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Budget '96: nice, but...not enough

KENT YIP

Extra funding for Higher and Further Education was announced by the Chancellor in his Budget speech this Tuesday. It was greeted with relief by the Association of University Teachers.

With allowance for inflation, the level of funding for each student has fallen by 0.5% in real terms. This is significantly less than the 3% cut expected by the AUT. Amidst the current climate of expenditure cuts, the Chancellor's address over pressure in funding faced by universities was seen as a "welcome novelty".

Speaking to *Felix*, Dr Rodney Eastwood, Director of Planning, said that the additional fund did not restore the cuts imposed in the last Budget for the current year and for 1997-98. The Higher Education Funding Council for England will announce their grant to Imperial College for the 97-98 session next March. It is too early to say what impact this will have on College before then. However, Dr Eastwood was keen to point out that the HEFCE had been asked by the Secretary of State for Education to be more selective in their allocation of funds for research, and that the College should do comparatively well from this. The College is also expected to place strong bids for the £20 million earmarked for research equipment.

Following the one day strike two weeks ago, boycotts in teaching quality assessment are going ahead. This is the process whereby individual university departments are assessed and weighted by funding

councils on certain criteria and this involves the universities having to deal with large amounts of extra paperwork

Letters have been written by the AUT to all university vice-chancellors warning of huge scale consequences should the boycott go ahead. The possibility of further action will be considered in an AUT meeting this Friday. Any reversal in their decision to boycott will depend on the outcome of the meeting of the vice-chancellors next Thursday.

Members of the AUT are angered by the continued refusal of the Government to review their pay. Their percentage increase currently stands at 1.5%, far below that designated for the vice-chancellors. Their refusal to negotiate with the AUT does not help to resolve this conflict. With the extra funding from the Government, the AUT argues that there is no reason for the vice-chancellors to deny them of their just demands.

In response to the Budget speech, David Triesman, general secretary of the AUT, issued the following statement. "After a period of funding starvation even a small reprieve can seem like nutrition. But the amounts needed are not really addressed. In essence, we are asked to hold our breath and wait for Sir Ron Dearing. That is a tough prescription, even if it could have been worse." Describing the move as "a change in the step of decline", he went on to say "It is imperative that the vice-chancellors seize this moment and opportunity to deal with staff honourably."



PHOTO: ALDUS

The Imperial College members of the successful University of London Union Karate Team sporting the gold medals they recently gained at the United Kingdom Championships.

The team fought its way through the regional stages of the Karate Union of Great Britain Championships before progressing to the finals at Chesterfield. At the finals competition, the team consisting of Godwin Unkere and Edwin DoSantos (the IC contingent, pictured above with their medals), Tony Hughes (formerly of IC), Rami (University College Hospital) and Lewis, beat teams from Manchester, Aberystwyth and Liverpool on their way to winning the title.

In the individual events, Ed DoSantos picked up a bronze, whereas Godwin Unkere just missed out on the medals.

The ULU team have also been European Karate Champions for the passed two years.

 full report in *Felix Sport*, page 15

Security resorts to dogs

VASKOR BASAK

As a result of the one-day strike last week, a temporary reduction in the level of security occurred within the Imperial College estate, necessitating contract guards and dogs for site patrols. Despite a skeleton crew covering the twelve absent staff, the extra men were drafted in to make up numbers.

Although contract security staff were hired they only replaced three of the twelve absentees. This was partly due to the security staffs' trade union regulations, as there are limitations on the number of temporary staff that can be hired at one time. There has also been some controversy about whether the temporary staff were justified in bringing three dogs to assist with security operations. Keith Reynolds, Head of Security and Fire at IC, who made the request to bring in the dogs, said that they were mainly there to protect the 2,000 residents in Prince's Gardens.

Due to IC regulations, the temporary security guards were not permitted to carry swipecards. This has caused concern among residents that their safety would have been jeopardised in the event of a fire or burglary.

disised in the event of a fire or burglary. Swipe cards are only issued to people employed for longer than three months, although a special allowance was made and they were given them before the end of the duty. This was particularly awkward when a bar alarm was set off at Princes' Gardens, which was mistaken for a fire alarm.

The proper security staff took turns to go on duty during the night shift in order to ensure that there was always some level of security throughout the strike. According to Ken Weir, Head of Security at IC, the main role of the contract security staff was for "perimeter control" and "a minimal security presence" was kept during the strike.

Talking to *Felix*, Keith Reynolds said that the two main aims during the strike were to have adequate security to be prepared for emergencies such as fire, and to protect the residents. He said that in a short time it was needed to "put something in place without inflaming the situation." since the ICU and the administration office only responded to the situation at the last minute.

News in Brief

CRIME ON CAMPUS

A man has admitted to over 60 crimes on the Imperial College campus after being questioned in a joint investigation being conducted by the Belgravia Police and IC Security.

Three men were arrested and brought in for questioning in connection with 200 crimes in the local area and it was only when one of the three decided to confess that IC Security were brought in to help.

Most of the crimes committed on campus, since the beginning of 1995 were walk-in burglaries, where the guilty party told police that he was let into Southside and Beit halls of residence by students. Stolen items ranged from cash and walkmans to more expensive items, mobile phones and, in one particularly successful mission, a laptop computer.

Security have been unable to locate 48 of the crimes in their report files, perhaps because many of them could be described as minor and so are not reported. Ken Weir, Head of Security at IC, is interested in any information regarding the investigation and wishes to remind students to lock their doors and to check the identity of people they don't recognise entering the halls.

RCSU RESIGNATIONS

The Royal College of Science Union received a double whammy recently, with the resignation of both the Honorary Junior Treasurer and the Honorary Senior Treasurer.

Dr Ann Mitchell, HST for several years, is to be employed on a part-time "contract" basis from the beginning of the new year. According to the RCSU constitution, these terms disqualify her from holding the position of HST, leaving her very little choice but to resign.

Chris Bragg, HJT from 1994-1996, resigned after tiring of people who failed to follow Imperial College Union financial procedure. He intends to use the time to concentrate on his final year project. The Union president, Mo Dulloo, agrees with Mr Bragg that "there are people who are quite 'clueless' about financial policy, no matter how much they are told about it...this flippant non-compliance of regulations has put increasing pressure on Chris."

The position of HJT will temporarily be taken over by Honorary Secretary Rob Park, additional to his current responsibilities within the Union.

CLUSTER'S LAST STAND

European space scientists have launched a bid to resurrect the failed Cluster satellite mission, destroyed in the disastrous explosion of the Ariane V rocket last June (*Felix* 1060).

British scientists must secure £7 million towards a second mission which, it is hoped, could be rebuilt for less than a third of the cost of the original.

If given the go-ahead, 'Cluster II' will employ four identical probes to examine interactions between the earth's magnetic field and the Solar wind, and carry instruments designed and built by a team led by Imperial College physicists. A decision from the European Space Agency is expected this week.

STUDENT LOAN DEBTS TO BE PRIVATISED

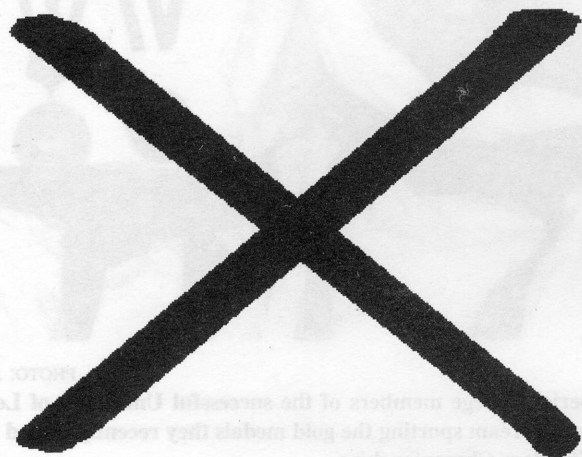
The key feature of the Budget this Tuesday was a penny cut in Income Tax, which the Chancellor has promised for next year. To finance this benevolent scheme he has been forced to look for money elsewhere.

One of the major sources of cash is planned to be the sale of student debt which is expected to raise £3 billion for the exchequer. As the Chancellor put it, "it makes no sense for the Government to keep a huge portfolio of loans on its books when the private sector could manage it more effectively and is better placed with the risk." He went on to assure that the sale would have no effect upon the terms on which student loans are granted, though he gave no guarantee that this situation would continue after subsequent Budgets.

In effect, this amounts to the virtual privatisation of student loans, from now on students will not owe money to the state, but instead they will owe it a private, profit making company.

