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SPORT AND SOUTH AFRICA

A MORAL DILEMMA

Members of Imperial College Boat Club will be rowing in South Africa following an invitation which came after winning the Southern Universities Regatta. The tour was fully discussed at last Monday night's Athletics Clubs Committee (ACC)

meeting and was to be discussed at an emergency motion at Tuesday's Extraordinary Union General Meeting, but no vote could be taken on the issue due to quorum being called thirteen minutes into the meeting.

ICU has no policy against sporting links with any country. The relevant policy states that "contacts with individuals and clubs from any part of the world allow us to demonstrate the freedom we enjoy at IC and that such contacts help to break down prejudices, whilst giving individuals and IC societies the opportunity to make known their views and persuade others to their beliefs". However, the fear that other unions might break sporting links with us led to ACC strongly advising the rowing eight to go under a different name. This is difficult under rowing regulations, so it was agreed that if this was impossible they should go as individuals, or failing this, as Imperial College Boat Club.

Council discussed the issues immediately after the ACC meeting had finished and instructed the Union Executive to propose a motion to the EGM. The Executive motion read:

ICU Notes:

1. The application of apartheid in South Africa.
2. The intention of Imperial College Boat Club to take a team to compete in a South African competition.

ICU Believes:

1. That South Africa must be forced to remove the application of apartheid from its constitution and that the only effective way to do this is to cut all links with South Africa.
2. That in taking a team to South Africa, the Boat Club is in effect showing approval for the South African system.

ICU Requests:

1. That the members of Boat Club reconsider the implications of their visit and ask themselves if one sporting fixture can be played off against the oppression of a whole race.
2. That the Boat Club realise that, should they decide to continue their visit, they will be doing so with the strong disapproval of Imperial College Union.

3. That should they decide to go, the Boat Club make every effort to enter the team under a name other than that of Imperial College Boat Club.

The Executive meeting was held at 8:30am on the same day as the EGM, at which a motion was discussed proposing that the Union should stop IC Boat Club using the name on any tour to South Africa, but no agreement could be reached on this and the motion eventually decided upon simply stated our disapproval of the tour and requested Boat Club to make every effort to go under a different name.

At the EGM a proposal that this motion be heard first was accepted by a large majority. However, after the proposal speech by Jo Armitage on behalf of the Executive, the quorum was challenged. Only 297 Union members were present (three less than the required number), and so the meeting closed.

Two amendments had been tabled. Steve Webb, Captain of the Boat Club told FELIX he was prepared to accept Union disapproval, but did not believe that by going they were showing approval for the South African political system. He wanted to change 'ICU Believes 2' to "the Boat Club may be seen to show support for the South African system". Secondly, they wanted to delete 'ICU Believes 1'. A second amendment was also tabled to stop the Club touring, which, if passed, would have reversed current Union policy.

Steve Webb was asked by Roger Stotesbury if he was pleased to see the attention that this tour was getting. His reply was: "No, but on the other hand, most of our supporters are College sportsmen, and only a few, hardliners, are vehemently opposed to us. I'm sure people in College don't feel we are doing anything wrong."

"I personally don't support the Moscow Olympics ban. In Moscow the government is being penalised for government policy; in

connection with South Africa, athletes are being penalised for government policy. The government has virtually phased out all legal apartheid in sports in South Africa."

So the facts are:

* Members of IC Boat Club have been invited to row in South Africa.

* Union policy has no objection to this; welcoming it, in fact.

* ACC and ICU Executive have requested that they make every effort to enter the team under a name other than that of IC Boat Club.

* ICU Executive requested the Union to voice its strong disapproval.

* By publishing this article, sporting links with other unions may be affected.

One person involved in the wrangle at all levels is Suki Kalirai, the ACC Chairman. Last week he came face to face with a moral dilemma; he talked to Roger Stotesbury....

Are you pleased to see the Boat Club going to South Africa?

As ACC Chairman, I have reservations about the Boat Club going because of the political implications involved in the venture. It is possible that other unions may try and stop sporting links with Imperial College as a result of this and this will be unfair on the rest of the clubs. *This didn't happen with the RSM match with a SA touring side?*

That was because this wasn't a RSM team, it was a team of individuals who just happened to be in RSM. Bearing this in mind, ACC have asked Boat Club to make every possible effort to go as individuals and not as the IC Boat Club. *And if they can't?*

ACC felt if every possible effort was made then they should be able to go as individuals. But failing this would go as the Boat Club.

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LETTERS

Dear Colin

We are disgusted with the attitude of most IC students, who as far as we can make out are a load of hypocritical w????s. A few people give up a lot of their time to organise entertainment for these people who seem to expect it as their God given right to have it. Then don't bother to turn up on the night to experience it before passing judgment.

For instance, take last week's concert by Berlin in the Concert Hall: a lot of effort and time went into putting on the show; not only on the Friday afternoon and evening, but also through the preceding weeks to get all the bureaucracy, etc, in order. Is not a kick in the c???h. This is not as if you are cramped in a sweaty sleazy dung heap like Nashville or Marquee (where you also get ripped off for drinks even worse than Mooney).

By the way, the band played excellently and everyone really enjoyed themselves; I predict that they will be a great success, as in the general tradition of bands who have played in the Concert Hall (Def Leppard, Jane Aire, Girlschool, After The Fire, 999, XTC, Horslips, Burlesque, Enid (who have played here twice), to name but a few.

You P??? ?????s are always asking for more bands, but what you mean is 'well known' bands like Genesis, Yes, Led Zeppelin, etc; Well, face up to the facts, in London they prefer/no, require to play the larger halls... Wembley, Hammy Odeon, Earl's Court, because the promoter has to cover his costs. Imagine putting on a band who need to fill out the Odeon at £7.00 a ticket to cover costs being put on in the Great Hall — the costs would be over £20.00 a ticket... you seem to have enough trouble forking out £1.00, let alone £20.00!

If for a change, you come up with some constructive, rather than destructive, criticism, we will be more than happy to listen and possibly act upon your suggestions.

Never was so much done by so few for so many and gone unappreciated.

Yours sincerely
Mike Furmston
Ian Davidson
Brian Cresswell
Steve Wolff
Toby Clark

Dear Colin

One of our (Islamic) society members noticed the use of 'God, Allah, Mao, Buddha' in the table tennis article in

FELIX (issue 544). I want to point out two points. Firstly, Allah is an Arabic word Ali-Tah and is the name given to the only God we believe exists and secondly, we do not associate with Allah any other God; as this forms one of the foremost principles in our religion — ie, the Oneness of God.

Our religion teaches that we be tolerant to all others, as long as they do not misrepresent Islam or try to destroy it. I suggest that the use of Islamic terms (widely misrepresented in national newspapers) be limited to those who will not offend our principles (intentionally or unintentionally).

Yours
Y El-Saie

The Peace of God be upon those who follow the correct path.

Dear Roger

Below is a letter I have sent to Paul Segal, News Editor of London Student newspaper, with reference to an incorrect story carried by them on Wednesday.

Dear Paul

I was interested to read in this week's *London Student* that a motion calling for a referendum on NUS affiliation, proposed by myself as "one of the two vice presidents at Imperial", was passed at a Union meeting on Tuesday.

Unfortunately, there appear to be some factual inaccuracies in this report which I would like to correct.

(i) Imperial has three vice presidents.

(ii) I am not one of them.

(iii) The motion on NUS was proposed by Chris Webb and seconded by myself.

(iv) **THAT THE MEETING ON TUESDAY WAS DEEMED INQUORATE BEFORE ANY VOTE COULD BE TAKEN.**

As I am sure you are aware, this is not the first time Imperial has been misreported in *London Student*. You may also remember that last term we were the first college to go into occupation in protest at the proposed increases in overseas students tuition fees, but Sennet (as you then were) did not appear to consider this to be of sufficient importance to even mention it.

I would also like to ask how it is possible for *London Student* to send a reporter to our Union Meeting on Tuesday (which ended up at 1:30pm) and have an

article written, typeset and pasted up, and the whole paper printed, collated, and distributed in time for me to be shown one at 7:00pm ON THE SAME DAY? To produce and distribute a paper reporting an event which occurred a mere five and a half hours previously is a staggering feat which you are to be congratulated on.

Perhaps it would in addition be possible for things to be correctly reported in future?

Yours sincerely
Malcolm Brain
Deputy President
Imperial College Union

Dear Colin

The article about the Twenty-Four Hour Pedal Car Race at Bristol in FELIX 545 so incensed me by its total bias to C&G that I have decided to write this letter. Rather than giving my immediate reaction, I have decided to wait until the official results have been received from Bristol so that I may give a balanced account of the event.

