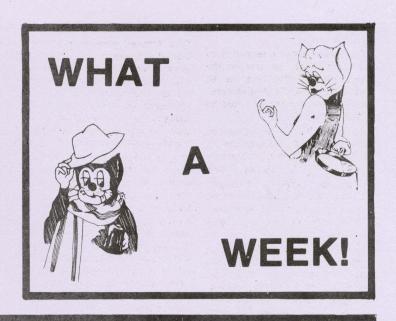


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## RAG MAG ILLEGAL

- SAY COLLEGE SOLICITORS

**RSM IN DAILY MIRROR** 

SOUTH AFRICAN RUGBY FIASCO
ICU PRESIDENT ADMITS PLAYING RUGBY
WITH THE SOUTH AFRICANS
MOTION OF OCCUPATION

SET FOR NEXT UGM
PLUS MOTION OF CENSURE ON ICU EXEC

#### SOUTH AFRICAN RUGBY MATCH

Regular readers of the Daily Mirror will have noticed the front page 'Exclusive' news story about the Royal School of Mines. Last Monday's Mirror led with the scoop that a Rugby match between a Dave Rhodes select team (which contained members of the RSM) played against a team representing the mining industry (from the South African Vaal Reef Mine). The match had to be called off at half time. However, the Mirror got its facts slighly wrong and so for the first time FELIX reveals the truth behind the Mirror news story.



the official photo of both teams

Sirs.

As Frank James deems it fit to name IC Rugby as one of the "most notable offenders" in his attack against "anti-intellectualism", I feel the record must be put straight.

Although I find his expressed views on the CCUs debatable (to put it mildly) I will only concern myself with the Rugby Club.

IC Rugby Club have never held initiation ceremonies of any form for its members and never will do. This Mr. James is FACT - perhaps you should check up?

We are a sporting club and as such exist solely to play rugby. We have no desire to "degrade" people or be a "creeping disease" throughout the CCUs. Our club is part of IC Union, not the CCUs by the way.

The members of IC Rugby play twice each week and train twice each week - all because they WANT to play rugby for IC - not because they wish to become a "beer-swilling lout" or a "latent homosexual".

Heaven knows why our club should be labelled as "detrimental to the life of individual students within the college".

You will notice that I have included several quotes from Mr. James' letter: reading them will make you realize just how ridiculous his comments were.

Steve Townsend Captain IC Rugby Club

PS - I won't be sending the boys round to "clone" you into our way of thinking Mr. James. (Anti-intellectualism?)

Dear Sir,

The Freshers have now been at College for about a fortnight and have probably formed their own opinions about the College, the Union and specifically the CCUs.

Many events have been organized in the first week, almost all of them by the CCUs (and the Rugby Club). These events have been well attended and generally well liked.

The Constituent College Unions are democratic organizations, anyone can propose motions and/or put foreward new ideas at their meetings, most of which are open to all students. This seems to us to indicate a willingness to help and be helped and to participate with the freshers and everyone else; it does not seem, to us at least, that we are trying to cast impressionable young people in a 'wicked mould'.

'Once in a CCU all chance of doing something else is immediately denied.' What rubbish! You are free to come and go, as and when yo like. The way FJ goes on, one would think that we strapped freshers down in the CCU Offices, gave them a quick frontal lobotomy and force fed them beer! On the contrary, elected in fair and free elections, we as Presidents take it upon ourselves to involve people in College life and if the CCUs can't cater for a particular interest, we are the first to suggest who can.

Frank James states that anyone taking an interest in academic work is shunned by the CCUs. Why then do RCSU, C&GU and RSMU organize their own Academic Affairs Committees, and elect Academic Reps and Officers who discuss problems with the staff and other students? Are we to assume that Prof. Laithwaite etc are beer-swilling louts with latent homosexual tendencies, just because they take part in the academic clubs which are part of a CCU?

Another important part of a CCU, is Rag, which undoubtedly encourages individuality because of the constant need for new ideas necessary to maintain a year long effort which collects thousands of pounds for charity.

Frank James seems to have no compunction about slamming the CCUs, which get out there and raise money for worthwhile causes, perhaps he thinks it more worthwhile to sit around composing misleading letters. Here we are speaking for the feeling in our colleges and sign off accordingly, does Frank James' letter present the views of the Social Clubs Committee?

Come on Frank, you've missed the point, you rabbit on about distraction from observance of sections of the Union and then pick on one facet of the CCUs, completely ignoring the valuable work done by them in all other spheres.

Yours concernedly,

Sean O'Boyle (President RCSU) Jo Armitage (President C&GU) Bernie Pryor (Acting President RSMU)

Dear Sir,

As a postgraduate 'fresher', with experience of how other student bodies are run, may I say that I am in total agreement with Frank James' letter in FELIX (no. 527). I first encountered this incredible state of affairs when I went to the inaugural C&G union meeting in my first week.

I was amazed how a group of people of supposed above-average intelligence could behave like absolute idiots. The events of the meeting included holding a coin in your crutch (having previously pretended to stick it up your asshole) and waddling down some steps to drop it in a paper cup. Was this practice really worth taking up even a few minutes of a normal humans life? The whole

process was ended in everyone being instructed to chant some mainly unintelligible nursery rhyme.

Are these the events which contribute to the social development of students? Can you therefore wonder at the public's attitude towards students? Most of the students at the meeting were freshers. I am sure they are not all morons. But from this meeting they were given the impression from their 'peers', that this is the way to behave. I am sure losts of IC students would like to get involved in more important matters. The CCUs should be a meeting place for debate and a centre for organizing action. The gulf between the CCUs and the student movement is shown by the fact that IC sponsored a South African student and a RSM team plays rugby against white South Africans!

Why don't we give intelligent, responsible and socially aware behaviour a chance and make the CCUs an agent for student expression and not public schoolboy pranks.

Yours faithfully,

Michael O'Connor

PG Social and Economic Studies

Dear Colin.

The two replies which were published in the last FELIX in response to my letter containing various criticisms of the CCUs (FELIX 527) made remarkably interesting reading. Indeed I found them so interesting that I think they go a long way towards proving my contention that the CCUs are highly undesirable institutions.

The anonymous letter suggesting that serious consideration should be given to my own abolition is typical of the CCUs reaction to anything with which they disagree. That is a totally unreasoning statement designed to enforce conformity, but which actually demonstrates how utterly pathetic these CCU people are.

The other letter, by James Gray, wonderfully illustrates how nonintellectual the CCUs are - he can't even read! Mr. Grav not only ascribes to me views which I did not include in my letter, but also some which I do not even hold. For example, he says, that I believe that the CCUs ought to be 'nationalized' into ICU. He continued by suggesting that I would not be satisfied with that, but would like to see one allembracing national students union. Apart from the fact I never said anything like this, I do not hold these particular views. All I suggested was that since the CCUs appear to be in controvention of our by-laws serious consideration should be given to their abolition.

However, despite his inability to read my letter and his consequent failure to answer my points, I will endeavour to answer the points which he raised in his letter.

He suggested that the smoking concerts are 'in moderation, essential to the academic and social development of the student'. The trouble is they are not held in moderation; it has become increasingly apparent this year that any suggestions of moderation are simply rejected by the CCUs though they attempt to employ methods of concealment and dis-information to hide their contempt for those people who have suggested moderation

In the case of sporting standards and academic affairs, Mr. Gray raises valid points. But it should not be beyond the wit of man to devise ways of retaining the present status which these fields enjoy at the same time do away with those degrading aspects of the CCUs which I have highlighted. Indeed I would suggest that by such action more attention could be focused on sporting standards and academic affairs.

Finally, I should like to answer Mr. Gray's suggestion that reforms of the CCUs should come from within rather than without. I thus return to my analysis of the tribal structure of the CCUs. By enforcing certain taboos by the degredation which the CCUs imposes on its members, they ensure that no serious innovation will take place within the CCUs. Since to suggest such a thing would be to break the tribal taboo and incur whatever wroth the CCUs can inflict. Thus it is impossible for reform to come from within; it must be from without.

Yours sincerely,

Frank James

PS

I presume that no letters from the presidents of the CCUs imply they are too afraid to have their views published in FELIX.

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#### 4th OCTOBER UGM REPORT

by our Internal Affairs Correspondent

"Were they asleep or merely dozing?" was the question on the tip of most observers' tongues at last Thursday's big event - the first Imperial College Union meeting.

A meeting with just about the required quorum of three hundred managed to wade its way through reports, motions and bye-law changes, covering such diverse and controversial topics, as the executive sacking the sabbatical FELIX Editor, some members of the Royal School of Mines playing an invitation rugby match with a South African team, the need to mobilize the student movement to fight education cuts, etc. etc., in little over thrity minutes.

A description of the effect of a bar night on Sean O'Boyle's (RCSU president) vocal chords raised the most response from the meeting, with almost a ripple of appreciative

Just after this slight stirring, the Mines Union report was interrupted by a young lady (whose name I did not catch) questioning the right to report an event to a meeting in contravention of union policy. This said event being the proposed rugby match with a South African team. I think it was only reasonable that we could have expected a few good stirring speeches attacking the flagrant reactionary racists in Mines or commending their protection of the right to freedom of choice in sport. We were, needless to say, disappointed.

At last the meeting reached the main item on the agenda - a motion on education cuts proposed by the ICU President (whose vocal chords were holding up quite well). Not an inspired speech - but at least an attempt. On being told, however, of the imperative for the student movement to get off its arse, our union members were seen to merely slump further in their seats.

The chair throughout the meeting was conducted efficiently by the new chairman, Mick Berry, but then he did have little to contend with.

The lack of inspired controversy at this meeting could perhaps be blamed on this guy Judice (who is he anyway?).

#### Political Prisoner Released

The IC Amnesty International Group has heard recently that one of their adopted prisoners of conscience has been released. He is Mr Ben Mpabanga Nyathi from Zimbabwe-Rhodesia. He was arrested in 1973 under the emergency powers regulations, on completing a seven-year sentence for a political offence. He was never tried or even charged after his arrest, and this is why Amnesty took up his case. At no time was the prisoner involved in violent political action.

Over 150 political detainees were released in Zimbabwe in July and August, in what seems to have been an attempt to increase support for, and credibility of, Bishop Muzorewa's administration. Mr Nyathi was amongst these people.

Anyone who would like to help in the work done by Amnesty International is welcome to come to the meetings of the college groups at 5:30pm on Tuesday evenings, which are usually in the green committee room on the third floor of the Union, or ring Owen Green, int. 2962 or Hugh Tinsley, int. 2575.

#### **ENTS Films in Muddle**

Imperial College ENTS have had to rearrange most of their films for this term. Ther films are usually shown in the main lecture theatre of the Mech Eng Building, room 220, but the extensive programme has had to be changed, from that originally shown in the freshers' edition of FELIX.

Next Thursday's film will be the 'French Connection' replacing 'Carrie', which will be shown at a later date. 'Rollerball', originally due to be shown at the Rag film night, will not be shown at all, and the 'Kentucky Fried Movie' due to be shown in November is in some

The reason for all these changes has been due to the lateness in booking by ENTS. Films are usually booked towards the end of the summer term, for the following session, but this was not done until half way through the summer vacation, this year. The result was that many of the films were no longer available on the nights ENTS wanted them. However, when the situation is sorted out another list will be presented in FELIX. ICRN

#### Window Collides with Southside Resident

On Tuesday evening, a Southside resident ran through a window. Nick Melling, a first year civil engineer, was heading for his room via the main entrance to Southside, and mistook one of the windows at the side of the doors for an open door. He appeared to be suffering only from minor cuts and contusions, but was taken to the casualty department of St Steven's for treatment, just in case. ICRN

#### **Short Life Property Group**

The short life property group, started towards the end of last term and will be continuing its work this term. The aims of the group are to find, renovate, decorate and live in unused housing around London. Rents are as low as two or three pounds on these properties, but they are usually very difficult to find. Last year two members of the group joined a scheme in Hackney, and they are now living there with a very low rent. Anyone interested in joining the group should see Michael Arthur in the welfare ICRN office.

