



Felix



NEWSPAPER OF IMPERIAL COLLEGE UNION

NEW ACCOMMODATION FOR FRESHERS



Arthur Again

Dear Pallab

Having read the article and your editorial in the Postgrad FELIX on Michael Arthur I can only agree with your conclusions that he "couldn't give a toss about ordinary students".

Last year I desperately needed accommodation during term time and found his attitude of studied indifference to my plight very frustrating. In the end I was provided with an expensive, cramped, uncomfortable and very unsatisfactory room which, with exams approaching I was in no position to refuse. Mr Arthur has a 'captive audience' of students and seems to, as far as I can tell, take advantage of this. I sign anonymously to avoid possible 'complications' in future at the Accommodation Centre.

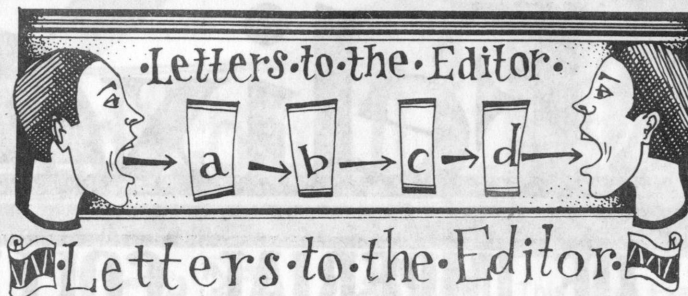
A Student

Adrian Protests

Dear Pallab

I would like to apologise to all freshers for several major inaccuracies in this year's Handbook. As you know, the final copy was recalled from the printers by Messrs Lewis, Teller and Davis following a complaint from an RCSU official that I had questioned the value of Freshers' Dinners. As a result, the Exec re-wrote several pieces of text against my express wishes—in fact, I felt strongly enough about this to resign my post as Editor, although as the work was all finished this was no major disaster.

By the time students read the Handbook, they are committed to coming to Imperial and so will not be put off by an honest, unbiased view of the College. That is the very purpose of the Handbook. Of course I agree that the Union should have some control over material printed on its behalf, and for the six weeks during which I was preparing the Handbook any Union Officer was welcome to read what I had written. As it happens, the Exec left it until the day when they knew printing was due to start, and



recalled the copy from the printers to replace editorial material with the kind of bland, uninformative waffle that imparts no knowledge and gives a very wrong impression of life at IC.

Yours sincerely

Adrian James
Handbook Editor (Retired)

Voice of Experience

Dear Ed

As another Freshers' Week begins at IC, I think it's a good time to record some of the old views about the importance of involvement in IC Union. The College and the Students' Union provides buildings and facilities but these are only frameworks for the people who use them, for without these people—YOU—the College does not exist.

One of the most important parts of a University education is the exchange and development of views with fellow students, and a climate to achieve this is possibly the difference between our form of education and any other. If you never do anything then you can never expect to have this contact; and therefore active participation in some part of College life is an absolute necessity.

In departments, where one works, student meets student and views are exchanged. In halls, which unfortunately not everyone is lucky enough to inhabit, one will meet people with whom one's only apparent connections are eating, sleeping and living next door, but much can be gained from such unlikely friendships.

In the Union clubs one encounters students with whom one has common interests. If an active part is taken in the club then these are the people with whom one will mix most, be it

travelling to a game, over coffee before a meeting, or sharing a room on tour.

These personal contacts which you will develop are the very substance of university life, and unless advantage is taken of them your education will be incomplete.

As in every sphere of life participation brings its own rewards and IC Union is no exception. The facilities are available, as you will see on the afternoon of 4 October when all the clubs will be on display, but the onus is on the individual to make the best use of them. If you feel that something else is needed, make your opinion known and then do something about it—this is your Union. You will have met most of the Union Officers by this time, remember that they are your officers and approachable as such.

Combine a successful academic career; a well rounded personality derived from a breadth of interests; and an ability to deal with people and affairs, derived from an active Union life, and you will have received a true university education. Good luck with FELIX this year.

Cheers!

Colin Palmer
(FELIX Editor 1979/80)

Rector Resigns

Dear Sir

Having been a student here for several years I like to think that I have developed a strong sense of loyalty to the Imperial College of Science and Technology and what is more, a personal loyalty to our leader. Imagine my shock and dismay on glancing at page four of your last issue. The offensive headline "Rector Resigns" was placed at the top of the page in letters more than half-an-inch high!

Although closer examination showed that this referred to the Rector of the Royal College of Art,

Of course it's OK to have fun and undergraduate pranks are acceptable. But please, no more tricks.

Good luck,
P J Potter

Baron Who?

Dear Sir

Having read your first FELIX, I feel that I have to complain about the amount of totally fabricated material which you chose to put in it. I realise that you had a limited, if not zero, amount of input from students not connected with FELIX, but did you have to go out of your way to invent characters to fill your letters page and artificial small ads which have been deliberately misleading. One unfortunate student, having read the small ad concerning the hot bikes going cheap, rushed off to Mend-a-Bike to purchase one, only to find that he had been deliberately misled by the only publication which a student should be able to believe. So, no more fabrication please!

Yours faithfully
Brian F Lowers

FELIX Fabrication

Dear Pallab

A rumour has come to my attention which I find hard to believe. Having spent less than a year at IC, I am suspicious that my leg is being pulled. As you are, as FELIX Editor, the source of all information for students, I wonder if you can clear up the confusion.

The point is this: Is our Rector, Lord Flowers, really the Baron of Queensgate? How far does the Barony of Queensgate extend? Does it in fact contain any or all of the IC campus? Is Lord Flowers not only our Rector, but our Ruler as well?

Yours in anticipation
Diane Love
Countess of Beit
Physics PG

I believe that the Barony of Queensgate has no geographical boundaries. Our Rector has merely chosen to incorporate his address into his name in order to improve his status with all his trendy SDP friends—Ed.

No fun in Southside—Official

New students arriving in the Southside Halls of Residence will have to agree to a stiff new set of regulations devised by College or face expulsion from the Hall. These regulations have been drafted to pacify the Mews residents who live around College.

This is the result of a long running campaign by Mews residents who object to the noise and disturbance originating from the Southside Halls. Several incidents have recently increased the level of protest, these include a bottle crashing through a skylight and eggs posted through letterboxes. This is especially serious because certain residents

employ armed bodyguards with orders to shoot first and ask questions later.

A meeting was held late last session to discuss this problem, the meeting involved the Wardens, Estates, Don Monro and the then President Stephen Goulder. This was followed by a meeting between the Rector and representatives of the residents during the summer in his office on Level 5. Despite the Wardens and local policeman Paul Gooderson being present outside they were never invited to contribute. The Rector, however, strongly supported student interests arguing that a certain level of noise must be expected.

The draft regulations that emerged from the discussion included:

- No noise after 11:00pm
- No shouting out of the windows.
- No activity designed to cause annoyance or disturbance

Breach of these regulations could result in residents being liable to expulsion from Hall.

If these regulations are not effective then the residents may take legal action. If they do obtain a court injunction against further nuisance the situation is potentially very serious. Each further disturbance would then constitute a contempt of court. If the nuisance still persists then Southside could be closed.



Carl Burgess demonstrates what not to do in your Hall of Residence.

LST quit

London Student Travel were told to quit Imperial College during the summer by Deputy President Christine Teller. She took this action after discovering that LST were using their current office rent free and were contributing no money to IC Union, one of their principal shareholders.

LST moved into Imperial College in 1978 when they were allowed to occupy a room in the Union Building. They were formed as a partnership between the Exchange Travel Group and various London student unions with the aim of providing cheap travel for students. They operated rent free for the first year to enable them to become established.

In the years that followed LST moved to the Walkway in Sherfield. However, successive Deputy Presidents failed to formalise their contract and LST continued to occupy an office rent free.

Christine Teller discovered this state of affairs and told LST that this situation was intolerable. She asked for a written offer within a month. LST failed to come up with any suitable offer in time and they were requested to leave the campus.

This should come as no surprise since LST have not lived up to expectations. They have been providing a poor service, and have allegedly provided large profits for their parent company as a result of the preferential treatment they receive from student unions.

Winking Legal

The Tiddlywinks Rag Stunt will be held again at its traditional venue in Oxford Street this year. The stunt, usually held on the second Saturday of term, was transferred to the Kings Road last year after complaints from the Police.

The collection will be made on 15 October for MENCAP using their cans and licences. These can be collected between 9:00am and 9:30am from CCU offices and

from here will move off to Marble Arch. The finish will be held at Eros at 12:30 where ICU sabbaticals will lead 'Ring-a-Roses' around Eros. Gaynor Lewis will call a 'Hey Vivo' before everyone adjourns to the Cockney Pride for a well-earned drink.

(Gaynor tells me that she will buy a pint for anyone who comes up to her in the Cockney Pride after the Rag stunt—Ed.)

More Racist Tory Cuts

The Department of Education and Science has effectively reversed the House of Lords judgement concerning the classification of overseas students. This means that a number of students at IC who had been classed as home students last session will have to register as overseas students and face bills of up to £2,700.

To be classed as a home student a person had to prove that he was resident in the UK or

the EEC for three years prior to the start of the course.

In 1978 Lord Denning ruled that foreign nationals who had moved to the UK to study before they undertook a degree course did not satisfy the Ordinary Residence regulation. This decision reached the House of Lords on appeal and was overturned in December 1982. The decision left universities open to be sued for recovery of fees income and LEAs liable for an increased grant bill.

CENSORED

Stop The Presses!

The artwork for this years ICU Handbook was recalled from the printers only hours before the copy deadline, in a last minute censorship bid.

Fuming

The call to stop the presses came from ICU President Gaynor Lewis. The fuming sabbatical phoned the printers as soon as she learnt of certain 'offensive' articles in the Handbook.

But the editor Adrian James was at the printers when the censorship call came through. He was ordered to return to the FELIX Office, and bring his artwork with him.

Amazed

Amazed Adrian said "I went rigid when I heard the news; it was like a bolt from the blue." He stormed back to IC to face the executive rumpus. They announced that they should have read the Handbook before it went to the printers.

The reason that they failed to do so was that they didn't expect the Handbook to be produced on time!

Adrian James pointed out that this was their own fault and threatened to resign if any changes were made in the Handbook.

And Publications Supremo David Rowe reluctantly accepted Adrian's decision.

Frantic

It was then left to FELIX staff to make the changes that the Exec demanded. The team worked frantically through the night in a bid to minimise the delay caused by the censorship mix-up.

And only days later the Exec censors struck again.

But this time their target was the Rag Mag, edited by Carl Burgess.

The ruthless trio were let loose on the Mag with a fine toothcomb removing jokes indiscriminately.

Mr Burgess was too upset to comment.

The Last Laugh

Carl Burgess, Rag mag Editor, having been instructed by an aloof and unfeeling executive to destroy the products of his deranged mind set about the dismantling of his publication with his customary gusto. This leads us to a very intriguing question of what humour is and do people have a right to laugh at anybody else. Here is a case for the defence.

**How do you fuck a vegetable?
Eat his wheelchair**

Now this joke is extremely derogatory but you can see how funny it is only if you are not anticipating the answer. Only people who think that invalids are mental deficients would think like that and I can only say I was impressed by the multi-layered play on words in this joke. I think being offensive is a matter of intent; I did not deliberately attempt to be offensive, I was only attempting to find the jokes I found the most amusing and put them in.

**What have Princess Grace and Sue Barker got in common?
They've both been fucked by Cliffs.**

**Whats the difference between Princess Grace and Glen Hoddle?
Hoddle can take corners.**

Well here again the joke is on the play on words. I don't have anything against any of the above characters, it's just that I found the jokes funny.

Eighty epileptics committed suicide yesterday after attempting a world record when they failed to fit in a telephone booth.

This was just a play on words. I admit I thought this one up and I was only trying to be funny. I'm sorry if I failed.

Did you hear about Stunted Willie Jackson the Worlds first thalidomide pop singer with his No 1 song 'I've got a puncture in my wheelchair and my arms aren't long enough to change the tyre blues'.

Now this is just one of the most amazingly funny things I have ever heard. It's even comparable with Red Sovine's Teddy Bear, and if that got to number one, what's all the complaint about?

*What have niggers and hyptothermia got in common?
They both attack old people.*

Well here we have the token racist joke. This was told to me by my little brother. I found it very funny because again it was based upon a certain characteristic given to certain groups.

