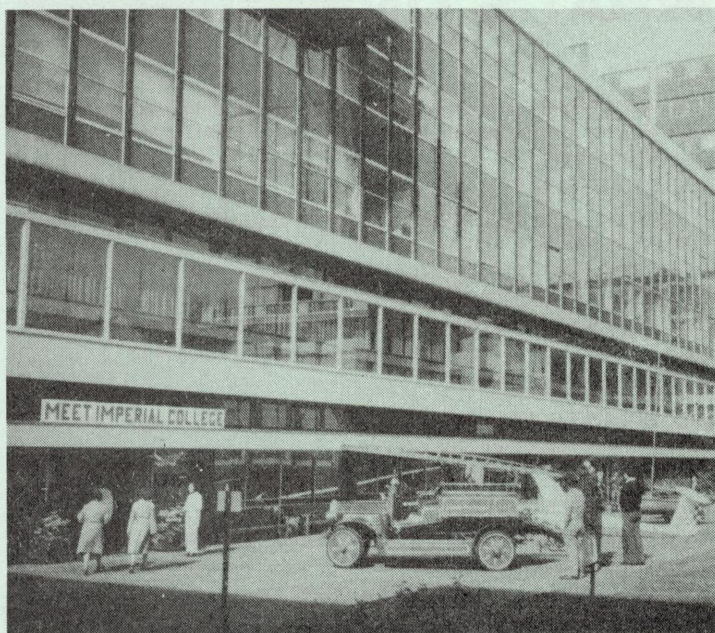




THE NEWSPAPER OF IMPERIAL COLLEGE UNION

# MEET IMPERIAL COLLEGE

## Poor Turnout by Local Residents



Jez on show at the Meet IC Day

## OWEN SYMPATHY FOR SOVIET JEWS

**Foreign Secretary David Owen has expressed support for the work of individuals and private organisations who campaign on behalf of human rights for Soviet Jews.**

In a letter to Mary Attenborough Dr Owen's Political Adviser says that 'the Government have considered carefully whether to intervene with the Soviet Government' on behalf of Boris Kalendarev, the Soviet Jewish student adopted by IC Union and recently arrested by Soviet police.

He goes on to say that 'the Government have concluded that they can best help by doing all they can to bring about a more enlightened and humane attitude on the part of the Soviet authorities to human rights in general rather than by making representations on behalf of individuals ...'

'Private organisations and others, of course, do extremely valuable work in drawing attention to individual cases; and I am convinced that evidence of widespread public concern does have an effect on the Soviet authorities ...'

'The predicament of Mr Kalendarev is only likely to reinforce public concern about the Soviet Government's implementation of the Act, and will reinforce the Government's determination to do everything they can to bring pressure on the Soviet Government to improve its performance in these areas' the right of peoples to cultural and religious freedom and freedom of movement, the letter concludes.

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About 130 local residents saw Imperial College in action on Wednesday this week when they were invited to 'Meet Imperial College'. No effort had been spared to impress the visitors and in the event the organisers were rewarded by success.

The aim of this public relations exercise was to enhance goodwill among College's nearest neighbours for IC by showing them something of what the College was doing. Residents from all walks of life received invitations including members of the Knightsbridge Residents Association, some of whom had been vocal in their opposition to the proposed Linstead Hall extension.

The chief organiser Captain Lindley had miscalculated somewhat on the numbers. He had expected around 300 people and numbers were disappointingly low. But those who came thought the effort was well worth while.

The visitors arrived at 4.30 and were first of all treated to tea and biscuits in the Sherfield lower refectory to the accompaniment of music provided by members of IC's orchestra.

At 5.00 precisely they all filed into the Great Hall where they listened to The Rector telling them about the College, its history and activities. Visitors were duly impressed with the scope of IC's facilities both academic and recreational, and the Rector ranged over the various research subjects of the department and the activities of student societies.

After listening to the Rector the visitors had an hour to look at the displays set up in the JCR and the heavy electrical and hydraulics laboratories. Professor Laithwaite was on hand to demonstrate his linear motor which proved a source of amazement to all.

Most departments had set up displays of their work in the JCR. A number of student societies also participated including Photographic Society, Audio Soc, STOIC, Radio Society, Art Club and the Red Cross detachment. Outside, Jez, specially polished for the occasion, was popular among the few children present.

At 6.30 the visitors moved into the Senior Common Room for wine and snacks. Mooney truly excelled himself giving participants a totally false impression of IC catering.

Every detail had been worked out. Even a drawing pins subcommittee had been set up to solve the problem of obtaining large numbers of drawing pins all

of the same colour. In the event they failed as I observed both white and gold drawing pins securing the displays.

The Union also participated, both in the guise of its societies and as a provider of 20 guides to help visitors find their way around. These were equipped with specially designed slop shirts with the rather unimaginative motif 'meet Imperial College'. A lengthy argument had taken place over whether the guides should be allowed to keep the shirts, but following indications that the College was unlikely to get them back anyway, the organisers finally decided to let the students keep them.

But on the whole 'Meet IC', the first event of its kind in College was a success and the visitors, who ranged from the Director of Studies of the French Institute to an Irish Civil Servant who had only come for the wine, left with a good impression of the College.



# LETTERS

Dear Mr Harris - In the light of certain remarks that have appeared in FELIX I feel some comments must be made, some of which should have been brought to the attention of students long ago.

Personally, when I read Stella Earnshaws letter I did not really care that you had closed correspondence on it. I would have liked to say something about the backstreet abortion lie but otherwise the letter consisted of twisting remarks I made to different meanings and personal attacks on me and Sean. None of the pro-abortionists had actually answered any of my points and if this is the best they can do it shows they have no concrete arguments anyway.

I would be interested to see you actually name the vast number of alleged people who could not stand another mention of abortion in FELIX who came to you and asked you to stop it. Whilst I accept that after six letters on the topic it could have become stale to many people I do not see how you can justify saying the 'same few' who were discussing it as I was the only correspondent who wrote more than one letter on it (ie 2). Each week someone different made a contribution (and I am sure you told me 2 women had replied to Miss Pratts letter but then you denied it when the next FELIX came out).

You are also unjustified by comparing the issue with the stand on homosexuality based on a belief that only a tiny minority of students have. I have no particular religious or political beliefs, and assess the issue as I assess torture or blackmail, without reference to any dogma. My arguments would apply to anyone, not just those who believe the Bible or Das Kapital or whatever.

I submitted a letter last week which you refused to print on the grounds that you had closed correspondence on the topic. The letter consisted of a number of humorous extracts from the Bible about God. How you can say you had closed such correspondence I fail to understand because -

- (i) The topic was the Bibles attitude to homosexuality.
- (ii) You had closed correspondence on this topic (ie abortion) not 'these' topics.

I was very annoyed about this because I had spent many hours compiling them, and I thought many non-religious people would find them amusing.

Which brings me to the important part of this letter.

Paid sabbaticals, and any other union officers for that matter, should be servants of the union, not masters. You said in your editorial (FELIX 512) there is no

danger of the union taking over 'the newspaper of IC Union', there will still be 'editorial freedom' (the editor will still dictate how the paper is run?). In the last FELIX, you say you were 'elected to edit'. I believe these concepts are correct for an editor of a commercial newspaper with a large full-time staff, but for a paper like FELIX the editor's job should be co-ordinating and making the biggest contribution to the work involved in producing the paper. Disputes about what can be included in the paper should be settled by a democratic body such as the new FELIX committee, although a UGM should always be able to overrule such decisions if necessary. The Union finances it, reads it, members of the union produce it, and if it is the newspaper of IC Union the union should have ultimate control over it. It should NOT be controlled by any one person.

True, what you have said is what the bye-laws say, but I have thought the bye-laws were wrong for a long time. I feel a UGM should always be able to overrule a decision of the Editor of FELIX the same way as it can overrule a decision of the President or the Executive. Being able merely to do the ultimate and sack him is not sufficient. I welcome any other views on this matter.

I have never tried to do anything about this because I was naive enough to think such disagreements never arose, but from last week's letter it appears they can and do. I, personally, feel you have been reasonably fair on matters where you may have some bias eg. you have printed heavy criticisms of yourself, you printed in full my very long first letter on abortion (as I hope you will this letter). Nevertheless, dictatorship is always wrong, even if it is responsible dictatorship.

Finally, whilst I can see some sympathy for your need to close correspondence on abortion, in view of your refusal to print the above mentioned letter and other reports of the dictatorial way you have been running FELIX recently I am resigning from my post of the FELIX committee as media rep as a small mark of protest.

**Barry Austin**

Dear Sir, - Your editorial self-defence in last week's FELIX seemed to me to be mis-judged and ill-researched, not to mention unfair.

Firstly, the correspondence on abortion was not between the 'some few' at all. You published six letters on the subject from five different contributors; these figures speak for themselves.

Secondly, if you felt compelled to close correspondence, Miss

Earnshaws letter was not the one suitable in view of its factual errors, unanswered questions, serious misrepresentation of the aims of PATA and its attacks on Barry Austin and myself. A brief perusal of the contents of the letter is sufficient to reveal this fact.

Lastly, please refrain in future from needlessly linking abortion and homosexuality. The letter to which you replied dealt only with the former.

Yours,

**Sean D Kelly**

PS - I will discuss the contents of the aforementioned letter with Miss Earnshaw or anybody else. I would hate to start a chain of correspondence on editorial freedom and judgement which would, no doubt, be just as unimportant and boring as the one in question.

Dear Sir, - Last week we attended, along with thousands of others, the Festival of Mind, Body and Spirit at Olympia. We thoroughly enjoyed ourselves, but were appalled by the large wastage. Many stalls handed out leaflets to most passers by, even if they showed no apparent interest in the subject.

The case that shocked us the most being Friends of the Earth, who at the same time were selling recycled paper etc and advising us to slow down on our consumption of the world's resources.

