PARLIAMENT BANS HUNTING WITH HOUNDS
BLOOD IN THE STREETS OF WESTMINSTER

THE COMMONS has voted to ban hunting with hounds, and the Prime Minister has said that he intends to make use of the Parliament Act to overrule any dissent from the House of Lords and force the bill into law.

A protest of countryside and other pro-hunting people in Parliament Square turned violent, allegedly in response to heavy handed police tactics.

Only minutes before the bill was read, a handful of protestors stormed the Commons chamber from a narrow staircase behind the Speaker's chair. The fact that a number of people were able to penetrate deep into the heart of the Palace of Westminster raised significant security concerns that almost overshadowed the ban.

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UNIVERSITY INTENDS TO SELL HAMILTON HALL

Iconic Hall Will Be Hotel Again in 2006

Staff of the Mitre

THE UNIVERSITY has made known that it intends to sell the Hamilton Hall student residence to a development group. The developers would likely return the Hall to its previous function as a hotel. The plan would provide for replacement accommodation for the 110 students housed in Hamilton before the Hall is actually sold. However, it is not clear where this “new-build accommodation” will be located and there are significant doubts as to whether they will have the same town centre convenience that Hamilton currently enjoys.

Derek Watson, the Factor & Quaestor, claims that Hamilton Hall “does not form part of what the university regards as its irreducible core of historic properties.”

However, a number of students, as well as others, disagree, claiming that although the University has only owned Hamilton Hall for some fifty-odd years, its iconic presence on the Scores and approximate to the Royal and Ancient Golf Club have made it representative of the University.

The Hall was built in 1896 as the Grand Hotel, and functioned as such until the mid-1940’s. The Archdiocese of St Andrews and Edinburgh then planned on purchasing it for seminary use, but the concept provoked much latent anti-Catholicism in the townsfolk, and the Hall was eventually sold to the University in 1949.

A group called the Hamilton Hall Protest Committee has been founded to oppose the administration’s objective of selling the centrally-located hall of residence. It has so far been led by Students Association official and ambitious New Englander, Mr. Preston J. Byrne.

HAMILTON HALL: Built in 1896, Student Residence since 1949

BLOOD OF SAN GENNARO LIQUIFIES YET AGAIN

The dried blood of an Italian saint martyred in 305 litiquified last week as expected.

Cardinal Michele Giordano, Archbishop of Naples, announced to crowds in Naples that the congealed blood of St Januarius, which is kept in a glass reliquary, had turned to liquid. The event happened on the saint’s feast day, September 19. The same happens on at least two other occasions in the year, the first weekend in May, and December 16. The latter marks the anniversary of the 1631 eruption of Mount Vesuvius, ended by the intercession of the saint.

The blood once unexpectedly liquified in 1978 upon the visit of Terence Cooke, the saintly Archbishop of New York. The last time the expected liquification did not occur was when Naples elected a Communist mayor.
Bradley Takes the Beeb on Pilgrimage

THE REV. Dr. Ian Bradley has led a pilgrimage to Santiago de Compostela organised by BBC Radio 4. Dr. Bradley preached on Wednesday, September 22nd, in the daily worship program on Radio 4, and then is scheduled to broadcast the Sunday Worship program from the Cathedral and Shrine of St. James in the Spanish city. Dr. Bradley plans to reflect on the spiritual side to pilgrimage and on what has inspired pilgrimage throughout the centuries.

Dr. Bradley is lecturer in theology and church history at St. Mary's College in the University. He is highly regarded in the fields of British and Celtic Christianity, as well as worship and hymnody having published a very popular book on and of hymns.

Santiago de Compostela is a Catholic shrine dedicated to the Apostle James, whose relics, so it is told, are kept within the Cathedral. For much of the past millenium, it was considered the premier shrine in Christendom. It was often said that St Andrews was visited by thousands of pilgrims, as seen in this illustration by Jurek Putter.

