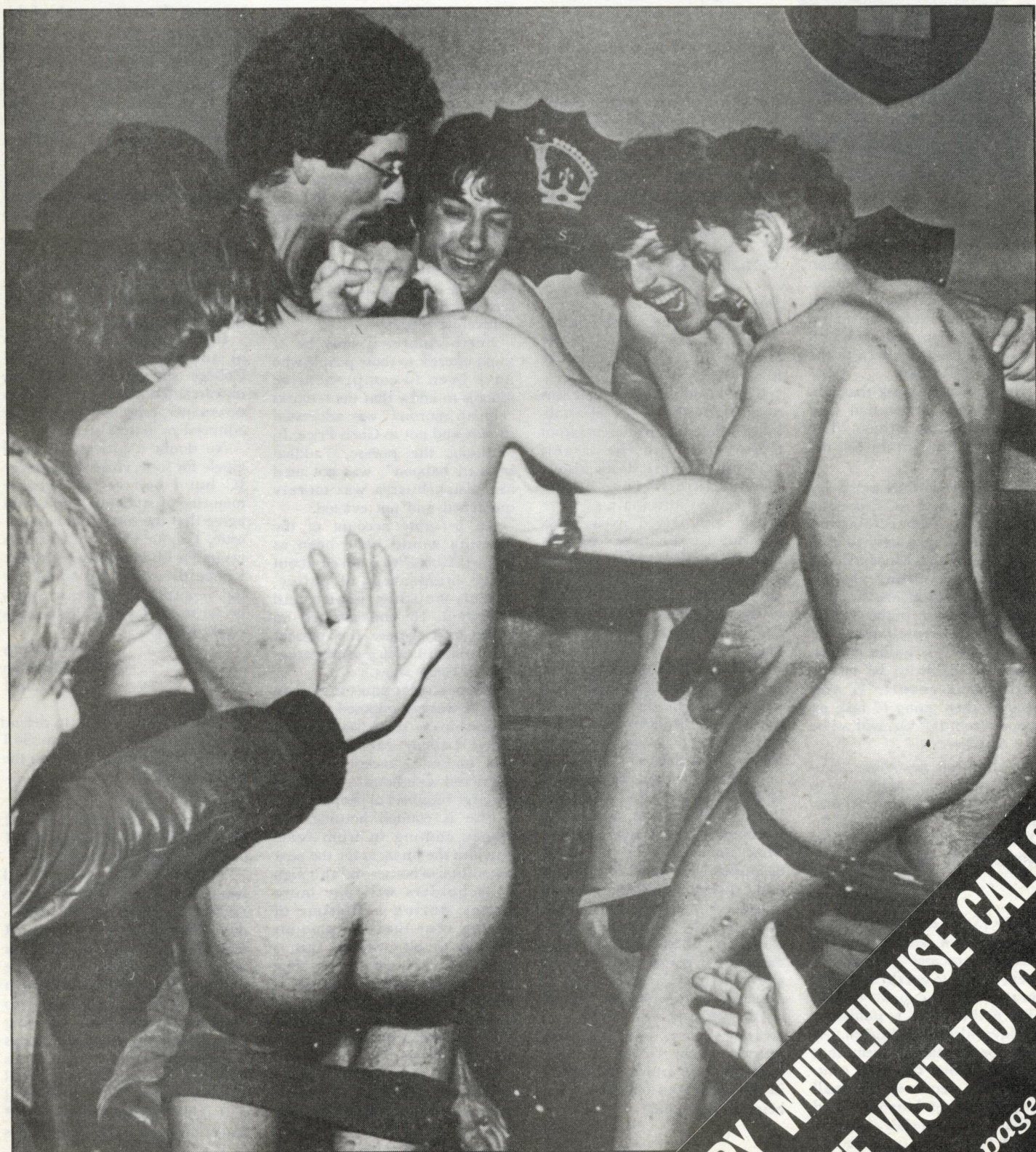




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OFF VISIT TO IC**
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Letters to the Editor



Dear Mr Marshall

I was pleased with the compromise reached at the UGM between a majority of opinion and achieving your resignation. The latter would have caused upheaval and extra burden on the other Union officers which also would not have been to the benefit of the Union.

However, may I ask that you show kindness, toleration and consideration to others. The following is the reason for my recent attitudes:

'We are all influenced by everybody around us. Especially by the media. From reading this year's FELIX, it is easy to gain the impression that Mr Marshall's attempts at handling various ideas and people are normal human behaviour. In the years to come, if he is to continue and set the precedent for future editors, we are all liable to be nastier people as a result. Is any employer then going to take on anybody from IC? Or, will we be nasty employers?

I realise that my above argument is subjective and not easy to prove, but I fear that it may contain truth.

I would hope that this issue need never be raised again.

Yours faithfully
David Pinnegar

Dear Sir (Stevie baby mate)

Just a quick word about the self-styled nutcases who are at present trying to get rid of you on a motion in the next UGM, which if this letter is published will have already occurred. As you probably realise I mean that Pinnegar fellow, the little runt. Any normal person with a small enough sense of humour could see that your editorials along the lines of two weeks' ago are not exactly to be taken 100% seriously!

Which is presumably Pinnegar and his smelly little friend could not see this. I have talked to a number of people in the physics department of pin beggar is a member, and the general feeling out of about 160 people is that this little medlo-maniac gets all he has coming to him in the form of letters like this and promised muggings. (No, that has absolutely nothing to do with me).

OK OK, so 48 people did sign the letter with him that appeared in last week's FELIX. But my investigations tend to suggest that not all those signatures were actually backed up by the people to whom they were supposed to belong. No of course I'm not suggesting the letter was forged, but just that some of the people on it have perhaps in some way been misrepresented.

Also, Steve, there was a vicious rumour going round that pin sucker just wanted to get onto IC Radio or something.

Yours against self-styled gadaffis
Eric the Mutilated Camel
C Hatton, DoC Research Group

Dear Sir

As author of the article entitled "Study in the Shadow of the Gun" (FELIX 578) I should like to add one or two further points.

The purpose of the article was to give advance notice of a talk by two Palestinian students from a university on the Israeli occupied West Bank about alleged interference by the occupying authorities. The article also served as a background to the talk and the underlying Middle East conflict. The Middle East problem is both old and very complex and hence to do any justice to the subject the article necessarily had to be long.

I do not claim for a moment that the history of Palestine and Israel given in the article is a completely objective account, but I cannot accept Messrs Cooper and Axelrod's statement in a letter in last week's issue (FELIX 579) that Bir Zeit "enjoys complete academic freedom". This is quite untrue. Most universities in the world encourage freedom of thought and expression, and as soon as an outside influence curtails that freedom, the university's very existence is threatened. Bir Zeit's existence is being threatened by the military authorities as reported by the student at the talk. This is certainly not creating peace, and since the purpose of the UN is to create and maintain peace and justice in the world this offensive is not being taken lightly.

Yours faithfully
Nick Bedding
UN Soc

Dear Sir

I find it scandalous that a famous author should be visiting IC without massive publicity. The Bookshop hasn't got any of his books in, he's not appearing in the Read or Pippard Lecture Theatres (not famous enough say College authorities), and yet this is the man described by Tom Disch as "one of the science fiction field's top bananas". I don't know what Mr Disch meant, but in any case JOHN SLADEK's visit is an event which deserves to be more well known. If FELIX doesn't send a reporter along to Physics Lecture Theatre 2 on Tuesday March 17 at 1:30pm, I would like to know the reason why.

Yours frantically publicising
K C Mann (Miss)

Dear Sir

I would like to reply to your journalist's (sic) article (sic) about the Labour Club's meeting with Chris Price (Labour MP for Lewisham).

Whatever Zarathustra's opinion of the meeting, it was clearly serious and did not warrant such a juvenile report.

Furthermore, it may be of some interest to those people who have been to comprehensive schools to know that the remarks "simian morons" was addressed to them and not to Chris Price. In addition, the phrase, "addled brained baboon", was not used and Zarathustra was merely quietened and not evicted.

An accurate account of the meeting would have been as follows: Chris Price talked about three main areas of policy, namely housing, health and education. He concentrated on arguments against the present government's policy of privatisation in these areas.

He took great pains to explain that he was not opposed to home ownership as such (stating that "most Labour MPs own their own houses"), except where it interfered with housing provision for large numbers of people. Such a case is council housing, the money coming in from rents provides the finances for the next generation of houses and although householders will pay more money during a lifetime of paying rent that the amount needed to buy theirs, this is absolutely necessary at a time when private sector housing is almost at a standstill and in London alone approximately 30,000 people are forced to squat short life property.

He then went on to criticise private medicine and in particular pay beds in NHS hospitals. It is not at all certain that pay beds bring substantial amounts of money to the NHS, but it is clear

that private patients leave themselves wide open to corrupt practices. Apart from the money they pay to the Area Health Authority, private patients also pay a fee directly to the consultant, based on what treatment is given. This obviously gives an unnecessary incentive to consultants to give expensive unneeded operations.

