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Enabling the Best Students to Attend Robinson:

Accommodation for Students – the Problem

Research students are absolutely essential to the success of an academic community because they are the future of the academic profession. At Robinson, they include some in whose education we have already been involved and whom we have encouraged to develop their skills and intellect further in this way, and some who have come from other institutions, both within the UK and overseas, to benefit from the support and opportunities offered by a Cambridge College. They enrich the academic life of the community, both in their interactions with Fellows and with undergraduates. They do this through discussion of their own work with their peers, supervisor and Fellows working in related disciplines and, in some cases, through assisting in undergraduate teaching.

In addition to those studying for MPhils and PhDs across a broad range of subjects, our graduate community includes those studying clinical medicine, veterinary science and for their PGCE teaching qualifications. Towards the end of their studies, medics and vets in particular will be on rotations and placements that may require them to be on call around the clock and PGCE students will often need to leave accommodation very early each morning to arrive in good time at their placement school.

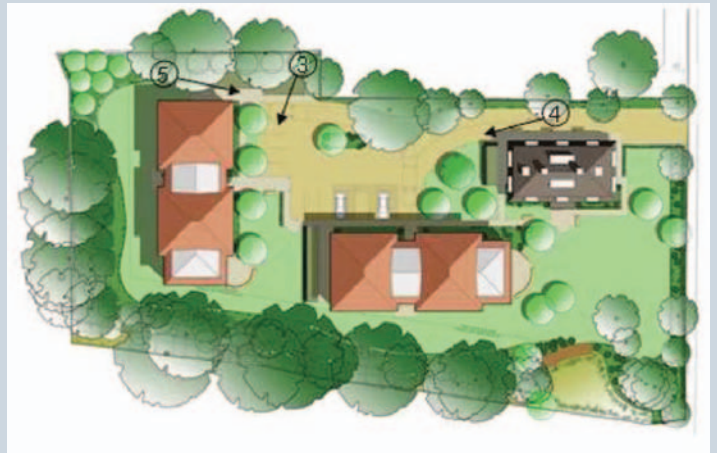
At present, at Robinson we are only able to offer accommodation to about half our graduate students and can guarantee accommodation only to those in their first year. We have very few rooms for those in their second or subsequent years of study. Accommodation is often a graduate student's top priority when choosing a College. The cost of commercial sector housing in Cambridge stretches the means of those students who are living on un-enhanced graduate grants or are funding themselves from part-time work or savings. Therefore, the availability of College housing of an acceptable quality at affordable rates may make the difference between an individual pursuing postgraduate academic work or not. It also helps to integrate the postgraduate population more effectively into our community so that they and the College obtain maximum benefit from their presence.

If Robinson continues to be unable to offer accommodation for longer than one year of a period of graduate study, then we will continue to lose many of the strongest potential applicants to colleges or other universities – in the UK or abroad – that can. This inevitably weakens our academic community and reduces the number of “home grown” academics that we are able to draw upon.

As a result of the lack of accommodation, Robinson is rarely considered by the Gates Foundation or by the Cambridge Trusts to be a suitable host for 3-year research students because these Trusts normally expect that the research students receiving their scholarships will be guaranteed three years in College accommodation. This means that Robinson is unable to matriculate many of the most promising new PhD students, which is clearly not in the interests of the College.

Accommodation for Students – the Solution

The College has a plot of land at 3 Sylvester Road, which is a suitable site for constructing two new houses providing accommodation for graduate students. The land at 3 Sylvester Road is directly adjacent to the Warden's Lodge and there is already one house on the front of the plot, which will remain and form part of the graduate accommodation complex. Planning permission was formally granted for these plans early in 2006.



The two new houses have been designed to be in keeping with local architecture, especially with the existing house on site. They will utilise materials and techniques that tie the buildings in with both the architecture of the main College, e.g. through the use of Douglas Fir windows, and that of surrounding residences through the use of render to the upper storey and red brick in keeping with the Edwardian houses of Adams and Sylvester Roads and the main College building.

Each new house will comprise three floors containing eight ensuite study bedrooms and shared kitchen and dining facilities. On the ground floors, these common facilities will open out on to patios and landscaped gardens. The landscaping in the gardens has been specially designed to enhance wetland habitats around the margins of the site and increase the biodiversity of the site, so encouraging local wildlife and a variety of birds to take up residence alongside the Robinson community. If you would like to receive a copy of the biodiversity report and plans, please contact the Development Office.

The existing house at 3 Sylvester Road, known as Sellenger, will also be refurbished to provide improved common facilities and a further seven graduate study bedrooms, bringing the total number of dedicated graduate rooms on the site to fifty-five.

The provision of graduate student accommodation within the College community will allow Robinson:

- to attract and retain the best graduate students, including researchers in many fields.
- to attract and retain scholars who are in receipt of research student funding from prestigious organisations such as the Gates Foundation and the Cambridge Trusts;
- to give students access to facilities and levels of security that are not always available in the kind of accommodation that they could afford if renting commercially at this stage in their careers.

This will strengthen Robinson at all levels, building an even stronger and more vibrant graduate community of research students. Their presence will help to attract undergraduates who may already be thinking of continuing into a career in academia and will contribute to undergraduate teaching and enrich the academic life of the College through research. The presence of a strengthened graduate community will expand the pool of potential Supervisors available within the College and enhance Robinson's ability to attract Fellows.

