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GAME OVER FOR PINBALL WIZARD.

Mr Barney McCabe has resigned from his position as ICU Deputy President following a motion of no confidence at last Monday's ICU Council meeting.

The start of the meeting was delayed by over twenty minutes as there were not enough Council members present to form a quorum. Under the Deputy President's business there was an extensive discussion about the pinball and video machines in the Union Lower Lounge. Last year the Union earned considerable revenue from these machines but so far this session they have lost £2,000. The DP was criticised for his handling of the situation; in particular, that he did not realise the seriousness of the problem and take action earlier.

Mr Philip Nathan, Life Sciences Dep Rep, then proposed a motion of no confidence in the DP. In his proposal speech he outlined how he considered that Barney had not done his job in a satisfactory manner. An amendment to the motion (proposed by Chris Webb) to further instruct the Chairman of Council (Nick Morton) to take the motion of no confidence to the next UGM was accepted.

Phil Greenstreet (DP-elect) then spoke against the motion. He pointed out areas where he thought the DP had achieved something, but on a secret vote the motion of no confidence was carried. The voting was 14 for; 7 against; and, 2 abstentions.

After the result had been announced, Mr McCabe concluded his report by tendering his resignation and leaving the meeting. He also handed Marco Ledwold a letter confirming that his resignation would take effect from Friday, April 2.

At this point Council became inquorate and the meeting was closed. There was, however, some discussion over whether the motion of no confidence should be taken to the UGM. Eventually Chris Webb agreed to speak to such a motion instead of Nick Morton.

After the meeting Barney stated that he had not resigned from his post as Editor of *The Phoenix* and intended to continue production of the magazine.

Rock on Tommy

It was not until early last week that the loss of money from the games machine was noticed. After Mr Nick Morton, ICU President,

requested an estimate for next year's income from games machines it was discovered that expenditure on rental exceeded income by approx £2,000.

The reasons for the situation are not clear; a series of thefts over the summer and a fall-off in usage may account for some loss, but it was estimated that over £2,000 profit should have been made by the end of this year. It was suggested at ICU Council that the Deputy President should have noticed the loss earlier and taken appropriate action.

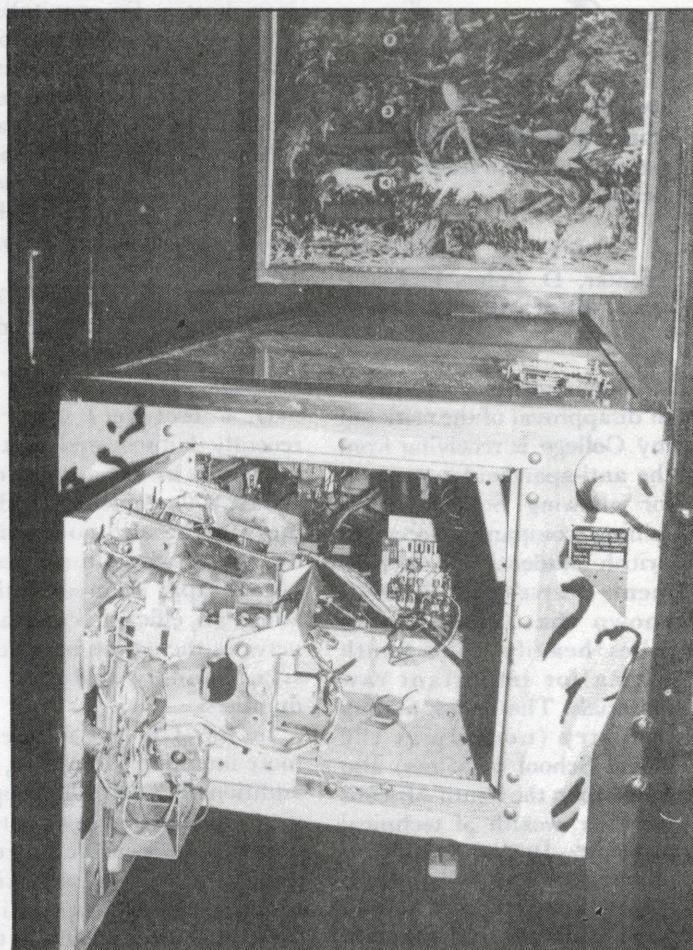
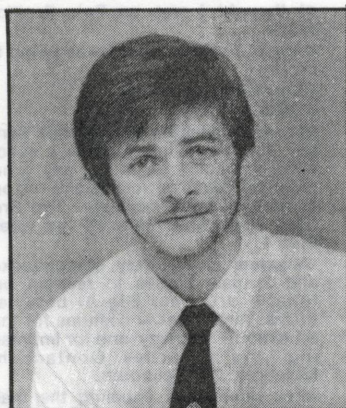


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Mascots Returned

A crowd of over fifty people gathered in Beit Quadrangle on Wednesday lunchtime to witness the return of Spanner and Bolt.

The violated mascot of City and Guilds Union had been in the possession of the Royal College of Science Union since February 4 and were originally to be returned last Thursday.

City and Guilds Union had performed a series of tasks in order to secure the return of the mascots. These included sending Valentine's to the RCSU Executive, cleaning shoes, selling pancakes and even accompanying RCSU mascotry on a raid to Kings College. Besides this, C&GU President Andy Rushton raised money by a sponsored alcohol-free period and other members of Guilds knitted a scarf.

The total raised for RCSU Rag is believed to be in excess of £330.



Letters to the Editor

Dear Mr Smith

We think our new president would greatly improve his image if he had a shave. Can we really have a leader with a beard.

Yours sincerely

A. Black, N. Miller, A. Hunter, D. Poley, P. Lindetend, all of ME3.

Sir

I am writing to you today in disapproval of the criticism my College is receiving from the anti-apartheid movement for allowing South African mining companies access to British students for recruitment overseas. It is well-known that Great Britain relies heavily upon South Africa for important raw materials. The British mining industry (notably at the Royal School of Mines) also relies upon the South Africans for their wealth of technical expertise. In the mining of minerals, a reason that sends many of our students abroad every summer for vacation training. Whilst one accepts that the subjugation of a people based upon colour, is both cruel and humiliating, one must realise that this is a problem born of many years, and not one having a fast and stable political solution. Faced with the possible erosion of our own infrastructure, I feel that Britain, as a nation, is in no position to turn her back on South Africa and that members of anti-apartheid should consider more carefully the possible implications of their actions. The position for "laissez-

faire" has already been stated in a letter written to you by Mr D. Ashforth, a letter that left Mr E.M. Ungoa (a physics PG) in a state of shuddering, mind-boggling, utter confusion! Really, one would expect a little more practical common sense from students of science at Imperial College.

T. Schofield

Royal School of Mines

Dear Mark

Can somebody from College Block please tell me and all other FELIX readers why some staircases in Southside are to be redecorated over Easter. I'm not talking about the radiators. My room has a new radiator, and is to be repainted, but must be in better condition than any other College accommodation. I also ask our sabbaticals to investigate on our behalf and also take strong action if necessary.

