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Complaints threaten new hall

THE EXEC and Residence Committee have received complaints this week from two Ennismore Gardens residents on behalf of the Knightsbridge Residents Association.

Don Munro, Senior Warden and Chairman of the Residence Committee, has told FELIX that the extent of the complaints were "very sweeping". The ladies brought up a number of complaints to Don Munro and Rae Snee on Monday, mainly concerning noise from Southside and Linstead.

The meeting didn't start too well; one of the ladies is quoted as saying: "We are not going to believe anything you say because you've told us nothing but lies in the past".

The ladies went so far as to suggest that the heating in the halls needs serious investigation as windows are often left wide open in winter with stereos blaring out over the mews. The incident that sparked off the latest series of complaints was Link III, an electric Jazz band which performed in Stan's on Wednesday, October 7, although Jazz Club say this was no louder than usual.

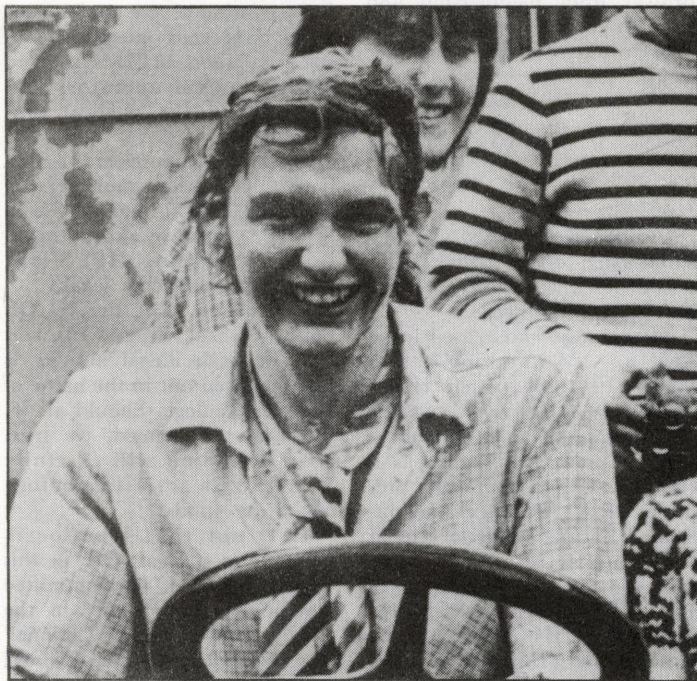
Don Munro has said that complaints should not be taken lightly as they prejudice the chances of getting planning permission for a further hall next to Linstead. He suggests that serious thought should be given to the staging of bands in Stan's, and the complaints procedure should be tightened up.

It is understood that a couple of years ago, the Mayfair Residents Association succeeded in bringing a legal action against the Dorchester Ballroom which resulted in its closure.

FRESHERS' BALLS UP

THE FRESHERS' Concert on Saturday, October 11, made a loss of approximately £500. The maximum estimate of the audience was about forty, though the headline band, No Dice, brought a guest list of twelve. Significantly more than half the IC students present at the gig walked out after Nigel Mazlyn-Jones finished. Only nine people had paid their £2 to enter by 8:00pm. John Passmore, the man responsible, was in the Union Bar at the time. When asked what could be done about the low attendance, he answered: "I don't know what to do . . . I think I'll resign".

Dave Gayer romps home as Guilds Pressy



Dave Gayer was triumphantly ratified as President, as Guilds held their Election UGM on Wednesday lunchtime. Dave Wollard was also ratified as this year's HJT. These elections, for which both candidates were unopposed were held due to both the President and HJT failing last summer's exams. There was a good turn out and business was quickly and efficiently until the time came for the formality of the candidates speeches. As this point in the proceedings, half way through Dave Gayer's speech, the lights went out, air horns blasted, extinguishers sprayed in all directions, and a party of RCS men, trained at a secret camp somewhere near Southside, burst in, to attempt to steal Spanner and Bolt. After a few minutes chase they were repulsed and Spanner and Bolt were extracted from under a pile of hefty Guildsmen. With order restored, both candidates were duly ratified and everyone then retired in triumph to the Queens.

Mike Furmston, the ENTS Chairman, made a spot decision to reduce the admission fee, to zero, in a last ditch attempt to boost the attendance. So IC Union made a loss on the concert, consisting of £325 fee to No Dice; £80 to Nigel Mazlyn-Jones; £50 to compere Brian Cookman; £35 to doormen and, of course, the cost of publicity and the statutory drinks for the band.

The fiasco was originally to have been the first ever IC Freshers' Ball, featuring a concert, a disco, food and drink, as opposed to a straight-gig. John Passmore was the man responsible for the initial idea, soon after taking office. He asked ENTS to book bands for October 11, and the bands were booked. Then, only two weeks before the beginning of term, Mike Furmston, alarmed by the apparent lack of organisation, suggested to Mr Passmore that the event should be trimmed down to a simple concert. The idea was rejected.

On Tuesday, October 7, Dave Wheatley, the Union Publicity Officer, was given the details of the event, and told to design some posters. Up until then, he explained, he had been assuming ENTS had done, or were doing the publicity, as he had not been told anything about the event. ENTS, of course, were assuming the Union were going to do the publicity, for the same reason. No arrange-

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Letters to the Editor



Dear Sir

I would like to express my support for the letter in last week's FELIX from the Snooker Club.

As a woman at IC, I have always made great use of the ICWA Lounge. I still wonder why it was necessary to move the meeting place of a long established association to the third floor since this is very inconvenient to ICWA members and members of the Snooker Club in the adjoining room. The new room is not at all suitable for ICWA meetings or for use as the ICWA Lounge.

I feel that both clubs should have been consulted along with the student body in general before the move was made.

Yours faithfully
Sheila Cox
Geology 2

Dear Sir

I feel that for the benefit of freshers and others unaware of the ICWA presidential situation at the moment that the time is now right to express my views on ICWA and to justify my lack of presidential action.

This lack of action does not stem from a lack of interest in the welfare of women at IC, quite the reverse, in fact. I feel that ICWA, as it stands, does very little for the vast majority of its members, and the ease with which I stood unopposed for president provided an ideal opportunity to demonstrate the circus which ICWA had become.

Although I feel that no one person has the right to attempt to close down ICWA, it is surely the right of any member to express their opinions within the

legal structure of the constitution of that society. So, perfectly within my rights as a member of ICWA, I stood for President, stating clearly my views and intentions before being duly ratified as the sole candidate for the post, demonstrating the diminishing interest in ICWA by the ordinary women at IC, which was also illustrated by the fact that I was the only candidate for any committee post who actually turned up in person at the meeting for ratification.

So I feel that I stood, not as one person attempting to destroy ICWA out of pure animosity, but as a figurehead for the many women at IC who have lost interest in ICWA and everything for which it now stands.

I should also like to add that although I did receive advice from VARIOUS people familiar with the technicalities and constitution of ICU, I believe strongly in the methods I chose to express my opinions.

In conclusion, I feel that my point has been made and by the time people read this the ICWA Committee will have received my resignation and my withdrawal from membership and have the chance now to elect a new President for the remainder of the session.

Yours faithfully
Sandra O'Sullivan
ICWA President

Dear Sir

I would like to reply, via your letters page to the Snooker Club President's queries regarding the TV/ICWA Lounge.

This lounge had ceased to be used for TV-watching before March 10, 1980, when House Committee decided to convert it to a committee room, changing the locks to stop its use as a corridor. I had naturally presumed that Malcolm had informed Snooker Club of this at the time, as he should have informed them of the decision of Joint House Committee on June 3 to give ICWA use of the room, allowing the newly-named Upper Lounge to be used at lunch-times for various committee meetings.

The main problem is that the room cannot be fully sealed off due to the need for a fire escape route from the central to the east staircase. Thus the doors could easily be secured with sniblocks, and I am assured by an authority on locks that these would invariably be used continually, rather than only in an emergency, making it rather pointless spending money installing them.

The second problem is that

the Union By-Laws state: "A portion of the Union Buildings shall be set aside for the use of the members of Imperial College Women's Association", so until such time as this is amended, ICWA must be provided with a room.

As for the lounge being the only room available for Snooker Club's "long-awaited third table", I am sorry to disappoint members, but after checking estimates and consulting the RCC Chairman, I can find no money allocated (even provisionally), unless of course the members are going to produce the £2,000 to £2,500 themselves.

I had already explained all this personally to the President of Snooker, Club, and I hope it is now clear to all of its members.

Rachel Snee
Deputy President

Sir

Anyone replying to the IC CB Club Small Ad (FELIX, 562) "via Channel 19" will have been contravening the Wireless Telegraphy Act, 1949 this carries a maximum fine of £400, and confiscation of all equipment. They will also have been causing severe and potentially dangerous interference to the legal users of 27MHz band (radio control operators and members of the medical profession).

All rather unnecessary, really, considering that members of HAMSOC (IC Amateur Radio Society) operate radio transmitters covering HF, VHF, and UHF perfectly legally.

We assume that the IC CB Club is in fact non-existent, and that no such illegal activity is being carried out in the name of Imperial College. Should an IC CB Club be formed, we trust that IC Union will carefully examine its activities before allocating funds.

It is not that Hamsoc is opposed to a legal 'CB' in this country. Indeed, the committee is considering its reply to the Home Office 'Open Channel' discussion document, and would welcome contributions from the pro-CBers at College.

However, we are certainly opposed to the activities of the 27 MHz pirates that are bringing the hobby of amateur radio into disrepute.

73,
Russell Whitworth, G4CTP
John Savage, G8RRD
David Legg, G8WUF
Andrew Layton, RS39959
Ian Jones, G8LWI
Andy Sharpe, G8MLM
Chris Gallacher, G4JCX
Keith Prior, G8XHK

Sir

We the undersigned are writing seeking advice concerning the present moral attitude of our colleague and cohabitant. We are led to believe, by force of circumstance (i.e. he doesn't come home at night, and is always 'tired' when we see him) that our colleague is conducting himself in a most ungentlemanly and unbecoming manner. We, being pure, chaste, upstanding, Christian citizens, have great difficulty in comprehending the erring ways of our companion, and feel that his soul needs some further guidance back onto the path of righteousness, from which he has unfortunately strayed. We would, therefore, be eternally grateful for any advice which could lead to the salvation of our poor friends misguided state of mind.