In addition, the new graduate accommodation will free a small number of individual rooms scattered around the existing College buildings, which are currently used as graduate

Further Accommodation for Students



accommodation as an interim measure, to be reallocated to undergraduates, which may allow Robinson to make a modest increase in undergraduate student numbers, should the College so decide.

Accommodation for Students – the Cost

The cost of construction of the two new graduate houses and the refurbishment of the existing house, Sellenger (3 Sylvester Road), has been calculated on the basis of a 1 July 2007 start on site. In order to meet this start date, 13 weeks of detailed construction planning would begin no later than March 2007. The total cost is £5 million.

To date Robinson has received one major gift towards the costs of the new graduate accommodation, of £800,000. The Warden and Fellows are tremendously grateful for this splendid gift, which is key in enabling the project to proceed. Arrangements are already in hand to try and secure further funding.

We plan to commence construction on 1 July 2007, but we need to secure at least £2 million of the total construction costs as soon as possible. Once this sum is given or pledged, Robinson will be in a position to commence building while fundraising for the balance continues. This programme allows the buildings to be constructed within the budget (delaying beyond this point would incur significant building inflation costs) and for the students to benefit from good quality, secure accommodation throughout their graduate studies, as soon as possible.

How Can You Help?

Gifts of all sizes will contribute towards the realisation of appropriate accommodation for Robinson's graduate community and will strengthen our academic community to the benefit of present and future members, enabling us to continue to embody our Founder's vision and to offer a progressive and inclusive approach to providing first-class education for students from around the world.

You can help in either of two ways

BECOME A SHAREHOLDER

We are asking members of each matriculation year, or groups of friends, to club together and become shareholders in their own student room or facility in the new buildings. Each study bedroom will cost approximately £60,000 to construct, the kitchen and common room facilities on each floor will cost around £50,000, each new floor will cost approximately £750,000 and an entire building will cost £2,250,000 to build. Each share will be a gift of £21 per month, or £250 per year, for 4 years, or a single gift of £1000. Any of these share payment options, when combined with Gift Aid declarations for UK tax-payers, will result in a contribution of £1,229 towards the project. For UK higher-rate tax-payers who are able to reclaim the difference between higher and basic rate tax on their gifts, the actual cost to the donor of this gift will be £718.

In this way, 48 members of a particular matriculation year may contribute one share each towards a student room and the room will display a plaque acknowledging that it was built with the help of the "Class of". If some or all of a group of friends or colleagues feel able to provide support of more than one share each, then the number needed for each room consortium will, of course, be lower. For a kitchen and dining facility, a consortium of 41 would be required on this basis.

MAKE A SINGLE GIFT

If you would like to make a single gift without committing to a regular donation then your gift will still be counted towards your matriculation year total and acknowledged in the same way. This is an ideal way of helping if you are already a regular donor, or do not wish to become a shareholder on this occasion.

We need to raise an additional minimum £1.2million if we can be totally confident that construction can begin in July 2007. We hope you are able to help.

To become a shareholder or make a single donation, complete and return the gift form in the centre pages of Bin Brook, or on the College website at www.robinson.cam.ac.uk/alumni. Your gift will be counted towards your matriculation year's total for acknowledgment in the building, unless you request otherwise. Gifts from Fellows, Staff and Friends of Robinson College will be acknowledged in similar fashion. If you would like your gift to be anonymous, please contact the Development Team.



engineers without borders uk

Engineers Without Borders UK (EWB-UK) is a student-run organisation founded in Cambridge in 2001 'to facilitate human development through engineering', indeed Robinson College engineers were a significant presence on the Founding Committee. Each year EWB-UK runs about 35 voluntary placements for students with development organisations in the UK and overseas, 12 research projects in universities, 20 training courses at its network of university branches around the country, and many other events and awareness-raising activities.



Robinson College helps EWB-UK by providing in-kind support of reduced accommodation rates each summer for the students who undertake voluntary placements with EWB-UK's humanitarian and development partners in Cambridge. Robinson has also assisted EWB-UK's co-Chief Executive Officer, Stephen Jones, a current undergraduate member of the college, to undertake voluntary work with development organisations in the UK and abroad.

Projects and placements

Stephen is a third-year Engineering student at Robinson and as co-Chief Executive Officer at EWB UK is currently in charge of Projects. EWB-UK's Projects are the most high-profile of its activities and dozens of overseas summer placements are organised each year in collaboration with local partners. EWB volunteers provide invaluable contributions across the development and relief sectors – from small community based organisations to international agencies.

Stephen Jones writes about his experiences with EWB-UK

During the 2004/05 Christmas vacation Robinson kindly provided me with free accommodation so that I could work voluntarily for the humanitarian agency Shelter

Centre in Cambridge, an NGO that provides services and research for the shelter sector. I worked on a study commissioned by the US Agency for International Development into the development and operations costs of displaced-persons settlements using grid- and cluster-based designs. Researching this subject was fascinating, involving aspects of the history of town planning and existing research undertaken on refugee camps. I also worked with the whole volunteer team editing the trial edition of 'Transitional Settlement – Displaced Populations' so that it was ready for the final publication by Oxfam. This book will become a valuable guide for aid workers in the field and it was very interesting to help review and edit it.

In the 2005 long vacation I received a grant from the Student Activities Fund to travel to Kathmandu, Nepal, with two members of the EWB-UK team who would be based there for the whole summer. The project was a partnership with a local NGO, the Woman in Action Council (WAC) and Tribhuvan University to improve the efficiency and reduce the smoke output of a simple stove that WAC was introducing to rural villages via a micro-credit scheme. The long-term aim of the project, initially funded by the UN's Development

Programme in Nepal, was to reduce the number of cases of death and disease caused by smoke in the home, one of the world's biggest killers. My work involved liaising with the various parties in Kathmandu at the beginning and end of the project to ensure that the results of the project were disseminated and future collaborations could be planned. Another fantastic experience to meet a huge variety of fascinating and inspiring people and work on a tangible project with them!

