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Iranian Embassy siege

IC Iranian students offer themselves to replace hostages

At least one IC student arrested

Police Marksmen on Weeks roof

Rag Fête still on Venue - Queen's tower lawn



Mickie Marsh

The siege of the Iranian Embassy which began on Wednesday lunchtime has affected IC students by restricting access to the halls of residence in Northside and has meant that tomorrow's Rag Fête will be held on the Queen's tower lawn instead of Princes Gardens.

Terrorists holding at least twenty hostages in London's Iranian Embassy, Princes Gate threatened to blow up the building if their demands were not met by noon yesterday. Weeks and Garden Halls were evacuated before the deadline was reached. Fortunately there was no explosion and the siege has reached a stalemate condition.

The siege was still on last night and Police expect it to continue for some time. Police Marksmen were placed on the roof of Weeks Hall.



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Students sing 'God save the Queen' in demonstration against the Ayatollah Khomeini

Exhibition road is closed and there is traffic chaos.

A Persian student was arrested after a chase past the Royal College of Art yesterday afternoon.

Iranian Students were prepared to exchange themselves for the hostages and their offer received much press coverage. The whole event has caught the attention of the World's Media and many students have been pictured in the National Press.

Yesterday afternoon many students from IC demonstrated near the Albert Memorial. The RCS piano was brought to the park and students sang songs and chanted slogans. A contingent from Guilds carried Anti-Ayatollah banners and they also shouted chants.

Photos:

Top: Students mass in the park

Middle: Mock prayers

Left: A police gunmen behind the Embassy

ALBUM REVIEWS

PAUL COLLINS' BEAT - Paul Collins' Beat

The group used to be called The Beat, but they have changed their name to Paul Collins' Beat to avoid confusion with The Beat (of *Tears Of A Clown* fame).

Of the twelve songs on the record, none really stands out above any of the others, although none of them provoke thoughts such as "What a load of rubbish". The music itself is fairly good from the point of view of musicianship and melodicism, but at the same time is predictable, boring and flat. When I say it is predictable, boring and flat, I mean it is just like all of the other Elvis Costello/Joe Jackson rip-offs that the whole world and his dog seem to be doing recently. In fact, that is the best description of the band — they are in the Costello/Jackson mould, with the same sort of songs (about girls, work, Rock'n'Roll (Maan), girls, etc). The trouble, however, is that they have none of the originality or visual impact of their peers.

An objective critique of the album; the songs are well written and well played and the band perform well within the limitations of 'Rock and Roll'. Subjective critique: the songs are written about the same old subjects, ie, girls, rock 'mythology', etc. The band play well, but threaten nothing and appear to lack a certain 'something'. Paul Collins' Beat are probably lauded as 'New Wave' in the USA, which they are — with respect to the Eagles.

To sum up: this is a mildly pleasant, easy listening album which is a little like aural wallpaper. None of the songs are mentioned by name, due to their anonymity.

HYPNOTISED - The Undertones

The return of the Undertones with their second eagerly awaited (by me and John Peel, at least) second album. It's good to report that this album is as good as their debut last year. Since the release of the classic *Teenage Kicks* EP in autumn 1978, the Undertones have hardly put a foot wrong.

There are fifteen songs on the album, all of which deserve the bored teenager seal of approval. Particularly outstanding are *Hard Luck*, *Hypnotised*, *Whizz Kids*, *Under The Broadwalk*, *Tearproof*, *What's With Terry* and last, but almost first, *Wednesday Week*, the single *My Perfect Cousin* is also included. The songs all deal with the joys and pain of teenage life: girls, insecurity, friends, etc. Feargal Sharkey's vocals are a well high perfect foil to the rest of the band, the slight quaver in his voice gives an added dimension to the meaning of the songs. The first track, *More Songs About Chocolate And Girls* is in many ways the

BABY'S GOT A GUN - The Only Ones

The Only Ones are destined to be one of those really great bands that never attain success on a large scale. They have already reached cult status with a small minority of rock worshippers, as their ability to pack out the Lyceum with devout and enthusiastic followers has shown.

With *Baby's Got A Gun*, their third album to date, they remain as inaccessible to the huge audience of pop radio stations as they did at the beginning of their career. Their music is such that it needs to be heard several times before it hooks, and there is no single that can be taken from the album which would receive enough airplay to really catch on; the best hope would be "Why Don't You Kill Yourself?", which just might ignite some spark of curiosity in a slumbering DJ who needs to fill an awkward two and a half minute gap in his programme.

Perret's voice is as hypnotic as ever, a strange but seductive quality from a larynx that does its best to imitate the quality of sound emitted from a concrete mixer, but backed by a band with as much experience behind them as musical muscle, the voice blends in with the overall sound and becomes as much a part of the Only Ones as the distinctive structure of the songs. The album does not have quite the same excitement as their last long player, *Even Serpents Shine*, but this is made up for by the extra polish that has gone into the latest disc, but as *Serpents* must have been one of the best albums to be released last year it would be difficult to better.