**ie Rastus — large member
Irishmen — thick
Jews — miserly
and so on and so forth.**

**How do you kill a geriatric?
a) hook their walking sticks to the back of a bus.
b) plug their hearing aids into the mains.**

*Why did the old lady cross the road?
Because she didn't see the juggernaut.*

I got home one night and picked up a copy of the Number 1 Sun and my mind was overwhelmed by the amazingly witty way they wrote about geriatric

muggings and such like and so I pondered deeply on the subject and came up with the above, again I am not trying to be offensive about geriatrics. After all I'm going to be one (I hope).

**Why did the elephant cross the road?
Because it was stapled to the baby's head.**

*What do you call several babies drowned in apple juice?
Infanticider.*

The first joke was just a piss-take on all the cross the road jokes starting with

Why did the chicken.....

then

Why did the baby.....

So, the natural progression was
Why did the elephant.....

Again, I tried my best to be amusing with this one.

The second is just a play on words which I thought was quite clever. I am not going to go around drowning babies or any other such infant. Babies are nice and cuddly. I used (?) to be a baby myself.

Some of the grossest jokes were from sickie Sean Davis, our demented Irish Hon Sec. Quite naturally he did not want it to be known what a filthy little mind he has so he censored his name from the credits.

On a final note if you didn't find any of the above in the least bit funny please feel free to write to the FELIX Office and tell me why.

If you got any jokes you feel offended by please send them in and state your reasons.

THE HANDBOOK ALTERATIONS

Adrian James writes about the alterations made to the ICU Handbook by the Exec.

OUT!

Bars and Refectories

As you should have gathered from Hugh Southey's article on page 6 of this Handbook, the College refectories are not the best places to eat. However, if you must eat there (and only a small percentage of students do regularly) here is a guide to them and their alternatives.

Sherfield Refectory: the largest and most popular outlet, this provides several main courses and desserts, school dinner style. Possibly the least disgusting refectory; there is usually an incomprehensibly large queue of people wanting to eat there.

The Sherfield Refectory is also used for formal College dinners (see later).

Southside: Even the water here is badly served. The food is either re-cycled from the Sherfield kitchens, or frozen and (barely) thawed out. Very few of the staff speak any language other than Spanish, which means that when you ask for the grey sludge that looks like curry you will be given the green sludge that looks like lasagne, and then when you complain about being overcharged, the staff will jabber at you in some obscure Catalan dialect.

The Union Refectory was moved and re-vamped last year at great expense, none of it justified. It now serves 'fast food' (we won't go into why it's called that): chips, beans, hamburgers, sausages, plus a 'dish of the day' (normally the day before) which is cooked in the Sherfield kitchens and re-heated.

This room also contains a Lounge Bar which dispenses much-needed liquid refreshment and what are optimistically described as 'Ploughman's Lunches', although any self-respecting ploughman would feed them to his horse. This is little used, most people preferring the Union Bar next door, where soggy rolls and pies are dispensed.

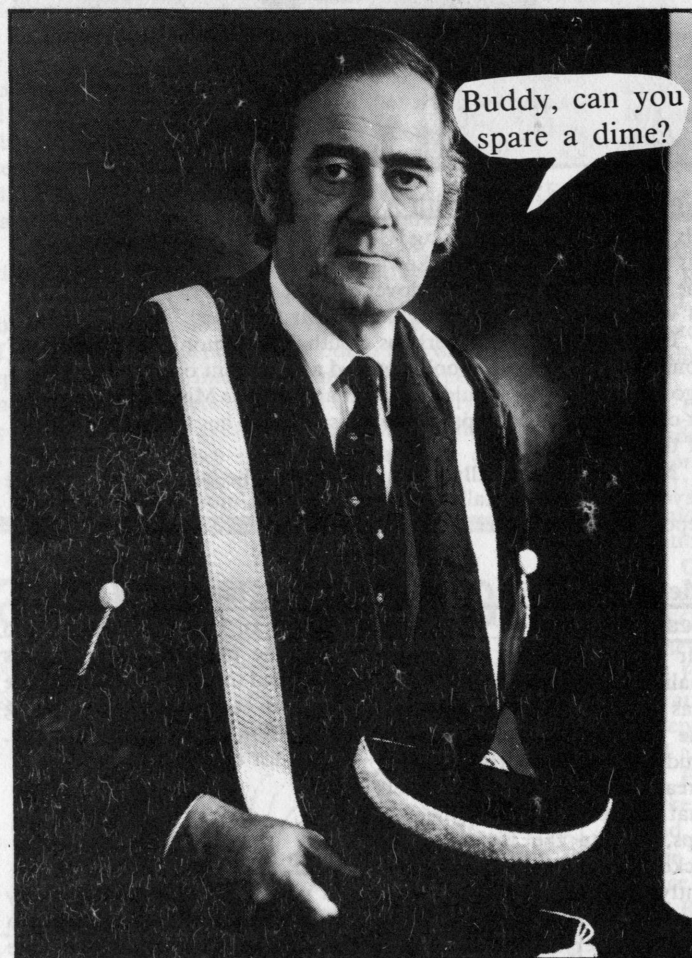
The JCR Buttery in the Sherfield Building sells mostly pies, chips, sandwiches and pasties, which are comparable with what you would get at a British Rail buffet if you weren't careful.

In the introduction to the CCUs (page 30) and the article on refectories (page 43) I had written that the food and drink served at Freshers' Dinners was simply not worth £7 (however heavily subsidised) and that the only reason for attending these functions would be to meet people. I am still of that opinion, and from the RCSU's refusal to pay for one of last year's dinners and the recent move in City and Guilds Union to abolish the dinners entirely, it would seem that other people share my views. Furthermore, I would point out that very few students other than freshers and virtually no members of staff bother to attend these dinners, so that they merely provide an opportunity for freshers to meet other freshers.

The Exec removed my paragraph on formal dinners from page 43 (and, for some reason known only to themselves, one on catering in Linstead Hall) and replaced it with one encouraging freshers to attend the dinners. It is reprehensible behaviour on the part of the Exec (who will all, of

course, be invited to many formal dinners throughout the year) to try to mislead freshers into parting with their money; no serious attempt to improve the standard of these functions has yet been made by them.

Finally, having really got into the swing of things, they altered the introduction to the Who's Who of Administrators on page 36, removing sentences at random and replacing them with bits of last year's Handbook, which are no less insulting and rather less up-to-date. To add insult to injury, Gaynor Lewis insisted on removing the caption from the Rector's photograph, which makes the reference to it in my Editorial obscure to say the least. The reason she gave for this was that she would be embarrassed at future meetings with Lord Flowers if she felt that he had been made fun of in a Union publication; I fear he will be more worried by the text concerning him (which is serious) than he would have been by the photograph (which wasn't).



The Rector collecting at Green Park tube station

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Linstead: this is dealt with on page 44. It is widely accepted that this service should be done away with, but the provision of an evening meal was apparently a condition imposed by the anonymous benefactor who financed the building of Linstead Hall with the well meaning but misplaced hope of founding the basis of a social life like that in the colleges at Oxford and Cambridge. As this has failed for various reasons (largely that Oxford and Cambridge are what they are almost entirely because they are not in the middle of London) the College admitted that abolishing the refectory should present no insurmountable problems, and has been failing to surmount them ever since.

Formal dinners: As a general rule, these are not worth attending. You will pay upwards of £7 for a meal that you would send back in a restaurant, with very ungenerous amounts of wine, port and cold coffee. Many Union societies now hold their annual dinners outside College, and there was a move last year in City and Guilds Union to replace the Freshers' Dinners with a cheaper form of entertainment. Remember that the people trying to sell you tickets to Freshers' Dinners are generally those who do not have to pay for them, but sit at the top table, and make speeches and enjoy themselves probably a great deal more than you will.

A Warning

If for religious or other reasons, you cannot eat some types of food, do not believe anything that the refectory staff tell you. For some years, the College sold beef pasties as lamb, which caused great distress to several religious minorities who are not allowed to eat beef. Vegetarians are also quite likely to be offered fish pie.

All the refectories suffer from the same problems: the staff regard students as a nuisance and are incompetent, rude and frequently unhygienic. (There was a widely publicised outbreak of cockroaches in the kitchen some years ago, and things have not improved since then). Staff are not averse to smoking while serving the food, despite the no-smoking regulations. The food is of poor quality, and badly prepared and frequently re-cycled from the previous day.

What it comes down to is that all the staff, from the Manager down are paid whether or not the food is eaten. Hence there is no incentive for them to provide a good service.

News Update

Whilst most of you were sunning yourselves over the summer vacation, life at Imperial continued hectic and unabated. A few members were able to get down to some real work. The rest were able to take their holidays and potter off to conferences in hot foreign countries without a care in the world. Postgrads would monopolise coffee machines and fall asleep in refectories to their hearts content. Amidst this hive of activity, FELIX worked hard to maintain its reputation as the best student newspaper in the country; the peak of investigative journalism. We now present an update on the summer's news and scandal.

Summer Lettings Scheme

Mr Michael Arthur, Student Services Officer, ran into severe problems with the management of the Summer Lettings Scheme. Examples of overbooking, incorrect charging and mismanagement were rife in the first two weeks of the scheme's operation.

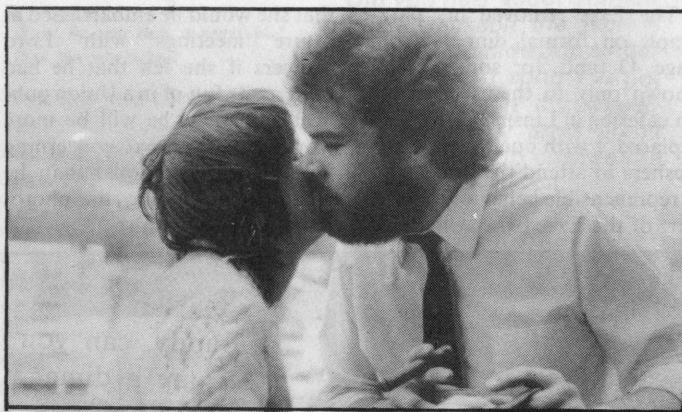
Michael Arthur's mismanagement and creative accounting came under heavy criticism from all quarters. He was described in FELIX as the most arrogant and unhelpful official in College.

Guilds Romp Home

On a happier note, City & Guilds successfully completed their round Britain pedal car marathon on Thursday 21 July. The intrepid Guildsmen pedalled into Charing Cross Station after a furious last leg that set a blazing new record time of 252 hours. Guilds hack Mike Stuart managed to hog all the publicity, always arranging to be in the pedal car just as the photographers arrived. Despite Mike, the nationwide media coverage helped Guilds to raise nearly £10,000 towards a lifeboat engine for the RNLI.

Cutbacks Equal 'Efficiency'

The governing council of Queen Elizabeth College, Chelsea College and Kings College approved documents stating an intention to merge the three colleges into one institution based at the Kings College site on the Strand. The eventual aim is to sell the QEC and Chelsea sites, but according to ULU President Chris Sale, integration will take five to ten years and much time-consuming bussing of students will be involved.



Goulder Goes Out With A Bang

Mr Stephen Goulder, retiring ICU President, formally handed over to his successor Miss Gaynor Lewis in his last day in office at the top of the Queen's Tower. The handover came at the end of a jolly afternoon of wine and champagne provided by Mr Goulder.

The Queen's Tower, perhaps South Kensington's best phallic if somewhat castrated symbol provided an excellent opportunity for an ego massage for Mr Goulder and a chance to give Miss Lewis a tongue-in-cheek kiss. Or perhaps he was whispering to her the sweet nothings of the President's job.

Mr Goulder, typically absent-minded to the last, handed over the keys to his Linstead Hall room instead of the Union Office keys. It was reported that they later went off together and had some hanky-panky.

Meany Mooney Swindle Scandal

Mr Victor Mooney, the much maligned Refectory Manager, was up to his old tricks again over the summer. He prevented the student cleaners from having breakfasts using breakfast tickets that had been given to them as tips, despite the fact that the tickets had been paid for. Apparently, cunning old Victor, realising that many of the tourists would rather not eat his breakfasts (*who can blame them-Ed*) thought he could make a bit on the side by not cooking enough to fill breakfasts the orders.

Davy Handover

Davy, an oversized Davy lamp and the mascot of RSMU was returned to them on 19 June. The ransom set by RCSU was a Rag collection in front of Harrods. £200 for charity was raised.

Fire in Chemistry

It was feared that the Chemistry building might explode when a fire broke out in one of the fume cupboards engulfing a doctor in the department in flames. Fortunately the fire was under control very quickly.