Yours concernedly
K J Chell
S J Cavanagh
J P Curry

Dear Steve

Concerning your article in last Friday's FELIX, I strongly protest at the title of your article "Arab/IC Radio Conflict" and accept your apology. I point out that there is no CONFLICT in existence and that the word Arab bears no significance in relation to the article.

Secondly, I would point to the word 'mosque'. We only requested a 'room' for our lunchtime prayers between 12:00 and 2:30pm. At present we are in 15 Princes Gardens and we have had a problem for the past four years in finding a room. Now the room at No. 15 can be used for other purposes as well as being booked by us for the 2½ hours. It does not render the building religious, and we have not asked for free access at all times. I hope this suffices in reversing the argument in your article.

I should also point out that the level of activity of our members is good and around ten to twenty people attend the daily prayers as well as between forty and seventy people on Fridays in the Union Concert Hall. Our many other events and projects are well publicised and have included Arabic classes, discussion groups, leaflets sent out to all students informing them about Islam as well as the usual Islamic Week. The latter provides an ideal opportunity in an informal setting of anyone who wishes to know more.

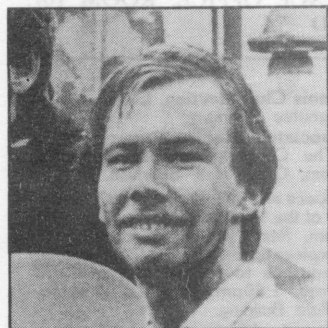
Y Elsaie
Islamic Soc

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ments were made for the booking of rooms other than the Concert Hall, for the provision of food or for the booking of a disco, hence the final format was two bands and compere in the Concert hall.

On the night, the only member of the Union Executive to turn up was John Passmore, who paid a fleeting visit before going on to Ruth Hildebrand's birthday party. The rest of the IC members in the audience were either with ENTS or fans of Nigel Mazlyn-Jones. This suggests that either the publicity was nowhere near as extensive as it should have been or that everyone had seen No Dice before.

GUILDS APPENDIX



Nick Jenkins

AS WELL as having to suffer initiations, Dave Woollard, the new Guilds HJT, felt slight pains in his stomach. He was admitted to St Stephens Hospital on Wednesday night and his appendix was removed. Dave hoped to be back next week.

Fire Escape Inverts

Work on the fire escape from the new Islamic Society room has been stopped due to an objection from IC Radio. The original plan was for Islamic Society to have a fire escape through IC Radio's Northside studio. Since IC Radio have about four thousand pounds worth of equipment in the studios, they were understandably unhappy about allowing free access to them. The new plan is for a fire escape in the same place, but opening only from the IC Radio side. Islamic Society will have a fire escape built via number 8 Princes Gardens. IC Radio have not yet been told when the workmen will be moving in, and as yet the room in which the door will be made is still being used as a technical workshop. Dave Fuller, IC Radio Station Manager, said: "I am pleased that it poses no further security risk, but I'm upset at the loss of such a valuable work area".

Council Report

On Monday, a Union Council meeting was held, from 6:20pm to 8:25pm during which several important matters arose.

The new games machines installed in the Lower Lounge had been emptied and £660 collected over the last two weeks. This was a considerable increase on last year when ICU dealt with Brighthouse Games Ltd. Rae Snee said she was very happy about the arrangements with the new company, Kossway Automatics Ltd.

The issue of sabbatical tax was also raised. There was no opposition to the view that sabbatical officers should have an increase in pay to maintain present levels after tax. Dr Ken Weale, the Honorary Treasurer, said that he had made rudimentary calculations of the tax liable, although there may be further complications such as the tax year starting in April and sabbaticals finishing in June, or whether the Inland Revenue will attempt to tax last year's Exec. It was finally decided to refer the issue to the Finance Committee.

Another matter referred to Finance Committee was the purchase of a further fifty pots, the present stock being only 37. It is, of course, traditional to present members of the CCUs, ICU and other people who have helped the Unions with engraved pots. However, the quote by suppliers, Mappin and Webb, was £1,800. The continuation of tradition was questioned and was referred to Finance Committee for further discussion.

Council also approved in principle the visit by John Passmore to the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology in Zurich. This institution has strong links with the College and is celebrating its 125th anniversary.

The motion before Council concentrated on the dilemma facing Greek students at Imperial. Although Greece becomes a full EEC member in January, Greek students are likely to be charged full fees instead of the lower home fees for the last two terms. The motion asked that the Dept of Education be asked to clarify the situation.

There is a further complication. Greece does not recognise the UK BSc degree. Students coming here have to take an MSc to gain Greek recognition. This complexity appeared to confuse Phil Cole, a prospective External Affairs Officer (Graham Greene opposes him at the next UGM election) was obviously bemused when asked: "For us ignoramouses, what is a BSc?"

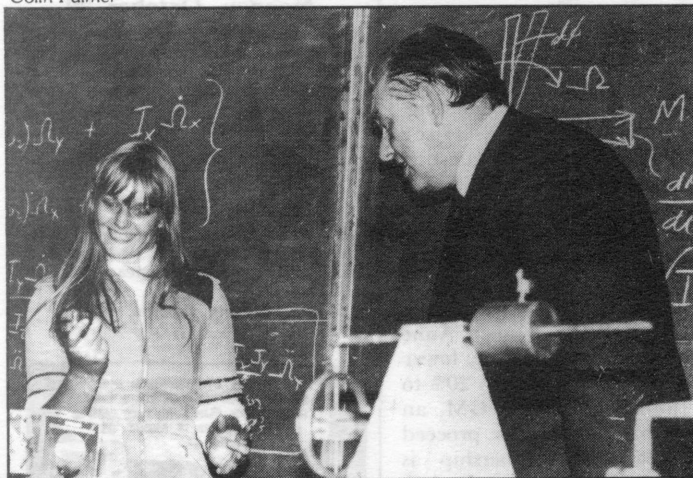
It was also pointed out at Council that in view of the Unions' imposition of discretionary fines on overdue posters, it was odd that a UGM poster should be up eleven days after the event.

Two's Company

The President, John Passmore, has announced that he and Michael Arthur have set up a company called Anglesond Ltd, on behalf of the Union; each will own one share. This company will negotiate with landlords and rent property which they will then lease to students. The point being that a company presents a more intimidating challenge if the landlord wishes to increase the rent or evict. The immediate cost was estimated to be £95 which will be quickly recouped once the scheme gets underway.

Laithwaite Weight Loss

Colin Palmer



The first Mech Eng Soc meeting of the year was held on October 9. Its main attraction was the speaker, Prof Eric Laithwaite, this alone attracted a massive turnout. In excess of 400 crammed into Mech Eng 220 to hear this acknowledged expert expound on gyroscopes.

The lecture began with a series of anecdotes about his early life. His manner belied a clever control of the audience and an ability to deftly deal with the attentions of photographer Colin Palmer.

In quick succession he ques-

tioned the use of vectors in dealing with such things as the coriolis force and torque. He illuminated what could have been obstruse with a steady stream of provoking, but humorous questions.

However, he was in his element when talking about the properties of gyroscopes. This culminated in him lifting easily a massive spinning gyroscope that could not be lifted when motionless. The questions of weight loss he raised were beyond the ken of many present but he justly received prolonged applause.

LST Prize

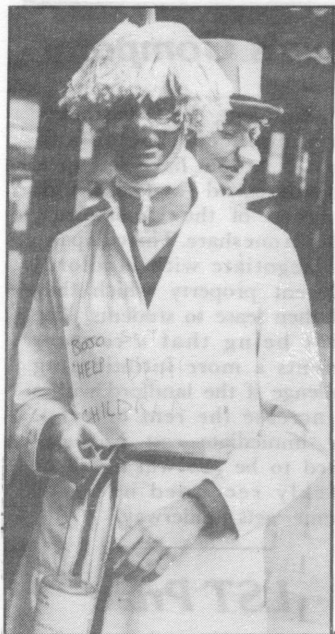
Judith Turner of Microbiology 2 was presented with first prize in the London Student Travel Competition. The prize was two tickets giving best travel anywhere in Europe. Miss Turner gave those tickets to a friend who had helped her with the competition.

Tufts

A reciprocal agreement has been reached between ICU and Tufts Union. Though the Tufts College is situated in Mass., USA, they have a London branch that enables some students to take their third year here. On Tuesday, members of Tufts College, who will be living in a hotel near Lexham Gardens, were given an introduction to ICU. This took place in the Union SCR; short talks were given by John Passmore and Liz Lindsay with interjections by Pete Stevens and Nick Morton. There was a lengthy period of questions, where such pillars of College ethos as pub crawls, Rag, and tiddlywinks were explained.

Bojo says 'Cough up!'

At 11 o'clock on a cold Saturday morning, four RCS clowns were to be seen outside Harrods forlornly shaking collecting tins at passers-by. However, half an hour later, the RCS Exec, and Co., in full regalia, complete with Jez arrived, thus swelling the numbers to at least twenty. Then, the Exec, having brought a box of eggs and two cans of lemon-and-lime shaving cream with them, battle commenced.



Colin Palmer

Tactics for the extraction of money ranged from the mildly abusive approach, i.e. "if you've got a Harrods bag you must have a lot of money" to the chance for shoppers offspring (on reception of a sizeable parental donation) to throw a custard in Steve Tyson's face. One Bill Durodie proved particularly adept at the former method — showing ability to attack not only English shoppers, but also French and German ones — much to the amazement of the surrounding members of RCS.

The major problem of the day was that nearly all of the entrances and exits were closely guarded by people collecting for 'Multiple Sclerosis' with the added advantage of badges and it seemed that the average Harrods shopper preferred to possess a little yellow sticker than the chance to throw custard pies in the faces of RCS 'clowns'.

However, accolades go to Rick Jones (Maths 1) who collected £23.97 and to Bill Durodie for effort. The total result of the morning was an increase in the Rag funds of £173.46½.

W.U.S. News?

THE WORLD University Service (WUS) was formed in 1929 to combat 'discrimination, exploitation and injustice' in higher education.

This autumn it is inviting individual members of the College to join as members (yearly rate £2.50); this would not affect the affiliation of IC as such.

Current projects on which your money could be spent include: refugee aid in Tanzania, Djibouti, and a literary crusade in Nicaragua. This is in addition to Third World Scholarships to which we contribute as a College in order to enable a Third World student to study at IC. For further information please contact the Union Office.

Birdman flies in

IAN JOHNSON, the birdman of Life Sciences 2, was seen back at College this week. He has been modestly hiding the fourteen stitches he sustained from falling from the JCR during the Life Sciences Party last Tuesday. This necessitated a stay of six days in St Stephens Hospital.