There is something quite irresistible about the pull that the highly original style of music can exert on the listener, the melodies are so seductive that it would be easy to forget the power behind the songs, laid down by Alan Mair, on bass, and Mike Kelly (ex-Spooky Tooth) on drums so strongly and efficiently that the rhythm and lead guitar work are just icing on the cake.

Two tracks are outstanding, both appear on the first side. *Why Don't You Kill Yourself?* is particularly noteworthy, both for its immediate, effective and very strong melody, and the vicious, but witty lyrics that help draw attention to a very strong song, if there is another single on the album it is this one. The other track worthy of particular mention is *Deadly Nightshade*, which manages to produce a great feeling of melancholy and depression whilst gently rocking the listener. Both these songs, like the whole album can stand the test of repeated playing, without saturating, and when the volume is turned up the band really show their muscle.

When it comes down to it, you may as well stop Pretending, forget about Getting Happy, this is the best album to emerge so far this decade.

SHAKIN' STREET - Shakin' Street

Shakin' Street's second album and I'd like to start off with a moan. Yet another band appear to depend on a female singer to sell their records; Fabienne Shine appears all clad in leather, inviting all sorts of S and M fantasies. Groups should sell records on the contents of the music not the contents of their singer's bra. Who would give Blondie house room, were it not for Ms Harry's pretty face?

The record, however, is not what I had feared, in fact it is reasonably good. Produced by Sandy Pearlman of Clash and Blue Oyster Cult fame, the record owes some of its punky sound to Pearlman's experience with the Clash. Ross the Boss (Dictator's guitarist) plays on the album as lead guitarist.

On the first side *No Compromise*, *Solid As A Rock* and *No Time To Loose* stand out, by nature of their speed and attack although the stupid applause and cheering mixed in on the beginning and various stages of *Solid As A Rock* are irritating. On the other side *Generation X* and *So Fine* are quite good. The songs themselves deal with the ever popular themes of revolution, authority, wild youth, etc; another album to drive your parent crazy (sic). Fabienne Shine's voice isn't quite in the Siouxsie Sue class, but compares favourably with the Nolans.

The group still have much to do before they become memorable. In *Zigzag* of Sept 1977, Tony Parsons said, in his review of the Mont de Marsan punk festival: "... and the crew with the moneythighed singer, Shakin' Street, churn out a kind of Punk Hit Parade Pastiche that bores me shitless." Well, they've improved on that.

best, acting as an introduction to the rest of the songs, advising you to "Settle down, cancel all engagements" to listen to "Teenage Dreams that are worth a mention" and "Dumb entertainment". Great. How is it, though, that the Undertones, with all their songs about teenage-kicks, etc, succeed where many other bands fail? For me, the answer is their almost painful normality; they look like people that you see out in the real world, and they come out and say what they mean directly, rather than coming over all mystic and serious (and boring) — they're a fun band.

Along with the Ramones, the Specials, the Jame, Burning Spear, Selectors and Linton Kwesi Johnson, the Undertones are one of the few groups /individuals I trust. This record is great. Search and enjoy.

Paul Collins' Beat, *Hypnotised* and *Shakin' Street* reviewed by Simone Jerome. *Baby's Got A Gun* reviewed by Chris Watts.

DINNER IN HALL

Dinners-in-Hall will be held on the following dates during the Summer Term: Tuesday 20th May and Tuesday 17th June. Members of the Senior Common Room wishing to attend are requested to complete the application forms distributed during the Spring Term and forward them to:

Miss V F White

Room 158

Sherfield Building

Additional forms may be obtained from Miss V F White by telephoning Internal 2225 or from Miss K Daily on Internal 2231.

Students wishing to attend Dinner-in-Hall should continue to book through the ICSU Office.

SUB-WARDEN FALMOUTH HALL

Applications are invited for the post of Sub-Warden of Falmouth Hall. The Hall comprises of approximately 60% male and 40% female students. Normally the successful applicant would be a post-graduate of outgoing personality and responsible outlook. Rent-free accommodation is provided. The essential duties of the Sub-Warden will be to assist the Warden in the running of the Hall. Further details may be obtained from Dr P W Jowitte, Civil Engineering department, to whom applications should be addressed together with a curriculum vitae to arrive no later than Friday 23rd May 1980.

LOST AND FOUND

Could the person who took my black bag from the Lower Union Building please return at least the keys and driving licence. *Maurice Eaton, Chem Eng 3.*

Would the person who removed—stole ACC pot 2 from the Union Bar last Saturday 26th April please return it to the bar or to me (Tim Hillyer, Maths 3). Liquid reward — no questions asked.

BEER AND BANGERS

Thursday 15th May

5:30 — 7:00pm

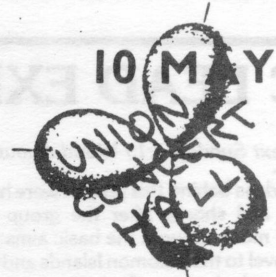
170 Queen's Gate

Names to Jen by 1:00pm

Tuesday 13th May

IC NURSERY JUMBLE SALE

The IC Nursery Jumble Sale will be held on Friday 9th May in the Consort Gallery, Sherfield Building. All jumble should be brought to the nursery at 8 Prince's Gardens.



