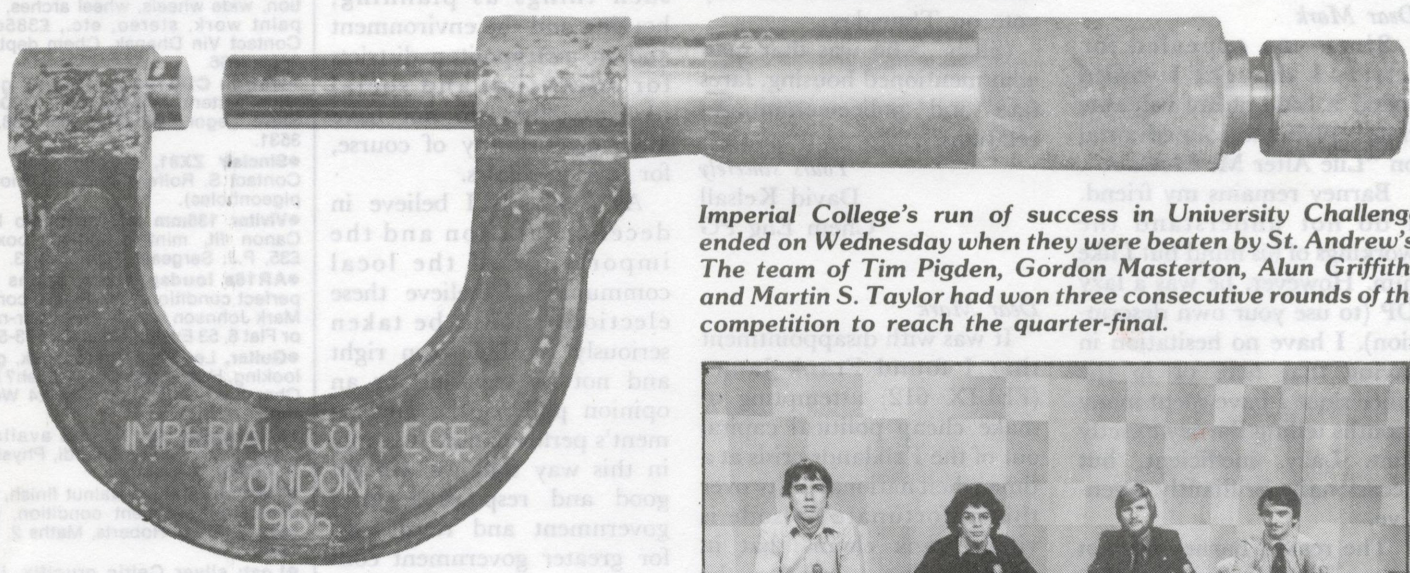




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# LOST! One large, slightly worn micrometer + one quarter final, University Challenge



**The Union mascot Mike was stolen from the Union Office between 2 and 7 am yesterday morning.**

The massive micrometer needs three people to carry it and was left behind the Union receptionist's desk by a group, including President Nick Morton and Honorary Secretary Marco Ledwold, who had just returned from the University Challenge quarter-final in Manchester.

The incident was reported by cleaners who found the Senior Common Room door and the door connecting the SCR and Union office both open. The raiders are believed to have entered through the SCR and passed the mascot out through a SCR window to a vehicle waiting outside.

Immediate suspects were Kings College who have twice broken into the gymnasium looking for their mascot Reggie since it was violated by the Royal College of Science Union last February. However when Marco Ledwold went to a Kings Union General Meeting yesterday Mike was not on display.

Those responsible for the loss now believe City and Guilds College Union have Mike while the popular theory in the FELIX Office that it was taken by Argentinian scrap metal dealers.

## ...and found again.

THE PHOENIX 1982 has now arrived and is available *free* from IC Union Office, the FELIX office, the Bookshop, Haldane Library and Lyon Playfair Library.

*Imperial College's run of success in University Challenge ended on Wednesday when they were beaten by St. Andrew's. The team of Tim Pigden, Gordon Masterton, Alun Griffiths and Martin S. Taylor had won three consecutive rounds of the competition to reach the quarter-final.*

The final score was 365 to 160 although the result could have been different had IC been slightly quicker to answer. Indeed question-master Bamber Gascoigne re-assured the IC team several times that their buzzers were working properly, as they were *just* beaten to it on many occasions.

In a rehearsal match consisting of questions from a previous round St Andrew's heavily defeated IC, although it was later revealed that St. Andrew's had sat in on the round from which the questions were taken.

Later in the day St. Andrew's defeated Magdalen College, Cambridge to reach the final.

The contests were recorded in the Granada Television Studios in Manchester with each team limited to 25 supporters. All the St. Andrew's supporters and team wore red robes while despite having to turn away many would-be supporters IC didn't fill its quota.

After the contest President Nick Morton, fresh from his victory in the beer-drinking competition at the nearby Pineapple, commented "well I suppose that's four fewer social colours we'll be awarding."

The Union mascot Mike was taken to Manchester although its present whereabouts are unknown.





Dear Mark

Since you appealed for letters I thought I would spend a little of my valuable time replying to your editorial on "Life After Mr McCabe".

Barney remains my friend. I do not understand the workings of his mind but I like him. However, he was a lazy DP (to use your own description). I have no hesitation in saying that here or in the office since I have spent many months telling Barney exactly that. Lazy, inefficient, but occasionally brilliantly inventive.

The reason Barney has not been appreciated in the office over the last few weeks is that we have all been overwhelmed by detailed figures and unplaced orders. The detective work necessary to get to the bottom of accounts, etc., has proved rather tiresome. However, largely thanks to the acting DP, everything is now straightened and we probably won't feel quite so bad about McCabe's mess from now on.

You remind your readership that I defended the Executive, including Mr McCabe, against a ridiculous motion of no confidence at a UGM last term. All I can say is "Solidarity Brothers".

Finally may I say that I do not recognise Christine Teller as a deity, she is a bloody nuisance at times.