This would suggest that either the rules governing the repayment of loans will be tightened up to make the whole system more profitable, which Kenneth Clarke has promised will not happen, or that the government will face problems in selling off the system, as it did when it first tried to privatise the scheme five years ago when it was forced to change its plans as none of the major banks showed any interest in the venture. Either way, students are unlikely to benefit, as from the £3 billion raised, only 7% has been set aside for universities.

Rock the Vote



Get on the electoral register:
Union Foyer
Wednesday 4th December
12-2pm

Eric Forth, Tory MP: outcome of election "deliciously uncertain"

KELLY ROBINSON

For a discussion which one might have thought would be concerned largely with higher education, the talk by Eric Forth MP was decidedly comprehensive. In fact, during his introduction he admitted that, as a former Minister for Higher Education, he had already heard himself speak enough about Universities. Instead, Mr Forth proceeded to give an overview of British politics today, or at least his own views.

He began by tackling the question of how Bill Clinton had succeeded in winning a second term in office by persuading the American public that their country was on the economic "up and up", and that they should vote for him to express their gratitude. The Conservative Minister suggested that his party's failure to achieve the same feat could be attributed to the British sense of fair play, claiming that the electorate was turning to Labour out of a misplaced desire to "give them a chance".

Mr Forth's diatribe on Labour's policies, or lack thereof, continued as he went on to mention their infamous u-turns on issues such as unilateral disarmament, public owner-

ship, and tax brackets. He said Labour had seen the error of their ways, and had decided to adopt the vote-winning policies of the Conservatives, leaving the British public extremely confused with "no clear blue water" between the parties.

In the past, Mr Forth explained, the Labour Party had fought the corner of the oppressed while the Conservatives guarded the interests of rich, 'fat-cat' businessmen. Now that the mood of the Conservative party is comparatively left-wing and the collective mood of New Labour can only be said to swing ever further to the right, he emphasised the difficulty the Conservatives have encountered in establishing a difference between the two. Global politics, he claimed, is "heading in the right direction, in both senses of the word" and while Tony Blair had somersaulted onto the bandwagon, the remainder of his Party still lagged behind.

The Minister, who by his own admission is happy for the Party to move as far to the right as possible, is a Thatcherite of the highest degree. The economic growth and stability he believes we are presently experi-

encing is, he said, an obvious consequence of the wise policies enforced during Margaret Thatcher's rule. Forty percent of inward investment in Europe is directed towards Britain, demonstrating our commercial desirability in relation to the rest of the continent. Whether or not this is truly attributable to the 'Iron Lady' was left to the individuals present to decide.

One of the few differences the minister could pinpoint between the Conservatives and Labour was on the issue of European union. As a former MEP, Mr Forth expressed his opinion that the European Parliament was a "damp squib", a view apparently shared to a greater or lesser extent by the rest of his party. Labour, he claimed, found the whole idea much more romantic, but he questioned how long such a honeymoon would last given previous experience.

Mr Eric Forth refused to be drawn into making a prediction about the result of a General Election, insisting instead that whichever way the public swings, the numbers would not be as clear-cut as some opinion polls suggest. Speaking coyly of what the overall outcome of such an election

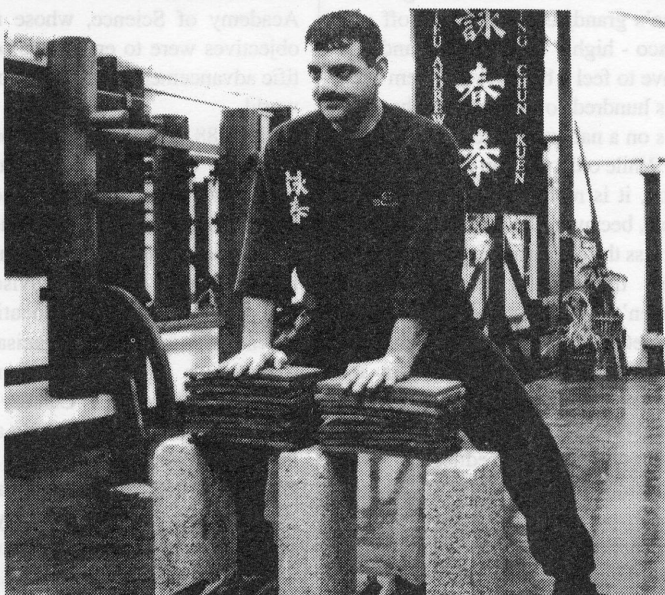
might be, Mr Forth employed the carefully-chosen words "deliciously uncertain".

After his speech, Mr Forth fielded the inevitable questions from an audience consisting largely of IC Conservative Society members. The MP responded positively to the question of how he dealt with the predominantly Labour led NUS. Each trade union or lobby group should be treated to its own merits, he said, and if a request is made of the Government the group's exact nature should be specified during any meeting which takes place.

Mr Forth suggested that the current political apathy amongst students might be why such a low proportion of NUS representatives are Conservatives. Recalling the radical student politics of the past, he went so far as to say that had he visited IC a few years ago he would have considered himself lucky to leave with his clothes on! Finally, Mr Forth expressed his hopes that the anti-Conservative lobby; conspicuous by their absence, must be busy studying in order to achieve the qualifications which would justify their applications for student loans.

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St Mary's research casts shadow over World AIDS Day

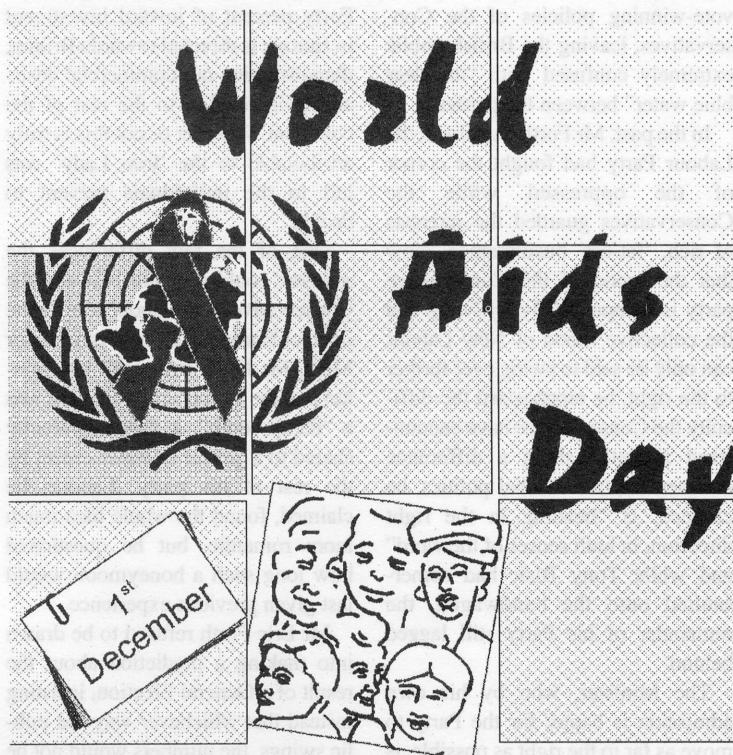
JACKIE SKEATE

Results from an HIV testing programme at St Mary's Hospital has shown that Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome is fast on the increase in London. With World AIDS Day coming up on the 1st December, this implies that the general public still need to be more aware of the increasing risks of catching AIDS.

At St Mary's Hospital, blood samples from patients in the accident and emergency unit are tested for HIV. In 1992-1993, about 1 in 77 people tested were infected. Now, results suggest that up to 75% of people with HIV either do not know they have it, or are not declaring it.

"There is a belief that HIV has plateaued out or is actually declining, but our study suggests that it may be premature to believe this," warned Mark Poznansky, an epidemiology specialist at St Mary's. These results highlight ongoing concerns that infected blood can spill in accident and emergency departments, meaning that hospital workers must take more precautions to avoid transmission of the disease.

Next week, the Union will organise stands in the JCR and Union building, giving out information



leaflets and free condoms, and the proceeds from Friday's AIDS awareness party night are being donated towards AIDS research.

Speaking about World AIDS Day, Sarah Corneille, Deputy President for Clubs and Societies, said "There is still a big problem with people being generally uninformed about

AIDS. People have phobias about it. It's also difficult to educate people about it without being patronising and talking to them as though they were about six years old. Hopefully, all the publicity might be especially helpful to people from other cultures who may not be as aware about the virus."

Learning how to rock your vote

NEWSTEAM

Hands up how many people have heard of Rock the Vote. They are a non profit-making organisation dedicated to encouraging young people to vote. They are themselves apolitical, and have the support of the three major political parties.

