

THE NEWSPAPER OF IMPERIAL COLLEGE UNION

Boycott Off

The continuous refectory boycott scheduled for the start of this term is off following management's withdrawal of a 2.5 per cent price rise.

After last term's one day boycott, discussions between the Union and Domestic Secretary Captain Lindley resulted in the stopping of increases of 1 per cent for May and June to cover increased wage costs. A 1 per cent rise for April was put on but later halved.

Price rises to compensate for food price inflation will still go ahead each month and a 4 per cent price rise put on in March will remain.

A full discussion of the wages regulator will take place at Refectory Committee on 3rd May and the Union will argue for smaller increases than College has proposed.

As a result the Union Executive called off the boycott from Monday and yesterday's Union meeting accepted their decision without opposition. The meeting agreed with Mary Attenborough that it was now more important to concentrate on improving quality. There will be discussions about the installation of a cook freeze system.

The Union will also go ahead with participation in the College's Meet-IC day. Cooperation had been threatened as part of the Union's action on refectory prices.

The meeting also passed a motion proposed by Mary Attenborough that the Union should look into the possibility of providing its own cheap snack bar. This suggestion arose out of the students experience in providing alternative food during last term's boycotts.

NEWS IN BRIEF

JEN'S NEW ROLE

Jen Hardy-Smith, one of the Union's five permanent staff members, will in future be known as the Union Administrator instead of the Assistant to the President.

Jen joined the Union staff in 1973 and has served under six different Presidents ensuring a smooth changeover each year.

THREE GO TO PARIS

Three IC students are in Paris this week to attend the 4th European Conference of Students of Technology. The conference enables students from different countries to exchange ideas about the teaching of technological subjects.

The three students, whose visit is financed by IC Union, are Academic Affairs Officer Roger Stotesbury, Mech Eng Departmental Representative Adam Kingdom, both elected by IC

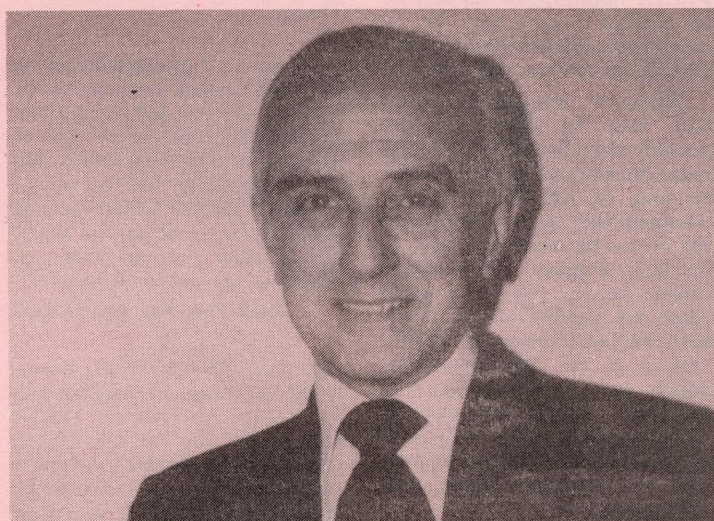
Union Council, and City and Guilds Academic Affairs Officer Bob Hart.

FEES RISE - NO SURPRISE

The Government has announced tuition fee increases averaging 9 1/2 per cent for the year 1979/80, bringing the highest rate, that for overseas postgraduates, to over £1000. The differential fees charged to home and overseas students have been retained.

The new fees are £595 (£545 in 1978/79) for home undergraduates, £770 (£705) for overseas undergraduates, £890 (£805) for home postgraduates and £1010 (£925) for overseas postgraduates.

Imperial College Governors will discuss the new fees at a meeting of their Finance and Executive Committees on 25th May. The Union will lobby the Governors in support of its demand.



Captain Lindley, organiser of "Meet-IC"

Photo by Colin Palmer

BEER-UP

Beer prices are up by 2p a pint this term following a price rise by the brewers. Mary Attenborough is investigating whether the rise is fully justified. The Bar accounts for last January show a surplus of £14,500 for the previous six months representing 12.3 per cent of turnover.

MARY IN SWEDEN

After yesterday's Union meeting President Mary Attenborough was in a hurry to leave as she had a plane to catch.

She was taking up an invitation to visit Chalmers University in Gothenburg, Sweden, to celebrate the 75th Anniversary of the founding of Chalmers University Students' Union. She will be away until Wednesday.

IC has academic links with Chalmers which sends a group of students in the 4th year of their degree course to attend M.Sc. courses at IC. There are about 15 Chalmers' students here this year.

Chalmers' Rector was made an honorary fellow of IC at the last Commemoration Day. While visiting the College he came into contact with IC students in their most down-to-earth state when he entered the Union Bar wearing a dinner jacket and was greeted by

the comment f---ing dinner jackets.

GRANTS UP 13 PER CENT

London undergraduates are to receive £1,485 next year in a 13 per cent grant award announced earlier this month, but there is to be no change in the means test.

This means that the majority of students will continue not to receive the full grant because most parents do not pay the full amount of the parental contribution.

The increase awarded is less than half the 27 per cent demanded by the Nation Union of Students. Another NUS demand for grants for 16 to 19 year old students has also been ignored.

Education Secretary Shirley Williams in her announcement of the new grant rates said that the Government had been prevented from responding to the NUS proposals because of the General Election, but major changes would be considered in the triennial grants review of 1980/81.

The home grant rate goes up to £985 from £870 and the full grant for students outside London goes up to £1245 from £1100. The Government has promised similar increases for postgraduates.

LETTERS

Sir, - We feel that it was very undemocratic of you to close correspondence about abortion rights. Surely as an officer of a democratic union, in charge of the means by which the members of the union correspond their feelings you have superseded your authority as preparer of publications with dictatorship. You were democratically elected not to censor but to set.

We feel that the last letter you passed for publication, from Miss Earnshaw, was contravertial and open to extreme criticism. To deny us the right to do this in FELIX implies your support for its content (which may be the case), and indicates the misuse of FELIX for private purpose.

Whatever reasons you may have had for this, it cannot possibly have been due to lack of space for an exhausted argument. As long as individuals wish to comment they must not be denied the means by which to do so. As for lack of space, this certainly cannot be, as you have found room for publication of letters between Jan Czernuska and the editor of the Morning Cloud which are of the nature of a personal vendetta between the two and which we are sure invoke nothing like the interest which the case of abortion rights does among readers.

We therefore ask you to reverse your decision, and in future not to intervene in a discussion in such an autocratic manner.

Pete Radoja Chemistry 1
Dave Bryan Mathematics 1
Colin Murray Geology 1

Dear Sir, - Oops! Rereading my last letter (FELIX 514) I see how offensive some parts seem to be. I must have been in a funny mood when I wrote it. Apologies all round.

But I want mainly to discuss here the far more worrying aspects contained in a letter from a Maths PG Thingy about being called Miss. The kind of raving man-hating clear in that paragraph is most disturbing and does no credit to the writer or the movement it (I assume thingies,

are genderless) tries to further "A woman needs a man like a fish needs a bicycle" quotes thingy in self-asserting smugness. I can at least understand what feminists are trying to achieve, but why oh why the ever-present almost rabid man-hating? The point, thingy, is that although a woman does need a man, what is equally important is that a man needs a woman. The sooner thingies and Co. realise this the better it will be for us all.
Yours, etc etc

Shlomo Godsie ME II

P.S. Notice how, with great self-control, I avoided saying 'Miss Thingy'.

Dear Sir, - Congratulations to everyone for their support for the refectory boycott last term. I had not realised that feeling was so strong in the College and would like to apologise for the time I wasted at the last Union meeting opposing the total boycott in the belief there would not be sufficient support for it to work.

Paul Fletcher Elec Eng 2

Dire Cur, - In reply to Mr Rastus Adolf Napoleon Odinga Odinga's letter of the 23rd March (FELIX 514), may I just say that I have been censored by three successive FELIX editors, and censored by Mick Maghar during my three years at IC?

Yours faithfully,

Ken (Random) Fenning.

Dear Sir, - Has the College finally taken over FELIX? Has the Editor sold his soul for several Megapennies? Does the Rector censor FELIX? All these questions and more flashed through my mind on reading your recent front page headline: FELIX - THE NEWSPAPER OF IMPERIAL COLLEGE. I trust, however, that it was merely a rare composing error & we will see a speedy return to FELIX - the Newspaper of Imperial College Union and leave Topic as the Newspaper of Imperial College.

Hugh Barrett

WHAT'S ON

FRIDAY 27th April

CLUB ACTIVITY

FELIX AGM - 13.00hrs, Felix Office (Beit Archway). Election for next year's committee, membership available. All welcome.

ORIENTEERING Club AGM - 13.00hrs, Senior Common Room (Union Building). Usually very short so please attend.