Yours  
Nick Morton

Dear Sir

### Frank Must Go!

The Falkland Islands Crisis brings out the best in our resident nuncio—about 750 words of pure SDP bull. (God bless David Owen!). Our man at IC, and just how long has Frank been here, rambles from the Falklands, through South Africa, into El Salvador, whips across to Japan via Suez and comes back to London via Plymouth (Devonport). We must admire Frank's perambulatory skills. Has he thought of writing a book on his journey (John Hillaby would, I am sure, offer some guidance)?

I will of course note Frank's remarks on defence, crime (and we do have a lot in Notting Hill) PSBR and the civil service when I cast my vote on Thursday.

(Shsh....who was that man who mentioned housing, fares and police-community relations?).

Yours sincerely  
David Kelsall  
Chem Eng PG

Dear Mark

It was with disappointment that I found Frank James (FELIX 612) attempting to make cheap political capital out of the Falklands crisis at a time when national unity over this unfortunate episode is vital. Frank claims that in endeavouring to recover the islands, Mrs Thatcher is aiming to divert attention from the government's record at home, and somehow save her own skin.

The truth is the complete opposite of this. The business could not have come at a worse possible time for the government, when its economic policies are at last beginning to bear fruit and its electoral support climbing. Although the vast majority of the people approve of the government's handling of the dispute now, the first British ship that sinks in the South Atlantic will carry much of that support with it—probably the chances of a Tory victory in the next election as well.

The government's resolve to right the wrong the Falklanders have suffered, by diplomatic means if at all

possible, but by force if necessary is not just about the islands, but about the cause of freedom everywhere in the world. It ill-becomes Frank to snipe at it.

Yours sincerely  
Tim Lawes

Dear Sir

In FELIX 612 there was a 'Soapbox' article by Frank James, attacking the conservative government particularly over its handling of the Falkland dispute. Fine, I agree with him so far. But at the end there was a call for us to vote for Liberal or SDP candidates in the local elections *because* of this. Here I must disagree. The May 6 elections are for district councillors responsible for such things as planning, housing and the environment and in metropolitan districts for education and social services. They do not have any responsibility of course, for foreign affairs.

As a liberal I believe in decentralisation and the importance of the local community. I believe these elections should be taken seriously in their own right and not be seen just as an opinion poll on the government's performance. It is only in this way that we will get good and responsible local government and resist calls for greater government control of local authorities.

Yours sincerely  
Matthew Huntbach

Dear Mark

What the hell is going on in the IC Bookshop? I was in there yesterday and noticed shelves filled with hundreds of Enid Blyton titles! Have they not read the recent evidence that she was a jack-booted fascist thug, born not 7 1/2 thousand miles from the main Argentinian port of Capitan Linleyano? What is more they didn't have the one I wanted (*Shadow the Sheepdog*).

We should applaud Mooney's move downstairs in Southside and make plans for the next stage, the burying of Mooney, his staff and his disgusting corned beef in a mass grave in the Queens Lawn.

I was glad to see that in University Challenge the questions were changed so as to be more appropriate to IC students. In the episode I saw the team stormed home with answers such as "Noddy" and "Toad of Toad Hall"! Well done boys!

With letters like this can anyone tell me why I wasn't included in SF Soc rag NME3? I put it down to insanity on their part.

Yours  
Major Cossarino  
(BSc SAS SBS TSB)

## Small Ads

●**Ford Escort 1100**, excellent condition, wide wheels, wheel arches, new paint work, stereo, etc., £385ono. Contact Vin Dhanak, Chem dept, Int 2639/2666.

●**Honda CD175cc**, reliable, good tyres, battery, long tax, MoT, £100ono. Steve Legon, Biochem Rm 608, Int 3531.

●**Sinclair ZX81**, 1 1/2 mths only £45. Contact S. Rolfe, Life Sci 1 (Biology pigeonholes).

●**Vivitar 135mm f2.8 telephoto lens**, Canon fit, mint condition (boxed), £35, P.J. Sergeant, Min Tech 3.

●**AR18s loudspeakers**, 5mths old, perfect condition, £65. Please contact Mark Johnson via Civ Eng letter-racks or Flat 6, 53 Evelyn Gdns, tel 373-5367.

●**Guitar**, Les Paul copy, black, good looking. How about £40 then, eh? Neal Champion, DoC 1, or Rm 24 Weeks Hall.

●**Worldwide Air tickets** available cheap from Sunita Ghandi, Physics 2 or 969-6717 evenings.

●**Westbury Deluxe** walnut finish, twin dimarzos, excellent condition, hard case, £135, S. Roberts, Maths 2, 581-2832.

●**Lost**: silver Celtic crucifix, in or around College on April 27. £5 reward. Mike Munroe, Biochem 2.

●**Single room** in Sth Ken flat, £83pm for summer only. C. Wilshaw, Chem Eng 4, 370-5675.

●**One place in double room** in Mining House, 10 min walk to College, pleasant working atmosphere, contact Student Services.

●**Head Tenancy flat for two** in Fulham. Suitable for family or two PGs. 2 rooms, kitchen, bathroom, quiet area, £55pw. Contact Student Services.

●**So what am I supposed to do with 13 dead cats** and a wide-mouthed frog. Jokes, cartoons, naughty bits required for next year's Rag Mag. Contact Andy Crawford, c/o FELIX Office.

●**Sale of sports goods** at Southside Shop starting 11:00am, Monday May 10. Sport equipment, clothing and many miscellaneous items reduced.

●**Rag Fete, Rag Fete, Rag Fete, May 15, Queens Lawn**. We need you and your ideas for stalls. Many fabulous prizes! Contact Ronan McDonald, ICU or your VP.

●**Alison and Andy** are engaged as of April 19, 1982.

●**For sale**: 20 tons unwanted goat meal. Please contact Christine Teller in IC Union Office.

### SUMMER JOBS

Cleaners needed for period June 26-September 20 for Evelyn Gdns Summer Letting Scheme. Apply to Student Manager EGSLS, c/o the Warden, Holbein Hse, 62/3 Evelyn Gdns, London SW7 by May 12, 1982.



## Rot sets in on Montpelier St.

A bad case of dry rot in the Montpelier St. Hall to a £16,000 bill for the IC Student Residence account.