Rector Resigns

No, not Lord Flowers. Dr Lionel March, Rector of the Royal College of Art, resigned on Monday 1 August in response to mounting criticism of his management of the College. The climax was his appointment of Dr George Sting, his friend and former colleague at the Open University, to the new post of Dean. Both men denied reports that Dr Sting was holding on to his old job in America. These reports were subsequently proved true, and both men have now resigned. Earlier criticisms centred on what many felt to be Dr March's lack of experience and the irrelevance of his field of study to most work at the RCA.

No Cunt No Fuck

The Rag Mag was censored yet again this year. The words 'cunt' and 'fuck' were banned from use in the Rag Mag. Other material banned included jokes relating to geriatrics, babies, disabled people and natural disasters. Racist, sexist and religious jokes have been allowed to remain since they only affect insignificant minorities in College.

Backslapping and Backstabbing

Self-congratulations and petty snubs were the order of the day at the final meeting of ICU Council this year. Engraved pots and Honorary Life Membership were awarded for exceptional service to the Union to Mike Prosser Publications Board Chairman; Nick Pyne UGM Chairman and former Welfare Officer; John McCallion, non-sabbatical Deputy President; and, 1982/3 President Stephen Goulder. Further awards went to Andy Grimshaw, Jonathan Miller, Ian Bull, Simon Rodan, Colin Butter and Matthew Tonks. All were nominated by Stephen Goulder. Martin Taylor, last year's FELIX Editor received no recognition for all his hard work in the Union.

Freshers week: the ghastly truth!

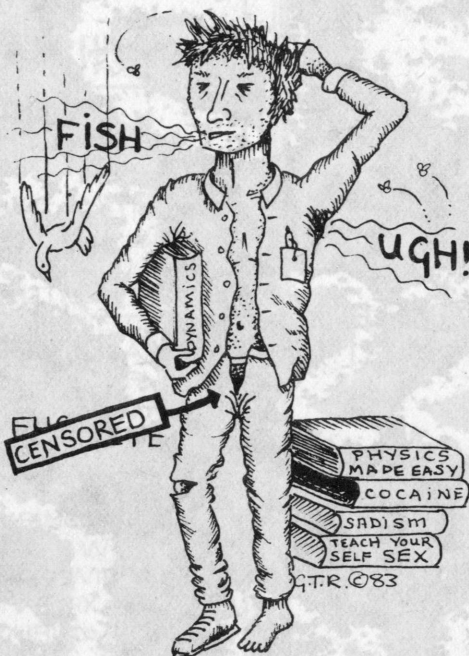
The FELIX guide to freshers week

On arrival at Imperial College, most people have little idea where the various places of importance are located within the College. To remedy this situation the College and Union conspire on the first day to send freshers on a sometimes fruitless search around College for Unioncard, grant cheque and registration slip.

On Monday morning queues of almost Biblical proportions build up in the JCR as most students attempt to register. The experienced student would probably wait to register when the Rector's Reception takes place at 10:00am. This event, which all first years feel obliged to attend, usually records a resounding zero on the clapometer with the Rector Lord Flowers delivering his only speech yet again. When they have wheeled the old duffer off, the Union Sabbatical Officers re-read last year's Freshers' Reception speeches, 'get involved...rewarding...UGMs a must etc, etc.' This ends at 11:00am leaving enough time for you to find your department for their introduction; you will have a chance to meet your tutors for the first time. At this point the difficulty of the course and the failure rates are usually mentioned, as there is no need for the 'nice guy' image now that you're here.

In the afternoon Scientists, Engineers and Miners split up to go to their CCU UGMs at which you are introduced to your CCU, its activities and its officers—a must for those in need of comic relief. The UGM will probably finish by 4:30 after which you will be free for the rest of the day. This will give you the opportunity to chat up the boy/girl you have had your eye on ever since you arrived at College and ask him/her to the Freshers' Party later on that evening in the Union Building.

Having woken up, hopefully not in your own bed, you drag yourself off to your department where your course is explained to you in greater detail. At this juncture the dedication needed to complete the course is raised in graphic detail. However, one does not need to be Saint Augustine to graduate.



....and don't forget all those vital little items for the end of your first week: Optrex (for eyes, bloodshot, two), mouthwash (take instead of, rather than after, 14 pints of Youngs), deodorant (until we learn to wash our clothes!), some clean needles (for sewing of course) and those all-important precautionary measures (just in case you strike lucky).

The afternoon is devoted to Freshers' Fair where all the Union clubs and societies run a stall (see centre spread). Take a pen and paper to make a note of the introductory events of clubs that interest you. The highlight of the afternoon is a visit to the FELIX Office, where the FELIX Editor tries to cream off the most interesting and talented new arrivals.

There is the Life Sciences Party in the JCR in the evening to which those in the know will go since it is consistently one of the best events of the year.

By Wednesday you reach your first lecture and come down to earth. By tradition this is delivered by the most boring member of the department.

In the afternoon the sports trials take place. The squads are picked early in the session, so if you wish to play for ICU or your CCU you must take part in these trials.

Later on in the evening is the Gangsters and Molls Party with free cocktail for all those who dress up. This is the event of the week and anybody who is anybody will be there; an ideal opportunity to see the President wearing next to nothing—but don't let this discourage you.

Thursday abounds with lectures and labs. The Freshers' UGM takes place at 1:00pm. This is usually a forum for various Union Officers, who strive to humiliate each other and indulge in backstabbing.

Every Thursday evening the Union entertainments committee show popular films recently off the West End run. This evening they will get things going with a double bill of *Cat People*, possibly the most erotic film of last year and *Quest for Fire*, possibly the film having the most amusing cast credits of last year.

If you can still stand come Friday evening then there is the opportunity to go and see some really great bands at the Freshers' Ball. It features Clint Eastwood and General Saint on the first night of their nationwide tour. There is also a barbeque, two discos, all night films and steel bands.

FELIX Check List

1. **Registration** Monday and Tuesday in the SCR on Level 2 in the Sheffield Building. Subsequently on Level 3 in the Sheffield Building. Bring a pen and retain the stamped slip.

2. **Unioncards** In the JCR Monday and Tuesday, for the rest of the week in the Union Senior Common Room and subsequently in the Union Office. You need to bring two passport sized photographs and the aforementioned registration slip.

3. **Grant cheque** You need to take your Unioncard or other means of identification to the SCR on Monday and Tuesday on Level 3 in the Sheffield Building.

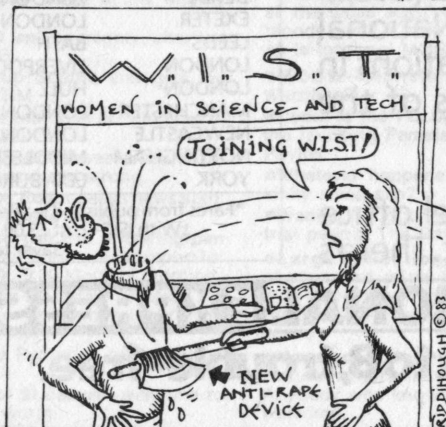
4. **Freshers' Week Ticket** for just £7 you can attend all freshers' week events for free (except the Life Sci Party). Available from ICU and CCU offices.

5. **Food and Provisions** The nearest supermarket to College is Waitrose on Gloucester Road. There is also the Union shop which is to be found in Southside close to the RCS Office.

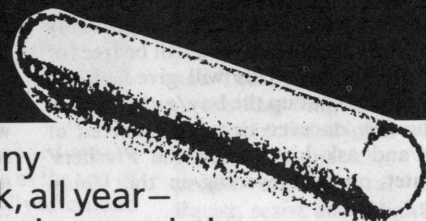
6. **Recommended texts, stationery and IC diaries** All available from the Bookshop which is on the Concourse, Level 2, Sheffield.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

● A keen Russian philatelist at the Moscow Academy of Sciences wishes to get in touch with like minded people over here. If you are interested, please get in touch with Dr A G Dickerson (int 3534—keep trying if I'm out).

PERSONAL

● You don't need a PhD to be a 'Doc' Smith.

● No SF No Galactic Gargleblaster.

● What did you do to that lens man? What you need is a doc, Smith.

● Why did the 7 Blakes ring the bell? Because they saw the Avon Calling?

● CB, 4, SF 4, CB 4 NME.

● We mean no harm to your planet, Earthling. Zorgoron Raxeg XL5.

● In the beginning there was darkness and me, said let there be NME.

● The SSR is a mega-star. No one knows who we really are.

● The trench has not been filled. Falmouth Feline.

● 95/100 you really are an animal 0 hairy one. The Ancient One.

● Why did they laugh at my mighty sword? BJ

● Your sword isn't so mighty, after my little bitey. JB

● Beam me up Scottie and give me more thrust. RM

● What's blue and don't fit? Find out in next week's FELIX.

● Lonely News Editor seeks new staff, must be firm and strong.

● Lonely News Editor seeks news staff, must be young and nubile.

● Anyone who can use a Rotring pen without spludging etc. please report for duty to FELIX, 9:30 Monday morning.

● Bible reading for today: "Blessed are the Greek, for they shall inherit the Girth." Brian Illix

● Beware: the Python is back (but no longer of 127).

● Catherine of St James—welcome to the big wide world.

● X of Paris welcomes Hubba Papp, Aero 1.

● Badgesoc is amazing. Badgesoc is fab, make yourself badges for a mere 9p. Contact S Little, Physics 3.

● The SSR has returned to the fold, he wants his Mooney all covered with mould.

● Non Magnetic Extermination, Nuclear mono-energetic existentialism etc.....

● Police notice: Battered and mugged one tree, centre of Beit Quad. Anyone with information on the subject contact Beit Housekeeper.

● It's not so much that you lose one ugly president, but more that you Gaynor prettier one.

● If you see the boss, you can Teller that I'McCallion the shots now.

● Telling isn't it: change of Editor and all the small ads I've seen so far are bloody awful. Come back the Python, all is forgiven! MOSW.

● MOSW—Monster of Stupendous Waistline?

● Come to the FELIX Office and meet the revolting Pamela and the ghostly Phyllis.

● Whatever happened to those really kinky small ads? = JB.

● Wanted 12 good men and true for trial period. The Rayleigh Redhead.

● Large collection of champagne, sherry and wine bottles (empty) available from the Union Office. Please hurry we're running out of space.

● Vacancies for news reporters, feature writers in your no 1 FELIX. Anybody who knows what a pen is, is welcome.

● For sale stereo and speakers. Very good condition. £400.00. Contact P Rodgers, Physics 2.

● Wanted, one drum kit, for guy who likes to make a lot of noise. Contact P Ghosh, FELIX Office.

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● Third person needed to make up 3-in-a-bed, need to increase my score rapidly. Apply M Newman, Life Sci 2.

● Seven men needed to fill a trench 4 metres wide, 2 metres deep in 5 hours. Apply Southside.

● Selkirk Slug seeks slippery snake for somnabulistic diversions.

