

NEWSLETTER

A Warm Welcome to all new members of the MCR and welcome back to those who escaped Oxford for Summer.

This Term's social calendar is set out in the Term Card (back page). Events include cocktails, bops, guest dinners, dessert nights, Franks Soc meetings, a wine tasting and the annual Xmas Dinner. We hope to add one or two dates later in term, including a late-night session at the Ice Rink. Keep an eye on the MCR Noticeboard (on the right hand side of the Lodge immediately as you enter the gateway).

On October 27 is our *General Meeting*. Come along and find out what the Committee has been up to, how much money is left in the coffers and to hear our proposals to replace (and simplify!) the unwieldy Constitution. We'd also like to hear your views on which papers and mags we should take, and of course anything else you'd care to discuss. As ever, accompanying movies and munchies will (we hope) ensure a large turnout. If you have any burning issues to discuss, motions can be proposed by any member - these should reach the MCR Secretary's pigeonhole by 20 October.

I am very much looking forward to meeting all the Fresher Graduates at the Provost's Drinks on 9 October. In the meantime, if new or existing members have any problems or queries, please don't hesitate to contact me - Room 24 Grad Building, 'phone calls via the Porters or 78377 on the internal network.

Have a great term,

Mark Morgan, MCR President

A reminder of this year's Committee (all contactable *via* MCR pigeonholes in the Lodge):

President	Mark Morgan (as above)
Secretary	Janelle Larson (Gloucester House 5)
Treasurer	Gordon Nardell (31 Victor St, Jericho, Tel 511586)
Social Secretary	Nina Teicholz (Grad Pad 5)
Librarian	Delman Lee (Lab: internal 73085, home: 515807) for any queries about MCR Equipment
OUGU Rep/Franks Soc	Daniel Olago (Grad Pad 6, internal 78377)

General Meeting Proposals

The First General Meeting of the year will be held on **Sunday of 3rd week (27 October)** in the **Sainsbury Common Room** starting at **7.15pm sharp**. Refreshments will as usual be available during the meeting, and videos in the Grad Pad afterwards.



Here is a summary of the business the Committee suggests for discussion:

1. President's Report - mainly on progress in wringing several improvements and changes from the College
2. Treasurer's Report - an outline of the current financial position and discussion of expenditure (of your money!) for the rest of the year - including social events.
3. Report on MCR Equipment
4. Newspapers. The Committee wonders whether some of the papers and mags we currently subscribe to are really read by enough members to make it economic to take them. We currently get the following:

<i>The Daily Mirror</i>	<i>Times Literary Supplement</i>
<i>The Guardian</i>	<i>Times Higher Edcn Suppl</i>
<i>The Independent</i>	<i>New Statesman</i>
<i>The Times</i>	<i>Spectator</i>
<i>The Daily Telegraph</i>	<i>Time</i>
<i>The Financial Times</i>	<i>The Economist</i>
<i>The Observer</i>	<i>Punch</i>
<i>The Sunday Times</i>	<i>Private Eye</i>
<i>The Intl Herald Tribune</i>	<i>New Scientist</i>
<i>New York Review of Books</i>	<i>Scientific American</i>
<i>London Review of Books</i>	<i>National Geographic</i>
<i>Oxford Times</i>	

We are considering asking members to approve cancellation of the *New York* and *London Reviews of Books*, *Scientific American*, *National Geographic*, *Punch*, *Spectator* and *New Statesman*. The meeting will of course be free to agree other changes - including new subscriptions which members think beneficial (e.g. *Viz*). Be warned that any motion for subscription to the *Sun* will be ruled out of order as frivolous.

5. Constitution. The Committee will put forward a new draft Constitution more in line with the size and nature of the MCR. We would prefer the detail to be discussed away from the first General Meeting in the hope that during term some consensus can be reached and an agreed draft put before a (hopefully short) meeting in good time for the elections for next year's officers in mid-Hilary Term.

Members are welcome to suggest other areas for discussion, either by formal motion or as 'any other business'.

Graduate Lockers

The College has agreed to provide a number of lockers for the use of graduates; they may be particularly useful for people living out. If you would like locker space, please contact the Steward, who will issue a key on payment of a small deposit.

