be maintained, serving as wide a spectrum of College life as circumstances, both aesthetic and financial, will allow.

Charles Stewart

PURCHAS SOCIETY

"Intending to present the world to the world in the most certain view"

President: T W Pettitt
Secretary: C P J Morris

The 1975-76 academic year has so far been a very busy and successful one for the Purchas Society, the informal society for Johnian geographers. Last term our meetings included the customary 'Inauguration Ceremony' for freshmen, at the Rose and Crown, and 'In Pursuit of Purchas', an evening of slides of all corners of the globe from our own summer excursions as well as three outside speakers. Their topics ranged from antics in the Arctic to vanishing lakes in Africa, and an extremely informative perspective on the geographical background to the present Ulster crisis.

In addition to these meetings, Purchas also took to the open air, with games of rugby against Fitzwilliam geographers, football against St Catharine's and hockey against Girton. Forthcoming events for the Lent Term include a visit from the Professor of Geography before his retirement, entering an eight for the Lent Bumps, and the ever popular 'Cocktails Party', with our Annual Dinner coming in May, the last social event before the Tripos examinations.

C P J M

CHESS CLUB

Captain and Secretary: A J Masters
2nd Team Captain: F Heyes
3rd Team Captain: N Gray
City League 'B' Team Captain: R Peatman

This has been a very sad year for college chess. The first team, narrowly avoiding relegation last season, has only managed to win one match, and unfortunately relegation to the 2nd division must be a certainty. The 2nd team, in a strong 2nd division, is teetering on the edge of the drop, and the 3rd team fortunately has nowhere to be relegated!

In the City League, both 'A' and 'B' teams are surviving quite happily, putting out teams of very variable strength.

Thanks are due to:

J S Barker, A M McCaig (who, with fine form on board 3, gave us most of our points!), C Dimmock, A Freeling, F Heyes (for ably captaining the 2nd team and comforting me in my despair!), and all the other people who were dragged into various chess teams, often at extremely short notice! My special thanks to all the team captains for uncomplainingly carrying out a most frustrating job!

A J M

BADMINTON CLUB

Captain: C West
Secretary: G A Moore

The 1974-75 season proved to be fairly satisfactory. The first team held on to its place in the first division, finishing seventh out of 10, while the second team, showing improvement throughout, won the third division, taking 25 out of a possible 30 points.

This season began with a rush of enthusiasm which doubled the number of players. As a result a third and fourth team have been started, both playing in the fourth division. All the results are not yet in but probable League positions are as follows:-

DIVISION I	Johns I	3rd equal
DIVISION II	Johns II	3rd
DIVISION IV)	Johns III	1st - promoted
	Johns IV	5th

Cuppers, unfortunately, was a different story, with the first team going down 2-3 to Christ's in the first round.

Finally, thanks to Colin West for being such an admirable Captain, and Andy Marvin for taking on the job of third and fourth team Secretary.

G A M

TABLE TENNIS CLUB

Captain: Carl Olsson

The 1974-75 season has proved to be the most successful for the college for a number of years. Three of the college's five teams were promoted with the other two narrowly missing out. The first regained a place in the first division though university duties for S Amin, M Timms and J McCollin, prevented them winning the second division as early form suggested. The second team won the fourth division some 10 points clear of the nearest rivals due mainly to R Barton, G Sawyer and C Olsson. The third team achieved promotion from the fifth division by being runners up with credit to R Sutcliffe, S Kettle, N Robertson and T Bradshaw. The fourth and, newly created, fifth teams did well with enthusiastic support from many members of the college, though failing to achieve promotion by a mere few points.

Success was also achieved in Cuppers with the college reaching the semi-finals for the first time in years. Trinity Hall were easily defeated but progress was slightly tougher against seeded Magdalene, though victory came by a narrow margin. In the semi-finals the college was beaten by the eventual winners, Downing.

CO

FOOTBALL CLUB

President: Mr Macintosh
Captain: D E Leahy
Match Secretary: A C Sidwell
Fixtures Secretary: G D Miller

Overall, 1975-76 was perhaps a disappointing season by our usual high standards. The 1st XI finished second in the League, and lost in the Semi-Final of Cuppers. The 2nd XI retained their Second Division status, but were knocked out of the Plate at the Quarter-Final stage. The 4th XI did very well in Division Four however.

Pete Roberts is to be congratulated on winning his "Blue", and Gordon Miller, Dave Littlewood and Jim Hall for their selection for the University or Falcons during the season.

Micky Tyack was the leading goalscorer for the 1st XI, well supported by Dave Leahy, the captain, and John Nicholas. From midfield Dave Smallwood and Rod Nicolson performed well and scored several valuable goals. The secretary, who also played in midfield, does not wish to publicise his goal tally, but admits to scoring an own goal while playing for the second eleven amongst his total of one.

In defence, Jim Hall, Mal Wood, Dave Littlewood and Pete Collecott all performed excellently, but a special mention is due to freshman Richard Baden, who established himself as a very capable, if decidedly homicidal, full-back.

Gordon (Whoops! Sorry, lads) Miller and that famous cross-bar hurdler Tony Shiret kept goal very skilfully and bravely (their claim).

The 2nd XI suffered badly from injuries, particularly to captain Alan Coulson, and leading scorer Nik Goudie. Pete Hockless and Colin Hardy showed much ability, and should prove to be valuable members of the 1st team squad next season. Dave Mayall, Dave Ryder, Nigel Scott and Steve Pitcher all did themselves great credit, as did others who were promoted from the 3rd XI.

Chris Dimock led the 3rd and 4th XI's with aplomb and no little skill. Goalkeeper Phil Hobson's feline instincts made him the personality of the year, while the most improved player was hard-tackling Dave Bowen.

The college will lose all or most of the following men this summer:

D Leahy, D Russell, D Smallwood, M Tyack, P Collecott, W Clyne and R Nicolson.

These seven have served St John's with honesty, endeavour, ability and pride. Their departure is regrettable, but we wish them the very best for the future.

Next season's officials are:

Captain, Jim Hall; Secretary, Richard Baden; and Fixture Secretary, Mal Wood.

Finally, I should like to thank Jim Williams for providing us with excellent pitches, Andrew Macintosh for his continued support as President of the Club, and Martin Bolland for his vociferous abuse of opposing players, plus gems such as "I've got to shut up now, lads - my Tutor's come!" with "his Tutor" standing two feet behind him.

A C S

THE LADY MARGARET BOAT CLUB

1975 will go down in history as the most successful year in the Boat Club's history. That must have been said before. The next time that those words crop up the LMBC will have won every single competition on the Cam in one year. The bald facts of 1975 point out that this was very nearly achieved.

Michaelmas Term

The Light four won their event with great ease, setting a new record, for the second year running, in adverse conditions. In the Clinker Fours the LMBC emerged as winners (also for the second time running). The style of the victory is underlined by the fact that the 1st Four beat the 2nd Four by a mere 2½ seconds in the final.

With eight oarsmen still in the CUBC Trials, the 1st Fairbairn Eight began training with small hopes of victory. On the day of the race they came up trumps and won by a clear 15 seconds.