TUESDAY 1st May

CLUB ACTIVITY

LABOUR Club Election Meeting - 1.00pm, Maths 340. Local speakers, Labour candidates. Ann Holmes - Kensington, Russell Proffitt - Westminster.

MOPSOC AGM - 1.15pm, Physics LT2.

RIDING Club AGM - 13.00 - 14.00hrs. Electrical Engineering. Room 1009, level 10. All members please attend.

MISCELLANEOUS

ASTROSOC Lecture - 6.00pm, Physics Lecture Theatre 3. Dr Mike Selby on 'Angular Sizes of Stars'

STOIC Transmission - Repeat of Monty Python programme. 13.00hrs. JCR, Union TV Lounge, Southside Halls (except Tizard), Southside Lower TV Lounge.

THURSDAY 3rd May

FILM

ENTS Film - Last Remake of Beau Geste. 6.30pm. Starring Marty Feldman. Mech Eng 220. Price 30p. (Cert. A)

TRANSCENDENTAL Meditation Introductory Talk. 12.45pm. Mech Eng 664.

"LASERS, light of the 21st Century" - STOIC transmission (repeat of Horizon Programme). 13.00hrs. JCR, Union TV Lounge, Southside Halls (except Tizard), Southside Lower TV Lounge.

"MEET IMPERIAL COLLEGE"

On Wednesday, 2nd May next we hope to entertain some 300 personally invited visitors to the College from about 4.30 p.m. until 7.30 p.m. The visitors will be drawn entirely from the local community and our object is to let them see something of the College in action, how many and varied are the occupations and activities in which we are involved and to learn something more, at first hand, about what we are trying to achieve in Imperial College. As a result, we hope to enhance the goodwill of our nearest neighbours for the College, its staff and students.

The programme is being arranged by a working committee drawn from departments and administration under the Chairmanship of the Domestic Secretary and includes a considerable number of both static and working model displays, pictorial and photographic displays, the "Transformation Scene" recently mounted by Mrs. Pingree, the College Archivist, certain laboratories with their associated displays, as well as many I.C. Union Societies' exhibits.

Our visitors will arrive between 4.30 p.m. and 5.00 p.m., have tea, and after an opening address, copiously illustrated, by the Rector in the Great Hall, be free to view the exhibits which will be mounted in the Ante-Room and the Junior Common Room of Sherfield Building and visit the laboratories arranged in the Electrical and Civil Engineering Departments; guides will be provided. The visit will be rounded off with an informal glass of wine in the Senior Common Room of Sherfield Building taken with some members of staff and students and those involved in the mounting of the exhibits and displays.

SMALL ADS

WANTED

Slaves for AUCTION at the Annual Fete on Saturday May 5th. CONTACT: Tansy Hepton, Maths 1, Falmouth Hall Rm. 137 for details.

REQUIRED

Forth person, for 3 month budget trip to SOUTH AFRICA this summer. If interested please see Tony Hadley Mech Eng 2, Selkirk 463; Liz Banks, Civ Eng 2; Helen Grogan Life Sci 2.

MISSING

At some time between the end of term and the 6th of April, a cue was removed from the cupboard in the Snooker Room. I would very much appreciate the return of this item as without it I cannot play at all, a replacement being impossible to obtain. The cue is a 16½ oz Powerglide Connoisseur with a very distinctive spliced butt, and as far as I know is the only one in College. Information leading to

its return would be received with much gratitude and beer. CONTACT: M Maghar, Physics 3 or Union Bar.

ULU BALL

Gonzalez, Misty, ULU Dance Band, Steel Band, Sin-Fetix, Disco, All-night Films. Tickets £3.00 - includes barbeque meal. 9.00pm MAY 4th. All proceeds to ULU Nursery and Z.I.M.A.

FOR SALE

Moto- Guizzi 850 T3, 'S' rgd., low mileage. £1050. ono.

CONTACT: K. W. CHEAR (PG) int.3142.

FOR SALE

Honda CD175. Excellent condition 1976, 16 000 miles. Carrier, crash bars. CONTACT: M. Slater, Physics 3 or 385 2156 after 9pm.



FELIX

editorial

Boycott Off

Hello and welcome back to IC. By now you should have heard that the Boycott is off so you can all go back to eating in the refectories. I'm glad that College decided to reconsider their choice of the new regulator and I hope that any future changes will be fully discussed and voted on at Refectory Committee before being implemented.

The EGM yesterday decided not to withdraw from the Meet IC scheme. This get-together with local residents takes place next Wednesday and guides are still wanted to show guests around the departments. If you are interested then contact Annie in the **Union Office (int 2232)**.

FELIX AGM

At 1.00pm today the FELIX AGM will be held in the FELIX Office. Everyone is welcome to attend and you can join FELIX at the meeting. Membership for the rest of this year (until 30th June) is free and if you put your name down now membership for next year is only 30p (50p otherwise). The post of Photographic Rep is still open for any budding FELIX photographer. The job entails keeping up the stocks of chemicals, co-ordinating photographers and taking pictures.

By now papers for FELIX Business Manager should have been posted in the Lower Lounge (Union Building). Election for this position takes place at a UGM.

Abortion and Homosexuality

In reply to the letter on the facing page I would like to explain why I closed correspondence on both the above topics at the end of last term. The discussions had been running for several weeks (since issue 508 in the case of abortion) and I had received many requests to terminate the debate. Far from acting undemocratically I felt that the vast majority

were fed up to the back teeth with the topic being discussed by the same few. Matters of this nature are questions of religion, ethics and personal belief, and as such cannot be proved. If anyone feels sufficiently strongly they can always take the matter up privately with the individuals concerned.

I would like to know where it says I was "*elected not to censor but to set*". As far as I'm concerned I was elected to edit which means using my judgement in selecting copy for publication.

Urgently Wanted

Back issues of the following copies of FELIX are desperately needed for our files. These are no.s 492, 494, 495, 497, 501 and 508. If anyone has any spares of these copies would they please drop them into the FELIX Office.

Croquet O.K.?

Printed below is an article prompted by a school's declaration that Croquet was an "unofficial" game. Thanks to Shlomo Godsi for bringing it to IC and saving Croquet Club the trouble of writing an article.

Future Events

On **Tuesday May 1st** Dr Neil Harris (Careers Officer) will be giving a talk to second year students on 'choosing your career'. Any second years are very welcome to attend the talk which takes place in the **Read Theatre, Level 5, Sherfield Building at 1.15pm**.

Lady Flowers and the IC Wives Club will be holding another of their celebrated Beer and Bangers on **Wednesday May 9th at 5.30 , in 170 Queen's Gate**. Names to Jen in the Union Office. (int 3915) by **1.00pm Tuesday May 8th**.

THE CROQUET SAGE

"Mr President, what has your administration done about one of the vilest and most pervasive problems to afflict our great and glorious nation today, a plague to which a large section of our youth has already succumbed? I am, of course, referring to croquet abuse."

The president started sweating. This had been the making of three ex-presidents already, and he did not want to join his compatriots in the past tense.

"Well..."

Meanwhile, somewhere in Katmandu a man was transacting what could become the greatest deal of his life. He had just bought the largest shipment of illicit croquet equipment ever. This deal would mean an early retirement to Miami Beach.

Of course, there was always the minor matter of the CEA (Croquet Enforcement Administration), but bribes would go a long way towards solving that ...

Meanwhile, in a dark, dingy room in the wilds of St John's Wood a young man was slowly dying from the effects of his addiction. He had started it all for kicks, but it had soon become a habit, which had forced him to steal, lie, cheat, mug little old ladies and fiddle his income tax forms ...

Meanwhile, in police HQ a band of loyal citizens was being given lectures on how to recognise addicts. The sergeant held up a stubby wooden object.

"Right, this is a croquet mallet, and it is used for hitting these things called balls."

He paused, as the shock registered on the faces of his audience. A responsive audience was always a nice thing to have.

"Now I want to warn you all. This is a very sordid business. If you can't stand the sight of raw mallets you had better leave, before I

show you the hoops"

Somebody had to be carried out from the back row...

Meanwhile, back at the ranch, the tourists had finally arrived. But they were no ordinary tourists. They were important, underworld croquet pushers. Representatives from the Communist International were there too. They passed by the sacrosanct croquet pitch, surrounded by an electrified fence. Inside there were would be almost half a ton of balls (Yucch!) ...

Meanwhile, in a tenement basement in downtown Manhattan a young man was bowing down to a bronze statue of a croquet player. He firmly believed that the Messiah would be a croquet grand master. The door burst open. Two policemen, foaming at the mouths, beat him to a joyful pulp with his own mallets, before driving a steak through his heart (well done). There was a lot of discontent in the police force because the courts tended to apply croquet legislation rather leniently. One of the cops spat.

