



THE NEWSPAPER OF IMPERIAL COLLEGE UNION

Sabbaticals to Pay Tax?

Student Unions will have to pay the Government at least £700 for each of their sabbatical officers following a ruling by the Department of Health and Social Security in April.

With four sabbaticals IC Union will have to find another £3000 per year at a time when the College has already forced the Union to cut its budget next year.

The money will go to cover national insurance contributions and income tax, both of which have up to now been ignored by Student Unions.

The DHSS have ruled that sabbaticals are employees of the Union and therefore national insurance at the rates of 6.5 per cent employee's contribution and 13.5 per cent employer's contribution has to be paid. The order is effective from 6th April 1979.

The snag is that to pay the national insurance Unions must inform the Tax Inspector and will therefore no longer be able to get away without paying income tax.

Although a few Unions have paid income tax, including the National Union of Students, most have never done so and the Inland Revenue have not until now been aware of the anomalous status of student sabbaticals.

So that an IC Union sabbatical can continue to receive a net salary of £1,990 (1978-79 rate), the Union will have to pay a gross salary of £2,390 of which the additional £400 covers national insurance at 6.5 per cent and income tax over the two tax years which the sabbatical term of office spans. Added to this is the employer's contribution of £323 giving over £700 at 1978-79 rates. The sum is likely to go up as sabbatical salaries increase.

The sabbatical officer himself could however gain, provided he does not get a job as soon as he leaves office. For as long as he remains a student or unemployed he can claim back any tax paid by the Union on his behalf in the current tax year, and there is no way the Union can get this money

from him. This could amount to £110 tax paid in the last 3 months of his office.

But if he enters immediate employment he may be worse off than an 'ordinary' student as he will have 'used up' some of his tax-free allowance.

The new situation will also affect the position of any overseas student who gets elected to a sabbatical post. To take up office such students will now need work permits. The NUS have in the past had an agreement with the Home Office allowing overseas students to be sabbatical officers and they have promised to approach the Home Office again if any problems arise.

Because IC Union is outside NUS the Union have not received full details of the DHSS ruling and have not yet been able to consider where this extra cash is to come from. In the new circumstances perhaps College will be able to increase the Union's grant to cover this unexpected additional expenditure. After all College will hardly wish to force the Union or its student employees to do anything illegal like evading tax and national insurance payments.



*Above: Lord Flowers and Mr Freddie Webber
Below: Colonel Mac on the Thames*



NEW BOAT CLUB FOURS

Imperial College Boat Club proudly launched their new pair of fours on Wednesday. The Rector, Lord Flowers, poured Champagne over the coxless four named Freddie Webber. Lady Flowers christened the coxed four Colonel Mac.

Mr Webber and Lt-Col McLellan were present to watch the ceremony. Freddie was Captain of boats a year before Lord Flowers was born. The Rector commented that it was a bit different today compared with what Freddie was used to in those days.

Both fours have already been rowed in competitions. The coxed four, Colonel Mac, has won eight out of its last ten races. The official launching was postponed until the summer and they were rewarded with a fine afternoon.

The Imperial College coat of arms attached to the side of the boat by a transfer process, has caused a small problem for the

club because the first set of transfers came off. Fingers-crossed the second set, liberally covered with polyurethane, have stayed on so far. The fours will be ideal for winter training. The rowing eight will be able to split into two teams of four to race against each other. The eights and fours will be at Henley on July 6/7/8.

LETTERS

Sir, - You will probably say I'm being pedantic, but with things like Union policy you have to be.

The policy we passed at the last UGM does not mean what it appears to mean at first glance. There are several cases.

'ICU...instructs...that we support ALRA'. We? Who is ICU instructing to support ALRA? The proposers of the motion?

'We support ALRA.' What is ALRA? Architects and Land Researchers Association? They can't mean Abortion Law Reform Association, because according to notes 2 this ALRA does not support abortion after 28 weeks, but the abortion law reform association supports it between 28 weeks and birth for conditions more liberal than the present Abortion Act. (See their newsletter 'Breaking Chains' May '77).

'ICU instructs delete all previous policy on abortion.' This is meaningless. Besides which we had no policy on abortion. If they mean my last motion, that was on the NAC (an organisation), not abortion.

Worst of all, because my amendment was partially accepted we have 'ICU believes...abortion should be available free on demand...' and 'instruct the NHS to...always act with the intention of saving both the mother and child.' (Child is a legally acceptable term for a foetus). If these can be reconciled at all it can only mean we support Abortion on demand (removing the child from the womb) only if it is done in such a way as to avoid killing it (almost impossible).

Oh dear. It appears we fillbusted it. And quite unintentionally.

Barry Austin

P.S. What's the use of increasing day care facilities if the NHS is not allowed to use them?

Dear Sir, - In last week's FELIX, there was a small ad for the sale of tins of ex-boycott baked beans - to quote - 'Only 90p for a 5lb tin'. There was also a reference to the sale of these tins in News in Brief headed 'Cheap Beans'. I fail to see that unless these beans are individually wrapped or of extraordinary quality or size they can be termed cheap. In Waitrose a 20oz tin is 18p - this means only 72p for 5lbs of baked beans. (I have checked this carefully - being a mathematician). I was not aware that generally large quantities bought from a discount warehouse worked out more expensive than small tins purchased in a shop.

**Ruth Langford
Maths 1**

P.S. Even extortionately expensive Heinz Baked Beans would only cost 88p for 5lbs.

Dear Sir, - I would like to make it known that the events of Saturday night (shortly after the England - Scotland match) disgusted and appalled me. That alcohol should be consumed in such quantity for such unconstructive and heathen purposes is barbarous, and the sight of drunken Northerners lying on the floor came as a revelation.

As a result I do not intend to touch alcohol until at least the next bank holiday, and would urge all like minded students in joining me in abstaining from the practice of imbibing that infernal liquid, alcohol.

Yours displeased,

**K.J. Fenning,
Physics**

Dear Sir, - I would like to make a few points as regards Mr Bambridge's letter last week. The Insurance policy covering the possessions of those living in college-run residence was changed at the beginning of last August for several reasons - the new policy covered goods lost all over the college campus, whereas the old one only covered each person's particular hall/house/flat, and the other main reason was that the cover was increased to £750, whereas the old policy was only £500; which I'm sure most people would agree is inadequate - a lot of students have stereo systems worth more than £300 never mind anything else.

The £75 limit on records and cassettes is unfortunate, and is mostly due to the incompetence of Endsleigh. The original letter I had from them about the new policy went over the changes but failed to mention this - and I was later verbally told that this 10% limit for records, cartridges and cassettes was the same for the old policy and being unfamiliar with the old one I took this to be true, and it was only much later on that I found out it was different.

Also with the old policy if you had goods worth, say, £1000 and £300 worth was pinched you would only get £150, as the total value of the goods owned was twice the limit - this is not the case with the new policy.

One thing Mr Bambridge has neglected also is that the old policy, as in common with most household policies, insured not the replacement value but the present value, taking into account deterioration so the claim for 45 cassettes would be considerably less than £230.

As regards the policy itself and the changeover, this year's experience will be taken into account when considering the renewal of the policy, and Michael Arthur and I will definitely look for and consider any alternatives very carefully.

I did inform people of the changeover in FELIX at the start of the year several times through my articles and also by a small advert; I would have informed the Wardens of the halls/houses except I thought Residence Office would do that. I could not take the change of policy to a UGM as a decision was necessary during the summer vacation.

And now for something completely different. Mr Ronan in his letter of last week is incorrect when he says a new society can overlap with an already existing society. In council minutes it is stated that if the overlap is too great then the new society will not be recognised.

Cheers,

Mike Elkin

Dear Editor, - Each week FELIX is put on my desk (such a nice young man brings it round) and when I stop for my hot and steaming life saver, I pick it up to read. However, I do have one gripe about your estimable paper (the covers are such pretty colours) why so many abbreviations?

Presumably those in the societies involved know what they mean but those of us to whom IC (translation given on request) is a living and not a social event, very often do not have a clue. On the letters page alone, I picked up the following: AGM, UGA, RCS, ICU, SCC, ICWA, NAC, BPAS, PATA. I am sure the remaining 14 pages would have yielded a wealth of others.

Many times have I laboured far into the night, coffee and cigarettes at my elbow, poring over FELIX with pencil and paper, dictionary and IC (see above) Handbook trying to make head or tail of it. Perhaps the average student at IC (think about it) has more up top than I have - or maybe it really is a secret formula for turning lead into gold!

For those of us who are not 'in the know' please translate some of these symbols to make FELIX intelligible to the uninitiated.

**Mrs Lynn Fanning
(A member of the underpaid,
under-rated
and generally ignored
Administration staff)**

Dear John, - I would like to thank you for your prompt coverage of RCS events but I feel I must correct the errors in the article entitled Stripper Out, based on a motion, passed at RCSU General Committee, which I proposed.

Firstly, the motion made no mention of the stripper and so it is not union policy to remove it. This may well occur as a consequence but will have to be decided at a later date by the ents committee.

Secondly, the reference to undemocratic minorities was not aimed at the women at IC but those people who go to the Smoking Concert to disrupt and drink the free beer.

Finally, I would like the chance to publicly explain why the name will be changed to the Head lights Revue. Everyone at General Committee, and I think generally throughout College, agrees that the 'Smoking Concert' has reached the lowest possible depths and the very fact that the 'Smoking Concert' is a tradition means the only possible way to achieve a worthwhile night's entertainment is to change the name and thus bury the memories of the farces of the past.