The building in Montpelier Street was purchased by the College last September after repairs thought necessary by the College Estates Section had been completed. However, since the building has been occupied, a fairly serious outbreak of dry rot has led to crumbling walls and ceilings and some residents have been moved to vacated rooms while repairs are attempted.

It is not certain that the rot was present when the building was purchased and that it was not recognised by the Estates section.

The £16,000 estimated cost of repairs could adversely affect the levels of rent for the next academic year in all College residences.

## Opsoc Marathon

Over fifty people from ICU Operatic Society and Imperial Opera (an organisation for former Opsoc students) took part in a marathon performance of all 13 Gilbert and Sullivan operettas at the weekend.

Starting at 12 noon on Saturday, a constant stream of people battled through 28 hours of singing and dialogue. In the process they earned over £2,000 for the Save the Children fund by sponsorship.

The event was organised by Steve Bodle of Imperial Opera and is a repeat of an event first attempted six years ago.

## Student Dies

THIRD YEAR physics student Liam Spring was tragically killed during the Easter vacation.

Liam died in a motorcycle accident on March 30 and had studied at Imperial for two and a half years.

## University Chess at IC



The British Universities Chess Association (BUCA) held two major events in the Union Concert Hall over the Easter break. On April 3 and 4 BUCA beat the West German Universities 9:7 although there were no IC players on the team.

Immediately following this representative match 22 teams of six representing 14 universities contested the British Universities Team Championships which was won easily by Oxford. Southampton finished second and a London University team was third.

IC students playing included D.B. Lund, R. Hasan (London 1), R.A. Coles, H. Chan (London 2) and J. Fraser Mitchell, D. Clarke, S. AMir-Azizi, A. Kruszewski (London 3). London 2 were joint eleventh and London 3 seventeenth.

Due to the late withdrawal of three teams an invitation team was formed to keep the numbers even for the 6 round swiss competition. This team finished joint seventh and included C. Burgess and N. Malik from IC.

## Campbell discloses secrets

Britain's leading investigative journalist Duncan Campbell (*New Statesman*) spoke to the London Student Journalist Group (LSJG) at the University of London Union in Malet Street last Tuesday.

Duncan is best known for exposing telephone tapping operations in Chelsea and Yorkshire and the giant MI5 computer in Mayfair which has the facility to tap into personal files in other government departments (including the Inland Revenue, Department of Employment and DHSS).

Mr Campbell disliked the term 'investigative' and said he was only a journalist working harder and doing his job better than most others.

He pointed out that most of his 'leads' came from analysis of information that is readily available and that clandestine meetings in the middle of car parks with conscience-torn civil servants were uncommon. Mr Campbell felt that if a story was factually correct and in the public interest, no libel proceedings or charges under the Official Secrets Act would be brought against the author or publisher.

Mr Campbell then answered a number of questions, mainly on the most successful techniques for acquiring information.

The LSJG is composed of people already involved in student newspapers or who hope to start one. It was formed two years ago and has members from colleges, universities and polytechnics in the London area.

## OLD CENTRALIANs



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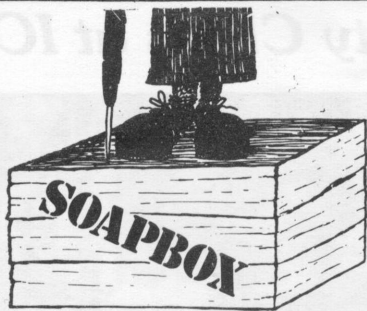
**1pm Tuesday 11th May**

**Huxley (Maths) 213**

**All welcome.**







## Anti anti-apartheid

by N. Willson

"Oh God, not another one of those self-righteous anti-apartheid pratts" is probably the typical reaction of an IC student when someone asks him to think about South Africa.

Most students here would agree that it's wrong for a minority to assume control over a majority. Practically no one would support the use of machine guns and secret police to keep the minority in control. Yet the common reaction to any protest over apartheid is one of sneering and ridicule. On the face of it there doesn't seem to be any reason why people's reaction should be like that. There are some students here who are sympathetic towards apartheid, but there aren't many of them and they usually don't have the guts to say so in public. Most students are just not that bothered, they're not really pro-apartheid but anti anti-apartheid. This is a great pity because South Africa is one of those issues where public opinion really counts, and you could hardly imagine a more straightforward case of an injustice that ought to be put right. But the fact is that the anti-apartheid cause has got itself a bad image, and it's largely its own fault.

The Anti-Apartheid Group here is unpopular partly for the same reason that the Salvation Army was (and still is) unpopular. Their approach suggests that unless you are constantly deeply concerned about the injustices they draw attention to then you are somehow inferior and ought to be ashamed of yourself. It's an unfair picture but it is the impression that the apathetic masses of IC tend to have, and it doesn't make them well disposed towards the Anti-Apartheid Group.

And the Anti-Apartheid Group is bound to be disliked because it's a political organisation and therefore tainted with dishonesty. At a recent meeting of the group someone suggested, perfectly seriously, that the members should distribute themselves around the audience in the next UGM so that they could ask sympathetic questions about the anti-apartheid resolution, to make it look as though ordinary students are interested in the motion. Any organisation with people like that in it is going to be looked down on.

Another reason why anti-apartheid is unpopular is that it's so fashionable (except at places like IC or Sandhurst). Nobody is going to get into trouble for attacking apartheid and people sense that a lot of the protests against apartheid are made only or largely because it's the 'thing to do'. And it's likely that many people involve themselves in anti-apartheid because it makes them feel virtuous (the same probably applies to ICCAG, blood donating and so on). Because of this, most of the leaflets and booklets produced by anti-apartheid organisations have an atmosphere of artificial indignation about them. The style they're written in wouldn't be used by anyone who wanted to get uncommitted people on his side. Phrases like 'a crime against humanity' or 'the international community must denounce' aren't written to sway public opinion but because they sound solemn and imposing. The aim of a lot of anti-South Africa protestors seems to be a desire to present themselves as fearless, altruistic fighters for People's Rights because it's expected of them by their party or faction. Or, especially where foreign governments are concerned, they might want to distract attention from their own practices. So an enormous amount of hypocrisy surrounds the anti-apartheid movement, and a lot of anti-apartheid statements (and books, films, articles, television programmes, interviews, press releases, UN resolutions) have a synthetic air about them, they give the impression of being manufactured by putting together a list of the approved slogans in some new permutation.