#### Hardship Fund Abused

The College Hardship Fund has been abused by two students who were able to support themselves. One of the students, a Persian whose name has been withheld, applied to the hardship fund for three years, during his first degree, but was caught when he returned for his PhD. The student has since repaid all the money he obtained from the

#### Refectory Suggestion Boxes

Suggestion boxes will replace the complaints and suggestions books in the refectories next week. The idea of the boxes is for students to put their suggestions in them instead of the current books. College decided on the boxes instead of the books because they felt the complaints might be of a more constructive nature, if they were to be read only by student representatives. It will then be up to these representatives to complain to the staff involved, in the kitchen responsible for the food. ICRN



## Royal College of Science Union

The Royal College of Science Union Rag Committee wish to thank everyone who helped collect £733.57 on the tiddlywinking rag stunt on Saturday. The top three Rag collectors were:

Zosia Zbrezniak with £53.40 James Powell (Maths 1) £30.68 Jane Lavers and Helen Emms, (both of Life Sciences 1) with £30.40.

Yet again I have been asked to plug the Freshers' Dinners. They are exellent opportunities to get to know your department, explore the subtleties of a formal dinner, and appreciate the art of after-dinner speaking, all for the bargain see how your union is being managed. price of £5.

Just to remind you here are the dates

Chemistry tonight! Maths 19th October Physics 26th October

Life Sciences 2nd November (with a disco afterwards in the JCR.

Remember, your absence will be noticed if you are too apathetic, antisocial or downright pathetic to turn

Finally, there is a Royal College of Science Union General Meeting at 12.45 in Physics Lecture Theatre 2 on Thursday 18th October so come along to

#### Communist Society MOLE DIGS REVOLUTION

"Well," said Kevin, looking at his watch, "how long will it take to get Socialism?" Mole looked aghast. "You'll have to wait for the correct revolutionary conditions," he eventually murmured.

"Will it be very bloody?" asked John. "I certainly hope not - don't you?" replied mole. "I think maybe we ought to have a discussion at one of our Monday evening meetings in order to sort out some of these

"What a good idea!" exclaimed Barrie. "Of course, the important thing to remember is

that changes in society can only be brought about through mass participation and struggle of ordinary people - beware of liberal porcupines and tory badgers, who would have you believe that socialists are antidemocratic - socialism can only exist in Britain if it is the expression of the democratic will of the people" mole said sagely. Paul at that point stirred and suggested that they discuss all this next week. The others would have agreed but they were already in the bar.

Communist Society discussion meeting Roads to Socialism Monday, 15th October 6:30pm ICWA Lounge

Dear Colin,

Re the current Rag Mag: It sinks to depths from which it never recovers starting with the editorial. It is crude, racist and depraved. Perhaps the only good thing about it, is that it has no 'page 3' type photographs, but this is more than made up for by the sick jokes and the crossword.

It is rather ironic that it is being used to raise money for handicapped people when it makes fun of them.

Various people have commented that since it is the Rag Mag, it ought to be allowed to have a certain licence but this one has really gone too far. We believe in taking a fairly open-minded view of sex and other matters, but we don't believe in making sick jokes about handicapped people, or producing a mag so blatantly sexist or bigoted especially at a place like IC, where sex and race are rather touchy subjects.

It was interesting to notice, that Mr Fox and Ms Rae Snee (Rag Chairman) have disassociated themselves from it, but really this is not enough. The executive should have acted as soon as they realized what was happening especially when the first lot of printers refused to print it, due to it being obscene. The excuse that by the time they realized what was happening it was too late, is not acceptable because the names of two of them are in the editorial disassociating themselves from it. This really is not good enough as it does (and will) offend a lot of people and various student committees are against it.

The view taken is that as it has been produced, it has to be sold to recover the cost. This depends on whether you want to project the image of IC students being mindless depraved zombies. They really should have kept a better eye on how the money was being spent.

Although some of the jokes are quite good the mag is really quite obscene and it is rather a pity that such an obviously talented person as Mr Marshall should have produced a Rag Mag without foreseeing the obvious consequences.

Aftab Gujral (O.S.C) Avijit Chakravarty Mech Eng PG P.S. Sagoo (Chem PG) John Passmore (Pet Eng UG) Richard Earl (Physics PG)

Frank James .... I totally endorse without any reservation the views expressed above.

Merche Clark .... on behalf of 15 women attending the ICWA General Meeting Oct 9th. Dear Sir.

On Friday, 5th October; a poster was hanged in College (a copy of which is enclosed) claiming its source as IC Islamic Society.

We have not issued this poster; and it is well known to our members that 1-2pm is our FRIDAY PRAYER TIME, a weekly event which continued since the formation of the society. Firstly, I would like to ask whoever played such a childish trick to come out in the open and state his views clearly and not claim them on our society. Secondly, I would like to point out that the Society held a lecture entitled, 'Facts and Events About the Islamic Revolution in Iran' given by Dr Abul Fazl Ezzatti from the University of Tehran. A copy of the poster is also included (and will hopefully be published with this article). This later lecture did take place on 14th September. May I point out our interst in Iran at the moment. An Islamic revolution supported by most Iranians emerged. It ousted the Shah who had the support of the Western world. Khomeini emerged as an undisputed leader. Anyone who has read the Iranian Constitution, and followed up the events leading to the revolution; as well as after the revolution will realize that the main aim was to establish an Islamic State as an independent system from others such as communism, socialism, imperialism, and secularism.

Women were at the forefront of the revolution. Thus destroying the popular myth that women are suppressed under Islam. We pray to God to guide the revolution in a righteous path, so that it can demonstrate the much needed Islamic example as a complete way of life: social, political, economic, spiritual, as well as a practical way of demonstrating the law brought by the creator to his creation.

May I remind non-Arab speaking friends that Islam means obedience and submission to God - named Allah by the Arabs. Finally, I would like to challenge the offender mentioned at the beginning of this letter, to come to our next lecture and discussion about Iran, and to stop being a coward and uncivilized as everyone is entitled to his view! Yours,

President of Islamic Social Committee

Copy deadline for next Friday's issue will be

5:30 pm Monday, 15th October Dear Sir.

Merche Clark's article on the Corrie Bill in last week's FELIX. Firstly, Merche Clark appears to have signed herself as "ICWA President" but I know that the views expressed in her letter are abhorrent to many members of ICWA. The usefulness of abortion to women students is questionable, and since it is the welfare of these students that Ms. Clark should be concerned with, then surely she is abusing her position. If she wishes to contribute such articles to FELIX she should do so either as an individual student or as a representative of the anti-life societies such as the National Abortion Campaign.

I would like to comment on

Her article opens by saying that the 1967 abortion act entitles women to abortions in certain circumstances. This is not so. The relevent wording of the act will be found in chapter 87 section 1, and I quote:

"Subject to the provisions of this section, a person shall not be guilty of an offence under the law relating to abortion when a pregnancy is terminated by a registered medical practitioner if two registered medical practitioners are of the opinion, formed in good faith......"

The act then continues with the frequently quoted circumstances in which abortions may be carried out. The wording of the above excerpt does not give any woman a right to abortion, it gives a doctor the right not to be prosecuted for performing an abortion under certain circumstances. The difference is great. I would suggest that when Merche Clark writes any article in future she gets the fact correct.

Ms. Clark's analysis of the four main areas, as she defines them, of the Corrie Bill is somewhat faulty. For one thing, abortions will not be illegal after twenty weeks in cases of foetal abnormality or where doctors say that there are serious medical grounds for the abortion. If the one percent of abortions now performed after twenty weeks are only "the most desperate and serious cases" then Ms. Clark need not worry; such abortions may still be carried out if the Corrie Bill is passed.

The changing of the grounds for abortion is primarily to return to the 1967 bill in its original meaning - or rather what the bill's sponsors at the time claimed its meaning to be. The wording was very ambiguous and loose, so that the conditions became meaningless. By going to "charities" like BPAS virtually any woman can have an abortion; the 1967 act has

become weak and meaningless and many of its original supporters are realizing that they were hoodwinked into supporting an act with deliberately loose wording.

The BPAS and PAS "charities" involved in the abortion industry. are rightly worried about the Corrie Bill. Their existence is threatened. They can avoid this problem if they cut all financial and personnel links between the agencies and the abortion clinics. and then they will be allowed to s continue. Perhaps what worries them is the loss of one and a half million pounds annual income, not the fact that they will no longer be able to provide women with a "sympathetic service at a reasonable price".

Ms. Clark then deals with the rights of conscientious objectors; she seems to believe that people with a moral objection to abortion should not work in the health service. Yet theoretically this is a civilized country - would we force people to peform executions or force nuns to administer drugs for euthanasia? Abortion, Ms. Clark, has nothing to do with the quality of service a doctor provides for his or her patients. A pregnant woman is two patients.

Finally, I would like to agree with Merche Clark on one or two points. "Have we the right to bring children into a world when we feel we cannot look after them though material reasons, social pressures or whatever?" My answer is that we have an obligation to make the world a fit place to bring the children into; the children have a right to life. I agree that women should be able to control their own bodies; but not if to do so they must kill another human being. Most women who have abortions have already made the choice to risk pregnancy, and the parents are responsible for the child after conception. Abortion is not about whether women have a right to control their bodies, but about whether they have a right to decide the future of another, helpless human being. About whether they have the right to kill

May I urge everybody who is concerned about the present misuse of the abortion act or about the immorality of abortion to write to their MPs requesting them to vote for the Corrie bill in February? I can supply information on which MPs voted for and against the bill previously, for anyone interested.

Yours faithfully, Sean Kelly Chem 2

# STORM APPROACHING NEXT TUESDAY'S UGM

#### **MOTION OF CENSURE**

(extract taken from Monday's Exec News by kind permission of Roger Stotesbury, ICU Hon. Secretary)

Proposed by: Kirsten Pratt Seconded by: Barry Thyson

#### ICU Notes:

- 1: The existence of Apartheid in South Africa.
- 2. That apartheid is a system which embodies racism in its constitution.
- 3. That the so-called reforms do not change the basic laws descriminating against non-whites.
- 4. That the regime uses sporting tours as an attempt to gain respectibility.

- 5. That there are over 30 laws and regulations which prevent truly multiracial sport being played.
- 6. That some members of RSMU deceived the Metropolitan Police in their booking of Imber Court.
- 7. That the Executive decided not to stop the South African Team from using College Bars, which is in total contradiction to existing Union Policy which states 'ICU thus declares opposition to tours by racially selected sports teams from South Africa'

#### ICU Believes:

- 1. No sporting links will be acceptable between Britain and South Africa until there is complete democracy in South Africa.
- 2. That until such time, no College or Union facilities should be made available to South African Teams. ICU resolves:
- 1. To censure the Executive for not stopping a South African Team using College Bars.
- 2. To support 'Stop all Racist Tours' Campaign.

#### MOTION OF OCCUPATION

## EDUCATION CUTS AND OCCUPATION

ICU Notes:

- 1. The £55m Reduction in central Government Expenditure on Education of which £8m is in the University Sector.
- 2. The proposed 6% cut in Universities intake in 1980/81.
- 3. The £300m cut in the Rate support Grant of 150m of which is expected to be from LEA Education Budgets
- 4. The effect that this would heve on grants especially in the distribution of Discretionary Awards.
- 5. The 32% rise in Tuition Fees for Overseas Students.
- 6. The likelihood that the Government will try and implement the 'Full Economic Cost' of Overseas Students i.e. £2550.
- 7. The cut in Nursery School Education from £5.9m to £4m (32%) which is contrary to proposals in the Conservative Manifesto.

