



# The Cheese Grater

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## SO YOU'RE NEW HERE...

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### **Charlie Kinbote**

If I were forced to choose an analogy for being a fresher it would be a little baby being born. The whole application process is a seductive maze. Your personal statement is a bad chat up line: Balliol, Oxford walks off in disgust to talk to the popular boys

Enthusiastic fresher Michael Arthur hopes to bag as much as he can whose parents brought them up in nurturing households. Yours was a harsh prison of bitter recrimination. You saunter over to the bar, have an unsafe amount of alcohol, and notice UCL. She's probably the fourth best looker in the club. As she cradles you in her arms you cry deeply, because you were never loved. Conception happens at interviews. You're nervous, but you still perform well. Your father hugs you for the first time since you were a child, but your mother is still disappointed that you didn't get into Oxbridge. (Cont'd on page 3)

# A Brief Guide to Everything That's Shit at Your New University

**Hannah Sketchly & Bo Franklin**

## UCL will leave you starving

Students studying abroad were left hungry last term as the payment of their ERASMUS grants were delayed, sometimes for up to three months. Tom Houghton, third year German and History student, complained in July: "I'm so poor I had a breakfast consisting of lettuce and peanut butter."

The School of European Languages and Cultures, which is responsible for those studying abroad as part of a languages degree, was unaware of the scale of the problem. UCL's Study Abroad office was reluctant to comment. It has been suggested that the British Council was late in making the payments but many students claim that the blame has been heaped on them as the Study Abroad Office falsely accused them of failing to submit paper work.

The ERASMUS programme is named after the Dutch theologian who had to beg for food and books from his friends in order to continue studying. It is intended to support EU students who study abroad.

## It's quite easy to Get arrested

A former University of London student was violently dragged from the ULU Lunchbox Cafe in July after being seen writing with chalk on the pavement outside ULU and on small plaque on the wall of Senate House. The slogans were in support of the 3Cosas Campaign which works with outsourced cleaners in Bloomsbury for workers rights.

After being pinned down by two uniformed officers and screaming from the pressure exerted on her, the slight young woman was carried from the building

and was then held on the road for fifteen minutes. Further back-up arrived, taking the number of police officers on the scene to 17.

The woman has plead not guilty to two charges of assault on an officer and one of criminal damage. On July 26, University management released a letter banning all protest activity around Senate House, saying it was detrimental to the learning of those using the library.

## Malcolm Grant spent your course budget on a party

Outgoing Provost Malcolm Grant went out in June with a no-expense-spared party in the quad. Highlights included performances by ABBA tribute band Bjorn Again. Guests were treated to t-shirts with a '70s mustachioed Malcolm on the front.

The festivities were only spoiled by a low turn out. The few staff who did turn up to give one final brown-nose to their former boss reportedly headed home with arm fulls of spare alcohol. If this was a reflection on Grant's popularity, new Provost Michael Arthur might want to start keeping his enemies – and his ABBA collection – much closer.

## To sell or not to sell, that is the question

The academic community has praised former UCL Dean of Arts and Humanities and current Recor of Lincoln College, Oxford, Professor Henry Woudhuysen for writing a letter which was influential in stopping the sell-off of the first four Shakespeare Folios.

The University proposed to auction the 17th century works to raise up to £5 million.

Those singing his praises seem to have forgotten the cuts Woudhuysen inflicted on UCL's Modern Foreign Languages



## Society Bitch

After finally being recognized by UCL Union this year, **Libertarian Society** has not

got off to a flying start. Unsurprisingly Labour Society turned down the chance the co-host a debate on the legalization of sweatshops when Lib Soc had no trouble finding a pro-sweatshop speaker but struggled to find anyone to speak against them. **Labour Society** President, Caroline Hill, commented "We can't commit to hosting an event with them because I have very long hair and it needs washing all the time."

**Pi Media** is set to lose a lucrative deal with UCLU to pocket any money above £3000 made from the sales of NUS Extra cards. In previous years, Pi has made around £15,000 out of discount-savvy, Topman-spending students. They may now have to find somewhere else to fund their unique brand of lifestyle chit-chat and holiday blogs, as UCLU Democracy and Communications Officer Dan Warham professed his wish to "tear it [the deal] up."

