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Students Snatch Intruder in Weeks

BY MARK BRIDGE

A man alleged to have been responsible for a series of burglaries in student halls was taken into custody at Belgravia Police Station on Tuesday night.

The man was apprehended in Weeks Hall after he entered a woman's room claiming he was looking for a toilet. A group of students followed the intruder and alerted College Security, detaining the man until Police arrived.

The description of the man caught at Weeks apparently fits that of a 6'3" Afro-Caribbean man who has been spotted wandering around Evelyn Gardens on many occasions. He typically tried to gain entry from the back of the building and proceeded to try students' doors for entry. A large number of items were reported missing during this period. Several residents reported incidents in which the man would ask to borrow a pen, and then leave.

No one had actually chal-

lenged anyone at Evelyn Gardens until Tuesday night, when a man entered a room and encountered two residents who immediately called security. The man ran off.

One of the two residents, in a ground floor room, said his suspicions were aroused when he saw a man looking in through their window earlier that evening. A man said to fit the description of this intruder was apprehended later that night at Weeks. The two Evelyn Gardens residents were called to see if they could identify the man.

The police could only comment that enquiries were continuing at Belgravia. However, it is believed that the man could be a part of a group of three people who have been targeting IC this year.

Security sources say there has been a general increase in petty crime reports from residents of Imperial halls. In one incident a laptop computer was found discarded in a bathroom when the thief was scared off.



PHOTO: WILLIAM LORENTZ

"Sarah Sucks Spirit from Sleazy Sex Serfs". A poor turnout and wranglings over funds with the Rag Committee marred the usually buoyant Mines 'Dirty Disco' on Wednesday. News in Brief, page 2

E's With Ease?

BY ALEX FEAKES AND BEN WILKINS

IC Students spoke about the ease of obtaining drugs on campus when they were interviewed on national radio last week. Radio 4's PM program last Thursday was investigating the rave and dance culture amongst today's youth, with special reference to the drug Ecstasy, known as 'E', and the extent of its use amongst students in London.

The second year students

considered getting ecstasy tablets to be fairly easy at Imperial, there being an extensive drug sub-culture here, where drugs are readily obtainable. Research by Felix has revealed that there is a big market for Ecstasy at IC, London colleges' students tending to be more into the 'drug scene' than other universities.

The biggest consumers of E tend to be young people living in

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IC Meets Chris Smith

Chris Smith MP, Shadow spokesman on Social Security, was at Imperial on Wednesday talking to a select audience. He spoke to the Labour Club about the Information Superhighway and other issues. page 2

Linstead Bar Woes

Linstead Hall saw further ructions as one of its re-apps was thrown out of hall after a tribunal into the Halloween party fiasco. The hall bar has been closed and re-opened twice in the past two weeks. page 3

RCSU To Move

The Royal College of Science Union is to have temporary offices in Biology. Their new premises in civil engineering are not yet ready, and their current accommodation will soon be demolished. page 4

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London taking advantage of the ready supply in the southeast. Ecstasy mainly comes into the country from Holland and Belgium but there are also many factories in this country, though they tend to be smaller and less organised.

Felix spoke to a dealer, Mr Wright, who has supplied Imperial students with E in the past. He explained that some of the basis for IC's Ecstasy culture lay in the popularity of E a few years ago amongst those who went to raves. Since about 1992, when rave was at its height, he has seen a decrease in demand and price. This more or less agrees with the figures that the Police have published in the past.

When asked how much money he made peddling his wares around college, Mr Wright declined to reveal exact figures. He did say that if you buy Es in the 1000s, you can expect to pay about £5 each, and then sell them on for £15 individually. "The largest dealers buy from the factories in units of 10-20,000 pills."

Mr Wright said he had become more wary of the effects of the drug following the tragic death of Leah Betts and the ensuing public debate. Leah took her first E on her eighteenth

birthday and subsequently collapsed into a coma from which she did not recover.

Some users he knew had experienced problems when using E; one person had had fits and spasms after taking the drug, and another had suffered from liver problems. He was keen to emphasise that having reliable contacts helps to ensure that the Es you buy are pure or safe, but the only way you can be fairly certain is to try one, or at least to know someone who has taken one.

Faced with the decline in the use of E, Mr Wright said that cocaine is definitely becoming more popular, more readily available and less expensive. "Even poor students are doing coke these days," he said. "People tend to move on from E to cocaine, and I would say most of the people who were into Ecstasy in 1991 are now doing coke."

College authorities have in the past expressed concern over the level of drug use at IC, especially the use of cannabis. The E threat is one that has largely gone unreported so far, with few if any incidents being Ecstasy-related. A rise in cocaine use could worry the College, as the effects on its users are greater and more long lasting than those of Ecstasy and cannabis.

News in brief

BY MARK BRIDGE
AND DIPAK GHOSH

Web Editor

The Student Representative Council ratified the creation of the new student office of Web Editor in their meeting on November 14th at St Mary's Union.

The Officer will be responsible for ensuring that laws relating to publications, which are *de facto* applicable to the electronic media, are not contravened and also that Union and College guidelines are met in all such Club and Society publications.

Other responsibilities of the post will include ensuring that memory allocations for the pages are not exceeded. Nomination papers are going to be drawn up and the Council will select someone at their first meeting next term.

The system is currently maintained on an informal basis by Matt Crompton, Deputy President for Finance and Services.

Disappointing Rag

A Rag source blamed the absence of a Rag Chair for two weeks in the middle of the term

for the poor organisation of, and turn-out at events during Rag Week.

Damp Disciplinary

A Union Disciplinary Committee convened on Tuesday night reprimanded a physics and a mathematics student and imposed a twenty pound fine for urinating from the fourth floor of the Union building.

The Union also informed their counterparts at Brighton University about the conduct of one of their philosophy students who was also involved in the incident. No further action was pursued against this student however.

Tom King

Tom King, Conservative MP for Bridgwater, visited Imperial College and spoke to an informal gathering as a guest of the Imperial College Conservative Society on Wednesday.

UCAS Admissions

UCAS agreed new admissions procedures for universities over the weekend, likely to include a two stage results and interview process.

Labour Looks to the Future with IT

BY ALEX FEAKES

Chris Smith, Labour MP for Islington South and Finsbury and Shadow Cabinet spokesman on Social Services, was a guest of IC's Labour Society on Wednesday. Making up for the delay getting to IC, Mr Smith plunged straight into a discourse about the opportunities for Britain heralded by the Information Revolution.

Citing some examples of how the widespread use of modern technology and computers had increased knowledge and improved learning, the MP said he felt that it would be a wasted

chance if nothing were done to harness and exploit Britain's advantages in this field. He particularly emphasised the role of the telecommunications giant BT in creating the country-wide network of cabling required to achieve the goal of allowing everyone access to the internet.

After his speech, Mr Smith opened the floor to questions, with subjects ranging from payment for the internet terminals to the decision-making process of the Labour Party. Commenting on his recent move from the Heritage portfolio, he said it was a shame that he had-

n't had a chance to follow up ideas, especially the Information Superhighway.

Rejecting criticism of the recent 'policy on the hoof' scandals in the national press, he said that the problem been solved. He went on to state the Party's line on the privatisation of BR, saying that Labour are adamant that the scheme will fail, and it is only a matter of time before any partial privatisation is reversed.

Mr Smith finished his talk by explaining how Labour will fund its ideas, including the use of more private capital for projects.



PHOTO: ALEX FEAKES

Labour MP Chris Smith looked satisfied after answering questions. He concentrated on the structure of IT's future under a Labour government.

Tribunal Dubbed a "Witch-Hunt"

BY JONATHAN TROUT

A Linstead re-app has been expelled from the hall following drunken behaviour during the now infamous Halloween party. The residents' tribunal of Andrew Deeley took place in the Chemistry building last Friday morning.

Before the tribunal it was widely expected that Mr Deeley would escape with a £100 fine, but the weight of the charges brought against him, ranging from indecent exposure to threatening the life of a sub-warden and blackmail, left no one present in much doubt as to the outcome.

After 35 minutes of deliberation, the tribunal decided that Mr Deeley's tenure at Linstead Hall should be terminated, and his room vacated within

seven days. In addition, he has been banned from all communal areas of Linstead.

However, the most unexpected proceedings of the tribunal dealt with the accusations against Linstead Bar Chair Nick Hudson. In an attempt to portray Deeley's diminished responsibility, Adam Torry, a friend of Mr Deeley, inadvertently asked Mr Hudson a leading question regarding licensing laws, specifically whether Mr Hudson had served Mr Deeley a "Green Lizard", an extremely alcoholic cocktail.

It transpired that he had indeed served a close friend of Deeley, knowing that the drink was for him. In his defence, Mr Hudson said that he had only just arrived at the bar, and did not know that Mr Deeley was

already drunk. An independent observer noted that anyone in the bar could have served Mr Deeley that night, as he was celebrating his birthday. This included a sub-warden, who was allegedly seen behind the bar serving people whilst drunk himself.

The tribunal ruled that in light of this new information Linstead Bar was to be closed again; then in a bizarre turn of events it was inexplicably reopened in time for that night's normal 7pm start.

Nick Hudson was stripped of his bar duties by Earl Lancaster that afternoon, and only found out the following day that his case would not be taken before a tribunal. His punishment would be decided by Dr Lancaster, and would undoubtedly

be less harsh than the tribunal.

Fortunately, this did not include being thrown out of hall, but his penalty was as severe as it could be without his permanent eviction. He was fined £100 and banned from the buying, selling or consumption of alcohol in all areas of Linstead Hall. Mr Hudson was "shocked at the College's reaction", but some have remarked that, unlike Mr Deeley, his good relationship with the warden saved him from a worse fate.

The doctor was reluctant to comment on last week's events, saying that such matters are not for public discourse. Others present were not so happy with the result, one labelling it as a 'witch-hunt' and another as an unfair 'kangaroo court'.

Bikes for BMS

BY DIPAK GHOSH

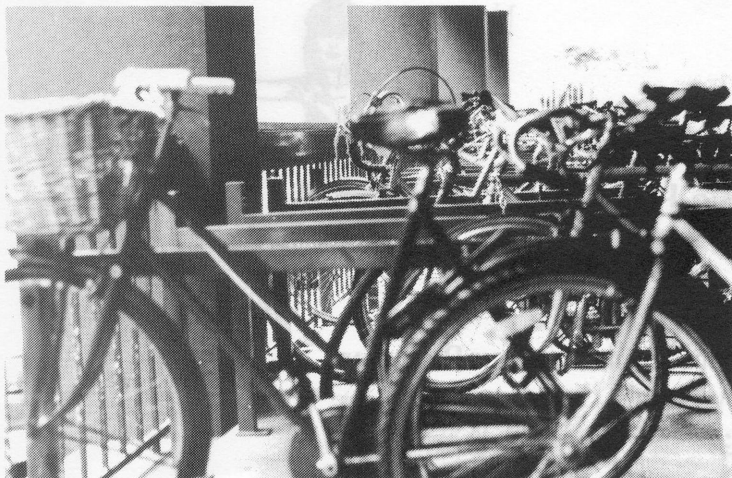
Temporary bike sheds are to be built during the construction of the Basic Medical Science building, but plans for permanent bike sheds for the BMS students have yet to be finalised.