Yours

Brian Shindler

Dear Sir

In a lecture I went to recently I discovered that in China there are some 15,000,000 people involved in monitoring and controlling the major agricultural pests. Using rapid communication along an efficient command network these pests have been significantly reduced in numbers.

In the UK agriculture is more intensive, if however, an additional 3,000,000 people were employed in pest control it should be possible to treat each plant *by hand*, squashing insect pests and uprooting competing weeds, without the use of potentially dangerous pesticides (except perhaps for fungi and microbial pathogens, and with positive selection for rare or beneficial species. Such a system would clearly be effective for hot-house or market garden crops, but its application to cereals may be more difficult, because of the way these are planted.

In the current economic climate there is likely to be suitable numbers of workers available, already being paid by the Government. The use of this, as yet, untapped workforce would therefore kill

two birds (unemployment and pollution from pesticides) with one stone. The profits coming from increased crop protection (and irrigation...if this is needed), and the money saved on pesticides could be used to increase the standard of living of the workforce. The quality of life would also be increased by considerable decentralisation of the population (reducing pressure on decaying inner-city areas) and increasing the health of the population as a result of exercise and more natural food in the diet.

We are starting a pilot scheme on our windowsill, and I suggest that this is a line of logistic research which the government would do well to follow up.

Yours sincerely

John Hollier

Zoo 3

Dear Sir

We were very disappointed by the illustration in the bottom corner of the spring term FELIX calendar—why wasn't it *male!!!* Please remedy this next term.

Yours expectantly or hopefully or both,

2 sexless singles of South Ken

Small Ads

●Free holiday for volunteer driver Camden Association for Mental Health is looking for a volunteer driver to drive their minibus from June 12-19 whilst they are on holiday in South Wales. In return for driving the minibus to and from London (and whilst touring) the volunteer will receive free accommodation, food and admission to any beauty-spots, attractions, etc.

The volunteer must be over 25 and the possessor of a clean driving licence, preferably with experience of driving a minibus or similar vehicle.

Applications and further details from John Callaghan, 485-0229 or call at 5-6 Anglers Lane, Kentish Town, NW5 (during office hours).

●Lost in JCR a golden circle earring. If found please return to Doris Retina, Chem Eng 2. Of great sentimental value. Thank-you.

●It's a donkey's cockbone! Jokes are requested for this year's Rag Mag. Please address all entries to Andrew Redondo Crawford c/o the FELIX Office.

●Handbook articles: All chairmen, etc., to their Union Office pigeon-hole. Deadline Friday, April 30.

●Congratulations Angie. We knew you had it in you!

●How many ads will there be saying 'Disco yett for hire—please state colour. Ring 373-8307.

●Steve—Who's wearing your jacket?

●12" b/w portable TV, £60ono. Contact Ian Grainger-Allen, Physics 3.

●AR18s loudspeakers, perfect condition, 4mths old, £70ono. Contact Mark Johnson, Civ Eng letter-racks or 53 Evelyn Gdns. Tel 373-5367.

●Babysitter/dogsbody available most evenings. Linda, int 4487.

●Bassist requires strap (also lead and plectrum). See Mike, Physics 2.

●Girl needed to share a double room for next term in 81 Lexham Gdns. Please contact F. Judson, Zoo 3.

●April 29! Next term! "On yer bike Norm", Norman Tebbit MP on the Employment Bill, 1:00pm, Mech Eng 220.

●Get off your assholes and see Supa "4% Norm" Titbit talk on the bike industry, Phy LT1, 29 April, 1:00pm.

●Volunteer Work: Postgrads needed to help out in a home for disabled near the College over the vacation. Contact Mike See, Chem Eng PG.

●Jelly and Ice Cream Party and cabaret at Willis Jackson House, 65 Evelyn Gdns. Everyone welcome.

●Social Democrats why are you all boring old PG stick-in-the-mud farts. Love and kisses from Woy.

●The final match of term: "unlucky" Physics Wanderers 1, Selkirk 4. The lads are still sick as parrots. We will return. PW rule FA.

●Seaweed Journalists! Come out of the guppy tank and say "Hi!"

●Ru requires a net set of fingernails (in 7/8 with alternating lines). Contact the Rathole 233 F.K. 'all.

●Does anyone want to play Mummies and Daddies with me? Because I do, and I've got a Wendy House! Love Fatson Judd(son).

●Football latest: Civ Eng 1 2 Mech/ Chem Eng 3 4. Civ Eng 1 tread PW. Any more suckers next term please.

●Karen of Falmouth: You do look sexy in the morning wearing curlers. Signed 007.

●To all those who are jealous of the NHS. Piss off.

●5TA-Girl Thank you for making this term beautiful. FE.

●Having trouble with your English? Elocution lessons now available from Karl, Chem 2.

●Sarah's home cooking—Like your mother makes—cakes, biscuits, all your favourite recipes for special occasions. Contact M. Smith, BE2.

●Angle, Linstead, can I be next?

●Angle: where was I in the rankings then? Signed Heartbroken.

●Sorry guys. Dr Who always wins in the end. (No doubt you needed the scarf to keep you countless friends warm, ha ha).

●Angle: I thought I was the first! Shocked.

●Dearest Angle: You no good two-timing.....

●Angle: You told me I was the first!

●Angle of Linstead: Me next? Bonzo.

●Angle: How about a booking for the IC Second Xis next Thursday?

●Do you want a fuck? Are you sure? Oh...well you'd better ring for the guy with the big donk; say hi to Jez on 584-7466.

●I thought I was on Pole Position Angie.

●Angle: But I thought I was going to be first!

●Kinda lingers Angie.

●Coke or Tap?

●Is work catching up on you? Send any surplus to me—reports a speciality—estimates given for any other creeping required (especially history of tech and bio essays)—The Prof (Dep Rep) BE2, wimp of the week, Elec 1.

●Wanted: Heavy duty straightjacket and 2 male nurses to restrain our lunatic drummer Big Al between tracks. Also monkey costume for that bit extra in 'stairway' and for impressing girls at parties. Contact the Molehole, 214 Falmouth.

●For sale: Maps detailing the main government fall-out shelter and access points for use by top civil servants in the event of nuclear war. Send £2 to Anon, Box 11, FELIX Office.

Cock and Bull

Twenty-five members of RCS walked a total distance of 150 miles in the Union Lower Lounge last weekend as part of a 1,000,001-Down darts race.

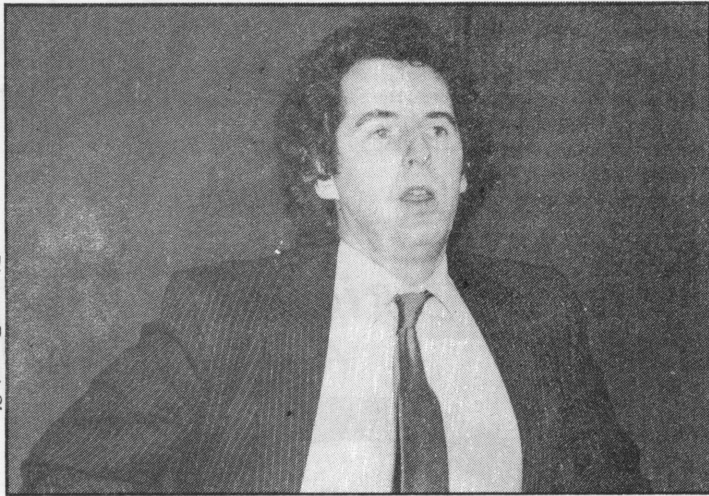
At 6:00pm on Friday, Ian Thomas and Jez Moss, the respective captains of Chem 1 and Chem 2 teams threw the first darts in this marathon Rag stunt. Two days and three nights later the Chem 1 team reached zero with a double seven, followed closely by the Chem 2 team who took 89 shots to finish from double three.

