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President:
New
Election

DP(F&S):
Robert Clark

DP(C&S):
Smita
Chaturvedi

Felix Editor:
Jeremy
Thomson

Imperial plumps for a new election

Over 1,000 Imperial College students voted in this week's Sabbatical Elections to reopen nominations for the post of ICU President, the highest vote for New Election ever recorded. Sam Baker, the only candidate for the post, lodged an official complaint detailing her grievances with certain aspects of the elections.

In the most hotly contested race, that for Deputy President (Finance & Services), Rob Clark overcame a significant deficit on the South Kensington campus to win with almost 300 St Mary's votes. The

Deputy President (Clubs & Societies) was similarly decided when Smita Chaturvedi won despite a deficit of over 100 votes south of Hyde Park. Jeremy Thomson was elected as Felix Editor (and Print Unit Manager) with the help of St Mary's votes, despite suffering at the hands of the well organised New Election campaign.

The two candidates for DP(C&S) proved to be the most conciliatory of all, with Sarah Thomas insisting that her opposing candidate would prove successful. Smita was almost speech-

less after her victory, saying "I'm very happy" and that she was "going straight to bed now, I'm very tired."

Chris Ince, SCC Chair and senior member of the Elections Committee, spoke to *Felix* about the appeal from Sam Baker saying that it was "under consideration." He went on to say that "the points that it made will probably come up in Council next Tuesday" and that it would "Sam made it quite clear that she had no objection to how the results went this year."

The New Election campaign itself

has come under scrutiny with allegations that its budget was never approved by ICU Council, the practice of previous elections (*Felix 1018*). There has been no official statement as to how much money the New Election campaign has spent. Sarah Thomas, who is also ICU Council Chair, denies that the expenditure of Union money was approved by Council.

Nomination papers for the position of President will be posted at the beginning of next term.

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Bomb Squad defuses Queen's Lawn hoax

MARIA IOANNOU

A bomb scare disrupted Wednesday lunchtime when a parcel, believed to have been an explosive device, was placed on the front desk of the Sherfield Security reception. The incident, described later as a "silly student prank", necessitated the mobilisation of the Bomb Squad.

The drama began when at 1.25pm when a student, claiming that a man in Queens Gate had given him £10 to deliver the parcel to Security, deposited the item together with a "special message of apology". The circumstances were enough to raise the suspicions of the security guards as this ploy is known to be typical terrorist tactic. There were fears that a former Northern Ireland Minister, visiting College at the time, might be in danger.

The parcel was "extremely heavy for an item of that size" said Ken Weir, Deputy Head of Security, which further heightened his anxiety. Mr Weir went on to say that "It was a plastic bag with a vinyl case inside and a handle sticking out of the top, I wasn't about to open it."



PHOTO: ALDOUS

Security in action! Local Police, Imperial College Security Officers and the Bomb Squad acting in concert to defuse a bomb hoax.

Acting quickly and efficiently, Terry Sweeney, who just last week revived an inebriated student when he stopped breathing, picked up the package and moved it to the doorstep of the Sherfield exit facing the Queens Lawn. With remarkable presence of mind Ken Weir, worried that the package might explode, moved it to the centre of Queens

Lawn. Fortunately there were several police officers on campus barcoding bicycles and after a quick discussion, PC Clive Coleman called the Bomb Squad.

When the team of experts arrived they cordoned off the Queens Lawn area and evacuated students from the vicinity. The windowed areas of the buildings adjacent to the lawn had

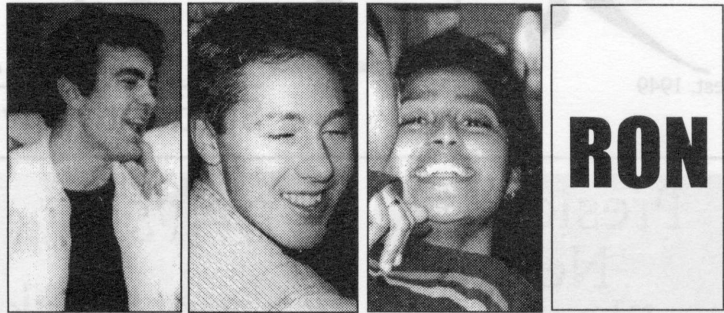
already been cleared at the orders Keith Reynolds, Head Security, with the help of Ken Weir and the Emergency Response Team. The Bomb Squad then proceeded to examine the parcel and needed two X-rays to fully ascertain the object's nature.

Coming to the conclusion that the parcel was in fact an inoffensive article the team decided to open it. Inside they found an over head projector that had been stolen last Friday during ICU International Night from the office of Ian Gillet, IC Safety Officer.

Security notified students of the all clear and staff were allowed to re-enter their buildings at 2.14 pm after nearly an hour. A fatigued Mr Weir expressed his disdain saying "It seems to have been a silly student prank ... which has caused a major incident and wasted large amounts of police time and money." The local constabulary have asked IC Security to aid them in their search for those behind the incident. Criminal charges for wasting police time are being considered.

The Results									
President	Sam Baker	16	10.4%	11	11.6%	84	88.4%	186	84.2%
	New Election	138	89.6%	84	88.4%	186	84.2%	90	87.4%
	Spoilt / No pref	2		1		2		1	
	Totals	156		96		223		104	
Deputy President (Clubs & Societies)	Smita Chaturvedi	43	28.1%	27	28.4%	62	28.4%	31	30.1%
	Sarah Thomas	73	47.7%	35	36.8%	73	33.2%	48	46.6%
	New Election	37	24.2%	33	34.7%	85	38.6%	24	23.3%
	Spoilt / No pref	4		1		3		0	
Deputy President (Finance & Services)	Rob Clark	33	22.6%	14	14.9%	58	26.5%	12	12.0%
	John Savery	47	32.2%	19	20.2%	41	18.7%	17	17.0%
	Duncan Tindall	40	27.4%	28	29.8%	63	28.8%	42	42.0%
	New Election	26	17.8%	33	35.1%	57	26.0%	29	29.0%
Felix Editor	Jeremy Thomson	118	77.1%	43	46.2%	135	61.4%	68	66.7%
	New Election	35	22.9%	50	53.8%	85	38.6%	34	33.3%
	Spoilt / No pref	3		3		3		1	
	Totals	156		96		223		103	
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Quota		156		96		223		103	
Huxley		35	15.8%	12	12.6%	64	84.2%	90	87.4%
Chem/Biochem		13	12.6%	13	12.6%	64	84.2%	90	87.4%
Mech Eng		12	15.8%	10	12.0%	73	88.0%	73	88.0%
Elec Eng		10	12.0%	10	12.0%	73	88.0%	73	88.0%
RSM		12	12.0%	12	12.0%	49	80.3%	49	80.3%
Civ Eng		10	15.4%	10	19.7%	55	84.6%	55	84.6%
Chem Eng		5	7.4%	5	9.7%	63	92.6%	63	92.6%
South Ken		124	13.4%	3	75.0%	1	25.0%	3	75.0%
Totals		802	86.6%	1	25.0%	3	75.0%	1	25.0%
Silwood		3	75.0%	1	25.0%	3	75.0%	1	25.0%
NHLI		4	80.0%	13	20.0%	281	95.6%	144	11.7%
St Mary's		13	20.0%	0	0.0%	281	95.6%	144	11.7%
First Round		1085	88.3%	12		1085	88.3%	144	11.7%
Second Round		573	56.2%	447	43.8%	573	56.2%	447	43.8%
Third Round		553	56.2%	431	43.8%	553	56.2%	431	43.8%
Winning Margin		470				470			

Elections Analysis



PHOTOS: LILI TCHEANG

Next year's sabbaticals: from left to right Rob Clark (Deputy President for Finance & Services); Jeremy Thomson (Felix Editor); Smita Chaturvedi (Deputy President Clubs & Societies). The post of President was won by New Election (aka Re-Open Nominations).

