This is the last message I will write as Warden for the Newsletter since I shall retire on the last day of September this year. In bidding farewell to Newsletter readers I urge you all to maintain your interest in and support for Green College in the future. I certainly intend to do just that. In the nearly nine years in which I will have been privileged to serve as Warden I have experienced a community which seeks genuinely to provide its members with intellectual stimulus, serious support and more than superficial friendship. We do, of course, make mistakes and suffer failures from time to time. For my part I look back and marvel at earlier Fellows and Wardens who enabled the College to travel so far in twenty-seven years.

It is still not enough. There is much more that a well-found college can and must do for its students (whom I place first), its young researchers, its Fellows and other members. That is why we must continue to grow and develop Green College. The Richard Doll Memorial Fund and our new buildings scheme are vital parts of the College's future plans. But what matters most is the quality and creativity of the College's members and the relationships which bind them together.

The Fellows could not have elected a finer Warden to lead the College through its next phase of development than Professor Colin Bundy who takes up office on 1 October. Professor Bundy is currently the Director of the School of Oriental and African Studies (on whose Board of Governors I sat for five years in the nineties), and concurrently the Deputy Vice Chancellor of the University of London. He has Oxford connections with Merton, St Antony's, QEH and the (then) Department for External Studies. He is also one of that special number of academics who played crucial and courageous roles in the reconstruction of South African higher education in the immensely complex conditions left in its wake by apartheid. I wish Colin Bundy every success in Green College and the University of Oxford.
Breast cancer screening saves lives

The biggest risk factor in developing breast cancer is something which women can do nothing about: age. Approximately 80 per cent of cancers occur in women over the age of 50.

However, a committee chaired by an Oxford professor has revealed the important role which regular screening can play in combating this statistic. The Advisory Committee on Breast Cancer Screening has said that the NHS Programme saves approximately 1,400 lives a year in England and also reduces the need for mastectomies.

The Committee's report, published last month, is the first comprehensive review of the Programme in England in 15 years.

Professor Valerie Beral, Chair of the Committee, Director of the Cancer Research UK Epidemiology Unit at Oxford and Governing Body Fellow of Green College said “Our findings clearly show that, for women aged fifty and over, breast screening can save lives”.

Regular breast screening for women over the age of 50 was found to reduce their death rate by breast cancer by about 35 per cent. Regular screening also increased the likelihood that breast cancers could be detected when they were small enough to not require treatment with mastectomy.

Professor Beral and her colleagues reviewed the costs, efficacy, treatment and technological developments of the screening programme as well as the age and frequency of screening, communication with women and their attendance for screening. They also compared experiences with breast screening programmes in England and in other countries.

Tackling pockets of greatest poverty in South Africa

Detailed information about the different ways poverty can be measured has been published to help policy makers target the poorest areas of South Africa more accurately. Oxford University researchers have compiled the 'Provincial Indices of Multiple Deprivation' (PIMD) at ward level for each of South Africa's nine provinces. Using data from the 2001 Census, they include information other than income alone: measures of material deprivation and deprivation in employment, health, education and the living environment were also used.

The team, from Oxford's Centre for the Analysis of South African Social Policy, collaborated on the project with the South African Human Sciences Research Council and Statistics South Africa.

Michael Noble, Professor of Social Policy and Governing Body Fellow of Green College, who led the research team, said: “The PIMD have been constructed using a methodology that was first developed in the UK to assist the government with identifying highly deprived areas so they could be targeted for regeneration. My hope is that this PIMD will contribute to South Africa's evidence base to inform policy making and delivery.”

Gemma Wright, the Centre's Deputy Director and Research Associate of Green College, said: “For the first time, multiple deprivation in South Africa has been measured down to local ward level, which will greatly assist the targeting of anti-poverty policies.”

Each PIMD provides information about the relative position of wards within each province in terms of multiple deprivations. Although comparisons can be made between wards within a province, comparisons cannot be made across provinces. The research team intends to produce a National Index of Multiple Deprivation in the near future.

