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Council gets Goat RAG STUNTED!

ICU Council met at 6:00pm on Tuesday last week. During the long and sometimes arduous meeting the Deputy President, Barney McCabe was censured, and it was revealed that a £1.50 rent rise for all College residence (except Head Tenancies) is likely next term.

The President's Report was dealt with first. There was much discussion on the refectories, the joint IC/QEC working party, bars, and residence. Whilst dealing with residence, Mr Morton shocked members of Council by announcing that there would probably be a £1.50 rent rise next term. He thought that the Union would have to accept this despite policy against midsession increases.

The Deputy President's report was taken next. Mr McCabe's report was written in a flippant, sarcastic tone, as he reported what he had been doing since last Council. He had been "having a great time" "giving people disinfectant for cleaning up puke...." "had three more free freshers' dinners". He also reported many things he hadn't done. Chris Webb (Man Sci Dep Rep) referred the report back and moved a motion of censure. On a paper ballot the motion was passed by 15 votes to 7, with 4 abstentions.

Then, after ploughing through many sets of Union committee minutes, Council discussed the Rag Chairman's failure to obain collection licences this year, making Rag collecting illegal. A motion of censure on Bill Durodie (Rag Chairman) was proposed and passed without opposition.

After finally approving the Constitution of the new Entertainments Committee, the meeting closed at 9:30pm.

CVCP meets at IC

The Committee of Vice-Chancellors and Principals, of which Lord Flowers is Vice-Chairman, held a conference at IC on Thursday, November 19.

The subject was Universities and Industry and speakers included Prof Ralph Dahredorf (Director, LSE) and CBI President Sir Raymond Pennock.

Those present included William Waldergrave (Con) Undersecretary for Higher Education, Tam Dalyell Labour's expert on science, and Industry Secretary of State Patrick Jenkin.

Although the conference was held in the Great Hall, the numbers attending necessitated the use of the Unionrun JCR for catering.

This was arranged between Captain Lindley and Nick Morton with committee rooms 327, 328 and 329 being available for students until 14:30

Apart from a small loss of revenue (the Union loaned the JCR free and this happens several times a year's considerable inconvenience was caused to students and the STOIC viewing point in the JCR was made unavailable without STOIC being informed.

President Fears Fine

Union President, Nick Morton, took the decision on Monday to stop all further Rag collections because the Union would have faced the possibility of prosecution if they had continued.

The difficulties Rag is encountering this year stem from failure to present accounts for last year's collection licence and a complaint from the Multiple Sclerosis Society that IC Rag had been collecting without a licence in Oxford Street on a day which had been allocated to them. London Student reporter Karen Marchbank, who was investigating the story, rang Nick after Scotland Yard told her "If there is sufficient evidence, it is quite likely we will prosecute". Nick then took the decision to ban all Rag collections until the situation is resolved.



Face Torture-The Rag Chairman gets his just deserts?

March in November!

The Association of University Teachers held a day of action on Wednesday, November 18. There was a march of approximately 7,000 people from Chelsea College to Westminster. This was followed by a lobby of Parliament and meetings addressed by parliamentary speakers.

An IC contingent of about 300 staff and 15 students took part in the march which was supported by all campus trade unions and many stu-

dent unions from all over the country. Speakers addressing the meeting included Michael Foot and David Steel, amongst others.

The day of action attracted widespread support from all grades of university staff, from Vice-Chancellors to cleaners. MPs could have been left in no doubt as to the strength of feeling in the universities about the government's policies on higher education.



Dear Mark

I would like to apologise to the National Deaf Children's Society for our decision to cancel Year Rag Collection tomorrow. The Imperial College Union has received a complaint from the Police; that "we" (IC Rag) have not submitted our accounts for last year, a legal requirement for the issue of new licenses. This should have been done in March of this year. The letter from the Police also pointed out that several students are already subject to legal action, both for not returning the accounts and for collecting this year with no licence (not even the usual door-to-door one). It is most unusual for action to be taken against students for minor infringements of Rag Collecting rules, however the Guilds Exec feel that in view of this letter discretion is the better part of valour. The Police are annoyed by the discourtesy "we" have shown by ignoring reminders that the accounts are overdue. Our Rag Chairman has assured me that these reminders have never been received, but this does not explain why in his six months of office he has not corresponded with the Police or made any attempt to secure any collecting licence or had the accounts audited. I understand that the matter is now in hand and hopefully Year Rag can be rearranged. I remain, sir, in disbelief of this state of affairs.

Andrew Rushton C&G President Dear Sir

I am writing to explain why we do not have new House to House Collection Licenses this year and why we were not granted a Street Collection Permit for Rag Week.

The fault lies mainly with last year's Rag Chairman, Ian Hodgson, and partly with the present Junior Treasurer Matt Smith and thus myself as I am responsible for his actions or lack of them.

Mr Hodgson was suffering the same lack of licenses as I am at this stage last year and thus when the police granted him a permit for the Rag Procession as well as House to House Licenses for the rest of the year from January he must have been very relieved. However, he received them on two conditions: firstly, that a form with the details of the Rag Procession collection be returned to the police by the end of March, this he did not do and when he "resigned" his post at about that time he informed neither Matt Smith nor myself of his undertaking to do so; and secondly, that detailed accounts of all our collections for that year be sent to the police by the end of June. On this latter there are three points: firstly, by the end of June the exams have just finished and there has not been enough time to sort out the accounts let alone send them to the Rag Senior Treasurer and from there to the College auditors, Mr Hodgson should have known this and informed the police of it but his need of licenses at the time probably cancelled out all other thoughts. Secondly, he again failed to inform Matt Smith or myself of his undertakings, and I have been to Scotland Yard recently where I discovered that the reminders sent out by the police were sent to Mr Hodgson. This may well explain why none of them were brought to my attention (is he trying to drag Rag down with him?).

Finally, in the summer when the accounts should have been audited, Matt Smith said that he would do so for me, as well as obtaining the licenses as he was staying in College throughout the

summer. Towards the end of the holidays when I returned to College more, I questioned him as to whether the matter was in hand and whether he was phoning the police every day to hurry them into issuing licenses, he said that it was and that he would. Last week I discovered that these accounts have not even been audited.

I remain sir, responsible for the non-action of two complete morons.

Bill Durodie IC Rag Chairman 1981/2

Dear Mark

On Thursday, November 19, from 11:00am to 2:00pm the JCR was booked by the College to host a convention of University Vice Chancellors.

The closure was not advertised or announced beforehand, and the first students knew of it was when they were confronted by locked doors and signs announcing that the Union Exec had authorised the booking. The Buttery was still open but access could only be gained via the stairs adjacent to the Sherfield Lower Refectory. From the Buttery, students sampling one end of Mr Mooney's catering repertoire could see through locked doors the table cloths, napkins, glassware and hors d'oeuvres of his public image as "a first class caterer" (as Prince Philip might say).

The closure of the JCR without warning is annoying in itself, but for the STOIC members who worked until 9:30pm on Wednesday night finishing the special Rag Week edition of 'News-Break' in time for it to be shown to the regular 100 or so viewers in the JCR at lunchtime on Thursday, the closure was plain frustrating. As it was the programme had to be broadcast on Friday.

Not only did the Exec not see fit to inform me, as STOIC Chairman, that we could not show our programme on Thursday, but Jen in the Union Office knew nothing of any JCR booking even as it took place.

Do the Exec realise how much inconvenience is caused

when the College is without a common room at lunchtime? And shouldn't they have to inform someone of their actions, especially when giving away student facilities? Or is keeping Captain Lindley and the College happy more important than the welfare of students?

Yours disgustedly
Lawrence Windley
STOIC Chairman

Dear Sir

The facilities in Imperial College Halls of Residence are deteriorating fast. The cooking facilities have reached a dangerous condition and there are many other defects too numerous to mention. We are told that expenditure on residence fabric has been frozen because Imperial College residence are currently running at a large deficit. However the latest that we hear that College authorities have capitulated to the whining and snivelling Hall Hall residents and is going to award them a rebate of twenty pounds each.

A calculation on the back of an envelope reveals that the rent they pay barely covers servicing the mortgage on the place. (Try renting a cupboard in Knightsbridge for less than £25.) I do not object to rent collected from other halls being used to help buy new Halls of Residence, but I strongly object to it being handed out to the residents of this extremely desirable Hall. When they moved into Hall Hall they were aware of the amount of rent that they were going to pay and the fact that the Hall was not finished and they entered into an agreement to pay the specified rent. If they do not like it now then they should go elsewhere. I am sure that plenty of other people could be found to live in it. I therefore demand that College authorities should demonstrate that they are not completely spineless and step in and veto this immediately. Additionally I consider it short-sighted and blatent popularity-seeking of the FELIX Editor and Union President to support this unreasonable demand.

Yours faithfully Andrew Lyall, BSc

Student rescued from pool

A student was recovering in St. Stephens Hospital on Wednesday after being rescued unconscious from the bottom of the College swimming pool.

It appears that other swimmers noticed the student who had not been spotted by the life guards on duty. He was taken from the pool and sent to St. Stephens Hospital accompanied by a doctor from the Health Service, who later reported that he was recovering.

RCS Scores

The Royal College of Science's challenge to the other CCUs to a game of no rules 19th Century football in Hyde Park last Sunday was taken up by three Guildsmen, three Miners and 3 sabbaticals.