EDWARD SHIRMAN

The most outstanding feature of this year's sabbatical elections was the 40% increase in turnout over the 1996 results. Almost four hundred extra South Kensington students voted, marginalising the St Mary's vote, which stayed static at just under three hundred, from one third to one quarter of the total votes cast.

While their influence on the results decreased significantly, the medics ballot papers were instrumental in getting both of the successful Deputy Presidential candidates elected, despite their unpopularity in South Kensington. Mr Clark's case is the most dramatic since he received the lowest vote of all four candidates south of Hyde Park, not even managing 20% of the poll. He would have been the first to be eliminated were it not for the 287 votes that he received from the Mary's students.

With this block vote, Rob Clark was able to lead from the first round through all three votes, despite receiving slightly less second and third preference votes than Duncan Tindall. While Mr Clark received a total of 92 transfers from John Savery and New Election, Mr Tindall's 101 transfers were not enough to trouble the Mary's vote. The latter achieved the highest percentage vote of any of the candidates from a single ballot box, when almost 80% of the Civil Engineering voters came out in his favour.

The medical influence on the Deputy President (Clubs & Societies) election was even more marked as the winning candidate received the lowest South Ken. vote of all three candidates, but was saved by 285 votes from the northerners. Smita Chaturvedi eventually squeezed home despite losing out 2:1 on the New Election transfers to Sarah Thomas.

While the election of Felix Editor was considerably more consensual,

Jeremy Thomson would not have been successful if St Mary's had voted against him. The sole candidate received over 60% of the South Kensington votes but the 279 medical votes could have scuppered his hopes.

The Presidential race was the only clear cut decision, with a phenomenal 802 votes being cast in South Kensington for New Election. With Sam Baker receiving a derisory 124 first preferences, even the medics could not have saved her from defeat.

Considering the results on a box by box basis, the most notable change was the extra 100 students who voted in Huxley. This group increased from their previous 120 votes to become the largest South Kensington group with over 220 expressing their views. Elsewhere an extra 60 voted in Electrical Engineering, an extra 40 in the Royal School of Mines and another 40 extra in Civil Engineering. With 11 ballot boxes this year, one more than last year, the shared polling station between Blackett and Chemical Engineering netted 70 more votes.

Notably if the elections had been carried out in a manner similar to the US Senate Elections some rather different results would have been produced. Leaving aside Silwood and the NHLI, Sarah Thomas topped the poles in six departments, New Election in three and Smita Chaturvedi in just two. Duncan Tindall did even better, coming first in six areas, New Election did so in two with John Savery and Rob Clark gaining one each. Jeremy Thomson was only beaten in one of the balloting areas, with the JCR coming out in favour of New Election. The Presidential race was as clear cut as ever under this system, with Sam Baker failing to top the poll in any department.

Record International Night draws acclaim

ALOK JHA

A record sixteen societies came together under the banner of the Overseas Societies Committee last week for International Night 1997. The event consisted of, as usual, a food fair followed by a cultural show and a disco.

International Night has long been the most popular social event in the college calendar with people from all over the country, as well as London, attending the festivities. This year provided no exception with events that lasted a total of over seven hours enjoyed by all that attended.

The evening started with punters sampling food from all the participating societies in the dining hall. This lasted longer than expected and the cultural show in the Great Hall was delayed by some three quarters of an hour in the end. The show was well worth the wait, however.

Each society performed a short and highly entertaining piece to demonstrate their culture both traditional and modern. Of particular note were the Malaysian society who did



a traditional song known as 'Dikir Barat' which involved a twenty-five strong chorus performing synchronised hand and body movements whilst singing. The Bangladeshis treated the audience to a day in the life of a 'rickshawalla' whose various

passengers provided an insight into his culture. No International Night would have been complete without the Lebanese belly dancer and there was another this year in full force providing much entertainment for the male populace present.

The audience seemingly enjoyed the entire show and their support was always evident not only in their appreciation for each act but their willingness to join in with an impromptu 'Macarena' lesson given by the Tamil Society. The two comperes, Gaurav Misra and Zahira Zainudin, handled the proceedings very capably and provided an amusing touch to the evening with their mock bickering at the end of each item.

The show went on well past midnight, demonstrating that there had been a great amount of work put into it. The finale unleashed thousands of pieces of silver paper onto the audience as well as many balloons, accompanied by the arrival onto stage of the national flags of all the participating countries.

The party then carried on in the SCR well into the small hours of Saturday morning. Commenting on the whole event, one member of the audience simply said, 'This is the best International Night I've ever been to.'

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Birkbeck closes physics

JEREMY CLARKE

The closure of the Physics department at Birkbeck College is imminent according to Michael de Podesta, one of the lecturers in physics. Birkbeck College, a college of the University of London, is primarily a night-school who's long-term future is uncertain due to its lack of funding.

The total spending of Birkbeck is approximately £33m of which around £20m is spent on the academic departments and the rest on overheads including the administration, registry and various publications. Projections of the College's budget indicate that without the Physics department, Birkbeck will break even next academic year, but will be in debt from then onwards with an estimated debt of £2m by the year 2000. One member of staff stated the feeling in the physics department was one of "despondency".

The shortfall in funding is mainly caused by an increase in expenditure from academic salaries without a corresponding increase in funding. At present the department costs an estimated £1m to run each year, but only £500,000 is available to fund it. Further cuts are to be made by amalgamating several departments. Of the



8 academic staff in the department, UCL proposes to take on four, the remainder are to be laid off. The four staff are likely to move into the new Condensed Matter group at UCL.

The academic board has recently recommended the closure of the physics department as long as there are "sufficient safeguards for student interests". However, it is the responsibility of the governors to finally decide whether the department is to go, but this is expected to be a formality.

Despite the problems involved, the outlook for the students is less serious. University College, which already works closely with Birkbeck has agreed to take over the present undergraduates, offering a two-streamed approach to the physics courses, with new Birkbeck students essentially following the UCL physics courses. Current second and

third years will be able to continue their present courses, but the first will be required to change their approach. It is not clear where, in future, the lectures will take place, and the viability of science at Birkbeck is in serious doubt.

Birkbeck College offers a unique place in the University of London and doubt about its future means there will be a further gap in Higher Education provision. As funding for courses and living costs becoming ever more difficult for students to meet, Birkbeck enables people with commitment to obtain a degree whilst earning their living during the day. That Birkbeck has no firm assurance of a future implies that even fewer students will be able to obtain a degree and the shortage of suitably-trained graduates in the workplace will become even more acute.

Exam policy aired

NEWSTEAM

It has been confirmed this week that students will be represented on College committees which consider examination policies. Past complaints over the introduction of a College wide calculator policy has led to acceptance that student reps must have input on these matters.

Mr Vernon McClure, Academic Registrar, explained to *Felix* that in accordance with the continuing delegation of powers from the University of London to IC, the two old Examinations Committees are being disbanded. They last met in November and with their imminent departure they will never have had student involvement.

Mr McClure insisted that "they are University of London committees and there is no provision in the approved constitution of each for student membership." The examining committees' work is due to be taken over by the existing Engineering Studies Committee and Science Studies Committee, both of whom will continue to have a significant student presence.