BULLETS FLY OVER IC TENNIS COURTS

LIBYAN SHOT DEAD OUTSIDE WEEKS HALL

Two men were held by police on Friday night following the second killing in two weeks of a Libyan living in London.

Mahmoud Abbu Nafa, a Libyan lawyer was gunned down in the doorway of the Arab legal centre in Ennismore Gardens. As he fell to the ground, with several wounds, the alarm was raised by a neighbour, the showjumper Mr Richard Meade, and a man was quickly arrested by a passing patrol car. The other assassin was arrested outside the Hyde Park Hotel.

After the arrests officers from the Special Patrol Group with dogs conducted a yard-by-yard search of the neighbourhood and found a revolver which had been thrown over a wall about 200 yards away.

Several students from Imperial College heard the shots and many were interviewed by police. The gunmen struck shortly before 10 am, waking residents in Linstead and Weeks Halls. Police soon arrived and the area was sealed off. Press and Police went into Weeks Hall.

The World's Press covered the event and BBC News showed film of IC buildings including Police dogs sniffing around the roof of the Sports Centre.



An ITN camera crew filming the police search of the area outside the legal centre

Colin Palmer

NEWS EXTRA

Man charged with beating up IC student in Huxley lift

Two men entered the Huxley building on April 8th and have been accused of attacking an Iranian student in the foyer and lift of Huxley.

Police were called and one assailant and the injured student were taken away. The victim was badly beaten with cuts to his head but he has since returned to college. The court hearing is on May 7th.

CINA

Head of anti-terrorist squad at IC

Mr Peter Duffy, head of the anti-terrorist squad came to Imperial, on Friday, to lead the inquiry into the shooting in Ennismore Gardens.



Mickie Marsh

Our colleagues in the national press film the body being carried into a police van

The inquiry into the murder was lead by the head of the Scotland Yard anti-terrorist squad, Mr Peter Duffy. He gave a Press conference outside Weeks Hall which gave the media at IC the chance to ask him questions.

The murder happened exactly two weeks after the killing at the Regent's Park mosque of Mr Mohammed Ramadan, a Libyan journalist and an outspoken critic of the Libyan leader, Colonel Gaddafi



Colin Palmer

Nick Bleach of IC Radio interviewing Peter Duffy outside Weeks Hall

IC LEAD EXPEDITION TO THE SOLOMAN ISLANDS

Next Sunday, 7:15 World About Us BBC2

The ideas behind this project were hatched in mid 1978 and shortly after the group was formed. After much thought the basic aims were set out: to travel to the Solomon Islands and document, in one particular area, the construction methods for the almost ubiquitous dugout canoe, and to try and find and record the construction details and legends behind the much rarer and larger war canoes, 'tomokos', previously used for headhunting.

The feasibility of the project soon became apparent. Travel is none too cheap and philanthropists with money to spare were few and far between. So, typewriters were dusted off and the two-fingered race for sponsorship began. Regular meetings between London, Oxford, Sidmouth, Brighton and Cambridge produced much by the way of equipment lists, a lot of which was already being collected, but little of the vital cash, and as we had calculated on a budget of £6,000 things began to get a little disturbing.

Our luck changed when we acquired the approval and support of the Imperial College Exploration Board. Other organisations then followed with their support or at least showing some interest. We were then fortunate enough to receive one of the Mick Burke awards, six were given out of 400 applicants, but our troubles were not over. The point of no return came in March 1979 when, in order to qualify for the cheapest air fares possible tickets had to be purchased. By this time we had raised enough to buy the tickets but with little to spare. However, we took the plunge knowing that if it transpired that we couldn't depart in June due to lack of funds, we wouldn't get anything back on the tickets!

Having begged and borrowed the necessary remaining cash, thrown out all but the bear minimum of clothing from our packs, completed the customs formalities for all our rather heavy camera gear, we finally set off for the Pacific.

We were still apprehensive when we reached the capital Honiara, as we hadn't got the required government research permit, due to bureaucratic delays on their part, and thus could have been refused entry, but we passed through customs unscathed and were welcomed by someone unknown to any of us. It was pure luck that anyone met us at all; a letter to our initial contact, who was then on leave, had been intercepted by this person. We were very grateful for the ride into town and for the initial help we were given. Luckily, we sorted out most things and obtained our official documents in the following few days.

We left the mission hostel where we stayed for a week and joined the colourful, noisy, and cheerful throng of islanders who travelled with us up to the Western Province. An old battered boat, bought from the Japanese complete with permanent list, served as our means of transport. During our twenty-four hour journey we went through our first Pacific storm in which we got a little wet. Turns were taken to sleep in the cabin that we had obtained primarily to store our equipment, and there we discovered the delights of having coachroaches crawl over your legs and face just as you doze off. The place was infested. Those of us who stayed there for more than half an hour had to sleep with the light on.