At present, the bike sheds are scattered around the college, but the bike shed for the BMS will be the result of "an integrated approach" according to College Facilities manager Valerie Straw, who is responsible for buildings planning at IC.

Furthermore, car-parks are to be re-located to another site. Mrs Straw also said that this temporary bike shed will be safe for students during the construction.

Students concerned for the safety of their bikes may want to have them coded for free next week in the Sherfield anteroom, between 10am and 4pm. PC Clive Coleman will be on hand to discuss any aspects of crime prevention around college.

PHOTO: IVAN CHAN



The enduring nature of the Southside Halls of residence are illustrated by the remarkable coincidence of one student being allocated the same room in hall as his father had occupied thirty years ago.

The top photograph, taken in 1967, shows the student's mother in the Tizard room a few years after the hall was built. This September, when dropping her son off at Imperial College to start his four year Chem Eng degree, his parents took the bottom photo. However, the chair the student's mother is sitting in the same in both photos, with only the covering having changed.

The 'Twilight Zone' experience, as one of the re-apps called it, was emphasised by the fact that the only alterations to the room over the years had been the addition of a carpet, a new bed and new curtains.

Southside Halls were originally built in the sixties as a temporary measure to house the growing numbers of students at IC. They were only meant to last for twenty years, but are now listed.



RCSU Move to Biology

BY THE NEWS TEAM

The Royal College of Science Union offices will move to temporary accommodation in the Biology department on December 4th. Their current premises in the Old Chemistry building will become untenable when the power and water supplies are cut off in preparation for the building's demolition in early 1996.

The Union will eventually move to customised premises in the Civil Engineering department, but they look set to remain in the temporary accommodation until the end of January. "At the moment there's very little definite timescale," RCS Honourary Secretary Stuart Jenkins said.

Whilst admitting that they weren't happy with the situation, he said that they 'couldn't complain' about the way the Estates department had treated them,

emphasising that College had been as helpful as possible.

Val Straw, Facilities Manager, met the RCSU executive on Wednesday and explained that there was no alternative but to move the offices into temporary accommodation. The Old Royal College of Science building is being demolished so that building of the new Basic Medical Sciences complex can begin. Construction of the centre, set to open in 1997, is already behind schedule.

RCSU members are concerned that the move will make it difficult for them to operate effectively and be readily available to their members. The new location will only be accessible to holders of Biology department swipe cards outside standard working hours, keeping most RCSU members from the offices.



PHOTO: ALEX FEAKES

The pavement in front of the Huxley building was occupied for a short time on Wednesday as Bangladeshi dissidents demonstrated outside their Embassy. The protesters declared a hunger strike to support the previous President, who is gravely ill in hospital, and needs specialist treatment. Although the group had been met by an embassy official, they got little attention from South Kensington's populace.

The Union Executive have asked the biology department to allow wider access, but the RCSU admitted that it was 'extremely unlikely' that such a breach of college security would

be approved. The RCSU 1920's fire engine, Jez, will remain in the condemned chemistry building for the foreseeable future, as no alternative garage space is available.

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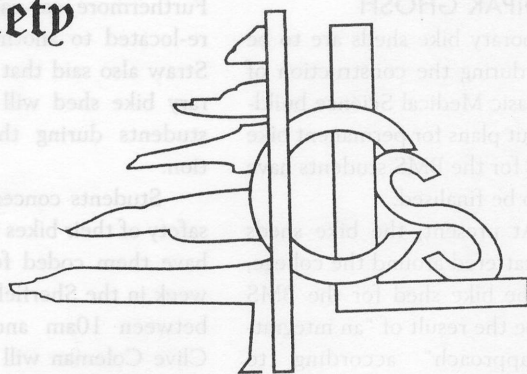
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Drugs: A user's guide

Felix explores the world of drug use; a world which we all inhabit, whether we know it or not...

Addiction and the modern world

Let's be honest. I'm addicted, and so are you. To what? Take your pick: alcohol, cigarettes, chocolate, caffeine, ecstasy... Ecstasy? Surely it's a little odd to include it in such a list? Perhaps not. It seems that many young people regard popping an E as being about as illegal as swiping the odd traffic cone.

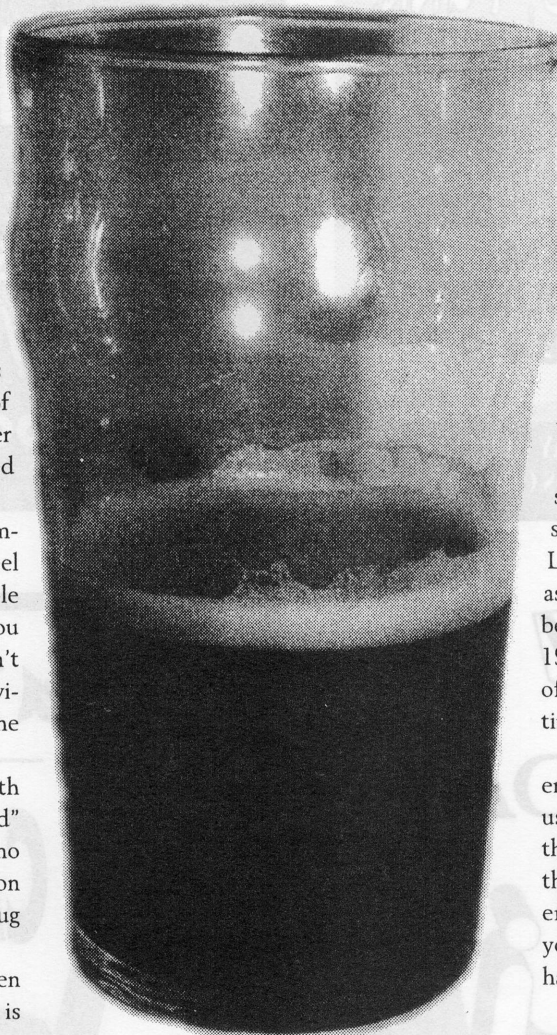
Witness Leah Bett's untimely death last week. She was a bright, sensible young girl with everything going for her. Her parents – an ex-police officer and a nurse – had been responsible in her upbringing and warned her of the dangers of taking drugs. Yet in the early hours of Sunday last week, Leah collapsed and later died after taking a pill of unadulterated Ecstasy.

Why did she do it? The answer is simple. Drugs are fun. Drugs make you feel good. This is what today's young people believe, inspired by such sayings as, "If you can remember the 60s then you weren't there". The 'good times' ethic of the previous generation has been translated into the drug and rave scene of today.

The media's response to Leah's death was predictable; "It Could Be Your Child" screamed the headlines. Ministers will no doubt be under pressure to 'get tough' on drugs and increase prison sentences for drug offences.

But for the last 20 years this has been happening and the "war against drugs" is being lost. What is needed is a new

approach, yet the Labour MP Clare Short was universally condemned for merely suggesting that there should be public debate on legalising certain drugs.



It was recently estimated that ecstasy kills 50 people a year in Britain. This is largely due to the environment in which it's taken – hot and frantic night-clubs. The government has responded by releasing a white paper that proposes to force such venues to provide free fresh cold water.

Alcohol kills hundreds and is responsible for over half the rapes and murders committed each year, but John Major isn't rushing to crack down on pubs and off-licenses. This is because it's (mistakenly) believed that alcohol can be used responsibly and isn't a significant danger to one's health.

Why doesn't the government admit that it can't stop people taking drugs (of both the legal and illegal kind)? It should instead concentrate its effort on making it safer for drug users. If this means legalising some drugs, then that's for the best. Legalisation may also reduce the crime associated with drugs – The Economist has been in favour of decriminalisation since 1993, along with a group of senior police officers and judges who suggested it was time to "think the unthinkable."

It is society as a whole, not just the government, needs to address the issue of drug use in a mature and honest manner. Whilst the use of drugs should not be encouraged, the responsible use of drugs should be emphasised. Until this happens, more young people will die for simply trying to have a good time.

Mark Baker

Test yourself: Are you an alcoholic?

Do you drink too much? Think you can handle your beer? Find out simply and quickly if you are an alcoholic with this invaluable Felix self-test. Just honestly answer the following questions, then check your score...

1. You buy your beer from:
 - a) the pub
 - b) the off-license
 - c) the brewery

2. Drambuie is:
 - a) a Scottish castle?
 - b) a damn fine whiskey
 - c) too expensive - aftershave is better value

3. You drink to celebrate:
 - a) finishing your exams
 - b) finishing your problem sheets
 - c) finishing your last drink

4. You get drunk:
 - a) on your birthday
 - b) on your friends' birthday
 - c) it's always somebody's birthday!

5. You stop drinking when:
 - a) you've reached your limit
 - b) you've run out of money
 - c) the bar's run out of beer

6. You go home from the pub in:
 - a) a car
 - b) a taxi
 - c) an ambulance

7. The best place to pick up girls is:
 - a) in tutorials
 - b) in pubs
 - c) in hospital (hey, nurses uniforms!)



Drink up, please!

At Imperial, 90% of the population drink socially; 5% are teetotal; and 5% have a drinking problem. Of the 90% of social drinkers, many will at some time in their lives fall into the category of problem drinkers and will need to take steps to control their drinking.

A "drinking problem" can be defined in several ways:

- Drinking in excess of the recommended WEEKLY limits of 14 units for women and 21 units for men. (The difference is due to differences in body weight and fat con-

tent).

- Having a dependence on alcohol so that you can't get through the day without a drink.

- When drinking habits interfere with your work, family and relationships with friends.

As students most of us drink socially, but do you realise how much you drink? Remember 14 units a week is the same as 7 pints of lager. So girls, if you drink a couple of glasses of wine with a meal on Monday and two pints of lager after sport on Wednesday, the safe amount to drink over the weekend would be 4 pints or 8 glasses of wine. It would be very easy to exceed the limit if there was a party on Saturday.

Boys can only safely drink 1.5 pints a day - another target that is easy to exceed if you don't count the empty glasses!