The eighteen strong RCS team was led by Phil Greenstreet, in the absence of their President Dave Thompson, who led his side to "4-2 or 3-1 or maybe 3-2" victory over the combined might of 9 other Guildsmen, Miners and Union hacks.



Anne Lennox-Martin dilly dallying on her way home at the successful RCS Smoking Concert held last Thursday. (Photo: Jane Williams)

IC delegates survive GUC

Last Wednesday for the second time this term the fearless and determined IC delegation of eight brave men and true endured the procedural nightmare known as ULU General Union Council. Tedium and procedural wrangling were the order of the day as ULU's constitutional megalith broke the four hour barrier for the first time.

The ordeal began at 6:30 with the election of the student senators for law and for theology, economics and political science. This was so boring that one of the candidates hadn't even bothered to turn up. The meeting proper opened at 7:40pm. Almost immediately a delegate from Kings College proposed that the GUC should hear two speakers from the Polytechnic of Central London, who are holding an occupation at the moment. This was passed and two extremely left-wing speakers were unleashed on the unsuspecting delegates. The first speaker described how students involved in the occupation attacked the police. After some acromonius debate about nothing much (it livened the meeting though!) the meeting went on to hear reports. These were as usual rather boring (although incredibly important).

When the meeting came to motions another procedural motion was passed allowing an emergency motion on occupations and other forms

of militant action to be heard first.

However, doubts were raised as to the legitimacy of the proposal (by the aforementioned Kings delegate) and after a mere three hand votes (all inconclusive) and a tied card vote, the Chairman used his casting vote to refer the motion to the next meeting. The disgruntled Kings delegate left the meeting, muttering under his breath.

The meeting then sailed through the rest of the business relatively easily. Three motions were passed which related to medical schools. Then a general motion on grants was passed after yet more procedural wrangling. At this point the IC delegation began to get restless since it was gone 10:00pm and they had hoped to return to IC in tme for the end of the RCS Centenary Barnight. Alas, even a challenge to the quorum and a move to close the meeting were unsuccessful, and our heroes were forced to miss out on the RCS piss-up, making do instead with lager at 30p a pint from the ULU Bar (a special promotion). Two more motions were heard, the first a particularly silly one about unemployment was referred to the next meeting. The second, on NHS charges for overseas visitors, was passed. A quick discussion on which day GUC should be held and the meeting closed just after 10:30pm.

RCS:the first hundred years

The extraordinary history of the Royal College of Science was the subject of an informative and entertaining talk given by Professor G.J. Whitrow to a capacity audience in Chemistry Lecture Theatre B on Tuesday.

Starting with the 1871 Royal Commission chaired by the Duke of Devonshire, he gave a detailed account of personalities and achievement up to 1953.

The early years were dominated by Geology and Biölogy and Prof Whitrow reflected this balance in his lecture citing T.H. Huxley as the driving force behind the College, a man of progressive ideas and fighting spirit as evidenced by his nickname 'Darwin's Bulldog'.

Some interesting parallels can be drawn between then and now. For instance, when Huxley first moved into the new buildings in South Kensington he said they offered "inefficient heating and a lack of fittings" (rather similar to Montpelier St.).

The Biology Professors seemed to have been a most interesting set of people; one retired in the 1890s on a pension of £1,500, about today's student grant, another died in the lab working with hydrogen cyanide, while H.H. Read edited *The Phoenix* and greatly confused the Editor of his local newspaper by alternately writing conservative and socialist letters under different names.

Chemistry Professors were not treated in the same detail but perhaps present-day dons could pay some attention to the immaculate dress of a Prof Forster.

Boys Oh Boys

The Physics Department has had a long list of successes including the discovery of Helium by Prof Lockyer and Prof G.P. Thompson's Nobel Prize in 1937.

However, the most interesting character from the Physics department was C.V. Boys, a hopeless lecturer and experimental genius who apart from losing his wife to Prof Forsythe (Maths) developed the Cavendish method for determination of the universal gravitation constant and who also used a crossbow to make quartz fibres.

Indeed, it could be said he was responsible (even to blame) for the awful S. Ken tunnel as he vigorously opposed any underground electrical transport in the vicinity of the College.

Shortage of time only allowed Prof Whitrow a brief history of the Maths department before Prof Blow, Dean of RCS, proposed a vote of thanks.

After the lecture Mrs Jeanne Pingree, IC Archivist, who had earlier introduced Prof Whitrow, was presented with a bottle of pink champagne by RCSU, for her tremendous contribution to the Centenary events.

Letters

Dear Mark

Perhaps by admitting the error of my ways I can shed some light on your heap of contradictory mail last week.

Before Council allowed the sale of the Rag Mag to IC students only I was given a 'review copy' by Barney McCabe, IC Deputy President. This was for me to look at and show to other people in an attempt to gauge opinion to a potentially controversial issue.

Living in a Chaplaincy House, I realised that there might be some members of the Chaplaincy who would be offended by the Rag Mag, and so I arranged for my copy to be passed on to David Ashforth with a request to make it available for people to view so if a motion was put to a UGM allow them to vote from a position of knowledge having had a chance to make their own minds up.

.If as Steve Readings suggests the letters were sent prior to the Council motion it makes matters worse not better as the Rag Mag was not on sale at all.

This deliberate abuse of the privleged position I put David Ashforth in is inexcusable. I would also question if my original request was carried out or if in fact Chaplaincy members voting to ban the Rag Mag were doing so on the basis of the opinion of some self-appointed moral guardians of IC.

Finally I would like to apologise to Barney for him being directly implicated and for my misjudgement of the Chaplaincy heirachy. I also hope that if this issue is raised again at a UGM people will vote in full awareness of the facts and in accordance with their conscience or abstain.

Yours faithfully Nick Watmough

Dear Sir

Most people know that Barclays Bank is the largest bank in South Africa, servicing every aspect of the apartheid system. Is it not for this reason that Barclays are prohibited from having branches on College premises? However, the other three major banks (NatWest, Lloyds and Midland) are not guiltless. NatWest, for example, made a loan of \$25m to the South African Government in June 1979 and has made other loans through a Swiss subsidiary.

There are alternatives to the Big Four, namely the Coop, TSB and Giro.

Would it not be possible for this situation to be remedied? Replacing the NatWest branch in College, with one of the previously mentioned alternatives, would be more than just a futile gesture, because clearing banks are not immune to public opinion. This strategy has already achieved limited success in making Barclays less popular.

While we wait for this to happen, individuals can make their feelings known by closing their accounts with any of the four major banks, and changing to one of the alternatives.

I wait in anticipation.

Yours sincerely
Graeme Shaw
Anti-Apartheid Group

Dear Mark

I would like to make a few points in an attempt to balance the rather one-sided debate about the Rag Mag.

Nobody has yet pointed out that one of the reasons the mag was banned was because Pat Coll, the Rag Mag Editor, is no longer at College and therefore couldn't defend his publication.

I find it ironic that the God Squad should put its weight behind the censorship brigade. Despite considerable pressure from his friends, Pat refused to include certain jokes which might have offended the religious minorities in College.

If I had had my way the Jesus freaks really would have had something to complain about.

What sickens me most is that nobody in College had the decency to send the Rag Mag Editor a copy of his own publication. Whilst not expecting such Christian virtues to emanate from the Holy-Alleluia bigots, I would have expected the FELIX

Editor to have been a little more charitable.

Nick Cox Rag Mag Contributor

Dear Sin

I have just read the cover of your so-called "newspaper" and I am totally disgusted and demand an immediate apology for your severe and deplorable insult of the Rt Honourable Rev Ian Paisley, MP. I have just used his proper, deserved and respected title and hope you will do so in future. However I feel that your "error" (I am being kind) was not a mere mistake, but part of ICU's continuing policy of undermining the states of Loyal Protestant Ulstermen. Take for example the banning the Rag Mag because it contained a few H Block jokes, however, much more serious matters, such as the slandering of our glorious leader passed without comment, and what about all the Gerry O' Reilly republican propaganda you printed last

Yours in disgust
William King
No Surrender.

Ed's Note:

Is this guy for real? Mr Ian Paisley purchased his divinity from a mail-order university in the deep south of America (or so I'm told). However, referring to him as "Mr" was a simple oversight on my part and not part of any deliberate campaign.

Small Ads

•Scandinavian Society—Anybody interested? Or maybe just a get together? Contact Sigrun Eriksen, Chem 1, phone 573-2591.

•IC Chaplaincy Rag Mag Reading Party—Rag Mags provided, White Common Room, midnight, Sabbath Day.

•Nut Buttercream wants to get on her John, but Nigel wants to get inside a clear lacey-bra.

To the idiot who arranged the party at my place—me and 46 other Hit Squad members are after you—Mike.

Rebecca: Good luck with the chest specialist—I hope he shakes as well.

Linstead—present members and old lags. Guis amazes us all by organising two things a term (beating F. Muller easily). Xmas shopping in France, £11. Discount to Club members. Sign up now.

•Liz 15A Queens Gate Terrace. I Love You. Sven.

•Feelings unreciprocated and Lis is spelt with an 'S'.

eFELIX Small Ads are intended to help and amuse. Small Ad Forms are available in the FELIX Office, which should be completed to avoid disappointment. A name of a contactable person must be appended (which will not be printed) just in case anybody does anything silly and I start getting the shit—Mark Smith, FELIX Editor.

e10 spd lightweight racer (2wks old). Present owner just given motorised transport. £100ono (new £120). Ring 952-1947 (eves and weekends).