ICWA Quorate?

The ICWA President, Sandra O'Sullivan, again refused to attend or delegate her vote at Monday's ICU Council meeting. Miss O'Sullivan has since resigned, throwing the question of the relevance of ICWA as a representation of IC women's views. She is, despite having been ICWA President, a vociferous opponent of the association.

However, ICWA was discussed at Council in her absence. Anne Edmands asked Council to lower the ICWA quorum from 20% to 5% (unlike an ICU UGM, an ICWA meeting cannot proceed until 20% of its membership is present). It was agreed that Council cannot do this, and that it must be taken to an UGM, where the bye-laws can be changed. Fiona Sinclair argued that ICWA must change. The iniquity she said was related to the disenchantment of most members. Miss Edmands replied that within, and that actions such as the President's resignation and the movement of the ICWA Lounge seriously jeopardise its future.

Pete Stevens, the Union Welfare Officer, agreed to take the quorum problem to the next IC UGM on behalf of ICWA.

Rooms available !!!!

Halls of Residence

- i) One vacancy in a double room in Linstead Hall for an undergraduate freshmen (male), £20.85 pw, including an evening meal during the week.
- ii) One vacancy in a double room in Garden Hall for male undergraduate in the second or third year, £12.50 pw.

Student Houses

There are several vacancies in shared rooms for male undergraduates, first, second, and third years, £9.90 and £12.50 pw.

Head Tenancy Flats

HAMLET GARDENS: A few vacancies in double rooms, £12.50 pw. Rent is charged for Christmas and Easter vacations. Excludes gas and electricity charges.

LEXHAM GARDENS: Several vacancies in double rooms in good condition self-contained flats in 81 and 25 Lexham Gardens. £19.00 and £19.50 pw; residents will be required to pay for the Christmas and Easter vacations.

21 REDCLIFFE STREET SW10: Two vacancies in double rooms for male postgraduate students. Rent £10.00 and £11.00 pw, including vacations. Available for the full year, i.e. up until late September 1981.

ALL ENQUIRIES TO THE RESIDENCE OFFICE, ROOM 161, SHERFIELD

What's on

Friday, October 17

•SF Soc Library Meeting, 1:00pm, Southside Upper Lounge.

Saturday, October 18

•IC Snooker Club Freshers' Tournament, 10:00am, Snooker Lounge.

Sunday, October 19

•Wargames Club Meeting, 1:00pm, SSUL.

Monday, October 20

•IC Liberal Club Trip to see *Accidental Death of an Anarchist*, 7:00pm, Beit Arch. Approx £2. Reserve your ticket before Friday by contacting Steve Gould, Biochemistry 2 or turn up on the day. All welcome.

•Folk Club: Sam Stephens and Anne Lennox-Martin, 8:00pm, Lower Refec.

Tuesday, October 21

•STOIC transmission, 1:00pm, JCR, Southside Lower TV Lounge and Southside, Beit, and Linstead Halls on Channel 21.

SCAB Meeting, 1:00pm, SCR.

•Tennis Club Meeting, 1:00pm, Green Committee Room.

Associated Studies Present:

1. The Consort Chamber Orchestra, 1:00pm, Great Hall, Sherfield.

2. Physics and Philosophy: The Quantum View of the World, Dr Michael Redhead, 1:30pm, Read Theatre Sherfield.

3. Exploration: Botanical Aspects of Expeditions to Indonesia with Clive Jeremy, 1:30pm, Pippard Theatre, Sherfield Building.

•Amnesty International Meeting, 5:30pm, Green Committee Room.

•Railway Soc Meeting, 5:40pm, Maths 340. With outside speaker talking on trains.

•Met and Mat Sci lecture, on Aircraft Investigation, 6:00pm, Mines G20.

•IC Photographic Soc Demonstration on B&W developing and printing, 7:00pm, Min Tech 303, RSM. All welcome.

•Microcomputer Club Meeting, 7:15pm, CCD 145. With talk/demo on the Acorn Atom Personal Computer by Roger Wilson, Acorn Computer Ltd. 20p to non-members, members free.

•Kingsfolk presents Katy Heath, 8:00pm, Rm 201 next to Bar, Kings College, Macadam Building, Surrey St, WC2.

•Liberal Club Meeting, 12:45pm, Upper Lounge.

Wednesday, October 22

•Graffiti (screenprinting) demo, 1:00pm, Workshop (2nd floor west staircase of Union).

•Vegsoc Dinner at the Windmill Restaurant, meet 7:00pm at the Lion Pub, next to Fulham Broadway tube station. Bring your own wine.

Thursday, October 23

•IC Consoc present Sir Keith Joseph, 1:00pm, Mech Eng 220. All welcome.

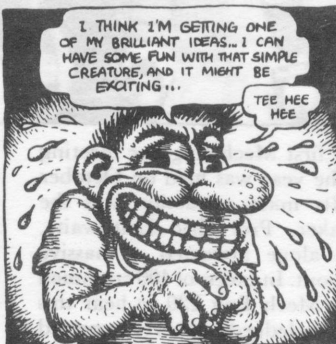
•STOIC transmission, 1:00pm and 6:00pm, JCR, Southside Lower Lounge and Halls on Channel 21.

•ENTS film: *The Wild Geese*, 6:30pm, Mech Eng 220. 60p.

•Pakistan Soc Freshers' Reception, 6:00pm, Union Upper Lounge.

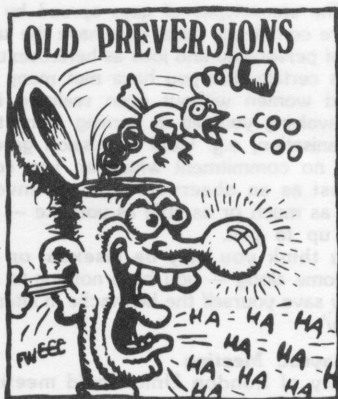
•Pottery Group Meeting, 6:00pm to 10:00pm, Senior Common Room, next to Union Office. Please bring plastic bags, overalls, sponges and tools for impressions, e.g. forks, cogs, etc.

•Real Ale Soc Meeting, 7:30pm in the Crush Bar, Union.



Rag Mag Ban Lifted!

Due to the sub-ludicrous rule, rag mags are now on sale in the Union Office.



By J. Passmore

Residence

I have had so many complaints from one thing to another on residence, mainly regarding non-repayment of deposits, deserving cases not getting into Hall and the small question of Robert Pryor House at 53 Princes Gardens as well as staff living in student residences that somewhere questions must be asked and asked soon. So if anyone else has any major complaints on residence could they please get in touch with me so that I can add to the file, and go to see College and try to fix things up.

Greek Students

As you may know, Greece joins the EEC on January 1, 1981. However, Greek students starting at College now will be charged 'full cost' fees although EEC students are regarded as home students for fee purposes. What the Greek students would like is to pay full fees up until January 1, 1981 and home fees from then. However this is not yet the case and there will be a motion at Council and at the UGM asking College to charge the new Greek students at the home rate. Until Registry produce actual student numbers then it will be impossible to estimate the amount of money involved. I would like all Greek students to organise effectively and hope to do so through Hellenic Society so that we can work in a co-ordinated fashion.

UGM

The next UGM is on Tuesday, October 28. The deadline for motions is Tuesday, October 21 at 5:30pm.

Suggestions & Complaints

There was a meeting of Suggestions and Complaints on Thursday, October 9 which produced nothing of great note. Do not forget that the Suggestions and Complaints boxes are available in all outlets and are the most effective means of changing or improving the Refectory Service.

No Dice

I must say that I accept full responsibility for the No Dice concert. It was due to a lack of communication on my part and I would like to apologise to all those who worked on it or were concerned with it.

Matters Raised

Noise

After having tea with two ladies from Ennismore Gardens, who are sick to death of the noise made by residents in the Princes Gardens Halls, I'm sure I'd get just as annoyed hearing several hundred record players blasting, people hanging out of the windows shouting, etc. So PLEASE show some consideration, such as closing your windows when playing music, turning it down after 11:00pm, and generally trying to be less noisy.

Freshers' Fair

You may have thought you'd heard the last of this (I certainly did!), but unfortunately a table belonging to Dr C Halls, the Warden of Beit Hall disappeared from the Bot/Zoo Common Room during the event. It is a large, metal-frame table with a veneered wooden top, so if anyone has seen such a table which has suddenly appeared from nowhere, please inform me or Dr Halls as soon as possible.

Calling All Clubs And Societies

Anyone owning any storage space in the Union Building, can I please have details of every cupboard, locker or filing cabinet, where it is and what it's used for. Then (hopefully) I can sort out some of the anomalies, and put the storage facilities to their fullest use.

Any club buying equipment, regalia, stationery, or indeed anything at all, please remember we are members of the Students Union Purchasing Consortium and thus can get hefty discounts with many firms. So, before you buy anything come and check out my files, as you may be able to get a better deal through the Consortium.

Amusement Machines

These seem to be doing very well, but as I don't play on them myself, I'll have to rely on your views as to how good they are. So please come and tell me which pinball or video machine you prefer, if you have any ideas or new machines, or perhaps you think the queues are too long and think we should get even more!

I'll look forward to hearing from you.

Rae

Lizzie's Wee Bit

AFTER the hectic start to term and the first lot of parking permits being allocated, life is settling into a very pleasant routine. However, there are several points I'd like to make.

The closing date for appeals for parking places is FRIDAY, OCTOBER 17 with the results being printed in FELIX on Friday, October 24. Any permit which has not been collected from the Union Office by Friday, October 31 will be reallocated.

At the time of writing I am about to hold my second duplicating demonstration. Any person who attended demonstrations last year must not assume that they will be allowed to have use of the gestetners this year. All publicity officers or secretaries must attend a demonstration. Should you have been unable to attend the demonstrations please come and see me.

As far as insurance is concerned all the new head tenancy schemes run by College and the Union have been included on the Halls of Residence policy. The £4 premium will be added to your first rent bill of the year. Again I will ask all clubs and societies to bring me an up-to-date list of their property or equipment so I can add them to the Group Policy. If a club/society holds their own policy please bring me a copy, with the intention of me trying to include it in the Group Policy.

All for now.



Alan Edwards

Good time

Rich Archer

Barney McCabe

A good time woz 'ad by all at the Ice Rink!



