



# FELIX

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## QUESTIONS ASKED IN COMMONS AFTER IC DEMO

Following the demonstrations by Imperial College students last week there has been much comment in the National Press and questions have been asked in the House of Commons.

Mr John Page, the Conservative MP for Harrow West, asked "Who are these pro and anti Ayatolla demonstrators who are upsetting local residents and generally turning the area into a beer garden?"

Are they students? Are they attending to their studies? Who is paying for them if they are students?"

### JEZ

Jezebel, the motorised mascot of the Royal College of Science Union, has had a very busy bank holiday weekend. The highlight was undoubtedly her successful and troublefree arrival on Brighton's seafront after partaking in the nineteenth annual Historic Commercial Vehicle Club's run to Brighton.

The day started at the unearthly hour of 4:00am. Two hours later, Jezebel was sitting outside Southside, whilst her crew ate their fill of the breakfast being served in the RCSU Office. (Many thanks are due to Rae Snee and her willing band of helpers). Jez then moved on to Battersea Park, the start of the run.

At her appointed hour, Jez moved off followed closely by a strange looking vehicle, apparently called Bo, which had come along to wish her well. The run to the halfway halt at Crawley was peaceful, with a surprising number of spectators considering the hour!

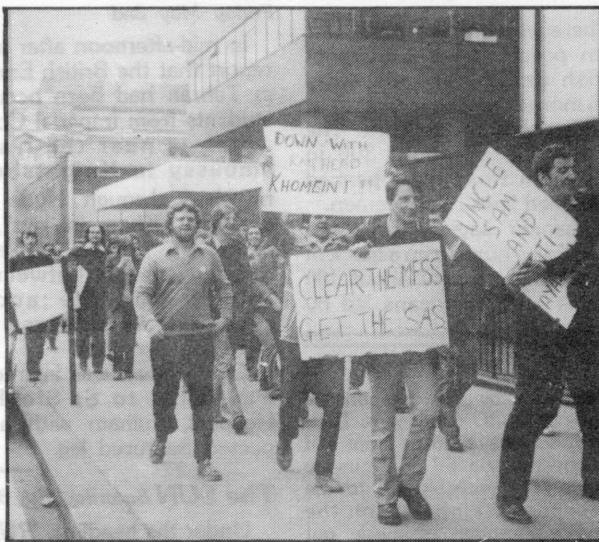
After leaving Crawley, the spectators and traffic thickened up. Things continued smoothly, and the arrival on the seafront was greeted by the PA announcement "And now the rowdy bunch are here. I don't know quite what the chanting is; we'll have to try and find out". Even after Sean O'Boyle had explained the intricacies of a Kangela, the announcer still seemed totally bemused.

The rest of the day followed

the traditional pattern. A local hostelry (not the *Buccaneer*) was visited for lunch, the dodgemes were visited for the post-prandial entertainment. Jez didn't win the beauty contest, and the journey home involved the occasional halt — usually near a public house.

By midnight, Jez was safely back in College and two verdicts were announced.

1. A good time was had by all.
2. We wuz robbed!



Mickie Marsh

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### TUC Day of Action

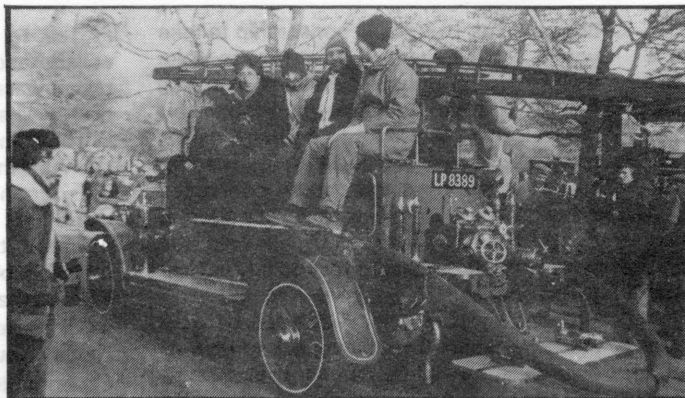
#### London Transport Strike?

Next Wednesday (14th) is the national TUC Day of Action against various government policies, particularly cutbacks in public spending. One of the effects of this is likely to be no public transport available in London on Wednesday, which is likely to make it impossible for many staff and students to be able to come into College.

Several of the College trade unions have jointly asked College to allow their members to have the day off work in order that they may participate in meetings and demonstrations which are being organised in London as part of the Day of Action, and also so that in this way the College can show its opposition to cutbacks in university education. The College trade unions are hoping to organise a meeting in College at 11:30 on the Wednesday followed by a march to Central Hall, Westminster.

The effect of the transport strike is likely to be that many College services (eg, refectories) will not be able to operate as normal, and it is hoped that departments will make every effort to rearrange lectures since many students will be unable to attend many students will be unable to attend College that day.

For any students who must be in College on Wednesday (eg, due to ongoing practical work) and who are unable to arrange an alternative to public transport, the Union will be providing camp beds in the ICWA Lounge on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings.



Colin Palmer

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## IMPERIAL COLLEGE STUDENT DEMO IN THE NATIONAL PRESS

Dear Colin

I wish to express my absolute dismay at the spectacle I saw last week in Kensington Park. It seemed to me that a very substantial number of IC students found enjoyment in making an utter farce out of an important, and potentially very volatile situation. Not only were they putting over their views in a completely irrational and disgraceful manner by jeering at Iranian protesters, like some rioting school kids, but they also succeeded in drawing the attention of the world's media in the process. There is no better way to damage the reputation of Imperial College, than to display ourselves in such a stupid, uncivilised and ignorant way.

I am ashamed to belong to a College, where more people find it preferable to shout, jeer, and sing inane songs about the Iranian regime, than to bother attending UGMs to formulate official, democratic and realistic college policy. The fact that the 'RCS piano' was also present, does nothing to attempt to alleviate the problem, but simply lowers those involved to the level of their criticised Iranian counterparts.

Yours faithfully

A Sickened IC Student

The TIMES Friday May 2nd

The atmosphere near the Iranian Embassy at Princes Gate, Kensington changed yesterday from farce and near carnival to moments of frightening nationalistic fervour when rival groups of chanting demonstrators faced each other in the warm spring sunshine while the hostages sat out the second day of their ordeal.

A policeman's ankle was broken and several arrests were made when police separated two groups of pro-Khomeini Iranians. Five policemen struggled to pin down a frantic demonstrator who lashed out with hands and feet.

There were other arrests later when police eased a group of British and Americans away from more than 100 Iranians kept by the police in the park. The main group of about 300 in Kensington Road were penned between lines of policemen.

A banner saying "Free the Yanks" was hung from a block of flats and a group of about 100 Britains and Americans led by

students from Imperial College sang *Rule Britannia* and the British and American national anthems, and shouted "Go home you bums". The Iranians in the park amid a crowd of several hundred people retorted by chanting pro-Khomeini and anti-American slogans.

The students brought a piano to lead the singing and a group of drum-beating, saffron-robed Buddhists appeared, only to be shepherded by police away from the main demonstration.

The GUARDIAN

Friday May 2nd

In mid-afternoon after a false report that the British Embassy in Tehran had been occupied, students from Imperial College, which is near the Iranian embassy in Knightsbridge marched through Hyde Park chanting "Khomeini out", and although police moved to prevent trouble between the Iranian students; and the counter-demonstrators, there were some scuffles.

A policeman was injured and was taken to St Stephen's Hospital, Fulham with a suspected fractured leg.

