

MCR NEWSLETTER

12 May 1994

Trinity Term

From the MCR President

I would like to announce that the new MCR Committee is now active and excited to make progress on many issues. I would also like to send a warm thank you to Matt and Shawn McBrady who have greatly facilitated the transition and whose services to the committee we will greatly miss next year.

This newsletter contains updates on the latest committee decisions and ideas. We are moving ahead on many fronts and would welcome input, of course, from any concerned MCR members so that we can better serve the graduate community. Enjoy the spring weather and go punting! Sincerely,

—Patrick O'Hagan

MCR Committee

- **President: Patrick O'Hagan**
MPhil, European Politics and Society
- **Secretary: Sara Toomey**
MPhil, Social Anthropology
- **Treasurer: Asim Siddiqui**
DPhil, Biophysics
- **Social Secretaries: Shawn McBrady and Margaret Chai**
- **Sports Rep: Adrian Nankivell**
DPhil, Geophysics
- **OUGU Rep: Craig Taylor**
DPhil, Modern History
- **Computer Reps: John Curran and Zelda Lawrence-Curran**
DPhil, Music

MCR Building

Plans for the new MCR building are moving ahead at a quick pace. After receiving floor plans from the Clerk of

Works, the MCR Building Committee met twice to evaluate his suggestions and request modifications. The next step should involve a final floor plan and exact cost estimates. We are pushing to have this project started over summer and completed by Michaelmas term.

The MCR Building Committee is comprised of the following members: Patrick O'Hagan, Asim Siddiqui, Adrian Nankivell, Steve Pethick, and Jeffrey Elcock. If you will be around Worcester this summer and are particularly keen to join this committee, please contact the MCR President.

Graduate Student Handbook

The MCR handbook will be thoroughly revised, expanded, and reformatted for next year. With careful promotion, this handbook will serve as the principal source of MCR information, while the new College handbook will provide a secondary source of detailed references.

Freshers' Welcome

We will repeat next year the excellent introductory events that were conducted last Michaelmas term for new graduates. These included the welcoming party and the tour of Worcester. If you have any suggestions for how to improve this procedure, please let us know. We would like to learn from your experiences.

Canal Street Lottery

A lottery will be held later this term to distribute graduate accommodation in the new Canal Street building. Dr. Arthur Dexter, Dean of Graduates, will decide who has received a room based on the requests submitted, and the MCR will conduct this lottery to provide a fair method of assignment.

Visit by St. Catherine's MCR

Members of the St. Catherine's MCR, Cambridge University, will visit on Saturday 14 May at 3 pm. This college is Worcester's "twin." MCR members will greet the visitors and take them on a tour of Worcester's stunning grounds for an hour. Anyone is welcome to join us. They have kindly suggested a reciprocal trip for our MCR, which we will look into arranging for next year.

Trouble-Shooting

We are trying to solve some nagging MCR problems. First, the photocopier experiences too much down-time due to equipment failure and empty toner. We will find a better system to maintain the copier and are considering upgrading our lease to a better machine.

Second, the laser printers in the MCR and Grad Pad need maintenance. We also do not account fully for all the printed sheets at the MCR's loss, so we will find a better way to track expenses.

Third, the guest night sign-up sheet experiences problems with late changes and illegible names. These difficulties will be resolved by clarifying the cut-off times and checking off attendees as they enter the dining hall.

Finally, we are concerned by the large expense of our newspaper and magazine subscriptions. We will discuss possible cost-cutting measures and invite MCR feedback on any proposed changes.

Sports Update

The Worcester basketball team has advanced to the Cuppers quarterfinals. MCR cricket matches soon begin. Grass tennis courts are now available, and the volleyball court awaits!

*Environment discussed after
2-3 days*