

We also received instruction from James Fawcett, a legal advisor to the Foreign Office who ended his career as President of the European Commission of Human Rights; Jeremy Lever, a Fellow of All Souls and a practicing barrister of distinction; Leonard Hoffmann from Cape Town University and a future Lord of Appeal in Ordinary; and Professor Herbert Hart, author of *The Concept of Law*, whose lectures attracted a large following.

A lot happened in the world while we were at Univ - JFK was elected President, Yuri Gagarin orbited Earth, South Africa left the Commonwealth, the Berlin Wall was built, the Cuban Missile Crisis nearly ended in all-out war (3), De Gaulle vetoed UK entry to the EEC, John Profumo resigned, and Dag Hammarskjöld, Adolf Eichmann, Marilyn Monroe, Hugh Gaitskell and Pope John XXIII all breathed their last.

While history was being made we aspiring lawyers wrote our essays, attended tutorials, went to lectures, took part in moots, sat Mods and Collections, ate our dinners at the Inns of Court and beavered away in the College Law Library, contending with the dust and din of bulldozers and pile-drivers constructing the Goodhart Quad.

It was not all study and toil. I danced at Summer Balls and punted on the Cherwell; swam at Parson's Pleasure and rowed on the Isis where the College Barge was moored; visited George's Cafe in the early morning and bought hot dogs from street vendors late at night; dodged the Proctors during the hours of curfew and climbed back into College via Kybald Street.

As a member of the College I joined the Eldon Society, the Shakespeare Club and the Usurpers, and backed a fellow Usurper, Ben Strickland, for JCR President. I drank in moderation at the Bear, the Turf, the Trout and the Rose Revived but overindulged at a Bump Supper held in Hall to celebrate the success of the Boat Club.

Within the University I wrote for the *Isis* magazine, served as Secretary of the Canning Club and as General Agent of OUCA, and participated in the debates of the Oxford Union. I made my maiden speech in the Union when Paul Foot was President and eventually attained office as the Society's Treasurer.

During the vacations I made two visits to the Continent. One was to Berlin by car with friends. We viewed the Brandenburg Gate and crossed into the Soviet Sector atCheckpoint Charlie. This was August '61 and the city was ringed by tanks. The other visit was to Paris in the company of David Fingleton, a Univ scholar. We arrived on New Year's Eve and had three memorable days there before returning to Oxford and our studies.

In our third year most of us lived out of College. I had digs in Bath Place, adjoining the Turf Tavern. My room was on the top floor and according to my landlady, Mrs Barnes, it was in this room that the book of the film 'Tunes of Glory' was written (4).