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1990 FIXTURES

1st - 8th April Warm weather training, Padua.

21st April	CUAC v. Woodford Green, at Woodford.
25th April	CUAC Trials, at Milton Road.
27th - 28th April	Centenary Penn Relays, USA.
28th April	OUAC v. Woodford Green v. Navy v. Army, at Woodford.
30th April	CUAC v. Bedford, at Bedford.
2nd May	OUAC v. Avon v. Wales U-23 (to be confirmed).
	CUAC v. Loughborough, at Loughborough.
5th - 6th May	BUSF Championships, Antrim.
5th May	OUAC Centipedes v. Neath, at Iffley Road.
9th May	OUAC v. Loughborough, at Loughborough.
13th May	OUAC v. RAF, at Iffley Road.
15th May	CUAC v. UEA v. C & C, Milton Road.
19th May	'VARSITY MATCH, at Iffley Road.
	ACHILLES CLUB Annual General Meeting.
30th May	Open Meeting, Iffley Road.
2nd June	ACHILLES v. Marlborough School, at Marlborough.
6th June	Open Meeting, Iffley Road.
22nd June	Penn and Cornell Dinner, at Cambridge.
26th June	Oxford and Cambridge v. Penn and Cornell, Iffley Road.
Early July	ACHILLES MEN, Beverly Baxter Trophy, at Haringey.
14th July	ACHILLES WOMEN v. Combined Services v. Surrey, at Portsmouth.
1st August	ACHILLES MEN v. SCAAA and others, at Crystal Palace.
August	ACHILLES MEN & WOMEN, Bracknell Relays, date to be confirmed.

Members wishing to compete should not wait to be contacted, but should advise the team managers of their availability.

-- September 1991 ADVANCE NOTICE: ACHILLES BALL --

NOTICE: ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of the Achilles Club will be held in the Iffley Road Pavilion at 12.30 prompt on Saturday 19th May 1990.

AGENDA

1. To confirm the Minutes of last year's A.G.M.
2. To elect the Vice-Presidents and Chairman of the Club.
3. To receive Financial Reports from the Hon. Treasurer and from the Clerk to the Achilles Trust.
4. To appoint the Auditors.
5. Any other business.

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REVIEW OF 1989

The Club flourishes, and we feel that we are succeeding in our aims, which are to offer something of importance and relevance to our members of each generation. It was particularly gratifying for the writer, recognising the new Club tie, to have been able to hail a fellow member in a hotel foyer in Tokyo, of all places, and it was indicative of the closer identification many members feel towards Club (Club kit, including tracksuits etc as well as ties and blazers, is always readily available: note that 'traditional' items, vests, sweaters, ties, blazers, etc, are obtainable direct from CASTELLS, Oxford, telephone 0865 244000: track-suits, T-shirts, etc are now also available direct from CENTRESPORT, and an order form for the latter is to be found elsewhere in this Report).

Achilles medals for the year have been awarded to Richard Nerurkar (13.27.86 5000m indoors) and Phil McDonnell (2.18m High Jump).

THE ACHILLES BALL

Highlight of the year was the long-awaited revival of the Achilles Ball. The success of this occasion was thanks entirely to the efforts and hospitality of Robert and Susan Stinson and their family, who not only hosted the event in marquees in their garden at Englefield Green, but also shouldered the entire administrative and organisational burden.

About 100 guests filled the tents to capacity, and every vintage was well represented. The food and drink was excellent (although a lady member's carbohydrate loading with at least a dozen potatoes caused consternation in the kitchen), and the only acknowledged criticism was of the music, which though excellent of its kind was not nearly lively enough: this will be remedied next time.

The following members, in no particular order, attended: Allison O'Neill, Spyros Stavrinidis, Joan Lasenby (Lewtas), Sarah Owen (Bull), Gwyn Bevan, Ade Odunse, Jamie Bevan, Robert Stinson, Paul Willcox, Peter Crawshaw, Tim Anderson, Trevor Llewelyn, Bridget Wheeler, Jon Brooke, Rob Kennedy, Davina Manship, Paul Vine, Tommy Macpherson, Rex van Rossum, Mike Powell, Giles Clifford, Mark Steed, Anthony Cope, Roger Bannister, Dwayne Heard, Sean Macgrady, Suzy Webb, Dave Gardiner, Chris Price, Alison Cartwright, Tim Armstrong, Martin Borrett, Stephen Greenhalgh, Shanker Singham, Jeremy Miatt, Anna Eamus, Peter Sunderland, Ronnie Williams, Frederick Aldridge, Robert Minter, John Havard, Emma Westlake, Chris Cheeseman, Diane Cheeseman (Horsley), John Boulter, Adrian Metcalfe, Chris Brasher, Gill Howard, Jerry Barton, John Holt, Richard Nerurkar, Chris Cholerton, Jon Crews, Jane Price, and David Benton.

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It was widely agreed that the Ball was a great success, and that it is important that it once more becomes a regular fixture. The Committee feel that it will be appropriate to repeat the occasion every other year, and are accordingly aiming next for a date in September 1991. To achieve this, however, we need members with suitable facilities to volunteer to act as hosts: please do not be shy in contacting Robert Stinson if you think you might be able to help at some time in the future: he has given us the initial momentum, and we owe it to him and his family to keep the Ball rolling, as it were.

ACHILLES v. SCAAA v. COMBINED SERVICES

A much improved turnout this year enabled us to run the Combined Services close, a feat not achieved before, although SCAAA were inevitably far out in front: we would certainly have beaten the Civil Service, who have participated here previously but withdrew from the fixture this year.

The club's lack of specialist sprinters was exposed in the 100 and 200, where we could only field a single long-jumper in each event: nevertheless Marcus Browning had a fine run in the 200, and will go even faster once he improves his start. Odunsi and Singham performed solidly at 400, while at 800 Richard White, a loyal supporter of this meeting, was for once edged into second place, with the equally stalwart Giles Clifford bringing up the rear. Ian McAllister deserved better than fifth scorer in the 1500m; but the class win of the evening was Richard Nerurkar's 3000m: he reeled in the fast starting Billy Dee, and strode away from the field with elegant superiority, only narrowly failing to break 8 minutes. Over the hurdles, Dave Hitchcock's third place was satisfactory, considering that the Combined Services fielded Akabusi, but Tony Shiret was disqualified for mutilating his number: Jon Arnold, fresh from Paris, had a lot to live up to over the highs: and if the steeplechasers, too, found the pace fairly hot, again we would applaud the fact that an almost full team was fielded, and point out that this match does give some members a chance to compete at a higher level than they may previously have experienced.