If you would like more information about alcohol use pick up a leaflet from the Advice Unit or your G.P.

If you would like help with a drinking problem there are lots of support groups available

Drinkline 0171 332 0202

Alcohol Concern 0171 833 3471

Alcoholics Anonymous 0171 352 3001

Enjoy alcohol, don't abuse it.

Richard Bowker

Welfare Rep. SMHMSSU

Why cut down?

Here are a few medical facts:

- Alcohol is a very addictive drug.
- Excessive alcohol in the long term causes;
- Impotence & infertility (not a bad thing with some people)
- Liver cirrhosis
- Brain damage (how can you tell?)
- Life threatening gastric bleeding
- Premature death (as opposed to dying on time?)

Excessive alcohol in the short term causes;

- Loss of bodily functions (except for your mouth)
- Life threatening behaviour (such as calling Tim Townsend a poof)
- Painful vomiting (you feel better afterwards though)
- Inhaling your own vomit (and other nasty substances like nicotine)
- Respiratory depression, coma and then death. (ooh, joy!)



How to cut down

Some simple methods can help us to cut down the total amount we drink without decreasing the fun we have with friends:

- Keep a drinking diary
- Knowing how much you drink and with whom can help you cut out that pint or glass of wine that wasn't really necessary.
- Choose a low-alcohol or non-alcoholic drink sometimes.
- You don't need a drink to enjoy yourself.
- Pace your drinking throughout the evening.
- Slow your drinking down.
- Buy half pints or interrupt alcohol with non-alcoholic drinks
- If you are drunk stop drinking! Those extra pints won't improve your enjoyment of the evening.
- Choose when you are going to drink
- There are lots of other places to socialise other than the bar.

8. On a day trip to France you bring back:

- a model of the Eiffel Tower
- as much drink as you can carry
- as much drink as the ferry can carry

9. Your favourite watering hole is:

- Linstead Bar
- Union Bar or Southside Bar
- I can never remember where I drink...

10. Sex on the beach is:

- sandy and unhygienic
- a good idea!
- better with Jack Daniels and Malibu

Now check your answers for the verdict...

Mostly A's:

You either don't drink at all or drink only in small quantities. You'd rather be doing work - after all, that's why you're at university. Who wants to spend all their cash on booze anyway? You are a typical Imperial Student.

Mostly B's:

You like the odd drink or two, but you know where your limits are. But what *did* happen at the Fresher's Frolik? You are a typical Imperial student.

Mostly C's:

You eat your cornflakes covered with Boddington's. Less than five pints a night is for losers only. You like playing [insert sport here] because they have such great drinking games. Work? That's lifting the pint to your mouth. You are a typical Imperial Student.

A, B and C for all questions:

You are beyond hope. You drink like a fish and when you're not drinking, you're unconscious. You are probably ICU Deputy President for Clubs and Socs (any year).

Mark Baker and Tim St.Clair

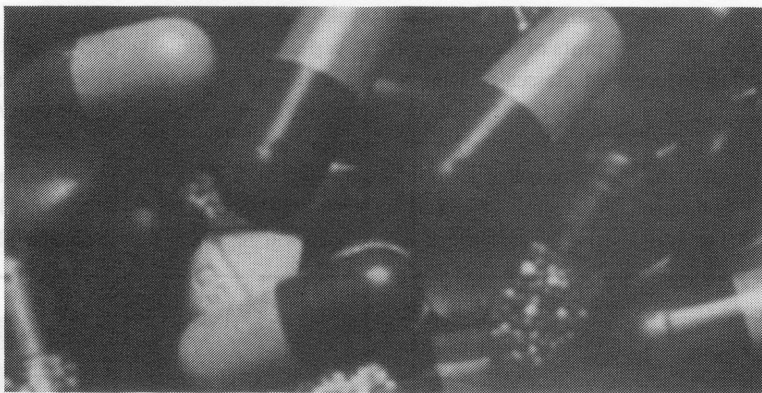
In defence of the realm

Ecstasy has hit the headlines again. The Sun said that the death of Leah Betts was a tragedy and no-one deserved to lose a child like that. I don't think anyone would disagree with that, but the subsequent deluge of moralistic knee-jerk reactions were nothing more than brain-washed propaganda written by journalists who have probably never seen an E before, let alone taken one.

So what is Ecstasy? In a decent strength pure tablet there should be 100-150mg of MDMA (n-methyl 3, 4 methylenedioxyamphetamine); in reality there is sometimes MDEA, MDA, speed, caffeine... you name it. Ingesting such a tablet of MDMA induces euphoria, empathy and greatly increased tactile sensation. It is not physically addictive but prolonged regular use does bring on a tolerance. This is because of a depletion of serotonin levels in the brain, which can leave you feeling depressed.

Taking a break of at least a month or two before taking it again is advisable.

I don't think MDMA is psychologically addictive as such, but the scene that goes with it can be. The feeling you get with an E, in a club with a thousand like-minded souls is absolutely amazing, possibly the best in the world. However, it can all seem



a bit fake afterwards and the next day you are left feeling rather spaced out (partly due to over-exercise). As Jarvis Cocker puts it *"I seem to have left an important part of my brain somewhere, somewhere in a field in Hampshire."* Having said that, a good night's sleep will sort you out and I don't think it is a very dangerous drug, certainly less so than speed.

Why then is MDMA a class A drug (the same as crack and heroin) and speed in class B? Speed is physically and psychologically addictive and can really mess you up, but is considered by the government to be less harmful than MDMA, which they continually refuse to test to see how safe it is. In 1977 MDA and all its analogues were

made illegal. I can understand why MDA was banned because its pretty nasty stuff with a low toxic dose, but there was no real evidence to outlaw MDMA in the first place.

Michael Howard and his cronies are keen to stamp out Ecstasy, the scourge of today's youth, but in actual fact E is helping to keep crime figures down. The more people

there are in clubs taking E and being nice to each other, the fewer there are in pubs starting fights.

Even though we approach the twenty-first century the government's attitude towards drugs remains blinkered and self-righteous in the extreme. To me, it stinks of tabloid politics.

By Iain Bailie

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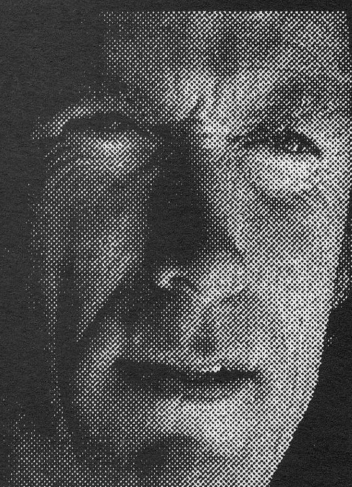
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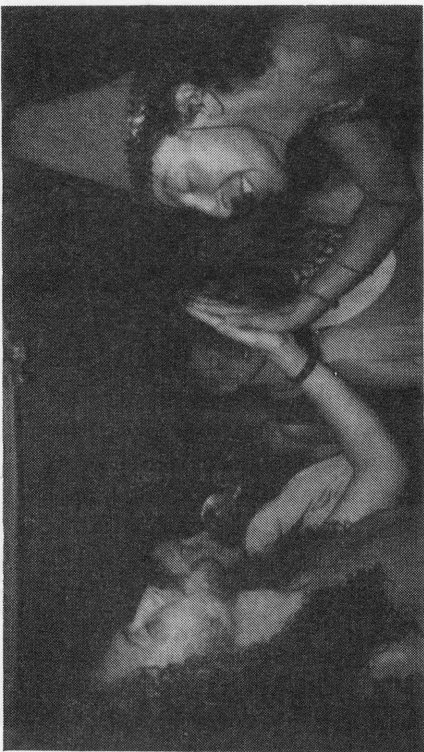
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Ecstasy girl Leah dead proclaimed the evening standard hack boards. The cold rain taunts my face, and a pigeon with a broken wing flaps idly in the gutter. My head pains at high pressure and my knuckles ache arthritically as they clutch the book beneath my jacket.

A simple, dumb chemical. The mentor of a recently changed a close friend to a thin will-girl Leah dead, proclaimed the Evening Standard Depressed. I run into a concerned friend who "It's not the book".

"Is it someone you know?"

Some one I Knew. And the tome pressed against my chest? **E and the dance culture**. The one small spanner, the jammed log that's stopping me flowing the tired streams of mass acceptance of (anti) drug vitriol.

We are born right wing. Yet, when I once the thought of a young drug-wrecked body, in anticipation of the intense and unique experiences that drugs make available. What can give a book this credibility? Perhaps it is the careful scientific layout. Maybe it is the skillfully balanced arguments. Maybe it is of spin. No, the power of this book lies in essential for anyone seeking to understand stand why young people do what they do, they think.

Chapters sensibly proceed history, public the media, effects, dangers, the law, uses, dance scene, manufacture, personal accounts, conclusions and an extensive bibliography section. Fully referenced accurate, this book is simply complete, think of a better source. Read it, and you things you didn't even realise you wonder-more importantly, your opinions will be liberalised.

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album: **alice in chains - alice in chains** vik

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album: **catherine wheel - happy days** jason

film: **goldeneye** sarah turner

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The British hangover has a few interesting equivalents in various continental languages. For instance, if you went on a booze-cruise to France the final stage of your drinking binge would be called 'gueule de bois' (literally: wooden face). In Spain you might suffer 'la resaca', which roughly translated means 'back-wash', and in Germany "der Kater" implies you are in an indolent, apathetic state similar to that of a cat. Finally, in Norway, "tømmermenn" refers to a carpenter's noisy work that goes on and on in your head. Since the hangover is such a universal phenomenon, I decided to interview Dr Peter Dorward, my GP, to find out what causes the familiar symptoms of the hangover, and what can be done to prevent them.

☹ **Symptom: I'm dying of thirst**

The main consequence of drinking is *dehydration*. What makes you feel so thirsty in the morning is a hormonal process linked to the Anti Diuretic Hormone (ADH if you prefer). Alcohol stops its production and makes the kidneys produce a lot of urine. This means you lose all your water supplies.

☹ **Symptom: My body hurts**

Dr Dorward explained that the immediate physical cause of *pain* and *nausea* is due to an irritation of the stomach called gastritis. It usually takes few days of abstinence for it to heal.

☹ **Symptom: I feel like death**

No less than a third of the alcohol intake goes directly into the blood stream via the stomach walls. The remaining alcohol is absorbed rapidly in the small intestine. As a result, contaminated blood goes through all the organs and cells before reaching the brain.

