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## NEW FELLOWS FOR IC

THE GOVERNING Body of the Imperial College of Science and Technology has elected five new-Fellows of Imperial College who will receive their scrolls of Fellowship at the Annual Commemoration Day ceremony in the Royal Albert Hall on Thursday 23 October 1975:

**Emeritus Professor Harry Jones, FRS**, Head of the Department of Mathematics at Imperial College from 1955 to 1970, Pro Rector 1970 to 1972;

**The Rt Hon. Lord Rothschild, GM, FRS**, Director General of the Central Policy Review Staff in the Cabinet Office from 1970 to 1974, Chairman of N.M. Rothschild and Sons;

**The Rt Hon. Sir Leslie Scarman, PC, OBE**, Lord Justice of Appeal since 1973; Chairman of the Court of the University of London;

**Dr Alfred Spinks**, Executive Director of Imperial Chemical Industries Ltd;

**Miss Margaret Weston**, Director of the Science Museum, Governor of Imperial College since 1973.



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Several positions are open and the work is hard but very interesting and rewarding.

# IC UNION SAYS 'YES' TO EEC

AT A poorly attended meeting last Thursday IC Union overwhelmingly voted in favour of Britain remaining in the Common Market. The debate was, on the whole, characterised by a distinct lack of knowledge about the issues involved.

## IC RAG OR NOT?

AFTER AN extremely successful year collecting a massive £8,500 for charity, the IC Rag Committee has decided that it wants a new name.

One suggestion put forward was that of *LIMP* (London, Imperial) *Rag*, with a crutch as its symbol, but since this might cause offence to certain charities, the Rag committee decided against it.

Now, a competition has been initiated for the purpose of finding a new name. The prize is to be a bottle of whisky and all suggestions for the new name should be sent to: Rag, IC Union Office, on or before Wednesday 28th May. All suggestions will be welcomed.

The main motion was introduced by Terence Pye. This was immediately followed by a 'delete all and insert' amendment by ICU President Trevor Phillips. He spoke at length on the undemocratic nature of the Common Market institutions, and asserted that the powers of decision making would be removed from the elected representatives and placed in the hands of the Brussels bureaucracy. This was followed by speeches for and against the amendment, with the main speeches against concentrating on the theme that "we are already in Europe and we would lose far more if we got out than stayed in." The speeches against were similar to Trevor Phillips' proposal speech except that more details were added to back up the arguments that had already been stated. This

brought a riposte from the RSMU President, John Mortimer, who asked the House not to be taken in by these 'details'. He went on to defend Britain's membership and concluded that we are better off staying in. Trevor Phillips in summing up accused John Mortimer of using "cheap debating points." The amendment was then put to the House and defeated.

A second amendment was then presented which stated that ICU should not take a definite stand on the issue, and that each student should not take a definite stand on the issue, and that each student should be left to himself (or herself) to decide which way to vote. This amendment was also defeated whereupon the debate on the substantive was resumed. Then were further speeches on the motion with the most notable one coming from the PG Affairs Officer, Tom Abraham in which he broke with his left-wing colleagues by coming out in favour of EEC membership. Countering these arguments Mr Phillips described Mr Abraham's points as "Trot-skyist tripe". The motion was then voted upon in parts, the section dealing with the publicising of ICU's position (by writing to Fleet Street papers etc) being taken separately. Both parts were passed. A plea that such a small meeting should not mandate its officers to publicise the opinions expressed in the motion of being those of ICU was ignored.

## More on Hamlet Gardens

FURTHER TO the story on Hamlet Gardens (front page, FELIX No. 387), the IC Union Exec have come to a decision regarding the composition of the committee for selecting new applicants.

It will consist of the President, the Hon. Secretary, the Warden and one of the Sub-wardens of the head tenancy scheme.

20% of the places will be going to re-applicants and the remainder will go to new

applicants. The Warden is to have the same powers of selection of re-applicants as the other wardens.

Additionally, it was further disclosed that the selection committee is to give preference to married students where both parties are IC students. There is also to be approximately the same percentage of places going to each group (second-years, third-years, PG's) as there are applicants in each group.

