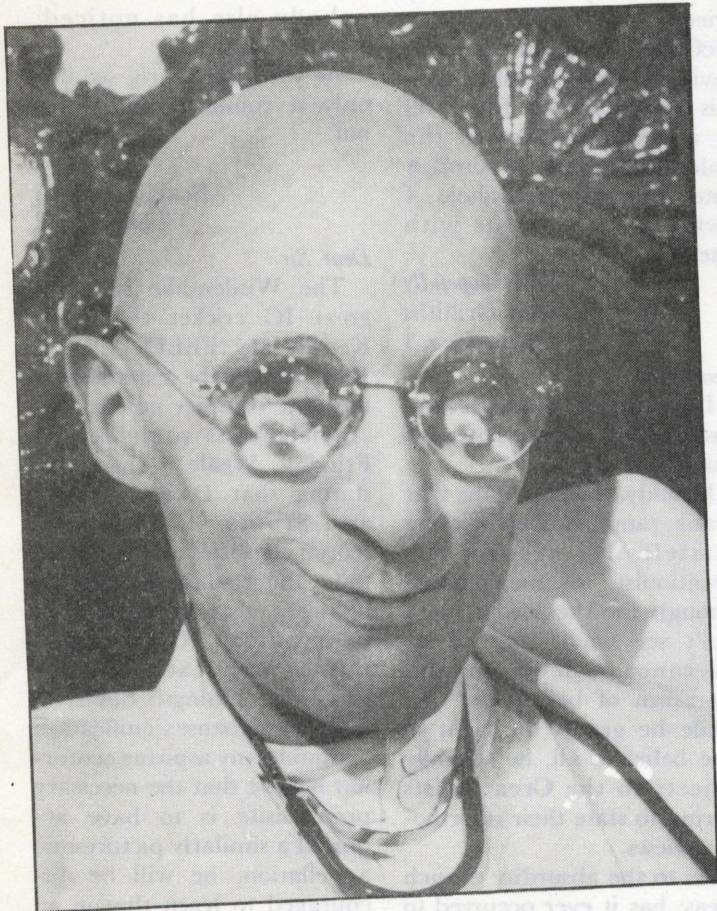


# RAPE IN SOUTHSIDE!

*This could be next week's headline*

## Riff-raff at STOIC



**Richard O'Brien** who wrote the music, screenplay and starred in *The Rocky Horror Picture Show* and the recently released *Shock Treatment* was interviewed by STOIC in the College TV Studio on Wednesday, January 13.

In *Shock Treatment*, Richard plays the evil Cosmo McKinley (pictured above). For full review see back page.

The interview will be broadcast by STOIC on Tuesday at 1:00pm and 6:00pm.

*The security of the Southside Halls of Residence has still not been adequately improved following the rape which occurred there over one and a half years ago and numerous thefts. A new system of electronic locks has not yet been installed, despite indications from the Estates section that they would do so over the Christmas vacation.*

Following a rape in the basement of Southside in May 1980 it was decided that access to the halls was too easy and that a new system of locks should be installed. The main problem was fire doors would have to be locked, so an electronic system was necessary with locks linked to the fire alarm system which would automatically open if a fire broke out.

A system was suggested and a quotation obtained. This proved "too expensive" and was shelved when major structural changes were proposed to combat the same problem.

A less expensive system was investigated last year which, at a cost of approximately £3,500, would adequately do the job. The Chief Security Officer, Mr Reeves, persuaded Estates that this system would be needed if the structural changes went ahead or not.

### Union Pressure

Last term the Union President, Mr Nick Morton, and Welfare Officer, Mr Nick Pyne, pressed Estates for an installation date on Student Residence Committee. The indication was clearly given that this would be done over the Christmas vacation, but it was not.

Mr Don Clarke, Estates Secretary, told FELIX that he did not know why the system had not been installed. "Most of my people are out today," he said, "the rail strike, you know."

The reason for the delay is still not clear at the time of going to press.

## QEC Merger Off!

*The proposed merger between Imperial College and Queen Elizabeth College has been shelved for the time being.*

At the end of last term the draft proposal from Lord Flowers and Dr Barnes (Principal of QEC) was amended by IC's Board of Studies. This amended draft proposal was submitted to the Governing Body and passed. After such changes it was not surprising that the new proposals proved unacceptable to the Academic Board and College Council of QEC.

The Rector, Lord Flowers, told FELIX that as far as he was concerned "the door is still open" and that negotiations could still continue. It seems, however, that it is up to QEC to re-approach IC.





Dear Sir

Andrew Lyall's reply to my letter was the predictable outburst of feigned hurt that I expected. His allegations are nothing short of slanderous and are no doubt the release for the emotional strain imposed upon one who has lived in a building that is collapsing around his ears for five years.

Not surprisingly he makes us scapegoats for the incompetence of Weeks Hall residents and lays the ills of the world at the doors of Garden Hall. He complained that my letter was not based on facts and then proceeds to make wild and unsubstantial allegations himself.

It is more than likely that a Weeks Hall resident put washing powder into the drying machine. This would in turn explain Mr All Ly's observation that damp washing was removed from the drier, as the average Weeks Hall resident cannot distinguish between the washing machine and the drier he probably saw the clothes being removed from the washing machine and mistook it for the drier!

Indeed I myself can cite one occasion on which I removed a combat jacket from the drier and burnt my fingers on it because it had been left in for far too long!

The state of Garden Hall's laundry is not the fault of the present residents and indeed it could not possibly be as

it has been out of action since the summer. The damage was caused by tenants to whom the rooms were let over the summer. Besides breaking the washing machine and the drier they also stole the iron for good measure.

Andrew Lyall has the nerve to suggest that we apologise for damage caused by Weeks hall residents. I suggest that he apologise to the residents of Garden Hall for the damage he has inflicted upon our characters by depicting us as nothing more than vandals and criminals.

*Yours oppressed*  
Duncan Reid

Sir

I read in FELIX 601 Mr Twadowski's letter informing your readers of my somewhat unsocial working hours and remember well the incident to which he refers.

Of course I appreciate that a bicycle is the most economical way to travel at 5:00am, and also that Mr Twadowski had to unlock his bicycle before pedalling it off into the night, but with a hacksaw?

*Your obedient servant*  
Barney McCabe

Dear Sir

Please could you include the following letter which is addressed to all tutors. Students with tutors who do not regularly read your columns could draw their attention to it:

*To all tutors,*

Every pound profit that the IC Bookshop makes goes to the students union and thereby eases the demands on the College's finances.

For example, a lecturer who recommends an undergraduate year to buy an 'A' category textbook priced £7.50 in the Bookshop supports the College with around £200.

In these days of severe financial difficulties it is therefore of vital importance that everyone who will be giving a lecture course during the academic year gives the Bookshop the chance to supply the "recommended" textbooks.

To enable us to do this, it is of the utmost importance that

we know what books you will be recommending *before* the course starts, not as is happening now, telling us after the course has started. This is not fair to your students or to the Bookshop. We try very hard to stock all recommended books, but we can only do it with your help.

Roy Hicks  
Bookshop Manager

Dear Mark

I would like to draw a small matter to the attention of the student populace of IC. So here goes.....

Did you know that the Union has been allocated approx £750 to buy fiction works and magazines for the Haldane Library? I repeat, £750 of YOUR MONEY to buy books for YOUR pleasure and perusal. So, if you want to read the latest international bestselling blockbuster or something more literary such as "My Friend, Mr Leakey" (Barney McCabe's favourite) without having to shell out for it, then this is what you do. Either fill in a request form in the Haldane Library or drop a note into my pigeonhole. I await your requests with interest.

*Yours hopefully*  
Alun Griffiths  
Chem Eng 3

Dear Sir

I'd like to make a few observations about last week's 'Soapbox' article.

Frankly, it seems to me that Frank James is contradicting himself. He accuses the Creationists of megalomania (though for the life of me I can't see why!) and of intolerance of deviation and pluralism of belief; and yet, while he grants the right of free belief to all, he strongly objects to the Creationists daring to state their unorthodox views.

As to the absurdity of such ideas: has it ever occurred to him to wonder why the biblical order of Creation (Genesis 1 vs 1-26) is exactly the same as the order of evolution of life that he holds as true? Remembering that the Hebrew for 'day' may also be translated 'age', and that the Bible was never written as

a science textbook, the similarity is really quite remarkable.

Of course, if such views are so absurd why suppress them, since suppression will only strengthen them. Why not give the Creationists their say, since surely no-one will believe them.

A point worth noting is that Darwin is probably not revolving in his pine box. He was a Christian, and said himself that he saw no reason why his theories should disturb a Christian's viewpoint, and I agree with him. Frank James may like to choose to be an animal; but I believe that God made me, and that's really something to be proud of.

*Yours*  
L. Mercer

Dear Mark

Amazingly I have just discovered an anagram for Nick Morton that I am sure nobody else has noticed: Rector's doormat.

As you can clearly see it is only a round dozen letters out.

*Yours*  
Michelle Wright  
Chem Eng 2

Dear Sir

The Wisden-like recall of great IC cricket events by Ken Weale (FELIX, Oct 23 1981) should be extended in the style of other noteworthy statisticians such as Bill Frindall. Weale is correct in stating that Dwarf, Gnome and Stumpy Chimp have scored centuries on the Devon tour. But can he actually be unaware that of these elfin batsmen one, Gnome, performed the feat twice—in successive innings? Surely a detail of immense significance.

Should any aspiring centurion believe that the necessary prerequisite is to have acquired a similarly picturesque appellation, he will be discouraged to learn that in an era even more lost in the mists of time than that of Dwarf and Gnome, the magic score was achieved by someone with the lacklustre name of Bland. 'Wisden' Weale will correct me if I am wrong.

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## Union given Open Door

IC Union is shortly to make a television programme for the BBC2 Open Door series. Following an unexpected phone call last term, Union President Nick Morton yesterday met the producer to discuss the matter. This ended a period of silence on the part of Auntie Beeb; two years have passed since the then Hon Secretary Roger Stotesbury submitted the application.