Alan Emery Lecture

The distinguished American academic Professor David Rimoin spent three days in May at Green College to deliver the year 2006 Alan Emery Lecture on 'The Skeletal Dysplasias: Clinical-Molecular Correlations’. Professor Rimoin is a leading expert on the causes and management of genetic disorders and has made a major contribution to the underlying scientific research. Currently he holds the appointments of Professor of Paediatrics, Medicine and Human Genetics at the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA and Director of the Medical Genetics Institute, in the Steven Spielberg Chair, at the Cedars-Sinai Medical Center, Los Angeles
A study examining obesity in the UK has revealed that meat eaters who switch to vegetarianism will put on less weight than those who don’t change their diet. The study, led by Professor Tim Key, Deputy Director of the University's Cancer Research UK Epidemiology unit and Alumnus of Green College, supports a general trend that we are all getting fatter in this country by concluded 'the easiest choices are leading to high energy intake and reduced physical activity'. Researchers compared the weight gain of 22,000 meat eaters, fish eaters, vegetarians and vegans in the UK over a five-year period. They found that people put on two kilos on average, but those who had switched to a diet containing fewer animal foods gained around 0.5 kg less.

Professor Key said: “Contrary to the popular views that a healthy diet with exercise, “he added.

“Eating less meat keeps weight down”

All 22,000 volunteers were recruited for the European Prospective Investigation into Cancer and Nutrition (EPIC) between 1994 and 1999. They were asked about their diet and lifestyle, weighed and measured. Five years later the researchers followed up the same recruits to record any changes. Overall, the proportion of overweight people increased from 29.4 per cent to 34.9 per cent in men, and from 19.1 per cent to 24.2 per cent in women. Among those who did not change their diet, the largest weight gain was in meat eaters and the smallest weight gain in vegans.

Professor Key said: “The data show vegans are eating fewer calories or expending more energy. There is no magic about whether you are eating beans rather than meat. It could be that it is harder to over-eat on a diet of certain foods, or people who can reject certain foods have the will-power to reject excess food”.

He also stressed that, in line with current understanding, the highest weight gain came in people who did very little exercise.

“This confirms that the best way to prevent obesity is to combine a healthy diet with exercise,” he added.

Japanese Reuters Fellows Reunion

Former Reuters Fellows in Japan gathered for a reunion in the British Embassy, in Tokyo on 5 April 2006. The Minister, Martin Hatfull and his wife Phyllis, both Oxford graduates, hosted a reception in their home, at Number 2 house where the coffee table book is photographs of Oxford Colleges. Outside, the famous Embassy cherry trees were in full bloom which was an added bonus.

There was an obvious pleasure among the former fellows at meeting one another and catching up on Oxford news. Among the guests were members of the Japanese and British press including Reuters Tokyo Bureau Chief, Adrian Dickson, Mayumi Azuma from the Oxford University Tokyo office who represented David Morris and the deputy director of the Anglo Daiwa Foundation who have funded several fellows over the past six years. The deputy director of the British Council in Tokyo also came and recalled her last meeting with the Warden when she said they had trekked into the depths of the Polish countryside on a school visit.

Of recent members of the College Common Room Atsuko Tsuji (Hilary/Trinity 2004) is Deputy Editor, promoted since her Oxford fellowship, at Japan’s leading newspaper the Asahi Shinbun where (Hilary/Trinity 2004) is Deputy Editor, promoted since her Oxford fellowship, at Japan’s leading newspaper the Asahi Shinbun where Hilary Hatfield, a British Council branch of the Hokkaido Shimbun Press. At Green, Yousuke worked on a paper exploring concepts of peace using the lives of George Price, a scientist turned journalist who was involved in the development of the atomic bomb, and Claude Eatherly, a US reconnaissance pilot at Hiroshima. He developed this into a book and presented the Minister with a copy.

At the end of a convivial and happy evening, old friendships had been renewed, new ones begun and memories of Green College shared.