In fact, St. James is honoured every year on his feast day in a ceremony by the Spanish Armed Forces at a statue portraying him over the severed heads of the defeated Moors. On one occasion during Franco's rule, the devout caudillo could not make the annual ceremony, and so actually sent one of his Moorish generals as his personal representative. Priests at the shrine thought it prudent to place a covering on the severed heads of the Moors.

‘Passion’ Priest Suspended by Cardinal

THE PRIEST who daily celebrated the Latin Tridentine Mass on the set of The Passion has been suspended from duties.

Father Stephen Somerville has been forbidden from saying Mass by Cardinal Aloysius Ambrozic, the Archbishop of Toronto, after it was discovered that he was saying Mass for the schismatic Society of St. Pius X.

The Society of St. Pius X is considered not to be in full communion with the Holy See, after the founder of the Society, Archbishop Marcel Lefebvre consecrated bishops without Vatican approval in 1988.

Msgr. Lefebvre and his supporters refused to accept the liturgical changes that followed the Second Vatican Council, which closed in 1965, and continued to say the traditional rite of Mass in Latin in accordance with the old liturgical books.

It was, however, for the illicit consecration of bishops rather than for persisting in saying the old rite that the Society was excommunicated by Pope John Paul II in 1988. The old rite is now said again in some mainstream Catholic parishes.

An approved, or ‘indult’ old rite mass is now active in this Archdiocese at St. Andrew’s Church in Edinburgh.
Rev’d Prof. William McKane
Former Principal of St Mary’s College and Dean of Divinity

b. 18 February 1921
d. 4 September 2004

The Revd William McKane was Professor of Hebrew and Oriental Languages at St. Mary’s College from 1968 until his retirement in 1990. He was born in Dundee and was brought up in the Original Succession Church whose eventual reconciliation with the Church of Scotland came about in part due to his efforts. He served in the RAF from 1941 to 1945, then took an honours degree in philosophy and English at the University of St Andrews. He was ordained in the Original Succession Church in 1949, moving to the Church of Scotland in 1956, and completed a first class honours degree in Semitics at Glasgow University, followed by a PhD at the same institution under Professor Mullo Weir.

Before taking up the chair at the University of St Andrews, he taught at Glasgow University as part-time assistant in Hebrew beginning in 1953, then as Lecturer and Senior Lecturer. While a professor at St Mary’s College he also served as Principal of the College and as Dean of the Faculty of Divinity. He was also a major international authority and prolific writer on the prophetic wisdom literature of the Hebrew Bible. During his career he published Prophets and Wise Men 1965; I & II Samuel 1966; Proverbs: A New Approach 1970; Studies in the Patriarchal Narratives 1979; Jeremiah 1-25 1986; Selected Christian Hebrews 1989; A Late Harvest 1995; Jeremiah 26-52 1996; and Micah: Introduction and Commentary 1998.

He received many honors, including the presidency of the Society for Old Testament Study, appointment as a Fellow of the British Academy, and a Festschrift on his sixty-fifth birthday. He was an avid sportsman, playing rugby into his sixties, and a member of the Royal and Ancient Golf Club. Up to the day before his death he was working on a commentary on the book of Job, the first volume of which had already been turned over to the publisher. The passage he was working on when the end came seems somehow fitting: Listen, Job, and attend to me; be silent, and let me speak. If you have anything to say, answer me; speak, for I shall gladly find you proved right. But if you have nothing, then listen to me; and be silent, and I shall teach you wisdom. Job 33:31-33 REB

Professor McKane is survived by his wife of more than half a century, Agnes, and their three sons and two daughters.

Dr. James R. Davila
School of Divinity

New Monthly Magazine in the Works

A NEW magazine is to be founded by University students. To be called the Hatstand, it is to concentrate on film, theatre, culture, arts, and various random things of interest.

Margaret ‘Bex’ Hughes, alledged film and theatre reviewer for the Mitre, is also alledged to be the mastermind of the new monthly.