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# EDITORIAL

Michael Williams

## PEOPLE HAVE ASKED ME:

"Why are you producing two four-page FELICES per week as opposed to, say, one eight-pager per week?"

There are two main reasons for doing this. Firstly, FELIX has never been produced twice a week, so in some respects the two-a-week program can be considered as an experimental pilot scheme just to see if it can be done single-handedly by one person. The answer at the moment appears to be 'yes it can be done'.

Secondly, it can be stated categorically that with all the FELIX staff now studying furiously for exams (they hurt not only the students who are studying for them) it would be physically impossible for me to single-handedly produce an eight (or more) page FELIX simply because of process of finishing called 'collation'. This is where one puts one sheet of FELIX into another to produce the finished article. It would take me in excess of six hours solid to fold, collate, count and stack the 2,200 copies of FELIX which are produced. Sabbatical I may be, Superman I am not.

"What are you going to do after your year as Editor?"

It is strange the number of people who believe that my year as Editor is being used as a stepping-stone into the metastable world of journalism. Nothing could be further from the truth. In September I shall be here at IC commencing studies leading to a PhD in one of the specialised areas of polymer chemistry.

I hope this satisfies everyone's semi-morbid curiosity.



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## LETTER

### BENN AND THE EEC

Imperial College  
10th May, 1975

Dear Sir,

I feel I must bring to your attention the hypocrisy of the ex-hereditary peer and anti-marketeer, Mr Benn.

Following an anti-European speech at Bristol University, he called for a show of hands on whether or not Britain should remain in the EEC. As at IC, the vote was massively in favour of our continued membership, showing that, whatever ridiculous arguments such anti-marketeers bring up, commonsense (which the Left like to call 'ignorance') can prevail. Mr Benn's reply was, "I think that shows something of the social origins of university students." Undoubtedly Bristol, with a medical school of some note, attracts a fair proportion of 'middle class' students, but the implication that there exists a class barrier between those who will vote yes and no in the coming referendum is a myth typical of Mr Benn, a politician who thrives on strife.

Personally I have several reasons for opposing the extremes of right and left on the EEC issue. First and foremost comes my future job security, which will depend,

directly or indirectly, on the success of private enterprise. While there is much criticism of the 'multinationals', the massive inflation and recession following EEC withdrawal would undoubtedly reduce such companies' graduate intake. Secondly, why have three successive governments under Macmillan, Wilson and Heath found the necessity to apply for EEC membership? It appears that throughout the sixties our trade with western Europe and particularly the six increased, with a corresponding decrease in trade with the Commonwealth. Now that we are in the market, without the tariffs of the last decade, and commonwealth countries have found other markets, withdrawal would be very serious. Also, there is the much talked of issue of sovereignty. While the 'internationalists' on the Left want us to reinforce our national barriers and complain of a loss of sovereignty to Brussels, the mere fact that we are holding a referendum shows that we have the final choice.

Finally, vote yes on June 5th - the result of a no vote, politically and economically, on Britain's future, will be disastrous.

Yours faithfully

Francis Toye

PS Bring back the eight-page FELIX ...please!

# PiG AFFAIRS

Tom Abraham

THIS IS the last 'PiG Affairs Corner' from me. My retirement date is fast approaching and my successor, who will be elected at the AGM on the 15th May, will decide whether or not to continue having a regular column in FELIX. My personal opinion is that it is alright provided there are more contributions from rank and file PG's.

The meeting on May 15th should hopefully mark a high point in PG affairs. First there will be reports from the principal officers, John Porter and myself. John will tell you what we have done with our money, how much we have left and what we intend doing with the remainder. I shall give an account of my activities during the past year, including the full truth behind the "P.G.A.O. on the exec?" saga.

We hope to follow this with an important debate on the status of PG's - whether we should be treated as research workers and be paid a reasonable wage or whether we should remain as students. There are advantages and disadvantages in both but on balance I feel that being classed as 'research workers' would be better. This is, and I would like to stress this point, part of a national debate going on among post-graduates and college authorities about PG research work. As an example, Leeds University Senate have proposed a model whereby postgraduates would be employed as 'research assistants' and given six

years in which to produce a Ph.D thesis - ie actually contribute towards the extension of the frontiers of knowledge.