But the attacks on apartheid aren't always just propaganda. UN Soc recently gave away some anti-apartheid literature when they were showing a film about South Africa and among the rubbish there was a book called 'Apartheid in Practice', published by the UN. It's a compilation of apartheid regulations and laws

translated into simple language by Leslie Rubin, who is (or was in 1976) an American professor of law. It gives a much clearer picture of South Africa's race laws than you'll get from most anti-apartheid literature, and it shows how far the authorities have gone to make about 80% of the population a submerged class. "An African living in a town who conducts a class in reading and writing without remuneration in his own home for a few of his African friends is guilty of a criminal offence..." (Bantu Education Act, 1953).

"An African factory worker who is absent from work for 24 hours without permission...is guilty of a criminal offence..." (Bantu Labour Act, 1964).

"An African may not, even as a personal favour and without receiving payment, repair a defective electrical fitting in the living quarters of a friend who resides on his employee's premises as the job is classified as 'skilled'. If he does so, he is guilty of a criminal offence....." (Bantu Building Workers Act, 1951). There are lots of other examples in the booklet.

Apart from the anti-apartheid movement's own shortcomings, there are several reasons why IC students will tend not to go along with their aims. For a start, nobody likes the word 'anti'. It seems vaguely wrong to be exclusively against something, even if the something is definitely bad. (A common response to questions about South Africa is 'What about Iran/the USSR/Ethiopia/India/Poland etc?') But the people who say that never seem to protest about those countries either.) More important is the general tendency among students towards cynicism, not because students have thought carefully and decided that everything deserves to be regarded cynically, but because it's fashionable. So students tend to be mildly embarrassed by words like 'justice' or 'freedom' and causes like anti-apartheid consequently suffer.

The main reason why people won't do anything about apartheid (such as voting for UGM motions) is because they can't be bothered—and after all it's too much to expect people to be constantly in a stew over apartheid or anything else. But this is an issue where things like UGM motions will do some good and if anti-apartheid groups didn't turn out so much trashy propaganda (and the IC group is better than most) then they could get something done.

N. Willson

## SALE SALE SALE SALE OF SPORTS EQUIPMENT AT

Southside Shop  
(Opp Main Entrance)

May 10  
Starting at 11:00am

Squash, badminton & tennis racquets,  
footwear, tracksuits, sports clothing,  
swimwear, miscellaneous items.

●Two new files are now available for perusal in the Union Office giving details of scholarships and summer jobs.

●Mr P. Andrews, ME3, would like to announce that he will be dancing naked in Trafalgar Square to celebrate the completion of his finals.

●IC Cycling Club has formed! Anyone interested in racing or touring welcome. Forms for London to Brighton from Union Office, details of pre-run meeting next FELIX.

●Linstead hairdressing co; this week the Port Stanley airfield look. If the tongs don't make your hair curl, the conversation will. For appointment contact S. Todd, ME3.

●.....And a piece of string that's as long as the time that he thought where he'd buy it.

●Bet they can't see you together now, but if you want more leaves—let me know. Yours, the tree nearest Linstead Entrance.

●Loopy Lou whoops sorry thanks sad sigh. Lurcher.

## WANTED

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RAG FETE

15th May



## O.S.C.

There will be elections for the 82/82 Overseas Students Committee on Wednesday, May 26 in Mech Eng 220 at lunchtime. Please nominate candidates for the following posts: Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Publicity Officer, Entertainments Officer, Ex-officio member. Nominations should be written on the sheet provided outside the Union Office.

## Angling

I must apologise to those of you who were interested in the Ireland trip as we unfortunately couldn't drum up enough support to make it viable. However, on afterthought this trip may have been slightly ambitious for our first year. Next year will be a different story when we have: union funds and a larger membership, which is why it is essential for anybody who is at all interested in fishing to come to our AGM today (Friday) to elect next year's executive who will control the use of union funds. The meeting is at 12:30pm in Room G08 in the Bone Building, Chemical Engineering and coffee and biscuits will be provided.

## Labour

The AGM including elections for next year's officers and the NOLS conference report is on Wednesday, May 12 at 1:00pm in the basement of 53 Princes Gate.

Harriet Harman, Legal Officer of the National Council for Civil Liberties, will be speaking on Tuesday, May 18 at 1:00pm in the Union Upper Lounge.

## Transcendental Meditation

### **Premenstrual tension?**

### **Premature ejaculation?**

**Having trouble settling down to study, do you make excuses to yourself to put off the work that you know you inevitably have to get down to?**

**No? Well, would you simply like to enjoy your life more?**

Transcendental Meditation is an easy and totally effortless mental technique practised twice a day for about 20 minutes just sitting down comfortably with the eyes closed. This technique allows the mind to automatically settle down to quieter and more refined levels. The mind remains very alert and yet the degree of rest obtained is far greater than that at any point in deep sleep (see Scientific American, Feb 1972 or The Lancet, April 1970).

It is this profound restful state which brings about great benefits in daily activity. The actual experience of meditating is extremely pleasant but the whole purpose of practising TM is to enjoy the results. People who practise TM find that they have much more energy, that their thinking becomes clearer, that any worries or anxieties gradually fade away. A sense of inner wellbeing and calmness is brought about leading to more effective and dynamic activity in daily life. The results are very spontaneous and accumulate with regular practice.

TM is not a cult or a kind of belief-system, it is simply a mental technique that anyone can practise and it works! So if you would like to find out more there will be introductory talks on Tuesday and Thursday, May 11 and 13 at 1:00pm in Huxley Rm 341.

## Audio

Speakers come and go but none have come and gone as well as the old QUAD ESL (so well in fact that it hasn't gone yet!).

In the wake of such an outstanding piece of theory put into practice came another speaker from QUAD which should make a bigger splash than even the first.

Assigned point source properties, the ESL-63 does what the old QUAD ESL used to do but much better.

All this introduction for something which I am sure needs no introducing. QUAD, the company, are coming to Imperial College on Tuesday, May 11. They will be demonstrating and explaining their hi-fi system: the QUAD 44/405/FM4/ESL-63s.

