



Worcester College MCR Newsletter

Hilary 1996

From the MCR President

Welcome back to yet another gruelling academic term! I trust you had a pleasant festive season. Hilary is the last term of office of the current MCR Committee. I can safely say that everyone on the Committee has enjoyed the time tremendously and we hope that you will run for Committee in this term's elections.

Rick McPhee

MCR Building Update

The Building Committee, comprising of Steve Pethick, Lindsey Flower, and Craig Taylor, have been choosing various furnishings and decorations for the MCR. Look forward to seeing the steady introduction of these items over the term. If you feel that anything is missing from the new MCR, drop me a line and I'll pass on the details to the Committee.

The College will install air conditioning in the Computing Room this term. Unfortunately, this will mean that access to the upstairs area will be restricted for 48 hours as the workmen drill holes and tamper with the electricity. Look in the MCR for posters detailing exact dates of the closure.

Elections for Committee

Hustings will be held on Tuesday, February 20, at 8:30pm in the MCR. Look for posters in the MCR detailing closing dates for nominations for positions. Nominations must be written and signed by the Candidate along with the signatures of the Proposer and Secunder of the Candidate. All election details can be found in the MCR Constitution, a copy of which appears in the MCR Handbook. The positions of office are *President, Treasurer, Secretary, Welfare Officer, Social Secretaries, O.U.S.U. Representative, Computing Officer, Franks Society, and Sports Representative*. Please feel free to contact any Committee member with questions or comments regarding what the relevant job entails. The Committee has had great fun over the past year and we strongly encourage you to become involved.

MCR Stationery

This is just a reminder that MCR Stationery is available at a modest cost from the Treasurer, Matt Crockett. A selection of headed writing paper, of various sizes, and matching envelopes are provided, making all the difference for job applications and letters home. Drop Matt a note for more info.

New Computing Facilities

The MCR has acquired two new 486PC's and a Macintosh PowerPC. All the machines run Microsoft Office, Netscape, and Telnet so you can use email. Also, all the computers in the Computing Room are now hooked up for email (except *quilter*). However, if your sole intention is to use email, please avoid using the new machines which are fast and are reserved for MCR members with real work to do! The machines you can print from are *arnold, bliss, lambert, and quilter*.

Unfortunately, the College has been unable to solve our printing problems from the Macintosh computers. However, since the Macs have the software *PC Exchange*, you can put a PC disk in

the Mac, copy your MS Office document to the disk, and print from one of the PC's. Sorry, we're working on our own solution.

For Sale

The MCR is selling the Hyundai computer which currently resides in the Computing Room. It has a 386/40MHz processor, 4Mb of ram, 20Mb of disk space, and an ethernet card. The monitor is black and white but this machine could prove really useful for someone requiring a computer for word processing tasks. The price is £175 or nearest offer. Please drop a note in my pigeon-hole if you are interested.

We would be pleased to give anyone the second of our electric typewriters. It is the one under the table (beside the photocopier). It is rather old and heavy but is in full working order. Again, drop me a note if you are interested.

EMOS Card Deposit

The mysterious £5 appearing on your MCR battels is a deposit for the issue of your EMOS card. This deposit will be refunded on your last battels bill given the safe return of the EMOS card to the MCR Treasurer. The deposit covers the cost of the card and any printing you may use in the final few months of your time at Worcester (like your 500 page thesis!) Please see the Treasurer, Matt Crockett, if you have any questions.

Welfare and Safety

A self-defence class, held jointly by the JCR and MCR, will tentatively take place on Sunday February 25, from 2-6pm. The event is free and is open to both women and men. Look for further information on MCR noticeboards and confirmation of the date.

Franks Society Talk

There will be a Franks Society Talk on Monday, February 19 at 8:30pm in lecture room B, given by Mike Searle. The talk is a joint affair with the Senior Common Room and we encourage everyone to attend. Refreshments will be available before and after the talk.

Attire at Guest Dinners

Over the past year, MCR members have generally not worn gowns to Hall for Guest Dinners. However, it transpires that graduate students are traditionally obliged to wear gowns at such events. Therefore, the MCR Committee courteously requests that all MCR members to wear gowns at future Guest Dinners. Guests, of course, are exempt from wearing gowns. I know everyone enjoys wearing gowns anyway, so it's not that big a deal!

And Finally. . .

Please take a moment to complete the attached form. We would like to receive suggestions of charities and we would also like to compile as much information about members as possible, particularly email addresses. Thanks for your help.