To begin with, four teams were entered by IC. Two each from RSM and C&G, a mens and ladies team in each case. During the race itself all teams suffered greatly from breakdowns. The RSM cars both suffered fractured cranks, the men's steering broke twice, punctures were incurred on both cars and the ladies car suffered a fracture of its main feature — this resulting in a pit-stop for repairs of three and three quarter hours. Certainly Guilds had problems too; with the pedals on the mens' car and the steering of the ladies' car; but to say that this cost them the race was ludicrous. There was never any question of the team beating Rolls-Royce Coventry and nor would there have been if the car had been working perfectly. In past years, all cars have run without problems (as I know from personal experience) and although Guilds have had a much better position, they still have come nowhere near R.R. Guilds ladies did pedal magnificently. They had problems with the car and through sheer determination came through to win the title. I would point out that in all previous ladies competitions Mines have won the title and should the car have not required extensive repairs I'm sure the RSM would have given Guilds a run for their money — though I feel bound to say I think Guilds ladies would

still have won. Mines ladies made the very best of a bad job (my fault) and considering the very great problems they encountered, performed very respectably (Bristol's comments — not mine). The final results from Bristol were:

Mines A (men): 897 (20th)
Mines B (ladies) 563 (33rd)
Guilds A (men) 737 (30th)
Guilds B (ladies) 892 (21st)

In comparison Rolls-Royce (Coventry) A: 1,233. The total distance covered by all competitors was 8,280 miles (there were 39 teams in all).

As you can see the picture is very different to that painted by the article in question. I would have thought that it was the responsibility of the FELIX personnel to give a balanced report by checking out both sides of a story and to cease this exasperating bias to C&G.

Yours
Richard Turner
Mines Chief Engineer

Acting Ed's Comment: It is an incorrect myth that FELIX personnel are on hand to cover all events. FELIX relies on articles from you, the students. It is not just here for a few to learn the skills of journalism. Hence, Mr Turner, it would have been better for you to write this information, which we are grateful for, last week. A Guilds' person did and I accept that the article was slanted towards Guilds. The Bristol Pedal Car Race was a great triumph for the C&G Ladies' team and so was right to get full recognition in FELIX.

FOR SALE

One circle ticket for Peter Gabriel, Hammersmith Odeon, March 13th. £3.00. Contact Lee Paddon, Beit 121 or Physics letter-racks.

TAMRON 28mm f2.5 lens with adaptall-2 Olympus mount and filter and case. £40. Also two Olympus pearlorders 3201 and tapes. £40 each ono. Contact Bill, int 3536.

Honda CD 175, 11,000 miles, immaculate condition. Only £230. Contact Pat Leggett or Geoff Perry, Mining letter-racks.

IC BIG BAND LIVE
IN
STANS
on Wednesday at 8:30pm.
FREE!

CRÊPES PARTIE
from 7:30pm in the
Union Lower Refectory
on
SATURDAY 1st MARCH
Tickets £1.30 to non-members.

NEWS IN BRIEF

TREES AND PARKING SPACES

More trees are to be planted in Imperial College Road. The Rector gave his permission so as to further improve the visual beauty of College.

The trees will be at the expense of five or so parking spaces. For the mean time these permit holders will be able to use the visitor's car park and after this year these spaces will be lost.

Roger Stotesbury adds: "The present move must be seen in relation to the past. The patch of grass in front of Old Chemistry is grass because the Rector once said, "Put grass there". At the time of the rebuilding of College it was suggested by some that underground car parks be built. Furthermore, it is also said that the College had the option of purchasing the car parking space under the Albert Hall."

The Rector's policy of not subsidising 'non-academic' services suggest changes may be made to present parking arrangements.

BOOKSHOP PROFITS

The Union is to continue to make a profit out of the Bookshop. A motion at Monday's Council calling for the current profit to be claimed on the per capita was defeated. Malcolm Brain, who proposed the motion, suggested that the prices of stationery should be reduced as the Bookshop was the only 'service' in College to make a profit. The majority of Council felt that to reduce the profit, for the one year that we were on the per capita system would be foolhardy move.

WEIGHT TRAINING

A new ten station multigym has been bought (at great expense) and is now installed in the Sports Centre. The equipment is for use by any member of ICU at a cost of 15p per session (free for Weights Club members). For the moment, clubs will not be allowed to book the multigym. Please read the safety rules on the wall chart in the Sports Centre before using the equipment.

Thanks must go to Chris Fox, Malcolm Brain and Steve Gunn for their efforts in obtaining the necessary finance and pushing the project through the various meetings.

CONSORT GALLERY

A series of works by Ardizzone, Cross, Sutherland and several other lesser known artists on the Second World War is being exhibited in the Consort Gallery (level one, Sheffield) until 21st March 1980.

NEW OFFICERS' PAPERS

Papers went up yesterday, in the Lower Lounge, for next year's posts of Academic Affairs Officer, Rag Chairman, ICCAG Chairman, UGM Chairman, and ULU Representative. Papers come down on Monday 10th March.



Photo by Mickie Marsh.

Malcolm Brain, ICU Deputy President, and Chris Fox, ICU President, counting the number present at last Tuesday's Extraordinary General Meeting. 297 people were present, three less than the number required for the meeting to continue following the call of Quorem. The next UGM is on Thursday which will be Hustings.

HYDE PARK RELAY

The 'unofficial' student relay championship will be held tomorrow, beginning at 3:00pm, in Hyde Park. One hundred forty teams from UK, Holland, Belgium, France and Sweden will run eighteen miles each around the Serpentine. If you like to help, meet in the Union Building at 2:00pm or if you wish to spectate be anywhere around the Serpentine.

PROPOSED SUNDAY OPENING FOR SPORTS CENTRE

It was proposed at the Athletic Clubs Committee that the Sports Centre in Prince's Gardens should be open on Sundays for use by students and staff. Before this idea goes any further, it is essential that ACC knows how many people are definitely interested in making use of this extension of the facilities; therefore a petition will be posted in all the halls, the JCR and in the Union Lower Lounge.

MICRO PROCESSORS

Professor John Albery's working party, set up to assess the College's position in relation to the industrial applications of microprocessors, has recommended the creation of a special departmental and administrative machinery to foster and coordinate work in the field of microprocessors. Further, it says, a teaching unit, funded by a special UGC earmarked grant, should come into being.

At present only Physics and Elec Eng students receive microprocessor education.

JUBILEE LECTURE

Lord Denning will give the fourth Jubilee lecture, entitled *Science Under Scrutiny* on Thursday 13th March. As personal publicity for the man has been so excellent recently College are staging it in the Great Hall at 5:30pm.

SHOP

Simon Perry (Chairman, Refectory Suggestions and Complaints Committee) is anxious that everyone knows, and makes use of, the Southside Shop. In *Topic* he writes: "Did you know that the Imperial College shop — situated opposite the main porter's lodge in South Side — stocks not only a general range of groceries, bread, butter, eggs, milk, frozen foods, cigarettes and confectionery, but also batteries, combs, razor blades, toothbrushes and a large selection of other useful items!"

"Prices are as competitive as we can reasonably make them, and whenever possible, goods will be sold at 'on special offer' prices."

"Undoubtedly the shop provides a valuable service to both staff and students, but to improve its viability, we need to improve turnover; so **PLEASE SUPPORT THE SHOP WHENEVER POSSIBLE.**"

"We wish to meet changing customer requirements as best we can. If you have any suggestions for new lines, different sizes, more convenient opening hours, etc, please send them to either: Dr Simon Perry (Chairman) or Roger Stotesbury (Secretary) of the Refectory Suggestion Subcommittee."

ACCOMMODATION QUESTIONNAIRE

Michael Arthur, Union Welfare Adviser, tells FELIX: First of all, many thanks to those of you who have returned the questionnaire. The replies will provide some much-needed information and the comments that you have written contain many useful ideas and much food for thought.

So far, we have received about 250 replies, but we really need another 150 or so to give us the sample that we need.

In order to achieve this total, we have sent out some more questionnaires

So... if you haven't checked the letter-racks lately, please do so... If there is a questionnaire lost and forgotten at the bottom of your briefcase, please dig it out and get it back to us. The drinks vouchers (which you can pick up when you return the questionnaire) are valid until the March 4th, so please send or bring your questionnaire back to the Union Office as soon as possible.

By the way, don't forget the accommodation photographic competition (beer voucher for every entrant and a bottle of whiskey as first prize). You don't have to be an expert photographer to enter this competition, all we're looking for is interesting snaps. Entry forms from the Union Office.

LONDON STUDENT GET IT WRONG

Wednesday's *London Student*, in a moment of pro-NUS fervour reported that the EGM had decided to go ahead and hold a referendum on NUS. The article was written by Paul Segal, LS News Editor. Malcolm Brain, mentioned in the article, phoned Paul to find out what had happened. He explained that he had written "to decide whether or not" and that the mistake had occurred later in production. He apologised and asked what was the best way to commit suicide at IC.

RAG MAG PROBE

Hon Sec, Roger Stotesbury, was contacted Tuesday morning by a reporter from the *Birmingham Evening Post* asking whether it was correct that our Rag Mag had been banned by the Police. This, of course, is not true. The reporter was writing an article on the Mag following complaints from students at a city campus.

ICCAG ACTING CHAIRMAN

Following the resignation of John Whitehouse as ICCAG Chairman, Sean Coyle has been appointed acting Chairman. Papers are up in the Lower Lounge for the election.

BOOKSHOP RETIREMENT

John Samworth, Bookshop Manager, is to retire at the end of the summer for personal reasons.

THE RECTOR ATTENDS COUNCIL

On Monday the Rector attended the 228th meeting of Imperial College Union Council held in the Concert Hall. He briefly outlined his opinions of the future of the College in the face of the Government expenditure cuts.

