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JOHN PAUL II PASSES AWAY IN VATICAN

*Saved the
Church from the
Modern World*

POPE John Paul II died at 1937 GMT on the evening of Saturday, April 7 in his apartment in the Apostolic Palace. He was eighty five years old, and reigned as Supreme Pontiff for the last twenty six, elected in the unexpected second conclave of 1978.

The Pope was considered by many to be instrumental in the advent of the Solidarity free trade union movement in his native Poland, the success of which was the first step of many leading towards the ultimate downfall of Communism in Europe.

As Pope, he was primarily responsible for restoring order to the Church following the turbulent aftermath of the Second Vatican Council. John Paul II reaffirmed the conclusions of the Council and insisted on their being implemented in light of Tradition, instead of departing from the centuries of Catholic teachings.

At the funeral on Friday April 8, the United Kingdom was represented by His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, the Prime Minister, the Leader of the Opposition, and Mr. Charles Kennedy of the Liberal Democrats.



THE EMIN. STUDENT

EDINBURGH PROTEST: Students at the University of Edinburgh unveiled a massive banner saying 'No arms to China' during lunchtime on March 10. The banner was protesting recent proposals by France and Germany to end the European Union embargo on sales of arms to the Communist China.

China Arrests Bishop, Two Priests See Page II

STARBUCKS TO OPEN SHOP ON MARKET ST.

*Garden of delights
or harbinger of
doom?*

A BRANCH of the American coffee chain Starbucks is to open in the former location of the John Smith and Co. bookshop on North Street. The chain is often criticised for the price of its coffee, as well as being emblematic of corporate consumerism. Many coffee drinkers love it, however, as can be seen by the chain's success.

The student response has been varied. When asked how he felt about Starbucks opening up in town, George Irwin, a tertian, said "ambivalent" tersely. Others were more enthusiastic. "I think it's great that Starbucks is opening up in St Andrews," said magistrand Christopher Cruden. "Where else would I get my daily mocha and guilty pleasure from destroying the rainforest and making sure indigenous people aren't paid as much as they should be for their produce."

The St Andrews branch is scheduled to open on May 26.

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ERRATUM

In the last issue, we noted Nicholas Vincent as being from Chistlehurst in the New Forest. 'In' should have been 'and'.

OXFORD PAPER FACES MASS RESIGNATION

*Staff Protests Lack
of Editorial
Independence*

THE entire staff of the *Oxford Student* has resigned en masse to protest the firing of the newspaper's two editors, Mr. Tom Rayner and Miss Anna Maybank. Oxford Student Services Limited OSSL, a subsidiary of the Oxford University Students Union which owns the newspaper, sacked the two over disputes regarding the Drama editor, Mr. Tom Littler.

A statement from the OSSL board stated that Mr. Littler "had two of his plays prominently and positively reviewed in the section which he edits." The board claimed this makes the *Student* look "cliquey and biased."

Mr. Rayner and Miss Maybank refused to acknowledge the OSSL board's points and after a further breakdown in relations, the Students Union evicted all staff members from the Union building and dismissed the two editors. The deputy editors then resigned in protest. When informed that the Students Union would not allow the next edition of the *Oxford Student* to mention the sacking of the editors, the rest of the staff resigned as well.

When contacted by *Cherwell*, another student newspaper at Oxford, the board of the Students Union claimed the dispute was an internal matter.

The aggrieved editors and staff members cite the constitution of the Students Union, which guarantees the editorial independence of the *Oxford Student* so long as the publication is fully in compliance with the law.

Communists Arrest Bishop and Priests as Condolences are Sent to Vatican

Bishop Yao Liang, Fr. Zhao Kexun and Fr. Wang Jinling Are Seized in Week Before Death of Pope

Compiled by Staff

THREE Chinese Catholic clergymen who refuse to join the official state run catholic church were arrested in the week previous to John Paul II's death. Father Zhao Kexun was arrested on March 30, Bishop Yao Liang on March 31, and Fr. Wang Jinling on April 1. Bishop Yao is the auxiliary bishop of the Diocese of Xiwanzi in the Hebei province, and both he and Fr. Wang are in their early eighties.

Following the death of John Paul II on the evening of April 2, China's Communist authorities permitted the state run Catholic Patriotic churches to publically mourn the Pope, while the government of the People's Republic sent a brief message of condolence to the Holy See.