Open Door will allow students here to make a programme about virtually anything. A film crew and studio facilities are to be used, with the BBC paying the bill. Seemingly, neither the content nor the style of the programme have definitely been decided yet.

Only six weeks between the date of notification and the actual transmission is given by Open Door. So IC should be broadcasting to the nation at some time this term.

## Media Evening

On Monday evening IC Union Publications Board hosted the first ever "Media Evening".

The event, held in the College TV Studios, included displays by FELIX, IC Radio, The Phoenix, Alternative Prospectus and STOIC. Members of the College administrative staff were invited, including Lord and Lady Flowers. The intention was to give these people a chance to meet the students who work on the College media.

It was generally felt that the evening was a great success.

## Lectures to cease?

There is a possibility that the Tuesday lunchtime Humanities lecture programme will be suspended for the next session.

The Humanities Committee has been asked by College to submit a plan for a twenty per cent reduction in expenditure over a three year period. The plan includes suspension of the Tuesday lunchtime lectures and a reduction in language classes.

However, the plans have not yet been implemented and may be avoided, if possible.

## Nuclear War in Europe Beginning at the END

**Last Tuesday lunchtime, a crowd of about 200 gathered to hear Professor Robert Neild, Prof of Economics, Cambridge University give the first of a series of lunchtime lectures under the title 'Nuclear War in Europe'.**

Prof Neild began by recalling the recent rise of interest in nuclear disarmament due to the non-ratification of SALT2, the planned installation of Cruise missiles in Europe, the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan, and the election of President Reagan.

When NATO was originally formed in 1949 there was a big imbalance in conventional forces between the still heavily armed Soviet Union and the economically weak Western European states, the idea being that American nuclear forces would compensate for this with massive 'retaliation' in the event of Russian invasion of Western Europe. Since then, the United States has lost its nuclear dominance, and smaller, tactical nuclear weapons have been developed—both factors leading to the possibility that Europe would be sacrificed using such devices rather than the US mounting 'massive retaliation'.

### Russian threat

There are two views of the Russian threat, according to the Professor. One is the 'Islamic' viewpoint—that the Russians continually want to expand by invasion, and the other the 'ripe fruit' theory—that the Russians wait for capitalist collapse and revolution to bring Communist governments to power, which can then be 'helped' by intervention. The 'ripe fruit' theory, he said, is the more accurate, apart from the case of E. Europe, which was occupied during WW2 and is now a buffer zone against the West. In fact, the situation is rather reassuring in W. Europe, since these countries are prosperous, and there is little chance of Communist revolution. But in E. Europe, central planning and oppression has failed, leading Prof Neild to conclude that the Soviet forces there are for garrison purposes against local revolt rather than for offensive anti-Western reasons. The only chance of the US and the Soviet Union coming to blows is over Third World involvement—but even this would tend to be at armslength. Comparing the policies of deterrence and defence, he saw deterrence as being analogous to arming yourself with a sword, to frighten your opponent, and thus provoking him to arm himself. Purely defensive policies (as practised by Switzerland and Sweden, say) he saw as a shield, without threat to anyone but an invader, and this not sparking an arms race.

Next Tuesday, Field Marshall the Lord Carver, is to talk on "Nuclear Weapons in Europe" as the next part of this series.

## ICON stops production Editorial Board decides

The Editorial Board of ICON, the Imperial College Review, have decided to suspend publication indefinitely due to the current financial situation.

In the last issue, which will be published on February 5, they state that they no longer feel that they are justified in asking for a subsidy from College funds and that the decision was entirely theirs. They were not forced to

cease publication by pressures from College, they state.

The last issue contains, amongst other things, reviews of the Alfred Lammer print display in the Consort Gallery, the RCS Centenary Concert given by IC Orchestra, the Operatic Society performance at Saint James' Church, Piccadilly and the IC Choir Christmas Concert.

## Reactor fusion with IC?

The third discussion document published this week by the Universities' Committee on Academic Organisation (otherwise known as the Swinnerton-Dyer Committee) recommends that the University of London Reactor Centre (ULRC) at Silwood Park should become part of Imperial College.

The committee, after looking at possible rationalization of colleges in its first two discussion documents, has now examined the central activities of the university. These include ULRC, the Senate Institutes, the central library facilities, ULU and the central administration, amongst other things.

In the case of the reactor centre which is already managed and mainly used by IC, the suggestion is for IC to take over the centre entirely, receiving extra grant to cover running costs. It is hoped that costs could be reduced by selling services to outside users. The current cost of £220,000 per year could, it is suggested, be 50% covered by such income.

### Praise for ULU

The section on student facilities is full of praise for the University of London Union (ULU). After mentioning the part played by ULU in representing students on the Senate, it examines the trading activities. The conclusion is "The Union building seems to us one of the most efficient and economical institutions in the University." Thus no further cuts are recommended for ULU.

The document is also very complimentary to IC, whilst justifying the direct UGC funding, which the College alone in the University enjoys. "For a generation it has been national policy to build up Imperial College to be one of the foremost scientific and technological institutions in the world—to be Britain's counterpart to MIT." And, in the words of Lord Wilberforce, "The nation, having willed the end, must will the means."

Copies of the discussion document are available for inspection in the IC Union Office.





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Weale himself was already the centrepiece of many IC cricketing legends by the mid-1950s. Most of these, however, were not quantifiable in numerical terms or, if they were, the numbers were generally quite low. The

qualitative aspects were rich in humour and drama and I trust that these have been passed on from generation to generation at post-match convivialities.

They were memorable days indeed!

*Yours sincerely*  
Gnome  
Captain '55

Summit, New Jersey  
USA

*Dear Sir*

I, J.J. Seymour Cole, being of sound body and mind, hereby, due to unforeseen circumstances beyond my control, wish to inform you, which is to promulgate the fact, that my intentions, as set out below, following intense deliberation, and many sleepless nights, are:

Due to unforeseen circumstances at the time of the unforeseen circumstances aforementioned above (and all that crap), in my opinion, the higher echelons of the C&G Executive have failed to main-

tain the active social image of Guilds Union, especially with respect to mascotry, which has been reduced to a farcical level with the introduction of various truces, etc., with all responsibility being removed from the esteemed position which I have been proud to hold, and entrusted to others.

Consequently, I hereby submit my resignation for the post of City and Guilds Union Spanner Bearer.

*Yours*  
J.J. Seymour Cole

*Dear Sir*

I feel that the Union/College "us and them" relationship has now developed between the students and Michael Arthur of the Students Services Office, who is now a College employee, as opposed to a Union employee.

Are we to assume from your references to fairies in the last two issues that you think Michael Arthur is "one of them".

*Yours faithfully*  
Ms Vera Hallets

*Dear Sir*

Re the ignominious bunch of cock-suckers and hand-job merchants that we in Chem 2 have had imposed upon us. We wish it to be known that we totally dissociate ourselves from the egotistical comments and "in-jokes" which they choose to impose upon the readership of your learned journal.

*Yours irately*  
Danny O'Hare, R. Jones,  
Dave Armstrong, Russell  
Smith (Chem 2)

*Dear Sir*

I think that the suggestion in the last issue of FELIX that an "accident" should happen to certain members of Chemistry 2 is a scandal and an outrage.

It is obvious that you are totally inexperienced in dealing with such people. Talking as a man experienced in such matters, I can assure you that any actions should be entirely deliberate.

*Yours*  
H.Cielle

## Small Ads

●**Lady Flowers** and the IC Wives Club invite you to a free Beer and Bangers in the Rector's Pad (170 Queensgate) on Tuesday, January 26 from 5:30-7:00. Everybody welcome, names to Jen in Union Office by 5:00pm TODAY.

●**Jago:** Do you know of S.H.Q., CSSR? Do you want them. May 7.

●**Dear Dwarf, Stumpy and Chimp** Have received letter Gnome. Who is Bill Findell? Letter reads (see page 2 and 4). Encountered Nobby. Interpreter? Then what.

●**Electric guitar,** Satellite Les Paul copy, Sunburst finish, Might Mite pick-ups, with shaped hard case, only £850.00. See A. Kimber, Chem Eng 3 or 381-9571 (eves).

●**Pioneer tuner/amp,** bass and treble controls for each channel, high and low frequency filters, AM/FM stereo, 25w/channel, £45. Ring 584-0854.

●**Nikon F3 body,** MD4 motor drive, SB12 flash, Nikkor zoom 35-70mm, Vivitar series, 1 zoom 70-210mm, plus accessory. Everything is absolutely brand new, spend well over £100, budget problem, quick sale £800. Phone 636-0556 after 6:00pm.

●**One set of thermodynamics notes for Aero Eng 2 course,** slightly burned else in perfect condition. Contact S. W. Neild, thru letter-racks.

●**Rover 3500S,** 1974, red, black interior, vinyl roof, 38,000m, vgc, £1250.00; **Austin A60 1962,** grey, red leather interior, 35,000m, £1800.00. Phone Tony, int 3521.

●**The Ricochet Disco**—Looking for a more professional discotheque for your party or social function? Don't settle for less, book the best. Contact Colin, Room A2, Linstead Hall.

●**Two girls wanted** to make up a group of 8 so that we can apply for a College head tenancy flat next year. Please contact Philip Adey, Aero 2 via letter-racks.

●**Wanted:** lift to College from Park Walk, SW10, Johnny, Stan's Bar—most nights.

●**Is there a Cinderella** in need of a glass slipper (or even a pair of Adidas rugby boots)? Presentation of a similar pair, along with a pair of rugby socks, taken on Tuesday lunchtime from the Union changing rooms will result in satisfaction for all. Apply Charles de Rohan, Maths 1.

●**Imperial College open darts tournament,** Fremlin Singles Cup, Scottish and Newcastle Pairs Cup, names to Roger and Jimmy, Union Bar, by Friday, February 5.

●**Micro Club** screwed up their mailing list. Please tell Tim Pantom, Physics 3, your dept, so we can contact you!

●**India Society** celebrates Republic Day with a special function in the JCR on February 6 at 7:00pm. Tickets £1.50 available from committee.