"Who was he?" ...

"I don't know, I just came to use the john" ...

Meanwhile, in a rickety plane over a rickety American border, a rickety man was fighting for his rickety life (ricketily). A storm was ricketting the buffetty plane. He swore to himself that if he could get this shipment through alive, he would give up chewing gum for a year. But a flash of lightening sheared the tail rickets off the rickety plane. The plummetty plane began ricketting and ...

Meanwhile in suburbia.

"Mom, I ... can you take a shcok ... Well, I'm er ..."

"Oy vay, Allah protect us (and a hey nonny nonny) don't tell me you're ..."

"Yes, I'm pregnant."

"Ahh! Thank the Lord. For a moment I thought you were a croquie."

"Oh, that as well"

"Eee, ooh, ah ..."

Mother drops dead ...

Meanwhile, back on a plummetty, ricketing plane a few metres above the ground.

"Oh my God, I think I'm catching rickets".
(Dies)

Tons of croquet equipment were destroyed. Meanwhile, back at the brothel ... Oh, sorry, wrong magazine ...

Meanwhile, Fred was walking through the Park under the watchful gaze of a poster proclaiming the evils of croquet.

*"KICK THE CROQUET,
YOU'LL BE O.K."*

Suddenly two big schwarzers loomed up in front of him and knocked him into the ground (with a mallet) took his money and hearing aid and ran.

"Ee, ooh, aah", he said, "Just my luck to run into croquies". (stay alive).

Meanwhile.

"Of course, all modern science says that croquet is no more harmful than smoking, drinking and group sodomy. Moreover we have found that it is not possible to stem the growing tide by force or even nasty means. Even free collective bargaining has failed."

"So, dear Congress, I've decided to do the only thing possible ... No problem is so great it can't be run away from, so I'm going to introduce legislation to make croquet playing compulsory. In future the country's emblem will be an eagle clutching a croquet mallet. Voters will have to be accomplished players."

Camera fades out on dazzling grin. Thinks. *"Got out of that one O.K."*

There now follows a message from the first croquet mallet on the moon.

"Yippee! I'm the first croquet mallet on the moon" ...

Welfare

A lot of people, even at university level don't find that exams are the easiest or most pleasant of exercises. However, a lot of the worry of exams can be countered by a good examination technique.

The article reprinted below was produced by the College Health Service based on a lecture given by Dr Robert Sharp of the Institute of Behavioural Therapy and deals with various aspects of exam strategy.

If you find exams particularly nerve-racking, it is worth remembering that the College Health Service and the Student Counsellor are very good at helping to overcome the various worries caused by exams and no doubt they would be happy to help you to perfect your own exam technique.

ALL STUDENTS SHOULD KNOW ABOUT EXAM STRATEGIES

Arrive at an exam with a few minutes to spare. If you are worrying about being late you will rush into the exam hall worrying and will be even more nervous.

Opening Strategies.

For the initial 15 minutes of a 3 hour exam, plan out the exam as follows:

1. Choose the questions. This means reading the paper carefully and then re-reading it.
2. Choose the order of questions.
3. Make a timetable for the exam.
4. Make quick notes on all the questions you intend to answer. This acts as a memory trigger and while writing one question you may remember facts about another - add them to your list.

Questions

Estimate the questions you cannot do; mark those which are either easier or your favourite questions and select the questions which offer the MOST MARKS.

Order of Questions

If there are three questions to be answered, then put them roughly in the following order:

- 1) Gift question, this is the one everybody expected and prepared for. Answering it first warms you up, and motivates you by getting you doing one successfully. It can also produce a "Halo effect" if it is read first because it gives the examiner a mental set that "this is a good paper".
- 2) Pet question. This is the one you hoped would appear and which you can answer especially well. It is a good question to do next because you are warmed up and you won't run out of time.
- 3) Difficult question. If you write down as much as you possibly can, you can at least collect a proportion of the possible marks, without sacrificing marks on the other two questions.

Timetable

Organise your timetable, put it down on your answer book, put your watch next to it and stick to it. For example for a 3 hour exam which starts at 2 pm in which you have to answer 3 questions which carry equal marks then your timetable should look like this:

- 2.00 Planning.
- 2.15 Question 1.
- 3.10 Question 2.
- 4.05 Question 3.
- 4.55 Finish off.

The timetabling of exam questions could depend on the weighting of marks for the different questions. *Do not borrow time from another question.* This is because of the law of diminishing returns for marking. Go for the easiest first few marks. (it is hard to get zero). The principle is that it is easier to get the first 50% of marks by just answering the question. Top marks are harder to get therefore if you can manage to get 50% on each of them, you have more chance of passing the exam than attempting only 2 questions where you *must* get the highest marks possible. You have a better chance of obtaining the average mark than you do of doing brilliantly on only two.

Planning

In each block of time set aside on your timetable for your questions you can break it down further, spending a few minutes for planning. It might prove useful to reproduce at the top of the page a short-hand note for the essay. At the end of your essay, draw a clean, oblique line through it to show your examiner that it was part of your notes, and not to be counted as part of your answer.

Difficulties in starting and finishing essays

Suggestion: If introductions are difficult, start with the second paragraph, leaving a space for the introduction. Write the bulk of your essay and then return to write the introduction followed by the summary

which tells the reader what might have been pursued if there were more time.

Strategies if things go wrong.

1. If you run out of time; tell the examiner you have run out of time and these are the points you would have gone on to discuss.
2. Getting stuck; allocate a time to struggle with recall or puzzling out the answer. If at the end of that time, you still do not know what to write, then go on to the next question. Alter your timetable, and in the remaining time at the end return to that question.
3. Panic. Switch off. Close your eyes, do nothing for a limited time. This is better than having to give up entirely. If you think you might be one of those who panics and cannot cope please discuss it with someone early either your tutors, the student counsellor or one of the doctors.
4. Blank out: if you just forget everything, plan to use the "scribble strategy" - write out words, which lead to other words, and get your mind thinking again.
5. Examination Phobia: This can be helped and indeed cured by therapy. If you know you have difficulties with examinations come and see someone at 14 Princes Gardens. Now is a good time.

Stress

Everyone devises their own useful strategies for managing stress. These are some suggestions for 'opening gambits' during the first stressful few minutes of an exam.

1. Relax before looking at your exam paper for a few minutes to organise thoughts. This is basic relaxation. Enter, sit and relax.
2. 'Scribbling technique': this is a sort of rote learning which you do immediately upon entering the examination. Outside the exam hall, you are revising last minute details which are on a piece of A4 paper or 6 x 3 cards. The information on these last minute aids must be *ordered, structured* to be easily remembered. Immediately as you enter the hall (having thrown your cards away ... *don't cheat*) rewrite these ordered notes fast and first, without looking at the actual examination paper. This maximises short-term recall, and gives you a feeling of a slight-edge, and control.
3. Timetabling and reading through the questions. Spend some time reading through the questions. Spend some time reading through the question and then write down your timetable for doing the questions you have chosen.
4. Ritual behaviour. This is one way of relaxing, being 'mindless', and may consist in putting your bits and bobs in order, tying your shoes, whatever ritual behaviours you normally do to get ready and relax yourself.
5. Unplanned contingencies (these are things which could go wrong, unanticipated occurrences). Accept that you will have instructions and give in to them, at least for a limited period. If for example, during the exam you feel like daydreaming, give in to it, saying to yourself, 'I'm going to daydream', but only let yourself go for a few minutes. If you feel a severe anxiety attack then understand what is happening and let it happen. Tell yourself something like 'This is an anxiety attack. This means that there is a rush of adrenalin pumping through my system which will subside in a little while'. The psychology behind this strategy is that it will need to take its psychological course but since you know what it is and have told yourself what it is, then you are still in control. The attack will pass, and you will be able to get on with the exam.

Anxiety reveals itself in various physiological symptoms; dizziness, rapid heart beat, sweating, breathing overhard, nausea or vomiting, defecation or urination, tension, muscle spasms. If you know that these symptoms are signs of anxiety then you can control them. Anxiety states are not in themselves detrimental, but should be kept in control. So if possible, give yourself a mock exam, get the feel of the adrenalin pumping through your system, know what it is, and then practice relaxing

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Some places in double rooms are available in flats close to Gloucester Rd. Tube. Anyone interested in moving in next week should contact Michael Arthur (Int 2898) or go to the Welfare Centre, 3rd floor Union Building.

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Day By Day

A ROUND-UP OF LAST WEEK'S NEWS



Wednesday 18th

General Election Fever?

The General Election may be less than a fortnight away but the public have not seen many signs of drama in the political arena. Both the major parties seem to be cruising towards the Election on May 3rd. Publicity promotes the parties as if they were products available at a supermarket and the main interest has focussed on betting on the Election, especially on Labour, including two separate bets of £1,000 at 8-1. Corals give the conservatives a 3-10 chance of winning the greater number of seats with Labour at 5-2.