The SUN Saturday May 3rd

Under the headline, 'RULE BRITANNIA! SINGING STUDENTS SILENCE IRANIANS' they printed:

The rowdy mobs of Iranians outside the besieged London embassy were finally silenced yesterday ... by a good old British sing-song.

It came from 150 mockers - boisterous students from the nearby Imperial College in Kensington.

And their ear-splitting singalong, to such favourites as *Rule Britannia*, clearly startled the well-drilled ranks of Ayatollah Khomeini devotees.

There was an elderly lady of amazing voice and astonishing venom who bawled, 'Death to the old bastard' as counter point to every chant of 'Khomeini! Khomeini!', and a drum-and-tambourine procession from a file of saffron-clad Buddhist monks, suffling past as much in their own world as a drunk who came out of the bushes, sang 'Maybe It's Because I'm a Londoner' ... and passed from our view.

Then came more opposition still, with the appearance of 100 students from London University's Imperial College. Their banners invited: 'Want to die for Khomeini: Then drop dead.'

They gave us Jerusalem, *Rule Britannia* ... Land of Hope and Glory and then the football anthem *Go Home Yer BUMs*, Go home to the tune of Auld Lang Syne, Outside the Albert Hall and all musical life was there.

The students sang *Go Home You BUMs*, to the tune of Auld Lang Syne - and He'll Be Coming Round A Camel When He Comes, to the tune of She'll Be Coming Round The Mountain.

Then they gave a variation of a football chant: If You Hate the Ayatollah Clap Your Hands.

They also infuriated the rapidly-dwindling Khomeini followers by humming the American national anthem.

Dear Colin

As students of this college we feel obliged to condemn in the strongest possible terms the action of various members of the Union during the siege of the Iranian Embassy last Thursday (1st May).

Their counter-demonstration complete with piano and community singing would have been a great success in the Union Bar, but in the circumstances betrayed a complete indifference to the tragic events going on in Iran and many other parts of the world and to the lives of those held hostage inside the embassy. It has been claimed that some of the policemen present appeared to be enjoying the performance. These did not, however, include those with the overall responsibility for the operation whose task of bringing the siege to a peaceful conclusion was not

made easier by the irresponsible attitude of the IC contingent. Their action could have led to a riot and their coverage on TV on Thursday evening very probably led to the presence of skinheads on the following afternoon obviously out for a 'bit of fun'.

On Friday afternoon a question was asked in the House of Commons as to who these "irresponsible" counter-demonstrators were who made the task of the police harder.

Are these really the type of people who can be trusted to take up responsible positions in society in the near future?

Yours sincerely

A Gujral

A Nicolaou

C Temple-Bird

Ian Hodgson

Kirsten Pratt

J T Czernuszka

## BOMBS FOR THE BOYS?

Dear Colin

That South Africa (SA) already has a nuclear arsenal is disturbing, but the fact that Imperial College might be responsible for helping them to develop more horrifying terror weapons is unacceptable.

The growing development of SA's nuclear technology has sufficiently worried United States authorities enough for two South African nuclear scientists to be asked to leave the US and this must point to the gravity of the situation.

Southern Africa is a destabilised area contained a racist nation (SA), yet if you read the Johannesburg press; full page adverts leap from the print, offering you the

chance of an industrial sponsorship to take you to IC where you will learn how to make fuel for South African bombs (Chem Eng Msc in Nuclear Technology). Who is this magnificently benevolent company, willing to sponsor you in the quest for knowledge? None other than the state controlled ESCOM (Electricity Supply Commission of South Africa). Their aim? To help the development of nuclear technology in their racist country.

If we allow IC to offer such a course to SA students, apart from aiding SA to gain its own ends, we will be directly contravening UN policy on nuclear collaboration with SA (resolution 33/183G) which calls, 'upon all

states to cease forthwith all nuclear collaboration with the racist regime and to take measures to prevent such collaboration by institutes within their jurisdiction'.

Thus, in the interests of world peace, the Apartheid Group at Imperial College calls upon Lord Flowers to assure the world that no SA students will be taught nuclear technology at IC until the downfall of the abominable racist state. We further expect that all reasonable students at IC will support this demand.

Kevin Courtney

Co-ordinator

Anti-Apartheid Group at IC



# RAG FÊTE

Well, despite the Iranian Embassy Siege, and numerous other problems (such as the positioning of the stage directly in front of the Queen's Tower doors!), the 1980 Rag Fête finally managed to get underway. Although the weather was somewhat overcast and chilly, the event was well attended, by students, local residents, and 'passers-by' who were lured down from the nearby demonstrations with the aid of 'Horrids' signposts and sandwich boards!

I think most people who went thoroughly enjoyed themselves, as I most certainly did — despite being 'hit' with custard pies twice! Many thanks must go to the large number of people who put in a lot of effort to provide us with stalls, namely members of IC Wives Club, ICWA, Liberal Club, Hamsoc, Micro-computer Club, Vegsoc, ICCAG, Selkirk, Linstead and Keogh Halls, Rayleigh (I think!) House, the CCUs, Chaps, Links and the 22 Club complete with donkeys! Also thanks to Jane Lavers and Roger for running stalls single handed; Jazz Club for continuing to entertain us under bad conditions; IC Radio for providing the PA system and the Red Cross for looking after the (fortunately minor) casualties.

Mickie Marsh



## Sold to the Baron in the corner with more money than sense

Special thanks must go to Chris for organising the Barbeque, and co-ordinating the move to the Queen's Tower Lawn (not to mention shifting tables, etc), Barney for an amazing and entertaining auction; Ruth for being her usual efficient self despite having been ill in the Health Centre all week, Stevie for the original 'Horrids' idea and the hard work he put into his very enterprising publicity, and of course Annie for all her help throughout the organisation.

I would also like to thank Alan for running the bar at such short notice, Bill the electrician for being extremely helpful and sorting out all our power problems, and especially Stan, for getting us the licence, and all his hard work persuading sales representatives to donate goods to us.

I think I've got to the end of the list now, but if I've missed your name off, I assure you that every helping hand was greatly appreciated and was vital in the success of the event — we've raised over £600 at our present estimate, and will release the final total when all the figures are sorted out. All in all I was very pleased, and thought it an excellent finale to a great year for Rag.

The following have won raffle prizes, please collect them from Annie in the ICU Office as soon as possible: M K Makbul Singh, LS 1; S Smith, Chem 1 and William Cortazzi, Chem Eng 1.

**Rae**

**PS:** I was so preoccupied with the success of the Fête that I almost forgot about the Fulham Carnival Procession on Monday, in which we had a float. Unfortunately due to the busy bank holiday weekend not that many people were on the float, but those present certainly enjoyed the procession of about eighty floats, most of which had a lively 'spring' air about them, and several went back to Bishops Park afterward to enjoy the Carnival itself. The credit for our float is entirely due to Mike Richardson who designed and built it, with the help of Dave, Bryan, Tony and other Guildsmen whose names I can't remember. It was a superb job for the time and materials available, and I look forward to seeing their Lord Mayors Show next year.



Steve Groves

## Jo Armitage scores a hit on Rich Archer, next year's RCS President

### RED CROSS FLAG DAY

Tomorrow (Saturday 10th May) is Red Cross Flag Day, when we are licensed to collect from the public on the street. Why not enjoy the novelty of legal street collection and collect for the London branch of the Red Cross. Meet in the Union Lower Lounge Saturday morning between 9:30 and 10:30 to collect your can and license.

### ICWA AGM

The ICWA Annual General Meeting will be held at 12:30pm in the ICWA Lounge on Tuesday 13th May. The elections of next year's committee will be held at this meeting.

#### For Sale

Stereo Casseiver, £80 ono. Contact N Melling, Tizard 515 or Civ Eng letter racks.