C&G

TOMORROW a large group of intrepid, brave, masochistic Guildsmen will descend on Portobello Road, to exploit the sadistic tendencies of the general public. The idea is to sell shaving foam 'pies', at a vast profit, to unsuspecting passers-by who then (the fools) waste the pies by decorating the vendors' face with them. This stunt has only been unleashed on the public once before (by us, anyway) and made quite a bit of money for charity. So for something a bit 'different', meet in the Guilds Office tomorrow (Saturday, October 18) at 9:30am.

Then, on Monday (October 20), is the Civ Eng Freshers' Dinner. If you haven't got your ticket yet, you might be too late, so dash off to the Guilds Office straight away.

The following day (Tuesday, 21) there will be a Theatre Trip to see Ibsen's *Wild Duck*, starring Richard Briers and Nerys Hughes, at the Lyric Theatre, Hammersmith. Only thirty tickets are available and are selling fast at only £2.25 each. There might be one or two left, if you're lucky, in the Union Office.

See you at 'Hit Squad'.



Once more into the breach dear friends and another FELIX is with us again. Tonight sees the last of the Freshers' Dinners, the infamous Life Sci Dinner, with party afterwards. Anyone who has been to any of the other dinners can go the party — it should be good. Hopefully the dinner will be as excellent as the rest have been. To let you recover after the party there is no Rag stunt tomorrow.

Last week's stunt brought thirty-odd (very odd) clowns out on to the streets of Knightsbridge. Unfortunately Multiple Sclerosis were also out collecting so the total was only £173.46½. Top collector of the day was Rick Jones of Maths 1 with £23.97½ which included a £10 note! Nevertheless an enjoyable time was had by all and most people managed to get a ride on Jez.

The next collection is on Saturday, October 25, and is the alternative stunt which the President and Hon Sec organise. Watch out for details.

Ents nights out have been well attended and more are in the pipeline, the Ents Chairman says, so look out for the posters.

Ah well, that's the end of this week's smasheronee, so it's back to the lab/Union Office/bar/bed.

PJ



Clubs and Societies

The Phoenix

THANKS go to all those who were at the Phoenix meeting last Tuesday, when yet more new ideas for this year's 'zine (zine? Is this the depths to which the Phoenix has sunk? - Ed) were discussed. Fresh minds are always welcome, so if you woke up last night flushed with inspiration, then perhaps you too find coursework is just a poor panacea for your cerebral spasms. If this is the case, and you would like to record your thoughts in black ink on white artpaper, then either come along to a meeting or put pen to paper and let me know through the internal mail (c/o FELIX Office).

The next meeting will be held in the lounge above Stan's on Wednesday, October 22 at 7:00pm.

ICCAG

On Monday we had a call from a very interesting lady and so we thought we might share some of her ideas with you.

She was from the Westminster Volunteer Bureau and they desperately need people to help out with all kinds of voluntary work either on a regular (please) or one-off basis. She cited cases like draught insulating old people's houses, helping children, taking disabled people for walks, or wheels in their wheelchair, teaching English to overseas Londoners, reading to blind people, cooperating with prisoners wives. The list was endless.

So what we thought we'd do was to ask everyone who has any spare time that they want to use in an out-of-student-life manner, if they would help people who really won't be able to enjoy life without it? If you are the answer to our question, then please come and help us and the Westminster Volunteer Bureau, by dropping a line to Sean Coyle, Elec Eng 2 or visiting the ICCAG Room on Monday at 12:30pm or shortly after.

John Evans
Physics 2

Exploration Soc

ARE YOU bored with IC already? Fancy a trip to Thailand or just a jaunt to the Arctic?

The Exploration Society exists to bring together people who would like to travel, or have visited, some of the more diverse parts of the world. The Society encourages the organisation of expeditions in a number of ways. Weekly meetings are held at which films or lectures are presented. We are affiliated to the Royal Geographical Society, conveniently situated at the top of Exhibition Road. Members have free access to RGS lectures and facilities; map room, library, etc. We are also a member of the Young Explorers Trust which organises various seminars on all aspects of exploration.

The College promotes expeditions by way of the Exploration Board, which vets all proposals for overseas expeditions and also gives financial aid (often a large amount!).

So, if you want to find out more come along to our first meeting on Wednesday, October 22 in Room 302, Biochemistry, at 6:00pm.

Gay Soc

WITH THE considerable oppression of gays in society and the law and the continuous misrepresentation of gays in the media and education it is likely that many people who are really gay will never realise themselves or only after they have other commitments, e.g. marriage, children, etc., leading to considerable conflict and misery.

Please think about the following points:

(1) Although it is likely that a sexual preference is established early in life, there is no evidence that this preference can be permanently changed by heterosexual or homosexual experiences, e.g. why are there so many married gays who only realised their true nature after marrying. Do not be afraid of suddenly being fixed as gay — it's just a myth to try to frighten bisexual and gay people into conforming by suppressing their true nature.

(2) The Christian Churches are by no means convinced of their attitude towards gay people; Catholic, Methodist, and C of E churches are all holding considerable investigations to try to understand the situation of gays in their respective churches. Indeed over forty clergymen have signed a petition specifically repudiating the masquerade of anti-homosexual prejudice as Christian morality.

(3) The stereotypes of gays spread by the media are completely false; gays have the same spread of personality and jobs as heterosexuals, and it is certain that you have met many gay men and women without even realising it.

(4) Involving yourself in coming along to a gay organisation, e.g. ULU discussion groups, requires no commitment whatever, you come along just as an observer. You can involve yourself as much or as little as you like — it is entirely up to you.

If you think you may be bisexual or gay please come along — you have nothing to lose and may save yourself the heartache in later life of 'if only'.

ULU Gaysoc Meeting

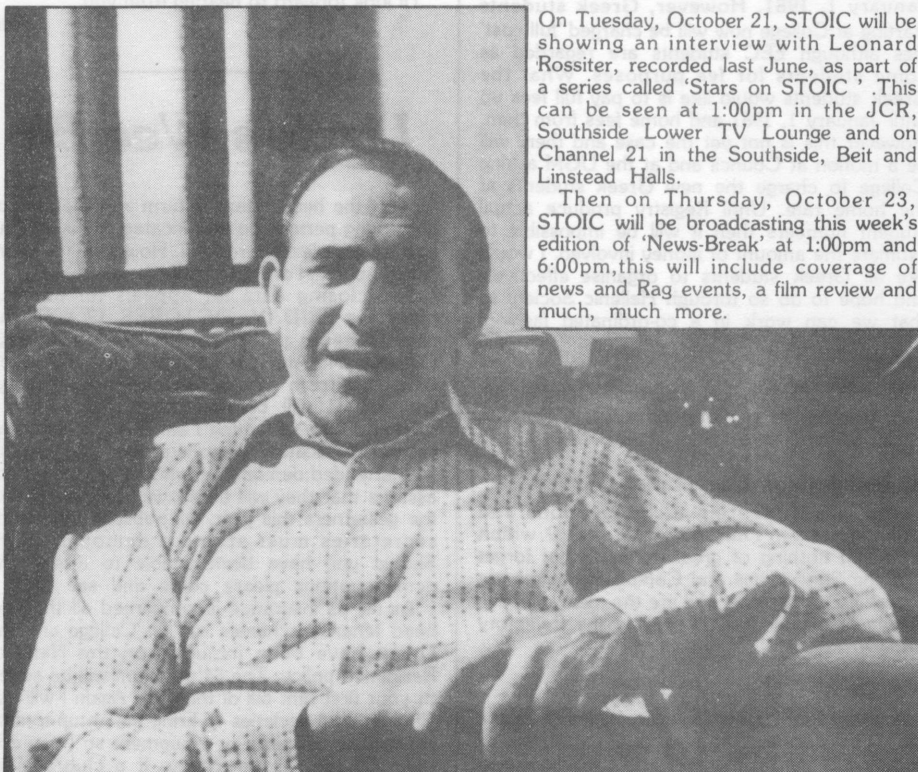
University of London Union hold meetings every Thursday evening from 8:00pm in the ULU Building, Malet St. The meetings comprise a speaker followed by discussion. The meetings are usually held in room 2F on the second floor (though there is a large noticeboard in the entrance hall giving the meeting room for each society). Nearest tube: Goode Street.

ULU Gaysoc Disco

Held every Wednesday evening from 8:30pm in the upstairs bar of the Sols Arms Pub on Hampstead Road. Nearest tube: Warren Street.

Gayswitchboard

837-7324



On Tuesday, October 21, STOIC will be showing an interview with Leonard Rossiter, recorded last June, as part of a series called 'Stars on STOIC'. This can be seen at 1:00pm in the JCR, Southside Lower TV Lounge and on Channel 21 in the Southside, Beit and Linstead Halls.

Then on Thursday, October 23, STOIC will be broadcasting this week's edition of 'News-Break' at 1:00pm and 6:00pm, this will include coverage of news and Rag events, a film review and much, much more.

MopSoc

AFTER our highly controversial lecture on spin-flip in plasmas, we now have a more light-hearted talk on problem solving with soap bubbles. This talk, including large numbers of demonstrations, will be given by Dr Isenberg, well-known in the Fairy liquid field for his bubbly personality.

Bring along the bubble and strife, all will be made transparent at 1:00pm, Tuesday, October 21 in Physics. Follow the signs.

John Bambridge

PS: Umbrellas are required for the first two rows.

Real Ale Soc

DUE TO a number of members beyond our control we shall be sampling THREE firkins of ale at our next meeting on Thursday, October 23. These will hopefully be Burts, VPA, Felinfoel double dragon and Tim Taylor's Landlord bitter. The venue is, as ever, the Crush Bar, on the second floor landing of the Union Building, 7:30pm approximately. We can sell beer only to members but membership costs a single green beer token.

Hope to see you both there.

J Random

HAMSOC – Ham at the Top

THE MOMENT you have all been waiting for has arrived! The equipment is now installed in the temporary shack on the top floor of the Union Building. Operation is now possible on 20m and 40m (and 80m if you can manage to get the damned thing to tune up). Since the arrangements are only temporary (we hope!) the only HF aerial up is our W3DZZ, and so 10m and 15m won't be available for the time being. However, to make the best of a bad job, negotiations are currently under way to have the Union Building mounted on a large rotator.

Also available in the Shack is the FT221, which is now functional again, though opinions vary as to whether it is all it should be on FM. Unfortunately, the only aerial at present available is a 'Slim Jim'.