●**Wanted:** one good party, preferably in a house or flat, Karen and Owen, Falmouth Keogh phone 31.

●**Wanted anything in a skirt,** Rosco, Chem Eng 1.

●**Nuclear war imminent:** Squadron Leader Simon (Spastic) Neild is on the loose. Has the RAF gone totally mad?

●**Rich get your hands off it!** Paul and Dave.

●**Physics 1 Soc Rep,** JF, Dickie Dirts is open until 8:00pm tonight—L-Strauss.

●**Consoc** willing to affiliate with Comsoc provided they denounce Maggie as a witch.

●**Barons and Catering Managers,** do you find students spitting at pictures of you. Then keep Nick Morton as president someone who really knows how to do nothing.

●**Tom Cottrell** Nat West liason officer will be available on Tuesdays and Fridays between 1pm and 2pm for advice with regard to related banking services such as insurance, investment and tax advice in the interview room of the College sub branch during term time. No appointment is necessary.

●**Mike**—enjoy yourself Thursday? No? then don't go to Hammersmith next time!

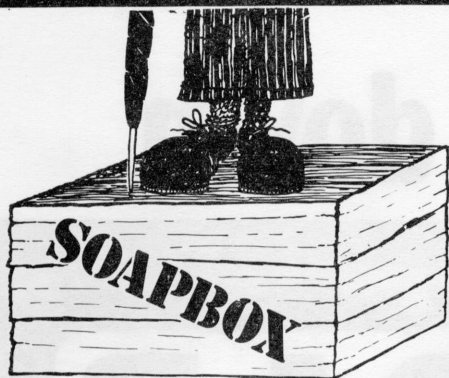
# THE PHOENIX

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There will be a meeting in the IC Union Office at 5:30pm today, Friday January 22, for all the potential contributors to this year's edition of *The Phoenix*. If you would like to help or discuss ideas for a contribution, you will be extremely welcome. The Editor will also be pleased to suggest assignments to anybody who cannot decide what to contribute.

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# "Why I believe RCS is going to the dogs"

by S.J. Marshall, ARCS

The centenary year of the Royal College of Science seems an opportune time to ponder on the downward trend in the reputation of this once reputable institution to such an extent that Mr Dave Thompson, RCS Union President, finds it necessary to consume his own excrement in the Union Bar as a celebration of this achievement. May I offer some of my own personal thoughts on the matter, writing as a proud Associate of the RCS who is losing that pride rapidly on over-viewing the recent actions of the RCS Union, supposedly representative of the RCS as a whole. I shall attempt to show that they are *not* representative and deserve no support but only the contempt of those who are.

The trouble seems to stem from the unhealthy relationship between the higher echelons of the RCS Union and those people known collectively as the "22 Club". This club is a "private" organisation which is intended for people who have made a contribution to the RCS Union in social and athletic spheres; elected membership. At this stage I should point out that I have absolutely no desire to be disrespectful to older members of the 22 Club, or indeed to some current student members; I am sure that they would not condone the foul acts of the few, in particular, Mr Dave Thompson, who I believe, as RCS Union President has acted outside the normal decorum afforded to such a noble position within the structure of the RCS.

The 22 Club is not above public comment because it is a "private club"; its constitution makes it an integral part of the RCS. It seeks to elect "worthy" members of the RCS and in so doing becomes representative of the RCS. It is unfortunate that the only tangible representations of the Royal College of Science, which excels in academic excellence, should be the RCS Union hierarchy and the 22 Club. Members of these organisations do not excel academically because they are too busy excelling at vomiting out of windows onto passers-by and consuming faeces in public. This is a recent trend; a pity it should have reached such an unseemly climax in the year of the College's centenary, in fact the very week!

If I lacked knowledge of the glorious history of the RCS and of its achievements in its one hundred years of existence and had only the RCS Union and 22 Club to look up to, I should certainly not want to sustain any connection

upon graduation; membership of the RCS Association is dwindling because it is unfortunately tarred by the same brush. Similarly, I could not feel proud to write the letters A.R.C.S. after my name. Luckily, I came to the RCS when the Union had leadership worthy of the college's reputation, still socially orientated of course, but in an amicable way; the union was united. Excesses, if indulged at all, were indulged in private. I would be happy for Mr Thompson to consume bucketfuls of shit in the privacy of his own sty, but not in public in the week of the Centenary celebrations, the organisation of which he had shown minimal interest. That is out of order.

I believe this year's RCS fresher has been actively discouraged from showing any interest in the college's past history by these unceasing discreditable acts, presumably intended to impress, coupled with narrative from this year's RCS Union Officers, who are surely the most slow-witted, shallow and uninspiring bunch of morons to emerge into the limelight in my four years' personal knowledge of the RCS.

I believe Mr Thompson is a quite genuine person who believes he is working towards a great surge in the popularity of the RCS Union. But he is labouring under the massive misconception that his sole coprophagous contribution to the Centenary celebrations was a great thing. I feel freshers will not have returned home this Christmas to tell their parents: "Hey, RCS is a really great place, they eat their own shit." Unfortunately, neither will they have told their parents of the great men who owe their greatness to the RCS, from T. H. Huxley and H.G. Wells of yesteryear to the nobel laureates of today. And this was simply

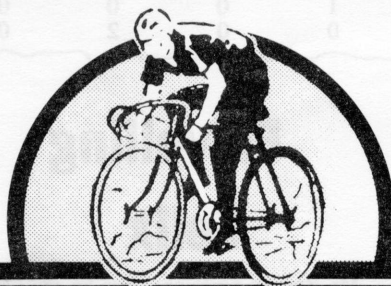
because they took little interest in the Centenary and unfortunately missed out on an excellent opportunity to delve into history. It was handed to them on a platter but Mr Thompson and his unsavoury friends had already seen to it that their first impressions were the wrong ones.

Encouragement for Mr Thompson emanates from the bowels of the 22 Club, an organisation that has enough collective experience to know better. The very thing that the club was set up in 1922 to safeguard, that is the preservation of social wellbeing within the RCS (from a respectable distance) is now being destroyed by the mentally impoverished minority presently being deemed "worthy" of membership.

In the same way as decent members of the 22 Club are degraded and tarnished by the acts of the few, so too are ALL members of the RCS, those "not privileged" to be singled out as official representatives, but who nevertheless have the right to be proud of their college, and its history.

Sense has not even permeated into the one member of the RCS Union team who might have been thought to possess it, namely Dr Chris Bruton, Life Sciences lecturer, Senior Treasurer of the RCS Union (and member of 22 Club). When I interviewed him on his thoughts about the future of the RCS, with particular reference to Mr Dave Thompson, he showed what a fine judge of character he was. He said that Mr Thompson was "a very nice chap". But perhaps Dr Bruton was just treading carefully, as he later admitted to thinking he was "as thick as two short planks".

In summation, what RCS students must never forget is that to be an Associate of the Royal College of Science (A.R.C.S.) is something to be proud of. We must never allow the rubbish people who strut around in the name of the RCS to take that away from us. In a nutshell, it simply means that the ones who really are representative of the RCS must not allow themselves to be conned by the intellectually inept few who believe *they* are the chosen race.



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## FELIX ROAD

The years between 1967 and 1974 were notable for many lay-out and organisational changes. At the start FELIX was retailing fortnightly for 4d and edited by whoever was willing to devote enough time to it and study for a degree at the same time. By October 1974 it was the weekly, free FELIX you now know, having undergone several changes in cost, size and particularly editorial style.

The 1967/8 FELIX was approximately twice the size of the one before but still managed to average ten pages under three different editors. It was a year of iniquitous UGMs, bitter Council arguments and heralded the ambivalent attitude of wanting more women at IC yet simultaneously begrudging them access to the Union Bar. Christmas presents in FELIX also started that year, these being cut-outs, joss sticks, Christmas cards and later grass, a 'pill', balloons and Christmas tree lights.

### Police Brutality

October 1968 (no. 264) introduced yet another page size and the first headline was the excellent "Fuzz Bust Hash". However the headline did not refer to the flourishing College drug-scene at the time but to Javad 'Adolf' Hashteroudion, RCSU Vice-President. He was attending a Vietnam demonstration at Park Lane the July before when he was charged with throwing stones at a policeman although 'Hash' claimed to be in the middle of the demo, writing poetry! However, the situation was not at all amusing for Hash, as he was held in police custody for a time and eventually fined £25 (plus 10 guineas cost) and given a three-month suspended sentence.

The price went up to 6d for 1969/70, the first issue being no. 272 which marked the start of another trend for picture covers. This trend continued until no. 281 (cover: a wall with a 'FELIX Road' sign) when using both RCS Broadsheet and Council as a forum the RSMU President criticised the 'wasted front page and generally poor quality of the last issue'. This along with what was termed 'not only a waste of space but a far more dangerous waste than the photo of the FELIX Road sign,' in the RSMU newsletter and the critical and unhelpful attitude of Council caused Malcolm Williamson to announce his resignation in the editorial of no. 282. Ian Carr took over for no. 285, the first of the seventies, with the CCU sheets vs FELIX antagonism still rife. In the previous issue RCS Broadsheet had claimed to be more chatty and up-to-date whilst replying in another letter Dave Chant (soon to be third editor of the traumatic 1969/70 session) explained this was due to the perennial lack of staff.

On a lighter note, no. 287 included a letter ratings girls from IC, IF, Maria Assumpta Kings Road, London, Glasgow and Edinburgh on an ascending scale of neutral, moderately pretty, beautiful, pretty and very pretty. The letter was signed Paris.

The headline of the following issue "Penney Drops AA" referring to how after eight years of negotiations, Lord Penney, the Rector had announced there would be no merger between IC and the Architecture Association.

The 1970/1 session was uneventful by comparison; the price dropped to 2½d for nos. 299 to 301, editor J. Rogers including the first topless FELIX female in 301. He explained in 302 why that and all future FELICES would be free (therefore this is the 301st free FELIX).