8. The price rise in School Meals from 25p - 30p and the reduction in subsidised Transport which will result in £200m saving for the Government.

THe DES proposals for 'Education into the 90's' i.e. the need for expansion of the Tertiarty Sector to accommodate 'the Bulge'.

10. The certainty of Continued Cuts in future years with the possibility of closures of institutions.

#### ICU Believes:

- 1. IC Students must involve themselves in action against Notes 1 10.
- 2. There should be a large scale Publicity and Education Campaign starting with the IC Students.
- 3. That these cuts are one step in a move to make education elitist and only within economic reach of the rich.

#### ICU Instructs:

- 1. The Union to Occupy a place in College until it has received a personal assurance from Maggie T or Mark Carlisle that Government Education Policy, especially regarding the Tertiry Sector and Overseas Students will be completely reviewed or until such times as the action is seen to have made a suitable impact.
- 2. The Executive to write to all Governors and Members of the Board of Studies explaining that the action is not directed specifically against the college.
- 3. The Executive to write to the Rector inviting him to join us.
- 4. That this motion be taken to ULU SRC on 24th October urging other colleges' support.

#### ICU Urges:

All students to support these aims.

#### WHAT'S ON

#### Sat 13 Oct

FRESHERS' KNOCK-OUT SNOOKER TOURNAMENT: held in the Snooker Lounge at 10:30am. Admission 25p to members and 50p to non-members.

WEST LONDON CHAPLAINCY MEETING-PARTY, featuring a slide show to introduce freshers to the Chaplaincy at IC, will be held at 7:30 in the Bot/Zoo Common Room. Admission is free.

#### Mon 15 Oct

PAKISTAN SOCIETY'S FRESHERS' TEA: will be held in the Union Building Concert Hall at 6:30pm. Free food and drink provided. COMMUNIST SOCIETY DISCUSSION MEETING, on 'Roads to Socialism', will be held at 6:30pm in the ICWA Lounge FOLK CLUB CONCERT: featuring John Kirkpatrick will be held in the Union Lower Refectory at 8:00pm. Admission 50p (members 25p and singers free).

#### Tues 16 Oct

MOPSOC LECTURE, given by Dr E Kronheimer (Birkbeck) on 'Fixed Points, Winding Numbers and Three-legged Chairs', will be held in Phys Lec Theatre 3 at 1:15pm. THE RIDING CLUB will meet between 1:00-2:00pm in room 110, Elec Eng to discuss activities and book rides.

STOIC TRANSMISSION at 1:00pm in JCR, Union, Southside halls and lower TV lounge on channel 21.

#### ASSOCIATED STUDIES LECTURES

1. 'A Plain Man's Guide to Budgetary and Monetary Policy' given by Prof A Prest in the Read Theatre, Sherfield Building at 1:30pm.

2. 'The Detection of Fakes' given by Prof E T Hall will take place in the Pippard Theatre, Sherfield Building at 1:30pm.

PHOTOSOC LECTURE on 'Animals and Birds' by E F Stove, using 2x2 colour slides will be given in RSM 303 at 7:00pm.

JEWISH SOCIETY FRESHERS' PARTY will be held in Chem 231 at 7:00pm. Music, fruit and drink provided free.

RBS INITIATION will be held at 7:30pm in the Sun, Hoborn. Meet at 7:00pm in the TV lounge at Bernard Sunley House.

#### Wed 17 Oct

PG GROUP MEETING to discuss activities for the term will be held in the Green Committee Room at 12:30pm. Ale provided. GENERAL MEETING OF THE SNOOKER CLUB will be held in the Union TV Lounge at 1:00pm.

A DISCO will be held at 7:00pm in the Sailing Club (Welsh Harp).

#### RASTUS' COOKING POT

A busy eight days for the club begins tomorrow. We start this year's competitions with the Freshers' Tournament tomorrow. Anyone wishing to enter shuld be in the snooker lounge by 10:45 at the latest. The entrance fee will be 25p for members and 50p for non-members. As of this year, all of our competitions will be open to non-members as well as members, though non-members will have to pay double the entrance fee.

On Wednesday, we will be holding our first general meeting of the session. It will be held in the Union TV Lounge, and will start at 1:00pm.

On Saturday 20th, there will be a Pot-Luck Doubles Tournament. More information is available in the snooker lounge. You can also get more information in kthe snooker lounge on the two different lessons we will be giving on how to play snooker. The first lessons will be on Monday 22nd; lesson 1 will be from 5:30 to 6:30, and lesson 2 from 5:30 to 6:30 as well. So that those attending will get the greatest benefit from these lessons, there will be a limit of eight people per lesson. So if you would like to attend a lesson please come and put your name down for it. These lessons are open to everybody, not only members of the club. Tuition will be given by committee and team members.

Rastus Adolf Odinga Odinga (Prez)

#### Thurs 18 Oct

IC SOCIALIST SOCIETY GENERAL MEETING will be held at 1:00pm at Huxley 340.

LIBERAL CLUB COMMITTEE MEETING will be held in the Green Committee Room at 12:45pm.

STOIC 'NEWSBREAK' TRANSMISSION will be shown at I:00pm and 6:00pm in the JCR, Union, Southside halls and lower TV lounge on channel 21.

#### ASSOCIATED STUDIES PRESENTS

- 1. 'The Tudors' film in the Great Hall, Sherfield Building at 1:15pm.
- A lunch-hour concert featuring Jonathan Blackledge (violin) and Edward Richards (piano) in the Music Room 53 Prince's Gate at 1:30pm.
- 3. A film on John Davies, factory inspector with comments by A P McKenzie, HM Safety Inspector will be shown in the Read Theatre, Sherfield Building at 1:15pm.

ULU GAYSOC MEETING, with Peter Robins talking on gay literature and gays in the Edinburgh Festival will be held in room 2D, University of London Union Building, Malet Street (Goodge Street underground station) at 8:00pm.

#### Fri 19 Oct

SHORT LIFE HOUSING GROUP will be meeting in the SCR at 12:45pm. All interedted please attend.

#### Sat 20 Oct

TRIALS FOR UL AND IC SAILING TEAMS will be held at the sailing club at 10:00am. Women are especially needed for UL Ladies' Team.

A proposed student geological expedition to the Oman Mountains (somewhere in Arabia) from November 1980 to January 1981, requires good, experience mechanic to maintain two four-wheel drive landrovers. Previous experience of expeditions useful but not essential; interest in geology optional. If yu are interested or would like more details contact:-

Guy Loftu (Geo 3, 48 Garden Hall) or Gary Nichols (Geo 3, 129 Beit Hall)

#### MOTIONS ON:

## 1.MOTION OF CENSURE

2.BANNING THE RAG MAG
3.THE DEATH OF BLAIR BE THERE!

**PEACH** 

4.AGAINST THE CORRIE
BILL

5.EDUCATION CUTS AND OCCUPATION



GREAT HALL UGM this TUESDAY, 1pm

BE THERE!





#### ROYAL SCHOOL OF MINES

By now everyone should have settled into the routine of College life (lectures, beer, practicals, beer etc). Freshers' week went off with its customary bang, with the Union Meeting, Freshers' Fair, Sports Trials, Bar Night and Pub Crawl.

The slopshirt stock was depleted by the Freshers' Fair, so if you still want some regalia get along to the RSM Union Office PDQ! The turnout for the sports trials was good and things look promising for the coming season. On Friday night, if anyone can remember it, the pub crawl 'occurred'; some marshals being in a worse state than the competitors. The fun now is to find out where exactly those pubs are! If you still have your scoresheet, please hand it in to the Union Office.

This event inevitably took its toll on the tiddlywinks next morning, but there was a good attendance; many thanks to all those who turned up to tiddle their winks.

The infamous Mines Freshers' Dinners are back with their usual intellectual conversation over a quiet drink. The dates are:

Friday, 12th October: Geology Friday, 19th October: Met & Mat Sci. Friday, 26th October: Min. Res. Eng.

These dinners are far from dull and sober occasions for freshers and old logs to meet (i.e. fall over) each other and generally get pissed and have a good time.

Dress in a suit or anything resembling one, but PLEASE bring a change of clothing. More extensive details will be given to you over the next few days.

Foreign Students Trips

We have been invited to send two representatives to the International Weeks in Trondheim, Norway (Oct 28th-Nov 3rd) and Kracow, Poland (Nov 11th-17th). Ask anyone who has been on one of these weeks and you will be told how good they are - the days being taken up by industrial visits and the nights by parties and the odd drink or two.

If you have any queries (or if you have any queeries then see Rick Wilson, Hon. Pornographer) then see the RSMU noticeboard or Mike Lee. Remember - whilst there the host universities pay for everything and the RSMU endeavours to subsidize your fare by up to fifty percent...So get a friend or someone and put your names on the list.

THE COPYDATE FOR THE NEXT MINES NEWSLETTER IS MON. OCT 16TH, SO GET OFF YOUR BACKSIDES AND WRITE SOMETHING AND HAND IT IN TO THE UNION OFFICE.

#### **Future Events**

Mines Disco: Sorry about the postponement, a new date is being finalized. Oct. 18th: ELECTION UGM. This is a very important meeting - please come along and vote for a new president (if you don't know by now, the last one failed).

Oct 31st: Halloween Party

Nov 4th: Nottingham Rugby Sevens and Football Sixes.

## ALKY MALKY WRITES AGAIN

#### FRESHERS' FAIR

This went quite smoothly this year (except for a few little accidents with hot air balloons). I would like to thank Mr. Mooney for his cooperation with our using the refectories, and Mr. Clark of Estates for permission to use the Queen's Lawn.

I've received a complaint that some people started playing football on the Queen's Lawn; this is a very carefully kept lawn, which we were lucky to be allowed to use, and I don't expect to see people playing on it again.

I've also received some complaints about certain societies who did not appear to be very keen to recruit new members; if you have any experience of this happening, do come and see me (in complete confidence, of course) and I'll have a word with the people responsible.

#### **DUTY OFFICERS**

Could all Council members please come and see me as soon as possible to discuss which nights would be most convenient for them to act as duty officers so that I can draw up a rota.

#### **CRASH PAD**

Only a few people left in Crash Pad at the moment; I hope to be able to close it by the end of the week.

#### SOUTH AFRICAN RUGBY TOUR

As most of you will know by now, a rugby match (or at least, half of one) took place on Sunday between a team from a South African mining company and an invitation team comprising mainly members of IC, the match having been mainly arranged by RSMU.

After the match, myself and several people who had been demonstrating outside the players' hotel that morning, went to discuss the situation in South Africa with the touring team (at their invitation) in the hotel bar. As a

result of this discussion, I was satisfied that the team realized how strongly the majority of people in this country feel against the apartheid system.

Later that evening, nine of the players were invited back for a drink in the Real Ale Bar in Southside and signed in as visitors, despite an assurance I had been given the previous day by Bernie Pryor (RSMU Acting President) that this would not happen. A number of people drinking in Stan's Bar, including that evening's duty officer, Kirsten Pratt, objected to their presence and asked me to have them removed, and, if necessary, calling in the police to do so. I refused to do this, since I felt that the anti-apartheid viewpoint had been sufficiently stressed by the events of the afternoon and earlier that evening, and that any further action against them would be unnecessary and possibly counter-productive. However, I would like to apologize to Kirsten for the very upsetting position I had put her in by having appointed her as duty officer that evening.