To get access to the equipment take your membership card along to the Welfare Centre, a few yards away from the Shack, and give it Michael Arthur, who has kindly agreed to let us use his key.

Please remember that the room is not actually ours, but belongs to the Rag Committee, who have agreed to let us share the use of their Sanctum Sanctorum. This means that it is essential that the room is never left unlocked and that the key must be kept safe and returned to the Welfare Centre as soon as you have finished with it.

Unfortunately, this does somewhat limit operating times, but I am hoping something can be worked out for weekends, etc.

Finally, a few words to thank Dave Legg (G8WUF) for organising and controlling the splendid radio-controlled pub-crawl last Friday, even if I did end up not knowing where the hell I was! Keep an eye (or preferably both) on the Hamsoc posters for details of the morse courses, lectures, etc. we have lined up. So I'll see you all in the Shack on Wednesday afternoon.

73's from G8RRD

ICYHA

IC Youth Hostelling Association are organising separate cycling weekends this year, as well as the regular weekend trips. The first cycling weekend this term is to the Isle of Wight, October 31 to November 2. New members are welcome to come and we shall leave the College on Friday evening, travelling by train, and staying at a youth hostel on the island.

Details of the cost have yet to be finalised, but all members receive a travel subsidy and expenses are kept to a minimum. For further information about this trip, or any of the others in our autumn programme, come along to our regular Thursday meeting this Thursday, October 23 at 12:30pm in Southside Upper Lounge where coffee and butties are available.

Programme

November 7-9: Peak District

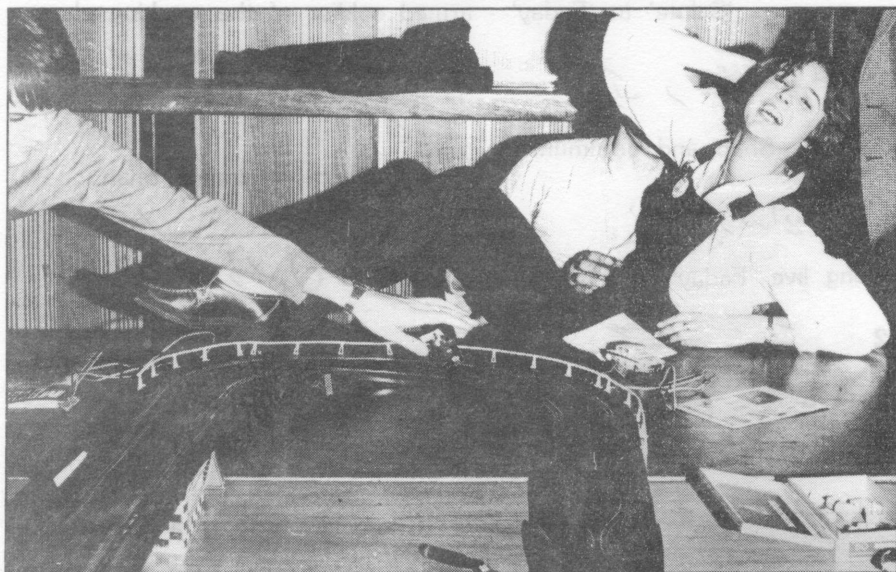
November 21-23: Snowdon

October 31 to November 2: Cycling on the Isle of Wight

December 5-7: Brecon Beacons

Flesh, Fish and Fowl

THERE SHALL be an outing of the Flesh, Fish and Fowl Club to the Moravia (a Czech restaurant) on Sunday 17. All those interested, please see John Passmore in the Union Office by 4:00pm today (Friday) as we need to know numbers to book in advance. We shall meet in the Union Bar at 7:00pm on Sunday and proceed from there. The Moravia is opposite Bayswater tube and the cost should be about £7.50 per head.



Racy Excitement

Rally Round Up

THE GUILDS Motor Club Freshers' Rally took place last weekend in Essex. Despite various hitches, the event was enjoyed by a large number of people, the prize-giving was held last night.

Three prizes were provided by Motomechs of Barnes, who sponsored the rally. The event was marred by an accident in which one of the competitors left the road whilst trying to negotiate a right-hand bend. Due to the fact that neither driver nor navigator was wearing a seat-belt, both sustained light injuries when they were thrown around inside the car.

The organisation of the competition was further complicated by the breakdown of one of the marshalls, on his way to a time control. Luckily, most of the competitors proceeded directly to the next control.

The event consisted of about eighty miles of competitive driving and started at 11:30pm. The results of the rally were:

1. S Crampton/J Vedy, Mini, 1275 GT
2. G Muggeridge/D Thomas, Ford Escort Mexico
3. K Rossiter/A Emmerson, Ford Capri

Fast cars, fast reactions and left over Mooney breakfasts all helped to make Tuesday night in Southside a night of excitement. Temperatures rose as the climax of the Scalextric Race reached its peak.

Model engines fueled with Wethereds reached scaled up speeds of over 200mph. The girls in the Pit Crew had a hard night keeping everything moving. Several cars had to be stripped down, but by the time the night was over the track record had been broken many times.

Pics and story: Colin Palmer (who else!)

Conservative Society

THIS IS the largest and most active political society at College.

After a good response at Freshers' Fair over fifty people attended our Cheese and Wine Party when Mr Peter Brooke, MP was the guest speaker.

Three speakers have accepted our invitation to speak at College this term. They are Sir Keith Joseph, Mark Carlisle (Education Minister) and Teddy Taylor. These speaker meetings will be free and open to non-members.

Look in FELIX What's On column every week to check for details about our general meetings. These provide a forum for discussion on political College matters, as well as a chance to plan activities.

If you are interested in joining us, please contact Mark Clegg (Mech Eng 3). Thank you.

IMPERIAL COLLEGE
FOLK CLUB

Sam Stephens & Anne Lennox-Martin

Union Lower Refectory
Monday 8:00pm

Debsoc

THE LAST DEBATE on "This House believes that a two-tier education system has a higher educational value than a single tier system" was vigorously contested with many questions from the floor. Good speeches were made on behalf of the motion from Eric Benedict and against by Mike Brown. After summing up the motion was defeated by a vote from the floor.

Next meeting, for everyone interested in getting involved in Debating Society, is on Friday, October 17, TODAY, in Huxley 348 at 12:45. All welcome.

Anyone interested in speaking at future debates or would like to contest another group to a debate on an arranged subject please contact D Lonsdale (Maths 3) or J Cochrane (Chem Eng 2).

Iranian Graffiti

A definitive guide to College walls

Compiled and translated with the aid of PPS.

- 1  Death to American and Soviet Imperialism.
- 2  No America. No Russia. An independent and free Iran.
- 3  Long live the three independence seeking forces.
- 4  'Salute' to 'Faday' - armed soldier of the working class.
- 5  Long live the Tudeh party.
- 6  Death to the Shah and communism.
- 7  Death to traitor Shah.
- 8  Death to anti-revolutionaries.
- 9  Long live 'Faday'.
- 10  Long live the confederation of students.
- 11  Long live the second Reza Shah.
- 12  Death to profiteers.
- 13  Death to the 'executioner' Shah.
- 14  Khomeini's wife is a whore.
- 15  Traitor Khomeini.
- 16  Death to traitor Tudeh party - spy of Russian Imperialism.
- 17  'Pimp' America.
- 18  If there were no Shah you would now be following a donkey. Who sent 300,000 people to study abroad?
- 19  NOTE: 1,2,3 and 11 may be viewed on the side of the Bulgarian Embassy opposite Physics in Prince Consort Road. 4,6,9,10 can be seen around Southside 5,7,8, and 12-19 deface the Lyon Playfair Library toilets and College Block generally.



Small Ads

●**Wanted:** Groupies for R&B band (stars of present and future). Any presentable young ladies into R&B, drink and general lunacy, see us backstage after SCAB night.

●**Suzuki GS550**, S reg, 18,000 miles, alphabet exhaust, £800ono. Contact Simon Buckley, Min Tech 2.

●**Cheap Herbs:** Caraway seeds, B peppercorns, coriander, 10p, marjoram, 15p; oregano, 20p; plus many more. Contact internal 2033, Nick or Stewart, lab 406, Botany.

●**Suzuki GT380B**, T reg, red, immaculate, possibly even showroom condition, 12,500 miles, extras include Lucas Rita electronic ignition, crash bars, rear carrier, roadrunners back and front, alarm. Taxed until the end of the year. A bargain at only £450. Enquiries to N Jackson, Mech Eng UG letter-racks.

●**Cooker for sale:** one burner with grill underneath, £22 or reasonable offer accepted. Contact Beth, int 3477 days and 3673 evenings.

●**Yamaha RD 350**, M reg, top box, crash bars, Fairing Halogen headlight, rebored, new crank, £300ono. Dave 3 Thrower, Mech Eng letter-racks or 211 Hamlet Gardens.

●**Suzuki GT 125**, Jul 1977, only 6,180 miles, taxed and tested for 10 months, includes carrier and top box. A bargain at £229. K Skinner, Mech Eng 1.

●**Drummer required** for rock band, no experience necessary. Get in touch with Neil Macmillan, Chem Eng 2 or Falmouth 143.

●**Lecturers required** to teach maths and physics to A level standard. Rates of pay: min £4.50; max £6.00, per hour. Contact the Registrar, N London Tuition Centre, 67-83 Seven Sisters Rd, London N7, 263-979 for further details.

●**Wanted: Rabbit Freaks.** I am compiling a list of all students interested in rabbits with a view to forming a Rabbit Society, if sufficient interest is shown. Will anyone concerned please write to Rabbit, Dept of Computing. Replies will not be treated in the strictest confidence!

●**Could Science Fiction Soc** members 41 to 72 (i.e. those who joined at Rollerball) please send name and department to Elise Pechersky in Physics 2 as the silly twit has lost her list.

We may have been split up but we meet to consider a BELLRINGER.

●**Avoid crashing model aircraft!** If you are interested in using radio equipment, do it legally, and work the world. For details of how to become a Radio Amateur and get on the air, contact Hamsoc, Wednesday afternoon, top floor of the Union Building, near the Welfare Centre. No you don't have to learn Morse.

●**10-4 good ferret**, great to hear you're around. The Triple Peel is interested in joining you in forming a CB Club, C'mon. Contact Shlomo Godsi, Man Sci PG.

●**Tennis Club:** please see What's On.

●**Anyone else interested in staring a recorder consort?** If so contact Patrick Palmer via Chemistry pigeon hole.