Any budding theatrical person who thinks they would enjoy producing a class revue and anyone who could contribute with a sketch which will be well rehearsed and entertaining, no matter how depraved, can see me anytime.

Many thanks for letting me explain the change,

Rich Archer RCSU Entertainments Chairman elect.

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5:30pm next Wednesday

FELIX

editorial

That time of year

Due, I suspect, to a combination of xxxxs and the frightening early copy deadline this week, very little copy was submitted for this week's issue. I am pleased to say that everything that came in did so before the deadline (yes Mary's article was early!!!). Next week's deadline is back to the usual Monday 5.30, so you can all stay in bed till 2 o'clock. If you have finished your examx already, then please write something for this little paper 'cos I get bored with nothing to do on Wednesday nights.

Sabbaticals Taxed

Well, it had to happen sooner or later. The DHSS's decision to make student unions pay National Insurance will hit us at IC particularly hard. Firstly because we have just increased the number of our sabbaticals and secondly because we have already had a reduced grant from College. I sincerely hope that we are able to claim the additional money from College.

Baked Beans

I've received several letters pointing out that the 'cheap' beans advertised last week were in fact quite expensive. The tins contain 5lb 14oz, though, and were Heinz beans so they weren't quite as extortionate as appeared.

'Magus' banned

King's College Student Union Newspaper 'Magus' has been banned by the Principal Sir Richard Way. Although the etching in question may have been offensive or obscene, to withdraw facilities and destroy the existing copies in nothing short of censorship. It puts the whole question of the Editors' autonomy in doubt.

The Mitcham Fayre, which the etching was advertising, takes place at the Sports Ground, Lavender Avenue, Mitcham Surrey, on Saturday 30th June. Organised by the Students' Union, the Fayre acts as a finale to the celebrations of King's

150th Anniversary. The Fayre will be opened by the Mayor and Mayoress of Merton at 2.00pm. In addition to many raffles, there will be a 'Motor-cycle Madmen' display, penalty competitions against a 1st Division goalkeeper and plenty of food.

Many thanks

again this week to John S. for collating last night while I was at the PG Bar Night, Sheyne for typing more than was actually written(!), Sonia and Colin for desperately needed news stories and Dave for various bits of orange.

Cheers,

John

APPLICATIONS ARE INVITED FOR THE WARDENSHIP OF HAMLET GARDENS

The successful candidate will be a postgraduate, preferably married, and likely to stay at IC for another two years.

A flat is provided for the Warden, rent free, and he/she will receive an entertainments allowance.

Application forms are available from the Union Office, and the Residence Office, Room 161, Sheffield Building, and the closing date for applications is **Friday, 22nd June, 1979.**

WHAT'S ON

FRIDAY 1st JUNE

CLUB ACTIVITY

ORIENTEERING CLUB Meeting. 12.30pm, Union SCR. Arrangements for Sunday's trip to Bagshot Heath will be finalised.

IMPERIAL COLLEGE Christian Union 'Love's True Nature' Steve Williams HTB. 6.30pm. Music Room, 53 Princes Gate.

MISCELLANEOUS

PHOTOSOC Shop. 12.45 - 1.15pm. Linstead 532. If you don't collect your prints soon, we will give them to Oxfam.

SUNDAY 3rd JUNE

CLUB ACTIVITY

ORIENTEERING - Event at Bagshot Heath Minibus leaves Union arch at 8.30am.

Take a break from revising and come along. Courses suitable for all. Sign up at Fridays meeting.

MONDAY 4th JUNE

MISCELLANEOUS

PHOTOSOC Shop 12.45 - 1.15pm. Linstead 211. Don't say we did not warn you! P.S. Kodachrome 25 and Kodachrome 64 now in stock.

PUBLICATIONS Board AGM. 6.30pm, Botany/Zoology Common Room. Including election of two ordinary members (Nomination papers up in lower lounge), election of next years officers and presentation of annual reports.

THURSDAY 7th JUNE

MISCELLANEOUS

ACC AGM - 5.30pm, Union SCR. All captains and captains-elect must attend. Observers welcome. ACC elections/club reports/tea and biscuits.

PHOTOSOC Shop 12.45 - 1.15pm, Linstead 532. It is quite surprising how much rubbish it is possible to fit on a What's On form, especially if you write small and squash the letters together.

The Life and Times of an E C Cushion

How are you all, out there in exam land? I hope all this nailbiting revision and exam stress isn't leading to excessive self abuse or any of the other myriad of evils that can cause you to go blind (so I'm told). To provide you with light relief and give you a break from all that viscous flow, mass transfer and vector fields, I'll inform you all about the temporary parking permit scheme that is to operate over July.

Temporary Parking Permits

If you have a permit already, then by now you should have a letter from me telling you that if you want it renewed for July ie - you actually intend to use it for July then you have to come and let me or Annie in the Union Office know by June or it will be automatically reallocated to someone else and you will lose it.

If you have not got a permit already, and want one for July then come and pick an application form from the Union

Office and fill it in and hand it back to Annie by **Friday June 8th**. Please take note: Only have your permit renewed or apply for one for July if you genuinely want to park your car in college regularly over July, please don't apply for one just in case you might need to park in College a couple of times over July - you only make things worse for people who want to park in college every day.

Well now that I've got my name in the FELIX sports' pages I have virtually achieved the sum of my ambitions; all I need to do is get a request for Tansy and myself on IC Radio and I can disappear into that great Union in the sky where everybody wears leather underwear and thigh length PVC boots.

Anyway folks, enough of these obscure jokes and obscure perversions.

See you about (perhaps).

Mike Elkin

P.S. Thanks for the UGA, Mary!

What IF?

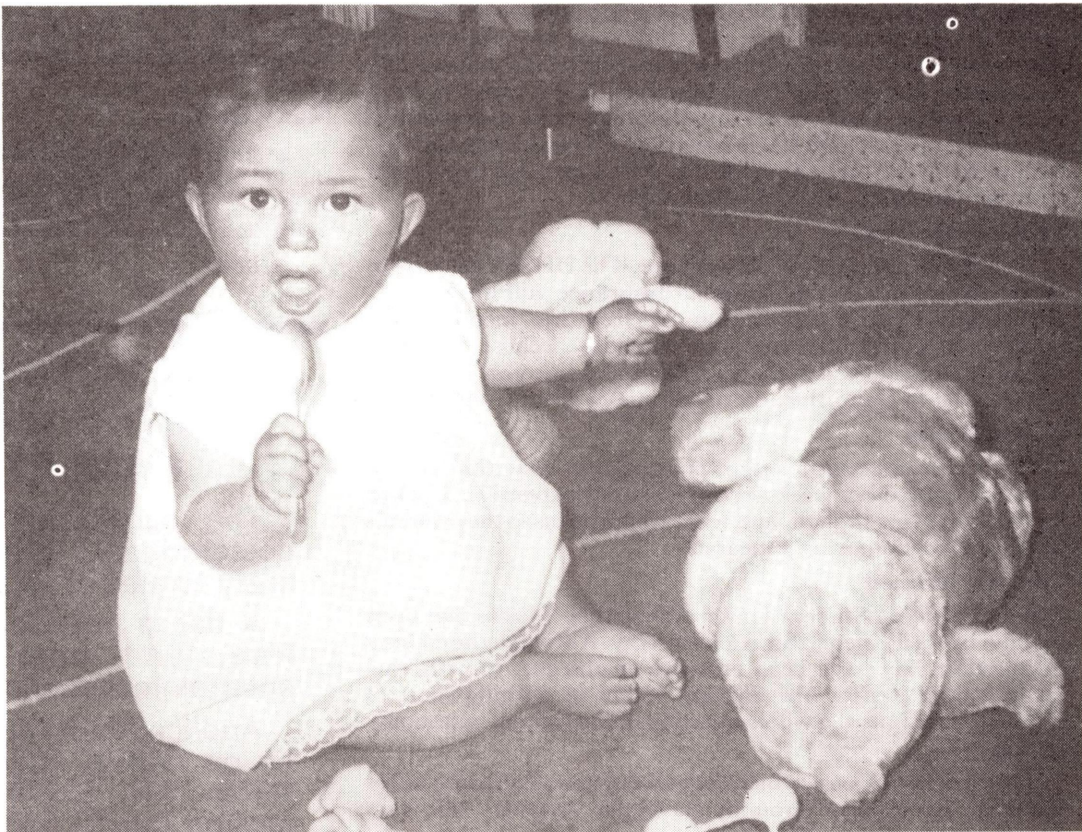
MEET JULIE MART: IF's PRESIDENT

I'll start with the best bit first ...

THE END
All my love, Julie xx

What more could I ask ... and type at 50 wpm, to knit, take shorthand road, and I'm learning near Waitrose in Gloucester I've now settled I'd be able to travel. If I studied languages last year, knowing that start at IF in September in 1977. I decided to an offer from Cambridge aim, so, after rejecting been, and how it had no how boring my life had my education. I realised to England to further 1975. I decided to return.

