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JC:P187 ROWING MEMORABILIA OF D.A S. RAVENS (MATR. 1948)

David Arthur Stanley Ravens came up to Jesus College in 1948 and read Chemistry. He later took orders in the Anglican Church, working for a while as a schoolmaster.

Ravens was a keen rower as an undergraduate, and even returned as an Old Member in the later 1950s to help coach some of the College’s crews. These papers therefore are entirely connected with his rowing activities, comprising photographs, race programmes, and dinner menus. They were given to the archives via Christopher Seward (matr. 1967) in March 2019 as Accession No. 544.

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JC:P187/P1 – FORMAL ROWING PHOTOGRAPHS

JC:P187/P1/1 1949
Formal photograph (unmounted) of the Jesus College Third Torpid of 1949. No names are given here, but the copy at JC:O2/P1/4 fol. 35r gives them as: J. S. Granger (6), R. G. Evans (5), D. A. S. Ravens (2), P. A. Jones (7), P. H. Bayliss (Bow), A. V. Stockley (4), R. G. Smith (Stroke), J. O. Weaver (3), and J. T. Houghton (Cox).
Size: 160 by 205 mm.

JC:P187/P1/2 1949
Formal photograph of the Jesus College Third Eight of 1949. The names and positions in the boat of the sitters are given as:
Back row (from l. to r.): P. M. Buitenhuis (coach), A.V. Stockley (2), D. A. S. Ravens (4), A. J. Roberts (3) and P. H. Bayliss (bow).
Middle row (from l. to r.): P. A. Jones (7), D. C. Williams (stroke), R. G. Smith (6) and J. O. Weaver (5).
Front row: G. Newman (cox).
Size (including mount): 255 by 305 mm.
See JC:P187/P2/1-2 for more photographs of this crew.

JC:P187/P1/3 1952
Formal photograph of the Jesus College Long Distance Eight of 1952. The names, positions in the boat and weights of the sitters are given as:
Back row (from l. to r.): J. W. B. Coates (5; 10.6), J. R. Buzeman (bow; 10.7), D. A. Ravens (3; 12.0), A. J. MacGregor (4; 11.6), and H. Murray (2; 11.2).
Middle row (from l. to r.): D. C. Rigby (7; 11.6), P. R. Horne (stroke; 10.6), and N. M. Beadle (6; 13.6).
Front row: W. G. Roe (cox; 9.7).
Size (including mount): 255 by 305 mm.

JC:P187/P1/4 1952
Photographic copy of JC:P187/P1/3 above.

JC:P187/P1/5 1952
Formal photograph of the Jesus College Third Torpid of 1952. No names are given, but Ravens is sitting on the left-hand end of the middle row.
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Size (including mount): 255 by 305 mm.
See JC:P187/P2/3 for another photograph of this crew.

JC:P187/P1/6  1952
Formal photograph of the Jesus College Second Eight of 1952. The names, positions in the boat, and weights of the sitters are given as:
Back row (from l. to r.): J. C. Gordon (2; 10.9), D. A. S. Ravens (5; 12.1), D. C. Rigby (4; 11.2), M. P. Newing (bow; 10.10), and P. Arengo-Jones (3; 11.2).
Middle row (from l. to r.): J. W. B. Coates (7; 10.6), R. J. MacGregor (stroke; 11.0) and P. G. S. Shreder (5; 14.4).
Front row: W. G. Roe (cox; 9.7).
Size (including mount): 250 by 300 mm.

JC:P187/P1/7  1953
Formal photograph of the Jesus College First Torpid of 1953. The names, positions in the boat, and weights of the crew are given as:
Back row (l. to r.): J. B. Roberts (4; 12.1), P. G. T. Owens (3; 13.6), P. G. S. Shreder (5; 14.4); M. P. Newing (bow; 11.0), and P. A. J. Arengo-Jones (2; 10.13).
Middle row (l. to r.): D. A. S. Ravens (7; 11.9), H. J. MacGregor (stroke; 11.4) and D. C. Rigby (6; 11.4).
Front row: W. G. Roe (cox; 8.13).
Size (including mount): 255 by 355 mm.
See JC:P187/P2/8 for another photograph of this crew.

JC:P187/P1/8  1956
Formal photograph of the Jesus College First Torpid of 1956. Ravens did not row in this crew, but perhaps he was coaching it. The names, positions in the boat, and weights of the crew are given as:
Back row (l. to r.): B. R Holeman (bow; 10.4), J. M. Bacon (4; 13.6), E. C. F. MacPherson (5; 12.4), R. A. Andjel (3; 13.2), and W. Ferdinand (2; 10.13).
Middle row (l. to r.): D. Rydings (7; 10.12), R. N. Sonnett (stroke; 10.7) and J. F. Knight (6; 12.2).
Front row: L. E. Anderson (cox; 9.10).
Size (including mount): 255 by 305 mm.