•Shure unidyne microphone & stand, £250no and stereo headphones £50no and inflatable mattress (as new, never used!) £90no. Contact Roger Farbey (int) 3984 or 736-7371.

eHonda CX500, V reg, excellent condition, many extras, £850ono. Contact Andy 789-0519.

•Honda CD175 motorbike, T reg, only 3,200 miles, just serviced/overhauled, excellent condition, £275 (quick sale). Contact David Firth, Rm 2G4 Bernard Sunley House, 42 Evelyn Gdns or use Physics pigeonholes to arrange meeting.

•Pair of Spamdale EP70s, excellent condition, £190 new, accept £90ono. Contact J. Wraith, 370-4860 (eves).

eMusic Centre (cassette needs slight attention, rest OK), cassette deck and cassettes. Also, photo equipment: Pentax ME, 50, 28-50 + 135mm lenses, Prestinax 680 autofocus projector + screen, Vivitar 285 + 2500 flash units + various accessories. All in v. good nick and costing 65% (ono) of first hand price. If interested please contact Mark Benson via Life Sciletter-racks.

•Mini 1000cc Mk II J reg, white, excellent condition, 12mths MoT. Come and see it. £400ono. Contact Sean Bell, Aero 2.

•Baby Belling Cooker, 2 rings and grill and oven, together with stand, £50 (new £140). Contact Sean Bell, Aero 2

ePractika 'L' SLR camera, £25, Weston Euromaster exp meter £20. Sunpak auto 32 flashgun and recharger £15. Semi-auto slide projector £17. 40x40 screen £17. All vgc. Contact R. Davies via Aero 3 letter-racks.

Austin Allegro 1975, 1100cc, MoT (Aug 82), tax (Jan 82), good condition, new clutch and 2 new tyres. Low mileage (48,300), highly reliable, owner leaving country so must sell £700ono. Phone Ambar Ghose (Dept of Metallurgy) on int 3439 or PO ext

•Bargain of the month! Pair of JVC SK700 speakers, 60watts RMS, teak finish, VGC, £120 only. Crispin Dobson, int 2175.

•Anyone with two Police concert tickets for Mon 14 Dec prepared to exchange for Tues 15 Dec please contact P. Baxter, Linstead 422 or via Elec Eng letter-racks.

Discotheque urgently wanted for Weeks Hall Christmas Extravaganza on December 11. Contact Andrew Lyall, DoC MSc or int 4219 (eves).
 I lost a dress shirt frill at Guilds

•I lost a dress shirt frill at Guilds Carnival and Moss Bros would like it back. Reward. Contact H. Thomas, Mining 3.

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•Bike found 21/11 Southside 10:00.
Contact Alan Sheppard, Geology 1.

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•Linstead Hall Darts Team are fed up with beating Weeks. If you want to play against them contact Peter Champ, EE1 letter-racks or Room D10.

•Blood doning December 8 and 9. Watch this space for details next Friday.

•BUNAC—Interested in working in the USA or Canada this summer? Then come to the Green Committee Room (top floor, Union Building) this Friday at 12:30pm.

•Debating Society: Interested in starting/joining one? then come along to Huxley 140 at 1:00pm on Thursday, December 3. Everyone welcome.

•Free membership of Snooker Club if you are the 300th member to join. Anyone, absolutely anyone, welcome. See us in the Snooker Room, top floor, Union Building, any Junchtime. Even if you don't get it free, it's still excellent value for a quid all in.

Reprint of a letter sent to Mr V.J. Mooney, Refectory Manager.

Sir

As the student who originally brought the matter to the attention of your staff, I read with interest your 'apology' for selling beef pasties as lamb pasties in FELIX 596, especially the part implying the mistake was due to changing over from Telfers to Peters.

Recently I rang Telfers to find out what sort of meat they used for their pasties and surprise, surprise—they use cooked minced beef and they said they have never used lamb.

I have been a student at IC for over five years. For all this time, these pasties have been for sale. Originally I used to ask what meat was used and then a sign was put up saying they were lamb. So for five years (at least) you have not only been offending those students who do not eat beef but swindling the other students.

I personally think that this disgraceful and also utterly reprehensible of you to try to brazen it out by saying "the error has arisen because we have changed suppliers" and that "the staff themselves were unaware of the contents"

I intend to bring this matter to the attention of Lord Flowers and the Governing Body and await their decision before deciding on any further action.

> Yours disgustedly A. Gujral Chem PG

Throughout the week Mr Mooney was continually unavailable for comment (despite the "brashness" of the FELIX staff) and did not see fit to phone us to explain, despite frequent messages to do so. We can only assume that this is an admission of his lack of competence (or perhaps concern) over the whole affair.

Dear Mark

During last Friday's Carnival some pathetic moron took it into his head to play games with the fire extinguisher in the Concert Hall which is put there for the safety of the audience. This irresponsible act would have been harmless enough had it not been next to The Members' mixing desk, which was thoroughly drenched. I would have thought that any science student would know that water and electrical equipment do not mix and the outcome of this is that we shall have to pay for its repair as they had to use it on Sunday, November 22. Therefore I should like the person or persons concerned to make an extra special effort to collect money for the charities which the Carnival profits are due to go to as they have effectiely lost money for these charities.

However on a lighter note, I should like to thank everybody who helped and made it an enjoyable evening (and apologise for falling asleep especially the Links Club who showed Richmond College how to do it), Donald, Andy, Nigel, Anne, John and Rodlinka.

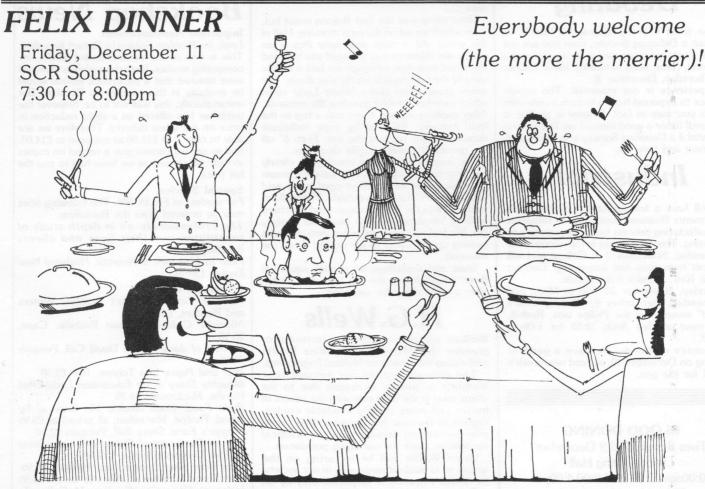
Yours sincerely Simon Shaw ME3



FRIDAY 4TH DEC.

J.C.R.

FEATURING : LIVE BAND ~ BUMBLE & THE BEEZ TICKETS \$1.00 (FROM ENTS ROOM OR ENTS MEMBERS)



Tickets £7 from FELIX Office. (Cheques payable to ICU Publications Board (FELIX).)

CLUBS AND SOCIETIES

Riding

On Wednesday, November 11, Imperial College riding team, Caroline Griffiths, Suzanne Lindsey and Pat Palmer travelled to the London Equestrian Centre to compete in the ULU Riding League for the first time this year, and won against experienced opposition. Caroline won the dressage, Suzanne won the jumping, and Pat is our treasurer?! We hope to repeat our success in the remaining three matches.

Snooker

Only one match last week, this featuring the amazing B team who continued on their merry way by beating LSE 'B' 4-1. It would have been 5-0 if Andy "Don't break my beer glass" Wright hadn't come up against a pretty useful player who was miles better than anything their A team had the previous week.

Away from the league scene, there will be a number of competitions starting soon, the first of these being the Pot Luck Doubles on Sunday, December 6. Look out for the notice in the snooker room. Also, the first rounds of the Billiards Open and Handicap Tournaments will be starting soon, so come along and sign up for those as well. All these competitions are open to any member of the club.

PS: Look out for small ad detailing FREE membership for the 300th person to join.

PPS: We are arranging trips to Wembley and Sheffield for major tournaments in the new year, come and sign up as soon as possible.

Debating

If you think it pretty disgraceful that IC is without a Debating Society, then you are not alone. If you are interested in starting/joining a new one, come along to Huxley 140 at 1:00pm on Thursday, December 8.

Experience is not essential. The impertinence to expound from a lecturn a view with which you may in fact disagree is all that is required! Since a good turnout on Thursday is essential if a Debating Society is to be started, be brave and turn up.

Industrial

We still have a few places left on the Tube Investments Business Game, which simulates a manufacturing process from raw materials to marketing. This takes place in the afternoon of Wednesday, November 2 in College and will be most humorous and interesting. Contact Alistair Kirk, Physics 2 for details.

Monday, November 30 Trip to Mars, and Wednesday, December 9, "Simply Years Ahead" invasion of the Philips labs, Redhill, both meet at Beit Arch 12:50 for 1:00pm kickoff.

Advance warning—we have a general meeting on December 10, so read next week's FELIX for the gen.

BLOOD DONING

Tues 8 and Wed 9 December
Union Dining Hall
10:00am-12:00 and 2:00-4:00pm
Your blood is needed.

SF Soc

Where am I? Imperial College. What do you want? Information. So you read SF Soc Bulletins already? You won't learn anything here mate! By hook or by crook, we will. Who is Publicity Officer of the SF Soc? That would be telling. Who are you? I am the new author of SF Soc Bulletins. Well who wrote last week's then? You are a student.