Research

Are you interested in focusing the research project component of your degree towards development or relief work? Each year, EWB-UK compiles a substantial list of research opportunities, based on requests from NGO's worldwide facing current engineering issues. These projects are aimed at mainly undergraduate final year students across all disciplines, and are well supported and encouraged by academic staff. Research projects are often linked in to our placement work abroad, and provide an important link between universities and the developing world.

If you'd like to find out more about EWB visit our website at www.ewb-uk.org, or email the Cambridge branch at cambridge@ewb-uk.org

Robinson alumnus Doug Poole remembers hurricane Katrina

With Tropical Storm Chris headed to the Gulf of Mexico and well into this year's season, I recall last year's hurricane season and Katrina!



Most notable in media coverage were the catastrophic effects on the city of New Orleans, Louisiana. Photographs by ABC News.

I am currently serving as the Executive Officer for the Navy Air Logistics Office in New Orleans, Louisiana, where we are charged with scheduling all the US Navy's cargo aircraft all over the world. Last year as Katrina approached, we were ordered to evacuate the city by Sunday morning, and as you may recall the storm began to come ashore on Sunday night.

I evacuated, initially to Galveston, Texas, thinking a weekend at the beach would be nice. This was our second evacuation of the year and the third in eight months, so we were all professional evacuees – previously we would leave and return in a couple of days. Little did we know how different it would be this time! After three days of beach living I moved on to Fort Worth, Texas where we had reconstituted our unit. We were to remain there for 6 months.

Much was made of the poor response by Federal Agencies, and indeed there were some failures. However, there were also some outstanding successes. The Coast Guard was operating in New Orleans almost immediately after the storm. My unit only stopped scheduling aircraft for one hour, despite having to move to Texas. Our first aircraft landed at Naval Air Station Belle Chase (15 minutes from New Orleans city center), 10 hours after the storm, with equipment to get the airfield operational again in order to fly in supplies. By the end of September we had flown in over 2,000,000 pounds of supplies and

evacuated over 6,500 civilians from the city. This was in addition to continuing our normal Air Logistics Mission. During this time Hurricane Rita graced us with her presence and we evacuated another 1,000 people for that storm – mostly old and infirm, who had no other way to escape the storm. I will add also that during the 2005 Hurricane season we evacuated the Naval Air Station at Key West, Florida, five times!!

I finally returned to New Orleans in the middle of January. In the end 17 of our 54 personnel lost everything they owned. One person lost 3 houses she owned in Waveland, Mississippi, a town that was completely wiped out. Another 20 personnel, myself included, lost a great deal of their belongings. The city is rebuilding – a process that will take years to complete; however, the French Quarter is in full swing and the city held Mardi Gras despite everything!!

I wish to add that the sailors who served with me performed their duties in an exemplary manner, despite having suffered from the same disaster. They worked to alleviate the suffering of others and to save lives while having been themselves severely affected by the storm. These men and women deserve enormous respect and thanks for their dedication and fortitude during a time of crisis.

Commander J. Douglas Poole II
United States Navy
(1980, Social & Political Sciences)

Hurricane Katrina Some of the Facts

- Hurricane Katrina was one of the deadliest hurricanes in the history of the United States, killing at least 1,836 people.
- It was the sixth-strongest Atlantic hurricane ever recorded and the third-strongest landfalling U.S. hurricane ever recorded.
- Katrina formed in late August during the 2005 Atlantic hurricane season and devastated much of the north-central Gulf Coast of the United States.
- Katrina's sheer size devastated the Gulf Coast over 100 miles (160 km) away from its center.
- Katrina is estimated to be responsible for \$81.2 billion (2005 US dollars) in damages, making it the costliest hurricane in U.S. history.

Further information and booking forms for these events can be viewed on the alumni web pages, events section. Please note the deadline for bookings and book in advance to avoid disappointment.

City Leaders

1st November 2006

Management Consulting Group plc, London

This is an opportunity for high-profile Robinsonians in the City to do some informal networking and also catch up with news from College. At recent meetings undergraduate Economists have accompanied the Warden and Fellows to talk to alumni in the City about possible career opportunities after Robinson.

By invitation only

Christmas Concert

Saturday 2nd December

£5 per head

11am–11.30am Mince pies and coffee

11.30am–12.30pm Concert in the Chapel

The Christmas Concert is organised by the Robinson College Chapel Choir and Robinson College Music Society and is a beautifully performed Concert in the College Chapel. The programme usually includes music and readings, and carols sung by the College Chapel Choir. It is the perfect way to end the Michaelmas Term and is a very popular event in the College Calendar.

Tickets must be booked in advance through the Development Office

Freshers' Parents' Lunch

Saturday 2nd December

Courtesy of the Warden

12.30pm–2.30pm

By invitation only



Varsity Rugby Match Cambridge 'v' Oxford

Tuesday 12th December

£65 per head

Meet at London Welsh RFC, Richmond, at 12 noon for pre-match sandwich lunch. Coaches to Twickenham depart at 1pm prompt in time for kick-off at 2pm. We return to London Welsh after the final whistle for a sausage and mash supper.