Final confirmation of the examination committee changes will be taken at the Board of Studies meeting on the 18 June.

Southside barred

KELLY ROBINSON

Regular patrons of Southside Bar who were dismayed to find their usual haunt closed last weekend will be relieved to learn that the bar should be back on stream by Friday. The bar was forced to close last weekend, during what is usually their busiest period, whilst contractors carried out emergency work to meet Licensing Authority standards. An Authority safety officer, who visited the premises on 27th February, ruled recent building works illegal and demanded the bar close immediately.

His decision came after refurbishments to Southside basement in preparation for the new health centre caused an alteration to the bar's emergency exit. This route would have meant students crossing the training room, a plan which the inspector felt involved unnecessary risk.

Whilst the changed route had recently been approved by the District Surveyor, the licensing offi-

cial disagreed and also stipulated that a door leading to a set of stairs, which formed an integral part of the escape route, was too narrow.

Ian Frame, Imperial College's Projects Manager, spoke to the contractors working on the new medical centre and an alternative route was devised. According to Mr Frame all involved, including Ian Caldwell, are "a lot happier with the new route." He further commented that "It will simply involve people walking straight up the stairs and out of the building, allowing no confusion."

To make way for this diversion an existing wall had to be knocked through. If this wall had been a partition, the building work would have been finished in time for Friday night opening. However, the wall proved to be constructed from solid concrete and so the premises remained closed until Sunday evening.

Mr Roger Pownall, Southside Bars Manager was unavailable for comment as *Felix* went to press.

News in Brief

IMPERIAL TOTTY?

According to *Cosmopolitan* magazine "Imperial College is Britain's ideal courting campus" with 71.4% males. The article includes a map showing places that provide supreme meeting/matching/mating opportunities. What they don't take into account is the quality of the male specimen. One female IC student commented, "We have quantity, but quality - well, that's debatable. The Cosmo article was obviously penned by someone who hasn't been to the campus to see the sorry state of affairs."

RCSU ELECTIONS

Amongst a set of immaterial votes for uncontested RCSU Executive Committee posts, the contest for Royal College of Science President stood out as the only ballot with a majority of less than 140. The effect of single-transferable voting was demonstrated to the full when Karl Stand turned an eight vote deficit to

Charlie Joynt into a five vote majority in the second round. First round totals of 132 for Joynt and 124 for Stand became 135 and 140 votes respectively on the second count, when the 39 counts for New Election were redistributed. This pushed Mr Stand two votes past the 138 quota necessary for victory. Returning Officer Duncan Robertson described the turnaround as "One of the most surprising results I've ever seen".

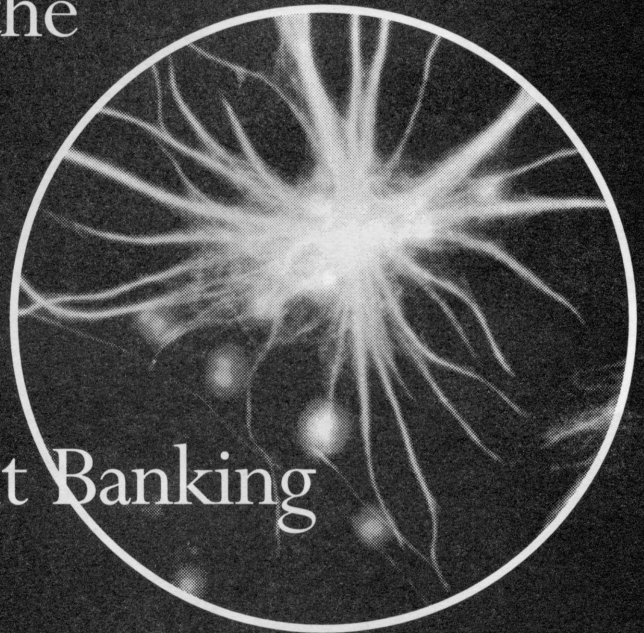
Elsewhere, first years Poppy Buxton and Mo Mansoori took landslide victories as Academic Affairs Officer and Honorary Secretary respectively. Nick Swain took 214 out of 295 votes cast to be re-elected as Honorary Junior Treasurer for 97/98, and Rob Park and Eric Wratten combined to take the post of RCS Vice-President by an overwhelming majority of 186. However, with all these posts uncontested and none of the candidates expressing extremist opinions, the victors were never in doubt.

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NATWEST MARKETS

Long-term problems; Short-term goals



KAIZEN

There are three major problems with nationalised industries. During the 80s, gas, water and electricity all needed quite desperate cash injections. They were known for their inefficient work practices and in most cases a very poor customer service was provided even when there was a great demand for their products. The government of course had the solution - Privatisation.

To get investment in the system that prevailed under the Tories one had to approach the Treasury - a body not known for saying yes. The Treasury of course feared that by appearing to shell out they would be subsidising and promote inefficiency. Thus the water industry had Victorian drains that leaked and BT had exchanges liable to failure. In the present day, London Underground have stations and trains in need of replacement. The state of the system after years of neglect was the main push to sell. Get industry to pay for the investment which the government wouldn't pay for with our taxes while at the same time making money to pay for the next round of tax cuts. The real difference of course was to remove the treasury from the equation and the culture of under investment that prevailed.

With privatisation, BT's 5 and the electricity generators over manning levels were brutally exposed. "The holiday camp atmosphere that was

characteristic of a nationalised company disappeared" said the minister responsible for privatisation. The old inefficient management was removed to be replaced by a progressive, business orientated management which had to be brought in; in order to privatise the industry. Something that was possible where ever the profits were to be directed. Once again the real change was a change in culture.

The last reason for privatisation lies in the introduction of competition in what is a monopolistic market. Competition is said to promote an increase in consumer service and value for money. This is essentially impossible for most of the cases mentioned above, where you can only have one gas pipe to your house. Even for BT it has had limited success where the only serious contender has slowly been forced out of the market. Only for national or international calls have other market contenders found market share.

There is nothing about a nationalised industry that prevents it becoming efficient. It is up to the people at the top to see that this is done. The vast number of column inches recently devoted to Tory sledge surely indicate that their minds were on making as much money for themselves as possible. An efficiently run business can pay for its own investment program. Sometimes, external investment is required but

with a mature relationship with the treasury taking a long term view to cut costs there is no reason why this cannot be achieved. The Post Office is very successful making vast profits for this country's tax payers. With a co-operative relationship with its unions it is able to maintain wage costs at industry levels while still remaining competitive, branching out into new product areas and investing in new cost conscious technologies.

Other than to provide seats on the boards of newly privatised companies for deselected ministers, (Norman Lamont has already been offered a seat on the board of British Gas). This is beginning the question, why privatise? The role of the government should be more as a change agent - an efficient leader looking to provide an efficient service to its shareholders. At the moment the crux of political debate is purely in ideologies. A government should also be judged on how well it runs the companies it is responsible for. However this seems to be lost on the press at this moment, clamouring to shout that 'Just look at how bad nationalised industry is and how badly run it is', also 'Nationalised industry is a bad investment'. There is no truth in this soundbite, its inefficiency due to the undermanagement, it left to rot until the costs of not doing anything about it become too great. The pre-

sent governments policy is to gain cost effectiveness by cutting costs - and let the service live with it. If the financial cuts are not properly won with efficiency gains then it will inevitably lead to a drop in consumer service. Government should be at the heart of business, promoting and carrying through change.