Each team threw between seventy and eighty thousand darts (the exact figures to be revealed soon) weighing a total of around two tons, at an average of roughly thirteen points per dart.

The players were hindered by armies of cockroaches which invaded the Lower Lounge at three o'clock each morning and by the cleaners who, with only a few thousand points to go, attempted to eject everyone on Monday.

It is expected that a three figure sum has been raised for RCS Rag.

Waldegrave at IC



The conservative MP William Waldegrave spoke at College last Tuesday on the invitation of the Conservative Society.

Mr Waldegrave is under secretary of state for higher education and told the small crowd how universities had been receiving larger and larger

amounts of their money from the University Grants Committee. In the past they had received the majority of their income from other sources, but now 95% of their money comes from the UGC. Mr Waldegrave said the government would like to see this figure reduced to about 85%.

Cult Corner

At Nightline we occasionally receive calls from people who have friends or relatives involved with cult groups. Sometimes the callers only want a few details about the cult while other times they are trying to find someone and release them from the cult.

Organisations which sometimes crop up in calls include the Unification Church (Moonies), Krishna Consciousness, Scientology and recently Exegesis and the Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh cult. The last two have recently been receiving some attention in the national press.

People are well informed about the Moonies and further comment is not necessary. Exegesis is not a religious cult but more of a psychotherapy group. The techniques used are long aggressive encounter sessions which can be quite damaging to people's personalities and even affect mental stability. The wallet is also damaged—at around £150 for a training course!

The Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh cult is growing rapidly. It bears the name of the founder, who saw the light in 1953. He spent the next thirteen years teaching and developing his faith in India. In 1969 he started a therapy centre in Bombay and the first non-Indians were admitted a year later. During the seventies the cult spread to the West and now has sixteen centres and 2,000 disciples in the UK alone.

Election Results

The Royal School of Mines Union ratified its executive for next year at their UGM last Tuesday. The candidate for Honorary Secretary was the only one unopposed. The officers are: President Nigel Walls; Vice-President John Eagleson; Hon Sec Mark Daniel.

The elections for departmental representatives were also held this week. Nine new representatives were elected to be ratified at today's UGM. There were no candidates for the post in Civ Eng and the Chem Eng election will have to be re-run because there was no-one to man the ballot-box in the afternoon. Those elected are: Chemistry G. O'Shea; Computing P. Donovan; Elec Eng G. Bowser (re-elected); Geology M. Jones; Life Sci P. Burt; Maths F. Whitelaw; Mech Eng R. Tang; Met & Mat Sci C. Southall; Physics D. Parry. The elections in Aero Eng and Mineral Resources Eng have still to be held.

Sextet Stun Southside

Last Saturday was marked by the first appearance of a Life Sciences Review in the Southside Real Ale Bar.

The review, organised by Mr Philip Nathan (the Divisional Representative), consisted of a series of songs and sketches as well as awards for various achievements within the depart-

ments. These consisted of foam pies and succeeded in clearing most of the audience back into the adjoining bar.

The highlight of the evening was undoubtedly the performance of a sextet of dancers lead by Miss Christine Starch of Life Sci 2. They performed a remarkably intimate arrangement which went down very well with the audience. The Editor of FELIX commented that he would investigate this story in greater depth at a later date.

Another cock-up

The inefficiencies of the Bookings Office were highlighted again this week when Wellsoc tried to hold their Annual General Meeting in the Mines Building last Tuesday. Wellsoc had confirmed their booking of the Sutton Lecture Theatre twice but on the night the security guard claimed that he hadn't been informed of the booking. It was only after Mr R. Dickens, the Security Superintendent, was contacted that the meeting was allowed to go ahead, but only

after a crowd of people had been kept waiting.

Chairman of Wellsoc Mr Pallab Ghosh later said "It isn't the first time this has happened, this sort of cock-up happens on a regular basis. It happened to us before this term when we'd booked Mech Eng 220 and had to turn seventy members away."

A secretary from the Bookings Office said the appropriate paper work was sent to security every week and if security didn't read it, it wasn't the Booking Office's fault.

Mr Nick Morton is currently taking the matter up with Captain Lindley, the College Domestic Secretary.

Disciples are given a new name when they join. They have to wear orange and red clothes (fully or partially), a picture of their master and 108 sandalwood beads. The cult also moves its disciples between centres and countries. People who attend the newcomers evenings at the Chalk Farm Centre (cost 50p) are rarely aware of the power in the meditation techniques. More advanced members indulge in induced hysteria sessions as well as relaxation, dancing and controlled breathing exercises. Free sexual expression is also important in the therapy.

Like the Moonies, people do get lost in this organisation. The therapy, especially if insulated from outside influences, can lead to 'brainwashing' (perhaps a function of personal strength?). The dangers are two-fold. First is the upheaval caused to family and friends when a disciple rejects them or disappears. Secondly is the psychological damage suffered by the disciple when the group rejects them. The disciple will be totally dependent on the group for emotional and physical support. Rejection coupled with dumping in a strange city (or country) with no money or possessions is a good ticket to a psychiatric hospital.

For the last decade the Indian government has been reluctant to grant visas to Westerners visiting the cult's headquarters. Recently the cult have spent £3m on a 100sq mile ranch in Oregon USA and are building an entire town as a cult centre. They have also set up a commune in Suffolk complete with a school for disciples' children.

Of course, not all fringe religious cult groups are so bad. However, the next time you drop 10p in a Moonie (etc.) collecting tin it might be worth considering exactly what you are financing.

SCAR AMOUCHE

Preamble

At the time of writing I have received fifty-four correct solutions to last week's puzzle, but just in case there's anyone left in College who hasn't been able to do it, take your crumpled piece of paper and follow these instructions:

Fold the right half of the paper onto the left half, so that 4 lies on top of 1.

Fold the bottom half up, so that 8 goes on 4.

Tuck 8 and 4 (together) between 6 and 7.

Fold 1 and 5 onto 6.

Yes, it was quite easy; I intended it to be easy since so many puzzles have been difficult lately. But since it is the end of term, my priority was to set something which would be fun to solve; judging from your comments I succeeded here too. Moral: if you come across any 'fun' puzzles like this, especially if they're not well-known, send them to me and I'll be happy to publish them.

The deadline for last week's puzzle hadn't been reached at the time of going to press, so the winner will have to wait till next term.

The Easter puzzle page, as usual, has a mixture of sworded puzzles which carry a prize of £5 each, and unmarked puzzles which are just for fun. Mend-a-Bike of Park Walk, Chelsea, have generously donated the prize money as usual, but to anyone not lucky enough to win, they are still offering discounts to FELIX readers.