CUBC Trials

Six oarsmen from the Club won Trial Caps - three went on to drive the Blue Boat to victory (James Macleod, Neil Christie, Paul Robinson). David Sturge succumbed to glandular fever half way through the Lent Term and was unable to take up his rightful place. Ian Fleming stroked a Goldie Crew that lost on the Tideway, but gained valuable experience. Tom Moisley was unfortunately left out of the Goldie Crew, having won his Trial Cap.

Lent Term

The First Boat had a stiff task - to make three bumps to go Head. The term started badly but the originally rough crew developed and took the Headship with comparative ease. The Second Boat was weak but willing and eventually, in the Bumps, the weakness told and they notched only two bumps. To call them weak is to be strictly LMBC orientated. They bumped a First Boat and ended as the highest Second Boat. The Fifth Crew won their oars with aplomb and the Sixth Boat had the dubious title of the 'Bottom of the River'.

Summer Term

The Lent Boat went to the 'Putney Head' and spent a few wet, cold days training before the race. Two of the original crew were rowing for the University Lightweight Eight in its inaugural race against Oxford (J A W Barter and R Bates) and their places were taken by Peter Kingston and Stuart Pomeroy. The race was a great success - the crew was pushed over the course by two crews behind and finished a good 26th.

This crew formed the nucleus of the Second May Boat and it would have been capable of staying Head of the Mays. As it was, they had to be content with making four quick bumps in the first division - ending 12th in the division, the highest a Second Boat has been for many years.

The First May Boat was the fastest eight the Cam has ever seen and could only treat the May Races as practice for Henley. The May Boat was the first Cambridge crew since the mid-60's to be a force in rowing off the Cam. During the term the crew, as two fours, found success off the Cam - at the BUSF championship where the bow four won the coxless four event while the stern four were vying for international recognition. The stern four won the Cambridge Fours Head while the Second Eight won the Eights Division. As an eight, the May Boat

set itself a stiff task - at the Cambridge Regatta it acquitted itself well against the University of London Eight that was to form the National Eight in the World Championships.

The lower boats in the Mays did well: the Fifth and Ninth Boats won their oars. There were eleven boats from the club who raced and two more who failed to 'get on'.

Henley

At Henley the competition was found to be too hot - the first boat fell to the might of the American machine in the shape of MIT. The second boat did well in the Thames Cup. But Henley is no longer the preserve of the Oxbridge Colleges so that even the First Four fell to an American National Four in the Steward's. Jamie Macleod and David Sturge went on to gain international honours in the World Championships.

LMBC 1975

President: The Master
Captain: J Macleod
Secretary: J Gillbe
Vice-Captain: I P Fleming

Light Four

P Robinson
N Christie
D Sturge
J Macleod

Clinker Four

*1 R Bates	*2 M Williamson
J Gillbe	A McIntosh
J Barter	M Napier
I Fleming	M Chapman
Cox T Caldwell	Cox A Kerr

Fairbairn Eight

I Baker
R Watson
D Winny
M Williamson
R Bates
S Burrows
M Napier
M Chapman
Cox A Kerr

Lent Boat

R Bates
R Watson
T Moisley
A McIntosh
S Burrows
J Gillbe
J Barter
M Chapman
Cox T Caldwell

May Boat

J Gillbe
I Fleming
P Kingston
M Chapman
D Sturge
J Macleod
P Robinson
N Christie
Cox T Caldwell

Second May Boat

R Bates
M Williamson
S Pomeroy
R Watson
T Moisley
S Burrows
J Barter
A McIntosh
Cox A W Kerr

ADAMS SOCIETY

President: N P Bloch
Vice-President: D J Pritchard
Secretary: O L C Toller
Treasurer: N R Thomason

The Society has enjoyed a generally active and successful year, during the course of which it was addressed on subjects including, "Why I Do *Not* Believe in Magnetic Field lines", by Dr Skilling, "Robert Recorde: The Inventor of the = Sign" by Professor Cassels, "Games Between Automata", by Professor Whittle, and "Mpemba's Physics" by Dr Gough. Lady Jeffreys gave a talk entitled, "Forty+ Years On", harking back to the earliest days of the Society; she had addressed its 30th meeting in 1927.

The Annual Dinner was its usual success, and, on a still more frivolous note, during the post-examination recovery period the Society defeated its nearest neighbours and rivals among the College Mathematical Societies at the seasonal sport of punt jousting.

O L C T



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THE LADY MARGARET BOAT CLUB 1976

Michaelmas Term

An unsettled Light four never came to grips with the task before them and succumbed in the early rounds. However the Clinker four easily retained the title, giving us our hat-trick.

The Fairbairn Boat had a hard task to remain head and only failed by 4 seconds.

Our Novice eight won Clare Regatta in convincing style.

CUBC Trials

Three members of the Club won Trial Caps: Rob Watson who rowed in Goldie, Chris Leng-Smith who coxed Goldie, and Ian Fleming.

Lent Term

After an indifferent start the First Boat went from strength to strength following their victory in record time at Peterborough Head. They retained the Headship of the Lents without being pressed and went on to finish 22nd out of over 400 starters at the Tideway Head, winning the Senior A Pennant.

The Third Boat (who became the Fourth May Boat) were the only other crew to win their oars out of our 6 Lent crews.

Matthew Rockel and Peter Watson rowed in the Lightweight crew that narrowly lost to Oxford.

Summer Term

On their day the First May Boat were the fastest crew on the Cam, as showed when they won Senior A eights at Cambridge Regatta, but an indifferent row on the Saturday saw the Headship slip from their grasp.

The Second Boat, winners of Novice eights at Cambridge Regatta, continued its upward trend of recent years bumping three first boats to finish 9th on the River.

The Third May Boat bumped two first boats and two second boats to win its oars and the Fourth Boat made 4 quick bumps to collect theirs. In all 11 boats rowed in the Races and another 3 failed to get on.

Henley and the Olympics

This was our most successful Henley for several years, the First Boat being the only English crew to reach the semi-finals of the Ladies Plate where the Irish(!) proved too much. The Second Boat rowed in the Thames Cup.

Three of last year's May Boat rowed at the Montreal Olympics, Neil Christie and Jamie Macleod came 7th in the coxed pairs and David Sturge, rowing with Henry Clay (Pembroke) came 12th in the coxless pairs.

LMBC 1976

President : The Master
 Captain : I P Fleming
 Secretary : M B Chapman
 Vice-Captain : T C Caldwell

Light Four

J Barter
 I Fleming
 T Moisley
 M Chapman

Clinker Four

'A' I Baker 'B' R Joynson
 M Williamson P Watson
 M Rockel F Tregear
 R Watson J Halling
 Cox C Leng-Smith Cox N Mitchell

Fairbairn Eight

R Joynson
 P Watson
 F Tregear
 J Halling
 G Horne
 M Williamson
 M Rockel
 I Baker
 Cox N Mitchell

First Lent Boat

R Joynson
 J Halling
 G Horne
 M Chapman
 M Rockel
 T Moisley
 M Williamson
 I Fleming
 Cox T Caldwell

First May Boat

R Joynson
 M Chapman
 J Barter
 R Watson
 M Williamson
 T Moisley
 M Rockel
 I Fleming
 Cox T Caldwell

Second May Boat

T Peters
 P Watson
 R Higgins
 A Barker
 N Starling
 D Parker
 I Baker
 J Halling
 Cox A Kerr

CRICKET CLUB TOUR 1976

Last summer's tour, the first for some years, was to Shropshire and Herefordshire, based in Ludlow. One wet afternoon four carloads set off from Cambridge; everyone arrived safely although the captain's party nearly ended up in Wales before realising they should have left the motorway much sooner.

