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Colin Palmer

**The new ICWA President
Sandra O'Sullivan**

President of ICWA shocks AGM

A new President was ratified at last Tuesday's ICWA AGM. Sandra O'Sullivan was the only candidate for the post of President and so won the election. However, in a speech to the meeting she said that in her opinion ICWA has failed. Sandra said that she would not get rid of ICWA but would just make it clear to the girls at IC how little ICWA does for them.

Sandra said that she would not sit on any committees and this could lead to an attempt by other members of ICWA to remove her from the position. This year's President said, "It's just a bit ridiculous but all the rest of the committee are very keen - we will continue anyway. It doesn't matter about the President."

Last years ICU President, Mary Attenborough, joked that she might as well stand for Chairman of the Conservative Society. (Mary is known for her political affiliations to political groups other than the Conservatives and if she was elected CONSOC chairman she considered that it would be equally ridiculous). Roger Stotesbury commented that Sandra was the only candidate, who stood in the ICWA elections, who actually bothered to come to the meeting. "It just shows that ICWA cannot survive if there is no interest," he said.

RCS AGM

Last Tuesday's RCS Annual General Meeting managed to elect an Assistant Honorary Secretary, Jane Lavers, and ratified the following posts: Ents Chairman — Dave Thompson; Publicity Officer — Caroline Godin. Wodger Stotesbury was pushed into the post of Bookshop Rep.

The constitutional change to give the Carnival Committee its own treasurer passed its second reading and the treasurer for next year will be elected at joint carnival committee.

Athletic and Social Colours were awarded and the following received Union General Awards: Sean O'Boyle (Ex Officio); Liz Lindsay; Barney McCabe; Mo Misra and Martin Watson.

In the Deryck Bond Memorial Award several interesting nominations had been received: Costas, for turning up in the Union Bar, in full formal dress complete with resplendent female partner a week early; Chalky White for directing Jez and thirsty crew to a 'cosy little pub I used to

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Mickie Marsh

The new RCS Exec: Steve Tyson, Paul Johnson and Rich Archer

LETTERS

DEMONSTRATORS REPLY

Dear Colin

As members of the anti-Ayatollah demonstrators during the siege of the Iranian Embassy, we feel that the reasons behind the demonstration should be made clear. It was intended to show disapproval of supporters of a regime which is inhumane and irresponsible. The Iranians concerned were taking advantage of a delicate situation in order to publicise their feelings for Khomeini and against President Carter and the American people. We did not want to let the World believe that the British people would stand by without showing disapproval of such actions. If the

Iranians have the right to support the Khomeini regime, then likewise we have a right to protest. The IC student who feels sickened by the manner of the protest should perhaps consider the chants and slogans of the Iranian demonstrators and the unthinking way in which they worship such a dictator.

Also, in response to your editorial, it should be said that the police did not keep the Iranians in isolation. They were free to leave the compound at any time in order to obtain food and drink and to use the toilet. Yours sincerely
Bob Dean, Mark Kenrick, Dave Crossman, P Clifton (and signed by 47 others)

Highest level of student activity at IC in years

Dear Colin

I think it is fair to say that IC students, in general, do not like getting involved in student union external affairs, with most demonstrations attended by just a handful. It therefore surprises me that when hundreds of IC students turn out to demonstrate against the Ayatollah Khomeini, the Union sits back and does nothing!

This was a genuine protest against Iran's 'spiritual leader', who, not content with butchering over eight hundred of his own nation in the name of Islam, decides to threaten world peace by kidnapping the staff of the American Embassy.

Then with Iranian students

having the cheek to take to the streets of London and extol his virtues, it was only right that we should show them what we think.

The ridicule certainly did get home to the Iranian students and I am sure that the demonstration in no way affected the situation inside the Embassy. But for those that did feel that it was too frivolous, they can only blame the Union for not organising it. The same Union Officers that complain about apathy, failed to respond to the highest level of student activity at IC in years, and that is a gross neglect of duty.

David Gayer

TICKLING THE IVORIES

Dear Colin

In view of Chris Fox's and other's comments regarding the responsibility of IC demonstrators at the recent Embassy siege, I would like to say a few words. Although I admit that there was temptation from the idea of playing the piano on TV, the main reason why I wheeled the RCS instrument was to add my voice to those of the many saying "don't give us that Ayatollah crap". While I was present the mood was certainly one of carnival and I feel that my contribution, and that of most others on the IC side of the fence, was to further this mood and definitely not intended to provoke violence.

I felt that the presence of the pro-Khomeini demonstrations was insulting to our nation and deserved to be ridiculed by that 'Great British sense of humour'. Why insulting? you may ask. In pledging their support for Khomeini, the Iranian demonstrators were supporting the further detainment of the

fifty American hostages in Iran. (It is interesting to note here that in this case it was the 'host nation' to the terrorism (Britain) that freed the hostages, simply in upholding its laws and protecting foreign diplomats. Does Iran condone the actions of the terrorists who are still playing with the lives of fifty innocent people?) It appears the Khomeini regime itself is playing the terrorist no wonder they are prepared to sacrifice the odd life or twenty. I deplore terrorism and cannot in any way sympathise with supporters of any kind of terrorism. For Khomeini followers to parade our peaceful and civilised streets, trying to justify the holding of the American hostages by offering themselves in, shall we say, part payment, seems to me barbaric and an insult to us.

No: I am not a skinhead/Nazi NF/a Buddhist monk; I believe in peace — else why did not I throw bricks rather than tickle the ivory. Yours, a little offended
Barney McCabe

VERBOSITY

Dear Mr Editor

We would like to communicate our displeasure at the polysyllabic diarrhoea emanating from the stylus of Mr Newland. His adscititious verbosity merely serves to obfuscate the subject matter.

Yours oburgately
The Bernard Levin Appreciation Society

Pseudo-intellectual ramblings

Dear Colin

Justin Newland in his article on the Iranian crisis failed to explore the fundamental reasons why this is one of the most serious events of the post-war period. His pseudo-intellectual ramblings left me wondering why he had bothered, his vocabulary appeared to be designed to overawe rather than inform the reader.

What is important is that the Iranian 'students' have violated diplomatic immunity, the invasion of the US Embassy was an act of war since the Embassy constitutes American soil. If the Americans agree to the terms demanded this would then put every foreign embassy in the world at risk. We have an impasse. The Americans attempted to break this by military action, the one opportunity they had resulted in a dismal debacle with the hostages dispersed. However, pressure will be applied and, in the interests of international diplomacy through which peace is maintained, must be successful. The Iranian leadership must appreciate that fact.

Mr Newland misses his chance to contribute to this discussion with his fatuous essay. To accuse all western media of being "notoriously biased" is libellous. He fails to state that the UN is there to cope with such situations, in this respect there are parallels with the fate of the League of Nations.

His historical perspectives are rather weak, especially when concerning the Papal Empire (I assume he means the Holy Roman Empire, he does not mention that to a large extent the temporal power of the Pope depended on the incumbent Emperor and the support of the Hapsburg monarchies. To also equate Islam and Hitler's anti-semitic policies beggars description, it fully deserves the derision it must incur.

In the final analysis, Mr Newland's article is no more than the ramblings of one who aspires to literary mediocrity.

Yours sincerely
Stephen Goulder
Life Sci 1

DEMO

Sir

The counter-demonstration by IC students attracted much adverse criticism in your letter columns last week. The balance needs to be redressed.

It was suggested that the demonstration hindered negotiations with the gunmen. There is no evidence to support this. The demo was conducted in good humour and at a safe distance (set by the police). If it had been decided that the presence of demonstrators was adversely affecting negotiations the police would have dispersed the crowd.

It was also claimed that the behaviour of the students betrayed a complete indifference to the tragic events in Iran. Many full-time students are able to tolerate violations of international law and basic human rights only because of the lack of opportunity to satisfy their conscience.

However, when supporters of the religious zealot who presides gleefully over such travesties of justice sing his praises just a hundred metres down the road it warms my heart to see so many students take the chance to exercise their democratic right and show their disgust.

It would have been irresponsible to let slip this chance of showing our condemnation of the Ayatollah Khomeini.

Someone (in the anonymous letter) was concerned at the way our message was put across. But I ask you, how does one argue with a brainwashed fanatic who seriously believes that the gunmen were CIA spies?

Yours faithfully
Mark Clegg
Neil Masom

ISLAMIC Society comments

Dear Colin

Reference to the article on Relations Between Iran and the United States in last Friday's FELIX: I would like to point out the following.

