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Please Note That the Secretary Will Be Away During May, June and July!

The Secretary (Hamilton Hess) and Margaret will be in England from April 30th to July 23rd, visiting friends and relatives, playing a lot, and working in Oxford occasionally. The activities of the Society will continue happily during that period in the hands of members of the Steering Committee who will receive and deal with the contents of email, postal mail, and telephone calls, and will manage the Society events and preparations that will take place in his absence (see Program for 2002 below). Except as noted on event invitations, the same postal and email addresses and phone number will appertain, and all incoming communications will be appropriately forwarded.

From the Secretary

First, I ask you carefully to read the notice of my temporary absence given above. The reward for your patience will be a refreshed Secretary! Second, I want to thank all of you for your attendance at events, your financial support though your subscriptions, and for

your advice and help in many other ways. This has brought us all together as one of the most active and successful Branches of the world-wide Oxford University Society. Third, as the Northern California Branch of the now official alumni association of the University which we celebrate and remember together we have a responsibility to further its interests in the region where we live. This, for us, is in the matter of public relations in general and of service to potential and accepted Oxford students. Fine sounding phrases, and I would hope to move them into some forms of action during the coming year. Any ideas that you may have along these lines will be welcome. Finally, I apologize for the tardiness of this issue of our occasional newsletter, which should have been published in January, announcing the events for the year.

Directory of Oxonians 2002-2003

Our newly published *Directory* accompanies this issue of the newsletter for those who have sent their subscriptions for the year. Additional copies are available for those who still wish to subscribe.

We Now Have a Web Site

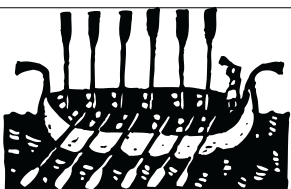
Moving with the times, we have a web site at oxfordusocietyncal.org; a small beginning that will expand. Visit it! Our thanks and congratulations go to David Brooks, creator and webmaster. Suggestions for contents and connections will be appreciated. Please note that as also indicated in the new *Directory* the Secretary now has an email address, oxfordusocncal@aol.com. The address may change, but not without prior announcement. Oxford-related information is also available at ox/cam.org, an Oxbridge information booth created by Cantabridgian Angela Hey. And, not to be left unmentioned, and which you have undoubtedly seen, are the pages devoted to the Oxford University Society in the University's own publication, *Oxford Today*.

Program for 2002

Saturday, February 2nd: Our Inaugural Event for the year, attendance at Amy Freed's *The Beard of Avon* and reception with Producer Carey Perloff, was a great success and a fine artistic experience.

Saturday, June 22nd:

Presentation on the current Mars Probe Mission by NASA scientist, Dr. Geoff Briggs, with Reception following: 2:00 to 5:00 pm at the



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Stanford Linear Accelerator Center in Menlo Park.

Sunday, July 28th: Brunch Picnic and popular musical event at Stern Grove in San Francisco: 11:30 to 4:00 pm.

Some fine Saturday or Sunday in August: A walking and/or cycling tour of Angel Island in San Francisco Bay has been suggested.

Saturday, October 5th: Tour of the “Eternal Egypt” Exhibition of Egyptian sculpture from the British Museum: 2:00 pm at the California Palace of the Legion of Honor in San Francisco, with Reception following.

November: A concert by the Oxford/Cambridge musical group, “The Sixteen”. Their visit to the Bay Area has been announced, but date and time and place are not yet known.

Sunday, December 1st: Annual Pre-Christmas Party: 4:30 pm at the Huntington Hotel in San Francisco, preceded by for those who wish by the Advent Carol Service at Grace Cathedral (Anglican) across the street.

Detailed announcements are sent to all Oxonians on our mailing list and will be available on our website three to four weeks prior to all events, and further information is subsequently sent to those who have booked.

Boat Race Dinner

The 67th Annual San Francisco Oxford/Cambridge Boat Race Dinner on April 9th, finally in celebration of an Oxford victory, had the largest attendance ever and enjoyed an excellent Cambridge speaker, Dr. Gordon Johnson, President, Wolfson College, Cambridge. The work of the

committee headed by Angela Hey (Cambridge) and Jim Frolik (Oxford) is much appreciated.

Welcome to New Oxonians

Eighty-three new Oxonians have joined our happy group since the last *Directory* was issued in September. Nearly all are listed in the new *Directory* received with this newsletter. A few were too late for inclusion, and will be in the next *Directory*. We thank them for their subscriptions and look forward to meeting them personally at future events. All who have received a degree or engaged in formal study at the University of Oxford are automatically members of the Oxford University Society, but affiliation with a Branch brings them into an active exercise of their membership and helps the Branches.

And Goodbye to Others

The following Oxonians (by college) have moved from Northern California since the 2001–2002 *Directory* was published: **Balliol:** Alistair Fernie; **Brasenose:** Heather Elliott; **Hertford:** Robert Meyer; **Jesus:** Nancy Levenson, Jan Womer—also of Mansfield; **Lady Margaret Hall:** David Catling, Hilary Sy-Quia, Susan Treggiari, Olga Wickerhauser; **Lincoln:** Christian Bailey, Leslie Lorenson; **Merton:** David Wright; **St. Anne’s:** Cassandra Guarino; **St. Catherine’s:** Maria Ong Wenbourne; **St. Edmund Hall:** Nicholas Wenbourne; **St. Hilda’s:** Lisa Miner; **St. John’s:** Jack Tsao; **St. Peter’s:** Daniel Burns, Noel

Sy-Quia; **Somerville:** Kirsten Boyd; **Trinity:** Stewart Freeman. We will miss them.

Oxford Business Alumni

The Oxford Business Alumni (OBA) chapter in the Bay Area is fortunate to have seen a growing interest in its events over the past year. A number of informal exchanges over dinner and drinks have led to new friendships and exchanges of ideas. In addition, the OBA regularly holds meetings to foster relationships between Oxonians and the business world. The most recent success was a dinner at the *Forbes* offices in Burlingame, where Professor Anthony Hopwood, Director of the Said Business School at Oxford, talked about the strengthening of links between Oxford and Silicon Valley. OBA members enjoyed meeting preeminent entrepreneurs including Jeff Skoll, founder of eBay, and Kim Polese, founder of Marimba. For further information contact Sneha Patel at: patelsd@hotmail.com or (415) 503-0962

Gene S. Lewis

Gene S. Lewis (Exeter 1959) has passed away. We will miss him, and have sent condolences to his family.

Golden Jubilee Ball

A Golden Jubilee Ball of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II will be held on June 8th at the Sir Francis Drake Hotel, 450 Powell Street, San Francisco. Information is available at <http://www.britishlegionusa.com/QueensBall.html>.