NEW ACCOMMODATION FOR FRESHERS
**Letters**

**Arthur Again**

Dear Pallab

Having read the article and your editorial in the Postgrad, FELIX on Michael Arthur, I can only agree with your conclusions that he "could not give a toss about ordinary students".

Last year I desperately needed accommodation during term time and found his attitude of studied indifference to my plight very frustrating. In the end I was provided with an expensive, cramped, uncomfortable and very unsatisfactory room, which, with exams approaching I was in no position to refuse. Mr Arthur has a 'captivating audience' of students and seems to, as far as I can tell, take advantage of this. I sign anonymously to avoid possible 'complications' in future at the Accommodation Centre.

A Student

**Adrian Protests**

Dear Pallab

I would like to apologise to all freshers for several major inaccuracies in this year's Handbook. As you know, the final copy was recalled from the printers to replace editorial material with the kind of bland, unimaginative waffle that most parts no knowledge and gives a very wrong impression of life at IC.

Yours sincerely
Adrian James
Handbook Editor (Retired)

**Voice of Experience**

Dear Ed

As another Freshers' Week begins at IC, I think it's a good time to record some of the old views about the importance of involvement in IC Union. The College and the Students' Union provides buildings and facilities but these are only frameworks for the people who use them, without these people - YOU - the College does not exist.

One of the most important parts of a University education is the exchange and development of views with fellow students, and a climate to achieve this is possibly the difference between our form of education and any other. If you never do anything then you can never expect to have this contact; and therefore active participation in some part of College life is an absolute necessity.

In departments, where one works, students meet students and views are exchanged. In halls, which unfortunately not everyone is lucky enough to inhabit, one will meet people with whom one's only apparent connections are eating, sleeping and living next door, but much can be gained from such unlikely friendships.

In the Union clubs one encounters students with whom one has common interests. If an active part is taken in the club then these are the people with whom one will mix most, be it travelling to a game, over coffee before a meeting, or sharing a room on tour.

These personal contacts which you will develop are the very substance of university life, and unless advantage is taken of them your education will be incomplete.

As in every sphere of life participation brings its own rewards and IC Union is no exception. The facilities are available, as you will see on the afternoon of 4 October when all the clubs will be on display, but theonus is on the individual to make the best use of them. If you feel that something else is needed, make your opinion known and then do something about it - this is your Union. You will have met most of the Union Officers by this time, remember that they are your officers and approachable as such.

Combine a successful academic career: a well rounded personality derived from a breadth of interests; and an ability to deal with people and affairs, derived from an active Union life, and you will have received a true university education. Good luck with FELIX this year.

Cheers!

Colin Palmer
(FELIX Editor 1979/80)

**Rector Resigns**

Dear Sir

Having been a student here for several years I like to think that I have developed a strong sense of loyalty to the Imperial College of Science and Technology and what is more, a personal loyalty to our leader. Imagine my shock and dismay on glancing at page four of your last issue, the offensive headline "Rector Resigns" was placed at the top of the page in letters more than half-an-inch high!

Although closer examination showed that this referred to the Rector of the Royal College of Art, Of course it's OK to have fun and undergraduate pranks are acceptable. But please, no more tricks. Good luck.

P J Potter
No fun in Southside—Official

New students arriving in the Southside Halls of Residence will have to agree to a stiff new set of regulations devised by College or face expulsion from the Hall. These regulations have been drafted to pacify the Mews residents who live around College.

This is the result of a long running campaign by Mews residents who object to the noise and disturbance originating from the Southside Halls. Several incidents have recently increased the level of protest; these include a bottle crashing through a skylight and eggs posted through letterboxes. This is especially serious because certain residents employ armed bodyguards with orders to shoot first and ask questions later.

A meeting was held late last session to discuss this problem; the meeting involved the Wardens, Esaias, Don Monte and the then President Stephen Gould. This was followed by a meeting between the Rector and representatives of the residents during the summer in his office on Level 5. Despite the Wardens and local policeman Paul Gooderson being present outside they were never invited to contribute. The Rector, however, strongly supported student interests arguing that a certain level of noise must be expected.

The draft regulations that emerged from the discussion included:

- No noise after 11:00pm
- No shouting out of the windows.
- No activity designed to cause annoyance or disturbance

Breach of these regulations could result in residents being liable to expulsion from Hall.

If these regulations are not effective then the residents may take legal action. If they do obtain a court injunction against further nuisance the situation is potentially very serious. Each further disturbance would then constitute a contempt of court. If the nuisance still persists then Southside could be closed.

Winking Legal

The Tiddlywinks Rag Stunt will be held again at its traditional venue in Oxford Street this year. The stunt, usually held on the second Saturday of term, was transferred to the Kings Road last year after complaints from the Police.

The collection will be made on 15 October for MENCAP using their cans and licences. These can be collected between 9:00am and 9:30am from CCU offices and from here will move off to Marble Arch. The finish will be held at Eros at 12:30 where ICU sabbaticals will lead ‘Ring-a-Roses’ around Eros. Gaynor Lewis will call a ‘Hey Vivo’ before everyone adjourns to the Cockney Pride for a well-earned drink.

(Gaynor tells me that she will buy a pint for anyone who comes up to her in the Cockney Pride after the Rag stunt—Ed.)

LST quit

London Student Travel were told to quit Imperial College during the summer by Deputy President Christine Teller. She took this action after discovering that LST were using their current office rent free and were contributing no money to IC Union, one of their principal shareholders.

LST moved into Imperial College in 1978 when they were allowed to occupy a room in the Union Building. They were formed as a partnership between the Exchange Travel Group and various London student unions with the aim of providing cheap travel for students. They operated rent free for the first year to enable them to become established.

In the years that followed LST moved to the Walkway in Sheffield. However, successive Deputy Presidents failed to formalise their contract and LST continued to occupy an office rent free.

Christine Teller discovered this state of affairs and told LST that this situation was intolerable. She asked for a written offer within a month. LST failed to come up with any suitable offer in time and they were requested to leave the campus.

This should come as no surprise since LST have not lived up to expectations. They have been providing a poor service, and have allegedly provided large profits for their parent company as a result of the preferential treatment they receive from student unions.