Taking the educational aspect into account, we feel that the distribution of a certain number of leaflets was needed, but that the stalls concerned could have been more selective and given the leaflets only to people who were doing more than just glancing at the stall as they wandered past.

**Jan and Kirsten Smith**

## WHAT'S ON

**FRIDAY 4th MAY**

### DISCO

IC CHINESE Society farewell party - film, buffet and disco. Room 220. Mech Eng for film Southside lower dining room. 50p for members, 60p for non members.

### CLUB ACTIVITY

SOUP-RUN, 9.30 for 10.30. Falmouth Hall kitchen. Tomato or mushroom flavour.

ORIENTEERING Club Meeting. 12.40pm Union JCR.  
IMPERIAL COLLEGE Christian Union. Christians in the real world: 'Take my life' OMF speaker. 6.30pm. Music Room, 53 Princes Gate.

**SATURDAY 5th MAY**

### MISCELLANEOUS

ULU SNOOKER Championship. 10am. Snooker Lounge, 3rd floor Union. 25p. SU Cards required.

**MONDAY 7th MAY**

### CLUB ACTIVITY

PHOTOSOC Shop, 12.45 - 1.15pm. Linstead 211. New low prices on boxes of 100 10 x 8 inch ilfospeed.

**TUESDAY 8th MAY**

### CLUB ACTIVITY

SOUP-RUN 9.30 for 10.30, Falmouth Hall Kitchen. Mushroom for tomato flavour.

### MISCELLANEOUS

UNION General Meeting. 1.00pm, Great Hall. Union Cards required. Motion on abortion, elections for committees, bye-law changes.  
TALK ENTITLED 'Who needs Jews', 1.00pm Maths 340, Guest speaker - Clive Lawton. (Board of Deputies of British Jewry).

STOIC TRANSMISSION repeat of another Monty Python programme 13.00. JCR, Union TV Lounge, Southside, Halls, Southside Lower TV Lounge.

**WEDNESDAY 9th May**

### MISCELLANEOUS

WOMEN in Science and Technology Party. 8.00pm, til late ICWA Lounge. Come and enjoy yourselves. All welcome.

**THURSDAY 10th MAY**

### FILM

ENTS FILM, 'Easy Rider' (Cert x) 6.30pm, Mech Eng 220. 30p.

### CLUB ACTIVITY

ICAG AGM - 5.30 Brown Committee Room.  
PHOTO SOC Shop. 12.45 - 1.15pm. Linstead 532. Kodachrome 64 Now in stock.

### MISCELLANEOUS

'LUNCH BREAK' STOIC Transmission. 13.00 and 18.00.



# Brain Drain

Sorry there hasn't been an article for such a long time (I didn't notice really, did you?), but I've been working hard to get a degree, and I am afraid some of my Union responsibilities have been neglected in the past few months. I know some people have been waiting a long time for me to get things done, but I really have been busy. Still, the finals are over now and I have more or less sobered up, so things should get seen to soon.

And remember, if there is anything you need doing in the Union, write it down on a bit of paper and leave it on my desk in the office, (if you can stand the sight of Mike playing with himself) instead of just telling me in the bar; I know this is the easiest place to find me but I can't remember everything, so things usually get done quicker if they're written down.

## Union keys

I'll be sending a note to all Union officers and society chairmen soon asking for a list of all Union keys in their possession. A survey needs to be done on this because I don't know where some keys are, and security in the building is not very good as a

result. I hope everyone will co-operate with this survey, and when it's finished I'll see to having a number of locks changed.

## Discount scheme

I'll be sending letters out soon to shops near College to see if they would be interested in taking part in a local discount scheme, and hope to have the scheme working

by the beginning of next term. If there are any shops further away from College which you think would be particularly worth writing to (eg perhaps some near Hamelt Gardens?), put their names and addresses on my desk in the office sometime (keep your eyes closed in case Mike's having one of his fantasies and gets his chopper out).

## Telephones

At least one of the pay phones in the Union has actually been working for the last 8 weeks (possibly a record), until last week when someone tried to break into them to steal the money. He wasn't successful, and had better not try again 'cos if I catch him I'll not hesitate to get the police to deal with him. You have been warned.

And remember, nowadays some police murder people for doing less than ripping off telephone boxes.

## Noise

I know I'm always complaining about this, but remember people living in Beit have exams this term, so don't make too much noise whilst coming out of the Union late at night. And I still keep a bucket of water on the balcony outside my room above Beit Archway.

## Violence

There were a number of fights at a party in the JCR last week, including one 'bottling' incident (for which there is going to be a Union Discipline Committee meeting). This sort of thing has got to stop; anyone I catch causing trouble in Union areas won't be allowed to use Union facilities again for a long time.

## Elections

Papers are up for Ordinary Members of House (3 vacancies) and Finance (2 vacancies) Union committees, both of which I chair. Papers come down at 5.00pm today, so anyone interested who wants to know more about what is involved should come and see me in the office this lunchtime; if I'm not around I shouldn't be long, otherwise tell Annie when you can come in the afternoon and I'll make sure I'm there.

## Apologies

Are due to everyone I met around College during Easter, whilst I was being even more obnoxious than usual (yes, it is possible) during the period leading up to my exams, and to many people I met the evening after they'd finished.

Especially Michael, Helen, Sheyne, Codface, IC Radio (particularly Dave), Howard, Ros, and Simon. Sorry.

## SMALL ADS

### WANTED

Back issues of FELIX. Nos 495, 497 and 492 are needed for the files- 494, 501 and 508 would be appreciated. CONTACT: FELIX Office.

### WANTED

Flat for Summer Vacation. Academic visitors (2 couples and 1 bachelor) require flat from 16th June till end of August/beginning of September. CONTACT: Mrs. Younis, Rm. 902, Elec Eng Dept. (Int 3122)

### WANTED

Fourth person to for three month trip to SOUTH AMERICA this Summer; through Equador, Peru, Bolivia, Argentina, Paraguay and Brazil. £800 inclusive (air flights, food and accommodation). CONTACT: Tony Hadley, Mech Eng 2 (Selkirk 463); Liz Banks, Civ Eng 2; Helen Rogan, Life Sci 2.

### FOR SALE

Tickets for barbeque on May 5th are available from ICU Office, Union Bar and on the day. Price £1.50.

### FOR SALE

Fujica ST605 camera. 35, 55 and 135mm lenses, lightmeter, 2X teleconverter and aluminium camera case. £190 the lot. CONTACT: N Tooby, Physics 2 letter racks.

### FLAT AVAILABLE

for quiet couple (no undergraduates). Consisting: large double bed-sitting-room, large kitchen/diner and bathroom. Near South Ken tube station. £40 per week (returnable deposit: 1 month's rent). CONTACT: Mrs. A. Konarski, Tel. 584 5545.

### RESULT

1st prize in last term's slide competition for Meet IC Day was won by IC Balloon Club.

### OSC NOTICE

Nomination papers for positions on the above cttee. for 1979/80 are at present posted in the Union Lower Lounge. They will come down at 5:30pm on the 17th May. Elections will be held on the 22nd May at 1:00pm in ME220.

### TUITION

Calling all budding musicians: tuition given on Spanish, Folk and Electric guitars; good advice on rock, funk, pop etc; soul, personality and dynamics in singing; writing lyrics and melodies; music business. CALL PERSONALLY: Basement flat, 56, Onslow Gdns. (Opposite the Denmark).

### WARDENSHIP

Applications are invited for the wardenship of Southwell House in Evelyn Gdns. The position will become vacant from the end of August. Application form available from Union Office or Residence Office, 161 Sheffield Building. Enquiries welcomed, CONTACT: Mrs S Kalicinski, basement flat, 58 Evelyn Gdns. Tel 01-370 4864

### VACATION JOB

in NW London, July-August, working with young French Jewish boys and girls improving their English. Teachers, Monitors, Drivers are needed. Pay from about £30 - £70. Applicants must live in, or be able to get to, NW area easily. CONTACT: Nick Green, Lab 406, Botany. Int 2033.

### THREAT

If Arab Soc. or Turkish Soc. don't pick up their mail from the Union Office by a week on Friday it will be **THROWN AWAY**.



## Elk's Epistle (7)

Well folks, the sun is shining into my office window and I can see the glorious summer has now arrived - days of frolicking naked in the fields and swimming unclothed in the Serpentine.

### UGM

We've only two left now - that great institution, the (penultimate) Union General Meeting occurs on Tuesday (8th May) at 1pm in the Great Hall. All of you who experienced the docility of the EGM will be glad to know that controversy is here again - a motion against abortion has been submitted - so if you've got strong feelings on the subject make sure you're there. There is also elections for all the posts mentioned in my article last week. All the papers come down today so if you would like to stand for anything make sure you are fully nominated by this afternoon.

### Spaced Out

The Smokey Bears, an organisation that is dedicated to legalising cannabis and uses more direct methods than the Legalise Cannabis Campaign, is having a smoke-in in Hyde Park on Saturday May 12th (afternoon), so if you wanna get high, maan - you know where to go.

### Colours

These are announced at the AGM on May 22nd, in case you were wondering what happened to your nomination. They are all considered by Colours Committee and ratified by Council before and then finally announced.

Well that is all for this week; I think I'll now go and spread grease all over my body and fit on my skin tight one piece rubber suit. Ooooh, too much.

**Mel Kinkie (Anag)**  
**EC Cushion (Anag)**

# What IF?

## MEET MARY SEDDON: IF's VICE PRESIDENT.

Dearest FELIX Fans, - What an endearing creepish start. Hi! I'm the new Vice President of IF students Union and have just been asked to write an article on myself - nothing I'd enjoy more. My name sums me all up: Mary Super Sexy Scintillating Sensuous Sparkling Superb Seddon. Perhaps you've noticed me at IC, that lovely-looking blonde with big blue eyes and long long legs (you haven't). No, I had my hair henna'd red last week and now resemble a carrot!