Golfer loses Open because of Seagull

In the Sunshine Coast Open golf championship the leader was about to hole out on the 15th green. As he was playing the ball a seagull dropped a 1.5lb fish from a height of 300ft. The golfer was knocked own, missing the putt, and consequently lost the tournament.

Butler drops bomb

Lord Brownlow's butler daily dusted a WW butterfly bomb which was displayed in the library of Belton house. Millions of visitors have passed the bomb, & the Prince of Wales has slept adjacent to the room where it is kept.

The butler dropped the bomb on his foot and a visitor, who had served in the Royal Engineers, recognised that the bomb was dangerous and arrangements were made for its removal.

Thursday 19th

17 year old cadets with Army in Ulster

The Ministry of Defence admitted, tonight, that schoolboy members of Combined Cadet Forces, are being allowed to patrol Northern Ireland's Republican trouble spots with regular troops.

Mrs Thatcher visits chocolate factory

Mrs Thatcher made a visit to a Birmingham chocolate factory while touring around the country. She would descend on a woman making chocolate and they would have a conversation. Because of the din, neither could hear the other. This is the ideal arrangement for conversation between party leaders and voters at election time since it cuts out a lot of unnecessary detail.

Friday 20th

Election is ideal for cranks

The Science Fiction Looney party (SFL) and Fancy Dress party (FDP) are just some of the odd groups who will be fighting the election. Protests have been made that the £150 Election deposit is too low. They blamed the *ludicrously* low deposit figure which they described variously as a *crank's charter*, *open invitation to extremist causes*, and a *mockery of democratic processes*.

For their £150 deposit candidates are entitled to one free mailing to every elector at an officially estimated average cost of £4,500 for each constituency. The deposit has not been changed since 1919 when today's £ would have been worth 10.8p. Many former MPs want it raised to at least £1,500, close to the contemporary value of £150 in 1918.

Many former MPs are anxious that in a General Election with so many marginal seats even the relative handful of votes picked up by fringe candidates can be crucial.

TV nervous over program content

Last Sunday the comedy film 'I'm All Right Jack' was cancelled by ITV. A row began which has provided much copy for the letters' pages of the national press.

The Independent Broadcasting Authority is scrutinising the film lists of each of the programme companies to ensure that no hint of political controversy reaches the screen as 'entertainment'.

In some regions the 'Jim Davidson Show' has been taken off because it contains political jokes. The BBC will be first back to normal after May 3rd because 10 minutes after the polls close they will be broadcasting a repeat of the Mike Yarwood Christmas Show cancelled during the campaign.

Saturday 21st

Frau Hess seeks inquiry

Frau Ilse Hess has agreed that an international panel of medical experts can check the claim by Hugh Thomas that the man in Berlin's Spandau jail is not her husband, Rudolf Hess, Hitler's former deputy.

London casinos to close

Gambling at London's casinos has become an easy task... if you have the money. Gone are the crowds that usually surround the roulette wheels and blackjack tables. The casinos face their most nervous period since Crockford's was closed down back in the 1960's.

Police investigations, the prospect of a tax to be imposed on the punter and a drop in the big Arab money may mean that the boom is over.

Ladbroke's are almost certain to have their application, for renewal of their licences, opposed by the police. The big punters tend to shy clear of casinos if they sniff controversy or trouble in the air.

Some of the big boys are holding their own games in the privacy of their hotel suits, with the help of specially hired casino dealers.

Sunday 22nd

Election polls - 5 1/2% or 20% Tory lead?

About 2,000 electors make up the 'nationally representative samples' used by the famous names specialising in Election predictions. There are 635 constituencies and so an opinion poll questions about 3

people per constituency. 402 constituencies are racing certainties (200 Labour, 200 Conservative, 1 Liberal and 1 SNP). This leaves around 800 samples taken in the marginals. As in previous elections, only the marginals matter, and the opinion polls taken in these seats show a Tory lead of 12%. Although other polls give a lead ranging from 5 1/2 to 20%, the final Conservative majority is likely to be about 60 seats.

Strangers tramped through bedroom for 3 years

A Barnsley family moved into a council house 3 years ago. While the husband and wife were in bed, they were surprised to find strangers entering the room asking 'Where does the bridge club meet?' The council had arranged a lease with the local bridge club allowing its 30 members access to the council house in order to play bridge in a room above the garage. The family could do nothing to stop the unwanted lodgers from wandering all over their house.

A council spokesman said the club lease had been overlooked when the family were offered the house.

ITN lose SALT talks

An urgent request for film of the SALT talks was almost refused when no film could be found in the ITN library.

However, someone suggested searching in the files under, 'Food and drink' and the film was found.

Monday 23rd

National Front protest riots

Over 300 people were arrested, tonight, during clashes with police which erupted out of protests against a National Front election meeting at Southall. A 32 year old teacher was killed and 40 police were seriously injured.

Mr Callaghan will have a hard struggle to win seat.

The Liberal candidate in Mr Callaghan's constituency deliberately withheld his papers when nominations closed and urged his supporters to vote Conservative. If the Liberals and Conservatives join forces there only needs to be a 5 per cent swing to unseat Mr Callaghan.

Tuesday 24th

Bishop Muzorewa wins election

Bishop Abel Muzorewa was victorious in Rhodesia's first one-man one vote election which ended today. The Bishop is the leader of the United African National Council which won 51 of the 72 black seats in the majority rule Parliament.

Anna Ford - newscaster of the year

ITN news reader, Anna Ford, was presented with the Radio Industries Club award as 'Newscaster of the year'. Penelope Keith and Jasper Carrot won the ITV personality award.

Monday 30th

INTRODUCTION SLIDES

FILM

'SCIENCE IN ISLAM'

Tuesday 1st

LECTURE

'IS ISLAM A THREAT?'

By Sheik Darsh.

(Islamic Culture Centre.)

Wednesday 2nd

LECTURE

'THE ISLAMIC REVOLUTION IN IRAN'

By Dr. Abdel Halleem.

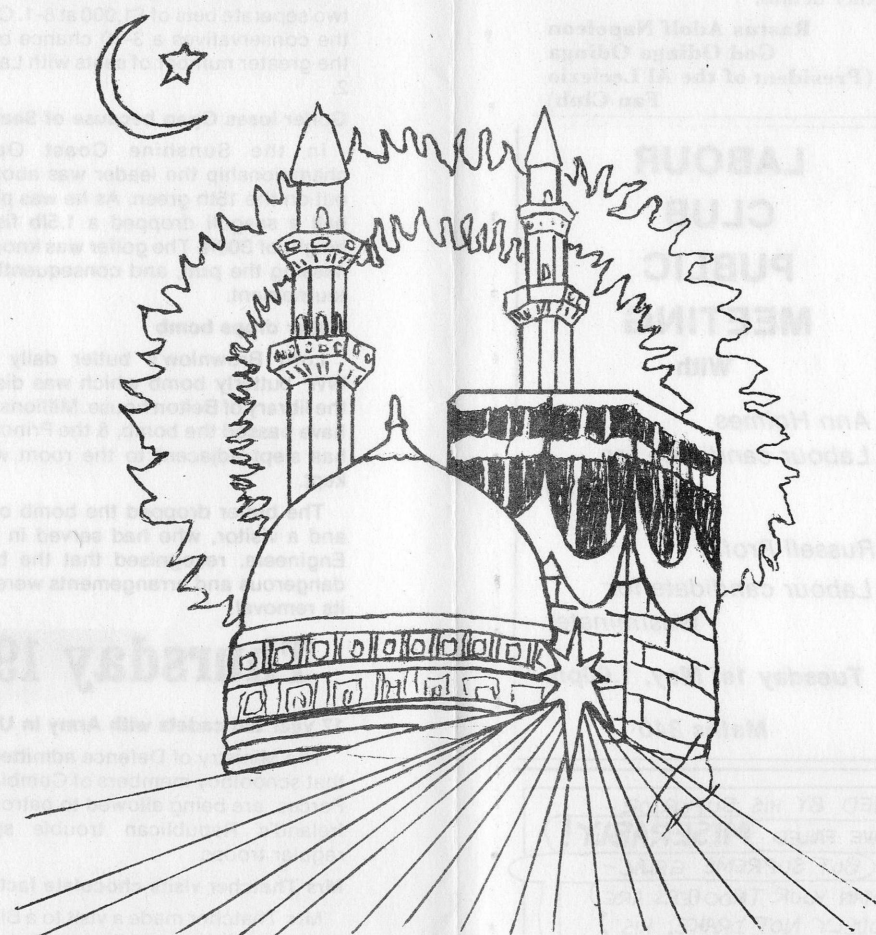
(School of Oriental and African Studies.)