More Racist Tory Cuts

The Department of Education and Science has effectively reversed the House of Lords judgement concerning the classification of overseas students. This means that a number of students at 1C who had been classed as home students last session will have to register as overseas students and face bills of up to £2,700.

To be classed as a home student a person had to prove that he was resident in the UK or the EEC for three years prior to the start of the course.

In 1978 Lord Denning ruled that foreign nationals who had moved to the UK to study before they undertook a degree course did not satisfy the Ordinary Residence regulation. This decision reached the House of Lords on appeal and was overturned in December 1982. The decision left universities open to be sued for recovery of fees income and LEAs liable for an increased grant bill.

Carl Burgess demonstrates what not to do in your Hall of Residence.
News

CENSORED

Stop The Presses!

The artwork for this years ICU Handbook was recalled from the printers only hours before the copy deadline, in a last minute censorship bid.

Fuming

The call to stop the presses came from ICU President Gaynor Lewis. The fuming sabbatical phoned the printers as soon as she learnt of certain 'offensive' articles in the Handbook.

But the editor Adrian James was at the printers when the censorship call came through. He was ordered to return to the FELIX Office, and bring his artwork with him.

Amazed

Amazed Adrian said "I went rigid when I heard the news; it was like a bolt from the blue." He stormed back to IC to face the executive rumpus. They announced that they should have the Handbook to be produced on time!

Fuming

The ruthless trio were let loose on the Rag Mag, edited by Carl Burgess. Carl Burgess, Rag Mag Editor, having been instructed by an aloof and unfeeling executive to destroy the products of his deranged mind set about the dismantling of his publication with his customary gusto. This leads us to a very intriguing question of what humour is and do people have a right to laugh at anybody else. Here is a case for the defence.

Did you hear about Stunted Willie Jackson the Worlds first thalidomide pop singer with his No 1 song I've got a puncture in my wheelchair and my arms aren't long enough to change the tyre blues.

Now this is just one of the most amazingly funny things I have ever heard. It's even comparable to Red Sovine's Teddy Bear, and if that got to number one, what's all the complaint about?

What have niggers and hypothermia got in common?

They both attack old people.

Now this joke is extremely derogatory but you can see how funny it is only if you are not anticipating the answer. Only people who think that invalids are mental defectives would think like that and I can only say I was impressed by the multi-layered play on words in this joke. I think being offensive is a matter of intent; I did not deliberately attempt to be offensive, I was only attempting to find the jokes I found the most amusing and put them in.

What have Princess Grace and Sue Barker got in common?

They've both been fucking by Cliffs.

What is the difference between Princess Grace and Glen Hoddle?

Hoddle can take corners.

Well here again the joke is on the play on words. I don't have anything against any of the above characters, it's just that I found the jokes funny.

Now the next joke was just a piss-take on all the cross the road jokes starting with Why did the chicken...... then Why did the baby......

Again I tried my best to be amusing with this one.

The second is just a play on words which I thought was quite clever. I am not going to go around drowning babies of any other such infant. Babies are nice and cuddly. I used (?) to be a baby myself.

Why did the elephant cross the road? Because it was stapled to the baby's head.

What do you call several babies drowned in apple juice? Infanticider.

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So, the natural progression was Why did the elephant......

I admit I thought this one up and I was only trying to be funny, I'm sorry if I failed.

The Last Laugh

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Some of the grossest jokes were from sickie Sean Davis, our demeaned Irish Hen S.ce. Quite naturally he did not want it to be known what a filthy little mind he has so he censored his name from the credits.

On a final note if you didn't find any of the above in the least bit funny please feel free to write to the FELIX Office and tell me why.

If you got any jokes you feel offended by please send them in and state your reasons.
In the introduction to the CCUs (page 30) and the article on refectories (page 43) I had written that the food and drink served at Freshers' Dinners was simply not worth £7 (however heavily subsidised) and that the only reason for attending these functions would be to meet people. I am still of that opinion, and from the RCSU's refusal to pay for one of last year's dinners and the recent move in City and Guilds Union to abolish the dinners entirely, it would seem that other people share my views. Furthermore, I would point out that very few students other than freshers and virtually no members of staff bother to attend these dinners, so that they merely provide an opportunity for freshers to meet other freshers.

The Exec removed my paragraph on formal dinners from page 43 (and, for some reason known only to themselves, one on catering in Linstead Hall) and replaced it with one encouraging freshers to attend the dinners. It is reprehensible behaviour on the part of the Exec (who will all, of course, be invited to many formal dinners throughout the year) to try to mislead freshers into parting with their money; no serious attempt to improve the standard of these functions has yet been made by them.

Finally, having really got into the swing of things, they altered the introduction to the Who's Who of Administrators on page 36, removing sentences at random and replacing them with bits of last year's Handbook, which are no less insulting and rather up-to-date. To add insult to injury, Gaynor Lewis insisted on removing the caption from the Rector's photograph, which makes the reference to it in my Editorial obscure to say the least. The reason she gave for this was that she would be embarrassed at future meetings with Lord Flowers if she felt that he had been made fun of in a Union publication; I fear he will be more worried by the text concerning him (which is serious) than he would have been by the photograph (which wasn't).

The Handbook Alterations

Adrian James writes about the alterations made to the ICU Handbook by the Exec.

OUT!

Bars and Refectories

As you should have gathered from Hugh Southey's article on page 6 of this Handbook, the college refectories are not the best places to eat. However, if you must eat there (and only a small percentage of students do regularly) here is a guide to them and their alternatives.

Sheffield Refectory: the largest and most popular outlet, this provides several main courses and desserts, school dinner style. Possibly the least disgusting refectory, there is usually an incomprehensible large queue of people waiting to eat there. The Sheffield Refectory is also used for formal College dinners (see later).

Southside: even the water here is badly served. The food is either recycled from the Sheffield kitchens, or frozen and thawed out. Very few of the staff speak any language other than Spanish, which means that when you ask for the green sludge that looks like curry you will be given the green sludge that looks like lager. When you complain about being overcharged, the staff will jabber at you in some obscure Catalonian dialect.