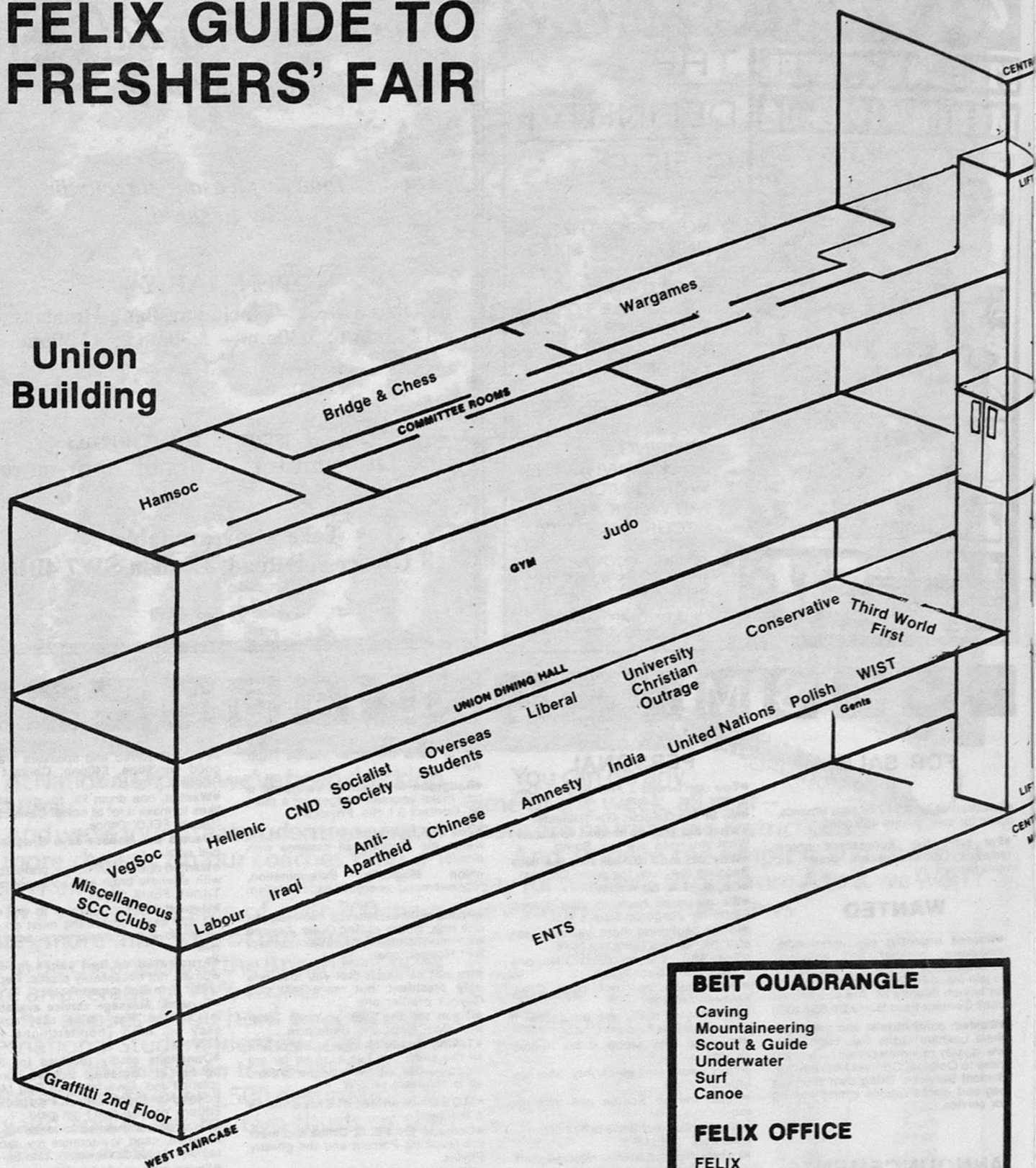
● Physicist with quantum defect seeks female with easily differentiable functions.

● IC Bomb Soc require new members. Full training in jelly etc given. Contact S Davis c/o IC Union.

● Now it can be revealed: MOSW stands for....aargh!

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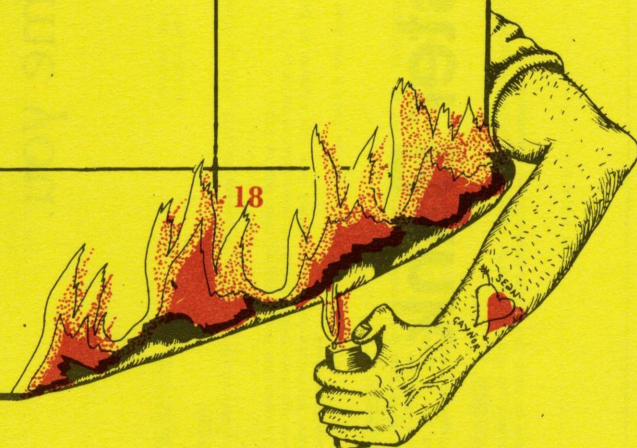
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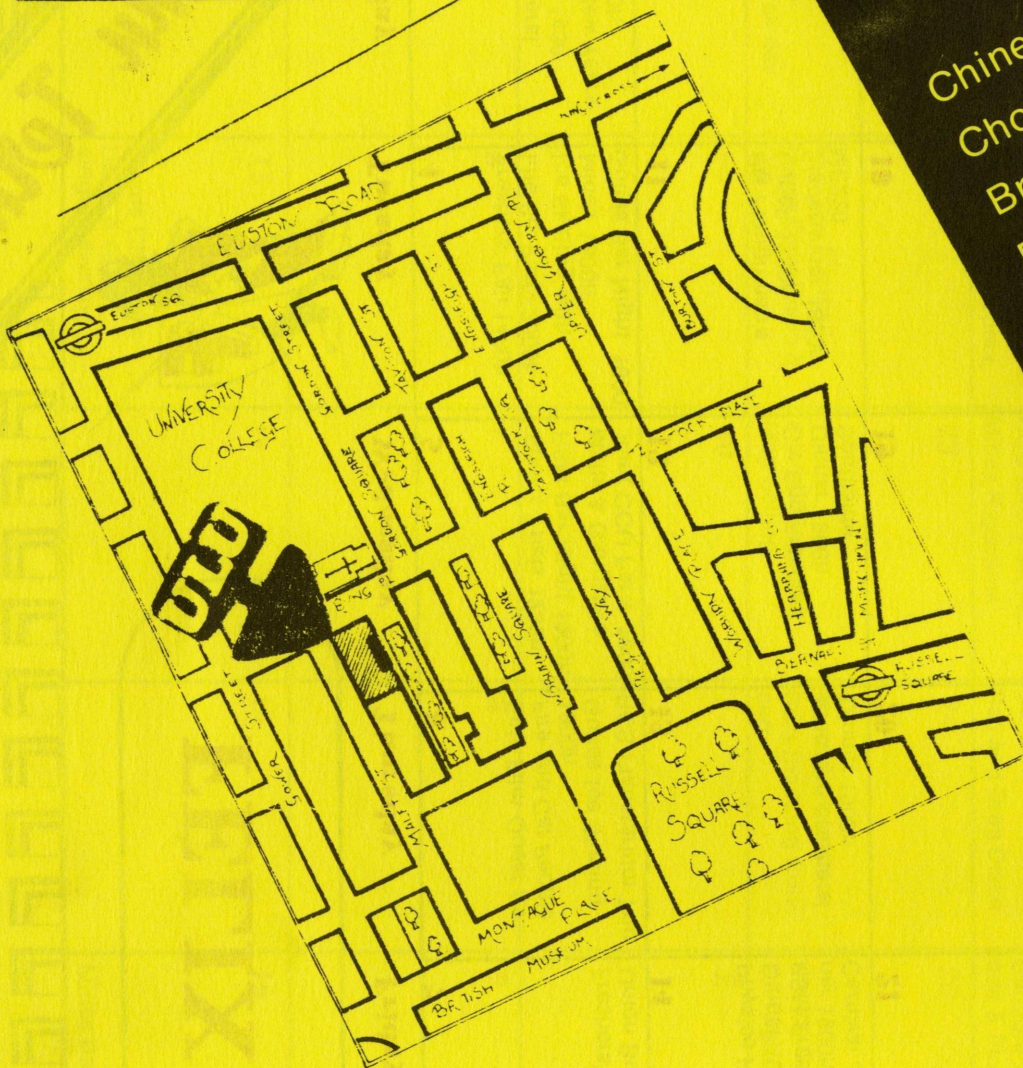


FELIX Calendar

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Oct 3 CCU General Meetings: 1430 Freshers New Years Party, 2000h	4 Freshers' Fair 1400h Life Sci Party 2000h Ice Skating with Mines 1800h Guilds Bar Night 1900	5 Sports Trials 1230h RSM Bar Night 1900h Molls & Gangsters Joint CCU Party 2000	6 Ents Film <i>Quest for Fire</i> and <i>Cat People</i> 1800h Guilds Ice Skating RCS Planetarium Trip	7 Freshers' Ball 2000h Union Building	8 Guilds Pub Crawl 1800h RSM Pub Crawl 1800h Opening Night Ents Club 2000h	9 RCS Bar Night 1900h Union Bar
10	11 PG Ploughman's Lunch 1230h <i>Bladerunner</i> 1830h ME220	12 Civ Eng Freshers' Dinner 1900h Southside	13 Elec Eng Freshers' Dinner 1900h	14 Physics Freshers' Dinner 1900h RSM Freshers' Dinner 1900h Goldrush Carnival JCR	15	16
17 Aero Freshers' Dinner 1900h	18 Chem Eng Freshers' Dinner 1900 Chemistry Freshers' Dinner 1900h	19	20 DoC Freshers' Dinner 1900h Union	21 Geology Freshers' Dinner 1900h Union	22	23
24	25 Life Sci Freshers' Dinner 1900h Maths Freshers' Dinner 1900h	26	27	28 Met & Mat Sci Freshers' Dinner 1900h Union	29	30
31	1	2	3	4	5	6
Nov 7	8	9	10	11	12 Lord Mayors Show Mines Ball	13
14	15	16 RCS Beer Festival Mines Ragarama	17 Aerosoc Paper Darts Rag and Drag Disco	18 Barnight & Barbeque & Fireworks	19 RCS Street Collection SCAB Night	20 Raft Race Inter-CCU Tug of War Pub Crawl
21 ENTS films all day	22 Monster Football Mines Dirty Disco & Gig	23 Inter-College Rag Mag Selling	24 Monster Boat Race RCS Smoking Concert	25 Guilds Carnival All Night FELIX	26	27
28	29	30	1	2	3	4
Dec 5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13 Guilds Christmas UGM & carol singing evening	14	15	16 Mines Ball	17	18