☹ **Symptom: My head hurts**

By the time the contaminated blood reaches the brain, you are bound to be subject to a *headache*. Red wines and most other dark beverages contain tannin. These impurities make headaches worse because they poison you. You will find it absolutely preferable to drink vodka if you wish to avoid the consequences of this toxin accumulation.

Unfortunately, it's not that easy to avoid a headache – other factors are involved. Inside the liver, chemical and enzymatic processes convert alcohol (known as ethanol to its intimate connoisseurs) into a highly toxic substance called acetaldehyde. Further chemical processes will then reduce this toxin to acetate, a harmless chemical, but the efficiency of this process depends on the amount of enzyme available in

the body. In fact, genetic factors are responsible for the availability of these enzymes and this means susceptibility to alcohol addiction could be genetic too.

To a sober observer, heavy drinkers can often appear to be nervous or be seen to shake. This is a sign of alcohol addiction and is probably caused by a drop in alcohol level in the blood.

A few tips on our favourite drug: the faster alcohol is absorbed, the higher the peak in concentration of alcohol in the blood. The same amount of alcohol absorbed slowly won't cause you to feel as drunk, but it will remain in your blood for a longer period. Choosing to down a few whiskeys will therefore have more effect in the short term than 'a few beers'. Fizzy drinks like Champagne or gin and tonic are absorbed even more quickly. However, taking a meal will slow down the absorption by around 50% since the stomach will empty more slowly.

More generally, the level of alcohol contained

What Causes Hangovers?

Waking up feeling like death itself is a normal component of student life. But what is the *scientific* reason for all those missed nine o'clock lectures? Sabine Louët explains the cause of the curse of the morning after.



in the blood stream depends on the weight, age and sex of the drinker. Whatever the feminists say, the biological evidence shows that Mother Nature built women with more subcutaneous fat and a smaller blood volume than men. Unfortunately, this dictates that alcohol concentration will always be higher in women than in men for the same amount of alcohol consumed.

It is worth considering that there is no way to accelerate the removal of alcohol from the blood. Hence, after an evening where you drink more than 6 pints, you might still be above the driving limit the next morning. 12 hours are necessary to clear it all.

If you want to avoid a hangover, the best way to do it is this: before you go to bed, simply to drink an amount of water equal to the amount of alcohol you drunk earlier that evening (this may not always be practical, either because you couldn't hold ten pints of water all at once or because you can't remember what you've had).

It appears that for heavy drinkers, the fall of alcohol level causes *anxiety*. Ironically, the only cure for addicts is to give them more alcohol. As Joe.E.Lewis underlined, it's a vicious cycle where you finally end up saying: "I drink to forget that I drink".

Alcohol exposed

- ☞ We drink ethanol C_2H_5OH which is a colourless, flammable liquid with a mild odour and strong taste.
- ☞ Among other uses it is required for pickling, polishing and paint stripping.
- ☞ Our daily energy needs can be met by the equivalent of 15 to 25 pints of beer, which is enough to kill you.

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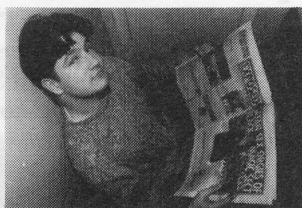
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simon baker

Things are not going to plan. I had already prepared a stinging attack on the Rag Mag and I was so confident that it would be as bad as usual, I nearly didn't bother to buy a copy. But I was ever eager to 'check ... facts before writing things', and to my total surprise it's actually quite funny in places. Mind you, putting an ICU Rag sticker on the Central London Phone Book would have been a huge step forward after last year's pathetic attempt.

Last week saw the State opening of Parliament and the Queen's Speech. Sixteen bills were announced, the majority of which seem to be fairly unexciting. The one part that has caused controversy is the Asylum and Immigration Bill. The main aim of this legislation is to cut the number of illegal immigrants and speed up the acceptance of genuine cases. It will also cut the level of benefits paid to asylum seekers, in order to deter those seeking a higher standard of living by masquerading as political refugees. If properly implemented, this should not become a racist's charter as predicted by some organisations, but a way of ensuring that immigration is conducted fairly and efficiently, and a guarantee that the asylum seekers who settle here are those whose well-being is at grave risk in their home countries, for which this country has a proud record.

In College, there have been yet more complaints about the installation of the new cannabis detection system in the halls of residence. To be



fair, it does have additional features such as fire detection to justify its cost, but even by IC standards, this project has been catastrophic in the extreme. The installation has dragged on for years at God knows what

cost, resulting in false alarms on a near daily basis for weeks. Given the contempt that people understandably have for it, one shudders to think what would happen in the event of a real fire.

It seems that I ruffled the feathers of our president with my views on her and Ghassan Karrian and a reinforcement of the points raised by Nooman Haque. While I stand by what I said, perhaps I was a little mischievous at times. Sarah was quite right about my failure to read the New Solutions document, but as she has since very kindly provided me with a copy I hope to return to this issue in the future. At first glance, it is certainly written in more measured tones than the Trotskyite drivel one gets from the NUS.

I am quite sure that the Editor is not the only person bewildered at the budgetary shenanigans across the pond, where Bill Clinton has tried everything apart from putting Hillary on the game to keep the government running and pay the treasury bond holders. The explanation for the continuing impasse, boys and girls, is that Clinton stuck poor old Newt Gingrich, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, at the back of Air Force One on the way back from Israel and didn't talk to him during the flight, much to his annoyance. And you think our politicians are bad...

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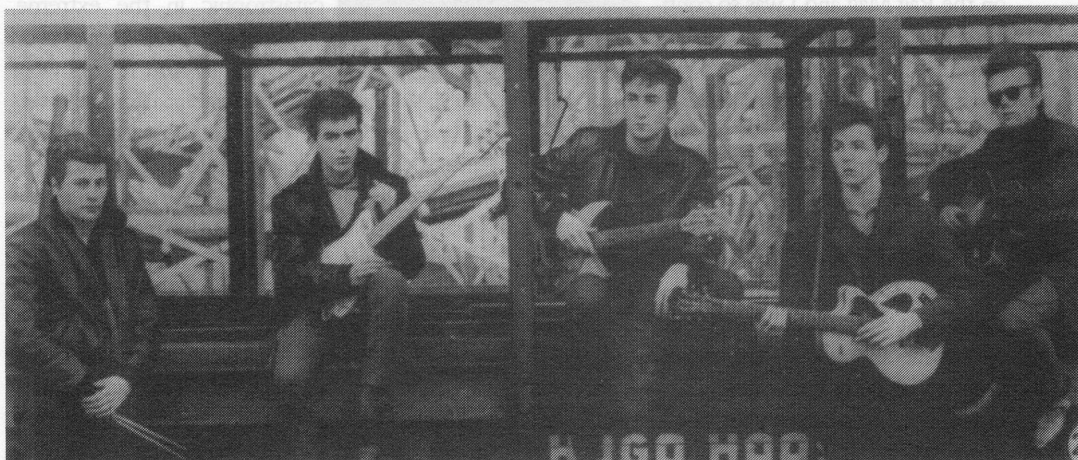
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album: the beatles - anthology 1 babemagnet

Below: The Beatles in Hamburg around 1960 when Ringo wasn't a star(r) and Pete Best and Stuart Sutcliffe were preparing to be footnotes in musical history.



The new single, 'Free as a Bird', is slapped at the start of this double album, sounding processed and forced. The anthology proper then starts in 1958 with the group's first ever recording. Singles and live performances, some never previously released, follow. This part of the anthology (there are at least two more to come) draws to a close in 1964.

The music itself is vibrant and due to the live performances, exciting. With hordes of screaming fans threatening to drown out the band's sounds, it's hard not to get swept along.

Gems include a series of rehearsals for and then a complete recording of 'One After 909', a live 'She Loves You', and a bluesy 'No Reply'. 'A

Hard Day's Night' and 'Eight Days a Week' are also very different to the previously released versions. Against this, you do have to endure the horror of a Beatles/Morecambe and Wise duet.

This release has to be viewed on two different levels; as an historical document and as a musical piece. It's superlative in the former aspect, but less impressive in the latter - the collection doesn't offer much that is breathtakingly new and sound quality is average.

Mind you, whatever reviewers say about this album, it's going to sell truck-loads. If you're a fan or want a nostalgia trip, you're going to buy this. Otherwise, take a listen when you buy it for your parents for Christmas. (7)

gig: human league kalashikov

With a stage setting like a cross between an Eighties sci-fi set and a hospital laundry, Human League appeared in The Royal Albert Hall as a blast from the past to a cheering audience.

The audience quickly simmered down as the band played a mixture of older tracks and pieces from the 'Octopus' album to distinctly low-key applause. At a little over three-quarters capacity,

the turnout was disappointing, but as the group built up to some of their better known tracks, the crowd came alive again, as did the telescopic linen baskets dominating the stage.

Culminating initially with 'Tell me when', the encore again whipped up the public. And with more classics such as 'Electric Dreams', it was finally proved that most people can't dance to the Human League.

album: skyscraper - superstate vik

The British rock behemoth has been dormant for far too long but Camden trio, Skyscraper have seen fit to re-awaken it from its slumber. They tried to kickstart some life into its corpulent body eighteen months ago but record company shenanigans and general ham-fisted bureaucracy delayed the release of their debut album (put your hands up EMI records and prepare to be shot at). If you were of a paranoid disposition you might think it was a conspiracy.

Thankfully, 'Superstate' has arrived on indie label Dynosupreme and sounds as fresh and



inspiring as it was supposed to. Produced by Roli Mosimann, who has worked with such industrial luminaries as the Young Gods and Foetus, the album consists of songs that take the industrial foundation and build crunching guitars, a canny ear for melody and downright human emotion on top.

'Union Jack Off' is as visceral yet articulate diatribe against Fascism as you're likely to hear. Elsewhere, 'Lovesick' is self-effacing but no less vitriolic, while 'Bed of Nails' is a heartfelt number that grows from slow beginnings into a pulsating but non-bombastic piece.

The album finishes with vocalist Vic Kemlicz singing, "There's always hope." For this band there certainly is. (8)

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singles:^{nick}

morrisey - boy racer

The boy Moz gets all jealous over lads who drive fast and get the birds. Far heavier than normal but still retains its style.

dorothy - what's that tune?

This is the theme tune to Blind Date. It is an insult to the word 'music'. DO NOT BUY THIS.

inaura - this month's epic

8 minutes 47 seconds of quality. Soft lyrics over a multi-instrumental background. Top stuff.

whale - hobo humpin' slobo babe
Beastie Boys trip-hop. Takes a few listens but worth a chance. Second track is best with Bristol overtones.



the wannadies - might be stars

Guitar-driven indie pop. Real toe-tapping stuff. Big points for the b-side - a version of 'Still Life', an early Depeche Mode classic.



dorrie - the butterfly e.p.