Should the motion on the status of PG's be passed, there will have to be immediate action on one of the principal demands, which is that all 'tuition' fees for postgraduate research students be abolished.

There is also an important motion to be introduced by Richard Upton dealing with the relationship between the PG group and College as well as with the Union. At the moment our powers are not clearly defined. I feel that ICPGG should demand complete policy-making control over PG affairs and ask that ICU and the College recognise our new role.

I hope as many of you as possible will try to come to the AGM in Elec Eng 407 at 1pm on Thursday May 15th. The points to be discussed are very fundamental in nature and since it affects every single postgrad in College, it is in your interest to try and attend this meeting.

## BLOOD DONING

ON WEDNESDAY, Thursday and Friday of this week a team from the South London Blood Transfusion Centre will be visiting the College in a further attempt to extract blood from students. The details of the session may be found elsewhere in this issue and dotted around the College, so I will not repeat them here, except to emphasise for the sake of old hands (or arms!) that the venue has changed from the Union Concert Hall to Southside Lower Refectory. The change is due, not to a nefarious Mooney plot, but to a Dramsoc super-epic on the days in question.

In this article I merely want to point out the urgent and continuing necessity for blood in our hospitals, and to attempt to put paid to some of the myths, half-truths and old wives' tales that people trot out when seeking to justify their refusal to give blood.

Firstly the need for blood is urgent. A large proportion of the blood taken during a session is delivered to the hospitals the same day, and never even sees a blood bank. Blood is usable for up to three or four weeks after donation and the small percentage that reaches this age is not wasted, but turned into plasma which will keep indefinitely. So NO blood is wasted.

Secondly, it doesn't hurt, honest, folks. You merely feel a pin-prick in the arm, and that's it. The blood removed, which amounts to roughly 2/3 of a pint is replaced within a few hours and you'll never know it was missing. It is true that people have been known to feel faint or dizzy after giving blood, but in the main this is more psychological than physical.

Thirdly, it does not take a long time. At most the whole process takes 40 minutes, and typically you can be away in half an hour - including tea and biscuits.

In conclusion, I would just like to urge you all to be public-spirited next week and give freely of your corpuscles, you never know when the compliment may have to be returned.

Ian McWalter



# "Hamlet Gardens Shock"

FURTHER TO our front-page lead of the same name last Friday (FELIX No. 387), DAVE SALISBURY, the IC Union Student Residence Officer, has written this article in reply.

I HOPE to write an answer to the article on Hamlet Gardens which appeared in the issue of FELIX dated 2nd May. The headline has a sub-title of "Clique" Perpetuation" Allegations Made. I have found that one dictionary defines *clique* as an associated number of persons or an exclusive set. The second meaning is nearer that usually meant at IC. This is that it is a small number of students who wish to exclude any other students they do not want with them. I am informed by the Warden of Hamlet Gardens that those students in the flats during the session 73/74 and who wished to remain for session 74/75 were able to remain in the flats. In one way it may be interpreting the word *clique* liberally, in that it excludes some new applicants. However it hardly lives up to the sensational headline of the article: there is not a small band of students living in Hamlet and Cambridge Gardens eternally.

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I was accused of setting up a clique in the second paragraph by trying to allow reapplicants to remain in residence for next year. If this is so then the reapplicants who were successful last year are also a clique, similarly the year before etc.

The third paragraph points out that Trev Phillips questioned my stance on the issue of Hamlet Gardens. First my stance on Hamlet Gardens, which was presented at Council on Monday 28th April. I proposed two motions, the first being that the reapplicants for the session 75/76 be allowed places, the second motion was that the exec 75/76, Student Residence Officer 75/76, and Warden of Hamlet Gardens 75/76 should meet to consider formulating any rules and regulations which may subsequently pertain to Hamlet Gardens and Cambridge Gardens.

