

THE NEWSPAPER OF IMPERIAL COLLEGE

TOTAL BOYCOTT!

Students Urged to Eat Elsewhere Next Term

The Union is mounting a continuous boycott of all College student refectories from the start of next term.

This drastic action is a Union Meeting's response to the latest 4 per cent price rise and the certainty of large monthly price increases to follow.

An Emergency Union Meeting to be held on the first Thursday next term will also consider a proposal to withdraw Union cooperation from College's "Meet-IC" day.

The Union Executive has made no firm plans for the provision of alternative food but was waiting to see the response to yesterday's boycott. They are urging all students to arrange to eat outside College or bring sandwiches. Lists of restaurants near College will be available.

Faced with the prospect of a 10 per cent refectory price rise in 5 months and the constant refusal of College to consider the Union's views, the Union Meeting decided that an all-out boycott was the only way left to force College to listen to the students. The success of the action now depends on all students observing the boycott.

The "Meet IC" day, to be held on 2nd May, is being organised by College to improve relations between College and the local community. About 300 local residents will be invited to see the College and several Union Societies have been asked to provide exhibits. There will also be a social meeting between the visitors and staff and students.

Union President Mary Attenborough has already written to the societies involved asking them to consider withdrawing from the scheme if the Union Meeting decides not to participate. Several Union activists believe that College would be very annoyed by student noncooperation.

In response to yesterday's one-day boycott of all refectories College closed Southside refectory during lunch and supper, leaving only three refectories for the Union to picket.

College might have done better to close these as well, for very few lunches were served. By 1.30 pm only 17 customers had entered the Union refectory and an alternative food service was doing well.

The Sherfield Buttery was deserted except for one customer at 12.30, normally the peak lunch time period. In contrast a long queue had formed for Union-provided alternative food in the Junior Common Room. Departmental Representative Chris Hunt reported that he had taken over £50 for food such as sausages and hamburgers. His comment: "It is busier than Sainsbury's".

Downstairs in the Sherfield Lower Refectory only 6 people were eating at 1.10 p.m. A few more had got in earlier due to a slow start to picketing at 12.00, but Union Secretary Mike Elkin said that only 12 people had got past him at one door of the refectory. Kirsten Pratt picketing at the main Consort Gallery entrance said that most people had been turned away.

The one-day boycott has been a great success, exceeding all but the most optimistic predictions and there now is every indication that next term's continuous boycott will be successful.



The Union Lower Refectory at 1.15 pm during yesterday's boycott

COUNCIL REPORT

The Union is asking College to buy more houses for student accommodation and to set up head tenancy schemes.

IC Union Council, meeting on Monday, heard that the University Grants Committee is unable to give College any more money for accommodation. The meeting passed a motion asking College to use any money available for investment to purchase the freehold or leasehold of houses and suggested that College could use Housing Corporation finance to build or convert property through a Housing Association.

College is considering taking up a head tenancy in property in Lexham Gardens. Council empowered the Union Executive to enter such a scheme on the Union's behalf if College cannot be persuaded to go ahead.

Posts Filled

Following Sheyne Lucock's resignation Council elected John Passmore as Acting External Affairs Officer. John Passmore has already been elected External Affairs Officer for next year in a vote at last week's Union Meeting.

Deputy President Malcolm Brain is to fill the posts of Council Chairman and student representative on College's Governing Body.

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LETTERS

Dear Sir, - 1. So! Our noble President, Miss Mary Attenborough chose to call quorum at the last UGM (March 8th) simply because she didn't like the motion which was on the verge of being passed. How sickening! The irony was that Mademoiselle Attenborough's election posters were displayed up at the front, and the word 'Democracy' was prominent on them. She knew what kind of a Union she was going to be president of, and she still chose to stand. Simply because she doesn't approve of what the majority of students here feel does not absolve her from acting in accordance with those wishes. Quorum calling is all good fun, but not when it comes from the president. It is a pity that someone who has proved to be so beneficial to ICU, and has shown herself to be genuinely concerned with the welfare of most of her subjects, should be responsible for such perfidy.

2. Will nothing placate WISC. (or WIST or PIST or whatever they call themselves nowadays)? The male strippers were inserted for their titillation, but they'll be picketing as usual. I presume they just like picketing for picketings sake (maybe they hope to be picked up?). If, as I assume, the majority of these pickets are the type that attend the Women's self-defence classes your illustrious publication advertises, then I should like to volunteer my services as a would-be assailant. I can guarantee a very realistic performance.

I have the honour to be Sir, in eager anticipation of the return of The Times, your most obedient and obsequious servant,

Shlomo Godsi ME II

Dear John, - I feel perhaps that I should say a few things about the many insults, attacks etc launched at me in last week's FELIX. Perhaps I will take them in order of importance.

Firstly I dislike intensely being called 'Miss'. I know that most people do this in order to annoy me and I can only admit that it succeeds in doing so. I see no reason at all why a woman should be forced to proclaim her marital status as though it were of prime importance whether or not she has got a 'full time' man. (A woman without a man is like a fish without a bicycle - to quote my favourite saying). For people who finds Ms. totally unpronounceable or for other reasons unacceptable (although its accepted for registration at College and for passport purposes) you are perfectly entitled to call me Mary. If you feel this is bordering on being friendly towards me you can always call me "thingy".

A few people attack me for not behaving the way that a president is supposed to. My major problem is that I think the concept of a

president, as many see it, is hierarchical and therefore not very nice. I didn't really realise I didn't agree with the concept of being president until I was elected and I thought that maybe people wouldn't notice. As far as I am concerned I am just another Union member who happens to do a full time job for the Union. Contrary to popular belief you get absolutely no privileges (except the odd free dinners) by being president certainly no greater power (nor should you do). I therefore object to the fact of having all the disadvantages of being president (like working most evenings and bits of weekends) and also having my rights as a ordinary Union member taken away from me.

Any Union Member can call quorum at a Union meeting and also campaign for someone to be elected to any post in the union (they can also commit slander as long as they pay their own legal costs).

If every time someone called quorum they went out and did a lot of work to make sure the next meeting to discuss the subject was quorate as I did, I can see no grounds at all for complaint. I certainly don't call quorum indiscriminately - in fact once in six years - and it was based on a personal decision that such an important decision - involving the issue of vast repression in South Africa, could not be taken at an inquorate meeting.

Many people challenge quorum just because they are bored with a subject and can't be bothered to argue it out. I can understand getting annoyed with someone in such circumstances - it has happened to motions I support all the time. But I have never been self righteous about my feeling annoyed. Anyone can call quorum whenever they like. We can only ask them to be responsible.

Mark Clegg is obviously completely unable to read or pay attention to UGM's because I disagreed with the Ireland motion enough to have a written amendment which I spoke to at the meeting. Furthermore, I am not out of touch with Union members, I just don't necessarily agree with them! This is not a change. I have always supported lost causes at Union meetings - being in a minority position does not frighten me. Surely I have the right as a Union member to put forward my own personal views as long as my actions as Union President are based on concern for Union policy and as long as I make every possible effort to inform the Union of what is being done on their behalf. That is what I meant by my election slogans for a campaigning, democratic and informed Union.

I did support an election candidate. I do not believe that

Union members are total sheep who follow what "higher authority" tells them (and if they are it's about time somebody educated them out of it). I have campaigned for Presidential candidates for the last 3 years (1976 Nigel Miller got 130 votes, 1977 Peter Chalk got 260 votes and me in 1978 got 1023 votes) mostly unsuccessfully.

Yours non-hierarchically,

Thingy Maths PG

Dear Sir, - We would like to make our views on South Africa quite clear:

- (i) We wouldn't work there
- (ii) Like any fundamental injustice we hope apartheid soon comes to an end.

We were obviously glad to see our proposal on job recruitment passed at the last U.G.M. However we felt it was not interpreted in the spirit it was intended and therefore thought it was necessary to make known the points above.

Yours sincerely,

Mark Clegg M. Corrigan

Dear Sir, - I write to answer Mick Berry's letter in last week's FELIX about I.C. Radio's recent programme changes. I am pleased to see that he is concerned, even though he does not agree with our policy. The changes followed many long discussions (late into the night!) within the station. We felt the specialist programmes were creating much negative feedback with little positive response.

Because our potential audience is small, we must be sure that any minority programme reaches a large portion of that minority. This did not appear to be happening. For example, Opus 301, our classical slot, could not compete with the wider scope and superior sound quality of Radio 3. R'n B, disco, heavy metal, and U.S. Rock can all be heard in our general programming.

Mr. Berry is unfair in calling our output "mindless pop". The station's presenters have a great deal of individual choice as to what music they play, and I feel that this gives a far wider range of musical styles than on most other British radio stations.

The station's aims, set out in our constitution, are: to provide an immediate news service, to relay information of college events, and to entertain hall residents. In order to achieve the first two of these, we must have a reasonable number of listeners. Consequently, our general programmes are directed at the widest audience possible.

Since the changes, we have been giving more attention to good non-music programmes, such as our extensive coverage of the sabbatical elections, and we

intend to expand further in this direction. Next term we are repeating Capital Radio's excellent documentary "Bedsit Jungle", to help listeners find accommodation next session.

I hope Mick now understands the reasons for these changes; I would be pleased to discuss any of these points with him if he should so wish.

Yours sincerely,

John Allen, Station Manager, I.C. Radio

Dear Sir, - It has been brought to our attention that blatant discrimination is being practised by the College authorities. From deep within us we feel that this uncomfortable predicament must be brought to the surface. It appears that most of the mens' toilets in college are supplied with hard scratchy (and noisy) toilet paper, while most of the womens are provided with soft, pink, two-ply toilet tissue (except in Botany - are they hardened to it?)