We finally arrived in Munda one of the larger settlements in the area, which, as well as having a jetty, boasts a one mile airstrip built by Americans during the war. Here we established our base with the help of contacts in the forestry department.



Our two female members of the expedition claimed their first accidents within four days of our arrival. One, while testing the cool lagoon waters, swam through a sea urchin colony, which left her with about forty spine tips in her right hand and wrist. The other developed a serious allergic reaction against tuna fish, which at that time we were eating a lot.

Having recovered from these two setbacks, we quickly acclimatised to the heat and humidity as we walked to the surrounding villages to speak to the elders and anyone else who had any knowledge of canoes and associated custom stories, and in some cases we spoke to old men who had actually taken part in headhunting raids, the last of which was about 1910. We mostly spoke in Pidgin English, which we picked up fairly rapidly, and used interpreters from the villages when necessary. As we talked, so the stories and legends built around tomokos were divulged to us, our information on construction techniques grew and our list of possible contacts in other villages expanded.

To reach the futher places, long and often hazardous trips were made in large dugouts fitted with outboard motors. Constantly aware of the shark infested waters of the Pacific, we were driven by skillful islanders who knew the seas well, which often threatened to swamp the dugouts. On one such journey we had to turn back having already travelled forty-five minutes because of heavy seas. On reaching the village we obtained another slightly larger canoe and set out again. By this time it was late in the evening, but we had to press on and navigate by moonlight in very heavy swell as we took

with us a young boy who earlier had a fish hook cut his eye open, and we were heading in the direction of the nearest dressing station. Sadly, in such a place little can be done for this type of accident. Although we reached the station, we discovered later that he didn't reach proper medical aid until four days later, far too late to save his eye.

We would spend up to one week in any one village and return to our 'base' every two or three weeks. We often split up and went off in two groups varying the combination of expedition members each time. On arrival at a village we explained our purpose in Pidgin and were almost always given accommodation in one of the village huts. We tried, successfully, to become part of the village in which we stayed, instead of being just of novelty value to the islanders, by living with families and eating their staple foods of cabbage, sweet potato, yam and taro which they delighted in showing us how to prepare. We also attended their feasts, a wedding, a baptism and were shown the construction of a bamboo band.

Life wasn't all roses; sanitation was often a problem... especially always followed us around and we were mercilessly bitten by sandflies, mosquitoes and in some areas bed bugs, the bites of which went septic very fast, as did any form of wound.

Slowly we added to our record of both the dugouts and tomokos meeting in our tracks one of the last men able to build a war canoe. Altogether we met with great success and it was with some sadness that we waited for the boat to return to Haniara and thence homewards.

Ian Barber

Bill Hamilton

I.C. Radio at the Rag Fete

During the Rag Fete, between 1 and 6pm, I.C. Radio will be providing a continuous service relayed throughout Prince's Gardens. Harvey Nadin and others will be on the stage with competitions and fun for the whole afternoon. You will have a chance to win one of the Elvis Costello albums that will be given away; or you can make a donation to Rag and request the music that you

Other things on I.C. Radio during the week:
Glad to be Gay... or not?

A controversial documentary about Homosexuality, on Bank Holiday Monday (May 5th) at 11pm. The programme was produced by Chris Loveder of University Radio Brunel and won the 1979 Local Radio Community Broadcasting Award.

Focus on Alan Parsons - Sunday 5pm

A look at the man and the music that he produced, including Pink Floyd's Dark Side of the Moon. This is the first of two programmes: the second will be next Sunday.

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and now by line to the Union Bar

WHAT'S ON FRIDAY 2nd MAY

CU Meeting at 6:30pm in the Music Room, 53 Prince's Gate. With talk on 'God's Word' by David Ashforth (Rev). There will be a stall selling 'Campaign Coffee' in the JCR all lunchtime.

SATURDAY 3rd MAY

Rag Fête & Barbeque

TUESDAY 6th MAY

STOIC Transmission with an interview with David Essex at 12:45pm.

Riding Club Meeting in Room 1110 (level 11) Elec Eng between 12:30 and 1:30pm.

WEDNESDAY 7th MAY

Graffiti 'At Home' between 12:30 and 1:00pm in the Graffiti Workshop, 2nd floor, West Staircase, Union Building.

THURSDAY 8th MAY

Hot Air Balloon Club Informal Meeting at 12:30pm above Stan's Bar.

STOIC Transmission at 12:45 and 6:00pm.

FRIDAY 9th MAY

Nursery Jumble Sale between 10:30 and 1:30 in the Consort Gallery, Sherfield.

CU Meeting in the Music Room, 53 Prince's Gate at 6:30pm. With talk on 'God's Wrath and Justice' by T Cooper.