High Table Dining

There is an understanding that Graduates should be invited to dine at High Table by their College Adviser once a year or so. This has been a practice more honoured in breach than observance. Following a suggestion by the MCR Committee, Governing Body unanimously agreed that more graduates should have an opportunity to dine. On Tuesday evening, Dean of Graduates Paul Craig will introduce up to 3

graduates to Dine with SCR. We would like as many MCR Members as possible to take advantage of these arrangements. If you are interested, please return the tear-off slip (back page) to the MCR Secretary. In the event of oversubscription, members on one-year courses or in their final year will have priority. Our thanks go to Paul Craig for his help in getting this idea off the ground.

Computer Equipment - Introduction for Members

We want members to get the best from the equipment we have. We propose to run a series of short introductory sessions this term to ensure that new and existing members alike feel confident to use to the full the hardware and software available, including some of the new software acquired in recent months. The sessions will be held in the MCR Writing Room on weekday mornings and evenings during weeks 2 & 4 to suit demand. To give us an idea of numbers and preferred times, please complete the tear-off slip if you would like to participate.

Repairs and Maintenance

The MCR Committee has sought greater involvement in planning of decorative and maintenance work etc. Our requests will be taken into account when the College makes arrangements for work in all Graduate accommodation and facilities. Please make suggestions using the sheets in the MCR and Grad Pad. Emergency repairs, as before, should be reported direct to the Porters' Lodge.

USE THE MCR ROOM!

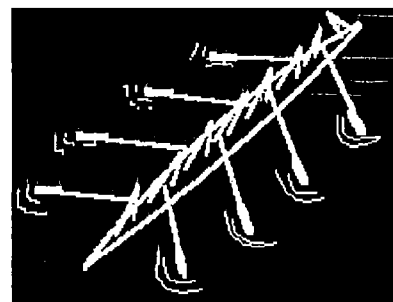
Come meet your colleagues in the MCR. The MCR room is on Staircase 6 (right hand side of the Main Quad), ground floor. It has coffee, tea, hot chocolate, newspapers, magazines and a cat - what more could you ask for? Stop in to chat and see what a (sizeable) portion of your fees is providing.

NUS and ISIC Cards

Graduates are automatically members of JCR and as such also NUS. Members who wish to do so can obtain NUS cards through the JCR Secretary. ISIC Cards are sold at the OUSU Shop.

COLLEGE SPORTS

Just a reminder that all Graduates are welcome to participate in the wide range of sporting and social activities organised by College Sports Clubs and the JCR.



JOBS

As previously, College and University appointments, JRFs, casual posts etc. will be posted on the MCR door.

TERM CARD

Week 0

Thursday 10 October
Saturday 12 October

Freshers' Wine Party - 8pm, JCR
Cellar Bar Bop, 8pm - organised by JCR, all welcome

Week 1

Monday 14 October
Weds 16 October

Buskins (Worcester College Drama Society) party -
8pm, JCR
MCR Bop, Sainsbury Common Room, 8pm

Week 2

Sunday 20 October
Friday 25 October

MCR Cocktail Extravaganza, 8pm, Morley-Fletcher
Room; Smart Dress
Joint Worcester/St.Edmund Hall MCR party, Teddy
Hall Old Dining Hall, 8pm; meet 7.45 Worcester
Lodge

Week 3

Sunday 27 October
Wednesday 30 October

MCR General Meeting, Sainsbury Common Room,
7.15pm; munchies and movies to follow
MCR Guest Night; Sherry in Buttery 6.45, Dinner in
Hall 7.15, Port in MCR afterwards

Week 4

Wednesday 6 November

MCR Dessert Night - will start after second hall

Week 5

Tuesday 12 November

Franks Society Meeting - Sainsbury Common Room,
8pm - details to be posted

Week 6

Thursday 21 November

MCR Guest Night; Sherry in Buttery 6.45, Dinner in
Hall 7.15, Port in MCR afterwards

Week 7

Tuesday 26 November

Wine Tasting - Time & Venue to be announced

Week 8

Thursday 5 December

Christmas Dinner and Bop

Tear-off slip

HIGH TABLE DINING

I would like to dine at High Table.

Name

Please return to MCR Secretary

Tear-off slip

COMPUTER INTRODUCTION

I would like to attend an introductory
session.

Name

I would prefer: Week 2/Week 4
 Morning/Evening

delete as appropriate

Please return to MCR Secretary