We men must not sit idly by and let this sexism pass unnoticed. Let those of us of a sensitive nature stand up and lodge a protest. With the backing of a mass movement a motion could be presented to a UGM and an attempt made to rectify this harsh situation.

Yours etc.

N. Morton Biochem PG A. Walker Chem PG

Dear Mr. Harris, - One of my agents informs me that doubt has been cast on my existence. I refer, of course, to the letter of Jan Czernuska which appeared in your esteemed organ last week. My existence is beyond doubt, and furthermore, when the time is right, I shall be swept into power by the multitude of my faithful supporters and shall immediately institute a change in the 'fabric of our society'.

May such mindless cloons as Mr. Czernuska take warning. Yours in indignation,

Jan Czernuska

Dear Sir, - Rastus has noticed that big white chief John Harris has been censoring his articles. Big white chief John Harris had better stop doing this otherwise he will either;

- (i) be made to play a frame of snooker against Al Leclezio, when Al is in one of his better ("I can't play on this table! Any other table! any other table!") moods, or
- (ii) become Rastus' Easter Sunday lunch.

Yours sincerely,

Rastus Adolf Napoleon Odinga Odinga

MORE LETTERS

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FELIX

editorial

Boycott Success

At 1.00 p.m. yesterday I made a quick tour of the refectories to see how the boycott was going. To my delight I discovered only a handful of people eating in Sherfield Lower Refectory and the JCR Buttery with one or two in the Union Lower Refectory. The pickets were pleased that so many people had observed the boycott and had chosen to eat either the alternative food or eat off campus all together.

This shows that students do care about the cost of their meals and are prepared to take the effort to lodge a protest. I hope college are suitably shocked (... and stunned) and will now seriously consider the proposals put forward by our representatives on Refectory Committee.

Remember that there will be a total and continuous boycott starting next term until College accede to our demands. If you ate in the refectories yesterday or were prepared to support the boycott for one day only, please think about alternative sources for next term. Many thanks to everyone who stayed away, picketed or helped with the alternative food.

Safety Day

On Monday 2nd April, there will be a demonstration of safety equipment, with the emphasis on eye protection, in the Ante-room, ground floor of the Sherfield Building. Three or four firms will be present including AO Safety Products and Chubb. Lab coats and other forms of general protection will be on show but spectacles, visors, goggles and specialist eye protection for lasers, plasma and ionising radiations will have pride of place. All students are encouraged to attend to find out which type of protection is best suited to their research. There will also be a demonstration, by Roger Serpell and the Red Cross group, of first aid techniques.

AP Weekend

Roger Stotesbury, the Editor of this year's Alternative Prospectus, is holding an AP "paste-in" all week-end in the FELIX Office. He needs help in sticking down the typeset articles and invites anyone to come along. The job is very rewarding as there is plenty of scope for making the AP look attractive. In addition, it will be distributed to schools all over the country. The week-end starts at 7:00 pm in the FELIX Office and will continue until all the paste-ups are finished. The more people that help, the less time it will take. Everyone is very welcome to attend.

Bot/Zoo Cups

Will everyone who uses the Botany/Zoology tearoom please take your cups back when you have finished. People who leave empty cups around not only make the place untidy for everyone else but also cause the staff extra work. This leads to slower service simply because an inconsiderate minority can't be bothered to pick up an empty cup.

Bot/Zoo Football Match

Whilst on the subject of Bot/Zoo, congratulations to the Botany football team, captained by Ian Plummer, who absolutely slaughtered Zoology 4-1 to rousing support from their spectators.

Want a Job?

An expert typist is needed to use an IBM golf ball machine during the vacation. The work should only take a few hours a week. Anyone who's interested should contact **Frank James on Int 3969** on any day except Friday.

FELIX AGM

The Annual General Meeting of FELIX takes place on **Friday 27th April**. Voting for next year's Committee will take place at this meeting. Papers for the Committee will be up in the FELIX office until Tuesday 24th April. Membership for the rest of this year is free!

Credits

Many thanks to everyone who has helped on FELIX this term, even if you've only submitted one small-ad or collated fifty copies. Especial thanks go to: John Shuttleworth for the long hours spent pasting-up, Colin Palmer and Jill Dawson for their regular Day by Day page, Paul Williams for his magnificent cartoon series, Shayne Lucock for advice and moral support, Sonia Hochfelder for pages of news stories, Dave Haddon for cups of coffee, oranges and other curious donations at equally curious hours in the morning and, of course, IC Radio for keeping us going and playing our requests.

Thanks also to Anita for typesetting since January and to Ian for putting up with the printing hassles, especially over election time.

The End is Nigh

If you still don't know by now, today is the end of term. I'm off on holiday in a couple of weeks, see you next term, Cheers,
John.

SMALL ADS

Wanted

3 or 4 crew for 1 week cruise (sail) During late June/early July or late September. No experience necessary. Details from **Chris Rich Elec Eng 1**.

Wanted

If anyone wishes to join the Tennis Club could he/she please contact **Guy Buckley Chem II**. If any Tennis Club members wish to be included in the ballot for Wimbledon tickets could they please contact **Barry Witts Maths III**.

Wanted

If anyone knows of any local colleges or clubs willing to play matches against I.C. lawn tennis club could they please contact **Barry Witts Maths III** Ladies fixtures are especially welcome. Thank you.

Wanted

If anybody (over 21) is able to drive a minibus (containing a tennis team) to various locations on Wednesdays and Saturdays next term could they please contact **Barry Witts Maths III**.

Lost

(during/after Mines Review) Ingersoll Wrist Watch. Contact **Ian Shacklock - Maths 2 or 441 Tizard Hall**.

For Sale

1972 Sunbeam Stiletto. Mot, Tax, new exhaust and tyres, water pump, dynamo. Good condition. £600 o.n.o. Contact: **Ian Johnstone Int. 4126**.

CHRIS, ROGER and JOHN
*would like to express their
gratitude to all those who
helped in their respective
campaigns in the
elections.*

JOIN THE IMPERIAL COLLEGE
FENCING CLUB AND
SHARPEN YOUR REFLEXES.

FENCING IS BECOMING ONE OF THE FASTEST GROWING SPORTS IN THE WORLD IT IS BEING FEATURED MORE AND MORE ON TELEVISION. THREE FORMS OF FENCING ARE PRACTISED: FOIL, EPEE & SABRE. INTERESTED? THE CLUB MEETS EVERY THURSDAY LUNCHTIME 12.30-2.30PM IN THE UNION GHM.

ANY BEGINNERS WELCOME

WE HAVE ALL EQUIPMENT - JUST BRING A PAIR OF GYM SHOES

1ST MEETING NEXT TERM THURS 26TH APRIL.

Personal Message

"FELICITY APOLOGIZES TO ADRIAN! (HAPPY BIRTHDAY!)"

Personal Message

"HAPPY BIRTHDAY ADRIAN SEE YOU NEXT TERM" Elaine

Personal Message

"HAPPY BIRTHDAY MARGARET THE STAR OF THE SHOWBOAT" Elaine

Rag Fete

IC Rag still needs a few more stalls for the Annual Fete on May 5th. (If you can provide some please contact **Graham Cox** during 1st week of next term).

We also need helpers on the day of the Fete to arrange tables - set up bar etc. (Names also to **Graham Cox - IC Union**)

Tennis Ad.

The Tennis Club Trials are at Harlington on the first Wednesday of next term. Meet in the **Union Lower Lounge at 12.40**. Ladies especially welcome.

ACC Advert

Anyone who has a good memory and knows about the winners of Swimming Gala for any of the last 9 yrs - i.e. since 1970. Can they please let me know, preferably in writing. **Ian Alvey ACC Vice-Chairman.**

Jumble Sale

Sat. 31st March at St. Mary Abbots School. 2 p.m. Adults 10p Children 5p.

WHAT'S ON

FRIDAY 23rd March

CLUB ACTIVITY

IMPERIAL COLLEGE CHRISTIAN UNION MAIN MEETING - 6.30 pm.
Music Room, Assoc. Studies Building, 53 Princes Gate.

MISCELLANEOUS

ALTERNATIVE PROSPECTUS WEEKEND - 7 p.m. FELIX office. You too can be a super-hero. Learn how to produce a masterpiece in 72 hours.

SATURDAY 24th March

MISCELLANEOUS

ALTERNATIVE PROSPECTUS WEEKEND - All Weekend. FELIX Office. Pasting up of AP. You too can produce a book in one weekend.

SUNDAY 25th March

MISCELLANEOUS

ALTERNATIVE PROSPECTUS WEEKEND - All Weekend. FELIX Office. Finishing off the AP. You too can see the final touches to this work of art.

MONDAY 2nd April

MISCELLANEOUS

POSTGRADUATES' PLOUGHMAN'S LUNCH - 12.30. Senior Common Room, Union Building. 50 p. Real Ale, Bread, Cheese, Sausages, Pickle etc. Tickets from Jen in the Union Office.

THURSDAY 26th April

CLUB ACTIVITY

MOPSOC LECTURE - by Dr. H.R. Allan. Title to be announced See wall posters. 1-15 p.m. Physics L.T.3.

RESULTS OF SNOOKER CLUB A.G.M.