In the field, our jumpers scored heavily: Heard and Browning swept the board in the long jump; McDonnell and Powell came first and third in a high-jump competition which did neither of them full justice (Tim Coker was 4th for Combined Services); and Chris McGrady and Bob Cobb were second and third in the triple jump. We lacked ballast in the throws, but Tony Hatten placed third in the javelin.

The club rounded off the evening with two second places in the relays, giving SCAAA a run for their money in the longer event, which summed up the whole team's excellent performance (for full results see appendix).

ACHILLES WINS 'NOS GALAN'

Our party of 40 intrepid athletes set out from Oxford on the Achilles Club Night Exercise in high but otherwise uncertain spirits

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- for most of us this was going to be a quite new racing experience. A few hours, a few laps of non-descript Welsh roundabouts, and a few too many stops on 85 degree mountain roads later we arrived at our destination, and a night of interesting discoveries began: we learnt that Nos Galan is neither a place nor a name, it's just Welsh for New Year's Eve - which meant that we were a day early; we learnt that the YMCA which had promised us accommodation for the night was shut, and looked as if it had been so since the days of the legendary runner Guto Nytrhbran; we also learnt that the name of the village Abercynon is pronounced ... well to be honest this was one thing which we never quite managed to master.

Come the race, Simon Mugglestine set off as if he was going to turn into a pumpkin if he didn't finish the six kilometres by midnight -

this was going to be a tall order even by Simon's standards, as the race started at 11:50 - still he managed to create a 50 yard lead which he kept for the rest of the race. His winning time of 16:10 was just two seconds outside the course record. Behind him the team was on the way to a convincing team victory: Larry Mathews, Ian McAllister, and Neil Panchen finished 4th, 10th and 19th respectively - in the same order and with similar spacings as they had had in the Varsity Match four weeks earlier. In the women's event Davina Manship came 4th, Jo Edwards was 7th, Rowan Smith was 8th and Jane Gandee 10th - or at least we think they were. There was no finishing funnel, and it turned out at the presentation that the organisers did not have the faintest idea of who had done what, but they were open to suggestions. It all seemed a bit like a dream: nightmare elements were provided by the ghostly YMCA warden and the fact that nobody knew what was going on, whilst being able to decide on your own finishing position was something more like fantasy - still, it seems that even in paradise there are club officials who are determined to disqualify Achilles Teams, and we had to talk as hard as we had run to avoid being robbed of our double team win. The prizes - an engraved Welsh miner's lamp for each team member.

After an impromptu street party at 3am as we still searched for our spectral host, we found a friendly local sports centre manager who was prepared to give us a floor for the remainder of the night, and as his night seemed to end long before even the sheep were thinking of getting up, this didn't give us very long. But due to the early start we were back in Oxford in time for a long Sunday run. We were tired, satisfied, and still a little uncertain as to what had actually happened.

- Colin Phillips.

125TH ANNIVERSARY 'VARSITY MATCH

Cambridge sorely missed the injured Jon Ridgeon, who had won them five individual events in 1988: this year Oxford only allowed their rivals four wins plus one relay throughout the whole team, and were thoroughly convincing winners by 135 points to 87, the greatest margin since the revised 5,3,2,1 points system was introduced in 1969. Simon Briggs won three throws, Australian rugby star Ian *P

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Williams did the sprint double, Simon Mugglestone dominated the 1500m and 5000m, and Dwayne Heard stretched his all-time record for individual wins in this match to 13 by almost inevitably taking both horizontal jumps.

The Blues' Match for women was closely contested, but yet again Cambridge extended their winning streak, by 84 points to 73. The highlights came in the middle distances where Claire Lavers prevailed over Vicki Vaughan in a desperately close 1500m, but where honours were even with positions reversed in the 3000m: both set new match records, as did Gill Howard in the high jump and Emma Westlake in the Long Jump.

Full results of both matches are included in the appendix at the back of this Report.

Oxford's men emphasised their dominance as Centipedes beat Alvertsone by 115 points to 107, and their women gained some consolation as

Millipedes beat Alligators by 91 points to 66.

THE 'VARSITY MATCH DINNER

Derek Steel, Vice President and benefactor of the Club, took the Chair. Sadly this position of honour was something of a trial, as for the second year running, unacceptably rowdy behaviour marred the event, and resulted in the most serious complaints from college authorities.

Achilles members who may have been put off by recent experiences will be pleased to note that the Presidents of OUAC and CUAC have taken serious and responsible steps to restore decorum and to preserve the tradition of the dinner, which for several months risked discontinuation. It has been agreed that the dinner had become too large (with eight teams present, first and second teams, men and women, plus guests), and that this year it will split between two separate venues, for Blues Teams and second teams respectively: those who wish can then reassemble later in the evening for a disco. Achilles members will be welcome, as always, at the Blues Dinner.

ACHILLES V. MARLBOROUGH SCHOOL

As usual this match provided a very enjoyable afternoon's athletics. A team of nine Achilles members, several of whom had not competed for the Club before, was led to victory by Giles Clifford (Achilles 144, Marlborough 101, St. Paul's 54). We provided winners in all but three events: Mark Steed displayed his decathlon credentials by winning five, and was only defeated by Chris Price's fine long jumping (6.98m). Our host Bruce Tulloh was as welcoming as ever, and looks forward to next year now that Richard Nerurkar, whom he successfully coaches, has joined the Marlborough staff.

THE INTERNATIONAL SEASON

Richard Nerurkar, Paul Rowbotham, Andy Geddes, Jerry Barton, and *P

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Mike Powell all enjoyed international success, although we were unfortunate not to have any athletic representation at the Commonwealth Games. Simon Mugglestone and Jon Ridgeon spent most of the summer sidelined by injury.

Our women, too, have great strength in depth at middle distance, with internationals Jo Dering, Vicki Vaughan, Sian Pilling, Claire Lavers, Sue Bevan and others all to the fore.

At the AAA's Championships highest placed were Richard Nerurkar, who pushed the pace a few laps from home in the 5000m, but was swallowed up by the faster finishers to place eighth, and the consistent Trevor Burton, who yet again reached the final of the 400m hurdles. Dwayne Heard and Marcus Browning renewed their rivalry in the long jump, as did Phil McDonnell and Mike Powell in the high jump, both some way below their early season form. Chris Cholerton (400), Shanker Singham (400) and SCAA Champion Paul Rowbotham (800) contested the early rounds.

Off the track at the AAA's, our most prominent member was Stuart Townend, recalling on ITV his medal-winning exploits at the 1930 Empire Games (including gold in the 4 x 440).

At Cross Country, Richard Nerurkar finished 49th, and won a Silver Medal with the Great Britain team, at the World Cross-Country Championships at Stavanger in March 1989. He has started 1990 on a high note, winning the National by a comfortable margin.