None of the visiting players caused any trouble during the evening, unlike an ex-RSMU member whom I had to have thrown out of the bar for a comment he made to the duty officer. I will not put up with people abusing duty officers under any circumstances - and everybody had better remember it.

#### MINES FRESHERS' DINNERS

I'd like to thank the Mines Executive for their invitation to one of their freshers' dinners; unfortunately I feel unable to accept this, despite having attended one last year (and having thoroughly enjoyed it!). The reason is simple; women are not allowed to attend their departmental freshers' dinners. Certain members of RSMU may give various spurious reasons for supporting this system, but the fact remains that it involves blatant discrimation against women, which I will not accept as being correct under any cirumstances, and therefore feel that it would be improper for me to represent ICU at any such dinners.

MALCOLM BRAIN

## C&G UNION

Since writing the last article many things have happened during the first week. On Monday, we held our reception in the Concert Hall with introductions to various Union people and tours with 'small' groups (not more than twenty) around College. The Union Meeting on Tuesday was a great success, most Exec members being hit by flying objects (Nab retaliated very successfully). The assembled Guildsmen and women learnt the Boomalaka and used it with great effect to raise the roof in ME 220. The Bar Night on Thursday was a very well attended and boozy affair. Some excellent yards were drunk, with demonstrations of the wrong way by Mr Kalsi and the right way by Mr Lakin. The Boat Races were won by Elec Eng 2 ('We woz robbed,' P. Leggett), also the singing was very loud.

Saturday saw the first Rag collection of the year with Guilds collecting £747.50 bringing our Rag total to over £800, not bad for the first week (better than RCS). The tiddlywinking

took place as usual with some people winking all the way up the steps of Eros. Despite a slight difference of opinion with the boys in blue, all of Guilds made it to the Cockney Pride, even though a large number of winks were lost down drains, up trouser legs or just into this circular.

The Events to come are the Freshers' Dinners, so hurry up and buy your tickets (see advert for details). The Roadshow is on Saturday 13th at 8:00pm, buy your tickets soon at the riciculously low price of £1 in advance. Silly sports is the next Rag event on Saturday, 20th, meet in the Union Office at 9:00am for some fun with the shoppers outside Harrods.

Bryan C&GU



# PRES(SURE!) RELEASE

Hello again!

Well, the past few days could be described as less than uneventful. Some members of the Union nearly made it on the cover of the 'Daily Mirror' and the ensuing stink that followed has managed to taint ICU just a bit.

There have been many social events already, I've been drunk too many times already (sorry all!) and the Freshers' Dinners haven't even started yet. But just remember there are still some posts of a more serious nature which are not filled with candidates. If you foster thoughts of contributing constructively to the Union then come and see myself or the other Officers and we'll talk you into it. Academic Affairs Ordinary Members and Elec. Eng. Dep.Rep. being particularly ignored. Oh God, I hate writing articles and here comes the nasty bit.

CUTS CUTS CUTS CUTS CUTS So you thought you'd get away with it, but here goes.

TODAY from 12:40ish people will be gathering in the Beit Arch to go and picket the DES in Waterloo over the Overseas Students issues. IT IS IMPORTANT THAT PEOPLE ATTEND. It's not necessary for you to devote all afternoon but it IS necessary that people turn up and show they care.

For the rest see the report of the Joint Action Meeting on the Cuts.

#### Community Action

The Community Action Group has a few regular activities you might be interested in, but I've repeated them so often recently that I feel like giving it a miss today. Instead, I'll ask you to think about what you could be doing, and how we could help you get it together. So, if you come up with something, Community Actionish, that you want help with organizing/cash, then get in touch. And, if you really want to find out what we are doing, then come along to one of our meetings, Monday, lunchtimes, and we might tell you. If you can't make Mondays, I should be around the Union Building most other lunchtimes, possibly in the room on the top floor where we keep our stuff (just follow the signs).

Soup runs as usual on Tuesdays and Fridays in the Falmouth Kitchen at  $10:30\,\mathrm{pm}$ . John Whitehouse

#### STOIC

STOIC is looking for new members now to help in producing 'NEWSBREAK', our weekly programme. Most of the programme is put together on Wednesday afternoon from about 4:00pm onwards, usually concluding with a visit to Stan's Bar, at about 9:00pm.

The range of activities is extensive including producing, directing, sound and vision engineering as well as operating TV cameras and VTRs.

For the really adventurous, there is the opportunity of sitting on the other side of the camera, presenting IC news and events, film reviews or even interviewing members of the Union Executive!

#### HARDSHIP

The details of the Hardship Fund arrangements can be summed-up as: 'Applications for a fee remission on grounds of hardship may be made by students personally liable for all or part of their fees.' 'Eligible students wishing to be considered can obtain a form from Registry (which is on the third floor of the Sherfield Building).' Any queries come and see me. It is important that anyone in trouble does apply. If you have any friends that are reluctant to apply, push them over to see me.

#### TOWARDS THE END

ICU is affiliated to Amnesty International and participates in its 'urgent action' scheme which involves writing letters and sending telegrams seeking 'lost' peoples in the less than Just countries. Well I have just got a letter through which actually tells of the recent successes of this scheme, which is a nice way to finish the week.

Stay good! CHRIS The End.

#### Shock Horror for RCS Motor Club

Nigel Reditt has obtained honest employment; not we hasten to add, entirely of his own volition. After two years in Physics (failed 2nd year), Nigel spent three years dossing in the Jez Garage supporting the fire engine. The one or two other things he has spent time on are, of course, unmentionable.

This terrible state of affairs was bought about by a joint effort of his mother and elder brother (speaks for itself). Anyone wishing to send condolences, flowers, messages of sympathy etc may do so via the Union Office.

An official day of deep meditation on the awful consequences of a life lived to the full and marred by the work syndrome will be held on the same day as he receives his long-service gold watch from the Dole Office.

Flags at half mast and black arm-bands, please.

We are especially interested in people willing to film events outside of college using the portable camera and recorder, since such material forms an important part of the programmes.

It doesn't cost anything to join and anyone interested is welcome, particularly freshers. If you do wish to contact STOIC, come to the production meetings at 12:40pm on Mondays and Fridays in the STOIC Office on the 4th floor of the Union Building. Alternatively, turn up at the TV studios near the Elec Eng Dept on Wednesday afternoons to see how it is done behind the scenes.

Grant Richmond Junior Treasurer

## PUB OF THE WEEK THE ANGLESEA ARMS

"Let me bring you all things refined: Galliards and lute songs served in chilling ale." Well, if that's what you want, don't go to the Anglesea, for all that will be found is the "chilling ale"; songs, whether they be lute or jukebox are absent, as are peanuts, crisps, straight glasses, space invaders and fruit machines. Why go to the Anglesea at all? The reason must certainly be the REAL ALE.

There has been a pub on the site of the Anglesea ever since the area was developed in the eighteenth century, and since then has passed through many changes. The most recent major change, considered by some to be vandalism resulted in the Victorian bars (there were three) and screens being removed and the building of the two bars present now. The larger bar serves drinks, while the other serves food at lunchtime. The pub has been a free house for a relatively short time; it was previously a Ben Truman tied house. At that ime it was one of the first pubs to introduce draught Guinness.

Now to the most important part of any pub, the beer. The Anglesea offers a selection of six real ales; Wadworths 6X, Sam Smiths Old Brewery Bitter, Ruddles County, Brakespears Best, Youngs Best and Everards Tiger. During the winter a 'Winter Ale' is introduced. This year it is likely to be Youngs Winter Warmer. The ales are usually in good condition, but occasionally an 'off pint' may occur. This is normally, the result of a barrel coming to an end. All of the ales are served from a rare set of six antique hand pumps.

The most difficult part of drinking in the Anglesea prices have not increased recently (apart if you are not used to drinking real ale. Unfortunately there are no 'ordinary' bitters to be had, and those served tend to be strong in both alcohol content and taste. The Ruddles and Wadworths are perhaps the strongest and also tend to be the sweetest. The Brakespears Special is a good bet if the decision is impossible, as it tends to be constant in its taste; sweet but not too sweet. The Sams is a matty pint tending to be a bit 'thick', the Youngs is comparable to Brakespears, and the Tiger is perhaps the most bitter.

Food is only served at lunch time, the selection offered is typical of many pubs. The quality of the food is good, especially the quiche and chilli con carne. With the ploughmans, you can have a piece of cheese; either cheddar, camembert of blue stilton.

The pub attracts large numbers of people, especially since it is in the Camra 'good beer guide' and many tourist books. The pub has thus two characters, one a 'local' and the other being an attraction for real ale seekers. The former are prevalent during the lunchtime session and the latter after about 7:30 in the evening. To my mind, the pub is a better place during the morning.

The pub is easy to find from college, it is a ten minute walk down Queens Gate, straight across the Old Brompton Road into Onslow Gardens. It is about two hundred metres on the right from Old Brompton Road. Take my advice and give the pub a visit, "And in thy joyous Errand reach the Spot, where I made one-turn down an empty glass!" The Anglesea Arms, 15 Selwood Terrace

Opening hours:-

Mon-Fri - 11:00am-3:00pm, 5:30pm-11:00pm Sat - 11:00am-3:00pm,6:30pm-11:00pm Sun - 12:00-2:00pm, 7:00pm-10:30pm

Nick Gratton

## JUST A SEC SPECIAL

If you live in College properly you will have received, with your bill, a summary of two of the policies (Halls of Residence Property and Personal Injury). Please read this carefully and keep for future reference. Should you wish to make a claim, I can give you a form.

The chairman of the major sub-committees have sent to each club or society a property insurance form. This is so a list of property owned by a club or society can be assessed for insurance purposes. I do urge those concerned to return the form as soon as possible. The importance of this is reflected when one considers that only 60% of clubs and societies are insured and even those are mostly under insured.

#### **Duplicating Demo**

It just so happens, that NO ONE will be able to use the Union duplicating facilities unless they have attended a demonstration. Keys will only be given to those one this elite list of mine. There is now one last chance. The Gestetners in the FELIX Office at 1:00pm on Monday, will demonstrate to the world how they should be used.

#### **Environmental Week**

This is going to be big, but in an attempt to make it huge, there's an open meeting at 12:45pm TODAY in the ICWA Lounge. There is a lot to discuss, so please, if you're interested in topics to do with our surroundings, turn up.

#### Union General Meeting

This is at 1:00pm on Tuesday in the Great Hall. Unlike the last one this one is packed with contentious motions, debate and elections. If you care about the community you live and study in - BE THERE PLEASE!

#### **Parking Permits**

The Unions Parking Committee met over the weekend. Published here is the list of those who have been granted permits. If you are one of the lucky ones then you may collect your permit from the Union Office from Monday onwards. Permits will be issued to successful applicants on production of an authorized Union Card and a log book corresponding to the vehicle and the permit holder. For those unsuccessful applicants you may wish to fill in an appeal form which must be returned to the Union Office by 5:00pm TUESDAY, 16th OCT.

The permit scheme comes into effect on Monday, 22nd October. After this date, the parking of cars not displaying permits will be prohibited, and very naughty.

#### Second Week

Well that's all for now. I'll see all of you Keoghians tonight at the dinner. Don't forget to take along your sugar lumps and to aim them at Baz.