The Cat is free  
Issue 302,  
October 4 1971

Size of sample	Place	Neutral	Pretty Moderately	Beautiful	Pretty	Very Pretty
200	IC	43	3	1	0	1
400	Kings Rd.	30	0	0	1	0
60	Institut Francais	3	1	0	0	0
35	M.A.	18	0	0	0	0
2000	London	200	7	2	5	1
150	Glasgow	5	1	0	0	0
500	Edinburgh	50	0	0	2	0



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## Frivolling Felix

Mr Rogers certainly gave an impression of cheapness in the first free issue, with such headlines on the front page as:

NEWS IN BRIEFS  
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FRENCH LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



# FREAK OUT TO THE PINK FLOYD

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The next editor, Dave Sugden, then published in no. 304 what he hoped would be, and now is, the FELIX of the future. He described that proposals for a weekly FELIX, produced by a sabbatical editor would be put before Publications Board.

#### Sabbaticals

Obviously this was agreed although it was not prominently exposed in FELIX. Sugden's final edition, 310, included a credit for Dolly Owson and a warning of apathy (surprise!) while 311, produced by the Union Hon Sec, had the following on the back page.

## WARNING

### THIS MAN IS INSANE



**Oliver Francis  
DOWSON**

**"Felix" Editor  
1972-3**

The following year Sugden's visions of FELIX were realised with Dowson as the first weekly, paid Editor. He also edited Sennet (now London Student) at the same time and introduced a FELIX FINANCIAL page.

Visually his (and the next year's) FELICES were boring, being tabloid size, printed on a similar quality of paper and lacking in photographs. Dave Sugden's prediction of apathy proved very true, there being four elections for President that year. This gave Dowson the opportunity for one of several headlines spanning two issues. No. 315 referred to the first election saying "Abstain". "And They Did" being the headline of no. 316.

#### Back to Front

However, not everything followed in a logical sequence: in no. 314 under the title "Porn: A Communist Plot" was a photo of the stripper of 301 before removing her bra, while no. 315 showed shots of Motor Show models from various illuminating angles. Copies of these four photos will be on view in the FELIX Office for a nominal charge during this week.

The front page of no. 336 had a "FELIX Editor Threatened with Castration" (by Union Sec for leaking election results) caption, but much more seriously were the events reported on the cover of no. 337: "Where are our Rag Mags? FELIX Ed Censured—But Resignation Bid Fails". This described the blunders made by Dowson in having Mike Williams' Rag Mags printed. Council had made Dowson print a letter from Williams on the front page, although in the accompanying report no elaboration was given on how P. Jowitt (Deputy President) had succeeded in dragging numerous parts of Mr Dowson's private life into the argument. Williams was later to follow Dowson as FELIX Editor. This issue also included the following insert about an Improbable College.

In his epilogue Olly answered criticisms of his FELIX by stating news was up to 25%, adding that the following Editor planned more, suggested UGMs be named Socsoc meetings (remarking how Socsoc no longer held meetings of their own) and claimed CCUs were destroying ICU.

The 1973/4 session FELICES were dominated by Union news, the reason being A. Campbell's resolution to increase news content and his replacement by P. Wadsworth who was both FELIX Editor and Hon Sec for two of the three terms of the session. Wadsworth, in his 358 editorial, explained he only wrote editorials when he ran out of copy and criticised several of his staff for being biased. The session ended with DP, D. Sinclair, resigning his post near the end of his term in office because he had not been awarded a UGA.

During this time IC played host to many big name bands and solo acts, either in the Great Hall or in Carnival gigs held at outside venues like the Albert Hall. These included Deep Purple, Donovan (a real money-spinner), Elton John, Queen and Lou Reed. This last gig coinciding with a pick-up in the drug scene.

This week's advert is for the first of two Pink Floyd gigs at IC.

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while, her reminiscences appear overleaf...

"I gleaned exam questions from sexy profs"  
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The scandalous  
insert of FELIX 337



# What's On

## Friday, January 22

- **BUNAC weekly meeting**, 12:30pm, Green Comm Rm.
- **Industrial Soc comm meeting**, 1:00pm, Chem Eng Concourse.
- **Christian Union meeting** with 'Bible Study' as the theme, 6:30pm, 53 Prince. Gate. Followed by coffee and biscuits, with prayer meeting between 9:00-10:00pm.
- **Phoenix staff meeting**, 5:30pm, Union Office.

## Saturday, January 23

- **Birdwatching trip to Thorney Point**, 7:20am, Waterloo ticket station, £4.50 (will get some back), bring rail card, wellies, packed lunch and binos, if any.
- **Chinese new year celebration**: pantomime, dinner and disco, 6:30pm, Union Concert Hall, Lower Refectory and JCR, 80p (disco only). Arranged by IC Chinese Soc. All welcome.

## Sunday, January 24

- **WLC communion service**, 10:00am, Consort Gallery.
- **Wargames club meeting**, 1:00pm, Union SCR.

## Monday, January 25

- **Hang-gliding club meeting**, 12:30pm, above Southside Bar.

• **Chemsoc lecture**: 'Platinum Anti-Cancer Drugs' by Mr P.C. Hyde (Johnston-Matthey), 4:30pm, Lecture Theatre C.

• **Dancing club advanced class**, 7:30pm, JCR.

## Tuesday, January 26

• **Boardsailing club weekly meeting**, 12:30 and 6:15pm, Southside Upper Lounge. Contact Nick Ajderian ME3 or Andy Grimshaw Zoo 2 for more details.

• **Catholic mass and lunch**, 12:30pm, Chem 231. Nominal charge for lunch.

• **STOIC programme**: 'Film Special', Richard O'Brien, who wrote the music and screenplay for and starred in *The Rocky Horror Picture Show*, and the recently released *Shock Treatment*, 1:00 and 6:00pm, JCR, Southside TV Lounge, Southside, Beit, Linstead and Weeks Halls.

• **Dept of Humanities presents**

1. **Nuclear War in Europe?**

Part 2: Nuclear Weapons in Europe with Field Marshal the Lord Carver, GCB, CBE, DSO, MC, Former Chief of the Defence Staff, 1:30pm, Theatre 1, Blackett Laboratory. Arranged by IC European Disarmament Group.

2. **Man, Mind and Spirit**

Part 2: Becoming a Person Dr Martin Israel, Senior Lecturer in Pathology, Royal College of Surgeons, 1:30pm, Read Theatre, Sheffield.

• **IC Amnesty group meeting**, 5:30pm, Green Comm Rm (top floor, Union Building).

• **Wine-tasting Society** tasting some of the wines from Provence, 6:00pm, Union SCR.

• **IC Micro club present a talk** by RARDE on 'A military Distributed Computing Network', 7:00, Huxley LT145, free to members, non-members 30p. Film also!

• **BUNAC film and snacks evening**, 7:00pm HB340 (Maths dept), free.

• **Dancing club beginners class**, 7:30pm, JCR.

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

## Wednesday, January 27

• **Wargames club meeting**, 1:00pm, Union SCR.

• **Anti-Apartheid meeting**, 1:00, Union Upper Lounge.

• **Astrosoc observing meeting**: Dr Bignall giving advice on 'Astronomical Photography', 3:30pm, 'Waveguide', Physics. Free to members.

• **IC Trampoline society meeting**, 5:30pm, Courtauld Hall, QEC, Campden Hill Rd. Contact Kristen Hansen, Chem 2 for further info.

• **Dancing club intermediate class**, 7:30pm, JCR.

## Thursday, January 28

• **Christian Science group meeting**, 1:00pm, Seminar Room, Level 2S, Botany.

• **STOIC programme** featuring 'News-Break', 1:00 and 6:00pm, JCR (1:00pm only), Southside TV Lounge, Beit, Southside, Linstead and Weeks Halls.

• **Mech Eng soc presents a talk** on the success of Japanese Industry by Mr Wilson, 1:00pm, ME342.

• **Dept of Humanities presents:**

1. **The World at War (Thames TV)**

Part 12: Nemesis, 1:15pm, Great Hall.

2. **Lunch-hour Concert**

La Raphaele (Baroque Ensemble), 1:30pm, Music Rm, 53 Princes Gate.

3. **An Engineer looks at Biology**

Part 3: Evolution and the Managing Director Prof Eric Laithwaite, 1:30pm, Read Theatre. (Postponed from autumn term.)

• **Zimbabwe: The Challenge of Independence**, a talk by HE R T Zwinoira, High Commissioner for Zimbabwe, 1:30pm, Pippard Lecture Theatre. (Arranged by ICU Overseas Students Committee.)

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

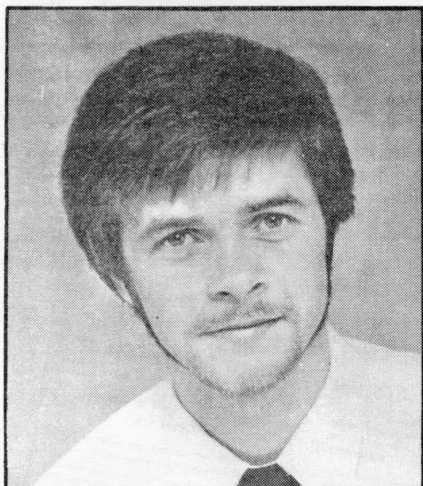
• **Fishing club meeting**, 6:00pm, Stan's Bar.

• **Ents film: Kentucky Fried Movie**, 6:30pm, Mech Eng 220, 50p.

• **Jewish soc general meeting**, lunchtime, venue t.b.a.

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**IC Chinese Society presents  
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on Saturday, January 23 with  
**Pantomime**: 6:30pm, Union Concert Hall.  
**Dinner**: 8:00pm, Sheffield Lower Refectory.  
**Disco**: 9:30pm till late, JCR.

Members: £4; Others: £5: Just Disco: 80p.  
(Ticket nos. 21-30 are void!)

Formal dress please.