Now down to business. My manifesto mainly endeavours to make everyone at IF less lethargic, encourage them to join in lots more IC/IF activities (I am sure you'd like that), and to be seen more frequently at the Union Bar, because being a student also involves enjoying oneself and socialising, and as we have no bar, we may as well use yours.

Oh no, I'm waffling again and being irrelevant-they always say I am 'hors de sujet' at college! You really want to know about me - well even if you don't, here goes:

Born 10.4.60 (that makes me 19) in Liverpool (real liver Bird).

Moved to Kent (Gravesend-on-Mud!)

School: Gravesend School for girls.



Religion: Roman Catholic

Family: 2 delicious sisters, Ma & Pa

Ambitions: To be an actress (or the queen), own an E-Type Jag, meet Bowie/Joan Armatrading,

have a bath.

Likes: Fellas, Chaucer, Sun, Wine, France, Apples, Ski (yoghurt), Monty Python, Cooking, Kawasaki Z650s, Surprises, Crocodile Sandwiches.

Dislikes: Rod Stewart's nose, flares, motif shirts, NF, Butter beans.

Eyes: green Height: 5' 8". Weight: Moderate!

Achievements: learning how to boil an egg, O and A levels. Really, I'd give my back teeth to be an actress (so please give me a part Dramsoc). My fave singer is Joan Armatrading (who said 'Jo who?', please give him a bullet up his left nostril). I also think Val Doonican would look much more handsome with a brown paper bag over his head!

Perhaps you'd like to know my Easter holiday job...when I worked as 'secrétaire extraordinaire' for Truman Taverns (typical!)... there I was in the office, having a chat with the boss, when suddenly we heard a loud crack and I was reduced by 3 inches. Yes, the heel had fallen off my shoe. I don't know why, but they said I would not be much of a success in the business-world. I thought it was rather original hobbling round with only one shoe.

Please come and meet me in the Union Room. Silicon chips rule ok. Luv and hugs from Mary xx

*Publicity: Get your once in a life time autographed photograph of our delicious new monarch (me) at the bargain price of £5. H.P. permitted.*

### MOTORWAY IMAGES

The sodium glare of motorway lights will not define the speeding silhouettes of determined vehicles as they roar and whistle over the shining wetness of endless road. Red tail lamps, swiftly receding, signal a short presence, they seem warm, inviting, but elusive, suggestive of comfortable capsules protecting from night's inhospitality.

The whiteness of approaching headlamps, starlike, blinding. They rush toward destinations in awesome droves. The flash-flash of dependable blades across the streaming windscreen comforts the weary driver and dozing travellers; it is like their common pulse.

A stationary man might lose his sense of space imagining this ribbon as the world itself with half the people hurrying away, irretrievable, and half rushing headlong, irresistible. His the only stillness, somehow unnatural, his constant companions unchanging, unending, lights and barriers, tarmac and banks.

For him those slopes would mark world's end, To us they have no meaning; for can you not perceive yourself part of the urgent traffic on a motorway of life?

The many signs present your choice, the miles record your work and journey's end would thus depend upon the route you took.

P.G. RANDOM

### MARANATHA

Living water.

Now he had to go through Samaria. So he came to a town in Samaria called Sychar, near the plot of ground Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired as he was from the journey, sat down by the well. It was about the sixth hour.

When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, "Will you give me a drink?" (His disciples had gone into the town to buy food.)

The Samaritan woman said to him, "You are a Jew and I am a Samaritan woman. How can you ask me for a drink?" (For Jews do not associate with Samaritans.)

Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water."

"Sir," the woman said, "you have nothing to draw with and the well is deep. Where can you get this living water? Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did also his sons and his flocks and herds?"

Jesus answered, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks the water I will give him will never thirst. Indeed, the water I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to everlasting life."

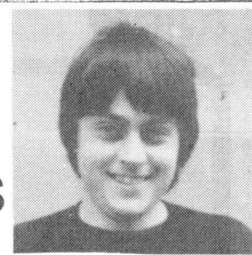
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Hodder and Stoughton.**





# Day By Day

## A ROUND-UP OF LAST WEEK'S NEWS



### Wednesday 25th

#### No Violence at NF Rally

Around 3,000 police were drafted into the East End to stop a confrontation between the National Front and extreme Left-wing opponents. Meetings of the National Front at Newham's Town Hall and the Anti-Nazi League, a short distance away, resulted in police organising what one senior police official described as 'our most extensive public safeguarding operation ever.'

#### Guerrilla killed by own bomb

A patriotic Front guerrilla was killed when the bomb he was attempting to plant in Salisbury exploded. The bomb was believed to be a Russian TM 36 landmine.

#### £2M Salmon Bill

Last year's botulism poisoning case in which two people died after eating a tin of John West salmon is estimated to have cost the parent company, Unilever, around £2 million in 1978, according to the chairman of the company. John West's sales are still running at only 60% of their previous levels.

### Thursday 26th

#### Nuclear Ostriches attacked.

Nuclear power is still the salvation of Britain's prosperous industrial society, in spite of recent criticisms, according to the chairman of the United Kingdom Atomic Energy Authority.

He said that there were "far too many ostriches in our society" who believed that Britain could continue living on "a buried treasure of fossil fuels" for ever.

#### Vanishing people

Several reports, this week, indicate an increase in confirmed cases of teleportation. Throughout history people have disappeared without trace, sometimes in the most bizarre and baffling circumstances imaginable.

The Argentinian newspaper *Diario da Cordoba* describes an experience which happened to a local businessman. He had been staying at a hotel in the town of Bahia Blanca. One morning he left to visit some business clients. He got into his car in the car park and started the engine, and was just about to drive away when a cloud appeared to envelop him, shielding him and obscuring his vision of everything.

His next recollection was the image of a deserted country road and then he found himself standing alone on the road. He was frightened and confused but he succeeded in flagging down a passing lorry and asked to be driven to Bahia Blanca. The driver replied that it was a 600 mile journey. Instead he arranged to be driven to the nearest police station where a quizzical station officer decided to check the story and phoned the Bahia Blanca police. They rang back confirming that not only had an officer found the man's car still in the parking lot with the engine ticking over but a crowd of curious onlookers were debating what had happened to the disappearing driver.

### Friday 27th

#### Pilot dies to save village

An American pilot was killed after struggling to prevent his blazing Phantom jet plane from hitting the village school of Lealholm in North Yorkshire, where 55 children were having lessons. Instead of trying to eject to safety, the pilot, Major Donald Schuyler, stayed at the controls and swung his plane towards the only gap in the village.

#### Wilson's disclosures cause anger.

Sir Harold Wilson angered the Prime Minister and other leading members of the Labour party by praising Mrs Thatcher's talents in a newspaper report in which he was quoted as saying that his wife might vote for Mrs Thatcher.

### Saturday 28th

#### New Snooker Champion

Terry Griffiths won the World Snooker title after winning the last nine out of ten frames against Dennis Taylor. He collects £10,000 prize money. Griffiths went from 15-15 overnight to a 22-16 lead and into the final session needing only two more frames.

#### Painless Yoga Dentistry

Dr Ashwan Barot practises an ancient and now little-known form of yoga called *jalandharbandh*, used by Hindu medics 5,000 years ago to "tranquillise" their patients. Watched by a Harley Street dental surgeon, Dr Barot demonstrated his skills. The patient's head was covered by a towel and then rocked gently up and down, and from side to side stopping abruptly. Dr Barot gripped the tooth with the forceps and pulled it out. This was repeated with two other teeth - the patient apparently felt no pain. He said that he felt fine, and that "it didn't hurt a bit. It was as if my jaw wasn't there."

### Sunday 29th

#### Shirley Williams and the school unions

The second biggest teaching union took steps to serve a High Court injunction against Mrs Shirley Williams, Education Secretary. The Government is accused of having forced local authorities into breaking the law by interfering with teacher pay negotiations and preventing them going to arbitration.

#### Mob stops Euro Times

500 extremists prevented publication of the proposed new European edition of the Times when they besieged the Frankfurt works where it was to be printed. A BBC reporter was threatened with a knife, cars were damaged and petrol-soaked rags were pushed through a vent so that they might catch fire if the compressor started up.

However officials state that copies have been printed at an undisclosed printing works and it is hoped that the Euro Times will be in full production within the week.

### Monday 30th

#### Now Labour lead by 0.7%

For the first time in the election campaign Labour edged ahead. A National Opinion Poll in the Daily Mail shows that 43.1% of people interviewed said they'd vote Labour. 42.4% would vote Tory and 12.2% Liberal.

#### Conservatives lose election

No matter how the electorate vote in Leiston, Suffolk, the Conservatives will lose control of the council ... because officials blundered and forgot to put forward any nominations for the party.

#### Long campaigns, short prices

The election campaign has been too long and still people don't understand what each party really stands for. The predictions have been further complicated by the teacher's dispute which could give the Conservatives a last minute bonus.

Whichever party wins the election Ladbroke's, the bookmakers, are sure to make a large profit on the record number of bets on this election. Their prediction which is the basis for all their election prices is that there will be a 28 seat overall Conservative majority. 8 Liberals, 6 SNP and 12 Ulster Unionists and one Plaid Cymru.

### Tuesday 1st

#### Job apartheid to end in South Africa

The South African Government acted today to end apartheid on the factory floor and in offices and anywhere else where blacks and whites work side by side.

The Wiehahn Commission of inquiry into industrial relations regulations released its first report urging that every vestige of apartheid should be scrapped.

#### Auckland students send up Maoris

Maoris and Pacific Islanders were extremely upset with Auckland University students who 'performed' traditional dances at a university event. Angry Maoris clubbed a student on the head with an iron bar, and others had cuts, bruises and bloody noses.