Mr Justin Newland does not have any knowledge, however, basic about Islam. He mentions that Islam means God, but the word means submission to the God. He speaks about Mohammedanism whereas we ONLY regard ourselves as MOSLEMS, ie, those who submit to God. We regard Mohammad as a human being, just as we regard Moses and Jesus as human beings; we believe that they were all prophets with essentially the same message. Each coming to give the truth. We also believe that present day Christianity and Judaism is distorted from the original versions and therefore the remaining true teachings are those in the Quran (still in its original form) and in the documental life of prophet Mohammad.

Mr Newland — surely not a historian of great stature — lays down a theory about the aryan races which exposes his ignorance about the situation in Iran. Let me assure Mr Newland that the whole of the Moslem world is in turbulence because the teachings of Islam prohibit all forms of Evil (ref Quran), regards men and women as equal before God. It stresses that a Moslem's duty is to eradicate the Evil. He must use all routes laid down by God to do this. (He cannot give back the other cheek when faced with evil.)

The Islamic Society of Imperial College has sent a brief guide about Islam to all students and most staff. The aim was to clear many misconceptions about Islam, common in England. I suggest Mr Newland reads his.

Yours
Y. El-Saie
on behalf of Islamic Society

IC WIND ENSEMBLE CONCERT

11th May
Conductor D Edwards

The annual 1812 Overture concert is now something which most people in College look forward to and everyone hears. A large crowd gathered in the sunshine on the Queens lawn to hear the Wind Band, many with picnic lunches, a

few with tablecloths, and at least one ice-bucket. The band began with *Finlandia* by Sibelius, a rousing piece which was given a really vigorous performance. The

Wind Band version of this piece is as exciting as the full orchestra score, although the brass instruments don't seem able to play the scales as fast as the strings, so this version goes a little slower. Then there was a complete change of

mood, with Scott Joplin's *The Entertainer* and a medley called *Instant Concert* (or something) in which the audience could play 'spot the tune'. I lost count.

Next we came to the big one, *The 1812 Overture*, with everything except strings and chorus. Some of the tempi were a bit suspect and the bass line could have been stronger, but at least there were enough bell-ringers for this performance. Most of the cannon fired

successfully, and produced a louder bang than Kensington has heard for at least a week.

Instead of finishing with the 1812, which would have been the obvious programme order, the Wind Band ended with Elgar's *4th Pomp And Circumstance March*. If they'd played the first of these, I'm sure most of the audience would have sung along. A good patriotic note to end on.

Siege through the eyes of a camera - by Mickie Marsh

11:40am go for a pint. Wonder what all these police are doing about here. Suppose there may have been another Libyan shot.

12:35pm Colin says someone's been shot at the Iranian Embassy including some policemen. So off I rush to Linstead and collect my camera gear and a couple of rolls of film. Arriving at a police cordon at 12:35 I ask what has happened. The reply was, "Don't know, mate. We think it's a siege." When I ask where I can get some information, I'm told to go round to the press enclosure. The rest is history; six or seven gunmen had held up the Embassy staff and a diplomatic patrol police officer.

Given the situation, what could I do only armed with a camera, a few lenses and a FELIX 'press pass'? Almost straight away we had a semi press conference where we were told there were two or possibly three gunmen holding hostages and making demands. We were not allowed to ask any questions.

People were being evacuated from Princes Gate, including a girls' school next door but one to the Embassy. Some of the girls were obviously quite shocked. A NBC reporter interviewed two of the girls for US television.

It was obvious that around the front nothing much is going to happen, so I try to go round the back. On the top of the swimming pool a decent view is to be had, though after ten minutes we are moved on.

Try Weeks Hall, but the Chief of Security won't let me in with a camera, even though I'm from FELIX. Next try Garden Hall, via IC Radio entrance, thanks to Dave Fuller. Inside we get quite a good view of the gardens behind the

Embassy. There is a lot of police activity both on the ground and on the roofs. The view was ideal, then we heard about the twelve noon deadline, when they claimed that the Embassy would be blown up.

I've got to have my camera in Garden Hall. Then I'll leave it with a friend and come in early in the morning.

Meanwhile outside the Embassy, Iranian protesters were beginning to arrive.

Early evening saw people offer themselves as hostages, then the prayer sessions began.

Wednesday night saw my plans change as North Side Princess Gardens was being policed. The camera had to go in before morning as I did. A friend from Garden Hall agreed to help me 'smuggle' it in. After a few lost heart beats we were in.

We were awake by eight giving us four hours to wait to see if the terrorists blew it up. Come 11:45 we were evacuated — nothing happened, but if it did I was ready for Weeks Hall to fall.

The afternoon saw Barney entertain the crowds with a full repertoire of some of his better known songs, including *Rule Britannia*, *Entertainer* with a few national anthems thrown in.

Friday saw an 'official' Anti-Ayatollah march from Mech Eng with a full prayer session to follow.

Saturday — the Rag Fête Day heralded the opening of the Queens Tower and an excellent view of the Embassy. There was, however, not much activity on the roof. The protesters were dwindling in numbers and by Sunday they were almost gone.

Monday (and I should have been drag racing) the police moved into the Linstead Hall canteen feeding



Mickie Marsh

Above: The Iranian Embassy burning after the SAS action
Below: Police line up to eat in Linstead Hall

two hundred at a time with non-Mooney food, ie, of good quality.

About 3:00pm we heard shots, but no news. At 7:20pm I was told of ambulances in Exhibition Road. Upon seeing eight and making my way back to Linstead Hall an ominous boom was heard — the end had begun.

No way could I get into Weeks or Garden Hall. So I went up on to Linstead roof, but couldn't see anything.

A brief trip onto Elec Eng roof gave an excellent view. There were bits of burnt paper blowing all about with a lot of smoke, then the

flames began to show. Within half an hour the building was well ablaze.

By 9:00pm it was virtually all over. After a good think, I decided to sell some pictures to some daily newspapers. (The fire hadn't been too good from the front.)

After a few phone calls and one refusal from *The Times*. The Sun said to bring the roll of film down. By 11:30pm the prints were ready — which they accepted.

After a good night's sleep, and a good reading of the Sun they were nowhere to be found.



Mickie Marsh

LETTERS

Dear Colin,

In reply to the letters which condemned the counter-demonstrations outside the Iranian Embassy, I would like to clarify certain points.

There were various issues at stake during the demonstrations, when there should only have been one; the safety of the hostages inside the Embassy. That would certainly justify a demonstration by Iranians concerned about their fellow countrymen/women's well being.

Instead of seeing banners reading "Let our people go" or similar relevant slogans, one was met by protestors chanting imitative phrases such as "Death to Carter", "Death to Thatcher", marching round and holding up insulting caricatures of President Carter.

It is difficult to see how that would have helped the hostages inside the

Embassy, instead it simply proliferated anti-Iranian feeling amongst the British onlookers, be it justified or not. Similarly, by holding up pictures of Khomeini and showing support for him, the situation was being turned into a political forum, and naturally attracted demonstrators opposed to the Ayatollah for his policy of condoning the holding of the American hostages in Teheran.

Stupid and unruly behaviour by counter-demonstrators deserves no praise, but it is not for those there (A sickened IC student) hoping for political gain to criticise that behaviour, as they themselves were being publically insulting to the West, when their sole concern should have been for the safety of those held hostage in the Embassy. Yours sincerely,
John Chamberlain

Dear Sir,

As is to be expected, last week's FELIX displayed a typical anti-British bias. Your attitude appears to be that if it's foreign it's great. **Stuff it.** You've gone further this time I note. Not only are you anti-British, you're also anti-Civilisation. This is to be understood, since it is the official ICU publication. I would however remind you that, in spite of ICU's efforts, London is still the official and actual capital of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland. I would mention a few points. Firstly that it is typical of the hypocrisy to be expected that it should be demanded that foreign students should be freely allowed to come here provided they are not from South Africa. In what way does South Africa differ from Russia? Both oppress certain sectors of the population - and SA is a damn sight freer than the USSR. Secondly, the outstanding triumph of the British security forces in coping with foreign feuding has conveniently been ignored. Without their efforts London and this country in general would be far less safe than it is.

Thirdly your Editorial and contributors have taken the side of the Iranians. Why? Can you so easily overlook the illegal holding of some fifty innocent foreigners by the government in that country. And can you so easily forget the executions of hundreds of people for their services to the previous government. The

trials these people have received are surely an example of the philosophy of the government, that is to say that anyone they don't like is guilty unless proved innocent. And if they're innocent then you try the judge for crimes against the state. Any western country carrying out this practice would be instantly condemned by all the press, including FELIX, but because it concerns Iran it is acceptable. Give me the SAS, and SPG, or even the Mafia, rather than the Iranian Justice.

