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Well I walked up Mount Fuji in the
drizzle & rain,
Picked up my necklace, walked back down
again,
I climbed 3776m of Japanese hill,
And the people I met said 'Aho kenna
gaijin komatsukerudo :itai
nanakiterunokana kkaas my soul':

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Letter from Nicola Dollimore

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10th July 1987

Dear Everyone, does not seem to be a very good way of beginning a letter so p'raps I'd best start with "Nombres!" Beyond that, my Spanish degenerates into food/drink ordering and post office/bank communication so you will have to do with English I'm afraid.

How's it all going then? Gong covers? Pickled livers? Bunk backs? Morn)lake Phobia? It would be nice to hear what you're all up to / down to / not up to so's I can stop pondering and guessing you moves from here in Britain. In Part, a great deal of the last week has been spent thinking "I wonder what they're doing now..." This is always a sure sign of the thinker being jealous.....!

The weather's still holding out in Britain - most people looked like pickled lobsters after last weekend's freeze. Any scope for me getting fanned has been severely restricted due to this statistics teaching/demonstrating I've been doing though... I've actually thoroughly enjoyed it and was very sorry to say goodbye to anyone today on the last day of the course. Last night we all went out for a Chinese and then drinks which was very enjoyable - they're all really nice people and it was lovely to go out eat, chat, drink and be sociable with them for a change, rather than be answering a constant barrage of questions about χ^2 tests, non-orthogonal models or two-way ANOVA! Anyway - that's that all over with so it's now down to the hideous process of beginning my dissertation. Yuck!

How did you do in Indo Martin? I've been keeping my eyes peeled in the newspapers but haven't spotted it yet. ^{p.s. Since writing this I've seen it... Congratulations!} Mind you my version is not always at its best. Just thing in the morning when I crawl downstairs to paw through the papers in an endless depressing search for jobs. Having ruined the first half hour of my day it's time to frantically stuff statistics notes in my bag and hustle downstairs and peddle off into the frenzied chaos of London traffic... Try it sometime, it's a great way to wake you up in the morning!

Apologies by the way for the writing - this is being written on a coach up
to Manchester and the jiggling is not conducive to "best" handwriting.

Has anyone heard from Ukey? How's she getting on?

Did you buy the faithful "bag of books" on Expedition again this year...

I doubt you've got a copy in there but if any of you can get hold of it, I highly
recommend "News From Tartary" by Peter Fleming. It's a superb book written
by Peter Fleming about his journey from Peking to Kashmir in India in 1935.

- 3,500 miles! It's superb. The only problem is that it makes you feel very bored
and dull - rather like the Crake brothers tale of cycling to the centre of the Earth in the
Gobi desert by bicycle. There are some pretty bizarre people around in this world.

Anyway - I diverge. This missive (spelling?) probably lacks the spontaneity
of letters written from Spain but the Expedition letters are usually written by a bunch
of drunken, if tired, cows in the surprising surroundings of the Pecos. (Mind you,
perhaps "inspiring" is the wrong word for the smell & squander of Lagos during the
Posters Festival...) Almodad, on its own, does add a certain something to letters
(even if its only illegibility) and this letter is unfortunately written when I'm completely
writing sober.

Oh well, we must be getting close to Lancaster now - the scenery outside is at least
getting bumpy and interesting. I have a horrible suspicion we will be like
Moght - which will only increase the volume and frequency of my stomach rumbles
which is complaining about ~~the~~ its recent neglect...

Hope the yellow was behaving itself and that everything goes well. Please write -
I'd love to hear from you all. Happy camping!

Nicky

P.S. The other night I roasted the Success of the Expedition. Unfortunately it was with
my last drop of Guaranty Ties. Any chance of diverting "molting" a bottle underneath the
ropes this year & I'll pay whoever when they get back? It would be very much appreciated!

Please circulate this letter around the camp
and news of the party!

29th July 1957 - 12.00 am

Dear Everyone,

Ugh..... my resistance to alcoholic invasions of my body is obviously not what it used to be..... I have been trying to reconstruct the likely events of yesterday evening by piecing together the evidence scattered around my room and have concluded, that from the three mugs on the side, that Mike + Cathy must have had tea up here before leaving although I don't actually even remember them being here at all. It was one of those very enjoyable evenings which started out in a very sober way with a respectable pint after work. Unfortunately I can't remember anything after leaving the pub - we must have come back by tube as my bike does not appear to be here and I assure Mike + Cathy, saw me to my room..... except how embarrassing I really mustn't drink Raddles quite so enthusiastically in future... There are my student/O.U.C.C. days of gross excesses of T.H.F. and Harvest..... 4 pints of Raddles and I'm now sezzled. (Mind you - good job considering the price of beer in London!) *Wishes*

So actually, my thoughts turned this morning to all you lot and your likely state of liver pickling. How is it all going at the moment? Summer seems to have come + gone back here in Britain... hope its better where you are.

Good news - I've got a job! - Research Assistant at St. Mary's Hospital Medical School in London (just round the corner from where I am now in Paddington). The department's main area of research is into the relationship between social factors, health utilisation and other factors. Sounds a very interesting job although the Department is somewhat sober. They ^{seem} a bit too workaholic for my liking but we'll see... Anyway - I'm very pleased - especially as I managed to get a delay of starting date so I can grab some holiday after finishing my MSc and before starting work. Not that October is ideal weather wise for holidaying! Hope to go to Malaga Province to visit Ania + Kai - 2 people I met out in India who live in a retired park in Malaga.. Should be good. I'm looking forward to the break already! 12 months continuous work/study is getting a bit much! Only problem now is finding

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accommodation in London which won't break the bank. The contracts only for a year initially which suits me down to the ground. I'll also be able to finish paying my mother back and some of my other debts!