Jennifer Darnley

Osler House, India

There have been many admirers of Sir William Osler but I thought only Oxford named its medical student’s hostel after the great man. Not so, the Medical School (Jawaharlal Institute of Postgraduate Medical Education and Research) in Pondicherry S India has an Osler House and a rather fine bust of Sir William installed in 1966 made from cement by a Mr V Govindaraj. Speaking to medical students about Osler, they, like Oxford students, knew about his nodes but not a great deal more.

The Professor of Anatomy Dr K Ramachandra Rao has promised to call the students to a viewing of the DVD made by Angus McKnight. The DVD was produced in 2005, to mark the centenary of Sir William’s arrival in Oxford, to take up the position of Regius Professor of Medicine. Featuring interviews with Osler’s successor, Regius Professor John Bell, Osler’s home and places he worked together with unpublished photographs from the Oxford archives, copies of the DVD can be obtained from Green College lodge at a cost of £10.00.

Terence Ryan
Debating Freedom of Expression

The temperature has cooled somewhat on the global controversy earlier in the year surrounding the publication of certain Danish cartoons. So the organisers of the “Media and Multi-Culturalism” panel debate at Green College last month felt the time was right to take a more considered view of the issues involved.

Article XIX, the international human rights organisation championing freedom of expression, teamed up with the university’s Programme for Comparative Media Law & Policy (PCMLP) and the Reuters Foundation Programme to hold an evening event in the E.P. Abraham lecture theatre under the title “Tolerance, Hatred and Freedom of Expression: Challenges for a Globalised Media”.

Two guest-speakers led off the debate. Gara LaMarche, Vice President of the Open Society in New York, described himself as a “US absolutist” in wanting to protect free speech of all kinds, viewing hatred as a very subjective term. He felt that many critics of the Danish cartoons were guilty of hypocrisy in supporting at the same time anti-semitism.

John Lloyd of the Financial Times, now Director of Journalism at the new Reuters Institute for the Study of Journalism, worried that we were now in “an uncomfortable limbo” over the cartoons. An explicit deal had been reached between the Danish government (who had issued an apology over something for which they bore no responsibility; there had also been some undisclosed Danish business payments made in the Arab world) and the imams. In his view this demonstrated that “blackmail worked”.

The audience – which included media academics, lawyers and journalists - questioned where the line should be drawn on the limits of free speech. Steve Barnett, Professor of Communications at the University of Westminster, drew attention to the sense of desecration felt about the depiction of the Prophet and Ivor Gabor, Professor Emeritus of Broadcast Journalism at Goldsmith College, quoted Radio Mille Collines’ role in helping promote the genocide in Rwanda: surely incitement to acts of violence and discrimination were beyond the pale?

Karen Percy, reporter with the Australian Broadcasting Corporation and a Reuters Fellow, asked whether the fallout from the Danish cartoons affair would encourage more self-censorship on the part of journalists already facing stiffer governmental restrictions in terms of state security and the “war on terrorism”.

It was, however, a young schoolboy, Joseph McCrudden, who posed the most searching question to “the absolutists”: how ethical was it to poke fun at the religion of minority groups already suffering discrimination in Europe?

Paddy Coulter, Reuters Foundation Programme

Muscle into Bone Gene

Professor Paul Wordsworth, Fellow of Green College and Dr Roger Smith, Emeritus Fellow of Green College, have been part of an international consortium which recently reported the discovery of the gene responsible for causing Fibrodysplasia Ossificans Progressiva. This catastrophic disorder which affects fewer than one in a million persons causes massive deposits of bone to develop in the muscles and other soft tissues, progressively encasing the sufferer’s body and splinting the spine and other joints. Loss of mobility can eventually lead to the affected individual effectively being reduced to an almost motionless statue by their twenties. Much of the initial work in identifying the gene was undertaken at the Botnar Centre in Oxford by Professor Matthew Brown, former Rearch Fellow at Green College, in collaboration with another group in Philadelphia. For the first time this gives genuine hope that by developing ways of blocking this particular pathway the catastrophic effects of this disease may be suppressed.