This is a major issue that needs addressing. The statistics show that people under the age of 25 make up 16% of the electorate, and only about half of the under 25 age group voted in the 1992 election. The reasons for this are difficult to pin down. Young people aren't all apathetic. They care about current political issues. One of the problems seems to be that they are becoming disenchanted with the process of parliamentary democracy, and an underlying feeling that, however they vote, it won't change anything really. Many have not bothered to register, partly because they may not be sure how to go about it, and partly to avoid paying council tax.

Since April, Rock the Vote have been distributing simplified registration cards and handing them out at concert venues and nightclubs. In fact, today the NUS are holding a Rock the Vote club night across the country. However, having registered, people then need encouragement to use their vote.

The desire of political parties to win over the younger generation has been very much in evidence. Of course the only guaranteed way to win votes off anyone is to sort out poverty, homelessness, the NHS and unemployment. Having your photo taken with Damon Albarn or Eddie Izzard wouldn't, you would think, make much difference. People may buy celebrity-endorsed food, but they won't go for a celebrity-endorsed country.

As no doubt everyone knows well, there has to be a General Election soon, before May 29th. That means we'll probably see increasing num-

bers of politicians making complete naked asses of themselves in public pretending they are young and trendy in a desperate last-ditch attempt to gain votes. This is like seeing someone's grandparents showing off at a disco - highly embarrassing and you have to feel a bit sorry for them - but it's hundreds of times worse because it's on a nationwide scale.

While only you can make the decision, it is really in your interests to vote, because, like it or not, it's more or less the only way to get your say in how the country is run. If you haven't yet registered, the Labour Society and Conservative Society are jointly organising a stand in the Union foyer where you can register yourself on the electoral roll. This will be on Wednesday 4th December, from 12-2pm. If you miss that, you can also register on the internet at:

<http://www.rockthevote.org.uk/mark.htm>. Tina Turner is 58.

IC Nobel Scientist dies

AMBER SALEEM

This week, many in the scientific community mourned the death of one of the most prominent particle physicists of this century. Nobel Prize winner, Professor Abdus Salam, made significant contributions to science and education throughout his career, most of which was spent at Imperial College.

Born in 1926 in a small town in North Pakistan, Salam was educated at the Government College in Lahore. He went on to study at St John's College, Cambridge where he later became a lecturer and a Fellow.

He was appointed Head of the Mathematics Department at Punjab University in 1951. He left Asia in 1957 to join Imperial College, founding the Theoretical Physics Department. Until his retirement in 1993 he was one of the most highly respected and distinguished members of the Physics Department.

Salam specialised in particle physics and field theory, developing a unified theory of weak and electromagnetic interactions. This led to him being awarded the Nobel Prize in 1979 alongside Glashow and Weinberg.

In 1964, he founded, and became Director of, the International Centre for Theoretical Physics in Trieste, Italy, which is now has a global reputation for its research and development. Salam remained in Italy for several years working on further extensions of the Unification Theory of Fundamental Forces and super-symmetry.

Professor Salam played active roles in many worldwide organisations. He founded and became President of the Third World Academy of Science, whose main objectives were to encourage scientific advancements in the developing world.

In 1988, he formed a network of scientific organisations concentrating on the importance of science to developing world governments. Professor Salam also had major influence as a scientific advisor to the United Nations Educational Scientific and Cultural Organisation.

Professor Salam made a major impact on Twentieth Century science and was accredited many accolades and awards. He was well liked and respected by both colleagues and members of his community and will be sorely missed by those of us who were honoured enough to have known him personally.

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What does the Budget mean to me?

CIGARETTES AND ALCOHOL

Chancellor Kenneth Clarke was kind to fellow drinkers on Tuesday, but cigarette smokers and bulk-boozers will still have to cross the channel to make significant savings. Although prices of beer, wine and hand-rolling tobacco are unaffected, the duty on a 5% ABV pint of beer in Britain remains a massive 30.7p compared to 4.4p in France. While you're in Calais, you might want to pick up some cigarettes, small cigars or pipe tobacco; the duty on these has risen by 3% above inflation, equivalent to 15p on a packet of 20.

If this weren't enough to drive the nation to drink, Mr Clarke punished trendy or lightweight socialites by raising the duty on so-called 'alcopops' by 40%, equivalent to 8p on a small bottle, but pandered to hard-drinkers by cutting 4% off duty on spirits. This is equivalent to 26p on a 70cl bottle of whisky.

THE PRIVATE FINANCE INITIATIVE

The PFI is a means by which the Government hopes to improve the efficiency of public services by using private companies to fulfil contracts

usually undertaken by public agencies. So far the PFI has funded large-scale public-sector projects, for example the construction of new public buildings such as hospitals.

The Chancellor reaffirmed the Government's commitment to PFI by cutting direct public spending from £19.7bn to £18bn this year, and by a further £0.3bn to £17.7bn by the years 1999/2000.

This shortfall in public expenditure is expected to be more than compensated for by increases in funding for the private-sector, set to rise from £1.1bn to a projected £2.5bn this year, and reaching £4.3bn by the end of this century.

As a result of this policy, construction projects at universities will be

Summary of changes:

**ALCOPOPS
SPIRITS
CIGARETTES
ROLLING TOBACCO
BEER
WINE**

**UP 8P A BOTTLE
DOWN 26P A BOTTLE
UP 15P A PACKET
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increasingly carried out and funded by private companies. The BMS project, due for completion in 1997, has been funded jointly by the College, the NHS and drugs companies.

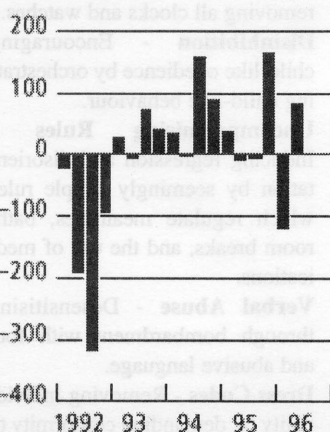
EMPLOYMENT

And for those of you looking for a job this Christmas... the forecast is good. Unemployment is coming down, and the demand for graduates for top positions is higher than it has been since the eighties. Judging by the demand for graduate recruitment advertising space in Felix, Imperial College graduates are highly rated.

The drop in the basic rate of income tax will benefit employers and new employees alike; the take home pay for graduate trainees will be greater and the cost of employing staff will effectively be less. However, with 18-25 the greatest consumers of 'luxuries' like beer and cigarettes, it may just go straight out of your pocket again...

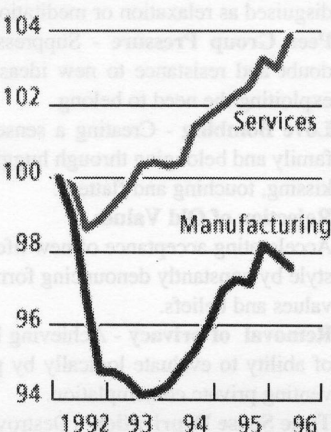
Employment

Quarterly change ('000s)



Employment growth

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HIGHER EDUCATION

This week's Budget the focus of many campaigns by groups sympathetic to the plight of Higher Education in Britain. These groups, particularly student bodies such as the NUS, the Committee of Vice Chancellors and Principles, and the employee bodies such as the Association of University Teachers sought to influence the Chancellor, Kenneth Clarke, and his Treasury mandarins to increase spending on this important sector and not ignore or reduce its funding as in previous Budgets.

They attempted to do this by a variety of means, through lobbying Members of Parliament, presenting detailed reports to inquiries such as that chaired by Sir Ron Dearing and



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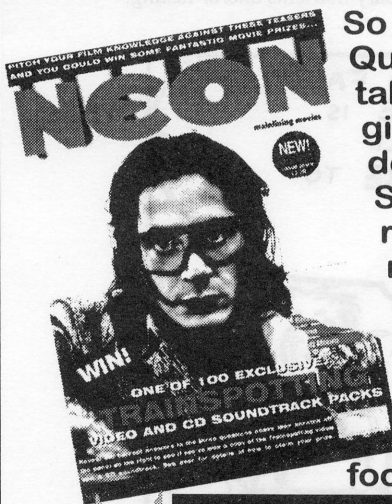
Looking forward for a brighter future? Prospective Parliamentary Candidate, Kate Green, chatting to picketers during the strike.

finally resorting to direct action to air their grievances, as the strike by Higher Education employees two weeks ago demonstrated. It is debatable whether all their efforts have had the desired effect.