**"Jacqui Gerrard then agreed with the article as a whole saying that she thought it was okay."**

My reasons for these proposals are as follows. During last term Jacqui Gerrard asked if I would write an article to appear in FELIX which would explain the situation with regard to who is able to live in Halls, Houses and Flats. This explained the various quotas, eg. 12% reapplicants, 18% PG's etc. in Hall/Houses. The paragraph dealing with the Flats was reasonably vague as there did not appear to be many firm rules. You may remember the sentence "It is policy that students wishing to have a second year in the flats have first choice of which flat and get priority over first time applicants." I wrote a draft copy of the article which Jacqui Gerrard, Ann Henley, (Residence Clerk at the time), Shaun Crofton (Warden) and Mr Seaford (Domestic Bursar) all read. Jacqui Gerrard objected to the words "Union policy" in the above sentence which appeared in the draft. I changed this by dropping the word "Union" along with other minor corrections into a second draft which had the sentence as above. Jacqui Gerrard then agreed with the article as a whole saying that she thought it was okay.

The article appeared on Monday (FELIX was late that issue) 10th March. Closing date for applications was 21st March - less than two weeks later. I therefore assume that students reading this article take it as being truthful - as I did. Now Trev Phillips and Jacqui Gerrard are effectively saying this is not to be so. But when did they say so? Not a month or so before closing date but a matter of days before closing date. No public notice of this appeared in FELIX until the article presenting a biased view appeared. Any changes in the method of selection should be made public a month in advance at least.

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This time factor is my main reason for the first proposal I put to Council, which was defeated by a narrow margin. Next is that instead of reapplicants being notified before or about the end of the Easter vacation and new applicants notified soon after we have the situation where the forms (266 for 146 places) have not been sorted through. This is a drop in the standard of service for some students that is not to be tolerated.

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I obtained two lists of residents of the Flats relating to the sessions 73/74 and 74/75. No list is available for the previous years 71/72 and 72/73. Upon sorting through these lists I have found that less than 30% of the places are occupied by reapplicants, not small enough to be a clique but not big enough to be "the same old clique that gets in year after year" that will not allow any new applicants is it? Some students may remember the circumstances surrounding the setting up of a Warden. He was to be an administrator and to keep a more rigorous control of discipline as there had been a large number of complaints from the neighbours. Having been a member of the Student Hall Committee I hope I am not misrepresenting Hall

Wardens by saying that they do not wish to have a very large proportion of freshmen because they consider the Halls then lack discipline. I feel consequently that the Flats need reapplicants who are hopefully going to exercise some self-control.

Again in the third paragraph of the article Trev Phillips is reported as condemning the action being taken over Hamlet Gardens "which directly contradicts Union policy" to quote the article. In my copy of the Union policy document which a Union meeting will be asked to ratify as true, there is no mention of Hamlet Gardens Cambridge Gardens, Head tenancy flats, Union Flats or any other name under which they may appear. So the article is wrong there and the only action so far taken over Hamlet Gardens is to suspend the selection of applicants which Trev has done. The matter of Hamlet Gardens has been discussed at some exec meetings but no firm action has been decided on selection policy as far as I know.

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A brief resume then of why I do not agree with what has happened/ is happening/ is not happening over the Flats:

1. My article of 10th March about Student Residence.
2. The intervention of Trevor Phillips and Jacqui Gerrard only after this article had been published whilst Jacqui Gerrard had seen the article before it went to FELIX and had okayed it.
3. That any decision now reached means there has been a time delay for applicants - a drop in the standard of service.
4. Present occupants at the beginning of the year (perhaps) knew that they would be able to remain in the Flats now find that they may not necessarily be able to do so but only just before the closing date for applications.

The above hopefully gives a true indication of what is happening at Hamlet Gardens and should correct what was an erroneous and misleading article. What more can I say? (Apart from petty bitching).

## REVIEW

### FILM

#### Tommy (Director Ken Russell)

IN THE film version of Pete Townshend and the Who's Rock Opera "Tommy", Ken Russell's strong, weird images react negatively, for the most part, with the music. Only in one or two scenes did what was happening on the screen add to the power of the second track.

Many of Russell's images were clever and had something to say, many were not and had not, and almost without exception they all failed to find sufficient relevance to the music and lyrics. This was not aided by Ann-Margret (Tommy's Mother) and Oliver Reed (her lover) who, while looking good and acting well, respectively, cannot sing. Can someone explain

the relevance of Ann-Margret swimming in six inches of baked beans which have spewed from a smashed TV?