### RCS AGM

The RCS Annual General Meeting will be held on Tuesday 13th May at 1:00pm in the Great Hall. During the meeting there will be a presentation of colours, presentation of the Derek Bond Memorial Award and the election of the Assistant Honorary Secretary. There will also be a swim across the Round Pond and initiation of the new Exec.

### BOL\*\*CKS TO ENTS

#### GIG

7:30pm in the  
**Union Concert Hall**  
Admission by badge.  
40p  
On sale all over College.





## CITY AND GUILDS

After an enforced absence due to examinations beyond my control I have returned to inflict more articles on you.

The Rag Fête on Saturday was a success despite being moved to the Queens Lawn, with Guilds taking £120 for Rag with our stalls. The Hit Squad made yet another return and managed to get most of the people there. Buckets of cold water were thrown at unfortunate Guildspeople in the cage (thanks to the person who bought me a scotch while I was under there). Now on to some very important dates.

**Tuesday 13th May.** This is the Annual AGM and Handover Union Meeting. This takes place on the steps of the Albert Memorial at 1:00pm. During this meeting the New Exec will compete in the trouserless boat race with us lot to mark the handover and the various slightly silly awards will be presented such as Tit of the Year, Cock Up of the Year and others. On a more serious note the awards of Half and Full Colours for services to the Union will also take place.

In the evening, at 5:30pm there is the Joint General Committee Meeting in the Union Dining Hall. This is a very important meeting as all the annual reports will be given and elections for the many pots detailed in the last *Guildsheet*. If you want to come (you have to be there if you want to be elected) see Sara in the Office, also come and see us if you are interested in any of the posts. The meeting is followed by an adjournment to the SCR where there will be the Wine Draughts between the outgoing and incoming President and Vice President. Food and drink will also be available for the celebrations.

**Saturday 17th** is the Guilds Mystery Trip to the Seaside. A final fling before the exams with all the traditional pleasures of the seaside. Funfairs, paddling, etc. Tickets will be available in the office.

See you at these events.

Bryan

## Dinner In Hall

Dinners-in-Hall will be held on the following dates during the Summer Term: 20th May and 17th June. Members of the SCR 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.

## For Sale

**1300 VANDEN PLAS four door saloon** (as Austin-Morris 1300) November 1971 (K Reg), 52,000 miles, 12 months MOT and tax, reliable, well maintained. Good tyres. £540 ono. **Mini Van Dec 1971 (K Reg)** with side windows, one private owner only. Eight months MOT, 77,000 miles, well maintained, reliable. Good tyres. Fitted towing bracket — used for towing small dinghy (laser). Ideal sportsperson's car. £230 ono. *Inspection at Walton or Imperial College or by arrangement. Phone Walton-on-Thames (98) 44269.*

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

Contact Geoff Cox, Elec Eng 3.

**Mitsuki 135mm f2.8 telephoto lens with case**, less than one year old. £100 the pair, but will split. **Practica STL3 SLR camera**. Just over one year old, with case. Contact Geoff Cox, Elec Eng 3 or 01-947-6935.

**Twelve Foot Beach Caster**, two years old, but rarely used. Contact Paul Archer, Mech Eng 3.

# JUST A SEC

## Parking Permits

I am convinced that some of you who were given permits last October are no longer using them. *If this applies to you, return it to me in the Union Office or tell me.* This is most important as I have recently spoken to one or two people who urgently require a parking place.

## Met and Mat Dep Rep Election

There will be an election on Monday in the Met and Mat Department to elect a departmental representative. Two candidates are standing: J Czernuska and A Htun. Voting will take place from 9:00am to 5:00pm.

## AGM

The Annual General Meeting of ICU is on Tuesday 20th May at 1:00pm in the JCR. Motions for discussion should be handed to me by 5:00pm on Tuesday 13th May.

## Insurance

Following an ad which appeared in the last issue of *Topic*. I should like to remind you that we have a Group Personal Accident Insurance Policy. A summary of this is:

### Group Personal Accident Insurance — World Wide Cover

- All students who are attending College on a full-time basis or attending short postgraduate courses are covered in respect of personal injury incurred during the course of their studies;
- PG students are covered 24 hours a day throughout the year excluding the times when they are on personal holidays or vacations not involving their studies;
- UG students are covered 24 hours a day during term time.
- Students do not have to be in college or on college business to be covered and they are also insured whilst on college or union sponsored activities outside term time, eg, field trips, sports tours, etc.
- Benefits: Death £500; Permanent and Total Disablement (graduated scale) £2000; Temporary Total Disablement £10 per week up to a maximum of 104 weeks from the fifth week of disability onwards. Subject to benefit not exceeding 75% of the claimants average weekly income.

In addition, a maximum of 500 students in any one year are covered anywhere in the world, whilst engaged in university or union organised sports, etc, in respect of:

- those benefits outlined above.
- medical expenses up to £1000.
- extra travelling expenses, due to illness or injury of student, or close relative, up to £6000.

## Bikes

Again there have been recent instances of bikes being stolen from College. So do lock them up well, make a note of the frame number, etc, etc. Furthermore, it is up to you to take out insurance on them. Bikes are exempted from most policies including those possessed by the Union.

You may be interested to know that the Association of British Cyclists have launched **CYCLEGUARD** — a simple club membership scheme that entitles cycle owners to comprehensive insurance cover as well as many other benefits.

For the basic fee of £9.50 per annum, **CYCLEGUARD** members will automatically be entitled to the following insurance benefits, backed by two leading insurance companies:

1. Loss or damage to their cycle by accident, fire, loss or theft to a replacement value of up to £200.
2. Third party liability up to £250,000.
3. Variable personal cover up to £250 (additional cover is available at extra charge).

Membership forms are available from local cycle dealers or by phoning 360-9720.

Insurance companies (such as CU/Endsleigh or Nat West) also offer Bike Insurance. I am not in a position to recommend Cycleguard as opposed to the alternatives.

## Sport Equipment Sale

There will be a sale of sports equipment in the JCR on Wednesday 14th, Thursday 15th and Friday 16th of May.

## Rag Fête

If you went I'm sure you enjoyed it. I had plenty of fun running the 'Find The Buried Loot' stall. Congrats to Tim Mitchell (Mech Eng 1) who won £5. The answer, by the way, was the Pier, on the Serpentine, Hyde Park.

Roger Stotesbury  
ICU Hon Sec

**Olympia Electric Typewriter Office Model Type S940.** Recently serviced. Excellent condition. Complete with mains lead and cushioned base. £220 ono. Contact D Ghani, Civ Eng 3.

**Urgently needed:** Stereo-microscope for loan for two weeks. Characteristics: Magnification 75x, minimum working distance 38mm, minimum field diameter 2.5mm. Neither illumination system nor stage platform required. If you know of a microscope having these characteristics please contact Tony Guerrero, Internal 3434.



# WRITING IN FELIX? Just a Pressypiece!

So now the excitement of international terrorism has died down and everyone can return to their daily chores. I would like to say that I thought a number of IC students exacerbated what was already a volatile situation by their rather immature actions outside the Embassy.

## Rents

The second round of discussions on rent levels for next year occurred on the Student Residence Committee, any decision was referred to a future, unscheduled, meeting after the discussion had ranged through the various extremes. The basic proposal from College Finance section is that rents be increased by an overall figure of about 40%, putting Southside Hall rooms up to £20.50, but setting a triple in a Student House at £10.