In addition to the arrests, Hao Jingli, the Bishop of Xiwanzi, and Jia Zhiguo, the Bishop of Zhengding, are now under 24 hour surveillance by the Chinese Security Bureau.

"Since 1949, there have been thousands of martyrs in China because they refused to cut off their relations with the Pope," says Joseph Kung, the director of the Cardinal Kung Foundation which aids the underground Catholic Church in China. "Today, we still have numerous Roman Catholic bishops, priests, and other religious and faithful in jail because they will not join the Chinese government established official church or the Catholic Patriotic Association."



SAINTS: A painting depicting the Chinese Martyrs, 120 martyrs canonised in the year 2000.

"Pope John Paul II said," Kung continued, "even in the most difficult times, the fidelity of the Catholic Church in China has never waned."

Recently, pressure on China's Communist government has increased. A campaign led by AsiaNews, U.S. Catholics, and Mario Mauro, the Vice President of the European Parliament, for all Catholic clergy imprisoned by the Chinese Communists to be released.

By the Vatican's estimate, there are 10 million Catholics loyal to Rome, while the state run Chinese Catholic Patriotic Association has about 4 million members. In addition to these, there are an estimated 12 million evangelical Christians who are members of house churches.

The authorities persecute all Christians who refuse to join either of the two state run 'patriotic' Christian organizations.

Plantinga Starts His Gifford Lectures

Philosopher Adopts 'Conflict or Concord' as Theme of Lecture Series

THE famous philosopher of religion, Professor Alvin Plantinga of the University of Notre Dame, began the 2005 Gifford Lectures yesterday when he gave his first talk on the subject 'Evolution and Design.'

Plantinga is well known around the intellectual world as perhaps the foremost philosophical proponent of Christianity, especially his free will defence in

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response to John Mackie's logical argument on the problem of evil as well as his use of ontological argument using modal logic.

"Professor Plantinga is arguably the most distinguished philosopher of religion alive today," said Alan Torrance, the beloved Professor of Systematic Theology in St. Mary's

College here in St Andrews.

"In addition to his level of distinction," Torrance continued, "he is devoting the final years of his academic career to completing the particularly significant research he has undertaken on the relationship between religion and science. Professor Plantinga is a

uniquely gifted and entertaining public lecturer who peppers rigorous yet lucid analysis with amusing references and aside.'

The distinguished Gifford Lectures were established in the 1880's, endowed by the will of Adam Lord Gifford to "promote and diffuse the study of natural theology in the widest sense of the term in other words, the knowledge of God." They are shared among the four ancient universities in Scotland: our own St Andrews, as well as Edinburgh, Glasgow, and Aberdeen.

Lord Gifford also endowed the Gifford Research Fellow at St. Mary's College in St Andrews; the post is currently held by Dr. John Lamont.

A number of past Gifford lectures have proved quite notable, including William James on 'The Varieties of Religious Experience' in 1901 02, Albert Schweitzer's 'The Quest for the Historical Jesus' in 1908, and Alfred North Whitehead's 1927 'Process and Reality'. Other Gifford lecturers include Reinhold Niebuhr, Dame Iris Murdoch, and, in 2001, Stanley Hauerwas.

The lectures will be held in School III of St. Salvator's Quadrangle at 5.15pm on the following dates: April 12, 14, 19, 21, 26, 28, May 3, and 5.

First Minister Visits to Open New University Buildings



PREMIER VISITS: Mr. Jack McConnell, the First Minister of Scotland, visited St Andrews on Friday, March 18 to open the new Computer Science building and the School of Management's new home, both on the North Haugh.

Strathtyrum Fête Declared Best Ambassadors Ball Ever

THIS year's Ambassadors' Ball has been acclaimed as the most successful to date by organisers and attendees alike. The event, marked by a slight tropical theme, was held in a series of marquees on the Strathtyrum estate just outside of town.

"This year's ball was by far the best the Overseas

Society has ever put on," said tertian Preston J. Byrne, president of the Overseas Society. Byrne was the primary organiser behind the event, hosted by the Overseas Society with the Arcadia Club and the Global Investment Group, and sponsored by Broons.

"We had great musical acts, over 1,000

patrons, and over 4 million worth of sound, lighting, and infrastructural equipment on site," Mr. Byrne told the *Mitre*.

Those attending seemed to agree with the organisers, as well. "I thought it was spiffing," said semi Louise Hallman, the newly elected Society Grants Convener. "And I

pulled, so even better!"