COMMONWEALTH GAMES

The Club was well represented by Sandy Duncan, Vice-President of the Commonwealth Games Federation, David Dixon, Hon. Secretary of the Federation, Ian Boyd, President of the AAA, and Roger Robinson, who was Chief Announcer. Robert Stinson, Hon. Treasurer of the IAAF, was also at the Games, and stayed with Bill Lester in Melbourne during his trip.

THE 'VARSITY CROSS-COUNTRY MATCH

The 99th running of the mens' match saw Simon Mugglestone return to form and lead an impressive Oxford win, in a new course record. Larry Matthews and Ian McAllister made it a one-two-three, and indeed Cambridge could only finish two runners in the first nine. The dark blues were equally dominant in the womens' race, in spite of the absence of Jo Dering: Vicki Vaughan reclaimed the first place she won in 1986 and 1987, also in a course record, and Sian Pilling relegated last year's winner, Claire Lavers, to third.

MEN: 1, Mufflestone (O), 37 minutes 8 seconds (record); 2, Matthews (O); 3, McAllister (O); 4, Panchen (C); 5, MacFadyen (O); 6, Daniels (O); 7, Nash (C); 8, Stirrat (O); 9, Brice (O); 10, Richardson (C); 11, Clark (C); 12 Arnold (C); 13, Addison (C); 14, Bond (C); 15, McMorran (O); 16, Draper (C). Oxford won 25-56.

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WOMEN: 1, Vaughan (O), 14 minutes 43 seconds (record); 2, Pilling (O); 3, Lavers (C); 4, Manship (O); 5, Edwards (O); 6, Sokell (O); 7, Smith (C); 8, Berardino (O); 9, James (C); 10, Gandee (C); 11, Tawby (C); 12, Horn (C). Oxford won 12-29.

PENN RELAYS

We have received an exciting invitation for Oxbridge undergraduate teams to compete in the Centenary Penn Relays at the end of April 1990. Roger Bannister has agreed to deliver a lecture at the occasion, and partly in exchange the organisers are paying for the flights for one Oxbridge team: if a second team of the required high standard can be raised we will send two.

NEW OXFORD TRACK

Plans are afoot to celebrate the official opening of the new Iffley Road track at the 1990 'Varsity Match itself: highlight may be an attempt by Simon Mufflestone, perhaps with Achilles guest competitors, on Roger Bannister's famous ground record for the mile!

OXFORD AND CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITIES TOUR OF THE USA.

29 March - 16 April 1989

Oxford & Cambridge v University of Pennsylvania (v Princeton),

Men at Franklin Field, Philadelphia, PA. Saturday April 1, 1989

Our expectations for the men's match against Penn were not very high. We had only flown into JFK three days previously, were still suffering the lingering effects of jet lag and preparing ourselves, on the evidence of previous encounters, for a very strong Penn side indeed. The reality was a welcome surprise. The final score of 10 events to 9 to our hosts flatters them somewhat, winning, as they did, the pole vault and 400m hurdles 'by default' with no Oxbridge competitors entered to challenge them. On the track we were completely dominant from the 400m upwards, as we were also in the jumps; it was only in the sprints and throws that we let victory slip away.

Ade Odunsi arrived in the States with a personal best for the 800m standing at a little over 1: 56; his opponents at Penn were, on paper, at least 20 meters faster. However, Ade showed how reputations and times can count for nothing by taking the race by the scruff of the neck right from the gun, before kicking from the front with 250 meters to go and winning in a magnificent PB of 1:52.2. The pattern for the rest of the afternoon was set, with victories from Richard Shearmur in the 400m, Ian McAllister in the 1500m, Larry Matthews in the 5000m where his gasping style and loose-fitting vest were to become his hallmark, Kenny Stirrat in the steeplechase and finally the 4x400m squad bringing raucous cheers from the Brits and raised eyebrows of acknowledgement from the Americans.

In the field Marcus Browning (LJ) and Tim Coker (HJ, leaner and meaner from his tour of duty with her Majesty's forces in Germany)
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provided good victories, but it was undoubtedly Jeremy Miatt's 14.71 triple jump which was the most encouraging. He had clawed his way out to a new PB and gained victory by over a metre and a half.

American throwers are big and strong and technically very sound. It was these qualities that they used against us with good effect throughout our time in the States and until we produce athletes who are well conditioned and technically competent, we will continue to struggle against them. Of our throwers it was Phil Goodwin who rattled the Americans and proved time and time again that you cannot keep a good man down. On a hammer circle a good 20 minutes walk from the main stadium it was Phil who, by throwing a PB with his very first attempt, kept the opposition at bay until the fifth round. The best, though was yet to come, and by the end of the tour Phil had notched up another four PBs, and in doing so became only the second Cambridge man to throw the hammer over 50 meters.

Although at the end of the day we did lose, the match had been the ideal opener for the tour and we had run the Americans very close. Morale was high and we wanted to compete again and, next time, to win.

Result: University of Pennsylvania 10 events, Oxford and Cambridge 9 events.

Women at Palmer Field, Princeton, N.J. Saturday April 1, 1989.

Result: University of Pennsylvania 11 events, Oxford & Cambridge 4 events.

Oxford & Cambirdge v Cornell University

at Shoelkopf Field, Ithaca, N.Y. Tuesday April 4, 1989

The track at Cornell is very hard: but it does not prevent the University from producing teams of a very high standard indeed and it was clear right from the first event that Cornell were in a different league from Penn.

On the track the opposition dominated the men's match in particular, with only Ken Stirrat in the steeplechase, Kheredine Idessane in the 800m and Steve Martin in the high hurdles providing us with victory. In the women's match though, we began to display a strength especially in the middle distance events that, by the end of the tour, had gained a great deal of respect from both the American athletes and coaches alike. Superb front running by Claire Lavers and Davina Manship in the 1500m and 3000m brought both wins and PBs. Behind them were Vicki Vaughan and Rowan Smith who were both to have their own personal triumphs later in the tour Vicki with victories over 1500m at both Brown and Yale, and Rowan achieving a Full Blue time at Brown.

Emma Westlake was not only one of the busiest athletes but also one of the most successful, for despite the fact that her events timetable pulled her between the indoor hall and the track for most of the afternoon, she managed to impress in both the hurdles, where *P

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she ran an aggressive 14.74 to win by nearly a flight, and with a victory in the long jump. There were further wins for the women by Gill Howard in the high jump (by the end of the tour she was the only athlete to remain unbeaten) and the 4x400m team, with Clare Parkes contributing a lead-off leg of 59.1 that put a swift end to any resistance from the opposition.