Good luck, happy Easter, don't work too hard.....

† Animal House

Sometimes the maths common room at Primelia gets to look more like a menagerie with all the pets the students own. The ten animals (none of which have any deformities or abnormalities) have thirty legs between them. The only quadrupeds are dogs and cats, and there are more dogs than cats; in fact, the two dog owners keep at least one cat each. Amble has a budgie, but no dog. Bumble owns six legs (including his own two) while Crumble and Drudge keep the same number of pets and their pets have collectively the same number of legs. Eager has trouble training his pets not to follow him into lectures. Who keeps what?

Dead Patriotic

"Here is an odd item, Professor," I said, looking up from my newspaper. "It says here that three of the first five presidents of United States died on the Fourth of July. I wonder what the odds are against a coincidence like that."

"I'm not sure," replied the professor, "but I'm willing to give ten-to-one odds I can name one of the three who died on that date."

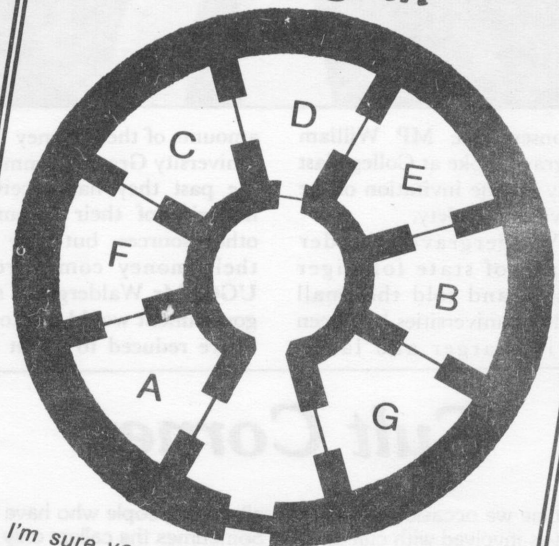
Assuming that the professor had no prior knowledge of the dates on which any of the presidents died, was he justified in offering such odds?

...for next Thursday

Find a number, N , which has the following characteristics:

- N_{13} has the same final digit as N .
- The sum of the digits of N_{13} is equal to the sum of the digits of N^{31} . (If the sum contains more than one digit, add the digits together, and repeat the process if necessary until single digit results.)
- $N_{13} - N$ is divisible by 13.

† Reischnein Again



I'm sure you all remember the problems caused by the seven prisoners in General Reischnein's jailhouse last term. Well, it happened again—the prisoners were allowed out for exercise and when they returned the jailer discovered that B and F had switched cells.

Now although it's permissible to leave a prisoner unattended in the central courtyard, no one is allowed through the main gate, and no two prisoners must be allowed to see each other. What is the smallest number of moves it will take to switch B and F back to their proper cells? Of course, at the end of the operation the other five prisoners must be back in their own cells.

Bookshop News

As you may have already noticed, we have had to increase the deposit on all items ordered through the Bookshop to £5.00 per item. The reason for this increase is that people have been ordering books and then not collecting, even after numerous cards and phone calls; and often we are left with them as they are not returnable. So, please only order books you want. The deposit is deducted from the overall price anyway.

Laboratory notebooks. We now have the official notebooks, both soft and hardback. It has taken ESA ten months to produce them and that was an urgent order!

International Writers Day, which is organised by the English Centre of International P.E.N., was held at the Purcell Room, Queen Elizabeth Hall on Saturday, March 13. Once again, IC Bookshop ran a very successful book sale. The principal speakers were Margaret Drabble, Mario Soldati, Francis King, Norman Collins. The Silver Pen Award went to D.M. Thomas for his novel *The White Hotel* (Penguin £2.25). The J.R. Ackerley Prize for 1981 to Edward Blishen for his autobiography *Shaky Relations* (Hamish Hamilton £8.95).

March 31 is to be a very special *This is Your Life* on ITV. The autobiography of the subject is on sale in the Bookshop. (Signed by author and subject.)

Anna Coote will be coming to College to talk about her latest book this Friday and copies of *Sweet Freedom* will be on sale in the Bookshop.

PLEASE if any group in the College is inviting any author to talk, tell us so we can arrange a display of their books.

As everyone knows if you rest a piece of paper on a book and write. The imprint goes through to the book which defaces the book jacket. I have noticed the last few weeks, quite a large number of people have acquired this habit. Some students, but the majority seems to be tutor/lecturers, so I would be most grateful if all the guilty parties would stop doing this.

New Titles

The White Hotel — D.M. Thomas, Penguin £2.25
My Sister and Myself — ed Francis King, Hutchinson £8.95
Shaky Relations — Edward Plishen, Hamish Hamilton £8.95
The Octopus and the Pirates — Mario Soldati, Deutsch £2.95
The Forgotten Colony — A. Graham-Yooll, Hutchinson £12.95
New Stories 3 — Harwood & King, Hutchinson £3.25
Little Nelson — Norman Collins, Collins £5.95
Middle Ground — Margaret Drabble, Penguin £1.50
Summer Bird Cage — Margaret Drabble, Penguin £1.50
The Ice Age — Margaret Drabble, Penguin £1.75
The Millstone — Margaret Drabble, Penguin £1.25
Realms of Gold — Margaret Drabble, Penguin £1.95
The Needles Eye — Margaret Drabble, Penguin £1.75
The Novel Today — Malcolm Bradbury, Fontana £2.50
The Craft of Novel Writing — Dianne Doubtfire, Allison & Busby £2.50
The Successful Authors Handbook — Gordon Wells, PaperMac £3.95
Sweet Freedom — Anna Coote & Beatrix Campbell, Picador £1.95

H.G. Wells Society

Following the College's decision to axe the lunchtime Humanities programme the H.G. Wells Society proposed to fill in the Tuesday and Thursday lunchtime slot with our own lectures. A programme has yet to be decided but will be in a similar vein to this year's Humanities lectures and, in fact, will be worked out in collaboration with the Department of Humanities.

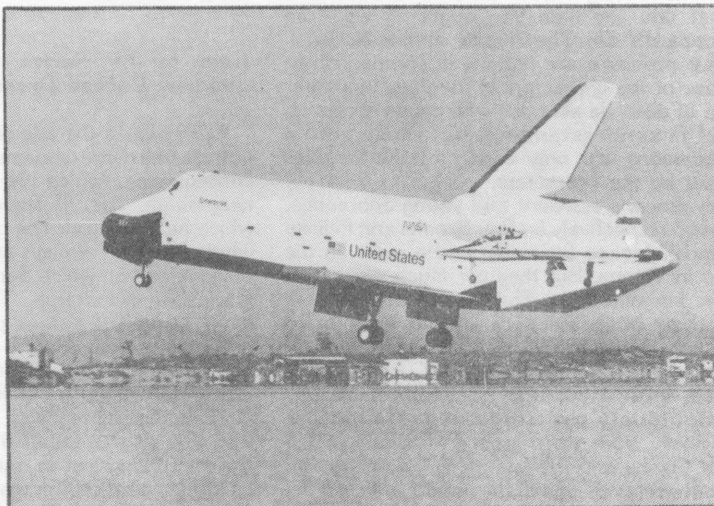
The work entailed in running the society next year will be too much for students on a degree course and two sabbatical posts have therefore been created. In the light of this new information I have no alternative but to declare Monday's results of Chairman and External Secretary void. Re-elections shall be held next term by College-wide ballot.