●**Urgently required** bass guitarist for heavy metal rock band 'Sabre'. Must be into Motorhead, Black Sabbath, Saxon, etc. Contact J J Kazik, Physics 2.

●**Fiat 128**, N reg, two door, 53,000 miles, Ziebart, new MOT, taxed, one previous owner, £795ono. Telephone 941-0386.

●**Babysitter required** by Mr John Beaver for eight-month-old daughter. Lives in Egerton Crescent. Please phone 589-0137 between 10:30am and 12:30pm and after 3:00pm.

●**Numismatist:** Could anyone interested in coin collecting please contact Peter Kwok of Electrical Dept at Room 404.

●**Found:** A check jacket was found after Physics Freshers' Dinner Party. Contact Physics Dept Office.

●**Folk Club Ceilidh with Muckram Wakes**, Monday, November 3. Tickets from the Union Office, £1.



On September 9, Imperial College Health Centre played host to a conference on survival after nuclear attack. The conference was entitled 'Après la Bombe'. If you think the French is meant to sound sexy (like soixante-neuf), you may be right. According to the Guardian (October 9), it was as if we [the delegates] were being seduced away from realistic analysis into something called "planning" based on unreality or irrelevant events.

Coincidences, coincidences. The October issue of *Morning Cloud*, the IC Conservative Society publication, carries an article entitled 'Civil defence: more shelters are needed' by Tim Lawes. Included in this nonsense is the classic: "with protection from nuclear attack as well as the ability to deliver it, a country's bargaining position in a conflict is stronger".

Move on to the Conservative conference (October 6-10). On the 8th, to explain the public issue of the booklet *Protect and Survive* (available from W H Smith, and better laughs than *Not The Nine O'clock News*), the Home Affairs Minister, Leon Brittain, offered: 'Disraeli once said, "trust the people", and that exhortation is surely particularly apt when it comes to talking about measures for our very survival as a nation'.

'Trust the people'; yes, with ridiculous pamphlets; no, not with the details of post-nuclear Britain, certainly not on the TV. The possibilities that deterrence is dangerous and doesn't work (e.g. Cuba) and that 'survival' is worse than death (e.g. Hiroshima, Nagasaki) are hardly fit for mass consumption.

Back to the Tory conference. On the Friday (October 10), the Defence Secretary, Francis Pym, received a standing ovation for one of the most fanatical pro-armaments speeches heard in this country since the Cuba crisis, possibly bettering the already infamous Thatcher speech to the aerospace industry, on September 3.

Pressure for more civil defence and for more arms are closely linked. On the one hand we are being softened up for nuclear war by a slick marketing campaign that offers a grateful population safety behind whitewashed windows and under kitchen tables, while spreading the idea that 'limited' war is not only probably but even rather cosy. On the other, we are expected to concur with the daily increases in the chances of effective planetary annihilation through additions to the already gross armaments stockpiles and through aggressive posturings in the international arena.

That this two-headed technique is working well is shown by the latest polls, in which a majority of people sampled both want to keep nuclear weapons and expect

nuclear war in the near future.

This is not meant to be an attack solely on Conservatives. The Labour Conference voted for unilateral disarmament, the Liberals came close to it, but no *Parliamentary* party is ever likely to radically change the status quo whatever the conferences.

Moreover, it is very unfortunate (though inevitable) that disarmament is such a 'political' issue (defined as an issue for which public libraries refuse to touch leaflets and posters), and has become even more of one over the conference season.

For one thing, pressure for the manufacture, sale and use of armaments, nuclear or otherwise, comes from the whole centralised bureaucratic, military and industrial complex in the UK, whether the brand of centralism happens to be corporate (right) or state (left); purely political pressures simply reflect this deeper commitment.

More importantly, political cat-calling effectively camouflage the main battle, which is between ordinary people of all countries, who have no particular wish to explode, roast or be radiated to death, and the international network of such central complexes in both East and West.

The arguments about unilateralism or multilateralism (our Foreign Secretary, Lord Carrington, styles himself a multilateralist), and about the pros and cons of increasing civil defence spending, are totally irrelevant. It is up to people to persuade governments to remove nuclear weapons, with the utmost urgency, from the face of the planet. What is our government doing? What are we doing to persuade them? Every one of us who does nothing is responsible for the consequences for all time.

IC Health Centre can at least take consolation that it is unlikely ever to have to cope with post-nuclear survivors, even if this were a rational matter on which to hold a conference. It and most of the capital's health services, and IC itself, will probably be rubble and ashes.

Brian Goodale

References

National Anti-Nuclear Action Groups (with acknowledgments to Resurgence); Friends of the Earth; Ecology Party; The Anti-Nuclear Campaign; Greenpeace; Conservation Soc.

RCS SMOKING CONCERT

Do you have any literary talent? None at all?

If you fall into either of these sections write a sketch (humorous, gory, whatever) and give it to Dave Thompson of Physics 2, who is the Entertainments Chairman. The concert is during Rag Week (November 13, actually) and can only take place if YOU (yes, you!) come and perform sketches.

The Chelsea Players

will be performing

Our Town

by Thornton Wilder

at the Chelsea Centre, Kings Road, Chelsea

(next to World's End Pub)

on Oct 30, 31 and Nov 1

Only £1!

For further information, contact Helen Gaynor, on 578-3609.

Reviews

Films

THE ELEPHANT MAN

THE GREATNESS of a film is very difficult to discern. This film, is however, an extremely different film that elicited spontaneous applause as the credits finished.

As those who have read the book *True History of the Elephant Man* will realise it follows the final years in the life of Joseph (John) Merrick who suffered from the congenital and malignant condition neuro-fibromatosis. He is discovered by Frederick Treves (Anthony Hopkins) in a freak show under the control of Bytes (Freddie Jones). It



Surgeon Frederick Treves being threatened by Bytes, who claims ownership of the Elephant Man.

is here explained that the elephant man is the result of his mother being struck down by an African elephant at a Leicester fair. This explains the opening dream sequence with its savage overtones.

He is brought to the London Hospital where his grotesque deformities are shown to a pathological society meeting.

The drama explores the unfolding of Merrick's (John Hurt) character through meetings with the famous and infamous.



John Merrick arrives at the London Hospital to be examined by Mr Treves.

The claim to follow the true story is more-or-less false; the writers and director have produced a fable. This fable is centred upon the truly noble character of Merrick; he is seen to ennoble those around him, questioning the very root of Victorian hypocrisy. Its attitudes are revealed in the scene between the noted actress, Madge Kendal (Anne Bancroft) and Merrick when they read from *Romeo and Juliet*, she sees Merrick personifying, in spirit, the romantic hero (yet fated to remain celibate). Many of the most moving scenes are those when he speaks the lines that Merrick is known to have said; these scenes which appear to be over dramatic (the vanity case scene) are shown to be doubly tragic.

John Hurt is unrecognisable both vocally and visibly by stunningly accurate make-up. His performance conveys all the pathos and sincerity of Merrick and is a just homage to a great man. In support, John Gielgud (as Carr Gomm, Chairman of the Hospital Committee) and Freddie Jones are excellent. Freddie Jones, in particular, giving the wholly fictitious Bytes sinister solidity when the script could have left him as merely a caricature.

The film itself is shot in black and white in gloomy sets representing the period accurately. The music is secondary but supports dramatic scenes with evocative subtlety.

The closing scenes of Merrick at the theatre reveal that he is just as much an exhibit as ever. Yet his naivety allows him only to give the theatre audience the best of motives. That evening he finishes his model of St Phillips Cathedral, the spire of which is the only part he has ever seen from his window. He then fulfils his desire for normality by sleeping in the prone position (his deformities permitting sleep only in the sitting position). This act of suicide is the supreme act of dignity, the only decision he can freely take.

The film is a brilliant homage to a great man. I would earnestly recommend it to anyone reading this review. Its supreme tragedy is the very existence of Merrick in the 19th Century. One is left to speculate whether he would be better cared for now or would he remain an outcast left to cry: "I am not an animal, I am a human being".

Stephen Gould

La Derobade

LA DEROBADÉ is the story of a prostitute; her life and her work.

If it has a moral, it is to reveal the injustices experienced by the girls working for pimps.

It is a French film set in Paris. There are English subtitles, but this does not affect your viewing, as there is little talking. Marie Mage (Miou-Miou is her real name!), a pretty, innocent, nineteen year old, meets a handsome, flashy guy in a cafe by the name of Gege (Daniel Duval). She is fascinated by him and they fall in love. One morning, in bed, he tells her that he wants her to work for him as a prostitute; he will be her pimp.

She dislikes the idea, but accepts. She is repulsed, initially, but soon gets used to 'the life'.

As the relationships and injustices evolve we are taken through the tricks of the trade until the story comes to an anticlimactic end. (Well, you've got to have some balance!)

I was pleasantly surprised by the film. It threatened to be just another cheap 'sex and violence' X, but all the action in the bedroom was relevant and the characters sensitively portrayed. What violence there was was necessary to the story.

The French have a strange, sensual quality to their films which makes them worthwhile in themselves.

If you like films about *people*, then I'd recommend *La Derobade*, although it is not in the 'erotic' class of *Emmanuelle*.

Running time: 114 minutes.

M Cadwallader

The Long Riders

THE JESSE JAMES gang: Frank and Jesse James, Cole, Jim and Bob Younger, and Ed and Clell Miller, are generally regarded as being 'the greatest outlaws that ever lived'. During the fifteen years that they evaded capture, they robbed at least a dozen banks, and as many stagecoaches and trains. Their first raid was on Liberty, Missouri in 1866, just after the end of the Civil War, and the gang was not finally broken up until after their bloody raid on the First National Bank of Northfield, Minnesota, when Frank and Jesse abandoned the other members of the gang, all of whom had serious gunshot wounds, to capture, and sentences of life

imprisonment. Jesse James was eventually shot dead in his own home by his cousin Bob Ford (who later collected a \$10,000 reward) in 1882, but Frank James lived on into old age, having turned himself in, been tried and acquitted.

Directed by Walter Hill (with the Carradine brothers cast as the Youngers) this film lacks the vitality of his previous work *The Warriors*, its downbeat tempo and gloomy photography emphasising the inevitability of the gang's final destruction. Sadly, one and a half hours of this becomes claustrophobic, excessive use of slow-motion in the Northfield raid merely adding to the tedium.