This starts promisingly enough with a real shoe-gazing opener. Unfortunately, the singer can't sing in tune and it all goes down hill from there.

hardfloor - dadamphreaknoizephunk

On the Harthouse label, this is fairly ambient but nothing special. It sounds like the Aphex Twin on an off day.

fluke - tosh

Some more dub/techno cross-over. It's okay as background music but doesn't really make you want to get up and dance.

album: alice in chains - alice in chains^{wik}



Are you feeling happy? Good. Do you want to stay that way? Then don't listen to this album.

Yes, those Seattle gloom-meisters, Alice in Chains, are back with their most impressively depressive offering yet. Where 1992's bona fide classic album, 'Dirt', was the fallout from the band's smack explosions and 1994's incredibly mellow 'Jar of Flies' was purely the result of too much pot, the imaginatively titled follow-up

sounds like it was recorded during a period of cold turkey.

Opening number and current single, 'Grind', serves as a précis of the whole affair. Immense, brooding guitar riffs, off-beat vocal harmonies, an almost contradictory, pleasant chorus and esoteric lyrics of, "In the darkest hole you'd be well advised not to plan my funeral before the body dies", all combine for maximum morose magnitude. You certainly wouldn't want to invite this band to a party. Not unless it's a funeral party that is.

But that's not to say that this isn't worthy of your time. On the contrary, it's only with careful attention that the nuances and subtle, mysterious melodies become apparent. It's ironic that the most obvious and uplifting track is the final one, with the teasing lines, "Yeah, it's over now, but I can breathe somehow." I for one hope that this doesn't refer to the band's existence (as is strongly rumoured). I mean, where else are you going to go for your lows? (7)

gig: buffalo tom^{tintin}

It's been forty minutes and the crowd are impatient. It's not the usual sort of crowd impatience though. This sort is mixed with real excitement. This crowd is not just bored of having nothing to do. Instead, they positively reek of anticipation, which is not an attitude I had associated with Buffalo Tom before. And, to be truthful, this is a peculiar crowd. Most of London's gig-going community is over at Earls Court, basking in the Oasis live experience. The Empire is thus half-filled with real fans.

Buffalo Tom's entrance is obscured by clapping hands and so only signalled as they quickly go to work. For some reason, the stage is clotted with large, plastic trophies, as if this is a prize-giving ceremony. It gives the gig a faint air of kitsch which is weird since common wisdom pegs them firmly in

the country/grunge bracket - fair enough as these things go, I guess. Anyway, they start, the wall at the front pogo's up and down, and those at the back nod their heads. In short, everyone is enjoying themselves and it's still the first song.

They play a long-ish set, inevitably taken from the new album, 'Sleepy Eyed', and with progressively fewer from 'Big Red Letter Day' and beyond. It's all good stuff and while Buffalo Tom are seldom going to set your life aflame, on occasions they get close. 'Sunday Night' and 'When You Discover' are probably two of the best songs they've ever written and tonight they're played like it too.

When Buffalo Tom finish, the clamour for an encore is furious and heartfelt. There's few enough bands who actually earn their return, but Buffalo Tom are worth every second. And they come back to prove it.

album: catherine wheel - happy days^{jason}

Don't let the title of this album deceive you. The album cover says it all and you enter a dark and brooding world of pain and pessimism. You do get a couple of cheery moments in 'Love Tips Up' but that's about all you can expect.

If you're on the verge of suicide, I advise you against listening to this album but then again, hearing someone else's rough times might be of some comfort. To whet your appetite, here are some typical lyrics from 'Empty Head': "Just don't be surprised if this permanent paradise explodes some day into a permanent picture of pain."

'Judy's Staring at the Sun' is one of the stand-out tracks on the album, capturing you with its soaring guitar melody. When I listened to the music, I felt like it was a summer's day and that I was lying on a green meadow beneath a clear blue sky. But, as I heard the lyrics, it all turned black.



Elsewhere, 'Little Muscle' is like a rollercoaster ride. The verses are the slow steep climbs while the chorus hurtles you along at breakneck speed.

If you like Soundgarden and Compulsion, with a little bit of Queen thrown in on the side, go out and buy this bumper value fifteen track CD. It's well worth it. (8)

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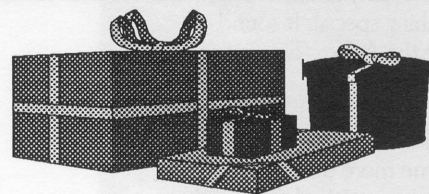
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I say, M —
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to the
Aston
Martin?



film: GOLDENEYE sarah turner

James Bond presses the cold steel of his gun to the head of Valentin Zukovsky (Robbie Coltraine). The arms dealer and ex-KGB agent says confidently, 'Walther PPK 7.65mm... only three men I know use that gun, and I've killed two of them. Welcome back, Commander Bond.'

This seventeenth James Bond film begins with a breathtaking bungee jump off the top of the 750ft Contra Dam, in Switzerland. But this exciting opening scene is later spoilt when, during a getaway, Bond (Pierce Brosnan) manages to climb into a falling plane in mid-air, and stop it from crashing! 'My plots are fantastic, while being often based in truth. They go wildly beyond the probable but not, I think, the possible.' Only if you think that *nothing* is impossible...

The film is set against a backdrop of the 'thawing' cold war, a world of crime and deceit. Bond is assigned to retrieve a top secret NATO helicopter, and investigate the destruction of a space weapons research centre in the Arctic Circle.

James Bond (Pierce Brosnan) experiences the deadly thighs of Xenia Onatopp (Famke Janssen)



The mission leads to a meeting with Natalya Simonova (Isabella Scorupco), a beautiful Russian computer programmer, who becomes the latest 'Bond Girl'. Unlike most of the women in the other films, she's sharp, energetic and independent, and becomes a useful ally for Bond. In a world of equal opportunities and laws against sexual harassment, the other women in the film seem to follow this example, where for the first time the head of MI6, M (Dame Judi Dench) is a woman.

So the world has changed but Bond hasn't; he's still the same charming, womanising anti-hero who drinks his Martinis 'shaken not stirred'. Only his car has changed, to a BMW 23 roadster convertible, which looks quite stupid next to the beautiful but deadly Xenia Onatopp's (Famke Janssen) Ferrari, in a scene where they race down a narrow mountain road.

The film is often unbelievable and sometimes even ridiculous, but it's funny and pleasantly unpredictable right up to the end, when James meets his match in his old-friend-turned-enemy 006, Alex Traveyan (Sean Bean). If you liked the other Bond films, you'll certainly like this one — I'm no Bond fan, but I enjoyed it!

friday 24 november

Rag Meeting

1.10pm. Ents Lounge. (R)

Pakistan Society

3 - 5pm. Basketball practice in the union gym. Bring trainers! Contact Kashif, Aero II, k.ahmed@ae.ic.ac.uk. (R)

Ents

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Socrates Soc

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-Is the SocSoc a philosophical society?

No.

-So, what is SocSoc then?

A Social Society whose aim is to organise events and to attempt to bring together students at a social level, away from the stresses of student life at Imperial

-What is our next event?

A *Doom II Contest* is being held in the Lecture Theatre 308, Huxley, on Saturday 25th November, between the hours of 1-5pm. If interested, just pop along to the venue.

-The SocSoc and the Internet...

And finally, since just having an email address is no longer in fashion, we have a Webpage, where you can find more information about this mysterious society. The URL is http://www.su.ic.ac.uk/clubs/societies/scc/-socrates_society/socsoc.html

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saturday 25 november

Gliding Club

Gliding at Lasham Airfield. (R)

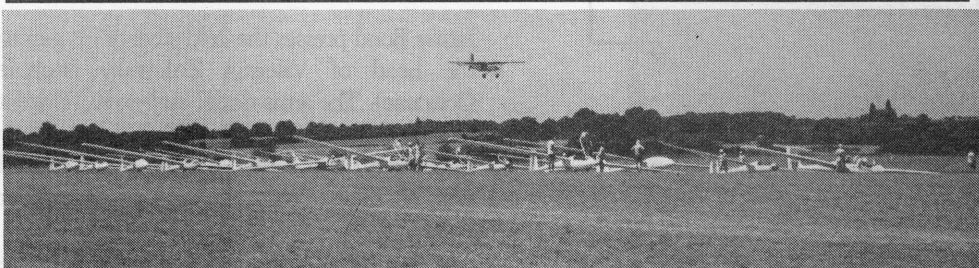
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1 - 5pm. Doom II Contest, Huxley 308.

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Gliding Club

IC Gliding Club made their annual summer tour this year to Le Blanc, France, the home of the European Soaring Club, run by three times world champion Brian Spreckley, and his wife Gill. Le Blanc is situated in the Massif Centrale, approximately 50 kilometres east of Poitiers.

Although the weather was very hot and sunny, the soaring conditions were far from ideal, and so much of the time was spent swimming and canoeing in the nearby river in order to keep cool. Despite the poor soaring weather, two students, Andrew Fowler and Alex Borak, managed to do their Silver distance (a flight of 50 km or more). Andrew flew to Poitiers Airport and Alex flew to Chateauroux.

Despite the 39° heat, some still decided to go flying, and Mark Sadler was sent off on his first solo. Later in the evening, a barbecue was held. It was here that a group of visiting Dutch people showed us how to do an initiation ceremony for the newly soloed. This involved a lot of tomato ketchup and beer (which ended up on Mark) and being held down on a table while being spanked by each of the over friendly Dutch contingent in turn. Mark's only comment afterwards was "You have to pay good money for that back home!"

Towards the end of the second week, the weather improved slightly, and on the Thursday Ken Bell did his Silver Distance to Issoudun (northeast of Chateauroux).

On Saturday, the weather got much better for soaring, and Jane Lewis in our ASW 24 declared a 300 km flight. Peter Masson and Alex Borak also set off on the 300 km in our two seat Grob 103. The task was to go from Le Blanc to Poitiers Airport and then on to a river bridge in St Florent and then back to Le Blanc, taking photos of each turn point as they were turned.

Jane completed the flight in 5 hours (having struggled under some overcast from Chateauroux to St Florent) to get her gold distance and diamond goal badges. Peter and Alex also went round in a little over 4 hours.

Most of us left the next morning, but Ken stayed on, as the weather was looking good, and managed to complete 150 km on only his second cross-country flight.



