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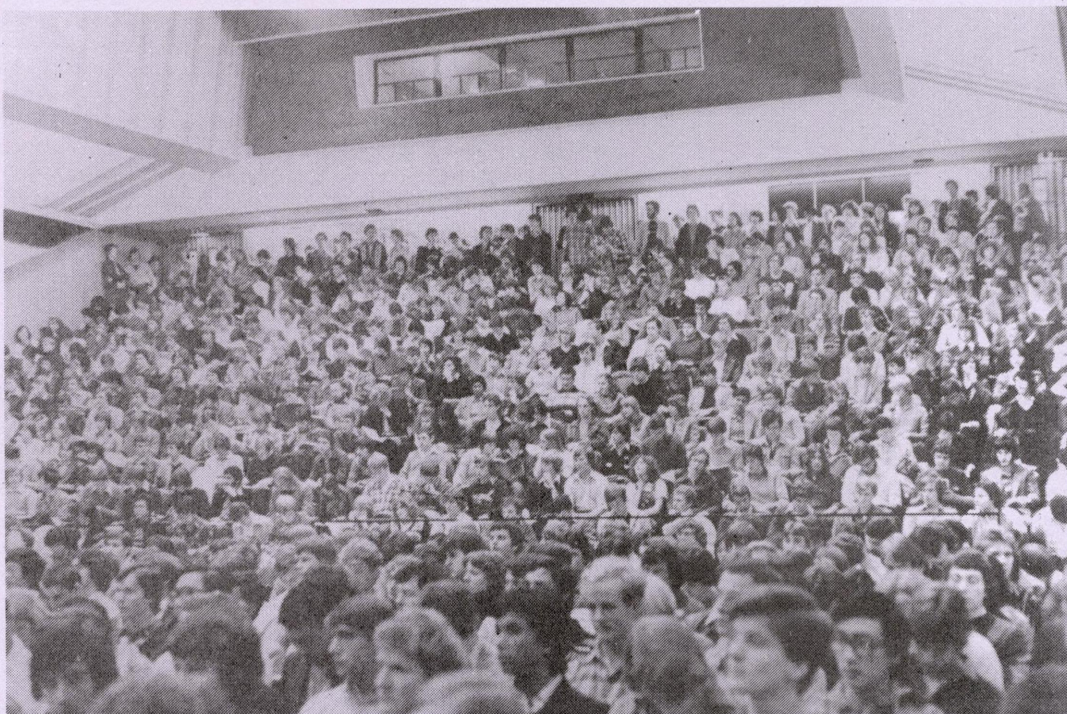
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(not the rag office)**

FLOWER POWER!

Freshers' Reception - a sell out

Lord Flowers addressed a packed Great Hall during the Freshers' Reception, last Monday.

IC Union added an element of surprise to the event as some seats carried tombstones to the memory of the 'unknown student': who because of education cuts will not be able to come to Imperial.



Big Foot struck again last Monday

BALLOON CLUB AT FRESHERS' FAIR

IC hot air balloon club had an unintentionally exciting Freshers' Fair on Tuesday. During a demonstration inflation the balloon rose above the ground, throwing the pilot, Andy Walker, clear and ripped itself against the corner of the Lyon Playfair library before its crew could pull it down again by its handling line, which they were still holding on to.

The balloon was being inflated normally with a crew of ten, twice the normal complement, but when the balloon was half inflated and, on its side, a sudden release of a handling line by an inexperienced crew caused the balloon to rise quickly to about twenty feet above the ground. The nylon fabric of the envelope ripped against the library wall before the balloon was brought back to the ground. One person received minor rope burns and the balloon will need fabric repairs costing about £50, but no other damage was caused.



Taking Off

LETTERS

Sirs,

May I, through the columns of your esteemed publication counter the pernicious anti-union views of Frank James.

In his letter (1st October issue), he viciously attacked our most useful and lively organisations, the CCUs, as being anti-intellectual and detrimental to the academic life of IC. I would, in answer to this, humbly suggest that he totally misunderstands the purpose of a CCU, i.e., to promote the academic, social and sporting activities of its members.

I have every reason to believe that academic affairs are very well looked after by the CCUs, in a manner which would not be possible in the larger and more extensive ICU. Yet Mr. James makes no mention at all of this aspect of the CCUs.

On the sporting and social side, he appears to condemn all events which do not provide direct intellectual stimulation and makes what I can only assume are purely moral judgements. He does not know the difference (e.g. in the case of "degrading" smoking concerts) between anti-intellectualism and non-intellectualism. Further I would add that such events are, in moderation, essential to the academic and social development of the student.

Above all, Mr. James censures the CCUs for their rivalry - yet how would he see sporting standards (especially) maintained without this rivalry? Does he see competition as an evil thing? He views the smaller CCUs with mistrust and believes they should be "nationalised" into one big impersonal ICU - but would he be satisfied or would he continue until he had abolished even this in favour of membership solely to the NUS with no variety in union outlook and, doubtless, no variety in higher education?

Frank James would do away with the CCUs. NO! They are the lifeblood of student activity and their faults should be made good from within. You don't fell a good tree when a few of its twigs are withered.

Yours faithfully,
JAMES GRAY

Dear Colin,

I think serious consideration should be given to the abolition of Frank James (Letters, Issue no. 527).

Yours,
A beer-swilling latent homosexual
Biochem PG

Dear Sir,

As is well known, there are a number of publications printed by, or contributed to by Imperial College with the intention of informing intending undergraduates, local residents, industry and the like, that Imperial College exists, with the intention of providing sufficient information about facilities, life at IC and so on, for a choice to be made, or simply to improve relations, as in the case of local residents.