SATURDAY 10th MAY

Gliding Club 50th Anniversary Dinner at 7:30pm in the Rembrandt Ballroom. Tickets from A Burden, Civ Eng 2.

The 'Bolcks to Ents' Gig** at 7:30pm in the Union Concert Hall. Entrance by badge (priced 40p. On sale all over College). All proceeds to Rag.

FRIDAY 16th MAY

IC Choir's Summer Concert in the Great Hall at 8:00pm. Tickets priced 75p (or £1.10 to non-students) available from the Union Office or the Haldane Library.

CAMPAIGN COFFEE

When you buy a jar of instant coffee only about 37% of what you pay will get back to the country from which the coffee beans came. About 10% will go to the retailer, and the rest will go to Nestlé's, General Foods or Brooke-Bond Liebig, if you buy a 'brand name', or to Solcafe (J Lyons & Co) or Tenco Ltd (Coca-Cola Ltd) if you buy a supermarket 'own label'.

Although the producing countries receive only 37% of what you pay, it makes up over a quarter of the export earnings of eleven out of fifty producing countries — all third world. In Burundi, it accounted for 83% of export earnings for 1972-77.

In 1963, soon after independence, the new Tanganyikan government decided, in conjunction with their policy of self-reliance to process the coffee itself, since this is where the main profits lie.

But they have had many marketing problems (due to no small degree by Nestlé's 'assistance') and until recently, Tanzanian instant coffee has only been marketed in Zambia, Kenya and Tanzania itself as 'Africafé'.

It is now available in Britain as 'Campaign Coffee' and there will be a stall selling it in the JCR on Friday (ie, TODAY) lunchtime.

Jan Czernuszka

FLATS FOR NEXT YEAR

There are flats for four, six and eight, and single and double bedsits available in the Fulham, Earls Court and South Kensington area. Enough for 192 people! Contact the Welfare Centre for further details.

TRAVEL TRIP-UPS

AND HOW TO AVOID THEM

This month's edition of *National Student* (the NUS newspaper) contains an eight page travel supplement, concentrating mainly on the pitfalls of cheap flights to European destinations, particularly Greece. Prices quoted are often for off-peak season travel only, and an example is given of a return flight to Athens advertised at £119, but which did not include UK or Greek airport taxes or fuel surcharges, increasing the real cost of the flight to £148.50.

St Seal Travel* offer flights to a wide variety of European destinations at highly competitive prices (eg, peak Athens return £124).

USIT* deal with student charter flights (eg, Athens return in July £109), but to be eligible you must have a valid International Student Identity Card and be aged between sixteen and thirty.

For holidays which include accommodations (either in hostels or camping) the *National Student* article recommends the BST* products; however, these are only available to France, Italy and Greece.

In general, the advice given to people wanting to book a flight abroad is simple — always read the small print (especially with regard to surcharges) and book through your local student travel office — it's their job to give you the best deal available.

Malcolm Brain

* Services available from London Student Travel (IC office along the walkway, sherfield Building).

IC FLOAT FOR FULHAM CARNIVAL PROCESSION

Help is needed to construct this float on the day (Monday 5th May) at 8:30am. All who turn up are welcome to come and are asked to dress colourfully. Come to the back of the Mech Eng Building and ask for Mike Richardson.

GUILDS

Just as soon as we've got these exams out of the way, we'll be right back in there with the juicy articles, but meanwhile two dates to remember.

Tuesday 13th May: Handover AGM at 10:00pm, Albert Memorial steps. With awards, colours, handover, etc. **Joint General Committee** at 6:00pm, UDH. With the election of non-executive posts. See Sara in advance if you want to come and are not a member of the Committee. All are welcome (party afterwards).

Saturday, 17th May: Seaside Trip to an unknown destination, have a final fling before the exams — it's worth it!

CRICKET REPORT

BALLIOL COLL (OXFORD) vs IC 2nds

From the moment we set off for the M4 to Oxford (instead of the M40!) it was obvious that Saturday was fated for disaster.

Arriving badly jarred by Salter's handling of a transit (I've seen more control from a US helicopter pilot) the team began to familiarise itself with the locations of pubs, chippies, and local women. (All cricketers like to eat, drink and score). However, such merriment had to be delayed due to the inconvenience of these Bally-old chappies wanting to play us at cricket.

Salter won the toss, and elected to bat; this was to prove a teensie-weensie bit careless. In brief (how else?) Kenrick (superstar and stand-in muppet) scored twenty, Salter took his three-match aggregate against Balliol to zero and no-one else troubled the scorers for more than nine

runs, despite Sen's arduous half-of-the-match innings of one.

Being all out within approximately an hour and a half, for 51, our confidence was further boosted by the promise of marmite and cucumber sandwiches for tea.

This inspired, Ratman and Sen bowled some spirited rubbish and Balliol were soon 52 for 1.

Tea was taken and a ten 9-ball over beer match arranged. The teams reversed their batting orders, and everyone was to bowl. Supersub Redmond replaced Head-band Chadband (injured tripping over his hair) and scored a lusty sixteen. Croft also played some useful shots and Salter actually opened his account! Unfortunately, IC fell four short of the Balliol total of 75 with Hewkin next-man-in, waiting to score a second match-winning duck.