The first match was against Ludlow C.C. on Thursday afternoon. Refusing to be distracted by the local schoolgirls playing rounders nearby, we won comfortably by five wickets, John Vivian top-scoring with 36 not out after some early cheap dismissals. We played on a wicket that could only be described as 'soft', and so with the opposition's local knowledge it was a good win.

Friday's game was against what promised to be the strongest side of the tour. It was played in the middle of Hereford racecourse, and at times the comings and goings to and from the wicket resembled the 3.10. The only good feature of the game was that we did not lose, mainly because a drop of rain was enough for the opposition to decide that their unbeaten record was more important than our enjoyment. Some good slip catches were held, one by the writer being almost his only playing success of the tour, and one by the Indian magician who took it with a nonchalance worthy of Colin Cowdrey himself. Later Dave Leaky took the Ludlow fish and chip shop by storm and failed by a short head to receive a one pound fine for his behaviour.

Sunday provided us with perhaps our most enjoyable match, against the combined strength of the villages of Berghill and Tillington. It was played in the most picturesque surroundings, on a typical village pitch bordering a cattle farm. It also provided Mervyn Myers a chance to show what a travesty it had been that he hardly batted all season; his 64 was the mainstay of a score of 143, ably assisted by various agricultural strokes from his colleagues. Sudir Wanmali hit his first six, a shot which just cleared the boundary by '27 inches'. Richard Holmes also batted well while Pete Morris was left wondering whether his trip from London was worth it. We then bowled the opposition out for 59, Mervyn Myers taking six for 13, which proved a little expensive later on. The evening was mostly spent in Ludlow - and a party was organised to watch dawn breaking on the shortest night of the year.

The last game was against Kington C.C.. The pace bowlers Dave Russell and Andy Sidwall bowled them out for 61, helped by some superb catching, notably by John Dobson and Peter Morris, who later denied all reports that he had been asked to play goalkeeper for Brentford F.C.. Joe Davies and Dave Bonsall saw us home after the early batting had collapsed against some good bowling.

Thus the tour ended on a high note. A final word of thanks are due to Fry's, the makers of Turkish Delight, without whom the tour would not have been possible.

Tim Davies

FOOTBALL CLUB

The first eleven finished in the lower half of the table. After a good start luck went against them. In the end they had as many bookings as points. They were captained by J A Hall, and Phil Wild was the top scorer with 6 goals.

The second eleven, captained by N Scott, were unfortunately relegated from Division two collecting only 2 points; but they had to play many college first teams.

The third eleven finished in the middle of Division four. Captained by P Ostojic they picked up 7 points, finishing with a good 1-0 win over promotion candidates Downing.

The fourth team, captained by Ian Roberts, finished in the middle of the fifth Division, and played well for most of the season.

The club was able to run 4 teams this year, thanks to the enthusiasm of many freshers, and people who wanted play.

Congratulations also to P M Roberts who won his second blue, playing in midfield this year.

R Baden

RUGBY CLUB

Oderint dum Metuant
"Let them hate so long as they fear"

Captain : E McManus
Secretary : D A Mushin

75-76 was a sad season, in some ways, for we lost our 3 year unbeaten record to Catz in the League. However John's Rugby Club ended the Spring '76 season with one of the best matches ever to grace Grange Road, in which we drew the Cuppers final 25-25 with Catz. The atmosphere was electric as Catz came from 18-3 behind at half-time to lead 25-22. Seconds before the final whistle Gareth Lewis slotted over the equalizing penalty. We beat Magdalene, Trinity Hall and Downing to reach the final, several of our backs being injured on the way. After the Club dinner on the evening of the final we all went down to Catz to let them have a look at the trophy.

Thanks to Mark Ellis and John Dobson for leading the side last year, and all our best wishes go with them. Thanks also to Julian Davies, Trevor Leese, Keith Tilson and six-year star Graham Morgan who gave much to the club while they were here. Congratulations must go to our Blue, Alun Lewis, to Peter Wright for playing for the Army (and getting married) and Dillon Davies, Trevor Leese and John Vivian for their LX colours.

Steve Wilkinson put much work into captaining the 2nd and 3rd XV's and under his touchline guidance the 2nd Cuppers XV was unlucky not to qualify from the group for the semi-finals. They drew with Catz II and won the group on points. However, as most of these were scored against John's III a play-off was held, which Catz II won.

The 1976-77 season is yet young. However under Eamonn McManus, a crash tackler of some renown, we should end highly placed in the League. This years League side has many new faces and is relatively inexperienced. Jim Dewes, a fullback with sticky fingers, Paul Roderick, scrum half playing flyhalf, Dave Manning, Leprechaun, Paul Gillams, not so new returned from gibbon-hunting in the East, Barry Old, Peter Jervis and many others. It promises well for next season. As usual we are smitten with injuries; Alec Bain broke his finger, Mark Ellis his knee, Dave Bateson his ears, and so on.

The second team is led by Andy Thompson and contains many fine scrum halves and wingers, Jon Heatley, Steve Timothy, Chris Woodthorpe, Clive Darlston all in these categories. The pack also contains many new faces.

One usually credits those who are leaving or have left. Recently there have been all too many. Tony Blacklock, Alan Pattison, John Vic, Alec Bain, Ian Black, Mike Smith are all stalwarts who are leaving this year. Finian Leeper and Dennis Morris are still here but are too busy with other commitments to play.

This year we also lose Jo Davies, Peter Warfield and the Lewis brothers; "never have so few, etc." They have really done more than their share for college and university rugby and we all wish them the best for their careers, rugby and otherwise.

BADMINTON CLUB

Since the last edition of *The Eagle* the final positions in the College League have become known. The first and second teams came second in the first and second divisions respectively, although the second team were denied the promotion that their performance deserved. The third team won the fourth division, while the fourth team came about half way up the same division.

This year, interest in the sport has waned fractionally, with the result that no fourth team has been entered in the League.

This season started disastrously, with the first two teams managing to win only one game between them. However, since then the first team has not lost a game that it has remembered to turn up for, and could well take second place behind a very strong Queens' team. The second team has lost many of its best players from last year, but seems to be holding its own in the top half of the second division, having won six of its twelve games. The third team is securing its place in the third division, albeit without doing anything spectacular.

St. John's is still in Cuppers, having inflicted a not unexpected defeat on University Ladies.

Many thanks are due to Steve Morgan for taking on the thankless task of arranging third team matches, and to Geoff Moore for his efforts last year as secretary and this year as captain.

PURCHAS SOCIETY

"Intending to present the world to the world in the most certain view"

President : C P J Morris
Secretary : D J Mayers

1976 saw the College Geographical Society continue its busy schedule on all fronts. Our guest speakers have dealt with a wide variety of subjects, most of which have had only the slenderest of connections with academic geography. Dr. McMullen, for instance, showed a series of slides taken in communist China, and Peter Dennison-Edson, a former president, gave a personal view of the Japanese way of life. Other topics have ranged from Australia to East Africa, and back to Australia, while Dr. David Grigg expounded on the merits of that least renowned of geographers, E.G. Rabinstein. One of the largest audiences of the year attended the visit of Professor H.C. Darby just before his retirement.