"As far as I'm concerned," the garrulous Mr. Byrne continued, "the Ambassadors' Ball has asserted itself as the second place social event in terms of numbers, but the first place social event in terms of class."

SOCIAL REPORT: For more on the Ball, see page X.

DRINKING HOLES

The Search for the Perfect Martini

Our own James T. Branda scoured St Andrews for the best martini. The results might surprise you.

Benjamin Franklin is attributed with saying “Beer is proof God wants us to be happy.” This is certainly true, but the Martini is proof God wants us to appear classy until we fall over. The artwork of the 1920’s is littered with stylish flappers and the like, all sipping vodka martinis with olives in them. It is James Bond’s favourite drink. As it happens, it’s also mine.

I have, therefore, taken it upon myself to find the best martini in St. Andrews. Before anybody asks, “Are you going to go to every pub in town and drink a martini? Won’t you be too sloshed to remember to what each one was like?”, I will tell you that’s not the plan. First of all I eliminated the pubs where I would get a kicking for asking for a martini the Keys, the Red Reiver, etc. . Then I haughtily eliminated those pubs which serve good beer, but clearly are not the place for a nice martini the Central, the Castle, etc. The remainder of establishments then select themselves.

I will now regale you with the tales of the best and worst martinis in town; an experience I shared with this newspaper’s very own editor, Monsieur Cusack. This may come as a surprise to many of our readers, but Broon’s makes the worst martini know to man. The first time I dared imbibe at this cursed cesspool of arrogance and terrible drinks I was treated to a shot of vodka and a *shot* of vermouth in a highball glass. Any martini aficionado would be appalled.

For those of you that don’t know, vermouth is a type of bitter, made famous by Martini & Rossi, which is



best added as a spray to the martini. After a second attempt at getting a decent drink from these heathens, I had to gently prod the barman into actually shaking the martini and putting it in a martini glass. It was served with only one shot of vodka, rather than the

customary two, and it did not contain a single olive. Some among you may be thinking “What kind of man demands an olive in his drink?” With a drink in which flavour is as delicately balanced as that of the martini, an olive adds that extra bit of subtle taste that makes a

martini more than just funny tasting vodka. There were more terrible things about this drink including the outrageous price, over 6, but I fear that I have neither the room nor the energy to continue the diatribe.

Now, to the joys of everything that makes a

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martini great. This may also surprise our readers, but the best martini in town and one of the best I've ever tasted is served at Ma Bell's. I suspect it was the barman whose name I don't recall that made it so well, as 99 percent of the taste of the martini is in how it is made. The barman chilled the glass beforehand, mixed a perfect blend of Absolut vodka and a hint of vermouth with ice, and topped it off with a surprisingly fresh olive. This fine martini was half the price of the Broom's abomination, and the barman was more than happy to actually make the drink. As an aside, barmen are often cross at having to do anything more strenuous than pulling a pint of beer. I know this because I'm a barman myself.

To ensure that this was not a fluke, I ordered another martini, intending to truly test this young man's mettle. He did not, however, crumple under the pressure. He made another martini, perhaps better than the last, and forever made a friend and admirer out of yours truly.

Before concluding, I will inform the reader how to make a perfect martini in the off chance that the poor lost soul from Broom's is reading this:

Step 1: Chill martini glass with ice and soda water.

Step 2: Mix two measures vodka and a dash of vermouth in martini mixer and shake

Step 3: Strain into glass after emptying ice and soda water.

Step 4: Add olive and stir

So there you have it, the perfect martini. And remember, don't ever go to Broom's for a martini when Ma Bell's is just around the corner.

James T. Branda is a magistrand studying Arabic.



STUART PATERSON

A few years ago, the city fathers of Liverpool decided, in their no doubt infinite wisdom, to dub its airport John Lennon International, or some thing as equally appealing to Japanese music fans. Now, I shalln't commit the cardinal sin of besmirching that fine city on the banks of the Mersey, but I will say that the cities of Bonn and Cologne made a better choice when they opted to name their air transport hub after Konrad Adenauer, the father of the modern German nation.

To all intents and purposes, the airport is situated in Cologne, which is by far the larger of the two cities, with a population over three times that of Bonn. As well as that, the International Air Transport Association code for the airport is CGN, so why is it called Cologne/Bonn? One would imagine that, as the airport was opened to civilian air traffic in 1951 having previously been occupied by British forces, the name is a result of Bonn's former and much missed status as capital of West Germany. Konrad Adenauer was born in Cologne and died on the outskirts of Bonn. He served as mayor of Cologne, and led his nation from Bonn. Therefore, it is fitting that the airport bears his name.