Clearly this can be counter-productive if the information is incorrect, so may I suggest that College block/ICU take a little more care in this area? In case the reader doubts the need for this, here is a genuine example: It came from page III5 of "Which Degree 1979", a page devoted to details of life at IC. Under the heading Catering Facilities, it states that there are.....

"a wide choice of College run refectories... between them they provide an all day service ~~snack-bars~~, self-service cafeterias and waitress service refectories; most students eat lunch there..."

On the subject of Media we find that.....

"Annual Union publications include... a USK handbook" - talking of which, under the title Societies, we find that there is apparently a.....

"University for South Kensington movement."

Since that information was not even correct in 1976, it would seem that IC may be in an ongoing disinformation situation. Could I therefore suggest that either: IC puts out correct information, or: USK is revived and moonies revamped?

Yours pedantically,
Ken (gone but not finished)
Fenning, Somewhere in England.

Dear Colin,

I was disgusted to see how many people were packed into the Great Hall for the Rector's reception. If there had been a fire alarm, it would have been extremely difficult to clear the hall in a reasonable time, i.e. before somebody started panicking.

Yours,
Kirsten

Copy deadline
for next Friday's
issue will be

5:30pm
Monday, 8th
October

NEWS IN BRIEF

compiled from IC Radio News

Molly Opens Up Shop

The South Side Shop is again open for the term. Molly, the shop's keeper says it is designed to sell necessities to the occupants of South Side and Linstead. In the past, the shop has proved very convenient to residents by selling anything from soap powder to milk.

Rag's Caped Figure

This year's rag symbol, a caped figure in tight clothing holding a rag collection can is to appear on pint glasses. These will be sold during rag week, later this term. They are expected to sell quickly.

New Kitchen Equipment

New kitchen equipment worth over £1,000 has been installed in Bernard Sunley House. The equipment includes four cookers, and ten refrigerators and has been added to the equipment currently in use at the House.

Cistern Overflows

College engineers were called in on Saturday night to Keogh Hall. A cistern had overflowed on level 2 of staircase 6, causing curtains in the rooms below to become rather wet.

Bedford College Sacks President

The President of Bedford College Union, Ruth Fitzjohn, has been refused re-registration by Bedford College, and has been forced to step down from office. The reason for their refusal was that Miss Fitzjohn had failed to satisfy the examiners in both her English sessional exam last year and the retake two months later. Bedford College Union's publicity officer, Dave Brown, who has taken over Miss Fitzjohn's duties as President, said that they have an agreement with the college that the sabbatical post can be held only by a person of minimum academic standing, but he regrets that Ruth will not be President next year.

Victory for Canoe Club

Two members of IC Canoe Club have scored an impressive national victory for the second year running. Bob Joce and Bob Owen, who were British C2 champions in 1978, have retained the championship by winning the Llangollen "Serpent Tail" slalom in Wales. The pair finished way ahead of the rest of the field. They are both international paddlers and British team members.

Squash Courts Out of Use

The squash courts in the college sports centre will not be able to be used until Christmas. This is due to a fault in the drainage system and the floor will have to be replaced. The opportunity is also being taken to repair the walls at the same time.

Industrial Action Diverted

The proposed industrial action by members of NALGO threatened registration at many British Universities this week. However, the local branch of NALGO decided after a closed vote not to take part in the action. Had they taken action, many members of other clerical unions in College would have stopped work in sympathy, considerably slowing the registration process.

National Fun Run

The second Sunday Times National Fun Run took place in Hyde Park on Sunday. Several thousand people jogged round the four kilometre long course during the day for the event, which transformed Hyde Park into a cross between a cross-country course and a picnic sit. Following the success of last year's Fun Run, several local newspapers have since organised similar events on a smaller scale.

Student Railcards

British Rail are continuing their popular Student Railcard scheme into the new academic year. The card, which now costs eight pounds, entitles students to half price rail travel on second class single and Awayday return tickets over two pounds and ordinary returns over four pounds in cost.

Students may obtain railcards from most rail stations, but need to fill in an application form and provide two passport-style photographs. The form and one of the photographs must be countersigned by a tutor and stamped at the college registry office.

British Rail and Lloyd's Bank have joined in a scheme which offers 50%, or £4, off the price of a Railcard for all first-year full-time students who open an account with Lloyd's Bank before 31st October.

Railcards are also available from the London Student Travel Office in the lower lounge of the union building.