#### Miami radar units detect speeding trees

Evidence taken from radar units to convict drivers of speeding has been accepted by the Miami courts for 25 years. The machines have now proved to be extremely unreliable. One police radar unit indicated that a stationary palm tree was moving at speeds up to 86 mph, and a wall at 54 mph. An ordinary-looking house was idling along at 28 mph.

#### Quiet day for Jubilee line

"The public didn't seem to know that the Jubilee line was there" said one spokesman. The line opened to the public today. Students at Imperial could benefit from the link from Baker Street to Green Park changing to the Piccadilly for South Kensington. However the interchange at Green Park involves using several escalators.



# Industry and the graduate.

Views about industry, especially among graduates and others not actually engaged in it, have a tendency to be both dramatic and odd. For example:



SCENE: Back in the Manager's Office after a special meeting

*"Braithwaite, as your department head I want to tell you that my colleagues and I were very proud of the way in which you stood up to the Director this morning. It takes courage and confidence to tell the leader that his facts are wrong and his conclusion illogical, and I must tell you that we were all extremely impressed by your own incisive grasp of the factors involved. It's that kind of fearless, clear-*

*headed thinking that renews the faith of all of us old hands in the up-and-coming generation. In the final analysis, it is not too much to say, that your kind of new approach makes all the difference between success and failure in the intensely cut-throat world of business. I am sure that your next employer will appreciate it to the full."*



Is it really like that? Well there's one place where it isn't – and that's at Rank Xerox Engineering Group. If you want to know the facts about how one of Britain's top technological companies handles graduate development and the Braithwaites of tomorrow, then phone Roger Walker on Welwyn Garden City 35794. Rank Xerox Engineering Group, Bessemer Rd., Welwyn Garden City, Herts. AL7 1HE

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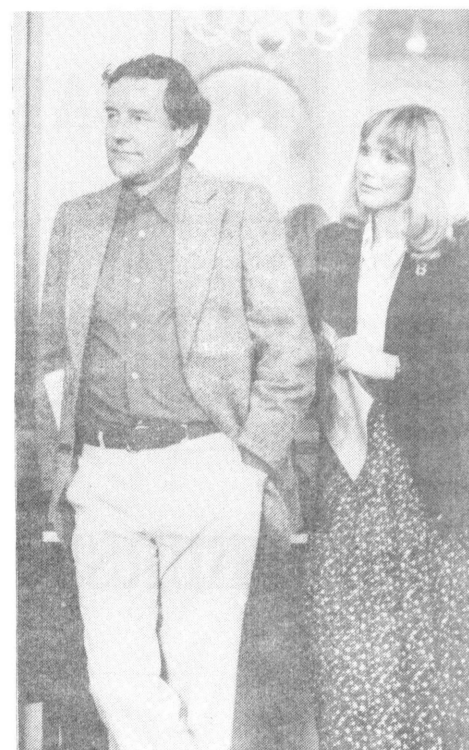
# MEET STANDBY

## OR MY SECRET AFFAIR WITH SUSAN HAMPSHIRE

BY

*John Shuttleworth*

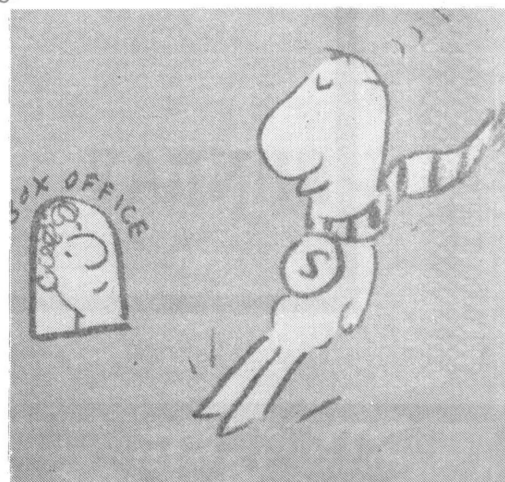
unsure but Mr. Phillips leapt to their rescue, "NUS cards, College Student Union cards, NUS discount cards, ISI



*Richard Briers and Susan Hampshire.*

cards;...they are the main ones." Of course that list includes our very own green, plastic colander so we're OK folks! But just before you all rush off to the West End check in the evening newspapers or in Time Out. That fancy 'S' symbol is what to look for.

Happy hunting.



The actual arrangements for any show are left for the management of that particular concern to set their own price etc. This has a big disadvantage from the students' point of view since while they'll know that the scheme is operating, the time prior to curtain up, when the tickets become available and the actual charge is not likely to be published and could well change from one night to the next.

The scheme is receiving the support of the National Union of Students and Trevor Phillips who has recently been re-elected President and was at the conference, remarked that it was particularly relevant to I.C. "...if there is any culture at Imperial College that is!"

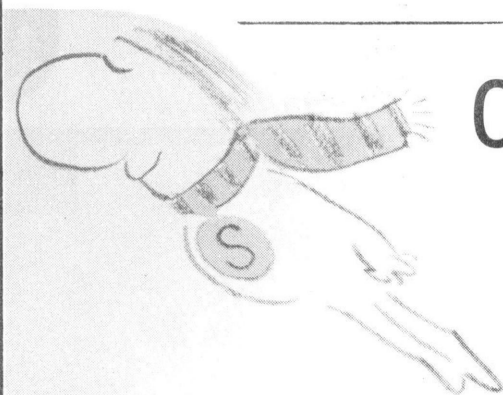
Also present, to my surprise and delight was a star or two including the delicious Susan Hampshire, Richard Briers, Bogdan Kominowski, Allan Love and Denis Quilley who explained why so many 'knee weakening' personalities were interested in student tickets.

Firstly they hate playing before any empty seats and secondly they are concerned about the future of theatre and hope that the scheme will encourage a younger audience who will laugh at the jokes that the older patrons seem to miss.

The management feel that this idea will do more for them than just bring in more revenue because they believe the Standby audience of today will become the full paying middle-aged audience of tomorrow.

Questions from the student journalists seemed to indicate that the majority were of the opinion that the scheme did not go far enough. I agree that there is much room for improvement but I would remind everyone that you've got to start somewhere.

Could the scheme extend to school children? Should it be nationwide? These questions seem so far off. More important, "What is a recognised Student Card?" I was shocked ... and stunned that the organisation hadn't done their homework here. They seemed



# STUDENTS

**STANDBY sees some of the best shows in London by whizzing along with his Student Card to the theatre box office just before the show starts.**

**He pays only a fraction of the normal price for any unsold seats. But How????**

The Society of West End Theatre (SWET) held a press conference on April the 24th to launch the new scheme which should introduce more young people to live theatre.

This Student Standby Ticket scheme will operate at 34 West End shows - unfortunately excluding *Evita* and one or two others. The idea is for unsold seats to be made available to students shortly before the show starts at a reduced price. This will be flat for all the range of seats with the reduction counted in pounds rather than pence.



*Trevor Phillips.*



# FELIX CALENDAR

<b>MONDAY</b>	23	30	7	14	21	28	4	11	18
				Council at Silwood					Joint Council
<b>TUESDAY</b>	24	1	8	15	22	29	5	12	19
		Dinner in Hall	U.G.M. 1:00pm Great Hall		A.G.M. 1:00pm in the Concert Hall Dinner in Hall				Dinner in Hall
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	25	2	9	16	23	30	6	13	20
		Meet IC Day							
<b>THURSDAY</b>	26	3	10	17	24	31	7	14	21
	E.G.M. 1:00pm in the Concert Hall								
<b>FRIDAY</b>	27	4	11	18	25	1	8	15	22
	FELIX A.G.M. 1:00pm in the FELIX Office	FELIX Joint Cttee. 12:30 FELIX Office RCS Annual Dinner 7:00pm Ante-Room Sherfireld Bldg.	Silwood Ball				Joint UFC		End of Term
<b>SATURDAY</b>	28	5	12	19	26	2	9	16	23
		Rag Fete Princes Gardens		Guilds Seaside Trip					
<b>SUNDAY</b>	29	6	13	20	27	3	10	17	24
			FELIX Motor Rally 9:00am FELIX Office						



## NEW HORIZON YOUTH CENTRE, AGM.

Last Friday, 27th April, saw the Annual General Meeting of the New Horizon Council, the governing body of the Youth Centre. New Horizon (NH) is a day centre for young people drifting in the West End. They offer advice and a specialist referral service to these young people and for their more regular visitors they have a workshop where they offer some practical experience. They also offer some assistance in literacy and numeracy. The meeting was chaired by Lord Longford and attended by about 60 council members, workers and volunteers. After rushing through the preliminaries with great speed we arrived at items 6 and 7 on the agenda, the 'presentation of the annual report' and the 'Co-ordinators report'. Both of these were presented by the Co-ordinator John Rodgers, and what followed was a very graphic talk on the problems and attempted solutions to the problem of drifting youth in London.

No one can deny that there is a problem with youth homelessness in the West End. Its persistence can be seen in the fact that last year was the tenth since the establishment of NH. The numbers involved fell to a minimum in 1975/6, possibly as a response to the television program, 'Johnny go Home', July 1975, but have since crept back up, reaching a new peak in 1978. The drug abuse problem still exists although its pattern has changed from predominantly narcotic and intravenous to the oral mixing of pharmaceuticals, illicit drugs and alcohol.

The majority of these youths still come from the North, Scotland and Ireland, driven by unemployment to try their luck in London, but as the recession begins to hit the traditionally more prosperous SE the numbers from this area begin to increase, reaching 21% of the total in 1978.

