

MCR NEWSLETTER

10 December 1994

Michaelmas Term

From the MCR President

We hope everyone enjoyed the MCR Holiday dinner. We are grateful to the Provost for hosting the jazz performance in his home. You can look forward to another MCR bop early next term.

The MCR Committee had a productive Michaelmas Term and is pleased to introduce many changes. The most visible change is now the renovation of the new MCR. After long delays getting approval from the City Council, the College can finally move ahead with this project. Therefore, the MCR Building Committee has met twice with the Clerk of Works to iron out final details. The builders have begun to repair the roof. Afterwards, they will move indoors to refinish the interior. We are working as quickly as possible to finish this project so that MCR members can enjoy these new facilities next term.

Looking ahead, we encourage everyone to consider running for the Committee. Please ask us questions about the responsibilities of these positions. Election details will appear late in Hilary Term. Have a great vacation!

Yours sincerely,
Patrick O'Hagan

MCR General Meeting

At the MCR General Meeting held on November 15, these motions were passed unanimously:

- the position of MCR Computer Representative replaced the position of MCR Librarian.
- MCR Committee expenses will now be regulated by a new mechanism: if a purchase exceeds 5% of the MCR's annual projected income, then the MCR Committee will give the MCR one week



notice and proceed unless a seconded objection is submitted. If that occurs, then a MCR General Meeting will be called to discuss the issue. Social expenses are excluded.

- photocopying and laser printing prices were raised to 3p and 5p, respectively—still the cheapest around. This additional revenue is needed to cover the costs of recent equipment purchases.
- an ACC payphone will be installed in the new MCR.
- fourth-year linguist students were granted MCR membership. However, this decision was over-ruled by College because we acted on incomplete information. This issue will be discussed further in the spring.
- the MCR Committee will now make anonymous charity donations. Donations will be charged on battels, but each MCR member will be allowed to opt-out. Submit your charity suggestions to Sara Toomey, MCR Secretary.
- the MCR Committee requested reduced dining hall rates for MCR spouses. The Bursar approved this request, and catering keys will be made available to MCR spouses next term.

EMOS Card System

An EMOS card system has been installed for the photocopier and HP laser printer. The response has been positive because this system is more convenient and reliable. We will soon fix the problem of printing from WordPerfect. Reminder to members who live out of College—your cards are in the Porter's Lodge.

Computer Room

WordPerfect 5.1 is the most used software package in the MCR computer room. However, the Oxford Computing Service no longer supports it with training courses, and there is a university-wide move to WordPerfect 6.2 and Microsoft Word because these are Windows-based. The MCR Committee would like to make a similar change, so we need to know whether any MCR members object. Also, we would like to upgrade Microsoft Word 2.1 to 6.0; version 6.0 can read 2.1 files, but not vice versa. Please write to Zelda Lawrence-Curran, MCR Computer Representative, with your questions, concerns, and suggestions ("LA" pigeon hole).

Franks Society

The MCR Committee sends a thank you to Judith Buchanan for her excellent talk on "Shakespeare and the Cinema." This event was very well attended and successfully relaunched the Frank's Society programme. We have already received several requests to deliver talks next term. If you are interested, then please call Craig Taylor, Frank's Society Officer, at 723693.

Happy New Year!