It was whilst on a journey from the aforementioned airport to

my abode that I became aware of the fact that spring has well and truly sprung. The temperature has shot up and leaves have returned to trees in abundance. In Bonn the advent of spring means one thing the annual marathon. The fact that there is such a thing as a Bonn marathon came as a surprise to me, not least because I questioned the existence of 26 miles and 385 yards of road, such is the bijou nature of the city. However, I have been proved wrong and in a few days thousands of runners will leave the Rathaus on an epic race around the city.

For some inexplicable reason, the starting pistol is due to be fired by the boyfriend of the openly gay leader of the German liberal party. From the Rathaus, those hoping to emulate Pheidippides will cross the Rhine and head into Beuel, a district of Bonn that is only notable for being on the opposite side of the river. The participants will be pleased to discover that their stay on the right bank will be brief, as the route heads back over the bridge to Bonn proper. Interestingly the bridge is named after President John F. Kennedy, who greeted crowds outside Bonn Rathaus before heading to Berlin to tell a worldwide audience of millions that he was actually a sticky doughnut. During Bonn's time as capital, the Rathaus hosted receptions

for various world leaders. Since reunification, the calibre of guest has declined somewhat. So far I have attended two receptions there. Enough said, I feel.

From the bridge, the marathon route follows the Rhine past the headquarters of Deutsche Post and the former government district, down towards Bad Godesberg, a rather well to do spa town founded in the eighth century, which hosted a meeting between Chamberlain and Hitler in the run up to the Munich Conference. The town was unglamorously swallowed up by Bonn in the 1960s, and was, for many years, the suburb of choice for foreign diplomats, as the continued existence of a Marks and Spencers surely proves. Curiously, it would appear that it is also the site of Bonn's only branch of Woolworth's.

From Bad Godesberg the route heads back north through the unremarkable suburbs of Friesdorf, Dottendorf, and Kessenich until reaching the city's northern extremities where runners will again reach the Rhine which they follow back to the Rathaus where medals, foil sheets, and the distinct possibility of a myocardial infarction await. Sounds fun, doesn't it?

Stuart Paterson is a tertian studying German.

COMMENT

A Silver Lining to Death of the National Party

by ANDREW CUSACK

It was only just recently announced that the National Party of South Africa or the 'New National Party' as it sought to rebrand itself in recent years officially abolished itself. This news was applauded by some, derided by others, but was a surprise to no one. Having received just 1.7 of the parliamentary vote, giving it seven seats, it was certain that the Nats had run out of steam. By this time, the National Party effectively stood for nothing.

It was not always so. The National Party, which enjoyed decades of electoral success under the country's previous limited franchise, ruling from 1948 to 1994, used to have principles. Unfortunately for South Africa, they were bad principles. The ascent of F.W. de Klerk to the leadership of the Nats in 1989, signified a change from bad, stagnant, racist principles to good, sound, conservative ones.

It looked as if the Nats, by now doing business under the moniker of the New National Party, would be reformed into a virtuous opposition to the



African National Congress government. However, mostly after de Klerk retired from politics in 1997, the party which went from having bad principles to good ones quickly descended into having no principles at all. Guiding thoughts of any kind were quickly thrown out the window.

Under the new leader, Marthinus van Scalkwyk, the would be conservative NNP entered into an alliance with the most decidedly anti conservative Democratic Party to become the Democratic Alliance DA. Though this alliance strengthened opposition to the ANC yet another body which has lost most its principles, except for racism, polling the majority of votes in Cape Town at least, the NNP left the Alliance only a year

later to coddle up to the ANC itself: the very anti thesis of sound, reasoned, conservatism.

The shuffling back and forth without any apparent rhyme or reason had a clear effect on the NNP's share of the vote: decline bordering on electoral freefall. Conservative whites and other minorities were often pushed towards more extreme parties, having lost their moderate voice in parliament.

The recent death of the National Party then presents a wonderful opportunity, as Mr. de Klerk has proposed, to establish a new party which can harness the moderate conservatives in the black community, traditionally wary of the Nats, and the white, mixed race, Indian, and Chinese voters who previously supported the

National Party.

As it stands today, if the centre right parties the IFP, NNP, ACDP, UCDP, and the Indian led Minority Front converged, they would have 46 seats making them the third largest party in parliament. When such a parliamentary force went to the polls, it would do so from a position of advantage, and could very well overtake the liberal DA to become the official opposition.