As an aside.... Closer to home and smaller scale, almost the same thing is about to happen in our own college. No such problems exist in our efficient, well run book shop. Since Sheffield had handed over control of the loss making business to the union, it has been turned around to a business which made over £50,000 for union clubs. This year it is set to more than double this figure. Just as this happens, a Sheffield initiative determined that it would be even more profitable for the shop to be tendered out. This with no consultation and no guarantee that there would be ANY money forthcoming for our union. Where the efficiency gains are to be made come from undercutting our own second hand bookstore and using our own internet provider. This action by Sheffield seems only intent on redirecting the profits from our clubs to itself to help fund its own £100m pa level of bureaucracy. Protect our union and protect our bookstore.



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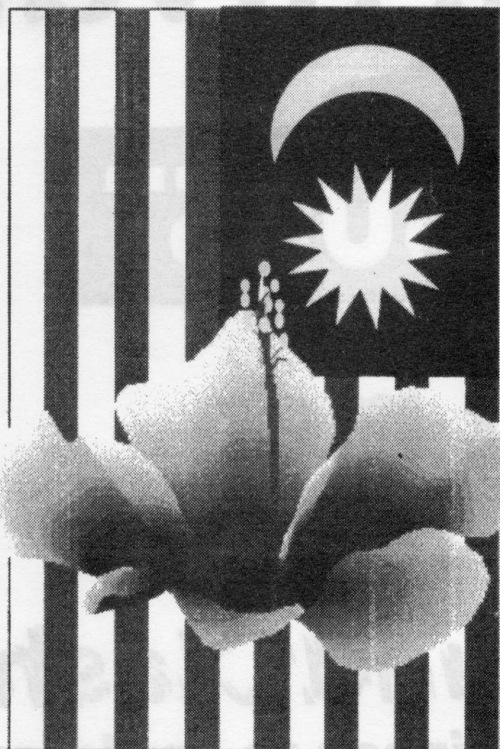
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HIGH TIMES?

The issues surround drug use may enrage large sections of the population, but are of little interest to the young people of the country, and perhaps students in particular. Their exposure to drugs, whether through taking them themselves, or just being around them, means that many students are plainly indifferent to the issues. Derivatives of many hard drugs were openly for sale in chemist's stores last century, and it was considered a normal social habit by many Victorian 'genteel' folk. Although the Police generally turn a blind eye to much soft drug taking, the penalties for drug trafficking are naturally harsh, with profits confiscated and possible life sentences for offenders. All this is a world away from the average casual user, with many equating it with normal tobacco smoking. Write and tell us your views.

In America, pharmacies are called drugstores. This is of course, exactly what they are. They sell drugs of various kinds to people to help with ailments or as an important part of their treatment. Recreational drugs are no different and often less dangerous than their medical counterparts.

Drugs have been taken by people since the Stone Age, and it is only because many of them are now banned that all the criminal problems associated with them: gang warfare, murder, corruption, and prostitution have proliferated. Were drugs to be legalised, it could be controlled by high taxation, hence bring extra revenue for the Government.

Drugs could be properly marketed and packaged, with suitable government warnings and age limits. Advertising could be restrained under the same rules as cigarettes, given that they kill far more people with cancer, emphysema and heart attacks. It is not surprising, given the stresses of modern life, that more and more people take drugs as solace. It is not only the young or 'delinquents' that take drugs: it is a fashionable habit among many highly-paid city traders.

Are we to penalise such a section of our population, whose only crime was to indulge in a personal habit. Surely it is a question of liberty.

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Drug taking is considered a harmless hobby by many people today, and for the most part, with people having the odd spliff at parties, it is relatively innocuous. Few people would doubt that the harder stuff is dangerous to your health and is known to be addictive. Only a tiny minority of people addicted to heroin or cocaine started out intending to be addicts, and a smaller minority of these would not have previously been taking soft drugs.

This is the problem with legalising cannabis or any other soft drug. The question we need to ask is not whether occasional users will be harmed if they only stay on comparatively safe drugs (although they are all far more dangerous and addictive than tobacco and alcohol), but whether a change in the law will actually be of any help to anyone. It won't; the law is there to protect people. If it is compromised by legalising soft drugs, the public will consider them safe and usage would sky-rocket.

More people would naturally move onto harder drugs, providing the drug-dealers with just as much, if not more profit than they were making already. This is certainly the case in the Netherlands, with many of the original proponents of Europe's most relaxed drugs laws regretting their decision due to the increase in drug trafficking, and hard drug usage. Heroin addicts often share needles, transmitting a plethora of diseases, including AIDS. Would the taxpayer have to provide for fresh needles and other equipment to prepare these cocktails of doom? The legalisation of narcotic substances compromises the essence of society and family values, and is another step down the path to disintegration.

IS DRUG PROHIBITION OUTDATED?

Could you define for me what your job as Director of Personnel entails?

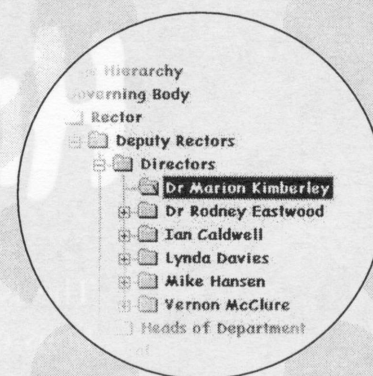
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How long have you been at IC in your current position? What was your previous job?

I have been here for 13 months, and before this I was the Executive Dean of the NHLI (she was in favour of the merger, seeing it as an opportunity for a good alliance).

What was your first job, how much were you paid and how long did you hold it?

My first job was as a mathematics lecturer at Goldsmith's College on a salary of £1,016 pa, a fortune in those days. I went on to become the head of department, then the Dean of Science and Mathematics. I was there for 20 years. As a student, I did all the traditional student vacation jobs: working in a laundry, doing the Christmas Post.



homes and two grandchildren.

Which do you prefer - doughnuts with jam or doughnuts with holes?

With Jam, I suppose, though I don't have a particularly sweet tooth. I suppose the sharp taste of the jam, I like sharp jam, it contrasts with the puffiness of the pastry.

What was the last book you read?

Alan Bennett's Writing Home. I tend to have

Would the real Dr Marion Kimberley please step forward...

One summer I even worked in a Max Factor factory - it gave me a headache. Oh, and when I was 14 I played the piano for ballet classes.

Do you enjoy working here? What are the challenges that face you?

Yes, though there is too much work to do. I have spent this year restructuring the division to make it easy. The expectations for the senior staff are onerous though once my division is restructured the workload should be more reasonable. I have 33 staff in my division which will increase by a third after the mergers.

Has your role within College changed while you have been here?

It has changed much yet! I have spent the whole year analysing what the division does, what College does. The current workload means that 'fire-fighting' dominates my day.

When, if ever, you leave here, what would you like to be remembered for?

I would like to be remembered for having made a difference for the benefit of people. I would like to see a balanced esteem given to others, that is staff other than academic staff. Also the imbalance of women at the senior level should be resolved. IC should be more progressive on women's representation.

Does this make it more difficult working here?

Not really, I have spent all my life working in this sort of environment.

What do think of the recent attempt by the

Sabbaticals from Kings to remove the ULU post of Womens' Officer?

The problem is that there are arguments both ways. There is a plus side to positive discrimination, yet we don't want to disadvantage half the population. It would be better if there was an equal ops officer rather than just a womens' officer.