“It’s going to be kitsch, but not that kitsch, because kitsch is kind of kitsch, isn’t it?” says the young Miss Hughes.

The Hatstand will join this paper, as well as the Saint, the satiricial Chihuahua, and the stop and go Union magazine, the Vine among the plethora of periodicals at the University of St Andrews.

“Anyway, it’s going to be grand,” the young Miss Hughes later proclaimed.

Those willing to work on the Hatstand may contact Miss Hughes via the Mitre.
Tuition Problem Needs Conservative Solution

Yalie Adam Maxwell Jenkins argues that the funding crisis in British higher education needs a conservative solution.

Everyone who goes to Yale already knows just how expensive some say outrageous tuition fees have become in the last decade. Indeed, the latest adjustments in the fee structure for the forthcoming year by nearly all of the universities in the Ivy League make it not extraordinary for students to pay upwards of 40,000 per year in tuition, housing and living expenses. Although U.S. universities tend to soften some of the costs with robust financial aid packages, this has not changed the fact that they remain among the priciest in the world.

It may come as a surprise to learn that a similar controversy has arisen over rising tuition at U.K. universities. But while in the States we are accustomed to berating costs in the range of tens of thousands of dollars, British students are in an uproar over a proposed government plan to raise fees to merely £3,000! This represents a relatively substantial increase from the previous level of £1,125 per year, but British tuition is still only a fraction of the cost of what American students pay for their higher education. Even if you double British tuition and compare it to what a U.S. student with the most generous financial aid package will pay, British tuition remains far cheaper.

Nonetheless, this proposal has proven so divisive among the British Labour party and its constituencies that it threatens the solidarity of the Blair majority and strikes deeply at the stability of the government. Throughout the controversy, British dissidents have looked to the higher education system in the States as a model for reform.

Britain’s tradition of low tuition fees has meant that universities in the United Kingdom have the unfortunate tradition of chronic under funding, including schools such as Oxford and Cambridge, which stand beside Yale in terms of international prestige and scholarly output. None of the elite U.K. institutions can boast of figures akin to the enormous endowments of most American schools, nor can they afford to maintain their buildings and equipment at a time when Yale is undergoing a multi million dollar renovation of many of its classrooms and colleges. Moreover, since Britain has tended not to exhibit the tradition of alumni giving which figures vitally in the financial strategy of U.S. universities, British schools have nowhere to turn to satisfy their mounting debts, which most estimates place at 10 billion. With its excess of...
10 billion about 6 billion in endowments, Yale by comparison seems to have fewer worries.

How did this happen? What lessons can we take from the failure of British education? Surely, the U.S. system is hardly satisfactory; many qualified students cannot afford to go to college, and certainly almost all must rely primarily on family or the institutions themselves rather than the government to pay.

As for the causes of the lack of alumni donations in British universities, much of the guilt goes to the socialist informed tax policies which the British government has adopted on and off since World War II. The reckless taxation of individuals in wealthier income brackets has led many to turn elsewhere with their money and virtually all middle class citizens to cease donating to academic institutions what little income they were spared by the government. The consequence of these policies for higher education was the complete abolition of the alumni consciousness typical in America: nearly no one is interested in charitable donations to universities, not even to Oxford and Cambridge, who only now have begun to court graduates and re-establish "diplomatic ties" with its broad and no doubt very successful base of alumni in the world over.

But the problem remains. At a recent fundraiser at King's College, nearly no one seemed keen to participate in the auction, which was held to raise money for the chapel and choir. Oxbridge and many other British universities have an enormously rich history, but their ability to maintain themselves in the spirit of that history is very rapidly slipping away.

Of course, it is not only the problem of donations which shall have to be addressed. Remember that the main issue facing policymakers in the UK is tuition fees, which is a parallel but distinct problem all its own.