By revising the figures presented at the Finance Sub-committee and introducing economies in various areas it was possible to counter propose an increase of 30%; Southside room £19.20, Triple Room £9.00. (This does hve to taken in the context of the fact that increases last December were avoided and replaced by one-off economies in decorating). Nevertheless, 30% is a very high percentage when compared with a 14.9% grant increase. Further reductions in the increase were pressed for but can only be obtained by reconsidering the Evelyn Gardens Lease repayments which is why the meeting has referred the matter back.

## Wardens' Places And Re-Apps

The same Student Residence Committee decided to recommend that the right of Warden's Places be not included in future Hall Warden contracts. It also decided to reduce the number of re-apps for the year 1981-2 to a set figure for each Hall/House giving a total of about 7% for the whole of College residence. These were both proposed by the Union reps in an attempt to increase the number of students who spend one year in a Hall/House.

## Meanwhile . . .

I am currently in negotiation with St Stephen's Hospital Physiotherapy Department, the Sports Medicine Foundation, and the Health Centre, with a view to setting up a Sports and Orthopaedic injury clinic at College next year.

I brought up the point on Bored of Studies that students who live in Weeks and Garden have suffered serious interference in the revision over the last week and those who are currently involved in exams should have the events at the Embassy taken into account when considering the results.

The last minute transfer of the Fête into the College complex certainly changed the atmosphere of the event but the profitability seems not to have been affected. Well done everyone who worked hard to make it a success and thanks to the College staff who endured the change of venue.

Work hard, keep your nose clean, and wash your hands.

Tally Ho!

CHRIS

## Wardenship Of Hamlet And Cambridge Gardens

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

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

The position will become vacant from the middle of September 1980.

Application forms are available from the Union Office, and the Residence Office, Room 161, Sheffield Building, and the closing date for applications is Friday 23rd May.

**Share-A-Fare:** The response to the advert was so dismal that if you want or can offer a lift to College, please drop a line to Room 6M19 Huxley. I make no promises — it depends on the response — but nothing ventured nothing... List of all participants sent out to those who reply.

## 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 will be a post graduate student of outgoing personality and responsible outlook. Rent-free accommodation is provided. The essential duties of Sub-Warden will be to assist the Warden in the running of the Hall. Further details may be obtained from Dr P W Jowitt, Civil Engineering department, to whom applications should be addressed together with a curriculum vitae to arrive no later than Friday 23rd of May 1980.

# The Drake's Seven Comic Book

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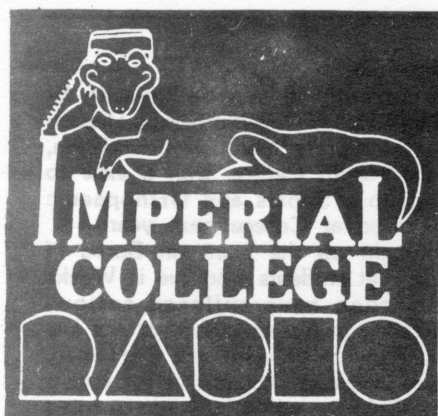
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TO SPELL THE WORD "CORPORATION".  
THERE'S NO "Z" IN "CORPORATION".  
DAMN! I THOUGHT THINGS WERE  
GOING TOO WELL....

LOOK, DRAKE! ADVANCED WEAPONRY.  
- I EXPECT IT  
WORKS BY  
FIRING A  
BEAM OF  
HIGH  
- ENERGY  
RELATIVISTIC  
ELECTRONS  
THROUGH  
A -

NO, I THINK IT'S JUST  
A PERSPEX TUBE WITH A  
LIGHT BULB IN THE END..

Paul Williams



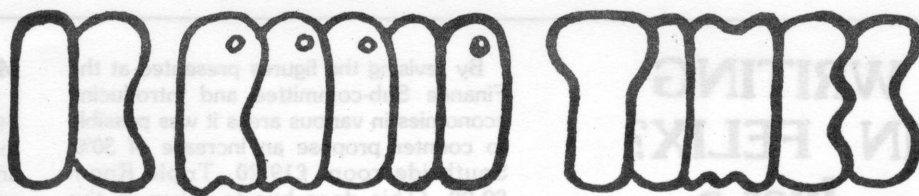


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Keogh and Falmouth Galleries,  
Tizard Pool Room (sometimes),  
Felix Office and now Union Bar.**

#### Focus on Alan Parsons (Part 2)

On Sunday at 5pm you can hear the second of these two programmes in which Alan Parsons, one of Britain's better-known producers, looks at some of the music that he has produced, and this week some of his 'Own' music as well.



## A Roof Over Your Head Next Year ?

On Monday evening between 7 and 8pm we present "The Bedsit Jungle". Jane Walmsley looks at London's bedsit accommodation scene and it's many pitfalls and loopholes. This should be compulsive listening for anyone who has not yet got anywhere to live next year; originally broadcast on Capital Radio.

Then between 8 and 9pm Michael Arthur and a representative from the short-life housing group answer your questions about accommodation; you can ring in on Internal 3440 and speak to them yourself.

Then on Tuesday evening, Viewpoint will include a look at the University of London Accommodation Service between 7 and 8pm.

## I.C. Radio Top Twenty 5/5/80

- 1 (2) The Cure - A Forest
- 2 (9) Pete Townsend - Rough Boys
- 3 (3) New Music - This World of Water
- 4 (6) Sky - Toccata
- 5 (10) The Members - Romance
- 6 (1) The Pretenders - Talk of the Town
- 7 (11) Boz Scaggs - Breakdown Dead Ahead
- 8 (8) Jona Lewie - You'll always find me in the kitchen at parties
- 9 (7) Squeeze - Pulling Mussels from the Shell
- 10 (4) Steve Hackett - The Show
- 11 (15) Philip Lynott - Dear Miss Lonely Hearts
- 12 (-) Sham '69 - Tell the Children
- 13 (-) The Undertones - My Perfect Cousin
- 14 (18) The Ramones - Rock and Roll Radio
- 15 (16) The Police - Bring on the Night
- 16 (-) Peter Gabriel - No Self Control
- 17 (-) The Chords - Something's Missing
- 18 (-) Rodney Franklin - The Groove
- 19 (17) Ali Thompson - Live every Minute
- 20 (5) Madness - Work, Rest and Play EP

Compiled from the most played records on I.C. Radio during the past two weeks by Sarah Talbot

## what's on

### FRIDAY 9th MAY

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

**City and Guilds Talk** on *Bo in Elec Eng* 408 between 1:30 and 2:00pm.

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

### SATURDAY 10th MAY

**Gliding Club 50th Anniversary Dinner** at 7:30 in the Rembrandt Ballroom. Tickets available from A Burden (Civ Eng 2).

**Bol\*\*cks to Ents Gig** at 7:30pm in the Union Concert Hall. Admission by badge, priced 40p. Available all around College.

### MONDAY 12th MONDAY

**Communist Society AGM** with speaker Ian McKay, the National Student Organiser of the Communist Party, in the ICWA Lounge at 6:30pm.

**Ceilidh** presented by Folk Club and Vegsoc in the JCR from 8:00pm till late. Admission 60p (includes food).

### TUESDAY 13th MAY

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

**Riding Club Meeting** between 12:30 and 1:30pm in Elec Eng 1110.

### WEDNESDAY 14th MAY

**Graffiti 'At Home'** between 12:30 and 1:00pm in the Graffiti Workshop, Second Floor, West Staircase, Union Building.

### THURSDAY 15th MAY

**Liberal Club AGM** in the SCR from 12:30pm. All members and anyone interested come along and decide how the Club will be run next year.

**Public Hearing** in defence of Vyacheslav Bakhmin conducted by Louis Blom-Cooper, QC between 2:30 and 5:00pm, Central Hall, Westminster. Refreshments from 5:00 to 7:30pm and a public meeting between 7:30 and 9:00pm, chaired by Peter Cadogan.