Finally, in and swimming in billabongs. Of chatting to Swagmen again. I soon grew tired shipped to Australia where, less, so daddy had me I soon became rest - sheep Fram in Siberia, with Aunt Agatha on her whisked off to stay with head hunters, I was several disturbing encounters war. However after gammy leg from the Boer service, because of his was no longer in active General. But, luckily, he as father was a Brigadier forced to move to Borneo, in 1970 when we were This came to an abrupt end, to the sounds of music, edelweisses and listening frolicking amongst the days were spent there their palace. My early were living at the time in days, a dutch oil sheik and austrian countess, and to Vienna, where, Mummy in 1960,



whilst flying High Street in our plane 20,000 feet above Clapham

I was born to talk about my childhood... I've always found it hard.

THE BEGINNING.

SMALL ADS

WANTED

By RCC Transport - Large tarpaulin suitable for covering rucksacks etc, on the roofrack of a Ford Transit van.

Roy Attwood Int.3313

SUBWARDENSHIP

The post of Subwarden at Southwell House, 59 Evelyn Gdns, will become vacant in the autumn.

Applications from post-graduates at IC who preferably have another two years study are welcomed.

Please send a written application to the Residence Office, 161 Sheffield Building and / or make further enquiries to Jill Clarke, John Percy Lab, Metallurgy. Int tel no 2175 or evenings at 01-370 4864.

FOR SALE

OLIVETTI portable typewriter (nearly new) with special features. Contact: A Mills Int 4383.

FOR SALE

MG MIDGET - 'S' Reg., (Orange, red colour). 5,000 miles only. Immaculate condition - near brand new. Phone 01-642 5562 evenings or day time Internal 2881 and ask for Gill. £3000 o.n.o.

DISCO

The Age-Link Charity Disco will be held in the JCR on Friday 8th June from 8.00pm to 1.00am. Tickets are on sale from Annie in the Union Office price 60p for students.

TO LET

Now for two or three weeks, Double room in Putney flat, 1 or 2 people. £10 each (Also available month of September) Phone Jane on 373 6914.

FROM SINGAPORE?

The IC Alumin of Singapore, 38 Saunders Road, Singapore 9, would be pleased to hear from any graduates returning to Singapore. The club has been founded to promote social and educational activities amongst its members

Mary Mutters (despite all attempts to stop her)

For those of you who don't know, you still have me as your President until 30th June (despite the fact that we handed over at the Annual General Meeting last Tuesday). I am still managing to discover lots of fascinating things to do in the Union office, (as well as drinking sherry!) but if you have got any problems you think the Union could help you with it is a better time of year to find me in a state to listen carefully, as I am less likely to be talking to 5 people at once while simultaneously rushing off to 3 meetings.

Students required to withdraw

The Annual General Meeting was asked to support my recommendation (which it did) that the Union receive the names of students asked to withdraw from college, in order to write to them and offer our help in following the appeal procedure. The names would be treated confidentially by the Union, with only relevant officers seeing the names. If you have any violent objections to this please get in touch with me as soon as possible, otherwise I will tell the College Registrar that we are all in agreement.

Accommodation Officer

I am still pursuing the idea of getting a part-time Accommodation Officer which we could possibly finance from donations from small college student unions nearby (in return for the use of our Welfare Centre).

Visit from Sweden

The Rector has agreed to sponsor a return visit from a representative from Chalmers Student Union. I hope that the President can visit us this term. We are organising a party for the Chalmers students on exchange here at the moment in early June so he would be able to lead the songs!

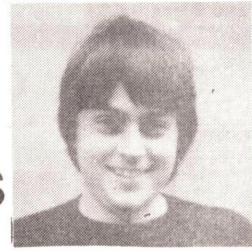
I hope you are all enjoying your exams (sabbaticals don't have any, hee hee!).

Mary Attenborough
President ICU



Day By Day

A ROUND-UP OF LAST WEEK'S NEWS



Wednesday 23rd

Canada takes right turn

Canada elected Joseph Clark Prime Minister of the 282 seat House of Commons in Ottawa. The Tories under Mr Clark hold 136 seats. Pierre Trudeau conceded defeat in an emotional speech to his Liberal party workers.

The Conservatives will need the support of the small Social Credit party in order to have a majority.

House of Commons to move?

Mr St John-Stewas is to study the advisability of moving the Commons away from London, possibly to the Midlands. Accommodation problems force MPs to dictate letters in the corridors or cafeteria. Nearly half of the 130 new members are without desks, telephone or filing cabinets. They have formed a '79 All-Party Group' to push for better conditions.

College Plans 'Meet British Day'

The Royal Naval College, Dartmouth, is appealing to residents in its area for help in giving its foreign officer trainees a more representative view of British life than they can get from discotheques and night clubs.

Thursday 24th

Just not cricket

Brian Rose, Somerset's captain, was criticised after declaring his side's innings after just one over to guarantee a place in the quarter-finals of the Benson and Hedges Cup.

Worcestershire went into bat and won the match. However, because Worcestershire needed not only to win but to improve their overall wicket rate, Brian Rose's action effectively guaranteed Somerset's qualification into a profitable quarter-final stage.

His ungentlemanly tactics effectively hampered Glamorgan who just failed to qualify. Mr Rose exploited a loophole that nowhere in the rules is the condition stating that both sides should do their best to win the game. The very essence of cricket is that a rule such as that should never have to be written down.

Lay by Day

Journalists writing for the Royal College of Science magazine, Broadsheet, began a rival review of the week's news at Imperial College. This follows the enlargement of Peterborough's 'London Day by Day' column in The Daily Telegraph.

The President of the 'Ban out of date news campaign', Mr J Allenbury, was interviewed during a Radio London publicity campaign. (206 metres MW. 1458 KHZ, 94.9 VHF...free stickers available from IC Radio). He said, 'The worrying spread of news reviews could lead to the end of newspapers as we know them. The current trend of students reading world news, once a week, in one quick burst is a sign of their unwillingness to read printed

material preferring to listen to local radio over a pint of Sams'.

Friday 25th

America's worst air disaster

An American Airline DC10 Jumbo jet crashed close to a caravan park as it was taking off from O'Hare Airport, Chicago. All 279 people aboard died in the worst air disaster in America. Two residents of the caravan park died after being hit by the blazing wreckage.

The DC10 lost an engine shortly after take-off. The pilot had been trained to cope with such an emergency but just after take-off there was not enough height for him to take avoiding action.

The plane lost power at 2,000 feet and turned upside down and took a swan dive into an abandoned airfield next to the camp.

NUS worried

Three Appeal Court judges ruled today that the tenancy of a house, which is sub-let to students for multiple occupation, does not fall under the protection of the 1974 Rent Act.

'There is now no need for colleges to worry that accommodation, either privately owned or owned by themselves, could be log-jammed by students refusing to move out at the end of their course. The benefit is that landlords will continue to lease accommodation for them under the exceptions from Rent Act protection.'

The NUS were worried that, if today's decision had gone the other way, their members might be least-favoured tenants.

Saturday 26th

National Sponsored Cockroach Hunt

Anyone who has had to sleep in the FELIX Office during an all night paste-up session will know that it's a good hunting ground for cockroaches. During the current national cockroach hunt FELIX staff have been instructed not to squash them, before bedding down for the night, but to catch the pests in jam jars. Each insect delivered alive for research will earn a 5p donation for charities supporting the International Year of the Child.

The suggested "hunting" technique is to make traps from jam jars wrapped in brown paper, rough side out, to enable cockroaches to climb the sides. The jars should be baited with a little flour or mashed banana.

"Catch-a-cockroach" month is sponsored by Rentokil. They want more specimens for testing in the search for better ways of extermination. A spokesman said today: "With any luck, hunters may find the larger chestnut-coloured cockroach or the rare brown banded cockroach."

England beat Scotland 3-1

England retained the British football championship today. The match was a game of two contrasting halves. A revitalised Scotland took control of the first half with

Wark scoring an early goal. However, a romping, dancing, tartan, skinhead intruder who spent three minutes eluding the clutches of five panting policemen, not to mention a finger-wagging, Portuguese referee wearing a shocking pink uniform, did the Wembley International no favours at all. In the time added on for the intruder's presence, Peter Barnes, with a slow, wriggling shot, put England back in the game.

England took control of the second half with goals from Coppell and Keegan.

Sunday 27th

Fish market moves down river

For more than 1,000 years Billingsgate has been the home of London's fish trade. The market is to move from the City of London to a site down river.

A £7.2 million development will be built at the West India Dock in Tower Hamlets.

At present, about 90 firms employing more than 800 people are engaged in the wholesale fish trade at the market. But the traders say that the market has become too small.

Monday 28th

Britain to let in more Vietnamese Boat People

982 Vietnamese "Boat People" rescued from the South China Sea by the British freighter Sibonga are to be admitted to Britain.

Mrs Thatcher took the decision to allow them in them in for humanitarian reasons but the Government is worried about the other million refugees who will be encouraged to try to reach our shores.

Petrol Shortage

Bank Holiday traffic was kept to a minimum by the threat of rain and the warnings of fuel shortages. However, the AA and RAC reported a flood of calls from motorists stranded without petrol.

Tuesday 29th

The British and American DC 10's Grounded

Potentially dangerous deficiencies in the engine-wing assembly of many DC 10's has forced the American Government to ground all its DC 10's. The Civil Aviation Authority sent a directive to British operators to ground their airliners.

The precise cause of the loss of the DC 10 in Chicago last Friday is still not clear and officials have been careful to say that the broken bolt found near the runway after the crash may not necessarily have been the sole cause.

Girls rush to meet sailors

Following Wednesday's appeal to residents living near the Dartmoor Naval College to help foreign trainees meet British people, the College has been swamped with hundreds of girls wanting to "meet a foreign midshipman." Shame that the same reaction didn't occur during 'Meet IC Day'.