The Balliol bar overflowed with jugs overflowing with beer, but Salter insisted on removing the team at nine o'clock, leaving Hewkin and Chadband to return with the Sunday (Prince Panthers) XI.

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UK COLLEGE NEWS

— Leeds loan —

Leeds Poly has borrowed £140,000 from Samuel Smiths Brewery to buy a hotel in the Lake District.

Students must sell 7,200 pints (exclusively) of Sam Smiths a week. The students will own the Wharton Grange Hotel in Carnforth by 1990. The brewery, in return for the selling of their ale say that 10 per cent of the loan will be deemed repaid each year.

The Union President Stevan Mrvos defended the union's decision as an attempt to translate their liquid assets into a fixed investment at a time when student union financing is under attack by the Government.

— Grants —

The main rates of grant for students living in Hall or lodgings have been increased by 14% to £1,695. For students living in the parental home the new grant is £1,125.

The total cost of mandatory grants in Britain next year will be around £400 million. The total number of students receiving them will be about 355,000.

— Housing bill —

Local authorities will be able to evict students at a days notice when the new Housing Bill becomes law in June this year.

A special clause excludes students from security of tenure in council or housing association accommodation.

— Bang —

The magazine Safety News states that an incorrectly fitted battery in your calculator could cause a dangerous explosion.

A university employee who placed an HP7 battery in a calculator back to front caused a violent explosion in which pieces of the battery travelled over 20 feet.

Fortunately no-one was injured. Safety News explained that the three other batteries in the calculator were charging the misplaced one, causing it to emit hydrogen gas which could not escape except by explosion.

Similar accidents could occur with any piece of equipment if people did not read the instructions properly.

— Invaders —

An Oxford University student has criticised his friends for using 'systems' on space invaders.

The top scores obtained at Oxford are just over 29,000 (obtained without using a system).

An example of a system is where the player leaves four vertical columns intact at one side, and a sole invader on the seventh column from that side, top row.

He then stays in the gap between the block and the sole invader, knocking out each horizontal row when it reaches the bottom, 'safe' level.

Getting rid of them this way is fairly easy, interminably boring and not really in the spirit of the game.

This is how Japanese and US record-holders build up massive scores.

— NUS —

Recent votes on the NUS have shown that large numbers of colleges do not wish to disaffiliate from the National Union of Students.

The two large colleges voting to quit NUS were King's College, London and Dundee University. Harper Adams Agricultural College Wolverhampton also voted to leave.

Reading have now returned after a UGM voted by 435 to 26 to rejoin.

Nottingham stayed in by 1,888 to 1,138. Kent voted 461 to 115 to stay in and the following colleges also remained in:

Exeter 1,000 to 200, Durham 334 to 28, School of Slavonic and East European Studies, Southampton 500 to 15, University College London 1,100 to 600, St Georges Medical School and Wye College.

An attempt to have a referendum at Imperial failed last term when the EGM ended prematurely due to iniquity.

— May 14 —

The NUS have warned that trade union action against government economic policies could cause 'considerable' chaos to examination arrangements.

Many colleges will be affected by a TUC day of action on May 14, designed to show the breadth of popular opposition to government policies.

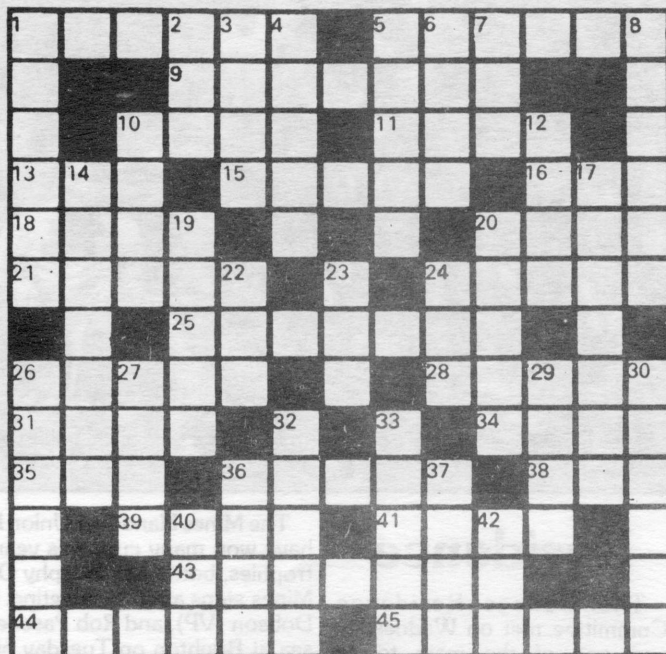
Completed crosswords must be handed into the FELIX Office by 1:00pm Wednesday, 7th May. The first drawn correct answer will be awarded a prize of £1.