Tickets must be booked in advance through the Development Office

Graduands' Parents' Lunch

Saturday 13th January 2007

Courtesy of the Warden

12.30pm–2.30pm

By invitation only

Lawyers' Dinner

February 2007

London, Host & venue & ticket price TBC

An opportunity for our Law alumni and those working in the legal profession to enjoy dinner with the Law Fellows and current Robinson Law undergraduates. If you/your employer would like to host this Dinner on behalf of College please contact Amanda in the Development Office to discuss further details.

Alumni Representatives Conference

23/24th March 2007

Dinner in the SCR on Friday will provide an informal start to the Annual Conference. This event provides an opportunity for Alumni Representatives to give feedback on the Fundraising and Event programmes and for the exchange of information and contact details. We will also welcome our new alumni reps at this event.

By invitation only

Pegasus Society AGM & Dinner

24th March 2007

6.30pm–7pm AGM in Umney Theatre

7pm–Sherry on the Hall Balcony 7.30pm–Dinner

£20 per head

Members of the Pegasus Society are invited to return to College for the Annual Dinner and AGM. Members are invited to bring a guest and this is a great opportunity to catch up with Robinson friends and make some new contacts at College.

Groups of 8 friends or more may reserve a table in advance.

Tickets must be booked in advance through the Development Office

Cambridge in America

Cambridge Networks

Thursday 9th November 2006

Cornell Club, NYC, USA

This is a business networking event for those Cambridge alumni living in, or visiting New York City at this time. This is a Cambridge Collegiate event and alumni from across the Colleges are invited to attend. The speaker will be Nigel Newton, Chairman and Chief Executive of Bloomsbury Publishing, and alumnus of Selwyn College. There will be a nominal charge for drinks and canapés to help cover the costs of the event.

If you are interested in attending, please email Amanda in the Development Office who can provide further details

Cambridge in America Day II –

"What Future for Life on Earth?"

Saturday 2nd December 2006

New York

Professor W Adams, Professor of Conservation and Development, University of Cambridge and other leading academics will be discussing the issues of bio-diversity and the environment – what does the future hold? This event is free and will take place in New York.

For further details please contact Eliza Mitchell on (00 1) 212 984-0975 or email environment@cantab.org

International music award for Robinson alumnus, Ambrose Field (1992)

Ambrose Field joined Robinson in 1992, and whilst studying at the Faculty of Education also produced a number of significant musical compositions whilst at the College.

His new album *Storm!* (Sargasso records, London) proudly received an honorary award at this year's Prix Ars Electronica in Linz. The Ars Electronica is Europe's largest digital media and culture award, covered by 512 journalists and 3 satellite music TV networks. Other winners in the same category this year include Pixar Animation Studios and the digital effects team from blockbuster movie 'Sin City'. Ambrose Field's *Storm!* is available from www.sargasso.com on CD. Ambrose is now a Senior Lecturer in Music at the University of York.

Ambrose says: 'I'd like to thank everyone at Robinson in believing in me and indeed Lord Lewis who kindly supported my music events despite the fact I was actually studying for a PGCE.'

Professor Mark Villager (Bye Fellow 1981–1983)

Mark Villager was recently elected Judge at the European Court of Human Rights. He was elected in respect of Lichtenstein, but will be dealing with cases from all over Europe. Professor Villager says: 'I remember my years at Robinson with great happiness, and the post doctoral thesis I wrote there, in the long term helped me get where I am now.'

Philip Plyming (1992)

Philip returned to Robinson for a month during the Easter Term to research for his PhD examining New Testament studies and communication theology. He has recently moved parish and is now vicar at Holy Trinity Church, Esher, Surrey. He would be delighted to see any Robinsonians living in the area at services or other church events. Visit www.holytrinityclaygate.org.uk for contact details.

A Chance Meeting for Robinson Members Miguel Lotz (2002) and Professor Paul Eden (1992)

Miguel Lotz writes....

'By way of introduction I studied Theology at Ridley Hall and was attached to Robinson, often making use of the formal halls and getting involved in student life.

Since September 2005, I have been studying Law at the University of Basel, Switzerland for which university I also joined the moot court team for the Telders International Law Court Moot (in which the best teams from each country in Europe compete against each other). The competition took place in April this year. As there were many judges also



helping out at the competition, there was a vote on who the best judges were and I was asked to present the prize for the best judge. The prize for Best Judge, which I had the opportunity of presenting in the International Court of Justice at the Peace Palace, went to Professor Eden, who was also at Robinson in the early nineties. Thus, two Robinson graduates met, and only at the reception afterwards did we find out we studied at the same Cambridge College (though at different times).

I thought I'd let you know about this pleasant surprise.'

Suite française

Robinson Senior Member, Sandra Smith, has recently translated the novel *Suite française* into English (Chatto & Windus, UK and Alfred A. Knopf, USA).

During the 1930s, Irène Némirovsky was a famous writer in France. She published a new novel and a host of short stories every year. By 1940, the laws against the Jews made life impossible, so she and her family left Paris for the small village of Issy l'Éveque. It was here that Némirovsky began writing *Suite française*, a book she intended to convey the magnitude of what she was living through – the mass exodus from Paris in June 1940 when the Nazis were about to take the city, and life in a small country village under Occupation.

Originally intended as a five-part epic, *Suite française* does not concentrate on battles or politics, but demonstrates the devastating effect of war on ordinary people attempting simply to live their lives. All of humanity is represented in the brilliantly portrayed characters: their nobility, their despair and their faults. Only the first two books, *Storm in June* and *Dolce*, were completed before Némirovsky was arrested and killed at Auschwitz. Her daughters carried the manuscript with them in an old suitcase as they fled the authorities, and after the war ended, it

remained undiscovered for over 60 years. They thought it was their mother's diary; it was too painful to open.