The Union Refectory was moved and revamped last year at great expense, not of justified. It now serves 'fast food' (we won't go into why it's called that: chips, beans, hamburgers, sausages, plus a dash of the day (normally, the day before which is cooked in the Sheffield kitchens and reheated.

This room also contains a Lounge Bar which dispenses much-needed liquid refreshment and what are optimistically described as 'Ploughman's Lunches', although any self-respecting ploughman would feed them to his horse. This is little used, most people preferring the Union Bar next door, where noisy, rolls and pies are dispensed.

The JCR Buttery in the Sheffield Building sells relatively cheap pasties, chops, sandwiches and cheeses, which are comparable with what you would get at the Branch Bar butted if you weren't careful.

The Rector collecting at Green Park tube station

Buddy, can you spare a dime?

A Warning

If for religious or other reasons, you cannot eat some types of food, do not believe anything the refectory staff tell you. For, some years, the College sold beet pasties as lentils which caused great distress to several religious minorities who were allowed to be lentils. Vegetarians are also quite likely to be offered lentils.

All the refectories suffer from the same problem; the staff regard students as a nuisance and are not motivated, rude and frequently obtuse. If there is a weekly radio service (a nuisance to some who are not home) the rations are supplied and often returned from the previous day. What it comes down to is that all the staff from the Message down are paid whether or not the food is eaten. Hence there is no motivation to serve a good service.

OUT!

Linstead: this is dealt with on page 34. It is generally accepted that this service will become better, but, with the provision of an evening meal was apparently a condition of the new dining room being handed over. The building of Linstead Hall fitted the well-meaning but misdirected hope of creating a social life like that in the colleges of Oxford and Cambridge. As this has failed to come true, or largely, it is not, in the middle of London, the College admits that abolishing the refectory should prevent insurmountable problems, and has been to announce them ever since.
Whilst most of you were sunning yourselves over the summer vacation, life at Imperial continued hectic and unabated. A few members were able to get down to some real work. The rest were able to take their holidays and potter off to conferences in hot foreign countries without a care in the world. Postgrads would monopolise coffee machines and fall asleep in refectories to their hearts content. Amidst this hive of activity, FELIX worked hard to maintain its reputation as the best student newspaper in the country; the peak of investigative journalism. We now present an update on the summer's news and scandal.

Summer Lettings Scheme
Mr Michael Arthur, Student Services Officer, ran into severe problems with the management of the Summer Lettings Scheme. Examples of overbooking, incorrect charging and mismanagement were rife in the first two weeks of the scheme's operation.

Michael Arthur's mismanagement and creative accounting came under heavy criticism from all quarters. He was described in FELIX as the most arrogant and unhelpful official in College.

Guilds Romp Home
On a happier note, City & Guilds successfully completed their round Britain pedal car marathon on Thursday 21 July. The intrepid Guildsmen pedalled into Charing Cross Station after a furious last leg that set a blazing new record time of 252 hours. Guilds hack Mike Stuart managed to hog all the publicity, always arranging to be in the photojournalists arrived. Despite Mike, the nationwide media coverage helped Guilds to raise nearly £10,000 towards a lifeboat engine for the RNLI.

Cutbacks Equal 'Efficiency'
The governing council of Queen Elizabeth College, Chelsea College and Kings College approved documents stating an intention to merge the three colleges into one institution based at the Kings College site on the Strand. The eventual aim is to sell the QEC and Chelsea sites, but according to ULU President Chris Sale, integration will take five to ten years and much time-consuming bussing of students will be involved.

Goulder Goes Out With A Bang
Mr Stephen Goulder, retiring ICU President, formally handed over to his successor Miss Gaynor Lewis in his last day in office at the top of the Queen's Tower. The handover came at the end of a jolly afternoon of wine and champagne provided by Mr Goulder.

The Queen's Tower, perhaps South Kensington's best phallic symbol, provided an excellent opportunity for an ego massage for Mr Goulder and a chance to give Miss Lewis a tongue-in-cheek kiss. Or perhaps he was whispering to her the sweet nothings of the President's job.

Mr Goulder, typically absent-minded to the last, handed over the keys to his Linstead Hall room instead of the Union Office keys. It was reported that they later went off together and had some hanky-panky.

No Cunt No Fuck
The Rag Mag was censored yet again this year. The words 'cunt' and 'fuck' were banned from use in the Rag Mag. Other material banned included jokes relating to geriatrics, babies, disabled people and natural disasters. Racist, sexist and religious jokes have been allowed to remain since they only affect insignificant minorities in College.

Backslapping and Backstabbing:
Self-congratulations and petty snubs were the order of the day at the final meeting of ICU Council this year. Engraved pots and Honorary Life Membership were awarded for exceptional service to the Union to Mike Prosser (Publications Board Chairman); Nick Pyne UGM Chairman and former Welfare Officer; John McCallion, non-sabbatical Deputy President, and, 1982/3 President, Stephen Goulder. Further awards went to Andy Grimshaw, Jonathan Miller, Ian Bull, Simon Rodan, Colin Butter and Matthew Tonks. All were nominated by Stephen Goulder. Martin Taylor, last year's FELIX Editor received no recognition for all his hard work in the Union.
Freshers week: the ghastly truth!
The FELIX guide to freshers week

On arrival at Imperial College, most people have little idea where the various places of importance are located within the College. To remedy this situation the College and Union conspire on the first day to send freshers on a sometimes fruitless search around College for Unioncard, grant cheque and registration slip.

On Monday morning queues of almost Biblical proportions build up in the JCR as most students attempt to register. The experienced student would probably wait to register when the Rector's Reception takes place at 10:00am. This event, which all first years feel obliged to attend, usually records a resounding zero on the clapometer with the Rector Lord Flowers delivering his only speech yet again. When they have wheeled the old duffer off, the Union Sabbatical Officers re-read last year's Freshers' Reception speeches, 'get involved...rewarding...UGMs a must etc, etc.' This ends at 11.00am leaving enough time for you to find your department for their introduction; you will have a chance to meet your tutors for the first time. At this point the difficulty of the course and the failure rates are usually mentioned, as there is no need for the 'nice guy' image now that you're here.