Finance

Savings of the of one million pounds per year, for the next three or four years were revealed to be necessary. This, in his opinion, meant that no area of College life could escape examination, but academic standards of primary importance. Certain departments were singled out as being already under scrutiny, in particular, Aeronautical Engineering, CCD, Botany, Zoology and the Department of the History of Science and Technology. The possibilities of combining departments and changing courses is being closely examined.

He made one point very obvious; non-academic matters must be made to pay their way or they must go. In particular the halls of residence must bear the total cost of their operation; this means that administrative costs will be shifted from College onto the halls account and this, of necessity, means a cut in the standards and level of cleaning.

Savings

Methods of gaining increased income were also mentioned. For instance the possibility of gradually removing the valuable gravel on which the sports ground at Harlington stand is being investigated. These would be minimum disruption to facilities (using a gradual mining/replacement system) and a considerable amount of money could be earned.

Fees

A matter of considerable importance to students is the question of overseas students' fees.

From next October the College will be charging the recommended minimum fees to foreign students (ie, £2,000 pa for Maths and £3,000 pa otherwise). He stressed that this is a minimum fee, not the 'full economic' fee which the Government would like to see. This would have the effect of possibly reducing overseas student numbers drastically in the next few years. The Rector felt that this was not at all desirable and added that there would be absolutely no question of a hardship fund; students at present on courses would be helped up the College's financial capability, but new students would be expected to pay their fees or leave.

No Guarantees

In answer to questions from the

members of Council, the Rector revealed that he could offer no guarantees in any field. Everything would be examined and nothing can be stated about priorities at present. He did feel, however, that the proportion of women at IC should be increased by attempting to maintain facilities such as nursery. It was obvious that he feels more women should enter the fields of Science and Engineering.

On the topic of four year engineering courses following the Finniston Report, the Rector stated that although no decisions were possible now, he hoped that Imperial could be one of the few colleges offering the four year M Eng qualification. Financial support for these courses would then be made available by the Government.

In conclusion, he felt that it was important that we should maintain good spirits and make the best of an apparently bleak few years.

PARACHUTING

Bob Acramen would like to apologise to everyone who came along to the talk last Tuesday. Unfortunately his car was involved in an argument with another, on the way here. The new time and venue for the film show and talk is Tuesday 4th March at 6:30pm in the Union Lower Refectory. Don't be put off, come along and find out what it's really all about! All welcome!

FCPA GO CLOSE

Thanks to all the lads who gave so much to try to capture the Guilds six-a-side trophy as RCS Sixes Champions. side trophy. As RCS Sixes Champions we did ourselves proud, losing 2-1 to Mech Eng All Stars (!) in the final (the only goals we conceded in the tournament). Thanks go to Steve Veats, Dennis Cooke, Chris Hendy, Kev Buckley, John Healy and also Bob Dhillon who was unable to play this time. Congratulations Mech Eng, it was a good game and Kev Reeve, FCPA (alias Wreeve's Wranglers) Captain.

TABLE TENNIS CLUB

Professional coaching is available to all members of IC Table Tennis Club from 7:00pm to 9:00pm every Monday evening until the end of term at a cost of about 60p per session. No need to book, just be in the Table Tennis Room at 7:00pm. Players of all abilities welcome.

ACCOMMODATION

Possibility of flats for five in Earls Court. Three bedrooms, kitchen, bathroom. Rent around £19.00 each per week. Contact Michael Arthur, ICU Welfare Centre.

UGC VISIT

On March 13th the departments of Maths and CCD will receive a visit from members of the UGC Mathematical Sciences Subcommittee.

WHAT'S ON

FRIDAY 29th FEBRUARY

IC CHRISTIAN UNION OVERSEAS STUDENTS EVENING with Andy Dalton at 6:30pm in the Music Room, 53 Princes Gate.

IC INDIA SOC FILM: KORA KAGAZ starring Vijay Anand and Jaya Bhadhurt in Mech Eng 342 at 7:00pm. Admission 50p.

SATURDAY 1st MARCH

CRÊPE PARTY WITH DISCO at 7:30pm in the Union Lower Refectory. Admission on the door £1.00 to members, £1.30 to non-members. (No tickets sold after 10:30pm.)

SUNDAY 2nd MARCH

RALLY AGAINST THE NATIONAL FRONT at 10:00am. Details J T Czernuszka, Mat Sci 2.

ENTS CONCERT: MARCH OF THE SLOBS featuring Charlie Parka and starring Albertos Y Los Paranoias and the Smirks at 7:30pm in the Great Hall. Tickets £1.75 or £1.25 in advance and SU cards are required.

MONDAY 3rd MARCH

TALK BY SIR MONTY FINNISTON at 2:00pm in Mech Eng 220. All lectures cancelled in Guilds and Mines.

DISCUSSION ON EDUCATING ENGINEERS following Finniston at 6:00pm in Mech Eng 220.

FILM: LES BONNES FEMMES at 6:30pm in Maths 213. Admission 40p (members 25p).

FOLK CLUB SINGERS' NIGHT AND ELECTIONS at 8:00pm in the Lower Refectory. Members free, others 30p.

TUESDAY 4th MARCH

PHOTSOC SHOP in the Old Darkroom between 12:30pm and 1:30pm.

STOIC TRANSMISSION at 1:00pm.

RIDING CLUB MEETING to discuss activities and book rides in Elec Eng Room 1110 (level 11) between 1:00pm and 2:00pm.

ASSOCIATED STUDIES PRESENT:

1. The Political Scene: a talk by the Rt Hon Edward Heath, PC, MP in Lecture Theatre 1, Blackett Laboratory. (This talk was arranged by IC Conservative Society.)

2. Archaeology — Can We Prove The Bible Wrong? with Professor Don Wiseman in the Pippard Theatre, Sheffield Building. (Arranged by IC Christian Union.)

TALK ON POWER FOR THE FUTURE by the CEGB at 1:00pm in Elec Eng Room 408. All welcome.

ICWA GENERAL MEETING at 1:00pm in the ICWA Lounge. Free coffee and biscuits provided.

RAILSOC MEETING at 5:40pm in Maths 340 with Major A G B King speaking on *The Work Of The Railway Inspectorate*.

AUDIO SOC MEETING at 6:30pm in the ICWA Lounge. Angus MacKenzie will be talking on *Digital Recording Techniques*.

TALK AND DEMONSTRATION OF THE SORCEROR COMPUTER at 7:00pm in CCD Room 145.

PHOTSOC LECTURE at 7:00pm in RSM 303 by P H Reed on *Ships Past And Present*.

WEDNESDAY 5th MARCH

IC BIG BAND LIVE IN STANS at 8:30pm.

THURSDAY 6th MARCH

STOIC TRANSMISSION with *News-Break* at 1:00pm and 6:00pm.

HUSTINGS UGM at 1:00pm in the Great Hall. All lectures cancelled until 3:30pm.

ASSOCIATED STUDIES LUNCH-HOUR CONCERT with the Vega Wind Quintet in the Music Room, 53 Prince's Gate between 1:30pm and 2:30pm.

ENTS FILM: *THE 39 STEPS* in Mech Eng 220 at 6:30pm. Entrance 30p.

REAL ALE SOCIETY MEETING at 7:30pm in the Crush Bar, second floor, Union Building. Members only (membership £1.00).

IC SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA CONCERT in the Great Hall at 8:00pm. Admission 75p (students 50p).

FRIDAY 7th MARCH

IC CHRISTIAN UNION TALK on *Witnessing In The Kingdom* at 6:30pm in the Music Room, 53 Prince's Gate.

ENTS DISCO at 8:00pm in the Union Lower Lounge. Admission 20p.

TUESDAY 11th MARCH

HANG-GLIDING CLUB PRESENT A TALK WITH FILMS at 6:30pm in Mech Eng 220. Admission 30p (20p for members).

FRIDAY 14th MARCH

IC CHOIR CONCERT in Kensington New Town Hall (near High Street Kensington underground) at 8:00pm.

Tuesday saw the publication of the report of the working party on medical and dental teaching resources. The working party, chaired by the Lord Flowers, Rector of Imperial College, recommends that the thirty-four separate medical and teaching institutions in London should be regrouped into six new schools of medicine and dentistry.

This would involve closing Westminster Hospital medical school and several other London medical institutes. The Editor of FELIX interviewed two third year medical students from Westminster who had just returned from a demonstration outside the University of London.

They had been shouting slogans: "Some Flowers smell but this one stinks", etc. Both BBC and ITN gave extensive coverage to the Lord Flowers press conference and the medical student demonstrations. An interview with the Lord Flowers was the lead item on the BBC 5:40 news. The nurses at St Stephen's gave a cool response to the Lord Flowers' statement, "Although the hospitals don't like the way the cutbacks affect their backyard... they will accept it." The nurses resolved not to allow the report to be easily accepted.

The Dean of Westminster, Dr John Wyman, has told the medical students that "the hands of the authorities at Westminster are tied, but the students have the opportunity to be free to protest." The Westminster Medical School

THE LORD FLOWERS ANGERS MEDICAL STUDENTS



Students' Union have set up a committee to oppose the recommendations. The group

called FLAC (rumoured to stand for Flowers Liquidation Action Committee) will voice opposition and organise demonstrations over the next few months.