The AUT were quick to claim that the campaign had succeeded in damage limitation, citing the 0.5% decrease of expenditure per student in real terms as providing a 'breathing space' compared to the expected cut of 3% per student. Not really much of an advance for HE!

PITCH YOUR KNOWLEDGE AGAINST THESE TEASERS AND YOU COULD WIN SOME GREAT MOVIE PRIZES...

NEON FILM QUIZ NIGHT



So what's this Neon Quiz all about then? A table full of bitter swigging anorak types down the pub on a Sunday night. Yeah right, and everyone reads Sight and Sound do they? Drop the pretence and cast your eyes to the screen for five rounds of top film footage.

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She Sells

Simon Wistow investigates the sudden arrival of cults on campus....

The London Church of Christ, a religious group that has been banned from several universities and branded a cult by every denomination of the church, has decided that IC has just the right mix of desperate, lonely and impressionable people to make it worth their while canvassing us. Members have been approaching students and inviting them to their Wednesday lunch time bible studies. They appear friendly at first, offering hospitality yet when you go to their meetings those questions that you really wanted to ask have been left strangely unfulfilled (much like lectures then) a tell-tale sign of being lied to (that's also a handy hint for dealing with your boyfriend/girlfriend by the way).

If you get any further than that you will be assigned your very own 'discipler' the person who will get to know you, find your weak spots and insert wedges into them however you just feel special because someone is paying so much attention to you. They encourage you to work hard (actually in itself that is a minor miracle), the only way you will get to heaven, and dissuade you from spending any spare time at social events, with friends and family and even down the pub. As you devote yourself more and more to the cult you will start failing your degree and the discipler will make more and more decisions in your life; how much money you give to the church and who you go out with. You are encouraged to date a different person within the cult each week and

may only go steady with someone your discipler agrees on. You are offered a flat where your remaining study time is monopolised and you are subjected to sleep and food deprivation making you just that bit more susceptible. Before long you are heavily into the cult and possibly even a discipler yourself.

One member of Imperial College tells of his involvement with the cult:-

"My first contact with the Central London Church of Christ (CLCC) came during my second year at IC. They gave a brief talk which encouraged me to examine the Bible. This was soon followed up by intensive bible studies. At that time I had no religious background and I thought that religion created more problems than it could solve but I was initially impressed by their friendliness and their efforts to express their faith to me. I was eventually baptised in the Serpentine in Hyde Park on one cold November evening. Then came the heavy discipleship and the numerous meetings that I was expected to attend. I was also expected to cut down on my involvement in the IC clubs and societies. I kept questioning about this matter but I was just told that "I had a bad attitude" towards the leaders. Worse was yet to come, I was invited round to a leaders house one evening and I was told to leave my girlfriend, who was also in the Church, and to join their church dating scheme! You were encouraged to date different people,

Methods of

Hypnosis - inducing a state of high suggestibility by hypnosis, often thinly disguised as relaxation or meditation.

Peer Group Pressure - Suppressing doubt and resistance to new ideas by exploiting the need to belong.

Love Bombing - Creating a sense of family and belonging through hugging, kissing, touching and flattery.

Rejection of Old Values - Accelerating acceptance of new lifestyle by constantly denouncing former values and beliefs.

Removal of privacy - Achieving loss of ability to evaluate logically by preventing private contemplation.

Time Sense Deprivation - Destroying ability to evaluate information, person-

al reactions, and body functions in relation to passage of time by removing all clocks and watches.

Disinhibition - Encouraging child-like obedience by orchestrating child-like behaviour.

Uncompromising Rules - Inducing regression and disorientation by seemingly simple rules which regulate mealtimes, bathroom breaks, and the use of medications.

Verbal Abuse - Desensitising through bombardment with foul and abusive language.

Dress Codes - Removing individuality by demanding conformity to the group dress code.

Sanctuary?

but your discipler effectively controlled who you were allowed to go steady with. This scheme and the concerns for my study if I tried to meet every expectation of the leaders, put me off the church! After hearing how they publicly condemned other churches as being demon possessed, I left the church. Several unsuccessful attempts were made to bring me back, but eventually they lost interest in me as a follower, and sadly as a friend as well.

"In retrospect, I have found the initial friendliness of members of the CLCC rather superficial and motivated by the intention of dragging people into their church and teaching. This cult can seriously affect your personal and emotional life. A good friend of mine was doing relatively well in his degree, before his involvement in the CLCC and ended up failing his finals. I would like to urge students to steer clear from any involvement with the CLCC and be wary of its deceptions. There are many good Christian Societies that are recognised in College and who are prepared to give you help and advice.

So, how can you avoid all this hassle? Well, the best way is to ask them who they represent. They are unlikely to deny their own Church although they may use any of these aliases:

-Central London Church of Christ
-North London Literature Society
-North London Historological Society.

The Cult Information Centre's "Cults on campus" leaflet offers some advice:

"very few people ever set out to become members of cults on heir

own. Regardless of how vulnerable people may be, if they do not meet a recruiter there is little chance of them joining a cult."

Cults are EXPERTS at manipulation using sophisticated techniques that will work on anybody given the right circumstances. Those who think they are immune are, in fact, only making themselves more vulnerable. It does not matter how intelligent you think you are:- they assault your emotions not your intellect. The two basic principles of psychological control are

If you can make a person BEHAVE they way you want you can make them BELIEVE the way you want.

Sudden, drastic changes in environment lead to heightened suggestibility and to drastic changes in attitudes and beliefs.

Therefore they will try to exploit you in times of stress; exam pressure, broken relationships, feelings of loneliness, social group pressure, major decisions to be made. If this happens talk to someone you know and trust such as a friend, parent or lecturer, one of the many hot lines available. There is always the College Councillor or the Chaplain.

Remember these people are not interested in helping you, only themselves. Trusting them could lead to separation from your family, friends, financial resources and your ability to think for yourself.

Contact:

The Cult Information Centre, The Chaplaincy, BMS Cults, London, WC1N 3XX
0181 651 33322, ext. 49600

Mind Control

Chanting and Singing - Eliminating non-cult ideas through group repetition of mind-narrowing chants or phrases.

Confession - Encouraging the destruction of individual ego through confession of personal weaknesses and innermost feelings or doubts.

Faunting Hierarchy - Promoting acceptance of cult authority by promising advancement, power and salvation.

Controlled Approval - Maintaining vulnerability and confusion by alternately rewarding and punishing similar actions.

Games - Inducing dependence on

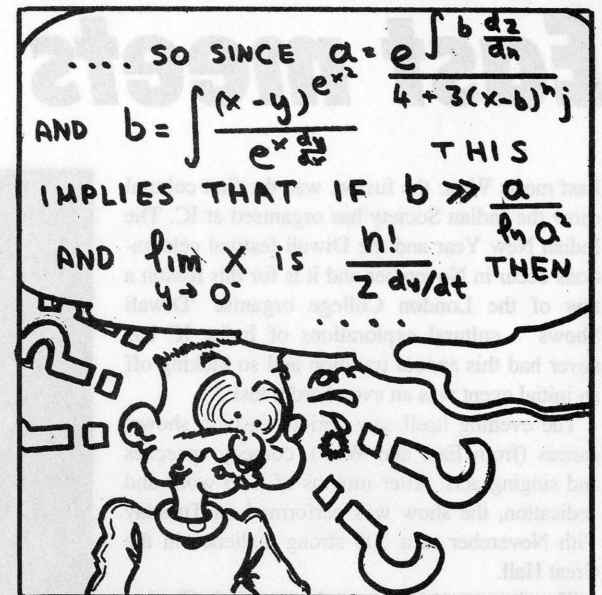
the group by introducing games with obscure rules.

No Questions - Accomplishing automatic acceptance of beliefs by discouraging questions.

Guilt - Reinforcing the need for salvation by exaggerating the sins of former lifestyles.

Fear - Maintaining loyalty and obedience to the group by threatening soul, life or limb to the slightest "negative" thought, word or deed.

Replacement of Relationships - Destroying pre-cult families by arranging cult marriages.



Confusing doctrine - Encouraging blind acceptance and rejection of logic through complex lectures.



Isolation - Inducing loss of reality by physical separation from family, friends, society and rational references.



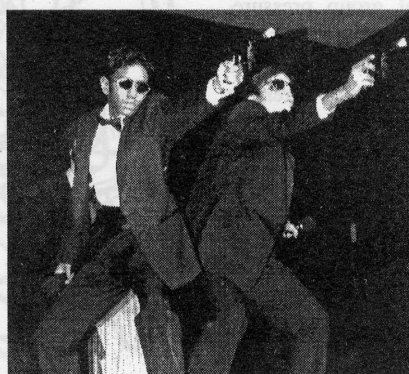
East meets West: the fusion

East meets West: the fusion, was the first cultural show the Indian Society has organised at IC. The Indian New Year and the Diwali festival celebrations occur in November and it is for this reason a few of the London College organise 'Diwali Shows' - cultural explorations of India. IC has never had this annual tradition and so kicking off an initial event was an even harder task.