**ALL WELCOME**



# Reviews

## Film

### *Cutter's Way, Gate Notting Hill, X*

A description eludes me at present but the plot in its most basic (and perhaps incorrect) form is fairly simple: A rich and powerful magnate, J. Cord murders a young cheerleader and it seems that he will get away with the crime because the only witness, Richard Bone, is almost fatally apathetic. Bone has a friend, Alex Cutter, a Vietnamese war veteran who is heavily mutilated and seems to have one bodily organ where most people have two, and it is this young man who makes for the vitality of the film. By hook or by crook (the latter as it turns out) Cutter intends to get Cord for his deed just like *The Mounties* always do. It is very difficult to decide as to whether it is or is not worth seeing since most of the few people who have seen it like it, but I didn't.

It was not as entertaining as *Raiders.....* nor as morally depressing as *Christiane F.* It is not "light", although it does have some amusing scenes, but then so do a lot of B movies.

Shezi Abedi



John Heard as the horribly disfigured Cutter

becomes enraptured by Virgil. A dumb girl is taught to say her name. The school master delights in the Latin roots of Gaelic words. An English officer anglicises place names, but obliterates whole local legends in the process. And a peasant girl and an officer in love with each other can no more than embrace. All these qualities and others are expressed in the play in a dialogue of words which in themselves I found incredibly moving, heart-warming and incredibly beautiful. Even the acting was superlative.

The play was first staged on a tour of Ireland last year but later appeared at the highly enterprising Hampstead Theatre where it was greeted in *The Times* as a national classic. The director of the theatre upon reading the play said "It was the sort of script you read once every ten years if you are lucky". The play is certainly in a class of its own.

Nick Bedding

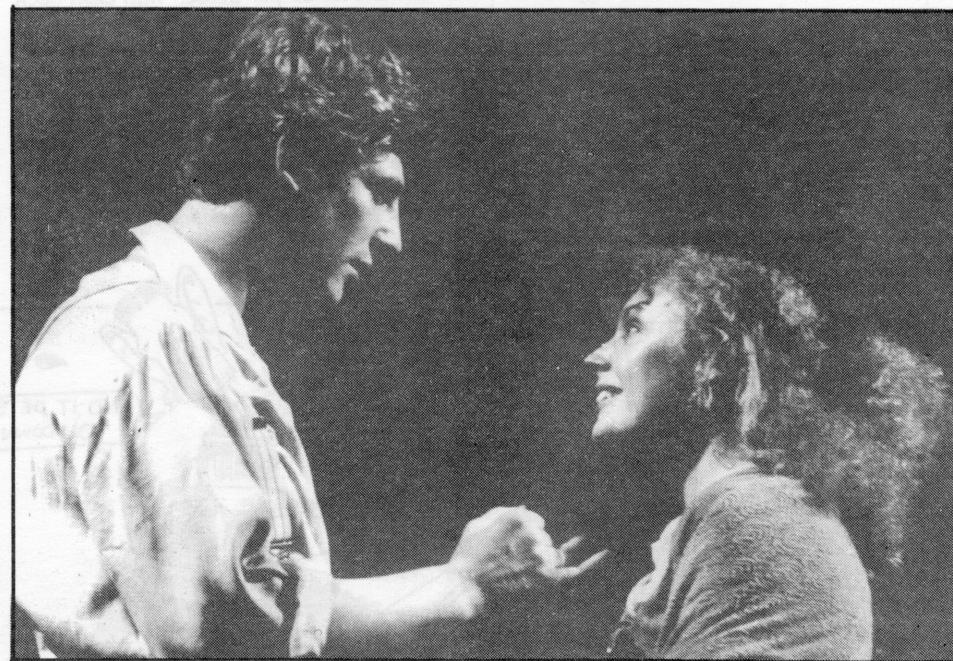
## Theatre

### *Translations. A new play by Brian Friel. Directed by Donald McWhinnie. The Lyttelton, National Theatre.*

A Ledge school in the year 1833 in the townland of Braille Beag (Ballybeg), an Irish-speaking community in County Donegal, sets the scene for the play *Translations* by the contemporary Irish playwright Brian Friel. A hedge school, I was interested to find out, was a place such as a barn or a loft where peasants studied in the evening after a hard day's toil on the land. They were taught by men drawn from their own stock and they often attained a high degree of proficiency in such unlikely subjects as the classics. Learning was done entirely through the vernacular Gaelic.

Against this somewhat inconspicuous scene a military deputation from the British government is stalking the countryside anglicising all the place names for the first Ordinance Survey of Ireland, and all this at a time when the hedge schools and the Gaelic language they were keeping alive were being absorbed into the recently introduced State system of education with English as the first language.

On a superficial level the play is depicting a national and rustic way of life being wasted away by a temporal and political tide, and the tense relationship between the English and the Irish depicted in the play set almost 150 years ago is still sadly relevant today. But the underlying substance of the play is more universal and meaningful. Friel is building onto the fabric of hedge schools and the Ordinance Survey a masterful and beautiful exposition of language—both on the aesthetic and uplifting heights it can reach, but also on the frustration and even danger it can engender. These qualities of language are expressed beautifully in the play. An old, grey bearded peasant



Shaun Scott and Bernadette Shorrt in Brian Fiel's "Translations"

### *Still Crazy.....The Bush (Shepherds Bush Green). Presented by Bush Theatre Hull truck. Runs until January 30.*

A play that trails through the swirling misapprehensions, assumptions and personal fall of those young in the sixties and their inability to come to terms with the notion that they corrupted and betrayed the ideals of their nebulous twenties. Nick, who works for the BBC, and Libby, who brings up a child, attempt to unravel the eighties in clichés two decades too late.

The play invokes the characters' guilt at the ideals of youth, modified by middle class aspirations, eventually degenerating into semi-detached homogeneity. Wholefood yogurt provides the final, media-cultivated, corrupt touchstone for those immersed in being forty whose slogans have dissipated in a spasm of consumerism.

Nick sees himself in Maddie, a frayed 'new romantic', and Tyle, who flirts with punk, and seizes the opportunity of conflict as a justifiable method of making the problems of his past physical. By applying them to another he ignores them in himself. The essential tragedy of Nick is the realisation and personalisation of guilt.

Nick and Tyle are both created and crippled by basically the same concerns. They understand each other and the nature of their conflict totally. In the last resort they are interchangeable. They are both safe in the rut of the relationship between them.

Nick is the horror of Tyle as in him Tyle can see what he will become. Each character lingers over their own terror in the relentlessly Habitat-inspired set.

The two aging, sold-out hippies, Nick and Libby, are able to develop within the restrictions of role while Tyle, the obligatory punky/Bowie clone, and Maddie, the greying new romantic, solidity in rather crudely imposed limitations.

Nick muses on the brave new world of the sixties that has passed by and it becomes apparent that he is no different to any old man brooding on his youth. The final confrontation with Tyle is both painful and funny as both are a mockery of what they express.

David Gill





"Let's try that again, shall we?"

## Labour

**Grants:** Student grants are going down again next year by an average of £5 per week, and if you are unlucky enough to be one of the 75% of students whose parents do not pay their full contribution you will be even worse hit. It remains to be seen whether our glorious President will pick up his hot-line to Keith Joseph and instruct the government to change its policy. Anyone who doubts ICU's ability to mount any sort of campaign against grant cuts while isolated from the rest of the student movement is invited to get in touch with the Labour Club. We will be supporting the NUS campaign.

**Coming Soon:** Our first major speaker this term will be Neil Kinnock MP, opposition spokesman on education, on February 2 in ME220 at 1:00pm. A member of the Labour Party's National Executive Committee, he has been heavily criticised by the Bennite faction for his crucial votes opposing the endorsement of Peter Tatchell and supporting an enquiry into the militant tendency. Neil Kinnock's interest in higher education goes back to his day as the student union president in Cardiff.

## SF Soc

Brushing the little men from his trouser-legs the bulletin author once again leaps into action with a gleam in his eye, a song in his heart and a monkey on his back. It is tempting to suggest that the monkey in question is N. Willson, but it ain't so, despite his derogatory references to SF readers in his book review column, last week I will say no more, believing as I do that to have Riddley Walker and completely missed the point is punishment enough. One plus point for Mr Willson; as far as I know he is the only book reviewer not to write his review in the style of the book.

While we're on the subject of books, SF Soc library meetings are still taking place on Thursday lunchtimes in the Green Committee Room. More book-buying will take place soon, so if you want to influence the choices, turn up at a library meeting. Chris Priest may be coming for a chat soon. More details will be forthcoming when there are more details.

Anyone who missed the Czechoslovakian SF film *Tomorrow I'll be Scalding Myself with Tea* missed a treat. It went on from a somewhat heavy-handed beginning to become the best time-travel film I've ever seen. If you ever again get the chance to see it, do.

The column has once again run out of space, but as Bonner the Stochastic once said "that's life". Yours until book reviewers give SF its due.

Belnot Phist and the Green Committee



Just a quick word this week to announce the RCS Rag Mag Trip to Cambridge on Wednesday, January 27, meeting at Beit Arch at 12:00. There are many seats still available, and the system operating is that seats on the coach will cost £3 per person with cash back depending on sales of Rag Mags. Thus you can have a cheap trip to see any pals in Cambridge, a free trip by selling lots of Rag Mags, or a combination of both. Refunds will be of the order of £1 for 20 Rag Mags sold, and considering the vast hordes of suckers, sorry students, available, sales of 100 or more are possible. Please give your names to your soc reps as soon as possible if you want to go.

## Amensty International Group

IC's Amnesty International Group continues to campaign for the implementation of the UN's Universal Declaration of Human Rights, which has been signed by almost all the member states of the UN. The principal method remains the letter-writing campaign, in which letters on behalf of a person imprisoned for non-violent adherence to his beliefs arrive simultaneously from thousands of Amnesty members throughout the world. Many prisoners have testified that such a deluge of letters has caused a marked improvement in their treatment, and often their immediate release.