This will be done at 6:30pm in the Quiet Room, QR002, Sheffield Building on Tuesday, May 11.

For an entertaining, educational and mainly enjoyable lecture, I strongly advise you to be there. Or else!

## Astrosoc

The last meeting of Astrosoc this year will be in Physics LT2 on Tuesday, May 11, at 6:30pm when we are proud to welcome Prof John Taylor as our guest lecturer. His lecture has the title "Can we unify gravity with the other forces of nature?" and although this may sound similar to Dr Isham's fascinating lecture on 'Quantum Gravity' last term, the viewpoint expressed promises to be very different. Members and non-members alike will be most welcome.

## Bookshop News

With every purchase over £10.00, a free Imperial College Bookshop plastic carrier bag, superior quality, suitable for books, stationery, groceries, keeping your new hairstyle in place (on rainy days) and a host of other uses.

With every purchase under £10.00, there is a charge of 5p for every Imperial College Bookshop plastic carrier bag, superior, etc., etc., etc.

### **New Titles**

*Within Whicker's World*—Alan Whicker, Elm Tree Books £8.95

*British Birds*—Cooders & Lambert, Collins £12.95

*Birdwatch Round Britain*—Dougall & Axell, Collins £8.95

*Let there be a world*—Felix Greene, Gollancz, £1.95

*The Court at Windsor*—Christopher Hibbert, Penguin £4.95

*Book of Five Rings*—Miyamoto Musashi, Allison & Busby £2.95

*Well WHERE'S Your Problem?*—Edward Koren, Penguin £1.95

*Sister Gin*—June Arnold, Women's Press £2.25

*The Awakening*—Kate Chopin, Women's Press £1.95

*Portraits*—Kate Chopin, Women's Press £2.50

*You can't keep a good woman down*—Alice Walker, Women's Press £2.50

*The Salt Eaters*—Toni, Cade, Bambara, Women's Press £3.50

*Precious Bane*—Mary Webb, Virago £2.50

*Harriet Hume*—Rebecca West, Kiraco £2.95

*Magic Toyshop*—Angela Carter, Virago £2.50

*The Snow Ball*—Brigid Brophy, Allison & Busby, £1.95

*The Good Church Guide*—Anthony Kilminster, Penguin £3.50

**Friday, May 14, 10:00am to 2:00pm**

Imperial College Day Nursery **JUMBLE SALE**

Anything and everything to Katherine Choi at the Bookshop by Wednesday, May 12.

## Dancing

Each year, Imperial College Dancing Club sends a number of its more talented and committed members (after all, you've got to be able to practise for an hour every day) for professional tuition with Eric Donaldson in East Putney. There, they learn the ropes of competition dancing, and it is to Eric's credit that he invariably produces a well-turned out team from often raw recruits.

### **Dancing Club at Bristol**

Friday, February 5, saw what has now turned out to be an annual event—the Southern Universities Ball, hosted by Bristol University.

This event is usually held a few weeks before the Inter-Varsity Dancing Competition, and provides an invaluable opportunity for the team to get used to dancing in front of hundreds of people, as well as giving them a chance to eye up some of the opposition for the National Competition.

The object of the evening was to provide plenty of dancing and entertainment for dancers of all standards to enjoy, so as well as the team events, there was plenty of general dancing (to a live band) and competitions for people who had only just started dancing, as well as for those who were more experienced.

The 'Off Beat' section, although depleted compared with the Inter-Varsity Competition (because many teams, IC included, wish their 'Off Beat' entry to be a surprise at the national competition) had two very good entries from Oxford and Bristol, and was narrowly won by Oxford with a gangsterland play.

Later we were entertained by a Latin-American demonstration couple, the Dobinsons.

In the relaxed atmosphere at Bristol our quickstep couple, Vicky Welsh and Alan Logan, came fourth. This was matched by a fourth place from Melanie Cooper and Simon Carter in the Waltz, and a further fourth position from Sally Barton and Richard Williams in the cha-cha. Rebecca May and Alan Edwards were unfortunate not to be placed in the jive. Overall, Imperial came fourth.





# Reviews

## Book

***Sweet Freedom: the struggle for women's liberation, by Anna Coote and Beatrix Campbell, Picador £1.95.***

All militant organisations and philosophies have more or less the same approach, and there are several characteristics that militant feminism has in common with, say, the Socialist Workers Party or the Moral Majority. This book, which is an account of the women's movement from the early sixties onwards, is an example of the output from the more uncompromising kind of feminism, and it has all the features you'd expect of militant literature.

The strangest thing about a lot of pressure groups is their apparent indifference to being unpopular, the way they seem to be willing to become ghettos for the people who share their beliefs, with the rest of the human race more or less written off as fascists, communists, racists, traitors, sexists, etc., as the case may be. Feminists are one of the groups who appear to have adopted this attitude of 'if you are not with us you are against us' (although this doesn't apply so much to the feminist group at IC, WIST). The atmosphere of the book is one of genuine disgust and anger at the injustices caused by the selfishness of men. The authors describe women's grievances in great detail and they're certainly

sincere, they don't hesitate to attack the Labour Party and the trade unions when they think it's necessary. But although all women are considered to be the victims of male domination, the women's groups are described as small, conspiratorial organisations ('small groups, linked by a sense of involvement and a common cause') forming a kind of underground resistance movement. They communicate by circulating 'ill typed roneoed sheets', a sort of feminist samizdat, and they use the usual jargon-dialect. The book is a cesspool of jargon words and slogans, starting with the book's subtitle and following with arguments for destroying 'masculinity as a social construct' through 'highly complex political analyses' with 'analytical approaches' and 'strategic priorities' placed 'in the context of cultural traditions which objectify and silence women', etc., etc.

