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Celebrating sporting success!



On a glorious June evening the Warden hosted a reception to mark the success of Keble's sports men and women in 2012-13.

The winning Cuppers and League teams and individuals achieving Blues and Half-Blues enjoyed a glass of fizz and a chance to recount the highlights of another successful year for Keble sport across

a diverse range. The Warden thanked those present for their dedication and commitment, and acknowledged the importance of their contribution to the College and University.

The winning teams achieved success in Dancesport Cuppers, the Men's Football league, the Women's and Mixed Hockey leagues, Netball Cuppers, the Rugby Union league and Skiing Cuppers.



Credit: James Moore

Dancesport Cuppers

Keble Dancesport team achieved a fantastic Cuppers victory for the third year running coming 1st in three of the four dances; the waltz, the cha cha cha, and the jive. Full reports on Student Life pages.



Netball Cuppers

Keble's Netball team also had terrific a year, now in Division 2 they played extremely well to become 2013 Cuppers Champions beating arch-rivals Teddy Hall 16-6 in the final. Full reports on Student Life pages.

Those achieving University recognition included

Badminton Half-Blue
Matt Harris

Basketball Blue
Remi Graves

Basketball Half-Blue
Andy Hoyal

Eton Fives Half-Blue
Julia Toynton

Korfball Half Blue
Chloe McNaught

Hockey Blue
Anna Hubbard

Lacrosse Blue
Polly Rogers

Real Tennis and Mixed Lacrosse Blue
Audrey Davies

Rowing Blue
Mariann Novak

Lightweight Rowing Half-Blue
Max Dillon

Rugby Blues
Tatiana Cutts, Sam Egerton, Eleanor Jaskowska, Ashley Massey, Kate Smith

Skiing and Athletics Blue
Andrei Klein

Skiing Half-Blue
Kirsty Dixon

Squash Blue
Adele Tee

Volleyball Blue
Jacub Redlicki

Water polo Half-Blue
Marisa Schubert

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Gerard McHugh with James Newton

Hall Manager Bows Out

An inaugural Summer Hall was held on Friday 7th week (a special dinner for students to celebrate the end of year). The JCR used the opportunity to honour our beloved Hall Manager, Gerard McHugh, who is retiring at the end of July after eleven monumental years at Keble. The dress code was smart with 'a hint of Gerard'. As a token of our regard, the JCR presented Gerard with a framed version of his iconic waistcoat and bow tie. Gerard, you will be sorely missed - we wish you all the best in the coming years.

James Newton (JCR President)



Pusey Room

During the Easter vacation the Pusey Room was refurbished with a fresh and bright interior. Facilities for presentations were installed, the acoustics improved and storage space incorporated. The room is now a multifunctional space equipped with the correct lighting levels for examinations, and the floor is even fit for dancing.

Stephen Wall's Academic Legacy

Yvonne Wall, Stephen Wall's widow, came to Keble in early June to present to the College her late husband's first editions, and copies of books and journals he had edited. Stephen Wall was Fellow and Tutor in English from 1964 to 1990. He died in August 2010.



Tutorial Fellows in English, Matthew Bevis and Diane Purkiss with Yvonne Wall (centre)



Keble Community

In Trinity Term the College introduced a new event for Finalists and their parents/guardians, the opportunity to have 'tea with the Warden'. It proved very popular drawing over 230 guests.

In early June, the College Garden Party for 2nd year undergraduates, and 1st year graduates and their families/guests took place in Newman Quad. It was a glorious sunny afternoon, perfect for celebrating with a glass of Prosecco!

Together with the Freshers' Parents' Lunch (in Michaelmas Term), and the Degree Day Ceremony and lunch in the May following Finals, these events provide much valued opportunities for current students to welcome their family members to College. Parents are warmly invited to register to receive the College publications and to attend alumni events such as the London Lectures. Please contact Phil Clarke in the Alumni and Development Office for further information.

Keble features in *Endeavour*

Keble provided a backdrop for the final programme of the recent *Endeavour* series, the prequel to *Morse*, which aired over the May Bank Holiday weekend. It is the first time the College has been featured in the *Morse* saga. Three Keble Fellows were extras along with Colin Dexter, author of the *Morse* books. If you missed the programme, the four part series is available to purchase on DVD.