ULU societies



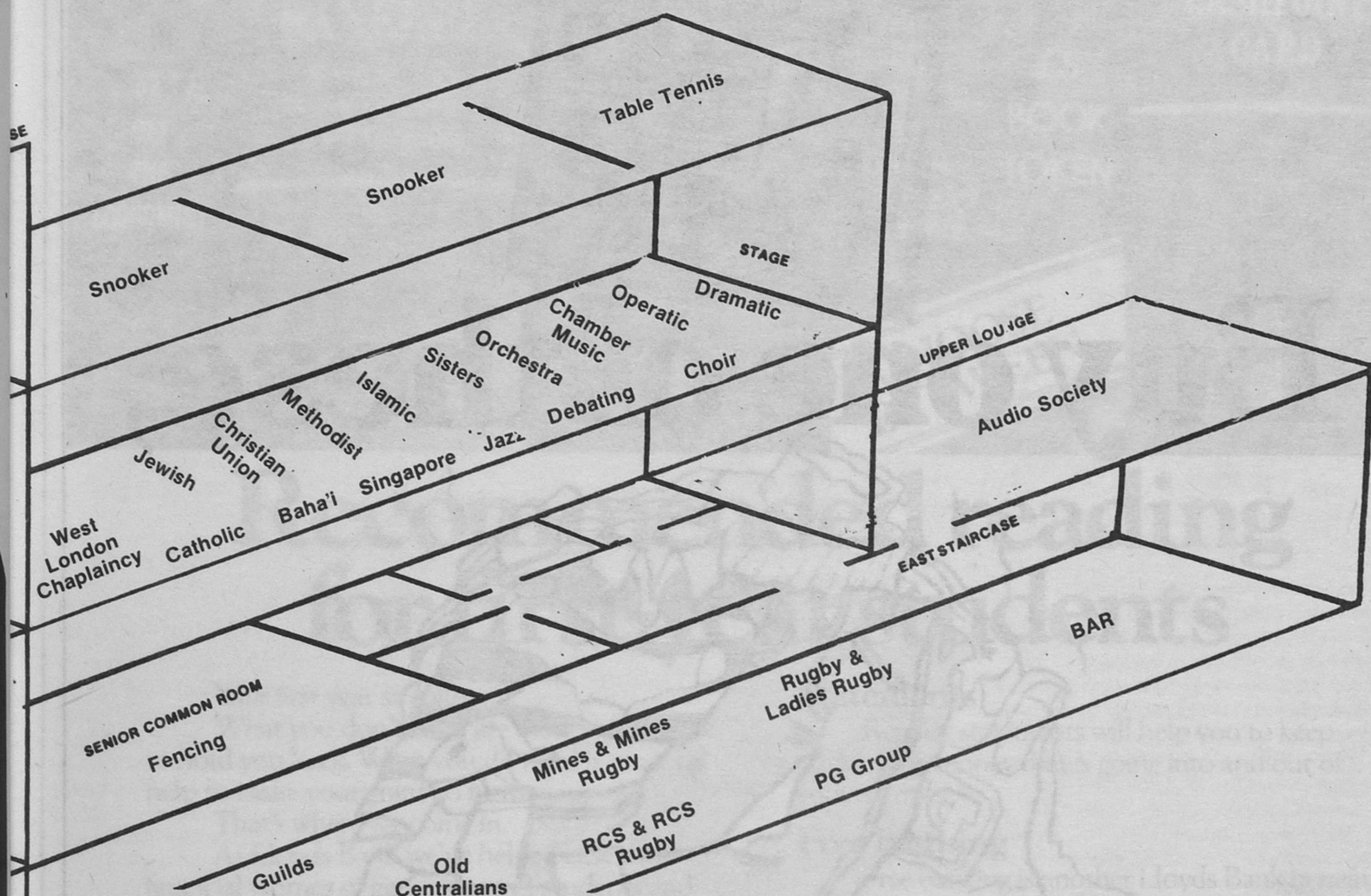
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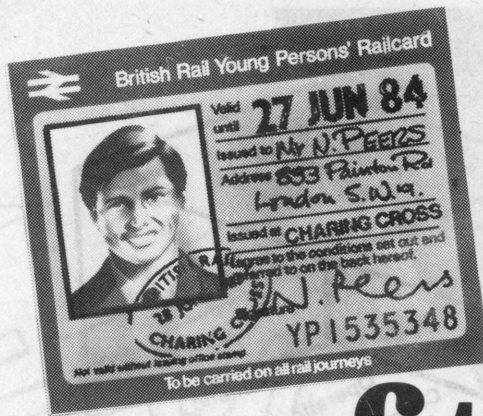
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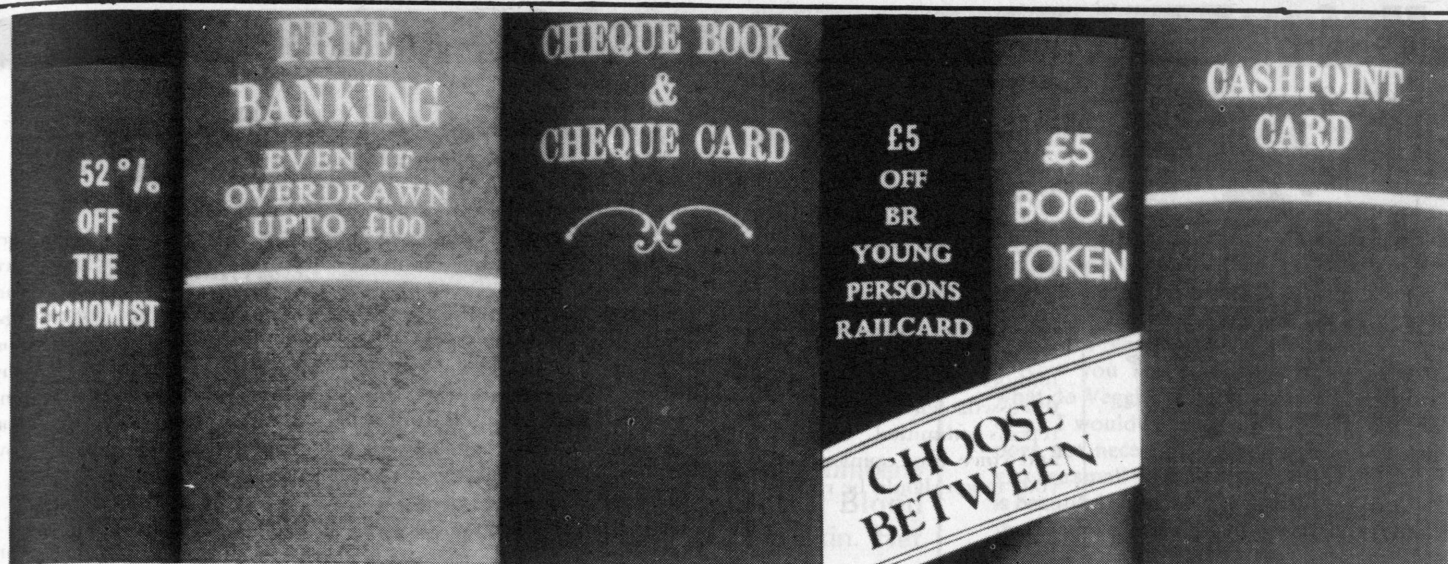
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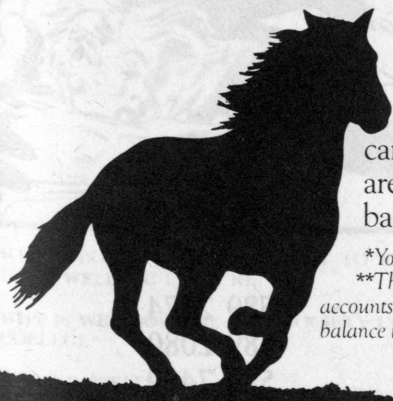
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Gaynor Writes



Congratulations-you finally made it! Welcome to Imperial College and good luck with all the bump you are likely to hear over the next few days, and social strain of Freshers Week!

Freshers' Week

Tickets which cover admission to the majority of the week's events are available in the Union Office (and CCU offices) for £7. If you haven't already bought one, don't

forget to do so before tonight's 'New Year's' Party.

UGMs

At the Union General Meeting on Thursday (Great Hall, 1:00pm) Hayden Williams from the University of London Union will be speaking, giving you an idea of what ULU can offer you. A number of motions will also be discussed, elections held and reports submitted. Come along and voice your opinions on how your union should be run.

Crash Pad

Hopefully the majority of you will by now have accommodation, however if someone is still searching for somewhere to live, 'Crash Pad' is operating, free of charge, in the Union Building this week—all you need is a sleeping bag.

Parking Permits

Anybody wishing to apply for a parking permit should complete the appropriate form (available from Jo in the Union Office), and return it to the Union Office by 5:30pm on Friday 7 October. The permits will then be allocated over the weekend.

Redecoration

A number of rooms have been redecorated over the summer, including the Union Office. The Buttery, in the JCR, has been redecorated and the serving area enlarged. A new range of snack food is now being served there, including a variety of French rolls and open sandwiches. Drop in sometime and let us know your comments—through the suggestions and complaints box or come along to the office. The Lower Refectory in the Union Building has also been given a face lift by the Ents people. Ents will be running a regular disco club night every Saturday—I believe the club is called 'The Lounge Lizards'—don't miss its opening night this Saturday.

Help

If anyone wants advice or help with any problems they come across, come along to the Union Office at any time, or see Michael Arthur in Student Services (*Ha, Ha, Ha, Ha-Ed*).

See you at Freshers' Fair tomorrow.

Gaynor Lewis

Paddy's Bit

Insurance

When you first arrived at College, you should have received a piece of paper telling you about insurance for your belongings. Read this carefully and check you are fully covered. If you have any additional items you want insured, just pop in to the Union Office and I will show you how this is done very cheaply.

Parking Permits

If you want one of these, collect an application form from the Union Office and return the completed form before 5:00pm this Friday (7 October). These forms are then looked at over the first weekend and are awarded on a strictly merit basis by the parking committee. Actual permits are given out two weeks later.

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Debsoc

Debsoc, as it is known to its friends (*not many-ed*) will be providing a full range of debating activities over the next year. We have already arranged several debates with noted speakers from outside College including Winston Churchill MP and television lecturer Nicholas Humphrey debating the motion 'This House Supports Unilateral Nuclear Disarmament for Britain'. That event will be on 25 October. Similar debates, concerning Ireland and South Africa have been arranged and there are more in the pipeline.

As last year, Debsoc will be meeting on a Monday lunchtime for regular debates with the society's members speaking on matters of current interest. We will also be entering a team in an inter-university debating competition as well as for the *Observer* Mace. Furthermore, debates with other London colleges are being arranged so one can see how good, or bad, our contemporaries are.

Debating can also be amusing and we will be organising several balloon debates during the year. The first of these will be as part of SCAB Night—a major event during Rag Week—on 19 November. If you are interested in any aspect of debating then we will, of course, be at Freshers' Fair, or turn up to the first debate of term on Monday 10 October at 12:45pm in Union Upper Lounge.

Nick Shackley



WILL SPIRIT AND SATIN MAKE IT TO THE FIRST WELLSOC LECTURE?

WHY IS WELLSOC THE BEST SOCIETY IN COLLEGE?

WHAT IS WELLSOC?

To be continued at Freshers Fair.....

ΨΦ

She screamed.

Naked, she ran, stumbling on the concrete. Blood spattered her torn skin. Her hair, drenched with sweat, stuck to her shoulders and back. Somewhere, in the depths of the shadows, something moved, oily and slick. Desperately she sprinted across the neon-lit stone and ploughed through the glass double doors. Splinters and shards ripped through the air and danced across the floor. She slipped in her own blood, smashing her head on the marble. She crawled on, beneath the stark strip lighting and eventually reached the double doors.

'Mech Eng 220?' she whispered not daring to hope.

'Yes. *Blade Runner* is about to start.'

A minute later Pallab Ghosh, carefully avoiding the smeared tracks of blood, stepped up to the door, smiling quietly to himself.

R Silverberg

Nat Hist

Last year the society held a number of interesting talks and field visits. The talks varied widely: Greenpeace on whaling, Lord Melchett on agriculture and conservation and another on forensic science. Many field visits were organised particularly for birdwatching, but others included a visit to an orchid reserve, a pinetum and Kew Gardens.

This year we hope to continue with such variety. Of course it also depends on you, the new first years, to inject new blood. We hope some of you will come along to our stall at Freshers' Fair, or contact me via the Life Sciences pigeonhole.

Richard Archer
President

Vegsoc

What is Vegsoc?

Is it the Venerated Elderly Goons Society, the Venetian Engraved Gondolas Society or is it the Vasectomied Elderly Gorillas Soci-ety? It is, in fact, none of these. VEGSoc simply stands for Vegetarian Society.

Now you know what VEGSoc means, what do Veggies (Vegsoc members) do? First of all I would like to point out that 'veggie' does not necessarily mean vegetarian. Veggies are small in number but as they say 'small is beautiful'. The meetings, supper parties, etc that Vegsoc hold have a friendly personal atmosphere that can only be achieved in a small society.

Every Thursday lunch time Vegsoc takes lunch at the RCA, meeting outside Beit Arch between 12:30 and 12:45pm. There are fortnightly supper parties, to which veggies bring a vegetarian dish. (Marks & Spencer seems to provide quite a lot of vegetable dishes which easily pass as home cooking.)

The 'restaurant trips' last year were a great success. One advantage with vegetarian and health food restaurants is, they are cheap! Vegsoc parties were also an evening well spent. Special thanks goes to Anil and His Punch, it will never be forgotten by Auntie Epps I'm sure!

So if you want to eat veggie food in a friendly atmosphere join VEGSoc at the Freshers' Fair or contact: Miss J Billing Chem 1; Miss F Alli Maths 2; or, Miss I Epps Maths 2, via the letter-racks.

Ladies Rugby



The next best thing to mud wrestling Have you ever felt there was more to life than motherhood and the kitchen sink? Well, this could be it. Ladies' Rugby is a challenging sport requiring skill and agility. Don't be shied off by those archaic preconceptions that rugby players have to be six by six foot and thick as two short planks—though it might help. Seriously, we'll take anyone with feminine tendencies.

Come along to the first practice session on Thursday 6 October. Meet at 10:00 in Beit Quad or see us at the Freshers' Fair.



Dramsoc provides a range of activities which cover most aspects of drama. Each term, the society performs one major show involving work from people from all aspects of the society: actors, lighting and sound people, stage managers, set designers and builders, costume designer and even a bar manager! This term's major production is called *The Unknown Soldier and His Wife*, a comedy by Peter Ustinov. If you are interested in acting, lighting or general odd jobbing in this show then please attend the first of the weekly Wednesday afternoon workshops on 5 October that will be taking place throughout the year. There will also be a special workshop for those interested in acting in this show on Sunday 9 October. Both are at 2:30pm in the Union Upper Lounge.

Dramsoc not only provides lights for its own shows but also for Ents gigs and for large parties such as the Silwood Ball. We also provide sound, design and build sets for our own productions. The society makes regular theatre trips, the first one being on 12 October to *Daisy Pulls It Off* at the Globe Theatre. Tickets, at reduced rates, are between £4-5 from any committee member.

If you are interested in any aspects of Dramsoc I hope to see you either at Freshers' Fair, at the first workshop or at an informal party which will be on Wednesday 5 October at 8:00pm in the Concert Hall for those interested in Dramsoc. All freshers are more than welcome and if you cannot make any of these events then the storeroom (up the stairs, past the Union Office) is occupied every lunch time.

ICSO

Patricia Hughes' Book of Time Fillers No 17 As we have a few minutes to go before our next gramophone record here on Radio 3, let me tell you a little about Imperial College Symphony Orchestra and its forthcoming concert season. As featured in this year's Handbook, this full size symphony orchestra is currently under the direction of Richard Dickins, a busy professional freelance conductor, and has recently been acclaimed for its characteristic interpretation of Mozart, the virtuosity of its players, and its overall professional attitude.

