

Hawks, Ospreys and Students Union unite for Sport

Tom Chigbo, President of CUSU 2009-10, writes:

800 Years With No Sports Centre

Reading recent editions of The Hawk evokes conflicting emotions. First, pride. It serves as a fine reminder of the excellent sporting tradition of Cambridge University. From the famous names who continue to compete at the highest level, to the thousands of students, coaches and volunteers who ensure that quality sport is played every day at University, College and recreational level in Cambridge.



Proposed Sports Centre, Perspective sketches

Nevertheless, as readers of this newsletter, you will be more than familiar with the urgent need for a University Sports Centre. Indeed, it is probably a source of great disappointment, as for years you have seen this noble ambition met with so many false starts. After all, land and planning permission (which has since been renewed) were acquired in West Cambridge back in 1999. Fully-costed designs and specifications along with a budget for the running costs (the sports centre can be self funding) already exist. Some of you may even recall the McCrum report of 1973, which originally highlighted the need for centralised University sports facilities. In fact, further research has shown that even our Victorian predecessors had identified this necessity, shown in an article in the Cambridge Review of 1892.

However, time has not proved to be a great healer. The absolute necessity of a University sports centre has not diminished over the years. Instead, it continues to grow. It grows each year with the rising cost of pool hire, now so

great that the Swimming and Water Polo Club cannot afford a coach. It grows as annual subs spiral into the hundreds of pounds, deterring more and more talented students from committing to University sport. It grows as our captains and secretaries fight against a rising tide of admin to secure pitch space, hall hire and transport to (home) match venues. While dust gathers on the architectural model of the proposed sports centre in Fenner's Gym, our University seems content to allow this situation to continue.

Yet, 2009 really ought to be the year that things change. In its 800th year, the University of Cambridge aims to celebrate its remarkable history and raise £1 billion to help secure Cambridge's edge in excellence for the future. The campaign has attracted support from alumni and friends everywhere and has so far raised over £800 million. At a time when the University is attracting so many donors and so much publicity for a wide range of projects, covering all aspects of University life and heritage, one would expect to see considerable progress towards the building of the University Sports Centre. Unfortunately, the commitment to "investing in state-of-the-art facilities that will reinforce Cambridge's premier position for all-round excellence and opportunity" appears to be worth very little in the case of sport. There has been no major fundraising drive from the University to raise the £50 million required, despite similar campaigns for all manner of schemes and events both academic and non-academic to improve University life.

What has emerged in 2009, is a renewed determination on the part of students to do something about this. For the first time CUSU, The Hawks, Ospreys and University sports clubs have come together, launching a high profile campaign to get the University to commit to fundraising for, and building, the sports centre. There is widespread student support for this campaign, as the sports centre benefits both students and the wider community. Not only will sports clubs, including swimming, water polo, basketball, netball, tennis, squash, volleyball, fives, fencing and gymnastics, be able to compete and train for the first time in their own high quality facilities, but the centre and gym will be open to use by all students and members of the public. It will go some way to making up for the huge variation, in quality and availability, of College facilities (especially as Colleges continue to sell off playing fields) as well as making sport in general more accessible for University students. At a time when London 2012 and efforts to improve the nation's health have pushed sport up the political agenda, the importance of this cannot be understated.

As next year's CUSU President and a former University sportsman, I am determined to put pressure on the University to address this issue. However, the campaign requires the full weight of student and alumni support to really succeed. Hawks can play a leading role in making our vision a reality:

- Visit www.800yearswithnosportscentre.org and sign the online petition.
- Buy a red campaign t-shirt for only £5 from www.800yearswithnosportscentre.org.



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Charlotte Roach & Dame Kelly Holmes show the campaign T-shirt

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- Donate to the campaign to help with our expenses. Email facilities@cusu.cam.ac.uk.
- Those of you with expertise, information or contacts, please offer advice and support to the students leading the campaign. Email facilities@cusu.cam.ac.uk.
- Alternatively write to, or phone, Sarah Malcolm at The Hawks' Club - contact details on the reverse.