But you knew that already, didn't you? If you came to the "Superheroes What's My Line" you might know more, even if you know damn all about the books of Harry Harrison. As far as 2001 goes I still think its a great film, even with rotten sound and focus. The rotten sound was explained in a previous bulletin. As for the focus I received a very moving monologue from an Ents person on the difficulties of focussing an anamorphic lens attachment and have nothing but sympathy for him. Anyway, "Bedazzled" is not in scope, so no worries there. No real news, everything's pending, i.e. what's confirmed you already know, and nothing further is known on what you don't. Did that make sense? Well I think so. Mark Smith 's Editorial Policy dictates that I stop here. So long stuff fans.

Scout & Guide

The Scout and Guide weekend to Brecon seemed confined to hikes in Hyde Park on Friday afternoon, when it was discovered that the College minibus didn't work. However, Kate Malcolm and Austin were kind enough to lend their cars, and so after piling in all fourteen of us, and gear, we drove off in to the west.....

Base camp was the first Brecon scout hut, from which we set off the next morning. Half of the group did a ridge walk over Pen y fan which was interesting as the wind was high and the cloud base low, although we had a terrific view of the countryside on the way down. The other group went down White Lady cave, which even had a rabbit guarding the entrance. After cooking supper, there was a trip to the local hostelry, followed by rope technique demonstrations back at the hut. Even 6" off the ground it looked a trifle desperate......

On Sunday the caving contingent, clearly enjoying the luxury of having wetsuits, swam through parts of porth-yr-ogof cave and splashed around in pools outside. The walkers went up onto the Beacons again and practised walking 'off-plumb' in high winds on Craig y fan. We had another impressive view of clouds moving up the valley as we walked down the reservoir.

Stew and dumplings for supper squashed down nicely during the trip back to London after a most enjoyable weekend.

H.G.Wells

Wellsoc will recommence its lecture programme this Monday with Heinz Wolffe addressing the society on Medical Engineering.

The average age of our society (not Wellsoc!) is steadily increasing due to the sharp drop in the birth rate with the advent of better and more readily available contraception in the past few decades. This brings ever increasing demands on our medical services to cater for our aging population.

Heinz Wolffe will be lecturing on the advances in medical enginering in our society. Dr Wolffe's oratory is surpassed only by his ability to generate excitement and interest in whatever subject he is speaking on. This promises to be one of Wellsoc's finest lectures, so don't miss it! Monday, Mech Eng 220, 7:30.

Consoc

The speaker meeting with William Whitelaw was well attended and the Home Secretary spoke on various topics including Ireland and the recent race riots. IT is very rare that Imperial College has guest speakers of this calibre. Fortunately the Conservative Society have Sir Keith Joseph, Minister for Education, coming next term and various other speakers throughout the year.

On December 3 Barney Heyhoe, MP will be speaking in Huxley 340 at 1:00pm.

If you are interested in joining the Conservative Society, membership will be available at the meeting.

Ents

Where were you on the 19th? Were you one of the hopeful perverts gathered in ME220 to watch the Trade Descriptions Act being violated (you weren't expecting the live male strip show, were you?) Oh my God! Escape From Alcatraz can only be better (and more erotic??). Hope you all enjoyed Carnival (who can be bothered with paragraphs)—more of the same next term—watch this space! STill watching? Good! Once more we plug good ole "Bumble and the Beez" (Black polythene and all)—only a week away; be there for the faberoonie event of that week. And for all you closet fetishists, a solid dose of aural attack the following Friday with "Overkill" can only be strongly recommended. Good to see a "review" if you know worrimean.

Bookshop News

Important Announcement

Logic for Problem Solving by Robert Kowalski. This is one of the recommended books, for computing studies. Both the author and myself were assured that a paperback edition would be available in this country by October. But unfortunately, this was not to be, however the publisher has offered us a slight reduction in price on our latest delivery. Therefore we are able to offer it at £11.00 as opposed to £14.00. Sad to say we cannot give a refund on copies already purchased as we have had to pay the full price.

Special Service

For readers of FELIX 596. The following titles may be ordered from the Bookshop.

The Professionals—an in-depth study of prostitutes and their lives and clients Routledge.

How to Live with a Neurotic Husband New English Library.

Christmas Gift List

Moscow Circles Benedict Erofeev, Writers and Readers, £6.95

Midnight Children Salman Rushdie, Cape, £6.95

Portrait of Jane Austen David Cell, Penquin £4.95

War and Peace Leo Tolstoy, Pan £3.50 Naughty Diary of an Edwardian Lady Ethel

Hordle, MacDonald £4.95 Rude Food; Rude Health; Vin Rude all by David Thorpe, Macmillan, all priced at £3.95

Maggie's Farm Steve Bell, Penquin £2.50 Oxford Dictionary of Quotations new edition Oxford University Press, £17.50.

Man Bites Man George Ives, Penguin £3.95 The Proms Barrie Hall, Allen & Unwin £8.95 Indecent Obsession Couleen McCullough, MacDonald £6.95

Complete Guide to Needlework Readers Digest £10.95

SB & Rent rebates for Christmas

If you have to pay rent during the vacation now is the time to start looking at the alternative ways of meeting this extra expense, which is not accounted for in the student grant, nor considered by the local education authorities as eligible for a discretionary vacation hardship grant, except in very unusual circum-stances. The fact is that LEAs have reliquished their responsibilities in this direction to other agencies that provide financial assistance. Of these the Department of Health and Social Security (DHSS) gives the most straightforward, and usually the most substantial payments in the form of Supplementary Benefit and Unemployment Benefit, Local authorities operate the rent allowance and rate rebate schemes. which tend to be subject to local variations, but more of these later.

Supplementary Benefit is available for people with a low income whose financial commitments leave them with an insufficient amount for their everyday needs. For students this would apply during the vacation. when they are available for work. As far as a student on a normal grant is concerned the income in the vacation is assessed at £21.15pw. This more or less equals the basic living allowance of SB, so the two tend to cancel each other out. However, if you apply at the Office for the area where you are paying rent the additional expense of rent will be met in part, or in total, depending on your circumstances.

How SB is worked out If heating is included in your rent, £5.10 will be deducted from the amount eligible for benefit, since this sum is included in the basic SB Allowance already balanced off by your grant. Also, if your rent 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 also sets a limit on the maximum rent reimbursed which varies in different areas. In the Kensington/Fulham boroughs it is £25 for single householders, £20 for sharers, £26 for a flatlet and £31 for a one-bedroomed flat.

As far as basic living allowances payable are concerned these are based upon your status, as determined by the DHSS, within a household. The term householder implies someone who is individually responsible for all household expenses. However, it is not precisely defined, so even if you are running a separate household (own room, own meters, etc.) a local office may wrongly try to pay you at the lower non-householder rate. The way that SB is worked out for sharers, or joint-householders, 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. The current rates 1981/2 are: Householder's allowance £23.25; Non-householder's allowance £18.60; Sharer's allowance £18.60 + (£4.65 divided by number of sharers).

As an example take a flat of four sharers paying £15 each. The basic living expenses for one person will be: £18.60 + 1.11 = £19.71 + rent at £15 = £34.71.

From this sum £21.15 (vacation grant) is deducted, leaving £13.56 payable as Supplementary Benefit. How to apply for SB

1. Register as available for work on the first weekday of the vacation at your nearest Job Centre in the same area as the one in which you are paying rent. This benefit cannot be back-dated nor can it be applied for

2. Assuming that there is no suitable job available ask to be registered as unemployed. You will be given a card and form B1.

earlier than the first day that you are

officially available for work.

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. This has been relaxed considerably because of the increasing numbers of unemployed.

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 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, together with evidence of any savings you may have

The calculations of 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.

Unemployment Benefit is available, during the vacations, for any student who has paid Class 1 National Insurance contributions on earnings of at least £875 between April 1978 and April 1979 or £976 between April 1979 and April 1980. This will give a flat rate of £22.50 without any other complications. If you have earnt more than the above the earnings related supplement will apply to all claims made before January 3, 1982. After this date the supplement is to be discontinued.

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 will lose money since payment cannot normally be backdated. Take your P45 with you or a note of your national insurance number

Rent Allowances and Rate Rebates

As far as the world at large is concerned, these are available for anyone living on a low income who is paying rent and has not signed a 'holiday' or 'company' let type of agreement with their landlord. As far as students in College residences are concerned there still exists considerable confusion and inconsistency as a result of the 1980 Housing Act which appears to allow anyone in hostel-type accommodation to claim rent rebates; a situation which did not exist before this Act and which has caused some local boroughs to over-react against student applications. While Kensington and Chelsea are processing as normal and will also consider claims from students in College Halls who can show that they live there throughout the year, Westminster will not deal with students who live in any type of accommodation rented through the College. We are hoping to effect a more liberal attitude from Westminster, but this may take time and will be aided by the accumulation of evidence from other boroughs on their procedures. To this end we will be sending out questionnaires to the head tenancies on the results of applications for rebates and would also appreciate information from anyone in private sector accommodation who has applied.

To return to basics; what are these rebates and are they worth applying for anyway? Well, they do not normally offset so much of the rent as SB, but their advantages are that they can be paid while you are away from your accommodation, in some cases during termtime and they do not entail all the hassle 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 your income is less than £37.35 (the single person's housing benefit needs allowance), as it normally will during the vacation, then 25% of the difference between the income and the needs allowance 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.