There have also been considerable changes in the housing scene in recent years, mainly due to the governments ill-conceived legislation. There has been increased provision for short term accommodation, mainly government reception centres but this has been more than offset by the fall in private sector accommodation, exacerbated by the increasing costs, tourism and the use of the 'holiday let'. The 'Housing Homeless Persons Act (1977)' made no provision for young single people except in the special cases of pregnant women and the handicapped. At the same time, the 'Criminal Law Amendment' made squatting, previously an important source of housing to NH's clients, far less attractive. The prospect of fines of up to £1000 or 6 months in jail for displacing a residential occupier serve to put most, but not everyone, off. Most local authorities won't place single people on their housing lists until they have passed a certain age, Barking - 25 years, Newham - 45 and Reading, not until they have reached retirement. All in all, homeless young people with no secure job face little prospect of settling down in society. The near impossibility of progressing into the private sector has 'bottle-necked' the short-stay and emergency accommodation provisions. The newly-arrived youth therefore has nowhere to go and quite often ends up sleeping rough.

For someone in this situation, with no permanent base, it is very difficult to remain presentable, sleeping in one's only set of clothes does not endear one to a prospective employer, and in fact NH provides a store where people can leave a few possessions. There are also facilities where they can have a wash and a shave to make themselves more presentable. Some may even use the video equipment to practise their interview technique. For the more regular visitors they offer training in literacy and numeracy as well as workshop facilities. Here people can gain experience in working with wood or making pottery and the experience of creating something, like a chair, which they will be able to see in use around the centre, can give them a much needed sense of achievement. Another problem of being unemployed for so long is that one begins to lose confidence in one's ability to hold a job when obtained, something that also worries prospective employers. This can quite often be overcome by placing people on a TOPs scheme, 'sticking the months out' is an achievement in itself and the skills acquired are useful. NHs aim can be summed up quite simply in the desire to give their visitors a sense of purpose in their lives and to stop them from drifting into the more permanent homelessness sub-culture that is also present in London.

In the future NH faces many financial difficulties and the prospect of a reduction in staff. The means of financing, in that most of their money comes from statutory grants which are usually made on a year by year basis makes long-term predictions uncertain. The most important goal is for an improvement in housing provisions as once people have somewhere permanent to live many of the attendant problems disappear and progress can then be made on those that remain. Unfortunately, until we see some dramatic upturn in the economy, or even less likely, a radical change in peoples ideas on unemployment and poverty, I can't see any significant improvements taking place.

Just to close, if anyone is interested in finding out more about these problems or the history of NH, I have a few copies of the Annual Report which you can look at. Also, NH can use volunteers on Sunday afternoons just to be friendly with the visitors, maybe help them with a little art work. The number of the centre is (01) 242 0010.

Thank-you. John Whitehouse. Chem PG Int 4162

THE PARENTS OF THE IC DAY NURSERY  
ARE ORGANISING A

*Jumble Sale, Stamp Sale  
and Home Made Sale on  
18th May.*

**Please can you collect jumble  
and give it to:**

Angela Baguena Rm 81, Old Bldg. Chem.  
Sue Thornett ..... Day Nursery  
Janice Yeadon ... Lyon Playfair (Level 4)  
Sandra Dawson Rm. 431, 53 Princes Gate

CONTRIBUTIONS of Home Made crafts, jams,  
cakes etc. will be very gratefully received. Please  
deliver to the people named above before 18th May.

**J=SOC PRESENTS:**

**"WHO**

**NEEDS**

**JEW'S ?"**

**A TALK BY**

**CLIVE LAWTON**

*(Board of Deputies)*

**Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> May 1.00pm. Maths. 340**



# STOIC PROGRAMMES THIS TERM

## APRIL

Thursday 26 1.00pm Film Review Special Lunchbreak  
6.00pm Repeated

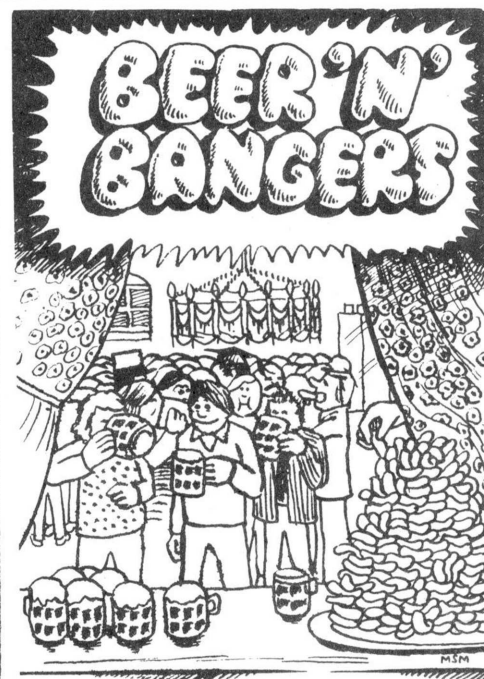
## MAY

Tuesday 1 1.00pm Monty Python Programme  
Thursday 3 1.00pm Horizon Programme on Lasers  
6.00pm Fawlty Towers Programme  
Tuesday 8 1.00pm Monty Python Programme  
Thursday 10 1.00pm Lunchbreak with coverage of Rag Fete  
6.00pm Repeated  
Tuesday 15 1.00pm Rocky Horror Picture Show Serial - Part 1  
Thursday 17 1.00pm Rocky Horror Picture Show Serial - Part 2  
6.00pm Monty Python Programme  
Tuesday 22 1.00pm Rocky Horror Picture Show Serial - Part 3  
Thursday 24 1.00pm Lunchbreak  
6.00pm Repeated  
Tuesday 29 1.00pm Interview with James Burke  
Thursday 31 1.00pm Horizon Programme on Silicon Chips  
6.00pm Fawlty Towers Programme

## JUNE

Tuesday 5 1.00pm Fawlty Towers Programme  
Thursday 7 1.00pm Lunchbreak  
6.00pm Repeated  
Tuesday 12 1.00pm Interview with Barry Norman of Film '79  
Thursday 14 1.00pm Finale Lunchbreak  
6.00pm Repeated  
19&21 To be decided

*Most of these programmes will be of 30 mins duration, and many will be in COLOUR!!! They can be seen in; JCR (B&W), Southside TV Lounge, Southside Halls (Except Tizard) and Union TV Lounge.*



*on Wednesday May 9th  
at 5:30pm in 170 Queens  
Gate. Names to Jen in the  
Union Office by Tuesday*

★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★

# An opportunity to learn about management with one of the world's leading marketing companies

Procter & Gamble is one of the world's most successful manufacturers of fast moving consumer goods and acknowledged leaders in the marketing field. World wide sales currently exceed £4000 million and have doubled every ten years.  
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So, if you are interested in marketing—however vaguely you understand it at the moment—you will enjoy the week and learn a lot.

*If you're taking your finals in 1980 and are interested in joining the Course, please ring Christine Sheldon, reversing the charges, on Newcastle upon Tyne 857141, or write to her c/o Brand Promotion Division, Procter & Gamble Limited, P.O. Box 1EE, Gosforth, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE99 1EE, as soon as possible. Closing date for applications is 18th May, 1979.*

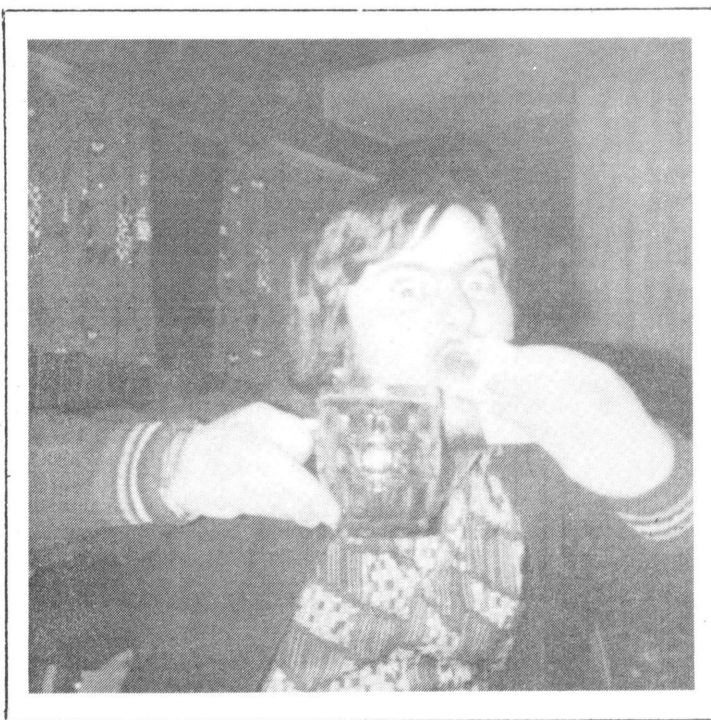


*Interviews with applicants will be held at the University before the end of term.*



# SOCIETIES' PAGE

## BILLARDS AND SNOOKER



### COMPETITION

Write a poem inspired by this photograph.

Poems can be of any length, and should be submitted to FELIX for publication.

The winning poem will be the one which makes tiptoes jump up and down the most, or makes him rip the cloth again.

### Star Prizes:

1st Prize: The chance to play five frames of snooker against Al Leclezio, or the Death Penalty.

2nd Prize: The pleasure of playing ten frames of snooker against Al

Leclezio (no alternative).

3rd Prize: A night out with Al. (Closing Date: first week of June)

On a more serious note now, the ULU championship was not held last Saturday at Guy's, as previously stated, but will now be held tomorrow (Sat 5th May) at IC. The competition will start at approx. 11am. If you wish to enter, it would be wise to be there at 10am, as 11am is only a provisional time. There will be a small entrance fee (probably 25p). Further information is available in the snooker lounge.

S.K. Teelock  
Treasurer



# R. C. S.



With Rag collections virtually over for this year, I have done all the calculations and am delighted to say we have raised around £7,100 (nearly as much as the whole of IC last year!). Many, many thanks to everyone who's helped in any way, and congratulations to the top collectors (ie over £200), who were:-

Zosia Zbrzezniak, Chem 1	£1162.52
Dale Howard, Physics 1	£ 511.47
Katy Tatchell, LS 1	£ 425.47
Tansy Hepton, Maths 1	£ 297.60
Paul Johnson, Physics 1	£ 213.67
Angus Robinson, LS1	£ 203.46

I'd also like to thank the dedicated stalwarts of RCS who blistered their fingers on scissors and broke their backs slaving over hot sewing machines on Saturday, whilst making 450 yards of bunting for the Rag Fete (and future events), especially Steve, Tansy, Lars and Katy.