How will the new Asylum and Immigration Act affect your work?

On an operational level, it means that we will have to be a bit more intrusive into peoples lives, and personally, I don't like that. Other than that, it is highly unlikely to affect anyone employed by IC.

Where were you born and brought up?

Bournemouth

Where did you go to university? What did you read?

Westfield College, in the University of London where I read maths, and also my Doctorate.

Who has had the biggest influence on your life?

My mother and father for their strong principles: honesty, hard work and fairness. My parents were unusual for their generation, they had a forward looking approach to things and they were very open especially about things like sex.

What do you do in your spare time?

Haven't got any at the moment. I used to sing in a choir and go to concerts, the theatre, cinema and aerobics, before my husband died we used to go dinghy sailing. Children: one at uni, two with

five on the go at once and fall asleep reading one of them.

What is your favourite book?

I don't have a favourite and I don't like thrillers, but I do like a mystery with a good plot. Hold on, I've just thought of my favourite, it's Testament of Youth by Vera Britten.

Could describe an anecdote typical of you time as a student.

I can remember three things that stand out from my time as a student. When I was at Westfield College, in Hampstead, we had to wear gowns to lectures. We had to cross from our halls and I can't tell you how many times I impaled my gown on a door handle.

Secondly, when we had fire drills in these houses, we were hoisted out of the upper story window in a canvas seat.

Lastly, when the Queen came to open the new science department, the local authority spent several days repainting the local bins and road markings. I found it amazing that they thought that the Queen couldn't handle seeing a bit of dirt.

Are you a monarchist?

No, I am against any form of hereditary system.

Succinctly as possible, how would you describe today's students?

The very nature of my job means that I don't come across student's very often, only in lifts! The student I know best is my daughter who is bright, responsible and nice to know, and I assume Imperial College students are the same.

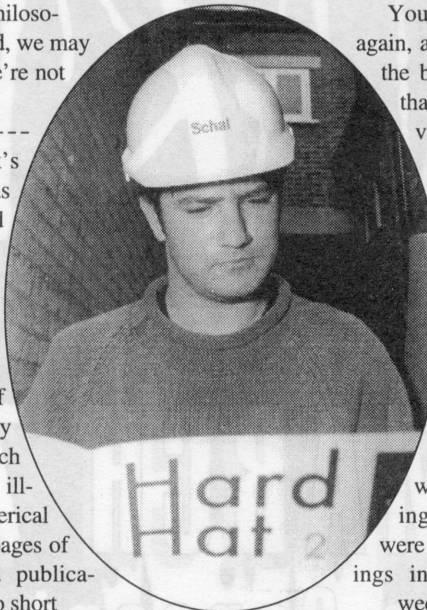
Since this article is well behind schedule, I am able to pass comment on the Election results. Not Wirral South (allow a man his private grief) but our own little shindig. All in all, you, for the most part, voted sensibly. Congratulations to Smita, Rob And Jeremy, whom I know will do a sterling job next year. As for the Presidency, the result was hugely relieving. I have now seen four campaigns, and this has been without doubt the most pathetic. The two candidates (I suppose that should be three, including New Election, who behaved impeccably throughout) left us in doubt that they were running for no other reason than to shore up decidedly soggy CVs.

Suggestions to turn ICU into a brothel, for example, are fine as slightly jokey asides, but in the absence of any real ideas and proposals, one is left feeling that this is a major plank of the manifesto. In the light of this and other examples of outright stupidity, mitigated only by one of the candidates having the good sense to throw in the towel, it is hardly surprising that New Election won by a landslide. IC does not have the most sophisticated electorate in

the world (witness the pathetic herd instinct at Mary's), but to suggest that *Felix* unfairly coaxed students into voting this way is laughable. As one of the great philosophers once said, we may be daft, but we're not stupid.

Last week's *Felix* was a j a m m e d packed with bits worthy of mention. The piece on the Monarchy is not one of these. Rarely have I seen such contemptuous ill-informed, hysterical drivel on the pages of this esteemed publication. Life is too short to waste time responding to this sort of rubbish, particularly given that the moron that wrote it remained anonymous, so I shan't. I loved the interview with Mike Hansen, which

Simon Baker



Voice of Reason

came as a surprise to me. Full marks for your devastating honesty, Mike, saying that you are not particularly worried about waste in your department. You can say that again, as I suggested on the back of the page that had your interview. If your conscience is completely clear on the efficiency front, someone in your department is concealing a lot from you.

The piece on accommodation was very interesting. Since there were few rich pickings in the SCR this week, I followed the lead of my esteemed colleague Don on IC Dystorter and climbed up Queen's Tower to spy the rubbish rustling around down below, looking for anything useful. I was in luck. Simon

Wistow stated that halls of residence suffered from a crippling lack of funds. This is not strictly true. The money is there, but Estate's seem loathe to spend it. Among the crisp packets blowing in the wind, I saw something that said Estates under-spent on residence annual maintenance contracts by 53% in the year to 31st July 1996. Mr Wistow and his investigators will be delighted to hear that this is not afflicting all walks of College life; £164,500 was spent when Suite Five was beautified. As of the 31st September 1996, there was £1.2 million in the residences long term maintenance capital account. Also, as I heard in the foyer of Sheffield, 23% of the residences budget goes on cleaning, almost as much as the 31% spent on premises themselves. Given the huge number of cleaners I remember from my days in Linstead, this does not surprise me. Bearing in mind that 14% of the total budget goes on their wages alone, this is an issue which must be tackled. A shortage of cash is not the problem. A willingness to spend it and spend it wisely is the problem in this case. *Plus ça change...*

Afua Osei asks why national voters abandon those who stole their policies for the ambiguities of the main parties

The "New Election" result for IC president was a joy to behold; one could only dream about this kind of result happening in the national arena. Imagine it, the entire British electorate voting "New Election"-wishful thinking as this option is unavailable on national ballot papers. However the British public could still choose rebellion from the apparently amorphous, indistinguishable Labour and Conservative parties in favour of a party who at least have the honesty to give us a defined set of absolute promises of their plans for power.

This result would dynamically shatter the whole foundations of the Labour party, as well as totally obliterating the careers of Blair, Brown and Harman. Labour would have nowhere to turn, it would have sailed the tides of socialism, liberalism, and now left wing conservatism. Labour would be relegated to the political archives.

Meanwhile the bullying Conservative party whips, courtesy of Gorman, Howard and Portillo would grab that party by the horns (with the inevitable ousting of John Major) and veer towards the extreme right. They would embrace absolute extreme free market economics and nationalism. They would even have

the disastrous, transient flirtation with fascism; alienating the prosperous ethnic business communities who Major has taken pains to woo. They would lose a significant percentage of their loyal business community, who accept total British co-operation in European integration as a painful necessity, if London is to become the financial centre of Europe.

Amongst others, the Liberal Democrats are at present attempting to force themselves into this mould, with their pledge of a 1p increase in income tax simultaneously destroying their electoral chances and marking them out as the one major party to offer a realistic, believable manifesto. At the same time, the Scots and Welsh Nationalists, and even Jimmy Goldsmith's bunch of weirdos, are able to pick-up a multitude of voters, as their supporters can at least rest assured that they know what policies their vote is mandating. And although many people would claim that a vote which did not go to a Labour or Conservative candidate constitutes a pointless, worthless protest, surely last Tuesday night has taught us all that if the disenchanting and the downhearted band together, then the sum total of their feelings can (and will) be heard.