Socially, the three annual events have been as well attended as ever. The guest at the cocktail party was Dr. Graham Chapman, and Dr. David Stoddart was present to entertain us at the Annual Dinner in May. The freshers reception held in the Rose & Crown was particularly well received. Our sporting efforts have met with mixed fortune. Girton and Hughes Hall have provided entertaining opponents at hockey, but the football team in a more serious fashion has beaten the Lawyers and a team from Caius College, while losing heavily to Fitzwilliam.

The programme for next year promises to be just as full and varied, thanks in no small way to the support of Mr. Farmer and Dr. Bayliss-Smith.

D J M

HISTORY SOCIETY

After a rather below-par performance during the last academic year the College History Society has, during Michaelmas term, reaffirmed its position as one of the more active College societies. The Programme so far has included four very distinguished historians. The term began with a very well-attended discussion by Dr. David Thompson on that famous Cambridge historian, G. Kitson Clark. In our second meeting T.C.W. Blanning of Sidney Sussex College delivered a vigorous attack on the Marxist interpretation of the history of the visual arts in the eighteenth century which developed into a very entertaining and controversial discussion. Not surprisingly the visit of the College President, Professor Hinsley saw one of the largest attendances at the Society for some time and the proceedings lacked none of the debate that we have come to expect from Professor Hinsley's work. For its last meeting of term the Society was honoured to welcome back to St. John's a former College Fellow, Dr. George Holmes, whose paper on Dante and the Popes was followed by a very intense discussion on the subject by several distinguished experts. It is hoped that the standard of discussion can be maintained in the Lent and Easter terms, and with visits by Professor Eugene Genovese and Geoffrey Elton already confirmed there seems every probability of maintaining that standard.

T.R. Clayton

MUSICAL SOCIETY

The College musical activities of last session culminated in the annual May Concert which was a fine tribute to the variety and excellence of musical attainment in St. John's. It included two very well received performances by the Chapel choir and gave opportunities for two of the College's budding soloists - Patrick Williams, flute, and Julian Clarkson, counter-tenor - to show their talents. Jonathan Seers conducted Elgar's 'Serenade for Strings' in a fine rendition of the work made possible by the College Orchestra's well-endowed string section. The nucleus of the Orchestra gave an ambitious recital of the Mendelssohn Octet for strings which was executed with all the required enthusiastic virtuosity.

The new academic year saw the arrival of a strong contingent of freshmen musicians, as was evident from the high standard of the Freshers' Smoking Concert.

In the College Orchestra's usual mid-term concert, Nicholas Jones, the conductor, ably harnessed the forces at his disposal in an exhilarating performance of Beethoven's Eighth Symphony. Timothy Hewitt-Jones demonstrated his facility and musicianship in supplying the concertante work of the programme - the Saint-Saens 'Cello Concerto.

Undoubtedly the highlight of the Michaelmas term's musical endeavours was the Choral Society's performance of Brahms' 'Ein Deutsches Requiem' in the Chapel. The hard work put in throughout the term by the conductor Charles Stewart in rehearsing the chorus was clearly evident in the polished performance which he extracted from them and a similarly well-rehearsed orchestra. Traditionally, the musical resources of the College are augmented for the choral concert, not only because of the obvious absence of voices of the higher registers from the College, but also through a desire to do justice to the work being performed. There can be no doubt that Charles Stewart achieved this aim with a result that maintains St. John's as outstanding in the field of musical achievement. The record attendance at the concert leaves the Society in a strong financial position from which the continued high standard of music in St. John's can be maintained.

Alan Kemp

CHESS CLUB

Secretary and Captain : A M McCaig
2nd Team Captain : R W Peatman
City League Team Captain : A N S Freeling

After the disappointments of last year, this has been a more encouraging season for college chess: the first team is doing well in the second division and may get promotion, while 2nd team is more than holding its own in division three. A very variable City League team has achieved very variable results! The prospects for Cuppers are less good however, due to a lack of any really strong players.

Thanks are due to:

R. Peatman for ably captaining the 2nd team; A. Freeling for captaining the City League team (without so far finding time to play for it!); freshmen A.J. Berry and T.A. Harley who are unbeaten on boards two and five of the first team respectively, and all who have played for the teams, both regularly and occasionally. In particular I apologise to all those dragged into teams at short notice!

A M M

College Chronicle

THE LADY MARGARET BOAT CLUB

Michaelmas Term

A strong Light Four raced badly to lose a close race to St. Catharine's, who dead-heated in the final with Pembroke. The first Clinker Four lost the final to Jesus. The Fairbairn boat rowed well, and retained their second place, winning the Fastest Restricted Boat class.

CUBC Trials

Two members of the Club won Trial Caps: Robert Ross, an eighteen year old freshman who later rowed five in the Blue Boat, and Tom Moisely.

Lent Term

The First Boat was completely reorganized two weeks before the races after being hit by 'flu', but succeeded in holding the Headship. A remarkably fast Second Boat made five quick bumps to finish 13th. The Third Boat were 'cheated' of their oars on the last night, but still went up to finish 27th. This was the most successful Lent Bumps in recent memory, with no bumps at all being recorded against us. Matthew Rockel, Peter Watson and Iain Pritchard rowed in the University Lightweight Crew.