See you all at the Fete.

Rae

### FUTURE EVENTS

#### Tuesday 8th May

Carnival Committee Meeting, 1.00pm RCSU - photos for Handbook being taken.

#### Thursday 10th May

Annual General Meeting - initiations - Don't miss it.

#### Thursday 17th May

Joint General Committee

#### Saturday 19th May

The very last Rag Stunt - Rag Mag trip to Cambridge.

## ALL RCC CLUBS

*The Annual General Meeting will take place at 6.00pm. on Thursday 10th May in the ICWA Lounge.*

*Nominations for RCC posts to be up by Tuesday 8th May.*

## Drake's Seven



## part II

DRAKE HAS STOLEN "FORTRAC", A COMPUTER REPOSITORY OF ALL HUMAN THOUGHT, BUT IS OVERWHELMED BY THE WEIGHT OF THIS NEW KNOWLEDGE....







# GUILDS



Notalot has happened this term except the Rag Mag trip to Oxford on Wednesday, however there are a few interesting events for the future, the main events being the Handover Union Meeting, the Joint General Committee Meeting and the mystery trip to the seaside. The Albert Memorial and you'll be able to see both the old and the new Exec. trouserless which is only one of the many goodies (!) in store.

The same evening (Tuesday 15th) the non-Exec posts will be elected at the Joint Committee Meeting, Please let Jo know in advance if you want to come, there is a party afterwards for those who attend.

On Saturday 19th May a paltry 25p (in advance) will buy you a coach ticket for the Mystery trip to the seaside. This is Guild's final fling before the exams, so don't miss it!

## WOTZON

Sat 5th May :- IC Rag Fete - at which Guilds will have a stall.

Tue 8th May:- Electrical Engineering Society AGM.

Fri 11th May:- Elec Eng Soc Bar Lunch (Linstead Bar)

Fri 11th May:- Motor Club AGM.

Sat 12th May:- Motor Club Autotest

Tue 15th May:- Guilds Handover Union Meeting, on the Albert Memorial Steps at 13.00 hrs;

Joint General Committee Meeting, 5.30 for 6.00pm in the UDH, Union Building.

Sat 19th May:- Guilds Mystery Trip to the Seaside, leave Beit Arch 9.00am, Tickets 25p in advance only.

Hunk

## RED CROSS AT I.C.

I would be glad to hear from anyone who can spare time for collecting during Red Cross week, May 6 - 12th.

Collectors are needed to go round departments, to collect in pubs, and for street collections on the Flag day, Saturday 12th.

I would also be pleased to hear from anyone interested in joining the IC members group. There is a commitment to only twelve hours

work a year and no qualifications are necessary, but there is much useful work that can be done; visiting and helping in local Hospitals or an Old Peoples Club, Holidays with the Handicapped in July and August in Swanage and Ross-on-Wye, fund-raising as above etc.

I can be contacted in the Maths Common Room or via internal mail.

**Simon Chandler, Maths 1  
Members Group Leader**

## RIFLE CLUB

ICRPC recently won the Engineers Cup for the third time running. The strongest opposition came from UC, but they were still beaten by a comfortable margin.

Team	Score
Graham Huelin, Phys 2	196
Andrew Jolleys, Phys PG	198
Geoff Kolbe, Phys PG	198
Ian McKie, Civ Eng 3	192
Austin Reeve, Maths 2	194
Colin Skellett, Phys 3	199

- Best 5 to count gives 15 points dropped ex. 1000. UC dropped 25.

### TOP XX

This is the National Individual competition to select the best 20 University rifle shots. Seven IC students took part and shot 5 monthly rounds over the Winter, of which the best 4 are counted.

Geoff Kolbe won, to become UK Universities Individual Champion for Postal Shooting, with a tremendous score of 798 ex 800 points.

Andrew Jolleys was 3rd with 795. Austin Reeve just missed qualifying for the top of xx with 779. Graham Huelin scored 780 and has to complete a tie-shoot for 19th place.

## OUR BEST SHOW YET!

...OR IT COULD BE IF YOU TAKE PART.  
WOULD YOU LIKE TO JOIN OPSOC FOR  
THE SUMMER '79 TOUR AS SINGER,  
MUSICIAN OR STAGE CREW?

*Who could resist two weeks in beautiful Devonshire surroundings sampling the famous sun, beaches and cream teas?*

*This year, in between donkey rides and midnight swims, OPSOC will be performing Gilbert and Sullivan's comedy operetta "Princess Ida."*

**CONTACT JANE TURNER, CIV. ENG. int.  
3280 OR ... come to rehearsals at 53,  
Princes Gate, Tuesdays at 7.30pm.**

**YOU AND OPSOC WILL MAKE A GREAT  
TEAM!**

IF I SHOW HIM A TIN-OPENER HE GETS A BIT WARY, BUT LULU KEEPS FEEDING HIM JELLY BABIES WHEN I'M NOT LOOKING. SHE'S VERY PRIMITIVE, YOU SEE. SHE'S HAD A SOFT SPOT FOR HIM EVER SINCE HE SHOT HER IN THE BEHIND WITH A BOLT OF ELECTRICITY....

BIT VIOLENT FOR A PET?

WELL ... SHE DOES  
TEND TO STAB  
PEOPLE FROM  
TIME TO TIME...

NO, I MEAN  
THE DALEK.

HE'S LOVE-LY!  
LULU, HE'S LOATHSOME!  
IN ANY CASE, HE  
ONLY KNOWS ONE  
WORD.

EXTERMINATE!

I'VE TAUGHT HIM  
A NEW ONE. GO  
ON DALEK, SAY  
YOUR NEW  
WORD....

DESTROY!

WE APOLOGISE  
FOR THE LOSS OF  
DRAKE'S SEVEN. WE  
CONTINUE WITH  
MUSIC .....





## REVIEWS

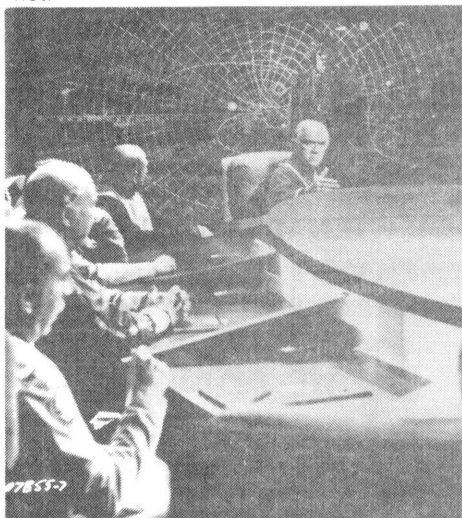
## FILMS

Now, for the more discerning FELIX reader, we present a totally new concept in review design. You are about to experience an article written in the novel (and enormously expensive) process of shake-er-round. To achieve this unique and stimulating effect merely rock violently from side to side whilst jumping up and down, at the same time clutching your half open FELIX in one hand, whilst also ..... Which leads me to

**BATTLESTAR GALACTICA** (U, Glen A. Larson)

A successful science fiction/fantasy/adventure movie (delete those you think inapplicable) shook the Film industry in 1977. Immediately the cogs engaged on a production line geared to exploit. First off the line is a mammoth television series called 'Battlestar Galactica'. A 3 hour pilot show has been cut to 118 mins (what's missing?) and adapted for the cinema, incorporating sensurround (a rip off I swear!) I would approve wholeheartedly if the plot were new and innovative but .....

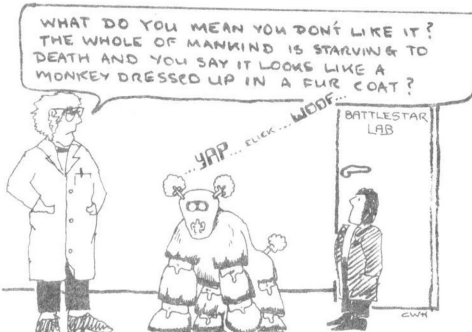
Another galaxy, another time. Sounds familiar. The 12 planets of humanity have decided to end 1000 years of war with the evil Cylons and walk directly into the inevitable ambush. All but one of the mighty Battlestars are destroyed and the defenceless home planets are simultaneously attacked. Commander Adama (Lorne Greene) collects the survivors into a ramshackle convoy and heads for a mysterious 13th sister planet, steeped in half-legend etc, etc. It is, of course, Earth. The subsequent trek (my spelling) is the excuse for 21 hours of TV serial, like it or not.



Commander Adama (Lorne Green)

The resident baddies are adorable robot-like creatures who speak with the dulcet tones of an electric razor, brandish plastic swords, and have this annoying urge to kill off humanity. Their most endearing characteristics also include being almost everywhere at once and being lousy shots, providing endless target practice for our heroes. These are Lt Apollo, son of Adama, and Lt. Starbuck, a cigar smoking, womanising, gambling, happy-go-lucky maverick. To quote Larry Grayson, "Such a nice boy!" The love factor is introduced by Serina, a widowed mother, whose son, Boxer, has lost his pet 'daggit' (a dog ingeniously disguised as a dog). A robot replacement called Muffit naturally becomes a sort of intergalactic lassie. It still looks like a monkey in a fur coat.

At last, the cavalry. The film's saving grace is the work of special effects-wizard John Dykstra. Even his superb opticals are marred by the fact that they were really designed for TV and do not necessarily translate well to the big screen. Well there is not much else to relate except that even though I was disappointed, the film was still enjoyable. I just can not seem to reconcile this dribble with my belief that science fiction must not just be perverted into simple 'cowboys and indians', however much fun that may be. Despite this, for a film which has achieved about as much critical acclaim as 'Watch with Mother', it is doing amazingly well at the box office - £59,000 in its first week alone. Many thanks to Chris Harris for the cartoon.