Thirdly, remember, if Carter had succeeded he would be regarded as the greatest hero ever. Admittedly the plan displayed the typical inefficiencies and cock-ups expected of the USA. However, it is unfair to slate him so mercilessly. He was unlucky. Don't forget, if it had been the USSR Embassy, Iran would not exist by now.

Fourthly, as long as it effects sport, any outrage against any foreign country is allowed by the USSR. After all, we can't stop "our lads" from going to Moscow. Who cares about Jews, Dissidents, Religion, Afghanistan, Communism, we've got to win the medals. - Musn't go to SA though, must we? Congrats to RCS for their demo, congrats to the coppers and SAS also, commiserations to Carter & the US. **Stuff ICU.**

Yours,
Disgusted of Mech Eng.

Dear Colin

Surfacing from exams at last, and reading your appeal for amusing articles in the FELIX last week, I thought, well - why not? When I read the article entitled "The American-Iranian Conflict; Some Historical Perspectives" I could see why not.

If you were short of articles during the revision period, then I do sympathise, but I'm afraid that you might have considered the pompous and patronising parable (I can do alliteration too, you see) merited a whole page. It wasn't really so radically revelatory to be revered, was it? (Anything you can do ...)

I think that the piece might have been better entitled 'Some Personal Historical Perspectives' - when reading the FELIX, Justin, ones

does not appreciate being lectured at - we get more than enough of that all week. The article was not properly reasoned, was circumlocutory and most irritating of all, I have some suspicion that Mr Newland sits in his room after he has written a thing like this and imagines that we are all pouring over our dictionaries with unmitigated fervour while we try to decipher the writings of the man who sees all so clearly.

I was interested to read your opinions, Mr Newland, but, glad as I am that we have such a pragmatic spokesman at IC, a man of such vision as yourself - I do object to reading such a patronising and opinionated article.

I could have done without you to tell me why I feel "astonishment and indignation" at the events in

Dear Colin,

It was with mounting concern I read the letter from Andy Nicolaou, Carolin Temple-Bird, Ian Hodgson, A Gujral, K Pratt and J Czernuszka. Their letter will spark off an indignant protest from the fanatical "anti-Ayatollah" demonstrators themselves, however unlike, to the best of my knowledge, the co-writers of this letter, I actually watched both demonstrations for a period of several hours on the first day and about one on the second day and have a different point to make.

How such a group of articulate and intelligent students can produce such a misleading and pompous letter, implying so much, and submit to a serious newspaper is beyond me. Many of us will remember a letter from one of the above co-writers in FELIX Issue 534 (Nov 16 1979) which was a personal attack on Steve Hutchings for suggesting that his photos should be credited. The writer admitted he knew nothing about the legal, artistic and copyright reasons involved and had never even met Steve Hutchings but felt he could call him a "Power Mad Prat" and finished with a typically pompous ending that if Steve didn't mend his ways "what hope for the world?" Comparison between the two letters reveals a striking similarity. The writers seemed to have learnt not to come straight out with an admission "that they don't know what they are talking about" but from subsequent comments that seem to be inspired from inaccurate press reports and the assumption anything I was remotely near would be a farce. The last paragraph "Are these really the kind of people who", etc, etc is more subtle but still worthy of that previous ending "If not what hope for the world" etc.

I saw fellow students from IC on both sides. Many Iranian students demonstrated their obviously deeply felt support for their religious and political God, the Ayatollah Khomeini, with a fervour that was fanatical.

One of their earliest spokesmen was from Chem Eng. While I respect their strongly held religious beliefs as I expect they respect mine, I fail to understand their politics or revolution and consider many published statements to be hypocritical in the extreme. I can't condone the action of their government(s) which have not only flouted the Declaration of Human Rights which we have adopted but every diplomatic code. However, I'm still prepared to fight for the right of free expression in the UK, but they seemed prepared to die for their

Iran, and quite apart from that, neither of those feelings could truthfully be attributed to what I think about it anyway. I am very surprised that the whole thing wasn't printed on purple to go with the prose; it didn't really require such a load of old cobblers (English derivation, Justin, meaning rubbish, supply any expletives you wish) to tell me that "religion is a clear protagonist" in the struggle - possessed of superb political insight and historical hindsight - I might have guessed.

I'm sorry, but the whole article

beliefs. Their letter ignored this protest.

There were fanatical "anti-Ayatollah" demonstrators, but I think that most of the IC students were there because they disagreed with the amazing "double-think" of the Iranian Demonstrators who support their own political hostage-taking but were calling for the execution of 91 sympathisers of the Princes Gate Gunmen as retaliation for someone else's political hostage-taking. In my opinion they chose the best way to do this, not to confront fellow students with inflammatory confrontation but object to their policies not to the people who were deeply committed to their cause. Cheerful and unfrenzied ridicule of conflicting attitudes has been an accepted part of British Politics for over 100 years (listen to Parliament, or read political cartoons). I have no idea what the original organisers were intending, however, as I do not know them.

Maybe the writers would have preferred them to put forward policy at UGMs, hand leaflets out etc, most of the demonstrators however are not as active in the Union unfortunately as the writers. The letter goes on to imply some kind of "top level" communication with themselves and the Police & Home Office enabling them to comment on their opinion. It goes on to say that because Young Skinheads turned up the next day it was all a mistake, this is like winding up London Transport because people write on the seats.

I know my own prejudices and try to compensate for them, but I have nothing but respect for the Iranian students and their commitment though I think their attitudes are foolish. Maybe I'm wrong, perhaps they will try and put me right. The co-writers seem unable to recognise their own prejudices, they immediately assume the worst, trivial, and shallowest of motives from the majority of "boring, conventional, and less articulate" students.

I know that I am not "tragically indifferent to events in Iran" but if South Kensington is to become a World Stage we should try to have serious and objective letters in FELIX. The letter attacking Steve Hutchings was appalling enough, but to apply the same standards as pompous and pretentious.

Ignorance to such serious subjects betrays a different sort of "tragic indifference to events going on in Iran."

Yours very sincerely,
Francis Rowsell BE1

was built up from arguments as flimsy as your insight into the problem. I could criticise the whole thing, but this is not the place for it - I probably wouldn't have written at all if this article had been a first from Mr Newland, but this is the third time I've read this sort of - wait for it - opinionated, pompous, inflated, ponderous, tautological verbal tenesmus from him, I felt compelled to reply (in the same vein, of course!).

Yours sincerely
Ann-Marie Tomsett
Biochemistry 3

TEN TORS

After months of training involving early morning duck visiting and woodworm stamping in the gym we were prepared for the height of masochism: Ten Tors. The spanking new 'lime' green van plus friend travelled uneventfully to Dartmoor whilst Tom and Matthew regaled the passengers with True Life stories from an appropriate magazine. Tents were pitched in the boys' area (the mixed area was full — that's our excuse anyway), kit scrutineered and teams briefed before we plunged back to town for a visit to Mooney's Fish and Chips Emporium. A local hostelry provided tables on which to decipher the maps and we were all tucked into bed by Auntie Chris well before lights out.

Awoken by the tannoy at 4:30, we crawled out for cold porridge, scalding tea, runny scrambled eggs and edible sausages. Then it was packs on and off to join the other two and a half thousand people at the start for the Ten Tors hymn, prayer and chat from the Bishop and Mayor respectively. No going back now!

Womens Report

The route (45 miles): Raw Tor; Steeperton Tor; Sittaford Tor; Huccaby Tor; Hartor Tor; Beardown; Roos Tor; Lynch Tor; Dinger Tor; Sourton Tor.

The team: Tansy Hepton (leader); Mary Whittam (navigator); Vicky Welsh; Karen Harget; Sally Heslop; Sunil Nimalasuriya.