Sometime in December we shall be broadcasting a performance of Shostakovich's Symphony No 5 and the overture to Weber's *Der Freischütz*; in 1984 there will also be a chance to hear Tchaikovsky's 5th Symphony, Mozart's Clarinet Concerto, and Borodin's *Polo-vtsian Dances*. Other events in the Orchestra's calendar include a 'Well Known Tunes' festival, held in Silwood Park during a weekend, various musical evenings and possibly a joint venture with the College amateur choral society.

The Orchestra is keen to welcome new players, and you can find out more either at its stall at the Freshers' Fair or by going to the first rehearsal this Wednesday at 7:00pm in the Great Hall—preferably bringing a string player. (pause)

And now with the time at 8:30 we have some music from the Court of Terence the Tone-Deaf, played on this record by the Fflanghorn Inharmonia Consort with The

The Chamber Musical Society



This, the newest society at Imperial, has been described as the only College club that sets out to perform music badly (on purpose, that is) (*ready made excuse-ed*). In fact we exist to encourage music at all levels; we can book rooms for rehearsals and (if you like) recitals, find obscure sheet music and, most important of all, put you in touch with like-minded people who play whichever other instruments you need in your ensemble.

Obviously, to do this we need a list of all the musical people in the College, so whatever your aspirations/inspirations/inspirations, come to see us at Freshers' Fair and tell us what you play/scrape/hit/blow/sing/listen to and how well or badly you do it. Non-freshers or anyone who misses us on Tuesday can telephone us most evenings at 289 6504 (ask for Richard Williams). Our plans for the next year will depend entirely on how many people contact us, so do let us know of your existence as soon as possible.

Furthermore, we have some kind of social event lined up for the second week of term; at the time of writing we haven't the faintest idea of what this will be, but someone's suggested a 'Music to Forget' party with live (disposable) entertainment, so if you have any, tasteless or just forgettable music that you'd like to inflict on your fellow-musicians, let us know. Further details at Freshers' Fair and in Friday's FELIX.

Boat Club

The Boat Club is one of the most successful sports clubs at Imperial College. The boat-house at Putney is equipped with its own rowing tank for teaching novices to row, and also contains the best fleet of boats of any of the UL colleges, looked after by boatman, coach and former international oarsman, Bill Mason.

Last season was highly successful with all levels of the club winning events at open regattas, and 44 wins being recorded in all competitions, including nine of the twelve at the UL regatta.

Much of the success was achieved by the senior squad whose season culminated in the selection of the first eight to represent England at the Home Countries International.

At Henley Royal Regatta, the eight was beaten in the semi-final of the Ladies Plate by Harvard the eventual winners. The remainder of the senior squad, the coxless four, were beaten in the final of the Visitors' Challenge Cup by ULBC.

At the National Championships, the eight gained a bronze medal behind two eights from the British National Squad. The coxless four also gained a bronze.

If you wish to row—at whatever level—come and meet us at the Freshers' Fair on the Queen's Lawn—just look for the boats.

Consoc

As its name implies this is the society of conniving con-artists. We try our best to be devious and underhand in everything we do. Are you a whingeing snivelling little bastard? If so join Soc Soc we don't want you. We want fine upstanding conservative types with a penchant for conundrums.

But suffice it to say if you want to put your devious little nose in the running of the country do it right. Vote conservative and join Consoc.

Consoc is a really interesting society. We all meet and talk about what a great job Maggie is doing and then we contemplate ways of how to get Tony Benn deported to Russia. Then once a year we have our annual Christmas card sending to our MPs who go out of their way to save us lots of money by cutting taxes.

If you've got lots of cash, join Consoc and we'll take it off you.

Industrial Society

THE BIG ONE!

-VISITS-BUSINESS GAMES-
 -BIG-NAME SPEAKERS-MAG-
 -CAREERS FAIR-DINNERS-

SEE US AT THE FRESHERS FAIR

TUESDAY

(SHERFIELD, WE HOPE)

THURSDAY 1PM

FREE CHEESE+WINE

UNION DINING HALL (UNION BUILDING)
 MAJOR GUEST SPEAKER+MEMBERSHIP

SOON

VISIT TO "THE TIMES"
 SIR ADRIAN CADBURY (CHOCOLATE) FAME
 BUSINESS GAME INC NIGHT CLUB



STOIC, Student Television Of Imperial College, is the second regular media in College (*know their place-Ed*). It is the only student television station in London, one of thirteen in Britain.

Usually we broadcast two programmes a week: on Tuesday an interview with a well-known personality (including Michael Palin, Tim Brooke-Taylor and Gordon Jackson last year); an extended report or a feature on a recently released film. On Thursday is our weekly news and magazine programme *News-Break*, which includes a look at some of the latest films, with clips from the distributors, in Film Review. Look out for our posters for programme details.

If you want to know more and meet some of the people involved, visit our stand at Freshers' Fair (in the Sherfield Refectory). Or, why not call in at the TV Studio on the Walkway next to the Electrical Engineering Department entrance, around 5:00pm on Wednesday afternoon when we are making Thursday's edition of *News-Break*. See where you can fit in—a great variety of talent is needed to make a programme, and not all of this is immediately obvious from the programmes.

Dancing

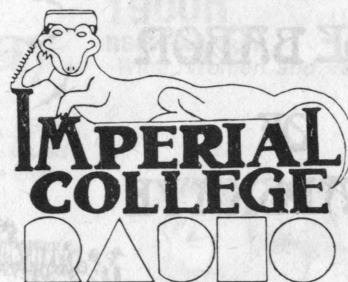
Imperial College Dancing Club is a lively, popular club for ballroom and Latin American dancing. The membership comes not just from IC but from other colleges and local institutes. The most popular dances are the Waltz, Quickstep, Cha-cha, Rhumba and Jive.

The central activities of the club are the classes on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, which cater for standards ranging from complete beginners to bronze and silver medals and above. In previous years the club has attracted a large number of beginners and there will be at least one class per week for them. In all the classes the atmosphere is relaxed and dress informal and there is no need to bring a partner since you swap partners during the evening. One of our professional teachers takes the class for about 1½ hours and then you can practice for about another hour.

In addition to the classes the club holds an annual ball in November and has a team which competes at Inter Varsity balls. Many members go along to support the team and join in the social dancing.

The club will be at the Freshers' Fair in the Botany/Zoology Common Room, so come and see us there or come to one of the classes in the Sherfield JCR at 7:30pm starting the second week of term.

Paul Kirkman
Physics PG



Now com'on troops, retrieve that scrap of paper, with all the squares on it, from 'the round file' (dustbin) and concentrate on it for a second of your valuable time...Hi there, it's IC's biggest Pseud here—well that's what the sheet says!

Right, things that should be concentrated on and noted well:

1. The freshers meeting will not be as dire as it sounds. In fact, it will probably be one of the best during this week of introductory events...as we will no doubt give you 'live' experience on the radio...so you can be real media stars!

2. The Bar Programme is the place to be on Thursday night. I can categorically state that although a caravan will not appear in the Southside Bar, there are rumours of a Cheiftain tank....

3. Look out for the special features at 8:00pm each evening. The Fast Food & Pub Guide are vital for your existence in South Ken and the Monopoly may help you discard your A to Z!

It should also be noted that if there are any wine buffs reading this article that Chateaufeuf du Pape 176 will not be served at our freshers meeting...as some of us have drunk South Ken dry in this vintage already. See you all at Freshers' Fair.

Bikes

During this period property totalling £16,431 was reported to Police as stolen from within the College. The bulk of stolen items were 102 bicycles with a total value of £12,088. Within this amount were five bikes with a value of over £150. Other items of property stolen amounted to £4,343, which consisted mostly of cash in wallets and purses. The wallets etc were usually left unattended in unlocked drawers or in coats and handbags left by seats or in libraries whilst the owners went elsewhere.

It is hoped that all students and staff who own pedal cycles will take advantage of 'postcoding' their bikes during the first week of term. The Crime Prevention Officer, PC MacDonald and myself will be 'postcoding' on the first two days of term and on the next three days we will be assisted by five cadets. The 'coding' which consists of stamping the owners home postcode onto the frame will take place in the Ante-Room Sherfield Building on the following dates and times:

Monday 3 October	11:00am-6:00pm
Tuesday 4 October	1:00pm-6:00pm
Wednesday 5 October	8:00am-6:00pm
Thursday 6 October	8:00am-6:00pm
Friday 7 October	8:00am-4:00pm

Paul Goodison

Caving

Caving is often regarded as a dangerous sport carried out by a set of irresponsible masochists who, for some unknown reason enjoy crawling down small muddy holes. Be that as it may, it doesn't really apply to IC Caving Club. We tackle all manner of caves from the muddy crawls of Mendip, to the spacious stream passages of S Wales and the deep potholes of Yorkshire. We run trips every other weekend all over the country, leaving Friday evening and (*those still alive-Ed*) returning Sunday night. Accommodation is in local caving huts and we provide all the equipment and training.

The level of competence of the club is high and we tackle some of the most demanding caves in the country as well as mounting summer trips and expeditions abroad. However we cater for all levels of experience; everyone is welcome, it doesn't matter if you've never set foot in a cave before, so why not come along and give it a go? We meet every Wednesday at 1:00pm in the Lower Union Lounge and we'll be at the Freshers' Fair.



this year's programme includes

bach magnificat

elgar the dream of gerontus

stravinsky symphony of psalms

and works by

handel haydn

vaughan williams

& puccini

everyone welcome

no auditions

Rehearsals for Imperial College Choir are held every Thursday during term time starting on October 6 in the Department of Mechanical Engineering, Exhibition Road SW7: Meet in Room 342 at 5:45pm or a few minutes earlier in the foyer.

For more information phone Martin Taylor on 01-223 1105 (especially if you have nice clothes).

THE BARON OF CHEAPSKATE



A torrid tale of terrible torment. Any resemblance to persons living or dead is purely coincidental.

"Ah me, what am I to do now?" thought Smarty Saylor aloud to himself as he lay awake in a dingy room in Evelyn Gardens. He was in a right fix. Unemployed, broke, research in ruins, and sharing his room with cockroaches, silver fish and noisy plumbing; could he sink any lower?

Smarty felt the beginnings of a hangover throbbing in his skull. His eyes rolled like gritty marbles and the room began to gyrate around him. Faces familiar and strange swam before his eyes. "That third pint of ginger beer I had last night was one too many," he groaned as he sank into a faint.

Smarty was rudely awakened by the sound of 1,000 people unenthusiastically clapping a small procession led by the Baron being wheeled on by his sidekick John Secretary. He suddenly realised where he was. Gone were the cockroaches and silverfish of Evelyn Gardens! In their place were the cockroaches and silverfish of the Grand Hall in the Surefield Building. The new citizens of Cheapskate had gathered together for the first time.

For it was Stalers' Day in Cheapskate: a tradition dating back to the depths of antiquity.

No less a person than the Baron himself would give the Address.

"Psst," he pssted at John Secretary, Johnny boy."

By Juvenal

Mr Secretary was one step ahead of the Baron, instead of the compulsory three steps behind.

"Number two my Lord," he replied.

The Baron prepared himself to deliver his second speech.

"Good morning."

At these words, three of his audience fell into a deep slumber.

"My name is Baron Weed of Cheapskate; I'm one of those people who seek to increase their status in life by incorporating their address into their name. Around here, what I say goes."

"In one ear and out the other," thought Mr Secretary.

"I make this speech every year. It is probably the most monotonous, boring, insignificant, irrelevant speech you will ever hear but I have given it every year since 1971 and no one has written a new one for me yet." He scowled at Mr Secretary, who was fast asleep. "Yes, I know it's boring, I fell asleep during it in 1978 myself.

"Now you won't believe how important I think I am; whoops, I mean I think you would not believe how important I am, so I won't even start to tell you.

"Some of you may think that with so much to do during these few days: registration, finding your way round, meeting new friends, that coming along here to listen to me rambling on at you till I get fed up with it all and go back to bed, is a complete, utter and total waste of time. Well, I can tell you it isn't. In the first place, I enjoy it. Secondly, by the time I've ground you down, you are much more easy and pliable for my lesser initiates to deal with. Fourthly, I do so enjoy dressing up in this tricorn and embroidered gown. To be quite frank with you, it's not often I get the chance to dress like this outside the lodge."

Suddenly, Smarty jolted upright. He realised that if only he could become a citizen of Cheapskate all his problems would be solved. Then he could: get a job, have some money, find a place to live, and carry on with his research.