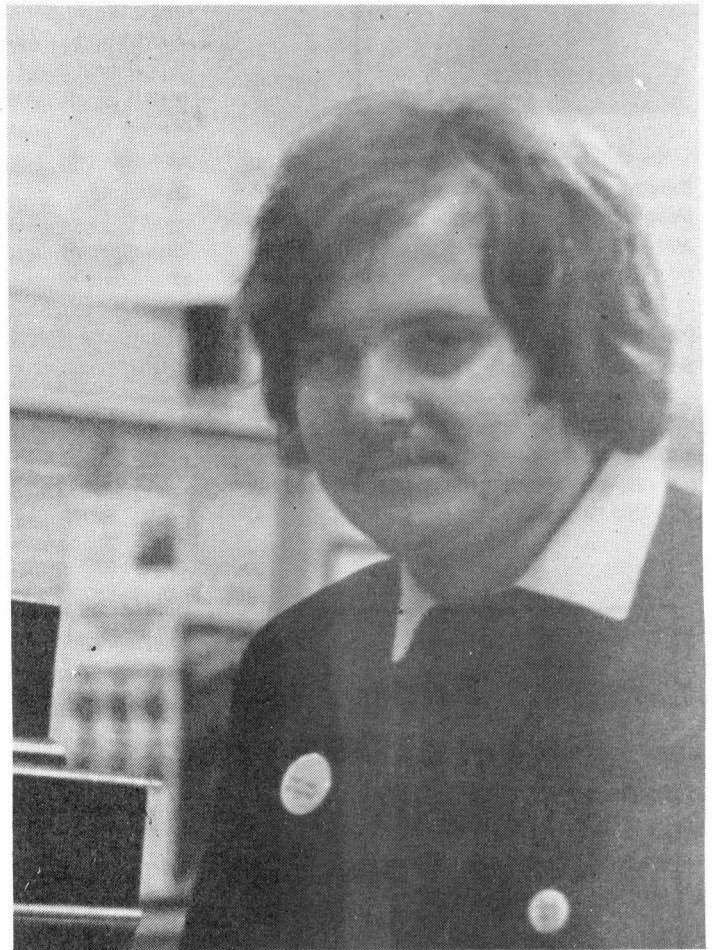


An unsuccessful 'Queen of Jez' contestant at the ICWA reception



RAG KNICKERS

£1.25 from the Rag Office



FRANK JAMES

RED CROSS IN ACTION





PRES(SURE!) RELEASE

Third World Scholarship

College has now chosen a student who is probably already here. For obvious reasons, I feel it is up to him to decide whether his identity be revealed. But if you haven't yet donated to the fund, please do so.

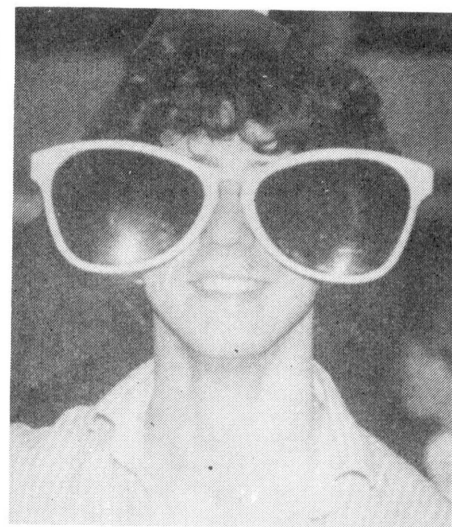
Des Picket

LSO and ULU (London Student Organization and University of London Union) are organizing a picket of the DES on the Overseas Students issue. A party will be leaving the Beit Arch at 12:50. Please try to come on this important picket.

So

Stay cool and hang loose but...don't freeze or fall apart. And to put the record straight, I'm not a dictator, Jen won't let me be one.

Chris



JUST A SEC

Elections

In addition to the elections mentioned in last week's FELIX, papers are also up for three ordinary members of the University of London students representative council. Papers come down on Friday, 12th October, and election is by ballot at the Union General Meeting on 16th October.

Parking Permit

Just to remind you, if you need a permit and haven't filled in the form yet, you should get on your skateboard and rush across to the union office. Applications close at 5:00pm today.

Motions

The next Union General Meeting is on Tuesday, 16th October. Motions need to be handed into myself by Tuesday, 9th October. After a rather quiet first UGM, do put on the agenda motions on any topic you care about. It doesn't have to be College stuff (but can be!). Just come up and dump the motion on my desk. Its best to list things under i)ICU notes, ii)ICU believes and iii)ICU instructs.

First Week

Well, I trust you enjoyed the first week. For me, the highlight was the Life Sciences Party on Tuesday. See you tonight in the junior common room and tomorrow at Marble Arch.

Roger Stotesbury

PS

I really am a nice individual.

Friday, 12th October
Picket of DES against Overseas
Student Fee Increases
Leave from Biet Arch at 12:50

IC FOOTBALL CLUB

"Excuse me, I'd like to join the soccer club please," said the fresher.

"Do you play football?" I boomed. Er, yes," he replied "and tennis."

"Tennis eh? I used to play football, you know. I remember one match I played, in goal against Bedford College. Their centre-forward broke through. He shot with all his might from three yards. I never had a chance to move; couldn't defend myself. The ball hit me straight between the eyes and ricocheted away. Now, where was I?"

"The ball ricocheted away" replied the fresher.

"Oh yes," I continued, "the ball ricocheted out to their winger. A high cross came over. I was halfway on to the ball when their centre-forward came rocketing in and headed the ball like a bullet. I never had a chance to

move; couldn't defend myself. The ball went flying over the bar for a goal-kick."

"This is the IC Football Club stall, isn't it?" he interjected.

"Football? Ah yes, next attack their centre-forward split our defence in two and hammered into the penalty area. Of course, I came out to narrow the angle, and he unleashed a fearful shot from point-blank range. I never had a chance to move; couldn't defend myself. The ball hit me straight between the eyes; of course I was getting used to it by then!"

"Hm, so you want to join the footballclub? Can you train once a week, and play on Wednesdays and Saturdays?"

"Yes"

"Right, you're in!"