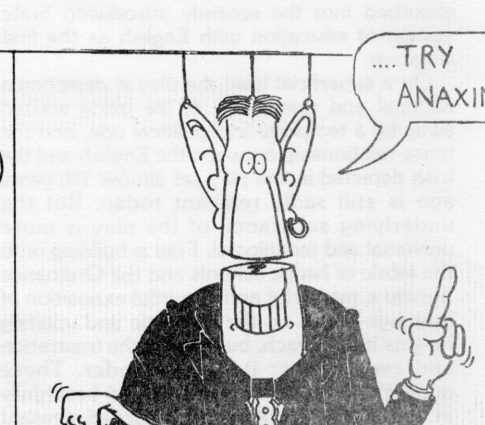
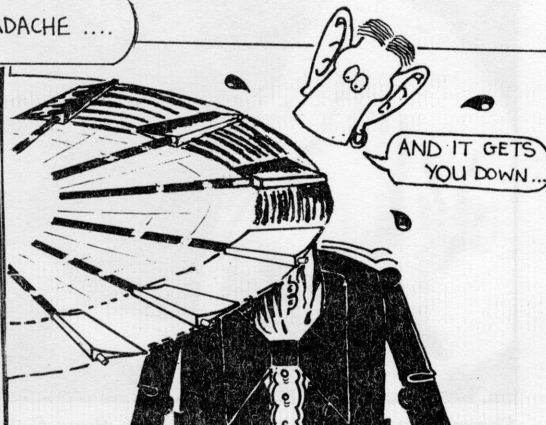
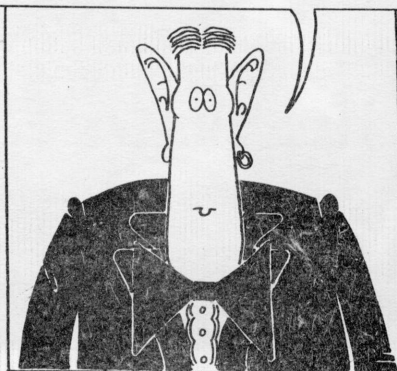
The group's adopted prisoner is a student, Firmin Awadon of Benin, who was arrested, but not charged in 1979 after students had formed their own 'Action Group' to oppose the government-controlled body which until then was their only representation. Enquiries about his legal position are not answered by his government. The group is looking into the possibility of obtaining the help of firms which trade in Benin.

Before adopting a prisoner Amnesty International conducts an investigation to ascertain whether the person is imprisoned for his beliefs and whether he has used or advocated violence. The IC group is helping with such a preliminary investigation for a prisoner in Sri Lanka.

## Snooker

Both the handicap and open tournaments are well under way now, and the deadline for first round matches to be completed has been set at January 29. If you haven't played yet, put a notice up on one of the boards in the snooker room (where the draws for each tournament are) for your opponent listing the times you can play. If matches haven't been completed by the date, the winner will be decided by choosing the person who has made most effort to play the game. The B table will be set aside for match play only on Tuesday 26 and Thursday 28 January, and you can now book two hour slots (at any time) to play matches. Best of luck to everyone, but watch out for nosebleed specialist Jennings.

HI! Y'KNOW, IF YOU'VE GOT A HEADACHE ....



R. ARCHER.



## Bookshop News

I hope you all read the letter, re Recommended Books (letters' page), if any tutor recommends a specific title, and it is not in stock, tell me!

Publications from the "International Labour Office" are on display in our Window, if you wish to see one, the staff will be glad to get it for you.

We can still get Sir Douglas Bader to sign copies of his biography "Flying Colours" for people. So don't be frightened to ask.

Lord Zuckerman will be giving the 6th Jubilee Lecture in College on February 18. The lecture will be titled 'Nuclear Illusion and Reality' and his book of the same title will be on sale in the Bookshop on the day of publication, January 28.

John Wiley and Sons (Publishers) will be organising a 'Computer Book Month' in February, and a large selection of their books will be on display in the Shop during the month.

### New Titles

*King Royal*-John Quigley, Pan, £1.95

*The Many Coloured Land*-Julian May, Pan, £1.75

*Darken Ship*-Nicholas Monsarrat, Pan, £1.50

*The Unborn*-David Shogin, Pan, £1.50

*Riddle Walker*-Russell Hoban, Pan/Picador, £1.95

*Our Cheque is in the Post*-Christopher Ward, Pan, £1.00

*Taking the Rough with the Smooth*-Dr Andrew Stanley, Pan, £1.95.

## Industrial

Howdy folks! Firstly, thanks to all those who came to the ASTMS talk last week; and also to the Editor—his inclusion of all our publicity made the event more successful than some past talks!

Our next major event has wider than usual appeal: unless the Miners (not RSM!) strike, Ian Ross will tell all about life as BBC Industrial Correspondent on Friday, January 29 at 12:50pm in Chem Eng Theatre 1. Watch out for him on TV in the meantime!

Plus....Today at 1:00pm is our Committee Meeting in Chem Eng Concourse: all officers, vice-officers and interested parties please note.

### Science report

## Stargazers run risk of sleeping sickness

By Pearce Wright  
Science Editor  
Personal astronomers breed.

The Times  
Tuesday, Jan 12

## Astro-soc Issues Denial

A spokesman said yesterday: "On behalf of the Astrosoc committee I would like to deny categorically the allegations in Tuesday's Times. There is absolutely no cause for worry by any of our members, we have never had even one member asleep during any of our lectures. We feel this was irresponsible of the Times and will cause needless anxiety for

## Consoc

Next Thursday, January 28, Tim Linacre, the National Chairman of the Federation of Conservative Students, will be speaking to Consoc. Meeting in the Upper Lounge (next to the Union Office) at 1:00pm. He will be talking on FCS's rôle in liaising with the party, the government and relations with NUS.

We regret that this meeting can only be open to Conservative Society members.

## Ents

So we're off to a flying start to term 2, with the party tonight featuring Walter Mitty's Little White Lies! Have you bought your ticket yet? It's another 25p on the door so the Ents Room or the Union Office would be useful ports of call to fill that deficiency. But that's not all! Next Friday sees our Hard Rock soiree with Overkill and Blue Max providing the culture. It's only £1 per ticket so we expect to see you there. Throw in such infinitely entertaining films (this week *Kentucky Fried Movie*) and more surprise events to come and you can see that Ents is the place to be in 1982.

## Badgesoc

At last, Badgesoc is ready, organised and raring to go. 2,000 badge bits are arriving this Wednesday to keep us going for a month or two. After last term's Xmas Bonfire and Badge sale, well over £60 is in the can, all going to charity. We still need someone, however, willing to return the wire bin from Beit Quad back to Hyde Park.

From now on Badgesoc meets every Monday at 12:45pm in the Lounge above Southside Bar. Buy badgebits, enrol, get new ideas for stunningly original badges, have a "pie & a pint", discuss pressing questions such as: should we give the money we collected to Rag or to TWS? All these and more, Mondays, 12:45pm, Southside.

Don't forget, to join up, send 50p to Lee Mercer c/o Mech Eng or come to a meeting.

countless thousands of astronomers everywhere. It would appear that there have been two or three cases in the North American continent, and now it has been blown out of all proportion by this article."

There will be an observing meeting next Wednesday at 3:30pm in the "Wave-guide" in the Physics Building, with advice on astronomical photography, and the opportunity to use these techniques afterwards (weather permitting, of course!). The following lectures have already been arranged for this term:

Tues Feb 9: Prof J Taylor asking "Can we unify gravity with the other forces of nature?"

Tues Feb 23: Dr J.M. Irvin speaking on "Neutron Stars".

Tues March 2: Dr Joseph speaking on "IRAS".

Tues March 9: Dr Raine FRS speaking on "The Superstructures of the Universe".

Thurs March 18: Dr R.L.F. Boyd FRS speaking on "The Solar Atmosphere".

Tues March 23: Dr Isham speaking on "Quantum Gravity".

All these lectures will be at 6:30pm in Physics Lecture Theatre 2.

## SPORT

Only a small column this week 'cos the weather's been bad again. Don't forget: All sports reports to have score, date played and opposition on top of page. Thanks.

Lesley  
xx

## GUILDS SOCCER SIXES

Sunday, March 14th, 1982 at Harlington  
BEER PRIZES

Teams to consist of at least 5 players from one year in a department. One guest player allowed. If for some reason you can't get 5 then come and leave a message in the Guilds Union Office for Phil Nicolls. There will be a small charge for coaches but supporters travel free.

## Badminton

Due to the non-availability of the Great Hall, there will only be club nights on Mondays on the following dates: February 8, March 1, with an additional Thursday night on February 11. Club nights on Friday nights will continue as normal in Old Chemistry.

## Bowling

### IC vs Southampton Univ 6-4

Last Saturday, the IC team gained a magnificent victory over Southampton University at the Charrington Bowl, Tolworth.

The A team (Cook, Harrison, Hooper, Man, McMullan) mashed the opposition in the first game with Dick Hooper scoring 209. They followed this up with another comprehensive win in the second game but the third was a much more exciting affair with Andy McMullan scoring 17 in the last frame to win the game by 2 pins and the match overall.

The B team (Moye, Short, Smith, Thong, Wells) performed well against strong opposition but only managed to win one game. However, in the match overall this game proved to be vital.

The real heroes of the day were the C team (Dale, Davis, Grimwood, Quinn, Stanley) who won all their games, so becoming the first IC C team to win for ten years. The highlight of the match was the 182 scored by Andy Davis in the second game (unheard of by a C team player) which together with excellent, well above average performances by all his team-mates gave a total of 733, beating both IC and Southampton B team scores and becoming one of the best scores by a C team in this year's national student league.

The ladies match was forfeited by IC as only Marie Cheong turned up but her moral support was much appreciated by all.

Next match is tomorrow (Jan 23) against Brunel University at Tolworth, roll-off 2:00pm.



Not a word from the Southside Wardens, although I am informed that Dr Jowitt thinks I'm just "Jowitt bashing". If he really considers the matter so childishly, I can see we'll never reach a satisfactory solution. This matter will not just disappear. Nick Morton has suggested that the current residents should ignore the condition that they should gain access from the Tizard gallery level.