**STOIC transmission** 12:45pm and 6:00pm.

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

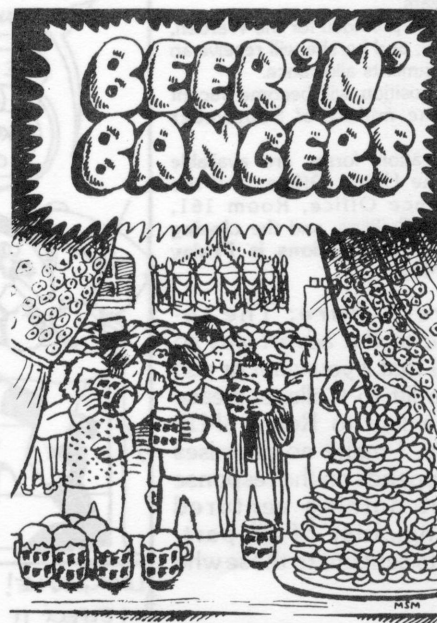
### FRIDAY 16th MAY

**Badge Soc AGM** at 5:30pm. Venue to be announced.

**IC Christian Union Meeting** with a talk by Stephen Williams on *God's Grace* at 6:30pm in the Music Room, 53 Prince's Gate.

**Hughes Parry Hall Gig and Disco** with the Crooks and Rare at 8:15pm. Tickets £1.50 in advance from HPH Bar or M Richardson, Selkirk Room 477. SU cards are required. (Nearest tubes Russell Square or Charing (Nearest tubes Russell Square or Kings Cross).

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## IC LIBERAL CLUB

The Liberal Club AGM will be on Wednesday 15th May at 12:30pm in the SCR of the Union Building. All members, past, present and prospective, and anyone interested, please come along. Officers for next year will be elected, and the role of the Club next year discussed. Papers for the election of officers, are still up. Leave a note in the Union for details.

This Saturday, IC Liberal Club will be hosting a Young Liberal Seminar on economics. This is an area where the Young Liberal movement are breaking new ground, with radical policy on economic growth, unemployment, and ecology. The Liberal Party as a whole is devoting much time and effort to developing policy, and this seminar will be a valuable part of this. Many expert speakers will be present, but the idea of the seminar is discussion and debate, more than listening to speeches. For further details meet the Club in Stan's Bar at 12:30pm today.

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## WATER POLO

On Thursday 2nd May, IC I played Lambeth II, away at Camberwell baths. The game was the first round in the plate of the London Winter Knockout Cup.

Lambeth opened the scoring, in the first minute, from a man up situation. IC fought back with Phil Mills and Phil Twaits each hitting the woodwork but failing to score.

In the second quarter IC took control of the game. Cliff Spooner taking two goals and Phil Twaits scoring from a tip shot. Lambeth managed to pull back one of the goals from a quick break.

By the end of the third quarter IC had increased their lead to 6:4. Much of the midfield (pool!) play was replaced by long, accurate (?) passing from Costa.

The fourth quarter produced a superb goal by Costa from near the halfway line. Lambeth then pulled back two goals to give a final score of 7:6 in favour of IC.

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Dave Roberts

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# The American-Iranian Conflict:

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## Some Historical Perspectives

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The tense, heated atmosphere which pervades the current Iranian-American conflagration of interests has received exhaustive coverage in the media, as should be the case. And what with the present seige of Iran's London Embassy, we in England can now smell the smouldering fumes of this prolonged dispute with our own nostrils. However, the overall emphasis in the press has been one-sided. The general tone of these multifarious reports, when they have ventured from the purely factual, has expressed three things; outrage, at the 'barbaric' behaviour of the Iranian people; bewilderment, in the face of what to many occidentals is an entirely alien culture; and anxiety, at the frightening possibilities germane in the dispute.

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### Concern

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The last point will not concern us here, though of course it is of the greatest concern to all, precisely because, as individuals, we are impotent to resolve it.

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### Facets

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The general reaction of the Western media, then, has stressed these elements of outrage and bewilderment, but has not even attempted to balance its notoriously biased coverage by endeavouring to understand the heritage, culture, history and religion of the Iranian people. To give a detailed description of these facets of a people whose culture is as rich as any European nation far exceeds the scope of this abbreviated account, in which I intend to raise just a few key points. These will, I hope, explain in part or in full the origins of the astonishment and indignation with which Western man has perceived the present turbulence in Iran.

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### Sandstorm

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Firstly, it seems to me that the apparently anarchic nature of the revolution in Iran has blown up a swirling sandstorm of riots and marches which has hidden the extraordinary atavism that has occurred there: namely, the fusion of Church and State. The pattern of an unchanging community with priests at its head is the oldest of the great cultural products of Asia. The sudden resurgence of this phenomenon has, from the Western viewpoint, merely complicated a political situation that is as slippery as butter. The statesmen of Europe and America are usually men who have grasped the reins of power from the street, or more traditionally, from the drawing room. In stark contrast, in Iran, the Grand Ayatollah Khomeini steers both the ship of state, and the vehicle of religion, Mohammedism. Such a position of power has not been seen in Europe since the declension of the Papal Empire.

Religion then, with its accoutrements of morals and mores, is clearly a protagonist in this fascinating episode in world history. For not only are the nations of Iran and America vying against one another, but, as I will go on to show, the entire Weltanschauungs (world-views) of these people are in opposition; and where there is conflict, there is friction and fire.

Central to an understanding of the people of Islam (which incidentally means God) is their genealogy. This stems from the Sanskrit word 'ayra' (to which the words Aryan and Iran correspond) which means 'noble'. The Aryans originally inhabited parts of present-day India, but some migrated westwards, where they settled in and around Iran, and later in parts of northern Europe.

Now, a popular misconception is to associate the 'aryan' with 'master', when a more appropriate epithet is 'masculine'. It is here that we see the connection between the Aryan and Mohammedism, which, must rank as the chauvanistic religion par excellence. Yet there is a final link in the chain, for we cannot but now fail to correlate Mohammedism with that other patriarchal religion, Semitism. The resemblances between these two need no further clarification other than a reading of the Old Testament and the Koran. Both stress the commandment of obedience, of resignation before God, and the importance of worship, prayer and fasting.

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### Gloating

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The Draconian laws, which, for example, demand the execution of the offender on many counts, are merely another facet of the Aryan-Muslim-Old-Testament morality which permeates the Iranian way of life. From the Western perspective, conditioned as we are by the so-called motives of civilisation and the Christian, New Testament doctrine of mercy and forgiveness, the harsh brutality of these punishments are offensive in principle and practice. In the same way, it is now appropriate that Church and state are once again united under a single banner, for, as in many Muslim countries, the covenant of Mohammed is vigorously upheld by the law of the land. For example, it is often the case that if a man violates the edict of daylight fasting decreed during the Muslim religious festival of Ramadan, the offence is punishable by law.

Today, then, we see the Iranians courageously refusing to be intimidated by America and Russia, the Atlas and Hercules of the world; we see them threatening to 'try and execute' (as apposite phrase which crystallises the absoluteness of their stand) Iranian political prisoners if any member of their London Embassy delegation is murdered; and we see them gloating like children

over the ignominious failure of the American misenterprise to free their hostages. And it is more coincidental that the Germans have a word for this kind of malicious enjoyment of others' misfortune... it is 'schadenfreude', or literally 'joy in harm'.