JC:P187/P2  INFORMAL PHOTOGRAPHS

All these photographs are unmounted. Ravens has identified the crews on the back of each print.

JC:P187/P2/1-2  1949
Two photographs of the Jesus College Third Eight of 1949, seen sitting in their boat about to start. The names of the crew are given at JC:P187/P1/2 above.
Sizes: 85 by 135 and 155 by 219 mm.
Photograph inscribed on the back “Torpid 52”, which is clearly a photograph of the Jesus College Third Torpid in action on the river. See JC:P187/P1/5 for a formal photograph of the crew (with no names given).
Size: 120 by 165 mm.

Photograph inscribed on the back “cleaning up Summer 52?”), showing two Boat Club members cleaning the dragon on the bow of the Jesus College Barge.
Size: 120 by 150 mm.

Two photographs of the Jesus College Second Eight of 1952, one of them in their boat moored up, and the other showing them in action.
Sizes: 105 by 165 and 160 by 210 mm.

Photograph (taken from the balcony) of the Bump Supper held in the Hall at Jesus College on 28 May 1952. See JC:P187/X3/1 below for the menu for this meal.
Size: 90 by 160 mm.

Photograph of the Jesus College First Torpid of 1953 in action on the river. The names of the crew are given at JC:P187/P1/7 above.
Size: 150 by 215 mm.

Three photographs of the Jesus College First Eight of 1953 seen in action on the river. Ravens has noted that, in JC:P187/P2/11, the crew is about to bump Brasenose I.
Sizes: 105 by 150 mm, 120 by 165 mm, and 125 by 205 mm.

Two photographs of the Jesus College First Eight of 1954 seen in action on the river. The JCBC race card for 1954 (JC:P187/X1/4 below) identifies the crew as M. S. Warren (bow), H. M. Jones (2), M. S. Lewis (3), P. A. Gair (4), D. A. S. Ravens (5), L. Taylor (6), J. E. A. Havard (7), B. K. Elms (stroke), and V. J. P. Glover (cox).
Sizes: 90 by 140 and 120 by 205 mm.
Photograph noted by Ravens as showing the Jesus VIII participating in the Thames Cup of 1954. No names are given.
Size: 90 by 140 mm.

**JC:P187/X1 – RACE CARDS FOR OXFORD EVENTS**

**JC:P187/X1/1-6**

Jesus College Boat Club race cards for the following events:

1949-1957

**JC:P187/X1/1**: Torpids 1949 (with results all filled in by Ravens).
**JC:P187/X1/2**: Eights Week 1952 (with results all filled in by Ravens).
**JC:P187/X1/3**: Eights Week 1953 (with some results filled in by Ravens). Ravens was JCBC Secretary this year.
**JC:P187/X1/4**: Eights Week 1954 (with some results filled in by Ravens). The front page of the race card has been signed by several members of the First Eight.
**JC:P187/X1/5**: First page only of the race card for Eights Week 1954, signed by several members of the First Eight.
**JC:P187/X1/6**: Eights Week 1957 with several results filled in by Ravens). Although Ravens had gone down by now, he was helping to coach the First Eight.

**JC:P187/X2 – RACE PROGRAMMES FOR OTHER EVENTS**

**JC:P187/X2/1-2**

Programmes for the 1952 and 1954 Reading Amateur Regattas. Crews from Jesus College took part in each regatta, and Ravens rowed both times.

**JC:P187/X2/3**

6 Jun 1953

Programme for the Wallingford Regatta. A crew from Jesus College completed. Ravens’s name is not in the programme, but he himself amended it to show that he rowed on the day itself.

**JC:P187/X2/4**

30 Jun 1954

Programme for the day’s events at the Henley Royal Regatta. A crew from Jesus College, including Ravens, competed.

**JC:P187/X3 – MENUS FOR BUMP SUPPERS**

**JC:P187/X3/1**

28 May 1952

Menu (signed by several participants) for a Bump Supper held in the Hall at Jesus College. See **JC:P187/P2/7** for a photograph taken at this meal.

**JC:P187/X3/2-3**

1 Jun 1957

Two copies (one signed by several participants) of a menu for a Bump Supper held in the Hall at Jesus College. Ravens, by now an Old Member of the College, was one of the coaches of the First Eight that year.