A Summer Episode

PART II - The Reprieve

Sue felt emotionally numb. She had been permitted to leave hospital after her successful hysterectomy only a week previous to her departure for Samos, where she and her husband Peter had been for six days. She still found movement difficult and painful: the sores left by the stitches in her stomach would take another four or five weeks to heal properly. At any rate, the physical pain was a welcome distraction from the spiritual void which had lately engulfed her soul. Even now, she stubbornly refused to be seduced by the insouciant atmosphere which pervaded the Aegan Isle. She repulsed too the soothing embrace of the Greek sunshine, which gave her the vapours.

She lit another cigarette, then immediately stubbed it out. God! How she abhorred Greek tobacco!

She was alone. Peter had gone swimming with some *Monsieurs et Medames* he had met in their hotel. She preferred her solitude to their loathesome company. Indeed, the very sight of people, especially children, galled her. For the brutal repercussion of her operation was a poignant reminder, like an ever-present shadow, of her two beloved, absent daughters - Jade and Augustine.

At times, she felt as if she was peering over the edge of some yawning abyss. Then a voice inside her would whisper beseechingly... *'Look away, lest you fall.'* And she would glance away, only to behold an eternity of desert, arid and desolate.

At thirty-five, her gaunt features already betrayed the anxieties and dissipations of her immoderate youth. How could she have been so irresponsible! Her children needed her, their mother. In whose arms were they now? Some Circe with whom her ex-husband had become momentarily enfeathered? What demon had possessed her to concede sole custody to him? Her mind recoiled from the Rhadamantine reasoning of her conscience. No longer could her amour-passion for Peter veil the mortification she now felt at deserting her children, her destiny.

How far back these rabid thoughts had led her by the hand. All the while she had lain motionlessly in bed, nervously fingering a string of worry-beads. Following some caprice, she dressed hurriedly. Within a minute, the door slammed noisily behind her. To avoid the milling crowds, she left the hotel by the back entrance. Then, with downcast eyes, she made her way towards a quaint taverna she knew on the outskirts of the village. In her self-preoccupation, she barely noticed a near-fatal collision between a pedestrian and a car which had occurred almost right before her eyes.

Just then, she stopped. A child, a small Greek girl, with dishevelled auburn hair, plaintive eyes, and a grubby, bronzed face, barred her way. The child communicated her needs by a series of gestures - Sue thought perhaps that she was dumb. She rubbed her stomach, pointed to her open mouth, then earnestly stretched forth her hand. As Sue delved into her bag, the girl repeated the series of gestures again and again. Unfortunately, Sue had left her room in such haste that she had forgotten to pick up her purse. She felt chagrined: she dearly wanted to give the child something, especially as she resembled her own Augustine. In the midst of her quandary, Sue espied a gorgeous red flower blooming miraculously amidst the refuse in the gutter. Arousing the keen curiosity of her friendly assailant, she stooped awkwardly to pluck it.

As she presented the child with the flower, accompanied by a broad, almost pitiful smile, the girl's cherubine features became flushed with anger.

Snapping the stork of the flower in two, the ungrateful girl threw it away in disgust, then ran off to join her friends who had watched the incident from near-by.

This trivial encounter touched the gentle lady's heart to the quick. As tears of woe burnt her cheeks, she sat down by the curb-side, with the children's mocking laughter

ringing in her ears. For an hour or more she remained there, with her head slumped wearily between her knees, staring fixedly down into that precipice of doom.

Spontaneously, a series of images welled up before her...she saw herself standing with her children on the edge of the chasm.

Then she knelt down, made the sign of the cross, and turning to Augustine with a twisted half-smile, violently pushed her into the gorge. As she heard the sound of her daughter's hideous scream die down in her ears, someone tapped her lightly on the shoulder...

'Leave me alone,' she moaned, still swooning from the vividness of her macabre vision.

'Mummy, mummy, why are you kneeling?' asked a familiar voice.

'Oh! Jade, my darling!' Sue cried ecstatically. *'And Augustine, you're alive!'* Hugging her daughters to her heaving breast, she smothered them in kisses of rapturous joy.

'Susan, are you all right?' inquired a deep, sonorous voice from the past. In vain, Susan tried to regain her equanimity. She just managed to return her ex-husband's greeting with a thin smile.

Aghast at the connivances of fate, they gazed silently at each other.

'It's uncanny,' Peter exclaimed. *'And you've asked him to come here! To our hotel room. What*

audacity! Susan, haven't you come down from the morphine injections they gave you in the hospital? I have no wish to see Virgil...I refuse outright!' Peter thundered, bringing his fist down on the table to emphasise the vehemence of his taunting words. *'And I forbid you to see him either!'* he added, his eyes ablaze with jealousy.

Sue, for once unperturbed by her husband's sarcastic remonstrances, announced with that calm deliberation of which only women are capable.

'We are all to be re-united.' The young man broke into a scornful laugh.

'Just what makes you think...'

'He's bringing the children,' Sue interrupted.

'I'm sorry...but I'm still bewildered in God's name, what difference does that make? Are they some kind of talisman, do they magically transform men's lives by their mere presence? Tell me...I'm waiting.' Peter jeered, folding his arms in a gesture of impatience.

'You know you are endeared to them Peter. Why do you act out this pantomime of indifference? Don't you remember how we three began?'

'Yes I do. You and Virgil corrupted an innocent, guileless specimen of nineteen.'

'Corrupted indeed,' Sue rejoindered in a teasing tone. *'Peter, none of us were exactly angels of virtue.'*

'No well. I should never have accepted such a portentous invitation,' Peter remarked, recalling the events of some six years ago.

'Virgil and I didn't know what would become of it. Troilism is not a common practice...in one sense, we were as naive as you...perhaps more so. For it was our joint decision to form a menage a trois...it was like administering hemlock to the lips of our marriage,' Sue added as an after-thought.

'An enchanting simile...but you're right. Troilism transgresses the very ethnical fabric of society: hence its fascination,' Peter continued philosophically. *'But wait. What have Augustine and Jade to do with all this? by the way, how are they?'*

'Peter. Sit down,' Sue ordered tersely.

'What.'

'Sit down, please. Here, next to me,' Peter obeyed his wife's edict, sensing the ominous change in her tone of voice. After a brief silence, Sue proclaimed, *'Peter, you are a father.'*

'Yes I know,' he answered, his voice tinged with an admixture of pride and disappointment.

'No I don't mean by that whore woman Lucy.'

'...then with...what...whom?...how?' Peter was as confused as he sounded.

'You are the father of my youngest daughter Augustine.' Susan looked her husband straight in the eye.

'Is it possible? How - wait - are you sure?' Peter ransacked the recesses of his memory for evidence to confirm this astounding revelation.

'Without doubt,' Sue assured him. Speechless with emotion, Peter embraced his wife...the only woman he had ever known whom he had wanted to bear his child.

'Oh! Mind my stomach...it's still extremely tender,' Sue exclaimed.

At that moment, there was a knock at the door.....

By - Justin Newland
Written and conceived May '79

London Students Travel

Or at least about 20,000 of them do, out of about 0.25m, using London Student Travel, the student-owned travel company.

For weeks now I have been awaiting their Report and Accounts but, since they didn't have their own accountant until very recently, the auditors, (Spicer and Pegler would you believe!) have had quite a bit of work to do.

So, to fill in the time I shall leak highly boring information because I have little else to do.

Sales of the company last year amounted to around £560,000. Revenue to the company was 11% or about £60,000. Profits estimates are put at between £5,000 and £8,000.

The authorised capital of the Company is £24,000 (are you getting bored?) of which £10,000 is issued, £5,000 being held by Exchange Travel and £1,000 by Imperial College Union.

Economics is a closed book to many, especially when they think in terms of the £40 a week that comes from their grant cheque. £560,000 (it is slightly more comprehensible to me than £0.56m) is one heck of a lot of money, until you start looking at, say BP's profits (£444.4m) or Unilever's first quarter sales (£2,585m). One week's reading the Financial Times is enough to make anybody wonder where all the money gets to. The problem is that money keeps going round and round in circles and turnover figures signpost part of the direction in which it was travelling.

Having said that, profits are the part of the turnover which, at any particular time, belongs to the company which is creating that turnover. Though I do not wish to indulge in a full-blooded capitalist apologia I will point out that profits rarely 'belong' for long but get passed on to shareholders (who spend it) or spent by the company in order that it will make a profit the next year. (Note, if you want to speed the revolution the best way is to do the supremely capitalist thing, ie light your cigarettes, gas rings or other fires with £20 notes!)

To make profits it is required to employ capital. It is very unusual for a company to be required to pay cash for any goods or services it requires but it will not get those things unless the supplier thinks it will get paid. The supplier must see that Capital exists to pay the bill sometime or it will not supply. However, the rate of return on capital is important, it is undesirable for this return to be low.

Which brings me to another boring figure, Return on Capital Employed, 50-80%. This is a truly amazing figure and can only be achieved because the Company is small. However as with all young companies LST is under-capitalized.

Of the £14,000 of unused capital Exchange Travel has first option on £7,000. This is a travel company owned by a highly respected but mildly eccentric travel salesman called George McNally who, on one occasion, marched up and down on the British side of the bridge connecting Gibraltar and Spain carrying a Union Flag in a rather unsubtle attempt to get the Spanish authorities to allow travel across it.