An advert in Exec News for the opening of the re-vamped bar in Southside carries an unfortunate error. The date of the Victorian Night is *Thursday, January 28* and not Thursday, January 27, as stated. Never mind, Marco, it happens to the best of us.

A very special thanks to Dave Britton, Caroline, Barney, Marco, Pallab, Jon, Soheel, James Deeny, Peter, Jez and Mo (on IC Radio, Tuesdays) who stayed up until 4:00am helping me last Friday morning. You're all heroes.

This week thanks to Martin, Soheel, Pallab, Steve, Peter, J. Martin, Eddie, Jon, James, Lesley, Dave, Jez, Mo, Maz and Ian.



Many expected *Rocky Horror Show 2*, but rather than a mere re-work of all too familiar material, writer Richard O'Brien has applied his talents to the strange world of television for his latest musical comedy production *Shock Treatment*.

Brad and Janet survive to become part of the community of Denton, where television is so dominant that the whole town is depicted as a TV studio whose inhabitants are players in soap operas and quiz games. This brilliant device allows director Jim Sharman to introduce a variety of characters and situations in rapid succession.

Brad and Janet fall victim to the talents of

Bert Schnick (Barry Humphries), the blind host of a marriage counselling show. He convinces Janet to send Brad for treatment in Dentonvale, a medical series run by the suspect duo Cosmo and Nation McKinley.

Meanwhile, unknown to both lovers, evil fast food king Farley Flavors is plotting to make Janet a star and steal her from Brad to settle an old score.

Jessica Harper is well cast as Janet (as is the amazing Barry Humphries as Schnick). She proves that she has a fine voice in the musical numbers and also manages to always look entirely convincing. The film moves at a rapid pace which can be confusing, but the variety of images and the catchy lyrics holds the attention well. As a musical it is not perfect, but it displays an inventiveness and wit which is all too rare nowadays.

Mark Smith

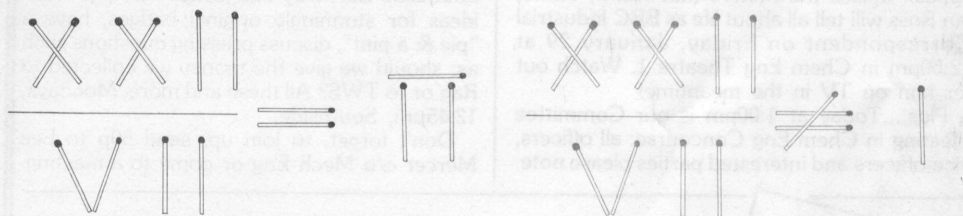
# SCARAMOUCHE

Since sabbatical elections will soon be here, I felt that now would be a good time to advise any potential candidates of the qualities needed in a successful Union Exec. (FELIX Editor, a more delicate issue altogether, will be reserved for a later puzzle.)

As far as his job is concerned, an Exec member should be dedicated, enthusiastic and versatile. Personal qualities are essential too: cheerfulness, friendliness and wit are all important qualities in a Union Officer. No one could consider himself suitable for an Exec post unless he was blessed with at least two of the industrious qualities I have mentioned, and at least two of the personal qualities. In fact, for a balanced Exec, each feature should be found in just two of the three members.

The President, of course, needs to be witty. The Deputy President, who must be versatile, should be enthusiastic or witty, but not both. And the Exec should not contain more than one person who is both dedicated and witty, nor should there be more than one member who is cheerful and enthusiastic.

What qualities are required in the Hon Sec? Solutions, comments, criticisms to me at the FELIX Office, please. There is a prize of £5 (donated by Mend-a-Bike) for the correct entry randomly selected at 1:00pm on Wednesday.



McOatup's caber has four perforations, and there are three possible arrangements for them along the length of the pole:  $1+1+4+4+3$  or  $1+3+1+6+2$  or  $1+5+3+2+2$ . Of the thirteen people who found one or more of these, A. Shiekh, Physics 2, is the lucky winner.

And now, the rest of the solutions to the Christmas puzzles.

angekkok, monotroch, monostich, paneity, giaour, st, gju and euoi are all in Chambers' Dictionary, and are perfectly acceptable in Scrabble. Euoi, st and gju are even useful on occasion. Posteen is in the dictionary, and I suppose that makes it permissible, even though it is a misprint; it should read 'posteen'. Nunatakkr is another misprint (should be 'nunatakker') but this one is definitely disallowed, since it is marked as Swedish. Finally, 'swede' is not allowed since,

rather surprisingly, it does not appear in Chambers without a capital letter.

Two solutions are shown in the diagram.

Writing 'U' for 'up', 'D' for 'down', etc., the following solution takes 83 moves. Move each piece as far as possible in the direction indicated, except where I have said otherwise.

UU, left timp U, RDLL, timp U one unit,  
LDR (UL) UR (LD) DRRUURRD (DR)  
RRDLLURDRULU (RU) LDDRDL (UL)  
UUR (RD) D (DR) RULDDL, Music stands  
UU, R, Lower timp D, RDLILLURDDR  
(LU) ULLDRRU (UL) L

This solution was devised by Zar Amrolia and is shorter by about forty moves than anything I had been able to devise. Dr. Conway, who showed me the puzzle, also showed me an even harder one along the same lines; I'm saving it for the next time someone complains that the puzzles are too easy.



# EXEC NEWS



BUCKINGHAM PALACE

18th December 1981

Dear Mr Horton,

Thank you for your letter of 2nd December.

You may like to explain to members of Imperial College Union the background to the newspaper stories about Princess Anne's recent visit to Nepal. Her Royal Highness did indeed visit a Game Reserve where strenuous efforts are being made to preserve the tiger population. This part of The Princess's visit organised by the Nepalese Government was to see the local wildlife including, if possible, one of the small number of tigers. Buffaloes also live in the Reserve (together with other species being the natural prey of tigers) and are maintained there by the Reserve authorities as a matter of policy. If there was no Reserve the natural habitat of the tiger and its food sources would have already disappeared in Nepal (and hence tigers).

There is no truth in the story that one beast was specially staked for the benefit of Princess Anne, nor did she see a buffalo killed.

Yours sincerely  
John S. Lawson

Major N S Lawson, Private Secretary to  
HRH The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips

Nicholas Morton Esq



IMPERIAL COLLEGE  
UNION GENERAL MEETING  
TO BE HELD ON 26TH JANUARY, 1982  
IN THE GREAT HALL AT 1.00PM.

A G E N D A

1. Minutes of the Last Meeting.
2. Matters Arising from the Minutes.
3. President's Business.
4. Deputy President's Business.
5. Honorary Secretary's Business.
6. CCU Reports.
7. Other Officers' Reports.
8. By-Law Changes.
9. Motions.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

QEC.

The revised draft Statement of Intent which met with general approval at the Emergency UGM was passed by our Board of Governors. However, it was rejected by QEC's equivalent body. Negotiations are continuing.

I have written to the Vice-Chancellor of the University seeking assurances on overall student numbers etc.

Overseas Students Fees.

We have been given an ideal opportunity to publicise the financial problems faced by overseas students. The Union is making a half-hour TV programme for BBC 2's Open Door series. I have set up a small committee to co-ordinate production but would anybody who feels they have something useful to offer towards the programme please see me.

Refectories.

The Holland Club Refectory operation has been closed down. I am interested to know whether or not the Holland Club will take on their own catering.

The hours of service in many refectories have changed and these have been reported in Felix.

The Southside Refectory is to move downstairs and at the time of writing work is under way to improve the Lower Refectory. This move will put the outlet nearer the kitchen and should improve the quality of the food.

The style of service in the refectories has changed. The Buttery has a cold meat and salad bar and a greatly increased range of sandwiches. The innovations were largely in response to the survey so we hope they will prove popular. Southside service should also change offering both "fast food" and "meat and two veg" type meal. The Union and Sherfield Main will not change greatly but we are hoping for an improvement in quality, again in response to survey results.

If any of these changes do not take place, let me or Marco know either directly or through the Suggestions and Complaints box. We still rely on student feed-back

BARS.

A major refurbishment of the bar counter area in Southside is taking place. The operation is being financed through brewery loans. Most of the work should have been done over the vacation - the fitting company using the excuse of bad weather for not doing so. I can only apologise for any inconvenience caused and hope that the end result is worthwhile.

Elections (Ho, Ho!)

It is traditional for the President at this time of year to offer to discuss the job with people fool enough to want to do the job next year. So, budding hacks out there, see me if you are considering standing. The job is open to any member of the Union so give the matter some thought. Marco has details of the actual election procedure.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

Just a brief list of things I've spent money on:-

Piano	£2635
Concert Hall Dressing Rooms	£701
Lower Lounge Tables	£135
Garage for Piano	£20
Locks and Keys	£550
JCR Furniture	£500
Dinner with Jill	£18
Curries etc.	approx. £30

Still to come:-

Gym Floor and Lockers  
Southside Lounge Carpet  
Noticeboards  
Union Gents Toilets - Showers!

Don't worry, I will not let you down!

HONORARY SECRETARY'S REPORT.

The Blue Book.

The Blue Book contains the Constitutions and Standing Orders of the Union Committees and also the Union By-Laws. These are always being changed from year to year and the Book needs to be regularly updated. In the past the Book was published each year and had to be typed out from scratch on stencils and gestetnered.

I am in the process of trying to get the Book put on a word processor which would make alterations much simpler and updated copies could be run off at any time. Word processor facilities are available in College but there are no staff available to do the actual work of typing the Book in. If there is anyone interested in learning how to use a word processor at a cost of a few hours typing will they please contact me in the Union Office.

International Conference of Students of Technology.

This years INCOST was due to be held in Poland and plans were still going ahead up until the onset of martial law. Since then no news has been heard and it seems unlikely now that the conference will be held there. Alternative plans are going ahead to try and set up the conference in Sweden. We will be sending a delegation of students wherever the venue. So anyone who wants to go should come and see me and I'll give them further information.

## BY-LAW CHANGES

BY-LAW CHANGE.

Proposed by: N. Morton.  
Seconded by: M. Ledwold.

By-Law 14.