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7. Eugene Seferiadis	WGU 414S
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9. Bernie Pryor 10. G. Fernando	SOY 107N
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15. Mark Kenrick	KLL 625K
16. Paul Zaft 17. Alan Leclezio	VUF 590K OYL 8L
18. Duncan Nuttall/A.T. Gregory/W.B.Bowen	ONO 528K/APG 196T/HLV 910P
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20. Paul Roberts	OO 3965 RPS 331L
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50. David Kuo	DUL 255V
51. John Vlatis	LMK 382P JBU 206N
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54. David Joseph Sherratt	
55. Javid A.D.L.	YYK 830P
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89. Francisca Genzalez	
90. Salvador Farina	
91. Pedro Pessor	WYY 546N
92. Ulrich Schmidt	KO AM 452
93. F. A. Rogers	LLE 49P
94. Philip Peters	YNR 476J
95. Nicholas Fell	TFG 514K
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101. J.P.S Bloomfield	FTO 885L
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103. Tim Perry	PET 497M
104. Mathew LO	MMK 438L
105. S. Shan	ELT 135J
106. Steve Veats	GKV 884D
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128 Steve Webb	HIIV 489K
129. Townsend	DMO 432R
130. Nick Jeffery/Philip Eastwood	FAD 4901
131. J. Koustas	GDY 769N
132. Nicholas Billingham/Simon Dunmore	YDH 288G/RDO 160M
133. Suneel Khurmi	TYF 330M
134. F.L. Poon	JVK 662L
135. Martin Ogbe	TTB 985H
136. Joan Gregory/Andrew Lewis	LPT 20C/BJH 303T
137. Shukri S. Yahya	APM 477T
138. Timothy Gelman	RPK 435R
139. Nell Southern	PTC 592K
140. John Beasley	TMO 558G
141. M.H. Sharify	ICB 90L
142. Sadik A.S. Jamal	OYO 785R
143. Paul I. Morris	UUV 944F
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146. Stephen Wolff	TBH 350L
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IMPERIAL COLLEGE SESSIONAL FEES 1979-1980

The College sessional fees for session 1979-1980, will be as follows:

> **UNDERGRADUATES** UK Students £595 Overseas Students £940 POSTGRADUATES UK Students £890 Overseas Students £1,230

The College will operate a Hardship Fund to assist students still on course who entered the College in or before October 1978 and who have been adversely affected by the extraordinary increases in fees in October 1976, 1977 and the overseas fee increase of October 1979. Assistance will be in the form of partial remissions of fees and will be restricted to those students personally liable for all or part of their fees.

Students proceeding from a first degree to a higher degree or from MSc to research in session 1979-1980, will NOT be eligible for assistance from the Fund.

Application forms can be obtained from Mr J Bevan, Room 344, Sherfield Building.

The closing date for receipt of applications is 30 November, 1979. Applications received after this date will not be considered.

#### La Société Francophile

Fancy grape-picking in France next summer? Do you like sangria parties? How about a party in Paris? Would you like to meet French people? All this and more could be yours chez-nous! We're a newly formed society, so any suggestions for our activities will be welcomed.

Come to our first meeting at 12:30pm on Monday, 15th October, in the SCR in the Union

Our first major event will take place on Friday, 2nd November, in the Union Concert Hall and will be a sangria party with discotheque and live rock

R.S. Newman (Chem Eng PG)

## Starting this SATURDAY on IC RADIO

**301 SPORTS DESK** 

## DAY BY DAY WRITTEN BY AFTAB GUJRAL ON BEHALF OF THE CINA

#### **WEDNESDAY 3rd**

Rhodesia peace talks hit crisis point. Lord Carrington gave the rival delegations until Monday to accept his proposals for the country's independence. He rejected the Front Leaders' objections, but to push the Front could jeopardize the British peace plans.

The engineers' strike, which has cost an estimated billions of pounds in lost production, could be over soon. Employers gave a broad hint at a secret meeting with Union leaders about increasing the pay offer. The talks have save the Confederation of Engineering Unions from an embarrassing public split.

Rolls Royce, who laid off 30,000 workers because of strikes have missed out on a £60million order from All Nipon Airways, who decided in favour of Boeing jets with American engines.

Mr James Callaghan lost by a slender 848,000 votes his power to determine the party's election manifesto. Mr Callaghan already had several shocks: claims that his defeat would bring election victories and protest on not including the promise to axe the House of Lords in the last manifesto. He was, however, defended by various people, saying that the NEC was unfit to draw the manifesto and that the voters do not want extreme left wing socialism.

#### **THURSDAY 4th**

Engineering Unions have won a reduction of one hour in the working week from the end of 1981, and an extra holiday week. Employers said that it could lead to industrial peace for four years, as Unions called for an immediate end to strikes, which have cost firms £2,000 million in lost sales.

Mr Callaghan made it clear. that he has no intention of giving way to the fundamental question of ultimate authority over party policy. This week's decision at the Brighton Conference, he conceded, amounted to a censure of his premiership. But, he said that it was still the parliamentary labour party which retained fundamental responsibility for action of labour governments.

Cambodia refuted claims by the International Committee of Red Cross and UNICEF that it authorized the two international relief organizations to open offices in Phenom Penh or agreed to a large scale aid operation for the famine-stricken country.

The US is sellling grain to USSR and may sell arms to China in a complex balancing act.

#### FRIDAY 5th

A tough package of anti-IRA border security measures was agreed between British and Eire ministers. The measures involve far closer cooperation between the RUC and the Irish police and more intensive patrolling of the perilous area on both sides of the border.

Bishop Muzorewa formally accepted British proposals for the Rhodesian constitution and to take part in new elections under British supervision. The Bishop said the agreement was subject to 'suitable and satisfactory' arrangements for bringing the constitution into effect and the lifting of sanctions.

The Government is unwilling to pour extra tax payers' money into British Leyland. Sir Keith Joseph, Industry Secretary, said he would take 'some convincing' of the need for extra money and that the Leyland board and the National Enterprise board must provide evidence is support of any further funds being given to British Leyland.

#### SATURDAY 6th

USSR will withdraw up to 20,000 troops and 1,000 tanks from East Germany in the next year. This surprising move is hoped by the Russians to ease the path to détente, but sceptical Western observers say that the catch is that Brezhnev demands NATO should not increase its own nuclear forces. This could be said to alter the situation in Europe radically and force Warsaw Pact nations to take steps to strengthen its own security.

Mr Merlyn Rees, warned that the Labour Party was threatened with extinction. There are growing doubts by others on the right of the Parliamentary Labour Party over the effectiveness of Mr Callaghan's leadership. They argue that since he was out manoeuvred by the left and if the erosion of the leader's authority continues, the left will dominate the inquiry into the party. Mr Callaghan, however, will carry on as he has the backing of the majority of the shadow cabinet.

Pope John Paul visited the White House and joined Mr Carter in calling for nuclear disarmament and agreed with the President, that more international support is needed for the relief of the Third World, starving people and refugees.

Lord Carrington described acceptance of the British draft constitution by Bishop Muzorewa as a major step forward. The Patriotic Front Leaders refuse to accept the British proposals as they are deeply suspicious of a secret deal with Bishop Muzorewa and that he is relying on the front line nations to put pressure on them.

Leaders of the black consciousness movement in South Africa are about to put the South African Governments reformiost zeal to the test. Mr Bott, a South African premier, might have to rely on the English speaking section of the electorate to back his onslaught of the outdated and crude racial laws in existence.

#### SUNDAY 7th

Mr Smith made his position as leader of the white minority clear, by threatening to use his political strength to prevent parliamentary approval of the constitution proposed by Britian and in doing so he acknowledged his alienation from the rest of the Salisbury government delegation. South Africa has

offered to mediate between the Bishop and Mr Smith.

The government yesterday hinted that it might order a public inquiry into the death of Blair Peach. Mr Peach died after being struck during the Southall race riots and insufficient evidence has come to light during the inquest into his death.

#### **MONDAY 8th**

The Rhodesia conference reached a critical stage last night after the Patriotic Front rejected British constitutional plans and advanced their own draft. In their demands the Front leaders called for the negotiations to move onto the second stage: pre-independence arrangements of a transitional period and their reservations about the British draft being noted. Meanwhile white MPs in Rhodesia gave their unanimous support to the strategy being pursued by Mr Smith to prevent removal of white privilege.

A soldier in civilian clothes was killed and another injured in a terrorist ambush in West Belfast, when their mini was attacked by automatic fire by three men from a hardware shop off the Falls Road.

In an unprecedented speech at a private luncheon to members of the Newspaper Society, Mr Mason (former minister for Northern Ireland) spoke of the pressure on him and his family by holding the office. The post was described as 'awesome and gruelling' and he said that the IRA's powerful propaganda machine was skilfully using the British press to undermine British policy and small all faith in democratic institutions.

#### TUESDAY 9th

Lord Carrington told the Patriotic Front leaders to give him their 'definitive reply' on the final draft of the Zimbabwean constitution when he returns to Lancaster House from the Conservative Party conference. Mr Mugabe reiterated that some parts of ;the British draft constitution are unacceptable and that the Front are prepared to step up the guerilla war rather than surrender on points of principle, as they believe intensification of the struggle will eventually lead to victory, but a settlement at Lancaster House would be welcome.

The Defence Secretary, Mr Pym, said that the Russian offer of troop withdrawal should be seen in the proper perspective. Even these reductions would leave the Warsaw Pact forces with 140,000 more men and 9,500 tanks than NATO. He was speaking at the Conservative Party conference and went on to reaffirm the present government's commitment to nuclear weapons and maintaining an effective nuclear deterrent.

The Irish government was found guilty by the Human Rights Court of two breaches of the European Convention of Human Rights because it failed to provide civil legal aid or to simplify its family courts systems. The case was taken to Strasburg by Mrs Airey in 1972, after a long and bitter struggle to persuade the Irish courts to bar her estranged husband from her house.

#### MODERN PHYSICS AND THE IRRATIONAL

by our Science Correspondent

The tube station walks to my house every morning. I buy a ticket, get in the train and the earth sets off. Usually I do not take any notice of the train's destination, so I ask the passenger sitting next to me, 'Excuse me, does South Kensington Station stop at this train?' 'I beg your pardon?!' ......

I apologize for having been carried away by relativity, but ever since I received my formal modern physics training at IC, those exotic principles, weird theories and subtle paradoxes of modern physics (relativity, uncertainty, antimatter, blackholes, big bang, quarks etc.) have really muddled and troubled me.

Try to imagine the plight of the physics student. He is taught at school (and I am quoting from a text-book) that 'the earth is our frame of reference, ie it is treated as absolutely stationary (fixed) and all motion is observed relative to it.' I would have thought that this is pretty obvious, for the huge earth carries, in physical phenomena, an immensely greater weight and gravity than, say, the mere speeding train. But when I came to IC I realized that fashions change in science too - just as in millinery; I was lectured about Einstein's celebrated trainembankment Gedanken experiment according to which one is allowed to describe the hard facts of life in the extraordinary way I ventured to introduce above.

The unfortunate physics student is taught relativity and he is also taught quantum mechanics. However, rarely is it pointed out to him that the basic philosophy, concepts and mathematics which underlie these two grand systems are mutually exclusive and often contradictory. Taking into account the fact that gravitation and electromagnetism—two less mutually exclusive systems—have defied unification for so long, even despite the lifelong efforts of no less a scientific giant than Einstein, one wonders how the former two theories are ever going to be reconciled.

I have come across text-books of electromagnetism and treatises of optics which develop their respective theories on the basis of an 'ether' - light-medium - but towards the end (typically page 600 or so) they deliver a shocking blow to the poor student by stating explicitly and unashamedly that 'the simpler view seems to be that there is no ether'; I would say that the simplest view is kthat there is no text-book.

It is not surprising then, but seen from another angle it is extremely disturbing, that a famous contemporary philosopher of science, Professor P. Feyerabend, has declared that 'under all circumstances and in all stages of human development (science, of course, included) anything goes.' Right you guys, have a go with your own brilliant ideas....