ALL WELCOME.

I.C. ISLAMIC SOCIETY.

ISLAMIC WEEK

30TH APRIL - 4TH MAY



TIMES & PLACES.

Monday - Thursday 5:30 PM
ROOM 542

MECHANICAL ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT.

Friday 6-10 PM
GREAT HALL, SHERFIELD BUILDING.

Thursday 3rd

LECTURE

'ISLAM THE WAY TO WORTHWHILE LIVING'

By Mr. Mokhtar Holland.

(Islamic Foundation, Leicester)

Friday 4th

FILMS

'THE LONG SEARCH'

'ISLAMIC CIVILISATION'

'SCIENCE IN ISLAM.'

DAILY EVENTS

1) **BOOKS & POSTERS DISPLAY.**

LYON PLAYFAIR

LIBRARY.

09:30-21:00

2) **SALE OF BOOKS AND POSTERS.**

UNION BUILDING.

LUNCHTIME.

The Death of SOLOMON MAHLANGU

In June 1976, while he was a school student, Solomon Mahlangu witnessed at first hand 'brutal suppression' of student protests in his home township of Mamelodi. These protests lead to the death of over a thousand of the demonstrators and persuaded Mahlangu to leave South Africa and train as a freedom fighter with the African National Congress (ANC).

He and two companions returned to SA in June 1977 and were intercepted by police in Johannesburg and a running battle ensued. Mahlangu and another escaped but the third, Mondy Motloung, was cornered in a warehouse where he killed two whites before being captured. Mahlangu was detained later when trying to find out what happened to Motloung. As a result of injuries sustained after his arrest, primarily a fractured skull, Motloung was declared insane as a result of brain damage and was unable to stand trial. Thus Mahlangu, a youth of 21,

was left to stand trial alone. For his part in these events he was sentenced to death, even though he hadn't personally been involved in any killing (though no doubt he was prepared to be). This sentence was carried out on the 30 March this year.

I first became aware of this scenario when I was dragged along to the South African embassy by a certain Ms Att... (to hold the other end of the ICU banner) on the Wednesday before the execution was scheduled, and I subsequently attended an all night vigil at the same embassy the following night Friday morning. The purpose of this protest was to try and persuade the SA government to abandon this execution, which we failed. I also expect that this protest has already been forgotten by most people bar the demonstrators and the 50 plus policemen women who kept us company but I can hope that my illiterate ramblings might remind some of you.

One disturbing point about this protest was that while we were supposed to be appealing against

the execution of one person, the ANC faction was leading us in chants along the lines;

Who do we want? ... Vorster
How do we want him?...
dead!!!

On the other hand however, at 5am, the time of the execution, after the traditional moment of silence, we were treated to a talk by some official of the ANC who after giving us the usual state of war and just struggle bit went on to promise that any South African soldiers captured by ANC forces would be treated as POWs in accordance with the Geneva Conventions (International Red Cross, 1949). He then challenged the SA government to treat ANC prisoners the same.

This is where the value judgement creeps in!

The question that has to be answered here is: At what point (if any) does terrorism evolve into a just struggle against oppression? and the complementary question: What circumstances, (if any) warrant the execution of individuals (citizens or otherwise)

by a government?

Even if I had any well formed ideas about the answers to these questions I would probably refrain from airing them here but I can leave them for you to think about as they are both relevant in this country at the moment. The first governs our treatment of the IRA and similar organisations, eg. Should the protesting prisoners in H-Block be given POW status? the second is highly relevant with the current resurgence of the campaign to reintroduce the death penalty into British law.

Just as a foot-note, probably totally irrelevant to the rest of this discourse, is that a group of mourners at the graveside of Mahlangu were dispersed by security forces with tear-gas, not because they were posing any threat to those police but this was simply the easiest way of breaking up an illegal gathering, and act hardly endearing one to the forces of order in South Africa.

John S Whitehouse
Chemistry



RAG FETE

SATURDAY 5th MAY
PRINCES GARDENS

We still need MORE stalls

MORE helpers

Meeting, Wed 2nd, 6.30, Rag Office for details, or names to Graham Cox

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Limited edition of 100 - so hurry!

IC at NUS Conference!

As Piers Corbyn said: IC always gets there whether they are in or out.

Anyhow, out or in, we were represented at what was probably the most boring, and possibly the most important conference for many years

As usual, the Broad Left Junta was re-elected, Junta in this case being Trevor Phillips, Dave Aaronovitch, Alan Christie with various others being reshuffled notably Helen Connor becoming Treasurer and the Incredible Hulk Fiona McTaggart switching from V.P. Welfare to V.P. Services. The major upset of the elections occurred when Mike Goodman (Pres Brunel) defeated John Merry (B.L.: not British Leyland though one wonders at times) for V.P. Education.

Conference opened with T. Phillips condemning the 13% rise as too little and describing the lack of coordination in the D.E.S.

The serious content of conference consisted of debate on Constitutional changes, the Exec report and a short period towards the end for emergency motions.

In the Constitution debates proposals were presented by the Constitutional Review Body (CRB) with numerous amendments from the Constituent Organisations, many of which were not debated, much to the dissatisfaction of many present. The most contentious subjects were structure and Elections, Part time Student Membership, Finance and Subscriptions and Women.

The Structure of NUS will continue to be confederal ie. a 3-tier system of NUS, CO's and students, rather than a National Union of individuals as proposed by the Tories who were also in favour of nationwide elections for NUS posts.

Part time students will be represented in a 10:1 ratio to full time students as part of a phased introduction. Postgraduates will be considered as a separate group and will have their own conference. Women will have two conferences, one open / one closed as opposed to the present single open conference. This was also opposed by the Tories (They had a monopoly on Amendment 1 to most motions).

The major defeat on the constitution was the new finance and subscriptions Motion which proposed to increase the polytech. sub and not surprisingly was opposed by them.

The Emergency Motions on the last day had little time and only two, Grants and Cuts and Overseas Students, of the four prioritized were debated and were predictable although very necessary.

Conference finished with an hour of self-indulgence and all dispersed tired.

Overall it was personally a worthwhile although exhausting experience and would gladly be repeated. Ah!, I forgot the Liberals but never mind.

John Passmore Acting EAO and part time ULU observer.

Parliamentary Candidates and Gay Rights

Last summer when everyone thought there would be a general election in October, I wrote to the Party leaders and various prospective Parliamentary Candidates to discover their opinions on Gay Rights.

My letter asked about their attitudes to the following:

(1) The legal age of consent should be the same for homosexuals as for heterosexuals (i.e. 16). Male homosexual relationships are completely illegal in Scotland and Northern Ireland and illegal in England and Wales for all people aged under 21. Since everyone can vote at 18 and get married under 18, it is outrageous that the law does not consider men and women aged 20 sufficiently mature to determine their own relationships without its intervention.

(2) Women and men should have the right to freedom from all discrimination (e.g. in employment, accommodation) resulting from either being gay, openly gay (e.g. wearing badges at or outside work), or actively gay (e.g. participating in demonstrations or joining political, social or counselling gay organisations).

(3) Lesbianism should not be used as justification either for preventing custody of children being granted to their mother or for refusing A.I.D. (Artificial Insemination by Donor) to lesbians.

(4) "Privacy", "Indecency", and "Soliciting" should be defined so that homosexual conduct would not be prosecuted where comparable heterosexual acts would not be an offence.

(5) Literature and advertising directed to homosexual women and men should not be prosecuted where similar material directed to heterosexual men and women would not be liable to prosecution.

(6) There should be an end to the harassment of gays by police (e.g. recent raids on gay clubs and pubs particularly in London and Manchester; such raids rarely result in prosecution but merely threats of prosecution which have caused several clubs to close).

(7) The ban on Gay News, the fortnightly gay newspaper, by W.H. Smith should end. In many parts of the country W.H. Smiths were the sole distributor of Gay News which is a lifeline for many isolated gay men and women.

(8) The conviction against Gay News in the 'Blasphemy Trial', initiated by Mary Whitehouse, which resulted in fines totalling £1500, should be quashed when it is reconsidered in the House of Lords in the near future.

The replies received were as follows:

PARTY LEADERS

Jim Callaghan, Labour Party opted out and did not reply but sent the letter to various Government Departments including the Home Office, Northern Ireland and Scottish Office, and the Department of

Health and Social Security. The Home Office said that the law of blasphemy would be looked at by the Law Commission during a review of offences against religion and public worship. On other issues of law, the Policy Advisory Committee on Sexual Offences was supposed to be looking at possible areas of change although at that time (24 August), the Government had no plans to change the law.

The Northern Ireland Office and Scottish Office both said that attempts were being made to bring their laws on the matter into line with England and Wales. The Scottish Office said that although homosexual acts between consenting males were illegal in Scotland there had not been any prosecutions.