We started fast to avoid the rush at the checkpoint at the top of the first tor and kept up good time despite the second tor living up to its name to such an extent that it turned into more of a climb than a walk! Straight onto Sittaford while we were still feeling good and then the pleasantest walk along a riverside path going down to the southern part of the moor. Legs were beginning to ache by this stage and a certain team leader began to get rather disheartened. However, a fairly long lunchbreak cheered everyone up with juicy oranges as the most welcome part. We knew our next tor would be tough — but didn't realise how bad until we had climbed a really steep road to discover a still-open pub enticing us! However, we pressed on and, after asking the way twice (!) we found Hartor Tor and were greeted with the cup final result. No one is allowed to check through a tor after eight o'clock so we had to press on fast. The next stretch (excuse the pun) was mostly along the road to Princetown and past the prison. This was certainly the most gruelling part of the day with blisters, knees, ankles, etc all objecting to strenuous road walking. Beardown was reached at 8:06 and, despite pleading with

Imperial Opera present La Belle Hélène by Jacques Offenbach MAY 21 — 24, at 7:30pm in the ICU Concert Hall Tickets £1.20

Imperial Opera is a new group formed predominantly from past members of Imperial College Operatic Society, based in South Kensington. The aim of the group is to allow the talents and enthusiasm developed in the college society to be perpetuated once the members' student days are over. At the same time, a wider repertoire of opera will be attempted.

La Belle Hélène will be Imperial Opera's first full-scale staged production although this follows a workshop and various fund-raising events in London and Devon. The Musical Director is Michael Withers and the Producer, Ian Gledhill.

Offenbach was one of the most prolific composers of operetta of all time, having written over a hundred of them. Music flowed out of him like water from a tap. He himself predicted that he would die with a tune on the end of his pen, and indeed, he died in 1880, while struggling to complete his *Magnum Opus*, *The Tales of Hoffmann*. 1980 is thus the centenary of his death, and it is appropriate that we should mark the occasion with a production of one of his best and most popular works.

La Belle Hélène was first performed at the Theatre des Varietes in Paris 1864. Its plot deals — loosely — with the events leading up to the Trojan War.

officials, we had to camp there. Blisters were attended to and supper cooked — well apart, I'm glad to say! A good night was passed although my supper decided it had had enough and got out while the going was good.

An early morning start saw us at our seventh tor by soon after eight in the morning and another fairly flat stretch got us to our eighth. Unfortunately it was all rather high and our faces became rather wind damaged — to be felt later. It was from here that our lack of navigational skill became apparent as we followed the wrong river valley north. Once we realised things weren't as they should be we knew that the safest thing would be to head for the nearest manned tor, which we did. Here we discovered that we were nearly five miles out and hadn't enough time to finish the course by 5:00pm, so very disappointed (but pretty glad to stop all the same) we had to call a halt. The friendly soldiers provided hot tea and 'orange juice' (with additives) and we were taken back to camp by landrover having walked over forty miles — a great effort and proof that the training had paid off.

Men's Report

The route: Steeperton Tor; Sourton Tor; Lynch Tor; Great Mis Tor; Hartor Tor; Hawkes Tor; Sharp Tor; Muccaby Tor; Sittaford Tor; Oke Tor.

The team: Nick Last (leader); Andy Britton (navigator); Mo Misra; Tom Owen; Steve Hutchings; Matt Smith; Andy Smith (reserve).

This fifty-five mile route threw in everything Dartmoor could offer. The weather was hot and exceedingly windy which led to all of us either getting tanned or sun-burnt. The first tor proved to be the most demanding mountaineering-wise since, approaching from the north, we had to ascend the steepest side — this had its effects

later on. Having plodded a few more miles we decided to have a break on Lynch — it was during the trek to this tor that a certain member (blush) felt as though he would die, but having survived, the team battled on having passed Dartmoor Prison (and a few pubs — how cruel) we reached Hartor and were soon on our way to Hawkes. We eventually found it 'hidden' behind a huge clay works and left us two and half hours to reach the next tor (since they close at eight o'clock). After a valiant effort following our inspiring leader, Nick Last, we found we needed at least another hour and so with exhaustion and hunger setting in we camped beneath the tor next to a river for the night.

The food left much to be desired, although the cook literally put everything he had into it! The team, blistered, but in good spirits pressed on, waking up at four in the morning and reaching the tor at just past six. We then had the toughest stretch of the expedition — a long nine mile, three hour walk without a break, to Huccaby. This stretch certainly took its toll and some of the team members began to feel the pace. Things began to drag, tempers became strained and when a certain M Smith decided to catch bees with his net he almost became the subject of our pent-up feelings. Team spirits at this point, I feel, bit a low and really didn't pick up till we finished, greeted by jubilant Mr Fox, Andy Smith and Tim Hillyer (the base camp crew) not to mention gold medals, certificate and a few cans of Swan (cheers, Chris).

The teams rejoined at Okehampton (the army camp and also the start and finish of the expedition) to exchange tales and to commiserate with the girls who put up a magnificent effort. Many thanks to all concerned especially the drivers Tim and Chris and of course Andy Smith who like the girls were so near yet so far.

Mo and Tansy



CITY AND GUILDS

Well folks, that time of the year has arrived again. The old exec has been taken away by the the lads in the white coats to live out their lives at the home for retired Exec members. Well anyway, Tuesday saw the handover meeting in the sunshine on the Albert Memorial steps, which was well attended. Colours were awarded to those hard-working people and some silly awards were also given out to those who were judged to deserve them. Johnny of the Year was unanimously awarded to Al Cable. Cock-up of the Year was awarded to RCS for trying to take Spanner and Bolt from us when we didn't have them here. Tit of the Year was given to Frank Rousell despite stiff competition from Spam and the Female Orifice was as usual given to the Spanner bearer, Chris Geary. The execs handed over with Jo leading her last boomalaka and Pat his first. The boat race was welcome due to the high temptation and some of the exec showed large deviant tendencies. Then we all adjourned to the Queens to celebrate.

The Joint General Committee in the evening was well attended and most of the officers for next year were elected. However, we still need a Spanner Editor, so anyone who would like to do this, it is a **VERY IMPORTANT** post and we need someone to start work on it early. Come and see Simon, or myself if you want to do this. A presentation of a goblet was made to Sir Hugh Ford in appreciation of **all the work he has done for Guilds**, he then received a standing ovation. Special colours were awarded to Michael Cooling the OC President for his help during the year. He did eat five Moonies at the Freshers Dinners so he does deserve it. Union General Awards were given to Jamie Atkinson and Bryan Stephenson (who?) and Jo received a standing ovation on the handover at the end. The first business of the new exec was to adjourn to the SCR for wine draughts, drink, food and games, sadistically organised by Ruth. Nab managed to lose the draughts and the contents of his stomach. Pat also managed to lose despite all the helpful (?) comments from onlookers.

On a note of success, Guilds have collected £6,000 for Rag this year. £2,000 up on last year. A fantastic, stunning, far out total and I think thanks should go to all those involved with collecting this amount.

The final event of the year the Seaside Trip on Saturday 19th. There should still be some tickets left so come into the Union Office to part with your 75p. The trip is to a mystery destination, no not Margate. There are all the usual seaside pastimes, funfairs, paddling in the sea, watching Jo having a swim and others.



This is a good chance to have a final fling before the exams. See you all there.

Finally, as this is probably my last article, I would like to thank all those people who helped, especially Simon, Jamie, Dave and all the others. An especially big thank-you to Jo and the rest of the Exec for being great and putting up with me!

Cheers

Bryan

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About one baby in every two hundred is born a Khesus baby, needing a complete change of blood. I was one of these, so you can blame my existence entirely on blood donors — I would have died at birth if it was not for people like you.

Almost anyone can give blood — if you are not sure whether you can, come along and ask at the session. It's quite fun really — you get a nice relaxing lie-down and a cup of tea with biscuits. You also find out what your blood group is. The most common is O positive, and the rarest is AB negative — this one is needed especially.

Giving blood does not take long, and does not do you any harm. You could save someone's life.

Please come along to one of the sessions, which are in the Union Dining Hall on **Tuesday 20th May** between 10:00 and 12:00, and 2:00 and 4:00; and on **Wednesday 21st May** between 9:30 and 12:00 and 2:00 and 4:00. There are some leaflets stuck on the wall of the JCR, if you want to know more about it. There is also a list for people to sign if they want to come at a particular time.

Please come — **your blood is needed!**
Fiona Sinclair (ICCAAG Chairman)

(continued from front page)

frequent', when we got there we found it had been pulled down; and finally, Nick Watmough for pushing the J4 van down Linstead ramp. This tough decision was put to a vote and the meeting voted unanimously to give this accolade to Nick Watmough.

After a slow Kangela by the incoming Exec and a proper Kangela by the retiring

Exec, the meeting moved to the Jez Garage where the mix was to be served. Sean, Mo and Tansy rejoiced in painting the new Exec with purple, black and white gloss paint before the mixture, made from an old north country recipe, and consisting mainly of pigs blood and rhinoceros droppings was poured over the new Exec. A quick jog to the round pond to wash off and it was back to the

Queens for a quick pint before the tedious and often intimate task of removing the paint.