Next year's committee will be (by the grace of the examiner);
Rastus' lingo, (with translation in brackets),

Emperor: Rastus Adolf Napoleon Odinga Odinga
(President: Sanjit Teelock, Maths II)

Poet Laureate: M. Proudlove
(Vice-Pres: Martin Proudlove, Aero I)

Levi Strauss Representative: S. Jeans
(Hon. Sec.: Steve Jeans, Physics I)

Mintoe: D. Nuttall
(Treasurer: Dave Nuttall, Maths II)

Official Doug Mountjoy Opponent: G. Machin
(Publicity Officer: Gareth Machin, Physics I)

ORDINARY COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Twat: A. Cameron Alex Cameron (Phys. 1)
Wurzel: C. Calvert Chris Calvert (Phys. 1)
Looney: Ulu Champ Geoff Keymer (Maths 2)

Happy Easter to all members of the club (my children). I am a bit short of food at the moment, so why don't you come up and see me some time, otherwise, I will have to eat Leclezio/Tiptoes/Stroppy, and I don't like a lot of fat on my meat!

Rastus (The slave who became an emperor)

IC Go Club

Four intrepid members of I.C. Go Club ventured to the academic bleakness of Churchill College, Cambridge to compete in the "Trigantius Memorial Go Tournament" last Saturday.

That is, of course, irrelevant to Saturday's 3-round tournament which began less than an hour late (surprise!). At the end of the day's play Nigel Arnot (11 kyu) had succeeded in getting a prize (I assume, since I left before the prize-giving!) for three very good

wins. Dan Moore (15 kyu) scored one win and I managed two (but the game I lost was a disaster!). To save embarrassment I won't give Richard Cant's result - but he did beat me easily on the train journey there! Churchill College has a jinx on him: to which college did he apply for U.G. admission?

Finally, if you have any inclination to be on next year's committee (President, Secretary or Treasurer) please don't hesitate to contact R.J. Cant, Huxley 512a.

John Winfield (Phys. 3)

Elk's Epistle (6)

Well the end of term has arrived at last and everybody's packing up and going home to see Mum, leaving everybody in the Union Office free to carry out their most obscure fantasies, apart from me that is - I have no fantasies; I carry out all mine in real life immediately. Well when you all get home be sure to give my love to your Mums and Dads and kid brothers and think of me on Easter Sunday eating creme eggs underneath the duplicator.

Social Colours

Well today's the last day for handing-in your nominations for social colours - so if you've been thinking of nominating somebody; you'd better shift your arse before 5:30 today.

Insurance

If you live in college-owned or college-run residence then your property is insured in your room over the holidays as it is during term. Your stuff is also insured in transit between home and college.

Parking permits

If you were issued with a parking permit at the beginning

of the year and have since sold your car or no longer use it for coming into college, could you please let me know so it can be reallocated to someone who needs it.

Elections

The results of the elections at the UGM on Thursday 15th were:
Academic Affairs Officer - Wyn Jenkins, External Affairs Officer - John Passmore, UGM Chairman - Mick Berry, Rag Chairman - Rachel Snee, Sexual Affairs Officer - Mel Kinkie.

I think the fifth person in the list will do a particularly good job, just the hermaphrodite for the job.

Refectories

Don't forget, as things stand we've got a constant boycott from the beginning of next term so feed yourself up over Easter. Anybody who eats in Mooney's next term will have to face my chopper!

Well folks, see you all next term; bring some wellies and some sheep back for me!

Mike Elkin (ICUSAO)

WELFARE

Supplementary Benefit

In last week's article on supplementary benefit there was an error. The rate for a 'Householder' is £15.55 per week, and not £12.45 per week. A householder is someone who is responsible for the outgoings incurred in his accommodation e.g. heating, lighting or telephone bills. If you are a 'householder' and claiming for rent over the vacation, you could get £15.55 plus your rent less £13.90 vacation element. Bearing in mind that the non-householder rate is £12.45 per week, it would seem worthwhile to press the D.H.S.S. to accept you as a householder. It is complicated, however, by the fact that there is no official definition of a householder so it is a question of arguing it out. With the D.H.S.S. official who interviews you.

Free Dental Treatment

If you are under 21, you can get free dental treatment on the

ARTICLE

N.H.S. anyway. If you are over 21, then you will have to pay up to £5 for each course of treatment - assuming that you don't require anything more than fillings and/or extractions.

There is an exception, however, in the case of people on very low incomes.

To get free treatment, your net income after deduction of rent and travel costs should not be much more than £18 per week. During term times, very few students would qualify for this, but during the short vacations, your gross income is only the vacation element - i.e. £13.90 per week.

So, it might be worthwhile to see if you can get any necessary dental treatment done during the vacation and then ask your dentist for a declaration to sign and then you shouldn't have to pay. If you're over 21, then, this could well save you a fiver.

Michael Arthur

IC Debating Society

Imperial College Debating Society would like to thank the following for speaking in debates so far this year: - (in approximate order of appearance)

Barry Austin, David Harris, Thwaites/Narborough and Barton, Rachel Snee, Chris Fox, Liz Lindsay, Sean O'Boyle, Mick Maghar, Tim Randell, Jo Armitage, Dave Haddon, Bob Hart, Bob Halsey, Pete Bamford, Andy Lewis, Pete Hoddinott (and family) Mike Wort, Mary Attenborough, Mike Elkin,

Malcolm Brain, Roger Stotesbury, Sonia Hochfelder, Sheyne Lucock, Mike Pickup, Chris Russell, Colin Palmer, John Shuttleworth, Mick Berry, Barney McCabe, Mark Smith, Duncan Suss, Bernard Smith, Bob Rigby, Roy Burns, Shlomo Godsi, Dr. Don Monro, Dr. Parr, Dr. Garbutt, Hugh Barrett, Barbara Smoker, David Ashforth, Edward B. James, Harry Fairbrother.

Hope to hear from you again,
Mick Berry P.P Committee.



Day By Day

A ROUND-UP OF LAST WEEK'S NEWS



Wednesday 14th

Seven thousand mile journey to avoid school

Twelve-year old Vincent Kelly did not want to go away to boarding school, so he ignored customs, immigration and ticket checks and flew 7,000 miles from Johannesburg to London.

America's first women in space

Six women, dubbed "Chris's Angels", (after Christopher Kraft - the director of the Lyndon Johnson Space Centre), will be trained for America's space shuttle. The six were chosen from 8,079 applicants to train as "mission specialists" for America's next 'galactic' adventure placing, servicing, and maintaining space satellites.

Albert Einstein

100 years ago saw the birth of Albert Einstein.

To-day's scientists talk about Einstein almost as if he was a god but despite his wide knowledge he still said before he died "He who can no longer pause and wonder, or stand wrapt in awe, he is already half dead. His eyes are shut."

Thursday 15th

Volunteers needed in hospitals

It was announced by the Health and Social Services Secretary, Mr. David Ennals, that volunteers are to be asked to help out in hospitals during periods of serious industrial action.

Sugarberg to feed bees

A mixture of white sugar, charcoal and powdered garlic is to be offered cut-price to Britain's bees. The sugar comes from the Common Market department of surpluses (also in charge of butter mountains and wine lakes). It is 'dematured' to make it repellent to humans - "The garlic puts people off all right", said the Intervention Board for Agricultural Produce, "But it also gives the bees indigestion, so they add charcoal to sort that out."

Friday 16th

Ayatollah halts Iran executions

Pressure from the government and the Prime Minister has forced the Ayatollah Khomeini to ban further political executions. The revolutionary courts will be suspended until new regulations can be worked out.

Carrots can damage your health

Carrots have been found to contain carotatoxin, a potent nerve poison, not to mention myristicin, a hallucinogen. It also has isoflavones - they show strogenic effects, which means that they imitate one of the female sex hormones. Onions, olives, ham, melons, potatoes, wine and many other natural foods contain similar harmful substances - the Food Manufacturers Federation's national conference was told. The managing director said of natural foods: "We apply safety standards we dare not apply

to major ingredients, or we would have virtually nothing to eat."

Concorde in "near-miss" incident

Controversy broke out today over the safety of the skies around Kennedy Airport after a British Airways pilot's complaint that his supersonic Concorde airliner was involved in a "near-miss" with a private plane.

Commercial airlines have been growing increasingly angry in recent months about the rising number of private planes using the air space near Kennedy Airport, one of the busiest in the United States and the major American gateway to Europe.

Saturday 17th

Wales 27, England 3

Wales won their Rugby Union international against England by scoring five tries. Wales were leading by only 7-3 but in the last 21 minutes of the game they scored 20 points. One of the oddest features of the match was the poor standard of placekicking (3 successes in 18 attempts). The Welsh captain, JPR Williams, in his 52nd and final international, was forced to miss the last quarter of the game & had eight stitches put in a wound in his calf.

France 21, Scotland 17

Scotland found themselves at the bottom of the international table after an entertaining performance against France. Just one point above them is England and then Ireland with Wales beating France by 1 point to carry off the championship for the fourth time in five years.

Nottingham Forest 3, Southampton 2

The League Cup final recaptured the competition's early days at Wembley. A Day By Day reporter noted that the crowd came away talking about the variety of goals and the strong individual qualities that lay behind the result. Gone was the violence that can be seen so regularly at Saturday's league matchesthis was replaced by good-humoured rivalry among the supporters who carried giant red teddy bears, waved yellow flags or simply wore their team's colours.

Oxford win boat race

The 125th boat race between Oxford and Cambridge was the closest for a number of years with Oxford winning by 3 and-a-half lengths. Cambridge suffered a severe psychological shock before they put their boat into the water. They had to change the seating order of their crew and bring in a substitute from their reserve crew, Goldie, to replace their unfit stroke. Oxford's win was a comfortable one achieved by leading all the way on calm water.