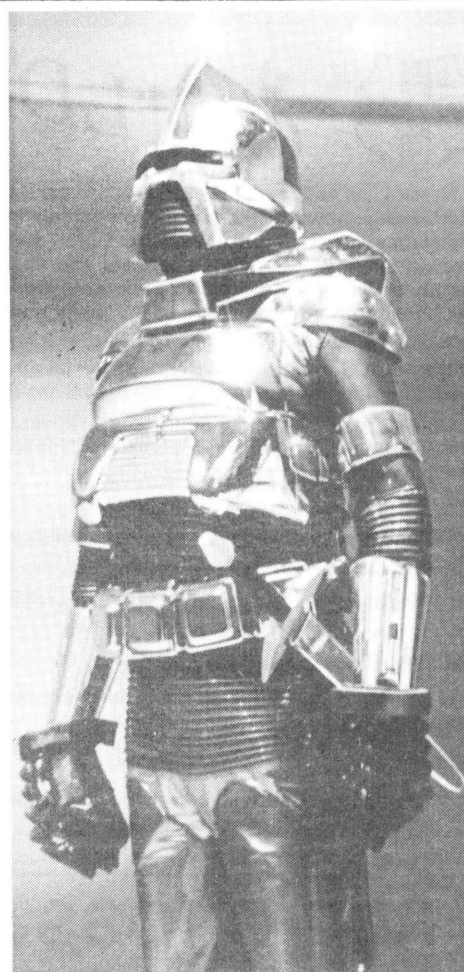
#### The next bit

Following the success of Star Wars a whole host of films of that genre are soon to hit us. In my mind one of the most promising is a movie version of **Star Trek**, due for release at Christmas. It stars the original cast plus a new captain for the Enterprise and a bald headed woman as 'number one'. Kirk is now an Admiral, but when a huge tapioca cloud threatens earth he is recalled from a desk job to save all. Great stuff. Another promising picture is **Alien**, which has the look of Kubrick's '2001: A Space Odyssey', from the pictures I have seen. Disney are also in the hunt with an epic called **The Black Hole**. Apparently a record number of mattes have been used to create the 150 special optical effects used. Frank Herbert's **Dune**, trilogy is being adapted in some form and also Asimov's **I Robot**. Sir Lew Grade follows up 'Capricorn One' with **Saturn 3**. Oh no!!!!

From the rest I would point out two major follow ups. Firstly **The Empire Strikes Back** (Star Wars 2 is way too simple for George Lucas) which could be brilliant now that even more funds are available. Also we have the promised **Superman 2**, which could be fun. These will not be ready until the new year, but in-between we have the new Bond epic **Moonraker**. Roger Stotesbury's tip would easily be Stanley Kubrick's **The Shining**, after having raved about the novel by Stephen King. When I discovered Jack Nicholson is starring I could only agree. An interesting remake called **Nosferatu** will shortly be released. This is Werner Herzog's adaptation of the dracula legend and could make one of Europe's most promising directors an international figure.

Keep a special eye open for two very funny films. From America we will soon see **The Kentucky Fried Movie**, from the director of 'Animal House'. Although dull in places this had me in stitches. Also there is Monty Python's **The Life Of Brian**. This should be released in the Summer and is guaranteed to raise more than a smile.

Mark Smith



One of the Cylons

FINAL SCORE	
Cylons .....	12
People .....	1

## RECORDS

### SUPERTRAMP - BREAKFAST IN AMERICA

Supertramp are a band with an enigmatic quality. What is it? Well, if I knew, it would not be an enigma. Initially shot to fame and fortune and the dubious influences that success brings with the 'Crime of the Century' album in 1974, they have since kept a distinctive, melodic, slightly orchestral sound that falls short of elaborate sympho-rock, but stands a cut (or ten) above Pop. Everybody knows the name, and most people, when up against the wall, will probably admit to liking their songs. Yet can anyone who is not an ardent fan name one of the band? When did they last tour? Are they British or American? Do they in fact exist? They're hardly obscure - the new album shot into the charts in the top 10 in the first week of release.

Which reminds me - what about this new album. This is the second that Supertramp have produced since 'relocating' in America (from England), and seems in some ways to reflect in the lyrics some of the emotions, anxieties and so on of moving lock stock and barrel to another country. This is not to say that Supertramp's lyrics are particularly profound or affecting - in fact they really do not stand much examination. As with their previous albums, it is the distinctive style of the two vocalists and the use of strong refrains that keeps the songs from being more than instrumentals with singing. The band have always been pretty strong on the



## SPORT

# LONDON WINS AGAIN

The University of London Men's 1st team retained the relay trophy for a second year at the British Universities Sports Federation Orienteering Championships held during the Easter vacation.

The 3 man team consisting of Steve Kirk (IC), David Rosen (IC) and Richard Gardner (Barts) all ran very well managing to beat their nearest rivals, Oxford University, by almost 3 minutes.

Steve Kirk sprinted round the first 8km leg in 41 minutes 23 seconds coming in third behind Southampton and Reading Universities. David Rosen then took over and ran the fastest second leg of the course in 42 minutes 46 seconds putting London in the lead. He was followed by Richard Gardner who ran the third leg in 41 minutes 35 seconds putting London well ahead.

The forest of Burnham Beeches was the venue for the event which was organised by the University of London Orienteering Club. The London Womens team, consisting of Frances Lumb (Royal Holloway), Sonia Hochfelder (IC), and Helen Pyle (QEC), did well to finish fifth in the womens relay although this is a drop from last years second place.

The London University men won more prizes last Sunday when they came third at the British Relay Championships (which includes non-university teams) at Swynnerton Old Park in Staffordshire.

Steve Kirk was the second to finish on the first leg, finishing the 6.8km course in a fast 38 minutes 11 seconds. David Rosen running second had a good run but dropped two places to fourth. Richard Gardner took over to bring the team up to third place.

The team was frustrated to learn that the race had been won by Oxford University whom they had beaten a month previously. A team from Bristol came second.

Steve Kirk is to be Captain of IC Orienteering Club next year. His nomination which was unopposed was accepted at the clubs Annual General Meeting last Friday. Steve is a very experienced orienteer who came to IC last October as a physics postgraduate after studying at and running for Reading University. Ken Warren will be the Clubs treasurer and Nigel Ward is to be publicity officer.

Orienteering continues throughout this term, despite exams, with a full programme of Sunday events and several Wednesday afternoon events. Particularly recommended is the event at Burnham Beeches on May 13th. The forest is very fast and pleasant orienteering terrain and close to London. Further details can be found on the club noticeboard in the Union building entrance lobby or at the clubs Friday lunchtime meetings. Beginners are always welcome and the Wednesday afternoon events are especially suitable for anyone wishing to take up orienteering for the first time.

Sonia Hochfelder

## IC Vths 11-1 Kings IVths

On the final Wednesday of last term IC Vths played what should have been their last league game of the season. This produced a truly emphatic eleven goal rout of an obviously outclassed Kings IV team

The match was also significant in that it marked the final appearance of one of IC's finest footballers; a skilful ball-playing and 'fair' tackling defender who has oftentimes been compared to Franz Beckenbauer, I am, of course, referring to Peter Twigg.

It was only fitting that in his final game Peter Twigg should score probably the best goal of the game when he ghosted past two defenders, and sent an unstoppable shot into the top corner of the net out of the keepers reach (Twigg 2-0). This followed a fine goal by Mo Misra, to open the scoring, when he latched onto a through ball by Steve Kaye round the keeper and coolly slotted the ball home. With John Healy adding a third goal when the keeper dropped the ball, Kings were looking fairly disorganised and though they did pull back a goal just before half-time, their only chance of avoiding defeat seemed to be the weather which was rapidly deteriorating. Their prayers seemed to be answered when with three minutes of the half remaining the players were called off due to a heavy hailstorm.

Unfortunately for Kings not only was the game restarted after a twenty minute delay but by then they only had seven men (four others having already showered and changed). The fifths facing only seven men soon took control of the game and the Kings goalmouth was under constant siege for the whole of the second half. This resulted in a further seven goals for IC, amongst these was a fine penalty by Cyril Knowles, his first goal for IC, and Al Cable miskicking the ball between the goalkeepers legs for his goal, after a brilliant run by Damion Kelly. In the final minutes it was pleasing to see that one member of the fourths, Steve Veats, came across to cheer the fifths on, the others obviously preferring to get to the bar as soon

as possible.

Before the final whistle was blown there was time for both Mo Misra and John Healy to complete their hattricks for Dennis Cook to score two and someone whose name escapes me to miss a penalty.

Team: Russ Gilbert, Steve Kaye, Cyril Knowles, Giles Brereton, Pete Twigg, Damion Kelly, Al Cable, Dennis Cook, Mo Misra, Lewis Roberts, John Healy.

PS. This was to have been the last fifths game but due to weather interference only sixteen games were played by the fifths and they will be relegated unless they play another two games, and for this reason a double banker has been arranged against Charing Cross Hospital on Wednesday May 9th.

## REVIEWS

instrumental side, boasting an excellent drummer, an imaginative use of keyboards, and the woodwind skill of John Anthony Helliwell on assorted saxes, whistles, and other oral devices.

All these qualities are present on 'Breakfast in America', although perhaps in a subtly different form than previously. In the past, people may have been scared away from the band by the apparent magnitude of their compositions. As far as I know, they have not yet written a rock opera, but there are plenty of 6/7 - minute tracks knocking around. On the new album the songs have become more condensed, giving a tighter blend of vocals and instrumentals that brings down the length of the songs whilst keeping the product typically Supertramp. 'The Logical Song' is a good example of this, as is 'Goodbye Stranger'.