The Kensington Cruncher



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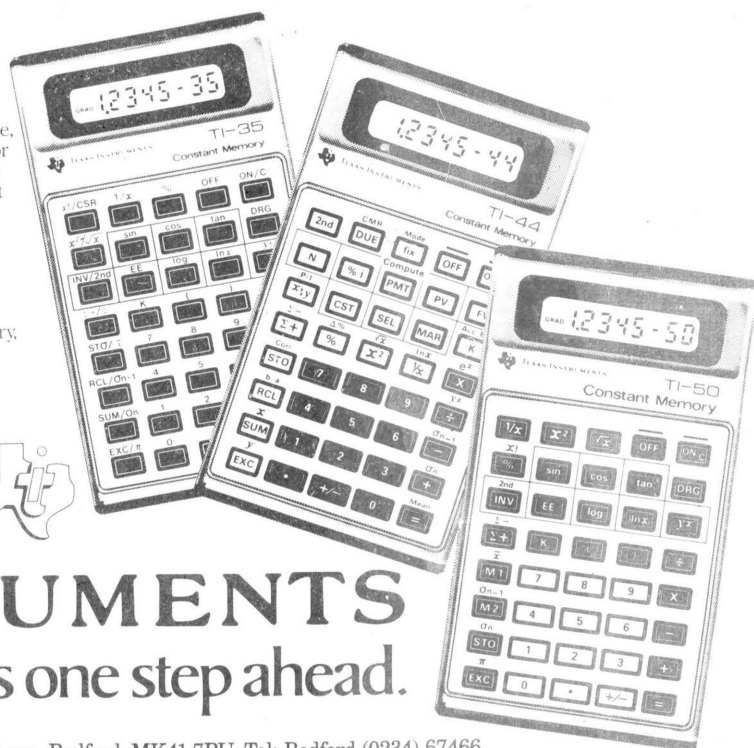
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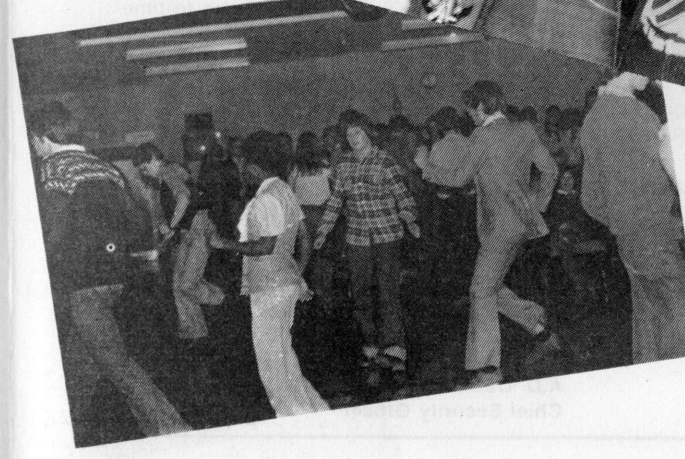
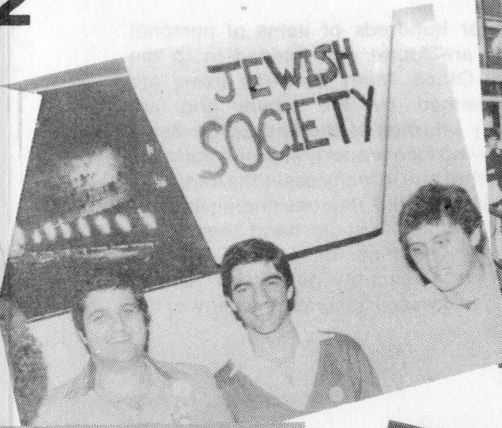
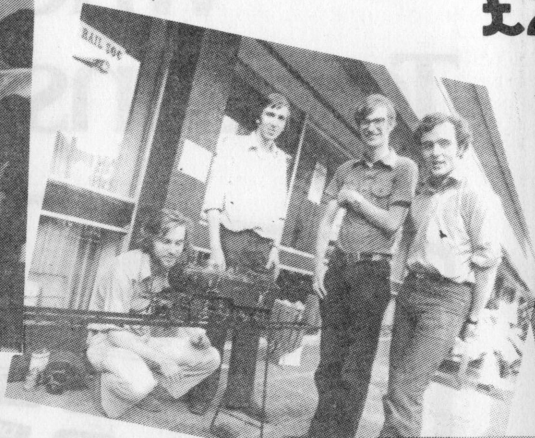
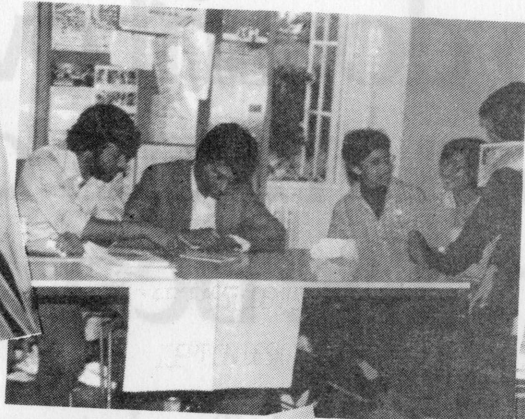
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**ENTRIES TO THE FELIX
OFFICE BY NEXT
WEDNESDAY**



GOOD SOUNDS AT IC THE AUDIO SOCIETY

Audio Society? What do they do?

You may well ask; I often do so, when trying to dream up things for the committee to organise and when attempting to satisfy the insatiable desires of the members.

A few years ago we were the hi-fi club, but this was changed probably because "Audio Society" sounds more sophisticated.

We exist as THE body devoted to hi-fi sound reproduction, in whatever form this may take. As such our activities can be divided in to two main areas. Firstly, talks, lectures and demonstrations which tend to be mainly for the benefit of the members, although everyone is welcome. Secondly, recordings of music and other entertainments around college, which may be broadcast over IC Radio and hence benefit everyone. This latter activity, is a fairly new one and we are still in the process of getting the necessary equipment together; but the future looks bright.

Our lectures are really quite diverse; in the past we have had visits from Roger Driscoll, an acoustics expert and lecturer, Angus McKenzie, consultant and reviewer, and Videotone demonstrated their newest products to us.

Occasionally a tour can be arranged. These have been to places of general interest, like Dr. Driscoll's acoustics laboratory. A few of these visits will be possible this year, details will be found at the end of this article.

One of the most promising things to happen recently is our association with the Audio Engineering Society. This is a group of professional people involved with hi-fi who arrange events similar to our own but with rather greater professionalism as a result of the greater resources available to them. Their meetings take place on Tuesday evenings at the Institution of Electrical Engineers, Savoy Place, off the Embankment. We meet and go there as a group.