Because of their meager endowments, British universities must charge higher tuition rates to ensure the upkeep of their facilities and the continued excellence of their programs. Otherwise, they simply cannot remain competitive with American institutions, which charge students five to ten times more and possess endowments billions of dollars greater. To prevent skyrocketing tuition rates, British universities must restore the tradition of alumni donations and this will demand more conservative political strategies. Instead of providing higher education to everyone, while forcing taxpayers to pick up the bill, inevitably resulting in less investment of taxpayer capital back into the universities, the British government should move to privatize higher education.

The British public must realize the vast discrepancies between U.K. and U.S. higher education, both in terms of quality and cost, and recognize that there is a determinate correlation between these two features. Tuition policy has a real impact on the kind of individual produced at the end of the college...

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Anyone who has played a 1980's version of Trivial Pursuit will have stumbled across the question regarding the capital of West Germany. You will have watched as your friend hesitated to say Berlin and began to run through the major West German cities: Hamburg, Munch, and Cologne. "Frankfurt?" they shout, anticipating the imminent awarding of the blue piece of pie which would enable them to travel up to the centre of the board and await their final question. Their face will have then turned to one of despondency and confusion after you informed them that the correct answer was in fact Bonn.

For over forty years the town was the, somewhat unlikely, capital of Europe's dominant state. From 1949, its inhabitants included Presidents, Chancellors and Ambassadors. Courts, ministries and embassies stood alongside the prestigious university and the ancient cathedral. Members of Parliament, diplomats, journalists and an army of civil servants shared the town with 40,000 students and a seemingly infinite number of bratwurst vendors. Then suddenly, amidst the euphoria that accompanied the fall of the Berlin Wall and the historic unification of Germany, it was decided that all of this should end. By 1999 Berlin had emerged from underneath a canopy of cranes to once again be the political centre of Germany, leaving Bonn to console itself with being the home to the Ministry of International Development, the Ivorian embassy and the headquarters of Eurobats, which looks after the interests of Europe's bat population. For those reasons, one cannot help but feel sorry for Bonn.

My first glimpse of the town was on a stiflingly hot day in August. I had instructions to get off the airport shuttle bus at the former Finance Ministry. It was somewhat dismayed when the bus hurtled past the stop. I ran down to the driver. "Why did you not stop?" I asked, trying not to panic.

"You didn't ring the bell," replied the driver, never once taking his eyes off the road. This was my first brush with the confusion that is Bonn's public transport system, where you are only required to show your pass after 9 o'clock at night, but cannot then alight using the front door; where buses run every ten minutes except between 11am and noon; where random old ladies will start talking about the unusual colour of your hair as if you are not sitting next to them. Eventually the driver let me off somewhere near the town centre, leaving me to work out how to get myself and my rather large case back to the Ministry. Then it dawned on me, I had arrived in the town which would be my home for the next year.

Over the next year, I will provide regular updates on life in Germany. You will find out why the ladies of Bonn travel to Cologne every Saturday to buy their shoes, why you should always let a Turk cut your hair if he offers except on a Monday, and why the recycling of a tea bag requires four different rubbish bins. Until then, Bonn voyage!
Every Thursday

Compline
Evening prayers, usually followed by drinks at the Byre.
10:00pm, St. Leonard’s Chapel

September 2004

Sunday, 26
University Chapel
The University Chaplain, the Rev. Dr. James Walker, preaching. (Sherry afterwards in the Hebdomodar’s Room).
11:00am, St. Salvator’s Chapel

Wednesday, 29
St. Michael and All Angels
Can We Prove the Existence of God?
Fr. Patrick Burke, the legendary former convenor of the Debation Society, returns to St Andrews yet again to explicate God, Life, and Understanding to the students and community of the University. Not to be missed.
The Catholic Society
8:00pm, Canmore, 24 the Scores