Despite the strength of the opposition, our men gave a spirited performance, and none more so than Kheredine Idessane who, in the 800m, jumped the rest of the field with just over 200m to go and won by over a second. Ade Odunsi's 48.85m was a delight to watch, as was Steve Martin's victory in the 110m hurdles in a new PB of 15.13. In the field, Tim Coker easily won the high jump and there was another PB for Phil Goodwin in the hammer... but we had to wait another week for his big breakthrough.

Result: MEN - Cornell University 15 events, Oxford & Cambridge 4
WOMEN - Cornell 9 events, Oxford & Cambridge 6 events.

Oxford & Cambridge v Dartmouth & Brown
at Providence, R.I. Wednesday April 12, 1989

With the match against Dartmouth and Brown coming only three days before the most important match at Yale, we wanted it to be low-key. Circumstances conspired against us somewhat, as the weather was conducive to good performances, as well as a very high level of competition. Dartmouth and Brown were said to be the two strongest schools in the Ivy League, and combined together they represented formidable opposition. Anticipating winning few events, we adopted the American scoring system of 5, 3, 1.

As at Cornell, the women's team outperformed the men. The undoubtedly highlight of the match was a new stadium record by Gill Howard in the high jump with a new PB of 1m 74, a height that would have

ranked her =36 in the UK last year. Vicki Vaughan ran a storming 9:32.20 3000m, which was a new PB by a considerable margin. Other event winners included Hilary Lissenden in the 200m (25.72, and a PB of 12.37 in the 100m), Cathy Kitchen after a brave piece of front-running in the 800m (2:15.13) and Emma Westlake with another impressive 100m hurdles in 14.42. Other PB's (see below) came from Suzy Webb, Davina Manship, Jo Dering, and Rowan Smith.

The match score of 79-48 to Dartmouth and Brown vindicated the decision to choose points, as the score on events would have been 10-5.

In the men's match, the team fared less well, although there were some excellent individual performances. Of these, the most outstanding was Phil Goodwin, who exceeded his previous PB in all his first four hammer throws, ending with 50m 76. Altogether the team had only two winners: Jeremy Miatt continued his consistent form with 14m 37, and Tony Hatton led home a 1-2-3 in the javelin, a result perhaps inspired by the CUAC Senior Treasurer. PB's (see below) came from Bob Ryan, Richard Shearmur, Tom Bent, Ian

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McAllister, Neil Panchen, Mike Risman, Spyros Stavrinides and finally, in his debut steeplechase, Tom Richardson with 6:05.66 for 2000m. Greater things were yet to come.

Result - MEN - Dartmouth & Brown 125 points, Oxford & Cambridge 40
WOMEN - Dartmouth & Brown 79 points, Oxford & Cambridge 48

Oxford & Cambridge v Harvard & Yale

at DeWitt Cuyler Field, New Haven, CONN. Saturday April 15, 1989

The weather gods were not kind to us, and what should have been the best match of the tour ended being rather damp. The match was also devalued, from an Oxbridge point of view, by the fact that Harvard and Yale decided to have their 'dual' meet in conjunction with our match. This meant that they were far more worried about each other, rather than concentrating on coming together to beat us. It was particularly disheartening for the distance runners, who had an excellent afternoon - Oxbridge runners actually leading their races by not inconsiderable margins were largely ignored by the spectators, who frenziedly urged their runners to beat American opponents.

However, none of this should interfere with praise for the outstanding performance of the women's team, who went into the 4x400m relay with a chance of winning the match, but despite a new Oxbridge record of 3:59.34, just failed: Claire Lavers showed her undoubted class in setting a new 3000m match record and PB of 9:25.87, for which she jointly won the Pat Liles award for the outstanding female performer. Other wins came from Cathy Kitchen (2:13.67 800m) with another gutsy front run, Vicki Vaughan (4:33.27 1500m), Emma Westlake with a double (14.80 100mh and 5m 70 LJ), Gill Howard (1m 60 HJ) and Louisa Bayles (11m 50 shot). Paradoxically, we would have won the match had not the Oxbridge coaching team not insisted on playing to the rules - the rule concerning relay eligibility being compounded by the necessity of Harvard or Yale nominating one of their two teams to score against us.

The men lost 14-5, with the great run of the day coming from Tom Richardson in the 3000m steelpechase. Having run only one race over the barriers before, just a few days earlier at Brown, he ran a superb tactical race and was rewarded with a win in 9:17.33, well inside the Blues standard. Larry Mathews also won an outstanding race, from Neil Panchen, in the 5000m, ending with a 63 second last lap to clock 14:20.42, with Neil a stride behind in 14:22.15. Other wins came from Ade Odunsi (1:52.26 800m), Marcus Browning (6m 95LJ) and Jeremy Miatt (13m 87 TJ - indoors).

Result: MEN - Harvard & Yale 14 events, Oxford & Cambridge 5 events
 WOMEN - Harvard & Yale 8 events, Oxford & Cambridge 7 events

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BEST OXBRIDGE PERFORMANCES ON THE U.S. TOUR.

(* denotes a personal best performance)

MEN

100 meters

Steve Martin	(Johns,C)	11.05	Provid.	April	12
Bob Ryan	(Jesus,C)	11.14	Provid.	April	12

200 meters

Bob Ryan	(Jesus,C)	22.35*	Provid.	April	12
Richard Shearmur	(Caius,C)	22.39*	Provid.	April	12
Marcus Browning	(St.Ed.Hall,O)	22.59	Ithaca	April	4
Tim Coker	(ex Jesus,C)	23.09	Provid.	April	12

400 meters

Ade Odunsi	(T.H.,C)	48.86*	Ithaca	April	4
Richard Shearmur	(Caius,C)	49.17	N.H.	April	15
Tom Bent	(Downing,C)	50.29*	Provid.	April	12
Tim Armstrong	(St.Peters,O)	50.5*	Ithaca	April	4

800 meters

Paul Rowbotham	(ex Jesus,C)	1:51.02	Provid.	April	12
Ade Odunsi	(T.H.,C)	1:52.2*	Philad.	April	1
		1:52.26	N.H.	April	15
Kheredine Idessane	(Girton,C)	1:54.18	N.H.	April	15
Andy Thompson	(Regents Park,O)	1:57.32	Provid.	April	12
Stuart Nash	(Caths,C)	1:59.48	Ithaca	April	4
Neil Panchen	(Mag,C)	2:00.30	Ithaca	April	4

1500 meters

Paul Rowbotham	(ex Jesus,C)	3:49.86*	Ithaca	April	4
Andy Thompson	(Regents Park,O)	3:54.25*	N.H.	April	15
Ian McAllister	(Pemb,O)	3:55.96*	Provid.	April	12
Neil Panchen	(Mag,C)	3:56.52*	Provid.	April	12
Tom Richardson	(Oriel,O)	3:56.54	Ithaca	April	4
Stuart Nash	(Caths,C)	3:58.0*	N.H.	April	15
Kheredine Idessane	(Girton,C)	4:02.4	Provid.	Arril	12