In a singularly uncharacteristic action, for which we are eternally grateful, he agreed to match, pound for pound, any capital put up by student Unions for LST up to a total of £24,000 (ie he would commit £12,000). Let there be no doubt about it, this is a good thing, it makes any capital that we contribute much more effective. However LST needs more.

The capital is used to provide bonds, that is sums of money made over to our suppliers as a guarantee that we will pay them for any services they supply us. (I have started identifying with LST so us, our and we means the Company in various senses, however, to confuse you, it might mean ICU occasionally). The Company deals in selling journey tickets for air, rail and ferry trips, both to students in London and to other Student Travel Bureaux, as well as some inclusive or package holidays. It has considerable scope for expansion in every field in which it operates, a fact which is recognised by other companies who have approached LST with an aim to providing capital. These have been turned down.

Of course, most shareholders look for a return or dividend on their investment. Again, I do not wish to indulge in a diatribe on the subject of the value of our shareholding in a Company which provides a service to our (ICU's) members which they like to have, which is reliable and which may be more convenient supplied in that way. It is a charge that is levelled against LST quite often that their products are not particularly cheap. We (LST) attempt to sell products (air flights, holidays) that give value-for-money, where, barring air-traffic controllers' strikes, if a ticket is bought a seat will be reserved and the flight will occur. LST is not a bucket shop. Cheaper products might be possible if turnover increases and profits rise. Anyway, LST has no intention at the moment to declare a dividend.

The return on £10,000 invested in a Building Society would be about £800 (in BP it would be about £350). Therefore it is possible to argue that since this is between about 16% and 10% of estimated profits it is not excessive. It means our dividend cover would be between 6 and 10 (Total profits / Total dividends) which is highly respectable (as indeed is a yield of 8%). However the capital needs of our company is such that our profits may well be much better employed as retained earnings. There is an argument that some kind of definite return will encourage many of the student unions who have not invested in LST to do so. But student unions care little about good investment strategies as shown by, (a) the fact that shares in LST are being offered on a ridiculously low P/E (Price of share / Earnings per share - between 2 and 1.25) (b) Student Unions, as charities, invest in Building Societies anyway.

A rapid scan through the Financial Times will show there are few companies whose shares can be obtained on such a low P/E and as charities student unions can get gross returns on their investments while Building Society interest is paid net.

An alternative to giving a dividend is to give a scrip issue. At say, 1 for 10 this would mean that ICU had £1100 invested in LST, (instead of £1000) an apparent return of 10%, while the actual money is retained as Capital by the Company. However, this would increase Exchange Travel's, holding by £500 without them actually putting up any cash so it would deprive LST of £500 of their money, perhaps an agreement could be reached to modify this unsatisfactory effect.

In the meantime, contribute to LST's profitability by booking your holiday through the Campus Office.

Christopher D Hunt

GAYSOC

People who are leaving college at the end of this term, and anyone who is nervous about involving themselves in the college GAYSOC, and I know the feeling from personal experience, may find the following organisations helpful:-

Gay Switchboard: 01-837 7324. Gives information, help and advice on almost anything, always open.

Icebreakers: 01-274 9590. A gay counselling organisation which will talk over personal problems of gays, bisexual, and people uncertain, and will introduce you at meetings to other people in the same position.

Lesbian Line: 01-794 2942. Information and advice for women. Ring in the evening.

London Friend: 01-359 7371 - or call at 274 Upper Street Islington (7.30 - 10.30pm). Advice and help on any problem, including married gays.

Quest: A Catholic group for homosexual men and women. Contact the secretary at 8D South Park Road, London SW19 8ST.

Metropolitan Community Church: A Christian group, contact Leo North, 01-592 0085.

Jewish Gay Group: Contact Norman Goldner, 5 St. Mary's Avenue, London, N3 1SN.

Bookshop - Gay's The Word: 66 Marchant Street, London WC1. 01-278 7654. Russel Square Tube. Gay and feminist books.

Gay News: 1a Normand Gdns, Greyhound Road, London, W14 9SB. Copies of the fortnightly gay newspaper can be obtained by the post (discretely) for 50p.

Sappho Magazine: For lesbians, can be obtained from The Basement, 20 Dorset Square, NW1 6QB. 01-724 3636.

ULU Gaysoc. Meetings: University of London Union (ULU) hold meetings every Thursday evening from 8.00pm in the ULU building, Malet Street. The meetings comprise a speaker followed by discussion. The meetings are usually held in room 2F on the second floor (though there is a large notice board in the entrance hall giving the meeting room for each society). Nearest tube: Goodge Street.

ULU Gaysoc Discos: Held every Wednesday evening from 8.30pm in the upstairs bar of the Sols Arms Pub. on Hampstead Road.

Nearest tube: Warren Street.

If you lose the number of any of these organisations, just ask the operator for the number of the Gay Switchboard. The important thing to remember is that being bisexual or gay is not the end of the world. It's the start of a new world.

RCS Double on Ten Tors

by Stuart Blackman

On the 19th/20th this month the 20th Annual Ten Tors walk took place on Dartmoor. This event, organised by the army and entered by about two and a half thousand walkers, is not a race but a test of physical endurance and the ability to map read round a basically featureless moor.

Teams walk as sixes and must be correctly equipped before being allowed to start, all part of the rigorous schedule that has to be completed on the Friday night. Should walkers be lost through injury, exposure or exhaustion the team may only continue if four or more members still remain, if not they must join up with another party on their route. This is all part of the safety precautions necessary to survive the potential hazards of the moor. The courses are 35, 45 and 55 miles long.

In the past RCS had only limited success - the 1st year (1976), the ladies only reached the third Tor, and the men, slowed by 2 injuries, were crashed out at the penultimate Tor. In 1977 a single mens' team completed the '55' with the loss of two. Last year the ladies, however, excelled and completed the '35'.

This year was unbelievable in its outcome. The weather was beautiful all the way, which made for dry throats, boiling feet and wet backs. Apart from that we could not have asked for more! The Ladies team, led by Helen made a cracking repetition of their last year's success.

Their performance was outstanding on their 35 mile route. Despite very difficult conditions they reached and camped at their 8th Tor by the end of the first day. They continued their course the next day in as good form, arriving triumphantly back in Okehampton at 12.40 as a complete team. This was more than 4 hours before the allocated time, and as such they deserve every recognition and commendations.

The team was: Helen Grogan, Julia Towns, Liz Kay, Hilary Carter, Averil Horton, Sunila Nimalasuriya.

The Men's team was really up against it. Our route involved a lot of tricky map reading around restricted areas, the penalty for straying into these being disqualification. Although the route was 55 miles as the crow flies, the distance walked was upwards of 70 miles. Things went fine for the first half hour, we reached the first Tor and set off pretty fast for the second. The team was not yet established and everyone was having his little say as to where to go and what to do. The result was that a democratically formed decision took us both ways through Gidleigh Common, the most notorious bog on the moor.

By Saturday night, 6.30, we had reached the fifth Tor - and had to camp by the sixth to have any hope of finishing. Things had got pretty tough for everyone by that stage and the prospect of a further 3.25 hrs march was not unanimously looked forward to, however we set off and even Neil

didn't like it! By 9.30 the sun had set and the cold began to get through. We had got to the slag heap, which, fortunately, was on the same bearing as the Tor but not actually what we thought it was! After some fifteen minutes discussion as to where we were and where the Tor was with a couple of equally bewildered RAF teams we set off again. After half a mile we were pretty well finished, the Tor was a good mile away and we were within a few hundred yards of not walking any further. We reached a river, dropped everything & that was it for Saturday. About 40 miles behind us and 30 to go, but with Neil's stew, five cups of tea and a blissfully warm sleeping bag in between.

Fox started up a relentless hail of abuse at 4.15 which continued until 4.40, no one was allowed breakfast until his tent was down, boots on and all but teeth cleaned, but it worked and we were off again at 5.10am. The next two stretches we belted, doing the 12 miles in 2 hours 25 mins. This put

us in a good position to tackle the remaining 3 tors. It did not, however, alter the impending problems of performing said march. It is not really within my ability to describe the last eighteen to twenty miles without sounding melodramatic and possibly ridiculous. It was the most punishing experience I have ever had and one I don't think I would wish to repeat. It was through Chris's leadership and Michael's example, that we made it, but everyone played a part, Dave for his fine front walking and map reading, Mo for making me feel that if he could suffer his feet then so could I, and Neil for his excellent performance as mother and his fine example of what 24 hour cycling marathons can do for you on Ten Tors.

We made it in by 3.45, the fourth complete team of the 20 on our route and in the middle of the RAF teams. What made this possible, because it was really quite ridiculous that we should have done it at all, was the fact that the team was one.

RSM

For the unfortunates who are not members of Mines Union and for those who are but couldn't / didn't go to the last two Union Meetings, the following people are next session's Union Officers.

President Chris Sleep (GIT)
Vice Pres. Trev Fletcher
Hon Sec Bernie Pryor
Ents Officer Stu Vine
HJT Annabel Thorn
AAO Pete Bamford
Sports Officer Pete Newman
Rugby Captain ... Dave Rhodes
Soccer Captain Steve Hinde
Hockey Captain .. Bob Holding
Publicity Off. Karen Woodhouse

Hon Pornographer. Rich Wilson (Deviant)

Appeal: Can all outstanding articles (if any) for the freshers booklet be given to Andy Lewis (Megagit) as soon as poss (ie a couple of weeks ago). Also articles for the Freshers Newsletter (Don't laugh) be in by or during the last week of term.