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Student Industrial Society

12 - 2pm. Tennis room, upstairs in Union. (R)

Fitness Club

12.30pm. Beginners body toning (45 mins)

5.30pm. Beginners aerobics

6.30pm. Intermediate aerobics. (R)

Jewish Society

12.15 - 1.15pm. Bagel Lunch. SCR, Union.

Info : jsoc@ic.ac.uk (R)

Ski Club

12.30 - 1.15 pm. Southside Upper Lounge. (R)

ArtSoc

12.30 - 1.30pm. Union Dining Hall. Come and sign up for our many trips to Musicals. (R)

Concert Band

5.15pm. Great Hall, Sheffield. Any ability. (R)

Cross Country

5.00pm. Circuit training. Union gym. (R)

French Soc

6pm Chem Eng lecture theatre 3. White - the second of the 'bleu blanc rouge' trilogy, but you don't need to have seen the first one to understand it.

Squash Club Night

8 - 10pm. Sports Centre. (R)

IC 2nd Orchestra

7 - 9pm. Great Hall. All welcome. (R)

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8.15pm. Weeks Hall basement. Soup run for the homeless. (R)

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When you want your planet saved from aliens from the 8th Dimension, you don't call a superhero with his pants over his tights. You call Buckaroo Banzai, top neurosurgeon, jet car pilot, particle physicist, vocalist and chief plank spanker with rock'n'rollers "Buckaroo Banzai & The Hong Kong Cavaliers". Only he can solve the mystery - why was everyone born in New Jersey in 1938 named John? Why do they all wear such crappy suits? And is it a coincidence that 1938 New Jersey was the scene for Orson Wells' alien invasion radio show hoax? To find out the answers, come along on Tuesday at 7pm to the STOIC Studios on the top floor of the union building.

Also, if you fancy seeing any SF work in print, how about submitting some material for our publication 'PARSEC'?

See the Webpage for more details:
<http://www.ph.ic.ac.uk/moontg/>

tuesday

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november

Cathsoc

12.00 pm. Sir Leon Bagritt Centre.

Level 1 Mech Eng. (R)

IC Sailing Club

12.45 - 1.45pm. Southside Upper Lounge. (R)

Audio Soc

1.00pm, Southside Lounge. Want to buy cheap CDs? Interested in borrowing high-end HiFi? We have it all... (R)

Circus Skills

5 - 8pm. Come along and learn to juggle!

Union Lounge.

More info : sdh@ee.ic.ac.uk (R)

Fitness Club

5.30pm. Advanced aerobics. (R)

IC Bridge Club

6pm in the Clubs Committee Room, Union Building. (R)

icsf - Science Fiction

7pm in STOIC Studios: Video 'Buckaroo Banzai across the 8th Dimension'!

<http://www.ph.ic.ac.uk/moontg/> (R)

IQ

7:30pm. Further Info: pink-help@doc.ic.ac.uk or

<http://pink.doc.ic.ac.uk/IC/> (R)

Canoe Club

7pm. Beit Quad. All levels welcome, and free instruction. (R)

OpSoc Rehearsal

7:30pm. Sandy Wilson's *The BoyFriend*.

UCH. (R)

Ents

8pm. Rollercoasting out of control... the packed mayhem that has become Dan's BAR TRIVIA. If you want to win £50, Davinci's is the place to be, if you want a seat I'd say get there early!

tuesday

Yoga Classes

Ever thought about doing something completely different? If you come to college to expand your mind, then yoga classes could be just what you've been looking for. Manage those stress levels using breathing exercises; improve your flexibility by effective stretching, and discover yourself through meditation.

There are classes held twice weekly (Southside Gym: Tuesday 12.15-1.45pm, Wednesday 2.30-4.00pm), and everyone is welcome.

Experienced or just curious, it's a great chance to try something really alternative.

wednesday

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november

IC Sailing Club

12.15pm. Meet outside Southside, go sailing. (R)

Skate Society

12.15pm. Southside Lounge. (R)

Fitness Club

1.15pm. (R)

IC Symphony Orchestra

7 - 10pm. Great Hall. (R)

Ents

5.30 - 8.30pm. Get fed up! Davinci's catering has all chillis, curries, & dish of the day for just a QUID!

8 - 1am. Relieve all your sporting tensions with "FROLIK".

wednesday

HamSoc

The Amateur Radio Society is back! In the last few weeks we have been making efforts to bring the society back into action and now we can finally announce our first event: 29th November we will have an open day(12:00-15:00) where anyone interested can come around the HamSoc shack (top floor Union Building) and find out more about the society.

There is about £15,000 worth of equipment available for licensed members to use, and we are going to be offering lessons to help members that do not hold an Amateur Radio Licence to obtain one, or to upgrade their already existing one.

There are also going to be other events, but it all depends on YOUR interest. If you hold a license or you are interested in getting one, or you just want to find out more about this exciting hobby of radio communication then do come along! For more details email ad1@doc.ic.ac.uk.

Spanish Soc

Presents ... the WINTER WARM UP on Saturday 2nd December. It's getting chilly, but that's no problem. Come swing to some latin vibes and keep the soul merry.

the
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ahead

thursday

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november

Yacht Club Meeting

12.30pm. Lecture Theatre 2, Physics. (R)

Fitness Club

12.30pm. Die Hard circuit training
5.30pm. Beginners aerobics. (R)

ConSoc

Debate on Europe, 12.30pm, Brown Committee Room, Union.

Gliding Club

1pm. Aero 266. (R)

Mountaineering Club

7pm, Social, Southside Upper Lounge. (R)

Christian Union

6.30 - 7.45pm. SCR in the Union.
(Right above the bar). (R)

ICCAG

8.15pm. Weeks Hall basement. Soup run for the homeless. (R)

Ents

More umbrellas than M&S, and all the plastic animals you could want at Davinci's COCKTAIL NIGHT, and of course the best value cocktails in London.

thursday

Hellenic Soc

The Hellenic Society presents its first event for the year: the Greek Evening will take place on 1st December in the main dining hall.

Greek food will be served from 8.30 - 10.30pm. Drink, Live Music and Dancing until 2.00am. For details visit our Web pages at <http://daedalus.ee.ic.ac.uk:8001/>, where you can also find information about the other activities of the Society. You can e-mail n.doukas, s.xanthopoulos, t.mouroutis or d.crassa@ic.ac.uk.

Please note that you will not see many posters around for this, or any of our events, around College. The society has decided to have no more than three posters per event in order to reduce pollution and save trees.

the
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ahead

friday

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december

Rag Meeting

1.10pm Ents Lounge. (R)

Islamic Society

Friday Prayer
1pm. Southside Gym. (R)

Fitness Club

5.30pm. Advanced Step Aerobics (R)

Ents

Another night of specialist tastes as ICU indulges in SEX ON THE BEACH, a throbbing night of swing, soul, funk, hip-hop, calypso & a touch of jungle. If you enjoyed the OSC welcome night you'll love this. £1/ FREE before 9 or with an entscard.

friday

ArtSoc

ArtSoc arranges for you to see shows in London at subsidised rates. Ronnie Scott's is an internationally renowned jazz club lurking behind Soho. A few weeks ago 22 members went along to enjoy a lively evening of rhythmic jazz. Low ceilings and picture packed walls created the perfect atmosphere to balance the exciting Cuban music. The music and dancing continued until the last of us left at 2am.

Who said ArtSoc only went to see musicals!

This term we have sold cut price tickets to see Fame, The Importance of being Earnest, Classical Spectacular at the Albert Hall, Cats, Eddie Izzard, Swan Lake and Les Miserables, with A Christmas Carol by the RSC planned for week 10. Come along to our meetings on Mondays between 12.30 and 1.30 in the union Dining Hall. New members are welcome. There's a term packed full of shows for after Christmas. Membership £4. k.hill@ic.ac.uk for more information.

OSC Week

The next big event that the Overseas Students Committee has planned is the annual OSC WEEK, from the 27th of November to the 1st of December. This is where all the overseas societies of Imperial College have the opportunity to promote and educate others in their culture, and increase recognition and awareness of the activities their society organises.

Each day of the week there will be different overseas societies holding a stand in the JCR. There will be posters up around college advertising which societies are on which day. Some societies will be present all day but the majority will be concentrating their efforts in the lunch period of 12 noon - 2pm. This is when each society will be most active.

As well as having the opportunity to sample the various cultures there is a chance to join any of the societies and so benefit from all of the events each respective society organises. This is an ideal way to get involved with any of the overseas societies or to increase your current involvement.

Student Industrial Society

Product Development Business Game

Wednesday 29th November 1995 at 13.30 to 17.00 in Computing 308, followed by food & drinks.

The IC Student Industrial Society presents it's 2nd business game of the year with Procter & Gamble. It's open to ALL Chemists, Biochemists and Chemical Engineers. The game will take the form of a product development case study. It involves data analysis, strategic thinking, technical product understanding, team work and role playing.

The participants will experience the type of work and decision making that involved in a technical management job in industry. If interested contact Ganesh Uttam (Chairman, Industrial Society, Biochemistry Undergraduate (pigeon holes) or via email g.uttam@ic.ac.uk) to register. Note: smart dress and bring your own calculator.

stoic

12pm Michael Portillo at Imperial

A chance to see the controversial MP in action - hear all about his hopes and aspirations for the forthcoming year.

1pm Level 3

Entertainment Extravaganza! Music, games and showbiz interviews, all adding up to a totally interactive experience.

1.30pm Short, Sharp Shock

Short films and bytes of infotainment.

1.40pm Technobytes

Science and Technology series: 'Space' and our quest to conquer distant parts of our galaxy.

YOUR HELP NEEDED

Preparation is underway for a Christmas edition of our Film programme, 'Moviezone'. If you would like to take part in this or any other aspect of television, come and see us at 1pm on Wednesday in our studio on Level 3 of the Union.

VIDEO DIARIES

If you want to make a short filmed item about an aspect of your life, a pastime, a sporting interest or just a subject that you feel strongly about, we want to hear from you. Come and see us as above.

Yacht Racing

The British Student Nationals and the EDHEC Student Regatta represent the Yacht Club's highlight of this year's racing programme. The Student Nationals are held during the last weekend of March, involving the 20 most competitive crews in the country. The EDHEC regatta is the largest international student event on the continent: 3000 students will meet in La Rochelle (France), from 20 to 28 April to compete in the most gruelling series of races. Apart from the high level of racing, the crew also represents the College during the social events organised by the sponsors present at the race.

WORK HARD, PLAY HARD !!

We have already raised one third of the necessary budget but are currently looking for further sponsorship to meet our ambitious targets. Anybody who has ideas or contacts for sponsorship/publicity, should come forward and contact

Anthony 0171 376 8326 or e.mail a.duyck@ic.ac.uk
Charles 0171 594 2011 or e.mail c.bouvet@ic.ac.uk



Canoeing Club Dart Trip

Yes, I know these things are really boring so I will leave out the in jokes but if your lectures were that interesting you would not be reading this anyway.