Papers will be put up in all departments and nominations for the posts must be made by *next Thursday* at the *latest* when papers come down.

College will be funding the greater part of the project although the Union has been asked to match the cost by 30%. Preliminary discussions seem to indicate two main alternatives either: reduce major sub-committee budgets substantially; or, abolish one of the current sabbatical posts, probably that of Honorary Secretary.

Further information may be obtained from either myself or Marco Ledwold, the current Honorary Secretary, from the Union Office.

Astrosoc



Astrosoc is proud to announce that we have been offered three, expenses-paid scholarship by the European Space Agency at the NASA Space Centre in Cape Kennedy, Florida. The lucky applicants will be expected to spend their three month summer vacation under the employ of NASA. The work will involve spending three weeks in each of four departments under the supervision of a well-known space-scientist. To gain an understanding of the workings of the Space Shuttle, while at the same time undergoing the initial training given to prospective astronauts. Given sufficient progress, the students can expect to be flying the Space Shuttle simulator by the end of the summer and may even be allowed a co-pilot's seat in the Enterprise during her test-flights, from the back of a Jumbo over the Arizona desert.

This promises to be a very intensive course with little opportunity for a social life, however it is clearly the chance of a lifetime. The aim behind the scheme is, to quote the ESA letter "to give European science students an insight into the workings of NASA, with particular view to encouraging them to join the Space Lab team, once they graduate from university." We would like to emphasize that the successful applicants should expect to work hard and be able to get on well with the other students from Germany, France and Italy who will also be on the same scheme. Physical fitness is obviously a must. For further information contact Ann Dziwior through the Physics 2 letter-racks or any Astrosoc committee members before 12:00pm *next Thursday*.

Industrial

ICIS needs a logo! If you're a member, you'll know how boring our membership cards are. What we intend to do next year is have decent ones, coloured of course, and with a distinctive Indsoc emblem. So come on, all you artists and designers, we don't think you're prat(t)s, work out a nice design for us (or we'll do it ourselves!). All results to Alistair Kirk, Physics 2.

Another reminder that Norman Tebbit, the Employment Minister, is coming to College on the first Thursday of next term (29 April) to talk about his controversial Employment Bill and answer questions.

I shan't do a resumé of the term's events, as last term's one was edited completely out!

Gay

It has been decided by the NUS Gay Liberation Committee that a "Gay Student Alliance" should be formed to give some national representation for Gay students. IC have been asked to send a delegate to the launching conference, but since we have no Gaysoc it has landed on my desk. Is there anyone out there, gay or not, who would be interested in attending? It is Union policy to "where possible support measures aimed at....freedom from all discrimination...." so it's important that someone goes, and I have no great wish to go myself. If you would like to go drop me a note (in confidence) at the Union Office and I'll let you have more details. It's set for May 7-9.

Nick Pyne
 ICU Welfare Officer

Reviews



Ika and Noah, the stars of the forthcoming recreation of prehistoric life "Quest for Fire".

Theatre

On The Razzle by Tom Stoppard. Adopted from Johann Nestroy and directed by Peter Wood. The Lyttelton, National Theatre.

If you think you have problems in communicating and that people misunderstand what you say then you ought to see Tom Stoppard's *On The Razzle* at the National. Your problems are nothing in comparison to those of the characters in the play. Line after line of dialogue abounds with comic confusion and misunderstanding, but these verbal tribulations are only a part of the troubles beset by the characters.

A grocer's assistant and young apprentice, played respectively by Ray Brooks and Felicity Kendal, escape for a day and a night on the two in Vienna. But they get much more than they bargained for. The amorous adventures of their boss, Zangler, also bring him to Vienna. Played hilariously by Dinsdale Landen, Zangler is a rotund, red-faced, irrepressible man, with a modest possession of hair ridiculously over-creamed. He suffers tragically from word mixing. The chaos that hits Vienna and the fast-moving comedy that ensues reminds one of the lunatic antics of the Marx Brothers.

Stoppard's *On The Razzle* is at least the fourth reworking of Johann Nestroy's play *Einen Jux-will er sich machen* (He's out for a Fling), which Nestroy himself pinched from someone else. (Now there's originality for you!). Nestroy was the king of Viennese comedy in the last century and usually performed in his own plays. He was also an opera singer until the age of thirty. What Nestroy added to Viennese comedy in his time was satire. The programme notes proclaim that "he looked at the human race, and decided that the treatment it needed was mockery." Nestroy wrote "I believe the worst of any human being, even of myself, and I have seldom been mistaken." His style wasn't political satire, but satire on human nature itself.

The original play on which *On The Razzle* is based is a play of its day. It is full of topical references. It also plays games with the Viennese dialect giving rise to a language full of subtleties, cleverly mastered to evade the powerful censorship that existed in that day. Stoppard necessarily had to 'start afresh' in

order to make the play intelligible, and humorous, to modern day English audiences.

The play's comedy rests virtually entirely on the play of words. Consequently if your English is not good, like the French couple next to me, you remain poker-faced throughout the whole play. It is not my type of humour, but it was noticeable that it was the older members of the audience who were in a near-permanent state of laughter. (Tis a funny thing humour.)

Nick Bedding

Kean by J.P. Sartre, was presented by Imperial College Dramatic Society.

Kean relates the tale of the Victorian actor of the same name who realises himself and as a consequence, which the story attempts to necessitate, has to leave the profession in which he is so lucid. The concept of acting, the whole business of plays and the theatre, is an obvious one on which Sartre could impose his Cartesian melodrama. The play delights in illustrations of games-playing, of inflated artificiality assimilated as real from Kean playing Hamlet to Kean playing at being Kean in London's rigid social life.

The presentation was formal but efficient, with any doubts about the multiple points of the play being lost in unnecessary stylisation being dispelled as the main characters gained strength. It could be said that some of the existential pivots of the story, so dear to Sartre, were sometimes a little underplayed while other facets, such as the gay hairdresser, were needlessly overstated. However, much of the rougher humour of the play and amusing subsidiary characters served to sustain the plays length which, at around three hours, the cast coped with very well. Some lively techniques, such as planted members of the audience pelting Kean with fruit, brought the play off the stage and beyond strict formality without any danger to the coherence of the story as a whole.

The plot itself begins to flag in the final scenes with Sartre's labouring on choice threatening to dissolve into sentimentality but the cast met with this graciously and altogether gave a good, enthusiastic performance.

It is perhaps a pity that after the people involved had obviously put in a lot of work to put on a generally slick performance of Kean that when I was there, Saturday night, the hall was only half-full.

David Gill

Film

Quest for Fire, 20th Century Fox, Directed by Jean-Jacques Annaud.