During the termtime £10.85 is taken from both your weekly maintenance allowance of £38.54 and your rent before the above calculations are made.

If a rate rebate can be applied for it 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 rent officers stress that each application for rent and rate rebates is unique and subject to its own variations, which makes it difficult to give an average example. Hopefully the results of our ques-

tionnaire will eventually enable us to give more definite expectations.

All students in the head tenancies will have rates included in their rent. This should be clearly indicated on the application form, even though you will not normally know the amount. The rent officer will work this part out from the other information given. College Hall rents do not include rates since this is paid by the UGC. Most other forms of tenancy will include rates unless they are specifically excluded. While many students will not qualify for rent allowances during termtime it is possible that a rate rebate may apply since this part of the rent is not subject to the same reductions.

How to apply for Rent and Rate Rebates

This can be done at any time. The earlier the better, since Kensington has a two month processing delay as a result of the recent supplementary rate.

Some Town Halls or Council Offices will send you a form if you phone them, others will prefer you to collect and some are even distributing them throughout the district. They will be listed in the phone book under the name of your Borough. Those nearest IC are noted below. You will also need to produce the same documents as described for Supplementary Benefit.

If you run into a problem when claiming any of 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 Officers for College Head Tenancies, Halls and Houses

Job Centre and Unemployment Office: 200 Shepherds Bush Rd, W6 (603:3456)

Supplementary Benefit Office: Charles House, 375 High St Kensington, W14 (603-4633).

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

Hamlet Gardens

Gerrard Mansions

Job Centre and Unemployment Benefit Office: Chadwick St, SW1 (222-8060).

Supplementary Benefit Office: Regency St, SW1 (834-8433).

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

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

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

Supplementary Benefit Office: Waterford House, Waterford Rd, SW6 (736-3399).

Town Hall: Kensington and Chelsea, Hornton St, W8 (937-5464) (R&R Rebate forms for this area are available from Students Services).

Lexham Gdns

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

> Sue Telling Student Services

EXEC VIEWS

There are still two posts vacant on the Academic Affairs Committee: one for an ordinary member, and another for secretary of the committee. It is very important that these posts should be filled in if the committee is to run effectively.

The objects of the committee are:

a) The investigation of the purpose and structure of the degree system, together with its means of assessment.

b) The co-ordination of all Academic Affairs sub-committees and staff/student committees

within Imperial College.

Subjects discussed vary from the perennial problem of unsatisfactory maths lecturing for non-maths specialist students, to the Sir Peter Swinnerton-Dyer Report on Academic Organisations. Future topics may concern what effects the government cuts are having on the various departments within College and how departments will be reorganised if the merger with QEC that is being discussed, is carried out. The time taken up is not excessive; the committee only meets two or three times a term and the post of secretary involves only a little extra work in the writing of minutes and posting of notifications for meetings.

If you wish to stand for one of these vacancies you can put your name up on the papers in the Lower Lounge in the Union Building together with the signatures of the requisite number of seconders. The election will be held at the UGM on Tuesday.

Marce

And now, the incredibly entertaining Barney McCabe......

Hi, I'm back again. Please read my report in *Exec News* and come to the UGM. If it is more than 50% above the quorum, just for your enjoyment I'll take my trousers down. **SEX** (That was just to draw people's attention to the article, here comes another one) **PANTIES**. To continue, a brief resumé of what you may like to know.

1. Rape alarms are available from me in the Union Office FREE from now on. These are for women who may be using the Gym changing rooms alone. I will demonstrate the alarm at the UGM so that students in general might recognise the sound and be ready to take appropriate action should there be an incident.

2. Please do not abuse the Beit TV Lounge. This facility is paid for by Beit residents and is theirs. In particular do not take drinks from the Bar into the Lounge, and please respect the wishes of residents, in respect of noise and use of chairs. There will be serious action taken if **ABUSE** by non-residents continues.

3. Very soon the Lower Lounge will receive some new bins, ashtrays and tables. These should improve the untidy nature of the place.

4. Thank you 'Carnival' organisers for not letting the building get too damaged.

5. Don't miss the opportunity of visiting the RCS Centenary exhibition, most informative

and interesting.

6. Attention all clubs and societies. If you want allocated, labelled, noticeboard space, you must fill in the form in the Union Office even if you have a patch at present. A major review into noticeboard allocations is taking place so be sure to get what you WANT.

7. If anybody has a key to any Union room, cupboard, padlock or to any area containing Union property and which they have obtained before October 1 1981 I want to know. If you do not come and tell me, you will not be able to reclaim any **DEPOSIT** paid on this key. I must know before 5:30pm on Friday, December 11, 1981 and I must see the key. When the locks are changed your chances of obtaining a new key may be prejudiced by failing to do this. Ed's Note:

May I take this opportunity to thank Mr McCabe for his enormous efforts on behalf of the Union this year and for writing this incredibly witty and entertaining article which has made this issue of FELIX worthwhile (who said sarcasm was dead?).

Community Action

Sorry this article wasn't here last week. If you're interested in any of the activities that we are involved in come to the meeting at 12:30pm every Monday in our room at the top of the Union.

Activities we're involved in are: taking the children of battered wives to see the sights of London; helping with handicapped children at a youth club in Acton every Saturday; draughtproofing old peoples homes on Wednesday afternoons; visiting old people in St. Pancras Hospital or taking them out on trips; soup runs on Tuesday and Friday nights (see What's On column).

Socialist

We are Imperial College Socialist Society. Our main aims are to fight for equal rights and distribution of wealth for all people of the world, man and woman, black and white. We have speakers every Tuesday (6:30pm, Green Committee Room, upper floor, Union Building) to talk about controversial issues.

There is also a bookstall in the JCR on Friday lunchtimes. If you are interested in being on our mailing list contact Robert Kelsey (Civ Eng 2) or me (Physics 2) at the bookstall or via the pigeonholes. See you around!

Mike Mallic, Treasurer



NB: The Mines Ball is on December 18 not December 8 as was printed last week—tickets are available from RSMU, and post-dated cheques are accepted (within reason!!).

There is an RSM Rag Collection on Saturday morning—no one has an excuse for not turning out, as the sports games for that day don't begin until the afternoon. Therefore we can all meet in RSMU at 9:30am.

Although this year's Rag Mag is not on sale, anyone who would like past years editions, they are available at 20p each in the Union Office.

Don't forget to puf your name down for Camborne before the list is taken down.

Gaynor



Basically, just a list of events this week:

1. The Centenery Ball, tonight, 7:30 for 8:00pm, Sherfield.

2. RCS Carnival Committee, Monday, November 30, 1:00pm above Southside Bar. 3. RCS General Committee, Monday, December 7, Union Dining Hall, 6:30pm.

And incidentally, in case you didn't know, we beat Guilds, Mines and ICU combined at the football by an enormous margin.



City & Guilds

Well it's been a fairly quiet week this week—well what wouldn't be quiet after Carnival? Year Rag was supposed to be this Saturday, but due to a problem about licenses this has been postponed—sorry to all the soc and dep reps who have spent hours (?) organising it.

On Tuesday there's a visit to the pub of the week which is the Brittania Tap on Warwick Rd. (If you don't know where it is see Andy's

brilliant map in Guildsheet.)

On Thursday there are the interdepartmental pedal car races in Princes Gdns at 12:30. If you want to be in your team, see your soc reps before it's too late.

Band Ahoy!

STOIC is looking for College bands who would like to appear in front of the cameras, for inclusion in a recorded music programme (in colour).

The programme will be shown, either later this term or early next term, on the STOIC network—JCR, Southside TV Lounge, Southside, Beit, Linstead and Weeks Halls.

Several of the groups who have appeared on similar programmes in recent years have gone on to use our video recordings of their performances for promotional purposes.

Anyone interested in taking part should contact Lawrence Windley (Chairman), Michael Hackett (Secretary) or any other STOIC member as soon as possible by phoning internal 2637. Calling into the TV Studio (Elec Eng end of the Walkway) or via the Union letter-racks.

Wednesday, December 2

•TM Soc Talk by Dr Chalmers and Dr Davies on 'Vedic Science', 341 Huxley. All meditators welcome.

•Four for the Gospel Makers Part 4, final part, 12:30, Chaplains Office. Food provided.
•Methor Talk with John Probble, 12:40pm, 9G Princes

•Methsoc Talk with John Prebble, 12:40pm, 9G Princes Gdns. Lunch 50p.

•Wargames Club Meeting, 1:00pm, Union SCR.

•Industrial Soc Tube Investments Game, afternoon, in College.

•IC Trampoline Soc, meet 5:30pm, Courtauld Hall, QEC, Campenden Hill Rd. Contact Kristen Hansen, Chem 2 for further details.

Thursday, December 3

•Yacht Club Meeting, 12:30pm, Botany Common Rm. Last chance to put your name down for the Christmas extravaganza. Also plan for 1982 sailing.

•Methsoc Bible Study, 12:40pm, A9 Linstead. Lunch 50p.

•Dept of Humanities presents

1. Film: The World at War (Thames TV) Part 7: Whirlwind , 1:15pm, Great Hall.

2. Lunch-hour Concert with Kathron Sturrock (piano), 1:30pm, Music Rm, 53 Princes Gate.

•Christian Science Group Meeting, 1:00pm, Seminar Rm, Level 2S, Botany.