Yvonne Murphy



From l to r Fellows, Piotr Orłowski, Paul Jeffreys and Markus Bockmuehl, and Colin Dexter





Vice-Chancellor's Civic Award

Tatiana Cutts (2010 DPhil Law) has won a Vice-Chancellor's Civic Award. The Awards are presented each year to students who show exceptional achievement in and commitment to creating positive social impact. Tatiana, one of six recipients, founded the Oxford University Student Union's mental health campaign 'Mind Your Head' together with Sebastian Baird. The campaign involves students across the University helping to raise awareness of mental illness, to reduce the stigma surrounding it, and to promote student mental wellbeing. She was presented with the award at Rhodes House in June. She is Lecturer in Law for the College. <http://mindyourheadoxford.wordpress.com>



Professor Harry Anderson elected FRS

Professor Harry Anderson, Keble Tutorial Fellow in Organic Chemistry since 1993, has been elected to a Fellowship of the Royal Society. Fellows are elected by peer review from the most eminent scientists, engineers and technologists from the UK and the Commonwealth. Professor Anderson has been recognised for his work on the design and synthesis of supramolecular materials and molecular wire. There will be a full article in the 2013 *The Keble Review*.

Teddy Talbot

Teddy Talbot, the Keble bear, is a new addition to College merchandise and available from the Lodge for £20



Rick Mather

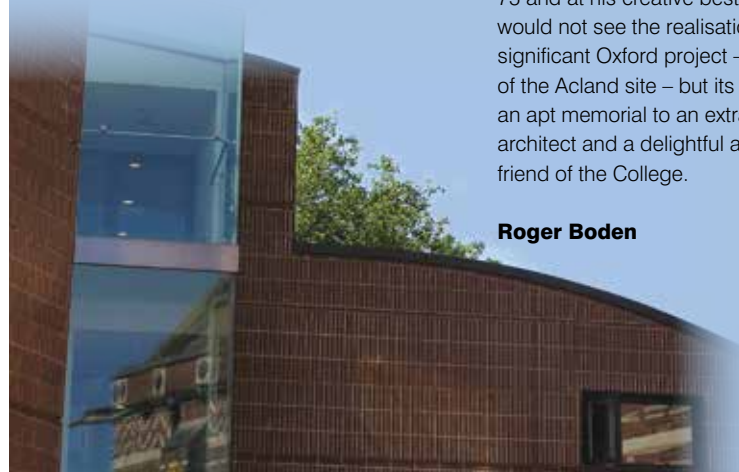
With the death of Rick Mather in April, architecture lost one of its most creative and distinguished practitioners, and Keble lost someone who, more than anyone since Butterfield, has shaped its physical environment.

The Arco Building, opened in 1995, was Rick's first Oxford commission. He had won a competition to develop a master-plan for the College, and his design, a continuation of Keble's tradition of building out to the curtilage boundary, gave us not just 93 more student rooms but a springboard for the dramatic growth in the conference business. Rick knew how to get the most out of a building.

Seven years later the Sloane Robinson Building was completed. A perfect complement to its bigger sister externally, it gave Rick much greater scope for invention and surprise internally – in the theatre which is light and elegant despite being wholly below street level, in the café with its wonderful views, in the Escher-like staircases.

Rick's untimely death from cancer (he was 75 and at his creative best) meant that he would not see the realisation of his most significant Oxford project – the redevelopment of the Acland site – but its completion will be an apt memorial to an extraordinarily gifted architect and a delightful and generous friend of the College.

Roger Boden



Summer Eights

After an eventful week on the river the Men's first VIII achieved two bumps to move up into Division 1, and the Women's first VIII moved up one place in Division 1.

The culmination of Eights Week, the Rowing Society Dinner, had a very special guest this year. Olympic (Sydney 2000) and 2-time World Championship Gold Medallist Tim Foster MBE, now a Keble EMBA student, gave an inspiring after-dinner speech and presented two new trophies, sponsored by Neptune Investments, for 'Most Improved Oarsman and Oarswoman', won by Mike Mudd (2012) and Rebecca Geffen (2012) respectively.