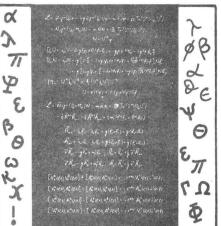
Nor is it surprising that there is a great deal of talk about revolution in science: in a time of such upheaval, the unfortunate scientist has to suffer the embarrassment and humiliation of abandoning long cherished views and theories in favour of more modern and, as a rule, more esoteric and more abstruse. In addition to this, a fantastic amount of work along the lines of the discredited viewpoint is simply thrown into the dustbin.



The Dance of Shiva pictured by twelfth-century Eastern artists and twentieth-century physicists

Ever since my first days at IC I have always felt uneasy with modern physics and its methods. I could detect in them, (from quite early on), a touch of divine revelation and an aura of metaphysical mystique which at times befogged and obscured the real facts and phenomena of nature. My suspicions grew, slowly but constantly stronger, when I came across statements like Mach's criticism of Newton's law of inertia that 'this law has attained the dignity and intangibleness of a papal dictum.' Einstein's own pronouncement that 'theories are not fabricated out of results of observation, but they can only be invented'; and Dirac's overpowering belief that its (general relativity's) foundations must be correct, quite independent of its agreement with observation', etc., etc.

Unpalatable though the thought may be, there are striking similarities between the theories, methods and concepts of modern physics and those of mystics of all times. My fears were amply confirmed when a collegue of mine drew my attention to 'The Tao of Physics' - a book on sale in the IC bookshop which, as its subtitle reveals, explores the parallels between modern physics and Eastern mysticism. Dr. F. Capra, the author of this book, who is a theoretical high-energy physicist and has done research at IC, argues elegantly and convincingly, that 'a consistent view of the world is beginning to emerge from modern physics which is harmonious with ancient Eastern wisdom'; further, he observes that 'we often encounter statements where it is almost impossible to say whether they have been made by physicists or by Eastern mystics'; furthermore, he remarks that 'Eastern mysticism provides a consistent and beautiful philosophical framework which can accommodate our most advanced theories'; he also provides quotations from eminent physicists to support his arguments.



Dr. Capra, by bringing to the fore the manifold similarities between Eastern mysticism and modern physics, aims, apparently, to exalt the former and raise its esteem to the high level which the latter has attained with the general public and the political establishment during this century. For this purpose, he claims that 'modern physics is not only based on intuition, but also on experiments of great precision and sophistication and on a rigorous and consistent mathematical formulation.'

On the other hand, there are other books, in particular, 'Science at the Crossroads' by H. Dingle, a former professor of physics at IC, whom the 'Times' described in an obituary notice, when he died a year ago as an 'eminent scientist and philosopher', that argues inter alia that abstract mathematics cannot, by themselves, prove anything in the stark reality of nature; moreover, it explains why experiments involving unobservable and hypothetical, submicroscopic particles (from the more or less 'familiar' proton and neutron to the pretty elusive quark and the like) cannot yield all the data which is required to test the validity of theories and nypotheses which are intended to apply to the very familiar macro-world of everyday life.

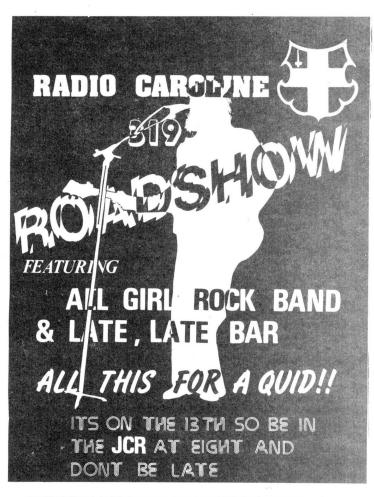
Irrespectively of who is right and who is wrong, this affair smacks of religion and it is not altogether strange to the unusual fever one might say sheer frenzy - that has swept the entire globe (and not merely the scientific community) of Einstein's centennial celebrations earlier this year. As a result, practically everybody has expressed, at one time or another, his adulation of Einstein's stunning genius, but I would rather suggest that they also consider the remarkably spurious techniques which the media regularly employ for promotion purposes. Einstein himself, 'would have been appalled by all the fuss' say people who knew him intimately. There is a good reason, therefore, to ask; 'why all the uproar?'

I suspect that the use of expressions such as 'Saint of Science', 'Modern Prometheus', 'Second Isaiah' which we heard or read in connection with Einstein's life and work are not accidental. In times past, 'the opiate of the people' used to be Gods, prophets and saints - religion in general. In our enlightened days, such luxurious 'commodities' have become antiquated and obsolete, and it is rather hard to 'sell' them; apparently, they must be replaced - obviously by the exaggerated cult of Einstein and his incomprehensible (to the uninitiated 'layman' - and to most scientists for that matter) mathematical 'testament'.

Portraits and statues of Einstein that have been made for the purpose, run into the hundreds, if not thousands, and the whole world has come to think and talk about him with reverence, awe and piety, a practice which in the past was relevant to deities and the like.

This improper 'deification' to the non-scientific public of Einstein and his theories is, irrespective of their scientific value, uncharacteristic and unacceptable to responsible science; further, it is offending to the humble personality of Einstein, who was, during his lifetime, a perfect example of modesty and humility, who always detested megalomania and despised all forms of authority.

It is high time that this despicable falsification, misuse and exploitation of science must come to an end.





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## In the midst of the current crisis at Imperial College, Justin Newland relates what it's like to be a Fresher at I.C.

'Freshers, welcome to your first identity crisis.' Anne read the poster, red ink on white background, which was plastered across the face of her Southside Halls of Residence. Her parents, who had driven her to the college with all her belongings, preferred to ignore its warning. Her mother, a slim, neurotic woman, chatted away in her usual nonsensical way, while George, her hen-pecked father, was in the process of making his fifth attempt on the British weight-lifting title - Anne's two suitcases weighed a ton.

Her own thoughts were confused. All she wanted to do was bid her parents a final farewell, yet another part of her felt timid and afraid at the idea of being left alone in this huge concrete metropolis. With just seventeen years behind her, the ambivalent figure of independence now finally stared her right between the eyes.

It was a dreary London Saturday on the week-end before term. The hand of autumn lay silently over the quaint, typically London gardens: the fallen leaves already whispered 'Winter is coming.'

Meanwhile, Anne checked the details of her own accomodation, and announced that her room was on the fifth floor of the building. As they stood waiting for the lift, numerous scruffy-looking people wandered about aimlessly, some looking completely lost, others trying vainly to give the impression that they weren't completely lost. Behind this foreground of confusion there was an air of relaxation and contentment.

Anne and her mother set off to walk up the stairs and soon reached the fifth floor, where they spent the next ten minutes trying to decipher the room-numbering system, which, it is rumoured, was invented by the British Intelligence Service during the Second World War. After discovering the location of such essential places as the W.C. and the bathroom, they finally stumbled upon her room.

Suddenly Anne realised that she'd forgotten to collect her room key. Keen to take the opportunity to escape from under her parents' wing, she promptly set off to find someone who could help her. She made her way to the kitchen, where a group of five or six girls were avidly discussing the sexual potential of the male student population.

One girl, who introduced herself as Tassya, provided Anne with all the information she needed. She'd arrived a few days previously, and was already schooled in the difficulties and obstacles strewn across the course of fresher students. To Anne's embarrasment, her mother appeared. She began complaining about the minute layer of dust which, according to her, covered everything. The other girls patronisingly agreed with her, then fell into silence.

At any rate, Anne ran off to fetch the key. She quickly returned. The Porter's breath, she had noticed, had smelt of alchohol. Not surprisingly the key didn't fit the lock. After a return trip, and another five flights of stairs, the door was opened. How could such simple things create such difficulties, Anne thought to herself naively. Perhaps it was an omen.

But before her was her home-to-be for the forth-coming year. How strange is the air of a tidy, un-lived room. There is something naked and barren about it, yet it's so full of potential .... like a blank canvas to an artist. Her mother went into ecstasies over the view onto the gardens. For the sake of being uncompromising, Anne replied that it wasn't exactly a breath-taking panorama. George just grunted, then slumped down on the bed, exhausted.

After a while, Tassya poked her nose in the door. She asked Anne if she wanted to join her and her friends in a sojourn to the bar. They were going in ten minutes. Anne agreed readily, so her parents decided it was a propitious time to leave.

Now began an embarrassing sequence of goodbyes, benedictions, and promises to write and phone regularly. Anne's mother was clearly distressed at loosing 'her baby' while George seemed totally indifferent, though tacitly concerned. Anne thanked them both politely, hugged her mother and kissed her father lightly on the cheek. In the next moment, she was alone, three years of Life Sciences before her.

Meanwhile, on the floor above, Robin was unpacking his suitcase. He picked up a text book he had already bought for his course in Computing Science. The shiny paperback cover reflected what scanty sunlight that filtered through the clouds on this groggy London day. What knowledge lies between these covers' he murmured to himself, mentally licking his lips in anticipation. How wonderful it would all be. You see, for Robin, learning was the supreme enjoyment, not a chore or a hobby. He collected knowledge like others collected buterflies, women or memories. If he was fortunate, he would not experience the apathy and grand disillusionment that invariably arrives after a brief taste of University education. Knowledge, he will find, is only a means, but not an end in itself.

He had left Cardiff earlier the same day, where he'd been loath to leave his parents. His danger was that he would bury himself up to his neck in books, thus avoiding the supremely difficult task which confronts all adolescents - the task of developing himself emotionally, as well as intellectually.

For a person like Robin, a University is also a place to escape from, amongst other things, the annoying intrusions of the female gender, about whom his knowledge was negligible, not to say non-existent. As far as he was concerned, Mayfair was just a boulevard in London, somewhere in the vicinity of Pall Mall. Secretly, he longed for the mellow quiescence of old age, when all the passions have perished.

After all, Beaumarchais had said that the only difference between men and the animals was that men drank when they weren't thirsty and procreated when they didn't need to.

He looked at his watch, then remembered that there was an introductory tour of the library he wanted to attend. With an adoring glint in his eye, he carefully shelved the text-book next to Chalmers' Twentieth Century dictionary, a London A to Z, and a mass of leaflets and student handouts that had been thrust into his grubby little paws the moment he had made his entry to Southside. He searched through this accumulation of confusion until he found a map of the locality, the happily marched off to the library.

Just as he reached the fifth floor, a group of girls, chattering away like old women, emerged from their dormitary. He was late, and in a dreadful hurry, but these girls insisted on walking down the stairs three abreast, thus barring his way. They sauntered down the five flights as if they were out for a Sunday promenade. Indeed, Anne and Tassya and their friends had donned their finest Sunday dresses for the imminent confrontation with the male population. Clearly, they were about to show that Beaumarchais' witty epigram applied equally to women as to men.

Robin, a staunch Conservative, decided to take an active interest in the I.C. political life, but only in so far as he voted for anyone wearing a blue rosette. In one election, he tried to vote for a lost Chelsea supporter, to the dismay of several West Ham supporters, who happened to be chasing him through the College.

Anne, on the other hand, was more keenly involved, since she was already in the thick of the I.C. political drama. Of course she was an ardent left-winger, though really only because her parents were Conservatives. After a while, the nuances between the doctrines of the Trotskyites, the Marxists, the Neo-Marxists, the Leninists, the Stalinists, the Communists, the Anarchists, and the Socialist tended to become slightly blurred in her mind. What amazed her just as muchk, was that although all these political groups were Left-wing, they squabbled and argued amongst themselves to such a degree that they never agreed on anything, least of all got anything done.

But on the occasion of this U.G.M., when you see a hall of people, crammed shoulder to shoulder, it's easy to believe that their either elected representatives can wave the political gauntlet with impunity and so generate a force which no Rector, Government, or whoever else has incurred the relentless wrath of the Student' Union, can withstand for long. At any rate, the reader can draw his own conclusions on this point, I'm only here to tell you about Anne, Robin and their friends.