The style and format (with sub-headings and a list of references after each chapter) are partly meant to make the book seem more learned and expert but mostly they're there because it's the conventional style and it probably wouldn't occur to the authors to write in any other way. Only a relatively small number of people will like such a style; no bus conductor or dinner lady would read this book and it's unlikely that the authors would expect them to. Like other militant activists, feminists seem to like pretending that they're a dedicated band of subversives, bravely speaking out against the might of the system. The book doesn't try to appeal to large numbers of people, instead it's aimed at the feminist intelligentsia, people like Anna Coote

and Beatrix Campbell. To appeal to them it has to maintain the pretence that they're struggling in the face of appalling injustice and repression, so overstatements are common, for example "An intensive war is waged against women, to degrade them as human beings, to deny their ideas and achievements, and to suppress their own perception of the world." And since everyone likes to think that their clique is the one that counts they also exaggerate their own importance: "the women's liberation movement is one of the most important political developments of this century...."

Like other movements, such as Black Consciousness or the Democratic Unionists, the feminists have turned into a sort of distorted mirror image of what they're attacking. They refer to women's conferences and positive action (discrimination in favour of women and against men) without any sense of irony. The authors, judging by the way they write, regard men in general with contempt and some disgust. Women are being oppressed, in their view, by a huge complex process controlled by the cynical and power hungry half of the population, the men.

All in all there's little difference between feminist propaganda, like this book, and that of the Klu Klux Klan or the Animal Liberation Front, it's only preaching to the converted. The feminists are saying things that need to be said but it's a pity that they should be represented by books like *Sweet Freedom*; they won't lose their bunch-of-cranks image until they start talking to the outside world.

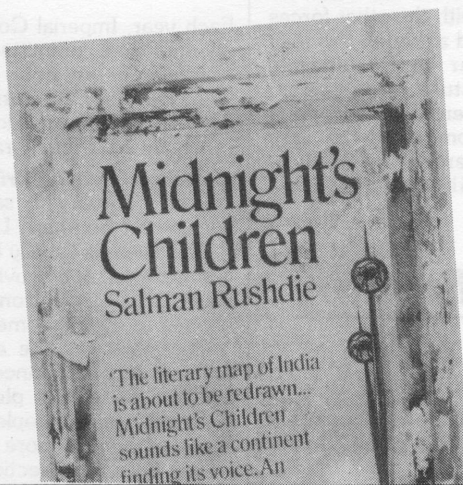
N. Willson

***Midnight's Children by Salman Rushdie, Picador, 462 pages, £2.95.***

The gimmick is given away in the first paragraph. We learn of Saleem, welded to history by his birth and ancestry. The remaining two last words expand and develop.

In the tradition of the story-teller we are guided down through three generations and millions of litres of bloodshed as the Aziz and Sinai families are ground between the events that have shaped the last sixty years in India. Down through Hartal and partition riot, language battles and war, all the way to the emergency. Saleem's betrayal by the man he should have been, and the betrayal of the children of independence to the Widow and her son from the pivot of this extraordinary book.

While "My presentation of the Emergency in the guise of a six hundred and thirty five day



long midnight was perhaps excessively romantic and certainly contradicted by the available meteorological data" it contains more truth than the grab-for-personal-power usually described. The castration of hope and the subsequent feast for the Benarsi pie dogs, describes well the uselessness of Mrs Ghandi's opponents.

Like all good stories this one has magic, money and love to sweeten the moral. And Rushdie can tell his powerful but depressing story so as to make it compulsive. With flowery prose and resigned humour he can generate a sort of nostalgia for the India of mutilated beggars, Breach Candy and casual death that sticks with me.

If you have ten hours spare before the exams, this is the way to fill them. *Midnight's Children* is very good.

Tom Owen

***Zig-Zag by Richard Thornley, Picador £1.95.***

Picador have discovered a good writer at last. There are three long short stories in the book, called 'Gastarbeiter', 'Jewels' and 'Tourist Attraction'. They're all written in the first person. The first story is very good, and it's worth getting the book for that one alone. It's about a hitch-hiker in Germany who gets a lift on a heavy lorry to Belgium and drives it part of the way himself. It doesn't sound very promising but because of the interesting documentary details and because it's very well written, it's the best that Picador have published for years.

The story starts with the hero leaving a German hostel and catching an underground train towards the autobahn, where he

eventually gets a lift from a lorry just as it's starting up for the day. The hero, who seems to be the author, is a kind of modified late sixties figure, he drifts around Europe carrying a few belongings in a plastic bag. An unexpected touch is that both the hero and the lorry driver are ex-public schoolboys and the lorry driver says he's proud of it. It's one of the things that make the atmosphere slightly different from what you'd expect, like the late sixties atmosphere but with most of the psychedelicism replaced by gritty realism. The account of the lorry journey and the conversations about long distance driving are very convincing and interesting, but he's not so strong on characterisation. The next two stories depend a lot on characterisation and they're mediocre, nowhere near as good as the first. The second one, 'Jewels', is about life on

a French anarchist commune. (The story takes place before the events of the first one, the publishers seem to have put 'Gastarbeiter' first as a sort of bait.) It starts well for the first ten pages or so but then it becomes preoccupied with inter-personal relationships and since there are eight or nine characters all much the same it's hard to remember which is which. The third story 'Tourist Attraction' is about an Italian merchant who sells trash to tourists and wants to go to California and get rich by selling cars. It's written from the point of view of his friend who works at another market stall. It's about as interesting to read as the second story. But 'Gastarbeiter' is very good, if Richard Thornley can write something else as good as that it'll be well worth reading.

N. Willson



## H. G. Wells



First of all let me tell anyone who still thinks that there will be two sabbatical Wellsoc posts next year, there won't be. The last Wellsoc article was an April Fool and it did take in quite a few people I know. Most worried was my External Secretary who was most annoyed at not having been told that she was to have a year off.

The Wellsoc Dinner was a splendid affair at the Penta Hôtel. I won't say any more about it since those of us who were there know what happened. Those of you who weren't couldn't really give a toss.

All the posts but one were filled at the Annual General Meeting of the society. We do still need, however, a Publicity Officer. The job will entail creating Wellsoc posters for the weekly lectures. It isn't that difficult and can be done after a few minutes instruction. The perks of the job include meeting and dining with interesting speakers, having a say in who the speakers are, learning how to make posters, but best of all getting to know me.

If you are interested get in touch via Physics UG pigeonholes.

Finally be sure and come to our first lecture of this term 'Cybernetics' by Dr. Pask. You'll be surprised how close science fact is to science fiction. It'll be in Elec Eng 408, 7:30pm on Monday.