CROSSWORD

The winner of the £1 prize for the correct answer to February 22nd's crossword is Chris Dalton of CCD 2.

ACROSS

1. Crustacean (6)
5. Arouses (6)
9. Mobile home (7)
10. Fairy (4)
11. Whirlpool (4)
13. Prosecute (3)
15. Abrasive (5)
16. Period (3)
18. Poker stake (4)
20. Trudge (4)
21. Squander (5)
24. Foolish act (5)
25. Denies (7)
26. Deadly (5)
28. Discourage (5)
31. Sins (4)
34. Tender (4)
35. Garland (3)
36. Dart (5)
38. Snake (3)
39. Breakwater (4)
41. Tie (4)
43. Refuse (7)
44. Strip (6)
45. Sting (6)



DOWN

1. Reciprocating motion (6)
2. Freeze (3)
3. Female horse (4)
4. Chief (5)
5. Prevent (5)
6. Title (4)
7. Conjunction (3)
8. Stable (6)
10. Favourites (4)
12. Shout (4)
14. Uninformed (7)
17. Waves (7)
19. Spirit stoves (5)
20. Sits (5)
22. Fish (3)
23. Route (3)
24. Nourished (3)
26. Cut down (6)
27. Neat (4)
29. Amphibian (4)
30. Fret (6)
32. Build (5)
33. Bird (5)
36. Beers (4)
37. Drink (4)
40. Poem (3)
42. Trap (3)

FOR SALE

Yashica TL Electro X 50mm f/1.7 (35mm SLR, TTL stopped down metering), £69; Praktica Nova 1 50mm f/2.8 Domiplan (35mm SLR, no meter), £29; Soligor 180 degree fisheye converter (fits 49mm filter thread), £15; Weston Master 2 exposure meter, £10. Contact Alastair Mackinnon CCD (01-834-3333).

Honda CB550F2 S-Reg, only 8,000 miles, crash bars, rack, TT100s, taxed, excellent condition. £750 ono.

Practica STL3 SLR camera. Just over one year old, with case. Also

Mitsuki 135mm f2.8 telephoto lens with case, less than one year old. £100 the pair, but will split. Contact Geoff Cos, Elec Eng 3 or 01-373-9940.

Skoda S110LS R reg, 25,500 miles. Good condition. New MOT. Serviced April. £950. Telephone Caryn Humphries on 01-947-6935.

Calculator for sale. Commodore SR4148. Excellent, scientific, too many functions to list. New batteries. £15. Ken Strachan, Mech Eng 2.

Moto Guzzi, V50 2, June 1979, 7,000 miles, good condition. Around £1,100. Contact G Wigglesworth, Mech Eng letter racks or 01-381-3757.

Sumbron Stratocaster Copy. Natural finish. White scratch plate, maple neck. C/w hard case strap and accessories. Excellent condition. £95. Contact L Gartside, CCD 2 letter racks or Huxley 343.

TABLE TENNIS

All members of IC Table Tennis Club are invited to enter the IC Closed Championships to be held on the afternoon of Wednesday 7th May, starting at 1:00pm in the Table Tennis Room in the Union Building.

The events will be Men's Singles and Ladies' Singles. To enter, sign the list in the Table Tennis Room by 12:00, Tuesday 6th May. An entrance fee of 40p will be charged, payable on the day, to cover the cost of the trophies.

WEIGHTS CLUB AGM

The Weights Club AGM to elect the Club Officers for next session will be held at 6:30pm in the Union Lower Refectory on Thursday 8th May. Nominations for posts will be accepted at the meeting.

ICWA ELECTIONS

Papers are up outside the Union Office and will come down on Friday 9th May. Posts include President, Secretary, Treasurer, Publicity and Department Representatives. The AGM will be held on Tuesday 13th May at 1:00pm in the ICWA Lounge.

WANTEDS

Terry Wells, who is blind, would like to hear from volunteers to help him on a regular basis twice a week, and if possible at weekends with reading, outdoor pursuits, running and sports as he is overweight. If you can help him, contact him on 790-9090.

I. C. Symphony Orchestra

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BEETHOVEN Symphony No 1

GRIEG Piano Concerto

Kodály 'Hary Janos' Suite

Vaughan-Williams Folk Song Suite

8pm

WED

14TH MAY

Soloist Paul Coker

Conductor Richard Dickins

I.C. GREAT HALL

Tickets: £1 (students 75p) on sale on the door & lunch times. Sheffield Lower Foyer.



Colin Palmer

PWP Results

The election for the six members of the Permanent working party was counted by Roger Stotesbury last Friday. The STV count of 6 from 27 candidates took several hours. The elected candidates were:

**Ken Farrow
Dave Gayer
Nick Morton
Martin Smith
Sara McGuinness
Phil Cole**

**THE LST OFFICE
WILL BE CLOSED ON
TUESDAY 6th MAY**

RED CROSS WEEK

Red Cross Week will be held from Sunday 4th May to Saturday 10th May when every effort will be made to collect in this area for local Red Cross funds. Please can we have your help in collected in pubs during this week and on the streets next Saturday. Although a donation would be welcome, *your help is more important.* **We need volunteers urgently.** Please contact Simon Chandler, Maths 2 or Roger Serpell on Int 3707 or come to the Union Lower Lounge on Saturday 10th May between 9:00 and 10:00am to collect your tin and licence.