Tassya was elected orfto a Committee specifically established to consider ways in which the level of bureaucracy, and in particular the number of Committees, could be reduced. Later she told me that the task was so complicated, they recommended that two more committees be established to ease their burden.

At this point, we're going to leave the adventures of Robin and Anne until we rejoin them on the day of the Fresher's Fair. In the meantime, I'll quickly describe what happened to them in between time; as well as sketching something more about their characters.

To Anne, it seemed as it she'd met a thousand and one different people. She was certainly enjoying her newly-won freedom. Indeed, she had consummated it on the same night as her arrival by seducing a CCU President. Although she was unaware of it at the time, this was the best way for her to make inroads into a social clique, which is the one and only social division at any University. Mind you, if you'd have pressed her on the point, she'd have told you that it was she who was seduced by the President. After all, she had to retain a semblance of feminine honour.

Robin, however, had continued to lead his slavish existence. You've probably seen him around: he's the quiet one who seems to be a loner, until one day you see him somewhere with a couple of people, who just look his type.

By now, both of them had been formally introduced to the favorite pastime of all students at the beginning of any academic year....queueing. They queued to register; they'd queued for lunch; they'd queued for their grant cheques (miraculously, both of theirs had arrived intact and in full); they'd queued to join queues. At one stage, Robin joined a queue simply because he'd begun to think it was a genuinely edifying experience. Anne certainly had some painful waits: she'd had to queue for twenty minutes just to answer the call of nature.

Richard, one of Robin's new friends, and reluctantly joined those unfortunate few whose grant cheques fail to arrive on time. But here a bit of I.C. tradition may be useful to him. If you find yourself in a similar position, and happen to be in the Union Bar (when it' open) you may become an unwitting victim of a nefarious group who've christened themselves the 'Below the Handle' brigade. These philanthropic gentleman, if they catch you holding a pint whose level of beer has dropped 'below the handle' they will instantly dispossess you of your glass, and before you can utter the first expletive which comes to your lips, your glass will be promptly returned, full to the brim with the best English ale!

Now it' time to return to our hero and heroine, who are at this moment savouring the myriad delights proffered by the Fresher's Fair. This is one of many opportunities in the year when you can witness what can only be described as 'organised chaos'! As each of the hundred or so College societies clamour for your custom, you may begin to wonder just which one(s) to join.

Robin did join the War Games Club, for his secret ambition was to emulate a certain Corsican who'd taken Europe by storm in the late Eighteenth and early Nineteenth Centuries.

Anne joined Graffiti, a group who do not advocate that you waste your creative energy defacing urinal walls, but rather that you make use of them by learning to screem-print. Samaritan that she is, Anne also offered her talents to Night-line, a volunteer organisation who answer student S.O.S. calls at any time of the night or day.

Now Richard, who was, for your information, a Post-graduate, was one of those fellows who have developed a huge appetite for anything even distantly related to the hop or grape family. As a result, he forced himself to join the Wine-tasting Society. As a post-graduate (i.e. one of those students who never stop telling you how they've been through it all before) Richard automatically qualified to become a member of the Postgrad group. Alas, the leaflet they sent him early in the term got mislaid somewhere in the labrinths of the internal mail system, so he only discovered the existence of the group when the letter finally turned up in his pigeon hole just after Christmas. Robin had already experienced some of the diabolical whims of the system; he would

frequently find letters addressed to him (his surname was Bignall) either in the 'A' or the 'C' compartments.

That same evening there was a choice of entertainments, as there usually is on every night of the first week or term. There's often a film show or perhaps a band playing somewhere in the college. If your idea of vice does not consist of listening to some aspiring Tony Blackburn or getting drunk in the Union Bar again, kthen you could always follow Richard. The night before he'd gone over to the Collegiate Theatre in Gordon Square to sample the delights of a musical evening care of the University College. He is always extolling the virtues of the London night-life, which, he adds, can cater for any vice or perversity you care to mention. Indeed, Richard has some strong views on most things: HE believes that students have less rights than illegal immigrants: that it is a travesty of justice to expect students to live on a sum of money that's not enough to feed a peasant in Bangla Desh: and that it is preposterous that every man you meet in the street thinks that the taxes he pays are all spent on keeping YOU in education.

But that night, somehow he managed to drag Robin along to a folk evening. Early on, the accumulated effect of flashing neon lights, an atmostphere suffused with the fumes of intemperance, and a cacophony loud enough to wake the dead, forced our hero to excuse himself. He had migraine, and was in grave danger of contracting along list of unpronouncable ailments, or so he thought.

Anne, who was there with City and Guilds', prolonged her carousal to fifty-four hours. She had never drunk so much for so long for such effect in all her seventeen years. This first week is indeed the time when sizeable portions of one's grant disappear down the throat, only to be expelled again at a later date.

As the night draws on, the conversations at these binges tend to lack refinement....in fact, it degrades into downright vulgarity, which is thought by all adolescents to be equivalent to man-talk.

These first few days that our heropersons were away from the protection of their family were a kind of mirror of their new-found independence. They were both compelled to make decisions, both social and moral, that they had never had to make before. As a result, areas of their personality, previously dormant, now made themselves apparent. This is probably one of the main reasons why adolescence is such a confusing time, for their decisions and actions have no precedent, they have to be worked out from scratch. In this way, both Anne and Robin would learn about themselves, their moral code, their social awareness, and their political views.

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#### A LAST MINUTE LETTER

Dear Sir,

ICU is no better than the governments which it opposes. ICU reels in horror at the restrictions imposed by Governments on people living within the country and yet ICU happily tries to restrict the freedom of its own members. I refer of course to attempts to dissuade people from banking with Barclays, working for South African companies and playing sports against South African teams.

It is time that ICU realizes that there are people who are capable of independant thought which may well differ from that of ICU. If ICU does not do this then it had better give up talking of freedom, because at the moment it would appear that ICU's idea is that you are only entitled to freedom if you are black and foreign.

Yours faithfully, R J GLASS Mech Eng 2 Now Richard, who rather fancied himself as a future Whitehall mandarin, thought that an appropriate beginning to such a noble vocation would be to join the Organising Committee of the Oxford Street Tiddlywinks contest, which is traditionally held on the first Saturday after term begins. For better or worse, he was allocated the task of seeing that no one cheated by surreptitiously placing their tiddlys in their pockets, and walking, rather than "winking" the course.

On the day, he was posted about half way along Oxford Street, equipped with his two anti-cheating devices,,,,two lumps of flesh, blood, tissue and nerves, four fingers and a thumb. Of course, he had thought that all his job would consist of would be first to indentify the lawbreaking winkers, challenge them, then demand that they turn out their pockets. This ad hoc procedure worked well for a while, until it finally dawned on him that there were members of BOTH sexes participating in the event.



At any rate, after some time, his Kojak intuition suddenly told him that a buxom wench who happened to be passing him at the time was acting in a grossly suspicious manner. With the unabashed enthusiasm of a spider about to catch a fly trapped in its web, Richard laid both hands on his victim. It was at this point that he realised that his methods of search would have to be radically altered if he was to perform his task properly. With a suspicious glint in his eye, he looked at Anne, then again at what she was wearing.....a navy blue IC tee shirt over an elegant light blue frock.

'Where could she hide a tiddly or two?' he wondered to himself. First he took the obvious approach: he body-searched her. With cavalier gusto, he felt all over her shapely body, from shoulder to waist and so on.





Anne was quite bewildered by all this, although whatever it was, she said to herself, it was far more pleasant than tiddlywinking. All the same, when he'd completed this task, which was obviously so distasteful to him, Richard was chagrined to find no incriminating evidence whatsoever. He now went through a prolonged mental debate. Should he make a more thorough search, or perhaps suffer the humiliation of being outwitted by this foxy lady. All the while, a mischevious voice inside him kept insisting that this regal specimen of womanhood, who stood before him had tiddlys concealed somewhere upon her person.



Without further ado, in the middle of Oxford Street, on a lovely autumn day, Richard Bignall put his hands up a girl's dress and promptly got himself arrested for attempted rape. In reply to Richard's protest that he was 'just looking for tiddlywinks', the arresting officer was heard to comment that in thirty years of dealing with sexual offenders, he'd never heard it put like that before. But that's another story.



At the end of the afternoon, the gallant competitors assembled at Piccadilly Circus to pay their yearly homage to none other than that rascal Eros, the son of Aphrodite, the Queen of Lust. It was doubtless one of his arrows which pricked poor Richard's heart, smiting it with blinding passion. Nevertheless, perhaps it is significant that it is at the statue of Eros, who is both the divine symbol of childhood and the personification of the most playful amorous desire, that a thousand or so IC students congregate each year.

Anne joined in the Ring-o-Round-a-Rosie in a state of complete ecstacy: she'd never realised that a tiddlywinks competition, in which, incidentally, she was not even participating, could be such a lascivious and erotic activity. It was only after she'd downed a few lager and limes in the "Cockney Pride" that she began to feel the earth beneath her dainty feet.

The last we heard of Richard was that when the judge asked him if he had anything to say before he was sentenced, he replied, "Beam me up, Scottie!"

Also there is no more time to see whether Captain James T. will come to Richard's rescue, for here my story ends. As Master of Ceremonies of this tale, it just remains to me to bid you a fond farewell. But if you'll bear with me a while longer, I've penned a few concluding remarks for your edification.

Thus were the first few chaotic days of University life for Anne, Robin and their friends. Before then, their lives had been virtually dominated by their parents whose attitudes, convictions and prejudices were either something to be despised or applauded, the more sensible approach is to use them as a plumb-line in formulating a philososphy of life of their own. For the auto-didact Robin, he had to beware of turning into that strange breed of man, the confirmed academic, the man who lives his life in an ivory tower, high above the whirligig of life, never tasting frief or bliss.

Being a girl, Anne's problems were of a different nature. Having learnt to live with her womanhood, she had to learn to be a woman. What often happens to girls like Anne in a University environment, is that they use academia as a veil for their femininity, which tends to become neglected. This danger is all the more real at a place like I.C., where only the Sciences are taught. It is quite possible that Anne will, at some time

or another, experience some difficulty in reconciling her twin roles of scientist and woman. 'Welcome to your first identity crisis', the poster had said.

In general, the scientist is a peculiar fellow; sometimes exceptionally practical and pragmatic, at others, he can fall foul of the scientists' preferred pastime....excessive theorising. But the purpose of a course at any educational institution is two-fold: fist, to train the mind to think rationally, and second, to condition the student to conform to the status quo. I daresay some will hotly dispute these conclusions, be that as it may. Some men think the sea is green, others call it blue.

Whatever happens, Anne and robin will never forget their University days, and during the three year vigil, will forge many life-long friendships.

Justin Newland

# OVERSEAS STUDENTS COMMITTEE

There was a meeting of the presidents of various OSC and social societies on the 5th Oct. The following points arose:-

a)Will the following societies who have not informed Jen of the names of the members of their committees please do so as soon as possible. the societies are; Latin American, Arab, Iranian, Bangledesh, Afro-Caribbean and Pakistan.

b)Since the various national societies are affiliated to OSC, will they please inform us when they hold a meeting and also attend the OSC meeting when invited or at least send a reasonable excuse for not doing so.

c)Will the societies remove their mail from the Union Office and check at least once a fortnight, as otherwise the mail will go into the bin. This is the last warning.

Please pay attention to the points above, as it will make life a lot easier.

Between Friday, 14th September and Tuesday, 2nd October, about 220 overseas freshers used the reception desk facilities run by the College and Union OSCs.