3000 meters

Larry Mathews	(Merton,O)	8:28.1*	Ithaca	April	4
Ian McAllister	(Pemb,O)	8:43.5*	Ithaca	April	4

5000 meters

Larry Mathews	(Merton,O)	14.20.42*	N.H.	April	15
Neil Panchen	(Mag,C)	14:22.15	N.H.	April	15
Tom Richardson	(Oriel,O)	15:04.9	Philad.	April	1

4 x 100 meters

Martin,Ryan,Price,Browning		43.09	Ithaca	April	4
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4 x 400 meters

Odunsi 49.7, Ryan 49.0,		3:18.0	Provid.	April	12
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Armstrong 50.7, Shearmur 48.6

110 meters hurdles

Steve Martin	(Johns,C)	15.13*	Ithaca	April	4
Mike Risman	(Emma,C)	15.9*	Provid.	April	12
400 meters hurdles					
Jon Brooke	(ex Balliol,O)	63.37	Provid.	April	12
2000 meters steeplechase					
Kenny Stirrat	(St.Ed.Hall,O)	6:00.5	Ithaca	April	4
Tom Richardson	(Oriel,O)	6:05.66*	Provid.	April	12
3000 meters steeplechase					
Tom Richardson	(Oriel,O)	9:17.33*	N.H.	April	15
Kenny Stirrat	(St.Ed.Hall,O)	9:23.35	N.H.	April	15

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High Jump					
Tim Coker	(ex Jesus,C)	2.00	Provid.	April	12
Long Jump					
Marcus Browning	(St.Ed.Hall,O)	6.95	N.H.	April	15
Chris Price	(Caths,O)	6.75	N.H.	April	15
Triple Jump					
Jeremy Miatt	(Robinson,C)	14.71*	Philad.	April	1
Shot					
Spyros Stavrinides	(Keble,O)	11.70	Provid.	April	12
Discus					
Spyros Stavrinides	(Keble,O)	39.80*	Provid.	April	12
Hammer					
Phil Goodwin	(Emma,C)	50.76*	Provid.	April	12
Javelin					
Tony Hatton	(Exeter,O)	55.36	Philad.	April	1
Mike Risman	(Emma,C)	53.46	Provid.	April	12
Dave Alexander	(Selwyn,C)	51.88	Provid.	April	12

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100 meters					
Hilary Lissenden	(ex Clare,C)	12.37*	Provid.	April	12
Clare Parkes	(Fitz,C)	12.61	Ithaca	April	4
Anna Eamus	(N.H.,C)	12.8	Prince.	April	1
		13.05	N.H.	April	15
Marie Smith	(Caths,O)	12.91	Ithaca	April	4
200 meters					
Hilary Lissenden	(ex Clare,C)	25.36*	Ithaca	April	4
Clare Parkes	(Fitz,C)	25.9*	Prince.	April	1
Suzy Webb	(Christs,C)	26.80*	Ithaca	April	4
400 meters					
Liz Hobson	(Queens,O)	59.60	N.H.	April	15
Suzy Webb	(Christs,C)	59.72*	N.H.	April	15
Cathy Kitchen	(ex Fitz,C)	60.15	Ithaca	April	4
Denise Bush	(Somerville,O)	65.0	Prince.	April	1
800 meters					
Cathy Kitchen	(ex Fitz,C)	2:13.67	N.H.	April	15
Jo Dering	(Exeter,O)	2:14.8*	Prince.	April	1
Claire Lavers	(Newnham,C)	2:17.67	Provid.	April	12
Denise Bush	(Somerville,O)	2:21.70	Ithaca	April	4
1500 meters					
Claire Lavers	(Newnham,C)	4:24.58*	Ithaca	April	4
Vicki Vaughan	(Corpus,O)	4:29.17*	Ithaca	April	4
Davina Manship	(Keble,O)	4:38.22*	Provid.	April	12
Rowan Smith	(Caius,C)	4:38.40	N.H.	April	15
Jo Dering	(Exeter,O)	4:40.72*	Provid.	April	12
3000 meters					
Claire Lavers	(Newnham,C)	9:25.87*	N.H.	April	15
Vicki Vaughan	(Corpus,O)	9:32.20*	Provid.	April	12

Davina Manship	(Keble,O)	9:47.25*	N.H.	April 15
Rowan Smith	(Caius,C)	9:58.52*	Provid.	April 12
Linda Head	(ex Johns,O)	10:12.7	Prince.	April 1
4 x 100 meters				
	Lissenden, Westlake, Eamus, Parkes	49.13	N.H.	April 15

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4 x 400 meters				
	Parkes 60.20, Kitchen 56.24,	3:59.51	N.H.	April 15
	Webb 60.17, Hobson 59.90			
100 meters hurdles				
	Emma Westlake (Caths,O)	14.42	Provid.	April 12
400 meters hurdles				
	Tabitha Brufal (Kings,C)	66.98	Ithaca	April 4
	Denise Bush (Somerville,O)	70.6*	N.H.	April 15
High Jump				
	Gill Howard (Clare,C)	1.74*	Provid.	April 12
Long Jump				
	Emma Westlake (Caths,O)	5.70	N.H.	April 15
	Marie Smith (Caths,O)	5.13i	Ithaca	April 4
		4.90	Prince.	April 1
Shot				
	Louisa Bayles (Caths,O)	11.79*i	Ithaca	April 4
		11.71	Provid.	April 12
	Lisa Teverson (Trinity,C)	11.33*i	Ithaca	April 4
		11.06	Provid.	April 12
	Maggie Anderson (Kings,C)	10.41*	N.H.	April 15
Discus				
	Lisa Teverson (Trinity,C)	37.02	Provid.	April 12
	Maggie Anderson (Kings,C)	36.86	Ithaca	April 4
Hammer				
	Lisa Teverson (Trinity,C)	25.08*	Ithaca	April 4
	Maggie Anderson (Kings,C)	19.60*	Ithaca	April 4
	Louisa Bayles (Caths,O)	18.97*	Ithaca	April 4
Javelin				
	Lisa Teverson (Trinity,C)	32.00	Provid.	April 12
	Clare Parkes (Clare,C)	13.70*	N.H.	April 15

NEWLY ELECTED MEMBERS OF THE CLUB

CAMBRIDGE

Jonathan Arnold	St Catharine's
Jeremy Arnold	Clare
Andrew Axon	Magdalene
Tom Bent	Downing
Jonathan Bevan	Robinson
James Bobby	St John's
Patrick Brice	Trinity
Nick Bulbeck	Magdalene
David Burrows	Robinson
Catriona Chalmers	Jesus
Laurence Coen	Magdalene
Emma Coleman	Newnham
Gareth Davies	Trinity
Edward Day	Trinity Hall
Pierre Delforge	St John's
Susan Elder	Corpus Christi
Sean Gibbons	Downing
Thora Glencourse	Emmanuel
Stephen Greenhalgh	Trinity