Finally, he launched into private schools, criticising the charitable status that public schools enjoy, and the resulting subsidisation of the wealthy by the poor. A small example of this is the way in which over the last six years Eton College (at present having the exclusive fee of £3,500pa) has been receiving butter through a charitable EEC scheme at 32p a pound saving the College an estimated £10,000 a year.

Yours fraternally

B Alexander and D Gunawardena
for Labour Club

Dear Sir

Last week's FELIX contained an article which degraded and humiliated the IC Labour Club's Chris Price meeting.

It is deplorable that any club or society within Imperial College should suffer such an unwarranted attack in the Union newspaper, especially outside the editorial or letters section.

No doubt it provided a good giggle for some childish Tories at IC but I believe the sensible majority of students here would agree that the small, but enthusiastic, Labour Club is a coward's target for blind right-wing abuse. I hope the writer responsible for the report will apologize (maturely) to the Labour Club in this weeks FELIX.

Yours faithfully
A.M. Kellerman
Civ Eng 1

Ed's Note

(I find it very difficult to defend our (new) reporter's actions. So I won't - I trust that he will do the decent thing.)

Sir

These are just some personal opinions on the Hustings UGM and the candidates involved.

Why were contentious political issues such a central point in the election speeches of the candidates claiming to be a-political? I make a special reference to South Africa. The candidates who were perhaps more 'political' (although this term is generally used to discredit people with left-wing views) took the trouble to stress the importance of student issues and their impartiality to political affairs only to have apartheid and other essentially irrelevant* issues dragged up by candidates

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UGM Shocker FELIX Editor thwarts bid to oust him

Last Thursday the Hustings UGM was held before a packed Great Hall, and broadcast live on STOIC and IC Radio. The meeting also discussed a motion of dismissal of the FELIX Editor.

The meeting opened after 1:00pm with over five hundred people present. The STOIC lights glared down on the Exec table at the front, and the first of the large number of paper planes to be thrown during the meeting took to the air. Mark Gillette quickly moved that the motion on the FELIX Editor should be discussed after the Hon Sec's Business, and this was accepted on the vote. The President, DP and Hon Sec gave their respective Exec News reports, and these were all accepted.

Dave Pinnegar then proposed the motion against the FELIX Editor. Mr Pinnegar relied heavily on the argument that by his editorial comments and otherwise Mr Marshall had laid the Union open to suits for defamation of character and libel. He argued that the editor should not have made the comments he did about Princess Anne. Mr Pinnegar received two extensions to give him four minutes speaking time. These were readily agreed to by the meeting.

At this point, Graham King proposed an amendment to delete the clause "the present FELIX Editor shall be deemed dismissed" and to insert a clause withdrawing the Editor's sabbatical grant for one week. He thought a "no confidence" motion was too severe, but that the Editor needed to be reprimanded. David Pinnegar spoke against the amendment and it was not carried.

At this point Patrick Coll, FELIX Staff Orator rose to address the meeting. Speaking on behalf of Mr Marshall, he outlined the procedure by which a sabbatical can be dismissed, pointing out that a motion passed at two UGMs with two thirds majority were required to remove the Editor. It would take to the middle of next term to remove him from office. "This meeting," he said, "is probably the best attended and most representative UGM this session and therefore it provides the best test of opinion of the student body at this College. The voting on this motion will be more than a test of opinion, it is a vote of no confidence in Steve Marshall, and in FELIX this year.

"Unlike the Union Executive, Mr Marshall is a man of definite opinion and beliefs and does not treat this motion lightly. He is only willing to edit the newspaper as his judgment allows, or not at all, and he has no wish to stay in office on technicalities. Therefore, if this motion is passed against him by the required majority here today, he will immediately tender his resignation as FELIX Editor. If a motion of no confidence is to be passed, then it should mean what it says. If it is honestly your opinion that he should go . . . then he will.

"In that event FELIX will be edited by the Hon Sec who cannot realistically be expected to do two people's jobs well. The standard of FELIX will fall, and an outlet for student opinion would be lost. Voting for this motion serves no useful purpose . . . vote against it".

After this, Mark Gillette summed up for the motion, referring to the libel issues, adding that Dr Monro was considering suing the Union, but he made no reference to the editor's threatened resignation. The motion then went to a vote, which was a hand count as the issue was regarded as sufficiently important. The voting was 232 for, 227 against with 46 abstentions. Therefore, the motion was not passed by the required majority.

The meeting then moved on to the hustings for sabbatical president, deputy president and honorary secretary. After this, a procedural motion was passed to allow the El Salvador motion to be considered next. The motion expressed solidarity with the people of El Salvador in their current situation. An amendment, to send John Passmore to El Salvador, was not put, and the motion was defeated.

At this point Daré Afolabi proposed a procedural motion that the Brandt Report motion be considered next. Jon Firth, UGM Chairman, however refused to accept the motion, and Mr Afolabi then proposed a motion challenging the Chairman's ruling. This was overwhelmingly defeated on the vote. The meeting went on to pass three Bye-Law changes on their first reading. These concerned extending the grounds on which College staff may become life members of the Union, disbanding ICWA and placing the Ents Chairman on Council. At this stage, Steve Goulder moved a motion for adjournment and this was passed 75-67 at 3:20pm.



Next year's Sabbaticals: Mark Smith (FELIX Ed) in foreground and (left to right) Marco Ledwold (Hon Sec), Nick Morton (President), Barney McCabe (DP).

Next Year's Sabbaticals

Next year's Sabbatical Officers are to be Nick Morton, President; Barney McCabe, Deputy President, and Marco Ledwold, Honorary Secretary. The results were announced at the Results UGM yesterday afternoon.

The meeting opened at 1:15pm to about 350 people in the Great Hall, but without 'Mike', ICU's mascot, present.

The President briefly pointed out an article in that day's *Times* which said that the University Grants Commission were going to make representations to the Government about education cuts. The Deputy President, announced that the Union estimates would go in to College for considerations next Tuesday.

The Hon Sec, Liz Lindsay, announced the retirement of John Fuller a popular College Traffic Warden, and presented him with ICU Social Colours.

John Passmore, as sabbatical returning officer announced the election results. These were:

President		Hon Secretary	
		<i>First Allocation</i>	
Nick Morton	1,121	Marco Ledwold	647
Aftab Gujral	521	Pete Newman	348
Abstentions	33	Kirsten Pratt	490
Spoilt	19	Abstentions	103
Deputy President		Spoilt	106
B McCabe	1,042	<i>After reallocation</i>	
N Moran	462	Marco Ledwold	804
Abstentions	74	Kirsten Pratt	536
Spoilt	116		

The total poll in each election was 1,694. After these results, Mark Smith, next year's FELIX Editor, made a short statement outlining his plans for his term of office.

Liz Lindsay took over as returning officer at this point in the meeting. Hustings were held for UGM Chairman, between Steve Goulder and Phil Merryman. The meeting ratified the election of Ian Greenwood as ULU Rep, Martin Taylor as External Affairs Officer, and Sean Coyle as ICCAG Chairman (the only candidates). Hustings were held for the post of Rag Chairman between Mark Wilkins, Bil Durodie and Deborah Nicholls.

A point of order was made asking the Chairman to tell the STOIC cameraman to turn his headphones down as it was disturbing having to listen to them. This request was accepted.

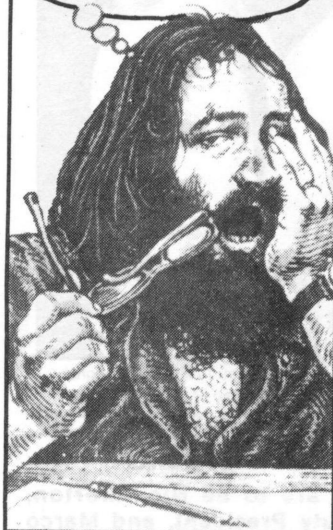
Husting was thus held for the post of Academic Affairs Officer, between Lee Paddon and Mike Booty.

The UGM went on to the motions, and a procedural move was made to place a motion on William Cortazzi (instructing that he should be thrown in the 'Round Pond') at the head of the agenda. Before it could be voted on, William Cortazzi successfully challenged Quorum, showed his Unioncard and withdrew hastily from the Great Hall.

Most other people there though stayed on for an informal discussion on the motion.

The results of the elections held by paper ballot at the UGM were announced later, and Steve Goulder, Bill Durodie and Mike Booty were elected. Papers for Welfare Officer are to remain up on the Lower Lounge noticeboard as no one has stood for the post.

Letters to the Editor



who had seconds earlier promised a reduction of 'political' issues at UGMs. Am I alone in holding strong views on hypocrisy.