In general terms, this album has a great deal to recommend it - it is a progression for the band and a rewarding earful for the punter - catchy tunes, interesting arrangements and an overall gloss of good production make it impressive the first time round, and it stands the test of time very well; my copy is only six weeks old and wearing out fast, but the music does not bore me yet. Supertramp will be touring Britain later in the Summer, and I fancy that this album will attract a new audience on top of the diehards. It certainly deserves it.

Simon Milner

## CONCERT

"Go and Review a bad concert", they said, "It will be good practice for you." So one Saturday evening six thousand fans converged on the Wembley airship hanger and one sceptic went along for the ride not expecting much in return for his £3.50.

Nine million people had bought one of his records, so what better example could you find of an overrated boring old hippy preaching to the converted. Surely this would give full scope to the nasty reviewer.

It started off at the entrance, "come and buy the programme of the tour of the album as commemorated on the badge, T shirt or poster". Anyone would think they were after your money. But no, a free gift is distributed to the hoards; your very own Mike Oldfield european tour commemorative dart. Great - the highlight of the night perhaps?

Eventually everyone was sitting comfortably so they began; a 22 piece rock and string orchestra with an 11 piece choir, hardly a small affair. Then a man in a white suit came on and started to play a guitar. The people at the front applauded so I suppose it was the man himself but unfortunately I'd forgotten my binoculars.

His friends then joined in and they started playing Incantations, the sound was perfect, the production exquisite, the musicianship flawless. The music was not bad either. In fact

it was nice, very nice. So nice that one member of the audience fell asleep. Twenty minutes later slumber was interrupted by a lady singing. Maddy Prior was singing the poem Hiawatha; her voice was crystal clear and worse still the music had suddenly changed and become enjoyable and interesting. Incantations then ended and being considerate souls the musicians left so we could go and spend our money. A few people queued for the privilege the rest played with their paper planes.

Mike and his mates returned, played three notes and the crowd went wild. Yes this was it 'Tubular Bells', the ultimate in mankind's many achievements; the one and only rock symphony, at least according to my neighbour. Almost everyone clapped, stamped, bopped, or jiggled along with the beat. One member even managed the odd twitch and didn't fall asleep at all. The shapes on stage began to move and even looked like humans.

I suppose I'll have to be honest, it was enjoyable, even the new blatantly trendy disco single and the silly traditional sailors' hornpipe.

The high standard of musicianship and sense of occasion was just too much and they deserved all the praise they got. Maybe next week will I find that illusive bad concert when Public Image appear in secret gig fiasco report.

P.S.



# NEWS IN BRIEF

## UNACADEMIC AAO RESIGNS

Wyn Jenkins, the Unions newly elected Academic Affairs Officer has resigned before the start of his term of office. He told Union Secretary Mike Elkin that he did not feel his academic standing was good enough to hold this post.

Mr Jenkins was elected by a mass turnout of Miners at the last Union meeting of the spring term. A fresh election will take place at the annual general meeting on 22nd May.

Most of next year's main Union posts are now filled. The same Union meeting elected John Passmore as External Affairs Officer, Rachel Snee as Rag Chairman and Mick Berry as UGM Chairman.

The meeting ratified the election of Dave Haddon as Welfare Officer and Chris Webb as University of London Union Representative, both of whose nominations were opposed.

An election in Life Sciences resulted in Katy Tatchell becoming next year's Departmental Representative. The post of Management Sciences Dep. Rep. remains unfilled.

The new President of Mines Union is Chris Sleep and its Academic Affairs Officer is Pete Bamford, both of whom sit on ICU Council. The Community Action Group Chairman is John Whitehouse.

Several elections are scheduled to take place at Tuesdays Union meeting. The six members of the Permanent Working Party sit on Council. FELIX Business Manager, Union Publicity Officer and members of the External Affairs Committee, House Committee and Union Finance Committee will also be elected. Papers for these posts are in the Union Lower Lounge until 5.00pm today.

## PHONE FIENDS

Telephone vandals have been at work again in the Union Building. An attempt was made to remove money from one of the new telephones using a crowbar.

Deputy President Malcolm Brain has asked the Post Office to provide a more vandal-proof coin box.

## AP ARRIVES

7,800 copies of the Alternative Prospectus have now arrived from the printers. Its 64 pages contain lots of useful information about education in general, courses at IC and life in College and London.

Its editor Roger Stotesbury can feel proud of this publication. Its content is presented in an entertaining and very readable manner.

Many students, especially members of the Academic Affairs Committee, have contributed articles and ideas. The Prospectus is sent to schools and aims to give school students a 'consumers view' of the College.

## SMOKE FILLS CHEMISTRY

Smoke instead of fresh air was pumped through ventilators in the old chemistry block when fire broke out in the ventilation plant room adjoining the building.

The fire, which occurred shortly after 2.00pm last Friday, caused about £400 of damage to electrical equipment and cables, when it spread from cardboard boxes containing air filters stored in the room.

A member of staff who spotted the fire called the fire brigade who quickly extinguished the flames. The building was not evacuated.

## NEW FIRST FOR WOMEN

For the first time in history a woman is Head of an IC Department, the Rector told an audience this week.

She is Professor Dorothy Wedderburn who became the first Head of the new Department of Social and Economic Studies last October.

On Tuesday she gave her inaugural lecture under the title 'Great expectations? - engineering and society'. The Rector chaired the meeting.

In her lecture she outlined the role of the new department. The emphasis in undergraduate teaching was on interdisciplinary studies as the department has no undergraduates of its own.

Research by the department's academic staff and postgraduates was concerned with the structure and processes of decision making in industrial organisations. They would also be looking at the impact of health and safety programmes in industry, and studying the Post Office's industrial democracy experiment. She hoped the department could make a useful contribution to the understanding of the interplay between engineering and society.

She continued with an analysis of the British crisis outlining the various explanations put forward. All these boiled down to two main problems, she said. These are the lack of technological innovation and bad industrial relations. She went on to discuss the causes.

## LIVE RECORD SHOW

IC Radio made a novel attempt to enter the Guinness Book of Records - and transmitted it live on Sunday night.

Harvey Nadin was broadcasting the stations regular live programme from Stans Bar when

he came up with a new idea in audience participation. How many people could get into a Waitrose trolley over a 5m ride?

Thirteen students managed to pile in but the problem came when they tried to move forward. With four people holding the trolley steady they crawled 2m whereupon they collapsed in a heap. On a second attempt they found that the trolley was bent resulting in Harvey broadcasting an appeal for another trolley.

There is no current record for this feat. The nearest thing to it is a record for the number of people who can stand on a pillar box, set up by students (who else?) of the City of London College. It stands at 29.

## UNIVERSITY UNCHALLENGED

Imperial College students will not be appearing on University Challenge, the popular television quiz, this term as the current series has been cut back. The team will take part some time next year.

The four students making up ICUs team are Andrew Gray (Biochem PG), Nick Griffin (Chem Eng 2), Damian Hassan (Maths 1), and Frank James (HOST PG). Bob Hart, who was originally in the team, has been dropped because he will not be a student next year.

## IC RADIO TAKEOVER?

Many of the senior members of IC Radio will be helping to produce BBC Radio London's Marathon programme, due to be broadcast from 6am on Sunday until 6.30am on Tuesday. The programme is an attempt on the British record for the longest radio programme and is also intended to raise money for children's charities. Radio London broadcasts on 206 metres medium wave, 94.9 MHz VHF. IC Radio station manager, John Allen, told FELIX that he thought it 'a great opportunity for members to get directly

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involved in the activities of a professional radio station' and he hoped that it would lead to further co-operation between the two stations.

## PARKING PERMITS

IC Union will be running another parking permit competition in June for students who want to bring their cars to College in July.

In the past any student could park in College grounds during the three summer months without a permit. This has resulted in congestion especially in July when there are several conferences in College. The new scheme will attempt to limit the number of student cars in that month. No permits will be required for August and September.

Students who already have permits will be able to keep them in July. The Union will reallocate permits held by students leaving at the end of term. Union Secretary Mike Elkin will write to permit holders informing them of the arrangements. Students requiring permits are asked not to apply to the Union until Mike Elkin starts the scheme later this term.

## NEW IC RADIO COMMITTEE

Monday's IC Radio AGM elected Harvey Nadin, Station Manager; Roger Edwards, Technical Manager; Dave Fuller, News Editor; Andy Cannon, Secretary; Alan Burton, Treasurer; Promotions Officer, Anthony Ferguson; Record Librarian, Gary Howard; with Assistant Station Managers: Jon Firth, Simon Milner, Jamie Bell, Chris Dalton and Karen Hardy.

The new Station Manager, Harvey Nadin, made a speech saying that he was pleased to see the co-operation between the media at IC. He thanked John Allen for all his work as this year's Station Manager and said that IC Radio was one of the best student radio stations.

21 year old Boris Kalendarev has been trying to emigrate from the Soviet Union since 1973 and was adopted by IC Union and other student organisations last year as part of a national campaign to support the right of Soviet Jews to emigrate to Israel.

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. He now faces a probable charge of evading conscription which could lead to a sentence of three years in a labour camp.

The Foreign Secretary's belief that Western protests are effective in persuading the Soviet Government to act has received reinforcement with the release last week of 13 year old Mischa Voikhanski who has been trying to join his mother in England for the past four years.

Boris Kalendarev's fate now depends on how much pressure is exerted on his behalf. Mary Attenborough urges IC students to write a protest letter to the Soviet State Procurator and suggests the following text.

*'I am writing to ask you why Boris Kalendarev, a student in your country, has been charged with evasion of conscription when he applied for an exit visa in 1973, three years before he became eligible for military service.'*

*'I urge you most strongly to release him as the action of the Soviet authorities in arresting him is in flagrant defiance of the Helsinki Agreement and breaches every acceptable standard of human rights.'*

The letter should be addressed to Mr R Rudenko, Procurator General, Puskinskaya U1. 15a, Moscow, USSR.