In the afternoon Scientists, Engineers and Miners split up to go to their CCU UGMs at which you are introduced to your CCU, its activities and its officers—a must for those in need of comic relief. The UGM will probably finish by 4:30 after which you will be free for the rest of the day. This will give you the opportunity to chat up the boy/girl you have had your eye on ever since you arrived at College and ask him/her to the Freshers' Party later on that evening in the Union Building.

Having woken up, hopefully not in your own bed, you drag yourself off to your department where your course is explained to you in greater detail. At this juncture the dedication needed to complete the course is raised in graphic detail. However, one does not need to be Saint Augustine to graduate.

...and don't forget all those vital little items for the end of your first week: Optrex (for eyes, bloodshot, two), mouthwash (take instead of, rather than after, 14 pints of Youngs), deodorant (until we learn to wash our clothes!), some clean needles (for sewing of course) and those all-important precautionary measures (just in case you strike lucky).

The afternoon is devoted to Freshers' Fair where all the Union clubs and societies run a stall (see centre spread). Take a pen and paper to make a note of the introductory events of clubs that interest you. The highlight of the afternoon is a visit to the FELIX Office, where the FELIX Editor tries to cream off the most interesting and talented new arrivals.

There is the Life Sciences Party in the JC R this evening. This is usually a forum for various Union committees to show popular films recently off the West End run. This evening they will get things going with a double bill of Cat People, possibly the most erotic film of last year and Quest for Fire, possibly the film having the most amusing cast credits of last year.

If you can still stand come Friday evening then there is the opportunity to go and see some really great bands at the Freshers' Ball. It features Clint Eastwood and General Saint and also a barbeque, two discos, all night on the first night of their nationwide tour.

By Wednesday you reach your first lecture and come down to earth. By tradition this is delivered by the most boring member of the department.

In the afternoon the sports trials take place. The squads are picked early in the session, so if you wish to play for ICU or your CCU you must take part in these trials.

Later on in the evening is the Gangsters and Molls Party with free cocktail for all those who dress up. This is the event of the week and anybody who is anybody will be there; an ideal opportunity to see the President wearing next to nothing—but don't let this discourage you.

Thursday abounds with lectures and labs. The Freshers' UGM takes place at 1:00pm. This is usually a forum for various Union Officers, who strive to humiliate each other and indulge in backstabbing.

Every Thursday evening the Union entertainments committee show popular films recently off the West End run. This evening they will get things going with a double bill of Cat People, possibly the most erotic film of last year and Quest for Fire, possibly the film having the most amusing cast credits of last year.

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FELIX Check List
1. Registration Monday and Tuesday in the SCR on Level 3 in the Sherfield Building. Subsequently on Level 3 in the Sherfield Building. Bring a pen and retain the stamped slip.
2. Unioncards In the JCR Monday and Tuesday, for the rest of the week in the Union Office. You need to bring two passport sized photographs and the aforementioned registration slip.
3. Grant cheque You need to take your Unioncard or other means of identification to the SCR on Monday and Tuesday on Level 3 in the Sherfield Building.
4. Freshers' Week Ticket for just £7 you can attend all freshers' week events for free (except the Life Sci Party). Available from ICU and CCU offices.
5. Food and Provisions The nearest supermarket to College is Waitrose on Gloucester Road. There is also the Union shop which is to be found in Southside close to the RCS Office.
6. Recommended texts, stationery and IC diaries All available from the Bookshop which is on the Concourse, Level 2, Sherfield.
7. Lockers See departmental superintendents or ask at the departmental office. Be sure to grab the best one before your friend does.

Later on, at Freshers' Fair.

What's a pretty girl like you doing at L.C.S.

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*Fares from published leaflet 1.7.83. Student Railcard required—cost £12.00.
1With ISIC—cost £3.00 (fares subject to change without notice).
Saver fares with some restrictions.
FOR SALE

- Selection of 1st and 2nd year physics books for sale, phone 455 0469.
- For sale: Five fluorescent green radators (10 fluorescent green air vents thrown in).

WANTED

- Wanted urgently: Two live-minded, innovative, brilliant and ambitious software engineers and programmers to join me in R&D of a computer game for launch in early ’84. Are you a Steve Job? Contact Fred Barry 01-804 4009.
- Wanted: contortionist and midget to share Laxham Gdns flat. High cost: low quality accommodation, far too close to College. Contact Mike Arfur Student Services. Bring own sleeping bag and weeks ration whilst waiting for service.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A keen Russian philatelist at the Moscow Academy of Sciences wishes to get in touch with like minded people over here. If you are interested, please get in touch with Dr A G Dickerson (int 3534).—keep trying if I’m out.
- A keen Russian philatelist at the share Lexham Gdns flat. High cost, close to College. Contact Mike Arfur, low quality accommodation, far too bad and weeks ration whilst waiting. 8°/2% Discount for students 10% Discount for parties of 20 or more

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What did you do to that lens man? What you need is a doc, Smith.

Why did the 7 Slakes ring the bell? Because they saw the Avon Calling?

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In the beginning there was darkness and me. Said let there me NAME.

The SSR is a mega-star. No one knows who we really are.

The trench has not been filled Falmouth Flirine. 55/100 you really are an animal 0 man once. The Ampit One.

Why did they laugh at my mighty sword? BJ.

Your sword isn’t so mighty, after my little bitey, JB.

Beam me up Scottie and give me more thrust. FM.

What’s blue and don’t flip? Find out in next week’s FELIX.

Lonely News Editor seeks new staff, must be firm and and strong.

Lonely News Editor seeks news staff, must be young and nubile.

Anyone who can use a Rotring pen without soldering please report for duty in FELIX 5:30 Monday morning.

Bible reading for today: “Blessed are the Greek, for they shall inherit the Girm.” Brian lively.

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Congratulations—you finally made it! Welcome to Imperial College and good luck with all the bumph you are likely to hear over the next few days, and social strain of Freshers Week!

Freshers' Week
Tickets which cover admission to the majority of the week's events are available in the Union Office and CCU offices for £7. If you haven't already bought one, don't forget to do so before tonight's New Year's Party.

UGMs
At the Union General Meeting on Thursday, Great Hall, 19:00, Hayden Williams from the University of London Union will be speaking, giving you an idea of what ULU can offer you. A number of motions will also be discussed, elections held and reports submitted. Come along and voice your opinions on how your union should be run.