Not long ago we had the privilege of hearing Peter Walker of QUAD give a lecture and demonstration of the new electrostatic loudspeaker. Still in the development stage, it seems very promising.

Our society's forthcoming events are envisaged to be as follows:-

First Term

Comparison of power amplifiers - the Naim NAP160 versus QUAD 405, see if you can hear the difference.

Joint meeting with the Radio Society. Anthony Askew who works freelance often for the BBC with their outside broadcast unit.

Videotone will be demonstrating their latest cartridge and hear amplifier.

Paul Messenger will be coming up here near the beginning of term. The subject of his talk will soon be announced.

Tony Faulkner is the Recording Manager for Enigma Records. He will be giving a lecture/demonstration on microphone techniques. This very entertaining lecture was presented to the AES earlier this year.

Near the end of term we plan to have a trip to the QUAD factories in Huntingdon, Cambs.

Second Term

Lectures will be given by Dr. Roger Driscoll and Angus McKenzie. These were both very good last year and are expected to be even better this year.

Trip out to Audio-T. This is a very good hi-fi retailer with plenty of facilities for demonstrating equipment. Also lots of good tips on pick up/arm/cartridge combinations.

Gale Electronics are setting up a demonstration studio for their products which include a speaker and a solid glass turntable. They are also setting up an anechoic chamber so it might be possible to arrange to see this.

Lentek have agreed to let us come up and tour their factory, again in Huntingdon.

Rogers/Swisstone have a plant in Catford, London, so we might be able to go there.

Now you know who we are and what we do you might feel you would like to know more or if I have said something which you do not understand, please feel free to come up and meet us, ask questions or whatever. Our meetings are held on Tuesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. in ICWA. Failing that you could contact one of the committee which for the 1979-1980 session is:-

JOHN MORCOM, Chairman
Physics 2

JOHN TIDY, Secretary
Physics 2

ANDY CRAVEN, Treasurer
Physics 2

JOHNATHON LAWRENCE, Publicity Officer
Physics 2

MIKE BIDDULPH, Committee Member
Chemistry 2

PS

Non-physicists are just as welcome as physicists - but we still rule, OK?

JOHN TIDY

GOLF CLUB CRISIS

In recent years the IC Golf Club has enjoyed the privilege of being allowed a block membership at the Royal Mid-Surrey Golf Club. However, we have just been informed that they are no longer prepared to offer us this facility due to the increased amount of course usage over the past year. This means that we have been left in a difficult position at the beginning of the college year in that we cannot offer freshers any sort of regular facilities until we find another golf club willing to give us a block membership. Potential IC golfers should not be discouraged from applying to join the club, however, as we hope to be making some temporary arrangements for practise games, and have a number of matches which need not be affected.

IT WOULD BE GREATLY APPRECIATED IF ANYONE WHO KNOWS OF A GOLF CLUB IN OR AROUND LONDON THAT MIGHT BE WILLING TO CONSIDER A BLOCK MEMBERSHIP WOULD CONTACT ONE OF THE OFFICIALS BELOW.

R.A. Pullen (Physics PG)
A. Hartnell (Mech. Eng. 3)
P. Johnston (Civ. Eng. 2)

SECURITY

Lost Property

Every year hundreds of items of personal property are found and handed in to the Security Office, many of these items are never claimed by the losers and are eventually returned to the finders. Students and staff who lose property should inform the security staff and in many cases the items can be speedily restored. Persons finding items of personal property should hand them in to the Security Office or to one of the messengers or security guards on any of the buildings.

Thefts

It is an unfortunate fact of life that, on an open campus such as this where a large number of people are allowed considerable freedom of access, periodical spates of stealing occur. A good deal of this is due to 'walk in' thieves who prey on institutions such as this. Both students and staff are requested to co-operate with the security staff by promptly reporting to the Security Office any suspicious persons seen loitering in College buildings or entering offices or laboratories with no apparent authority. Wallets, cash, cheque books, calculators, slide rules and watches are the things most commonly stolen and they should always be carried separately on the person as instances have occurred where heavy withdrawals of cash from banks have been made through thieves having obtained possession of both card and cheque book.

Cycles

Pedal cycles are very attractive to thieves and if brought onto campus they should be secured to the cycle rack with a heavy chain and stout padlock. Plastic covered cables are little deterrent to thieves and should not be used. If you value your cycle please insure it.

Car Parking

Unless you have been authorised to park your car on the campus do not bring it into the College Car Park otherwise you will inconvenience some person who has an authorised parking place.

Derelict vehicles are also from time to time an embarrassment to the College and a vehicle which ceases to be road worthy should be disposed of by the owner and not left on the car park where it may quickly be cannibalised by some persons who are quick to recognise that it has been abandoned. Motor cycles brought onto the campus must be registered with the Security Office and students are requested to park only in the authorised parking spaces. Parking in between motor vehicles can result in damage to both cars and motor cycles.

A.D. Dawson
Chief Security Officer



Royal College of Science Union

I hope that the freshers week has been successful as far as RCS students were concerned. Looking ahead we have arranged several more exciting events at very little expense but a vast amount of toil and sweat by the RCS officers.

The Freshers Bar Night takes place this Sunday in the Union (where there is a tendency for people not to hear you retch). A night of gaiety and lubricated revelry, enjoyed by all.

The first RCS Night Out has been arranged for Tuesday, 9th October, and is a trip to Queens Ice Skating Rink in Bayswater. It will only cost about a quid. We meet in Stan's Bar in Southside at 6:30.