A few high profile activities in Lent Term have already succeeded in forcing the University to at last allow donors to donate to "Cambridge University Sport" on their 800 Campaign website. However, we cannot stop with this small victory. Your support is crucial to the success of this campaign. For the first time we are witnessing mass student mobilisation on this issue, so let's seize this opportunity and help bring Cambridge's sports facilities up to the standard expected for one of the world's greatest universities.

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For further details of the proposed Sports Centre see the Easter 2008 edition of The Hawk, or go to <http://www.sport.cam.ac.uk/fundraising/universitysportscentre.html> where the complete Concept Design Report can be found.

To donate to the project go to <http://www.foundation.cam.ac.uk/giving/> and then select Make your Gift, then Department/Faculty/Institution, then search for the word 'sport'. Even then it is only possible to donate to 'Unearmarked gift to the institution'. Alternatively go to the Trust section of the Hawks web site, where making a donation is much more straightforward.

Cambridge knockout Oxford in Boxing whitewash

Oxford University were whitewashed by Cambridge in the 102nd varsity boxing match in London.



The light blues completed their 9-0 victory by knocking-out Oxford's giant heavyweight Peter Anderson with the final punch of the night. Cambridge have now ended Oxford's three-year winning streak and lead by 50 matches to 48 in the competition which dates back to 1897.

The event was held, for the first time, at London's Old Billingsgate market. An estimated 1,500 people created an intense atmosphere as Cambridge medical student Irfan Ahmed recovered from a poor first round to beat 23-year-old Adam Blick on points in the opening bout.

Welshman Ieuan Marsh fired Cambridge into a 2-0 lead with a barrage of right handers which destroyed Oxford's

lightweight Tom Nickalls. Cambridge captain Will Rees then outclassed Chris Pearson in the Light-welterweight division to open-up a 3-0 lead.

Oxford welterweight Vinnie Vitale looked incredulous as the referee stopped his fight in the second round, having barely laid a glove on opponent Rob Chapman. The decisive fifth match was won for Cambridge by light-middleweight Chris Webb on his 21st birthday. The performance from Oxford's Cliff Mark represented the closest Oxford had come to victory so far, but the Canadian lost by a unanimous decision to the former Great Britain kickboxer from High Wycombe.

Another birthday boy, Ed Chadwick, stopped Oxford's Richard Pickering in the first round of their middleweight bout after a blistering opening 30 seconds.

Oxford's 'brawler from the Bronx', Adam Levine, was determined to get the dark blues off the mark and

made a stunning start to the second of the night's middleweight contests. But the American was lucky to survive the first round after catching a fearsome left hook from his more experienced opponent Jay Thomas and lost on a split decision.

Light-heavyweight Simon Lowe will not cherish his debut in the ring as the first year Oxford student was stopped in the second round by Swedish light blue Eddie Hult.

The whitewash was then secured in stunning fashion as Adrian Teare knocked out Oxford heavyweight Peter

Henderson in the first round with a brutal right hook.

Celebrations lasted well into the night.



The Welsh Chapter

35 Hawks attended the annual dinner of "the Welsh chapter" on 16th January 2009. It was held at the Cardiff and County Club, and according to organiser Stephen Whitehead, most "had an inane smile on their lips" by the end of the evening.

Stephen writes: "Russel Jenkins as the most venerable member always asks from the 'Chair' for contributions from 'first timers' - as a result- David Shufflebotham managed to make most eloquent response as did Anson Allen, what set them apart was that the former also included a tuneless Cats song, in the process. Brian Rees, the High Sheriff of Glamorgan this year, showed us all his Hawks socks (by 'getting his leg over the table') whilst Dennis Gethin, the current President of the Welsh Rugby Union, brought us all up to date with 'Welsh Sporting moments'."

Stephen has booked the venue for 22nd January 2010. Anyone living in the Principality, get the date in your diaries.

The Washington DC Chapter

Bill Onorato (Jesus College, Ice Hockey, and Hawks' Committee 1966-7) and Dr Robert J N Watson (St John's, Rowing) are planning to organise a local chapter for the Washington DC Metro area (VA, MD, & DC). Anyone interested contact Bill at wtonorato@aol.com.

Staying in Contact

Your editor attended the centenary dinner of the founding of CU Rifle Association in February, and was saddened to find that a number of the alumni that he spoke to were Hawks but had dropped out of touch with the Club.