Pallab Gosh

## Rag Fête 1982

This year's Rag Fête is on Saturday, May 15 at 2:00pm on the Queen's Lawn. If anyone wants to help run a stall then contact Rag via the Union Office as soon as possible. If you have access to anything you think may be suitable to auction or offer as a raffle prize or if you just feel compelled to donate something that would benefit Rag then rush around to the Union Office now.

### SUBWARDEN ASSISTANT SUBWARDENS FALMOUTH KEOGH HALLS

Applications are invited for the post of Subwarden. Rent-free accommodation in the form of a small self-contained flat is provided. The essential duties of the post are to assist the Warden in the day-to-day running of the Hall.

In addition, one or more Assistant Subwardenships may be available. These posts carry with them rent-free accommodation in the form of a study bedroom in return for duties associated with those of Subwarden.

The posts require individuals who can display enthusiastic and conscientious application, initiative, personality and responsible outlook.

The successful applicants for the above posts would normally be postgraduates, but applications from others will be considered.

Applications, including a concise but informative curriculum vitae, should be made to the Warden, Dr P.W. Jowitt, Department of Civil Engineering. The closing date is Friday, May 21, 1982. A single application will suffice for both categories of appointment. Applicants should note that appointment will be made by interviews from a short list selected on the basis of the letters of application.

# SPORT



## Cricket

April 28 saw the start of a new season of the best and most English of our national games, played with idealistic Corinthian attitudes and Olympian ethos of primary importance—amateurism at its best, exemplified by an astute spectator, awakened from his sleep, yelling "Give it some welly, son!" All too soon are those student days gone forever, the days of festering support garments draped over radiators throughout residence halls, the big wide world beckons as the new graduate emerges from his cocoon, to learn that fairness and reality are often opposed; never again will that great umpire in the sky smile favourably upon him and beer will always cost more than 40p a pint.

Played two, won two can't be bad, especially with 412 runs scored for the loss of 10 wickets. Chelsea College were well beaten by IC 1st XI 6182 for 3 dec) at Harlington, Wed Apr 28. This 40 overs match produced a magnificent 100 NO by our own Neil Clark aided and abetted by that rotund Geordie Mr Bell, dispersing that skill is needed to play cricket, with 33 stripey runs without the aid of an iron-lung. Clark's ton finished off the opposition who mustered 143 for 8 off their overs, with Tear taking 4 for 28 (as he keeps telling us) and Eastland, 3 for 12. Sundays excellent hosts, Magdalen College, Oxford, again provided marvellous hospitality which we duly thanked them for by giving them a good old stuffing which must have made their cucumber sandwiches hard to stomach. Bell (57) and Magness (82), after a good start by our openers, provided the fireworks, leading to 230 for 7 declared. The opposition capitulated for 132, with Simpkin and Tear apologetically taking 3 wickets each.



## Football

4 'A' side indoor soccer league starting soon. For details and practice come to the volleyball courts behind chemistry building on Tuesday, 12:30pm (bring kit). Staff, students, layabouts, OAPs, etc. All welcome.



## Sailing

A large contingent of Imperial College descended on the defenceless "cloggies" during the first week in April to sail in the "Ze International Studenten Sport To Er Noui" at Tilburg in Holland.

The event opened on Wednesday with a small amount of sailing, which we won, followed by a "torch race". For this they offered a prize for the most ridiculous team, IC took it as an opportunity to throw molten wax round the place whilst racing three legged with flashing bow ties or carrying Fiona. Despite the somewhat comical appearance of Strathclyde University in their kilts they did not merit as highly on the Dutch "originality" scale and so IC took the prize.

Thursday saw some more sailing which we won. The Tilburg II volleyball team were short of members, so ICSC took up volleyball and Julian broke a finger. The first IC hospital case. Sue finding that car boot lids are harder than heads, made the second IC hospital case as she went to have her eye patched together.

At this stage it seemed a good time to teach the opposition how to boat race. This time with "bier" (lager) served in 1/3pt glasses. Downing two each IC still managed to win.

Friday, sadness. Slight error or judgement Leiden get 1st, 2nd, 3rd on the start line sailing. The rules do not allow the taking of "greens" but insist instead on 720° turns (two complete revolutions) and at once it seems IC should take up ballroom dancing so good are they at pirouetting. However, this gives Lieden victory, in their own boats, which incidentally were/were not as exciting to sail as "optimists". However, since they were the only team to beat us, IC came second. About this point in an artistic disembarkation Pat left a boat after a blow on the nose from a boom. Third IC hospital case. Then back to the bar ("canteen") for liquid consolation, for losing, Hexapawn played with glasses on a tiled floor and bottle racing, which we won.

Thanks to "Pendragon Katholieke Hogeschool" for excellent organisation and to Nick for use of his van and to Pat for organisation and use of his car.

The cast: Debbie, Fiona, Graham, Ian, Jim, Julian, Mike, Nick, Pat, Richard, Simon, Sue.



## Hockey

### Mixed

The Worthing Mixed Hockey Festival Stevie led his merry band.

Down to the coast to sea and sand,  
But although we wished for blazing sun,  
As it turned out there wasn't none!  
Phil Webb came down from London town  
And looked us up bearing a frown  
So as we knew the veterans weren't playing  
We put him on and started praying!  
Despite Phil's map we camped on site  
And set about contracting frostbite!  
The late arrival of Karen and Sarah  
Was explained by the call for a car repairer  
Barry's clapped out Triumph it seemed  
Had finally gone and run out of steam!  
The first game was lost 1-0 I'm afraid  
So was the second—but on we played.  
We found a pub to sit and think  
And were helped out by some half-price drinks!

For Andrew this was the weekend's high  
—Not the hockey but the chef's turkey pie!  
Sunday dawned to peaceful snores  
As we played out a nil-nil draw  
However everyone was heard to rave  
About Jonesey's fabulous penalty save  
The last match on we had to win  
So Steve and Alison tucked goals in  
Then Barry and Phil added two more  
To make the score—you've guessed it—four  
The reason for the win was clear  
—Barry and Phil had taken to beer  
However well they played I insist  
That both of them were totally pissed!

