

# DCAC Mid-Year Report

**FOR YEAR END SEPTEMBER 2008**

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## ***DCAC PRESIDENT'S REPORT***

As in previous years, the JCR and MCR Committees have collaborated on a number of important projects this year, most notably during the recent rent negotiations with the College. This has led to even closer ties between the undergraduate and postgraduate communities in Downing, with members of the JCR being invited to attend numerous MCR bar evenings during the vacations. Work on the 2009 Downing May Ball is progressing rapidly and the Ball Committee, under the leadership of Chris Hughes, are rising magnificently to the challenges presented to them. Downing Ents recently collaborated with the Ball to organise and run a successful superformal with evening entertainment, which saw the inauguration of the Ball's brand new casino equipment. Downing Ents also put on a successful "Last Night of the Bar" Ent last term and a fantastic Marriage Formal Ent this term.

Downing's sports teams showed their usual excellence this year, with the Netball teams dominating Cuppers and both Women's teams topping the league. The Downing Ski team retained the Varsity Trip Cuppers title when the event was postponed after Hattie Sparks took a bad fall in treacherous conditions. The Men's first Football team was promoted to the 1st Division after a phenomenal season and the Men's and Woman's Rugby teams both excelled. Ducks Lacrosse won Cuppers for the second year running while the newly formed Ultimate Frisbee team are going from strength to strength with two spirit awards and a tournament plate under their belts. The Men's Hockey team came second in the top division while the Women's team made it all the way to the Cuppers final. Downing's rowers showed the rest of Cambridge exactly what it takes to win during the Lent Bumps with good results for both the first and second Men's and the first Women's boats each bumping at least one place during the competition. They have also shown impressive results at numerous heads and regattas throughout the year.

The Blake Society, having just celebrated its first birthday, has already established itself as one of Downing's finest societies, and has challenged the Danby Society to an epic battle between the sciences and the arts in the form of a quiz. The Downing Debating Society and RAG have also become much more prominent this year within Downing due largely to the efforts of Ed Corke and Sarah Hansen respectively. The Cranworth Law Society have also been keeping busy, with recruitment events and guest speakers filling up the calendar, while the Whitby and Maitland Societies both have their annual dinners coming up this term.

Downing students have also been treading the boards with their usual enthusiasm, both at the ADC and also closer to home with the DDS. Special mention is deserved for Keith Akushie, who won the RAG stand-up comedy competition in a closely fought contest. Pete Johnson, Chloe Massey, Cat Gerrard, Anna Marsland and Ben Sehovic have also all made their presences felt at the ADC, while Pete has also been working with the DDS to put on a number of successful plays throughout the year. Downing students continue to do well in all aspects of university life, and the DCAC should be rightly proud of the achievements of its members.

*Dan Chapman, DCAC and JCR President 2007-2008*

## ***MCR PRESIDENT'S REPORT***

Due the diverse and scattered nature of the MCR community, the Committee feels that the most important use of MCR funds is to draw together and integrate MCR students and to encourage them to participate in the MCR and in College more generally, and to be aware of the opportunities which are available to them. The MCR Committee does this in two main ways: by maintaining and improving the MCR room itself as the graduate base in College, and by planning and running social events.

The MCR has recently held a number of successful bar nights out of term time, which is traditional, but have been particularly popular, and we intend to continue making full use of this facility outside term time, especially as the bar is newly refurbished. We have continued to have other successful social events which are supported by the MCR grant, including Burns' night with the customary piper and Ceilidh, Midway dinner and most recently the Gourmet Dinner which was a great success. We are currently planning the MCR Miniball, which takes place in the summer, an ADC theatre trip, and starting preparations for Freshers' Week. We also are constantly ensuring we can make provision for smaller informal events often held in the MCR Room.

We have continued the biannual MCR-SCR seminar night, which is a chance for graduate students to make a short presentation of their work to the MCR and SCR and allows people more insight to what the people about college are doing with their studies.

The MCR room continues to be popular with, the most exciting addition so far this year being the new pool table, paid for from the DCAC depreciation fund. This is a great asset to the room for which the MCR are every grateful, and we have already held our first pool competition. The MCR still to maintain the coffee machine and the room now has wireless Internet access. The Sky subscription continues to be popular and aids integration in the college often being used by non-members of the MCR. We are currently looking into the possibility of some redecoration in the MCR which would be carried out this summer.

*Madeleine Ross, MCR President 2007-2008*

## ***FINANCIAL SUMMARY***

Since the beginning of the year, the DCAC has continued to support students throughout Downing in a financially structured and viable manner. Below are events of financial significance that have occurred so far this year.

The taxi scheme drawn up at the beginning of the academic year in 2005 has been abandoned due to abuse. There is no longer an overarching taxi fund – teams wishing to claim taxi use back from the JCR must now submit an ACG form as they would for any other claim, and the cost is incurred from the team's own budget. This has significantly reduced the number of taxis being claimed for, and as such has been successful.