From l to r: Roger Boden (Bursar), Ellen Piehl, (Captain of Women's Boats), Mike Mudd, Rebecca Geffen, Kiran Hyatt (Captain of Men's Boats) and Tim Foster



Secret Messaging on Facebook

Owen Campbell-Moore, a Computer Science finalist, has developed a new tool for the Google Chrome browser which allows users to send secret messages on Facebook by hiding them in photographs. The tool has been reported on by media such as Wired and CNN, prompting a debate around individual's rights to online privacy. He joins Google in the autumn as an Associate Product Manager.



Keble Arts Festival

In First week College was abuzz with 2013's Arts Week offering: the Keble Arts Festival. We ramped up the scale and adopted the slogan: 'Free for all. All welcome', to make Keble a serious contender for the biggest student arts festival in Oxford. For seven days we partnered with artists, performers and production companies to showcase a smorgasbord of art events and activities. Highlights included



electrifying performance poetry by Steve Larkin, an 'immersive screening' of Black Swan, uproarious student comedy, and Alice in Wonderland-themed croquet in Pusey Quad. All this and so much more was made possible by generous funding from the Keble Association, the Martin Esslin Society, and the JCR.

Beatrice Xu

Keble Dancesport win Cuppers 3rd year running

On Sunday 12 May the Keble Dancesport team achieved a fantastic Cuppers victory for the third year running in, coming 1st in three of four dances; Imogen Truphet and Owen Campbell-Moore in the waltz, Dean Thirlwell and Joanna Bell in the cha cha and Suzanne Jones, and Daniel Claff in the jive. The Keble 'Best unexpected success' trophy was awarded to Dr Michael Hawcroft (Fellow and Tutor in French) and Simone Irmscher (Lektorin in German) who reached the semi-finals of the cha despite both being beginners at the start of the season. Full details of the results at: www.keble.ox.ac.uk/about/news/

Lily Wonham

Netball Team 2013 Cuppers Champions

Keble's netball team have had a fantastic year. Promoted twice in a row, we are now in Division 2. We sailed through the preliminary group stages in late April defeating Brasenose A team, Oriel, and St John's to progress to the knock-out rounds and finals. With three Blues players on the team, our chances were strong, but the competition was fierce. Magdalen proved no match and we easily gained a position in the Semi-Finals. The opponents were arch-rivals Teddy Hall, but even they were not able to break our stride, and we found ourselves in the Finals facing Lincoln. We won 16-6, making Keble's netball team 2013 Cuppers champions and officially the best team in the University.

Georgina Clifford



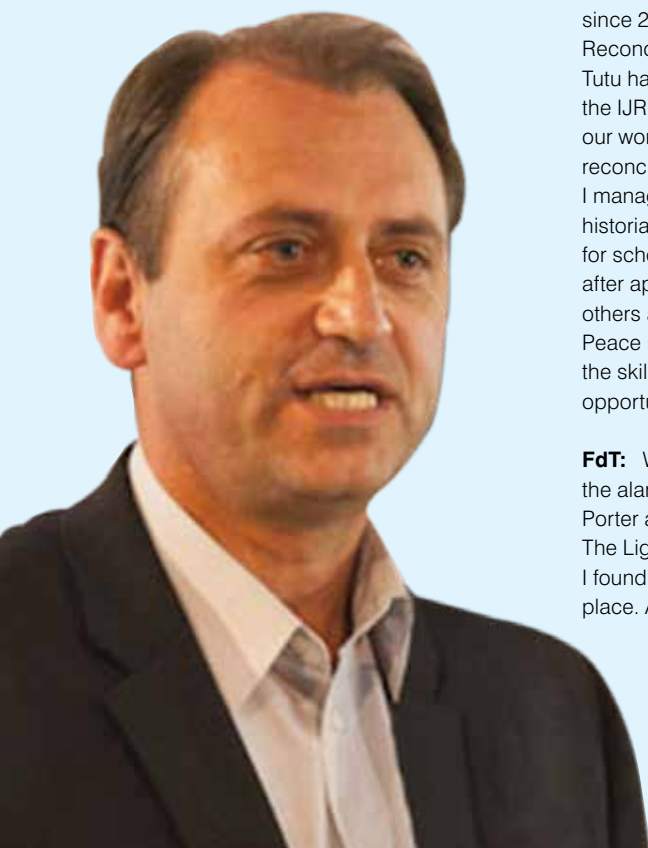
Junior Dean Ruairidh Battleday (2011 Accelerated Medicine) and Fanie du Toit (1991) Junior Dean during his DPhil in Theology, discussed the role. Fanie is now Executive Director of the Institute for Justice and Reconciliation in South Africa. Ruairidh, the current Roy Kay scholar, will be Organising Tutor in Pathology at St Hilda's from Michaelmas.