The squad: C. Jones, R. Mason, B. Franklin, C. Riley, A. Stroomey, J. Hannah, S. Parker, A. Law, A. Wall, A. Garms, K. Barnett, S. Halbard, P. Webb.

Andy Stroomey



## Editorial



### Mike

The mysterious disappearance of the IC Union mascot Mike must be a total surprise to many, not least Nick Morton and Marco Ledwold. Mike has been kept under lock and key for so long that it seems inconceivable that someone should just happen to swipe it on this rare occasion of vulnerability.

The appearance of Mike at Wednesday's University Challenge match in Manchester was its first outing for a long time. Former Deputy President Barney McCabe was too lazy to take it to UGMs half the time and failed to take Mike to previous University Challenge matches, despite a UGM motion mandating him to do so.

Nick Morton and Marco Ledwold knew this very well and were obviously trying to make amends, but once more they seem to have bungled it. Mike shouldn't really have been left unattended in the Union Office at all! Why didn't Nick or Marco take it back to their rooms, for instance, where it would have been much safer?

It seems to me that someone on the University Challenge coach seized on the

opportunity of stealing it for some strange reason (after all, they were probably the only people around at 2am) and capitalised on the dynamic duos' unfortunate mistake.

### Hard Luck!

The defeat of the University Challenge team puts an end to a run of victories which must have done a tremendous amount of good for the College's reputation. Alun Griffiths, Tim Pigden, Martin Taylor and Gordon Masterton should all be congratulated for their efforts. They played very well and have undoubtedly paved the way for more frequent participation in University Challenge by this College.

It was very annoying to find that five people who said they wanted to go to Manchester didn't turn up as promised, as we only had 25 people at the studio. Marco turned people away in fact, and so these five lowly creatures should be ashamed that they didn't tell him earlier.

### Steve Goulder's 21st

On Sunday, President-elect Steven Goulder celebrates his 21st birthday. On behalf of all the FELIX staff I'd like to wish many happy returns to one of the more helpful, honest and likeable students at IC.

(PS: That'll be £5 Steve!)

### The Phoenix

Get your free copy now!!! Available from the Bookshop, Haldane Library, Lyon Playfair Library, Union Office and FELIX Office. There are limited supplies so come early.....etc.....

### Credits

Many thanks to Peter, Pallab, Steve, Nick, Dave, Maz and Hugh (our temp!).

mathematician. So F is applied and must have said 'H is a physicist' or 'H is pure' or even 'H is a modern linguist'!

Four people got it right, Ashley Kanter, Maths 2, is the winner.

### Easter Puzzles

Amble has a budgee.

Bumble has a cat.

Crumble has a cat and two dogs.

Drudge has a cat and two dogs.

Eager has two snakes.

Michael Arthur was the only person to enter, so he can collect £5 next Monday afternoon. Other solutions can wait till there's more room on the back page, which won't be long if the summer term apathy follows its usual course.

## RED CROSS 6 week first aid course

commencing

**Thursday 13 May**

at 6:00pm

Bot/Zoo Common Room

All welcome.

## SCARAMOUCHE

Following the theft of Mike, IC's beloved mascot, this column is proud to be the first to announce the new security arrangement agreed by Council at a special meeting late last night.

When we get it back, Mike will be held in place by several padlocks. Keys will be distributed to the Exec and no one will hold keys to all the locks. In fact no two or even three Exec members will be able to remove Mike. Quorum has been agreed as four, and so keys will be allocated in such a way that any four of the six Exec members will be able to use their keys collectively to unlock Mike.

The plan works well enough on paper, but I'm beginning to wonder if Chris Teller has considered the finances; I for one wouldn't like to break it to her that she'll need at least.....padlocks?

Solutions, comments and criticisms to me at the FELIX Office, please. There is a prize of £5 (donated by Mend-a-Bike) plus two tickets to the IC Orchestra concert a week on Wednesday and two tickets to the IC Choir concert a week on Friday for the correct entry randomly selected at 1:00pm on Wednesday.

### Last Week's Solution

If two of them agree, they cannot both be mathematicians, so H and F are mathematicians and G is the physicist. Now if F is pure, his reply about it will be "He is applied" which could equally well be the reply of an applied

## What's On

### Friday, May 7

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

### Saturday, May 8

•Jelly and ice-cream party with lots of silly kids games, 9:00pm, Willis Jackson House, 65 Evelyn Gdns, 50p.

### Monday, May 10

•Sale of Sports Goods, 1:00am, Southside Shop (opposite Southside Main Entrance). Sports equipment, clothing and many miscellaneous items.

•Wellsoc present 'Cybernetics', 7:30pm, Elec Eng 408. Entry by instant membership. Find out how close science fact is to science fiction.

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

### Tuesday, May 11

•Pimlico Connection meeting to find out about tutoring for 1982/3, 12:30pm, Elec Eng 606. Lunch provided (30p).

•Sailing Club AGM, 1:00pm, Mech Eng 640.

•Sir Keith Joseph, Secretary of State for Education, speaking on Education Policy, 1:00pm, Huxley (Maths) 213. All welcome.

•Introductory talk on transcendental meditation, 1:00pm, Huxley 341. Everyone welcome.

•Astrosoc lecture 'Can we unify gravity with the other forces of nature?' by Prof John Taylor, 6:30pm, Physics LT2.

•Audio society lecture by QUAD, 6:30pm, Quiet Rm, QR002, Sheffield Building. QUAD will be demonstrating their famous 44/405/FM4/ESL-63 system.

•ICCAG soup run, 10:30pm, Falmouth Kitchens.

### Wednesday, May 12

•Labour Club AGM, 1:00pm, PG Rm, Basement of 53 Princes Gate.

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

### Thursday, May 13

•STOIC presents News-Break, 1:00 and 6:00pm, JCR and Halls. After the 6:00pm showing of News-Break there will be a repeat showing of IC's success against Reading in University Challenge.

•Introductory talk on transcendental meditation, 1:00pm, Huxley 341. All welcome.



### Caption Competition

A prize of a free haircut for the best caption to this picture, donated by Jingles of Gloucester Road. Entries to the FELIX Office by 1pm Wednesday.