*P Tim Griffin

Trinity Hall

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Simon Hall	Trinity
Mark Hodgetts	Jesus
Nick Hopton	Magdalene
Rachel Horn	Magdalene
Patric HUnt	Emmanuel
Andy Kenchington	Sidney Sussex
Andrew Lill	Queens'
Nicholas Lindstrom	Caius
Maria Makris	Wolfson
Tracey Mawby	Girton
Paul Mendham	King's
Jeremy Miatt	Robinson
Jodie Millott	Trinity Hall
Alastair Munt	Trinity Hall
Ade Odunsi	Trinity Hall
Uzo Onwere	Downing
Neil Panchen	Magdalene
Chris Price	St Catharine's
Jill Priestley	Newnham
Jennifer Purves Smith	Queens'
Bob Ryan	Jesus
Colin Scott	Queens'
Jason Skill	St Catharine's
Helen Small	Pembroke
Stephen So	Trinity Hall
Yanni Vrontissis	Trinity
Alan Walton	Magdalene
Suzy Webb	Christ's
Dominic Wise	Trinity
Tim Wright	Robinson

OXFORD

Louisa Bayles	St Catherine's
Marcus Browning	St Edmund Hall
Denise Bush	Somerville
Greg Campbell	Keble
Chris Cook	University
David Cook	Christ Church
Courtney Cook	St Peter's
Chris Daniels	Worcester
Matthew Dimond	University
Johanna Edwards	Christ Church
Stuart Fairley	Keble
Charlotte Fisher	Somerville
Hugh Frasweer	Exeter
Neil Glenn	Christ Church
Toby Gosnall	Mansfield
Tony Hatton	Exeter
Peter Hawes	St Catherine's
Beccy Hearn	St Hilda's
Kate Houston	Trinity
Matthew Keats	Mansfield
Duncan Macpherson	St Hugh's
Davina Manship	Keble

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Ian McAllister	Pembroke
Bill McClintock	University
Segun Osuntokun	Balliol
Steve Oxlade	Jesus
Phil Parker	Wycliffe Hall
Matthew Pay	Magdalen
Katie Rees	Jesus
Tony Rossiter	St Edmund Hall
Emma Sokell	Somerville
Spyros Stavrinides	Keble
Simon Stebbings	Queen's
David Stewart	St Edmund Hall
Kenny Stirrat	St Edmund Hall
Andy Thompson	Regent's Park
Dominic Tilley	St John's
Chris Townshend	Christ Church
John Towse	St. John's
Tony Walk	Brasenose
Mike Webb	Lincoln
Emma Westlake	St Catherine's
Ian Williams	St Catherine's
Halcyon Wills	St Edmund Hall

PROPOSED NEW SPORTS CENTRE AT CAMBRIDGE

Cambridge University's plans for a new Sports Centre, the first stage of which is to be an 8-lane all-weather track, have suffered setbacks. Application for planning permission was submitted in March 1989, but this was turned down by the Cambridge City Council in June. The Chief Planning Officer professed himself unhappy with the design of the building (which is to include several indoor facilities as well as to serve as a pavilion) and the siting of the complex, and there are disagreements about the extent of public access. Modified designs were submitted in September 1989, but they still do not seem to have found favour. A new concept within a 'comprehensive landscape strategy for West Cambridge' has very recently entered the minds of the planners - that of 'green fingers' or 'green tongues'. These are east-west strips of land on the western side of the city, on which there should be no building. Of course, one of these 'fingers' now covers the area (just west of the Adams Road-Wilberforce Road corner) where the track was to be built! The City Council are suggesting a site much further south, some 500 meters due west of the Grange Road rugby ground, on land not available to us; this area would also require the building of 600 meters of road northwards from Barton Road to service it, and is of course not a financially viable proposition.

The University has modified its plans yet again, and is continuing to attempt discussions with the Council. But, at the same time, an appeal against the refusal of planning permission is to be submitted to the Minister for the Environment. Delays are therefore inevitable, and I am sorry to have to report to Achilles Club well-wishers (and I hope there are many) that the provision of the much-needed modern athletics facilities for Cambridge has become a surprisingly uphill battle. - Christopher Thorne

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CAPTAIN MACK RETIREMENT

1989 marked the end of something of an era in Oxford athletics with

the retirement of Alan Mack as O.U.A.C. coach after 25 years and a reception and buffet was held at Iffley Road on 6th May to commemorate this. This was attended by past and present O.U.A.C. athletes too numerous to mention in full but including a number of O.U.A.C. presidents, from Mack's time as coach: Hugh Pullan, Tim Taylor, Brian Hull, Steven White, Julian Goater, Steve Walsh, Giles Clifford, Jon Brooke, Jon Crews and Liz Hobson.

Many others who were unable to attend sent their best wishes and contributed to a collection from the proceeds of which a suitably inscribed silver salver, together with a handsome cheque, were presented to Mack.

Hugh Pullan spoke of his having interviewed Mack for the job as coach after a period of heavy defeats at the hands of Cambridge and it was noted not only that this trend was immediately reversed but also that the Dark Blues did not taste defeat in the Varsity Match for a further eleven years thereafter. Giles Clifford and Liz Hobson also recounted more recent experiences and Mack reciprocated in his own inimitable style.

We are sure that all Achilles members, especially those who participated in the tours to Australia and the U.S.A. on which Mack travelled as coach, will wish him a happy retirement, though, knowing Mack, it will be an active one!

- Peter Crawshaw.

NEWS OF MEMBERS

Frank Burt (Jesus, Cambridge) celebrated his 90th birthday in September, having specially ordered the American Series Tie to wear on the occasion. Frank toured the USA in 1921 under Bevil Rudd, and competed in the hammer along side Malcolm Nokes. He has generously donated a magnificent large poster advertising this tour, signed by many of the athletes, which is an important and significant contribution to the Club's archives. Evidently a versatile athlete, Frank also won the 120 yards hurdles at the Special CUAC Sports of 1919, although he marvels at the progress of sports records since his day, noting that he won his hammer Blue with 116 feet.