Since the beginning of the term, quite a lot has happened. There have been receptions by the ICCU, ICU OSC, Indian and Chinese Societies. It was nice to see home students take part in these, but we need a lot more help. There will be an informal discussion every Monday, in the SCR from 6:30. Everybody is invited, as we need help in getting overseas students settled down. Tea and biscuits are provided.

The College OSC held its reception for PGs on Tuesday, 2nd October. This was attended by the rector, Lord Flowers and his wife Lady Flowers, Mr Dixon (chairman of IC OSC), Mr Robertson (welfare advisor and secretary of IC OSC), members of OSC and various people providing welfare and social services for students.

The rector, in his address to the students, said that he wanted overseas students to be an indistinguishable part of the college and that they were an asset to the college, academically and culturally. He expressed disagreement with quota system and fee increases. He also hoped that while, they were in the UK, they could learn about England, the English and their sense of fair play.

Mr Dixon, expressed similar hopes and said that overseas students were held in high regard and had a committee of their own. He and Mr Robertson then introduced the students to various services provided by the College and Union.

They were obviously very sincere speeches, by very helpful and hard-working people. I think, however, that they were a trifle unrealistic. I do not believe that overseas students can become an indistinguishable part of this or any college yet. Quite apart from the fact that there are language problems and problems of adapting to a different culture, there is the quota system and fee differentials. This government is also considering raising fees to the mythical 'full economic cost'.

The language problem can be solved and . the cultural exchange is mutually beneficial, but fees are another matter. If the fees are raised to the 'full economic cost' (approx £2,300), the number of students will be limited to the very wealthy, but in the end, it will be the British people who will be the losers. Overseas studen ts at this college give fascinating insights into their different culures, they do a lot of the academic research (50% of PGs are overseas students) and eventually when they go back to their countries, they are more likely to order British goods, as they are used to them and know the various ranges and services provided. According to the London conference on overseas students, in association with UK COSA and NUS, overseas students are subsidizing the economy to the tune of £50million a year. The conference takes as its starting point, marginal rather than gross costs, assuming that the education is for home students, it calculates the extra costs to cope with overseas students. Mr Robertson said in effect that their contribution was substantial and valuable and in fact some projects in some departments would be hard, if not impossible, to manage without them and of course these students bring not only working time and energy, but ideas.

I believe that overseas students are an important part of College life and that only by working together and learning about each other will we be able to solve the problems facing us.

As the first UGM this year, Mr Fox, ICU President asked for support against fee increaes. There will be a picket of the DES Office on Friday, 12th October. Please give your support.

A. GUJRAL ICU OSC Chairman

## FILM REVIEW LORD OF THE RINGS

"This tale grew in the telling....", so begins Tolkiens foreward to his best selling and highly-praised classic, "The Lord of the Rings". That was a trilogy, with the Hobbit, a later-written prequel. This film "tells" the story of the first book and a half, with a brief summary of the Hobbit, and a second and final film is due out next year.

Now, I say "tells" with reservations, as a book of such proportions (over 900 pages) is difficult to transpose to two, two and a half hour films; but what the film lacks in detail, it makes up for in animation, particularly with the use of a new technique, by which live-action is filmed and turned into a cartoon, (excellent for the fast-moving battles).

However, the true Tolkienophile will find many flaws or differences with his/her impressions of the characters and events. For instance: is Gimli the dwarf, really only six inches shorter than tall, proud Aragorn; does Galadriel, the beautiful elfen queen, so closely resemble a menopausal streetwalker; and why does Treebeard the Ent's rear look like that of a bulldog.

The hobbits too, are rather akin to human children, but the accents, especially lovable gardener Sam's West Country burr, are I think, excellent. So too is the Jewish accent given to Gollum, an unfortunate early victim of the evil ring. (Imagine, if you can, Dickens' Fagin saying, "We hate Bagginses, my Precious!").

Nor will any mention of Tom Bombardil or Aragorn's betrothed, Arwen Evenster be heard, considerably pruning the events of the first book.

It would be a waste to précis the story, as the film already does, suffice it to say, it is a quest to destroy a pretty powerful ring, before its evil maker regains it.

To conclude, if you've already read the book, this film fails somewhat on certain levels, but is still technically very impressive and if you haven't, then it'll be great fun.

#### PETER HEWKIN

PS

See it at your local cinema, its £2.50 in the West End.

#### 'Woyzeck' a film by Werner Herzog

This haunting production of a German Romantic play by George Büchner describes the behaviour of a man within whom the embers of sanity are barely alight. Woyzeck, is played with frightening intensity by Klaus Kinski, is an army private at war only within himself.

No particular cause of his insanity and obsessional tendencies is emphasised, except that he has been participating in kan inhuman medical experiment; the army physician has been feeding him on peas for three months merely to observe the physiological and psychological effects. As a result, Woyzeck suffers from the consuming symptoms of nutritional deprivation; he hears voices and is visited by apocalyptic hallucinations.

It is significant that he is mad from kthe beginning - there is no portrayal of the gradual fall from sanity. One's sense of pity for the anti-hero (for he has none of the qualities of a classical tragic hero - a high station in life, magnaminity or dignity) is at first exacerbated because Woyzeck is so tormented by his masters. It soon becomes evident that they are victims just as much as he: the Doctor, of his obsessional desire for fame through medical discovery; the Captain, of his bourgeois values and hyperchondria;

and the Drum-Major, Woyzeck's cuckold-maker, of his Aryan arrogance and insensate brutality.

Only Marie, Woyzeck's wife, is allowed that human, all too human virtue of selfawareness. She sees into her own rotten nature, and yearns to repent her whorish tendenoies, especially after an amorous encounter with the Drum-Major. But Woyzeck, perhaps because of his physical condition, is given no trace of self-awareness. Consequently, there is no 'realisation' scene, an essential feature of the classical concept of tragedy. Indeed, it is Woyzeck's ignorance of his own condition that disbars him from combating his suffering with any dignity. It also explains why he did not turn the knife on himself after slaughtering his wife in a fit of jealousy, a jealousy aroused by his unrequited love for her.

The pathos of the film is made more poignant by the use of two dramatic devices from classical tragedy: the contrast of the humorous and the pathetic; and irony, with the occasional use of prophetic irony. An apt example is the reason why Woyzeck first agreed to participate in the Doctor's experiment - he had wanted to earn some extra money to give to his wife.

Thus, although Woyzeck is the tragic 'hero' in the sense that he is the focus of attention, it is really society that is condemned as the

'human' man, he is the only character who has neither vice nor neurosis.

A subtle contrast between animal and human runs through the whole drama: Woyzeck's guines-pig status in the Doctor's tragic agent and victimiser, while humanity itself is seen as the tragic central figure. Wrongdoers and wronged alike are the (innocent) victims of lust for power, revenge and illicit sexual desires in a society rancid with cant and the most horrifying callousness.

The only sign of hope in this bleak landscape of futility is Andres, Woyzeck's army comrade and friend. A simple experiment; the 'speaking' horse which he and his wife see when they visit the circus; and the bestial impulses which manifest themselves in the Drum-Major's lust and animal cruelty and in Woyzeck's savage butchery of his wife.

Herzog's dispassionate production is set against a peaceful, rural background. As in 'The Enigma of Kaspar Hausar', the vivid natural imagery is used with awesome effect. But this man Herzog has a highly developed sense of the tragic, as well as a rare attribute among film directors, the ability to transpose a (tragic) play onto celluloid without demolishing it in the process.

Now showing at the Paris Pullman Cinema, Drayton Gardens, SWI0.

Review by Rees

Williams

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**Justin Newland** 

#### **DEF LEPPARD**

Def Leppard is an apt name for a heavy metal rock group, and the band gave early notice that the name is not undeserved. The warning came via the pre-concert sound check; during which a large number of heads were seen to emerge from Queen Alexandrs House, and a round of applause emanating from this building greeted the end of the track.

The actual concert was started by a support band, Guilt Edge, who played a set lasting about an hour. Their vocalist ( who is a postgraduate student at IC) was the most notable member of this five piece outfit, singing vocals that were both aggressive and expressionate. What let the band down, however, was their lead guitarist. His playing lacked attack, and often seemed to subdue the effect of the strong rhythm section of the band. He also lacked stage prescence - both clothes and style of playing admirably qualifying him to be Hank Marvin's understudy. However, it was an enjoyable session from a band who while lacking polish made a very acceptable sound.

Def Leppard on the other hand are a very polished and professional band indeed; with the bass guitarist being particularly adept at projecting his personality from the stage. They play loud heavy metal rock in the classic mould. I must admit that with many bands of this genre I have trouble telling one track from another, thus it seemed to me as if Def Leppard played the same track ten different times. I liked this track though, so I didn't object too much.

The rest of the audience also seemed to enjoy the band, and by the time the second track had finished there were at least thirty "head-bangers" leaping around the front of the hall. Many of these seemed familiar with Leppard's music, greeting tracks off their recent EP with cheers. How successful the night was can be judged by the fact that the group were brought back for two encores by some enthusiastic applause.

Finally, if any of you want to listen to some
Def Leppard, they have a single coming out
shortly. In addition to this, they are doing a
series of concerts at the Hammersmith
Odeon supporting AC/DC, between 1st and
4th November, with a return visit on 17th
December.

#### RUGBY

While FELIX were covering last Sunday's Rugby match, the Assistant Secretary of the Metropolitan Police Club came over and said that the match should be stopped. We now print the transcript of the conversation between the FELIX reporter and the Assistant Secretary:

FELIX The games got to be stopped? A.S. Yeah -according to my governor. Why they didn't tell us the truth I'll never know. Being a police club we can't afford to get involved in bloody politics. If it hadn't been for some fucking loud mouthed fucking reporter, that was here, it would be near enough all right. FELIX: THE MIRROR?

A.S. Yeah opening his mouth in the bar. My Governor wants it stopped unless someone can come and convince him that it shouldn't be. He's over in the club house. Me - I'm all for sport because I organise the sport here. Quite honestly, we would never have known if it wasn't for the man from the Daily Papers.

I'm all for it. I would let anybody play. As I say - if the bloke comes over and puts it in the national press - then our governors will be on our neck - we're only poor policemen and we run the club for the whole of the Metropolitan Police and I say as much as I'd like the game to go on - and I dare say so would he - we just can't afford to get involved in it.

.... You booked it as the School of Mines verses the Mining industry. Now I used to work in the pit and I know what it is all about. I was down there for 11 years. I'd like it to go on because I'd like to come and watch it. I'm only the understudy and I've got to do as I'm told.

The match was consequently called off at half time with the score 22 - 4 to the South African team. The South Africans liked the hard fast ground because they are used to bone dry conditions. Ray Parkinson was the scorer of the select teams only try.

#### **Central Stores**

Central Stores require twelve student helpers for two or three hours on Wednesday afternoon, 17th October. £2 per hour. Contact Stores Superintendant int. 2700.



Scrum Down

#### **CHRIS PLAYS TOO**

Amidst controversy surrounding the Sunday Rugby Match, another game took place last Saturday, which is threatening to have even more far reaching effects. This was a game between the B2s, whose line up included the ICU President, and a team from the Decca Record Company. The B2s used South African players to make up

their numbers. Chris apparently did not realise that the South Africans were taking part until the game was in progress and said that had he known they were playing; he would have carefully considered his participation in the match.

#### RAG MAG WARNING

Yesterday, College Solicitors warned the Union that the Rag Mag was illegal. The President, Chris Fox, took immediate action and seized all copies from the Union offices. The reason for the magazine being illegal is that the printers name does not appear on the Rag Mag.

#### PHOFNIX

The first Staff Meeting of THE PHOENIX takes place in Stan's Bar next Tuesday at 8 pm.



Andy Lewis on the line

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.

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