The JCR Entertainments Society and the Downing College Bar have, after extensive talks, drawn up the Bar & Ents agreement. In previous years, the Bar and Ents have run separate, competing events. The agreement provides a framework within which the Bar and Ents can work together to provide a more structured and comprehensive series of events for students. For events which take place in the Bar, the Bar now provide bar staff and sell alcohol while the Entertainments Society take care of security staff, DJs, publicity and ticketing. In return, the Bar takes 40% of all profits.

### **Current Expenditure:**

Current expenditure by the DCAC and its affiliated clubs and societies stands so far this year at 35% of the total, which is no cause for concern. This figure may be artificially low, as certain large expenditures have yet to be claimed, including the boat club cleaning charge (£4725.00), the boat club funding (£3300.00) and the CUSU affiliation fees (roughly £3000). With these included as 'spent' funding, spending rises to 61%, an increase of 7% on last year.

### ***Minor points:***

- The MCR graduate union affiliation fees were higher than budgeted for, due to an error in calculation. The fees have been paid out of the General Expenditure fund.

### ***Downing Ball:***

The DCAC currently underwrites the Downing Ball. This year, the Ball President and Vice-president are Chris Hughes and Jo Maddison. Recently, they presented figures for last year's ball, *Danu*, showing that the overall profit made was £649.74. The JCR remains confident that the upward trend in profits from this and the previous two balls will continue, and continues to monitor the management of next year's ball.

## **Investment Fund:**

<i>Capital</i>	<i>Acc fund</i>	<i>Depreciation Fund</i>	<i>Investment Revaluation Reserve</i>	<i>Total</i>
<b>At 31 Jul 07</b>	£67,044.88	£17,115.64	<b>£2,407.46</b>	£2,500.00
<b>At 30 April 08</b>	£53,279.43	£16,768.85	<b>£2,407.46</b>	£2,500.00
<b>Expected year-end</b>	£67,899.63	£17,355.89	<b>£2,407.46</b>	£2,500.00
<b>Change</b> (on year previous)	£854.75	£240.25	£0.00	£0.00

All figures above are estimates with the exception of the July 31<sup>st</sup> figures. Year end balances assume budget figures have been spent. No estimate of the investment revaluation reserve was made due to current stock market conditions.

### ***Table Tennis Equipment***

The Downing Table Tennis teams have been performing strongly in the past year, and applied early in the year to receive funding from the Depreciation Fund for purchase of new bats, to remain the property of the club and to be looked after by the captain. After obtaining estimates of prices from several sources, the club was granted £105.90. The bats are estimated to last at least five years.

### ***JCR Chocolate Fountains***

The JCR Ents society applied for funding to purchase two chocolate fountains for use in any events organised by the JCR. The fountains have proven consistently popular at events, including many fresher's week entertainments. The Ents society was granted £54.98.

### ***Rugby Tackle Bags***

The Rugby club applied for funding for some new tackle pads for training. These were used by the Men's and Women's clubs this season, being particularly useful in beginner drills for the Women's club. They should last at least 10 years. Coupled with attendance to the Men's club reaching over 30 players this season and the Women's club staying strong at around 10 regular attendees, this means they will see good use during their lifetimes. The Rugby club was granted £185.91 for this purchase.

### ***MCR Pool Table***

Recently, it came to light that the pool table used in the MCR was old and no longer of the standard that the college likes to provide to students. Comparisons were drawn with the much newer and well-maintained pool table available in the bar. After discussion of hire, the decision was made by the DCAC committee to purchase a pool table online at a cost of £782.00. This is expected to last at least five years if not more, and should provide free entertainment to many graduate students.