The Bar Night in the evening was poorly attended, but the spirit was all there. An impromptu Okie-Kokie and an unprecedented display of Austrian Folk Dance helped to make this the most unusual and enjoyable RCS Night in the Bar this year.



Andy Smith

RCS Ten Tors team relax at the start

ICU AGM Union Concert Hall Next Tuesday at 1 p.m.

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EDITORIAL

First a big thank-you to everyone who wrote an article for this week's FELIX. Derrick Everett for the review of the IC Wind Ensemble and the IC Symphony Orchestra. Mo and Tansy for a comprehensive report on Ten Tors. Steve Hutchings, Mickie Marsh, Steve Groves and Marie-Thérèse for their help with the photographs. Roger Stotesbury, who is leaning over my shoulder, for letting me misspell his name on the front page. Tim Hillyer for being a hero ("as usual" - T.H.). Everyone who wrote letters - no matter what side they're on.

The book, the Elephant Man was reviewed by Allan on page 9. It is a moving book and I look forward to the film.

Cheers to Maz and Ian and anyone else who I have forgotten to mention. I've just realised that Steve Groves will be angry with me for giving Mickie Marsh a credit for his front page picture - sorry Steve.

With reference to the Justin Newland article in last week's issue. There was a printing error. Justin did write that Islam means submission to God.

Julia Towns has just asked me to write that she needs a Goalkeeper for the Ladies Hockey tour of Holland on Fri 23 May to Mon 26 May. The accommodation is with Dutch people and most expenses are covered. Due to exams it has been difficult to get a complete team together even with the temptation of going to Zandvoort ("a place with a fantastic beach" - J.T.). If you have a basic knowledge of hockey and are interested please contact the captain, Julia Towns, in Botany G10.

The ICU AGM is next Tuesday in the Union Concert Hall. Let's make it quorate.

I hope you really enjoy the Silwood Ball tonight.... I will be asleep but I'm looking forward to it next year. The review of the year is coming together nicely and there are going to be quite a few fun photos never printed before in the review including the Rugby Club tour of Holland!

One last thought. This year at IC could be compared with a football match where all the goals are scored at the end of the second half - So much is happening. Commiserations to Arsenal. Well done West Ham.

Cheers,
Colin Palmer
FELIX Editor

Purples Awards

Sportsmen and women who achieve high standards of sport with the University of London are awarded purples (the equivalent to our colours) for their labours. Obviously since the University of London competes at very high standards these are very hard to get, but the following sportspeople from IC were awarded them.

Full Purples: J C Evans (Rifle Club); Austin Reeve (Rifle Club); H McCulloch (Judo Club); Sue Wilton (Swimming Club); R McLachlan (Swimming Club); Kevin Hillsden (Association Football); Kathy Snook (Hockey); Mike Weiner (Athletics); E Cameron (Cross Country); Steve Kirk (Cross Country); Suki Kalirai (Volleyball).

Half Purples: A Piper (Golf) and K Warren, A Parker and C Smith (Orienteering).

RCS NAT HIST SOC

We are pleased to announce that the RCS Nat Hist Soc is not approaching extinction as promised in RCS Broadsheet. Next year's exec consists mainly of last years officers with the notable additions of Mike Morgan and Mark Hankins as joint Hon Sec.

The next meeting is a trip* to Kew Gardens. Meet 12:15 on Wednesday 21st May in Beit Arch. Light refreshments provided in a near by lounge pub. (Members only)

Jumble Sale

The Nursery Jumble Sale held last Friday in the Consort Gallery managed to raise £280. This money will be used to buy toys and equipment for the Day Nursery.

Subwarden Assistant Subwardens Falmouth Hall

Applications are invited from male or female students for the post of Subwarden of Falmouth Hall. Rent-free accommodation in the form of a small self-contained flat is provided. The essential duties of the post are to assist the Warden in the day-to-day running of the Hall.

In addition, one or more Assistant Subwardenships are likely to be available. These posts carry with them rent-free accommodation in the form of a study bedroom in return for duties associated with those of the Subwarden.

Successful applicants for any of the above posts will be expected to display conscientious application in their duties and would normally be postgraduates of lively personality and responsible outlook.

Further details may be obtained from the Warden, Dr P W Jowitt, Department of Civil Engineering, to whom applications should be addressed, to arrive no later than Friday 23 May 1980. A single application will suffice for both categories.

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 Sheffield. Additional forms may be obtained from Miss V F White by telephoning Internal 2225 or from Miss K Dailly on Internal 2231. Students wishing to attend dinner-in-hall should continue to book through the ICSU Office.

FOR SALE

Audio Signal Generator: sine and square wave o/p 1hz to 100khz, solid state circuitry, £70. **Oscilloscope:** 5 inch screen, DC to 5mhz vertical bandwidth, solid state circuitry, £70. **Kodak Instamatic Camera:** with telephot lens, £7.50. **Philips 3 head razor,** £12. All items very little used and in immaculate condition. Contact Nigel Brown via Chem Eng Letter Racks.

Fujica AZ-1 camera with zoom lens and case (8 mo old) and computer flash (new) and auto winder (2fps) (new) for £180. **Seiko LC watch** with memory bank calendar for £75. Contact C Lam by note to RSM Letter Rack or ring 262-2081 exn 538 (evenings).

Moto Guzzi, V50II June 1979, 7,000 miles, lovely bike in good condition. £1,050. Contact G Wigglesworth, Mech Eng Letter Rcks or 381-3757.

Laverda Montjuic, May 1979, 3,000 miles, fast you said it, £1,580. Contact G Wigglesworth, Mech Eng Letter Racks or 381-3757.

Honda CB550F2, S-Reg, only 8,000 miles, regularly maintained. Crash bars, carrier, TT100s, taxed, excellent condition. £750ono. Contact Geoff Cox, Elec Eng 3 or 373-9940.

Practica Super TL3 SLR camera, TTL metering, 50mm f1.8 pentagon lens. Just over one year old, with case. Also, Mitsuki 135mm f2.8 telephoto lens to fit. 42mm universal screw fitting. Less than one year old with case, £100 the pair (camera and telephoto case). Will split if required. Contact Geoff Cox, Elec Eng 3 or 373-9940.

WANTED

Proficient drummer with gear to join band immediately. Send details (name and dept) to A Robinson, Life Sciences 2.

Summer room wanted by American student starting June in Chelsea, S Ken, Central London area for £20-25 per week. Call Cathy Tao 673-4911/7949/2441.



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I. C. Radio Top Twenty
12th May 1980

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|----|------|--|
| 1 | (1) | The Cure - A Forest |
| 2 | (2) | Pete Townshend - Rough Boys |
| 3 | (16) | Peter Gabriel - No Self Control |
| 4 | (13) | The Undertones - My Perfect Cousin |
| 5 | (9) | Squeeze - Pulling mussels from the shell |
| 6 | (7) | Boz Scaggs - Breakdown Dead Ahead |
| 7 | (3) | New Musik - This World of Water |
| 8 | (10) | Steve Hackett - The Show |
| 9 | (-) | Steel Pulse - Don't give in |
| 10 | (8) | Jona Lewie - You'll always find me in the Kitchen at Parties |
| 11 | (17) | The Chords - Something's Missing |
| 12 | (-) | Graham Parker - Stupefaction |
| 13 | (18) | Rodney Franklin - The Groove |
| 14 | (-) | Genesis - Duchess |
| 15 | (14) | The Ramones - Rock 'n' Roll Radio |
| 16 | (-) | The Photos - Irene |
| 17 | (12) | Sham '69 - Tell the Children |
| 18 | (-) | Delta 5 - You |
| 19 | (-) | The Only Ones - Fools |
| 20 | (-) | Phoenix - Juliet |

The chart is compiled by Sarah Talbot from the most played records on I. C. Radio in the past two weeks.

Neil Young in Focus

Despite considerable acclaim from fellow musicians during his extensive career as singer / song-writer, Neil Young has never really been a formidable figure in the British charts. On Sunday, Jon Firth looks at the man and his music and explores the influence he has had on today's music.

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The True History of the ELEPHANT MAN

by M Havell and Peter Ford

This book is concerned with Joseph Merrick who was afflicted by a progressive disfiguring disease known as neurofibromatosis.