Quest for Fire would claim to portray the first romance in history, but the happy event is not reached until a great deal of sex (usually anal) and violence has taken place.

The film is set 80,000BC when tribes have discovered the advantages of fire but cannot create it anew. This means they must keep a continually burning flame and fight other tribes when their own flame is/has extinguished. These fights are extremely violent, not surprising as members of the same tribe can not really communicate, never mind two opposing tribes realising that they can share the same source of fire.

It is in this context that a relationship develops between Naoh (Everett McGill) and Ika (Rae Dawn Chong) from a more advanced tribe who eventually shows Naoh and his tribe how to make fire for themselves.

The couple meet when Naoh and two of his tribesmen set out in search of fire and the majority of the film consists of their encounters with other tribes, mammoths (really elephants) and sabre-tooth tigers. Although these scenes are exciting and occasionally funny, at times it is hard to believe a man could walk from the Arctic to East Africa within a few feet of film.

The film was made on a large budget and will appeal more to those interested in action and adventure than those who want a study in interpersonal relationships. It features only two 'big' names (Anthony Burgess who invented the special language used and Desmond Morris who created the body language) neither of whom is usually associated with the film industry. The film is currently enjoying enormous success in America.

Peter Rodgers

Whose Life is it Anyway? (A) John Badham, 1981. Starring Richard Dreyfuss, Christine Lahti. 119 mins. Showing: ABC Fulham Road, ABC Bayswater, Classic Oxford Street.

This started as a Granada TV play, was then put on by the Greenwich Fringe, transferred to the West End, on to Broadway, and now "see the film".

The action has been transposed to America, but I presume the original view was supposed to survive. It doesn't. Any meaningful illustration of ethic and all tension generated by choice is firmly buried beneath the artificial edifice of sacharrin sentimentality.

Originally the paralysed Ken Harrison was a bluff sculptor but in this version, and played by Richard Dreyfuss, he can sketch like Renoir and sculpt like Rodin. He has a beautiful ballet dancer girlfriend, who is treated as a trinket throughout the film, and he is fawned over by an equally attractive and bauble-like lady doctor. From the wonderfully talented surgeon to the street-wise hospital orderly, caricatures propagate increasingly pointlessly in this wilderness. Each character in serving merely as a testimony to Ken's wonderfulness becomes an automated void and instead of defining the nature and limits of the choices open to him they create a hollowness that swallows plot and any ensuing moral decision.

If you like films sugary, safe and anaesthetised, singularly devoid of any questioning of ethic, then you may be able to stand this one. I think it should have been aborted.

David Gill

Rag

Rag lives on! Last Saturday was the Deaf Kiddies Party which, unlike a lot of Rag earlier this year, was a success. There were about twenty children who had a great time attacking each other and those who were kind enough to risk life and limb to come and help. Pat Kingswell, organiser of the National Deaf Children's Society was there and brought with her one of the Radio-Electronic Hearing Aids which we are buying for them at £300 a go. Many thanks to all who came to help, especially to Gaynore Lewis, without whom.....

John Ferguson
Rag Sec

SF Soc

Even though there's no time for you to buy one this term, I'd better let you know that the soc magazine, the almost indescribable NME3 has just been published, 40p to non-members, 30p to members, and 20p if you've got something in it. It's even funnier than Morning Cloud, folks!

We won't have many events next term, as it is our policy not to provide distractions just before the exams. The policy does not extend to not showing *The Rocky Horror Picture Show* however, so we will. Our president claims that he will attend in gold lamé swimming trunks, but only time will tell. After this there will be the AGM where next year's officers will be elected.

I don't think anything remains to be said except perhaps that if there are any Larry Niven fans out there, they might like to know that *Oath of Fealty* is out in paperback. I will now exit singing "Hi Ho Adric's Dead". Yours faithfully.

The Autarch of West Eight



There are still a few tickets remaining for the Silwood Ball, so contact Simon Moore via the Union Office for details.

I'm sorry about all the cock-ups with Spanner and Bolt, but it was all the fault of Mr X, (and myself for trusting him).

The office is nice and tidy at the moment, so let's try and keep it that way, and perhaps we can use it for the hive of social activity that is, even as I write, springing from the heels of next year's executive.

FELIX CALENDAR Summer Term

Any events for possible inclusion on the summer calendar should be sent to the FELIX Office as soon as possible. Last date for entries:

Monday, April 19.

SPORT

Rifle & Pistol

As announced last week, the inter-CCU full-bore competition took place at Bisley over 900yds on Sunday. After initial problems with transport a full complement of shooters for each team made their intrepid journey to the barren wastes of Bisley. As usual rain was encountered, but the boundless enthusiasm of Denis Sleath (Club Captain, contact via Mech Eng letter-racks) instilled fresh spirit in team members, who found warm cars and hot coffee more stimulating. After a hesitant start by all teams, RCS took an early lead and by lunch were three points ahead at Guilds with Mines already totally out of the running. Mark Bourke (RCS) shot a 45 before lunch followed closely by Guildsmen Lindsay, Smith and Hilton who all registered 44 apiece. After a mainly liquid lunch both teams (not Mines) shot with skill and fervour with a magnificent 49 from Tony Briers which clinched the trophy for RCS despite a brave 47 from Gary Smith for Guilds. Following the prize presentation (again liquid!) the teams set off home with Denis and Steve indecently exposing themselves in Hammersmith due to the excitement of the day. Police are looking into the matter. Final score: Guilds 442; Mines 362; RCS 450.



Rugby

Seconds

The following awards have been made for the 1981/2 season.

Most appearances: Chris Cole ("It was bloody straight").

Most appearances in the bar: Gary Pike
Best performance in the bar: Will Chapman

Foreign player of the year: José Paxaio and family.

Team trendy: Owen "Numan" Miles
Best tackle injury: Mark "jaws" Simmons

Boot of the year: Roger Flynn

Zit of the year: Jon "perv" Cottom

Team apeman: Steve Kirby

Disease of the year: Scabies Hutton

Best supporting actor: Micky "Hayes" Winsor

Careers Advisory Service Summer Term Job Vacancy Scheme

In view of the difficult employment situation facing graduates this year it has been decided to offer a new service for College leavers this summer. This service is in two parts as follows.

1. Notification of Vacancies

Immediately after Easter the Careers Advisory Service will be in touch with employers to seek notification of job vacancies as yet unfilled or new vacancies which have arisen. The results of this exercise will be available to students

Best try: Miles "I can't score" Thompson (which one was that, I wonder?).

Chunder of the season: Hughie Ralph.

Tosser of the year: Ed O'Connor

Team menty: John Weir

Falling over/collapsing: Captain Steve

Thanks are also due to Shitface Charlie

Henderson/Mark Jackson, Nick "moaner"

Brummell for getting a bog chain in the eye.

Andy Neckhall (anag) for getting engaged

and finally to Tim Carr for always being last.



Football

Sevenths

The team scored fourteen goals in the last two matches yet only managed to win three points. Promotion is still possible.

Scorers: J. Norley (3), T. Donovan (3), P. Wilde (2), M. Lenczner (2), C. Lopiz (1), A. Milner (1), P. Rodgers (1), S. Else (1).