Maggie Thatcher, Conservative Party. Gave a short reply that she was not interested in extending the law on any of the subjects mentioned.

David Steel, Liberal Party, said that his general stance was that there should be no discrimination against homosexuals, and he enclosed a resolution from the Liberal Party Council supporting a Homosexual Law Reform Bill promoted by the Campaign for Homosexual Equality (C.H.E.).

LOCAL CONSTITUENCIES

City of London and Westminster South

Conservative Party Candidate - Peter Brooke supports gay rights although he felt some of the points in my letter were not matters for legislation.

Labour Party Candidate - Russell Proffit. Supports gay rights and thinks there should be a law against discrimination because of sexual orientation. He sees the issue as related to the way rights are denied to others, such as Blacks.

Liberal Party Candidate - Harry Ball Wilson. Supports most of the changes suggested in my letter and that it should be unlawful to discriminate in matters such as housing and employment on grounds of sexual orientation.

Kensington Constituency

Liberal - no reply

Labour - Ann Holmes said she was very firmly committed to the fight for homosexual equality and said that there should not be a definition of heterosexuality as 'normal' and homosexuality behaviour as 'abnormal'. As a comment about police behaviour she supported greater accountability of the police force.

Chelsea Constituency

Labour - no reply

Liberal - Peter Driver agreed with gay rights and called for greater police understanding of minority rights.

Conservative - Nicholas Scott sent an acknowledgement only (but C.H.E. inform me that he is a supporter of gay rights).

I hope that these attitudes on gay rights will aid you in your decision on how to vote in the General Election.

**Mary Attenborough
President I.C.U.**

SOCIETIES PAGE

LABOUR CLUB

Vote Labour on May 3

For those who have managed to avoid all papers, television and radio over the last few weeks, you will be amazed to hear that next Thursday, 3 May is General Election day.

Socialists argue for the election of a Labour Government - not necessarily because of the record of the right wing Labour politicians in the past but because of the need to build a socialist future for Britain which can be achieved through a left Labour government bringing about fundamental changes to our society. The MP's elected under the name of the Labour Party often do not reflect the policies of the Party as decided by conference but this can be changed through the establishment of greater democracy and accountability.

What changes are needed in Britain today? We need more spending on social services, on community projects, on the health service and on education. This will open up facilities for the population and increase the social standard of living. Economic changes are needed which will revitalise the economy and end the scandal of the 1 1/2 million unemployed.

Through taking major companies into social ownership there can be investment, expansion and planning of production such that the basic necessities of life are provided for all the population. New technological advances can be used to help increase living standards instead of being used by employers as an excuse to throw people out of work.

All these things may seem a long way off achieving but there are a number of Labour candidates worth supporting who would do their best if elected to Parliament. For those who live in Hall you are in the Constituency of City of London and Westminster South and your Labour candidate is Russell Profit who is fighting a 7,000 Tory majority. He is particularly interested in Educational issues. He was originally from Guyana and educated at Goldsmiths College and is involved in the anti-racist fight.

The candidate for Kensington is Ann Holmes. The Tory majority there is only just over 1,000 and she has a good chance of winning. The Conservative ex MP Sir Brandon Rhys Williams, who is the Tory candidate has also been

selected as a candidate for the South East London Constituency for the European Assembly. This constituency at the far end of London is regarded as a safe Tory seat. It seems highly unlikely that Sir Brandon can do justice to both jobs.

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IC Labour Club will mostly be campaigning in Kensington.

CANOE CLUB TRI-YEARLY ARTICLE

Canoe Club have three major events planned for this term. The first is the AGM on **Tuesday 1st May, Stans Bar at 8.30pm** at which voting for all club posts will be carried out, using a misunderstood unrepresentative seventeen vote system. The second attraction is a surfing trip to Croyde Bay, North Devon, on the long weekend 5 - 7th May, hot weather and good surf has been booked.

Last but not least is a mammoth trip to France, canoeing in the Pyrenees or Alps, for two weeks (9 - 22 July). Would anyone who wants to go please rush £20 to me as soon as possible. Pool sections are on Tuesdays 6.30 - 8.00 at the sports centre, everyone welcome.

For anymore information see me, **Bill Scurry Physics 3.**

BILLIARDS AND SNOOKER

THE ULU Snooker championship will be held at **Guys Hospital on Saturday 28th April** This competition is open to all students from IC. (Not only members of the snooker club). If you are interested, please come up to the snooker room for further details.

**Rastus Adolf Napoleon
God Odinga Odinga
(President of the Al Leclezio
Fan Club)**

Anyone interested in canvassing should meet at the **Kensington offices, 92 Ladbroke Grove, W11 (229 6259) any evening after 6pm.** People are also needed to leaflet during the day and also to help on polling day.

If you live in Croydon or in the area you may be interested in supporting the candidate in Central Croydon David White who is a strong socialist fighting a tiny 164 Conservative majority. (phone **Frank Leppington, 4278**, for details).

Where ever you are, vote for Left candidates in the General election and stop the possibility of one of the most reactionary Conservative governments for many years.

For more info contact **Malcolm Brain** or **Mary Attenborough**, **Union Office** or **Dave Lyons Chemistry 1.**

LABOUR CLUB PUBLIC MEETING

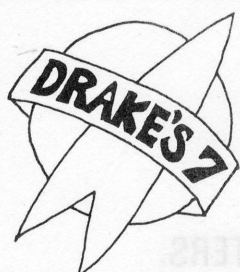
With

Ann Holmes
Labour candidate for
Kensington.

Russell Profit
Labour candidate for
Westminster.

Tuesday 1st May, 1.00pm

Maths 340



PART 10

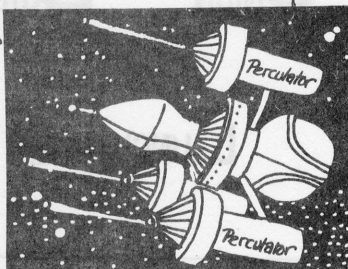
The Story So Far.....

Deciding to make their first sabotage attempt, Drake's 7 wander vaguely about on Teflon 2 looking for something suitable.

Gullibly following signs planted by the evil Space-commander Crevis (and meeting Dr. Who & a faulty guard) they finally reach a com-

munications installation. Trapped inside, they battle Federation troops

until they hit on the idea of disguising themselves as Groucho Marx. Crevis sees through the trick instantly, but his men, by now totally confused, arrest the real Groucho Marx by mistake, allowing our heroes to escape



COMMUNITY ACTION GROUP

The Soup-run will be recommencing this Friday (tonight), leaving from Falmouth kitchens about 10-30pm. From then onwards there will be further runs every Tuesday and Friday, leaving at the same time, for as long as interest can be maintained. With this being exam term it would be better if more people came less often so if you would like to come along, even if it is only once, we will be pleased to see you.

Ta.

John Whitehouse
Chem PG int 4162

Liberal Club advertisement:-

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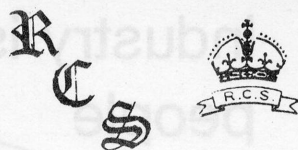
REMINDS YOU:-

USE YOUR

VOTE ON

THURSDAY

MAY 3RD



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.

WANTED

... for Silwood Ball. Helpers to work on the bar and various thingies. Have breakfast on the Union next morning.

Contact me as soon as possible.

Mick

BOAT CLUB

Down by the river bank

Following the long winter of hard training, the Boat Club withdrew from its shell and decided to test the standard of competition.

After a moderately successful Reading Head, the First VIII went on to win the Championship Eights at The Southern Universities Regatta, comfortably defeating Cambridge University Lightweight and establishing a new record of six successive wins.

The Second VIII, magnanimously, were eliminated in the first round thus enabling the Ladies to show their skill with the use of the mens' boat. Unfortunately they were unable to fulfill expectations, due to their success in the Womens Rowing Council Head the previous day where they were placed 8th, and were disqualified whilst leading Oxford University. The Ladies B team nearly reached the second round but were beaten by Reading University First VIII, who made a very late appearance at the Regatta. The Mens Novices comfortably won their first race but came up against harder opposition in the second race and were eliminated.

The major event of the term, the Tideway Head of the River saw disastrous conditions with 15 crews sinking, but typically the IC teams came through unscathed. The First and Second Vllls finished 16th and 31st respectively out of over 400 crews with the Mens Novices positioned 237th.

Several members took part in

the Scullers Head on the 7th April, the most successful being Chris Howell positioned 49th out of 500.

Over the Easter Holiday several crews took part in events in Bedford, Evesham and Lea. At the Bedford Head, Chris repeated his good performance winning the Novice Scullers Pennant by a wide margin. The Senior A IV selected finally on that day, surprised everyone, not least themselves, by winning their division. The Elite and Senior C coxed IVs both came 3rd in their respective sections.