The task, alas, is daunting, owing primarily to the strong tribal nature of South African politics. Mangosuthu Buthelezi is unlikely to be willing to merge his Inkatha Freedom Party of conservative Zulus, which lets him run KwaZulu Natal as a personal fiefdom, into any larger, more accountable body. The Indian community have discovered their party, the Minority Front, strengthens their position. And the African Christian Democratic Party tripled its vote in 1999 and may hope to continue its rise alone.

Thus it remains to be seen whether any phoenix will rise from the National Party's ashes.

'A Bolt from the Blue', Property Notes continued

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away.

Grade II* listed, No 18 was built in 1857 by John Spicer. The original plan, reproduced in Volume XLI of the *Survey of London*, shows that the layout of the principle rooms is unaltered. The splendidly proportioned drawing room and adjoining dining room have been the setting for many a glamorous occasion. A generous

philanthropist and leading Roman Catholic layman, Lord Craigmyle was the founder of a highly successful fundraising consultancy and frequently held charitable events at No 18. Craigmyle, which celebrated its 40th anniversary in 1999, has helped raise in excess of 350 million.

The Admiralty used No 18 during the Second World War, relaxing on the

tennis court between bombing raids. The tennis court has gone, but little else has changed. On the other side of the hall from the drawing room are a private office and gallery. On the landing, a conservatory overlooks the garden, as does a large library on the first floor. The master bedroom accommodates a George III four poster, with an additional six bedrooms and three

bathrooms.

For those with a large entourage, the accommodation of 7,188sq ft includes a one bedroom flat and a studio flat on the lower ground floor. There is also a recently refurbished one bedroom mews house with a garage, accessible both from the 153ft west facing garden and the Little Boltons, if one has the 14 million currently being asked for it.

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CALENDAR

Unless otherwise stated, all events are free and open to the public.

A P R I L

Tuesday, 12

Gifford Lecture: Evolution and Design - Prof. Alvin Plantinga delivers the first of his Gifford Lectures.

5.15pm, School III, St. Salvator's Quad

Wednesday, 13

Swimming with Piranhas - The inaugural lecture of Professor Anne Magurran, Professor of Ecology and Evolution, School of Biology. The Principal will take the Chair.

5.15pm, Lecture Theatre B, Bute Medical Building

Thursday, 14

Gifford Lecture: Divine Action in the World - Prof. Alvin Plantinga of the University of Notre Dame.

5.15pm, School III, St. Salvator's Quad

Thurs-Sat, 14-16

The Creation of the World and Other Business - Arthur Miller's re-telling of the Genesis narrative.

£6 (£5 Students), Mermaids Dress Circle £4

8.15pm, the Byre Theatre

Friday, 15

Jeeves Lecture: The Neuropsychology of Autistic Disorders - Prof. Uta Frith of the Institute of Cognitive Neuroscience & the Dept. of Psychology, UCL, will deliver the 9th annual Jeeves Lecture.

4.30pm, School III, St. Salvator's Quad

Tuesday, 19

Gifford Lecture: 'Evolutionary Psychology and Scripture Scholarship: more alike than you think' - Prof. Alvin Plantinga of the University of Notre Dame.

5.15pm, School III, St. Salvator's Quad

Thursday, 21

Gifford Lecture: Methodological Naturalism and Games Scientists Play - Prof. Alvin Plantinga of the University of Notre Dame.

5.15pm, School III, St. Salvator's Quad

PARLIAMENT HALL

THE INS AND OUTS OF THE UNION DEBATING SOCIETY

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and surprised many in the chamber with his charm and humour. He claimed that privatisation would lead to excessive corporate influence in academe, and that St Andrews would be saddled with 'the Enron School of Business Ethics' and the 'Exxon School of Environmental Protection'.

Liberty Club President Mr. Christopher Berry was second Prop, and though he made good arguments his debating style was lacking. Sitting in the Board seats, Mr. Ralph J. Covino looked somewhat pained by the poor quality of Mr. Berry's speech.

Mr. Alastair Work, Secretary to the University Court, was the second speaker for the Opposition and roused the chamber by ending his arguments with William Wallace's speech from the motion picture 'Braveheart'.

Bejantine Miss Bess Rhodes spoke lastly for the Proposition, with the demeanour of an ardently convinced convent school girl. Magstrand Mr. Simon Mitchell closed for the Opposition with the demeanour of a naughty public school boy.