•STOIC: Newsbreak, 1:00 and 6:00pm.

•SF Soc Library Meeting, 1:00pm, Green Comm Rm. •Debating Society 'Let's start one' Meeting, 1:00pm, Huxley 140.

• Jewish Society AGM and Election, 1:30pm, Green Committee Rm. Come and vote for a new committee and afterwards take a trip to Parliament for a Soviet Jewry lobby of MPs.

•Gliding Club Meeting, 5:30pm, Aero 254.

•Joint J. Soc Pre-Chanukah Party, 5:45pm, meet by the Cash Dispenser, Level 2, Sherfield.

Reviews

Theatre

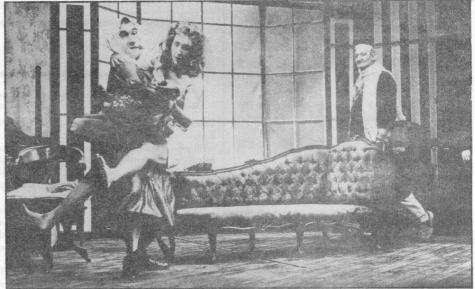
The Beastly Beatitudes of Balthazar B. Based on the novel by J.P. Donleavy. Starring Simon Callow and Patrick Ryecart. Directed by Ron Daniels. Duke of York's Theatre, St. Martin's Lane.

This immensely enjoyable play took me completely by surprise. The leaflet advertising the play depicts two young men lying virtually on top of a well-endowed young lady; all of them are unclad. Under the somewhat suspicious title are the words: "The world premiere of a bawdy and joyous new play.....", and on the back of the leaflet are such quotes from critics as 'lush and lovely, bawdy and sad, robust and warm delights'. I was tempted to bring along my dirty mac. However, it was just as well that I didn't because the play could hardly have been more different than I had anticipated.

The play is based on the novel of the same name by J.P. Donleavy, an ex-boxer who has become one of today's giants of contemporary literature. As a writer, Donleavy sees himself as "a kind of journalist—going out and picking up stories". Indeed, the novel was conceived in

a traffic jam in Knightsbridge!

The curtain rises on a student's room in Trinity College, Dublin, the room, in fact, of Balthazar, a reserved, handsome French prince played by Patrick Ryecart. The other principal personality in the play is Beefy, a most outrageous character; extrovert, upperclass, gentlemanly, stocky and loveable, a student of divinity and intellectually the most brilliant student of the College, but who has an insatiable appetite for carnal lust of a most unspeakable variety. This character is played most convincingly by Simon Callow. The play centres around the strong friendship that developes between these two seemingly opposite personalities and the strength that



From left: Simon Callow (Beefy), Charlotte West-Oram (Rebecca) and Noel Coleman (junior Dean) in a scene from The Beastly Beattitudes of Balthazar B.

each imparts to the other as they descend the downward spiral of life.

Trouble starts when Beefy brings two girls of 'ill-repute' into Balthazar's room and indulges in a feast of sin, while Balthazar looks upon the proceedings with indifference. The Junior Dean bursts in and has the two expelled. Balthazar, however, has not lost everything. Before this unfortunate incident, Elizabeth Fitzdare (played by Susan Gilmore) proposed to him. She seems to be too good to be true, beautiful, Christian, full of poise and graceful looks. The engagement is rudely shattered when the trustees of Balthazar will not agree to the marriage. During his loneliness, he falls into the traps of another girl and a subsequent disastrous marriage. Balthazar cannot vanguish the thoughts of the beautiful Fitzdare, and when his wife leaves the house,

his thoughts turn to Alphonsine (played by Lizzie Romilly) a more than attractive French au-pair. The scene that follows is one of the most captivating I have ever beheld. In a most sensuous French accent Alphonsine tantalisingly describes her boyfriend back home in superlative terms, leaving Balthazar feeling totally inadequate but all the more desirous of Alphonsine. Lizzie Romilly's accent and mannersims are a sheer pleasure to behold, and one that I shall never forget.

Again this backdrop of Balthazar's misfortunes, Beefy's excessive sexual indulgences cause him to become a disinherited outcast. The two manage to hold their heads above the sea of troubles by means of their mutual friendship.

This most endearing play is at once comic, thoughtful and touching. It is well worth a visit.

Opera

The Seven Deadly Sins (of Ordinary People) Ballet Chanté by Kurt Weill. Text by Bertolt Brecht. Les Mamelles de Tirésias (The Breasts of Tirésiast). Opera-Bonffe by Francis Poulenc. Text by Guillaume Apollincaire from his original play. Opera double-bill at the English National Opera, St. Martin's Lane.

Kurt Weill and Bertolt Brecht collaborated on the 'sung ballet'. The Seven Deadly Sins, in 1933. The work is Weill's last before he emigrated to America and a 'second career' composing Broadway musical. Brecht revises the traditional meanings of the seven sins (sloth, pride, anger, gluttony, lust, avarice and envy) in the light of contemporary social values. Weill's score is exceptionally varied in style and features prominantly the banjo and the guitar. It is melodious and at times beautiful and expresses a parody and criticism of hypocrisy. The end result is song and dance combined to rare and appealing effect.

Anna leaves home in the Mid-West of the US to make her, and her family's, fortune. Her nature, as with the rest of us, is two-fold: practical Anna and idealist Anna. The two aspects of her nature assume two persons in the opera. Practical Anna, played by Jenny

Weston, goes into show business as a dancer and strives to make her way to the top in the search of fortune and recognition. Idealist Anna, played by Marti Webb (alias Eva Perón in Evita), looms over the practical Anna as she dances her way through the following scenes. Which of Anna's two aspects are the more important for making her way up in the world? The seven deadly sins are committed by Anna as she succeeds in reaching the top of her profession and by her family back home, who begin to live off her riches. However, at the top of her career, Anna is still unhappy. She returns home, rich and successful but grown up and responsible, apparently all the more wise after her experiences. In the end, the idealist Anna appears to triumph and the practical Anna appears to have been broken, but the former confides to the latter: "You can still be a hero, but it won't achieve anything. The heroes-those who stand up for moral principles and rights—have only death to look forward to." Each sin has been made out to be the reverse of what one might expect and the terrifying message of Anna's family is that you only get on at all if you don't give in to the temptation of standing up for what you believe.

The work is only forty minutes long but is superbly finished and executed. The designs are simple but very effective. My only criticism is that the structure of the work is a little simplistic and lacks a smooth flow. It is rather like a medieval tapestry of four scenes

depicting the four virtues.

No doubt you have seen a surrealist painting, can see an example of surrealist theatre in the form of Les Mamelles de Tirésias. The opera is based on the play by Guillaume Apallimaire. It was he who, in an introductory note written for the play's premiere in 1917, invented the word surrealism, thus giving a name to a new movement in art and literature. He wrote "to make, if not a new movement in the theatre, at least a personal statement, I thought it necessary to return to nature itself, without imitating it like a photograph. When Man wanted to imitate walking, and created the wheel-which does not look like a leg-he created surrealism without knowing it

Composed by Poulenc in 1948, the opera is a comedy of modern day morality. It presents a hilarious and satirical view of feminism, sexchanges, male chauvinism and the problems of single parent families where the father gives birth to babies! Marilyn Hill Smith plays the part of the 'mother' and Emile Belcourt plays that of the 'father'. As is to be expected from surrealist art the plot, and especially the stage designs, are highly bizarre and amusing. In fact, it is very difficult to know how much of the work, if any, is meant to be taken seriously; one is forever trying to discern the intentions of the author. However, the opera is most unusual and entertaining, if a little baffling.

Nick Bedding

SPORT

RESULTS

Wednesday, November 18

Footba	11		
IC IV	VS	IC V	2-4(H
IC VII	VS	Middlesex II	2-3(H)
Rugby			
IC I	1.8	Wye I	21-7(H)
IC II	VS	Middlesex Hosp	14-0(A)
Hockey	y		
Ladies	VS	Wie	1-2(H)
	S	aturday, November 2	1
Footbal	11		
IC I	VS	Charing Cross 1	6-2(H)
IC II	1'5	IC IV	4-1(H)
IC: III	V'S	Kings II	0-3(A)
IC V.	VS	LSE II	4-1(A)
IC VI	VS	Middlesex Hosp II	1-3(H)
Rugby			
IC I	VS	Streatham	12-40(A)
IC II	VS	Streatham	10-4(A)
IC III	VS	Streatham	14-10(H)
Hockey			
IC I	VS	Ashford	0-2(H)
IC II	VS.	Ashford	3-2(H)

Fencing

1-1(A)

IC III vs Thames Valley II

RESULTS

		IC	HS
Foil	1	2	7
	2	7	2
	3	4	5
Epee		7	2
Epee Sabre		7	2
		27	$\frac{2}{18}$

IC had a successful afternoon at Highgate School on November 18 winning 27 of the 45 fights, with only 2 of the 5 teams being defeated.

Steve Parker contributed to the Second Foils victory by winning all three of his fights, and Steve Taylor did the same for the Epee, which was no mean feat since he fenced all three bouts in a row.

The sabreurs suffered slightly under the keen blade of the enthusiastic Highgate Captain, but despite this, Olivier Lambron won three good fights and no blood was drawn.