Crash Pad
Hopefully the majority of you will by now have accommodation, however if someone is still searching for somewhere to live, 'Crash Pad' is operating, free of charge, in the Union Building this week—all you need is a sleeping bag.

Parking Permits
Anybody wishing to apply for a parking permit should complete the appropriate form available from Jo in the Union Office, and return it to the Union Office by 17:00 on Friday 7 October. The permits will then be allocated over the weekend.

Help
If anyone wants advice or help with any problems they come across, come along to the Union Office at any time, or see Michael Arthur in Student Services (Ha. Ha. Ha-Eat).

Redecoration
A number of rooms have been redecorated over the summer, including the Union Office. The Buttery in the JCR, has been redecorated and the serving area enlarged. A new range of snack food is now being served there, including a variety of French rolls and open sandwiches. Drop in sometime and let us know your comments—through the suggestions and complaints box or come along to the office. The Lower Refectory in the Union Building has also been given a face-lift by the Ents people. Ent will be running a regular disco club night every Saturday—I believe the club is called 'The Lounge Lizards'—don't miss its opening night this Saturday.

Parkin g Permit s
If you want one of these, collect an application form from the Union Office and return the completed form before 17:00 on Friday 7 October. These forms are then looked at over the first weekend and are awarded on a strictly merit basis by the parking committee. Actual permits are given out two weeks later.

If anyone is presently holding a Union Parking Permit please return your key-card to the Union receptionist immediately. Anyone that does not return their key card will not be considered for a parking permit for the coming session.

Paddy's Bit
Insurance
When you first arrived at College you should have received a piece of paper telling you about insurance for your belongings. Read this carefully and check you are fully covered. If you have any additional items you want insured, just pop in to the Union Office and I will show you how this is done very cheaply.

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Debsoc

Debsoc, as it is known to its friends (not many-ed) will be providing a full range of debating activities over the next year. We have already arranged several debates with noted speakers from outside College including Winston Churchill MP and television lecturer Nicholas Humphrey debating the motion ‘This House Supports Unilateral Nuclear Disarmament for Britain’. That event will be on 25 October. Similar debates, concerning Ireland and South Africa have been arranged and there are more in the pipeline.

As last year, Debsoc will be meeting on a Monday lunchtime for regular debates with the society’s members speaking on matters of current interest. We will also be entering a team in an inter-university debating competition as well as for the Observer Mace. Furthermore, debates with other London colleges are being arranged so one can see how good, or bad, our contemporaries are.

Debating can also be amusing and we will be organizing several balloon debates during the year. The first of these will be as part of SCAB Night—a major event during Rag Week—on 19 November. If you are interested in any aspect of debating then we will, of course, be at Freshers’ Fair, or turn up to the first debate of term on Monday 10 October at 12:45pm in Union Upper Lounge.

Nick Shackley

ΨΦ

She screamed.

Naked, she ran, stumbling on the concrete. Blood splattered her torn skin. Her hair, drenched with sweat, stuck to her shoulders and back. Somewhere, in the depths of the shadows, something moved, oily and slick. Desperately she sprinted across the neon-lit stone and ploughed through the glass double doors. Splinters and shards ripped through the air and danced across the floor. She slipped in her own blood, smashing her head on the marble. She crawled on, beneath the stark strip lighting and eventually reached the double doors.

‘Mech Eng 220’ she whispered not daring to hope. ‘Yes. Blade Runner is about to start.’

A minute later Pallab Ghosh, carefully avoiding the smeared tracks of blood, stepped up to the door, smiling quietly to himself.

R Silverberg

What is Vegsoc?

Is it the Venerated Elderly Goons Society, the Venetian Engraved Gondolas Society or is it the Vasectomied Elderly Gorillas Society? It is, in fact, none of these. VEGSOC simply stands for Vegetarian Society.

Now you know what VEGSOC means, what do Veggies (VEG_SOC members) do? First of all I would like to point out that ‘veggie’ does not necessarily mean vegetarian. Vegies are small in number but as they say ‘small is beautiful’. The meetings, supper parties, etc that Vegsoc hold have a friendly personal atmosphere that can only be achieved in a small society.

Every Thursday lunch time Vegsoc takes lunch at the RCA, meeting outside Beit Arch between 12:30 and 12:45pm. There are fortnightly supper parties, to which veggies bring a vegetarian dish. (Marks & Spencer seems to provide quite a lot of vegetable dishes which easily pass as home cooking.)

The ‘restaurant trips’ last year were a great success. One advantage with vegetarian and health food restaurants is, they are cheap! Vegsoc parties were also an evening well spent. Special thanks goes to Anil and His Punch, it will never be forgotten by Aunty Epps I’m sure!

So if you want to eat veggie food in a friendly atmosphere join VEGSOC at the Freshers’ Fair or contact: Miss J Billing Chem 1; Miss F Alli Maths 2; or, Miss I Epps Maths 2, via the letter-racks.

Ladies Rugby

The next best thing to mud wrestling. Have you ever felt there was more to life than motherhood and the kitchen sink? Well, this could be it. Ladies’ Rugby is a challenging sport requiring skill and agility. Don’t be put off by those archaic preconceptions that rugby players have to be six by six foot and thick as two short planks—though it might help. Seriously, we’ll take anyone with feminine tendencies.

Come along to the first practice session on Thursday 6 October. Meet at 10:00 in Beit Quad or see us at the Freshers’ Fair.

Nat Hist

Last year the society held a number of interesting talks and field visits. The talks varied widely: Greenpeace on whaling, Lord Melchett on agriculture and conservation and another on forensic science. Many field visits were organized particularly for birdwatching, but others included a visit to an orchid reserve, a pinetum and Kew Gardens.

This year we hope to continue with such variety. Of course it also depends on you, the new first years, to inject new blood. We hope some of you will come along to our stall at Freshers’ Fair, or contact me via the Life Sciences pigeonhole.