Sunday 18th

Golborne colliery explosion

Three men were killed and eight seriously burned in an underground explosion at Golborne colliery, near Wigan in Lancashire. National Coal Board investigations into the cause of the explosion, believed to be of methane gas, will take several days.

Still more snow

Eight inches of snow fell in some parts of northern Britain over the weekend and road conditions particularly in the North-east remained hazardous. Thousands of schools face closure because of the chaotic state of the roads.

Monday 19th

Young TV star dies

Richard Beckinsale, the 31 year old actor, who played Ronnie Barker's cell-mate in the comedy series Porridge, died today. Beckinsale appeared in a string of TV successes. In Porridge and its successor, Going Straight, he played Lenny Godber. In Rising Damp, with Leonard Rossiter, he was Alan the lodger.

Richard is believed to have died of a heart attack, although recent medical checks showed that he was in good health.

Monkeys trained to help the handicapped

American scientists are experimenting with intelligent monkeys in an ambitious attempt to provide servants for paralysed invalids. A monkey called Crystal has shown that preparing sandwiches and putting LPs on record players are not impossible tasks. If further training shows the same success then monkeys might end up as the biggest victims of all in man's exploitation of animals.

Tuesday 20th

Civil Service strike threatens Budget

The Government was warned that if it does not produce realistic pay proposals by the end of the week Civil Service Unions will make it impossible for any new measures in Mr. Healey's Budget to be introduced. An independent Pay Research Unit looking at comparisons has indicated that rises of 20 and 30 per cent are needed for some grades of civil servants to bring them into line with the private sector.

Unemployment falls

A welcome fall of 49,623 to a total of 1,402,254 people unemployed in the United Kingdom has given the Government hope in their fight against unemployment. The improvement was borne out by seasonally adjusted figures which show the biggest March drop for 20 years.

Export licences for 'modern' paintings

Masterpieces by artists such as Picasso, Cezanne and Van Gogh will now need export licences if their owners wish to take or sell them abroad, under changes to the export system.

The announcement by the Department of Education and Science means that many more major works of art are temporarily stopped from export to give museums a chance to purchase them. Before the new rules were passed only works of art over 100 years old needed a licence. Now all works of art over 50 years old will need a licence, embracing such artists as the late Impressionists and the early 20th-century abstract artists.

Mary Mutters- about Refectories

Uppermost in most FELIX readers' minds must be the subject of the refectory boycott. Just in case you aren't convinced enough that this action is necessary I thought I'd better include an account of the Great Refectory Pricing Saga.

The story really starts, from my point of view, back in December 1978, when it was recommended by the Refectory Committee there should be a 2% price increase in the refectories. Prior to that us students had been revolting (not half as much as the food), and complaining about the high price for the quality. Union policy had been passed that the Union representatives on the Refectory Committee should accept no price increases until the quality of the food was improved. So, we started to complain and a rather brilliant paper was presented to the Rector about the proposed price increase. It was then that we realised that there was something very much up with the regulator. According to the minutes of the Refectory Committee and Governing Body the regulator was only supposed to cover food cost increases and yet, the entirety of the Financial Times Grocery Index increase was added on to our food prices every month. This seems strange considering that food only constitutes approximately 56% of cost to the Refectory account. We used it as one part of the argument against the proposed 2% termly review increase to go on from the 1st January, and on that occasion we won and no extra increase was incurred that month.

It seems now that this was just one small move to fob off students from complaining too much. Unfortunately, from the College point of view, it did not succeed. We wanted a discussion on the use of the regulator and tried to push for one at Refectory Committee. However, Professor Eilon, who doesn't like the idea of consumers having any say in pricing in the refectories whatsoever, refused to allow a discussion actually at Refectory Committee and instigated instead a discussion at Refectory Finance Sub-committee and then, presumably in an attempt to go over the heads of the Committee altogether referred it to the Rector, which led to the discussion at the Finance and Executive Committees of the College. At Finance and Executive Committees we put our case forward that the regulator was only ever meant to cover food cost increases and it had, in fact, been misapplied in the past. We argued that the regulator could only be sensibly used to cover food cost increases and further more we had to argue against a move, proposed to that Committee, that all pricing control should be taken out of the hands of the Refectory Committee. Such a move would have been the end of any possibility of democratic say for students. The proposals coming out of that Committee were not too bad. They were that the Refectory Committee should have a discussion upon the type of regulator to be used, but that the regulator should cover food cost increases and other regular increases to the Refectory account. This would be in association with proper termly reviews of refectory prices. The understanding being that it was possible for refectory prices to go down as well as up in such reviews.

Being naive, the student representatives on the Refectory Committee expected that there would be a full discussion on the use of the regulator held at Refectory Committee. We should have realised there was something up Professor Eilon's sleeve. He allowed us to support the proposal to have two parts of the regulator. A two-tier regulator seemed more sensible to us, as we'd been told by Finance and Executive Committees that wages had to be taken into account, as one could have one section to account for food price increases and another part to account for wage increases which could be based on current expectations. A vote was taken at the Committee as to whether we should have the old regulator based on the full increase of the Financial Times Grocery Index or whether we should have the new regulator which would be 60% of the Financial Times Grocery Index plus a constant element to take account of wage cost increases. We voted for the second naturally assuming that any element to take account of wage cost increases would only be a small one. That was when Professor Eilon pulled the final rabbit out of his hat and said that it was not up to us to decide what the wages element should be, that was just administrative action. He then announced, verbally only, a long argument on how he proposed to justify a 1% price increase per month on top of the food element increase to the refectory prices. We were astounded and amazed, realising that this could lead to something near a 10% increase in prices by the end of this financial year. Eilon was obviously overjoyed, believing that he'd won the final battle to put down any opposition to his views. The final insult came when he then proposed that he would not suggest any increase in the termly review that term. This was not particularly surprising, seeing as how he had just ensured that the refectory account would certainly end with a vast profit for this session.

We didn't panic immediately (much) because we believed that no way could the Rector possibly agree to this scheme. I went to see the Rector and also quickly prepared a paper which would take into

account an 8% expected wage rise during the year (which is what the University Grants Committee had allowed for as an estimate for this year). I adjusted my paper because I realised that initially I had not taken into account that there are two things that you need to cover in terms of refectory income and refectory prices. The income is needed to cover the overall increased costs during the year and the price is needed to match up to the current costs of the meal at the end of any particular year. It is therefore very difficult to take account of a discreet rise in cost which comes about on the date of a wage settlement. I proposed that a 0.2% increase per month, with an adjustment of a 1.3% increase at the beginning of the financial year would totally cover an 8% increase in wages cost (assuming that wages in fact account for 43% of refectory costs). As you can see from this calculation even a 16% wage increase could be accounted by a 0.4% increase in refectory cost per month. Despite this well-argued case that has been put forward, College is sticking to the idea that there is going to be a 20% increase in labour costs, which can only be accounted for by this 1% increase per month. The 20% increase in labour costs is based on the total increase in labour cost over last year's account, and does not take into account that there has been a 16% increase in cash turnover in that period. The argument being put forward is rather similar to that of saying that if the amount of chips bought by the refectory doubles then the cost of chips should be doubled to take account of the increased chip cost to the refectory account.

As if all this had not been enough not only was the new regulator approved by the Rector but it has also been backdated to take account of the January increase in the Financial Times Grocery Index and to add on 1% for each of the months of February and March. This means that there was a 4% increase in refectory prices on March 15th. Following is an outline of the increases we have met this year so far.

1. A 4% increase on the 1st August, 1978.
2. A 1.9% increase on the 1st December, 1978 (to take account of the total of the Financial Times Grocery Index increase during November).
3. A 1.4% increase on the 1st January, 1979 (to take account of the total Financial Times Grocery Index increase during December).
4. A 4% increase on the 15th March, 1979 (broken down as follows - 60% of the Financial Times Grocery Index increase during January equals $60\% \times 3.3$ which equals 2% plus 1% wages element increase for that month plus 60% of Financial Times Grocery Index increase for February, which was only 0.1% so they ignored it plus 1% wages element increase for February).

I think everyone must agree that price increases have been excessive this year and that we cannot accept increases that go on in this way. As any other consumer group we have the right to voice a protest and this we are doing by boycotting the refectories. The Union Meeting on the 15th March decided by an overwhelming majority to carry on with an all-out boycott of the refectories from the beginning of next term. Please support the boycott.

The other decision made was to pull out of "Meet Imperial College" if the Executive so decided. Because the voting on this was relatively close, (something like 170 to 130 votes), I felt we should have another discussion on this issue, before finally taking the step, which we will do on **Thursday, 26th April**, at a Union meeting to be held in the Concert Hall. Meanwhile, keep on boycotting. See you next term.

**Mary Attenborough,
President
Imperial College Union**

LETTER

Dear Sir, - I would like to point out some information which I think will be of interest to FELIX readers.

The Prince's Garden's tennis courts are situated behind Linstead Hall. These tennis courts are for the use of Imperial College Lawn Tennis Club members only. Membership is one pound, which is good value considering public courts cost fifty pence per hour to hire.

The nets and posts are in excellent condition and the lines will be repainted soon. A booking scheme will be introduced next

term.

The club officers for this session are: myself (Captain), Simon Middleboe, Civ. Eng. II (Secretary), Julia Towns, Zoo II (Ladies Capt.) and Guy Buckley, Chem II (Treasurer).

If anyone has any points to raise or questions to ask, please ask one of the above. If anybody wishes to join the Tennis Club could they please contact the treasurer or me (via Union Office).

Barry Witts (Maths III)
PS: I didn't mention a certain book nor a certain operation.