On Easter Monday at Evesham Regatta both the Elite and Senior A IVs won their events making good use of the new 'carbo' IVs.

The final regatta of the holidays was at Lea where the Senior A IV in their attempt to win the Elite B event were beaten in the semi-final by the eventual winners. The Ladies, somewhat unfit after four weeks of comfort and inactivity, won their first race without undue effort and reached the final after a close fought race against the University of London Ladies. Unfitness told in the final which was won by Thames. Chris again was the winner of the day in the Senior C sculls.

Thus the Boat Club has been very active with also the lightweight IV training extensively over the Easter Holidays with a view to qualifying for international representation. These events bode well for the summer season where, with hard training, further successes should be forthcoming.

Water Rat



Industrial Society

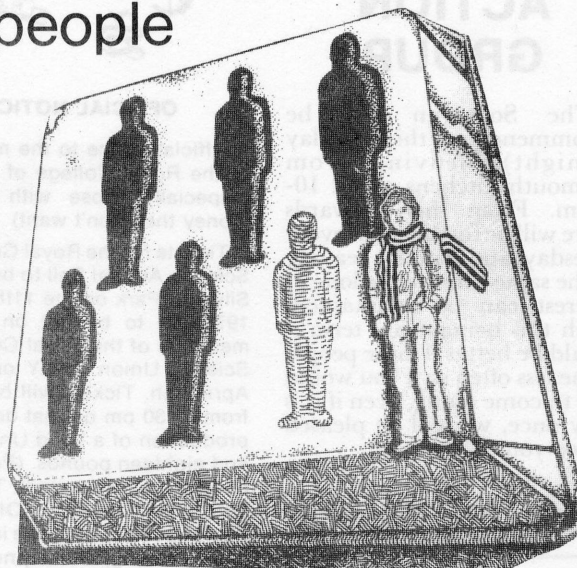
THE CHALLENGE of contemporary society does not lie in pandering to our social consciences. For although all of us, during our three years at Imperial College, will become aware to varying extents of the injustices, failings and disappointments which prevail in modern life, it is not enough for us simply to keep our hands clean. It is not enough for us simply to spend money on social services, education, equitable administration and the welfare state. That wealth must first be created: and this is the real challenge. Money must be earned before it can justly be distributed. It is the challenge of industry: for those engaged in industry at whatever level, are those who are creating our society's wealth.

In answer to this very real need, an Industrial Society is being

formed at Imperial College. It will offer speaker meetings and presentations from all levels and types of management and trade unionism. In addition, there will be visits to factories and other industrial and commercial premises, which will include not only a tour around the works, but also discussion with managers and shop stewards.

It is hoped that this society will give you an invaluable insight into the workings of industry and an understanding which is important whether or not you intend to take up an understanding which is important whether or not you intend to take up an industrial or business career. Most of us will, in fact enter industry when we graduate; and if we are to be useful and successful in the jobs we do, we must choose our job. That choice depends on our understanding of industry before we take the plunge.

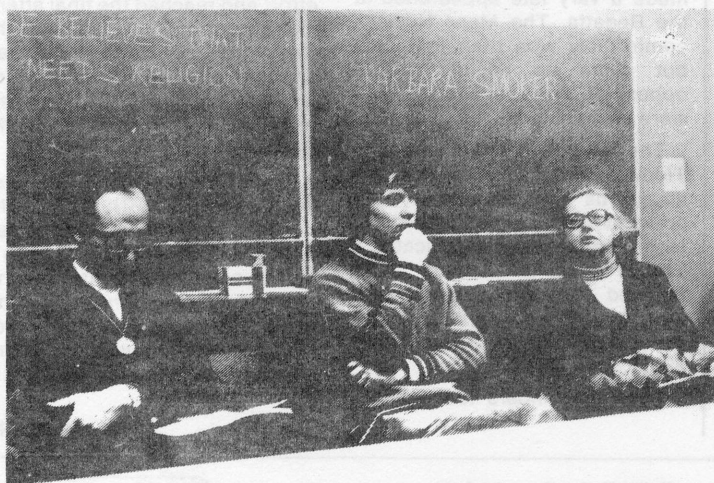
Industry is people



If you find yourself sharing the objectives and challenges of the Industrial Society, you are invited to the inaugural meeting, for the election of chairman and other members of the committee. This

will take place in the ICWA lounge on Thursday 3rd May at 6pm.

S Milner
Chem Eng 1



The Rev D Ashforth, Barry Austin and Barbara Smoker at the debate

MARANATHA

The way the, the truth and the LIFE...

Existing is ...
Reared on good morals
and a fair share of quarrels
I guess you had
a predictable start.
but these teachings in your mind
to be honest, fair and kind
bear little relations
to what is in your heart.
Desperately you appeal
to humanist ideals
but find yourself attacking
what others defend.
this confusion may unravel
through your hitch-hike travels
but inevitably
there's a knot in the end.
It's easy to lean
on your income dream

that in reality cannot be bought,
and experience found
by sleeping around
is the
irretrievable sort.

So you disappear
into fulltime career
only to ulcerate away
as a brief case
when all else forbids
turn to doting on your kids
but they have to leave
to take up the race...
....what is existing without Life?

Existing without knowing what for
is like rowing with only one oar:
plenty of power
but little direction.

**Part of a poem by Christopher Mabey
from a book of his verse - Life worth
dying for. - pub. Moorleys Bible and
Bookshop Ltd.**

They Finally Did It!

Tuesday the 20th of March should always be remembered for a dramatic development in the growth of SCABs youngest child DEBSOC.

The society came of age when Miss Barbara Smoker, President of the National Secular Society arrived at College for the debate 'This house believes twentieth century man needs religion'.

Debsoc have sought outside speakers ever since they reformed about year ago. Their list of refusals is both impressive (depressing) but they soldiered on regardless: tried kidnapping, grave-robbing, bribery, blackmail and writing begging letters. All to no avail, until at last, from out of the world of religious scepticism came a reply like a voice of one crying in the wilderness. The cry was heard and so it was arranged for a battle of words and wits to take place in Huxley Building.

The most available of the religious, the Rev D. Ashforth (College Chaplain) was heralded at short notice and the stage was set for history to be made.

Photo by John Shuttleworth

John Shuttleworth

Jumble Sale and Home Made Sale FRIDAY 18th MAY

Please can you collect jumble and give it to: Janice Yeadon-Lyon Playfair Library (Level 4), Sue Thornett-Day Nursery, Sandra Dawson-Room 431, 53 Princes Gate, Angela Baguena-Room 81, Old Building, Chemistry.

Contributions of Home Made crafts, jams, cakes, etc. will also be very gratefully received.

REVIEWS

RECORDS

SPORT
TABLE TENNIS**IAN HUNTER - You're Never Alone With a Schizophrenic. (Chrysalis)***Move over! You're standing in my light.*

This apparently is Ian Hunter talking to himself, which is his way of explaining the album's title - wouldn't 'You're Never Alone When You're a Schizophrenic' be nearer the truth?

This is Hunter's fourth album, the first for Chrysalis, and except for the excellent 'All American Alien Boy' he has not really lived up to the promise of his Mott the Hoople days.

True, there are some very good tracks on this record, but there are also some pretty pointless ones. 'Life after Death' is a good example; 'Is there life, is there life after death?', Hunter moans as if he had something new to tell us - he doesn't.

However, consider the good points, which include his use of Bruce Springsteen's rhythm section, excellent joint production with Mick Ronson and about four potential hit singles.

Side one, track one is 'Just another Night', traditional E Street rock and probably the best cut. Two fast numbers follow, the latter of which, 'Cleveland Rocks', is far stronger than the prototype, 'England Rocks', which was used on the last tour. 'Ships' is a hymn-like account of Hunter's relationship with his father and very touching it is too, but not quite as good as 'When Daylight Comes', the new single, which closes one with a short of light, quasi-reggae love song.

On the whole it is side one which carries the album with only two of the four longer tracks on side two (the other Hunter which explains the album's title) carrying their weight, these being 'Standing in the Light' and 'Bastard', the latter an exciting song of hostility.

Yes, Hunter can write infectious pop, neat hooks and solid rock backings; a good album, not a great one, but still well worth a listen. It is even IC Radios Album of the week, so it can't be bad!

Jon Firth**JEAN JACQUES BURNEL - Euroman Cometh. (UA).**

I am a Stranglers fan, let me state that right from the outset. In fact I have been known to play 'Rattus Norvegicus' continually to myself, but I shall endeavour to direct my comments in an unbiased manner.

Jean Jacques Burnel is, of course, the Stranglers' French bassist and, possibly tired of

their recent work, he has branched out into modern European electronic pop. The result is a promising album with good intentions which on the whole doesn't come up with the goods.