RB: Could you describe your first experiences with Oxford, and the motivation behind taking up the position at Keble?

FdT: I came up in 1991 as a Rhodes Scholar to Christ Church. My first Oxford experience, ironically, was a rugby tour with the University through Southern France. I don't think I had ever experienced before, or indeed since, such cultural dissonance. I was completely out of my depth, thoroughly homesick and could hardly string together two sentences in English, let alone French. But once Michaelmas got underway, I quickly found my feet and began to enjoy Oxford. After two wonderful years at Christ Church, I was offered the Junior Deanship at Keble. Many of my friends were at Keble, its conviviality and excellence were legendary, and of course, the position came with financial rewards too. Looking back, even after three Varsity Matches for the Blues and a DPhil, my Oxford experience would have been seriously incomplete without the wonderful year at Keble.

FdT: What led you to Oxford, and more specifically to the JD role?

Fanie du Toit



RB: The course is the perfect continuation of my UG studies, as, although I haven't decided on a specific trajectory, I know that I want to be involved in both academia and research. In terms of the JD role, I admit I'm a product of the system; my father is a Warden at Bristol, and I spent most of my teenage life growing up around students, and joining in their sports and other activities. In particular, I got to know the senior residents; impressive individuals who inspired me to search for a similar role when I arrived here.

RB: How did the experiences and skills you acquired here contribute to your current position?

FdT: I was fortunate to experience first-hand a very special part of my country's history. Archbishop Tutu and Nelson Mandela both visited Oxford during my time there. Students from all backgrounds flocked to hear Tutu speak at the Union. After Tutu's visit, I wrote to thank him for his inspirational words. One day I received a post card handwritten in Afrikaans from the Arch himself, motivating me to come back to a country that was about to be reborn. I needed no further persuasion and returned just after our first democratic elections in April 1994. The Institute for Justice and Reconciliation, where I have worked since 2000, emerged from the Truth and Reconciliation Process which Archbishop Tutu had chaired. Today aged 80, he is still the IJR Patron and strongly supportive of our work on transitional justice and political reconciliation. One of the first projects I managed was to get black and white historians together to write a history textbook for schools, one of the first such projects after apartheid. This initiative, amongst others at IJR, received UNESCO's Prize for Peace Education in 2008. So in addition to the skills I learnt, Oxford presented me with opportunities that have shaped my career.

FdT: When I was Junior Dean, one night the alarm in the Chapel went off, and the Porter asked me to investigate (since The Light of the World was kept there). I found the Chapel at 3am a daunting place. Are you still called out at night?

RB: Now that you mention it, there is one particularly chilling corridor in Acland where an alarm mysteriously activates. This place has been gathering dust (behind locked doors) since its decommission as a hospital wing, and the first few times I had to check out the call clambering through old hospital beds and operating theatres were testing indeed!

FdT: I often thought of myself as somewhat of a glorified bouncer, part of my job being to close the College Bar every night. Often the culprits refusing to leave were rugby players – the same guys I had wrestled with earlier that day in training; it was quite natural to throw them out into the quad to sober up. Are you still required to close up the Bar at night?

RB: In this respect, I am fortunate; the Bar staff are excellent and the current undergraduates more or less sort themselves out. However, the Porters do seem keen to contact me about every medical-related problem which occurs – perhaps I should explain the distinction between 'pre-clinical' and 'clinical' medicine!