Now we come to one of the highlights of the first term - Yes, the Freshers Dinners. Definitely not to be missed since tickets only cost a fiver and you get a good meal, plenty of wine and beer and

if you buy a ticket you can go to the Life Sciences Disco, which is after the Life Sciences Party on 2nd November.

If there are any budding wits, wags or serious playwrights interested in writing sketches or playlets for the RCS smoking concert could you please leave a note for Rich Archer in the Chemistry letter rack or drop into the RCSU sometime.

Finally nominations are open for four freshers entertainments committee members, so if you want to help organise RCS events put your name up on the lists and press-gang seconders into signing.

Don't forget also to tiddlywink down Oxford Street tomorrow and collect lots of notes (coins also acceptable) to keep RCS Rag the most successful.

EVE'S SNOTTY

ULUweek 8-14 OCTOBER

MONDAY
TUESDAY
WEDNESDAY
THURSDAY
at 8:30pm

Chez ULU

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Tues: boogie piano
Weds: country/folk
Thur: rock'n'roll

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MONDAY * Freshers Jamboree

to THURSDAY
at 4:30pm

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FRIDAY at 8:30 * Freshers Ball with "Chas & Dave" £2.50

SATURDAY 10:30 * Overseas Students Safety Net
7:30 * Rock Against Racism benefit concert: "Gang of 4"

SUNDAY at 6:30pm **ULU FILM** double bill for 40p
"Don't Look Now" + "Harold & Maude"

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C & G UNION

After last week's marathon article and the rigours of the first week, today's article is slightly shorter, basically due to lack of inspiration and being totally knackered.

Assuming you are reading this during Friday's lectures there is still time to go to the Tiddlywinks on Saturday, 6th October. This is the first Rag collection of the term, so a good turn out is essential. Meet in the Guilds' Office at 9:30 to collect all you will need.

Tuesday the 9th is the Guilds' pub crawl to Wandsworth. Turn up in the Union Bar at 6:00 for 6:30 pm to have a practice drink and find someone to carry you home when it has finished.

Thursday is the first freshers' dinner for Chemical Engineering, so make sure that all yoy in Chem. Eng. buy your tickets soon, or you may be disappointed.

On Saturday, Guilds' Ents proudly present the Roadshow at 8:00 pm in the junior

common room. Buy the tickets in Guilds' Office for £1 or pay £1.25 on the night. There will be dancing, late, late bar and an all girl rock band (sounds like fun).

All dates are given below:-

Sat. 6th - Tiddlywinks

Meet in Guilds' Union Office at 9:30 am.

Tues. 9th - Pub Crawl

Meet in the Union Bar at 6:00 pm

Thurs. 11th - Chem. Eng. Freshers' Dinner
In Sherfield Building

Sat. 13th - Roadshow

At 8:00 pm in Junior Common Room

Mon. 15th - Civ. Eng. Dinner

In sherfield Building

There will be more, same time, same place, next week. Thank God, I've finished this.

Bryan
C&GU Publicity Officer

WEST LONDON CHAPLAINCY

The West London Chaplaincy serves three colleges in all: Imperial College, the Royal college of Music and Queen Elizabeth College. Furthermore, the Chaplaincy has members from many denominations including Anglican, Methodist, Baptist and Scottish Episcopalian. The focal point of the Chaplaincy is the communion service which we celebrate every Sunday at 10:00 a.m. in the Consort Gallery, Sherfield Building. There are, in addition, many smaller meetings in both halls/houses and departments. A very friendly atmosphere is aided by social events throughout the year which include several barn dances, parties and weekends out of London.

Here are details of Chaplaincy activities in the near future:-

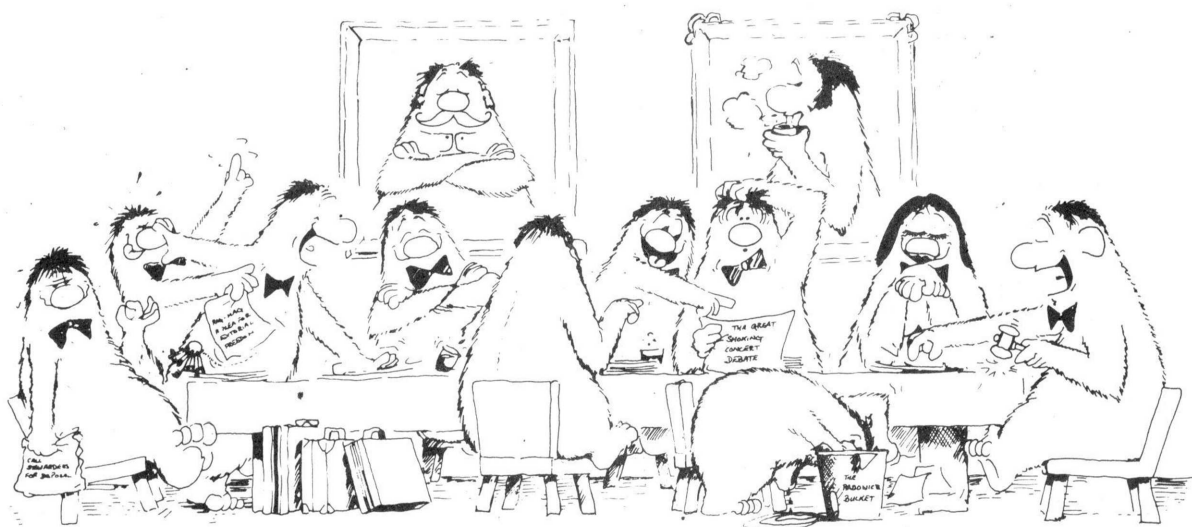
Sat. 13th October - Pies, peas and party night. This includes a slide show to introduce Freshers to the Chaplaincy.