Merrick was born in Leicester in 1860 and his disease became apparent after the age of five years. After his mother died his family broke up and he was forced to work as a pedlar and then cigar-maker, until his disease rendered such work impossible. In mid-teen age, he spent four years in a workhouse until he decided upon a career as a professional freak. Managed by Tom Norman, Merrick toured England; whilst on show in Whitechapel there came a chance encounter with William Treves, a doctor at a nearby hospital, who conducted an examination and gave Merrick his card. Merrick then went to Europe, only to be robbed and left destitute; by an incredible effort he made his way back to London and to Treves.

Treves, by now an eminent and respected doctor, placed him in an isolation ward staffed by volunteer nurses, who had been prepared for Merrick's, by now, gruesome sight. By advertisement in the *London Times* the governors of the London Hospital, at which Merrick was staying, raised enough funds to equip a basement bedsit for Merrick. There it became fashionable for the rich and famous to visit him. His deformities, however, were worsening and he died in his sleep during April of 1890.

To someone who has not read the book, it may appear gruesome, and in bad

taste; however, there are valid reasons why it should have been written.

The hypocrisy of the Victorians is very evident. Shunned, forced into the squalor of the workhouse and subsequent freak-show performances, Merrick is an outcast in society; but when the patronage of Merrick became popular, he was held as a prime example of Victorian philanthropy.

Moreover, the close relationship that develops between Treves and Merrick is a heart-warming one and by the end of the book Treves appears almost saintly. Merrick, perhaps surprisingly, is unembittered about societies treatment during his early life and, when living in the London Hospital is constantly thankful.

Nevertheless the book, I feel, fails to take full advantage of its own potential in that it would have gone much more deeply into the sordid world of the freak-show. Also, in the centre of the book, there are some very nauseating photographs that perhaps add cheap journalistic sensation.

The book is a bit pricey for its size, retailing at £6.95 in the Karnac Bookshop, and can easily be read in an afternoon. One feels that, in some chapters particularly, the book has been padded out with irrelevant facts. Perhaps it is interesting to note that the publishing of this book has coincided with the production of a film about Merrick with one of the screens great sufferers, John Hurt in the leading role. Nevertheless the book provides a good read and is a worthwhile purchase.

Alan Goulder

ALL IS REVEALED

Everyone who has been within a quarter of a mile of the Union Building on an evening will know of the existence of the Jazz Club's rehearsal room (labelled, not altogether inaccurately, the noise room) but only the favoured few have seen the deeds committed therein. Until Saturday night that was.

The "Bollocks to Ents" gig in the Union Concert Hall was an attempt to showcase some of the bands existing in and around College, which have not appeared before in the Jazz Club/Ents run of things, and as such was something of an experiment. I think I am not alone in considering the experiment successful.

First up were the 'Mystery Guests', who self-deprecatory manner suggested at all times that something was about to go wrong, and a few things did, but they carried off the mainstay of their repertoire (solid electric blues) very well indeed.

The Ian Ritchie Quintet followed to give us some tight modern jazz and it was very pleasing to see this go down well as this is a dozy horse I, for one, have been trying to flog in College for a while. All the players were extremely competent although I felt they did not really have time to settle down and blow. But then I'm biased. Members of the audience with 'Y' chromosomes will particularly remember their announcements.

Cliff Rescue and the Helicopters (where do they get these names?) bounded onto stage next and proceeded to expend huge amounts of energy entertaining us with all the rabble rousing material at their disposal, from Gary Glitter to modified Sex Pistols. A ska version of *Paranoid* was particularly greeted for its perversity. Perhaps musical comment is inappropriate to a group whose main strength is in pure entertainment, but the backing vocals were so far off pitch to be really detrimental. Good fun though.

Topping the bill were SP³ who have been treading the thin line between the 'jazz people' and the 'rock people' in College for a couple of years now and who pleased some of both on Saturday night. They suffered a bit from going on so late — some of the audience had gone to beddy byes or been taken suddenly drunk — and from following the Helicopters who are not really an appetizer for complicated, sometimes elusive music. The performance was slick and obviously very well rehearsed, but sounded muddy some of the time because of the lack of a well defined lead instrument.

Finally, I would like to give ourselves a plug by saying "Join the Jazz Club and instantly become a star" and more seriously to thank Pete Hunt and Lawrence Herbert of SP³ who did a great job in organising the whole venture. Except this review. Damn.

John "I'll write anything for a fee" Kotre

IC SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Conductor R Dickins

14th May

Leader D Bogle

Despite the TUC's day of inaction, a few people ventured into IC to hear the Orchestra on Wednesday night. Perhaps we should gloss over the Beethoven First Symphony (the first piece always seems to suffer) and start with the Grieg piano concerto, in which the Orchestra played really well in support of Richard Coker, an RCM graduate, who gave a flawless performance. A few of the strings were out of key in places, but the brass entries were impeccable.

After the interval the first item was that well-worn favourite of amateur orchestras, the "Folk Song Suite" by Vaughan-Williams, which has some pretty tunes but not much

else to recommend it. The final offering was Kodaly's "Hary Janos" suite, which begins with an impressive "sneeze". The orchestration of this suite is rather colourful, with prominent solos for horn, trumpet, violin and viola at various points, and includes a part for the cembalon. I don't know if all Hungarian folk tunes sound the same to me, but the first movement of this is very reminiscent of the composer's "Summer Evening". Not counting cembalon and piano, there were five percussionists and they were kept busy, especially in the "Musical Clock" piece. The last movement really allowed the brass to "let rip" in a loud and exciting finale.

Derrick Everett

Dear Colin,

As you have probably heard, last Saturday saw a very successful "Bol..cks to Ents" Gig in the Union Concert Hall. We would like to take the chance to thank all those who helped us to put the gig together. Firstly, Jazz Club and SCAB for financial support; DRAMSOC and OPSOC for the stage and lighting; ACME Disc Co. for the music; IC Radio for overall presentation; the

badge sellers and equipment movers; the sweepers and moppers who made the hall respectable; Ents (?!!) who lent us their PA/DISCO "no hard feelings"; finally, all the bands, who played for next to nothing.

By the way, something in the order of £70 was raised for Rag.

Cheers, SP³

Pete Hunt, Laurence Herbert, John Romer

THANKS

What's On

FRIDAY 16th MAY

VEGSOC AGM in Huxley 669 at 12:30pm.

IC Christian Union Meeting at 7:00pm in 53 Princes Gate. We are meeting to go to 'To London With Love' at the Chelsea Old Town hall.

Badge Soc AGM in the Green Committee Room at 5:30pm.

SATURDAY 17th MAY

The Garden Hall Club presents the 'Time Warp Disco' at 8:00pm in Garden hall, 11 Princes Gardens. Entrance 40p on the door. Free glass of wine.

TUESDAY 20th MAY

ICAG AGM in the ICAG Room (top floor Union Building) at 5:30pm.

Blood Doning between 10:00am and 12:00, and again between 2:00pm and 4:00pm in the Union Dining Hall.

STOIC Transmission

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

WEDNESDAY 22nd MAY

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

Blood Doning in the Union Dining Hall between 9:30am and 12:00 and again, between 2:00 and 4:00pm.

THURSDAY 22nd MAY.

Socialist Society present Margaret Ling from IDAF on Zimbabwe and South Africa in Maths 340 at 1:00pm.

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

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

Ents Film: Confessions of a Driving Instructor in Mech Eng 220 at 6:30pm. Entrance 30p.

FRIDAY 23rd MAY

IC Christian Union Meeting in 53 Princes Gate at 6:30pm. A talk on 'God's Grace' will be presented.

SATURDAY 31st MAY

Guys Hospital Summer Festival with bar open from 11:00am to 11:00pm with disco, barbeque and knock-out games at the Honor Oak Sports Ground (BR from London Bridge).

JUST A SEC

AGM

On Tuesday the Union holds its Annual General Meeting. It is somewhat special as Social Colours, Athletic Colours and Union General Awards will be presented as well as annual reports.

Place: Union Concert Hall

Time: 1:00pm

Day: Tuesday

On Thursday I circulated around College the annual reports. However, if you were unable to get one you may pick one up in the office or at the AGM.

Elections

The result of the Met and Mat Dep REP elections was: J Czernuszka, 24; A Htun, 29. There was only one abstention.

The election will be ratified at the AGM. Tim Needham is next year's Geology Dep Rep.

Papers have gone up for External Affairs Publicity Officer, and Book Buyer. They will come down three days after someone has stood.

Bicycle Insurance

Last week I pointed out that bikes are not insured by the Union if you live in Hall or House. Since then there have been further reports of bikes stolen, especially from behind Linstead.