October 2004

Wednesday, 6
Original Sin: Human Yet Flawed

PARLIAMENT HALL

News of the Union Debating Society
Miss Alexandra Jennings

The new academic year saw the return of the Overseas Debate and the grand tradition of a full chamber. The first debate was on Sunday, 19 September, on the motion This House Would Recolonise America featuring four august and respected members of the University community. Mr. Matthew Dyson, former Serjeant-at-Arms, and Ian McFarlane, vice-president of the Conservative and Unionist Association spoke in proposition. Mr. Ralph Covino, senior officer of the Student Services Committee and Father-of-the-House designate, and yours truly, Miss Alexandra Jennings, Clerk-to-the-House, spoke in Opposition.

Mr. Dyson’s case weighed heavily on his suggestion that Tony Blair should become the third presidential candidate in the U.S.’s November elections. The House obviously disliked this idea and voted down this motion.

Wednesday saw the meeting of the annual Freshers’ Debate on the motion This House Would Leave Before Breakfast. The speakers were old favourites of the Union Debating Society. In Proposition were Mr. Tobias Joss,

Fr. Luiz Ruscillo of Blackpool, a popular speaker from the last academic year.
The Catholic Society
8:00pm, Canmore, 24 the Scores

Wednesday, 13
Stem-cell Debate
The Union Debating Society hosts a debate sponsored by the Catholic Society on the morality of embryonic stem-cell research.
8:00pm, Parliament Hall, South St.

Thursday, 28
Brave New World?
Patrick Cusworth of the human dignity charity Life speaks on the pitfalls of cloning and embryonic research.
8:00pm, Canmore, 24 the Scores
Prayer Requests

FOR ELIZABETH, OUR QUEEN, may she govern wisely, be resolute in leadership, and amply follow Your will.
For Anthony, our Prime Minister, may he foster a culture of life in this realm, and defend it from all who wish it harm.
For Keith Patrick, our Cardinal Archbishop, may he minister wisely, be a bastion of orthodoxy, and propagate the Gospel in our Archdiocese.
For Sir Clement, our Lord Rector, may he justly represent the students of this University.
For Brian, our Vice-Chancellor and Principal, may he conduct the affairs of this University with love, prudence, foresight, and in the light of Faith.
For this University, may we promote wisdom, life, and love, and continue to answer Your call as did Your Apostle Andrew.
For the repose of the soul of Gloria Steiner, the recently deceased grandmother of a St Andran.
For these people, we humbly beg pardon for their sins and ours, and we pray that our lives might reflect Your everlasting dominion.

GLORY BE TO THE FATHER and to the SON and to the HOLY GHOST, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.

AMEN.

former Treasurer of the Society and now at the alleged University of Glasgow, Mr. Eliot Wilson, outgoing Father-of-the-House, and Mr. Ewan Duthie, former Association President.

In Opposition were Mr. Donald Findlay, QC, Honorary President of the Society and ‘disgraced former Lord Rector of the University’, Mr. Hugh Martin of the School of English, and Mr. Alistair Pugh, former Serjeant-at-Arms and founding member of the celebrated Strafford Club.

It was a full house and despite some wildly inappropriate remarks directed at the lady Clerk-to-the-House by Mr. Findlay, the speeches were of a high quality and very humourous.

A full schedule of upcoming debates is available on the Union Debating Society message board at http://www.thesinner.net.

THE MITRE would like to thank our supporters for their generosity:
Mr. Yusuke Osawa, Mr. Stefano Costanzo, 2Lt. Christopher Cruden, Miss. Victoria Truett
Tea, like all of life's finest pleasures, has a rich history. Three nations lay claim to having discovered the wondrous herb, and have differing stories as to how it was discovered.

According to Chinese legend, the great herbalist Emperor Shen Nung a precursor of Alan Titchmarsh sat in his garden, boiling some water. Practically, he insisted that all of his subjects boiled their water before they drank, assuring that they would avoid any infections in the water.