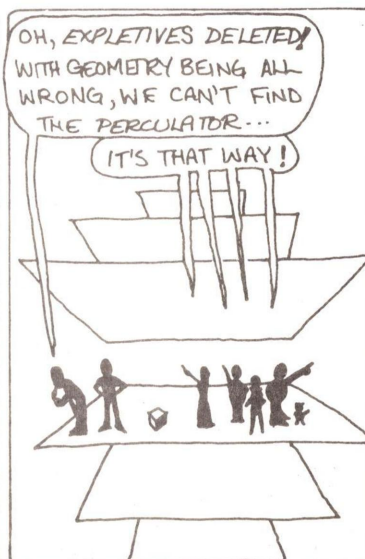
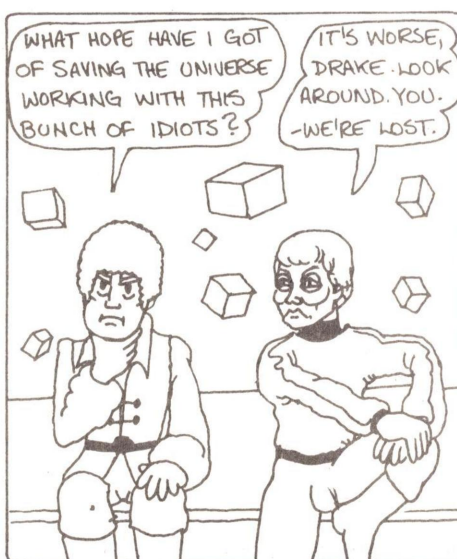
Note: It might be considered an excruciatingly brilliant idea if the Officers' articles for these two literary masterpieces were different otherwise we (especially me) are going to appear rather foolish.

Quote: PJ Leggatt (Guildsman Extraordinaire) 'I can tell you, spermicide and lubricant don't taste very nice.'

Think about it!

Drake's Seven part 15

DRAKE LEADS HIS MERRY MEN ON A SURVEY OF A GEOCUBE, ONE OF THE SQUARE PLANETS WHICH MAKE UP THE STRANGE ENVIRONMENT KNOWN AS ULTRASPACE. HAMPERED BY HIS COMPANIONS, MOST OF WHOM ARE INCREDIBLY STUPID, DRAKE FINDS THINGS EVEN HARDER WHEN THEY JOYFULLY DISCOVER AN ULTRA-INTOXICANT FLUID....



The Brain Drain

Exams

Most people will have started exams by now, but when you've finished please remember that there are still lots of people trying to sleep at night or work late for their exam the day afterwards, so when you roll out of the Union Bar pissed out of your head after finishing, please try to be quiet.

And I do still keep a bucket of water on the balcony outside my room above the archway to pour on any excessively inconsiderate piss-artists.

Freshers' Fair

Forms have been sent out to all Union societies for next years' Freshers' Fair; anyone else who wishes to apply for a stall for any organisation should collect an application form from Annie. Unfortunately, space is always scarce and precedence will be given to Union societies (particularly those which hand their forms in on time!)

To all next years' societies chairmen

Freshers' Fair and key survey forms have been sent to this year's chairmen, so if you want to make sure that adequate arrangements are being made for your society, make sure that your predecessor has actually bothered to fill the forms in and return them to the Union Office. If not, forms are available from Annie.

Malcolm Brain
ICU Deputy President



Your writing could help you pay for your next vacation. Write not more than 1200 words about your travels this summer.

There are three prizes, £250, £150, and £100. And prize-winning essays are published in the Sunday Telegraph.

So get writing now. You can pack later.

Closing date for entries 31st October 1979.

The Sunday Telegraph-Schweppes Student Travel Competition.

Entries to: Sunday Telegraph Travel, 135 Fleet Street, London EC4 4BL.
Open to full time students only. Entries to be typed double spaced on one side of the paper only. Judges decision is final. Any essay may be published at the discretion of the Sunday Telegraph.
Send s.a.e. if typescript is to be returned.

LEAVING COLLEGE THIS YEAR?

Don't forget to become a life member before you leave so you can enjoy the facilities. Forms are available from Jen in the Union Office now.

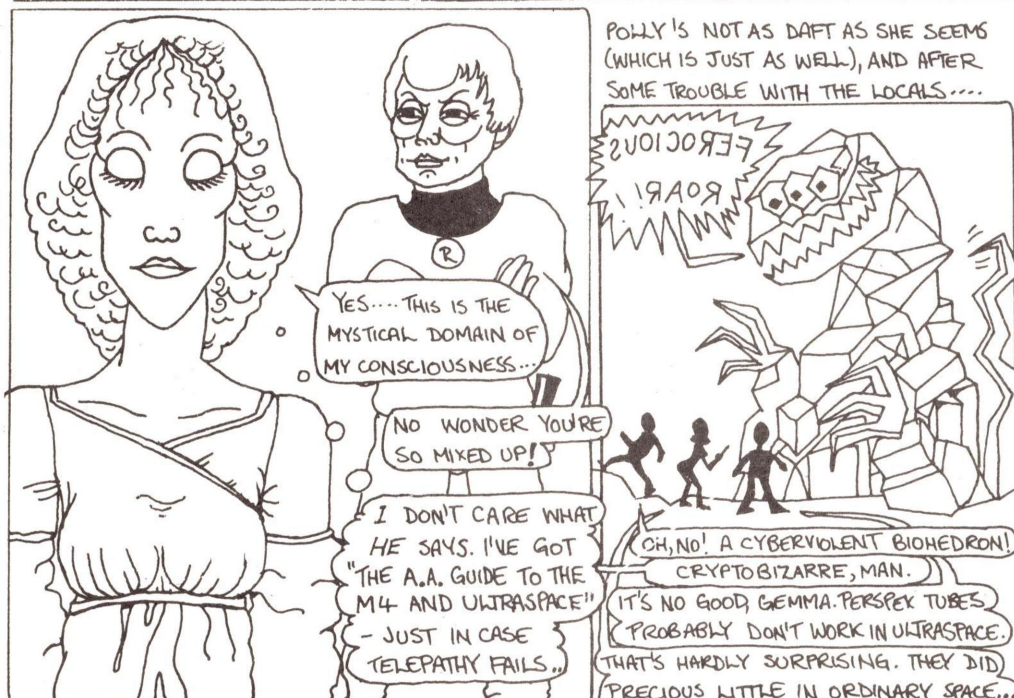
MARANATHA

White Twilight

the lonely whine
of the milkfloating
through lastnight's curry
of cul de sacs
now
snoring, as the cats
tightrope the kerb
home, all verb
defying nouns:
of hurry
the dairyman
deposits his whitecoating

all over town,
and so it may be
in the early hours
as the sun is dawning,
drinking the dew and
dusting the flowers,
we wake to find
that Jesus has come again,
before we have had
time
to pray or even say
goodmorning
or sorry.

From 'Life worth dying for'
Christopher Mabey



POLLY IS NOT AS DAFT AS SHE SEEMS (WHICH IS JUST AS WELL), AND AFTER SOME TROUBLE WITH THE LOCALS....

YES.... THIS IS THE MYSTICAL DOMAIN OF MY CONSCIOUSNESS...

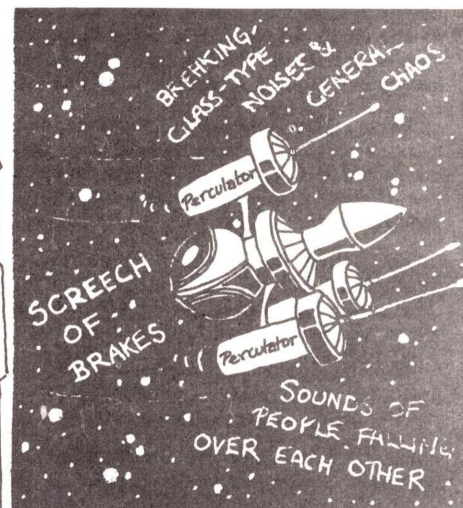
NO WONDER YOU'RE SO MIXED UP!

I DON'T CARE WHAT HE SAYS. I'VE GOT "THE A.A. GUIDE TO THE M4 AND ULTRASPACE" - JUST IN CASE TELEPATHY FAILS..

OH, NO! A CYBERVIOLENT BIOHEDRON! CRYPTOBIZARRE, MAN.

IT'S NO GOOD, GEMMA. PERSPEX TUBES PROBABLY DON'T WORK IN ULTRASPACE. THAT'S HARDLY SURPRISING. THEY DID PRECIOUS LITTLE IN ORDINARY SPACE...

...THEY ARE SOON PLUMMETING BACK INTO FAMILIAR SURROUNDINGS.



BREAKING-
CLASS-TYPE
NOISE &
GENERAL
CHAOS

SCREECH
OF
BRAKES

SOUNDS OF
PEOPLE FALLING
OVER EACH OTHER

NEXT WEEK: OUT OF THE FRYING PAN.....