Richard Archer
President
Clubs

DramaSoc

DramaSoc provides a range of activities which cover most aspects of drama. Each term, the society performs one major show involving work from people from all aspects of the society: actors, lighting and sound people, stage managers, set designers and builders, costume designer and even a bar manager! This term’s major production is called The Unknown Soldier and His Wife, a comedy by Peter Ustinov. If you are interested in acting, lighting or working on the general odd jobs in this show, then please attend the first of the weekly Wednesday afternoon workshops on 5 October that will be taking place throughout the year. There will also be a special workshop for those interested in acting in this show on Sunday 9 October. Both are at 2.30pm in the Union Upper Lounge.

DramaSoc not only provides lights for its own shows but also for Ents gigs and for large parties such as the Silwood Ball. We also provide sound, design and build sets for our own productions. The society makes regular theatre trips, the first one being on 12 October to Daisy Pulls It Off at the Globe Theatre.

Tickets, at reduced rates, are between £4.50 and £7.50 for theatre trips, the first one being on 12 October to Daisy Pulls It Off at the Globe Theatre.

Boat Club

The Boat Club is one of the most successful sports clubs at Imperial College. The boat- house at Putney is equipped with its own rowing tank for teaching novices to row, and also contains the best fleet of boats of any of the UL colleges, looked after by boatman, coach and former international oarsman, Bill Mason.

Last season was highly successful with all levels of the club winning events at open regattas, and 44 wins being recorded in all competitions, including nine of the twelve at the UL regatta.

Much of the success was achieved by the senior squad whose season culminated in the selection of the first eight to represent England at the Home Countries International.

At Henley Royal Regatta, the eight was beaten in the semi-final of the Ladies Plate by Harvard the eventual winners. The remainder of the senior squad, the coxless four, were beaten in the final of the Visitors Challenge Cup by ULBC.

At the National Championships, the eight gained a bronze medal behind two eights from the British National team. The coxless four also gained a bronze.

If you wish to row—at whatever level—come and meet us at the Freshers’ Fair on the Queen’s Lawn—just look for the boats.

Consoc

As its name implies this is the society of convivial con-artists. We try our best to be devious and underhand in everything we do. Are you a whingeing snivelling little bastard? If so join Soc Soc we don’t want you. We want fine upstanding conservative types with a penchant for conundrums.

But suffice it to say if you want to put your. devious little nose in the running of the country do it right. Vote conservative and join Consoc.

Consoc is a really interesting society. We all meet and talk about what a great job Maggie is doing and then we contemplate ways of how to get Tony Benn deported to Russia. Then once a year we have our annual Christmas card sending to our MPs, who go out of their way to save us lots of money by cutting taxes.

If you’ve got lots of cash, join Consoc and we’ll take it off you.

ICS0

Patricia Hughes’ Book of Time Fillers No 17

As we have a few minutes to go before our next gramophone record here on Radio 3, let me tell you a little about Imperial College Symphony Orchestra and its forthcoming concert season. As featured in this year’s Handbook; this full size symphony orchestra is currently under the direction of Richard Dickens, a busy professional freelance conductor, and has recently been acclaimed for its characteristic interpretation of Mozart, the virtuosity of its players, and its overall professional attitude.

Some time in December we shall be broadcasting a performance of Shostakovitch’s Symphony No 5 and the overture to Weber’s Der Freischütz; in 1984 there will also be a chance to hear Tchaikovsky’s 5th Symphony, Mozart’s Clarinet Concerto, and Borodin’s Polo-vitian Dances. Other events in the Orchestra’s calendar include a ‘Well Known Tunes’ festival, held in Silwood Park during a weekend, various musical evenings and possibly a joint venture with the College amateur choral society.

The Orchestra is keen to welcome new players, and you can find out more either at its stall at the Freshers’ Fair or by going to the first rehearsal this Wednesday at 7:00pm in the Great Hall—preferably bringing a string player. (pause)

And now with the time at 8:30 we have some music from the Court of Terence the Tone-Def, played on this record by the Fliangehorn Inharmonia Consort with The

The Chamber Musical Society
Dancing

Imperial College Dancing Club is a lively, popular club for ballroom and Latin American dancing. The membership comes not just from IC but from other colleges and local institutes. The most popular dances are the Waltz, Quickstep, Cha-cha, Rhumba and Jive.

The central activities of the club are the classes on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, which cater for standards ranging from complete beginners to bronze and silver medal and above. In previous years, the club has attracted a large number of beginners and there will be at least one class per week for them. In all the classes, the atmosphere is relaxed and dress informal and there is no need to bring a partner since you swap partners during the evening. One of our professional teachers will give you a class for about 1'/2 hours and then you can practice for about another hour.

In addition to the classes, the club holds an annual ball in November, which includes a look at some of the latest films, with clips from the distributors, in Film Review. Look out for our posters for programme details.

If you want to know more and meet some of the people involved, visit our stand at the Freshers' Fair (in the Sherfield Refectory). The club will be at the Freshers' Fair on the first two days of term — and we tackle some of the most demanding stream passages of S Wales and the deep potholes of Yorkshire. We run trips every other weekend all over the country, leaving Friday evening and returning Sunday night. Accommodation is in local caving huts and we provide all the equipment and training.

The level of competence of the club is high and we tackle some of the most demanding caves in the country as well as mounting summer trips and expeditions abroad. However, we cater for all levels of experience, everyone is welcome, it doesn't matter if you've never set foot in a cave before, so why not come along and give it a go? We meet every Wednesday at 1.00pm in the Lower Union Lounge and we'll be at the Freshers' Fair.
Mr Secretary was one step ahead of the Baron, instead of the compulsory three steps behind.

"Number two, my Lord," he replied.

The Baron prepared himself to deliver his second speech.

"Good morning."

At these words, three of his audience fell into a deep slumber.

"My name is Baron Weed of Cheapskate; I'm one of those people who seek to increase their status in life by incorporating their address into their name. Around here, what I say goes."

"In one ear and out the other," thought Mr Secretary.

"I make this speech every year. It is probably the most monotonous, boring, insignificant, irrelevant speech you ever hear but I have given it every year since 1971 and no one has written a new one for me yet." He scowled at Mr Secretary, who was fast asleep. "Yes, I know it's boring, I fell asleep during it in 1978 myself.