We don't recall who won the division, but if we had to call a victor ourselves, the Proposition would win in terms of arguments but Opposition roused the most laughter.

In the recent **Union elections**, Miss Laura Wilson occasionally contributor to this newspaper was elected SSC Debates Officer, and thus Convenor of the University of St Andrews Union Debating Society the oldest, and, some would say, the finest of its kind in the world. The further **Annual General Meeting** of the Union Debating Society on Wednesday, the 23rd of March 2005 returned Mr. Ashley Stevens as Serjeant at Arms, Miss Emma Lishness as Treasurer, Mr. Jonathan Stewart as Chief Whip, Miss Elizabeth Rhodes as Schools Secretary, Mr. K. Douglas Cochran as Championship Secretary, Mr. Robert Rollings as Steward, Mr. Bryn Williams as Communications Secretary, and Miss Constance Grieve as Inter Varsity Secretary.

Miss Alexandra Jennings is on sabbatical, so this column was written by the Editor, Mr. Andrew Cusack

Thurs-Sat, 21-23

Gilbert & Sullivan: Princess Ida - The University Gilbert & Sullivan Society present this satirical, musical battle of the sexes.

£10, £7 Students, £6 Members
8:00pm, the Byre Theatre

Friday, 22

Catholic Ball - The University Catholic Society and the Parish Church of St. James jointly host a buffet dinner and ceilidh. Tickets are £10, email mkm2@st-andrews.ac.uk
7:00pm-Midnight, St Andrews Social Club, Langlands Rd.

Tuesday, 26

Gifford Lecture: On Christian Scholarship - Prof. Alvin Plantinga of the University of Notre Dame.
5.15pm, School III, St. Salvator's Quad

Thursday, 28

Gifford Lecture: Materialism and Christian Belief - Prof. Alvin Plantinga of the University of Notre Dame.
5.15pm, School III, St. Salvator's Quad

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Tuesday, 3

Gifford Lecture: Naturalism Defeated - Prof. Alvin Plantinga of the University of Notre Dame.
5.15pm, School III, St. Salvator's Quad

Thursday, 5

Gifford Lecture: Naturalism versus Science - Prof. Alvin Plantinga of the University of Notre Dame.
5.15pm, School III, St. Salvator's Quad

To have your club or society's events listed in the *Mitre* please email themitre@gmail.com.

SOCIAL REPORT

AMBASSADORS BALL



Revellers Enjoy International Party at Ambassadors Ball on Strathtyrum Estate

Over a thousand budding young scholars poured onto the Strathtyrum estate just outside of town on the evening of February 26, 2005 for the annual Ambassadors Ball.

Organised by **Mr. Preston J. Byrne**, this year's ball, which had a vaguely tropical theme, was the largest ever Ambassadors Ball yet.

Above, two lovely ladies enjoy the evening, as do real ale enthusiast **Mr. Lewis Stowe** and his pal, **Mr. Igor Slepov**. At left, the indomitable **Mr. Henry Finnegan** and **Miss Imogen Bourke**.

----- Meanwhile, elsewhere in town...

Phil Evans and **Alex Findlay** enjoyed a fine beer the garden of a friend's flat on Queens Gardens. **Jon Burke**, **Abby Hesser**, and **Stuart Alford** donned local peasant garb on 'Chavtastic Thursday' at the Lizard Lounge on North Street.



A Square Deal

The best houses in Chelsea do not often hit the market, and when they do, it's not for long

42 CHELSEA SQUARE, SW3

No 43 is one of a small number of 'trophy' houses in London, identified by a unique character and a commanding presence. They seldom appear on the open market, arousing considerable interest when they do. No 43 last came to the market twenty five years ago.

Quietly situated between the King's Road and competing neighbour the Fulham Road, Chelsea Square is one of the borough's most discreet residential neighbourhoods. Originally laid out in 1812, Trafalgar Square, as it was known until the mid 1930s, was redesigned by architects Darcy Braddell and Humphry Deane in the late 1920s. Randal Philips, in 1932 described the new houses as architecturally excellent and equally well built.

No 43 stands on the sought after west side of the square, where through traffic is minimal, next to a pair of neo Georgian stucco houses designed by Oliver Hill. One was the home for more than twenty years of the late Sir Nigel Broackes, former chairman of Trafalgar House, until his death in 1999. Hamptons sold a 77 year lease on this trophy house with one principle bedroom for close to the asking price of 7.95 million four years ago.