S Hodgson

A film destined for success, it has everything the public seems to want, it is escapist, it is contrived, unrealistic, it is dull, and it has people (to quote the pre-release publicity) "swimming naked over coral reefs". I found it the most tedious two hours of my life, or certainly of the last two years. My time would have been better employed in a bus queue, at least there I'd be able to see genuine human beings, no idealised, cardboard cut-out, healthy, all American/Californian-dream, whole-food models.

The plot of *Blue Lagoon* is tenuous to say the least. Ship catches fire in Pacific, two kiddies and stereotype drunken Irish cook separated from rest of ship. Land in nick of

THE BLUE LAGOON

time on wonderful desert island. The time drags by as attempts are made to amuse you and moralise at you as the cook teaches the kids to survive (not difficult in the tamed and generous Bounty-ad world portrayed here) it succeeds only in being kitsch. Cook dies (anybody who plays a character that shallowly deserves it. Come on! Leo McKern, you should know better.) "They swim naked over coral reefs". Actually they grow up during this bit and Brooke Shields and Christopher Atkins take over the roles. They argue and bitch their way through the next thirty minutes "swimming naked over coral reefs". Then fall in love, have sex, have a baby, teach baby to swim, and reach the most unlikely part of a film that is shaky at best. Mummy and baby are in boat, baby throws oar into water, mummy, who up until then swam like a fish, tries to reach over with other oar, rather than fetch it she calls daddy who fetches it, gets attacked by shark, other oar thrown at shark, daddy gets in boat; boat drifts into open sea, they attempt suicide but are rescued in the nick of time by

long lost uncle/father. It's enough to make you throw up.

The director, Randal Kleiser, must take the blame for the films tedium. A man obsessed with people who "swim naked over coral reefs" he pads out the story with unnecessary, though at first quite pretty shots of Brooke Shields, "swimming naked over coral reefs" with a blue filter, "swimming naked over coral reefs" covered in phosphorescence, and "swimming naked over coral reefs" with Christopher Atkins.

Basil Poledouris's music is good, though unadventurous, it is the only part of the film to affect me with any feelings other than boredom. Sadly, the tension and emotion he conjured up were lost in a morass of awful acting. Brooke Shields will have done her reputation as a serious actress no good whatsoever, with this display of woodenness and Leo McKern, likewise, was disappointing. As for Christopher Atkins, the less said the better (though he does "swim . . . reefs").

Basically, it's worse than *Crossroads*, a terrifyingly dull movie. Apparently, it's been heavily cut (compared with the American version) by the Censor, smart move I thought. You can spend a more interesting hour and three quarters in a maths lecture, but of course "they swim naked over coral reefs".

"Eric" Jarvis

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SPORT

Results for Saturday, October 11

Rugby			
1st XV	v	Hayes	9-16
2nd XV	v	Hayes	4-0
Football			
4th XI	v	KCH 2	4-2
6th XI	v	KCH 3	3-2
Hockey			
1st XI	v	Birkbeck Coll	2-1
2nd XI	v	NPL	2-1
3rd XI	v	Saints	2-5
4th XI	v	Chelsea Coll	0-3
Ladies	v	QEC	3-1

Football -IC Fourth

IC IVths won the first league match of the season on Saturday by beating KCH IInds.

The IVths made a shaky start and soon found themselves a goal behind. After this setback the standard of play improved slightly and with twenty minutes gone Kev Buckley equalised with a well-taken goal from a cross of Nick Flanagan. KCH quickly regained the lead as a result of defensive errors, to make the score 2-1 and it remained so until the end of the first half.

The second half started with a much more determined attitude from IC and after a few near misses we equalised again, Roger Hunter scoring with a shot from the edge of the penalty area.

IC dominated the game, from then on, with the ball hardly leaving the KCH half. It took until ten minutes from time before IC gained the lead through Nick Flanagan who placed the ball wide of the keeper from close range.

The good second half performance was rounded off when Nick Flanagan scored again, beating the keeper from an acute angle just two minutes before the end.

Team: Veats, Berns, Kaye, Maddy, Chown, Dolan, Hunter, Buckley, Williams, McNicholas, Flanagan, and Milner.

Sixths Fight Back

IC SIXTHS fought back superbly to win 3-2 against Kings College Hospital after being two goals down inside ten minutes.

The game started badly for IC as they struggled to find their rhythm and Kings were soon ahead when a long range shot swerved unpredictably in a blustery wind and ended up in the net. Kings struck again soon when a general mix up allowed a Kings forward to score.

IC settled down after a bad start to take control of the game with Sean Davis and John Chamberlain using their speed to get behind the Kings defence only to be denied at the last gasp by the Kings goalkeeper. A goal had to come and Dave Bradley's cultured through ball found Nigel Audin on the edge of the penalty area and a venomous shot put IC back into the game. IC were, by then, firmly on top and many chances were created and missed by half-time.

Early into the second half, IC were back on level terms when Mark Clegg scored after a

devastating run down the right wing by Sean Davis. Incessant IC pressure followed and soon the Sixths were in the lead when John Chamberlain managed to score.

After the restart Kings began to put some pressure on the IC defence but couldn't cope with the efficient tackling of Steve Davies, Mark Higham and Liam Gartside and the confident sweeping of John Nagle. Kings continued the pressure and in the last few minutes a Kings forward shot following a goalmouth scramble, but he was denied what looked a certain goal when Neil Hampton flung himself across goal to make an exceptional save. The Sixths held on until the final whistle for their best start to a season in living memory.

Team: Hampton, Higham, Nagle, Bradford, Davies, Audin, Tinkler, Clegg, Gartside, Chamberlain, and Davies.

Gaelic Football

THE NEWLY formed Gaelic Football Club played its first game last Sunday between two teams of club members. The match, played on Hyde Park was an interesting mixture of keenness and skill with James Carroll (of Union Bar fame) and the Club captain, John Passmore being prominent players.

On Sunday 19 we hope to go to see a REAL match, so anyone interested make sure to see me TODAY.

Anyone interested in playing and has not given in his name please see John Passmore in the Union Office. Bye for now.

John Passmore

Hockey

IC firsts

LAST SATURDAY the 1st XI played against Birkbeck College in their first league match of the season.

From the outset, IC looked the better side, but after twenty minutes Singh shot into the roof of the net to put us behind. Despite this IC continued to control the game, and two minutes before half-time Steve Gatley put us level with a narrow angled shot.

In the second half, IC finally took the lead through a well taken goal by John Clarke. There then followed a period of desperate activity by Birkbeck, which only resulted in a few people limping, and IC safely held on.

Team: Butler, Crowe, Riley, Davey, Hughes, Barry, Clarke, Ayres, Rich and Bell Gatley, and Whitaker.

Hockey IC seconds

THIS WAS our first match of the season, and being the first league game as well, the outcome was especially important.

The match started with heavy IC pressure and within fifteen minutes, Mike Chew opened the scoring.

As often happens, the side relaxed after this and NPL came into the game, forcing several penalty corners. From one of these they were unlucky not to get a penalty stroke after the ball struck a defender's leg on the goal line.

NPL scored in the closing minutes of the half, aided by what can only be described as 'dubious' umpiring.

IC were unlucky not to end the half up though, a flick from Mike Chew, which seemed headed for the top corner of goal was brilliantly palmed round the post by the

keeper.

After the opposition had finished off all the oranges at half-time, the second half started in a similar vein to the first, with persistent IC pressure, but with NPL strong on the break. It was left to Mike Cope to score from an acute angle, after a series of shots, all of which had been well blocked by the keeper this made the score 2-1, at which it remained despite some anxious moments towards the end which led to the remodelling of one NPL hockey stick.

The side held out to complete a very competent all-round performance which produced a well-deserved two points, and a start that bodes well for the rest of the season.

Team: Jones, Parker, Downing, Bird, Mason (Capt), Ross, Spanker, Chow, Gams, Gray, Cope and Shindler.

Neil



Hi! I'm Deidre, and I've appeared in FELIX for the last six years. This year I'm appealing... for people to take sports photos for FELIX.

Ladies Hockey

DESPITE having only six definite players by Friday lunchtime, we managed to field a full team; for five minutes, anyway! Jan slipped and hurt a leg muscle, thus rendering herself unable to play the rest of the match. Not to be daunted, IC battled on.

Although QEC took advantage of an initial state of confusion in our defence to score an early goal, IC rapidly sorted themselves out and began to dominate the game. After some unsuccessful corners, Silly scored from a beautiful first-time shot to put us level.

All participants enjoyed the game which proved an inspiring start to the season.

Team: Averil Horton, Cathy Gossley, Claire Bundy, Caroline Brown, Shirley Course, Dana Clarke, Jan Clarke, Carol Thomas, Alison Coates, Jill Shacklock, and Debra Mendes.

The other two goals were scored by Carol; one followed pass from Silly, the other came after a determined attack by Dana which took her straight through the oppositions defence.

ULU 7-a-side, Sun Oct 12, Motspur Park

LADIES' TEAM were unable to emulate last year's success in this tournament. We came fifth in our section; lost two games, drew three and won one. Cathy Snook and Alison Coates scored our only goals, but everyone played well and we hope to do better in the ensuing season.

Players: Cathy Crossley (Capt), Caroline Brown, Alison Coates, Averil Horton, Debra Mendes, Cathy Snook, and Carol Thomas.

Caroline Brown

Sailing

LAST weekend members of IC Sailing Club competed in the Firefly Inland Championships and Open Meeting at Welsh Harp, which attracted an entry of 32 boats.

On Saturday, five IC boats were on the water in strong and gusty conditions which resulted in many mishaps. James Baxter suffered gear failure early on, whilst Dave Culshaw and Simon Allport capsized. Colin Murray survived two laps, then capsized when in sixth place, whilst Nick Ajdarian proved to be a master in the conditions and finished in second place.

In the second race, Nick was again holding second place but capsized, and the only finisher amongst the IC boats was James Baxter, who capsized.

On Sunday the wind was light to moderate, but remained variable. Race three saw James and Nick well up the fleet, but Nick hit a mark when lying third and finished well down. James finished seventh. Race four got off after two false starts and James again finished seventh.

The last race started well for IC with Colin, James and Nick arriving on the first mark in the leading group. Colin moved up to third place at the end of the first lap, but lost out on a windshift, and dropped back to ninth. James, meanwhile, took advantage of the shift and pulled up to finish third.

The four best results in the inland championships were: James Baxter with M Youngusband as crew (4th) and Nick Ajdarian, with A Friend as crew (12th).

The best results at the opening meeting were: James Baxter (5th); Nick Ajdarian (13th); Colin Murray, with Gill Butler as crew (18th) and Simon Allport, with Jim Redman as crew (25th).