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### Scourge

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Nevertheless, before I end, I would draw your attention to another prominent feature of this crisis which can be seen from a historical perspective. And it is here that we at last find a common element. For it is clear that both the American and Iranian people have reacted in the same irrational way toward their 'opponents'. In America, there is a collective hatred and derision of the Iranian people, and, I daresay, the reverse is equally true. Yet, historically, both countries are susceptible to this kind of collective enmity. In the 1950s, we saw every 'true' American citizen respond to McCarthy's call to rid the country of the scourge of Communism, while recently, in Iran, there has been the same kind of deranged collective hatred directed towards the Dynastic ruling-class, personified by the ex-Shah. But it is a noticeable trait of people with Aryan blood in their veins that they are particularly prone to this unanimity of consciousness, for just fifty years ago, the Nazis were the hunters, the Jews the witches.

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### No panacea

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Thus, the dispute between these two nations is now no longer merely a political quarrel, nor is it simply a matter of a tyrannical Shah and two score and ten hostages; it has escalated into a bitter conflict between value-systems, moralities and religions. There would seem to be no panacea to a dire crisis such as this, where both parties feel aggrieved and wronged, and subsequently sense the scales of justice to be tilted in their direction. This seems to be particularly true here because, as I have clarified in the foregoing, there is no common cultural or religious nexus between the two peoples; as a result, there exists no single impartial, higher power to which these warring peoples could present their respective grievances.

We must look beyond man-made institutions or the frame-work of international law for the eventual resolution to this crisis; ultimately, there is always one unbreakable bond that transcends all differences of belief, and beneath which every individual, every nation, is knit into a single family... namely homo sapiens. It is the universal love of mankind, the philadelphian instinct, that can and must dissolve all barriers between Caucasian, Mongolian, Slav, Indian, Negro and Aborigine.

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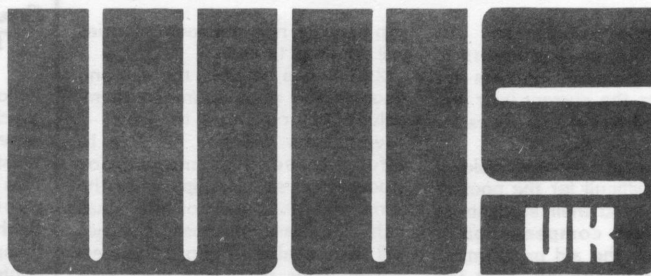
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As well as coordinating and financing scholarship schemes, such as the Imperial College Third World Scholarship Campaign, WUS is also active in refugee problems, research in education matters and small projects. In this article the work is summarised.

### Refugees

The extent of refugee problems in the world today is enormous. The United States High Commissioner for Refugees estimated that the world-wide increase in the number of refugees in 1978 averaged over 2,000 per day. In Africa there are about four million refugees (one million from Southern Africa); over half a million refugees are known to be in Europe and 145,000 in Latin America. Global figures for Asia differ enormously, but a quarter of a million people from Vietnam arrived by boat on the shores of countries in South East Asia in 1978 and the first half of 1979.

The search for durable solutions to these problems continues and it is quite obvious that by providing education in Britain for refugee students we are only helping a tiny number. However, liberal asylum policies by the industrialised nations and the provision of education for those refugees taken in has to be a part of the attempt to find an overall solution. There must be recognition of the role that refugee students can play in the development either of their own countries when they can return home, or to other countries in the same region. Providing education in the industrialised countries is one way in which this role can be recognised. It is therefore important that aid policy should not only help provide education but also enable those who have finished their education to use their skills in the poorer countries.

There is a particular problem for refugee students. Although there is

a potential for them to contribute to development it must be appreciated that by the very nature of their situation putting this into practise is rather more difficult than for the average overseas student. It is therefore essential that one should not only recognise the similarities in some respects between overseas and refugee students but also appreciate the differences.

Refugees who come to the UK to study will not be able to pick the time or place to work after studying as most overseas students can. As an integral part therefore of being given asylum in the UK and being recognised as refugees they should also be treated as British citizens for educational and other purposes. In addition therefore to a campaign against differential fees for overseas students, campaign work should also demand the treatment of refugee students as home students.

### Higher Fees — Who Can Pay?

Specialised education in Britain has been available to thousands of students from the under-developed countries. It is true that until recently, little attention has been paid to the types and the relevance of courses to the poor countries and their problems. But the dialogue on the appropriateness of courses and training in the last few years was initiated because there were students from these countries in Britain.

At present it seems that there is no change in the number of overseas students coming to study in the United Kingdom but there has been a change in the kinds of countries from which these students come.

At present 68.4% of all overseas students studying in the UK come from eighteen countries: the majority of these countries are not among those listed by the UN as the Least Developed Countries, ie the poorest.

The trend since 1975 is that fewer students have come from the poorest countries and more from the less poor. Although there are no statistics available yet on the

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number of overseas students in 1978/9, the increase in costs for that year, for the current year and that predicted at current prices for next year, bode ill.

The net result will only make it increasingly difficult for the poorest countries to send their students to the UK unless compensation is made through the aid programme. It is not likely though, that the Tory government will take the initiative to assist the many students from the Least Developed Countries who cannot afford to pay the higher fees.

The effects of this are not difficult to predict:

1. As the numbers of skilled and highly educated nationals increase in the richer countries, those in the poorer countries will decrease; the

gap between rich and poor countries will continue to grow.

2. The gap between the rich and poor in the poor countries themselves will continue to grow — governments will not be able to afford to send as many poor students on scholarships while the sons and daughters of the small rich elite class in those countries will still be able to afford the fees.

The Tory manifesto itself says that the government intends to "maintain the excellence of our higher educational system" and "to help the poorer nations through national and international programmes of aid". The only way it can hope to keep these promises is by allowing foreign and refugee students to study in Britain without imposing quotas of discriminatory fees.

## Small Projects

The need to encourage development education within the UK student movement has long been a major concern of WUS. As a development agency working in the Third World, WUS has recognised the need to increase understanding about global social, economic and political relationships and conditions, particularly those which are responsible for under-development. At WUS, development education is directly concerned with issues of human rights, dignity, self-reliance, and social justice in both developed and developing countries. Through programmes for development education, WUS is attempting to encourage involvement and action for improvement, and to break down attitudes and misconceptions which exist within the student movement about the Third World.

In order to encourage development education in colleges, WUS selects three Small Projects each year which lend themselves to campaign work within the student movement. The projects are chosen because they represent the efforts of groups in Third World countries to provide educational facilities as a step towards self-determination.

### Charlotte Maxeke Residential Creche — Tanzania

Since the early sixties, an ever increasing number of black South Africans have been leaving South Africa, fleeing persecution. The political turmoil in South Africa during 1976 meant that even more South African blacks fled South Africa and joined the already large South African exile population in other African countries.

The Charlotte Maxeke Residential Creche was opened in June last year, in the small Tanzanian town of Morogoro. The aims of the creche are many. It is essential that the children's intellectual, emotional and cultural needs are properly cared for. It is equally important not only to help the exiled mothers care for their children properly, but to allow them sufficient time to continue their own education. There is also the need to introduce the concept of child care education to the black South African community. It has always been a struggle for parents to provide for their children's material needs. Parents have been able to give very little attention to their young children's intellectual and physical development.

This has had a particularly bad effect on slow learners and physically handicapped children.

The successful operation of this pilot project will do much to help develop the concept of child care education, and perhaps lay the foundation for proper care for pre-school children in South Africa in the future.

Right now, the creche needs much material support if it is to achieve the goals it has set for itself. A list of materials needed by the creche is available from WUS(UK) who will fly out all the materials collected by participating groups to the creche.

### Djibouti Library Project

It would be surprising if Djibouti were well known. It only came into existence as an independent republic in 1977, after 117 years as a French colony. Although independent, it is still tied to France.