"Now you won't believe how important I think I am; whoops, I mean I think you wouldn't believe how important I am, so I won't even start to tell you."

"Some of you may think that with so much to do during these few days: registration, finding your way round, meeting new friends, that coming along here to listen to me rambling on at you till I got fed up with it all and got back to bed, is a complete, utter and total waste of time. Well, I can tell you it isn't. In the first place, I enjoy it. Secondly, by the time I've ground you down, you are much more easy and pliable for my lesser initiates to deal with. Fourthly, I do so enjoy dressing up in this tricorn and embroidered gown. To be quite frank with you, it's not often I get the chance to dress like this outside the lodge."

Suddenly, Smarty jolted upright. He realised where he was. Gone were the cockroaches, silverfish and noisy plumbing; could he sink any lower?

Smarty felt the beginnings of a hangover throbbing in his skull. His eyes rolled like merry puppets on his face. "Ah me, what am I to do now?" thought Smarty aloud to himself as he lay awake in a dingy room in Evelyn Gardens. He was in a right fix. Unemployed, broke, researching in ruins, and sharing his room with cockroaches, silverfish and noisy plumbing; could he sink any lower?

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Hello and welcome once again to the What's On page. This week is, of course, packed with events for freshers and a ticket covering all events is available from the Union Office, price £7.

For the benefit of freshers and to remind others, I'd like to explain how What's On works. Forms are available in the FELIX Office for special events and for regular meetings. ‘Regular’ forms are kept on file and ‘special’ forms are thrown away after use, so make sure you use the right form! Please send in any relevant photos or drawings—these will be returned. The deadline for entries is 12:30pm on Mondays.

The information you give is printed in an upright face; my cynical comments are added in italic. Lastly, while I and my minions try to be infallible, we occasionally make mistakes, and therefore take no responsibility for entries lost, misprinted or mutilated.

Diane Love
(What's On Coordinator)
Fresher
Welcome to all freshers, this is the start of three or four years at Imperial, I hope you enjoy it. The first week is a very exciting yet apprehensive time for new arrivals. The best thing to do is to go to all the parties, join lots of clubs and make sure you have a good time in your first week.

Censorship
I must sympathise with the Handbook Editor Adrian James. He has been very badly treated by the Union Exec. The reason President Gaynor Lewis recalled Adrian from the printer was that she did not realise that she was supposed to check the artwork before it went to press. It seems common sense is beyond these high flying sabbaticals.

Once Gaynor got her hands on the artwork she proceeded to rip apart the Handbook that Adrian had painstakingly completed. Her reason for censoring the Handbook was that she felt that it might cause offence to College block. The Handbook is supposed to be 'an honest and unbiased view of College' and that is exactly what Adrian's Handbook was. Certain sections of College are inefficient and badly run and deserve all the offence students can throw at them. I think Gaynor has got her priorities wrong somewhere if she is more concerned about the fragile egos of administrators in College block than student interests. She is after all the Union's representative in administration and not the administration's representative in the Union.

FELIX
Staff
You are now reading FELIX, undoubtedly the best student newspaper in the country. Apart from this issue it comes out every Friday. At this moment Friday's issue is being put together by a very talented but overworked staff. If you would like to write, photograph, draw, make tea, etc for the newspaper then pop into the FELIX Office or come to the staff meeting on Friday at 12:30pm.

Copy Deadline
Copy deadline for sport, clubs and what's on articles is 1:00pm Monday.

Credits
I am indebted to the following people this week: Guy Riddihough, Matt Fawcett, Steve Brann, Diane Love, David Rowe, Carl Burgess, Stephen Gudder, Mark Smith, Ulysses, Michael McKenna, Peter Rodgers, Danuta Otrowska, Maz Fellows, Keith Heartfield and Nick Theston for the masthead.

Pallab Ghosh

Welcome to the Puzzles Column, edited by Ulysses this year. Each issue will contain a puzzle, some mathematical, some wordy, some hard, some easy. The incentive to answer these, apart from pure enjoyment (1) is £5 donated by Mend-a-Bike of Fulham Road who also give 10% discount on repairs and 5% discount on purchases on production of your IC Union card. All you have to do is solve the puzzle and put your solution, name, department and year on a piece of paper and bring it to the FELIX Office before the closing date. If you wish to donate a puzzle I'll be more than happy to use it, if you enclose your real name or a pseudonym.

This year we kick off with a crossword for which I am indebted to Nick Williams, the Manager of the off-set litho unit in the Sherfield Building. The crossword is based loosely on the College name and some people in it.

Solutions, comments, criticisms to me at the FELIX Office by 1:00pm on Wednesday week. £5 from Mend-a-Bike for randomly selected winning entry.

ACROSS
1 All knocks about Mr Glee of the police and makes a name! (8, 7) 9 MA, DIC, Ace (8) 10 Crystalised sugar (5) 12 King Dog? 13 Employment found in buses (3) 14 One time only (4) 15 Diverse (6) 17 Administrative body (7) 18 Operator misses up reprint of FELIX (7) 19 Added to boards for information (5) 22 Pin bend missing from u shape turn of road leaves lack of cover for same (4) 23 300 (3) 24 How many faces has the College Secretary got? (3) 25 Jones the master builder (5) 26 One of note (8) 28 Horse face (with apologies) (6, 9)

DOWN
2 Degree (1, 2) 3 Last (6) 4 Blend together (5) 5 Instructive discourse (7) 6 Carthorse does a turn (9) 7 City University? (6) 8 ICU Grand Supremo (8) 5 11 An unidentified flying object crashes into fine icon and ends up in Belt (5, 6) 16 Book of names etc (9) 19 One who makes an accusation (7) 21 Instead of (2, 4) 22 Any place encouraging growth (3, 3) 24 Paper clocks? (5) 27 Put on lecturer, perhaps
FRESHMEN UGM

GREAT HALL

1pm OCT 6

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

NEW RESIDENTS

At the end of the summer term a number of complaints were received from the residents of the new at the rear of the Southside Halls, concerning the behaviour of resident students. Most of the complaints were due to the effect on a number of I.C. students. Many students, particularly those involved in harassing the other students, have not been able to pursue their studies due to financial problems.