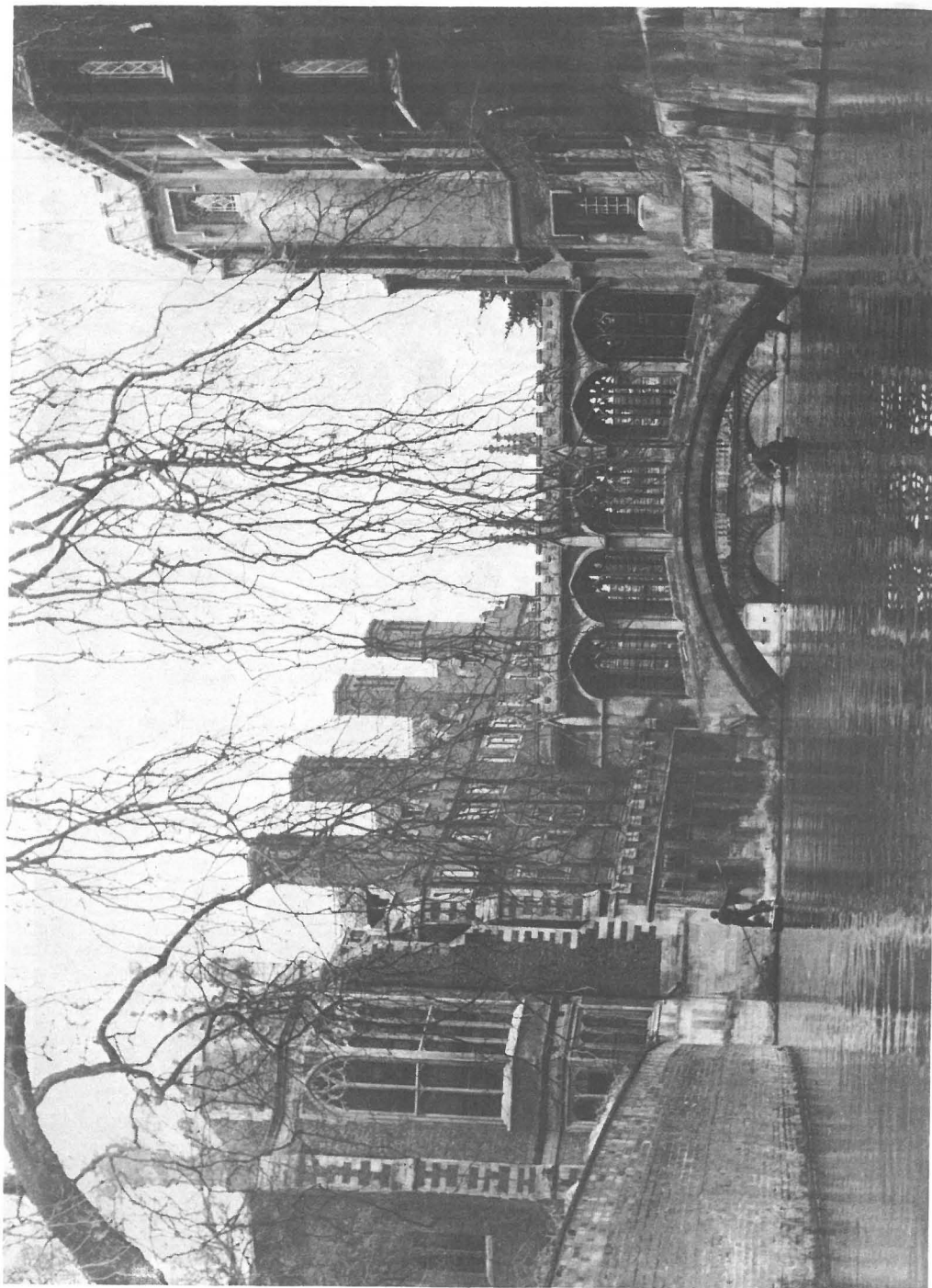
Summer Term

The First May Boat never realized its potential and dropped two places to finish fourth. However, the Club continued to show its strength in depth. The Second Boat won Senior B VIIIs at both Norwich and Cambridge Regattas, and held its high position at ninth. As usual, it is the only Second Boat in the First Division. The Third Boat won Senior C VIIIs at Cambridge and continued its meteoric rise in the Bumps by winning their oars for the second year to finish 22nd.

Henley and Vacation Rowing

After some reorganization the First Boat gained markedly in speed and morale at Henley. Their pace increased during the week's racing but they lost the semi-final to their old adversaries, Pembroke. The Light Four doubled out of the eight to enter the Visitors' and won through to the final where they lost to the University of Washington crew. At the National Championships in July, Matthew Rockel and Pete Watson rowed in the University Lightweight VIII, which won the silver, and Robert Ross rowed in a Goldie coxed Four which won a bronze medal.





LMBC 1977

President : The Master
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Secretary : J.D. Hartley
Vice-Captain : R.J.N. Watson

Light Four

M. Rockel
 R. Watson
 R. Ross
 T. Moisley

Clinker Fours

'A' R. Lyman	'B' R. Higgins
R. Joynson	I. Pritchard
G. Horne	N. Starling
P. Watson	D. Parker
cox I. Corke	cox N. Mitchell

Fairburn VIII

R. Higgins
 R. Lyman
 R. Joynson
 A. Barker
 G. Horne
 D. Parker
 M. Rockel
 P. Watson
 cox I. Corke

1st Lent Boat

R. Higgins
 I. Pritchard
 R. Joynson
 D. Parker
 G. Horne
 R. Watson
 M. Rockel
 T. Moisley
 cox C. Leng-Smith

1st May Boat

R. Joynson
 N. Sherwen
 G. Horne
 R. Higgins
 R. Ross
 R. Watson
 M. Rockel
 T. Moisley
 cox C. Leng-Smith

2nd May Boat

I. Pritchard
 P. Watson
 R. Lyman
 D. Murray
 N. Starling
 A. Barker
 T. Peters
 G. Spring
 cox I. Corke

RUGBY CLUB

This has been another good year. The 1977 Cuppers Final vs. St. Catharine's was a dour struggle, but a late dropped goal by Gareth Lewis was enough to give us a 6-3 win. The 1978 Cuppers came to a magnificent climax with wins over Fitzwilliam in the semi-final and Downing in the final, giving us a four year unbeaten record in the competition.

The 1977-8 League has been marred by off-days against CCAT and Christ's, but only by Pembroke were we squarely beaten. But third place is not without credit, all thanks to Barry Auld and other stalwarts of the first team. Of the freshers, Mike Glover (stand-off), Howard Davis (wing), Duncan Clegg (centre) and Phil Wedmore (hooker) have all performed well. Of the older faces in the front row, Huw McCarthy and Andy Hamilton have made sure of our possession, encouraged by the irrepressible Dave Manning at scrum-half. Fran Gilbert's powerful running at centre has been much in evidence too.

The Second XV, after a shaky start, made seventh place, once more being the highest second team in the League. Clive Darlaston has captained the side with rigour at outside-half, and many of the points have come from the boot and pace of Jon Heatly on the wing, who thoroughly deserved his late promotion to the First XV. Another bright prospect is Andy Franklin, who would be in most First XV's - but wing is a well-stocked position at the moment. The Third XV finished fourth in the Third Division, their highest position for many years, and once more a reflection of strength in depth at St. John's. Sandy Sutherland, leading by example, has been outstanding; but to pick out others would detract from a good team effort here. Competition for places is a healthy sign, and in all the teams this is apparent.

Finally a word of congratulations to Jo Davies, that great servant of the College, on his Blue - rarely has one been so well deserved. Congratulations also to Jim Dawes, Paul Roderick, Pete Wright, Brian Jennings and Pete Horsthuis for making the LX Club a very Johnian affair. Thanks to Alun and Gareth Lewis, Pete Warfield, Dave Bateson and Alec Bain for all their contributions whilst up - especially to Alun as a British Lion. But most thanks of all to Eamonn McManus for his service as captain, and for giving new meaning to the word paralysed.

A.R.D.

SOCCKER CLUB

A highly successful season for the First XI was brought to a fitting close with a victory over Trinity Hall I in what proved to be the Championship decider. The season started promisingly with a 14-0 victory over CCAT II, followed by an impressive 4-1 win over a good Selwyn side. Form seemed to elude us half way through the season, however, and we were defeated by Fitzwilliam II. Since then we have played increasingly good football, culminating in a 9-1 victory over Downing, who came down with us from the First Division last season, and of course the match with Trinity Hall which took us two points clear at the top. The team was captained by Dave Mayers and marshalled from the back by Dave Littlewood. Top scorers were Phil Wild (17 goals) and Nick Turner and Steve Burns (9 each). A successful tour to Oxford was another highlight of the season, and we hope to follow this with a tour to France in the Easter Vacation.