However, a breeze rippling through the leaves above him knocked some dried leaves into his cup of water. Being an audacious chap, he tasted it and was filled with a tremendous sense of well being. No wonder why he had drunk the first cup of tea.

Naturally, after five years he was flagging somewhat. Stopping off at a roadside, he casually chewed on some leaves from a bush, when suddenly he felt awake and invigorated. The amazing properties of this tea helped him keep his vow, and he introduced not only India to Buddhism, but also to the finest accompaniment to short bread and buttered scones.

The people of Japan tell a different tale, of the infamous Prince Bodhi Dharma. A passionate fellow, he fell asleep after three years and dreamt about all the past love interests of his life.

On waking, he became so furious with his inability to deal with the opposite sex that he cut off his own eyelids, and buried them. A year later he returned to the same spot, only to find that they had grown into a bush. He chewed some leaves, and found that it kept his eyes open, and told his followers all about it.

However, seeing as his own self mutilation had meant that his eyes stayed open anyway, this story seems a little strange. But full credit to Prince Bodhi Dharma, the only man to discover tea twice!

So whether you drink an infusion of Shen Nung's garden litter, a religious stimulant or a cup of eyelids this week, spare a thought for the two gentlemen who discovered this fascinating plant. And if you are looking for short stories to read whilst enjoying a cup of tea, then there is a fine selection on that most modern contraption, the internet, at www.stashtea.com/stories.htm.

It would also be a shame not to tell you of an astonishing new gin that I have discovered over the course of the holiday. Called Van Gogh, it is a delicate and smooth spirit that most modern teetotal, the internet.
Autumn is the time for the annual return to thick and comfortable fabrics.

Wilson and his scarlet lined item of beauty.

Autumn and winter are also the seasons that my gentlemen friends love the best; for I beg to launder their thick cotton shirts and press them with all the attention that they deserve. Oxford cotton and Prince of Wales check in soft pastel shades with their gentle scent of soap and clinging cologne; could there be a pastime more glorious?

The upcoming seasons will also see the welcome return of gowns with purpose and I found myself delighted during the opening event of the debating calendar to witness those most distinguished Conservatives, Mr. James Potton, Mr. Ian McFarlane, and Mr. Henry Evans clinging to their scarlets for warmth. Attention should also be paid to those sporting new Students' Association gowns and their individual stylish merit. My sympathy goes out to my own Mitre colleague and dear friend Mr. David Vinton who, as the Student Support Officer, has the task of making his worn out black and blue affair as stylish as he is himself; and also to our president, Mr. Simon Atkins, who takes over the blue and red.

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Who is next?

The Commons has voted to outlaw fox hunting and criminalise a law abiding minority. The British public might well ask, who is next? The Blair government legislates from its own metropolitan liberal prejudices. It outlaws whatever it finds distasteful hunting, and legalises whatever it considers of utility cloning. With the confidence that hunting is not the only traditional practice hated by this sinister government, this move constitutes an inauspicious precedent.

No one believes that foxes will now be happier. Foxes are pests, and the new law allows them to be controlled by means such as shooting, poisoning, and snaring, which guarantee foxes, and other animals, will now die in agony. Now, when a fox is hunted, it is killed instantly by a snip on the neck by the leading hound; the other hounds tear apart the dead fox. So this law is not about the welfare of foxes. In this tyranny of the majority, we observe the ideologues of our time dealing with the class of rural people they hate.

Now we must fear this fearful government. Legislation by class hatred precedes legislation by other forms of hatred. When we are soon obliged to carry identity cards as a bogus anti terrorism measure and find further regulations and restrictions on our lives perhaps more people will realise how totalitarian life in this country has become. After the hunting demonstration the talk now is of banning demonstrations in Parliament Square. From where will demonstrations next be banned?