London Bridge to Waterloo (East)

Across the river, monsters,
Giant Godzillas groping,
For pride of place in the pile
That lives upon an ocean
Of floating finance food
For business suited sharks.
Money grows on trees
In these 1990's parks.

The past is on my side,
Coronation Street chimneys rising,
Brown bricked buildings falling down
Like London Bridge, but hiding
In the ancient alleyways,
Grimey shirted gravelmen,
Returning home to terraced tears
That people wept in 1910.

Separate sides of London live,
Across the deep and dirty Thames.
The rich and poor, the old and new,
Are both on view from travelling trains.
And as I watch this timewarp tell
A tale of different destinies,
My mind is split apart in two
By river, time and empathy.

- -Keith- -

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LETTERS TO FELIX

art societies

Dear Felix,

With a hint of amusement and a large helping of shock I read the interview with Smita Chaturvedi. I feel it necessary to educate the new D.P. (Clubs and Societies) elect of the actual size of the art societies within in Imperial College Union.

To dismiss the "art societies" as both small and withdrawn, highlights the candidate's naivety and arrogance with respect to the Clubs and Societies of the Imperial College Union.

In order to give some idea of the error made in dismissing "they" (art societies) as small, I would like to point out that one such society, ArtSoc with 200 members each year, has one of the largest, if not the largest membership base of any club or society within the Imperial College Union.

Finally, a big hint!! This is a recommendation to all the potential Sabbs; talk to the "ARTS Societies" before dictating what you think they need.

Yours most artistically,

Lucie Purcell

ArtSoc Chair

SftW attacked

Dear Felix,

I am writing to ask why the first page of the review of Mars Attacks! in Something For The Weekend last week, gave away the entire plot of the film. This totally spoiled my enjoyment when I went to see the film last weekend. In my opinion a review should tell the reader generally what the film is about and whether, in the opinion of the reviewer, it is any good. It should leave the reader to find out most of the plot when they see the film, especially the ending!

P. Hickman (chem 2)

finance figures

Dear Felix,

I am able to report that Clark Kent is not the Director of Finance of the University of Nottingham.

I have checked and on a comparable basis they have 60 staff in their Finance function which compares with 78 in ours. Given the difference in the sizes of the organisations I reckon that puts us on a par.

Although we are always trying to improve our effectiveness, the Simon Baker statistic of last week is I am afraid a Benchmark Too Far.

Best wishes,

Mike Hansen

Director of Finance

licensing laws

Dear Felix,

This letter is to clear up any rumours that may be flying around, after the early closure of the bar in the Union on Friday night. The Union bars currently operate on Special Order Exemptions, which the local licensing authorities issue at their own discretion. Last Friday, they decided only to issue a bar extension until 12:30am. Having already obtained the rest of the licenses for the remainder of term, can I assure you that the Union run bars will continue to open until 1am on a Friday night, and 2am for the Easter Carnival on March 21st.

Secondly... Congratulations to POG for getting loads of mileage out of a nothing incident at Abandon! The drug issue is one that I have no real strong opinion on, but as the representative of the Union on licensed premises, the bottom line is that drugs are illegal and my decision was taken to prevent any action against the Union.

Speaking personally, I have no interest in what students do in their

own homes, but once they jeopardise the Union's licence (and our ability to open to 750 students every Friday night) then I have a duty to act, if only to allow us to continue to open.

Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to explain the Union's position.

Mark Horne

Events and Marketing Manager

obscene bureaucracy!

Dear Felix,

A few weeks ago I attended a short First Aid course, given at this college by a visiting speaker. I was rather bemused by the appearance, at the end of the session, of a great wad of forms and questionnaires to be filled in, demanding to know, amongst other things, my ethnic origin. This is just typical of the type of bureaucracy we are up against in IC these days, which constantly hinders people trying to go about their daily business. I was very annoyed about this, so I decided to make an official complaint about it.

A little research showed that the form originated from the offices of CRAP, the college's Committee for the Retardation of Anything Positive, situated on the top floor of the Sherfield building. I gave them a call, but was promptly told that they would not pay any attention to me unless I used the proper procedures to state my grievance. They directed me to a small, open-fronted shelter outside the building, where I was informed that I would have to fill in and return, in triplicate, a lengthy form called Biennial Officially-Licensed Log of Complaints at Kiosks (Supplement).

So I duly photocopied my BOLLOCKS and was just waiting in a queue to get them stamped when I was accosted by a woman from the

Completely Overfunded But Bloody Lousy Environmental Research Society (COBBLERS), who asked me to fill in a 40-page questionnaire about my attitudes to deforestation. I Didn't Express an Opinion, because by this stage I was absolutely fuming about the amount of time I'd spent on this. But she thanked me anyway and allowed me on my way.

With the completed forms I headed up to the CRAP office to return them. But on arrival I realised that I'd forgotten my damn swipe-card, so I couldn't get in. What's more I had also rather absent-mindedly left behind my driving licence, birth certificate and a photograph of myself signed by a professional person who has known me for at least 24 months, so there was no hope.

In the end I just had to send the things off in the post. I thought I'd heard the last of the whole business until yesterday when I received through my letterbox a Federation of Universities and Colleges Official Finalisation Form, telling me that my complaint had unfortunately not been upheld, and that they were very sorry. It took me ages to work out what the hell it was on about as by this stage I had completely forgotten that I had ever made a complaint. In the meantime I thought to myself that it's a good job that the Federation don't also represent kindergartens, as that would spell something rather rude.

Yours sincerely,

James Clarke

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Deadline for letters in Felix 1083 is Friday 14th March.
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Reception work available in the Union Office next term. Experience of the Union and the way it works would be an advantage Please call into the Union Office and see Michelle Lewthwaite, Office Manager, or call her on ext :- 48060

Imperial College & Science Museum Libraries

The major demolition work on the Library building was successfully completed in February. In order to complete the electrical installation to the new floors, the power supply to the building has to be turned off for two days. To minimise disruption to services this will be done at a weekend.

THE LIBRARY WILL BE CLOSED ON SATURDAY 15 MARCH 97

Please note: Quiet study facilities for IC students will be available in the Senior Common Room, on level 2 of the Sherfield Building, on Saturday 15 March between 09.00 and 18.00 hours.

ELIMINATION BY CLANSMAN

- Mountain boundary
- Two synonyms
- Individual backer
- Two anagrams
- Circle digit
- Two with lap
- Below the city?
- Two with tail
- Battle lair
- Two forming returned information
- Place an item
- Two for illuminating thought?
- Hit connection
- Two with pay
- Case outfit
- Two for completely loyal
- Damage the argument
- Two making envoy
- Native soil
- Two for stationery holder

Eliminations:

Simple really. Look at the statements on the left and try and find two words from the list on the right that match it. Keep going, and you should find that you have eliminated all but one of the words.

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|----------|------------|
| 1. up | 22. hill |
| 2. ate | 23. home |
| 3. day | 24. land |
| 4. den | 25. link |
| 5. leg | 26. ring |
| 6. mar | 27. side |
| 7. out | 28. suit |
| 8. row | 29. town |
| 9. set | 30. true |
| 10. top | 31. brave |
| 11. war | 32. claim |
| 12. ally | 33. crate |
| 13. back | 34. dream |
| 14. blue | 35. frame |
| 15. bold | 36. shell |
| 16. case | 37. piece |
| 17. coat | 38. trace |
| 18. cuff | 39. finger |
| 19. down | 40. pencil |
| 20. feed | 41. person |
| 21. gate | |

Solution to 1078's Elimination:

a) (4,27); b) (25,40); c) (32,2); d) (11,19); e) (6,39); f) (34,8); g) (24,9); h) (28,37); i) (15,29); j) (30,31); k) (1,41); l) (26,36); m) (13,20); n) (22,21); o) (14,33); p) (35,17); q) (38,7); r) (12,10); s) (23,16); t) (5,3)...leaving "trip" (18).