Secondly, I was surprised at the number of candidates and proposers who 'slagged-off' this years exec in hustings speeches. Constructive criticism is invaluable. If these people thought that the Union was going wrong, why didn't they step in a few months ago and give some useful help. Okay, so it might have been a less than dynamic year for the Union, but who can cast the first stone? The Exec should not be used as scapegoats for all the shortcomings as they are not the only members of the Union. Snide comments are not useful in improving the Union and they are an appalling form of election technique.

*I say irrelevant in the sense that the Exec must represent the views of the Union as expressed by democratic meetings. Therefore their own views are worth only as much as anyone else's.

By the way, Steve, where is the article I submitted a few weeks' ago?

Pete Stevens

Ed's Note

(Pete, I read your article written in your position as Union Welfare Officer and found that it contained absolutely no information, so I discarded it.)

Dear Steve

As organiser of the Consoc opinion poll (FELIX 578) I feel I must answer some of Martin Casey's criticisms about its validity.

1. He says he fails to see how any political group can get a meaningful result from such a poll. However, the first four sections were concerned with

items of general interest to students not with party political points, and the last part (on CND) was included as a response to the interest in the subject being generated by IC CND themselves here.

2. We dispute his claim that different wording and ordering of the CND questions would have given a 'quite opposite response'. The questions were worded in a neutral fashion, and directly prove the major planks of the CND argument.

3. Regarding the UGM of December 2, the CND motion was debated in a highly charged atmosphere, and to put it mildly, was not opposed in the most informative way it could have been, thus giving the proposer, Owen Greene, very much a monopoly of credibility. The Consoc poll allowed people to make their minds up coolly and individually and we regard the CND findings as valid.

Yours sincerely

Tim Lawes

Treasurer, Consoc

Dear Sir

Over the past term Consoc has in various ways sought to curtail or denigrate the activities of Imperial College CND Group. I am glad they take us seriously. Until now I have been unable to consider them in the same light, but their tactics impel me to object via your columns.

Apart from a selective questionnaire and an uninformative editorial in their newsletter, Consoc has distributed a leaflet supporting the case for deployment of Cruise missiles. Amongst other distortions and unsupported emotive language, this includes the argument that Russian military spending (17% of GNP compared to 5.2% of US GNP) indicates a relative Russian build-up. This comparison is a nonsense. Apart from the validity of these statistics (no references are given in the leaflet), the important figure is the total expenditure (\$163 billion for Warsaw Pact countries against \$164.7 billion for NATO countries in 1977 — not including France — is quoted by the US Arms Control and Development Agency; hardly Soviet propaganda).

Regardless of the rights or wrongs of Consoc's or CND's beliefs, for a group of people engaged in higher education at a scientific college to use this kind of distorted logic to support their case is absolutely disgraceful. It weakens Consoc's credibility.

I question both the intelligence and the ethics of those responsible for this scurrilous propaganda.

Yours in disgust

Ian Heavens

Physics PG
IC CND Group

Dear Sir

I would like to thank all those who took part in the Undugu Charity Sponsored walk despite Saturday's bad weather. Thanks are especially due to those who helped to organise the walk and ensure that everything went smoothly. Sponsor money must be collected by Friday, May 15 at the latest and cheques should be made payable to the 'Undugu Chaplaincy Charity'.

A C Bird

Physics PG/Charity Treasurer

Dear Sir

It was with more than a passing interest we noted the WIST circular, re: Mines Review, which appeared like a rash around the College refectories last week.

Our attention was drawn to the second paragraph "... that a woman's primary role is a sex object, who just ~~wishes~~ exists to satisfy men's wishes." The crossing out is WIST's not ours.

A Freudian slip perhaps?

Yours sincerely

MPM PG MCAS

Small Ads

● **Men's 5-speed racing bike**, excellent condition. £550.00. Phone Roger, int 4595 or 731 6075.

● **Man's cycle**, well cared for, 22 1/2" frame, 5 gears, Brooks leather saddle, £60. Contact Risby, 5895111 ext 1160 or int 2658.

● **Dawes Supergalaxy bicycle**, 23 1/2" frame, good condition, £150. Contact S Gotsi, Man Sci PG.

● **Two tickets** for Adam and the Ants, Sat, March 28, Dominion Theatre, sold out. £6 each. Contact Mark Calvin, 788 1448.

● **The Photoshop** are having an end of term sale on all remaining stock. Everything must go! Tuesday, 12:30-1:00pm, Old Darkroom, Beit Quad. Be There!

● **Korean translator** required for occasional letters by Amnesty International. Contact C Penman, int 4431.

● **Wanted:** Members of External Affairs Committee. No experience required. Qualifications: an interest in student affairs, and the future of higher education. Interest in SU politics may also be an advantage, but not essential.

● **Elderly couple** seek helpful, amiable, male au pair from April 15, 1981, for some months to live in their home near Naples, Italy as handyman. Return journey paid. Pocket money to be agreed. Driving essential. Contact Annie, IC Union Office.

● **Could anyone** please lend me a practice amp (for bass) over the Easter Vac. I promise to look after it, and you will even get a reward! Mika Nakamura, Lyon Playfair Library, int 3971.

● **Wanted:** Lady's 10-speed bicycle. Phone Liz, int 2635 or 937 7048 after 6:00pm.

● **Lost** in Elec Eng 304, Sharp EL-5101 calculator (named). If found please contact Hilary Bridger, Aero 1.

● **President Elect Hay** — Good luck in the IF elections. Who said Watergate was finished? If Passmore and Nixon can do it, so can we! — Falmouth Solidarity Committee.

● **Deaf Kiddies Party**, THIS Saturday, Southside SCR. Anyone wishing to help with food please see me, Alan Edwards, Chemistry 2.

● **BE1/DNW Wimp of the week** (March 2-6): Dave Millet (EE1), "the man with the woolen face", tho' Rob thought it should have been Luke. How is Easter Island Russel?

● **Insidious ball-park** beast grinds handle on Murphy's Law in Berkshire.

● **Evita** — Aardvark's tongues are even longer than carrots! Is there a demand for bilingual zoo-keepers in Argentina?

● **Mike:** Thanks for the girl, the bed and the small ad. I now owe you 3. Love Andy.

● **Sincere apologies** to Fred for cutting off his end last Saturday — NC.

● **Melissa:** Thanks for last night. Sorry the rubber burst. Next time you sleep in the wet patch — Nick.

● **America** — Want to work and travel in the US and Canada next summer? For details of job schemes and work visas contact: BUNAC, Green Comm Room, 3rd floor Union, on Friday lunchtime.

● **Wanted:** Any member of the RCS academic staff who would be prepared to be the Honorary Senior Treasurer for the RCS Hockey Club. Anybody who is interested — please drop a note in my pigeonhole — R Morgan, Maths 2.

● **1 Nakamichi 410 pre-amp**, £150; 1 Lecson AP3 power-amp, £176; 1 Lecson APIX power amp, £120. Phone 521-8531 after 7:00pm (can be delivered to South Kensington area).

Guilds Elections

THE GUILDS Election UGM was held on Tuesday lunchtime, and the results were announced soon after.

Andy Rushton beat Ian Hodgson by 199 votes to 70 for President. Other successful candidates are: Vice President, Nick Jenkins; Hon Sec, Sue Ridd; HJT, Dave Forshaw; Ents Chairman, Simon Shaw; AAO, Jim Boucher; Old Centurian Rep, Mike Richardson; Publicity Officer, Dave Millett

Ex-Hack News

THOSE of you around College in the past few years will no doubt remember Bernie Smith, the Physics Dep Rep who "represented one fifth of College", also stood for ICU Hon Sec, and twice defeated in elections for Welfare Officer.

Bernard is now a part-time MSc student at the University of Surrey where after "twenty days" in the place (not counting this sabbatical campaign) he has succeeded in being elected on first preference votes alone as Sabbatical Vice-President, with responsibility for Welfare and Education. He polled 650 first preference votes out of 1,200 cast, beating his nearest rival by over 200 votes.

Having achieved this he is very likely to find himself unopposed as Surrey area NUS convener, a post which invariably goes to a Surrey University sabbatical.

Mary Whitehouse calls off visit

MARY WHITEHOUSE, a leading member of the 'clean up The Press and T.V.' pressure groups, and a campaigner against indecent and degrading displays and publications did not come to Imperial College yesterday. She was to have given a lecture on "Twentieth Century Morals" as part of a series on "Christianity Today."

This is the second time that Mrs Whitehouse has had to postpone her engagement at IC. Last term the cancellation was due to illness, but FELIX can only speculate as to the reason this time.

Guilds win Swimming Gala

LAST MONDAY evening saw the Inter-CCU Swimming Gala taking place in the College swimming pool. Teams from Guilds won the men's water polo, and both the men's and women's swimming races. The presidential race, however, where participants swim blind-folded and with four fully inflated waterwings, was won by RCS, despite Dave Gayer looking like Duncan Goodhew. Mines did not enter the competition.

Rae Snee snatch attempt

THE OLD RIVALRY between Chelsea College, QEC and Imperial was rekindled last week when students attempted to kidnap the ICU Deputy President, Rae Snee.