Suite française has been hailed as a masterpiece, winning the prestigious Prix Renaudot in 2004, the first time

it was ever awarded to an author posthumously. It has been translated into 25 languages and sold over a million copies worldwide.

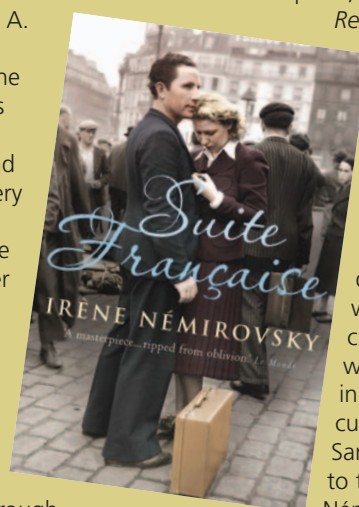
Sandra has just returned from a book tour in the USA with the author's surviving daughter, Denise Epstein, where the novel is enjoying critical and popular success. It was in the top 10 Best Seller List in the UK for ten weeks and is currently number 3 in the USA. Sandra has been commissioned to translate five more works by Némirovsky, the first of which, the fascinating novel *David Golder*,

will be published in February 2007 by Chatto & Windus.

We have copies of *Suite française* autographed by Sandra to give away to three lucky readers able to answer this question:

'Why was it unusual for *Suite française* to win the Prix Renaudot?'

Send your answer before 1st December to Suite française Competition, Development Office, Robinson College, Cambridge CB3 9AN. The winners will be the first three correct answers drawn on 1st December.



Prince Charles Visits Robinson...

The Prince of Wales Summer School for teachers of History and English took place at Robinson in early June in the presence of HRH The Prince of Wales. To view a gallery of photos, including some of the speakers, such as Stephen Fry and Melvyn Bragg, go to www.everybodysmile.biz/nicholasjames/events.html and select "Prince of Wales Summer School". If you would like more details about Robinson Conference and Seminar facilities, please contact Nick Milne, Conference and Catering Manager: Tel: +44 (0)1223 332859 or e-mail: nsml2@cam.ac.uk

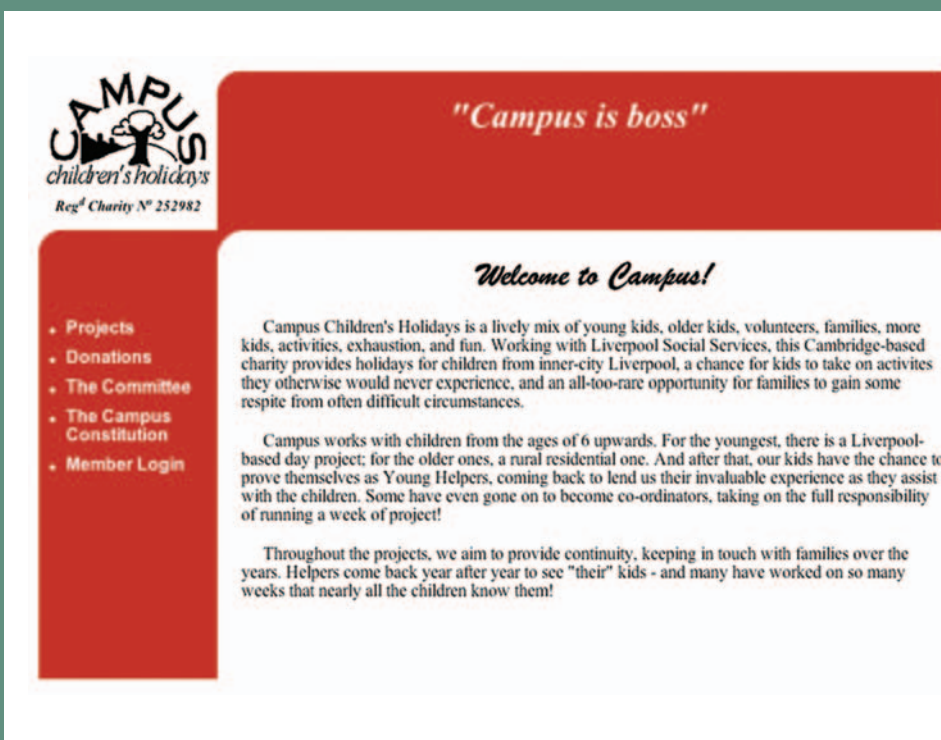
On-Line Alumni Directory

We anticipate the majority of you have now received your password and instructions for how to log into the site. We hope that you have had the opportunity to take a look around the site and see how it might help you reconnect with old friends, or make new professional contacts.

The interface has replaced the printed Directory produced in the past and allows members who have activated their accounts to search for and contact one another for social or professional reasons. If you haven't yet activated your account, others will only be able to contact you by emailing or writing to you c/o the Development Office staff, who will pass the letter or email on via the last contact details held for you.

If you did not receive your account letter, or if we do not hold up-to-date postal contact details for you, please contact the Development Office with your address so that it may be sent out correctly.

Campus Children's Holidays is 40!



The poster features the Campus Children's Holidays logo at the top left, which includes a stylized figure and the text "children's holidays" and "Reg'd Charity N° 252982". The main title "Campus is boss" is written in a red, cursive font. Below this, a red banner reads "Welcome to Campus!". The text on the poster describes the charity's work, mentioning its 40th anniversary and its focus on providing holidays for children from inner-city Liverpool. It also lists various projects, donations, and committee members.