The arguments for keeping Westminster Teaching Hospital alive is that it has the highest first time pass rate and unmatched honours results. The students argued that the cost of training a doctor at Westminster is less than at most teaching establishments in London. One argument for closing the hospital was that it was small. However, the medical students commented that it was not that small (seventh largest out of twelve), but it was cost effective.

"The patients will suffer." Westminster's strong points are its radiotherapy unit, which consultants have spent years to establish. Also, Westminster is renowned for its specialist work with bone marrow as well as having an important children's section. "Westminster has a tradition that has developed over one hundred and fifty years. It can't be recreated or amalgamated."

The students blamed the authorities for overspending their budget on two new hospitals. They said it would cost twenty million pounds to transfer departments to St Thomas' and to carry that out would be like "making a first division team play with the fourth division's equipment... Tommies just haven't got it."

COLIN'S EDITORIAL

Was the FELIX Editor's accident specially timed to coincide with the publication of the Flowers' Report on Medical and Dental resources? No, I might be over enthusiastic to get news pictures, but I draw the line at inflicting painful fractures on the lower regions of my anatomy, just to be able to experience a stay in St Stephen's Hospital.

EGM

Were you one of the two people who were needed to make last Tuesday's EGM quorate? I had a valid excuse, but four thousand other students at IC with no physical disabilities could have made it to the Great Hall. Why don't you make an effort to come to Union meetings? The hustings for the sabbatical posts are to be held at next Thursday's UGM in the Great Hall. This popular event combines humour with the more serious business of leaving candidates telling you about their good points.

SABBATICAL ELECTIONS

In a recent survey, IC Radio discovered that few students knew what a sabbatical was. So for your delight I now present an idiot's guide to the sabbatical elections.

Certain students at IC have decided that they fancy a year off from their academic work. Not only that... but their lust for power combined with an inflated ego convinced them that the ignorant and apathetic students at Imperial would help them achieve their aims. The candidates have spent many hours working out ways to influence the location of your '1' on the ballot papers during the election of March 10th/11th.

Some people vote on the 'I've Heard That Name Before' principle or 'voting for A because B's an idiot' strategy or because they like the look of some part of one of the candidate's anatomy. Very few spend time getting to know the candidates or really understand what they have to offer.

Do you know what makes a good President? Even if you've got the answer... how can you find out which candidate fits your ideals? One way is to read their manifestoes in next Friday's FELIX. The posters that are about to spring up all over College tell you who's standing and the handouts will give you an idea of what the candidates have done in the past and what they think you'd like to see them do when they take office. IC Radio are transmitting election promos and don't forget to watch STOIC as well.

The FELIX Editor election is very difficult to vote on because there are so many sides to the job that even I haven't been able to decide which candidate to vote for.

I'm looking for an Editor that will manage to get FELIX out on Fridays even with all the problems that crop up over the year. Time is short. Some weeks I work for one hundred and twenty hours while in others I can catch up the loss of sleep by producing a smaller paper. The Editor needs a large practical staff but he/she must not fall into the trap of encouraging students to

miss lectures.

I have found it useful to have had a year's experience working on the paper before taking up the job as Editor. There is something unique to the weekly cycle of Friday copy deadlines followed by well-earned sleep on Friday afternoons. I soon learned that one has to comprise over 'quantity'. There is never enough time to do what you really want. It can be frustrating if you are a perfectionist. As the deadline comes closer, one sees a tense concentration on the face of the Editor. Cigarettes are lit in increasingly rapid succession. The printer hovers in the background ready to rip the completed paste-up off the drawing board. There's nothing quite like a Thursday!

STV

Besides the posts of President and FELIX Editor there are two more sabbatical positions. The Honorary Secretary and Deputy President also take a year off to work for ICU. It is your choice/your vote. If you're used to putting 'X' on ballot papers, forget it! We use the STV system (single transferrable vote). If we take a simple case where there are three candidates in an election. When you vote you can put the numbers, '1', '2', and '3' beside the names of the candidates but you don't have to give 2nd or 3rd preferences if you don't feel like it.

The good point with STV is that if you have two favourite candidates the second choice still has your second preference if your first choice fails, ie, if several candidates from the same stable stand for a post then they don't cancel each other's chances of winning.

Just when you thought that you'd cracked the ICU voting system a final problem raises its head... destroying your confidence... The rules say that you need your Union card in order to vote. So sort through all your old papers and I expect that somewhere underneath last October's edition of Mayfair will be your virgin Union card, ready to have a hole punched through it!

CHEERS

This paragraph is dedicated to the nurses, doctors and sisters of St Stephen's Hospital, especially the staff of the Thomas Wakley ward and also the patients who have had to put with a maniac FELIX Editor with an obsession to take photographs. I'll be out soon, but I will need a lot of help as it will take months for me to be able to walk without assistance.

Thank you to everyone who has helped with FELIX over the last weeks, especially Roger who has enjoyed being an acting editor (I think). Also cheers to all those people who visited me, cheering me up through a rather painful couple of weeks.

Colin Palmer
FELIX Editor
St Stephen's Hospital

DEBATE ON OVERSEAS AID

The house suggests that the Western countries hinder the progress of developing countries

Depending on what you mean by 'progress', ie, economic development, education, and industry, Trevor Phillips (ex IC Union President, now President of NUS) put over his motion in a strong, humorous and fluid way, hardly pausing for breath as he interjected facts, and statistics with personal viewpoints.

The West hindered the East, or, as he put it, the North hindered the South by lending money (in meagre proportions) on the one hand, only to demand enormous repayment of interest, causing the Third World to be totally beholden to the West.

Mr Phillips, although careful to point out that his sentiments did not entirely lie with Communist regimes, pointed to China and Russia as prime examples of 'impoverished' countries who, without any aid from the West, developed independently (a red herring to be picked up later by the opposition).

Undeterred by the face-pulling and note-passing tactics adopted by the other side, he could well have continued to illustrate his point past the generous time limit allowed by Mr Robertson, Chairman, who had introduced the debate by describing himself as "possibly a little bit of aid" having worked in a Third World country for nine years. "A Liberal" he hastened to add.

Revenge for the "off-putting" tactics came to Trevor Phillips when Martin Stevens, MP for Fulham, stood up to speak against the motion. Out came the worry beads, and despite Mr Phillips' calm countenance, the beads had the desired effect of being more fascinating than Mr Stevens's speech.

Mr Stevens pointed to several examples of countries who had almost pleaded to be re-included under British rule, which, let's face it, had provided aid in the form of education and trade. If it hadn't been for the British, the Indians and Egyptians wouldn't be producing cotton goods now. How easy it was to obtain a glass of milk in Russia became a case in point: "Very difficult," said Mr Stevens. "Quite easy," stated Martin Lockett, seconding the motion. "Ah, but did you take your own glass?" retorted Mr Stevens. Mr Lockett managed to steer the debate back to the hindrance of foreign aid by some impressive facts, and a concise summing-up of what was becoming a somewhat vague outline of the motion.

Last to speak against the motion was Mr Albert Barnafo, a Social and Economic Studies student. His carefully prepared speech was delivered with great conviction and an even greater number of statistics, some of which appeared to be of more use to his opponents, particularly one pertaining to aid getting into the wrong hands and being used to buy houses for the daughters of Nigerian government ministers; as good a reason as any, I thought, not to give it in the first place.

The floor was itching to make comments, speeches, accusations and agreements but time was short, and a debate that could have continued long into the afternoon, judging by the excitement generated, had to be curtailed, with just time for a vote in the closing minute.

Needless to say, Trevor Phillips and Co speaking on the motion, won by a large majority, although I tend to think that the convictions of the audience lay strongly with the motion and Mr Phillips anyway, prior to the debate.

Jaqie Kingham

LONDON STUDENT DRAMA FESTIVAL

An enterprising and innovative scheme, the London Student Drama Festival sponsored by the *Evening News* is drawing to a close. This agglomeration of events was designed basically to bridge the gap between various student dramatic societies and professional acting and comprised a large number of performances of various plays and theatrical workshops at various times of the day in the Collegiate Theatre, Gordon Street. Scheduled to run for twelve days, a little spice was added by offering prizes and getting a few famous names to volunteer their expertise. On paper it's been a very good idea, being as far-reaching as involving a group of borstal inmates in a dramatic production.

In practice the organisers more than likely found most trouble in publicising the festival; with their festival offices in the ULU building, Malet Street, they suffer from the old problem of being too far removed from other centres of student life. I doubt that many people at IC knew of the existence of the festival, let alone had any plans to participate or spectate. If you look carefully, maybe you'll see their posters and then again maybe you won't.

Perhaps the fault lies in the lack of any network through which to pass information, which is a great shame having seen the small band of enthusiastic co-ordinators in the Festival offices. They were all very busy sending out information and publicity, but it might save them a lot of time and effort if they could check exactly what effect it was having. In the meantime if we hear about any more manifestations of histrionics, we'll let you know.

Lars Wernberg-Møller

ELECTION HUSTINGS 1.00pm Thursday 6th of March Great Hall

Come and judge for yourself.

PRESIDENT DEPUTY PRESIDENT

HON. SECRETARY FELIX EDITOR

LECTURES CANCELLED TILL 3.30PM

VOTING IN ALL DEPARTMENTS on Monday 10th and Tuesday 11th of March 10.00am to 5.00pm.