At 7,525sq ft, No 43 is one of the largest residences in the Square, but on one of the shortest leases at only twenty five year unexpired. The un usually spacious reception rooms are well suited to even the most formal entertaining. Highlights in the interior include a dining

room where a placement could prove challenging, seating twenty. A wide sweeping staircase leads from the large hall up to a 40ft drawing room with five windows overlooking the residents only Square garden.

The lower ground floors contain staff accom

modation and extensive wine cellars, to include garaging at the rear of the property. Other assets include a surprisingly large walled roof terrace, with panoramic views over Chelsea and a private, west facing, walled garden, ideal for the days when barbeques appeal more than banquets.

Bolt from the Blue

For the first time in 49 years, No 18, refreshingly unaltered, is on the market.

18 THE BOLTONS AND 6 BOLTON GARDENS MEWS, SW10

One of the loveliest and least altered houses in the

PROPERTY &

The wheels have come full circle: an interesting array of Georgian masterpieces in Westminster are being converted back into family houses.

by NICHOLAS VINCENT
Despite being one of the last areas in central London where one can still find whole streets of exquisite 18th century houses in near mint condition, the royal enclaves of Westminster and St James's rarely figure highly on the average London buyer's wish list. Those looking for the ultimate central London town house usually head toward Belgravia, Chelsea, Holland Park, Kensington, Knightsbridge, Mayfair or Notting Hill. But subtle moves are afoot which may change all that.

The swathe of land between Westminster Abbey and St James's Park was one of the first parts of the West End to be developed following the Great Fire of 1666. The area acquired its desirable status when Queen Anne moved to St James's Palace in the early 1700s, and thereafter it became the haunt of poets, politicians, intellectuals and aristocrats. In the 1920s and 1930s, however, dwindling private fortunes resulted in the majority of the elegant Georgian buildings being converted to office use. Now the



ABOVE: Homes on Great College Street, Westminster

trend is being reversed, house looks out across the with Westminster City Abbey Gardens and Close Council and English toward Westminster Abbey Heritage increasingly and the Houses of supportive of initiatives to Parliament. Despite being restore these architectural used as offices for much of gems to their role as the 20th century, the 7, individual family houses. 777sq ft building has remained fundamentally No 16, Great unaltered since 1897, when, College Street, SW1, as the home of Colonial currently on the market, is one such period Secretary, the Hon Alfred masterpieces. Built in 1722 Lyttelton, it featured in and listed Grade II*, the *Pall Mall Magazine* after

FASHION NOTES

Boltons has been placed on the market, since becoming the London home of the Craigmyle family in 1956.

Designed by George Godwin in 1849 as the centrepiece of the Gunter estate, the Boltons comprise two facing crescents, in the centre of which stands the church of St Mary and oval

communal gardens. As a surviving piece of remarkable Victorian development, the sumptuous Italianate villas in this conservation area are now highly prized. Past residents have included Douglas Fairbanks, Jr, and Hilaire Belloc. Beatrix Potter lived a few doors

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by ABIGAIL HESSER
Let us take a moment to reflect on some of this summer's trends in the world of fashion.

The Tribal Theme: The opinion of the author is that some things should remain in their own comfort zone. Whilst the African craze can be appreciated for its bold use

of colour and fabric, we must refrain from condoning the draping of patterned linen across the feminine form of those from anywhere north of the Mediterranean. Frankly, it looks silly. If one must, however, indulge in the aura of the African plain, limit yourself to a beaded necklace or bangle bracelet understated yet chic.

Shorts and Boycut Trousers: True of any trend, this only compliments the tall and thin. There is no need to sacrifice to fashion any feelings of self confidence which are gathered from a lovely, flowing, a line skirt. If blessed with modelesque legs, however, Calvin Klein or Stella McCarthy are your best choices remember cuffs or safari cut shorts, and almost ridiculously wide legged trousers in all designers new favorite colour, gray.

Crochet: One scarf, or perhaps handbag, full stop. Completely discount the "it" dress it didn't look good on your mother in the 70s, and nor will it compliment you.

The Wedge: The must have sandal for the summer. After long deliberation, the author advises to indulge. No matter what your leg, ankle, or foot shape, the wedge transforms it to goddess like proportions. Remember, however, that this is merely a trend and will fade for another thirty years so save your hard earned money for the Manolos and buy from New Look.