REVIEWS

RECORDS

Singles Review: Leigh Foster

This is the last one of these things I am going to do for a while, 'cos I am shortly off for a holiday in the Bahamas (actually I've got exams like everyone else but that's boring). Anyway these are the latest batch of new and used singles that IC Radio has been sent; First off is Gerry Rafferty's new single which I am reliably informed is getting quite a lot of airplay (Tris has heard it anyway). Poor Gerry started off with such an enormous hit that all his other singles since have been compared to it, unfavourably more often than not (you do remember 'Baker Street' don't you?) This nasty tactic is used by record reviewers to avoid talking about the record in its own right, for example I could say about this one: 'Nice try by the Baker Street man, but unfortunately not up to the same standard. Lacks the saxophone and the incisive guitar playing, cannot achieve the same success', but I won't.

Kirsty MacColl; 'They don't know' (Stiff) I hadn't heard of this woman before but seeing as the record is on the Stiff label, I thought I would check it out (also because her picture on the sleeve is quite appealing). Her voice

sounds uncannily like Poly Styrene's would if she could sing melodically.

Nice voice, shame about the tune. It could be that Ms MacColl has no intention of singing anything of greater consequence than this limp ditty, but if she does I'll sit up and listen.

The Regulars; 'Fool's Game'. Tipped to be very big, the Regulars are part of the spearhead that Reggae is shoving firmly into the charts. While this song compromises slightly in the direction of MOR, it has a pleasant effect on the eardrums. Bob Marley has proved that reggae can make hit records without making concessions for mass acceptance, but then there is only one Bob Marley. Anyone, by the way, that says Bob Marley isn't real reggae can drop dead.

Jean Jacques Burnel; Freddie Laker (Concorde and Eurobus). This gave me a bit of a shock to be honest. It starts off, as you would expect, with a bit of Bass guitar (almost like 'Peaches'), then it blisters along at a great pace until the vocals start, if you can call them vocals. Someone has had a cement mixer surgically implanted on their vocal track from the bottom of the Atlantic, and these are the good points! Too wierd for me. Wayne County

and the Electric Chairs; 'Berlin' I have to confess that despite the fuss being made over her, I have not heard any of her songs before, so I can only say what sort of impression this song made on me. The ambivalent gender of the voice is distracting, I am not sure which M County is at the moment, but either way he/she/it has a distinctive style which is not unpleasant, but does not seem to fit in with the darkly sinister backing track. I am told that the single with the rude title...you know the one; 'If you don't want to F.ck me, F.ck off!' (modesty and the Law prevent me from printing it in full)...was much more bouncy and singalong, even if the chorus is decidedly not the sort of thing to sing in the bath while your Mum is in the house.

Last one but one then, the end is nigh. Tim Hart with 'Overseas'. The name of this bloke rings a bell, and from the sound of the song he could have been in some group like Fairport before any of us were born. The title lends itself very nicely to nasty rock-reviewer type comments like 'Overseas is where Tim Hart and all his records should be, the nearer to Siberia the better', but sadly for me it does merit further comment, so I have to think of something original and witty to say about it. It has a pleasant

enough tune, makes no demands on your brain, and if it is sunny in the next two months will probably be a hit.

Finally I will ask Tris to give you a review of the last record which is from Dr Feelgood, and 'As long as the price is right' is the name of it (as JP says). Well Tris?...Perhaps!!!...I say perhaps, Because, not having heard the record, I don't consider myself particularly well qualified to judge it. Ah!... Leigh's just about to play it for me. Ang abart!..... having now heard it).....Perhaps!!! Thank you Tris for that scathing attack and vicious criticism, I'd better tell you it's pretty standard Feelgood's fare, not as good as 'Milk and Alcohol', but just about the best of this bunch, in fact single of the week, in fact single of the decade, nobody cares what I think anyway, you all sit out there reading this and it makes no impression on you, well I say this record is the Greatest single of all time. Phew! sorry... I get carried away sometimes. It is exam time after all. Before closing this weeks epistle I must thank the person in FELIX who has to wade through this to type it up, also IC Radio for letting me use their studios, and of course my Mum and Dad without whom I would not have been possible. See you next Year!

SPORT

ROWING

Boat Club Double Victory

British University Champions

At the recent British University Sports Federation Rowing Championships, two IC crews representing The University of London, triumphed against strong opposition to become BUSF Champions. The coxed four beat Newcastle and Nottingham in the final, while Chris Howell stretched his unbeaten run to seven wins in taking the single sculls. The coxless four narrowly lost to a heavier Durham crew by 3 feet.

These events were held in Nottingham on the 2000m course, on the same weekend as Nottingham City regatta. The Boat Club also competed in this on Sunday. The successes were the coxed fours who won the senior A event and the Women who walked away with Ladies Novice fours.

The coxed four, beaten on Saturday in the Senior A final by Wallingford School, walked away with the same event on the Sunday. The Ladies four started like a rocket and were always in the lead in their event, winning by over 30 secs in only a four minute race.

* The first eight had its first race with a new crew order on the Sunday and after a promising start, never really put it together and finished a disappointing fourth, with some work to do before the next regatta.

Back in London on the same weekend, another Crew of ladies were beaten by Reading University at Putney Town Regatta while the Mens Senior C four reached the final at Thames Ditton Regatta only to succumb to a crew from Barts.

All in all a successful and enjoyable weekend.

Boat Club Overruns Cambridge

The Boat Club Team sent to Cambridge Regatta went with high expectations and lived up to them with IC being the most succesful club at the regatta, winning three events and a total of nine races.

In Elite VIIIs a small but high quality entry saw IC racing Jesus college in the final. A close race was expected, but the winners of the head of the Cam just three weeks ago could not hold the IC boat who powered away to win by over four lengths.

The Senior A IV had to race more often for their prizes with opposition in the first two races coming from Star Club and Bedford RC. Both races were won in a comfortable manner the crew paddling over to win with barely a hair out of place. The final was expected to be a different story, the opposition from Marlow RC were known to be a fast combination, and the IC four knew they had to snap out of their leisurely ways. The Big Race Temperament was found and Marlow were left wondering which way IC went.

The Senior C event saw yet another final for this persistent, but as yet unsuccessful, crew. After winning by good margins in their first two rounds it looked good, but in the final Berkhamstead School proved just too strong for IC. The Novice

events similarly proved to be outside our grasp with both men and women losing first round.

The most notable achievement of the day must be the Womens Senior B crew. Having only won their novices the week before, they found themselves drawn against a strong crew from London University. The race went to plan, however, and after conceding a little at the start our girls rowed through to win by 1 1/2 lengths. The next race was duly won and in the final the opposition was Girton College - the fastest womens' crew in Cambridge with all of its members coming from the University Boats. Not intimidated by this our crew were never headed and won by an easy verdict. Things look very promising for Womens' Rowing at IC.

SPORT

CRICKET

IC A Team _____ 111 all out Kingston Poly _____ 57 for 9 Match drawn

IC 2nds were short of players for this fixture and found it necessary to call on 3 or 4 4th team players such as Toplis to make up their 8 man team.

Pitt's first mistake was to assume that enough cars would be available for transport to Harlington. As 3 players then made their way by public transport, his next mistake was to ignore advice and miss the correct bus stop.

On eventual arrival Furnish elected to bat, having won the toss, as it appeared that the weather may allow one innings only. As always, later results showed this to be an inspired decision despite the immediate opinions of the rest of the team.

The IC batting began badly, though opener Davis, who scored more in one shot than Pitts has made in 3 innings, made a brisk 30, but it was a 5th wicket stand of vigorous mishits from Toplis and Ellacott that eventually saw IC through to a respectable 111.

At tea the captaincy was passed to stand-in wicketkeeper and 5th XI captain Pitts to give him the chance to do something properly.

Toplis and Ellacott removed the first 5 wickets for 11 with slow leg breaks, but the Kingston victims were unable to help their team mates by telling them anything about the bowling, as they had failed to see it. This particularly applies to the 5th wicket who was caught at first slip by the agile Furnish, the ball having passed Pitts without the 'keeper noticing.

The advent of Chadband into the attack saw Pitts stand up to the stumps, but realising that his nose was close to the batsman's feet he retired again.

Team: Pitts, Furnish, Toplis, Ellacott, Davis, Maguire, Clothier, Chadband.

Toplis and the ageing Ellacott, who was now suffering with his arthritic hip, lack of sawdust, and a double groin strain which occurred immediately after the passage across the field at the lady in black boots, were brought back to mop up the rabbits with the last 14 overs. This they narrowly failed to achieve, Kingston finishing with 57 for 9.

Toplis returned the creditable figures of 5 for 14, but failed to buy a jug, and Ellacott may take comfort in the thought that although injuries may force him to retire from cricket next week, he could still make a comeback in about 25 years for South Stanmore.

Tennis

On Wednesday we played our first mixed doubles match, against Gardens LTC. This was due to be played at Harlington, but the courts were unfit for play, so we all jumped into Tony's car and trundled off in the general direction of Wimbledon. However, while we were touring round the suburban back streets (Barry was map reading), two weary tennis players were sitting in a traffic jam somewhere in the vicinity of the airport. Consequently, on arriving at Gardens LTC we were confronted with vast opposition of two, their first couple.

Bravely, Sara and Tony took to the tennis court, and with hard hitting and some good shots, which surprised everyone (both of us), beat them convincingly 6-1, 6-1. The second couple had not turned up, so Barry and Julia went to play the first couple, they zoomed to a 3-1 lead and then proceeded to lose 3-6, 1-6. Meanwhile, the second couple arrived, and played Tony and Sara. Having been sitting around

for a while we had become bored of tennis, so we had a little competition instead. We decided to see which of us could hit the ball furthest away from the tennis court. I can't say who won because it was pretty close, but we lost the tennis 5-7, 2-6. We then retired to the bar, somewhat annoyed, while Barry and Julia took on the second pair. They then started their tennis match. They lost the first set 1-6, and did not finish the second, as we had lost overall.