You will need your union card to vote.

CITY AND GUILDS

Last Sunday a gallant band of Guildspeople set off for Harlington to participate in the Soccer Sixes. Despite the weather, which was a bit cold and wet (note subtle understatement) many matches were played and the eventual winners were Price's Penguin Six Pack (ME3 A team). Many congratulations to them and to Giles for organising the event.

The elections are coming up with the Election rag on Saturday 8th March and the Election Bar Night on the 9th March. The Election UGM is on the 11th. All candidates are required to attend these events and if you want to meet the candidates make sure that you turn up as well.

Future events include:

Monday 3rd March: The inter-CCU Swimming Gala at 6:30pm. Come along and support Guilds at the sports centre as we compete against the lesser CCUs. Also all manifestoes for prospective Exec members must be in to the Union Office by 5:30pm.

Wednesday 5th March: The first of the Sparkes cup matches at Harlington will occur. Guilds are playing Mines and supporters are wanted for this important match. There will be free coaches to Harlington leaving Beit Arch between 12:30pm and 1:00pm for all those who want to go.

Cheers

Bryan

RCS

Voting takes place on Monday for the RCS elections. Use your vote to ensure that your union serves you. The results will be declared at a UGM at 1:00pm on Tuesday in Physics Lecture 2; and there will be Bar Night on Tuesday evening to celebrate.

Supporters are required for the Swimming Gala on Monday evening at six o'clock, so why not drop in. If you want to help with the Deaf Kiddies Party a week on Saturday come to the RCSU at 12:45pm on Monday.

Finally, good luck to all RCS competitors in the Rag Race.

MINES

Since last week's efforts seem to have cured our illustrious President of his scriolophilic tendencies you will all have to put up with one of his minions once more.

Last weekend was quite successful for Mines. Many people had a good time on the De la Beche Club Field Trip to Pembrokeshire and some of those that didn't took part in the Soccer Sixes at Harlington on Sunday. Magnificently organised by Steve Hinde, the competition involved eleven teams, the eventual winners being Stevenson's Rockets (Met 3). Congratulations to them. Congratulations also to the Mines Dart team, led by Andy Norman, who fed Guilds 10-5.

The Tuesday after the Camborne weekend saw a General Committee Meeting at which a decision was reached on the vexed question of Mines' Freshers' Dinners. The result was that there will be a constitutional change to the effect that there will be a referendum held each year in each department as to the format of the next year's Freshers' Dinner.

The Rugby Club marches on: two Wednesdays ago, the first fifteen beat QMC firsts by 21 to 7 and the second fifteen beat QMC seconds by 19 to 10 with only thirteen men. Steve Thomas had to be carried off with a locked knee and Russ Clark was helped off by the referee.

FUTURE EVENTS

Tomorrow 1st March: Nottingham Sixes and Sevens.

Monday 3rd March: Swimming Gala. Swimmers and supporters are still needed!

Wednesday 5th March: Mods and Rockers Bar Night. Starts at 7:00pm in the Union Bar.

Wednesday 12th March: Mines Review. From 7:30pm to 3:00am in the JCR. Bar till 2:00am and lots, lots more. Tickets from the Union Office.

The Election UGM, originally planned for Thursday 20th March may be brought forward to the preceding Thursday due to exams. Election papers will go up **TODAY**.

Ah well, I suppose I'd better go and do some work!

Cheers,

Bob the Slob



The Great Imperial Rag Race is about to be set in motion; at 2:00pm this afternoon hordes of competitors will be setting forth armed with thousands of Rag Mags to sell around the country. The finish of the race is at 10:30 on Sunday in the Union Bar, so if you want to see how people have got on then be there to welcome them back. We are hoping at least to break even with the Rag Mag this year, and possibly make a reasonable profit, as there is some doubt as to whether the College will allow us to produce one next time after the fuss there was at the beginning of the year. This Rag Mag in particular has caused a great deal of controversy, but the production of some sort of magazine is important to publicise Imperial College Rag around the country as an active institution, so we need to keep it going.

The Deaf Children's Party will be held in Prince's Gardens a week on Saturday; we want lots of students to come along to help look after the children and to enjoy themselves, so if you see a party from your Southside window then you know that you're invited. There will be a sponsored Toss-the-Caber (of suitable size!) competition first, followed by a tea party with about fifty children and some TV personalities who have been invited to come and join in.

Oh Yes! There is a Dress As Your Favourite American party coming soon, so start thinking now how you're going to dress up as there will be a reduction in tickets for all those who arrive in fancy dress.

THE FIELD CUP 1980 (a sober report)

The Field Cup, a treasure hunt involving teams of five or more solving cryptic clues leading to ten pubs in and around South Kensington, additional points being scored for alcoholic drinks imbibed.

The teams were assembled; who were the favourites? Previous competitions had shown ARBS to be strong contenders, but could anyone beat the experienced campaigners O'Boyle/Brain/Ledwold/Teuton/Turner combination (rumoured to be entering as the Teetotal team — a joke, surely?). The rules, a list of pubs in the area, a list of treasure, and the first

clue was handed out to the teams by the event's organiser, Nab Kalsi, and the event began, with teams steadily rushing off to their first pub as their clue was solved.

For the next four hours, the teams walked, ran, and crawled round the district, drinking as much as possible (with the exception of the now almost-teetotal team) and desperately searching for valuable items of treasure; two pounds of cooked spaghetti, a car tyre, an inflatable rubber person, and a pair of false teeth (to name but a few). Before long, some teams realised that there'd been a cock-up somewhere; they shouldn't be receiving the same clue twice, sending them back to a previous pub! Still, it just went to prove the old saying that Guilds couldn't organise a piss-up in a brewery, never mind a pub crawl!*

From 10:30pm onwards, the teams assembled in the Lower Lounge, which had not witnessed such carnage since the previous year. People fought for treasure, trampling on top of their less fortunate comrades who had collapsed on the floor in a pile of chunder. Even one of the marshals had become sufficiently inebriated to be able to trip over and cut his eye without appearing to notice it. Amidst the chaos, Nab Kalsi was desperately attempting to score each team's treasure and collect the marshal's score sheets. Eventually most of the drunken slob managed to stagger away home, or alternatively crashed out where they collapsed.

The result, announced the following day, was: First, ARBS (with 213.2 points/head); Second, Barry's Boot Boys (with 204.7 points/head); Third, Harry's Hermits (with 194.8 points/head).

Rob McAni

*Only joking, honest!

SOCIETIES' PAGE

THE MICROCOMPUTER CLUB

The Microcomputer Club was founded by a group of people who felt that the Imperial College of Science and Technology should give its members access to what all the pupils call "New Technology" without having to fork out the £200 required to get a decent micro up and running.

The Club is now the proud owner of a complete system, with eight inch disks and a printer and a paper tape reader-punch. So we have achieved our initial objective, there is a micro which any member of College may use. The Club also arranges talks, demonstrations and other events.

On Wednesday of this week we held an Open Day, when many members of the club displayed their micro processor systems. We were amazed by the number of people who turned up (including the Rector who is our Hon Pres) which prompted our sec to say, "Which just goes to show that there are many more people interested in micros than most people think — including us!"

At the show there were about ten or twelve microprocessors on display, most of them running games programs, but one was playing music — a Mk 14 and the Club's system was doing nothing, because nobody's yet written any programs for it. So, if you spend 50p per day on Space Invaders then a compukit 101 is for you — there was one micro which was running Space Invaders from 1:00pm to 3:00pm almost without a break.

On Tuesday we had a talk on Forth by the owner of the UK copywrite on that

language. The demonstration was very impressive in that it convinced the Club, who had previously felt that it was a nice idea but not worth worrying about, but now most of us are dying to get the language on to our systems. The main reason for this, I think, is the versatility of Forth, which you can redefine as you go along, so if you find you don't want a square root function, but you do want an $x - x + 7x$ function you can do it!

On Tuesday we are having a demonstration of the Sorcerer by Miss V Downes, who received the machine for PCW (one of the big two micro magazines). On Tuesday 11th March David Hebditch, also of PCW will be giving a talk and a demo of his Personal Computer Network — a system which allows communication between micros, via the phone.

So if you are interested in micros come to Miss Downes' talk.

Tim Panton

PS: If you get the chance, go to the 'Challenge Of The Chip' exhibition at the Science Museum — it's very good.

MOONEY

Campaign For Real Food

"Our much loved catering manager" to quote *The News Quiz*, has after much stalling and putting off of dates, agreed to try to make some improvements to his food.

The first attempt will be between Monday 10th March and Friday 14th when he will attempt to produce vegetarian meals in the Sheffield Refectory. If this is a success (ie well supported by lots of students eating

them), he may be persuaded to go on to make other changes. However, if it fails, due to lack of support, he will not.

The last time that he tried this it failed, — and that was in 1950. So, if you want another thirty years of indigestible, extortionate meals, just ignore the Sheffield Refectory during the week of March.

I C C A G

Today we are entertaining kids from Birkenhead. Meet 152 Falmouth at 11:30am. Hurry!

If anyone wants to visit patients (old and long term) at St Pancras and St Mary Abbots' hospitals, please come and see us Monday dinnertimes, third floor, Union. Old people will talk to anyone — you don't have to know what to say.