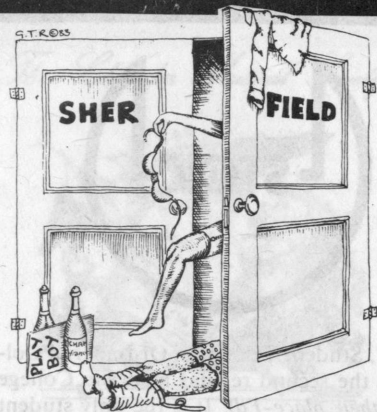
"But how can I become a citizen?" Smarty whined ninnyishly.

Who is Dr Hargreaves and is he the most pompous, stuck-up, over-paid member of College?

Do Profs Gutenhuis and Murgatroyd really exist?

Why is Professor Eric Brown of Civ Eng going to have his name splattered all over the next issue of FELIX in a most uncomplimentary manner?

Read the answer to these questions and many more in the next thrilling episode of *The Baron of Cheapskate*.



BEHIND CLOSED DOORS

Number 1 John Hilary Smith BA CBE, College Secretary.

John Smith came to Imperial College in 1978 following a career in the diplomatic service. His last posting was as Governor to the Gilbert and Ellice Islands where his role was to bring the islands towards independence. Mementos of this period adorn Mr Smith's office on Level 5 in the Sherfield Building and suggest that this was probably the most enjoyable part of his career.

He is certainly an extremely effective and efficient administrator and as such has been quite frustrated during his period at Imperial College. He was rather surprised by the ability of entrenched sections of the College to prevaricate. He has often achieved reforms at IC with only the support of the Union. Indeed, he is quite prepared to appear before a UGM to explain College policy. To confirmed Smith watchers like myself these occasions are quite illuminating.

Mr Smith uses slow measured phrases, pausing slightly, with his head inclined gazing into the far corners of the auditorium. Even during daily meetings he adopts the same technique, immediately one is reminded of the Great White administrator on the banks of the Niger among the unwashed masses. It has been observed that the only changes that occur when 'Smith of Sherfield' becomes annoyed is that the inclination of the head becomes greater and the pauses longer with a quiet sarcasm becoming apparent.

He has a reputation for dumping duffers who invariably are found cluttering sections of the Sherfield Building. After gazing at the smile of the tiger they find themselves in what amounts to administrative Siberia dealing with trivia.

My favourite Smithian anecdote concerns his period as Deputy President of the students Union at University College London. Part of his responsibility was for Rag. This was rather difficult in the early post war period but John Smith hit on the idea of putting a replica Eros in Piccadilly Circus (the original being held in safe keeping). Unfortunately the Police had other ideas and prevented the papier mache figure being placed on the plinth. A £5 donation to Rag will reveal what happened in the ensuing malée. A case of the poacher turned gamekeeper!

The Mole

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monday

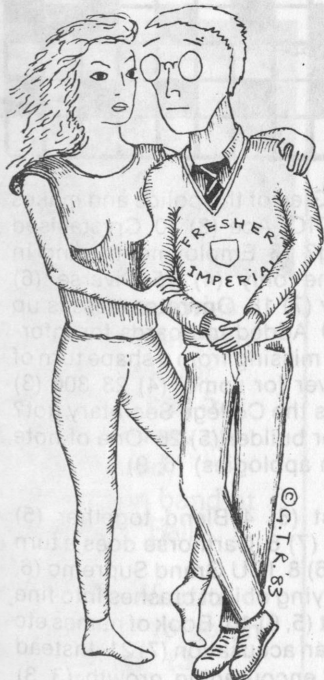
1000h Great Hall
Undergraduate Freshers' Reception
-A star-studded cast includes the Rector, the Union President, Deputy President and Honorary Secretary and the FELIX Editor. Bring your alarm clock!

1130h Great Hall
Postgraduate Freshers' Reception
-The above event repeated for postgraduates and any undergraduates still asleep.

1430h Here & There
Constituent College Union General Meetings
C&G in Mech Eng 220, RCS in the Great Hall, Sherfield Building, RSM in Mines G20.

2000h Union Building
Freshers' New Year Party
-Happy New Year!

AFTER THE FRESHERS NEW YEAR PARTY THEY SAID ANYTHING COULD HAPPEN....



tuesday

1400h Sherfield & Union
Freshers' Fair
-A carnival of clubs and societies, all out to win you over. Make sure you don't miss the FELIX Office-it's under the arch just before Beit Quad.

1800h Union Bar
Ice skating with Mines. Meet in the Union Bar at 1800h.

1900h Brown Committee Room
Dramsoc Committee Meeting. All members welcome.

1900h Union Bar
Guilds Bar Night
-Wine, women and song, or at least two out of three.

wednesday

1230h Beit Quad
Sports Trials. Meet in the Beit Quadrangle.

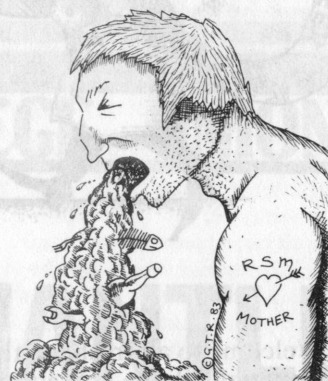
1400h Union Concert Hall
Dramsoc 'Workshop' for freshers interested in acting or technical crewing.

1900h Southside Upper Lounge
RCS Pub Crawl

1900h Southside Upper Lounge
Scout & Guide Ice Skating trip. Meet in the lounge on the ground level above Southside Bar.

2000h Sherfield JCR
Joint CCU Party 'Molls & Gangsters'.

1900h Union Bar
RSM Bar Night
-Wine, Women and Vomit.



thursday

1230h Mines '303
Scout and Guide introductory meeting.

1800h Mech Eng 220
Ents Filmshow Quest for Fire and Cat People

1830h Union Bar
Guilds Ice Skating trip. Meet in the Union Bar.

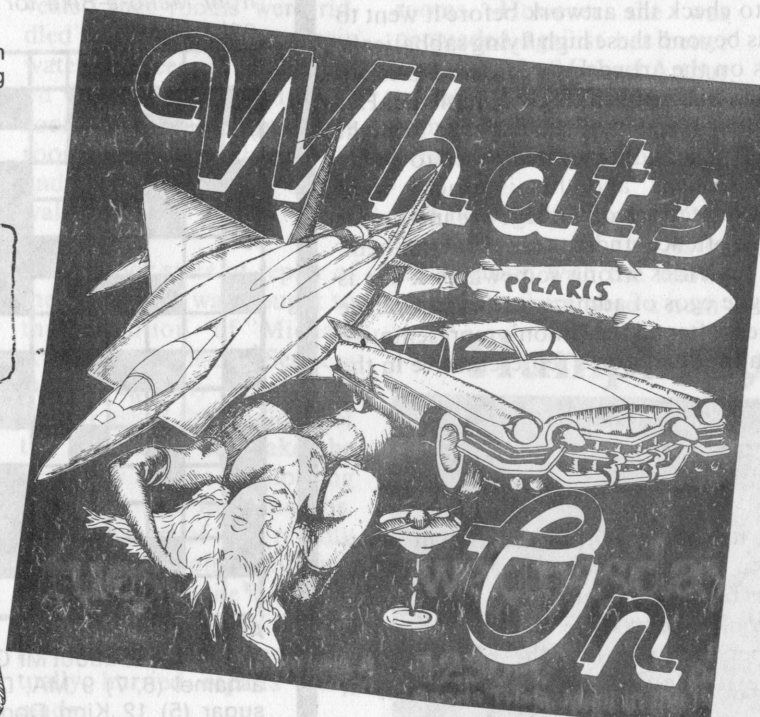
1830h Southside Upper Lounge
RCS trip to the Laserium.

2100h FELIX Office
FELIX social evening. Music, laughter and conversation with the FELIX Editor and his charming staff. Admission free. -Exit can be a little more difficult.

friday

1230h FELIX Office
FELIX Staff Meeting. If you can write, draw, take photos, have nice legs or are gullible, the Editor would like to meet you. Anyone interested in journalism, graphics or just the sex and scandal that finds its way to the FELIX Office will find being a FELIX staff member is great fun. No previous experience required-you will be taught everything you need to know.

2000h F2000 Union Building
Freshers' Ball



Hello and welcome once again to the What's On page. This week is, of course, packed with events for freshers and a ticket covering all events is available from the Union Office, price £7.

For the benefit of freshers and to remind others, I'd like to explain how What's On works. Forms are available in the FELIX Office for special events and for regular meetings. 'Regular' forms are kept on file and 'special' forms are thrown away after use, so make sure you use the right form! Please send in any relevant photos or drawings-these will be returned. The deadline for entries is 12:30pm on Mondays.

The information you give is printed in an upright face; my cynical comments are added in *italic*. Lastly, while I and my minions try to be infallible, we occasionally make mistakes, and therefore take no responsibility for entries lost, misprinted or mutilated.

Diane Love
(What's On Coordinator)



Freshers

Welcome to all freshers, this is the start of three or four years at Imperial, I hope you enjoy it. The first week is a very exciting yet apprehensive time for new arrivals. The best thing to do is to go to all the parties, join lots of clubs and make sure you have a good time in your first week.

Censorship

I must sympathise with the Handbook Editor Adrian James. He has been very badly treated by the Union Exec. The reason President Gaynor Lewis recalled Adrian from the printer was that she did not realise that she was supposed to check the artwork before it went to press. It seems common sense is beyond these high flying sabbaticals.

Once Gaynor got her hands on the artwork she proceeded to rip apart the Handbook that Adrian had painstakingly completed. Her reason for censoring the Handbook was that she felt that it might cause offence to College block. The Handbook is supposed to be 'an honest and unbiased view of College' and that is exactly what Adrian's Handbook was. Certain sections of College *are* inefficient and badly run and deserve all the offence students can throw at them.

I think Gaynor has got her priorities wrong somewhere if she is more concerned about the fragile egos of administrators in College block than student interests. She is after all the Union's representative in administration and not the administration's representative in the Union.

FELIX

Staff

You are now reading FELIX, undoubtedly the best student newspaper in the country. Apart from this issue it comes out every Friday. At this moment Friday's issue is being put together by a very talented but overworked staff. If you would like to write, photograph, draw, make tea, etc for the newspaper then pop into the FELIX Office during Freshers' Fair or come to the staff meeting on Friday at 12:30pm.

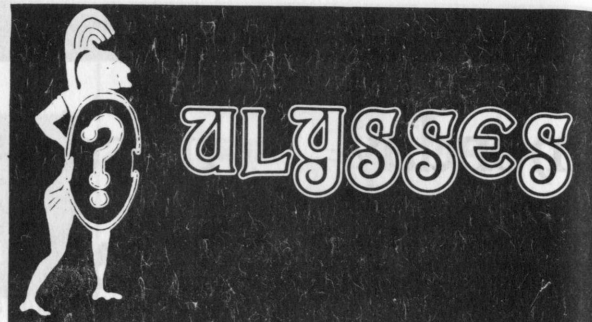
Copy Deadline

Copy deadline for sport, clubs and what's on articles is 1:00pm Monday.

Credits

I am indebted to the following people this week: *Guy Riddihough, Matt Fawcett, Steve Brann, Diane Love, David Rowe, Carl Burgess, Stephen Goulder, Mark Smith, Ulysses, Michael McKenna, Peter Rodgers, Danuta Orlowska, Maz Fellows, Keith Heartfield, and Nick Thexton for the masthead.*

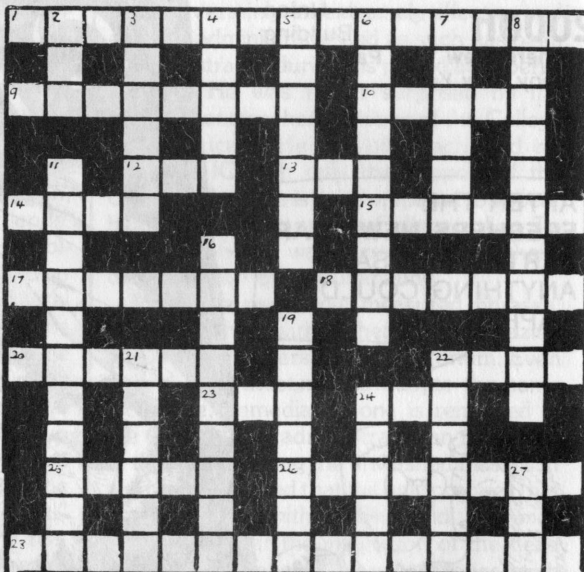
Pallab Ghosh



Welcome to the Puzzles Column, edited by Ulysses this year. Each issue will contain a puzzle, some mathematical, some wordy, some hard, some easy. The incentive to answer these, apart from pure enjoyment (!) is £5 donated by Mend-a-Bike of Fulham Road who also give 10% discount on repairs and 5% discount on purchases on production of your IC Unioncard. All you have to do is solve the puzzle and put your solution, name, department and year on a piece of paper and bring it to the FELIX Office before the closing date. If you wish to donate a puzzle, I'll be more than happy to use it, if you enclose your real name or a pseudonym.