Two students from Chelsea came to the FELIX office, on Wednesday night, and asked, "Where are your Union officers? - It's important." We gave them the number of Rae's room in Beit Hall.

The Deputy President was fortunately in the company of Mr Steve Tyson. After listening to a feeble attempt to entice Rae out of her room, Mr Tyson leapt across the floor and slammed the door.

This incident follows Monday's QEC raid on Chelsea College. Ten 'heavies' claiming to be from Imperial forcibly kidnapped the Chelsea President and demanded the donation of 30 pints of blood for his release (*a paltry amount - Ed*).

City University made an attempt last term to abduct Dave Gayer, Guilds President, but mistakenly nabbed John Passmore. Realising their mistake, Mr Passmore was quickly released, which must say something for his importance.

It seems that Imperial has been fairly passive in the field of mascotry and pillage so far this year. Is the Wooden Horse Organisation dead or merely dormant?

Bare Faced Cheek!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

SPOT FIVE RCS PRESIDENTS on a Union Bar table and there's a chance to take a rare picture. Wait for them to do a zumba and FELIX has a classic front page!

From left to right: falling off the table is Sean O'Boyle (RCS President 79-80), next is the shocked Pete Maltbaek (77-78), Chris Fox (RCS Pres, 78-79 & ICU Pres 79-80), Rich Archer (80-81) and Dave Thompson (RCS President elect).

The zumba was the high point of last Sunday's RCS bar night which was held to celebrate the election of next year's Exec.

Rich Archer commented to FELIX that he would be proud to see the photo in print. Both Sean and Dave laughed when shown a copy.

Engineering Professors want fewer students

ENGINEERING professors are to call for a major reduction in numbers of engineering students studying at universities. At its annual assembly this month, the engineering professors conference is expected to pass a resolution calling for a 25% reduction in future numbers of engineering students, a drop from the present figure of about 10,000 to 7,500.

The move, which is being recommended by the committee of the conference, is being put forward to ensure that the new four-year degree courses, proposed by the national conference on engineering education and training, can be introduced.

Professor Robert Smith, Chairman of the conference, said that if present student numbers were kept at the university for a further year, the present £270m annual cost of engineering education would be raised by a further £80m. "In the present economic climate there is little chance of getting that money," he added.

Instead, it is proposed that the engineering student population should be kept at present levels but would remain at university for an extra year. This would reduce available places by 25%, cutting additional costs, and four year degrees to about £10m.

The engineering professors plan, which follows discussions between them and the University Grants Committee and the Department of Education and Science, is being proposed because of their enthusiastic endorsement of the four-year degree plan.

Rag Chairman & Treasurer kicked out

THIS YEAR'S Rag Chairman, Ian Hodgson, and Rag Treasurer, Eira Hayward, resigned last week, after a motion calling for their resignations was passed by the Rag Committee.

Ian Hodgson was slammed for his lack of enthusiasm and lack of organisational ability, in particular his failure to attract sponsorship for the deaf children's party this weekend. Eira Hayward was criticised for her continued absence from the IC Union Office thus delaying payments to charities, and her failure to order slopshirts for sale in the Union Office.

When the new Rag Chairman is elected after Thursday's UGM, he will take over immediately from the three CCU Vice-Presidents and Alan Edwards (Rag Secretary) who are currently running IC Rag. The election for Rag Treasurer will be held at the Rag Committee meeting on Thursday, March 19.

Steve Tyson, Rag Publicity Officer, also resigned at the meeting last week.

Head Blow!

A CHEMISTRY P.G., Andy MacMahon was detained in hospital after falling off Beit Archway, whilst climbing around it on Tuesday evening. He was taken by ambulance to St Stephen's Hospital with a large gash over his eye. He was kept under observation with suspected concussion for 24 hours.

Blow Head!

PROFESSOR D M Blow PhD, FRS is to be the next Dean of the Royal College of Science. He will take over from Professor W K Hayman MA, FCD, Hon ARCS, FRS, at the beginning of September. Professor Blow will be Dean for three years and will coordinate the academic work in the RCS for that period.

NUS demand grant rise

Student representatives met Dr Rhodes Boyson, under-secretary for higher education, this week to press their case for a 21% increase in grants amid widespread local action in support of the claim.

Demonstrations were held in Glasgow, Dundee, Aberdeen and Edinburgh, while in England students lobbied MPs and local authorities. They want a 15% increase to keep pace with inflation and a further 6% to compensate for a low award last year.

The National Union of Students believes that without this increase, some students could be forced to abandon their courses, and that already many students faced hardship in meeting hall fees well above the £835 element allowed at present for board and lodging. The basic grant would go up from £1,430 to £1,740.

Since 1978 the grant has risen by 30% in value, but prices have gone up by 35%, travel costs by 41%, and board and lodging by 57%.

Boyson opts for loans scheme

Dr Boyson has decided on his favourite option for a mixed grants and loans scheme and will shortly put it to a Cabinet committee.

The scheme, which would replace the present system of mandatory and discretionary grants, is believed to involve a flat-rate grant of about £500 topped up by loans administered by the Department of Education and Science. The loans would be repaid when the graduate's earnings rose above a certain level. Tuition fees would continue to be paid in full for home students.

Sir Geoffrey at odds with IC

THE Rt HON Sir Geoffrey Howe M.P., P.C., Q.C., Chancellor of the Exchequer, expressed disagreement with the IC Bar Committee decision not to raise beer prices, in a House of Commons speech last Tuesday afternoon.

The Bar Committee had decided not to put 2p on the price of a pint of beer, but in a budget statement to a crowded Commons chamber, he announced that beer prices would go up by 4p per pint, and spirits by 60p per bottle. Motorists will have to pay 20p extra on a gallon of petrol, and smokers 14p more for 20 cigarettes.

Easter Welfare

Good news for those who applied for rent rebates last Christmas and were turned down because their contract with the landlord was a licence rather than a tenancy agreement. From April 1 1981 the relevant part of the 1980 Housing Act changes all this, giving licencees the same rebate opportunities as other folk. It's quite in order to apply now and have your claim pending, so don't be put off by any Town Hall officials who may not be ready to proceed yet with the new regulations. This rebate cannot be back dated so it is important to set the wheels in motion well beforehand. Unfortunately 'holiday' and 'company' lets and accommodation shared with the landlord are all still outside the range of rent or rate rebates, but you may be eligible for other benefits and it is always possible to take a 'holiday let' to the county court for reclassification when it is obvious that the tenants are not on holiday.

For those who haven't applied for any benefits before and would like some more information here's an updated version of last term's article on the various ways and means whereby rent payable over the holidays can be wholly or partially offset.

Supplementary Benefit

For most students this benefit can only be claimed during the holidays when you are available for work and can register as unemployed. The vacation element of the grant (£19.20) is approximately equal to the single persons basic SB allowance, so these two cancel out leaving any rent payable during this period as the only additional sum that can be claimed. Entitlement to this benefit is only valid when you are signing on regularly as unemployed in the same area as the one in which you are paying rent. However, it is possible to get a holiday form, allowing you up to sixteen days away from your London address. Alternatively, if you are away for a field trip during the vacation or remain in London for an extension of your course it should be possible to get your LEA to award you a supplementary maintenance grant.

How To Apply For SB

1. Register as available for work on the first weekday of the vacation at your nearest Job Centre.
2. Assuming that there is no suitable job available ask to be registered as unemployed. You will be given a card and form B1.
3. The card is taken to the unemployment benefit office (often in the same building as the Job Centre) where you will receive instructions about signing on regularly.
4. Form B1 is taken to the Supplementary Benefit Office. An appointment system is normally in operation, so it may save time if you phone them first. It will also save time if you have all the necessary documents with you when you go to the SB Office to be assessed. These are as follows: a rent book/tenancy agreement/letter from landlord or the Student Services Office if you are in College accommodation,

including proof that you are resident at the address stated, a recent bank statement and a students' unioncard or other proof of identity.

The amount of benefit that you receive may not be your total rent bill as various sums may be deducted, such as £4.35pw if heating is included in the rent, since this sum is included in the basic SB allowance already balanced off by your grant. Also, if your rent has not been registered by the rent officer or rent tribunal and seems higher than average the calculations may be based on a rent more in line with similar accommodation that has been fair rented. Apart from this the DHSS (Dept of Health and Social Security) have a ceiling of £19 for single householders, £14 for sharers, £24 for a double bedsit and £24 for a one bedroomed flat. The term householder implies someone who is individually responsible for all household expenses. However it is not precisely defined, so even if you live in a flat or house with other students and have your own room, meters, etc, it may be possible to argue that you are maintaining a separate household. Furthermore, if you share a flat and will be the only tenant remaining during the holiday you will be a single householder for the relevant period. A person living as one of the family is classified by the DHSS as a non-householder. The way that SB is worked out for sharers is to classify them as non-householders with a special addition equal to their share of the difference between the householder and the non-householder scale rates (see figures below).