The two extra numbers written in by Pete Townshend, to add some extra continuity, are not up to the standard of the other songs.

The two places where I felt the visuals complemented the music were in "Amazing Journey" and "Eyesight to the Blind". They just failed to do so in "Acid Queen" which was pushed a little too far.

Guest Artist summary: Elton John as the "Pinball Wizard" - good enough; Tina Turner as the "Acid Queen" - a touch overdone; Jack Nicholson as the doctor, Eric Clapton as the preacher, Robert Powell as Tommy's Father, and Keith Moon as Uncle Ernie - superb, great laugh.

Roger Daltrey does well as Tommy, he's had seven years practice. If you'll take my advice - you'll buy the original Who album, settle back in your headphones, close your eyes, and while away 111 minutes that way. But if you like your mind crushed... ..



# FELIX SPORT

## Brands Hatch Trip for SMC

SATURDAY THE 3rd of May saw the first event run by the newly formed Imperial College Sporting Motorcycle Club. This was a trip to Brands Hatch in order to act as Marshalls at a clubmans road race.

Marshalling involves many roles, the main one being to provide assistance to any riders. Other duties are to keep the track clear from both oil and debris from crashes, giving signals to oncoming riders, by means of flags, of any impending danger and also crowd control.

We arrived at Brands at 12.00 pm, signed on, then took up position on Paddock Hill bend. The riders commenced practicing at 12.30 pm prompt and almost immediately we were in action as two riders collided, fortunately neither were hurt.

The racing was close,

especially the 350cc race in which no few than 5 riders tussled for the lead throughout most of the race. The side car final rounded off a good day during which the sun shone for most of the time. The side car honours going to an 812cc Hadleigh Honda driven by Dave Bexley and passengered by M Skeels.

We were involved in four incidents all told, fortunately no-one was injured and the day was concluded in fine style by a ride around the track itself.

### BLOOD DONING

Sessions will be held in SOUTHSIDE LOWER REFECTORY at the following times:

Wednesday, 14th May	10.00 - 12.00 14.00 - 16.00
Thursday, 15th May	9.30 - 12.00 14.00 - 16.00
Friday, 16th May	9.30 - 12.00 14.00 - 16.00

Please sign for an appointment on the main notice board in the Junior Common Room, College Block.

Any queries should be addressed to:

IAN McWALTER, ELEC. ENG. P.G. (Room 709)

### FOR SALE

Leak Stereo 70 amplifier and Leak Stereofetic FM tuner 1971 models. £35 each or £65 the pair.  
David Hillman Dept. of Chem.  
Phone Int 2575.

**Maths, Physics or Engineer-**  
**Would you like to teach**  
**Maths to A-level, Part, or**  
**Full-time?**  
**Salary £2500 - 3000.**  
**Contact T.Edmonds int2575**

### Female Student Required

A Spanish family living in Seville (city), would like to get in touch with a female student, interested in learning Spanish or spending time in Spain.

We offer free board and lodging and some pocket money; in exchange to teaching English to girls and spending some time with them during their meals. Anyone interested, please write to

Dr Enrique Arjona, 27 Marques De Paradas, Sevilla, Spain.

IC Christian Union Post  
Graduates First Main Meeting  
'The Christian's Attitude to Science'

a talk and discussion by Prof Fairbairn, lecturer in Pharmacognosia from the London School of Pharmacy.

Tuesday 20th May 6.30 p.m.  
Chemistry 231.

All are welcome, including undergrads and College staff.

### AUDIO SOCIETY

"Where Hi-Fi is going: and editors view" a talk to bring you up to date with the latest trends, to be given by Clement Brown group editor of "Hi-Fi Sound" etc.  
Union Senior Common Room  
Wednesday 14th May at 7.30pm  
Members free, guests 20p  
everyone welcome, free coffee

# CROSS COUNTRY AT ISLE OF MAN

Wilf Welford

THE ISLE of Man once again provided the setting for the climax of the cross-country season, and in particular for a motley band of 13 runners plus team masseuse, two children and a dog, representing Imperial College. The festival, organised by the local athletics club, spans the Easter week-end, as well as a vast array of running talent, as can be judged from the results of the 4 mile road race on Good Friday evening.