Clearly a drive to re-invigorate the database is called for. We can do this in a number of ways:

- ◆ Every Hawk who receives this newsletter please scan around your friends and contacts to find out whether they have received their copy. If not exhort them to rectify the situation either by sending the information to Sarah Malcolm at the Clubhouse (details on the back page), or by going online to correct their details themselves (go to www.hawksclub.co.uk, and then select the 'Hawks only' tab to login to the database).
- ◆ For our part we will have another go at correlating our address list with those of the sports clubs, and the colleges, since it is clear that some manage to keep the one up to date, but not the other. If anyone is disposed to volunteer some time to help with this task please get in touch with the editor. (editor@hawksclub.co.uk).
- ◆ Whenever you move in future please remember to keep the Club advised. You can do it online, or you can simply drop an email or a card to the Administrator, Sarah Malcolm.

Remember, the **London Dinner** uses this database also, and being online it is also available as a tool for Hawks to stay in touch wherever in the world they are.

OBITUARIES

Lucan Pratt (1906-2009)



A centenarian of immense character, enormously learned in literature, science and music, around whom many legends grew, Lucan Pratt had an illustrious career at Christ's. Yet he was not originally a Cambridge man, having earned his (multiple) degrees in Physiology at the University of Liverpool, and moving on via a series of hospital appointments to become Senior Lecturer in Physiology at St Thomas's until war broke out in 1939.

For his work as Surgeon-Commander RNVR in charge

of the Royal Navy's Physiological Laboratory at Alverstoke and at HMS Dolphin, where he was responsible for construction of the submarine escape test tanks, he was appointed OBE. The most noteworthy of his experiments were those made at great peril to himself into the physiological effects of underwater explosions at close range.

After the war Pratt moved to Cambridge to take up a post as University Lecturer in Mammalian Physiology, being elected into a Fellowship at Christ's College in 1946 and, two years later, appointed a Tutor. Promoted in 1950, he was quickly recognised as one of the outstanding Senior Tutors of his generation.

During the eighteen years that he lived in the College, Christ's became remarkable for its athletic successes, chiefly in soccer and rugby union. Himself Captain of athletics and a rugby player at Liverpool, Pratt was frequently suspected of deliberately going out to recruit likely Blues. This was probably unjust, but that said, his appreciation of sporting prowess was undeniable. The story that he flung a rugby ball at selected admissions candidates undoubtedly has a basis in fact, although the embellishment that those taking the pass and drop-kicking into the waste-paper basket won scholarships has not. Certainly true is the occasion when a student, using the Senior Tutor's unlocked door as a late-night entry to the College, on hearing him descend the stair, turned into the study, only to find Pratt enter, select a book and sit on the sofa behind which he hid. At 2.30, Pratt stood up, saying "I don't know about you, but I'm going to bed now." Equally Tony Lewis, a rugby and cricket Blue who later captained England, but also a Welsh Youth Orchestra player, has written that he was ordered to bring violin as well as rugby boots to College.

Pratt took a prominent role in the University administration being a member of the Council of the Senate from 1953 to 1961. He was a valued Syndic of the Cambridge University Press for two terms of office, where he was chairman of its scientific committee and editor of the *Journal of Physiology*, which it published.

His wife Elizabeth, to whom he was devoted, died in 2002. He is survived by all his 5 children.

From material submitted by his son, Christopher (St Catharine's 1961-4, Hawks, Athletics)

Bob Drayson (1919-2008)

Bob Drayson was a headmaster driven by his Christian faith, love of sport, and by his wartime experience in the Navy in which he won the DSC.

Born in Ramsgate, he was educated at St Lawrence College before going up to Downing College in 1938 to read modern languages. War came and he chose to join the Navy as a rating. Soon commissioned, he was appointed first lieutenant of a Motor Torpedo Boat. When his CO fell ill he was thrust into command, and in his first operation as skipper he engaged and sank a 4,000 ton auxiliary cruiser, Komet, off Cherbourg after she had eluded a force of destroyers. This exploit earned Drayson the Distinguished Service Cross.