To calculate your own SB, first calculate your requirements, then your resources. Next subtract your resources from your requirements. The amount you are left with should be the amount payable per week.

Requirements

Non-householder £17.05+rent
Sharer

£17.05 + (£4.25 ÷ no. of sharers) + rent
Householder £21.30+rent

Resources

Vacation element of grant £19.20 plus any part-time earnings (£4 disregarded)

The rate for one student sharing with four others paying £15 each would be: £17.05 + £1.06 + £15 - £19.20 = £13.91.

The calculations for your SB will be sent to you and if you disagree with the assessment you are entitled to appeal within twenty-one days.

And don't forget that anyone receiving SB can automatically get free NHS dental treatment, glasses and prescriptions. So if you think you might be needing any of them ask for an exemption certificate while you're at the DHSS Office.

Rent And Rate Rebates

These are available for anyone (apart from the above mentioned exceptions) with a low income. They do not normally offset so much of the rent as Supplementary Benefit, but they can be paid even while you are away and do not entail all the rigmarole of 'signing on'.

How Rent And Rate Rebates Are Worked Out

As with SB the rent is firstly equated with similar accommodation which has been fair rented. Then a 25% deduction is usually made for furniture, with a further amount deducted (up to 25%) if heating is included in the rent. The rate element (approx 25%) is also removed, but this will be subject to its own rebate. The basic rebate will be between 20% and 30% of the remaining figure. The percentage varies according to the rent payable, shrinking as the rent increases. However if you're income is less than £34.90 (the single person's housing benefit needs allowance), as it normally will be during the vacation, then 25% of the difference between the income and the needs allowance is added to the basic figure. If your income is more than the needs allowance then the basic rate is reduced by 17% of the difference between the income and the needs allowance. For those students who apply during termtime some additional calculations (which I won't go into here) complicate things further, making it pointless applying unless your income is well below average.

Example for a student paying a fair rent of £15pw (not including heating or rates) less 25% for furniture:

Rent: £11.25. 25% Basic Rebate: £2.80.
£34.90 (needs allowance) - £19.20 (income) = £15.70. 25% rebate: £3.90.
Total Rebate: (£2.80 + £3.90) £6.70.

If a rate rebate is applicable this part is not subject to any initial reductions, but the calculations tend to be even more tortuous without providing a very clear indication of the final outcome. The above example may not be typical since the rent officers stress that each application is unique and subject to its own variations. However, it would seem that the return is well worth a trip to the Town Hall, if you're not eligible for Supplementary Benefit or Unemployment Benefit, so give it a try and let us know how you get on.

How To Apply For Rent And Rate Rebates

1. It's best to phone your Town Hall first to discover their interview procedure and establish just where the relevant office is since it may not be in the main building.
2. Don't forget to have all the necessary identification, proof of rent and bank statement with you (as described when applying for SB) for anything missing will mean another visit and possibly lost rebate since it only begins when they have established all the relevant facts.

Unemployment Benefit

Last, but by no means least, this is the one to go for if you can. In order to be eligible you will need to have paid Class 1 contributions on earnings of at least £875 between April 1978 and April 1979 or £976 between April 1979 and April 1980. This will give you a basic rate of £20.65 without any other complications, indeed you may get more if you have earned enough to qualify for the earnings related supplement.

To claim: go to your local Unemployment Benefit Office on the

first day of the vacation. Any earlier than this they will turn you away, any later and you may lose money since payment cannot normally be back dated. Take your P45 with you or a note of your national insurance number.

If you run into any problems when claiming these benefits let us know since we may be able to help and we appreciate any information that can usefully be passed on to others.

NEAREST OFFICES for College Head Tenancies

Hamlet Gardens

Job Centre and Unemployment Benefit Office: 200 Shepherds Bush Rd, W6. Tele: 603 3456.

Supplementary Benefit Office: Charles House, 375 High St Kensington, W14. Tele: 603 4633.

Town Hall: Borough of Hammersmith and Fulham, 5 Nigel Playfair Ave (off King St), W6. Tele: 748 3020.

Gerrard Mansions

Job Centre and Unemployment Benefit Office: Chadwick St, SW1. Tele: 222 8060.

Supplementary Benefit Office: 4 Regency St, SW1. Tele: 834 8433.

Town Hall: Westminster Council House, Marylebone Rd (nr Baker St Station). Tele: 828 8070 ext 4176.

IC Halls/Evelyn Gdns/Earls Ct Sq/ Redcliffe St

Job Centre and Unemployment Benefit Office: Wyfold Rd, SW6. Tele: 385 2241. (70/74 bus, ask for Kingwood Rd).

Supplementary Benefit Office: Waterford House, Waterford Rd, SW6. Tele: 736 3399.

Town Hall: Kensington and Chelsea, Hornton St, W8. Tele: 937 5464. (R&R Rebate forms for this area are available at the Welfare Centre).

Lexham Gardens

Job Centre, Unemployment Benefit Office and SB Office the same as Hamlet Gardens. Town Hall the same as IC Halls.

REMEMBER!

All applications for College accommodation for next session (except from new-applicant postgraduates applying to Halls and Houses) must be handed into the Students Service Office, 15 Prince's Gardens, by 5:30pm TODAY (Friday, March 13).

UNFURNISHED FLATS

South Kensington, from £4-5 per person per week

Several unfurnished flats have been made available by the Sutton Housing Trust for letting to Imperial College students.

They will only be let to Imperial College students pursuing full-time courses which end before November 1981. The accommodation will not be available beyond this date.

The Trust is, unfortunately, unable to let to research assistants.

Each flat will be let either to two people who are both full-time students at Imperial or to a married couple one of whom is a full-time student at Imperial.

For further information, please contact the Student Services Office, 15 Prince's Gardens.

ICCAG

AGM

The Annual General Meeting will be held next Tuesday, March 17, at 5:30pm in the ICCAG Room, top floor of the Union Building. Members are urged to attend, as next year's committee will be elected during the meeting, as well as future policy and events being discussed. Please try to come.

Soup Runs

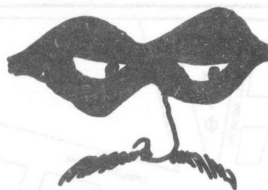
Help is still needed on the soup runs, every Friday and Tuesday night. Meet in the kitchen, Falmouth Hall, at about 10:30pm.

Mentally Handicapped

This is the year of the disabled, and we are helping at a club for mentally handicapped children and their friends on Saturdays. More volunteers are required, so if you can spare the occasional Saturday afternoon please contact Sean Coyle, Elec Eng 2. Thanks.

Don't forget the AGM - please come!

IC RAG presents A DISGUISE PARTY



Friday, March 20
in the JCR

8:00pm till 2:00am (bar extension)

Tickets 50p from ICU and CCU Offices.

Christian Union

Most people know that Jesus Christ died on a cross 2,000 years ago, yet few examine closer than that. Christians believe that the death and resurrection of Jesus is relevant to us today, and as Easter approaches the Imperial College Christian Union takes the opportunity of inviting you to an open service. The service is at Holy Trinity Brompton (behind Southside) at 12:30pm. It will consist of readings and songs, culminating in a talk by Steve Williams looking at the death and resurrection of Jesus and its meaning. Steve is a curate at Holy Trinity, Brompton. We've even got food laid on! See you there.

Timothy Blower
Chem Eng 2

ICYHA

A SMALLER GROUP than usual ventured into the wilds of Somerset a few weeks ago, staying at Holford youth hostel.

The weather was fine on the Saturday and we headed for Bridgewater Bay where we followed the cliffs for some miles, returning by a rather devious route in the evening.

On the Sunday we walked on the Quantock Hills as far as Triscombe and back. Last weekend we went camping in Langdale in the Lake District although the weather could have been better.

On the Easter trip to the Cairngorms in Scotland we will also be camping and plans are underway for the summer trip to Norway.

Yesterday (Thursday, March 12) we had our AGM with elections for next year's committee posts and the destinations for future weekends were discussed.

Steve Clarke

Bookshop News

THE BOOKSHOP is now an official stockist of maps and guides published by Michelin. What we haven't got we can order.

The Royal Society of Chemistry, University of Nottingham, will have a selection of their publications on show in the Bookshop from March 11 to 20.

Lead Titles

The Zero-Sum Society - Lester C Thurow
(Basic Books, £7.95)

As the rest of the World begins to overtake us in real economic growth and productivity, our society seems paralysed, unable to act or even agree on what action is necessary. Why? This book tries to find out the reasons.

Vodka-Cola - Charles Levinson
(P Peline Books, £4.95)

"You bottle our Coke and we'll buy your Vodka." Vodka-Cola is a witty, amusing, thought-provoking, sensational look at the East-West detente.