Fri. 19th October - A weekend out of town, to Wooburn Green, returning 21st October.

If you would like any further information about the Chaplaincy in Imperial -College, then please contact our student leader Margaret Bell (Maths 3) or Rev. David Ashforth, Rev. Bob Brooke, Marjorie Lewis, Jackie Fox at the Chaplain's Office, 10 Princes Gardens. Telephone 589-5111 ext. 2183 or internal 4221



FRESHERS DINNERS



CHEMISTRY

MATHS

PHYSICS

LIFE SCIENCES

7 FOR 730

12 OCT

10 ...

20 ...

2 NOV

**SHERFIELD MAIN
REFECTORY**

THEATRE IN THE WEST END

According to 'Time Out', West-end theatre is half-dead already. Nevertheless, there are some enjoyable shows, and if you've not done much theatre-going, the West-end is the obvious place to start.

The following reviews, although brief, should provide a few hints on some of the plays currently showing.

"The Rocky Horror Show", which has recently moved to the Comedy Theatre in Panton Street, from the Kings Road, is probably the funniest show in London and is certainly the only science-fiction musical. Dreamed up by Richard O'Brien, it tells of the fateful stormy night when two American teenagers, Brad and Janet, are forced to take refuge in an old castle when their car is stopped with a flat tyre. The castle turns out to be the home of a colony of Transylvanian transvestites, under the leadership of Frank-N-Fuster.

Alan Ayckbourn's play, "Bedroom Farce" is running at the Prince of Wales Theatre. The 'stage' is set one Saturday night, in the bedrooms of the three middle-class suburban couples, as a fourth couple attempt to sort out their marital problems. Mildly funny: OK for an undemanding night out.

In its twenty-seventh year (it will probably go on forever) is Agatha Christie's "The Mousetrap". This is not her best play - it is not as good as "Witness for the Prosecution" for example - and there was some miscasting in the production I saw. However, it compares favourably with "Murder at the Vicarage", which contains the most unconvincing acting I've ever seen. "The Mousetrap" is on at the St. Martins Theatre and "Murder at the Vicarage" is at the Fortune.

Written in 1970 by Andrew Lloyd Webber and Tim Rice, "Jesus Christ Superstar" is now in its seventh year at the Palace Theatre. It portrays the last seven days in the life of Jesus of Nazareth. Its great success resulted in the production of an unsuccessful film of the same name. Worth seeing, especially for Herod's song.

(Evita is showing next door, at the Prince Edward Theatre. Book now for the new year.)

Susan Hampshire and Keith Michell are appearing in "The Crucifer of Blood" at the Theatre Royal, Haymarket. Based on Conan Doyle's book "The Sign of Four", the action begins in India during the Great Mutiny, at the Red Fort of Agra, and is concluded in Holmes' study in Baker Street in 1887.

The play has some spectacular special effects and Keith Michell's performance as Sherlock Holmes is superb.

A more varied selection of plays can be seen at the National Theatre on the South Bank and more unconventional drama is produced by London's many 'fringe' theatres.



Jane Aire
(see Ents gigs
on next page)

Don't forget....
It's Tiddlywinks
Tomorrow morning!



AGAINST THE CORRIE BILL

Since 1967, Britain has had an Abortion Law which entitles women to obtain abortions, providing certain conditions are fulfilled, upto 28 weeks into pregnancy. But a private members bill tabled by John Corrie (Conservative member for Bute and North Ayrshire) threatens to change this law to restrict severely the number of abortions available and the terms under which they may be obtained.

There are four main areas which the proposed bill (which takes its third and final reading in February) effect:

1. The time limit for abortions will be reduced from 28 to 20 weeks.

At present only 1% of abortions are carried out after 20 weeks - but these are the most desperate and serious cases - making them illegal will only increase the hardship on the women concerned.

Pregnancy is confirmed by about the eighth week - the new restriction leaves a woman as little as eight weeks allowing upto four weeks error in the date of conception to obtain an abortion and this at a time when National Health Services are being cut.

The choice of abortion for all women will become a desperate race against time.

2. The grounds for abortion are to be changed. The risk to the life of a pregnant woman will become a "grave risk". The injury to her or her family's physical or mental health will be a "substantial risk" of "severe injury" if the pregnancy continues.

Emotive words like "grave", "substantial" and "serious" only aggravate the situation. Courts will decide what is "grave" etc. - women will have their fate decided by judges who have no qualifications over the lives of these women.

But the real reason for these changes is that under the present law any abortion is legal since statistically abortion is safer than a nine-month pregnancy and birth. The clause in the 1967 Act, which states that "abortion is permissible if the risks to the woman is greater than if the pregnancy is continued", is the most hated by the anti-abortionists.

3. Every agency which carries out abortions or advises women about abortions must have a licence (including those carrying out pregnancy tests). Licences will not be issued if there is any connection whether financial or in personnel between the agency and the abortion clinic or if the

agency is not managed by a qualified doctor or nurse.

This smashes the British Pregnancy Advisory Services and the Pregnancy Advisory Service, the two biggest charities that carry out abortions. Their work is vital in both filling the gaps in the NHS and in areas where NHS abortions are almost impossible to get. They provide a sympathetic service at a reasonable price.

The 25% of women who get their abortions through the charities will be thrown on the unscrupulous money makers of the private medicine market.

Voluntary groups advising for example school girls, about abortions will have to simply give up.

4. The rights of conscientious objectors to abortions who work in the health service will now have legal rights.

This means that doctors will be able to put their moral views first and the quality of service they provide for their patients second.

As can be easily seen the effects of this bill will impose on thousands of women. We must have the right to control our own bodies. There are no foolproof contraceptives. We may make mistakes. We may be abused. We will continue to abort: Corrie's Bill, anti-abortionists or not.