The **UCLU Comedy Club** celebrated their second run at the Edinburgh Festival Fringe with a "triumphant return" this August. They performed two shows, one in the Spanish-themed tapas restaurant La Tasca and the other in the Mexican-themed restaurant Chiquito. One UCL fringe-goer described the fajitas as 'spicy'.

department. A key figure in the Modern Languages Review, (CG24) Woudhuysen left a legacy at UCL of redundancies and massive cuts to administrative provisions. It seems he has more of a place in his heart for books than for students.

# A Fresher Born Every Minute

Welcome to your brave new world

(Cont'd from page 1) I'll have you know that UCL is ranked fourth in the world on the QS league table, so how about that? She mutters back: What about the Times rankings, isn't it 17th there? You feign deafness.

So, now you're pregnant with your conditional place in Anthropology, or maybe UCL is pregnant with you, or something. Moving through fresher's fayre is like exiting the birth canal: cramped and unpleasant. The stalls form the blood-rich

lining of muscle and stratified squamous epithelium, finally you come out back into the fresh air, all born and stuff. It's time to do what all newborn babies must: get pissed at Fabric and desperately fail to pull. It's a brave new world.

# LABOUR ISN'T TWERKING



## Do You Want To Write An Article As Brilliant As These Ones Here?

Well you can't. But if you use the form below, you could copy our inimitable style. As we all know, 'Fracking' sounds a lot like 'Fucking', and so has formed the basis of many very witty puns. Fill in the section below with FRACKING or FUCKING, cut it out, and send it to THE CHEESE GRATER, Oscar Webb, University of London Union, Malet Street, London, WC1E 7HY. First 25 submissions will receive a mystery prize!

### STUDENTS \_\_\_\_\_ IN THE LIBRARY?

Earlier this week, a group of students were caught in the DM Watson Science Library, doing what comes comes naturally to students \_\_\_\_\_. \_\_\_\_\_, which has been all over the news recently, is a highly controversial process where one party uses hi-tech \_\_\_\_\_ equipment to delve

beneath \_\_\_\_\_. Once there, fluids (typically \_\_\_\_\_) are let loose at high pressures, causing the \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ and release natural reserves of \_\_\_\_\_, which then can be extracted with \_\_\_\_\_, which can then be \_\_\_\_\_ into \_\_\_\_\_, and sold on the international market for large profits.

The students were found by Phil Hearton, a security guard, who was shocked to discover the illicit \_\_\_\_\_ being carried out in the UCL library. He told the Cheese Grater that he "was just doing the rounds late at night, then he heard this awful racket coming from round the corner, lots of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_." When he saw what was happening, he was "appalled" to be confronted with "one bloke, who was

holding his \_\_\_\_\_, then this woman was on the floor with a massive \_\_\_\_\_. It was horrifying to think they'd do that in a library."

The group of students, who cannot be named for legal reasons, are being charged on several grounds, including "\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_", "unauthorised \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ in a \_\_\_\_\_", as well as "breach of the \_\_\_\_\_". They were also issued with a £20 library fine. Earlier today, they released a statement, in which they explained that their actions were "youthful antics"... "natural for any scientifically-inclined student with an interest in \_\_\_\_\_", and that they were "from the bottom of our hearts, very, incredibly hot and gassy".

# The Undergraduate Formally Known As Prince

Provost predicts Princes Portico presense and proffers place, probably

UCL Provost, Professor Michael Arthur announced that Prince George of Cambridge has been offered a place to study History of Art at UCL. The revelation was the central theme of a 9 hour ex tempore speech given by Professor Arthur while sat naked atop a Coptic Lion outside his office. No one was present for the entire time, and as such only fragments of his announcement are available to us. Several witnesses record him saying that “the child saviour shall come and his benediction shall rain down upon the impurities and filth of this fetid place”, and later a caretaker heard him postulating that “upon his graduation, he shall ascend into his terrible highness, and his might shall judge

upon all of us, and the End Of Days will scream from the heavens”. As the sun began to rise, he was found comatose, but remains stable in St Marty’s Hospital.

St. James’ Palace has not said if Prince George will accept the place at UCL, but Professor Arthur’s PA told The Cheese Grater that they were “optimistic” about him deciding to study here.

Several cults have sprung up from differing interpretations of the new Provost’s sayings. There have been violent disagreements in the cloisters, with several heretics slain for sacrilegious teachings of the true meaning of the Provost’s Fourth Parable of the Lion of Albion.



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