It is of a country without any industry or agriculture, the education system is practically non-existent; only eighteen Djiboutians have completed a university education, and there are a mere dozen local doctors and engineers, unemployment is above 50% and rising.

Since 1977 there has, however, been a rapid influx of foreigners into Djibouti; not tourists but refugees. Most are students, some are Ethiopians and others Eritreans.

## Soviet Prisoner's Defence To Be Conducted In London

Important figures in the fight against psychiatric abuse in the USSR will appear in public at Central Hall, Westminster, at 2:30pm on Thursday 15th May. The occasion consists of a public defence of Vyacheslav Bakhim, conducted by Louis Blom-Cooper, QC, followed by a press conference and public meeting.

Many people in the USSR are, because of their opinions, imprisoned in hospital and forcibly given unsuitable and harmful medical treatment on the pretext that their unorthodox beliefs constitute insanity. There is in Moscow a Working Commission to investigate the use of psychiatry for political purposes; not surprisingly its

members are persecuted. Bakhim is a founder member of the Working Commission who is now in prison. The purpose of Thursday's meeting is to give him, albeit in his absence, the public defence which he was denied in his own country, and to stop the spreading acceptance of, and indifference to, the illegal practices of the Soviet authorities; for the keeping alive of better standards in the rest of the world is the Soviet victims' only hope.

Among those giving evidence will be General Pyotr Grigorenko, who was stripped of his rank and honours and set to psychiatric hospital after criticising Stalin; Vladimir Bukovsky, exiled dissenter; a British and a Soviet psychiatrist; and a London barrister, Brian Wrobel, who has twice visited the Working Commission.

Charles Penman

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## Subwarden of Weeks Hall

The position of Subwarden of Weeks Hall will be available from October 1980. The post provides rent free accommodation in a small flat in return for light but continuous duties assisting the Warden mainly in running some amenities and acting as Secretary to the Hall Committee. Weeks Hall is a small Hall by College standards, housing sixty-five male students in single rooms, built as the donation of Vickers Ltd to a high standard of amenities and opened in 1959. There are, however, structural problems and special regulations have to be observed to ensure the safety of residents.

Applications are invited from responsible postgraduate students, research assistants or young members of the academic staff who expect to be able to serve for either two or three years. Please apply in writing by 6th June 1980, to the Warden, Dr D Monro, giving full details of qualifications and experience.

In an attempt to alleviate their plight, to ensure that where and when their basic needs are met they are not condemned to a wasteful existence with no opportunity to develop their mind, their potential, WUS(UK) is helping to establish a library.

There is a great need for English language publications (non-existent in French-speaking Djibouti); some periodicals have already been sent. Once immediate needs are being met it is hoped that provision may be extended into education assistance to the local population and the other refugee groups in the country.

## Educational Reconstruction In Nicaragua

Following the overthrow of the Somoza dictatorship in July 1978, the Government of National Reconstruction was faced with an enormous task, not only in terms of repairing the physical damage inflicted on schools and other public buildings by the Civil War, but also in the need to provide such basic facilities as education and health care for the majority of the population.

Reconstruction of the health and educational sector, therefore, involves not just the rebuilding of schools and hospitals, but the

launching of a campaign to wipe out illiteracy, the training of local health monitors to teach basic hygiene and first aid, the installation of safe water supplies and the construction of adequate housing.

Rather than choose one specific project, WUS(UK) is encouraging local groups to support a series of reconstruction projects. While these projects refer mainly to the physical reconstruction of damaged institutions, they are an integral part of the expansion and reorganisation of the health and educational sectors to provide basic facilities for the whole of the population.

This year's Third World Scholarship Campaign has so far raised £1200. The target figure is £2000+.

Anyone with a few minutes to spare on the afternoon of Wednesday 14th May is needed in the Union Office to help WUS. If you can not make this but are interested in WUS, contact Chris Fox (Union Office), Tim Hillyer (Maths 3) or Mary Attenborough (Maths PG).

Thanks for your 5p.  
**Chris Fox** **Tim Hillyer**



## CRICKET CLUB

The match between IC thirds and South Stanmore CC proved to be a fitting foil for the drama of the siege near College — it was extremely boring. Phil Maguire was captain, in the absence of anyone else who could toss a coin, and he duly 'allowed' South Stanmore to elect to bat (thus ensuring a match of reasonable length).

At forty-two for two (with two batsmen in, who were obviously students of the Royal College of Agriculture), a final total of one hundred seemed likely, and this looked within reach; however, a furious spell of leg-side thrashing added forty runs in only three overs and, thus demoralised Maguire's Magicians could not hold back the flood of runs, taking only four more wickets.

At tea, South Stanmore declared setting the slightly unlikely target of 172 runs to win in an hour plus twenty overs.

The features of the IC fielding were the unexpected sharpness, in the outfield and particularly at slip Stean taking two catches) and the fine bowling of Redmond, whose scything leg-cutters accounted for three of the six dismissals.

When IC replied, the emphasis was

on defence, but when Croft and then Turner departed, eleven for two was the sorry state. Forshaw held up one end admirably and Maguire made a solid twenty.

However, any action these four had supplied was soon forgotten as Hewkin and Redmond batted for sixteen overs while adding just thirty runs. Redmond departing for eleven, Hewkin and Stean then batted for another five overs adding about thirty more runs mainly with inside edges and hoicks through the gaps in the eight man fielding side (only noticed after the match!).

IC reached a semi-respectable 85 for 6 at the close and thus drew with a rather annoyed Stanmore side.

But the following Saturday's match was quite indescribable — suffice it to record (for someone's posterity) the scores, Brondesbury 223 for 8 wickets, IC III 51 all out (and this included six ducks from only ten 'batsmen').

It might be interesting to note that the thirds had ten men *despite* Salter allowing us to leave college with only eight — we physicists have hidden talents.

*The Thirds Team Captain For A Day*  
PS: Thanks to Quentin, Neil and Andy for playing at such short (ie, hours and minutes) notice.

## HANG GLIDING

On the third and fourth of May, two teams from IC took part in the first British Inter-University Hang Gliding Competition, flown in South Wales and organised by Marc Asquith of Swansea University. Teams from Swansea, Loughborough and Aberystwyth took part.

Six of us, Dave Bird, Chris Golding, Bruce Goldsmith, Ian Hodgkinson, Denis Howe and Paul Lanchester set off on Friday lunchtime for Marc's house, where we and about twenty others were to stay! After meeting the opposition/sussing out the local pub/crashing out, we awoke on Saturday to find the wind 'blowing a Haslie' and in the worst possible direction. However, after several cups of coffee it had moderated enough for a training slope to be used. Upon arrival the conditions were evil, but an open task was run during which people who took part felt that the object was surviving, not flying. At least one pilot flew to within one foot of the ground in an effort to achieve the task.

As our teams were composed of novices only, we had to wait for conditions to improve, which they did by about three thirty, after a second open task. The first novice task was a distance/accuracy task with points for distance flown along a line and also

how close to the line you were when you landed. The task was complicated by the wind being a little strong and at an angle to the hill. Unfortunately, during this task one of our pilots crashed a club glider putting both it and himself out of action until Sunday. He was not badly hurt, suffering only a bruised foot and pride.

Bruce flew next for IC on his glider, and as it was only his third flight on it, put up a reasonable score. I was the last IC member to fly and on an unfamiliar glider was only about halfway up the score sheet.

The task was then run a second time as the conditions had improved even more and this time both Bruce and I were placed near the top. Free flying was then declared for the rest of the day.