If this were not a Prime Minister who professed ‘deeply held religious beliefs’ whilst overseeing further embryo research, sopping to the homosexual lobby, and lying to parliament would we not now acknowledge the open possibility of an attack on ‘religious groups’? Religious schools are considered by the liberal elite to be socially divisive: the state is all. The New Labour ideology leads us to utter secularism and who could achieve this better than someone claiming a sincere Christian faith?

There is always a price to be paid for bad government. All regimes come to a sticky end. The genius of Blair is that most people do not realise that New Labour is an ideology. So many take the Prime Minister at his word when he says he is “a pretty straight sort of guy”.

When will an effective opposition form to challenge the Group think promoted so cleverly by the British Left, who continue the Marxist legacy? The homogenous New Labour state looms. Let us simply announce that, as one minority group is suppressed, all minority groups, including especially the religious, should wonder if they will be the next to fall foul of this hideous ideology.
The St Andrews Life...

Con’t from back page...organisation, and it is highly recommended that any and all good lads and lasses make a go of it.

‘A’ Squadron, as it is known, is headquartered at Waverley on City Road, and the Mess serves the cheapest pint in town at only 1. Sadly, the OTC’s previous policy of turning a blind eye towards Yanks has ended, so it’s only open to citizens of the U.K. and Commonwealth.

DINING CLUBS
There are a number of invitation only clubs of which St Andrews may be interested.

The aptly named Breakfast Club meets for, you guessed it, breakfast. Lots of Scandinavians.

The Kensington Club meets for luncheon and includes a number of jovial members, both male and female. Sadly one of the Club’s most amusing members, the legend of legends Mr. Charlie Lush, has graduated. You shouldn’t have taken that gap year!

The Dash-wood Club meets for luncheon and includes a number of jovial members, both male and female. Sadly one of the Club’s most amusing members, the legend of legends Mr. Charlie Lush, has graduated. You shouldn’t have taken that gap year!

The Kennedy Club is the club of greatest renown, the most open, and almost certainly the most active. They run the Opening Ball, the May Ball, Jazz Nights, and the granddaddy of them all, the Kate Kennedy Procession in April, a must see. Gentlemen only.

The Kensington Club meets occasionally for luncheon or supper and good times are usually had by all. Their annual Christmas dinner for members and guests is divine, so meet a member and see if you can tag along for passing the port, Christmas carols, and ‘God Save the Queen’. Gentlemen only.

For the monarchical most loyal defenders joining the Strafford Club is a must. The monarchist dining club to end all monarchist dining clubs boasts a medley of rather amusing members and was named after the Earl of Strafford, executed for his loyalty to Charles I. Interesting regalia as well. Gentlemen only.

SECRET SOCIETIES
Like any ancient university, there are always fantastical legends and rumours of secret societies that either run the University behind the scenes or otherwise have connections throughout Scotland, the United Kingdom, and the world.

The Mitre has investigated all these claims thoroughly using interrogation methods our Editor in chief picked up during his days as a Turkish prison guard, I might add and can certifiably state that none of the following claims are based on any kernel of truth.

Despite rumours to the contrary, the Pilmour Club is an outfit we are quite sure is dead and perhaps even beyond resuscitation. Its honoured members would break into University buildings the Chapel, Parliament Hall, the Schools, etc at the dead of night and hold massive banquets with elaborate rules and rituals to go along with them. The given locus of a such a feast would be clean as a whistle by dawn, with no trace left of the fetes by dawn.

According to lore, the administration did not know of the Club’s existence or else quietly tolerated it until the Club became complacent and left the Old Psychology Library in a tip one morning. Supposedly one or two Pilomrians were sent down and the Club ceased to exist. Rumours of its revival, however, still crop up.

The Jan Smuts Committee was formed in 1929, originally with the intent of securing South African Prime Minister, Gen. Jan Christiaan Smuts as Rector of the University. When that aim was finally achieved in 1931 with the installation occurring in 1934, some members of the committee continued to meet in private. As members graduated, newer members were appointed.

And of course the L.O.S.A.B. is a mythic invention which we will not even entertain.