REVIEWS

RECORD

"Even Serpents Shine" - The Only Ones (CBS).

Considering that 1979 is popularly supposed to be "The Year of the Disco", and that this album is little more suited to Disco play than is Dvorak's New World Symphony, it is hardly surprising that the music critics love it.

Nevertheless, "Even Serpents Shine" is a record very worthy of being Imperial College Radio's Album of the Week this week. It is not light entertainment, but definitely needs to be sat down and listened to. That's not to say that it won't set your feet tapping, fingers strumming, head nodding,

shoulders rolling, or whatever appreciative body movement happens to be your own personal preference.

The most obvious strength of the album is the drumming, which comes from Mike Kellie who played for Spooky Tooth in the late sixties and early seventies. This carries you through every track, keeping the beat, steady yet with infinite variations, in perfect time with the bass player Alan Mair. Together they lay down an intense and tight rhythm, out of which naturally grow the riffs from John Perry's lead guitar, which ride alongside, and blend into the basic rhythm, rather than being awkward additions to the

tune, slapped on to show off the dexterity of the guitar player, as so often seems to happen.

The greatest weakness of the group must be Peter Perrett's voice, and although he admirably succeeds in creating the most gloomy and morbid of moods, which matches the depressing lyrical content of his songs perfectly, (this is largely because his voice sounds as though he has recently swallowed a cheese-grater) singing is not Mr. Perrett's forte. The range of notes that he appears to find easily attainable is limited to about three, although when he does attempt to exceed this range it tends to put your teeth on edge. Having said that,

the effect of Mr. Perrett's singing is greatly enhanced when some pleasing, though occasional, harmonies are introduced.

If you ever heard the Only Ones' last single - "You've got to pay" - don't be put off; it must be the weakest track on the album, and why it was ever chosen is a mystery as there is one particular track - "Out there in the night" - which just screams out to be the next single.

Although "Serpents" is by no means a Classic it is well worth trying to get hold of a copy and playing it through a couple of times.

Chris Watts

P.S. It grows on you.

**"Travesties" by Tom Stoppard
Imperial College Dramatic Society**

Tom Stoppard's plays, with their techniques of pastiche, controlled absurdity and intricate double entendre are ideal material for Dramsoc, and well suited to a college audience. Ross Darling's production of "Travesties" illustrates this perfectly. Its small, well-rehearsed cast makes this one of the best Dramsoc plays I have seen.

The play is a collage of distorted scraps from the memory of Henry Wilfred Carr. Invalided out of war service in 1917 by a gaping wound in his otherwise immaculate attire, Carr had recuperated in Zurich under the auspices of the British Consulate. Obsessed by sartorial trivia he now recounts his meetings, real and imagined, with James Joyce, Tristan Tzara and Lenin.

This framework presents a vehicle for one of Tom Stoppard's favourite devices; repeating sections of dialogue almost in entirety, but with subtle differences. In "Travesties" the idea is taken further. These are branching-points in the narrative, particular lines which act as common beginnings for many totally different versions of the same scene. It is soon impossible to say which versions are true (if any), and which are



projections of Carr's own imagination or desires. The story is unfolded using a wide range of methods including farce, striptease, mock-Shakespearian drama, limericks, doggerel and even a "Mastermind" type quiz.

The whole production was rather stylish without being over-elaborate. Music was from sources as diverse as Beethoven, Holst and The Temperance Seven. The slide projector which caused such drastic bathos in "Macbeth", Dramsoc's previous production, was here used efficiently to provide film-style opening credits. Cast, lighting and sound effects were all really well-rehearsed, the occasional stumble in the dialogue being the only slight criticism. The cavorting dance towards the end was absolutely hilarious and must have taken a lot of practice.

Graham Brand as Henry Carr made a basically good job of a hard role. It must be daunting for a student to portray old age in the absence of latex makeup, but apart from a few distracting hand and eye movements and nervous gestures, Graham's Henry Carr passed from senility to youth with, at times, startling effect. Bennett, the supercilious and secretly radical butler was portrayed with suitable emotionless, lofty indifference by Mark Hope, Mark Wiszewaty gave a really

funny performance as James Joyce, equipped with a consistent but not exaggerated Irish accent. The rigid dialectical approach of Lenin (Mike O'Brien) was well contrasted with the extravagant randomness of the Dadaist, Tzara (Mark Robinson - well acted). Isobel Beames as Gwendolen acted with her usual skill, and Karen Webb as Cecily survived her ageing process beautifully. Nadya (Victoria Scott) narrated her section clearly.

The audience (which enjoyed the show as much as the cast seemed to) was adequate, but should have been much larger, considering the quality of the production and the low price of 75 p.

"The clever people try to impose a design on the world and when it goes calamitously wrong they call it fate. In point of fact, everything is chance, including design.... the causes we know everything about depend on causes we know absolutely nothing about. And it is the duty of the artist to jeer and howl and belch at the delusion that infinite generations of real effects can be inferred from the gross expression of apparent cause".

- Tristan Tzara From "Travesties" by Tom Stoppard.

Paul Williams Physics II



SOCIETIES' PAGE

CONSERVATIVE SOCIETY

A.G.M.

What you are about to read is an extremely rare 'Societies Page' article from the CONSERVATIVE SOCIETY.... and what better subject to write one about than the Consoc. A.G.M., which was held on Tuesday 20th March. In addition to 14 Consoc. members was Gilly Gillespie, the London Conservative Students Chairwoman/person/man who arrived late thanks to the architect who designed the three-dimensional maze called Huxley Building.

To kick off, the minutes and various committee members' reports were disposed off with the exception of the Treasurer's report which was deferred to a later meeting - probably only to confirm that Consoc. is flat broke. Well not every society can afford massive College-wide wall poster campaigns and huge recruitment drives, especially when as in our society, the claims by last year's Publicity Officer meant that part of last year's expenses were added to this year's.

Next on the agenda was the extremely important elections of next year's committee and just when most people had the impression that for the fourth A.G.M. in succession all the posts would be unopposed it was revealed that we have a contested 'Morning Cloud' editorship post between the absent Nick Griffin and John Narborough. By scrawling on bits of computer paper kindly donated by Stephen Poley, our present Chairman, the voters elected John Narborough by a majority of 8 to 5 to fill the post. The rest of the candidates were ratified, though the doctor said it wasn't serious, and are as follows: -

Chairman Mark Clegg
Vice Chairman Robert Gould
Secretary Sally Heslop
Treasurer Tim Lawes

Sadly, nobody wanted to take the post of Publicity Officer, currently held by me. There were rumours that Shlomo Godsi was wanting to stand but since neither did he appear in person nor was his name on the nominations paper the post was left vacant. So if you, Shlomo, or anyone else out there wants to stick up posters (Blutac supplied) and write the (very) odd article for FELIX then just let our chairman know.

Two members, Sally Heslop and Chris Webb made it known that they wished to attend the Federation of Conservative Students annual Conference in Liverpool and since nobody present minded them each spending £20 of S.C.C. money, they were ratified to be our delegates. Our Chairman, Stephen Poley then wafted about a rather thick wad of printed sheets (printed on both sides so they can't be used for rough paper) which constituted the motions submitted to the F.C.S. Annual Conference. His suggestion that the examination of these motions, in view of voting in the priorities ballot, be deferred to a meeting of the delegates and any interested members of the executive was gladly accepted.

Unfortunately, the current Publicity Officer had to leave early in order to attend a lecture on immunopathology, thus maintaining his (World?) record of only missing three (yes three) lectures in the three years he has been at I.C.! On that note which is not entirely relevant to the article I will conclude, thanks for reading it. Love and best wishes,

Martin Sladdin



OFFICIAL NOTICE

Official notice to the members of the Royal College of Science (especially those with lots of money they don't want)

Tickets for the Royal College of Science Annual Ball to be held at Silwood Park on the 11th of May 1979 are to be put on sale to members of the Royal College of Science Union ONLY on Friday April 27th. Tickets will be issued from 12.30 pm on that date upon production of a Valid Union card and eighteen pounds. (Postdated cheques not accepted). They will be sold from the RCSU Office only (ie don't ask me for one in the bar in the evening) and any not sold in that lunchtime period will be offered for sale to any member of Imperial College from 12:30 on the following Monday, and subsequent lunchtimes until all are sold.

M. Maghar, Ents Cttee Chairman.

PLOUGHMAN'S LUNCH

Postgraduates! Boycott the refectories on 2nd April. Come and join other PGs for a good meal at a very low price.

This year's second Ploughman's lunch will include real ale, bread, cheese, sausages, pickle, etc. all for the amazing price of 50 p.

The place is the Union Senior Common Room (1st floor, Union Building); the time is 12.30 pm on Monday 2nd April. Tickets are on sale now from Jen in the IC Union Office. Hurry before they are all sold out.

COMMUNITY ACTION GROUP

Just a little article this week as there isn't a great deal to say at the moment, Easter and all that.

The only bit of real information is that Simon Chandler has decided to take on the job of Red Cross volunteer co-ordinator. This will be the job of organizing hospital visiting, trolley shops and the like, as the college Red Cross Detachment has mountains of requests for such volunteers but hasn't the organization to fill them at the moment. Therefore in future this branch of community action will be looked after by them.

I would also like to use this space to gripe on how no-one turned up on Sunday morning to help paint the "providence Row" place. I suppose with it being Sunday morning with the clocks just having come forward it was all that could be expected but at the same time there was quite a reasonable turn out from the Catholic Chaplaincy at More House.