Understand your friends. The following glossaries are now in stock:

Rhyming Cockney Slang 75p
Scottish-English, English-Scottish 60p
American-English, English-American 75p
Australian-English, English-Australian 75p

INCOST '81

DURING THE WEEK April 1 to 8 of this Easter vacation, ICU will be hosting the fifth International Conference of Students of Technology. The conference provides a forum for discussion for approximately fifty students from many nations.

The opening address will be given by Mr James McDivitt, Director of UNESCO's Division of Technological Research and Higher Education, setting the ground for a conference with an international approach. UNESCO has agreed to sponsor two students from underdeveloped countries to attend INCOST.

Topics singled out for special attention this year are: The Information Revolution, Educational Preparation for a Scientific or Technical Degree, The Role of Research in Universities, and Transportation in an Energy Conscious Society. To aid with these discussions, ICU has invited a wide range of expert speakers, from both academic and commercial worlds, to address the conference.

Apart from the working sessions, a widely varied programme has been prepared for delegates, including visits to industrial works, a trip to Silwood Park and a full entertainments programme in the evenings.

C M Rich
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INCOST Committee

IC CHOIR SPRING CONCERT

Brahms: Ein Deutsches Requiem
Mozart: Vesperae Solennes de Confessore
Friday, March 13 at 8:00pm

IC Great Hall

Conductor E Brown

RAPE ALARMS

priced £2.50, now available from Rae Snee in the IC Union Office.

First Aid Lecture and Demo for Sportsmen

Thursday, March 19

1:00pm

Health Centre, Prince's Gardens



JUST A QUICK one this week. If you haven't got a ticket for tonight's Satanic Rites or put your name down for Dinner in Hall next Tuesday then you're too late! It's your own fault, but you've still got a chance to redeem yourself. Tomorrow afternoon at 2:00 in the Southside SCR, Rag is putting on a party for the deaf kids we are helping this year. Party games and jelly and ice creams are the order of the day, so if you fancy reliving your childhood or just joining the fun, come along tomorrow.

Also in aid of Rag, a Masked Ball is being held on the last day of term. Tickets are available from soc reps for a mere 50p. Finish term in style!

See you.

PJ



Friday, March 13
Pedal Car Club Dinner
Saturday, March 14
Deaf Children's Party
Thursday, March 19
Rag Committee Meeting
Friday, March 20
Rag "Masked Ball"

Anyone who competed in either the inter-departmental or the twenty-four hour pedal car race is welcome to come to the dinner tonight, at Bortsch 'n' Tears. The cost depends on what you eat. Meet at 7:00pm in Stan's or 7:30pm at Bortsch 'n' Tears.

Help is needed for the Deaf Kiddies' Party from 12:00 noon; the party starts at 2:00pm in the Senior Common Room in Southside.

The Rag Treasurer, Rag Mag Editor and Rag Publicity Officer will all be elected on Thursday at 5:45pm in the Union Building Senior Common Room. Come along if you want to stand.

Tickets for the "Masked Ball" are 50p each from the Guilds Office. It will be a normal JCR party but everyone should go in disguise.

Andy

SF Soc

Apologies must be made for the non-appearance of last week's bulletin. We did submit one. It was not printed. We were told that his was due to "lack of space". For those of you who really want to read it, it will be serialised on Mark Jeffcock's badge from March 16 to 20, and marketed as a board game by TSR early next year under the name "Cosmic Bulletin".

Now, a serious paragraph. John Sladek, world renowned SF author, will visit Imperial College on Tuesday, March 17, as a guest of ICSF Soc. His speech, to be delivered in Physics Lecture Theatre 2, will be on the subject of robots (his current obsession), past, present and future. For those of you who don't know, Mr Sladek is the author of *The Steam-Driven Boy*, *The Muller-Focker Effect*, *Keep The Giraffe Burning*, *Mechasm*, and his latest novel *Roderick*. He has also written a non-fiction work, an encyclopaedia of crank beliefs, called *The New Apocrypha*. So, turn up at the aforementioned time and place for a really interesting free event.

This is the first talk in a planned series given by famous authors arranged by ICSF Soc. The next is at the beginning of next term, to be given by Christopher Priest.

Well, I'm sorry that this bulletin has contained so much information and so few jokes, but Steve Marshall doesn't like us to be entertaining, and we really do want this bulletin to get printed. Don't worry, I promise that you won't be able to understand the next one.

The really serious Kenneth Mann
Really serious ICSF Soc Publicity Officer

Reviews

Little Bob Story — *Light of my Town* (RCA Import)

Little Bob is wider than he is tall. He is French and is vocalist with a band who sound not unlike Bruce Springsteen, both in the type of music they play and the gravelly mumbled vocals.

Eardrum distortion as a musical technique is little used now, but at the Hope and Anchor last week, Little Bob used it to its fullest extent and effectiveness, rather like the guitarist uses harmonics. Despite this, the sound was amazingly pure with all five band members clearly discernable. The band is over in England for a short, virtually unannounced tour to promote their new album, *Light of my Town*, available on RCA (France).

The set featured most of the new album, although the emphasis was on the fast rock'n'roll songs, such as *Switchboard Julie* and *Rockin' Down My Street*. Slower songs such as the title track of the album, relying more on keyboards, came over less well. The ideas sound mostly borrowed but there is a certain freshness and variety on the album, where the strongest songs are perhaps the slower ones, and particularly *Steely Blue Morning* sounding uncannily Springsteenish. They deserve support from more than the handful of people who turned up to see them, half of whom were French anyway.

Grace Slick — *Welcome to the Wrecking Ball* (RCA)

Grace emerges triumphantly from the ruins created by D & V Wrecking Corporation, dynamite tucked down her strides. The fact that she remains unscathed is as amazing as her youthful looks, considering that this is the Grace of Jefferson Airplane/Starship White Rabbit St Charles fame.

And the album is even more amazing making Motorhead sound like Joe Dolce on acid. The title track, one of only three co-penned by Slick with lead guitarist/vocalist Scott Zito (the rest being by Zito alone), opens with a mindless mayhem interspersed with bursts of pneumatic drill. The sound is suggestive of oily denim clad BO smelling bikers rather than the elegant, sophisticated lady standing in the terrified 'no, please! — don't send me to disco dance classes' pose. Not for the nervously disposed — this album bears little resemblance to anything Jefferson. Only one song, *Shooting Star* has Starship overtones, with Zito sounding like Paul Kantner.

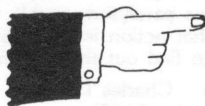
John Miller

Scaramouche

I am a notoriously heavy sleeper, and because of this I am quite certain that all alarm clocks regard me with suspicion and hatred. Indeed, the only clock which has ever got the better of me was one of those sadistic Goblin devices which squirt boiling water over you if you don't get up in time. Happily, it drowned itself one day when I was out; I have spurned teasmades since.

Still, my present bedside clock nearly had me fooled recently. What happened was this: in the early hours of this morning there was a power cut, and so I went to bed. Because of the power cut, I expected the clock to be slow the following morning, and so when I awoke I turned on the radio to listen for a time-check.

Pull your
Finger Out



Articles and offers of help, to

Paul Donovan,
Handbook Editor,
FELIX Office.

ICU HANDBOOK 1981/2

ARTICLES

Clubs, societies, CCUs, Council posts, etc, etc, your articles for this year's Handbook are required NOW!! If your elections have not yet taken place (especially clubs/societies) please inform the likely candidates that they must return copy to me as soon as possible. Next year's CCUs, sabbaticals you can write your reports/articles now and return them to me before the end of term.

HELP

We need anybody never mind what shape you are to do the following: sub-edit, paste-up, etc., now and over the summer.



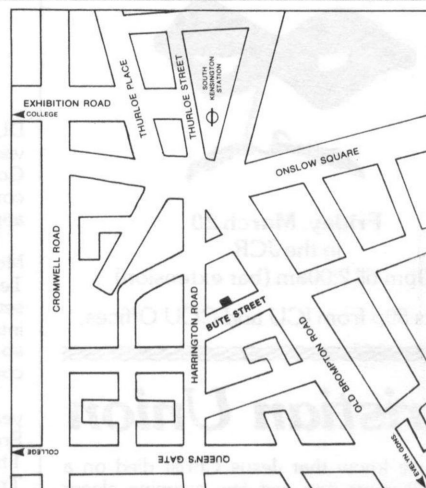
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I was rather puzzled by the first time check; the clock appeared to show exactly the right time. Fifty minutes later there was another time-check and the clock appeared to be an hour and forty minutes slow. When the third time-check made my clock appear fifty minutes slow I was wondering whether to concede defeat; after all, there couldn't have been another power cut, or the radio would have stopped. Happily, just before lunch I realised what had been confusing me. Each time I thought I had been looking at the clock, I had been looking at its reflection in my bedside mirror. This was at 12:15 precisely. How did the reflection of the clock appear then?

Solutions, comments and criticisms to me c/o FELIX Office. There is a prize of £5 (donated by Mend-a-Bike) for the correct entry randomly selected at 1:00pm on Wednesday.