The evening itself saw various fashion shows, dances (from East and West), comedy speeches and singing acts. After months of hard work and dedication, the show was performed on Tuesday 19th November to a 700 strong audience in the Great Hall.

The show was a joint production with Charing Cross and Westminster Medical School. The cast of performers comprised of individuals from that college as well as Imperial. Even though the event had no tradition or reputation from previous years (unlike other 'Diwali shows'), the event was a complete sell out at quite an early stage. Much effort was put into the event to bill it as one of the best, if not the best. The reaction, remarks and feedback from all those involved and all those who watched was exactly what the organiser had hoped for...that yes, it was the best cultural show they had ever seen. Attendance from other colleges was high and feedback from them was similar and encouraging.

The event had a number of highlights that will be remembered by all. The first half saw a superb comedy sketch called "The P-Files" (the Patel Files). It was about how a cult group of Patels trying to take over the remaining Caucasian corner-shops. The cult group was led by a 'Don' Patel - (acted superbly by an Aku Patel), and directly



complemented by Vernu. The audiences reaction to the two was excellent.

The second half of the show was the stranger half. It saw various fashion shows, one involving Taz (the Chippendale) getting his pees out - this went down very well - and another show involving professional models from an agency and exclusive designer clothes. In both the student models' fashion show and the professional models' one there were two guys from IC. Paraag 'The Stud' Dare and the aforementioned Aku Patel, did well in the student ran show, but also oozed class in the company of professional models (even showing a few up)! Paraag, in particular was stunning and rumours are floating around about a possible contract with an agency.

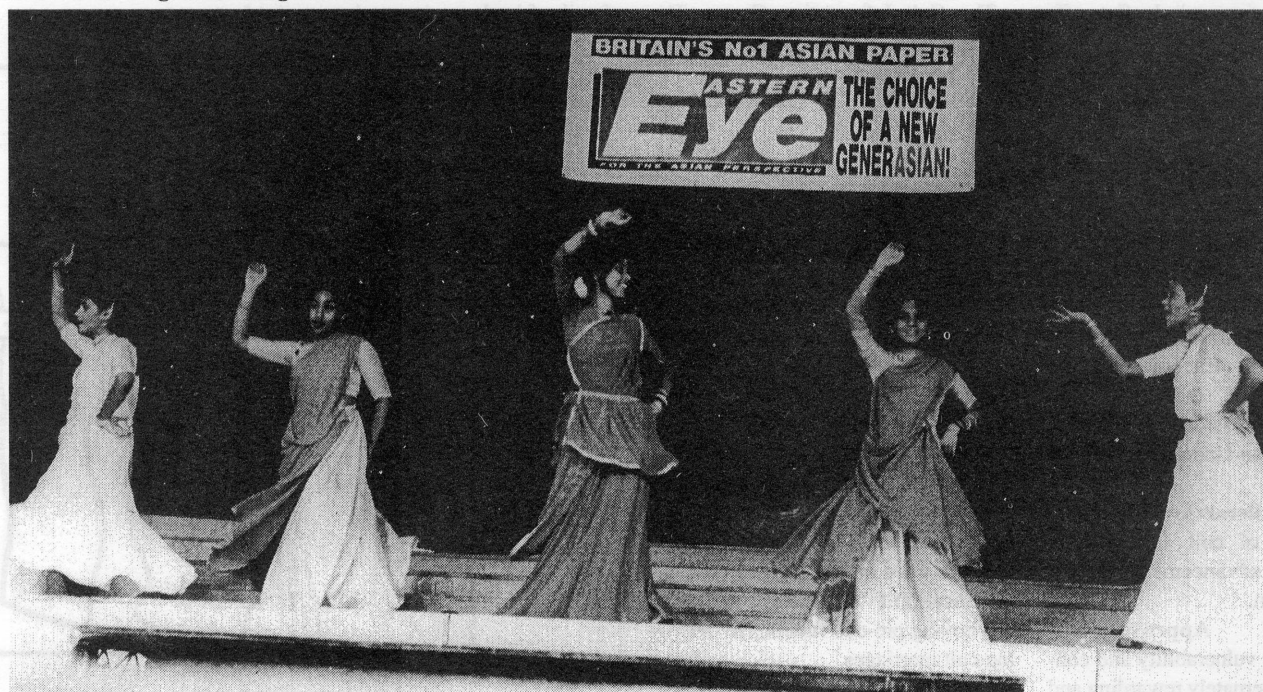
The second half also saw another comedy sketch, "The Fresh Prince of Bombay", which was also very popular with the audience. Will was played by Amjad and an excellent version of Carlton was played by Gaurav Misra. The sketch also featured a brilliantly choreographed dance - Aseema - to the song "Made in India", the dance featured a guest appearance by Paraag (who by this point, along with Aku and Gaurav, was one of the leading stars of the show). This half ended with an excellent synchronised dance to Rhythm Nation. The two singers, Azzi (as George Michael) and Jo (as Michael Jackson) were also amazing.

After the show, everyone hit the Senior Common Room for the after show party, where praise was metered out to the whole cast of the performance. This event bodes well for future years, and congratulations must go to Chetan and Akshay for organising the IC side of the event.

Top: Exclusive designer clothes modeled in the fashion show.

Left: Aku and Nernu in the comedy sketch 'The Patels'.

Below: Traditional dancing celebrating Diwali.



WORDS: GAURAV
PHOTOS: LILY

Tabloid Journalists. It is generally felt that such wordsmiths are not the most wholesome characters, being categorised neatly between traffic wardens and Paul Daniels. They pounce on a story with scant attention to the facts. Wouldn't happen here, would it. Ah, well yes and no.

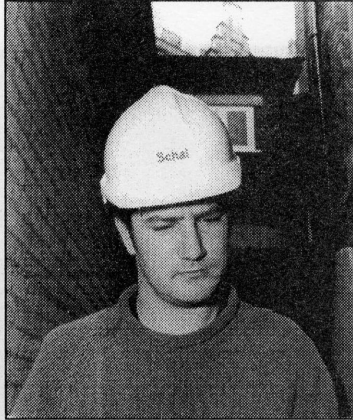
You may recall, and it seems half of Sheffield do, my mention of dubious work practices in the Student Fees Office, where check-mate takes priority over cheques, mate. Unfortunately, there isn't a Student Fees Office, but there is a Student Finance Office, which contains, among others, the perfectly named but unrelated Shirley Baker. She was understandably anxious about this ambiguity, so let me apologise profusely and clarify the issue. The College Expenses Office (room 410) was the place to which I was referring, and I stand by the thrust of my point. Such behaviour is unacceptable and should be dealt with accordingly. Why chess is needed on Sheffield's computers is a fascinating question, one which will hopefully be answered in due course. The

Student Finance Office is totally blameless, has never committed any misdemeanour to my knowledge, and is staffed by Imperial's finest. If you see me begging in South Ken subway at the time of the next grant cheque,

you will know that this apology has not been accepted. Speaking of Sheffield, I noticed that my esteemed but sadly anonymous brother in arms Don, writing in the house journal IC Distorter, mentioned the 'cleaned' Biochemistry building. The windows, which,

if like those in neighbouring Chemistry, never leaked, have been totally resealed, and the stonework has been both cleaned and stained in an operation that has cost thousands. Although the money, I believe, was

Simon Baker



Voice of Reason

from an external source, surely it could have been used a little more sensibly. But given the signs debacle, this is more sensible. As for Campus Renaissance, I'll freely admit that things are going very well, with the BMS rising majestically. Keep it up, the effort that is, and the building of course. As predicted the strike took place across the country a week last Tuesday. My sympathies go out to those brave souls on the picket line who must have frozen to death, but I did feel s o m e w h a t

doubtful about the strike, hence my reason for breaking it. No one can sensibly argue that academics are adequately paid, particularly when one sees an advert in the Evening Standard for council handypersons

offering £20,000. The reasons for the relative diminution of their pay is a complex economic issue, but the overwhelming fact is that groups do not curry favour with a Conservative government by taking industrial action. Nor does Joe Public feel compelled to speak out in support when the affected group is one of the least liked in society, namely students. However, on the assumption that all universities are, like IC, run according to the teachings of the British Leyland School of Management, it should be possible to free up resources to fund a larger pay claim for this deserving group. Finally, many people think that I am a tad unfair about the beer in Da Vinci's and the Union Bar, comparing it very unfavourably with 'the other place.' So last Friday, I decided to check this out once and for all. Some very extensive research was undertaken, and I can confirm that the Worthingtons, Brakespear and Tetley should not be consumed under any circumstances. You have been warned.