J.H. Flynn (Hertford, Oxford) is another member active in the Club's earliest days who has written at length, and donated valuable material to the Club. He was elected in 1924, and competed in the 120 yards hurdles at the 'Varsity Matches of 1925 and 1926, and during the 1925 tour to the USA. He rather modestly surmises that the reasons he was selected for the combined team were a) that with winners only to score and Lord Burghley on first string it did not much matter who else we fielded, but b) that although Arthur Porritt was the Oxford first string he 'could hurdle only with the old-fashioned bent leg method which was thought would not be well regarded in the USA'! Jack Flynn has generously given to the Club a

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considerable amount of important archive material from the period: included are photographs of the Oxford/Cambridge and Harvard/Yale teams being individually introduced to President Coolidge of the USA, an indication of the importance of the series at that time. It was a particular pleasure to have been able to visit Mr. Flynn and his wife at their Sussex home, and to hear further fascinating reminiscences of this period, the more so because the writer departed the custodian of an immaculately fitting Achilles blazer,

which shall be worn with great pride.

Martyn Bowen has been posted by Schweppes to Austria: there are plenty of tracks in the area, and any Achilles members passing through Salzburg will be most welcome.

Coincidentally both Oxford's international high jumpers Phil McDonnell and Mike Powell have been posted to New York.

Danny Cullinane has been working as coaching administrator for the BAAB in Birmingham.

Peter Allsebrook is Chairman of T.N.T., the worldwide transportation group.

Mike Parker, Commonwealth Games silver medallist in 1966 and former British record holder for the high hurdles, is Deputy Managing Director of Saatchi and Saatchi and has taken Sebastian Coe's place on the Sports Council.

Craig Masback (in kilt!) was commentating for the American TV station TBS at the GB v. USA v. USSR indoor match in Glasgow.

Dr Cecil Walkley sends best wishes to the Club, from Perth, Western Australia.

Bob Menzies (Jesus, Cambridge 38-39, 45-47) has retired to Cambridge, where he will be spied out running in his new Achilles tracksuit.

Stephen Cohen, now a lawyer in Illinois, noted in the 'Varsity Match 125th Anniversary publication (available from the Secretary at #7.99) that he had been awarded an Achilles Medal in 1965 for his Shot Put of 55 ft. 1 1/4 ins.: it was the first that he had heard of it! We were delighted to be able to send him the medal, albeit 24 years late. Stephen placed second in the U.S. Masters Shot Put in 1986, in in the age 45-49 category.

Strange to find 1932 Olympic 400m hurdles gold medallist Bob Tisdall amongst the runners in the Aintree Grand National.

Uncharacteristically left in his blocks (or was it holes in those days?) after being recalled for a false start, Bob's four-legged namesake never recovered his stride pattern and ran round the third hurdle.....(incidentally, the experts by no means write him off for 1990, if you fancy a flutter!) In a letter to the Club, Bob himself notes among many other joyous reminiscences that he still has a piece of cinder track embedded in his knee, from a crash on a hurdle in New *P

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York on the 1929 Oxbridge U.S. Tour, and adds "some of the Fenners' cinders were like golf balls".

Simon Keenleyside is pursuing a successful career as a singer.

Andrew Reekes is Headmaster of Wellington School, Somerset.

- Reviewing again the files of responses to our computerisation questionnaire of 2 years ago, one cannot but be struck by the enthusiasm and detail of so many of the replies. Among a wealth of material, here is a cross section of further news (which may in some cases by now be slightly out of date):

Philip Aylward (Oxford 68-73) has moved to Australia, and would welcome contact from any Members visiting Adelaide.

Tom Blodgett (Cambridge 1961-63) still competes in Veterans events and holds the U.S. Eastern Long Jump record of 5.95m.

Ian Boyd (Oxford 1952-56) is a member of New Zealand's Olympic and Commonwealth Games Association Executive.

Harold Chadwick (Cambridge 1964-68) still runs on the roads and cross country 'at a lower level'.

Peter Coggins (Cambridge 1938-39 and 46) won the 1981 National Veterans' 5000m title in the 60-65 age group.

Christopher English (Oxford 1969-72) is heavily involved in athletics in Zimbabwe as a National Coach and Selector. In 1987 he was still doing 3.60-ish in the pole vault, in spite a very bad knee injury the year before, and ranked well within the African top 100 at the event.

Malcolm Firth (Oxford 1971-74) ran regularly for Wales at distances up to Marathon between 1978 and 85, but injury has forced him recently to drop the mileage and increase the quality.

John Grayson (Cambridge 1948-51) still competes in fell runs, and the odd half-marathon.

Paddy Green (Oxford 1932-35) recalls competing for Achilles in 'an uproarious and rather debauched relay race in Paris' in 1934 or 35! He was a regular member of the British bobsleigh team from 1936 to 1939, and a bronze medallist in the 4-man bobsleigh in the 1936 Olympics.

Preston Hannibal (Cambridge 1971-72) is based at Harvard, and would be happy to assist with Achilles activities in the U.S.: he suggests a U.S. branch chapter of the Club.

Max Jones (Cambridge 1945-48) had by 1987 run in all 8 London Marathons, twice under 3 hours, and placed 2nd in the M60 section of the Honolulu Marathon of 1987, a week after placing fifth in the *P

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World Vets Games in Melbourne.

The Rt. Hon. Ratu Sir Kamisese Mara (Oxford 1946-50) is Prime Minister of Fiji.

Peter Palmer (Cambridge 1953-56) is Director of Coaching of the British Orienteering Federation.

Michael Ranson (Oxford 1948-52), after being involved in coaching in the U.K. and Nigeria until 1972, is now more involved in yacht racing.

Jeremy Rose (Cambridge 1980-81) currently competes in Canada for University of Alberta and Edmonton Columbians.

Garnet Scott (Cambridge 1946-49) preceded Trevor Southall as a

Housemaster at Malvern, from where he is now active in the world of golf.

Hamish Stothard (Cambridge 1933-35) is now the proud possessor of two titanium knees, and although running is forbidden he hopes by now to be back on the golf course.

Roderick Thorne (Cambridge 1965-69 - brother of CUAC's Senior Treasurer) has been competing regularly for Sanday in the Long Jump in the annual Orkney North Isle Sports.

Reginald White (Oxford 1948-51) is reluctant (as were many members) to admit that he has 'retired from active competition' as our records put it: he now plays cricket.

Dave Williams (Cambridge 1967-76) is now at Lehigh University, Pennsylvania.

IN MEMORIAM

We record with great regret the deaths of the following members:

ROLAND ST GEORGE TRISTRAM HARPER, OBE., 1907-1989

My first recollection of seeing Roly Harper was at Fenners, Cambridge University's old track, some time in late 1952 or early 1953; he was distinguished by his bowler hat, a red rose in his button hole and bright sparkling eyes. Having gone up to Oxford in 1928 when he was Honorary Secretary of the OUAC in 1929, he crowned his career on the track by competing for Great Britain in the 1932 Los Angeles Olympics in the high hurdles, where he reached the semi-finals and perhaps would have reached the finals had his starting hole not given way, as a result of which he hit three hurdles.