Ruairidh Battleday



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Some Secret History of Keble Fellows

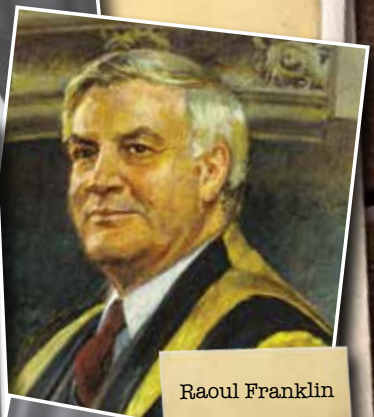
Several dons had been caught up one way and another in defence or the Armed Services during the Second World War. Spencer Barrett (Classics) worked as a civilian with the code breakers at Bletchley Park but would never talk about his work there. Douglas Price (History), as a member of the Army Intelligence Corps, assisted in the preparation of pamphlets which were dropped over France during the D-Day landings to warn and advise the civilian population, and later in Germany helped to recover and safeguard historical documents. Gordon Smith (Geography) was commissioned into the Army in 1943 and served in Egypt and Germany. Their careers had been interrupted, but they fortunately were able to continue to achieve their personal hopes.

But the period in the late 1940s was one of anxiety and those with the right expertise were recruited to be part of the UK Warning and Monitoring Organisation in the event of a nuclear attack from the Soviet Union. So Dennis Shaw (Physics), Gordon Smith (Geography) and Bob Lucas (Agriculture), disappeared down 'rabbit holes' in the evening and at weekends in Cowley and in the countryside near Oxford for several years. All three received Civil Honours.

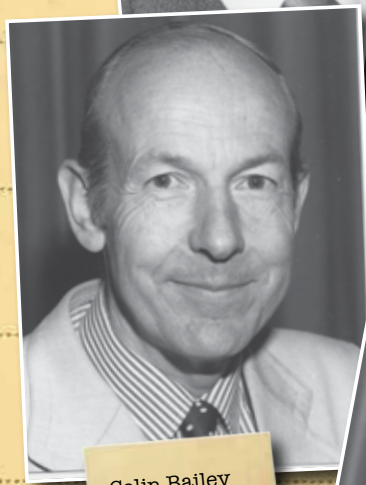
Others coming along behind them such as Colin Bailey and Raoul Franklin (both Engineering) had done National Service and carried on with a service role after they became dons. Colin, a reserve RAF



Dennis Shaw



Raoul Franklin



Colin Bailey



Gordon Smith

Intelligence Officer, was on duty in Whitehall when Turkey invaded Cyprus, and for the subsequent Geneva Peace Conference drew the green line dividing Cyprus that remains to this day. What a terrible lasting responsibility! He also served in Whitehall during the Falklands War and the first Gulf War.

Raoul Franklin was called on after the Falklands to explain why the bombing of the airstrip was so ineffective. He supervised a research student at City University who did work to understand the failure in terms of soil mechanics. The US efforts did not go back to fundamentals – their 'blockbuster' approach did not produce any real understanding.

Of course we live in different days and with different priorities, but I felt some of this should be put down before it is lost.

We all signed the Official Secrets Act, sometimes more than once, but at this distance in time I feel we can be absolved for making some of this known.

Raoul Franklin



Keble goes to Edinburgh

At the end of April the Warden and Amanda Phillips, Jenny Tudge and Ruth Cowen journeyed north of the border to share an enjoyable dinner with 47 Old Members and their guests at the New Club in Princes Street, Edinburgh. The dinner, hosted by Club member Keith Stewart (1996) was held on the top floor of the club with amazing views across to the Old Town and the Castle. Old Members came from far and wide with matric years stretching from 1950 to 2001.

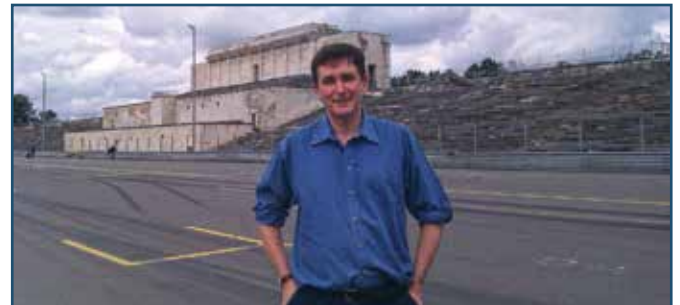


Handwritten note: "Edinburgh Dinner" with names and dates. The note includes the text: "Edinburgh Dinner", "27th April 2012", "Keble College Oxford", "Amanda Phillips", "Jenny Tudge", "Ruth Cowen", "Keith Stewart (1996)", "47 Old Members and their guests".