Tomorrow at 10:00am, Beit Arch — another trip to the Holly Street Adventure Playground. You don't have to be in Mines Rugby to do this, either and the day is as much fun for you as it is for them.

As usual, there will be soup runs on Tuesday and Friday, so come to Falmouth kitchens at 10:30pm.

Taskforce will be visiting OAPs around South Kensington. Get in touch with us or Sunila Nimalasuriya, Maths 1.

Or visit kids at Great Ormond Street Hospital and play with them (but of course, you can't win).

All you need is time and we are always here.

John Evans

Focus on The Smirks - Sunday 5pm



Mog and Si of the Smirks being interviewed on I.C. Radio.

Photo by Jeremy Nunns

On Sunday at 5pm Dave Fuller will be talking to Simon Milner, lead singer of the Smirks and the Charlie Parkas, who also plays trumpet; also Mog, who plays Bass, again with both bands. Three members of the Charlie Parkas were with Albertos Y Los Trios Paranoias. The bands will be playing in the Great Hall on Sunday night (see further details on facing page). During the programme they will be exclusively announcing a competition which will take place during the Gig, for which they will be giving away a copy of their latest record, including free picture disc.

I.C. RADIO TIMES

Do You Like to Funk?

(or do you just want to Get Down?)

It's a common misconception around College that all students like Rock Music etc. (often called 'Student Music'); this, I would like to reveal, is quite untrue. I am an exception to this statement 'cos I prefer Disco music (Shock, Horror!) and I'm sure that there are many other students out there in Listener Land who also prefer disco music. So all you Funky Freakers can tune in to 301m (999kHz) every Thursday at 6pm for an hour of "The best of all that's good in music".

I usually play some of the week's new disco releases, the records that are doing well in the charts, and one or two oldies.

At 6.20 a guest D.J. comes in from Funky Fulham with his Floor Fillers — the records that are good for dancing to in the Discos.

So join me every Thursday at six.

Alan Burton

I.C. Radio Top Twenty 25/2/80

- 1 (1) Peter Gabriel - Games Without Frontiers
- 2 (5) The Flying Lizards - T.V.
- 3 (4) Cristina - Is That All There Is?
- 4 (3) Dave Edmunds - Singing the Blues
- 5 (6) Boomtown Rats - Someone's Looking at You
- 6 (2) The Ramones - Baby I Love You
- 7 (9) Squeeze - Another Nail in My Heart
- 8 (7) Joan Armatrading - Rosie
- 9 (12) Blondie - Atomic
- 10 (8) The Buggles - The Plastic Age
- 11 (-) Talking Heads - I Zimbra
- 12 (-) Orchestral Manoeuvres - Red frame white light
- 13 (-) Mike Rutherford - Working In Line
- 14 (-) Rachel Sweet - Fool's Gold
- 15 (-) John Foxx - Underpass
- 16 (10) Rickie Lee Jones - Easy Money
- 17 (15) Holly & the Italians - Tell that girl to shut up
- 18 (14) The Jags - Woman's World
- 19 (-) The Police - So Lonely
- 20 (18) The Silicon Teens - Judy in Disguise

Compiled from the most played records on I.C. Radio during the past two weeks by Tony Ferguson with assistance from Jon Firth, in association with Sarah Talbot Enterprises Inc. ('cos she usually compiles it).

REVIEWS

I suppose it is just possible that it has escaped your notice that there is an IC ENTS gig this coming Sunday (2nd March).

Albertos Y Los Trios Paranois, in case you didn't know, have changed their name to the Charlie Parkas. This, I gather is partly due to the death of one member and the leaving of another, and also due to a change in musical direction. Well, I don't know about that, but I do know that they have always been great to listen to and expert satirists. In fact their satire transcends the raw material itself, they have been known to precede fashion and they were making punks look silly before anyone had heard of the Sex Pistols. Their stage show, *Snuff Rock*, featuring Norman Sleak, produced what must go down in history as the best punk EP ever made: *Snuff Rock*. This featured one track of completely mind boggling excellence *Kill*. One minute and twenty-nine seconds of pure TNT, it stands as the ultimate punk song, even though it is a pisstake. "I'm gonna cut me liver out and shove it in your face", sums it up fairly well, although it is impossible to describe listening to it properly without resorting to hitting oneself on the head with a large and heavy piece six inches of Kings Road punk skin.

Punk, however, is now passé and so these fun-filled fellows have turned their attention to Mod.

This tour, the 'March Of The Slobs' tour is obviously a poke at the much-publicised Mod revival, and their new single *Robin Hood*, has once again proved they can hit the mark better than anyone. After all, we've had ska versions of old songs like *Tears Of A Clown* so why not *Robin Hood*?

I leave it to your imagination to what it sounds like, although you can hear it on the radio if you know when to listen, or else I'm certain you'll get a much better impression if you see it done live, this Sunday, Imperial College, Great Hall. Get your tickets now boys and girls, or you'll be sorry.

Of course there is one other good reason for going to Sunday's concert, the wonderful scintillating support group.

FELIX looks forward to the Ents gig



with Albertos Y Los Trios Paranois

Rosemary / Up eh Up



The Smirks

I refer of course to the SMIRKS. Yes, this little-known Manchester band have had no less than four singles, all highly rated by John Peel, and two of them NME singles of the week. They have been signed to Berserkeley (Johnathan Richman's label), and Virgin, and yet still the success, fame and glory they deserve eludes them. We the converted therefore feel obliged to tell you, the world, what you're missing.

The band's down-to-earth style of humour shows through in most of their songs, and they have proved their flexibility many times, playing blues, pop, reggae and rock with equal ease and flair. Their first and probably most well-known single was *OK UK*, an unlikely song written in praise of this country over such fashionable places as California, viz: "California heartache gets on my wick, And the kids that sing about it make me sick,

I'm OK where I am,
OK OK"

The vocals are flawless and handled mainly by Simon Milner, the lead singer. Backed by the rest of the group it comes out sounding fresh and vibrant, combined with the witty style it has that extra something that should spell success in eight foot letters. Almost everyone I know who has ever seen them live has become an ardent fan (I've seen them three times in London alone), so my advice to you is don't miss them or you'll miss out. They'll be very big one day soon and you'll love to say "Oh yes they played at my college once before they were famous!" Leigh Foster

LP REVIEW

Group 8 of the Periodic Table lives on, due to — Various Artists — Metal for Muthas — EMI EMC 3318

Not that you really need the catalogue number, as this LP is destined for the charts. A compilation of new and not easily available material compiled by EMI's A & R boffin, Ashley Goodall, with the aid of Heavy Metal soundhouse DJ, Neal Kay, who writes the eloquent sleeve notes, which is fitting since he is partly responsible for the success of *Praying Mantis* and *Iron Maiden*, the latter contributing the first track, *Sanctuary*. An excellent start this proves to be; quick, powerful and with effective guitar breaks and those contrasts in volume that send a shiver down your spine. Paul Di'Anno's vocals elevate the standard of the song enormously. It is followed by

Sledgehammers's *Sledgehammer*, the most commercial of the songs, since it has a tune which refuses to leave your head. The EF Band's *Fighting For Rock And Roll*, starts promisingly and develops into a song that seems too fast. Productionwise the guitar sounds too distant, and the track has an unwelcome continental feel to it. Toad the Wet Sprocket's *Blues In A*, would have been better suited to an Elton John LP. It is lethargic and uninspiring although competently performed. This is more than made up for by *Praying Mantis' Captured City*. Mantis were in the shadow of *Iron Maiden*, and although less experienced, are just as promising. The track is equipped with devastating harmonies; not an amp blower, but one of the best tracks on the LP. The vocal accent is delightful, especially on the word "city". Lyrically meaningful, it is the most refined track on the LP, and also the longest, but still not long enough.

Side two begins with *Fight Back*, by Ethel the Frog, and an accent problem, or is it the

recording? A good song, but not loud enough. A spooky start, courtesy of Angelwitch introduces, *Baphomet*, a Black Sabbath song, pretty good all the same. Back to the professionals, the next three tracks make the album a 4½ starrer (out of 5). *Iron Maiden's Wrathchild*, is solid class, and the band's confidence overflows.

Then, a piano intro, and the sound of Radio 2 builds up to Samson's *Tomorrow Or Yesterday*. Cultured but still heavy, the song shows signs of being structured, and the formula works well. The last, and best track is Nutz's *Bootliggers*, Spanish guitar type solo à la Van Halen, then into a sheet of sound. Vocals are vaguely reminiscent of the late Bon Scott, the feeling put into the word, "bootligger" is perfect. Professional and an excellent curtain closer.

The record is available at the maximum price of £3.99, and on offer goes as low as £2.99, and with every playing gets better.

Julian Pitt

PS: Never judge an LP by its cover!