Solution to 1080's Elimination:

a) (20,38); b) (16,18); c) (12,30); d) (17,27); e) (10,4); f) (39,7); g) (41,11); h) (24,25); i) (19,28); j) (6,34); k) (9,15); l) (8,37); m) (29,36); n) (35,2); o) (32,33); p) (5,23); q) (40,26); r) (22,3); s) (14,13); t) (1,31)...leaving "pram" (21).

Solution to 1079's Prize Crossword:

Across: 1. Discovery, 6. Sable, 9. Era, 10. Ontario, 11. Tunic, 12. Korea, 13. Nidus, 16. Ninja, 18. Aye, 19. Slalom, 20. Resit, 22. Primo, 24. Vents, 26. Danger, 28. Use, 30. Niche, 33. Title, 36. Needs, 37. Event, 38. Tenants, 39. Eat, 40. Noser, 41. Horoscope.

Down: 1. Drown, 2. Sated, 3. Orris, 4. Evoke, 5. Yearly, 6. Satan, 7. Bananas, 8. Enchanter, 14. Ill, 15. Until, 17. Amp, 18. Abide, 19. Seventeen, 21. Ennui, 23. Ode, 25. Nucleus, 27. Eel, 29. Sheath, 31. Enter, 32. Ester, 33. Tints, 34. Tango, 35. Ensue.

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THE LATEST SCORE

From *Felix's* sports pundit Dave Robinson.

In one of the most important weeks for English sport in recent history, things have so far gone badly wrong, the effective deciding match of Five Nations has been lost and one of our remaining three football teams in European competition has thrown it away.

Saturday completed a pretty miserable week for Phil de Glanville, omitted from the preliminary British Lions squad, he captained an England side that saw it's ambition go up in smoke. England had the French reeling after Grayson's drop goal - but sat back as they for once they had a sizeable league in the early stages. Twickenham went silent apart from the French contingent as it was suddenly realised that it was the opponents who would win the Five Nations.

And then last night possibly our best hope of a European trophy was extinguished. I then had to listen to some demented Geordie telling me exactly how unfortunate Newcastle were on Tuesday night [and what's wrong with Geordies? - Your Geordie Sport's Ed.]. He seemed to think that the absence of Shearer, Ferdinand and Asprilla was a valid excuse for losing the home leg of this tie. Every other side in England has a reserve team so that should such an eventuality occur, you don't have to stick a midfielder up front on his own. Well poor old Newcastle, sorry - poor old rich old Newcastle. This club has spent more than everyone else put together, creating a gutless bunch of talented individual players who cannot play as a team to save their lives. They could not even field a decent side for one of the most

important games of the season. It has been shown that any team that goes to St. James's Park with the belief that they can neutralise the attack, such as Southampton, will come away with a result. Tottenham missed their first three choice strikers earlier in the season but at least they kept their heads above water. Had Newcastle not been so confident to let Huckerby and Kitson go they might have mustered a goal. For a team of supposed quality, their defence was ripped to shreds a little too often for comfort. The remarkable ease with which Ipkeba and Anderson were able to trouble Hislop was verging on embarrassing. This all goes to confirm that the club won't win anything - ever, as long as they adopt such a cavalier attitude to every aspect of the game. It can only be hoped that both Manchester United and Liverpool put up more staunch resistance against continental opposition.

The FA has finally accepted that England can play home internationals away from Wembley. England's first match against South Africa - holders of the African Nation's Cup - will be played at Old Trafford. Given the lack of interest shown in friendlies before the European Championships, this has come too late. Unfortunately the only reason for the shift is that Wembley will be in use for the Nationwide League play offs. The idea could certainly be taken further, the crowds proximity to the pitch at some older grounds is guaranteed to increase home advantage, 55,000 Mancunian Neanderthal's screaming at the opposition is bound to put them off.

It's the pits for the lady miners

We played Charring Cross earlier this term. We didn't like them then. We really don't like them now.

Their act of generosity in donating a player to strengthen our side to an impressive count of nine participants, was soon forgotten as the umpiring became blatantly biased. The umpire was instructed by one of their players and some extremely weird rules were introduced. It was only fifteen minutes into the match when Sarah intervened, and left the pitch to the umpire.

In the second half, our guest Charring Cross player took over the umpiring and Sarah returned. Thanks go to Maria (our supporter) for helping us out by playing hockey for the

very first time in the second half.

The extra space on the pitch eliminated confusion and co-ordination developed in our game, chiefly between Alex, Roz and Selina.

Estella and Maria cleared the ball quickly and effectively following more cunning saves from Emma.

Sarah worked easily up the pitch, facing only inaccurate and pathetic opposition. This resulted in several beautiful shots across goal by Roz which had great potential for scoring. Unfortunately the goals didn't quite happen - there were just too many of them.

It's tough to win with a full team and one referee opposing.

RSMWHC 0 - 3 Charring Cross

Chess checks in

Imperial College played Crowthorne in the national handicapped rapid play championships. With an Average ELO of 2250 we were heavily outgraded, and therefore needed only 2.5 / 8 to win. Imperial College scored exactly 2.5 / 8 and so go through to the next stage. The results were:

Matt Piper 1.5 / 2 vs. ELO 2370

Dom Goodwin 1/2 vs. ELO 2270

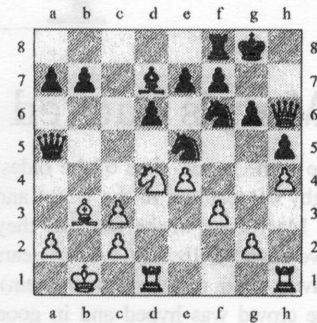
Dave Tang 0 / 2 vs. ELO 2225

Lloyd Kilford 0 / 2 vs. ELO 2145

Below is the win scored by Dom Goodwin playing his favourite Sicilian defense

1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.Nge2 g6 4.d4 5.Nxd4 Bg7 6.Be3 d6 7.Qd2 Nf6 8.f3 0-0 9.Bc4 Bd7 10.0-0-0 Rc8 11.Bb3 Ne5 12.h4 h5 13.Bh6 Bxh6 14.Qxh6 Rxc3! 15.bxc3 Qa5 16.Kbl

refer to diagram



b5!! 17.g4 Nc4 18.gxh5 Qxc3 19.Qcl Nxh5 20.Rd3 Qb4 21.Rgl e5 22c3 Qc5 23.Ne2 Rb8 24.Rg5 a5 25.Qgl Qa3 26.Qcl Qc5 27.Rdl? a4 28.Bxc4 bxc4+ 29.Kal a3 30.Rxh5 gxh5 31.Rgl+ Kf8 32.Qh6+ Ke7 33.Qxh5 Qb6 34.Qg5+ f6 35.Qcl Qb2+ 36.Qxb2 Rxb2 37.Ng3 Rh2! 38.Rhl Rg2 39.Nf5+ Bxf5 40.exf5 Kf7 41.h5 Kg7 42.Kbl Kh6 43.Rd1 Rb2+ 44.Kcl Rxa2 45.Rxd6 Rf2 46.Kbl Rxf3 47.Rxf6+ Kxh5 48.Rc6 Rxc3 0-1

Runners rule the roost

A generally good performance from IC cross-country, enhanced by the hot pants worn by the King's College women, was marred by the retirement of Gaffer at the start of the second lap. His pink dress was too uncomfortable.