Oh Well, see you all next term, unless there's a soup run tonight. Bye,

John Whitehouse Chem PG.
int 4162.

SMALL BORE

The Annual Inter-CCU Small Bore Rifle Competition For The Courtman Shield was recently held at the Rifle Range in The Sports Centre. The R.C.S. team were firm favourites to win and it was clear that they had done so before their last man shot. The battle for second place was rather closer with C and G managing to beat R.S.M. into third place.

Drake's Seven



part 8....

WHILST ENGAGED IN A PHILOSOPHICAL DISCUSSION ON THE VALIDITY OF THE CONCEPT OF PREDETERMINATION IN RELATION TO DRAKE'S 7, DRAKE IS STRUCK BY SEVERAL 500-GIGAWATT LASERS, EACH CAPABLE OF VAPORISING LEAD THROUGH 6 METRES OF SOLID CONCRETE. LUCKILY, HE IS ONLY SLIGHTLY HURT.

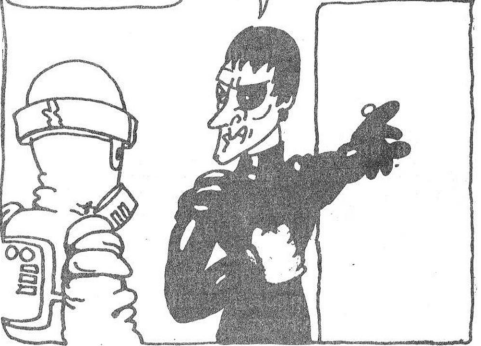
OH, POOR DRAKE, I HATE TO SEE THAT LOOK OF PAIN IN YOUR EYES!

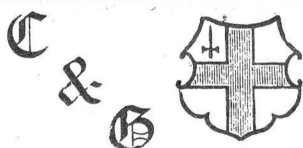
NOW LOOK, MEN, CREVIS IS CATCHING UP...

(-WE COULD FRIGHTEN THEM WITH THIS!)

ATHLA, THEY HAVE FILES ON YOUR ABILITY & WORKMANSHIP - THEY WON'T BE SCARED OF THAT! NO - WE'LL HIDE IN HERE AND PUT ON OUR DISGUISES....

THEY MUST BE IN HERE. SMASH DOWN THE DOOR RUTHLESSLY - BUT GENTLY. REMEMBER IT'S OUR PROPERTY WE'RE RAIDING....





Not a lot has happened since my last article hence the shortness of this one.

Congratulations to Guilds Hockey Team for winning the Stephenson's Cup match against r.c.s. the score was 1-0.

However, despite my prediction and the support of about 15 intrepid (insane?) Guildsmen who braved the rain and freezing wind to encourage the Guilds Rugby Team in the Sparkes Cup against mines, we lost. The Guilds team made a brave attempt against a strong mines team and were leading at half time. Mines took advantage of the wind and their greater weight in the second half to win the match 17-10. This means that mines win the Sparkes cup unless r.c.s. performed a miracle on Wednesday.

The only coming event of interest in the near future is the Four Year Course Reception, this is at 7.00 p.m. next Tuesday in the S.C.R. Sherfield and consists of a slide show of Guilds events and a chat with the 4 Year Course students, most of whom are in industry at the moment.

Hunk

RCS WIN AGAIN

The Rifle Competition was followed by the Pistol Match for the Hungtindon Cup. The outcome of this event was much less predictable due to the inconsistent standards of many of the pistol shooters within the clubs. Once again the winners were R.C.S. with an under-strength C and G team coming second.

FELIX

JOIN NOW

You may have read about the FELIX constitution that was recently accepted by publications board. Just in case you thought FELIX was only a newspaper that appeared at various places on a Friday morning, I'll outline what FELIX as a society has to offer:

(1) Excellent opportunities to learn something of how a newspaper is produced and in particular how FELIX itself is planned, typed, pasted up etc. right through to distribution.

(2) Use of the magnificent facilities that exist in the FELIX Office(s). Advice will usually be on hand if needed.

(3) Your big chance to work on FELIX, meet the boss and find out what he spends his sabbatical on.

(4) Fun; 'cos we promise there will be the odd social event.

WHY NOW?

Please, don't say "I'll wait 'til next year". We need you so badly that we're going to slash our prices so you'll only be asked to fork out 30 p instead of 50 p for next years membership, if you join now.

DO IT NOW!

Walk boldly through those infamous guillotine swing doors. Focus on the someone who is in the office (He's the Editor) tell him you wish to join FELIX, (and also how to spell your name) and make a quick exit in case he doesn't forget to ask for your money.

John Shuttleworth

I.C. CHESS CLUB

IC I v ISLINGTON III

After a fine 7-1 victory over Wood Green, the first team travelled up to Islington, confident of maintaining its challenge for promotion to the premier division next year. On arriving, we discovered that the opposition was much weaker than anticipated and so looked forward to another convincing win.

The match started well with Chris Callow obtaining a big advantage out of the opening on board 6 and Bob Coles, on the board above, picking up an extra pawn by neat tactical play. The opposing captains quickly drew a very boring game on board 1 and when Dave Lock refused an unsound sacrifice the match looked over.

However Islington fought back. On board 4, Shahin Rouhani tried too hard to force a win and blundered away a piece and the game. John Freeman fell into a prepared bookline, sacrificed unsoundly and, in time-trouble, lost his queen. At this point, Islington seemed to have chances of saving the match as, on board 3, Pete Anderson was struggling to maintain an equal position and on the bottom board, Damian Hassan, although a pawn up, could not break through his opponent's defenses.

Fortunately, Pete managed to draw and Bob duly won a fine game leaving the match tied at 3-3. As both Chris and Damian have won positions, IC look certain to score another victory although not in as convincing style as expected.

IC I v CENTYMCA DRAGONS

Despite a disappointing performance against Islington, the same team was selected to play against the division 1 leaders, Centymca Dragons. This was a crucial promotion match with IC needing a win to have any chance of promotion this season.

Although an IC victory seemed unlikely, our chances were enhanced when the opposition arrived with only 7 players, defaulting on board 7. Prospects looked even brighter when Bob Coles obtained a positionally won game and Pete Anderson held onto two extra pawns, sacrificed by his opponent, without obtaining an inferior position. On board 6, Chris Callow was forced to accept a draw by perpetual check and Dave Lock, promoted to board 4, drew quickly, missing a simple win on the way.

John Freeman recovered his early season good form and smashed up the London U-10(!) champion, N. Carr, on board 2, accepting all his opponent's sacrifices on the King-side and then destroying him on the Queenside. (Carr was handicapped by his size, being unable to reach past the fourth rank). On the top board, Phil Maguire lost a pawn to a strong opponent and, although managing to survive a wild time-scramble, was never able to overcome this material deficit.

Meanwhile Pete Anderson had converted his advantage to a win but Bob Coles had erred and was fighting for a draw. Damian Hassan, on the bottom board, was also struggling in a difficult position and by the adjournment the match was poised 4-2 in IC's favour, with Bob and Damian still to finish. A draw from either game would secure victory for IC and leave the team with a good chance of promotion to the Premier Division.

P. Maguire



REVIEWS

Anyone who would like to review films, plays, books, records etc. please contact Mark Smith - via Physics 2 lettertracks or the FELIX Office.

FILMS

**California Suite (AA, Herb Ross)
The Royal Film Performance 1979.**

Having seen this film at 10.30 on a Monday morning my recollections may not be too accurate. Well, I did beat the Queen to it anyway. This is the latest in a string of films based on the plays of American writer Neil Simon. The star-studded cast includes such greats as Michael Caine, Alan (M.A.S.H.) Alda, Bill Cosby, Walter Matthau, Jane Fonda and more.

The setting is the world famous Beverly Hills Hotel, cocktails, sun, palm trees and all. Five separate couples converge on the hotel for various reasons and through the observation of their separate stories an original, amusing plot is obtained. The various progressions in personal relationships are heavily exploited to create some hilarious moments. In an effort to avoid giving away too much of the story, I can only list the various couples.

Diane Barry is an actress who has been nominated for an Oscar award and arrives from England with her husband Sidney. Hannah and Bill Warren are divorced and are both seeking custody of their daughter. Bill Cosby and Richard

Pryor play two doctors who are intense rivals. Marvin Michaels is the inevitable innocent party, whose wife arrives to find a woman in his room.

With all of these couples, love and marriage are the common factors. The way in which these are dealt with is very funny, but there are some very serious and moving scenes. This is especially true for Diane Barry (Maggie Smith) and Sidney (Michael Caine). Fine performances from both actors are a pleasure to watch. Neil Simon is extremely clever in that there is no limit on the types of comedy he can introduce by keeping the film as four separate stories. There is slapstick as well as some very clever (dare I say) intellectual humour.

This film has something for everybody and should not be missed if you like "situation-comedy" type television programmes.

That is not to say that it is like a cheap midweek television show. On the contrary, the money and acting talent has been used carefully to produce a polished and very enjoyable comedy.

Mark Smith

Invasion of The Body Snatchers (X, Philip Kaufman)

This remake of Don Siegel's 1956 classic is bound to arouse a lot of interest over Easter, but is it worth it? All of this and more will be revealed below.....

Matthew Bennell (Donald Sutherland) is a public health inspector who is in love with his assistant Elizabeth Driscoll (Brooke Adams). She, however, is living with Geoffrey who has been acting very strangely lately. It sounds a bit like "Crossroads" but this is the relationship which leads Matthew and Elizabeth to believe that alien beings have invaded Earth and are taking over human bodies. Their fight for survival is aided by friends, including Dr. David Kibner (Leonard Nimoy), and opposed by masses of emotionless aliens.