Next morning after a party the night before and about forty people sleeping in Marc's house we staggered off to a 700ft high hill to find the wind gusting to between 38 and 40mph and so the rest of the competition was blown out.

After working out the results, I was third and Bruce fifth in the novices section. Unfortunately we didn't have enough flyers to qualify for the team trophy which was won by Swansea. I would like to thank the whole team and commiserate with those unable to fly and hope that next year we improve upon a very creditable start to competitive flying.

**Chris Golding**

## BOAT CLUB

At Putney, the Men's Novice IV raced against King's College in the first round, and found they could not match the experience of half the King's first VIII, losing by about two lengths. In the Novice Sculls event, Alistair Rowe, who was competing in his first sculling race, had a hard row in the first round, eventually beating his Auriol RC opponent by one length. In the semi-final he had a comfortable win over a London RC sculler, but then his lack of experience in a sculling boat showed when he lost his final to a very powerful sculler from Kingston RC. In the Senior C VIII's event, the second VIII had a hard, but comfortable row to win the heat. In their semi-final an easy win over National Westminster Bank RC put them in the final against Emanuel School. The schoolboy crew took an early lead of about a quarter length in the final, but could not get away from the IC VIII. However, a sustained burst by Emanuel at about the halfway point saw them increase their lead to three quarters of a length and they eventually won by one length.

Meanwhile, up at Barnes, the Ladies VIII had a comfortable semi-final win to put them in the final. In this race they had to race Weybridge RC, a very powerful Ladies Club. However, the IC VIII gradually drew away from them, and eased off towards the finish line, winning by about three lengths, thus recording the first win at an open event by an IC crew this year.

On Monday, the Men's first and second VIII were at Thorpe Park, near Staines, competing in the Metropolitan Regatta — one of the oldest regattas in the calendar, and claimed by its organisers to the second only to Henley Royal. The racing was held on a four-lane course, and so the crews only had to finish in second place in their heats to qualify for the next round. The second VIII, again competing in the serious 'C' event once more managed to qualify for the final. In the final they were up against King's School Canterbury, along with Staines RC and St Paul's School who they had already beaten. As in the semi-final, St Paul's took an early lead, but it then became apparent that they had settled for only second place in the semi, and they gradually drew away from the IC crew. In the closing stages of the race, with St Paul's about one and a quarter lengths in front, the Canterbury schoolboys just rowed through IC, leaving the second VIII in third place, having lost their second final in three days.

The first VII competing in the serious 'A' event had somewhat of an easier time, having a straight final against Auriol RC and Barclays Bank RC. Off the start, the IC VIII took an early lead, only to let Auriol come back at them. A late spurt by the IC VIII saw them draw away again, to win this prestigious event by two thirds of a length.



# Editorial

Those of us who witnessed the triumph of the SAS at the Iranian Embassy have had the good fortune to have seen a Great British success.

The demonstration by IC students outside the Albert Hall could have turned into a disaster for the reputation of Imperial. We were lucky to have the press on our side. They understood that we were only having a bit of fun. However, I felt uneasy watching the demo, but it did give the press something to photograph and took the steam out of the Iranian student demonstration. I spent a long night with the Iranians on the evening of the siege and I did try to understand their views.

In an appeal to the British people they said:

"We are staging a gathering outside the Embassy of the Republic of Iran to show our solidarity with the captives inside the Embassy and to express our readiness to be exchanged with the Iranian and non-Iranian hostages and

also to protest against the lack of protection offered to the Iranian Embassy while the British Embassy in Iran is being fully protected by the Iranian authorities.

We have been surrounded by the Police and have been kept in isolation from our other compatriots.

The Police have told us that our stay here is legal. In spite of our legal status, the Police have refused food and drink to be given to us and toilet has also been refused.

The impression is given through the media that we have been confronting the British Police. We vigorously deny this and state that we are here for peaceful purposes and our message is:

1. We express our support of Imam Khomeini and our solidarity with the Iranian and non-Iranian hostages kept in our Embassy.

2. We express our protest against the British authorities for not having provided adequate protection for our embassy in the first instance while the British Embassy in Tehran has always enjoyed full protection provided by the Iranian authorities.

3. We express our willingness to be exchanged with the Iranian and non-Iranian hostages kept in our Embassy.

The siege has left us with many memories and for some lucky photographers images of the siege have been recorded on film. Students with good pictures have had various degrees of success with magazines and newspapers. Several have had their films scratched and it would be useful if I could give general advice to people with exclusive pictures of the siege and future events. However, a lot depends on the circumstances. National papers do not want colour film because it takes a long time to develop. It seems that going to an agency such as the Press Association is a good bet. A student photographer who took his undeveloped black and white film to the Sun was given back a very badly scratched set of negatives after the Sun had taken two good prints of the film. It may be coincidence but several other incidents imply that there is a trend. Papers wishing to have exclusive photos arrange for the film to be scratched so that no one else will be able to use it.

If you do take colour pictures there is still a market if you sell to the colour glossy magazines such as *Time*, *Now*, *Newsweek* and other Sunday magazines. You must move fast. If you have pictures of the siege and haven't started negotiations then you're probably too late. However, I hope to be seeing the Editor of *Impact* magazine today, so if you have any pics worth putting in an international mag then come to the FELIX Office as soon as possible.

Ironically, the Editor of *Impact* was a hostage in the Iranian Embassy siege and I hope to print an interview with him in next Friday's FELIX.

Apart from Jez going to Brighton, a successful Rag Fête and the resolution to the siege, etc., etc., a lot has happened to distract the IC student from his/her hard struggle to pass exams. Don't forget the RCS AGM next Tuesday or if you're in Guilds their handover on the steps of the Albert Hall is on the same day.

Rae has thanked everyone who helped with the Rag Fête and I would like to congratulate her on the success of the Fête. I met an exhausted Rae walking back after the event and she seemed pleased with the response. The Barbeque provided me with a welcome meal and I wish we could have them more often because it is a good time to meet people outside one's usual group of friends.

The Red Cross have been collecting all week at IC and a license has been obtained for tomorrow's street collection. Come to the Union Lower Lounge between 9:30 and 10:30 to collect your can and license. You never know when you might need the Red Cross... as I found out last February. Their ambulance rushed me to St Stephen's Hospital and a Red Cross wheelchair helped me get about. This week a splintered cue in the Union Lower Lounge meant that a pool player needed swift hospital attention and the Red Cross were able to help.

This week FELIX asks donations for WUS. If you have given some of your grant to WUS then I thank you. For most of us the Third World and refugee problems are more than at a distance from our comfortable way of life. However, several students have given up their time to help collect your five pences for this FELIX and I am grateful for their help. If you would like to know more about WUS then turn to page nine.

Next Thursday, 170 Queens Gate opens its doors for another Beer'n'Bangers. The event is worth attending and if you want to go, see Jen by 13th May. On Wednesday IC may suffer from a lack of activity during the TUC Day of Action. The day should have been named the Day of Inaction, but that's been said so many times before I should apologise for writing it here. The day will be a forced holiday for many people as London Transport will be at a standstill. I wonder if TV will be cut? It will be interesting to see how things work out.

News is scarce during the May-June period so if you know of anything happening please drop into the office or give us a buzz on Internal 2881.

I almost forgot to wish RCS success in the Ten Tors this weekend.

Thanks to everyone who has helped a rather tired FELIX Editor this week. If you'd like a rest from exam revision, why not write an amusing article for FELIX. If you've got any good pictures that sum up this year at IC I'd like to see them because a FELIX review of the year will be put together over the next few weeks.

Cheers  
Colin Palmer  
FELIX Editor

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in the  
J.C.R.

on

Wed, Thurs, Fri,  
14, 15, and 16 May

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