Squash

This week sees the end of a highly enjoyable and competitive season. The club has strength in depth with a membership of 95, most of whom have used the internal ladder. Facts and figures are summarised below.

Autumn Term

	W	D	L	F	A
1sts (Div 1)	2	1	6	18 1/2	26 1/2
2nds	5	1	2	24	21 1/2
3rds (Div 4)	8	1	0	40 1/2	4 1/2
4ths (Div 5)	3	2	4	19	26

Spring Term (to date)

	W	D	L	F	A
1sts	3	0	3	15	15
2nds	3	0	5	16	24
3rds (Div 3)	6	0	2	28	12
4ths	4	1	3	23 1/2	16 1/2

Enquiries from ULU are anticipated following the 3rd team 5-0 "victory" over the 2nd team. The ladies team played well in their first year of existence. Monday's AGM elected the following as officers for 1982/3: Captain: D. Molesworth, Hon Sec: J. Wittrick, Treasurer: N. Walker.

Thanks to the following:

Firsts: L. Daneshmend, Rupert Wilkinson, C. Huffle, M. Dickens.

Seconds: R. Clarke, P. Robinson, J. Pelton, P. Fishwick, H. Gladstone.

Thirds: R. Jefferies, I. Spinks, D. Molesworth, J. Wittrick, R. Daud.

Fourths: S. Roberts, M. Budd, M. Newberry, M. McClure, N. Walker, K. Singarajah.

during the summer term.

2. Register of Students Available for Employment

From the beginning of the summer term a new scheme will be introduced through which students seeking employment can register a Standard Application Form with the Careers Advisory Service. Precise details of how the scheme will operate have yet to be finished but either employers may be notified of students seeking employment in specific areas or students notified of vacancies which match their requirements.

Details of the scheme will be available next term.

Editorial



RIP DP

The premature departure of ICU Deputy President Barney McCabe was not a complete surprise and it has aroused mixed reactions in most people, not least myself, Nick and Marco.

Putting aside any personal feelings about Barney, we must look at the reasons for his resignation. The fact is that as Deputy President he was responsible for the games machines in the Union Lower Lounge and should therefore have known that they were losing money. It was wrong that he did not discover this earlier and take appropriate action to ensure a reasonable profit at the end of the year. As a consequence of his error the Union will suffer not only a loss of money but a shortfall of income which will (in the long run) affect many clubs and societies.

For these reasons it was right that Council passed a motion of no-confidence. The fact that Barney chose to resign at this point rather than await a UGM decision was purely his choice. It is by no means certain that he would have been kicked out by a UGM, so I must give him credit for resigning on principle rather than risking further humiliation just to hang on to his job.

It is also sad to see someone who is widely liked having to resign. But overall it was the best thing to do.

Scaramouche

There were a couple of omissions in this week's preamble.

Last week's winner is Linda Burry of Maths 2 who can collect her cheque on the first Tuesday of next term.

The closing date for entries to the Easter puzzles page is 1:00pm, Wednesday, April 28.

Photo Competition

The winner of last week's competition is Andrew Barron of Chemistry who can collect his haircut voucher from the office. The still was of Jamie Lee Curtis, daughter of Tony Curtis, in *Halloween*. Nobody managed to get the director though: John Carpenter.

Things yet to come!

Another term has raced by and we have reached the time of year when everybody seems to think they can do nothing else but work for exams.

FELIX will continue as ever next term, although it may dwindle in size as the amount of help slackens off. However, I hope you're not all too busy with exams and will keep sending in letters, articles and adverts.

There are several things planned for next term, including a look at the fermentation pilot plant which hit the news last week and some profiles of College personalities. If you have any ideas, it's still not too late to pop your suggestions in to me at the office.

Calendar

Any dates for possible inclusion on next term's calendar should reach me by Monday, April 19 at the latest.

Credits

After many hard weeks of work I would like to thank the following people for their help throughout this and other issues this term.

News: Peter Rodgers (editor), Pallab Ghosh, Tim Lord, Alistair Kirk, Chris Webb, Steve Marshall.

Sport: Lesley Horrocks (editor), Mary Harrington, F. Bogey-Rolla *et al.*

Reviews: Nick Bedding, Nick Willson, David Gill, Steve Marshall, Pallab Ghosh, Shezi Abedi, Andy Best.

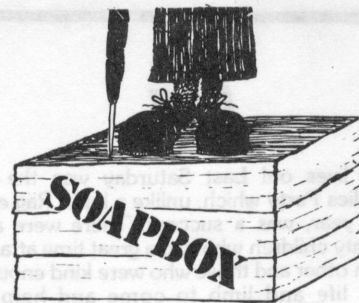
Photographs: Ramzi Shammas, Jane Williams, Nick Thexton, Martin S. Taylor, Andy Best.

Puzzles: Scaramouche.

Paste-Up and General: Soheel, Peter Rodgers, Martin S. Taylor, David Rowe, Simon Rodan, Steve Marshall, Dave Jago, Steve Tyson, Caroline Godin.

Collators: Steve Goulder, Jez, Mo, Dave Jago, Nick Willson, Martin S. Taylor, Izy, Pallab Ghosh, Peter Rodgers, David Rowe and all the others who are (just about) too numerous to mention.

And of course Maz and Ian.



Fidel Castro

A legend in his own lunchtime

by W. Nillson

One of the more active and apparently well-funded dictatorships in the world is Cuba. Cuba, home of the Havana cigar, the Fidel Castro, and jaffa cakes. Penguins used to be good value, despite a mouthful of feathers. But, ever since it became uneconomical for the eskimo to manufacture them, Castro's jaffa cakes have become Britain's number one imported biscuit, threatening the genuine article.

The Ulterior Motive

Quite simply, old Fungus Chops is out to undermine British industry by undercutting its prices. Moreover, by flooding the market with cheap imitations, Castro is hoping to curry favour with, if not carry flavour to, the British public. He is undoubtedly applying Lenny Brezhnev's dictum "No opportunity must be lost in the struggle to overthrow the lackeys of capitalism, to establish the dictatorship of the proletariat and to buy me another Western sports car" (Lenny always was shit-hot on paradox.)

The Manufacturing Process

To appreciate the nature of this sinister threat to our biscuits, one need only run to ground Castro Cakes' distributor in Britain. I caught him furtively fixing a thermostat to a tub of bile secretion (sic). Only when his voice murmured that these were the mixing ingredients being kept at a steady temperature did I realise the unpalatable truth: Castro's cakes are processed from shit. So watch out! (Sick.)

Detecting the Pseud

Increasingly, it's difficult to distinguish Castro cakes from jaffa cakes. For one thing, Fidel no longer includes that tell-tale "hero of the Soviet Union" medal in each pack. However, if the cakes cause severe stomach pains, followed by nausea, diarrhoea and acute depression; you've definitely eaten the McVitie's variety.