After a poor start the film accelerates to an exciting pace. The aliens seem unbeatable and are given a quite unusual treatment. The people taken over

are not portrayed as "zombies" but as a different kind of man, perhaps superior due to a lack of emotion. Our hero cannot appreciate this and is determined



Matthew Bennell (Donald Sutherland) captured by aliens

RECORD

**FRANK ZAPPA -
SHEIK YERBOUTI**

*"Hey! Do you know what you are?
You're an asshole! A N ASSHOLE!"*

Yes, Dirty Uncle Frankie is back! Sheik Yerbouti, a double semi-live album, and his first since signing with CBS from Discreet Records, is certainly what Zappa fans have been waiting for. Showing much of his old imagination, and quickly shrugging off the "Sleep Dirt" disaster, Wierdo takes the stage again.

The album's first track, "I have been in you", promises much with its interesting lyrics, interplay between lead and backing vocals and fine sound quality. This catches the ear and it is at this point that one realises that the vocals are not the original recording, but an overdub onto the live backing track, which was taken from a recent Hammer-smith Odeon performance, as was a majority of the album's material. This coupled with the interesting feature of editing each track into the next, rare for a studio or live album, maintains the flow of sounds. "Broken Hearts for Assholes" is typical Zappa; a sort of cross between insanity and Jazz-rock, which he combines with his penchant for audience abuse.

Nothing on side two, on which, incidentally, we have moved to the new York Paddladium, is worth a mention, including two half-minute tracks, until the superb "Bobby Brown" - a sort of "look at me, I'm proud to be American" take off, about a guy who loses his bearings; Zappa in fine form. The last two tracks are from Berlin,

and frankly they sound like Focus on a bad day, which is true of much of the patchy material on this album.

Side Three is the highlight and possibly worth the asking price on its own. The short "Baby Snakes" goes straight into "Tryin' to Grow a Chin", a song with a persecution complex if ever there was one; "Why am I livin'? I wish I was dead. Please kill me." Get the picture? We've heard it all before but what the heck.

A bit of applause, the first on this "live" album, and we're into "City of Tiny Lights", featuring guitarist, Adrian Belew on vocals. Possibly the strength of this sequence is the interchanging between vocalists, also including drummer, Terry Bozzier. Back to Zappa now on "Dancin' Fool", soon out as a single. This takes the whole disco scene and rips it up piece by piece. The suave pick-up artist also suffers; "Hey Darlin' ... Can I buy you a drink?"

Wait a minute I've got it... You're Italian! Hah?

Yer Jewish? Love your nails You must be a Libra.

If you don't buy the album, at least treat yourself to this excellent single.

The final track on side three, "Jewish Princess", is peppered with sexual innuendo and as such should pick up bans all over the place, although I'm sure IC Radio will be playing it.

Side Four is terrible - Forget it. Unless of course you're a Zappa freak in which case it's probably right up your street.

Well that's your lot; I'll be back after the Easter Break taking a look at some of the records that come out in the meantime.

Jon Firth

making you feel that you too are threatened.

The film has several drawbacks however. It is not one of those really memorable movies, probably because of the outrageous story. Far too many "red herrings" are thrown in which may intrigue a few but confuse most. The most ridiculous thing in my mind was the inclusion of "Amazing Grace" in the soundtrack at an inappropriate point. Why this happened I just don't know.

To summarise I would say that even though parts of the film are spurious and dull, it is generally very entertaining and shocks in the desired way. Remakes are very difficult and this must rank as one of the best, if only for the appearance of Don Siegel and Kevin McCarthy (a star in the original) as extras. Even if you've seen the original you could really enjoy it. The large publicity campaign may also mean you can't avoid it!

Mark Smith

SPORT

TABLE TENNIS

If there is anyone still out there on planet I.C. reading this FELIX, then this report was worth writing (if not worth reading!).

In chronological order of matches played:

I.C. IV v AMALG. DENTAL (Home) 9-0

A well-drilled fourth team played like a gas with Lambert and Cobrin winning all three sets for the first time ever Rutherford of course did his usual bit.

I.C. III v. BARBICAN Computer Centre II (Away) 4-5

The match was finally resolved in the 8th set, when I lost 21-18 in the 3rd game and thus left the score 4-4. As the final match was against BARBICAN's top player, the eventual 4-5 defeat was a formality, though Reed made a gallant effort. He won one of his three sets, Stean won two, and me one.

I.C. II v. EAGLE III (Home) 7-2

Much discussion took place on the subject of Sobhanpanah's and Ugoala's serves. It was resolved (partly) when I commented that one of the Eagle players had an equally "illegal" serve. I.C. eventually won a tense match thanks to Farzin (3 sets), Tye (2 sets) and Eze (2 sets).

I.C. IV v. D of E IV (Home) 6-3

Weng Leong (with my bat!!) pulled off three great wins and with Lambert (2 wins) and Cobrin (1 win) ensured victory.

Well, as this is an end-of-term report here are the results of a Universal (one person) Poll on my efforts: Spelling: 98%, Grammar: Nout, Wit: Less, Sado-masochistic tendencies: 3 and a half. Next term, cricket reports from **Super Smooth?**

CROSS COUNTRY

For the second time this term the presence of IC runners in Cambridge has brought blizzards, on this occasion for the Boundary Run, an annual 26 mile trot around the city, to be completed within 6 hours.

The 153 starters struggled in driving snow over a first five miles of ploughed fields before hitting roads for the next fifteen miles, all but the leading pack of four taking advantage of Mars bars supplied at 14 and 19 miles out. The last 6 miles of a marathon are bad enough without including a league of muddy fields, with fences, ditches and railway lines to traverse. Navigational error took its toll, routing arrows having been stolen: our own Mark Pickard was misdirected onto a short cut, taking him to the finish in first place, honesty and a four minute penalty reducing him to 3rd in 2 hrs 48 mins 20 secs. First place was taken by Cambridge's Chris Hirst in 2.44.20, with M. Ellison one minute behind. The two-man Imperial team was completed after 3.10.06 when Geoff Sherwood, disguised as an icicle, staggered into the finish in 7th place, causing the snow to stop in so doing.

With the competitive season drawing to a close, this is the time of year when clubs settle internal rivalries and give one another trophies, I.C. are no exception. Last Wednesday saw the annual club 5000m race, held at a windswept and rain-lashed West London Stadium. For several weeks past Ian Morton had been making daily trips to the Union Office in order to eye up the rather impressive piece of Silver which the winner holds for one year, such was his desperate desire to win, and so break the domination of recent years by the Physics Dept.

He even took his war of nerves to the length of a late arrival in order to shatter the spirits of his rivals. When the race got underway it was the fast starting Mark Thwaites and Danny Clarke-Lowes who set off at a blistering pace. Soon Stu Littlewood and Mark Pickard took the lead with Bryan Axford and Morton close behind. At the 2000m mark Axford made his move, (with a notable lack of success) he held the lead for 3 laps until Morton skated through, and proceeded to storm onward over the final 1500 m and eventually slipped and slithered

his way to a fine (if lucky) victory in a respectable 16 mins 15 sec. He was followed in by Littlewood and Pickard in the "silver" and "bronze" medal positions. Little Ian's delight was somewhat tarnished, however, when he discovered that he would be required to fill the cup to its full 6 pint capacity.

Saturday gave us the annual race against the Old Boys and by 3:30 pm there were a mere 14 individuals at the start. The thought of splashing around Richmond Park evidently being considerably less attractive than sitting in front of the TV watching the Boat Race and the Rugby and downing a quiet gallon. As was eventually inevitable, hangovers caught upon Ian Morton and he didn't arrive at all. This only served to lift Axford's spirits to a previously unknown high as he scented a maiden victory. Rich Harrington was obviously of the same opinion as he tried to persuade each competitor, in turn, to give a bit extra and try to "Wobble" Axford. But the "Carthorse" was not to be denied and he steamed off in fine style without even pausing to glance behind. Some even claimed to have seen smoke issuing from his ears as he careered off into the distance. Axford was a convincing victor with Ian Isherwood winning the tustle for 2nd place from the ageing Chris James.

Fourth home was the aforementioned Harrington enjoying a glorious swansong. The remaining finishers being, in order, Gary Longhurst, Alf Garnett, Ian Alvey, Dave Cleator, Maurice Wilson, Dave Briggs, Pete Johnson, Martin Tarnowski, Dave Jones and finally Miriam Rosen. The result was rigged in order to achieve the traditional draw.

This almost marks the end of the season, but for those of you who enjoy shorter distances, the Inter-CCU Athletics Championships are being held on Wednesday April 25th at the West London Stadium. Do come along and support your CCU, as the standard is pretty low, and a good time is had by all, you may even see Mark Corrigan in steeplechase action!

L'Escargot (again)

REVIEWS

Friday 16th March

Holst: Hymn of Jesus

Rossini: Petite Messe Solennelle

If the last week at IC is any indication, then the music of Gustav Holst is enjoying a vigorous revival, if indeed it has ever been neglected. Last week DramSoc chose for incidental music the best known of Holst's music, "The Planets", and on Wednesday the Wind Ensemble programme featured more of the music written by this composer.

On Friday the IC Choir, under the direction of Professor Eric Brown, performed Holst's "Hymn of Jesus", a piece written only two years after "The Planets" at the end of the Great War. Despite its origin in such turbulent years, the Hymn is calm, reflective and full of sustained voices reminiscent of "Neptune, the mystic". Its text is a setting of early Christian writings, from the "Apocryphal Acts of St. John", and was translated by the composer himself. The piece is dedicated to Ralph Vaughan Williams, who had also studied under Stanford at the RCM.