Campus Children's Holidays
Reg'd Charity N° 252982

"Campus is boss"

Welcome to Campus!

Campus Children's Holidays is a lively mix of young kids, older kids, volunteers, families, more kids, activities, exhaustion, and fun. Working with Liverpool Social Services, this Cambridge-based charity provides holidays for children from inner-city Liverpool, a chance for kids to take on activities they otherwise would never experience, and an all-too-rare opportunity for families to gain some respite from often difficult circumstances.

Campus works with children from the ages of 6 upwards. For the youngest, there is a Liverpool-based day project; for the older ones, a rural residential one. And after that, our kids have the chance to prove themselves as Young Helpers, coming back to lend us their invaluable experience as they assist with the children. Some have even gone on to become co-ordinators, taking on the full responsibility of running a week of project!

Throughout the projects, we aim to provide continuity, keeping in touch with families over the years. Helpers come back year after year to see "their" kids - and many have worked on so many weeks that nearly all the children know them!

- Projects
- Donations
- The Committee
- The Campus Constitution
- Member Login

Were you ever involved with Campus, a Cambridge-based charity providing respite holidays to disadvantaged children from Liverpool? If so, we would love to hear from you! To celebrate this milestone we are organising an event for ex-helpers.

Please e-mail Rachel Nichols at chair@campusholidays.org.uk or visit our website www.campusholidays.org.uk.

Dr David Bennett (1985)

Dr David Bennett died suddenly in May 2006 after suffering a brain haemorrhage at his Cheltenham home.

David read Medical Sciences at Robinson from 1985 to 1988 and played an active part in college life, singing in the Chapel Choir, RCMS and also Cambridge University Gilbert & Sullivan Society. As well as music, he enjoyed many sports and gained a Rugby Fives half blue. After graduating Dave completed his medical training at St Bartholomew's Hospital, London and later spent a year in Africa with VSO. On his return he settled into a career in General Practice and Paediatrics in Gloucestershire.

Amateur dramatics remained an active interest, and he met his wife, Kate, in a production of HMS Pinafore. They married in 2000 and had a son, Charlie, in 2002 and a daughter, Olivia, in 2004.

David enriched the lives of many through his all too short life, lived to the full. He is sadly missed and will be remembered particularly for the friendship, kindness and generosity he extended to everyone he met. (Malcolm Bateman, 1985)

Paul Brown (1998)

Paul Brown, who matriculated in 1998 and read history, died in an accident while walking in Scotland on Sunday, 28 May. Paul was greatly loved and will be sorely missed by his many friends from Robinson. Apart from as a great friend, he will be particularly remembered as a gifted historian, a committed rugby player, and an enthusiastic drinking companion. He also specialised in navigating the hazardous terrain between college and Romsey Terrace.

Paul came to Robinson having attended Warley High School and King Edward's College, Stourbridge. He excelled as an historian, blending his undoubted academic insight with a real passion and enthusiasm for his studies. He continued his studies with a Masters at UMIST, Manchester, becoming the first student in five years to achieve a distinction in Human Resource Management. He enjoyed a successful, but all too brief, career in human resources, firstly with the Corporate Executive Board and latterly with Grant Thornton. His funeral, in Rowley Regis, was attended by people from all walks of Paul's life and was a tribute to the impact he had on those with whom he played and worked.

A history prize in his memory is being set up, and fundraising for this is ongoing. A fundraising BBQ at Mill Hill rugby club took place on 2 September, and donation forms for the history prize can be obtained from the Development Office or Josh Sherer on joshua.sherer@1webmail.net. (Joshua Sherer, 1998)



Pete (1989) and Eileen **Church** are proud to welcome Ben Lawrence to their family. Ben (pictured above) arrived on 7th March and is a really relaxed little chap – as the first teeth are now appearing we are looking forward to all that changing.

Darren Peart (1989) and Karen **Hunter (1989)** added to their family just before Christmas with the arrival of Jamie Cameron, born on 21st December 2005, weighing 7 lbs 4oz – a little brother for Isabel (both pictured below).



Emma-Kate Thompson (1991) and Richard Thompson are pleased to announce the birth of twins, Archie Oliver and Kitty Rose (pictured below) who arrived in February this year to join brothers Joshua (8) and Harry (4).



Hannah Rawlinson (1991) and Mark **Starling (1991)** are now the proud parents of a daughter – Isobel – born 30th March 2006 – a sister for Hamish (born 23rd April 2004). (All pictured below.)



Richard Edgar (1996) married Jill O'Loughlin (Brown University) on 13th May 2006 at St. Julia's Church, Weston, MA, USA. David Scott (1996) was best man, and several of the guests were Robinsonians. The couple (pictured below) met at a Christmas fair while working as postdoctoral fellows in Stockholm, Sweden.



Nick Lusty (1981) married Isabel María López Miguel (pictured above) in Seville on 15th June 2005.

Sophie Wright (1990) married Dr Robert Leadbeater in the Sunken Gardens at the University of Western Australia in Perth, in April this year. Robinson and other University friends joined Sophie and Rob in their celebrations. Sophie is currently working for the Western Australia Government as an Industry Analyst and would love to hear from friends she has lost touch with. Sophie can be contacted at joondanna@aol.com

Calling all Roman Catholic

members of the College to get in touch. Any Catholic who was at the University is automatically a member of the Cambridge University Catholic Association. Fisher House, the Cambridge University Catholic Chaplaincy, discovered when it sent out its recent Newsletter, that it held out of date addresses for many people.