And now for some more personal advice; it may be warm, but this does not induce the sacrifice of uber important **modesty**. Linen, cotton, and other natural fabrics will ensure a lady does not descend to Ibiza "charm" in the sun, and remember your sunscreen to maintain that beautiful ivory winter skin.

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alterations by Lutyens. Behind the same 'delightfully prim looking' exterior, it is not difficult to picture the spacious hall, 'well lit by day'; the library with its white panelled walls and separate bow window; the huge first floor drawing room with its 'massive worn oak dresser and endless rows of shelves', used to display the Lyttelton's 'wonderful collection of artistic china'.

In the past seven years, some forty buildings in this quiet corner of Westminster have been converted back to splendid family homes. Architect Anthony Close Smith of Donald Insall Associates has seen many of these projects through from start to finish 'and always warns prospective purchasers of the inevitable amount of time, cost and complication involved in adapting a

historic listed building for modern family living'. There are draft plans prepared for No 16 for a conversion back to a private house, with six reception rooms, kitchen, gaming room, wine cellars, staff accommodation, garden and summer house. The cost of such a refurbishment is estimated to be around 1 million, with the house itself for sale at 3.95 million.

IN THE COLLEGES

THOUGHTS, EVENTS, AND OCCURENCES IN AND AROUND THE UNIVERSITY OF ST ANDREWS

PARLIAMENT HALL

THE INS AND OUTS OF THE UNION DEBATING SOCIETY

Members of the Union Debating Society assembled in Lower Parliament Hall on Wednesday the 23rd of February 2005 to debate the motion **“This House Would Privatised the University of St Andrews”**.

The highlight of the evening, and speaking first for the Proposition, was Professor Anthony O’Hear, the Weston Professor of Philosophy at the University of Buckingham. Professor O’Hear attacked state meddling in the realm of higher education, claiming that the State saw three main purposes to higher education: social engineering, wealth creation, and the “mass certification of the largely ineducable.”

On social engineering, Prof. O’Hear charged “You might want an equal society, but that has nothing to do with running a university,” the purpose of which, he said, was learning purely for the sake of learning. The government, O’Hear said, should not insist that universities make up for the failings of the state school system.

Prof. O’Hear assailed the governments insistence that universities set out what ‘transferable skills’ students will learn in a given course, saying that this “may be appropriate to training but is completely inappropriate to education in the humane sense.”

Mr. Robin Harper, MSP, the leader of the Scottish Green Party, took to the floor as the first speaker for the Opposition

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Bad Eggs?

Our Union reps oppose high fees with one hand and support them with the other, David Vinton argues.

The Students’ Representative Council, or SRC, of this university has often been described as a talking shop and a theatre of bad ideas. Although it has won several important battles in the past, and has made advances in student welfare, every good decision made is peppered with bad ideas.

The latest bad idea threatening to hit is compelling halls of residence to only buy free range eggs. Although this may seem like a good idea to some, the omens are worrying. For whatever you believe about farming, the changes are more than skin deep.

The students of this august university and in particular the Students’ Association regularly clash with the University administration over the cost of the residence system. The path that we are travelling down is to becoming a university where the only qualification to study is the ability to pay, and your degree is more a reflection of your financial status than your academic calibre. If students can’t afford to live here and already large parts of the residence system are not affordable on the student loan, then you are not able to study here. It strikes at the heart of the concept of a

meritocracy, and means that St Andrews is no longer a centre for academia to flourish, but purely a centre for those who have rich backgrounds, turning St Andrews into a middle class backwater of the education system.

But what has this got to do with eggs?

of large scale farmed food, and is expensive to source as well. With eggs forming a major constituent part of many foods, the residence system will be left with the choice of striking off large parts of the menu, or raising the fees further beyond the already high threshold that they sit at.



Students in halls have fees that cover a number of expenditures, from night porters to fire alarms. However, a component of this in catered halls is the food we eat. Although it may not be gourmet cuisine, it is the food we are given, and for most of my first year, rather better than what I could cook by myself.

If we stipulate that halls can only use free range eggs, then the cost of providing this food will go up, and there will be a large associated rise in the cost of providing food. For free range produce costs over twice the cost

It is contradictory for a body that is meant to represent the students to oppose high fees in one meeting, and then enforce them in another. Although there are some concerns about farming methods, this is not the place to enforce them. This is an individual choice to make, and not one that a couple of Union mandarins should be making for us. If they want to placate their own ethical conscience, then they can do it elsewhere.

Or to put it another way, maybe it is time to get rid of the bad eggs.