Barry and Julia joined us in the bar, where, not content with losing a tennis match, Tony fed as much money as he could to the fruit machine. Barry suggested that we should play a friendly match against them sometime, although I thought we'd been quite nice this time.

The Team: Barry Witts and Julia Towns, and Tony Tsoukkas and Sara McGuinness

Sara McGuinness

CROSS COUNTRY

All Stars Make Final Appearance

On Wednesday 23rd May the Cross Country Club's stalwarts grouped together for their final race for the college. They were joined on this auspicious occasion by some 'past' members of the Club.

The venue for the race was the National Westminster Bank Sports Ground at Norbury. The race, the National Westminster Bank Relays - a much smaller version of our own world-famous Hyde Park Road Relay.

The College team suffered slightly form lack of speed due to a clash with the UL games - that annual sporting disorganisation perpetrated at Mostpur Park. However, Mark 'long distance' Pickard got his priorities right and after competing in the walk at the games travelled to Norbury for the main event of the day.

The race was won by a team from GEC, with the organisers Nat West second. Thrd were Barclays and we crept in 4th.

Individually the performances went something like this. The first team was led off at a blistering pace by Stu Littlewood who returned in third place. BRYAN Acford took over and was soon overcome by the occasion and people zipped past him. Mark Pickard slowed the rot and returned at the end of the third leg in 7th. Steve Webb on the final fourth leg pulled the team into fourth place, but saw nothing of the first three runners who had finished some minutes before.

So much for the first team. The second team comprised a mixture of past and present and the third

team allowed the more fit their second run of the evening. The second team of Ian Isherwood, Micky Fuller, Stu 'The Ox' Graham and Maurice Wilson, finished in 8th place. On their way to this position they showed remarkable consistency and even gave the first team a nasty moment when at the end of the third leg they had edged ahead of them. This only lasted for 440 yards (400m for those who have gone metric).

The third team saw the return to jogging of Ian Alvey and Mark Sykes. Mark Pickard and Stu Littlewood finished the team off with their second laps of the evening.

Well that's all folks, same place next year!

Ian Alvey

64th London University Athletic Championships

Last Wednesday eight magnificent specimens of IC manhood (joined later by one Gary Longhurst and a certain Chris Rider - more of whom later) rattled along to Motspur Park in a bid to emulate the win by IC last year in the UL Athletic Championships.

On arrival, Pete Barry began to allocate half-a-dozen or so extra events to each athlete to ensure that we gave the impression of having a full team (and to alleviate boredom). This was achieved mostly on the toss of a coin! Then the team began their elaborate psyching out routine, consisting of actually warming up before the events, and occasionally running, jumping and throwing large metal objects.

Eventually, after the mandatory hour's delay, the games began with IC immediately making their mark due to 2nd places from Ian Morton (2km steeple chase) and Longhurst (800m). But this was only the first course, as Mike Weiner demolished the rest of the hammer field with a 40m throw, 17m further than Ian Roberts (also IC) who was 2nd.

With Barry, Dave Rosen and Dave Jones giving everything (with little reward) in numerous events, but still accumulating valuable points, IC were not disgraced on the track, but it was in the field events where the points were really mounting up. Chris Rider won a fine discus competition, with A Kruszkowski 3rd, Roberts was runner-up in the pole vault and 3rd in the javelin, and Hewkin was 3rd in the shot putt; this gave IC a good lead in the men's competition.

The championship was put beyond doubt when Longhurst won a marvellous 400m hurdles and Morton came second in the 1500m, and IC duly proceeded to the officials enclosure only to be told that there was no cup.

- It had disappeared some years earlier! Oh, well you win some....

Signed,

The Shot Putter

NEWS IN BRIEF

WORDS NOT ACTION

About 30 students lobbied IC's Governors last Friday to ask College to charge overseas students the same tuition fees as home students and for a hardship fund to help students who cannot meet increased fee levels next session.

But the Governors decided that College could not afford to abolish the fee differential and were unwilling to change their policy on the hardship fund. Students should expect 'cost of living' increases in fees each year and a hardship fund could not cover this, they said.

The Rector said however that he would make a statement saying that he did not like differential fee levels for overseas students.

And students currently on part-time courses who will be hit by fee increases of up to 200 per cent next October will be eligible for assistance from the hardship fund.

UNION GRANT CUT

The Union will have its anticipated expenditure cut by almost £8,5000 next year as the College has not met their claim of £134,000.

The sum of £123,525 granted represents a 9 per cent increase on this year on a per capita basis. An additional £3,000 is provided to support the employment of temporary Union staff.

The original sum requested was arrived at by totalling the grant claims of every club, sub-committee and other Union bodies.

Union President Mary Attenborough said that there would have to be cuts in services. It would need serious consideration.

FIRE RISK

A student was severely reprimanded last week for flame throwing in the Union building. Deputy President Malcolm Brain said that this activity contravened fire regulations.

ULU OFFICERS ELECTED

Elections for the three Sabatical Officers of the University of London Union took place at the Assembly of Councils on 23rd May. The results are: President - Diana Hamilton - Fairley (Middlesex Hospital Medical School), Vice-President (Finance and Administration) - Ian Heap (Queen Mary College) and Vice-President (Services) - Deborah Perkin (Bedford). Deborah was elected unopposed for the new sabbatical post of VP which will be reviewed next year to see if it warrants a sabbatical. Ian Heap defeated a Dog Lovers' candidate.

SRC RESULTS

The Officers of the University of London Union Students' Representative Council have been elected for the session 1979/80. The Chairperson and Secretary are Joseph Bailey (Bedford) and Will Richardson (LSE) respectively. The two executive officers are Ruth Fitzjohn and Deborah Perkin who are both from Bedford College. Six Senators, who have to be from the Faculty for which they stood, were also elected, as well as four Senators without portfolio including John Passmore from IC.

ALCOHOLIC RESIGNATION

Malcolm Brain resigned last week from the posts of Deputy President and Union Meeting Chairman for the remainder of this session. He was said to have been under the influence of a large quantity of alcohol.

But President Mary Attenborough refused to accept his resignation saying that she would not be able to find anyone else stupid enough to take on the job this term.

ALL POSTS FILLED

John Whitehouse was the only candidate standing for the post of External Affairs Committee Publicity Officer when the papers came down on Thursday 24th. He has yet to be ratified by a UGM. This completes the elections for Union posts for next session, barring posts on Major Sub-Committees.

LORD ANNAN SPEAKS AT ULU

Lord Annan, Vice Chancellor of the University of London, spoke to a meeting of officers from constituent college student unions last Tuesday at ULU. He had been invited by the students to explain his attitude towards the implementation of quotas on overseas student numbers following his letter which was circulated to schools of the University.

The students present felt that Lord Annan should have made a stand on quotas rather than giving in immediately.

WPGULUSRC MEETING

Last Tuesday night the Womens' Policy Group of the University of London Union Students Representative Council held a meeting to discuss the recent attacks on women students. They drafted a letter to Lord Annan asking him to support and encourage constituent colleges of the university in tightening security. The group advocated such measures as patrols, better lighting and alarms.



The children's party in Hyde Park last Wednesday

PARTY IN HYDE PARK

80,000 ecstatic children enjoyed the first day of the greatest children's party ever. Hyde Park was swarming with children. Many thousands hadn't a ticket and frustratedly watched the others having fun.

A huge 60-foot inflated model of Kermit the frog was one of the big attractions. Lost children were told over the tannoy to find their parents by the frog. One child said that he'd like to take Kermit home but he thought his Mummy wouldn't like it.

The Queen and Prince Philip arrived in a State Carriage escorted by six members of the household cavalry.

BLOOD DONING

Life Sciences have won the free barrel of beer offered as an incentive to blood donors. To claim their barrel, a representative should contact the organiser, John Whitehouse, via the Union Office.

VISIT FINLAND

Students who would like to spend six to twelve months with a Finnish family should apply quickly to the Central Bureau for Educational Visits and Exchanges.

In return for free board and lodging and pocket money the student would mainly teach English and also help with household chores.

Further details are available from Mary Attenborough in IC Union Office.

COLLEGE HELPS STUDENTS

The College's hardship fund helped 205 students pay their fees this year and spent a total of £43,504.78.

Most of the payments consisted of small sums covering only the increase in fee levels over last year.

JULY PARKING

Application forms for July parking permits will be available from the Union office on Tuesday. Under the new arrangements any student wanting to park a car in College in July will have to have a parking permit. The Union is reallocating permits belonging to students who are leaving College before July.

HARSH SENTENCE FOR JEWISH STUDENT

Boris Kalendarev, the Soviet Jewish student 'adopted' by IC Union last year, has been sentenced to two years in a labour camp for evading conscription.

21 year old Boris has been trying to emigrate since 1973, three years before he was eligible for military service. He was expelled from his College in 1977 and since then the Soviet authorities have been trying to force him into the army.

Union President Mary Attenborough has written to the Soviet Procurator General asking him to reconsider and allow Mr Kalendarev to leave the country. She also asked for a reply to her previous letter and an explanation of his imprisonment.

Malcolm wishes to thank everybody who helped him to have a great 21st celebration. He also wishes to apologies to anyone who suffered as a result.