Firsts

Dear Mummy

No game this Wednesday, but I managed

to track down my idols:

Aled at the opticians, Martin out shopping, Kev at real ale festival, Steve in laboratory. Andy at Wembley (Ron said turn up at 12:30), John at the doctors (he didn't catch it off me), Phil in his suit (seems like a nice boy), Malcolm couldn't get game for seconds so he

worked, Dave at the Railway (Watneys not BR...

Other two avoided me (judiciously, since the rash is rampant on Wednesday afternoons).

Love Frank Bogey-rolla



Gutteridge Cup

Once again IC made hard work of 'tonking' a bunch of wallies despite the volumes of beer swilling support on a shitty day. Linesman Maurice presented his posterior to a poodle and was bitten for his trouble. Dave McGee was tireless and versatile with the bucket and our expensive Medisport.

Pete Richards opened the scoring, falling through people before his opposite man even arrived at the match and needless to say the conversion was well missed in true IC tradition.

Faz displayed all his skills and wins this weeks Mr Disco title but will be most remembered for his startling back somersault. Phil Verity vented his aggression by laying into a couple of Fosters tins that had inadvertently invaded the pitch.

Mackers generously let Stu Johns score after an amazing run over, round and through most of the opposition. And shock horror! It was converted by Phil Eastland who also kicked a penalty. Faz and Baldy Davies added to the scoresheet in their own inimitable style.

Sports Editor's Note:

By the way, the score was 21-7 to Imperial and the team played very well in revolting conditions. Mary did a good job in looking after 'Arnie'; discouraging all the Wye marauders in the bar afterwards!



IC Captain Adam Warby incolved in some interesting off the ball action. Photo: Jim Edwards.

Seconds

On Wednesday IC Seconds resumed their tour of Greater London, this time finding themselves in Sidcup to play a strong Middlesex Hospital side.

The wet and windy conditions contributed to making the first half a scrappy affair. IC spent most of this half in the oppositions' '25', but were unable to capitalise on this position, due mainly to mishandling and a lack of commitment from the forwards.

The second half started with IC resuming their territorial advantage, and with the team displaying spirit, so the first try wasn't long in coming. After a penalty move, the forwards drove up field to within five yards of the line, where Robin Frith picked up the loose ball to score in the corner. Forward pressure continued, and a ruck on the opposition's line resulted in the ball being fed out to Charles Henderson, standing off, to drive over the line. Mick Winsor's conversion must rate as goal of the season, kicking from the touchline and against the wind. The third try again came from a ruck, with Chris Cole picking up and touching down, to give the final score IC 14 Middlesex Hospital 0.

Team: M. Thompson, R. Frith, N. Brummel, P. Hardee, M. Winsor, M. Simmons, J. Paixâo, S. Bell (Capt), C. Cole, J. Hutton, T. Carr, M. Pearce, A. Ralph, A. Chalklen.



Ladies

With only 9 players battling against driving rain and a gale force wind, we should have been no match for 11 healthy agriculturalists but by half-time we were 1-0 up due to brilliant play by everybody. However, Wye were a very good side and in the second half their skill, combined with a strong wind behind them, got the better of us (plus the fact that we had no backs!) and the end result was a 2-1 win for Wye. This was a pity because we had a number of chances to score.

Well done everybody who played—I'll get a full team out yet! Many thanks to 'eagle eyes' Johnson for umpiring the whole game single handed

single-handed.
Team: C. Thomas, S. Halbard, M. Storey, K. Barnett, C. Brown, A. Wall, A. Crumbie, A. Longstaff, A. Coates.



Last Saturday up at the Harp we sailed against teams from Southampton and Essex, who kindly allowed IC to demonstrate their fantastic skills by being beaten yet again.

Southampton won 2-1 in a match that became a farce due to the organiser giving us two very slow boats—of one which appeared to be in an advanced state of leprosy!

In the second match against Essex we lost 2-0, the excuses this time being the two surviving members of last year's team—Graham (Neoprene) Kennedy and Pat Mills Graham showed great skill at collecting penalty points by repeatedly ramming the opposition and Pat tried to sail the wrong way round the course, attacked a bouy (yes you perverts that's bouy with a u) and contributed further to the destruction of his boat.

Congratulations to new members Anita, Graham D., Julian and Richard—and one of you can write this bloody report next time.



Firsts

Dear Mummy

Please don't worry about my eating habits. Lots of people have novel ideas for recipes. Here's an example of one I received this Saturday.

Harlington Hot Pot

Take 4 Carnival goers, or 3 if you feel its too

(Slows the whole mixture down.)

Top up with another 7 blues

(This adds body to the mixture)

Add 11 reds

(This provides an ideal match, especially if served in a cup)

"Stop schlurping the wine Johnny"

Warm up for 5mins (or 30 if Carnival goers added)

To get the whole mixture started add a pea (Ones from whistle are ideal)

Simmer gently for 45mins, then add oranges, return to heat and bring to boil for another

45mins To add piquancy sprinkle liberally with goals

(6 blue and 2 red produces a satisfactory

"For God's sake, stop schlurping the wine Johnny!'

Pilchards can be included, but may prove too lively (cheers boys!)

NB: Be careful not to add too much Reeve as this can upset the whole mixture.

Serve with copious amounts of beer (and cigarettes for Aled)

Love F.B-R

PS: The rash and I have come to an understanding. He leaves my friends alone, and I leave off Val Derma.

Seconds

"AAAAAH" we've won again. This is becoming boring. We play good, we play bad, we always win. It's pointless playing. Why do we?

Observations during the match.

- i) Ron's got really short legs.
- ii) Steve doesn't close his legs.
- iii) Andy can't close his legs.
- iv) Martin never uses his legs. Grass grows very, very slowly.

Teams: same as during the match.

Following on their success on Wednesday in the League, against -- IV, the Fifths produced probably the most outstanding performance of the season by any IC team.

The Fifth's Hampton was particularly outstanding. Whenever the IC defence was penetrated, Hampton stood erect in the goal growing inches on occasions to tip certain efforts away, and was always quick at coming off his line.

Good performances in defence from N. Audin, D. Rogers, M. Haberlin (1), S. Kler; in midfield by K. Chamberlain, N. Gaskill (1), B. Dhillon, and up front D. Stephenson, S. Coussens, J. Healy (2).

Mention must also be made of a brilliant last-gasp tackle by B. Dhillon on D. Stephenson when the latter/former was clean

Team: as given + A.N. Hampton in goal.

The Sports Editor (who definitely isn't a power-crazed megalomaniac) would like to thank everyone who submitted articles this week.

She would also appreciate it if someone would submit a man for her next week, along with their report, to make pasting-up a bit more exciting



Firsts

Having been stuffed by league leaders, Staines last week, we were totally annihilated by second place Ashford this week.

Why didn't somebody invite them to Guilds Carnival? (Why didn't we stay in bed?

Intimidated by the posing of the Ashford inside right (ex-England, GB, Universe, etc.), IC allowed him to walk through their defence obtaining numerous short corners. Ashford finally converted one of these while Clarke was re-tying his shoelace, Coatesworth adjusting his flourescent ankle protectors, and Slatter watching Concorde take off.

Oranges have no effect on hangovers or on Clarke's reaction time. Playing a true skippers rôle he was judged by the umpire (?) to have deliberately trod on the ball without moving his feet. Ashford's "megastar" converted the penalty flick with little difficulty.

College, having left it much too late, now realised that the Carnival had finished eight hours ago and started to produce some clear chances-all of which were missed, due to poor finishing (bring back Cope!)

Our promotion hopes are fading fast, but a win next week could put us back in contention!

Team: Slatter, Coatesworth, Parker, Franklin Riley, Rao, Clarke, Bell, Bateson, Bansal, Gatley.

Seconds

With an umpire like Pete Hughes We were never going to lose So while Ashford got mad And played really bad We duly beat them three-two. The first goal came from Wylie Who tucked it away very slyly It bounced off his chest We were very impressed But their goalie complained very slightly.

Then Mike scored after a bit And Andy from a short hit Their captain went red -at the end he said "Your umpire's a load of rubbish!" Eat your heart out Muhammad Ali!

Team: Butler, Cunningham, Roessink, Rampton, Whitehead, Stroomer, Garms, Farmer, Wylie, Mitchell, Pitkethly.

Thirds

The glorious Thirds drew 1-1 with Thames Valley Seconds.

IC arrived early and knocked up on the squelchy clearing behind the clubhouse on which TV set up the goalposts! Webb scored from a short. Some prat complained about this short, but being their centre forward he was at the other end of the pitch. Pound got him in the teeth later on.

Piss-artist of the month to Sharpe for laughing at the opposition, and after hitting the ball away from a free hit saying "Sorry Umpire, I didn't hear the whistle!

Thanks to Taylor for playing left wing and

thus keeping out of the way.

Taylor and Webb made a spirited attempt to walk off with someone else's jug. Witter lead the offensive to sneak up and get a' second tea; Cattell was slow to catch on and went up and asked for another!

Team: Jones, Cattell, Sharpe, Webb, Stocking, Shindler, Witter, Mahers, Taylor, Allan, Benham.

Umpire: Purdy.



Firsts

My mate Nobber says: Carnival was great. Non-existent back row. Constant overlap. 40-12 to them.

Cheers!

Seconds

On Saturday we played Streatham on a pitch that could have been used for a ski run. In the first half we played up the slope and were under constant pressure from the Streatham forwards and backs. However, due to excellent tackling from the backs and back row we managed to keep them out until the last minute of the first half, when the Streatham right wing crashed over in the corner. So at half-time it was 4-0 to Streatham.