Friends of 13 Norham Gardens

It was wonderful when we were able to establish the Osler Mc Govern centre and Green College purchased the home of Sir William and Lady Osler. It was also a worry, for more or less coinciding with this Alasdair Robb-Smith bequeathed his archival material on Osler and I took over from John Walton as “archivist”. It was clear that we had much work to do.

Alasdair was great with rusty paperclips and much recent material was showing signs of ‘acid’ damage from polythene folders.

I have been fortunate in having Rosemary Fitzherbert as a serious annotator of our possessions and as previously recorded we have had some splendid donations of book collections. To do a better job we needed money and from the Woco Foundation, Canada it has been most helpful to receive a donation of £1000 towards the purchase of acid free boxes and other archival aids.

This year sees the closure of the Radcliffe Infirmary and that is both an opportunity and another headache. I have located the photograph that is reproducedopposite and will use it as a topic for a future talk. So more anon.

When on my annual visit to India last year for leprosy studies I took the photographs of Osler’s bust in Pondicherry. For those who know this from previous publications from India it will be a pleasure to see that it has been well looked after.

I hope that some of you will have looked at the DVD on Osler in Oxford that Angus McKnight and I made last year. It will be slightly modified when we order a second batch.

Due to funding The Friends of 13 Norham Gardens newsletter is to be discontinued as the money is so badly needed for archiving the documents and photos. Therefore Osler and Norham Gardens news will be incorporated into the Green College Termly News. The website of Osler House Club and Green College will be continually updated with new material and information including details of the Osleriana held in Osler’s library at 13 Norham Gardens.

Terence Ryan
OBITUARY - DR MARGARET DAVIDSON

Dr Margaret Davidson, a former medical student of Green College (2002-2005) died on Thursday 18 May 2006 in a road traffic accident on the main road from Banbury, near Deddington in Oxfordshire. She was returning home to Oxford after completing a nightshift in her capacity as a Surgical House Officer at the Horton General Hospital in Banbury. She was one of Oxford's brightest and most promising young graduates.

Margaret was well known to her fellow students and to her tutors during her time at Green College. She was universally liked and admired for her ability in medicine. As a young doctor she was loved by her patients and respected by her colleagues. It is a tragic loss beyond words that her life and her future have come to an end so abruptly. Our deepest sympathies are with her family.

In honour of her memory, Green College, University of Oxford, in collaboration with the World Health Organisation is actively investigating the possibility of establishing a Margaret Davidson Scholarship. For more information, please contact: Dr Douglas Noble, Doll Fellow, Green College and Clinical Adviser, World Health Organisation (douglas.noble@doctors.org.uk).

Green College Medical Anthropology Discussion Group

The Green College Medical Anthropology Discussion Group has continued its successful year through Hilary and now into Trinity term. Although we do bring in speakers from outside of Oxford, this year has been unique in that the Group has been a forum for current Oxford medical anthropology students to present work they have done both outside of and as part of their course.

The presentations over the past two terms have demonstrated the broad, multidisciplinary nature of medical anthropology, covering topics such as role of sport in girls education, management of dyslexia, premature infants in Kenya, current trends in HIV/AIDS in the UK and the 'myth' of Alzheimer's disease. We were also fortunate to have Green College student Gregory Karelas speak on his work at a summer camp for children affected by HIV/AIDS.

The format is an informal presentation, followed by a discussion, during which students and fellows alike are able to bring together various aspects of their coursework to engage with the topic and the speaker. We are looking forward to our final talk of the term on 29 May with Yan Zhen from Beijing, speaking on Tibetan pulses.

Heritage Open Day

Green College will be opening its gates on Sunday 10 September 12.30-4.30 pm in association with the Heritage Open Days scheme.

Visit the Observatory, join garden tours by our College gardener, Mr Michael Pirie, and find out about the history and astronomy of the Observatory with presentations by Professor Jeffery Burley, Development Fellow of Green College and Mr Charles Barclay, Director of the Marlborough College Blackett Observatory.