If you did not receive a Newsletter, please get in touch so we can send one. To update your details, please visit www.fisherhouse.org.uk or email: fisherhousecuca@hotmail.co.uk or write to: Fisher House, Guildhall Street, Cambridge CB2 3NH or telephone: 01223 742191.

Mrs E Jean Lucas retires after 16 years at Robinson



Although nobody familiar with her energy, enthusiasm and stamina can quite see her as a pensioner, Mrs Jean Lucas retired from her post as Senior Tutor's Assistant on 14 July 2006, and many colleagues and friends gathered to wish her farewell.

Jean came originally from the Salisbury area, but her husband's job moved the family to Cambridge and she subsequently took on a series of posts within the university (including working for Basil Shone at the Old Schools) before she joined Robinson in April 1990. Since then she has given over 16 years of unflagging and skilled support to three Senior Tutors in turn.

Jean was always renowned for her ability to cope coolly with prodigious amounts of work and occasional real crises, but 'rookie' Tutors and Directors of Studies in particular will recall above all her unflinching and discreet behind-the-scenes advice and support. Equally, generations of students will remember gratefully her willingness to spare their blushes and help them quietly out of their self-dug holes, though she could be formidably fierce with the unco-operative!

Sadly Jean's husband, Gordon, died suddenly on holiday in 1991, but she has continued to travel independently and very widely, enjoying many walking holidays in particular. Retirement, she says, now allows her the freedom for many more: indeed, she is off to Finland soon and to New Zealand early next year. When not exercising energetically at home or abroad, Jean likes to spend time with her close-knit family, especially her three small grandsons – who will doubtless be overjoyed to see more of her, even if we will miss her greatly.

We wish her a long and happy retirement! (Dr Mary Stewart)

Welcome

Welcome to Bryony Summers who has joined the Development Office as Development Assistant, many of you will no doubt come across her helping you with event bookings and other questions that you may have from time to time.

Arrivals

Clare Davies	(Food Service Assistant)
Linda Hunns	(Tutorial Office Clerk/Praelector's Secretary)
Thomas Leng	(IT Manager)
Roger Russell	(Plumber)
Bryony Summers	(Development Assistant)
Gary Swan	(Lodge Porter)
Norbert Truszczynski	(Food Service Assistant)
Amy Webber	(Assistant to the Tutor for Admissions)

Departures

Jason Allen	(Plumber)
Tony Chandler	(Senior Fitter)
Damian Glasfurd-Brown	(IT Manager)
Graham Grant	(Lodge Porter)
Jean Lucas	(Senior Tutor's Assistant)
Jo Utting	(Development Assistant)

Staff Baby News



Helen & Paul Grattidge are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter, Lauren Freja in June last year. Lauren (pictured above) weighed in a healthy 8lb 13oz.

Carl & Emma Riches welcomed their son Joshua into the world in June. Joshua weighed 6lb 2oz.

Staff Family Fun Day

The Annual Staff Family Fun Day in the Robinson gardens for staff members and their families was very well attended this year and much fun was had during the afternoon. Games included bouncy castle, space hopper races, golf putting, football and hoop la. Thanks to Conference and Catering for the superb organisation!

Wigmore Hall debut for Dr Jeremy Thurlow's 'The Will of the Tones'

Dr Thurlow's most recent composition will receive its debut in December this year. The piece, called 'The Will of the Tones' will be played by Rolf Hind in a series of concerts he is giving with the Duke Quartet.

The dates of the Concerts are: 5 December at the Wigmore Hall, London, 6 December Queen's Hall Edinburgh and 7 December, The Gate, Cardiff.

Professor German Berrios

Professor Berrios has been appointed Professor of Epistemology of Psychiatry in the Department of Psychiatry and been awarded a personal chair. Professor Berrios is Consultant Head of Neuropsychiatry, Addenbrooke's Hospital, University of Cambridge; Chairman, Research and Ethics Committee, University of Cambridge and Cambridge Health District; Fellow, British Psychological Society; Fellow, Robinson College, Cambridge; Editor, *History of Psychiatry*. He has published 14 books and more than 365 papers and book chapters on matters neuropsychiatric, conceptual and historical.

Dr Martin Brett

These are just some of the anecdotes and comments that came in from historians to celebrate Martin's retirement. People remembered the jokes, the conversation and the passion for history with great affection. He has been Director of Studies in History for almost his entire time at Cambridge, apart from a very occasional period of leave and five years as senior tutor.

"Straight and self-deprecating, Martin remains my model of the historian I aspire to be. I have always had fond memories of an inspiring teacher and character."

"You lived up absolutely to all my expectations of an Oxbridge don and I am sure your passion for learning will have rubbed off on many of us. Thank you for making Cambridge fun."

"There were two endearing habits of Dr Brett – the first was his propensity for telling Latin jokes. He used to laugh uproariously at them, leaving me feeling quite sweaty with fear as I smiled along; was he going to ask for a translation? (I had managed two years of Latin at school and had been advised to drop it ...). Secondly, he never stopped smoking his pipe; well, the pipe regularly stopped smoking, but it never left Dr Brett's mouth, unless, of course he was lighting it. I have this crystal memory of him telling me a very important and complicated theory whilst searching for his lighter. His eyes never left my face as his hand moved through his pockets, via the sides of the chair cushions and around the floor at his feet. I could see the lighter, but thought it would be rude to cut across his argument. Oh, the relief for us both when the lighter was found, and eye contact broken."