Does Corrie's Bill provide for all the children it will force into this world? Will it look after them? Have we the right to bring children into a world when we feel we can not look after them - through material reasons, social pressures or whatever? Having children is an important decision and we will not let John Corrie decide our fate. We will have the right to control our bodies.

At IC then, we must campaign to prevent this bill from becoming law. There will be a list, in the ICWA Lounge, of those MPs who voted against the second reading. If your MP does not appear, write asking why and for re-consideration.

There will be a meeting in the ICWA Lounge on Thursday, 11th October, at 1:00 p.m. with a speaker from the National Abortion Campaign to discuss the "campaign against Corrie's Bill". Please attend, all will be welcome.

There will also be a march "No Return to the Backstreets" on 28th October, to defend the 1967 Abortion Act. Assemble 11:30-12:30 at Hyde Park.

MERCHE CLARK
ICWA President



IMPERIAL COLLEGE ENTERTAINMENTS COMMITTEE

PRESENTS FREE CONCERT

Yes folks, it's a freebie. Just over from the States for the start of a UK tour:

JANE AIRE and THE BELVEDERES

plus support

Tuesday, 9th October at 8:00pm in the Union Concert Hall.

TONIGHT and every Friday night, a superlative disco at 8:00pm in the Union Lower Lounge with BAR! Special guest DJ - KAREN (from IC Radio 301m)

COMING EVENTS

Disco: Every Friday in Union at 8:00pm. Admission 30p.

Films: Every Thursday in Mech Eng 220 at 6:30pm. Admission 30p.

Note: Due to unforeseen circumstances the program will not be as advertised in the Freshers FELIX - look out for our advertising nearer the date.

Next Thursday - The French Connection

EDITORIAL

see next weeks issue.

The Mines Disco which was to be held this Saturday has had to be postponed.

The Mines Pub Crawl starts in the Union Bar at 6 pm this evening.

GIGS

Tues. 9th Oct. JANE AIRE and THE BELVEDERES
and support

Union Concert Hall, 8:00pm FREE

Sat. 20th Oct. GIRLS SCHOOL & BOOKS

Union Concert Hall, 8:00pm £2 or adv. £1.50

Sat. 27th Oct. 64 SPOONS & WORLD SERVICE

Union Concert Hall £1.50 or adv. £1

Sat. 3rd Nov. ZONES and support

Union Concert Hall £2 or adv. £1.50

Being arranged for Great Hall:

19th Nov. JOHN MILES and support

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WHAT'S ON

Sat. 6th Oct.

IC Football Club Trials

Meet in the Union Lower Lounge at 12:30pm

Mon. 8th Oct

ACC General meeting

Meet in Union Office at 5:30pm

Jim Younger and Julie Carter (formerly of £42 cheque) will be appearing at the Folk Club at 8:00pm. Admission 50p (members 25p)

Tues. 9th Oct.

Photographic Society Lecture

Entitled 'Africa Calls Again', it will be held at 7:00pm. Details of the location will be displayed on the photographic society's noticeboard on the ground floor of the union office.

Mopsoc Lecture

This lecture entitled 'The Josephson Effect and Squids' will be given by Dr. M.R. Holse of Kent University in the physics lecture theatre 3.

The First Meeting of the Riding Club
Meet at 1:00pm in room 406, electrical engineering.

IC Youth Hostelling Activities Group
A slide show of ICYHA will be shown at 6:30pm in electrical engineering room 606. Admission is free and tea, coffee and biscuits will be served.

Wed. 10th Oct.

Come and sell Rag Mags at Sussex.
Contact Barney McCabe, Physics 2

Thurs. 11th Oct.

IC Football Club Refereeing Course
If interested, contact Paul Archer, Mech. Eng. 3.

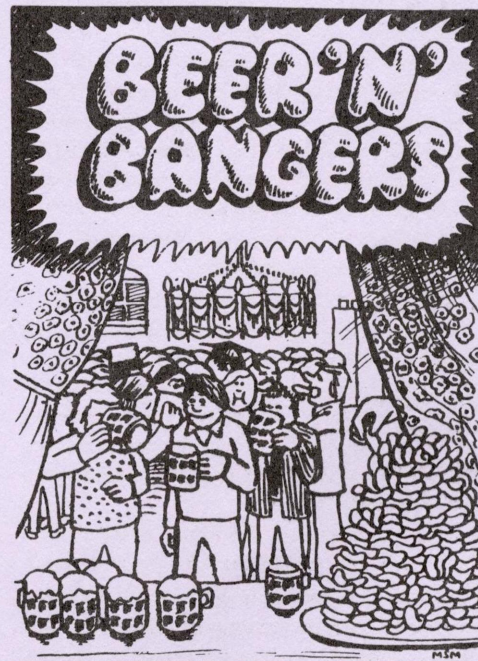
Recreational Clubs Committee First General Meeting
Taking place in Mech. Eng. room 703 at 6:30pm.

"News Break"

this Stoic transmission will be broadcast at 1:00pm and 7:00pm in the union TV lounge, 1:00pm and 7:00pm (not JCR7 in Union TV lounge, Southside Halls and Southside lower TV lounge).

Tues. 16th Oct.

First Staff Meeting of Phoenix
This takes place in Stan's Bar at 8:00pm



on Tuesday, 16th October
at 5:30pm in 170 Queens
Gate. Names to Jen in the
Union Office by Friday,
12th at 2:00pm. Freshers
particularly welcome.

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There is a meeting next Friday, 12 October, at 8 pm, for anyone interested in working on FELIX. Come to the FELIX Office and we'll show you how to operate our equipment.