Insert c) and reletter:-

An Emergency General Meeting shall be called by the President as he sees fit or on receipt by him of a petition signed by not less than 150 full members. In the latter case the meeting shall be held within three weeks of receipt of the petition. All such meetings shall require only seven days notice and shall discuss only the emergency motion(s), details of which shall be posted on all Union Noticeboards.

BY-LAW CHANGE.

- 4.a) Delete 'ULU Representative'.
- 5.c) Delete 'ULU Representative'.



# MOTIONS

## MOTION ON GRANTS.

Proposed by: Martin Taylor  
Seconded by: Nick Morton.

### ICU Notes:

1. That the government plans to increase student grants by only 4% next year, to £1900 for students in London living away from home.
2. That in addition the parental contributions will not be adjusted to take account of inflation, meaning a large increase in the amount parents will be expected to contribute and taking many more parents over the earnings limit for the first time.
3. That about 75% of students who should receive a parental contribution do not receive the full amount from their parents and consequently have to live on less than the full grant.

### ICU Believes:

1. That ideally all students should receive a full grant, and that the government should be moving in the direction of reducing parental contributions rather than increasing them.
2. That an increase of only 4% would anyway totally fail to maintain the value of the grant.

### ICU Resolves:

1. Not to go on 'strike'.
2. To campaign for the beliefs above.

### ICU Instructs:

The President and E.A.O. to take every opportunity to further the beliefs above, in conjunction with the University of London Union and other Student Unions.

### NEXT UGM

TO BE HELD ON 4TH MARCH, 1982  
IN THE GREAT HALL AT 1.00PM.

DEADLINE FOR MOTIONS TO APPEAR IN  
FELIX 12.30 THURSDAY 18TH FEBRUARY.

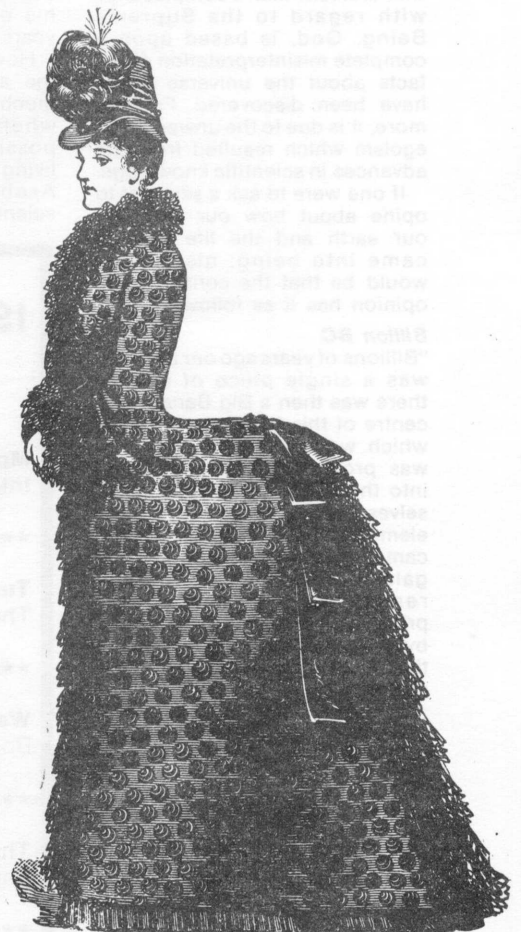
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# VICTORIAN NIGHT

**Thurs 27th Jan**  
**To celebrate the**  
**opening of the new-**  
**style Southside Bar**

**Reduced price ale**  
**Bar snacks**  
**Live entertainment**  
**IC Radio Roadshow**

**Dress: Victorian**





# ISLAMIC WEEK

## The Creator and His Creation

### Theory

*It has only been in the last hundred or so years that scientists have been able to theorise with any authority about the origins of the earth and life on it. That is, in effect, only "yesterday", if the history of mankind is thought of as having spanned a single year.*

And their discoveries have revolutionized Western man's conceptions—so that he is no longer in awe of the untamed natural world around him, and is even sceptical as to existence of a Supreme Being. Thus he considers it unnecessary to submit himself to the will of God (except in a most limited and perfunctory way on a Sunday). For all the earth's greatest mysteries have been reduced by the scientists to a material—rational cause and effect which neutralizes the necessity to submit oneself in fear and hope to any divinity.

### Reasoning

We Muslims believe, and can prove using the valued "reasoning" employed by the sciences, that Western man's complacency with regard to the Supreme Being, God, is based upon a complete misinterpretation of the facts about the universe which have been discovered. Furthermore, it is due to the unwarranted egoism which resulted from the advances in scientific knowledge.

If one were to ask a scientist to opine about how our universe, our earth and the life upon it came into being; his answer would be that the consensus of opinion has it as follows:

### Billion BC

"Billions of years ago our universe was a single piece of matter, there was then a Big Bang in the centre of this lump: the result of which was that a lot of energy was produced. This coagulated into the stars, which then themselves gave birth to the heavier elements. Thus our solar system came into being as well as other galaxies. Since there was no resistance in space to that primordial momentum generated by the explosion, the stars and the planets remained in regular orbits."

Note the materialist cause and effect that excludes the notion of Supreme Being or Creator or God.

### Biology

Similarly, if we were to ask the biologists about the origins of life on earth, he would reply that the latest scientific techniques have enabled scientists to hypothesise with some authority that *all life* evolved from *water*. Thus (to precis the most consistently expounded theory): In the young primeval atmosphere of the earth there were a lot of elements like carbon, oxygen and nitrogen

floating about along with a tremendous amount of electrical activity. It is thought that the combination of these with the "Primeval Soup" lying around the rocks and oceans of the young earth, produced life; the primeval matter in the sea generating the protoplasm out of which came the amoeba and then all living things.

Both theories: of the origin of the universe and origin of life on the earth are regarded as scientific "fact" in the West, and indeed is taught as such in schools. The biblical account of creation in Genesis is considered a myth and the onus is on the believers in God to prove the rationality of their faith—something they have hitherto failed to do.

In Islam there is no dichotomy between faith and reason; thus to us it seems that the scientists of the West have *not* in the past hundred or so years discovered anything new about the universe that undermines a belief in God, in fact it is just the opposite; they have at this late stage merely confirmed what God revealed of his creation to mankind 1400 years ago.

How? Well, if one was to ask the astronomers who know so much about the universe's origins whether it would have been possible for an illiterate Arab living over 1400 years ago in the Arabian Desert to know his scientific facts about the universe,

he would retort in the negative with some vehemence. Yet look at what Muhammed (peace be upon him), born in 570AD was saying under the inspiration of God:

"Do not the Unbelievers (aethists and agnostics) see, That the Heavens and the Earth Were joined together (as one unit of creation) Before we clove them asunder." (from the Koran/the Prophets) and:

"And it is He (God) who created, the Night and the Day, the Sun and the Moon All move along; each in its orbit." (from Koran/The Prophets)

And again, with regard to the origins of life on the earth, the biologists whose theories about the origins of life are regarded as fact, would not credit it that someone living over 1400 years ago would know what he knows only now; yet Muhammed (upon whom be peace) said under the inspiration of God:

"And We made from water Every living thing Will they then not believe?" (Koran/Prophets)

and:

"O Mankind If you are in doubt concerning the Resurrection, We created you from dust then from a drop of seed then from a clot then from a little lump of flesh, shapely and shapeless that we may make it clear for you And We cause what We will to remain in the womb for an appointed time." (Koran/The Pilgrimage)

Thus we can see that scientists, have at this late stage merely confirmed what God revealed of his creation to man all those 1400 years ago. Thus there is no warrant for the scepticism about a divinity brought on in the West by these scientific theories rather than the logical conclusion to be drawn from the theories is that Author and Prime Mover of the Big Bang and the Water from which we came into being is worthy of our submission and praise. For otherwise we would have to accept the preposterous implications of the scientists' theories: that random Chance Operation was the lynchpin that instigated our universe.

"Life" whatever your opinion of it, must be self-replicating—be able to reproduce itself over and over again. DNA is the basis of life and is an incredibly complicated structure, a double helix with millions of atoms arranged in a special code of four letters. Consider the complexities of DNA's self-replication—unwinding, its intricate form to divide into two separate individuals which then each find exact replicas to attach themselves to in what has been called a "zipping up" operation. This being possible because there was a yet more infinitesimally intricate process at work, instigated by the catalyst enzymes acting as a "biomachine" for the DNA. So intricate and infinitely complex are the forces at the basis of life—yet we are asked this was the product of a random process, without external inspiration!

It is not an exaggeration to say that it is like being asked to accept that a tornado blowing through a scrapyard could produce a typewriter in whose carriage was a full instruction sheet describing how to make another typewriter. And not only that but the tornado produced all the tools essential to make that typewriter!!

Surely this is too improbable and has to be dismissed. Then there is the Sir Fred Hoyle theory that evolution commenced in deep space and then genes showered onto the earth mixed with the primeval soup to start life. Sir Fred claims that a super intelligent computer in deep space planning, executing and controlling all life. If that is so who designed and made that computer in deep space. For a Muslim the answer is easy, it is.....

"God there is no God but He, the living, the self-subsisting eternal. No slumber can cease Him nor sleep. His are all things in the Heavens and the Earth. None can intercede in His presence except as He wills. He knows what appears to His creatures in the past, present and future. None can encompass. His knowledge except as He wills. His throne does extend over the Heavens and the Earth and He feels no fatigue in guarding and preserving it, for He is the most High, the Supreme in Glory.

Al-Koran (II:255)

## ISLAMIC WEEK PROGRAMME OF EVENTS

### Monday, January 25

Introductory Talk on Islam, 6:00pm, ME542.

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### Tuesday, January 26

The Brandt Report: An Islamic Perspective, 1:15, 542.

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### Wednesday, January 27

Bookstall, JCR, 1:00-2:30pm.

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### Thursday, January 28

English Muslims, 1:15pm, ME542.

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### Friday, January 29

Films: Afghanistan and Eritrea, 6:00pm, ME542.