Residence

The College Residence Committee met on Wednesday and one of the main topics discussed was the question of rents for next year. After long and sometimes bitter discussion, the committee failed to come to a decision over the level of rents that the residence committee finance sub-committee wants to impose next year, though it did vote to make a representation to college over the level of repayments of the Evelyn Gardens lease.

Further decisions reached included the move to end wardens places in hall.

ICRN

Dear Colin

I object to being described as being "not bothered to turn up" for the Presidents' Race in the IC Games.

I should like to point out that I was at that time in the middle of my finals and unfortunately could not spare the time to support the Games, much as I would have liked to have done.

I did, however, ask my Hon Sec to replace me in the race, but we were told that substitutes would not be allowed.

May I also point out to the organisers that I was neither informed of the date of the Games nor instructed that there would be a Presidents' event. I suggest that better advance publicity would increase the support.

Yours

Jo

President, C&GU

The Mines Handover Union Meeting took place on Tuesday. Mines have won many cups this year and the above pic shows the silver trophies, bottle and Morphy Oar that were proudly displayed on the Mines steps after the meeting. Keith Maynard (RSM President), Cris Dobson (VP), and Rob Pascoe were ceremoniously thrown into the sea at Brighton on Tuesday night.

We are in the middle of an international crisis. The Police have to be patient. We need to keep cool. Imperial is in the front line because of its location in the Arab cente of London.

No student from IC has been killed so far but there is a chance that the situation could arise that we could be in the line of fire or even a target.

Happily the Rag fête is still taking place tomorrow and helpers are still needed. Meet on the Queens lawn at 10.00 am. On Bank Holiday Monday Rag will be taking part in the procession preceding Fulham Carnival.

Congratulations to Dave Fuller in being elected IC Radio Station Manager for next year.

I apologise to IF for any bad feeling generated by last weeks 'SUN' FELIX. The SUN got its own back, yesterday, by putting me on page three!

See you at the Rag Fête and hopefully we'll catch up on some articles that we promised to give you this week plus a full report of the Jez trip to Brighton in next week's FELIX

Colin Palmer FELIX Editor



Mickie Marsh

Khomeini supporters

Arsenal beat Liverpool 1-0 in the Cup

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Saturday 3rd May
Prince's Gdns, Exhibition Rd
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Bottle Stall
Donkey Rides
Sideshows
Barrel Throwing
Medieval Stocks
Treasure Hunt
Home Produce Stall

Beer Garden All Afternoon
Food
Competitions On Stage
Jazz Band
Grand Raffle
Coconut Shy
IC and *Horrids* sweatshirts on sale

Queens Tower: Open all afternoon. Spectacular views from Kensington's highest monument.
Rides on veteran car (Bo) and veteran fire engine (Jez).

All proceeds to go to National Deaf Children's Society to buy equipment for deaf children; the British Heart Foundation and the National Kidney Research Fund.

RAFFLE PRIZES

1. Two return student rail tickets to Paris or Amsterdam — kindly donated by London Student Travel.
2. Meal for two (to the value of £25) — kindly donated by Il Giorno e la Notte Restaurant, 60 Old Brompton Rd.
3. Two upper circle seats from a selection of West End Theatres — kindly donated by Kwik Kopy, Cromwell Rd.
4. Meal for two with wine — kindly donated by the Gondoliere Restaurant, 3 Gloucester Rd.
5. Meal for two at the Contented Sole Restaurant, 19 Exhibition Rd.
6. Kodak Instamatic Camera — kindly donated by the British Petroleum Company Limited.
7. Two Liberty print silk scarves — kindly donated by Liberties of Regent Street.
8. Meal for two with wine — kindly donated by the Caso Porelli Restaurant, 1a Launceston Place (off Gloucester Rd).

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Name _____ Age _____ Country of Birth _____

Address _____ Tel No _____ Day _____
Night _____

Occupation _____ No. of years no claim bonus _____

Cover required: Comprehensive/Third Party Fire and Theft/Third Party only

Expiry date of present insurance _____

Drivers: (1) Insured only driving/(2) Insured and Spouse/Any driver

Type of licence and no. of years held (1) _____ (2) _____

Make and model of car _____ Cubic capacity _____

Estimated value _____ Age of car _____ Modifications _____

Have any of the drivers ever had:- Any accidents YES/NO Any convictions YES/NO
Any disabilities YES/NO

Are any of the drivers aged under 25 YES/NO

If any answers YES please give details

Do you require windscreen cover YES/NO

Do you wish to accept an excess of £15/£25/£50 (delete as appropriate)

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Name of present insurance company (not agent) _____

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