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1982  
LIASON MEETING SESSION 2  
SPEECH — G. KOPFF

ELSOC has a 14 year history. It was founded, we believe, somewhere around 1969. This year, we are proud to claim, ELSOC has been the most active it has ever been in the memory of its ~~and~~ any of its student members. (Some have been here for 7 years).

But the re-birth of ELSOC in 1982 may not ever have occurred except for one untimely event.

- : — the loss of room 331 ; the student common room
  - : — the 'ELSOC room'. ~~The room was needed for computer terminals.~~ There was a lack of space in the school, and ~~the room~~ <sup>room 331</sup> was needed for computer terminals.
- ~~All catastrophes, be they world wars, great depressions~~

All catastrophes; the sinking of the Titanic; world wars; ~~great~~ great depressions; world wars: — or even the simple impending loss of a campus common room: — have a way of forcing people into action by giving them a common identity.

Room 331 was sinking fast. It had quite a large passenger list, but by the time the iceberg ~~struck~~ had struck, the passengers had realized that Room 331 was a ship without a Captain or a crew to save them.

'Let them drown like rats', shouted the computer scientists.

Pause

There's an ancient legend that Engineers actually work better under a little bit of pressure — we'd all like to think this true — and in this case maybe it is true.

ELSOC was re-formed. The passengers chose a Captain and voted in a crew. A liaison meeting was held with the academic staff<sup>in sessions</sup>, and with some help and sympathy <sup>a</sup> new room was found:—501.

What was important was not that a meeting place for the ELSOC executive was found — but that a student common room existed<sup>once more</sup> — for this would become

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the breeding ground for future ELSOC student activists :  
— the guarantee that ELSOC would always or have a supply of new blood, and ~~continue to exist~~ and therefore continue to exist.

Did ELSOC do anything this year?

Yes.

I am proud to report to you some of its ~~humble~~ humble achievements and activities for the year.  
\* ~~Reformation was enacted with ELSOC~~  
\* ~~After having re-affiliated with the Universities~~

\* Two BBQs were conducted — one in each session.

The Session 2 BBQ was held in conjunction with the Computer ~~Sc~~ Science Association and attracted nearly 250 people — most of them electrical engineers.

\* As mentioned earlier, a liaison meeting was held & with staff in Session 1, and today marks the second liaison meeting for the year.

\* ELSOC conducted a very successful 'Welcome to First Year' gathering in Session 1. We are hoping that these will continue in future years to come.

\* ELSOC produced and distributed its own newsletter.

\* ELSOC produced and distributed its own newsletter. This newsletter was distributed to all EE staff and students. A good deal of the material was written ~~produced~~ <sup>with thanks</sup>, by members of staff.

I'd like to remind you that ELSOC is not a student group — but a professional society that incorporates both the School's ~~at~~ students and staff as members: —  
— we are all members of ELSOC.

\* ELSOC held a T-Shirt ~~competition~~ competition in Session 2. Nearly 30 designs were entered. An emphasis was placed on choosing a design

which provided a positive image for EE's.

\* Finally, ~~T-shirts~~ <sup>T-shirts</sup> were recently printed. All work on the printing process was done by members of ELSOC. In a little over under two days we had printed and sold over 130 T-shirts.

I think I can stand before you today and make the claim <sup>with pride</sup> that in 1982 ELSOC did live up to its objectives as listed in its ~~const~~ constitution. Those objectives are:

\* To promote and further a University spirit among its members.

\* To initiate and provide social, educational and cultural activities for its members.

\* To represent its members in all matters ~~affair~~ <sup>affairs</sup>.



○ \* To represent its members in all matters affecting their interests and to afford a liaison between members and the University authorities.

\* And to stimulate an active interest in Electrical Engineering among its members.

So much for the year gone — what of the future?  
What of ELSOC in 1983?

The Annual General Meeting for the election of the ELSOC executive for 1983 was held on <sup>the</sup> 21st of October as advertised. I'd like to take this opportunity to introduce Professor Ras, academic staff, I'd like to take this opportunity to present to you the 1983 ELSOC executive, and hope that you may give them the same co-operation and help as you did for us in 1982.

### 1983 EXEC

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