What You Can Do

Write to your MP (IC Union has printed letters calling on Parliament to ban Cuban cakes, and will pay the postage.)*

Better still, join the demonstration we've organised. Marchers from across the nation, united under the banner 'Pseudosnacks Out' will be assembling at noon next Thursday at Speaker's Corner in Hyde Park. The proceedings will climax in a rally at 3:00pm in Trafalgar Square. Mr Michael Foot (Leader of the Opposition) and Mr Dennis Howell (Minister for Droughts, Snow, and Orange-Centred Biscuits) will not be there. But, Billy Bremner, former Captain of Leeds Utd, will address the meeting through an interpreter.

*This is not entirely accurate.

What's On

Friday, March 26

•Anna Coote, Deputy Editor of *New Statesman*, speaks about Feminism. Organised by IC Labour Club. All welcome. 1:00pm, Union Upper Lounge.

Thursday, April 1

•Demonstration followed by rally, 12:00 noon, Speaker's Corner, Hyde Park. The demonstration will protest against imported Cuban jaffa cakes. Billy Bremner (ex-Captain, Leeds United) will address the rally.

Thursday, April 29

•Conservative and Industrial Society present Norman Tebbit MP, Employment Secretary talking on the Employment Bill, 1:00pm, Mech Eng 220.

Hughes Parry Hall

Contrary to popular belief, not all the intercollegiate halls of residence close to students over the vacations. Hughes Parry Hall, for example, not only takes students at Christmas and Easter, but is open throughout the summer vacation. The hall is mixed with seven floors of women and seven of men students. Fees include all meals except weekday lunches. There are squash and tennis courts and parking for eighteen cars. Over the summer preference is given to MSc students and undergraduates who wish to spend the whole of the vacation in hall. Shorter stays can be arranged and are best booked well in advance. Study bedrooms are relatively large and well furnished. The hall is situated within walking distance of Russell Square, King's Cross and Euston underground stations and takes 25 to 30 minutes from College. For further information and application form write to the Warden, Hughes Parry Hall, Cartwright Gardens, WC1H 9EF, or contact the hall president, Graham Copley, Chemical Engineering 2.

EXEC NEWS

ACT NOW!

EMERGENCY

UGM

March 25th

1:00pm Great Hall

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Sick Bay.

The health service is under considerable pressure to reduce costs (like the whole College) and the area most threatened is the sick bay. The proposal is to charge first year residents a compulsory insurance premium (about £10) on their first hall bill. This will entitle individuals to free sick bay treatment for 3 years. First years not in hall will be able to join voluntarily. A system will be worked out for second and third years. I was initially against a compulsory insurance but have changed my mind since it is that or no sick bay. I propose we accept the idea in principle.

Residence.

The idea of paying rent over the vacation as discussed at the last UGM has been shelved.

I will present verbally the outcome of discussions at Student Residence Committee on domestic services in the halls.

Redundancies.

The Rector presented a plan at last week's Governing Body for redundancies, again emphasizing that they may not be necessary in the near future. The College branch of the AUT have ideas for raising or saving money to prevent redundancies. Some of these ideas directly affect students so I sent my comments in writing to Governing Body. I was not present at the meeting so perhaps Barney can report on the outcome.

Chancellor's Glass.

I attended a reception for the Chancellor, HRH Princess Anne, at ULU and cleverly obtained the very glass from which she was drinking, (Coke!). I hope the Rag Chairman will be able to raffle this magnificent trophy at this meeting.

Chancellor's Behaviour.

Talking of HRH I still have not satisfactorily resolved the buffalo/tiger affair but it is in hand.

Open Door.

Final plug; Saturday April 17th, 6.30pm, BBC 2. - Watch it!

HONORARY SECRETARY'S REPORT

Colours.

Nominations are trickling in. If you wish to nominate someone for Social Colours then you must write a half/three quarter A4 page justification which I must receive before the first Friday of next term.

Elections.

Papers went up on 23/3/82 in the Union Lower Lounge for the following posts:-

4 Ordinary Members of Permanent Working Party
Haldane Library Record Buyer
Haldane Library Book Buyer
Secretary to the External Affairs Committee
Four delegates to ULU General Union Council
Felix Business Manager
3 Ordinary Members of House Committee
Publicity Officer

Papers come down on the first Thursday of next term 29/4/82 and the elections will be held at the UGM on 4/5/82.

RETURNING OFFICER'S REPORT

The following people have been elected to the following positions unopposed subject to ratification:

Community Action Group Chairman	Ken Young
Rag Chairman	John Ferguson
Welfare Officer	Jonathan Barnett
Univ. of London Representative	M.A. Williams

Hustings and elections for the following posts will be held at the meeting:

Entertainments Officer

A.N.Owens	proposed by	Jon Steel
W.J.Watson	proposed by	Ronan McDonald

Academic Affairs Officer

J.S.Boucher	proposed by	J.P.Stanley
Philip B.Nathan	proposed by	Tom Owen

External Affairs Officer

A.J.Benham	proposed by	R.G.Holding
S.A.Rodan	proposed by	Chris Webb

Union General Meeting Chairman

N.S.Pyne	proposed by	Martin Taylor
Jon Stanley	proposed by	S.Methley
Jonathan M.Miller	proposed by	J.S.Sharman

BY-LAW CHANGE

Proposed by: Chris Webb
Seconded by: Andy Rushton.

Under 4b.

Delete: Department of Management Science.

Insert: Department of Management Science and of Social and Economic Studies.

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BY-LAW CHANGE

Proposed by: Chris Webb
Seconded by: Nick Morton.

Under 4a.

Delete: "The ULU Representative".

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MOTION ON SOUTH AFRICA Proposed by Anti Apartheid Group
Seconded by Liberal Club
Labour Club
Socialist Society

ICU Notes:

1. The South African system of government is racist, repressive, and in direct contravention of the United declaration on Human Rights.
2. The South African forces are in illegal occupation of Namibia and perpetually make attacks against neighbouring countries such as Angola.
3. British Nuclear Fuels Ltd. has a contract to receive uranium between 1977-84 from the Rossing mine in Namibia, and the British-based transnational Rio Tinto Zinc has the largest equity holding in Rossing. This is all in contravention of the UN policy on Namibia.
4. The college Careers Advisory Service constantly invites companies such as RTZ and Anglo-American, or its subsidiaries, to Imperial College and helps in their efforts to recruit white students to work in South Africa.
5. 1982 is the UN International Year for the Mobilisation of Sanctions against South Africa.

ICU Believes:

1. Apartheid is wrong and every effort should be taken to end support of the regime.
2. The college Careers Advisory Service is wrong in inviting companies to the college to recruit students to work in South Africa, permanently or during a vacation, and should be discouraged.

ICU Instructs:

1. The Union and Executive to take action to prevent the college's Careers Advisory Service from inviting companies involved in recruiting students to work in South Africa and for the Executive to report back to the next UGM.
2. The Union and Executive to support the UN International Year for the Mobilisation of Sanctions against South Africa, by publicising it and attending the National March on Sunday, 14th March, 1982.

AMENDED MOTION ON SOUTH AFRICA

Delete ICU Instructs 2. and insert 3:-

"The Union and Executive to support the UN International Year for the Mobilisation of Sanctions Against South Africa".

and insert 2:-

The Union to provide alternative careers information to all Union members who are being interviewed by companies that are recruiting for South Africa and Namibia.