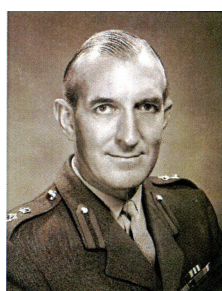
In 1943 he married Rachel Jenkyns who was in the WRNS. At the end of the war he returned to Cambridge to finish his degree. He played Hockey for the University and was elected to the Hawks' Club

On graduating he joined his old school, beginning a distinguished career in education. In 1950 he went to Felsted as an assistant house master, and in charge of hockey - giving that school a reputation in that sport that it retains to this day. In 1955 he was appointed Headmaster of Reed's School at Cobham, and then in 1964 took over as Headmaster at Stowe. Under his leadership the school flourished. He refused to produce what he called "public school types" - "dare to be different" was his maxim. He introduced a requirement that all boys should do some voluntary service in the community. The school was extended to include girls. A relationship with the National Trust was established to the great benefit of its grounds.

On his retirement Drayson continued his commitment to charitable and Christian causes, first as lay chaplain to the Bishop of Norwich, and then as lay reader at the church of the village of Sandhurst in Kent.

He is survived by his wife Rachel and their three children.

Colonel Peter Wildman (1922-2008)



Peter Wildman showed his many talents early, gaining a scholarship to Bedford, becoming Captain of Boats (his VIII reached the finals of the Schools Henley), playing in the 1st XV, and was CSM of the school OTC.

He went up to Pembroke in 1941 where he was

selected for the University XV against Oxford in 1942. He also won the University Pairs, rowing with John Langham, and was elected to the Hawks' Club.

In 1943 he was commissioned in REME, and served throughout the Normandy campaign, and on into Belgium and Germany, being mentioned in despatches. Before embarking for France however he married Margery who was the college nurse at Pembroke.

After the war he continued a distinguished career in REME until he retired in 1968 as a Colonel.

Hawks' Charitable Dinner



Largely due to the hard work of Andy Owen, this year's Secretary (Selwyn, CUAC), the Hawks' Charitable dinner was another resounding success.

Held in King's Great Hall on 21st February, the charities supported this year were two local charities which have a high level of student participation. The first is Jimmy's Night Shelter, providing shelter, beds, hot food and clothing for the city's homeless. The second is Campus Children's Holidays, providing respite holidays for children from under privileged inner city backgrounds

The guest speaker was John Anderson - GB Olympic Multievents Coach and ITV and Sky 1's Gladiators Referee. John has coached over 150 GB internationals in his career, including 5 world record holders. He has taken athletes from every track and field discipline to the Olympics Games.

The dinner made a profit of £1,300, split equally between the two beneficiaries. If you would like to make a contribution to either of these charities please get in touch with Sarah Malcolm at the Club (contact details on the back page).

Throughout he continued his love of rugby, being a founder member of REME Arborfield RFC, playing at first class level. He joined Wasps and played in the 1st XV, later becoming captain of the Wanderers, where he was known as the Galloping Major. When stationed in Germany he captained the British Forces XV.

At the age of 40 he took up skiing with the same vigour that he had displayed on the rugby field. He was a founder member of the Alpbach Visitors Ski Club, and was known throughout the village as 'the Colonel', or "Herr Bier" for his prodigious capacity in that department.

After retiring from the army he joined Urwick Orr as a management consultant, describing his work as "applying military discipline and leadership to civilian industry and management". On his retirement he continued his links with Cambridge, being Chairman of Grays until 2001.

His beloved Margery sadly died in 1984. He remarried in 1999 Sue, a long time friend. He is survived by her and his twin sons, who both followed military careers to his great gratification. A good friend to all who had the privilege of knowing him, he will be missed by many.