The Second XI, captained by Dave Ryder, finished in mid-table with eight points from their nine matches. The Third XI under Greg Wood gathered five points in their division (against many college second teams) but unfortunately finished in a low position. The Fourth XI have had their most successful season for several years. Ably captained by Martin Holland they collected twelve points and finished well-placed in their division. Keith Wheatley top-scored with 11 goals.

Our best wishes go to Dave Mayers, Dave Littlewood, Colin Hardy and Pete Hockless who will be leaving the Club this year. Congratulations to Pete Roberts, who has captained the University side this year, and to freshman Hugh Grootenhuys who earned his Falcon's colours as goalkeeper.

P.W.

SQUASH CLUB

The 1977-78 season witnessed a steady improvement in the fortunes of the six College teams participating in the inter-college leagues. In the top division, the first team overcame an indifferent start to the Michaelmas, to record an unbeaten Lent term run which took it to third place overall. Anthony Kerr-Dineen, winner of the freshers tournament, joined stalwarts Steve Tester and Ian Brown to form a very strong lower order which frequently claimed the honours in some tense 3-2 victories. Old Johnian Neville Craddock was welcomed back into the number two spot whilst Alan Macklin, when not occupied with his organisational duties as secretary of the University leagues, gained invaluable experience at number one, particularly against those first year blues still eligible to play league squash. In the lower teams, once the battle to establish a 'correct' order between freshers and existing members had died down, some excellent performances were turned in with the result that the College could claim the highest placed 2nd, 3rd, 5th and 6th teams. Hopes for the cuppers side are high. With two-year blue Tim Bellis coming in to fill top position, supported by Alan Macklin, battle scarred but impressively fit after gaining a place in the University 2nd Team in time for its annual Oxford match, the team, at the time of writing, has progressed to the semi-final stages without dropping a game. However, awaiting the final encounter is a very strong Pembroke side, which will make it difficult to average last year's defeat in the final when Trinity came back from 0-2 down to win 3-2, with Rob Bensted-Smith failing to capitalise on two match points and losing the deciding game.

BADMINTON CLUB

The first team finished fourth in the first division. The second and third teams maintained a similar position in the second and third divisions' respectively. This year we have two Cockerels-members of the university squad - Mark Evans and Axel Johanneson. The first team is performing creditably in the league but were unfortunately knocked out of cuppers by a strong Downing side. The second team started the season poorly but have now found their footing. They have stormed through to the finals of second team cuppers - leaving Selwyn II, Sidney II and Pembroke II in their wake. They have now only to deal with Downing II in the finals to clench second team cuppers for John's.

Most of all many thanks to all the players concerned.

D.W.

PURCHAS SOCIETY

"Intending to present the world to the world in the most certain view."

President : D.J. Mayers
Secretary : R.J. Eley

Once again the Purchas Society has had a successful and busy year despite restrictive financial problems. The society has been able to hold ten meetings in all, as well as fulfilling our traditional social role. As regards the former visiting speakers have covered a wide range of remotely geographical topics. Professor C.B.M. McBurney gave a fascinating account of the Ukrainian palaeolithic economy and its dependence on mammoth hunting, while Dr. David Stoddart gave a lucid and stimulating talk on his visit to mainland China last year. Other speakers have talked to the Society about periodic marketing in India and surveying in the Antarctic peninsular, among other things. To all our speakers we express out gratitude.

During the Lent Term we held our traditional cocktail party where Dr. Robin Donkin was our guest. On May 18th the Society holds its annual dinner in the Wordsworth room, an event which will hopefully be as successful as it has been in the past. It is hoped that the enthusiasm and good spirit that has characterised the Society this year will continue into the future, and that the Society will be able to further expand its social and academic activities.

R.J.E.

HISTORY SOCIETY

The Society has been flourishing very well this year, both quantitatively in the attendance at meetings and qualitatively in the discussions following guest speakers' papers. Not that the two necessarily go hand-in-hand, of course: Dr. Betty Wood's paper on 'Slavery, Crime and Punishment in Eighteenth Century America' was attended by only seven members, yet produced the liveliest and most fruitful discussion of the year. The Society has widened its horizons this year, inviting four of its speakers from outside Cambridge. These meetings proved to be the most popular, with between twenty and thirty members turning up to the two speakers from Warwick University: Dr. Henry Kamen talked to the Society about "The Myth of the Decline of Spain", and Professor Volker Berghahn spoke on "The Collapse of the Weimar Republic and the Origins of the Hindenburg Régime".

Two very distinguished Old Johnnians addressed the Society this year. Professor Edward Miller opened the Society's programme of events with a paper on "The English Economy and Society on the Eve of the Black Death". Dr. Johnathan Steinberg presented a very thought-provoking discussion of historical methodology and the processes of historical thought, using the origins of the First World War as his framework of analysis. A further example of the distinguished Johnian historical tradition was presented by Mr. Richard Langhorne, who spoke on "The Concert of Europe and the Non-European World".

Dr. John Morrill (Selwyn College) provided a paper on "Changing Forms of Electoral Malpractice, 1529-1885", which was often humorous and entertaining in its delineation of Cheshire local politics. Two speakers from York University addressed very well-attended meetings: Dr. Claire Cross spoke about "Challenges to the Advance of Protestantism in Sixteenth Century England" at a meeting where, perhaps significantly, nearly half the audience was Roman Catholic! The Society closed its programme of speakers with a paper on "The Irish Factor in Seventeenth Century English History".

In addition, the Society held a reception for first year historians, and the annual dinner will take place in the coming Easter Term. All thanks are due to Dr. Linehan for his great hospitality in allowing the Society to meet in his room.

M.N.

CHAPEL NOTES

The congregation of St. John's Chapel has shown no evidence over the past year of the national decline in religious worship, and has indeed increased at both week-day evensong and at the 10.30 Eucharist. The Ash Wednesday evensong, including Allegri's 'Miserere mei', and the following Wednesday evensong were broadcast by the B.B.C.. On March 1st, St. David's Day, A Cambrian congregation took the place of the normal Cantabrigian one, two hymns and an anthem were sung, and the lessons read, in Welsh. On Trinity/Jubilee Sunday the former Chaplain the Rev. V.C. de R. Malan preached a sermon concentrating upon the devotional practices and other virtues of the Royal Family. The Most Rev. the Archbishop of Canterbury issued an appeal on June 12th for more candidates for the Christian ministry, and met members of the College informally afterwards. The Matins for Commemoration of Benefactors was poorly attended this year, especially by undergraduates. Notable sermons during the year also included the Rev. Dr. Geoffrey Powell, Chaplain of Keble College, Oxford, on Monasticism and Asceticism, and the Dean's refutation of current liberal-humanistic theology.

The Chapel Clerk, Mr. Wilf Rossiter, is to retire at the end of the Lent Term with the good wishes and the grateful thanks of all those who have worshipped in the Chapel.

A.P.P.
W.H.W.

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THE LADY MARGARET BOAT CLUB

Lent Term

After missing a week's training prior to the races because of 'flu the First Boat rowed over on all four nights, thus finishing Head of the River for the fourth year in succession. The Second Boat remained the highest Second Boat. The First and Second Boats rowed in several Head races. The First Boat won Senior 'A' at Peterborough and Kingston and finished twenty third in the Tideway Head. Iain Pritchard won the Second Trinity Sculls and the Fairbairn Junior Sculls. Peter Watson rowed in a winning University Lightweight crew which was coxed by Peter Smith. Stuart Worth, who was also selected, was unable to row due to 'flu.