REVIEWS

BERLIN/RED RINSE Union Concert Hall

It would seem logical to start with the support band, who, due to the Time Flies splitting up on the evening prior to this gig, turned out to be a four piece band called Red Rinse, who appeared on stage complete with washing line. Right from the very beginning they brought back memories of Slade, though a little more serious in their attitude to the music, and in some respects lacking the polish that Slade had. The numbers were all fairly tight, short, and gave the impression that the band had come from a working class background, especially when singing about subjects such as 'I talk like that'. I couldn't help feeling that this particular outfit would be more suited to playing the pub scene than support to a heavy metal band, though in fairness they were better than some support acts I've seen at Hammersmith. Talking of being more suited to pubs, they tell me that they can be found most Saturday evenings in a new rock venue in East Acton, the Oak Tree Public House on Westway. One number that they didn't play that would have gone down well was *You Can't Keep A Good Drum Kit Down*. One final, though I wonder what image this band would have chosen in 1978?

Berlin started as they meant to go on, and immediately it became apparent that there was something out of place. (I eventually worked out what it was, I could actually see this group, not something that I usually can from the back of the circle of the Hammersmith Odeon, where I usually go to see groups like this.) The music was excellent, marred only by occasional feedback, and gave the impression of good, 'classic', heavy metal, very professionally put over, with some excellent guitar throughout the set. The style of lighting employed reminded me of Rush last year, and although I kept expecting to see clouds of dry ice, unfortunately it never came. One thing I did like about the group was the use of two guitars, though unfortunately their use in harmony can only be really appreciated with the use of stereo headphones. Personal favourite of the evening had to be *Lady Of Mars*. I could sum the concert up in one word, but modesty prevents me, however, if you did miss them, well tough, I'm just hoping that they're on vinyl later this year (rumour has it they could be on a future 'Metal For Muthas' album, though they will have to change their name as there is already a Berlin on record at present. A name change has one advantage, when you take out a mortgage to see them at Wembley in two years, you won't feel so bad that you missed them at IC, because you won't immediately make the connection between the two names). Once final comment, the concert was one of those you come out thinking, "Why haven't they released a live album?"

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THE 16 TONS TOUR Lewisham Odeon

It was family night out at the Lewisham Odeon, with Punk, Country and Western, Rhythm and Blues, Reggae and tearing the roof off the Lewisham Odeon.

First on was Blast Furnace Revenge with their own style of driving rhythm and blues (the blue wave), they were fairly good and played one outstanding slow blues number, the other high spot being *Can't Stop The Boy*, an old song from the days when they were Blast Furnace And The Heatwaves. Then it was time for Jamaican toaster Mikey Dread to give out some sharp talking over a background of rockers' rebel music. Next on was Joe Ely (and his band) who, as far as I can tell, is supposed to be some kind of 'New Wave Cowboy' from Texas. He played fairly conventional rock and although he was the better side of average, I won't lose any sleep if I never see him again. After him came more tall toasts and deep dubs from Mikey Dread. Then, to the strains of *Shift Sixteen Tons/And What Do You Get/Another Day Older/And Deeper In Debt* (hence Sixteen Tons Tour), the Clash took the stage and fired up with *Clash City Rockers*. All clad in black shirts and trousers they were visually great, although I prefer the leather

jackets, zips, parachute suits, etc, of the Westway Guerillas. Musically they were the best I've ever heard them live, ie, only one guitar packed in and Strummer kept his voice throughout. They played superlative versions of *Train In Vain*, (*White Man*) *In Hammersmith Palais* and *Capitol Radio* as well as playing a fair selection of singles and album tracks from all three albums. They worked hard on stage, putting their all into the set, as always. Keyboards were played by Blockhead Mickey Gallagher, who seems to now be the fifth member of the Clash.

However, the Clash didn't appear as threatening or subversive as they have done on past occasions, seeming to expect favourable audience reaction, which, whilst you expect that from duff disco bands like Pink Floyd or Genesis, is worrying coming from the Clash. The Clash unfortunately have an unenviable choice to make, either to pander to the tastes of the morons who shout *White Riot* throughout the set, or to be really radical and uncompromising and risk losing support. I came away knowing that I'd seen a fine band play a fine concert, but nagging doubts persisted. People are starting to say that the Clash will be the 'Rolling Stones of the '80s' — I'd rather they broke up now than for that to happen to them.

TOO MUCH PRESSURE LP THE SELECTOR

The debut album from the Selector and it is another Two-Tone joyous killer that consists of whooping ska and English reggae. When I saw Selector on the Two-Tone tour I was impressed by them and having listened to this album, I'm even more impressed.

There are thirteen songs on the album which are all played very well the overall sound is very tight. The best of the album is represented by *They Make Me Mad*, *Missing Words*, *Street Feeling*, *My Collie* (Not A Dog), *Too Much Pressure*, *Out On the Streets* and *Carry Go Bring Come* which are so good that they are frightening. The rest of the songs are also

very good. The band have got a stunning insight on real life, which they are able to put across without talking down or preaching to you. The flying horn section of Dick Cauthell and Rico also turn up on the album. Rico's been in reggae and ska since it started and it's nice to see him getting fame and fortune through the *Specials*, the *Selector* and *Linton Kwesi Johnson*.

Well, another near perfect release from Two-Tone which warms the heart. If you are still dumb enough to think the Two-Tone bands are Secret Affair type mindless mods, do some rethinking — these are Rude boys and girls who are inventive rather than regressive. This is real music by real people.

Simon Jerome

CHESS: IC1 vs Centymca

With only one win in five matches this season, IC1 needed a good result against Centymca, last year's champions, to keep clear of the regulation zone. However, our chances of winning looked slight as the opposition heavily outgraded us on most of the eight boards.

Usually chess matches are rather slow (and boring?) affairs lasting well over three hours, so it was a bit of a sensation when two of the games finished within twenty minutes. Pete Anderson, on board three, forsaking his favourite Queen-Pawn opening, lost a six move game in just ten minutes(!) while Julian Bacon took just twice as long to crush his bemused opponent. Unfortunately normality returned and the prospect of an early exodus to the Union Bar faded as the next game did not finish for another two hours.

From very early on, it was evident that Centymca were much stronger on the top boards but the games were more evenly matched lower down. On board two, Jon Freeman quickly lost a pawn and was struggling from then on while Phil Maguire, on the top board, played passively in the opening and soon had a difficult position. Things were going much better on the bottom boards; on board seven, Jitesh Gajjar obtained a strong position from the opening and Chris Callow, on board eight, was able to snatch the initiative with a strong Kingside attack. Brian Tang produced a bold piece sacrifice, on board four, and looked set for a good win but Bob Coles struggled against an unusual opening set-up and was soon in trouble.

Jitesh duly pressed home his advantage and soon forced his opponent to resign. Chris Callow smashed open his opponent's Kingside with a well calculated Rook sacrifice leaving himself with an easy win. This gave IC a 3-1 lead but Jon and Bob soon put paid to that; Jon decided that losing one pawn wasn't bad enough and proceeded to lose another three, leaving him four pawns down in a lost end game. On four, Bob never recovered from his poor opening play and was well beaten.

This left the score level at 3-3 with two games unfinished. Brian Tang, unfortunately, failed to convert his early advantage and had to be content with a draw. Thus the IC Captain now needs to draw his game to save the match. He missed an easy drawing line but has adjourned in only a slightly inferior position which he should be able to hold. So hopefully, the match should finish as a 4-4 draw giving IC a well deserved half point.

Team: P Maguire, J Freeman, P Anderson, B Tang, R Coles, J Bacon, J Gajjar and C T Callow.

P Maguire

IC SAILING

IC Sailing Club entered two teams in the Castaways Cup this weekend, in which London Colleges and Hospitals competed. Both teams were undefeated against the other nine teams and IC A team beat IC B team in the preliminary league. Sunday saw a wet, cold day with a slight breeze and both IC teams qualifying for the final. Two races were held; the first being won by IC B team holding second, third and fourth positions and with two and a half penalty points against IC A. In the second race, IC A team took first, second and third positions on the line, but two incidents involving Alan Beany and Dave Derby, and Alan Beany and Ian Robson occurred, resulting in two protests. A committee was set up and in its first hearing disqualified both Alan Beany and Dave Derby and in its second disqualified Ian Robson. Thus after an afternoon of drama, IC B team took the honours by three points.

A team: D Derby, D Culshaw, I Robson, G Titmus, and N Ajderian.

B team: J Williams, A Beany, C Lewis, A Turnbull/C Jaffey, J Baxter and K Andrews.

BALDWIN HAT TRICK CLINCHES IT FOR IC

After George Adach's failure to sign Kevin Keegan and the previous 9-1 defeat by Guys Hospital left the sixths morale at a low ebb. With the absence of such household names as Dave Bradley, Ismael Sola, Steve Davies and Gary Slater it looked as though the sixths would be left to scrape up a team again. In fact this was not the case, as five 'imported superstars' from other teams came to the rescue and played an invaluable part in IC's win.

The game was even to begin with and both sides created some half chances. Then, from Pete Curzon's pin-pointed corner a lovely header by Mark Clegg put IC into the lead. This goal provoked some consistent attacking football from St Georges which was rebuffed by IC's solid defence and good goalkeeping by Richard Rijnbeek. IC then took the initiative and after a period of constant pressure, Sean Coyle hassled a defender so that he misjudged his back pass and the ever alert Ken Baldwin was on hand to score. Ken Baldwin pounced a few minutes later when the St Georges' goalkeeper failed to hold a shot. Ken's hat trick soon followed from a particularly good IC move.