In the second half, we had the slope and the wind, and spent the whole time in their half of the pitch. After many near chances, J. Paxaio dribbled the ball over the line for our first try. Then after a good scrum move, J. Davies crashed over the line for our second try. M. Winsor converted the try, and so the match ended 10-4 in our favour.

Team: M. Thomason, M. Winsor, G. Pike, W. Chapman, R. Flynn, N. Brummel, J. Pavâio, S. Bell, C. Cole, A. Chalklen, C. Henderson, J. Cotton, W. King, J. Davies, W. Aston.

Thirds

At 11:30 18 players were expected. 'Injury' problems again-left with 13. Could Streatham come with less? No, they were to arrive with 14. We had to supply a ref. Only two players had not been to the Carnival and therefore were in a fit state to ref. Thanks to Phil Hughes-Narborough who 'volunteered'. The other non-carnival player Jeremy Hobday scored all three tries and the conversion. The 'walking dead' staggeredtheir way through a scrappy game which they would have won easily (despite only 12 men) had it not been for the night/morning before. The team retains their 100% unbeaten record.

Thanks to Arthur who provided tea and oranges at zero notice.

Team: P. Hughes-Narb (ref), I Magness, J. Poultney, I. Mountandon, B. Hinmers, J. Hobday, S. Kirby (capt), P. Bateson (Hooker), G. Pritchard, M. Hodgson, E. Occonar, M. Munroe, D. O'Doherty.



Last Week

I have received a lengthy but anonymous discourse on the errors in last week's FELIX. When I awoke, bleary-eyed on Friday after a long week plagued by a mechanical error, I realised that I had really rushed through in order to maintain a Friday publication deadline. The William Whitelaw story was appalling, mainly because I was let down by my original reporter at a vulnerable time, and did not have the time or energy to personally rearrange and improve it.

If I for one moment believed that everybody was as critical as my correspondent, I would not have produced an issue at all—but I think maintaining a regular publication is very important and is appreciated by many people. The most disappointing thing for me and my staff is that the result of one of our hardest weeks work (i.e. that issue) could never truly represent the time involved (many "good" issues have been produced with less effort). I am not superhuman and can only stand two or three fourteen hour days a week.

Unlike the other sabbaticals, I am judged by the whole of College EVERY FRIDAY. If an issue is late or poorly presented for any reason, if someone's letter or article does not appear, if I make any errors of fact or judgement then people complain. Praise is a much appreciated rarity. And I must rely on volunteers to be able to function at all.

So I must battle on, think up new ideas, coax people into helping me and yet bear uninformed criticisms from someone who is too lazy and unconcerned to come in and help or even find out how and why such errors occur. Is it surprising that I therefore start to feel bitter and will not print one unhelpful individual's opinions?

The lack of appreciation and interest in helping really make me feel that I am casting pearl before swine. But as one who has been elected (and is paid) to form the habit of making a silk purse from a sow's ear, I suppose I should at least be prepared to go the whole

Statistic

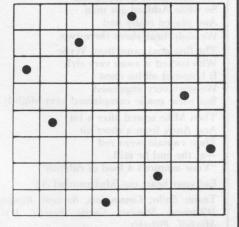
While four thousand people read FELIX regularly, fewer than ten students are actually concerned enough to put in a substantial amount of effort to produce it. Talented and dedicated people are needed who can regularly devote some spare time to improving and expanding the content. This doesn't mean more boring clubs and society articles or tediously long letters, but entertaining and interesting features and better news coverage. Original ideas will be welcomed, but must be approved by the Editor (before you start producing reams and reams of unwanted material!). If you wish to contribute or learn more about FELIX, then come to the staff meeting today (Friday) at 12:30pm in the FELIX Office. It's never too late to join us.

Credits

Joy! Joy! Joy! Another week's issue nearly in the bag. My thanks to the following (who make the rest of you 3,500 plus look distinctly boring): Lesley, Peter, Mary, Paul, Eddie, Martin, Jane, Pallab, Mo (IC Radio show Tuesday 8-10), Stuart "cocky" Little, Jes, Johnny Brooks from LSE, Tony Hird and all the other collators who won't be credited (until next week).

Also, a last minute thankyou to J. Martin Taylor, Rebecca and Chrissie.

Congratulations to Jonathan Miller, Chemistry 2, who won, and also to Mike Hodgson, Physics 1, who was the only one to point out that Charlequin's friend will have trouble with the eleventh question on the second paper: the answer is F sharp!



diagonal. (This includes all the diagonals, of course, not just the two long ones.) The diagram shows a correct solution under the terms normally imposed. But you will notice that the queens on the first three rows of my solution, although they do not lie on any row, column or diagonal of

A rather well-known puzzle generally called

the eight queens problem invites you to place eight queens on a chessboard in such a way

that no two of them share a row, column, or

the chessboard, are nevertheless in an exact straight line. What I am looking for this week is a valid solution to the eight queens puzzle with the added restriction that no three queens lie

in a straight line.

Solutions, comments, criticisms to me at the FELIX Office please. A prize of £5 (donated by Mend-a-Bike) for the correct solution randomly selected at 1:00pm on Wednesday.

Last Week's Solution

As expected, some of you found it trivial, and some found it impossible. In fact the answers to the first paper are simply the notes of 'God Save the Queen' and the answers to the second paper are the notes of 'The Star Spangled Banner' (both in C major). Apologies to anyone who was badly fooled; I promise not to set puzzles this cheeky very often.

University Challenge

A coach will be supplied for IC supporters to watch the IC University Challenge team on December 16. If you are interested give names to Jen in the Union Office.

Friday, November 27 strial Soc Com Meeting, 1:00pm, Chem Eng L

•Industrial Soc Com Meeting, 1:00pm, Chem Eng LT

1. All welcome.

What's On

 Christian Union Fellowship Meeting, 6:30pm, Music Rm, 53 Princes Gate. Followed by coffee and biscuits and at 9:00-10:00 prayer meeting.

•ICCAG Soup Run, 10:30pm, Falmouth Kitchens.

Saturday, November 28

•Cross Country Club: Reading Univ Relay. Members only. See noticeboard for details.

Sunday, November 29

 West London Chaplaincy Service Preacher: Wilfred McGreal (from More House), 10:00am, Sherfield Ante Room.

•Wargames Club Meeting, 1:00pm, Union SCR.

Monday, November 30

 Anti-Apartheid Display 'Namibia in Struggle', all day, JCR.

 Hang-Gliding Club Meeting, 12:30pm, above Southside Bar.

•Trip To Mars—Industrial Soc, 12:50pm, Beit Arch. Transport cost.

•TM Soc Meeting, 5:30pm, Huxley 411. Come along for a group med!!

•Cyprus Soc First General Meeting, 6:00pm, Union Upper Lounge.

 H.G. Wells Soc presents Heinz Wolffe speaking on 'Medical Physics', 6:30pm, Mech Eng 220. Entry by membership.

Dancing Club Advanced Class, 7:30pm, JCR.

Tuesday, December 1

 Anti-Apartheid Display: 'Children Under Apartheid', JCR.

•Amnesty International London Region will visit four embassies close to College, 11:30am, Gloucester Rd tube station. Dec 1 is the start of the Al campaign for people who've "disappeared". Embassies visited will be: Paraguayan, Afghanistan, Ethiopian and Philippino. For more information contact Alistair Kirk, Physics 2.

 Riding Club Meeting, Elec Eng 1009. Bookings for rides. All welcome.

•Catholic Mass and Lunch, 12:30pm, Chem 231. A nominal charge will be made for lunch.

 Boardsailing Club Meeting, 12:30 and 6:15pm, Southside Upper Lounge. Contact Nick Ajderian, Mech Eng 3 or Andy Grimshaw Zoo 2.

•STOIC Programme with Michael Rodd, probably best known for Screen Test and Tomorrow's World. How did a graduate in law become a presenter on a scientific and technological programme? Watch in JCR, Southside TV Lounge, Southside, Beit, Linstead and Weeks Halls, 1:00 and 6:00pm.

•Mopsoc Lecture on 'Holography' with Mr Phillips, who prepared holograms for the 'Light Fantastic' exhibition, 1:10pm, Physics LT 2 (Level 1).

•Dept of Humanities presents:

1. An Engineer Looks at Biology

Part 2: Insects and Innovation with Prof Eric Laithwaite, Prof of Heavy Elec Eng, IC, 1:30pm, Read Theatre.

2. Mountain, Desert, Sea

Part 1 The Crash of Continents with Prof Keith Miller, Prof of Mech Eng, member of 1980 Karakoram Expedition, 1:30pm, Pippard Theatre. Arranged by IC Exploration Board.

•Wine Tasting Soc tasting some superb Californian wines, 6:00pm, Union SCR.

•Public Meeting of the Parliamentary Human Rights Group, 6:00pm, House of Commons Committee Rm 13. Amnesty International Secretary General will speak to the meeting.

•IC Amnesty Group Meeting, 5:30pm, Green Comm Rm (top floor Union Building).

•Socialist Society Speaker Meeting Society for the Protection of the Unborn Child, 6:30pm, Green Comm Rm (top floor Union Building).

•Dancing Club Beginners Class, 7:30pm, JCR.

•ICCAG Soup Run, 10:30pm, Falmouth Kitchens.

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