Apparently Euroman Cometh is the result of JJ, homeless and sleepless, staying in the studio for days on end, gradually adding to each work. The cover, which shows our man standing beneath the multi-coloured pipes and poles of the Pompidou Centre, sets the industrial tone and this is continued on the record.

It opens with 'Euroman' in which Burnel tells us (in French) that he is descended from Charlemagne, Cromwell, Napoleon and Hitler - so its going to be one of those you think, but 'Jellyfish' redeems the situation with its continuous drum-machine beat. In fact it would not be a bad single. The track 'Freddie Laker (Concorde and Eurobus)', comes next and I can't help liking its boppy rhythm, despite the fact that the vocals are almost unintelligible, which is a pity as it is supposed to be quite complimentary. 'Euromess' has a superb lead in with bass and a beating heart-pulse intertwined. The Damned's Brian James figures prominently on rhythm guitar, as on many other tracks, and Lew Lewis adds some pretty good harmonica work. 'Don't rely on lies', sings Burnel; it is all rather good.

The second side is definitely stronger, opening with 'Do the European', Jean Jacques' attempt at Eurodisco, which is quickly forgotten when 'Triumph (Of the Good City)', the best track on the album, comes around. This instrumental, featuring motorbike engine noises, has been produced using a semi-dub technique which keeps the sound flowing as instruments come and go in short snatches. Care has been taken and it shows; Burnel achieves what he set out to accomplish but only on this track.

'Pretty Fool', a snatch of R'n'B, which sounds not unlike the Stranglers, is not in the general tone of the album but adds to its quality with James working hard.

The other three tracks on the side, one of which, 'Crabs', is particularly annoying, are not worth much so that is it really. If the care lavished on 'Triumph' had been spread around a bit and if Burnel did not insist on singing in French, German or extremely distorted English, this would be an excellent album. But it wasn't and he did. Better luck next time, Jean.

Jon Firth

The T.T. club Annual General Meeting last term elected the following officers for next year:

Semi-immortal (President) P Rutherford (Maths I),

Neckwear Advisor (Secretary) A Tye (Civ Eng 1),

The Troublemaker (Treasurer) F Sobhanpanah (CCDI),

God of Humour (Publicity officer) Me.

The results of matches that took place over Easter follow:-

IC II v Fulham IV (away) 1 - 8

IC II v St Johns (away) 7 - 2

IC I v Various Teams - no results.

Sorry about the lack of results and info, but time was short (relativistically speaking) and certain team captains (come in number one) have not left any results in the letter-racks.

And finally, what you have all been waiting for ... the team averages.

1st Team:

K Lakhani 71%

G Hong 67%

K Singarajah 50%

2nd Team:

A Tye 83%

F Sobhanpanah ... 71%

R Martin 56%

3rd Team

J Stean 71%

I Reed 47%

P Hewkin 41%

4th Team

P Rutherford 89%

M Lambert 51%

S Cobrin 37%

The final team positions have not been received yet, but a good guess, would be:-

1st team : 3rd, division 4

2nd team : 2nd division 5 (certain)

3rd team : 6th division 6b

4th team : 5th division 6b

Probably no more reports this term from the No-longer super or incredible HEWK.



Easter Elk

Well I see you all decided to forsake Mum and Dad and come back to IC despite the fact you'll have to do exams this term, and can only therefore go out drinking six nights a week instead of seven. Just when I was getting used to being able to sit in my office and play with myself without being disturbed, hordes of students once again descend on me. Ah, well that's life I guess! Right now onto the good times.

Elections

You thought your chance to

become an ICU superstar had passed hadn't you? You thought that next year you were doomed to be an ordinary student with absolutely no power and no ability to attract hordes of people who would desire your body and hang on every word. Well you were wrong - trot along to the Union Lower Lounge and you will see papers up for FELIX the Business Manager, Permanent Working Party (includes a place on council) - 6 vacancies, External Affairs Committee - 6 vacancies, ICU Publicity Officer, House

Committee (3 vacancies) and Union Finance Committee (2 vacancies). Not only this but we also have a vacancy for External Affairs Officer for the rest of this year due to Sheyne Lucock's resignation. So all you power grabbing fiends out there who see membership of the House Committee as a way to a full and successful sex life - now is your chance.

Parking

There is a proposal afoot to make one of the summer months permit only parking and have the two other months a free for all, instead of making the usual free for all for all summer months. I'd be grateful if anybody affected by this would let me have some feedback on this, ie if you are staying in College over the summer and you intend to use

your car but have no permit, but let me know by Tuesday lunchtime. I'd also be grateful if you're an undergrad. with a permit and intend using it over the summer.

Meet IC

Stewards are wanted to show all the local residents around during 'Meet IC'. It is on Wed May 2nd from 4.30 - 7.30 and in the last hour you can have a few drinks on college and chat to the locals. Anybody interested, contact Annie in the Union Office.

Well I really can't write anymore - all that bondage and flagellation with leather whips in the Union Office with the Executive over Easter really took it out of me.

Cheers then, see you in the bar.

Mike Elkin
ICU Hon Sec.



NEWS IN BRIEF

NEW GUILDS DEAN

Professor E.H. Brown, PhD, DIC, CENG, MICE, has been elected Dean of City and Guilds College. He will take office on 1st September 1979 for three years.

Professor Brown is a member of the Structural Engineering section of the Department of Civil Engineering. He takes over from the present Dean, Professor S.A.V. Swanson.

RECTOR'S CONTRADICTION ON OVERSEAS STUDENTS

The Rector has indicated that he will not oppose a quota on the number of overseas students at IC imposed by the University Grants Committee. But he still maintains the right of the College to select students regardless of origin.

In a letter to Lord Annan, Vice Chancellor of London University, he says that the proportion of overseas students has been falling slightly over the last few years and therefore the College would have no difficulty in meeting the target of 7 per cent fewer overseas students in 1981/82 compared to 1975/76.

In another letter to NUS President Trevor Phillips he expresses the view that a quota system may be "the best means of preserving access for poorer students from underdeveloped countries".

rather than high fees which favour rich students.

But in the following paragraph he states that "we have a fundamental right, as a University institution, to select our own students whatever their origin". He makes no attempt to explain how he reconciles the two views.

SEX DISCRIMINATION REJECTED

Captain Lindley, Domestic Secretary, should have known better than to ask IC Union to provide four women student receptionists for the College's "Meet-IC" day next Wednesday.

Mary Attenborough's ready response was that the Union would be willing to find receptionists but would refuse to provide students of a particular sex.

Captain Lindley's argument that women were prettier and more charming failed to persuade Mary who remained adamant, and he has been forced to recruit his receptionists without Union assistance.

A further request for 20 Guides of any sex for "Meet-IC" will be complied with.

AP READY

An advance copy of the Alternative Prospectus has arrived from the printers. Delivery is expected on Monday.

ORDINARY RESIDENCE GOVERNMENT REPLIES

The Department of Education and Science has finally replied to a letter sent by IC Union three months ago about the interpretation of the ordinary residence requirement for the award of student grants.

A change in interpretation resulting from a DES circular to local authorities last year has deprived six IC students of grants they had expected to be awarded.

But the DES say that "there has not been a change in policy or regulations concerning the 3 year ordinary residence requirement", in his paper.

IC Union is not satisfied by the DES reply and intends to challenge the new interpretation in the courts.

NEW FELIX COMMITTEE

Seven new members of the FELIX Committee for 1979/80 were elected unopposed when nomination papers came down on Tuesday.

On the committee are 'Eric' Jarvis, News Editor; Jill Dawson, Social Secretary; Mark Smith, Reviews Editor; Colin Palmer, Media Representative; Ian Alvey, Sports Editor; Lars Wernberg-Møller, Honorary Secretary; and Dave Haddon, Ordinary Member. These are subject to ratification at today's FELIX Annual General Meeting.

The post of Photographic Representative remains unfilled. Papers for Business Manager have been posted in the Union Lower Lounge and an election will take place at a Union meeting. The new sabbatical editor, John Shuttleworth, was elected last term.

LECTURERS' RISE

University lecturers have received a pay rise of 9 per cent backdated to 1st October 1978. This is additional to a 6.1 per cent increase already paid from that date as compensation for a 12 per cent award cut off by the 1975 incomes policy.

The rise puts lecturers' salaries in the range £4,232 to £8,452, senior lecturers and readers receive £8,182 to £10,097 and the average salary of professors is now £12,050.

Postgraduate demonstrating rates are linked to the bottom point of the lecturers' pay scale. An announcement of a backdated rise in the current hourly rate of £2.59 is expected shortly.

STOIC FOR BEIT

STOIC has received a grant to enable it to extend its service to the television in the Beit Hall Lounge. The cables will be laid at the end of this term and the service should be available at the start of next term.

The grant of £100 to pay for a modulator has come from the Governors' fund.



DOWNSTAIRS

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