In the meantime however, I've got to get this wretched dissertation done so I'd best stop rambling and get on with some work.

PARTY by the way (as per usual!) Friday night of BCRA conference at my mother's house - (11th Sept I think) - 25 Sire House village, Manchester Road, Haslingden Rossendale, Lancs Tel 0706 228841. Please bring bottles + pigs. Can anyone who sends out invitations to the BCRA conference also send out notes about the party and maps? (someone somewhere in the club has a photocopy of the map to get to my mum's house - ask Dave H or Paul) Looking forward to seeing you all there. Hope the cougars going well. Lots of love
Nicola

Letter from Fred Wickham

Kandrian High School,

Hola Cirujos, Hombres y

P.O. Kandrian

Mujeres Duros, Que tal.

W.N.B.P.

Papua New Guinea

Yo soy aqui en P.N.G. despues 2 1/6.

Cinco meses y yo soy muy bien, Pero tengo
ame escribir ahora en Pidgin bikos mi no
kan tinkim plenti bikpela Spanis nau. Mi stap
long liklik haus long giran bilong High
school. Disola ples emi gutpela tru. De emi
tot tru, na i gat plenti dirwai (tree)
bilong weounr long school. Long si i gat
plenti naispela pis, ~~at~~ na sapos yu laik
keikai (ask Andy Riley) ol, ol i gutpela tru.

Anyway this is a pretty good place. The school is
on a hill overlooking the bay, set amongst groves
of weounr. The sea is full of coral and tropical
fish. Snorkelling is fantastic. Mind you I don't
get much time off. I work from about 6.30
am to 10.30 pm 7 days a week during
term and in the holidays. But the teaching
is good. The kids round here are keen,
enthusiastic, well behaved, responsible,
self reliant. The school grows a lot of its own
food and keeps pigs and chickens. At the moment
we are finishing off building the drains for the
new mess, and cutting a ~~part~~ area for a
netball court at the side of a hill. (Pretty
major job). Of course there are no cooks or
cleaners or ~~eng~~ gardeners employed. As well as
being head of science I am head of games? I must

be the worst basketball player in New Britain, but I give
 it a crack. There are some pretty big caves around
 here, but I haven't had time to go down any
 yet. However on the way back from lusevice training
 next week I am planning to walk across New Britain,
 instead of flying. It will probably be safer. Flying
 round here is pretty precarious. Well my bread is
 just about to start the first rising (I make my own)
 so I must go. Send me a postcard or a plate of
 Fabada. When is the book coming out? Tell my parents
 to send me a copy when it does. Mañana Sol FRED.

Fold flaps before moistening gum. For maximum adhesion, press down for
 a few seconds. If anything is enclosed or any tape or sticker attached, this
 form must bear postage at the rate for Air Mail letters.

The Kalangar (Eclotus roratus) is found anywhere throughout the lowlands of Papua New Guinea. They grow about 40 cm long and make plenty of
 noise as they fly. It is considered that the female bird is more striking than the male. The mostly red female is seen on the left and the predominantly
 green male is shown in flight in the stamp area.



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Surface Survey Project

First Informal Announcement

July 1989

Building upon the surface survey carried out by Marcus Wandinger with the aid of Gerhard Niklasch during the OUCC Conjurtao Expedition 1986, a more comprehensive mapping project is now envisaged for 1988. The following gives an outline of what is being contemplated.

The main aim will be to produce a thorough photogrammetric survey of the caving exploration area in the Picos de Cornión assigned by the Federación Asturiana de Espeleología to OUCC, including detailed surface features and taking into account as many known caves as possible. The results will be digitized and represented as 2D and 3D computer-generated images. Lists of coordinates and one or more large-scale maps will also be produced. They will be made available to OUCC, to the F.As.E., and to other interested institutions and exploration groups.

The project will be supervised by the Photogrammetry Chair (Prof. Dr. Finsterwalder) and the Geodesy Chair (Prof. Dr. Schnädelbach) of the Geodetical Institute of the Technische Universität München. It should give one or two graduate students an opportunity to produce a Diploma thesis. Marcus Wandinger will be involved at least during the evaluation phase, and Gerhard Niklasch will coordinate the field work.

All field equipment will be provided by the Geodetical Institute, as well as computing facilities and software for the subsequent evaluation. Transport from Munich to Spain and back will be by car. Customs clearance and insurance will be arranged through the German Chamber for Industry and Commerce. The field work will be fully integrated into the running of the OUCC 1988 Expedition. All field members will be adequately equipped and insured for camping and working at high altitude. It goes without saying that local laws and regulations, in particular the conditions implied by the Covadonga National Park camping permits, will be strictly obeyed.

Time permitting, the survey might be extended to cover (parts of) adjacent exploration areas. The caving groups concerned will be contacted in advance, and will of course be supplied with all the results obtained.

At this early stage of planning and preparing, your comments and suggestions will be particularly welcome. Please feel free to contact me at either of the addresses below:

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