Has anybody noticed that...

The NHS has been experiencing many problems of late, culminating with this month's budget deficits. I was surprised at how this was reported in the media. A patient was left out on the road for six hours waiting for treatment, as there were no doctors available to treat them. The NHS obviously does not have enough money to handle all patients. The ignorance here which is constantly presented on national as well as regional news is that we somehow do not pay for our health service.

The Government initiatives of decentralisation, (cutting costs of patient care), care in the community, (dispensing with expensive psychiatric hospitals), all "I am all for value for money in the NHS, but the news putting the economic objective Government appears to be NHS in a bad light, supported with a unable to achieve this." it is presented that weak ideology. All the Government initiatives so far have been in order to save money - our money. This is fair enough. The problem comes when, on reduction of a hospitals budget, you expect them to find savings that will match this. Some enlightened hospitals will get the management consultants in, but inevitably you will experience either a drop in the quality of patient care or an overspend. John Major has agreed that the NHS will need half a billion next year to balance its books. We may well be paying less for our NHS, but we shouldn't expect to receive the same service for our

money. People may want to take out private medical insurance, but considering how much it costs, wouldn't it be better if our taxes paid for a better NHS for everybody, not just those who can pay? I am all for value for money, but only if initiatives are managed well and the Government on its present track record appears to be unable to achieve this.

Basic Bupa cover costs £108 a year. For an average earner of £15000, this is equivalent to almost an extra penny on the basic rate of income tax. The effect of spending this is obviously less for those who are richer, effectively creating a two tier health service. When an article appears on the "I am all for value for money in the NHS, but the news putting the economic objective Government appears to be NHS in a bad light, supported with a unable to achieve this." it is presented that they do not have enough money, not that the Government - and therefore us - are underfunding it.

When you next hear how NHS cuts caused so-and-so, think about who finally pays the bill for it. The election is coming, and once again the Tories will offer lower taxes. This is all they can offer - they have no moral high ground or good management. When crime rises, insurance goes up. When hospital standards drop, people are forced to get private health care. Think how much extra you are really paying.

KAIZEN

The Weekly Poem

Why now?

Reality is too much for me
I hear myself say
then and now, every day
I flee from life
and hide myself
inside the lies
of my mind's domain -
am I insane?

What is sanity but
the majority's conformist view?
What is reality but
a facade to hide the true
mundane train we ride?
What is life but a moment of pain?
What's the point the ironic aim?

'To enjoy yourself' some might say,
'to go with the flow, play the game' -
well I don't want each day
to be some cheap B movie
that rolls the credits and then leaps
through the rain for a passing taxi;
I don't care for casual laughter
echoing from human disaster
at every nightspot's corner;
I don't want it safer brighter longer warmer:
I've seen the future flashes of this endless fire
and the bitter satire of a lifetime's ashes.

by Ed Sexton

PoetIC workshops are held fortnightly - the next one is Monday 9th December at 6pm in romm G21 (materials). For more information contact Keith McNulty (k.mculty@ic.ac.uk) or Ed Sexton (e.sexton@ic.ac.uk).

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LETTERS TO FELIX

answered by David Roberts

A time for action

Dear Felix,

I wish to make a point about industrial action in response to your editorial entitled Strike One. Your review reported that the Government has stated that there are no votes in HE. This cynical attitude reveals not only the Government's true attitude to fairness in an improving economy but also exposes an Achilles heel.

The Government is clearly dismissive of strikes and other industrial actions. However if the joint Trades Unions were to call upon those they represent to vote against a government which fails to keep incomes in line with inflation then it might learn within a few months that its complacency was misjudged. If this were to happen then a conservative (forgive the pun) estimate would place lost government support at 100,000 votes in city constituencies. The realisation that many MPs supporting the Government would thus suffer a 100% cut in their own recently self inflated incomes should focus minds rapidly. Democratic power can justifiably encourage the Government to provide the funds necessary to make a fair settlement possible.

Although the current offer of 1.5% is an effective pay cut of at least 1.5% because of rising inflation, any industrial action cedes the moral high ground to the Government and injures innocent parties in the process. Sensible action is effective action.

Name and adress withheld

This is indeed true, and in an idealised world the unions would indeed have the power to bring down the Government. However, in this idealised world the same forces would have kept the present Government well away from power for the last seventeen years. The same period has also shown the fatal flaw in this dream - the electorate has proved all to happy to sacrifice their principles and their desire for long term security, in return for a quick buck - So what a surprise it was to see unjustified tax cuts on Tuesday.

Until then, shows of solidarity such as last weeks strike are all we have to try to pressurise this "Government" into doing what we, I imagine, all believe to be right, namely giving more money to Higher Education.

If anyone has a better method, please step forward.

Dear Felix

As always I enjoyed reading the last issue (1070) of *Felix* and, because of my role in College, I was particularly interested in the front page article about the industrial action of 19 November 1996. However, my confidence in its accuracy was somewhat undermined by the fact that you thought you were speaking to Caroline Fox when, in fact, I believe you spoke to me.

Of course, you may have spoken to Caroline too, in which case I apologise for MY error. Nevertheless, in the interests of accuracy and to spare the blushes of others who may not wish to be associated with my comments, I thought you would like to know that I have been Director of Personnel at the College since last January. (Oh, I did not really say what you reported either. Perhaps it wasn't me after all!)

Yours - and still looking forward to the next issue

Marion

A matter of honour

Dear Simon Baker

On a day when the club goes into battle for the honour of the College, I hope you can reach across and accept other peoples point of view. The hockey club has a long standing tradition of giving all of its members bar names. It is these names that you refer too in your latest column. The club is founded on strong social ties and all that, of which the bar names do actually play an important part, yes they have a shallow surface silly side, but for the most part, they add a sense of pride and aid team spirit. I hope you try to appreciate this for what it is and not just automatically look to ridicule it further. I am sure you can resist the temptation.

Do the right thing

Dear Felix,

Any readers who were interested in last week's article on the human rights organisation Amnesty International may like to know about a new group which has been meeting in college this year. The Amnesty International group meets in Southside upper lounge on Thursdays at 12 o'clock. At the moment the group is concentrating on sending letters or faxes regarding recent violations of human rights, but the range of activities may increase if we can find more members - this will also allow us to affiliate to the union.

Sapna Trivedi



A VIRTUOUS BUDGET?

So that's that then. A penny off income tax and widening of the personal allowance for all of us, a few pence off the price of spirits and thr'pence on beer for the drinkers. The Budget was a bit of an anticlimax given all the build up. Not much there for each of us, personally, yet we would seem to be better off. Are we all satisfied?

It is interesting that is there an expectation among the public that taxes and excise duties will go down at budgets, whilst the economists expect more rational measures to 'balance the books'. Why should the public expect movements in the tax rates always to be downward?

The general public and the Government have both contributed to the attitude of 'having one's cake and eating it'. The public wants a good level of services, but doesn't want to have to pay for it, and the Government responds to this by promising that this is possible. This gives us the annual round of Budget fudging, muddling and mis-information, where the priorities get skewed. It is unfortunate that this bargaining between various streams of expenditure becomes viciously political. Which is where Higher Education comes in.

We have given a lot of space in *Felix* this week to coverage of the Budget, and how it affects Higher Education. This is because it is an important issue for this College. HE is, there can be no doubt, a political football; no party except the Liberal Democrats are prepared to declare HE an important policy area. It is largely ignored, assigned the value of

having no votes attached. Thus when the cuts were metered out this time round, the various interest groups lobbying for more money for HE could claim only the 'victory' of obtaining a "breathing space" by having the cut limited to 0.5%. To sweeten the cut, there is to be an extra £20 million spent on science, which, as most researchers at Imperial will tell you, will not go very far among the 100 universities in Britain. I would suggest that the campaigning by these interest groups will go on, but until the issue of Higher Education becomes more urgent, particularly in the eyes of the public who mostly do not appreciate it's 'service' value, it will continue to be ignored.

As an addendum, the performance by the Chancellor, Kenneth Clarke, on the short "Budget Broadcast" just before Tuesday's Newsnight, was quite intriguing. Throughout the talk, the Chancellor extolled the virtue of his Budget, telling us how he was planning for the future as well as giving everyone a little something. However, he didn't mention the Conservative Party once, not even with reference to the forthcoming election battle with Labour. Hmmm.