Later in life he became Vice-President of the Club and remained such, as well as being a Trustee of its Charitable Trust, until his death.

Before going up to Oxford he had been educated at Charterhouse and *P

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his working life after Oxford began as a teacher. During the 1934-45 war years he rose to become the Officer commanding physical training in Anti Aircraft Command, and after the war he became Director of Physical Education at Manchester University. In his spare time he enjoyed building up a pedigree heard of cattle on his farm near Holmes Chapel.

He played a prominent role in the AAA, particularly just after the war, as, on the 12th October 1946 at General Committee, he formally proposed the adoption of the AAA Coaching Scheme of which he became Honorary Secretary under M. C. Nokes as Chairman: subsequently he succeeded Nokes as Chairman of the Coaching Committee. It was this group that appointed Geoff Dyson as the first Chief Coach on 17th February 1947. For this he was, and will be, remembered as a pioneer of British Coaching, lecturing at Loughborough, and for his guidance during the first few years of the Coaching Scheme. He experienced all the traumas of the financial inter-relationship between the Coaching Scheme and the competitive side of the Sport, but it was his appointees as National Coaches, Geoff Dyson,

John Le Mesurier, Denis Watts and others who laid the foundation of the Scheme up and down the country. In addition Roly was much involved in the National Association of Boys Clubs and he was Deputy Chairman to Joe Simpson, and latterly President, of the AAA Club (now the British Athletics Supporters Club).

He was a man who always had a way with the young, a great love of music and a very high reputation as a grandfather. He will be much missed both by his family and the wider world with which he was associated. In spite of being blind at the end he remained cheerful and active in mind. His memorial service at Riverhead last June (organised by John Loney) was well attended and distinguished by excellent music.

- H.R.H.S.

Graham Goddard (Sidney Sussex, Cambridge, 1979-81), on 18th August 1989. President of CUAC in 1981, and Hon. Sec. the year before, Graham's tragic death, through diabetes, is especially poignant in that he was a close friend through school and university of Paul Gomme, winner of the Shot at the 'Varsity matches of 1979 and 1980, who himself died of cancer in 1983.

K.H. Bell (Brasenose College, Oxford, 1920-24), on Hiroshima Day 1988. He won his Blue at 3 miles and cross-country in 1923 and 1924.

T.O. Beachcroft (Balliol College, Oxford, 1921-24). Thomas Beachcroft competed in the mile at the 1924 'Varsity Match.

R. Croswthwaite JP DL (Clare College, Cambridge, 1954-58), on 7th May 1987, in a microlight flying accident. A long-jumper at the 'Varsity Matches of 1956-58, Richard's career is a catalogue of distinguished and energetic public and voluntary offices.

Brian Tymms (Christ's College, Cambridge, 1939-40 and 1946-47), on *P

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8th May 1988. He ran for Cambridge in the unofficial 'Varsity Match of 1940, and was a proud member of this Club.

Alexander John Gale (St. John's, Cambridge, 1928/31), on 24th April 1989. A quarter-miler, he ran in the victorious Cambridge 4 x 440 yards teams at the 1929 and 1930 Relays Matches.

W.T. Marsh (Queen's College, Cambridge 1919-22), on 28th March 1985. William Marsh was Captain of the C.U. Hare and Hounds in 1922, when he finished 2nd in the Cross Country Match, and also competed in the 3 miles at the 1920 'Varsity Match, and in the USA against Princeton and Cornell.

D.B. Wiseman (St. John's College, Cambridge, 1962-65), in August 1989, aged 44. Danny Wiseman placed second in the 'Varsity Match 880 yards of 1964, and was Hon. Secretary of CUAC the following year, when Wendell Mottley was President. Injury prevented him from contesting the 'Varsity Match that year. He maintained his great enthusiasm for the sport, and tributes from the likes of Mel Watman are testimony to the respect in which he was held in athletics circles.

R.B. Peacock (Merton College, Oxford, 1928-31), in November 1987.

Roger Peacock won his Blue in the Pole Vault in 1930 and 1931. His son, Jonathan, was Achilles team manager from 1968 to 1972.

25 YEARS BACK....

J.M.W. Hogan and J.B. Cook were Presidents of OUAC and CUAC at the Centenary 'Varsity Match, which was celebrated in style by special 'old-time' sports and a dinner. Lt.-Colonel A.N.S. Strode-Jackson presented the Club with a Jubilee 'Varsity Sports Medal from the 50th contest in 1913 (this is no longer in the archives: does anyone know its whereabouts?). Five Members competed in the Tokyo Olympics, J.P. Boulter, A.P. Metcalfe (who won a silver medal with the 4 x 400m relay team), J.M.W. Hogan, J.M. Parker and M. Ralph. Robert Stinson was the Team Manager who had the misfortune to preside over the loss of both Sward ('an unmitigated disaster') and Kinnaird Trophies, and Cecil Parkinson organised a three match school tour in July which was greatly enjoyed.

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50 YEARS BACK....

A.W. Selwyn and R.A. Palmer were Presidents of OUAC and CUAC respectively in 1939, when Oxford won the 'Varsity Match by 76 points to 41. The Club did not produce a Report on the year, because by the end of that summer war had descended. Next year we will set out the winners at the unofficial wartime matches between Oxford and Cambridge. For the present, however, we reproduce, from the 1946 Report, the names of our members who died during the war, among them Palmer himself. We shall remember them:

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CUAC RECORD BOOK

John Crabbe has very generously given us for safe-keeping a copy of the 1924 edition of the CUAC Record Book: we had not previously realised that such an early edition existed. The book had belonged to his father, R.P. Crabbe, who was a first class half miler and Blue at about the turn of the century, with times in the region of 1 minute 55 seconds to his credit (the AAA Championship record did not fall below that till about 20 years later), and who held the Fenners Undergraduate Ground Record for nearly thirty years until it was broken by Godfrey Brown. John himself was an active CUAC and Achilles member in the mid-1930's, and now lives at Corfe Castle.

OUAC is still without any record of its history, although Justin Clouder is now working hard on current statistics. So come on, Oxford members: surely there are those among you who have rankings lists or similar from your own generation? If so, please do come forward.

AND FINALLY....

John Boulter failed to qualify for the finals in his first big Games, the World Student Games of 1961: or so he was told by an official at the time and had believed comfortably almost ever since. Leafing through a new record of the event recently he was puzzled to find himself included in the results of the final as 'did not compete', and gradually the awful truth has dawned on him that he DID qualify as a fastest loser. Oh, the frustration of wondering what might have

been! . . .

Paul Willcox
Hon. Secretary
March 1990