Yellow-arse, love-life now intact [Do we get invites to the wedding? - Sports Eds] and Flasher, enjoyed a pre-race drink at the bar before turning in their best performances of the year. The Rolling Stone put in the

greatest sprint finish, event though there was no-one around him!

Gaffer surrendered his pink dress to Slapper and Dumpster who fought over the rights to it after they failed to turn up to the bar afterwards.

The women sealed victory in the league even though Jennie jogged it, and Dawn missed the finish.

Anyone interested in competing in the University of London Athletics Championships on the fifth of March contact d.anoufriou@ic.ac.uk.

IC football in not crap shock

Yet again the conditions were against IC, playing away to league leaders LSE in the usual windy conditions. The weather made it difficult to slip into the slick passing style that we have so successfully copied from the second team.

The first half was tending to a draw until five minutes from half time our smooth-talking and inspirational captain Donal passed to "Pretty boy" Alex who successfully took on the keeper, dancing around the stranded goalie and making the score one-nil to IC, a due reward for our domination, sturdy play and sheer good looks.

The second half commenced in a fiery fashion with Chris "Psycho" Solberg regaining form and sending an LSE player to hospital with torn ligaments - although when the ambulance turned up Chris ran off as they thought the men in white coats had

come for him.

Following this incident a pass from our Nordic Nightmare Germund resulted in a second goal for Spanish Superstar Alex. LSE heads dropped and our professionalism set in as we defended like Italy.

This was one of our better performances with particular mention to the mighty Robo (for midfield strength), Jamie (who learned from his mistakes) and Alex (who had pretty hair). A good performance and with a few more like this the league should be ours. We have now beaten every team in our league and have won 5-2 and 6-2 when fielding our three first-choice strikers Alex, Amo and Ike. Our title challenge is in the balance with the league leaders needing to drop points if we are to triumph and bring the league title to where it belongs.

ICFC I 2 - 0 LSE I

FELIX SPORT

Mary's sucked dry by vampires

The scene is set - one of the oldest rugby competition in the world and St. Mary's are in the final, as they have been for the last twenty years (having won the thirteen of them). The crowd was hyped and in good voice for the match of the season for St. Mary's, and their opponents Guy's and St. Thomas's. Mary's didn't seem too worried by the vampiric habits of the Guy's players especially after the first match of the day, in which the Mary's Thirds had beat the Guy's Thirds in a closely fought 17-14. The match kicked off and Guy's took an early lead with some consecutive penalty kicks, but fly-half Clifford pulled back with a penalty kick. The Guy's fly-half took an amazing penalty kick from the halfway line with only a slight following wind to put them ahead by a margin of six again.

Half an hour into the match and Jim Platt scored a beautiful try set up by Simon Rogers in a constructive run which looked to have the Guy's players floundering. Unfortunately the try was not converted. The match at this point was looking fairly even, but without any change to the score, until with a few minutes remaining, the stronger looking Guys' backs scored a try and converted it, shortly followed by a penalty kick. Half-

time score to 22-11 to Guy's.

The second half brought a tighter defence to both sides and for the most part the Mary's side spent a lot of time in the Guys' half, without being able to show anything for it, despite some good runs by Rogers and Elliot. After twenty-five minutes with no score change Guy's scored (again with two penalty kicks in a couple of minutes).

Another Rogers run led to a flourish of rucks which were Mary's dominated and so moving them from their own half deep into the Guy's defence, but to no avail. The Mary's players tried to keep their hopes up but with five minutes remaining they battled on. With a failed penalty kick from Guy's, Mary's touched down the ball, which led to a scrum, where there was a Guy's try, but there was no conversion. Full-time, and the blood-bound Guy's team had won. In all the match had a great buzz about it, and in particular it seemed that great attention had gone by Mary's into practising their line-outs, as Tremelling won a vast majority of line-outs for them. Mary's may not have won it this time, but will be back next year in the final as they have won the event twenty-nine times in it's 122 year history.

StMRFC 11 - 33 Guy's Hospital

Sedentary sport spectacular

A tense Saturday afternoon of card play crowned the resurgence of IC Bridge Club. ICBC has come second for the past 2 years in the annual London intercollegiate teams competition, The Chelsea Cup, making victory this year especially sweet. Congratulations to the first team of Dom 'the Bat' Goodwin, Joynur 'Planet' Rahman, Brian Wong and Mark 'Zebby' Schaffer, who beat LSE 1, by 21 VPs over 12 rounds.

This success is a sign of the strength of the whole club, not just our top players. IC's bridge club is now more active than any other college's, fielding 5 of the 13 teams

competing in this event. For the uninitiated of you, bridge is nothing to do with old ladies' tea parties and everything to do with skill, judgement, beer and merriment (not necessarily in that order). Anyone interested in this socially vibrant club - come along to the Clubs Committee Room on the top floor of the union building 6pm any Tuesday night, or contact g.cope@ic.ac.uk for details. Beginners are always made welcome.

Finally, a special mention for the 5th team, who whopped the 4ths in every way (except in the beer stakes after the match...).

A sports editorial

This week's sports pages see a welcome contribution from the chess and bridge clubs. Perhaps this will encourage more of the "alternative" sports clubs to write material as well.

This weekend sees the swordsmen going for national BUSA glory, and the football firsts and fourths furthering their respective title challenges. See you next week, possibly.

Miners gotta lotta bottle

After five years of trying, the RSM rugby team brought "The Bottle" back to the union bar. The game was a fiercely fought contest from the start, Cambourne literally fighting for the ball. The weight of the RSM pack always meant that Cambourne would struggle in the scrums, with

favour.

RSM took full advantage which led to a try from Man of the Match Stuart. Cambourne were quick to come back with a forwards' try in the corner. RSM replied from the kick-off, after the first maul, the ball came back to them. Jeff, the fly half, took



RSM taking several strikes against the head early on in the game. Special mention goes to our two props Jamie and Murray for their efforts. Lineouts were another of RSM superiority, with Omar catching everything that came his way.

After twenty minutes RSM opened the scoring with a try in the corner from Matt. At half-time only the one try separated the teams, but now RSM had the wind in their

the ball and delivered a killer blow, with a superb drop-goal from half way.

With victory assured and with hordes of cheering supporters wetting themselves, it only remained for the RSM to hang on for five minutes. "The Bottle" was finally held aloft by the RSM captain Martyn, and now it sits proudly behind the union bar.

RSMRFC 18 - 5 Cambourne

Football fourths' title charge

After going a goal down as early as the second minute, ICFC fourths dominated the game. Although only one-all at half-time we should have been leading and the reasons for this were bad misses by Pete, Darren and Morgan. Darren came good in the

second half, completing his hat-trick, and Adam put us four-one up. A penalty was controversially conceded late on in the game which keeper Stu' almost saved. A good win for IC, nearly confirming promotion.

ICFC IV 4 - 2 LSE V

RESULTS

MEN'S FOOTBALL

IC I 5 - 2 QMW I

IC I 6 - 2 King's I

IC II 1 - 3 RVC

IC IV 5 - 0 School of Pharmacy

IC IV 0 - 2 LSE V

IC III 1 - 5 Royal Holloway IV

WOMEN'S HOCKEY

RSM 0 - 3 Charing Cross

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