I gave details of one such policy to students — Cycleguard. Since then Roger Nuttall has pointed out to me information from *Free-wheeling* and *Daily Cyclist*.

National and local cycling authorities received notification of Cycleguard insurance, arranged through the National Association of British Cyclists in January of this year. For £9.50 membership of the Association the applicant receives loss or damage cover for a cycle up to £200 value, third party and personal cover. However, in March, the Association claimed to have a membership of 6,000 recruited in two months, which seems to be rather far fetched. Also nobody from the ABC had moved into Linburn House, their quoted address. Evidence of registration for the Association. Cycleguard or Cycleguard Managers Ltd (the company backing the Association) has not been formed. No one has yet (in March) received a copy of the master insurance policy and none of the authorities Mr Bassett, the chairman of the Association of British Cyclists, claims to have contacted have any record of him.

Cycle Insurance

As a student, separate cycle insurance will be difficult if not impossible to obtain. Cycles can be covered by some household policies but be careful — some will only cover the cycle when it is inside the house! Insurance can be arranged through membership of certain documented and active organisations (compare Cycleguard!).

Cyclists' Touring Club

Annual membership is £7.00 (£4.20 for age 20 and under) for which you will receive: free legal aid (which seems to be most successful);

£300,000 third party insurance; touring information service; cycletouring magazine (bimonthly); recommended accommodation and cycle shops (some with discounts for members) and local activities throughout the country. The Club also carries some weight in arguments over British Rail cycle schemes, cycle tracks, road building schemes, etc and it is respected by the authorities.

Cycle insurance is arranged through a Cornhill master policy which covers the cycle against theft or damage and provides personal accident cover. The cost for this is approx 6% of the cycle value with a 15% discount if more than one cycle is insured.

Cyclists' Touring Club

Cotterell House

69 Meadow

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London Cycling Campaign

This is the capital's cycling action group. Membership is £1.00 per year which provides the quarterly newsletter *Daily Cyclist*, legal and campaigning power and discounts (up to 10%) at many cycle shops.

Insurance is arranged through the Salvation Army General Insurance Corporation. £5.50 provides theft only coverage for any cycle up to £200 value and £250,000 third party cover. For details send a 9" by 4 1/2" sae to:

London Cycling Campaign

The Colombo St Centre

Colombo Street

London

SE1

The British Cycling Federation

This is the national racing cyclists' association and it too can arrange insurance cover for its members. For details:

British Cycling Federation

70 Brompton Road

London SW3 1EN

I have been told of a policy held by Victoria Bicycle Company, of 53 Pimlico Road (730-68981) which for £5 premium gives you £125 worth of property insurance for theft of complete bike and £200,000 of public liability.

Also bike insurance can be had from Marmot, Booths and Heylin (0625-610161).

FELIX for WUS

Thank you for donating 5p towards last week's FELIX. Altogether we raised over £60 for the Third World Scholarship Fund.

Next Year's Committee

By now most of the AGMs would have been held, so if you are a club/society chairman, please hand into Annie the line up of your new committee.

French Kids

Next week, College shall be further discussing whether it is right that we in Southside must tolerate screaming, shouting, running French kids on campus at a time when revision is a priority. If you are in Keogh, Selkirk, Falmouth or Tizard I am certain you know what I am referring to. If you see me over the weekend do tell me your views.

Roger Stotesbury

The captain of the IC Boat Club replies to Mary's article on page 11

I am sorry to inflict upon you all yet another article on the never-ending saga of the Boat Club and South Africa. It's unfortunately required however to prevent distortions of the truth, of which our Mary is so fond.

Since my own views obtained directly in South Africa may be said to be biased, as is the usual comment, I would like to bring to your notice the report by an independent commission sent to investigate activities (interestingly

containing an ex-South African coloured, Basil D'Oliveira).

It stated that many sports including cricket, soccer, athletics and boxing were already FULLY integrated, and recommended that national bodies should review the situation in the light of the report. It emphasised that while it condemned apartheid it believed that the position of multi-racial sport in South Africa was changing all the time.

I feel many of the people in

South Africa (of all colours) feel deeply resentful when they hear descriptions of themselves as 'token blacks' or 'puppets', these are those actively, and successfully working at changing the whole of society and sport in the Republic. Such slanderous writings of those totally incompetent to judge them can only be a sad indictment of the 'politicians' in this country.

Lastly, the student crews with which we formed great friendships are from a multi-racial university, of

left-wing views (surely Mary would approve) who are one of the major critics of the present government, although supporting the present liberalisation tendencies. Must all people be put in the same basket as their leaders, it so does that make Mary and company pro Maggie and Sakarhov supporting Brezhnev for the presidency. Come now let's have some consistency please!

Steve Webb
Capt ICBC

IC 1st XI

IC 1st XI vs CHARING CROSS HOSPITAL

Imperial College 1st XI did little to restore their dented pride after having lost at the weekend to Magdalen College, Oxford by 127 runs. With a stronger team, Neil Price won the toss, and chose to bat on a wicket that was neither conducive to batting yet offered little assistance to the bowlers. IC got off to a poor start losing their first wicket with only five minutes on the board, but an excellent partnership between D Everett and J White began to heal the wounds and saw off the best of the bowling until D Everett fell for 23. As often happens when a partnership breaks up, J White lost his wicket to a shot he will not want to remember. Although we had now reached 60, time was slipping by and the need for quick runs was apparent. These were superbly supplied by Andy Harris who with Guy Simpkin put on the biggest partnership of the innings of 60 runs, 42 of which were hit by Andy in 20 minutes, including 6 fours. With tea imminent and with the need for more runs, wickets fell quickly with a valuable contribution of 20 from Sam Seneviratne. The declaration made at tea at 139-7 proved to be over generous and although Prasana D'Silva took 3 for 31 and the bowling was of a high standard only 3 an over was needed. This soon increased to 5 due to tight bowling from M Ellacott and R Fefield and with very good catches being taken. With only seven overs left, 23 was hit off the first over and they had little trouble getting the rest. It was a much improved performance and IC should do well in the Cup on Sunday.

Guy Simpkin

IC 1st XI vs Kingston Poly 1st XI

Having arrived at Harlington more than an hour too early, Price withdrew his team to a local hostelry to discuss the afternoon's tactics. Suitably refreshed, and inspired by talk of actually a winning game, IC won the toss and elected to bat.

The openers, White and Slator, were cruising to a large total when Slator was caught with the score at 40. This brought Simpkin to the wicket. He faced one ball and returned whence he came. Kenrick then spent twenty minutes avoiding scoring a run, and was then given out.

Meanwhile, White was scoring steadily. Seneviratne joined White and was soon tearing the bowling apart, before White was unfortunately run out for 67. Seneviratne continued his stylish play with Salter hacking at the bowling at the other end. Despite being dropped three times, Salter was out for 13. This left Price to come in, score a run and then declare at 157 for 5 with Seneviratne 60 not out.

Ellacott, incensed by not being allowed to bat, opened the bowling with his medium pace mediocrity. He managed to take two wickets for eleven runs before being taken off by Price and led away to the outfield. At the other end, Silva, who was not bowling at his best, was replaced by the dynamic Seneviratne who took one wicket. Price toiled without success at the other end. Ratnam was brought into the attack, but not even his naked pace and nasty glares could capture a wicket. This was left to Simpkin, who, bowling his gentle daisycutters, forced the omnipresent Seneviratne to take two fine catches. Alas, time was not on our side and at the close of play Kingston Polytechnic were 121 for 5, even though the groin-stained Slator was brought into the attack for the last few overs.

Result: a draw.

Vadid Ratles

IC 2nd XI vs HOUNSLOW

IC won the toss and elected to bat. This decision looked dubious as the first three wickets fell for 17 runs; however, Nick Croft was in fine form and held the innings together with a fine 53, including six fours and a six. Redmond (15) and Salter (11) supported Craft and IC were 122 for 8 at tea. Confident of victory, Salter declared at this score. This left Hounslow to get 123 runs off 40 overs.

Hounslow were 25 when their first wicket fell. A fine throw from Magness on the cover-point boundary caught a batsman out of his ground. Redmond was brought on to replace Sen and took a wicket with his second ball. Bowling his assorted legcutters and donkeydroppers, Redmond took another two wickets. Meanwhile, the pace of the man-of-the-match Croft captured two wickets.

With twenty overs to go, Hounslow required only 55 runs for victory and then 30 off the last ten overs. However, fine bowling by Croft and Ellis allowed Hounslow only two runs off the last ten overs — a remarkable feat. At the close of play, Hounslow were 95 for 8 and this most enjoyable match ended in a draw.