Refreshment and souvenirs will be on sale throughout the day with all proceeds going towards the Observatory fund to assist with the continuing conservation.

We had a very successful day last year and hope you will join us again this year.

Green College Christmas Party

Monday 11 December 2006

Varsity Match, Twickenham

The Green College annual trip to Twickenham will take place on Tuesday 12 December 2006.

Full details for both events will be issued in Green Weekly Email News and on the Green College website closer to the time.

Green College Wine Society

Friday 3 November 2006
'Italian Wines' presented by Piedmonte

Friday 1 December 2006
'Wines of New Zealand' presented by Peter Hofman of Laytons

To be held in the Committee Room at 7.30pm. Guests are limited to a maximum of three per member. Meetings are open to all members of the College. Please book with the Lodge.

Green College Book Club

Our next meeting will be on Thursday 5 October, when we will be discussing 'Sky Burial' by Xinran, a Chinese woman born in Beijing in 1958 who moved to London in 1997. Her first book 'The Good Women of China' became an international best seller.

As usual the meeting will be held in the small room off the Common Room starting at 6.00pm. All welcome.
Honours for Fellows and Students

Honours for Fellows

Congratulations to Professor Shoumo Bhattacharya who has been elected a Fellow of the Academy of Medical Sciences (FMedSci). The Academy, which consists of approximately 800 physicians and scientists, was created in 1998 with the aim of bringing together biomedical scientists and clinical academics within a single national organisation with the express purpose of promoting the translation of advances in medical science into benefits for patients and the population at large.

Congratulations to Professor Valerie Beral who has been elected to join the Fellowship of the Royal Society. Professor Beral’s research has led to the discoveries of some causes of cancers and clarified the role of hormonal factors in breast cancer. Her work also suggested that cervical cancer and Kaposi's sarcoma were infectious before the relevant viruses were identified. She is the director of The Million Women Study, a national survey of women aged 50 and over, looking at factors affecting their health. Professor Beral has been a Fellow of Green College since 1988 and joins over 1,400 Fellows and Foreign Members of the Royal Society elected in recognition of their impressive achievements in, and contributions to, science.

Honours for Students

Caroline Elizabeth Whitwood was awarded the Margaret Harris Memorial Prize 2006.

Mark Almond, Susan Brook, David Eyre, Esther Hobson, Sally Anne Shiels and Jennifer Rayner were awarded merits.

Helen Doolittle was awarded the Brian Johnson Prize in Pathology 2006.

Welcome New College Members

Governing Body Fellowship

Dr Laurence Leaver has been appointed as Joan & Richard Doll Senior Clinical Tutorial Fellow, marking the recent successes of the College’s Medical Teaching Programme and the importance which the College attaches to it. Laurence is an old (but still energetic!) member (1988-1991), was one of the Doll Fellows for the last 2 years, is a General Practitioner at Jericho Health Centre and Honorary Tutor in the University Dept of Primary Care.

Professor Ingrid Lunt Professorial Senior Research Fellow, Director of Graduate Studies and Course Leader for the MSc in Educational Research Methodology

Dr Lunt was previously Professor of Educational Psychology and Dean of the Doctoral School at the University of London Institute of Education.

Professor Kathryn Wood Professor of Immunology at Oxford University

Professor Wood joined the Nuffield Department of Surgery at the John Radcliffe Hospital in 1982. Since then, she has developed an active research program focused on transplantation immunology. She is the co-author of Principles of Cellular and Molecular Immunology and author of The Handbook of Transplant Immunology. She is President of the Transplantation Society.