In the second half Nigel Audin (the first half referee) replaced Ken Baldwin who had an ankle injury. From the start of this half, St Georges piled on the pressure and scored when a melée in the goalmouth resulted in George Adach appearing to kick the ball into his own net, however, this was later denied (mainly by George). He later made

amends for this by kicking the ball off the line when a goal looked certain. During this period of pressure IC counter-attacked and Sean Coyle scored a superb solo goal. St Georges soon scored again when a back-pass went astray but IC were never in danger of conceding any more.

Team: G Adach (Capt), R Rijnbeek, P Curzon, Liam, P Gahil, S Coyle, D Timbler, Bob, D Kelly, M Clegg and K Baldwin (N Audin).

TABLE TENNIS

Last week was undeniably the nadir of the season (that means bottom, bunkheads!) for the firsts. Standing imperiously atop division four (with ten points clear) and favourites for the Minor League Knock-Out Cup, they met Fulham 4, a team which the fourths had defeated 6-3 only a fortnight ago. What happened? I'm still asking that myself. Actually, it was 5-4 the wrong way, out of the cup, and the over confident firsts (never short of my praises all season), played some of the slackest, least aggressive table tennis ever seen since the last time I played!

IC 4 vs SAINSBURY 2: 9-0

An excellent win over the second placed division 6a side, putting us into that spot — divisional play-off here we come.

IC 4 vs CITY UNIV: 7-2

The home defeat of last term (due to my brilliant team selection?) was finally avenged, but I tried hard to give them a double over us. Lars and Max won three sets each, I lost two (I had a cold).

The thirds annihilated (I like these powerful expressive words, let's use another one . . .) nay, conquered yet another measly obstacle to their cup

hopes, Gainsford 4 by 9-0. Truck on!

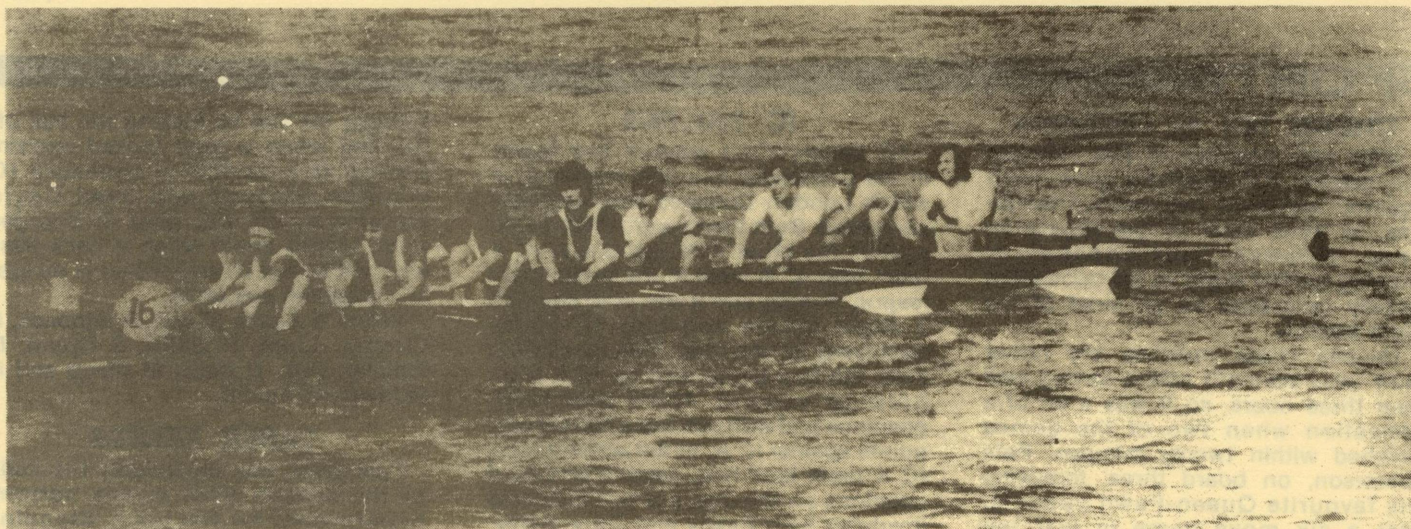
Earlier, both the seconds and firsts had also won their most recent league matches (God knows how the firsts won).

The club will soon, ie this team, be holding elections for next year's officials, and don't forget that we have ETTA professional coaching every Monday between 7:00pm and 9:00pm in the table tennis room. Approximate cost fifty pence.

Finally this week, a mention of the ULU table tennis team. I don't normally mention them, in fact never, because for at least the last two years they've kidnapped our best players — hence we struggle along in divs four, five and six; but at least with two thirds IC players, their first team is second in the Central League — division one; pretty smart, huh?

If you missed Salam's lecture on Monday, you really *deserve* to be reading this article.

Until I get the Nobel Prize for Literature, farewell!
Pete Laureate



Imperial College Eights victorious at the Allom Cup Regatta, May 1979.

Continued from front page.

Were you pleased to see it not discussed at the EGM?

No! I could see both sides. In some ways I felt that an open discussion was needed on the subject, but in other ways I felt if Boat Club were going anyway then it may have been best, for other clubs, to keep things quieter.

Would this tour have any political effect in S Africa?

I'm told not.

Who by?

Boat Club Captain, who assures me that this is just a quiet match between teams who will meet again at Henley.

So S African teams row at Henley without opposition?

Yes, they do row here and they are part of the International Rower Association.

Does this make rowing different from other sports?

Yes, in some ways. South African sport is not part of all

international sports federations and are banned from taking part in the Olympics.

As an individual, Suki, would you as a sportsman play in S Africa?

I couldn't I'm coloured.



A picture of Suki Kalirai

I'm in the Editor's chair and Colin is writing articles from St Stephen's Hospital. Many thanks to all those who helped and collated FELIX this week.

South Africa

FELIX this week has put in print the Boat Club saga. If they are going to South Africa, possibly with the use of our name, then it is right that we all know about it. Your letters on this issue would be most welcome.

Finniston

Sir Monty Finniston will speak on *Engineering Following Finniston* this Monday at 2:00pm in Mech Eng 220. At 6:00pm in the same place Sir James Menter, the Lord Flowers, Mr Heard, and Prof Neal are the panel in an *Educating Engineers Following Finniston* open discussion. If engineering is going to be your life you should take part.

Hyde Park Relay

S Coe from Loughborough is taking part in the race. (See page 3.)

Roger Stotesbury

Acting FELIX Editor

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NUTRITION SURVEY

IC students were asked to take part in a survey Tuesday lunchtime. Students from the Department of Nutrition at Queen Elizabeth College distributed questionnaires in the library and in the Southside Refectory, as part of a project they are doing.

The questions they asked pertained mostly to the dietary habits of students in College; such as where students eat and the reasons for choosing those places.

The surveyors do not intend using the results for anything other than the projects.

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HEAD QUILTS

Professor Bradley, head of the department of Physics at IC, is to leave, probably at the end of this year when the five year contract as head of department expires. He formally announced his decision to move to Trinity College, Dublin, at a staff meeting held a week last Wednesday.

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Anyone interested in an eight week trip around India next summer? If so please contact Marc Sheppard, CCD 3, through the internal post.

The BCG TEAM will be visiting IC again on Thursday 4th March between 12:30 and 2:30 in the Sherfield Committee Room 329.

What do you think of the acoustics of the Great Hall? Not much, from a singer's point of view, is the answer people in IC Choir would give. The Easter concert this year is such a beautiful work that we have hired Kensington Town Hall to sing it in on Friday 14th March at 8:00pm. Get your tickets for the St Matthew Passion from the Union Office, Haldane Library, or any choir member; they cost £1.25 (75p for students).

LOST in the vicinity of RSM Building one Supermarine Spitfire Mark Twenty. If found please contact P Bamford, Min 2 c/o RSMU Office.

LETTER TO THE TIMES

On Wednesday, the same day as the Flowers report hit the newspapers, another IC notable made the news. Professor Raphael head of Associated Studies had a letter in *The Times* concerning trade unions and the law.

RCSU PAPERS

The Royal College of Science Union election papers were taken down over the weekend, with Rich Archer standing unopposed for President. The Honorary Secretary was also unopposed, Steve Tyson being the only candidate. The other posts were all contested with Paul Johnson and Jane Lavers standing for Vice President; Dave Lyons and Nick Watmough standing for Academic Affairs Officer, and standing for Honorary Junior Treasurer, Alan Edwards, Steve Hutchings and Zosia Zbrzezniak.

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SOCCER SIXES

A team from Mech Eng 3 won the Guilds' Soccer Sixes at Harlington Saturday afternoon. There were eighteen teams entered for the tournament (a total of one hundred and eighty players). In the teams were representatives of almost all the departments in Guilds and one team from RCS. In fact, the team that won the RCSU Soccer Sixes four weeks ago. They managed to reach the final with the Mech Eng team, but were narrowly defeated.

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CATHSOC AGM
TUESDAY 11th MARCH
after mass at 12:30
in Chemistry 231.

ICWA GENERAL MEETING
TUESDAY 4th MARCH
at 1:00pm in the
ICWA Lounge.

Bait: Free coffee and biscuits.

IC CONSERVATIVES
present
a talk by
EDWARD HEATH

at 1:00pm in
Physics Lecture Theatre 1