Those interested in wagers may, however, be interested in the Poker Club, which is not really secret per se, but doesn’t fit into the dining club category. Rumours of the minimum wager vary, but are said to be high.

The Sidney Society is believed to be composed of admirers of good poetry and even better wine.

ADDITIONALLY
In conclusion, we ask you to please enjoy your stay at St Andrews. They may be some of your best years, but even more, we hope they are the foundation for better years to come.

Tuition Problems Needs Conservative Solution

Con’t from Page V...process. The American student has a chance to appreciate the broader research facilities permitted by stronger funding, as well as the excellence of top notch American and foreign including British professors attracted to the generous teaching salaries we offer. Furthermore, the graduate of the American university has the sense of responsibility that comes with alumni consciousness. The socialist fiscal climate of British universities affords their students no such luxury of resources or inculcation of important values.

There is something else the British public have yet to understand: higher costs do not necessarily mean lower enrollment or privileged students only participation. As Sir Peter Lampl has observed in his analysis of matriculation rates at British and American schools, fully forty three percent of Americans in the bottom income quartile go to college compared to only fifteen percent of Britons in the same income bracket. This is in stark contrast to the putative wider access proclaimed by leftist MPs who are opposed to the tuition reform.

Lower fees do not, in the end, imply greater equality, and particularly not when they exist as a flat rate to be paid back through taxation, a policy that ensures lower public support for education in the future. Britain has a lot to learn from America as regards higher education, and if they are to sustain the educational quality of their universities into the next century they would do well to adopt the policies that have worked well here.

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The St Andrews Life

Gowns, Chapel, Balls, Church, Dinner parties, Clubs, Societies, Drinking, Christianity, Monarchism, Decadence, Whatnot

AH! ANOTHER autumn, another September, and another year commences at the greatest university the world has ever known. This composition intends to explicate to our newly arrived bejants the world of Andreanopolis that is to say, St Andrews with the aim of better facilitating a pleasant time at the University to our newest members.

FIRST YEAR

If you’re a city dweller such as myself, it may take some time in adjusting to life in the town and the university. You will hate St Andrews first term, tolerate it second term, miss it over the summer, and then love it for the rest of your life.

SOCETIES

There are a number of Union affiliated societies which the newly arrived bejant ought to at once aquaint oneself with. Our own Union Debating Society, circa 1794, is the oldest “and some would say the finest” debating society in the civilised world. Ireland has one which is older. Nonetheless, it is consider a bastion of tradition, which it defines as anything done more than once. Debates are held in Parliament Hall, and academic gowns are recommended attire.

The Catholic Society is the only University society with its own home at Canmore, the Catholic Chaplaincy No. 24, the Scores. The society is arguably the premiere intellectual fellowship in town, and recent speakers include Anne Widdecombe, Lord Alton, and the legendary Fr. Patrick Burke, whose talks you should eliminate any engagement to attend.

Renewal may be in order for the Anglican Chaplaincy with the engagement of Andre Fiony Wyss as its head. All Saints Episcopal Church on N. Castle Street is known for the beauty of its liturgy.

A BIT OF SPORT

While endeavouring upon your university career, it would be well advised to keep fit, and there are a number of athletic opportunities here.

And what could be better for keeping in shape, after all, than the Clay Pigeon Club, which has shoots twice a week during term. Reputedly the best sporting club around, and worth joining even if just to meet great chaps like Jonny Armstrong and James Butler.

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University Chapel services are Sundays at 11:00 am during term. Dress respectfully and wear your gown. The preachers are invited from around the country and vary greatly in quality and orthodoxy. Sherry is usually served shortly after chapel in the Hebdomodar’s Room across the way. Follow others if you don’t know where it is.

Keep an eye out especially for Sundays when ladies are preaching, for they almost always manage to make fools of themselves somehow.

...et patria

The Officer Training Corps of the University of St Andrews is a legendary...

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