Research Fellowship

Dr Deborah Hay (Joan and Richard Doll Clinical Tutorial Fellow)

Dr Neel Patel (Joan and Richard Doll Clinical Tutorial Fellow)

Mr Paul Smith (European Care)

Ms Dina Rodriguez (European Care)

Research Associates

Dr Alison Ward (Department of Primary Health Care)

Dr Chris Trevitt (Oxford Learning Institute)

Common Room Members

Mrs Maire Brankin

Mr Robert Arnott

Director, Centre for the History of Medicine

University of Birmingham

Reuters Fellows

Mr Gianluca Wallisch (Austria)

Ms Wei Li (China)

Ms Angelina Davydova (Russia)

Mr Sean Scanlon (New Zealand)

Ms Karen Percy (Australia)

New College Treasurer

We welcome Tim Jones as the College’s new Treasurer from 1 May and simultaneously bid farewell to Jane Fabes who has moved with our best wishes to a large Further Education college closer to her home to head up their Finance Department. Tim is a Cambridge graduate with wide expertise as a Chartered Accountant and international experience.

We wish them both success in their new jobs, there and here.
Fellow completes 20th marathon

Everyone, who trained to teach, learnt about Maslow's 'hierarchy of needs'. Unless certain needs were satisfied, it would be difficult to progress to the satisfaction of higher needs - until the ultimate need of contemplating truth, beauty and goodness had been reached. Put bluntly, you couldn't get someone to enjoy Greats until they had satisfied the need for a decent claret.

Successfully completing the London marathon can be analysed in a similar way, and I am now revising Maslow's hierarchy on the basis of the experience of my 20th marathon. First, there is the bonding in the drizzle of Greenwich Park, sharing the embrocation with fellow sufferers-to-be (including the 80 year old who was running his 7th successive London since his stroke at the age of 72). This feeling of camaraderie, enhanced by the sound of 'Chariots of Fire' and the cheers of spectators all the way to Rotherhythe, kept you buoyant. There, at 11 miles, flagging motivation was renewed by the expectation of jelly babies from a supportive family. Getting through the jelly babies, unsticking them from my teeth, provided a distraction and an energy boost for yet more miles. Then, discouraged by the thought of another 14 miles, I caught up with the woman whose sole article of clothing was a thong (she may have been wearing postage stamps on the front but I couldn't see). For 5 miles, through the drab streets of the Isle of Dogs, I watched the tattooed serpent as it writhed down her undulating hamstrings. Only at 19 miles did I realise she was no longer there - other thoughts had replaced even the thong. These were of the pint of beer in two hours time in the Metropolitan (owned by Nick Pring) and the succulent Italian meal to be cooked by my daughter. Satisfaction of thirst is more potent than the contemplation of thongs.

But, oh dear, along the Embankment, even the prospect of pints and pasta no longer seemed to work. Nor indeed the thought of a cheering Charles and Camilla as one approached the Palace. However, the only escape would be to creep ignominiously through the watching spectators.

Does pride trump all other motives - togetherness, jelly babies, thongs and beer? As I rounded the bend into the Mall, the loudspeaker hailed the approach of an elephant. Upset, I found reserves of energy. Then, I realise the reference was not to me but to a fun runner, no less, some yards behind. To be beaten by an elephant? Even more reserves of energy were discovered, and I sprinted to the finish. So, the ultimate driving force is pride.

Having had my proposal to write a Runners' Guide to the Great Marathons of the World rejected by Rough Guides, I have now discovered a winner. I have submitted a proposal to the publisher for a critical reappraisal of Maslow's hierarchy of needs, and begun training for the New York Marathon in November, which will lead to further revisions and a further edition. This could go on for ever.

Time: 4hrs 37 mins - better than last year. Thanks to all my Green College sponsors, who helped me raise £2,500.

Richard Pring

Message from MCR

The transformation of Green College Bar into an Enchanted Forest marked the inauguration of a sparkling new MCR Committee at the end of Hilary Term. Congratulations to all the elected student officers - a group of students eager and enthusiastic to represent, entertain, make welcome and comfortable all college members.

The incoming Committee embraced their duties immediately, continuing statistics seminars for research students and the ever-popular Green College MCR brunch at 11.30 on Sunday mornings during term. All are welcome! Green College gardens came alive on Easter Sunday, with children aged 1 to 51 scouring high and low for hidden eggs. Green College had a glorious victory over St Antony's College in a student newspaper online voting competition: The Cherwell's "Fit College of the Week" column. Following this, exchange dinners have been set up with St Antony's and St John's to continue to foster relationships between students from both colleges.