CAREERS FAIR

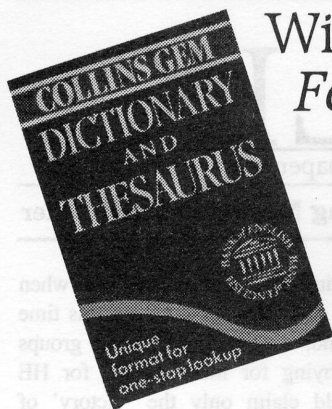
Oops! Sorry for not mentioning the Careers fair in the last issue. For those of you who were not there to experience the crowds, the ICU Careers Fair 1996 was an unabashed success. There were over fifty companies exhibiting to over 2000 students, and it was generally agreed to be the best and biggest ever. Congratulations to Mark and Michelle for organising the event.

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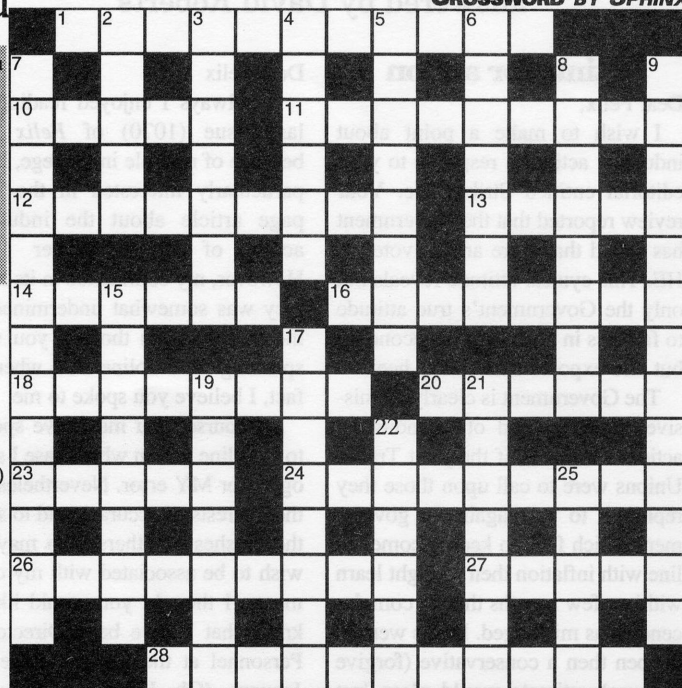
CROSSWORD BY SPHINX

Across:

1. Separate some of the group. (4,7)
10. Gas about zoo collapse in the north-east. (5)
11. Sharp talker in Devon? (9)
12. Huge surfer! (5,4)
13. Its more pleasant right after French resort. (5)
14. Judge in case of class essentials. (6)
16. Unfortunately, I act a lot in this clothing. (4,4)
18. Relax net going round the outside. (8)
20. Sound, good looking old vehicle. (6)
23. Rips and sheds them. (5)
24. Roll ball after a plentiful supply. (9)
26. A slob gets into trouble over donations. (9)
27. No sign of Sharon's friend? (5)
28. Sell out of XX. (6-5).

Down:

2. Steer clear of a hole. (5)
3. Blooming climbing frame? (7)
4. Have a bad experience when you reload incorrectly. (6)
5. Spare man cooked cheese. (8)
6. Relatively small man lion mauled. (7)
7. It makes it difficult to conceive. (13)
8. Left us with many debts - and that's in good taste? (8)
9. Grumpy tells how to make a more malleable steel. (5-8)
15. Greatly gratifies that fish-food goes up in exchange. (8)
17. 100 at a search for a buried cemetery. (8)
19. Right, one skinhead German chap is a dish. (7)
21. He'll listen to you and examine your books. (7)
22. Lets us get beaten up in a fight. (6)
25. Closes in on Newton's hearing devices. (5)

**Solution to issue 1070's Building Blocks:**

There may be more than one solution! A: a, an, tan, rant, train, retina, trained, strained, detainers, reinstated; B: i, is, sir, stir, stair, strain, staring, starring, arresting; C: d, do, dot, dote, noted, atoned, notated, detonate, detonated; D: a, an, ran, rain, grain, rating, tearing, integral; E: e, re, red, read, tread, stared, roasted, assorted; F: e, me, met, meat, tames, stamen, laments, ailments; G: a, as, sea, vase, slave, leaves, several, reversal; H: a, am, ham, mash, marsh, charms, marches, charmers; I: m, me, gem, game, image, enigma, imagine, imagined; J: n, in, sin, sing, kings, asking, sacking.

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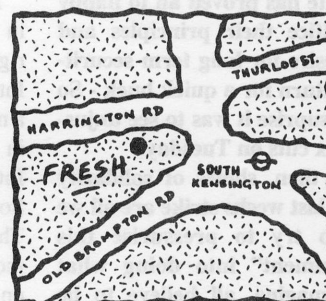
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ULU Karate victorious in Nationals thanks to IC students

On the 23rd of this month the 14 people from the University of London (ULU) Karate Club attended the KUGB student Championships held in Chesterfield. The KUGB is the largest Karate Organisation in the UK and most university clubs are affiliated to it. The event is normally a big occasion and attracts many university teams and students studying at other institutions. The quality is high and blood flows freely.

The ULU team are currently European Champions, a title which they have won for two years running. It is also the first uni-based team to win the Southern Regional open and gain a seeding for the Open Nationals, after they kicked it earlier this year. The team picks up numerous trophies and titles throughout the year, including at the BUSA Nationals.

This is the one, however, that people fear! Physically demanding and very tough, months of intensive training went into this.

Saturday 23rd kicked off with the KATA events. Katas are formal exercises (combinations of pre-set moves that have been passed on from generation to generation). Although one of three key cornerstones of modern day Karate, Godwin and Ed DoSantos (the IC contribution) neglected this event in order to stay focused on the KUMITE or sparring.

Captained by T. Hughes (former IC) and coached by S. Hastings (England KUGB Squad), the team came first.

We were quite confident in our pool of clubs/unis but were weary of some of the bigger names. We were certainly glad that we didn't have to face the Liverpool team early on, who comprise of many good fighters and some members of the infamous Red Triangle Dojo. But we had the Manchester five which had some international fighters in their ranks. (Godwin had one of them and lost by one Wazari - half point - in a very close fight). London, however, triumphed by a total of three fights to two. We were fighting better and gaining in confidence as the day progressed thanks to some good captaincy and blasting coaching. We reached the semifinals, where we came up against Aberystwyth. This

team was previously fairly unknown, but we granted them the respect due considering the teams they had beaten to get there.

With nerves on the line everyone knew what was expected of them. Godwin had a good, clean fight with only one warning against a jumping sweep attack followed up with a backfist. He finally won with a front leg sweep followed by a Kizami Zuki - jabbing punch) to put London through to the finals.

We awaited news from the other mats and were not surprised to learn that Liverpool had beaten last years winners, Leeds, by 3 - 1 with one fight drawn. Oh well...

In the individual events, the London team fighters (Tony, Godwin, Edwin, Rami and Lewis) all got off to good starts. T. Hughes was one of the favourites having come third in the Shotokan Cup two months ago. He had to beat two England fighters to get there. Rami (University College Hospital) is a strong and useful fighter who joined us from the Cambridge ranks after completing his first degree. Lewis is small but quick, agile with plenty of stamina. Godwin is bigger and more powerful with deceptively deft timing and reflexes (Ed is a dancer and a beautiful one at that).

We were knocking out people with increasing difficulty, and after each round we were all pleased that everyone else had stayed in. London was looking good. Lewis fell first, to be shortly followed by John, our reserve from St George's. Then came the round before the quarter finals and things were closing down. Ed had to fight Rami, as they had both been pooled together. They knew each other well, having fought in training and sparred with one another frequently. Ed's footwork and nimbleness gave him the edge on the day and he was through to the quarters. Godwin, meanwhile, was having a good time on his mat, that is until disaster struck (actually a fist). Godwin was up at the time and had all the play when his opponent became increasingly desperate. He let off a right hook, knocked out G's gumshield and almost two of his teeth. The Midlander, was disqualified for excessive and uncontrolled

techniques. But there was no more quarter final and straight off to hospital for Godwin. Skank. If it had been in the next round, G. would have been guaranteed another medalion... Living skank!