## DCAC Trial Balance at 07/05/2008

### Amalgamation Club Trial Balance 2007/2008

		Budget	Credit Remaining	Expenditure	Percentage
Depreciation	<a href="#">Dep</a>	£ 5,900.00	£ 4,171.21	£ 1,728.79	29%
General Expenditure	<a href="#">G1</a>	£ 4,400.00	£ 3,363.66	£ 1,036.34	24%
MCR Grant	<a href="#">M1</a>	£ 4,900.00	£ -	£ 4,900.00	100%
JCR Grant					
- Initiatives' Fund	<a href="#">J1</a>	£ 300.00	£ 300.00	£ -	0%
- Officers' Expenses	<a href="#">J2</a>	£ 200.00	£ 180.78	£ 19.22	10%
- Welfare	<a href="#">J3</a>	£ 150.00	£ 65.11	£ 84.89	57%
- TV Room	<a href="#">J4</a>	£ 150.00	£ 150.00	£ -	0%
- Communications	<a href="#">J5</a>	£ 150.00	£ 150.00	£ -	0%
DCAC Entertainments	<a href="#">D1</a>	£ 3,600.00	£ -	£ 3,600.00	100%
Griffin	<a href="#">G2</a>	£ 800.00	£ 573.70	£ 226.30	28%
<b>Athletics Club</b>	<a href="#">A1</a>	£ 35.00	£ 35.00	£ -	0%
<b>Badminton Club</b>	<a href="#">B1</a>	£ 1,350.00	£ 832.20	£ 517.80	38%
<b>Basketball Club (Men's)</b>	<a href="#">B2</a>	£ 900.00	£ 49.50	£ 850.50	95%
<b>Blake Society</b>	<a href="#">B3</a>	£ 600.00	£ 413.49	£ 186.51	31%
<b>Boat Club</b>	<a href="#">B4</a>	£ 3,300.00	£ 3,300.00	£ -	0%
<b>Boat Club Cleaning Charge</b>	<a href="#">B5</a>	£ 4,275.00	£ 4,275.00	£ -	0%
<b>Chapel Choir</b>	<a href="#">C1</a>	£ 500.00	£ 500.00	£ -	0%
<b>Chess Club</b>	<a href="#">C2</a>	£ 60.00	£ 60.00	£ -	0%
<b>Cranworth (Law) Society</b>	<a href="#">C3</a>	£ -	£ -	£ -	
<b>Cricket Club</b>	<a href="#">C4</a>	£ 170.00	£ 170.00	£ -	0%
<b>Danby Society</b>	<a href="#">D2</a>	£ 1,000.00	£ 1,000.00	£ -	0%
<b>Dance Society</b>	<a href="#">D3</a>	£ -	£ -	£ -	
<b>Debating Society</b>	<a href="#">D4</a>	£ 100.00	£ 100.00	£ -	
<b>Dramatics Society</b>	<a href="#">D5</a>	£ 800.00	£ 727.30	£ 72.70	9%
<b>Football Club (Men's)</b>	<a href="#">F1</a>	£ 520.00	£ 340.00	£ 180.00	35%
<b>Football Club (Women's)</b>	<a href="#">F2</a>	£ 110.00	£ 83.18	£ 26.82	24%
<b>Hockey Club</b>	<a href="#">H1</a>	£ 2,000.00	£ 1,431.10	£ 568.90	28%
<b>Lacrosse Club</b>	<a href="#">L1</a>	£ 35.00	£ 30.00	£ 5.00	14%
<b>Maitland Society</b>	<a href="#">M2</a>	£ -	£ -	£ -	
<b>Matthius Economics Society</b>	<a href="#">M3</a>	£ -	£ -	£ -	
<b>Music Society</b>	<a href="#">M4</a>	£ 840.00	£ 840.00	£ -	0%
<b>Netball Club</b>	<a href="#">N1</a>	£ 190.00	£ 190.00	£ -	0%
<b>Pool Club</b>	<a href="#">P1</a>	£ 55.00	£ 55.00	£ -	0%
<b>Rugby Football Club (Men's)</b>	<a href="#">R1</a>	£ 705.00	£ 283.16	£ 421.84	60%
<b>Rugby Football Club (Women's)</b>	<a href="#">R2</a>	£ 150.00	£ 101.07	£ 48.93	33%
<b>Squash Club</b>	<a href="#">S1</a>	£ 270.00	£ 261.00	£ 9.00	3%
<b>Table Football Club</b>	<a href="#">T1</a>	£ 10.00	£ 10.00	£ -	0%
<b>Table Tennis Club</b>	<a href="#">T2</a>	£ 80.00	-£ 103.70	£ 183.70	230%
<b>Tennis Club</b>	<a href="#">T3</a>	£ 310.00	£ 310.00	£ -	0%
<b>Ultimate Frisbee</b>	<a href="#">U1</a>	£ 200.00	£ 200.00	£ -	0%
<b>Waterpolo Club</b>	<a href="#">W1</a>	£ 80.00	£ 80.00	£ -	0%
<b>Whitby Society</b>	<a href="#">W2</a>	£ 600.00	£ 600.00	£ -	0%
<b>Wine Society</b>	<a href="#">W3</a>	£ 45.00	£ 35.00	£ 10.00	22%
<b>Yoga Society</b>	<a href="#">Y1</a>	£ -	£ -	£ -	

<b>Total:</b>	£39,840.00	£ 25,162.76	£ 14,677.24	37%
<b>Forcasted Surplus 2007/8</b>	£ 75.65			
<b>Total, inc. surplus:</b>	£39,915.65	£ 25,238.41	£ 14,677.24	37%
<b>Bursar's Account (Income)</b>	<a href="#">Bur</a>	0.00		

## **Budget Alterations**

- £200 was allocated from the Initiatives Fund to a budget for the newly-formed Downing Ultimate Frisbee team.