History has been a successful subject at Robinson and has produced people who operate across the range of graduate activities: lawyers, bankers, financiers, social workers, archivists, librarians and also comedians, film makers, musicians and journalists, as well as many academics. That very range and diversity is part of Martin's contribution to the college from its first year until 2006. Martin has also been Fellow Librarian, Chair of the Gardens' Committee, Tutor and Senior Tutor in which roles he has also shaped the College's direction. Martin is also a model colleague; supportive and

interested, and generous with his time and attention. He will stay involved in the College as the College Archivist and will continue to do research and publish on the history of the canon law. At his leaving dinner he was given a pair of binoculars for bird watching, and an album of recollections and tributes. Some money to spend as he pleases follows for the actual day of retirement. Any more contributions to the album – (photographs and stories are especially welcome) – can still be sent if you have not managed to do so yet. Send them to dt111@cam.ac.uk or to Dr D Thom at the College. (Dr Deborah Thom)

Helen Cornish

Helen will be taking 6 months maternity leave from November 2006. She says "Liam and I are delighted to be expecting our first child and I am tremendously grateful to Amanda, Bryony and Lyndsay, who will be holding the fort in the Development Office during my absence and supporting the Warden and Finance Bursar in their fundraising activities too. I look forward to returning to work next summer".

Dr Anuj Dawar

Dr Dawar, University Senior Lecturer in the Computer Laboratory and Robinson Fellow has been awarded a Readership.

Dr Tracy Dennison

In May 2004, Tracy was awarded the Alexander Gerschenkron Prize in Economic History (Dissertation Award) by the Economic History Association for the dissertation, "Economy and Society in Rural Russia: The Serf Estate of Voshchazhnikovo." Tracy will be Assistant Professor of Social Science History at the California Institute of Technology from September 2006.

Dr Tim Dokchister

Tim Dokchister has been awarded a Royal Society Research Fellowship. These are highly prestigious awards and we are all delighted that Tim has been successful in receiving one and will remain a Fellow of Robinson and continue helping us with the teaching of pure mathematics to the extent permitted under the terms of the award.

Professor Athene Donald

The prestigious 2006 Bakerian Lecture was delivered in March by Professor Athene Donald FRS on the subject of: 'The mesoscopic world – from plastic bags to brain disease – structural similarities in physics'. In 2005 Professor Donald was awarded The Mott Medal and Prize for her pioneering work into the development of powerful new methods for the study of the properties of soft condensed matter, particularly colloids, polymers and biological materials.

Dr Simon Jarvis

Dr Jarvis, The Gorley Putt Lecturer in English Literary History has been recently awarded a Readership. He will take up a Visiting Research Professorship at Johns Hopkins University in

Baltimore, Maryland, USA, starting in September 2006 for one academic year.

Professor Alan Mycroft

In October 2004 Alan Mycroft became Professor of Computing in the Computer Laboratory where he has worked since 1984. He was awarded the higher degree of ScD for his work in 1995. He is a Fellow at Robinson College (and was Director of Studies here, 1987-2005).

Dr Bill Nolan

Dr Nolan was one of this year's Pilkington Teaching Prize Winners, and was recognised for his substantial contribution towards the development of organic and inorganic chemistry practical classes, as well as being a driving force behind the refurbishment of teaching laboratories. The Prizes are awarded to lecturers who have made outstanding contributions to the development of their Departments, where their work has benefited not only the University but also other students and professionals world-wide, and school pupils too.

Professor Ian Parkin

Professor Parkin has been appointed to the newly-created position of Chair of Applied Clinical Anatomy at the University of Dundee. Professor Parkin was previously a Fellow and Director of Studies in Medicine at Robinson College.

Professor Frank Nabarro (Visiting Fellow 1981–2006)

It is with sadness that we learn of the death on 20 July 2006 of Professor F R N Nabarro MBE FRS, better known as Frank Nabarro, who was our first Visiting Fellow in 1981, and a witty presence in the Senior Combination Room from time to time since then. He was one of the pioneers of solid state physics in Nevill Mott's team of physicists in Bristol immediately after the Second World War. His name is associated with several fundamental mechanisms controlling the strength of solids, especially perhaps precipitation hardening, intrinsic lattice resistance to plastic flow, and high-temperature creep. Over a period of sixty years he produced a steady stream of papers making a powerful impact on the subject which has now become the Science of Materials. He was Head of the Department of Physics and Deputy Vice-Chancellor in the University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg, where he helped pursue the ideal of open admission to university in the days of apartheid. His death at the age of 90 deprives the scientific community of one of its most dedicated activists, and Robinson College of a remarkable link with university education in South Africa. (Professor Mick Brown)

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A local artist has produced this wonderful series of framed prints. They are on sale here at Robinson at a specially discounted price for Robinsonians and visitors to the College. £15 from the sale of each framed print is donated to Robinson to help support its work.

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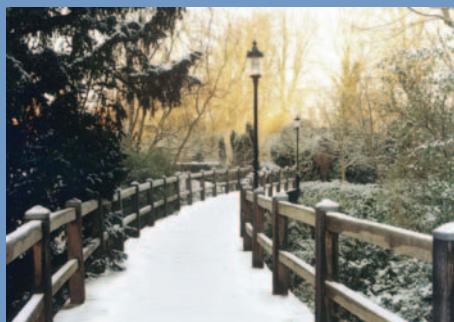


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