Ed, however, had progressed to the semi-finals. We were now guaranteed at least one of the ULU team in the final. Ed-son was unlucky as, (and I say this as an unbiased bystander), some of the referees were blind to his techniques and a majority must be confident. There was no shame however, as his opponent was also a great fighter. Ed picked up the bronze, and had to re-focus his attention on the team finals. Tony Hughes was a bit unfortunate in that his opponent in the final apparently ran his face into Tony's fist. The result was a crashed nose and a disqualification. T., therefore, picked up the silver.

G was back from hospital in time for the final, which was held in the evening. As we now had to field our reserve, there was no scope for error. The brunt fell on Tony, Ed-son and Rami. Beforehand, we had four out of five very strong fighters. So, for the team to win, one of us could afford to drop a fight and still come through with a 3-2 margin. We now couldn't afford such a luxury.

Ed was up first. The kid was psyched up to the max. It showed when he went out there. Earlier on, you could shout, 'Ed dance', and he would give you a few (Hollywood shuffles to keep you smiling. Now it was purely business. He must have won in under a minute.

The next two were our reserve and most junior grade. We went down, twice. Next up was Tony. He had a good fight and there was only one scary moment when it was feared that he cracked the other guy too hard. Two each with one fight remaining. The man Rami had it all to prove.

The fight started tentatively with both fighters moving around and testing each others reflexes and fighting style. (Does he go all defensive when under attack or does he stand his ground? Is he a kicker or a puncher? Is his guard adequate or is he concentrating more on attacking you?... Does he dance well?).

The fight went on and no points were won, then crash. Rami got caught at what seemed like impossible range. Half a point down the whistle sounded for thirty seconds left. The ULU team had stopped screaming at this point and the only voices you could hear were those of the coach and the captain. (When you're losing and under pressure with the whole world to pay if you lose, the last thing you need is someone, who thinks he knows what he's talking about, to start hollering at you). By 20 seconds, we knew that R. would have to play things his own way. Then, quick as you like, he was in there to even the score with a solid blow to the body. Hundreds of people erupted but it could still go either way. We were all still sweating buckets.

The Scouser attacked, Rami countered. Rami moved around looking for an opening. He couldn't see one and backed off. His opponent took a chance and an attack was launched, a flurry of kicks and punches. Rami is very quick (which G. learnt the hard way in a training session). The attacker was caught and swept. With a fully open back, he was in there. Bang, bang - twice. The referee called his judges together for consultation before deciding upon the outcome. A full-point Ippon in the dying seconds meant that London was now the Great Britain and European Student Champions.

Godwin was a member of the squad that triumphed in Europe last year. There is a warm and grateful welcome to Ed DoSantos who joined us from the IC Club, after the successful entrance of Leo Khale (former IC Karate). Unfortunately, due to other commitments, the latter could not join us on this occasion.

We would love to go back to Europe to defend our unbeaten two-year stint but ULU sports travel grants are rapidly running thin. We would need sponsorship to the tune of a few hundred pounds to finance just one team going out there for the 6th-8th December. Anyone who could be of assistance, please e-mail gun.ic.ac.uk, Maths UGIII.

FELIX SPORT

IC Seconds Secure BUSA Shield place

With a place in the last 32 at stake, Goran spiced up team by threatening to reveal his candyfloss if we lost.

As the game started, IC applied their awesome pressure. The game began to flow over the quim like pitch as some strange bald guy decided to become some strange blind guy, and become oblivious to the fouls committed by UMDS as he allowed them to weave a path to the IC goal. 1-0.

IC were so taken aback by this goal that they steeled themselves against this abrasive side. Solid IC play led to an equaliser from Goran, a radical piece of movement from Lightweight. After this, UMDS pressed ever forward with increasing verve. The IC defensive line of Bill, Flash, Lalas and Monkey Magic held

firm with a resolute display of their absurdly amazing defensive talents.

More thoughtful play from the right-half and wing combination of PD File and Son of Brazil led to a mazy dribble from George Michael which led to such an amazing goal that we just broke out the Wensleydale cheese and port to celebrate. The match flowed between the

two halves until half-time.

The second-half started and IC again proved to be the dominant force, with Rick's Colossal Penis showing it's worth as UMDS were berated with relentless IC pressure. Bill showed his lack of knowledge by passing the ball to Goran instead of Monkey Magic. Cheese Head.

The rest of the second-half was

notable only for sterling work on the left-wing by Rab, as he ravished their defence. Oh, and they scored a second goal to send the match into extra-time.

Extra-time started with UMDS ever dominant - if it had not been for superlative work from Worzel, they would have scored more than the one they needed. Sideline support increased with such vigour that in the second-half of extra-time IC could not fail to score. Goran and Shaggy took advantage of UMDS's forward play to create an overlap, and the moment created allowed cartoon reject Shaggy to slot home the winner with under a minute left to play.

All in all a fantastic performance from the seconds with a great team effort. Yeeha - we play on.

Half-time vodka can't keep spirits up in downpour

The Mixed Hockey team turned up raring to go, but the match failed to live up to our hopes.

The best way to describe this game is in terms of the goalie, who was shit. Stalwart defence by IC together with some inspirational attacking from Katrina and Soren made sure we ended the first-half on equal terms with Barts. Despite the rain, IC spirits were raised by half-time Vodka. Thanks Soren.

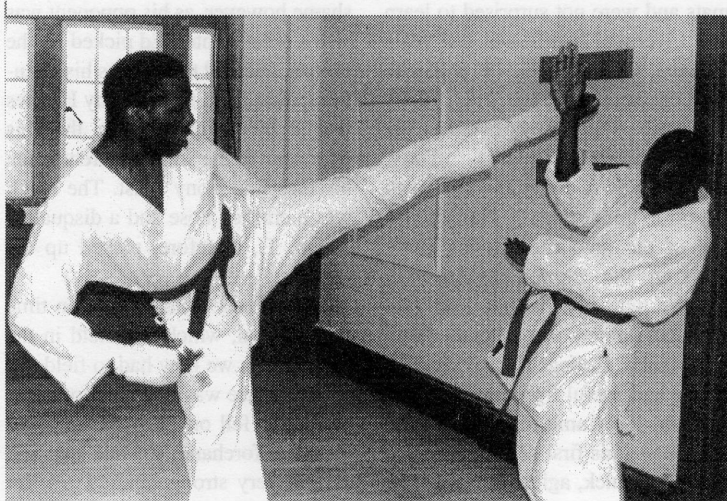
Filed up and raring to go, we started the second-half with the goalie deciding to kill everyone who came near him, and with a swift deflection of his kicker, he put the ball in the back of the net.

The game restarted with more Barts attacks, but quick thinking by James, with swift movement of the ball, created a flowing move, with the ball ultimately slotted in by Tim.

With the rain reducing visibility, the game edged towards a stalemate, before the cunning play from Barts found them with a huge overlap in the D. Despite the goalie's lethal intent they scored again. Damn.

The post-match celebrations led to Soren losing the bargames, his dignity, and his eyebrows.

ULU Karate take Great Britain and European titles



A spectacular all-round performance from the University of London Karate team - containing two IC students - resulted in victory at the recent UK champi-

onships. This comes in addition to the European championships which ULU have won for the last two years.

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RESULTS

MENS FOOTBALL

IC 1ST 2 - 2 KINGS 1ST

IC 2ND 3 - 2 ROYAL HOLLOWAY 4TH

IC 3RD 1 - 5 GOLDSMITHS

MENS HOCKEY

IC 2ND 4 - 3 UMDS 2ND

IC 3RD 0 - 2 RSM

MIXED HOCKEY

IC 1 - 2 BARTS

SQUASH

IC 24 - 18 ST GEORGES

Sport in brief

RUGBY SECONDS

Eighty minutes of pure enjoyment to watch. From the outset IC Seconds played a hard, full-contact game. It was the second round of BUSA, and the aggression amongst the fifteen young gentlemen, brought a tear to the eye of the proud spectator. The forwards were powerful, showing a destructive power in the scrums, rucks and mauls. They were mobile, agile and demonstrated superb unity in the set-plays. This was emphasised by a push-over try capitalised on early in the second-half, by Grandad Bryce. If space wasn't so limited, individual glorification of all eight would be included, especially Martin "Floating" Ayre.

LADIES RUGBY

Defensively and offensively sound, the ball flowed sweetly between hands. However, the utmost credit goes to the defensive tackling and kicking under pressure. This effort was represented by the ever reliable Kolone, touching down in the corner. The only dilemma of the day was how Charrington Cross managed to clinch it.

HOCKEY THIRDS V RSM

We lost to RSM, 2-0. A disappointment? No - they had some good players and they put up a, ahem, good performance.