Painting of Keble

Richard Pryke (1955) has recently finished an oil painting of Liddon Quad looking across to Hall with some croquet-playing students in the foreground. It has taken several years to complete, and Richard would bring it with him each time he came to a Summer Dinner. It measures 2 x 3ft, is painted in oil on canvas and unframed. Richard is offering it for sale and will donate 50% to the Talbot Fund. Enquiries to Ruth Cowen. See: www.dot-art.co.uk/artist/richard-pryke for more of Richard's work.



Nicholas O'Shaughnessy at the Zeppelin Field at Nuremberg

Propaganda

Nicholas O'Shaughnessy (1975), Quondam Fellow of Hughes Hall, Cambridge and Professor of Communication at Queen Mary University of London, is publishing a series of works about the study of persuasion and communication in history and politics, explored via traditional notions of propaganda, and recent methods derived from the commercial sphere and applied to politics. His four volume series of jointly-edited readings, Propaganda, was published in 2012 by the Sage Library in Military and Strategic Studies. A further co-authored work, Theory and Concepts in Political Marketing, is published in May, also by Sage. In addition, Selling Hitler: Propaganda and the Nazi Brand, an analysis of propaganda as a political instrument, will be published by Christopher Hurst in 2014.



Mayor Enrobed

Anthony Pick (1964) has been elected Mayor of Newbury. The position lasts for a year, until May 2014. Newbury Town Council is only one of the 63 parish councils in West Berkshire, but its ceremonial goes back to the old Borough of Newbury, abolished in 1974.

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Keble College Music Society

See www.keblemusic.co.uk for Michaelmas Term Events.
Old Members welcome



Saturday 27 July Retirement Dinner for Professor Tony Phelan

Invitations were extended in April to students of Professor Phelan
Enquiries to Ruth Cowen

Saturday 21 September 1993-97 Reunion

Invitations were emailed in May, or posted where we have no email address.

Enquires to Ruth Cowen

20 - 22 September OU Alumni Weekend

For booking and the programme see www.alumniweekend.ox.ac.uk. The Keble Alumni and Development Office cannot take bookings for University events, but meals and accommodation at Keble can be booked by Old Members attending (a booking form is at www.keble.ox.ac.uk)

Friday 27 September 1963 Year 50th Anniversary Lunch

Invitations were posted in early July
Enquires to Ruth Cowen



Credit: Rob Judges

Friday 27 September Douglas Price Society Inaugural Lecture and Dinner Dr James Martin (1952)

Playing Russian Roulette with Civilisation

This year's event is also open to all donors to the Talbot Fund.

Invitations will be emailed, or posted where we have no email address, in June/July

Enquiries to Sharon Thomas



Thursday 3 October Law Lecture and Dinner in Hong Kong. Allen and Overy and Hong Kong Club.

**Dr Ed Peel,
Tutorial Fellow in Law**

A brief excursus on good faith in English contract law.

Invitations will be emailed in August

Enquiries to Sharon Thomas

For more details of events and booking forms see:

www.keble.ox.ac.uk/alumni/events

Saturday 12 October

Ghosts Football Match

Old Members wishing to play, please contact Andrew Tingle: andytingle@hotmail.com or Brian Johns: brian.johns2@ntlworld.com. Players and supporters meet in The King's Arms at 11.30am on the day

Saturday 12 October

Ghosts Rugby Match

Old Members interested in playing or providing vociferous support please contact Max Cole: max.cole@glencore.co.uk

Thursday 17 October

Donor Drinks Party

Venue to be confirmed
Friends, Patrons and Members of the Warden's Court
By invitation only

Enquires to Ruth Cowen

Friday 15 November

Richardson Lecture

5.30pm Pusey Room

Professor Stephen Faulkner, Tutorial Fellow, Chemistry

Boxing clever, or just Boxed In?

Developing metal complexes for biological imaging



Thursday 21 November

Keble London Lecture

Modern Robotics Science for Modern (autonomous) Cars

Professor Paul Newman, Professor of Information Engineering

Venue to be confirmed

Invitations will be emailed in September

2014 Reunion Dates

1998 - 2002
Saturday 28 June

2003 - 2007
Saturday 20 September



Your email address: As postal costs become more expensive it would be very helpful to email some event invitations. If you have not already done so, please let the Alumni & Development Office know your email address or inform us of any change to your email address.

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