Summer Term

In the warm up to the Mays, the First Boat - rowing in a new Carbo Craft - won Elite VIII's at Norwich Regatta. The Eight represented Cambridge at the British Universities Championships and won a silver medal. In the May Bumps, the First Boat bumped Jesus and 1st and 3rd Trinity, but was unable to catch Pembroke on the last night to gain the Headship. The Second Boat remained the highest Second Boat, dropping one place overall. The Third Boat made an overall gain of one place to finish in the top twenty. The Fourth Boat won its oars.

Henley and Vacation Rowing

The First Boat, competing in The Ladies Plate, were narrowly defeated by Yale University in the semi-final. In an earlier round of the competition the Eight had beaten Pembroke by a large margin. A Light Four from the Eight progressed through the early rounds before being narrowly beaten by old adversaries, Fitzwilliam. The Second Boat beat Globe R.C. in the first round of The Thames Cup, but lost a close race to Bedford R.C. in the second round. After Henley a re-styled Four raced at Bedford Regatta where they won Senior 'A' Coxed and Coxless Fours. The same Four performed creditably at the National Championships in the Coxless Fours event. Matthew Rockel and Peter Watson rowed in a University Lightweight Eight which won a silver medal at the National Championships.

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D. Murray
A. Barker
N. Sherwen
P. Watson
G. Spring
G. Smith

1st May Boat

P. Watson
D. Murray
I. Pritchard
A. Baines
R. Ross
N. Sherwen
M. Rockel
G. Spring
cox G. Smith

2nd May Boat

N. McIntyre
T. Whelan
W. Peters
A. Heane
A. Gregory
R. Linnell
A. McNulty
S. Worth
cox J. Nye

RUGBY CLUB

It has been another successful year for all the College sides. Looking back to 1978, both the 1st and 2nd XVs have won their respective Cuppers competitions. The 2nd XV led by Clive Darlaston beat St Catharine's 6-3 thanks to a continuation of Jon Heatley's fine kicking form, and two days later the 1st XV beat Downing in a cliffhanger by 7 points to 6. Dylan Davies scored the try and Mike Horer the penalty goal that ensured victory for the fifth successive season. With three reserves in as a result of injuries sustained in beating Fitzwilliam 23-7 in the semi-final (thanks to 3 tries from Pete Wright), it was a great performance.

In 1979 the story has again been one of strength in depth. The 1st XV have carried all before them in the League, winning eight out of eight matches. With the weather playing havoc with the outstanding games in the Lent Term it is enough to clinch the championship. Huw McCarthy has been an inspiring captain, and with much experience in key positions - Mike Tosdevin, Barry Auld, Andy Hamilton, Phil Wedmore, Dave Manning, Mike Glover, Fran Gilbert, Dylan Davies and Dave Mushin (to name but a few) - only Fitzwilliam

and Trinity have put up any real resistance. New names are adding to the team's success. Tim Edwards has made some telling intrusions from full-back; Howard Davis has worked his way into the side and scored many tries on the wing; and John McCullagh has been pushing for a back-row place all season. From down-under we have welcomed Steve Anthony, who has played in most scrum positions, and has given us all a laugh with his 1930s shorts.

The 2nd XV have played magnificently to win promotion from the Second Division, the first time for many years that a second team has achieved this feat. Mark Evans has captained the side and must take much of the credit, but again experience has proved invaluable. Jon Heatley, Clive Darlaston, Sandy Lawson, Mike Ayton, Richard Dobson, Andy Franklin (until his promotion to the 1st XV), Nick Bashall and Richard Stradling are all tried and tested performers who would be in any other college first team. New faces such as Andy Cameron, Tony Williams and Shane Deighton have also contributed to success. Tim Dewes has been below form all season though, and must look back a little disappointedly at not having done better.

The 3rd XV under Steve Timothy's captaincy look set for promotion from the Third Division, although latterly players have been hard to come by. If at the end of the League campaign we can point to winning all three divisions, it must be a good year.

Chris O'Callaghan and Bernie Clarke are to be congratulated on their Blues. Both are considerable assets to any side, and it is unfortunate that we will be without Bernie for the Cuppers competition owing to a painful shoulder operation. The LX side against O.U. Greyhounds contained no less than six Johnnians: Bernie Clarke, Steve Anthony, Brian Jennings, Pete Horsthuis, Paul Roderick and Jim Dewes. To the last four must go a special vote of thanks for all they have contributed to College rugby over the last three (and in Pete's case, four) years. To think that only three or at most four of the Cuppers side will be back next year, and only half-a-dozen of the League side, is a sobering reflection.

J.D.

SOCCER CLUB

It has been very much a season of mixed fortunes in the League for St John's soccer teams. By early October the 1st XI had stormed to the top of Division One, with resounding victories over Queens', Emmanuel, Jesus and Christ's. The performances against Christ's (2-0) and Jesus (6-0) were particularly outstanding, and came during a period of excellent play by Nick Turner in attack, who was subsequently rewarded by gaining his Falcon's colours against Oxford. Other outstanding performances came from Simon Wheeler, Les Wilson, Hugh Grootenhuys and Phil Wild (captain). The year produced a large group of freshmen, of whom Tim Holman was outstanding, and Nigel Hargreaves, Phil Stannard and Steve Settle should also be mentioned. Pete Roberts, last year's Blues captain, has returned from serious injury to blend in better in his limited appearances than ever before.

The season was however marred by the unfortunate and much publicised 'walk-off' at Fitzwilliam, resulting in the suspension of both sides from the League for the rest of the season, and their automatic relegation to the Second Division. The decision of the C.U.A.F.L. Disciplinary Committee may be regarded as harsh, and Division Two next year will now contain two sides which will presumably have an unjustifiable advantage over other college teams.

On a happier note, the Michaelmas Term was highlighted by a tour to Amsterdam, which was a great success in spite of narrow defeat in the only match which weather permitted. The entire team would like to express their gratitude to Mr. Morgan and the G.A.C. for the support which made the tour a financial possibility.

S.P.B.

2nd XI. The 2nd XI enjoyed a successful League season, winning promotion to the Second Division and losing the Third Division championship on goal difference. It was particularly pleasing to see so many freshmen in the team, and one of them, Steve Settle, finished as top scorer with 15 goals.

J.H.

HOCKEY CLUB

The Hockey Club ended the 1977-8 season on a successful note. The 1st XI lost the crucial league match to Magdalene by the odd goal, and finished second, but the 2nd XI continued their long-standing dominance of the Cuppers competition. An entertaining Old Johnnians match, in which an inspired Roger Auger had perhaps his finest hour with seven goals, was followed by an equally enjoyable dinner. The season ended with an excellent tour with an unbeaten record against Kingston G.S., Watford G.S. and Marlborough College. Tony Fairhead, Ian Dewar and Charles Davidson were elected as captain, team secretary and fixture secretary respectively for the current season. Thanks are due to their predecessors, Peter Laird, Jim Green and Tim Dewes for all their hard work. Congratulations go to Jeff Onions and Maarten van Delden who were in the Blues side at Lord's, to Tim Foster who was substitute, and to Colin McKay, David Dodds and Stuart Southell, who represented the Wanderers.