From material submitted by John Langham (Queens' 1942-4, Hawks, CUBC, CURUFC)

Results-Results-Results

Sport	Varsity Result
Amateur Boxing	Cambridge 9-0
Association Football	Oxford 1-0
Women's Football	Oxford 2-0
Athletics - Track & Field Men	Cambridge 12-2
Athletics - Track & Field Women	Oxford 8-6
Badminton	Oxford 9-6
Women's Badminton	Cambridge 13-2
Basketball	Oxford 93-59
Boat Club	Oxford 3½ lengths
Eton Fives	Oxford 2-1
Fencing	Cambridge 122-92
Women's Fencing	Cambridge 117-114
Golf	Cambridge 9-6
Hockey	Oxford 4-1
Women's Hockey	Oxford 2-1
Ice Hockey	Oxford 4-2
Women's Ice Hockey	Cambridge 10-2
Karate	Cambridge 78-52
Women's Karate	Cambridge 67-35
Kickboxing	Oxford 5-4
Korfball	Cambridge 10-6
Lacrosse	Oxford 13-3
Women's Lacrosse	Cambridge 8-3
Lightweight Rowing	Cambridge 3 lengths
Mountain biking	Cambridge
Netball	Cambridge 34-31
Olympic Gymnastics	Cambridge
Real Tennis	Cambridge 4-1
Women's Real Tennis	Cambridge 5-1
Revolver & Pistol	Cambridge 2088-2077
Rugby Fives	Oxford 298-109
Rugby League	Cambridge 20-4
Rugby Union Football	Oxford 33-29
Rugby Union Under-21s	Cambridge 20-3
Women's Rugby Union	Cambridge 9-0
Ski and Snowboarding	Oxford
Women's Skiing	Oxford
Squash Rackets	Cambridge 5-0
Women's Squash	Oxford 4-1
Swimming	Oxford 90-89
Women's Swimming	Cambridge
Trampoline	Cambridge 451-420
Volleyball	Cambridge 3-1
Women's Volleyball	Oxford 3-0
Water Polo	Cambridge 15-11
Women's Water Polo	Cambridge 9-7

Twenty20 Cricket + Hawks' Event

On the afternoon of Wednesday June 10th, on one of the last days of Tripos exams, Fenner's will host the second Charles Russell Twenty20 Varsity Match and the first one to be held in Cambridge. In the morning, the Twenty20 Cuppers Final will be played as a curtain raiser. Completing the hat-trick, that evening the Hawks' Club will hold it's annual black tie summer event in a marquee on the Fenner's boundary.



The Trophy

We are all hoping that the excitement of last year's fixture, won by Cambridge can be repeated. In fact, Nokia have agreed to supply prizes for man of the match and for any other champagne moments! We also hope that the fixture will be as well attended – one of the highlights last year was seeing crowds all around the boundary ropes

at The Parks enjoying their post-exam early evening drinks, witnessing the first ever Twenty20 Varsity match.

The Cuppers final starts at 1100 hrs, The Charles Russell Twenty20 Varsity Match at 1500 hrs and The Hawks' Event starts at 2000 hrs. There will be food and drink for purchase on the day and some limited car parking at the ground on a first come first served basis. Tickets for the cricket alone are £2.50. Tickets for the Hawks' event (to include admission for the cricket) are £40. Both types of ticket are available from both the Hawk's Club and Fenners. Please email administrator@hawksclub.co.uk to arrange purchase of your tickets.

News from the Trust

2009 Awards go further:

On 6th March the Awards Committee met to consider 113 applications. As is now the custom, Dr Joan Lasenby joined the Trustees to provide the Ospreys' perspective. A total of £20,650 was distributed, and in view of the very high standard of applications it was decided to reduce the amounts of individual awards in order to increase the number. A total of 100 awards were made, covering 29 sports - for a full list see the website at <http://www.hawksclub.co.uk/public/trust>. The named awards were:

Sir Adrian Cadbury award to Rebecca Dowbiggin - cox to the Blue Boat in 2007, 2008 and 2009.

Bob Barber award to Samantha Cutts - Equestrianism.

David Jennens award to Jamie Douglas - Real Tennis and Squash.

Sir Arthur Marshall award to Harry Leitch - Squash.

Each of these would be worth a paragraph in their own right were space available.

Thanks

Our thanks to **Anthony Bevan** (Trinity 1959-62, Hawks, CULTC, CURTC, CURUFC) who has donated to the Club archive material relating to the centenary Boat Race in 1929, and the 1951 visit of CUBC to America, from his father's estate - Edward Bevan (Trinity 1925-9, Hawks, CUBC).

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