The early pace was fast, until 3½ miles when a brute of hill brought most mortals to a shuddering halt. Overcoming this obstacle with much aplomb, Charly Allinson led the 1st team home in 63rd in 22:45, followed by the fast finishing speedy Steve Webb and an HW recruit, Stuart Littlewood. Granny Clarke closed in for the first team in 102, to place the first team 22nd out of 36.

The second and third teams were somewhat unnerved by this hill, finishing a humble 33rd and 36th respectively. The hard surface did Tractor Houlbrooke a disservice, and owing to half shaft trouble, he was unable to raise sufficient engine power to take part in the next 2 races. Rob Maddison, returning from a year's absence in the depth of Plessey, ambled home in 165th, convincingly last by over 2 mins. The evening passed peacefully, until a re-enactment of the Battle of Culloden Moor; (the Scots being Edinburgh Zoo, sharing the same hotel as us)—Butcher Cumberland was played by Steve Webb.

Next morning passed restfully, after we had politely turned down offers of training runs of 15 miles and more, from the energetic Scots: we thought the rest would enable us to beat them in the 4 x 3 miles road relay the same afternoon. Our hopes were forlorn, though, in spite of an excellent team performance by the 1st team, finishing 16th, and beaten by both Edinburgh Zoo 'A' and 'B' teams. Results:

IC 'A' - 16th	
Charly Allinson	16.17
Speedy Steve Webb	17.18
Granny Clarke	17.51
Stuart Littlewood	17.21
	68.47

IC 'B' - 32nd	
Ian Isherwood	18.34
Andy Baxter	18.15
Hair Artist	19.15
Andy Davey	20.31
	76.35

IC 'C' - 32nd	
Mr Johnson	20.08
Smooth 'N Easy	
Donnelly	22.47
Babyface Welford	20.29
G Allinson (again)	19.27
	82.57

Not even the third team could produce a run to match that of A. Drunkard (sic) of Edinburgh Zoo: consuming at least 2 cans of ale en route, he sped round in 26.37, a mere 11 mins outside the lap record.

Saturday's festivities were somewhat limited, in view of the fact that the now famous beer-drinking competition was to be held next day. However, this did not prevent Ian Isherwood from nearly getting arrested trying to feed chips to a policeman's dog; the Hair Artist and Wilf were also seen doing weird things with wind-screen wipers. Later that evening, Stuart, after 11 pints and chicken and chips, was obliged to deposit a solid excess in the sink: amazingly, this was the only 'spillage' of the week-end.

If Sunday's fell race was meant to sort out the men from the boys, then most of us should still be in our cots. Proving the exception to the rule was Charly Allinson, undeterred by the gradients, leading us home in 63rd again. Just behind was Granny, beating speedy Steve into 76th. However, our next man home was a real dark horse (and pale, more often than not) as the rest of the 1st team stood in astonishment watching Ian Isherwood romp home in 87th to be the final scorer for the first team.

The second and third teams were evenly distributed in the final 50. Mr Johnson, stimulated by the presence of his wife at the top of the fell, beat Wilf again; Pad and Rob Maddison were credited with equal last. Several of us ran the 6 miles back to Douglas, partaking in the first drinking session of the day en route.

The serious drinking was reserved for later that day. The first team of Pad, Tractor, Wilf and Stuart won the first round by a huge margin; unfortunately, in the second round, we encountered Edinburgh Zoo and Rossendale, the eventual finalists, and we were unable to open our gullets the extra inch to beat them, failing by a few seconds. Protests of spillage fell on deaf ears, so we were left to sup at a more sedate rate. The second team of CH Under (sic (k)), Hair Artist, Andy Davey and Charly Allinson performed creditably on their debut, just knocked out in the first round.

The return to Liverpool next day was fortunately calm, though several stayed on to survey the island. Although not quite as eventful as previous years, we were certainly stronger in the running department than in the past couple of years, and hope to continue this trend at next year's festival.