Cross Country

THE FIRST race of this season, over our home course at Richmond Park was well attended with fifteen runners from IC amongst a total field of over fifty.

The day started smoothly with everyone turning up on time — including the coach driver, and we arrived at the park in plenty of time for the start at 3 o'clock.

The race was won by Feltenstein from UC. The IC team was led by Mark Pickard

finishing fourth followed by Mark Thwaites (13th), Steve Kirk (15th), Chris Smith (16th) and Gary Longhurst (22nd).

These were closely followed by a succession of both old and new club members, no doubt suffering from a lazy summer.

The winning team overall was UC just beating Imperial College (2nd), London School of Economics (3rd) and Surrey (4th).

As usual not everyone managed to find their way around the course, with two people getting lost. Fortunately they turned up just as the coach was leaving making a search party unnecessary.

The next race is tomorrow afternoon at Hampstead Heath — University College Relay 6 by 2 miles. Anyone is welcome to run and we shall be meeting at South Kensington tube station at 1:00pm.

Training takes place most lunchtimes meeting by the club noticeboard in the Union at 12:30pm. For more details refer to Club noticeboard or contact:

Mick Kelly, Physics 3 (Captain)

Gary Longhurst, Mech Eng 3 (Secretary)

Sarah Dinmore, Zoology 3 (Treasurer)

Snooker

THE Snooker Club will take new members every lunchtime in the Snooker Lounge, Beit. We have entered three teams for the UL League and are now looking for new talent, so all gifted freshers will be made very welcome.

Orienteering

THE ORIENTEERING CLUB took part in its first event of the year last Sunday, held at Box Hill in Surrey. The day was fine and there were a large number of freshers taking part, so many that we needed two minibuses!

The area, as its name suggests, is quite steep, and, by the end of the courses, most people (especially me!) were feeling the strain of having gone up and down too many hills!

Most of the freshers competed on the C course, which was 4km, everyone finished, and especially good times were recorded by Philip Bostock and Göan Stenberg.

Ken Warren had a good run and managed to win the B course, while Alan Parker had a reasonable run on the A course.

A good time was had by all and we look forward to the next event this Sunday.

Andy Maynard

Table Tennis

WELCOME to all those who have joined this year (there are almost a hundred of you) and especially to the female members who have made this club less male-dominant.

The Table Tennis Room is now open and table tennis balls, bats and nets are available in the messengers' room on the ground floor of the Union Building.

The Club officers are: *Captain*, Andy Tye, Civ Eng 3; *Secretary*, Phil Walker, Mech Eng 2; *Treasurer*, Andy Cowling, Physics 2 and *Publicity Officer*, Chris Li Pang, Chem Eng 2.

If you have any suggestions and queries concerning the club, please do not hesitate to contact any of us.

Since the beginning of the term, we have had a number of matches and we are thankful to those enthusiastic players who took part.

On October 1, IC V team brought the first victory of the year when they played Sarah

Siddons. They won seven sets out of a total of nine. Congratulations.

IC II played IC III on October 2. The final score was 6-3, with three sets to Robin Millevwan, two to Andy Tye and one to Gary Etheridge.

IC V met Texaco II on October 7. Although, Tho won three sets, the final score was 3-6.

On October 7 IC I met Gainsford III. The final score was 6-3 with two sets each to P Rutherford, K Lakhan and R Miller.

The final score was 6-3 when IC II met Exiles 4 on October 10. John Blount won two sets, Andy Cowling, three and Phil Miller, one.

For those interested, more reports will appear in this column soon. Suggestions are welcome.

Chi-Li Pang

Basketball

FOR THE first time in the short history of the Basketball Club, we are to have a full size court in College, and I would like to thank on behalf of the club, the ACC Chairman and all others who have helped make it possible.

There is however, one slight hitch, namely that there are no baskets, but we hope to have them installed by the end of this week.

The timetable for the "New Volleyball Court" was drawn up last week and we have its use for the following times: Monday between 6:00pm and 10:00pm; Thursday between 12:30pm and 2:30pm; and Saturday between 5:30pm and 10:00pm.

The court is situated in the old chemistry building. For those of you not familiar with College, there will shortly be a map on the basketball noticeboard (in the main entrance to the Union Building) to explain its location.

Ladies' Team

WE have never in the past succeeded in getting a ladies' team together. There have always been a number of women training regularly though, and we would like to see this enthusiasm rewarded. This will only be possible if we are able to get more ladies coming along, so if the idea of doing some regular exercise appeals to you (it doesn't matter if you haven't played before), then we want to see more of you (? - Ed)

Internal Competition

FOLLOWING a suggestion we would like to introduce this year a new internal basketball competition (possibly inter-CCU) but this will only be possible if we get enough regular players.

Referees

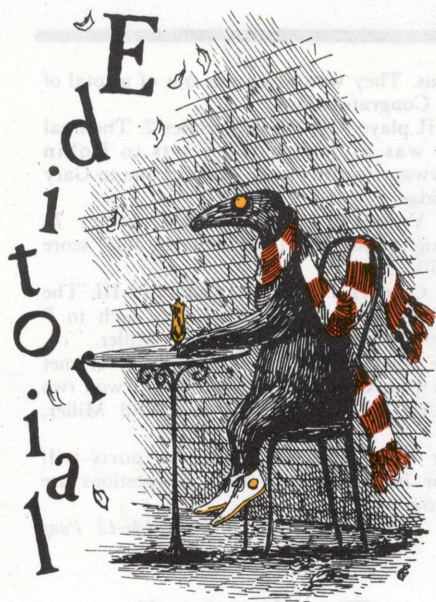
WHEN the London Colleges League starts this year (around the beginning of November) we will need qualified referees for our matches, so if you want to earn a quick pound (or five), then refereeing for IC is an easy way.

In short, men, women, referees, if you're interested, contact me through the Physics letter-racks or just appear at the court with your kit on a Monday night.

Mike Ainslie
Physics 3

COPY DEADLINE

Remember that the copy deadline for weekend matches (reports and results) is Monday 5:30pm and for Wednesday matches, 8:00pm the same day.



Erratum

We made a boo-boo on the calendar last week. The Caravan ENTS gig should have been on November 16, not November 9.

Last Week's Issue

As you must have realised by now, the ruse about the folding machine breaking down was merely an excuse to attempt to smash the record for the largest FELIX collation staff. If you enjoyed yourself last week, why not come in every Thursday night for even more fun. Well done, we're all very pleased with you . . . and not a single letter of complaint!

The Man Responsible

I asked John Passmore what he felt about his Freshers' Ball; he said he could say nothing but that he was sorry. He said the same at Union Council on Monday and in today's 'Preversions' column.

I was most surprised that the matter was treated so lightly at Council. While it is all well and good for John to 'do the decent thing' and apologise for his cock-up, I feel that this can be no excuse. Mr Passmore has just thrown FIVE HUNDRED POUNDS worth of Union money down the drain (PG Group, for instance, have only this amount allocated for the entire year); DOESN'T ANYONE MIND?

So C'mon Council, stop patting John on the back for being so frank and honest about

his failings; he should write a full report of the incident so that the situation may be avoided in the future.

New Feature

You will notice inside an article called "Soapbox". While the letters page offers the opportunity for anyone to express their views, I felt that it would be a good idea to encourage authors to explore their topics more fully than the space constraints of the letters page will allow (i.e. a maximum of one column per letter). So, the ball is in your court, articles should occupy no more than a page and be double spaced. Contributions will not be accepted that merely attempt to contradict a previous article: the letters page is usually sufficient for that. Obviously, inclusion cannot be guaranteed, but articles will be kept over for a future issue, if possible.

Thanks to

Caroline, Patrick, Eric, Dave (3), Colin, Johnathon, Len, and all those who've slipped my mind at the moment of writing.

P.S. Thanks to Geoff Reason without who's organ ours would not have functioned this week!

Puzzle Corner

By Scaramouche

Naughty Numbers

Wodge has been applying logic to the problem of obscene telephone calls, and developed what he calls his 'system'. Last week he explained it to me, with his customary enthusiasm.

"Take your telephone number, for instance: 57388," he said, waving his hands about. "You arrange the digits first in descending then ascending order and subtract the two, giving a new five digit number. In your case this is 88753 minus 35788, that is 52965."

"How does this fit in with obscene phone calls?" I asked.

"Well, obviously, it's very beneficial for an obscene phone caller to receive obscene calls himself."

"Or herself," I put in, trying not to sound flippant. Wodge gave me a pained look and continued.

"Provided we can persuade all obscene phone callers to scramble their telephone numbers in the way I've just explained, and then make all their calls to the number they get by this process, and provided all these obscene phoners have suitable telephone numbers in the first place, they will each receive highly therapeutic lewdness from one of the others in the network."

"Ingenious, but it has a drawback," I remarked, after some thought. "Even in a town like this where telephone numbers are five digits long, and may start with an 0, the number of obscene phone callers on your system will be at most"

How many?

Solutions, comments and criticisms to me c/o FELIX Office by Tuesday noon, please. FELIX has generously donated a small prize for the first correct solution opened on Tuesday afternoon. There was a prize last week, too, but true to form, the Editor forgot to mention this. Congratulations to Ralph Williams, of Chem 1, who won it.

Last Week's Solution

- A was told that C got a third
- B was told that A got a second
- C was told that B got a first
- D was told that E got a first
- E was told that F got a third
- F was told that D got a second

From what he was told, F can deduce everyone's results. So F was told that either

- i) E got a first
- or ii) D got a second
- or iii) C got a second

Now in case i) there is no information C could have received to enable him to deduce everyone's results. So we can rule out i).

Case ii) leads to the correct solution, while (iii) leads to this:

- A was told that B got a second
- B was told that D got a third
- C was told that A got a first
- D was told that E got a third
- E was told that F got a third
- F was told that C got a second

which is consistent with the students' deductions, but does not accord with A's comment that he hope he'd done better.

Interesting letter received by the FELIX Office last week

5th October, 1980

Dear Sir/Madam,

As an American tourist, I was most dismayed to see a group of young people streaking in Kensington Gardens this afternoon. As I was with my four year old daughter I found this display embarrassing and shocking.

Owing to Imperial College's location, I believe this group of people to be students of your college. I apologise most sincerely if I am wrong but this disgusting habit must not be allowed to continue. I have always had a high opinion of the conduct of England's people.

Yours faithfully,

Nancy Cleimer.