COLLEGE TIME WIDGET EXPOSED!

Following a recent admission by Bollom that term only lasts for six weeks, the Drain has exposed the College's latest financial scam. The six week term acknowledged by Bollom is at odds with the eight week term familiar to all. It is therefore obvious that the eight week term **experienced** by students takes place during six weeks of 'real time'. In short, a secret College time widget causes Cambridge to be disconnected from the real world for the first six weeks of every term. During those six weeks 'Cambridge time' is sped up to give us an eight week term. Students are then placed in suspended animation for two weeks, allowing conference guests to move in.

Physicists in the bar were unable to explain to us how phone calls home coped with the difference between 'Cambridge time' and 'real time', observing that this fact would only spoil a good story if dwelt on unduly. One noted the occasional mysterious flickering of the lights in Cripps and Fisher, and wondered if this could be caused by power surges at the time widget.

The Senior Tutor is believed to have confessed to the fraud and, when informed of the Drain's intention to publish, tearfully claimed that "It isn't a news item. It was just an accident." So far no-one has believed such a preposterous story and the JCR is currently negotiating a 25% College Bill rebate, backdated to 1945. The Queens' 550 Appeals Committee has asked to take on the task of distributing this rebate to Old Members, noting that this will allow them to combine the contrasting roles of philanthropist and beggar and hence persuade Old Members that the Committee is not just after their money.

A careful analysis of the Junior Bursar's recent address to a JCR Open Meeting has enabled the Drain to pinpoint the site of the time widget as Dokett Basement. Constrained as we are to rule out the possibility that conferences could ever affect decisions concerning student welfare, this offers the most plausible remaining explanation for the refusal to consider renovations of Dokett (popular) in preference to the en-suiting of a single staircase in Fisher (somewhat less popular).

The Drain fears that the whole story has not yet been disclosed. Bollom's statement that term lasts for six weeks is at odds with his actions in distributing a mere handful of 'Suggestion of the Week' prizes in the past few years. It is therefore possible that his apparent slip could have been a deliberate leak aimed at concealing the full horror. Using the award of 'Suggestion of the Week' prizes as our guide to a week of 'real time' the Drain has calculated that a term of 'Cambridge time' could be equivalent to as little as 3 days of 'real time'. If true, this would reduce the average College Bill to £20 per term. Nine lots of this is equivalent to your £180 Caution Money.

Thus, payment of Caution Money covers the true cost of all your College Bills. A confidential source revealed to the Drain that the true purpose of the College Bill is to support the luxury holidays in the sun frequently enjoyed by certain College fellows on 'medical grounds' or for åresearchπ purposes.

Immediate action is needed to stop this flagrant injustice. A top-secret JCR subcommittee is rumoured to be stockpiling weapons in anticipation of a bloody coup d'Ètat, followed by free beer and a holiday in the Bahamas. Comrades, be ready to play your part!