The Hymn opens with an unaccompanied plainsong melody from a trombone (a solo in this performance rather than the stipulated pair in unison). The prominence of the trombone is no doubt attributable to the composer being himself a player of that instrument. On this occasion the orchestra was extremely competent, although the strings had some difficulty with the asymmetrical rhythms at the beginning of "Divine Grace is dancing."

At times the plainsong themes and the use of a small male semichorus evoked a rather monastic atmosphere, but for the most part the music was luxuriant rather than ascetic, with long high descants (in the original sense, of a melody sung above the plainsong) and bell-like chords from the orchestra. As in many other pieces by this composer, the bass line is predominantly a heavy, treading scalic descent, a sort of anchor which prevents the chorus from drifting away from the Earth

completely.

The harmonies employed by Holst are chromatic, often unusual and very effective. Great beauty is achieved by a careful use of dissonance rather than from saccharine consonances. An example is the "Glory to thee, Father", where the last word is accented and enhanced by first a major chord, and then by one of the most harmonically remote chords possible (for those of a technical disposition, the minor triad a tritone distant) as the lower strings plunge into their descending scales.

The Rossini piece is an interesting choice for the Choir, since it has a strong emphasis towards the soloists, with few opportunities for the chorus to come into the foreground. Perhaps this enabled the Choir to save their energies, since the choruses were very brilliant. This Writer was particularly impressed by the "Cum Sancto Spiritu" of the "Gloria", for which one could not imagine a finer performance. The soloists were highly competent, and Jeffrey Cresswell's singing of the "Domine Deus" was particularly enjoyable.

The "Petite Messe Solennelle" is a piece which I had heard only once previously, and I suspect that it was less familiar to most of the audience than Rossini's earlier "Stabat Mater". Although Rossini is best known today as a composer of opera, he also turned out quite a few sacred pieces. The "Petite Messe" is not particularly short, nor is it noticeably more solemn than any of these other pieces. Indeed, the earlier sections abound with cheerful little tunes, many of which are thrown away quite casually, which would not have been out of place in any Rossini opera, and the Mass only becomes solemn towards what would presumably, in liturgical performance, be the actual Celebration. The Choir seemed to be more confident in the conventional harmonies and melodies of Rossini, and they achieved some beautiful tone with accurate singing, right up to the long and intricate final Amen.

Derrick Everett

NEWS IN BRIEF

JEWISH STUDENT ARRESTED

Boris Kalendarev, the Soviet Jewish student adopted by IC Union last year, has been arrested by Soviet police. It is expected that he will be charged with evasion of conscription, which could lead to a sentence of three years in a labour camp.

The Union has responded with protest telegrams to President Brezhnev and USSR State Prosecutor Rudenko. Union President Mary Attenborough has also written to Foreign Secretary David Owen and Peter Brooke, MP for Westminster, asking them to urgently take up Boris's case.

She has also sent a letter to Rudenko strongly urging him to release Kalendarev and saying that his arrest is "in flagrant defiance of the Helsinki agreement and breaches every acceptable standard of human rights."

21 year old Boris has been trying to emigrate from the Soviet Union. He applied for an exit visa in 1973 three years before he was eligible for military service. In 1977 he was expelled from College for applying to emigrate and since then the Soviet authorities have tried to force him into the army.

IC Union along with other student unions adopted Boris as part of a national campaign in support of the right of Soviet Jews to emigrate to Israel. Students are urged to assist Boris by writing to Dr. Owen and to their local MPs, urging them to take up his case. A list of MPs is available at IC Union Office.

Western protests have in the past resulted in the release of Soviet Jews. Boris's fate now depends on sufficient pressure being exerted on his behalf.

AP HELP NEEDED

Academic Affairs Officer Roger Stotesbury has organised a "paste-in" this weekend to paste-up the Alternative Prospectus ready for printing. The session will start tonight and continue until the work is finished. Any volunteers will be welcome. No previous experience is required.

VANDALS AGAIN

Two coin-operated telephones have been installed in the entrance foyer of the Union Building. They have been placed on the wall instead of in cubicles in an attempt to make them less prone to vandalism. This has been to no avail - one of them has already been vandalised.

TOP OF RAG

Zosia Zbrzezniak, RCS Queen of Jez is the country's number one rag collector. She has individually collected more for rag this session than any other student.

BOTTLE BACK

The Mines Bottle is back in the Union Bar following its rescue from Chelsea College on Monday night.

But it still bears the marks of its adventure as the words "Chelsea College" with dates have been engraved on the bottle.

It was Ken Newton of the Sports Centre who discovered its whereabouts. He was drinking at Chelsea's Bar and overheard Chelsea students boasting about all the mascots they had collected.

On Monday evening he returned accompanied by Miners and asked for the bottle. It was handed over without fuss.

TOPIC WRONG

IC Union Executive are annoyed about an article which appeared in last week's TOPIC suggesting that Refectory Committee proposed the one per cent monthly wages element in the new regulator.

Union President Mary Attenborough has pointed out that the scheme was proposed by Refectory Committee Chairman Professor Eilon and not discussed by the committee.

MORE HELP FOR IRANIANS

The Department of Health and Social Security has extended the period during which they will give financial assistance to Iranian students. IC has frozen their fees. The Home Office has granted them visas and they will probably be given work permits so that they can earn money during the vacations.

PHONIC EAR

Eleven year old Jerome Capvin and six of his friends from the Honniton Primary School Deaf Unit attended a special party in college last Sunday. The event was organised by RCSU in order to present Jerome with a special "Phonic Ear."

The aid was purchased with £800 raised by a special RCS rag collection - over a one-quarter of which was raised by Zosia Zbrzezniak alone. Zosia made the presentation personally.

A teacher from the unit demonstrated the unique qualities of the aid, which allows communication with the children at up to half a mile, via a radio system.

Jerome's family joined in the celebration and expressed their sincere gratitude to all of those who had helped in any way. Party games were followed by a mountain of food. After the children had left, the exhausted students only just mustered the strength to down a barrel of beer, one of their well-earned rewards. The event was covered by the national press.

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and Union President Mary Attenborough will be student representative on College's Overseas Students' Committee.

Council passed a vote of thanks to Sheyne Lucock for all the work he has done for the Union.

Publicity

The Meeting made several small changes to Union publicity rules. Clubs and Societies will no longer need to ask permission to put up posters but individuals will still be required to do so. Only the Union Publicity Officer will be able to grant permission. No dayglo posters of any colour will be permitted. All election posters will have to show the date of the relevant election.

Recognising that the Constituent College Unions regularly use A1 (48" x 32") size posters, previously illegal under Union rules, Council amended the rules to allow posters up to A1 size.

In a discussion on publicity for Union Meetings and the distribution of "Executive News" it was suggested that it could be distributed as a supplement to FELIX as well as separately before and during a UGM. This will be tried to see if it is feasible.

Following criticism of Mary Attenborough's active support for Sheyne Lucock's presidential campaign, a suggestion was made that sabbatical Union officers should not be allowed to campaign on behalf of any election candidate. However Council decided not to discuss this.

WUS Collection

Council agreed to support the new World University Service scholarship to enable a "third world" student to take a one year advanced course at IC. The WUS collection to be taken at the beginning of the session during registration will now be devoted specifically to that purpose.

SOCIAL LIFE FOR HARLINGTON

A meeting of the Athletics Grounds Committee discussed means of enabling students to meet socially at Harlington after matches. A subcommittee of the Athletics Clubs Committee is to discuss several possibilities of arranging late coaches back to College or a shuttle service to Hatton Cross tube station, to allow students to stay at Harlington after the main coaches leave at 6.00 p.m.

OVERSEAS STUDENTS QUOTA

The University Grants Committee has told College that it must reduce the number of its overseas students by 7 per cent in 1981-82.

IC's Governing Body rejected a proposal by Lord Annan, Vice Chancellor of London University, that Colleges should get round the quota by charging the full economic cost on some courses.

Governing Body agreed with Mary Attenborough that the concept of full economic cost was unrealistic. She pointed out that the imposition of quotas was abhorrent to academic freedom. Government policy on overseas students was not properly thought out and they had ignored the benefits to this country of educating overseas students.

She told Governing Body that College should not be complacent about quotas thinking that overseas student numbers would fall anyway because of high fees. Protests should be made about the principle.

Governing Body Chairman Henry Fisher said he would communicate the Governors' opposition but take no further action.

CHEAP FURNITURE FOR LINSTAD

The University Grants Committee has allocated only £35,000 to furnish the new Linstead Hall extension. A working party has found that even using the cheapest furniture available more money will be needed. A Governing Body working party is to consider how more money can be found.

NEW UNION CARD

ICU Honorary Secretary is designing next session's Union Card and is looking for suggestions for its improvement. He has already agreed to include the 'phone numbers of "Nightline" and "Release" on the back of the card.

UGM INQUORACY

Publicity for Union Meetings has been better than last year but there is still room for improvement, according to a paper on inquoracy at UGMs prepared by the Union Permanent Working Party.

The PWP has suggested improved poster design and wider advertisement on all Union media. They have also proposed setting up an ICU stall at Freshers' Fair and a shorter, more readable, Freshers' Guide to UGMs. There could be a permanent display of information on the Union in the Lower Lounge. To ensure Union Officers become known to students the Council photograph should be produced early in the Autumn term.

The PWP also suggested that Union Meetings should automatically be adjourned at 2.25 pm and that Executive reports should not include any proposals.