This year we kick off with a crossword for which I am indebted to Nick Williams, the Manager of the off-set litho unit in the Sherfield Building. The crossword is based loosely on the College and some of the people in it.

Solutions, comments, criticisms to me at the FELIX Office by 1:00pm on Wednesday week. £5 from Mend-a-Bike for randomly selected winning entry.



ACROSS

- 1 Ali knocks about Mr Glee of the police and makes a name! (8, 7) 9 MA, DIC, Ace (8) 10 Crystallised sugar (5) 12 King Dog? 13 Employment found in buses (3) 14 One time only (4) 15 Diverse (6) 17 Administrative body (7) 18 Operator messes up reprint of FELIX! (7) 20 Added to boards for information (6) 22 Pin bend missing from u shape turn of road leaves lack of cover for some! (4) 23 300 (3) 24 How many faces has the College Secretary got? (3) 25 Jones the master builder (5) 26 One of note (8) 28 Horse face (with apologies) (6, 9)

DOWN

- 2 Degree (1, 2) 3 Last (6) 4 Blend together (5) 5 Instructive discourse (7) 6 Carthorse does a turn (9) 7 City University? (6) 8 ICU Grand Supremo (6, 5) 11 An unidentified flying object crashes into fine icon and ends up in Beit (5, 6) 16 Book of names etc (9) 19 One who makes an accusation (7) 21 Instead of (2, 4) 22 Any place encouraging growth (3, 3) 24 Paper clocks? (5) 27 Put on lecturer, perhaps

EXEC NEWS

FRESHERS UGM

GREAT HALL

1pm OCT 6

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

NEWS RESIDENTS

At the end of the summer term a number of complaints were received from the residents of the news at the rear of the Southside Halls, concerning the behaviour of resident students. Noise and objects being thrown out of windows were the main problems. As a result of this, notices are now being placed on the windows warning students that disciplinary action will be taken if such behaviour occurs. A document on this matter is now being included in the conditions of acceptance of residence in Southside and Linstead Halls.

INCOST

The '84 INCOST is being held in Finland and therefore we will not be hosting the conference next year.

U.A.U.

It is almost certain that we will affiliate to the Universities Athletic Union within the next nine months. Two options are available: (i) enrolling for full membership for the 84-85 session, or (ii) enrolling for an interim year involving a percentage of athletic clubs for the current session. At present discussions are still in progress.

REFECTORIES

During the summer vacation the JCR Buttery has been expanded, refurbished and redecorated. As term continues the food service is to expand, with emphasis being placed on the sandwich service it currently provides.

Overall, the increase in refectory prices this session has been set at approximately 4%. However, this is being achieved in two stages; everyday refectory prices are to increase by 2.5%, the increase in external occasions/dinners being 5.8%, to average about 4%.

RESIDENCE

Over the summer a number of new flats were acquired in Hamlet Gardens, and recently a new Head Tenancy in Earls Court Square. Thanks to the effort put in by Michael Arthur and the Students Services Office this is the first year we have been able to guarantee places in residence for all freshers.

Due to bad weather a few problems have recently occurred at the Fremantle Hotel, these being leaking roofs and dampness. After numerous defect reports to the Landlord work was in progress by the 20th September. However, this delay may result in a number of rooms being uninhabitable at the beginning of term. All students who were to be resident in these particular rooms have been found alternative accommodation.

The rent increase this session has been agreed at 4%, i.e. the same as the grant increase.

S.A.C.

The Summer Accommodation Centre has run efficiently over the summer, the accommodation being fully occupied approximately 85% of the time.

OVERSEAS STUDENTS

Judgements made at the House of Lords during the past nine months have had a significant effect on a number of I.C. students. Many students, previously classified as home students may now find themselves classified as overseas students. Fortunately, in most cases where students have been awarded research grants, the departments involved are covering the extra fees involved. A few students may not be able to pursue their research due to financial problems.

Another outcome of the judgement is that some students may be eligible for a refund on fees paid due to incorrect classification. Over 50 students have written to College stating their case. College is presently waiting until a judgement is made on a test case before making any policy but the test case may not come before the Courts for some months.

*82/83 session only.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT'S REPORT

UNION BUILDING

Despite the redecoration of several areas of the Union Building, the general aspect of the building is still fairly tatty. After Freshers' Week, I shall be discussing with House Committee the next stage of the programme to improve the building generally. One major area of change is the Old Refectory on the ground floor which has been redecorated and refurbished as a weekly night club starting this Saturday.

SECURITY

We have had problems over the summer with the security of the building including a break into the games machines and vandalism. The Security Officer and I are considering improvements to the Security system.

SPORTS SHOP

We have moved all the regalia and sports goods out of the Southside shop and have set up a new shop on the Walkway in what used to be the London Student Travel Office. The bookshop manager will be responsible for the running of the shop which will sell an increased range of sports goods (all suggestions welcome) plus ties, scarves, T-shirts etc.

With the departure of LST, I have discussed with a variety of travel agents the possibility of opening a new travel centre on a different site in College. Meanwhile LST are still trading from Victoria, and STA who run a similar student travel service, have an office in Old Brompton Road.

FRESHERS' WEEK

We have for the first time sold an all inclusive Freshers' Week ticket for £7, which entitles you to go to all the large events in Freshers' Week including the Ents Ball on Friday which should be one of the biggest and best carnivals held in the Union Building for some time. I hope to report verbally about the progress of Freshers' Week, and especially Freshers' Fair.

Finance

With the Finance section in College, I have discussed several changes to the accounting system which should enable us to have a much cleaner picture of Union Finance. A new guide for junior treasurers is being produced though unfortunately it won't be completed this term, however I have limited number of last years version for treasurers who are not sure about what their job entails.

CRASH PAD

Crash Pad is operating until at least the end of the week. The venue is the Green Committee Room on the third floor of the Union Building and it is free. Bring along a sleeping bag.

BARs

I have wasted much time chasing up Estates to get something done about the appalling state of the Bars and Finance to provide reliable Bar accounts. I expect to see some results in both these areas fairly soon.

INSURANCE

The Halls of Residence insurance has been re-negotiated to provide £1,500 of new-for-old cover @ £5 per head. This will be charged on your first terms' hall bills. The scheme is now underwritten by Provincial Insurance company, through Nat-West Insurance Services. A summary of this policy should arrive with your hall bills. However anyone with any queries should come along and see me in the Union Office.

Concerning Insurance for Union equipment, will all clubs and societies captains please comply to my memo and send me an updated inventory by 31 October 1983.

PARKING PERMITS

Application forms are still available from the Union Office and should be returned by 5.30p.m. Friday 7 October. The parking committee awards these on a strict merit basis and results will appear in Felix on 14 October.

GESTETNER

Anyone wanting to use the Union Office Gestetner should come along to my office at 5.30p.m. on Monday 10 October where I will be giving a free demonstration on "How to use a Gestetner in one short lesson". Only those who come along will be allowed to use the Gestetner throughout the year without my supervision.

RAG

Having lost this year's Rag Chairman and being unable to elect another until the second UGM (eight days before Rag Week), it appeared for a while that Rag would be almost non-existent this year. However due to the great amount of time and work put in by Dave W Parry (RCS VP), Rag is once again on its feet and flourishing.

Rag Week this year will begin on 16 November and finish on 25 November. I have already drawn up a time-table for Rag Week and once this is O.K.'d by the CCU's it will be published in Felix.

The first big Rag stunt of the year will take place on Saturday 8 October. This will be the selling of old Rag Mags (of which there are about 15,000) at University Halls of Residence within London. Everyone should come along. We are meeting in Beit Quad at 10.30a.m. on Saturday morning.

Tiddly-winks - Yes its back in Oxford Street and this time its all legal. Mencap are kindly letting us use their licence and providing us with collecting cans. Tiddly-winking will take place on the Second Saturday of term (15 October) - further details will be published in Felix.

RETURNING OFFICER'S REPORT

The following Union posts are vacant:

Rag Chairman

2 First Year representatives to Council
Alternative Prospectus Editor

Papers for these are posted at the moment on the Notice board at the main entrance to the Union Building. Nominations close on 14th October, 1983, at 5.00 p.m. Anyone wishing to stand for one of these posts come and see me and I will explain what work is involved.

ELECTIONS. These are mainly carried over from last term.

Haldane Library Record Buyer: Because of exam failure by the opposing candidate, Dave Millar is therefore returned unopposed.

Haldane Library Book Buyer: I would like nominations from the floor for this post

Representative to Union House Committee: I would like nominations from the floor for this post

Posts Opposed

Candidate	Proposer
Delegates to GUC (4):	
M. Attwell	M. Mallick
I. House	J. Sattaur
M. Newman	N. Maxwell
P. Simon	G. Singleton
M. Williams	I. Heptinstall
Council representatives (2):	
Jon Barnett	Carl Burgess
Steve Bishop	Ian Bull
Gareth Fish	Dave Kingston
Dave W. Parry	Chas Fuller

MOTION ON NICARAGUA.

Proposed by: Martin Attwell
Seconded by: John Sattaur.

I.C.U. Notes:

Since the Sandinista overthrow of Somoza in 1979 life in Nicaragua has improved greatly.

- Illiteracy has been reduced from 50% to 12%.
- There has been 98% decline in new cases of Malaria.
- Infant mortality has been reduced from the highest in Latin America to an acceptable level.
- There will be a free election in 1985 to form a new government.

I.C.U. Believes:

- The Sandinista government has done more for the Nicaraguan people in four years than the Somoza regime was ever likely to do.
- That the US government policies are considerably exacerbating the problems throughout Central America.

I.C.U. Instructs:

The President of ICU to write to Ronald Reagan informing him of this motion and asking him to stop the US intimidation of Nicaragua.

MOTION ON PORNOGRAPHY.

Proposed by: Michael Newman (Life Sci.2)
Seconded by: Liberal Club.

I.C.U. Notes:

- That R.S.M. Union organises and holds annually an event called 'Hon. Porn. Night' this has involved the showing of hard-core pornography and strippers performing lesbian acts on stage. This is completely paid for by R.S.M.U. funds and by an admission charge.
- The pornographic business is a large multi-million pound industry relying for its profits on the corruption and sexual degradation of young children, teenagers, adults and animals.
- Pornography is aimed primarily at a male audience and involves the portrayal of women and sexual organs to be used and abused. It portrays, perpetuates and derives from an attitude that women are inferior, are bodies to be leered at, to be laughed at, to be masturbated to and to be used and raped.
- It is the right of individuals over the age of 18 to entertain themselves in whatever manner they choose so long as it does not hurt anyone else and is done in private.

I.C.U. Believes:

- That this Union in allowing such an event to take place supports its continuation.
- The event is an expression by Mines and this Union of an active support not for freedom but for the pornographic industry. The Mines Union has become a marketing outlet for hard-core porn.
- This motion does not endanger the individuals freedom to choose his/her entertainments. It does not seek to prevent people going to such events.
- The majority of members of this Union do not want I.C.U. acting in support of pornography.

I.C.U. Instructs:

- That the President of this Union should make it known to all I.C. students and staff and to the University of London Union that we do not actively support the pornographic industry and have NEVER consciously intended to do so.
- That 'Hon. Porn. Night' and other similar events should not be held on Union premises. This decision to be made by and enforced by the I.C.U. Exec.
- That Union funds, equipment, transport and titles should not be used in organising and staging pornographic events inside or outside college. This includes Constituent Unions and all Clubs and Societies. Any offenders shall have all support, monetary and otherwise, from this Union promptly withdrawn until they can satisfy the Executive that they will not contravene Union Policy on this again. Second offenders will not receive support again.

IMPERIAL COLLEGE UNION

FRESHERS UNION GENERAL MEETING

TO BE HELD ON THURSDAY, 6th OCTOBER, 1983,
AT THE GREAT HALL, SHERFIELD, 1.00 p.m.

A G E N D A

- Minutes of the last meeting (7th June, 1983)
- Matters Arising
- President's Report
- Deputy President's Report
- Honorary Secretary's Report
- Other Officers' Reports
- Elections
- Motions