

Scott Davies

REGINA BECK



Scott Davies, who has died aged 21, was one of those rare people whose generosity is infectious to the people around him. If it was a kind word or a round of drinks Scott was ever an available friend, and someone who brought out the best in those around him. If he helped you out, you wanted to pay it forward.

I can say this from experience as I am one of the countless students still mourning the loss of my friend and colleague. We didn't agree on everything – I didn't share his politics or understand his insistence that there was no better lager than Carling – but his warm laughter and tireless work ethic for others meant there are dozens of situations where having him in my corner made all the difference.

Highly-regarded by students and fellows alike, he was one of the brightest investigators and journalists at *Varsity*. It was no surprise when, even after months of insisting he didn't want the job – that modesty at work again – he recently threw his hat into the ring to become editor for what would have

been his final months at Cambridge, this year's Lent Term.

Outside his academic work and journalism, he had a formidable hinterland of other interests – he was surely the best Latin-speaker outside the Classics Faculty. He was always disarmingly modest and easy-going, but nobody could have mistaken that for a lack of drive. The day he earned his Half Blue at Parkside was one of the proudest of his life, and it was a sign of the mark he left on our community that he was cheered on by so many that day, including myself.

Scott is survived by loving parents who have asked for privacy at this time. A public memorial will be held in the Magdalene Chapel on 30th November at 11am.

Regina Beck is a third year who will be the editor of Varsity for Lent Term.

Help is available if you are worried or feeling under pressure. To talk about anything at all, at any time, contact University Counselling Services.