As a footnote, I should like to add that the IC team set a record by staying in the bar at Harlington longer than the opposition!

Idvad Ratles

UL ATHLETICS

The UL Championships and the trial for the team to compete in the BUSF Championships have been combined into one event, which will be held at Motspur Park on Wednesday 21st May at 3:00pm. It is probably that many of the athletes selected for the BUSF Championships (which take place in Nottingham on the 7th and 8th of July) will be from Imperial.

Would all track or field athletes, male or female, who wish to take part in the trial please sign either of the notices which have been placed outside the Multi-gym in the Sports Centre or in the Cross-Country notice-board in the Union or contact Evan Cameron, Physics PG or Roy Rosser, Physics PG, Internal 4181.

advertise the activities of our Boat Club and call on other student unions to cut off contracts with them.

We hope that the shame on the name of Imperial College can be lessened by a strong stand against sporting links coming out of the AGM.

Mary Attenborough
on behalf of the Anti-Apartheid Group

NOT CRICKET

ANTI-APARTHEID GROUP

An Imperial College Boat Club team has returned from a tour of South Africa. It has now been discovered that they have offered to lend a South African team their boat in order to row in the Henley regatta this summer.

This would be using Imperial College Union facilities to encourage sporting links with South Africa.

The Union has the right to control these facilities. The Anti-Apartheid Group calls on all opposed to apartheid to come along to the Annual General Meeting of ICU on Tuesday 20th May at 1:00pm in the Union Concert Hall and oppose this misuse of our facilities.

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South Africa is a racist state. In recent years some cosmetic changes have been made inside the country. Occasionally blacks play in white teams and vice versa and there is also some sporting fixtures between the four main racial groups. This does not change the essentially racist way sport is organised nor cannot in anyway begin to change the vast imbalance in facilities whereby the largest racial group receives the most inadequate facilities.

The South African team at Henley will be white. If we allow Imperial College to seem to support the presence of this team it will be seen as a slap in the face for the vast majority of South African people and as a show of support for the racist regime. The Anti-Apartheid Group at Imperial College will continue to

CRICKET

IC 1st XI vs CHURCHILL
COLLEGE 1st XI

The IC team were forced to make an early start in order to arrive at Churchill in time for an 11:30 start. The early start was a bit much for many with Crowe, in particular, showing very few signs of consciousness all day.

Skipper Price won the toss which was the only good thing he did all day. IC batted first. Everett (17) and White (53) got IC off to a good start on a good wicket. This start to the innings might not have been so good if the opposition had held on to one of the many chances the opening pair offered. Stantiford scored twenty lucky runs but was put to shame by Simpkins who has perfected the art of scoring runs off the edge. Simpkins and Turner saw IC through to lunch.

Turner's lunch weighed heavily on his stomach and he soon departed for six runs. Simpkins' run of luck continued until he reached 53 when he lobbed a simple catch to square leg. Fortunately Morton had arrived

on the scene and he showed his true class rushing to a quick 50. Morton's modesty showed through when he declined the opportunity of being outright top scorer and threw his cricket away on 53 runs.

The tail enders led by Price never looked capable of scoring runs, but Price was able to declare on the respectable total of 230 for 9.

Ellacott and Crowe were given the new ball. Neither seemed to know how to use it, but Ellacott picked up one wicket. Slator was quickly brought into the attack and it is safe to say his bowling has not improved since last year. He bowled his usual full tosses and long-hops but sneaked a wicket before tea.

After tea Slator continued with the same rubbish but actually took two wickets with consecutive balls. He then avoided a jug by not going for a catch off his own bowling on the hat-trick ball. Eventually Churchill started to hit Slator all around the ground and he was wisely removed from the attack with figures of 3 for 34.

This left Crowe (3 for 19) and Silva (1 for 16) to clean

up the rabbits. Both bowlers are flattered by their figures. With a run-out at the end, Churchill were dismissed for 106, giving IC a convincing win by 124 runs.

The first victory of the season was celebrated in suitable fashion.

Rock Minton

TABLE TENNIS
1979/80 Final Report

IC 1st Team win Central London Trophy!

Division 4

IC1 (P)20, (W)18, (L)256pts.

Players Average: P Rutherford, 75%; K Lakhani (Capt), 74%; G Hong, 67%.

IC 2nds Position in Div 4: 7th. Their players averaged: A Tye (Capt), 63%; J Blount, 69%; R Edde, 50%; P Walker, 48%; G Etheredge, 43%.

IC 3rds Lose Div 6 Sectional Play-off by 5-4: still promoted to Division 5 as they won section 6B. Their players averaged: J Stean, 94.4%; I Reed, 88.9%; H T Man, 85.2%; A Cowling, 80.6%.

IC 4ths finished third in 6A, just missing promotion by one place. Their players averaged: L Josefsson, 84%; M Ho, 75%; P Wilson, 59%; P Hewkin (Capt), 54%.

Also played for IC during 1979/80: F Sobhanpanah, E Ugoala, M Lambert, S Wong, K Ansah, D Biddle, J-M Falcone, D Sutcliffe, K Nair and Kumar Singarajah.

The final event of the table tennis season at Imperial was the playing, last week, of the Closed Men's and Ladies' Singles Championships.

In the ladies final, Eva Lan defeated Karen Bond while the Men's final saw second team captain Andy Tye lose a very fine match against the University of London team player Richard Fifield.

The Club officials thank all the team players and generally you 140 club members who have all made the Club the success it now is.

Good luck next year to Andy T, Phil, Andy C and Chili (my successor), I hope I am still playing next year... somewhere; Bye from Superhawk, Incredible Hawk, Hewkules, Cool Hand Hawk and other more obscene pseudonyms.

CROSS COUNTRY

For the third consecutive year the Cross-Country Club went on tour to the Batavierenrace in Holland. As last year we teamed-up with St Mary's College, Twickenham, added a few past masters of more mature years to drive the minibuses, and the Impalas were reborn.

At 5:00am on Thursday 24th April the team assembled outside the Union and the minibuses headed for Dover to take the 8:30am ferry to Zeebrugge. There followed the drive across Belgium and Holland to reach Nijmegen. The yellow minibuses went all the way at a stately 40mph with the blue van in hot pursuit. Nijmegen was reached at 7:30pm and we were too late for our first Dutch Mooney. Not all was lost and we persuaded the race organisers to pay for a trip to a local hamburger joint, complete with Knickerbocker Glory. We also met our hostess, Ellen Brahens who had looked after us so well last year.

The race itself is a twenty-five stage relay starting at midnight on Friday in Nijmegen, passing into Germany and finishing at 5:00pm on Saturday in the grounds of the polytechnic at Enschede. Six of the stages are for ladies and there are two restarts during the race in

order to keep the field together. Of the one hundred and fifty teams competing, fourteen were foreign, including Surrey, the only other British team, Germans, Swedes and for the first time a Polish team (who seemed to be subject to a no fraternising edict).

Last year the Impalas were seventh and despite being short of three runners were looking to do well again and were, as ever, intent on thrashing Surrey. On the first two stages Dawn and Alan got the team off to a fine start and by the end of the third stage we had taken the lead four minutes ahead of their nearest rivals Surrey, despite the appalling weather conditions. Throughout the night this advantage was extended until the tenth stage when Delft, the eventual winners, took the lead, but third team Surrey were over eight minutes down.

During the morning stages, Delft went further ahead and Surrey made a little ground until after eighteen stages they were only three minutes adrift. The shortage of runners meant that three of the team had to race for a second time during the afternoon. Despite this we opened up our lead over Surrey again and although Delft were by now uncatchable the Impalas held second place with some fine

running and a brave Surrey made it a British double by finishing third.

The whole team ran superbly with most people finishing in the top ten on their stage. A special mention for Louise Barnes who became the first Impala to win a stage outright, and came back to record a very fast third place on stage 22. Martin O'Halloran came second on the longest stage and bounced back to run well on the final leg, and Bryan Axford, who despite having no sleep ran twice, recorded the second fastest time on both occasions.

Following the race there was a massive party in the unusually designed union building which seemed to go pretty well; however, the writer's recollections are somewhat blurred on this point.

For the return journey on Sunday the yellow minibus was once again in less than perfect health and cruised up the hills on the M2 in first gear. We finally reached London at 2:30am on Monday.

Still when twenty-two bodies fell onto the pavement outside the Union, all were of one mind. The Impalas will be back next year and aiming to go one place better!

L Hayler