Another outcome of the judgement is that some students may be eligible for a refund on fees paid due to incorrect classification. Over 50 students have already written to College stating their case. College is currently waiting until the judgement is made before making any policy on the issue. The case may not come before the Courts for some months.

FINANCE

We have been addressing the issue of accommodation costs, particularly the costs for Freshers' Week. The Accommodation Centre has been successfully managed, and the costs have been shared amongst residents. The Centre is fully audited and has achieved a 95% occupancy rate.

SPORTS

The Sports Shop has been set up on the Walkway, in what used to be the London Student Union Finance. A new shop will be open soon, and the branch manager will be responsible for the running of the shop. The Sports Shop will feature the latest branded items, including tourist and club merchandise.

FINANCE

We have been discussing the pricing of food services, with an increase expected in the next session. The huge increase in the number of students attending the varsity games and carnival has resulted in a significant rise in catering costs. We are working on a new menu that will be more affordable and appealing to the students.

SECURITY

We have had problems over the summer with the security of the building. The security officer has been working closely with the Student Service Office to ensure the safety of residents. A new system of security checks has been implemented to prevent unauthorized access to the building.

FINANCE

We have been working on a new financial model for the Union, with a focus on reducing costs and increasing revenue. A new grant system has been introduced, and the Finance section is now in charge of managing the Union's finances. A new team of junior treasurers has been appointed, and a new guide for treasurer is being produced to help them with their duties.

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COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES (2):

Representative to Union Elections. These are mainly carried over from last term. Me and I will explain what work is involved.

TERM 1 (15 October) - Further details will be published in Felix.

Anybody wanting to use the Union office Gestetner should come along to my office by 5.30 p.m. on Monday 10 October where I will be giving a free demonstration on "how to use a gestetner in one short lesson". Only those who come along will be allowed to use the gestetner throughout the year without my supervision.

We have lost last year's Rag Chairman and being unable to elect another until the second (next) eight days before Rag Week, it appeared for a while that Rag would be almost non-existent this year. However due to the great amount of time and work put in by Dave WP (BES VP), Rag is once again on its feet and flourishing.

Rag Week this year will begin on 16 November and finish on 25 November. I have already drawn up a timetable for Rag Week and since this is O.K.'d by the I.C.U it will be published in Felix.

The first big Rag stunt of the year will take place on Saturday 8 October. This will be the selling of old A4 books which there are about 15,000 at University Hall's residence within London. Everyone should come along. We are meeting infeit Quad at 10.30 a.m. on Saturday morning.

PROPOSAL

This will be the selling of old Rag Mags (of which there are about 15,000) by the CCU's it will be published in Felix.

The following Union posts are vacant:

Rag Chairman

2 First Year representatives to General
Alternate Prospects Editor

Papers for these are posted at the moment on the Notice board at the main entrance to the Union Building. Nominations close on 16th October, 1983 at 5.00 p.m. Anyone wishing to stand for one of these posts can see me and I will explain what work is involved.

ELECTIONS:

These are mainly carried over from last term.

Imperial Library Record Buyer

Because of exam failure by the preceding candidate, Dave Miller is therefore returned unopposed.

I would like nominations from the floor for this post.

Proposer

R. Millard

I would like nominations from the floor for this post.

Candidate

M. Atwell

F. House

N. Newman

P. Eaton

A. Wilson

J. Barrett

Steve Higbee

David Platt

Dave M. Parry

I. Heptinstall

Carl Hutton

Ian Bull

Dave Kincaid

Chuck Fuller

HON SECS REPORT

I.C.U. Believes:

1. That the Somol government policies are considerably exacerbating the problems throughout Central America.

2. That the US government policies are considerably exacerbating the problems throughout Central America.

3. That the United Nations should do more for the Nicaraguan people in four years than the Somol regime ever did to do.

4. That the UN government policies are considerably exacerbating the problems throughout Central America.

PROPOSAL ON PORNOGRAPHY


1. That B.S.M. Union organises and holds annually an event called 'Demon Porn Night' this year has involved the showing of hard-core pornography and strippers performing lesbian acts on stage. This is completely paid for for by B.S.M. funds and by an admission charge.

2. That the pornographic business is a large multi-million pound industry relying for its profits on the corruption and sexual degradation of young children, teenagers, adults and animals.

3. That pornography is aimed primarily at a male audience and involves the portrayals of women and sexual organs to be used and abused. It portrays, perpetuates and derives from an attitude that women are inferior, are todays to be feared at, to be laughed at, to be humiliated at, and to be used and raped.

4. That it is the right of individuals over the age of 18 to entertain themselves in whatever manner they choose so long as it does not harm anyone else and is done in private.

I.C.U. Believes:

1. That this Union is allowing such an event to take place supports its continuation.

2. That the event is an expression by Mines and this Union of an active support not for freedom but for the pornographic industry. The Mines Union has become a marketing outfit for hard-core porn.

3. That this Union does not understand the individuals freedom to choose his/her entertainments. It does not seek to prevent people going to such events.

4. That the majority of members of this Union do not want I.C.U. acting in support of pornography.

I.C.U. Instructs:

1. That the President of this Union should make it known to all I.C. students and staff and to the University of London Union that we do not actively support the pornographic industry and have NEVER consciously intended to do so.

2. That 'Demon Porn Night' and other similar events should not be held on Union premises. This decision to be made by and enforced by the I.C.U. Exec.

3. That Union funds, equipment, transport and titles should not be used in organising and staging pornographic events inside or outside college. This includes Outlying Unions and all Clubs and Societies. All officers shall have all support, monetary and otherwise, from this Union promptly withdrawn until they can satisfy the Executive that they will not conspire with Pam Fury on this again. Second offenders will not receive support again.

IMPERIAL COLLEGE UNION

FRESHERS UNION GENERAL MEETING

TO BE HELD ON THURSDAY, 6TH OCTOBER, 1983

AT THE GREAT HALL, SHERFIELD, 1.00 p.m.

AGENDA

1. Minutes of the last meeting (7th June, 1983)
2. Matters Arising
3. President's Report
4. Deputy President's Report
5. Honorary Secretary's Report
6. Other Officers' Reports
7. Elections
8. Motions