Last Week's Solution

Using an obvious notation for 'up', 'down', etc., the following method takes 61 moves. Two directions are bracketed together when they refer to the same piece.

UURDLU(UR)RULLDDRRULL
(UL)RDLUR(DR)DLUURD(UL)UU
LDDRRDL(UR)RRULLDDRRUL
(UL)URD and the piano can now be moved out.

From the five people who found solutions in 61 moves, Jane Williams, Zoology 2, was randomly chosen as this week's winner.

Next week will be the Easter FELIX with a special puzzle page from me, with help from Grey Spider and others. I'm not giving any clues as to what it will contain (I haven't any idea myself yet) but I will say that you should brush up on your lateral thinking before next week.

SPORT

IC Football Fifths win ULU Lower Reserve Cup Final

IC V v LSE IV
1 — 0

THE previous Saturday had seen ICV beat QMCIV by four goals to two and hence confirm them as champions of league SR.

On Saturday, March 7, ICV played against LSE IV in the final of the lower Reserve Cup. On the way to the final IC had beaten QMC IV, Charing Cross II, Goldsmith's III and St Thomas II, while in their semi-final LSE had beaten IC VI, but could they beat the vastly superior IC V?

Conditions were not ideal for good football with the ground being very heavy. IC started confidently with Archer, Kelly and Hardy controlling midfield but the forwards Healy, Burns and Dhillon created few chances as they came up against a solid LSE defence. When LSE did attack they had the help of the referee and one of the linesman, but the stroking tackling of fullbacks Audin and Gohil, the controlling influence of centreback Hatton and the sweeping of Cable left the keeper Brown with very little to do (thank goodness!). About half way through the first half Archer saw his volley well and truly beat the LSE keeper only to hit the bar and go out of play. Suddenly IC found belief in themselves, a ball by Kelly found Healy on the edge of the LSE box, his shot was only parried by the keeper and Dhillon running in, knocked the ball back to Burns who buried the ball in the net and IC were one up. It should have been two when minutes later Healy weaved his way passed three defenders and with only the keeper to beat passed the ball to Hardy whose shot was cleared off the line.

At half-time the score was still one-nil, the refreshments consisting of luke-warm weak instant tea.

In the second half LSE pushed more men forward in a vain attempt to get the equaliser but IC had other ideas. Midfield never stopped running, Gohil tackled as if his life was at stake, Audin "dealt" with the winger admirably, Hatton won everything in the air and Cable stamped out what attack was left. This led to an LSE player going to hospital for stitches and LSE were again reduced to ten men a few minutes later when Healy mistimed one of his rare tackles. Brown made the box his own and stopped everything that was thrown at him. Towards the end LSE began to tire, Audin overlapped twice down the right only to see the forwards squander chances, Dhillon, Burns and Hardy all come close when put through by both Hatton and Cable. Dhillon was about to float a long throw-in into the LSE box when the referee blew for full-time. IC V had become the first football team to achieve "the double" for years.

A special mention must go to the substitute Ken Baldwin, and the many supporters who turned up to cheer us on, including IC's lucky Cup Final mascot — Shirley Coarses Wellies.

TEAM: Duncan Brown, Nigel Audin, Al Cable, Barry Hatton, Paul Gohil, Damian Kelly, Ian Archer, Dave Hardy, John Healy, John Burns, Bob Dhillon. Sub Ken Baldwin.

Don't Let WELLSOC die!!!!!!!!!!!!

If anyone knows anything about the H.G. Wells Society, or would like to take it over and run it, could they please contact Ian Hanley (SCC Chairman) via the Union Office or Steve Marshall who would be willing to lend a hand, but would not have time to run it (unfortunately).

Otherwise, it will be abolished — a shame for one of the most successful societies of latter years.

Water Polo

IC v St. Thomas Hospital
9 — 1

IN a match at ULU pool last Tuesday, IC scored a crushing victory against St Thomas' Hospital. With one goal against us in the first 'quarter'. Boucher scored two fine goals in quick succession to regain the team's collective confidence. From then on, IC just kept on scoring, marking tightly and generally passing well.

All credit to everybody involved for a fine performance. If Westminster Hospital don't scratch out next week again we'll try and repeat our success.

TEAM: Boucher (2), Last (2), Kilgour (1), Bradley (1), Leach (1), Porter (1), Ashwin (1), Heffernan (goalie).

Tennis

THE first match of the year took place on Wednesday, March 4 away against Kings College.

The result, never in doubt, was an easy 6½-2½ win to IC.

The first pair only dropping five games, and the second pair winning all of their six sets. Leaving the third pair with 1½pt (1 set) to their credit.

Thanks to Tony for driving and the reserve for turning up.

The summer looks promising, but we will need players with exams at different times as the matches go on throughout the term. So don't worry — if you want a match your talents will be called upon if last year was anything to go by.

TEAM: Waas, Haeger, Tscoukkas, Pike, Cornwell, Page.

Ten Pin Bowling

HISTORY was made at the Leeds Doubles Tournament last Saturday. The IC team made it to the semi-finals. The first Imperial team to do so ever. There were six teams in each heat and each team had to play all the other teams. IC were in Group G and only lost one game out of the five played and walked home overall on pinfall. The semi-finals consisted of four teams playing against each other. The competition here was tough and IC lost the first game but pulled back by winning their second game. At this stage every team stood a chance of reaching the final from this semi-final group. Unfortunately, after a poor third game, IC was knocked out. Congratulations must go to Engwell and Knight, the IC team, for a good day's bowling.

The two other IC teams did not have such a good day and were both knocked out in the heats, even though good matches were played against very good competition. Thanks to Man, Smith, Quinn and Cook for contributing to an outstanding Imperial presence. Thanks again to John Knight for providing transport.

Snooker

YOU could have knocked me down with a feather when it became apparent that the B team were going to lose to LSE last Wednesday. The final result was 3-2, after we lost the first three frames we seemed doomed to a humiliating defeat. However fine performances by Bennett and myself saved our reputation. It now looks as if the B team will not be league champions this season, mainly because of the upsets in the team's structure over the last few weeks.

The A team is going from strength to strength and capitalizing on the poor performance of its rivals. They won handily against QMC by only dropping one frame. They are on the verge of total boredom if they win the league.

The C team provided everyone with laughs as they scraped a narrow victory over LSE's second team. Their performance was their usual cautionary, tactless effort.

Sailing

LAST weekend saw the British Universities Sailing Association Trials at the Welsh Harp. Out of thirty-five competitors from all over the country, Lewis and Baxter, both of Physics 2, won through in convincing form to take two of the six places in the team.

Chris Lewis won two of the three races he sailed. Unfortunately in the third race his boat's mast snapped.

James Baxter won one race and came second in his only other, and happily didn't wreck any boats.

'Wrecker' Lewis was later asked to be Captain of the BUSA Team which is to sail the American Universities in the summer.

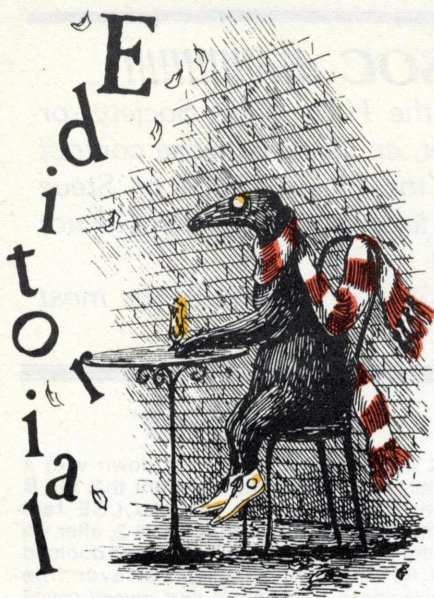
Ladies Rugby

IC v Warwick 4-16

LAST Sunday, the intrepid IC Ladies 14 set out for Warwick just in time to stop anyone getting a drink beforehand! We arrived to find our opposition with 13 players — things were looking up!

Play was very slow due to the muddy conditions, but unfortunately they weren't as slow as we were, and they scored their first try after about ten minutes. Possession was fairly even during the first half, although Warwick were allowed to score again shortly before half-time. IC started the second half a lot better, and for ten minutes we put them under a lot of pressure, keeping play within their 22. However, the moving mountain they had at fly-half then got the ball, and ran the length of the pitch to score their third try. For the whole of the second half we had a lot more possession, but could not seem to score. Then in the last couple of minutes, after yet another five-yard scrum, Mary sent their fly-half 'flying' as she tried to kick the ball, and Andree dropped on it to score, just before the final whistle blew.

TEAM: Lois, Sara, Jane, Pam, Steph, Andress, Mary (Capt), Rad, Babs, Les, Jill, Helen, Cathy, Ruth.



Some Honest Guff!

Re: Mr Pinnegar's motion of No Confidence in the Editor of FELIX.