The Welfare team encourage students to meet with and try new things, with weekly sessions for women's well-being and yoga. The Entertainments Team led a group of students to watch the singing at 6am on May Day Morning, and continue their commitment to the theatre by running a weekly Dramatic Society - attending plays and performances in Oxford, culminating in an evening of student performance in June. An exhibition in the Observatory displayed a wide range of artistic talents from the student body - impressive diversity for a college focussed on medical pursuits.

For the first time students have formed a Green College University Challenge Team. Provided initial rounds fare well, the team may grace television screens later in the year. Let's wish the team the very best of luck!

To complete a magnificent academic year for the class of 05/06, the Green College Summer Ball will be held on Saturday 15 July. 'The Rising Sun Ball,' will transform the College into a spectacular celebration of Eastern promise and Asian delights from 6pm to 3am. Tickets are £65 for dining, £45 non-dining with all proceeds to a celebration of Eastern promise and Asian delights from 6pm to 3am. Tickets are £65 for dining, £45 non-dining with all proceeds of the event going to the Oxford Homeless Medical Fund. For more information please visit www.greencollegeball.org. We hope to see you there!

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**Alumni Focus**

Two former Green students Bret Vykopal and Helen Buckland-Wright (MCR president 2000-01) were married on the 22 April 2006 at St Matthew-in-the-City in Auckland, New Zealand. Bret, a medic, met Helen, who was carrying out a DPhil in the Psychology Department, at the Green Christmas Party in 2000. They emigrated to New Zealand in 2004. Bret is a Project Manager for the Waitemata District Health Board and Helen is training to be a Clinical Psychologist at Auckland University.

*We would welcome alumni news for future issues of Green News. Please send your articles to Mrs Sharan Attar, Development Officer, Green College at the Radcliffe Observatory, Woodstock Road, Oxford, OX2 6HG or email to sharan.attar@green.ox.ac.uk*

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**Sports Focus**

**Torpids Success**

Green College rowing is a joint enterprise with William Osler House Club, the social and sports club for all Oxford clinical medical students. The three ‘Osler-Green’ crews had a brilliant week’s racing in Hilary Term Torpids - the Women’s 2nd VIII and the Men’s 1st VIII both won blades (i.e. they achieved bumps every day) and the Women’s 1st VIII moved up two places to the exulted 4th position in the Women’s 1st division. Congratulations to all concerned. And good luck for Summer Eights.

The Men’s 1st VIII really does need a new (or new second hand) boat. They have raised £6000 so far but need another £6k-£8k: can anyone possibly help? If so, please contact the Warden. In the meantime we express our grateful thanks to Sean David (MCR President 2004/5) for his marvellously generous donation.

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**Eton Fives Association**

**The Pol Roger Varsity Match 2005-2006**

**Played at Eton on 26th February 2006**

It was clear from the first games in the Blues match that the main prize would not be a clean sweep for either side.

Although favoured at first pair for Oxford Peter Dunbar and Mark Stacey did not have it their own way in the early stages; some fine shots and accurate placing by Aly Patel for Cambridge led the small band of well-swathed supporters to expect a close match. But as the game and the rubber wore on, the spark left the Cambridge pair; the consistent cut retrieval of Stacey and the accurate volleying of Dunbar caused too many errors and Oxford won well in three games.

At third pair Robert Friedman and Paul Jeffreys for Cambridge encountered strong resistance from Duncan Bloor-Young and David Welford in the first game; but this crumbled in the second when they tightened their play and their determination and consistency was too much for the Oxford pair, who ceded the rubber also in three games.

Therefore the result of the second pair match would decide the result and spectators enjoyed a really hard and well fought contest. Unfortunately Oxford was defeated 3-0 claiming the day for the light blues 2-1.

This is a noble occasion and the highlight of the playing season at the two universities. It is to be hoped that the Clubs and players will continue to rise to the occasion and use it for the promotion of the game at Oxbridge.

*Mark Stacey*