Our trip started in a generally bad way, no keys, no rain and, for those of you who might be driving the minibuses, they do fit under the Sainsbury's height restriction without a roofrack and as long as the tyres are not too hard.

Arriving in the early morning as usual we were pleasantly surprised to find that our host had built a massive fire and the bunkhouse was actually warm. There are only so many jokes you can make about snoring and shaky beds so enough said.

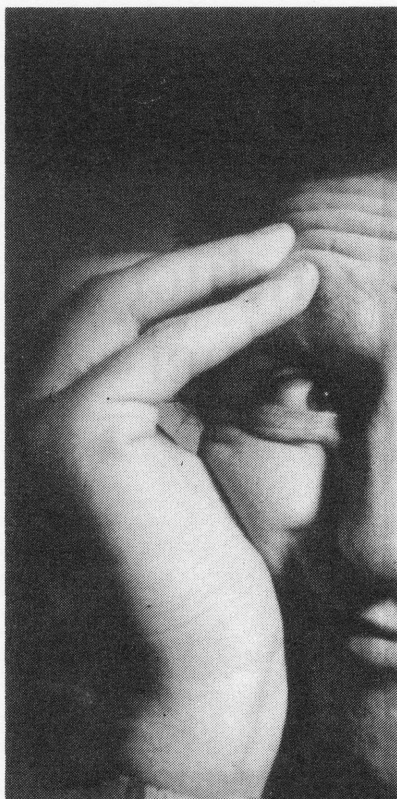
In the morning we were up in time to watch the Power rangers, an event unheard of in the lives

of most students. Out onto the water in the morning: the rain the night before had not quite done its job but it was still coming down and the river was on the increase. True to the nature of things, some people decided that upright was not the correct way to shoot rapids. Most of these unfortunates soon learned that an upright position is preferable however and the day was spent perfecting this new mode of travel. Fortunately the water was quite warm so no-one got really cold and at least our new kit was fully tested for leaks and warmth. After a day on the river we went to the pub as if I had to mention it. The food was a wise choice but the price list for beer had been stolen from the Gloucester Hotel.

Overall the Saturday night was much quieter except when the chairman, Ross Oldfield, decided in a drunken haze to get out of the wrong side of the bed, next to a wall, and scratch around looking for an exit. A few kicks to the head soon sorted this small problem out. In the morning, (well just about) the river was much fuller. Loads of water means more fun and fewer rocks to spank into. Altogether a much more successful day with much less swimming and a good time was had by all.

If you want to join the canoeing club we meet up in Beit Quad on Tuesdays at 7.15 pm and go over to the swimming pool at 7.30. Join us there or e mail me on n.shirtcliffe@ic.ac.uk.

Bust-A-Gut Comedy Club



"They give you a choice. It goes like this. It is some choice. Fourteen of all the choices they have every offered this is the one that comes straight from your Auntie Joyce. The choice of Auntie Joyce. (thirty-nine)

It starts with the word "either", and it has "or" in it, twice. (fifty-four) and it goes like this:

Either you write 250 words for the student magazine, or you talk to the student journalist, individually, on the telephone, or, wait for it, in the flesh. Urgh. (eighty-eight) Student journalists are hard to classify. No two are the same. But every third one is. Every third one is drunk. One in Sheffield was so drunk he was incapable of lying flat on the floor without falling over. His first question was, "Holim ble flu sme?" His second question was more colourful; a bold mix of Tetley's and kebab which, roughly translated, meant, "Could someone put me in the coma-position, please?" (one sixty three, one sixty-six)

All student magazines are shit. This is not my opinion. This is what student journalists tell me. So I am only reporting it. (one ninety two)

To be honest, I've never read one. (two hundred and three).

This is an advert. I'm doing a gig at your university with an Irishman with long hair called Ed Byrne, who is very funny, considering he's about twelve. Please come, though don't feel obliged. We get paid anyway. Be nice to yourselves. (two hundred and fifty)

Do you want to give your club or society publicity for free in Felix?

Then the diary pages are for you!

To get an entry for an event or meeting into *Felix*: simply write all the information on a slip of paper and bring it in to *Felix* by noon the Monday before publication. Anything submitted after then will only go into that Friday's edition at the discretion of the editor, the position of Jupiter in the night sky, bribe money, and perhaps the amount of free space left.

To put an article into *Felix*: Write down under 300 words and bring it in (again before noon on Monday). We especially love people who bring in disks with their articles (PC format - Word 6, Wordperfect or ASCII Text please). You can use an article to remind the populace what great events your society holds, and to promote upcoming events. Please note that if we have a lot in one week, they may be edited and descriptions of minibus driving experiences and cliques 'in' jokes will be the first to go. If you bring in a picture with your article then we'll love you even more!

Imperial College Symphony Orchestra

HUMPERDINCK

Overture Hänsel und Gretel

FINZI

Clarinet Concerto

PROKOFIEV

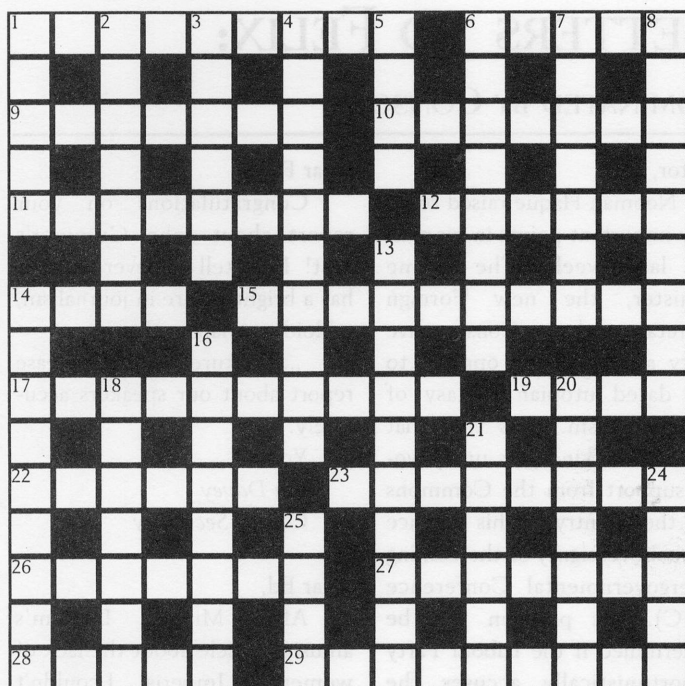
Symphony No 5

RICHARD DICKINS conductor
JAMES MARCHESE clarinet

Friday 1 December 1995
8pm Great Hall

Tickets £5/£2.50/£2 from Room 446 Sherfield

Crossword by Catfish



Across:

1. Thorn with point provoked a burning! (9)
6. Stayed on nothing at horse show (5)
9. Rub the wrong way in court, saying it was a plant (7)
10. The unfashionable arrived, as a result (7)
11. Protesting on the porch? (8)
12. Makes a fuss because it's chilly on board ship (6)
14. Crash into burnt remains (4)
15. Annette embraces the second person in France to become queen (10)
17. Confused when it didn't add up! (10)
19. Packed in time to catch current (4)
22. In diplomacy, it's everything! (6)
23. One hospital in Slough is demolished — it's ghastly!
26. Make proposal to the French about display (7)
27. They walk an Alsatian on a golf course! (7)
28. Ties up next to islands (5)
29. Blonde might pull, in that direction (9)

Down:

1. Child is learning to build tower (5)
2. An unusual piece of toast! (7)
3. Thing named after I went back round for £25 (6)
4. The cruelty of the flock? (10)
5. Many think that's the way it's done, on a boat (4)
6. Reluctant to cite rent as unreasonable... (8)
7. ...but lower it anyway, because of damp spot (7)
8. Wake late after deliveries — heard bell ring, and got up (9)
13. Warning notice in exhibition may go before (10)
14. Is German poster outside, on the stairs? (10)
16. Absence is half sensible, outside — indicates loosening up
18. Can't be worth recording (7)
20. Strong fragrance, and I notice it's about (7)
21. Raise the alarm about king who might steal (6)
24. Dug up about a quarter (of the garden), then watered it (5)
25. Kick off the boat (4)

Solution to issue 1041's Crossword:

Across: 1 Sloane Square, 8 Lom, 9 Eaglewood, 10 Nail, 12 Soil, 14 Berates, 17 Trail, 18 Vigil, 19 Antique, 20 Outer, 21 Rued, 22 Scalpel, 25 Omen, 27 Used, 29 Appetiser, 30 Boom, 31 Easter Island. Down: 2 Lada, 3 Abel, 4 Solar, 5 Unwit, 6 Elds, 7 Fully-fledged, 10 Neutron bombs, 11 Infantile, 13 Originals, 14 Belarus, 15 Arrival, 16 Several, 23 Agent, 24 Prior, 26 Name, 27 Ural, 28 Even.

Hall Vacancies

Places are now available in twin and triple rooms for new or continuing undergraduate and postgraduate students in halls of residence (Evelyn Gardens and Prince's Gardens).

Please contact the Student Accommodation Office, 15 Princes Gardens (tel: 0171 594 9444).

Careers Information

There are two careers talks this coming week at 1.00 - 1.50 pm in college.

Tuesday 28 November: "Opportunities with Physics" by Andrew Wallard, Deputy Director, NPL, in Physics LT 1.

Thursday 30 November: "Accountancy" by Geoff Griffin, Human Resources Partner, Baker Tilly, in the Clore LT.

All students are welcome to attend. No need to book - just turn up.

"Improve your Interview Skills" is an Interactive Workshop run on Wednesday 29th November from 2 - 4 pm in Huxley Room 344. Sign up in the Careers Office.

For more information and careers advice come to the Careers Office, Room 310 Sherfield Building, which is open between 10am and 5:15pm Monday to Friday.

To Rent

Room in shared home in Fulham, £237p.c.m. (0171) 7367824 / 5948223

Queens Gate Gardens: treble/double/kitchen/bath balcony/living room/heating/hot water inclusive £62 per week, 5 people.

As above but no balcony £58 per week for 5 people. (0171) 486 0089

Earls Court: single room in shared flat available immediately (0171) 584 8932

Subwardenship

A vacancy exists for a subwarden in Evelyn gardens. In return for rent-free accommodation, subwardens are expected to help in all matters pertaining to the successful running of the Hall. Applicants must be registered students and should be planning to be at IC for at least one and a half years. Application forms are available from 15 Princes Gardens: closing date is 1st December.