The 1978-9 season began with a strong nucleus of established players and a small but useful intake of freshmen. After some alarming results in friendly matches, the 1st XI, strengthened by the arrivals of freshmen Duncan Innes and postgraduate Mike Green, previously unknown Anthony Kerr-Dineen and hitherto underrated Chris Carey in goal, slipped into gear in time for the start of the league programme. After six convincing victories out of six we were three points clear of the field by Christmas. The captain's departure to hospital after a road-accident made little difference, Adrian Morgan and Keith Wheatley stepping into the roles of captain and full-back.

Meanwhile the Cuppers team, including Wanderers John Maxey, Mike Green and Ian Dewar as well as all last year's representative players, progressed to the final without ever realising its full potential. The high-spot of the competition was a hard and exciting struggle against Magdalene, which we won on penalty-flicks after a replay and extra time. The final was against St.Catharine's, the hot favourites with several international players in their side. The team performed creditably and defended stoutly, but the attack could make little headway, and we eventually went down by one goal and one umpiring aberration to nil.

The 2nd XI under their captain Nick Hayes continue to hold their own in the Second Division, against many first teams. Their run in Cuppers was surprisingly and abruptly ended in the first round by their main rivals, St. Catharine's II. 3rd XI team captain Tim Lipscombe has continued the traditional policy of giving a game to anybody who wants one or looks as if he might, producing a few surprises and the odd victory as an added bonus. Club spirit is good, due not least to the programme of social events, which provide a different sphere of achievement for some and of entertainment for others.

T.F.

SQUASH CLUB

Last year was a highly successful one for College squash. In the leagues, the 1st V finished fourth, whilst the 3rd V attained the unprecedented distinction of gaining promotion to the Second Division. All of the lower teams managed promotion at least once, with a couple of them achieving promotion at the end of both the Michaelmas and Lent Terms.

The highlight of the year was the Cuppers final. After two easy rounds we disposed of a strong Churchill side to meet Pembroke in the final. With their line-up of Blue, ex-Blue, ex-Gander, reserve Gander and A.N. Other, they were strong favourites to win. The match was played on St John's courts, and with an impressive turnout to support us, the shocks came thick and fast. Rob Bensted-Smith, playing at 4, showed that there is no substitute for experience and aggression, and within ten minutes we were 1-0 up. After giving the gallery some worrying moments Anthony Kerr-Dineen disposed of their number 5 in fine style, whilst Steve Tester put up a good fight only to lose 3-0. With the score at 2-1, Alan Macklin went on to play the University Secretary and proceeded to hound him round the court, forcing numerous errors. With victory attained, it remained to Tim Bellis, the Blues captain, to give a demonstration of how squash should be played, disposing of his opponent 3-0.

This year we have had some very good freshmen to replace the leavers. Although we have no Blues, we have, in addition to the Ganders captain, two players with a good chance of making the University 2nd V.

A.M.

LAWN TENNIS CLUB

The 1978 season was a thoroughly successful one, and saw the 1st. team, under the captaincy of Tony Freeling, finishing at the head of their division and thus earning promotion to Division Two. The team itself lost only one match, against Trinity II, by 8 points to 7, and this was due to a considerably weakened side. John's II were also in the running for promotion, but unfortunately lost impetus towards the end of the season. The season was also notable for the wide variety of friendlies with Old Johnnians and other external teams; equally enjoyable were the social activities after the matches.

With four 1st. team players still in the College and promise of new talent emerging, we are looking forward to another successful season, under the captaincy of John Howard.

D.C. Mills

TABLE-TENNIS CLUB

The 1977-8 season ended with the relegation of the 2nd., 3rd. and 4th. teams, but the current one - with the intake of freshmen providing a number of capable players - sees the same teams near the top of their divisions. The 1st. team, after some good results in the Michaelmas Term, has had several setbacks, leaving them in the middle of the First Division.

I would like to thank everybody who has played table-tennis for St John's this season.

P.G. Taylor

MUSICAL SOCIETY

The Musical Society has encountered mixed fortunes in the last year. Financial stringencies, particularly as a result of having the older piano in the New Music Room overhauled, reduced the termly number of concerts and led to a merging of the Orchestra and the Choral Society in Lent Term 1978. What their combined concert may have lacked in financial backing was well compensated by the ambitiousness and scope of the programme, an all-English one, under the batons of David Hill and Nick Jones: Vaughn Williams's Serenade to Music with the full complement of 16 soloists, Holst's suite The Planets,

and Elgar's popular but seldom performed cantata The Music Makers. For the last, we were fortunate to enlist Nicola Lanzetter, one of the most promising of young British contraltos.

At a smoking concert on 19th May we heard chamber music and solos from John Davies, Roger Greenwood, Robert Casalis de Pury and Robin Woodall. The committee for 1978-9 was elected: John Davies (orchestral conductor), David Hill (choral conductor), Mark Pritchard (secretary), Nick Jones, Roger Greenwood and Anthony Kerr-Dineen. Later in the Easter Term the Society succeeded in mounting a most impressive May Week concert for the end of the year. The talents of the retiring virtuosi were followed by the Overture and excerpts from Mozart's Don Giovanni, a thoroughly enjoyable performance.

With the new academic year and another intake of eager musicians the Society found itself well-endowed, if still somewhat impoverished in non-musical terms. There was a freshers' smoking concert in the Michaelmas Term, including James Halstead, Phil Tidswell, Mike Davies, Derek Gilbert, Andrew Jackson and the fresher choral scholars. The term's choral and orchestral concert opened with an expressive performance of Beethoven's Egmont overture, conducted by John Davies. John then directed from the keyboard Mozart's piano concerto in C, K415. After the interval, the concert was concluded with a magnificent performance of Faure's Requiem. Conductor David Hill's sensitive but exact interpretation was combined with the excellent singing of the soloists, Charles Stewart (baritone), and Hilary Llystyn-Jones (soprano).

J. Davies; M Pritchard

MORAL SCIENCES SOCIETY

The Moral Sciences Society normally meets twice a term, often at a joint meeting with the newly-formed T.E. Hulme Society, a joint venture of the two Deans to fulfil the need for a society to discuss matters of literary and religious interest - though the range of topics is not restricted to these. It was felt that the new society should be named after a member of the college who had the singular distinction of having been sent down twice.

Though the Moral Sciences Society is naturally directed towards matters of philosophical interest, it is not merely for philosophers, and all members of the College are welcome. Speakers this year have included Dr McKean, who spoke on 'Lawyers' Problems with Positive Discrimination'; Mr C.A.J. Coady (Reader in Philosophy at the University of Melbourne) who read a paper entitled 'Justifying War';

and Professor Dorothy Emmet (Emeritus Professor of Philosophy, University of Manchester), who asked whether there might be an aesthetic alternative to morality.

Despite the inevitable inconclusiveness of a considerable amount of philosophical enquiry, it is hoped that the discussions will at least bring to our attention some new ideas, and that reasoning and argument will provide an alternative to Hulme's threat of 'resorting to fisticuffs'.

R. Greenwood