Some concern has been expressed over my way of producing FELIX. While it is true that FELIX is the "Newspaper of Imperial College Union", I will be the first to admit that I exert a very strong personal influence over it. FELIX is produced by a small group of individuals. I discuss my ideas with them — they act as a restraining factor on my strong desire to tear this bloody incapable Union to fragments (Ooops!). It is always wise to get second, third and fourth opinions on any contentious material to be printed in FELIX, but in the end, I am responsible. I can only produce the kind of FELIX I think I would like to read if I were a student. I think I have performed that task admirably. BUT, what do other students feel? If I felt that FELIX was not reaching its readers, I would resign now. While I concede it cannot satisfy everyone, I think the majority of students enjoy reading the kind of FELIX I enjoy producing. It is interesting to note that only those who do not will write to inform me so.

It is important to remember that the only connection that the "average student" (what does that mean?) has with the Union is via FELIX. It is therefore essential that FELIX enjoys press freedom. Every student should feel that he can have his views aired in FELIX and that is why I encourage such an active letters page. I have used my editorial to criticise the Union, with special reference to our President, John Passmore. Mr Passmore has not used our much cherished "right of reply" to defend his position; from this you must draw your own conclusions.

(I should not restrict my condemnation to the Exec — what about the "average student"? He too is a fully paid-up member of the Union and should not sit back and allow the Union to disintegrate through poor leadership. Is there anyone out there?)

Does Mr Pinnegar want an Editor of FELIX such as John Passmore? Does he want me to "Hush mah mouth"? Does he really feel that the students of IC are so impressionable? Or would he rather that I used my position as Editor to provoke (is this the right word? — I think so!) discussion within this stagnant pond of bored and boring individuals. I'm no cynic, but when I look at the pathetic Union that used to be so lively when it had some actual characters in charge of it, I sincerely feel that we need to confront our plastic President and Executive and shout: "For God's sake, GO!"

This Ultra Vires Business

During the discussion of the El Salvador motion at the Hustings UGM it was pointed out that one section of the motion asked for ICU to affiliate to the campaign. It was stated that in view of recent developments concerning the CND affiliation fee,

this action would be Ultra Vires the Constitution. (Incidentally, "Ultra Vires" is merely a succinct way of saying "outside the powers of".)

Immediately, Mr Passmore agreed and said that this section would be deleted. Owen Greene disagreed most strongly to this action, and he was right to do so. A trend that is annoying me more and more in this "slightly right of centre" College is to dismiss left-wingers such as Mr Greene as being out of order. Being slightly right of centre myself, I disagree with many of Mr Greene's views, but I find myself agreeing with him here on this point of principle, not ideology. It is only Ultra Vires to pay such an affiliation fee from "trust money" such as Union money. BUT it is quite legal to raise the money by organising collections (such as WUS collections) to pay the fee. AND it should be the Exec's job to investigate all of these methods and organise a collection at the UGM — after all, if a majority vote to affiliate, then surely these people are morally bound to contribute to such a fund.

It angers me as much as it does Mr Greene that John Passmore should ALWAYS opt for the easy way out, and what suits his own personal politics. He has got his little letter from the Union Solicitors stating the Ultra Vires position and he clings to it like a limpet. He is quite aware that collections for affiliation fees are not Ultra Vires. Anything for the easy life, eh John?

Congratulations

To the four new sabbaticals elected for next year. Commiserations to the losers.

It's interesting to see that they are all RCS men. Perhaps this says something about the highly vocational nature of courses in Guilds and Mines. I'm sure that next year's Exec will function as a team — they all know each other and seem to get on well. Might be a good year. One thing though, what is this Twenty-Two Club they all appear to belong to? — I can't find it in the Union Handbook anywhere.

Easter Issue

Next week, I will be attempting to bring out FELIX on Thursday. This will be the bumper special Easter issue. As with the Christmas issue, I hope to have a Scaramouche extravaganza, and maybe a few other treats. All copy should be submitted by Sunday lunchtime. I can't guarantee anything submitted after that going in.

Handbook & Freshers' FELIX

Paul Donovan, Handbook Editor, wants your articles now.

I would like to point out that it's no use thinking that if you don't have an article in the Handbook, that you can make up for your laziness by having one in the Freshers' FELIX — 'fraid that's just not on! I've had a word with next year's Editor, Mark Smith, who tells me he will only be accepting articles which detail a Club's activities in the first few weeks of term from those clubs kind enough to submit to the Handbook.

Thanks to

Colin, Mark, Patrick, Steve, Phil, Caroline, Martin, Dave, Paul, Zar, Ian and Maz.

Incidentally, I simply LOVE SF Sock articles to be entertaining and may I say that I always find them so. Kenneth Mann, a man so talented and dedicated to entertaining the masses through FELIX that he couldn't spare five minutes of his time to do so in this year's Phoenix magazine deserves the admiration of us all. I hope the Phoenix (out next term) does not suffer adversely from this sad, sad omission of creative excellence.

Hard luck to those Chelsea people who tried to kidnap Rae Snee this week. I guess that's just tough titties.

Finally, Happy Birthday Scaramouche!



This week's puzzle is on page 8.

I think Steve Marshall is gradually taking over the back page. Aaarrrgh!!!!!!

What's On

Friday, March 13

- Soc Soc 25th AGM, 1:00pm, SCR.
- IC Christian Union Meeting, Worship and talk on *Fruit of the Spirit*, 6:00pm, Music Room, 53 Princes Gate. 'Prayer Meeting' afterwards, 8:30-10:00pm.
- HAMDRAM 81 Final, 7:30pm, ICU Concert Hall, £1.00.

Saturday, March 14

- HAMDRAM 81 Final, 7:30pm, ICU Concert Hall, £1.00.

Monday, March 16

- Film at the Goethe Institute: *Oberon*, 7:30pm. Tickets £1.00 (students and OAPs 50p).

Tuesday, March 17

- UN Soc Meeting, 12:30pm, Southside Upper Lounge (above Stan's Bar). Next term's activities will be planned at this meeting. Suggestions welcome.
- Riding Club AGM, 1:00pm, Elec Eng 1009.
- STOIC Transmission, 1:00pm, JCR and Halls.
- Labour Club Discussion on NOLS Conference Motions, 1:00pm, Maths 341. All members urged to attend.
- SF Soc Lecture with John Sladek, word famous SF author, speaking on Robots, 1:30pm, Physics LT2. Free.
- SP Thompson Elec Eng Soc presents a lecture by Prof Eric Laithwaite on *Facts and Fallacies in Science Today*, 1:30pm, EE408. All welcome.
- ICCAG AGM, 5:30pm, ICCAG Room, Top Floor, Union Building.
- Rail Soc AGM, including a variety of films, 5:40pm, Maths 340.
- Exploration Society present Prof Conway speaking on *Where to go and What to do on an Expedition*, 6:00pm, Environmental Studies Dept.
- Soc Soc Discussion on *The State in Developed Capitalist Society*, 6:30pm, Green Committee Room, 3rd floor, Union Building.
- Photosoc Talk on *Facets of Colour* by R J Freeman (ARPS), 7:30pm, Mines 303.

Wednesday, March 18

- IC Baha'i Society informal discussion on *The earth is but one country and mankind its citizens*—Baha'u'llah, 5:00pm, Union Upper Lounge. All welcome.

Thursday, March 19

- Easter Service, 12:30pm, Holy Trinity Brompton (behind Southside) with talk by Steve Williams, curate at Holy Trinity. Lunch provided. All welcome.
- IC Youth Hostelling Group Meeting, 12:30pm, Southside Upper Lounge.
- SP Thompson Elec Eng Soc Bar Lunch, 12:45pm, Linstead Bar. Tickets from Elec Eng Soc Reps at 50p.
- First Aid Lecture/Demo for Sportsmen, 1:00, Health Centre, Princes Gardens. Especially for next year's Capts and Vice-Capt.
- PATA Film and Talk about Alternative to Abortion (Life care and housing), 1:00pm, Huxley 130. A talk by members of a Life Group will follow the film.
- Hang-Gliding Club Meeting, 1:00pm, Above Stan's Bar.
- STOIC Transmission, 1:00pm and 6:00pm, JCR and Halls. With News-Break.
- Lunch-hour Concert, 1:30pm, The Music Room, 53 Prince's Gate.
- Gliding Club Meeting, 5:30pm, Aero 254.
- Exploration Society, *Expedition to North and West Africa*, 6:00pm, Environmental Studies Dept.
- Real Ale Soc Meeting, 7:30pm, Crush Bar, 2nd Floor Union Building. Beers: Bourne Valley — Andover Ale, Crabbit Bitter, and Rambler Bitter (first time in London).
- ULU Gaysoc Meeting, 8:00pm, Room 2D, ULU, Malet Street.

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Situation desperate, tickets selling fast, audience reaction favourable, sell out a possibility (though remote). Tickets still available. Don't miss it.