OSC WEEK

1. To increase overall awareness of the various overseas cultures present in Imperial College
2. To promote the activities of the various overseas societies

When :-

**27th November -
1st December**

Overseas societies hold stands in :-

The JCR

Most active period :-

12noon - 2pm

BEIT HALL SUB-WARDEN REQUIRED

A vacancy exists for the post of Sub-Warden in Beit Hall. We are seeking to appoint a suitable individual to this post from the start of February 1996. The duties include; pastoral care of students, organisation of social events and involvement in the day to day running of the Hall. The successful candidate is expected to be highly motivated to carry out these type of activities. The ability to take responsibility whilst maintaining friendly relations with students is essential. Although the post is open to any member of College a post-graduate student or post-doctoral researcher with a minimum of 18 months remaining in the College is preferred. The accommodation available with this post is suitable for a couple.

Applications comprising a covering letter, a curriculum vitae and two letters of reference should be sent to Dr Jon Marangos, LASP 2, Physics (47857 (Work) or 49453 (Flat)). The closing date for applications is the 15th December 1995 (although under certain circumstances later applications may be considered).

LETTERS TO FELIX:

DOMINATED BY CONSOC

Editor,

Nooman Haque raised some very important points in his article last week. The Prime Minister, the new Foreign Secretary and the Conservative Party are completely opposed to the dated utopian fantasy of Eurofederalism. It is vital that Malcolm Rifkind gets unequivocal support from the Commons and the country for his defence of our sovereignty at the coming Intergovernmental Conference (IGC). His position will be undermined if the Labour Party opportunistically accuses the Government of "being isolationist" etc when the disagreements start...

We will challenge Labour to denounce the manifesto when we debate Europe, a crucial issue at the next election, with them on Thursday November 30th at 12.30 pm in the Brown Committee Room. Perhaps they will also be able to explain why the French and German governments are trying to postpone the IGC until after a possible Labour victory in order to strengthen their position.

*Ian Bayley
Con Soc Chairman*

Editor,

Many students have been incensed by the dreadful account of the John Gummer meeting in Felix...

...If Felix continue to produce such grot then we shall recommend that only a photograph of the Minister talking should be incorporated into the issue. If this is too much trouble it may be a good idea for you not to bother. Readers will, of course, be able to read a factual account on our WWW pages. The biased element is deliberately kept to a minimum.

*Regards,
Geoff Boon
Consoc Vice Chairman*

Dear Felix,

Congratulations on your report about John Gummer's visit! I can tell whoever wrote it has a bright future in journalism, tabloid journalism that is...

...In future could you please report about our speakers accurately.

*Yours
Ian Davey
Consoc Secretary*

Dear Ed,

After Michael Ludlam's amusing article about the lack of women at Imperial, I couldn't resist bringing up yet another point in this long running debate, Michael asks 'where else can you find so many men alone in one place?' ...how about in industry? Face it guys, 27% is an incredibly high ratio compared to life in the 'real world', especially for those who pursue a career in engineering... I spent my year out working for a major chemical company where there were less than 2% women on site. Coming to college, even to Mech Eng, was a real change. Even the sciences at school for a female are dominated by males. I never really expected university to be any different, although it appears most of my male friends did.

It's time IC man stopped bemoaning his fate and, to put it bluntly, 'got a life'! How do you expect to meet women (ever!) if you spend your evenings either working (yes, I meet the geeks) or in the bar with the lads. There as many female students as men in London... Try visiting ULU or join those clubs and societies that have a male/female mix and/or visit other colleges in London. If you don't take the initiative now, when do you think all these women are going to materialise in your life?

*Suzanne McDermott
Mech Eng II*

Dear Felix,

I am writing in reply to Geoff Boon's letter in the Nov. 10th issue of *Felix* where he defended Tory grant cuts.

Firstly he fails to mention that the already minimal student grant has been cut by 10% over the last two years... A recent survey showed that the average debt for students between 18 and 21 is £2,500 rising to £4,500 in the age group over 26.

This debt along with high graduate unemployment discourages young people from working and lower middle class families from entering higher education... Another recent survey has shown that the richest 20% of families receive ten times more of the money spent on HE than the poorest 20%... The cuts in grants reflects the overall underfunding of education in the last sixteen years. This merely highlights the short-termism of this government. They were happy to encourage student numbers to 1 in 3 young people but then abandoned them by failing to realise the overall long-term benefits of a well educated workforce. We now see that our major competitors are all better trained and better educated than us which can only have detrimental economic effects.

However, Mr Boon wants to see students paying for the conservatives to cut taxes for their rich friends. The promise of tax cuts for the rich will not be enough to blind the British electorate at the next election.

So Mr Boon, stop defending the indefensible and recognise this as yet another flawed Tory policy.

C. Unwin
Physics III

Letters may be edited for length, especially when we get three from the same club.

Deadline for letters:

6pm Monday

Please bring your union card for identification.

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shaving foam

Now, I do my best to keep a certain degree of good humour as I go about my work, and I didn't particularly mind that I had large amounts of shaving foam smeared about my person this afternoon. It's just, well, there didn't particularly seem to be a great deal of *point* to the exercise.

It seems perfectly reasonable that our sabbaticals should be mocked in public for the sake of the common good, but the charming gentlemen who chained me to the rails of Da Vincis were singularly incapable of telling me quite *why*. 'It's for Rag! It's for Rag' was all I got, and they couldn't even tell me what charities they were supporting.

And I hardly felt inspired to trust the good judgement of those fun-loving Raggies in a week full of allegations of the Mines Dirty Disco Organisers drinking the evening's proceeds. Wednesday night was all a bit

distressing really. There are some bits of the human anatomy that really *don't* look their best being jiggled around the union foyer. And, quite frankly, there are more *tasteful* places to perform oral sex.

erratum

The 'Press Officer' of ConSoc has just been in to say that he would like to make it known that the society disclaims all connection with the letter from his Chairman opposite. So now you know.

crimbo spesh'

Next week's *Felix* will be the final Friday issue of the term: we will be preparing a action-packed bumper Christmas issue to come out on the final Wednesday of term, December 13th.

Contributions of any shape or hue would be lovely (though those of left-leaning tendencies will be particularly made a fuss of to redress the balance!)

EDITORIAL TEAM:

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SLAVES TO THE COLLATOR:
MARK, TIM

DELIVERIES:
MARK

FELIX SPORT

IC's Karate Boys Sweep the Board

After several weeks of arduous training and sparring practice, four members of the Shotokan Karate Club signed up for the South East London Championships. The day kicked off with the Kata competition in the morning, allowing IC's boys to assess the competition and begin the psyche up. Two contestants from Imperial, Alexander Bistis and Dmitri Tsapoulis were entered into the junior grades kumite (sparring) whilst Edson Dos Santos and Thomas Hill were fighting against brown and black belts.

The tournament was run on a "knockout" system, meaning that if you lost a fight you were out for the day. Each fight lasted

about two minutes and first up was Alex who had a comfortable victory over his first round opponent. Tom then was thrown into the fray, and managed to win with a perfectly executed round-house kick. Edson continued this winning streak into the second and third rounds whilst Tom, to his lack of experience and general nice guy attitude lost to a second dan black belt in the third. Edson though was seeded to fight this black belt in the final.

Before that however, "Hard Man" Dmitri and Alex "the keen one" were to fight and beat all the other competitors in their category which meant an all IC final. The fight itself was technically imperfect, with both students receiving warnings

about leaving the ring, but some good techniques came into play before the end, when Dmitri finally triumphed, with Alex taking the silver.

Then came the big clash. Edson walked up to the ring as the crowd fell into a respectful silence. The two fighters bowed, then fell into their fighting stances. Blows were exchanged, but it was Edson who scored first, with a well executed backhand strike, underlining his more confident and aggressive approach. Going into his "Edson shuffle" routine to confuse his opponent, he was declared winner after a long drawn out bout. Good work fella!

X-Country Run Rings Around Sad UCL Men

As the teams lined up for the start, Imperial realised themselves to be missing two runners.

Initial investigations showed that Tom was distracted by a 'babe' (or a rhinoceros, depending on whose opinion you take), whilst Jurgen was smitten with who appeared to be Great Uncle Bulgaria.

Missing the start though would appear to be of little importance as two thirds of the IC team got lost. Obviously Emily didn't as she is dead good at map reading, and not a whinging little girlie, honest.

Feeling somewhat embarrassed by the ease with which they had defeated UCL, IC offered them a chance to settle the score: a competitive Quad run. Despite Satomi's eagerness the rest of the team lived up to its lightweight reputation and, amidst complaints of having 'insufficient equipment', returned to their homework, leaving IC's victorious runners to celebrate in the Union.

Cunning Advice

Goldsmiths 3-0 ICWFC

The simple moral of this game is: never, ever, ever wear fluorescent pink gloves if you intend to handle the football in the box.

No Surprise as Hockey Team Lose Once More

Fortunately for IC's hockey team, Forest's 7-0 thrashing at the weekend makes their 4-0 defeat at the hands of the Zambian National Metallurgists Society (6th XI), (aka RHUL) seem almost respectable. Almost. I am sure that, had the referee added another five minutes injury time, IC could have even hit the ball.

There is an old adage that it's the competing that counts, not the winning. Sadly for IC, its the coach ride home that counts, as they are summarily unable to compete.

After a poor start, IC's second XI's already low numbers were further depleted to nine by G.Michael taking an early ambulance ride to A&E.

After his remains had been removed from the pitch a stirring and relentless effort by IC resulted in P.D.File leveling the match at one all, earning the seconds a draw which, of course, should have been victory...

SportsNews

Blackburn Rovers put their Championship challenge back on track with a 7-0 destruction of Nottingham Forest, in a match which included a hat-trick for Alan Shearer.

South Africa's Rugby Union side looked very comfortable in beating England 24-14 at Twickenham last Saturday.

England's ladies footballers consolidated their position in their qualification attempt for next year's European Championships by beating their Croatian counterparts by five goals to nil.

Results

FOOTBALL

WOMEN'S

IC 0 - 3 GOLDSMITHS

RUGBY

MEN'S

IC 0 - 50 LSE

IC II 0 - 25 LSE II

WOMEN'S

VIRGINS DIDN'T SAY

HOCKEY

MEN'S

IC 0 - 4 UCH

IC II 1 - 0 RHUL

IC III 1 - 7 QMW II

WOMEN'S

IC 1 - 0 ST GEORGE'S

FENCING

MEN'S

IC 15 - 12 QMW






WOMEN'S

IC 10 - 8 QMW

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