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NEWSPAPER OF IMPERIAL COLLEGE UNION

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FAULTY FREMANTLE

Up to twenty freshers are getting their first taste of College life by being forced to accept unsafe and substandard accommodation in the Fremantle Hotel.

A report on the hotel by the College Estates Section revealed that rooms were riddled with dry rot and rain water was seeping into rooms on the top floor through the roof. The damp in some rooms was so bad that mould and fungi was growing on the walls.

The poor state of repair of the Fremantle was bought to the attention of Michael Arthur, Student Services Officer, as early as July. Mr Arthur asked the landlords of the Fremantle to make the necessary repairs but nothing was done for four months. With the start of term rapidly approaching College put further pressure on the landlords by threatening to withdraw from the Fremantle and eventually hurried repairs were made.

Mr Arthur settled for what many people involved with the Fremantle see as a totally botched job. A number of cosmetic repairs were rushed by the landlords in just two days. The damp and dry rot had merely been painted over and alterations to the roof were next to useless.

Matters were so bad that last week ICU President

Gaynor Lewis did not want students to be put into the rooms. However she was persuaded against her better judgement by Michael Arthur to rent the substandard accommodation to students desperate for somewhere to live.

The hotel was leased to College last year by the Astor Hotel group with the knowledge that there were a num-

ber of faults. Despite this the Hotel was taken because it was felt that it provided reasonably cheap and convenient accommodation for students. It seems the gamble has not paid off with some quite serious structural faults coming to light.

An authoritative source in the Estate Section said that the cosmetic repairs made by the landlords would not last more than a few weeks. the approaching cold weather and rain would restart the same problems.

Humphrey Grumpy



RCS Shocked as Sue Humphrey resigns. See page 3.

Get It Right

Dear Pallab

Your subversive left wing tendencies and your corrupt unscrupulous methods have long been apparent. As a representative of IC's silent majority I implore you to cease your totalitarian control of the letters page. We have turned a blind eye to your associations with shady, bankrupt printing firms. The whole of IC has laughed at your definition of racism, under which a non-racist country ought to pay for the education of the rest of the world. Consoc has put up with the deliberate, and systematic sabotage of its handbook. However the last straw was a fake article printed under Consoc in last week's FELIX. If I named the most obvious suspects, I would undoubtedly be accused of 'racism' or 'sexism', or antipathy towards your 'carefully selected ethnic minority news team'. Whilst I realise that there is little chance of this letter being printed, I must at least try to appeal to the vestiges of your conscience.

Yours upstandingly
Jonathan Gerson
Consoc Chairman

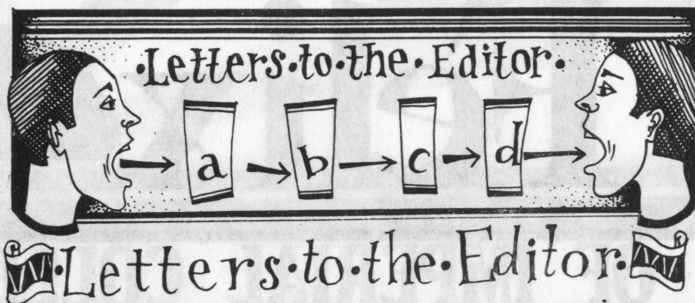
PS: The bit in the fake article about Soc Soc being the place for whingeing snivelling little bastards wasn't too bad.

My sincere apologies, Jonathan. I thought it was unusual for a Consoc article. It was so well written and amusing.-Ed.

Slug Speaks Out

Dear Pallab

I am writing concerning the IC Union Handbook which I have just read. To clarify matters to the recent arrivals at College, to whom the Handbook was sent, the Handbook Editor was Adrian James, the previous news editor on FELIX. I would hope he has not benefitted from the excellence of reporting and intrigue for which FELIX is always advertised. I suspect that a large part of the Handbook was not edited by Mr James but written



by him, and through this, the emphasis and accuracy of the information, when related to the medium may be questionable. I would refer you to the article on bars: re Southside "Most students take their drinks to the Upper Lounge." This is an obvious factual inaccuracy when calculated on pure numbers; if however it refers to Mr James' friends then that is conceivable. Re the Union Bar: "This is where most of the heavy drinking in College goes on. On Barnights (organised by CCUs and various College drinking clubs) this place should be avoided. At all other times it is bearable." Digest for a moment; I will return to the inaccuracies but first to the emphasis. This College has seen a dramatic decline in the standard and fortunes of the Union Bar over the past five years. It used to contain many people on every evening and was full at least three times a week. The bar's quintessential flavour was generated by the number of people and the character of those people who used it. This does not mean that barnight behaviour was the norm for every night, nor would one wish it to be so; though it was certainly not the place for those wishing to discuss the aesthetic properties of a pile of bricks over two hours and a half of bitter shandy.

The decline has been due to the increase in pressure on students related to work and employment, the increase in entrance standards and hence the change in the balance of characters (not individuals but types) at College and the bar management. The various relative influences of these factors I leave to other people. I feel we would do no one a service by dissuading them from entering the Union Bar; as a student bar the union is entering its death throws, and as such we should encourage its resurrection, by increased custom. I would suggest the very times Mr James advocates attendance, when it is

populated by workmen, scaffolders, builders, estates and a few 'train spotters' perhaps the odd orchestra, is the very time to put people off; if they have received the understanding that this is the better side and true nature of the Union Bar. I would concede that occasions such as bar nights are also not to be treated as the average or the best. Let the Union revert to the full, lively knock-about bar that it was of yesteryear; releasing the others to serve the customers for which they were intended.

Returning to the accuracy of the quote, I think I understand those to whom he incorrectly alludes as 'drinking clubs'; though it is certain they have never organised a 'bar night'. If they had, and half of that which is attributed to them was true, coupled with their perceived false reputations, it would have been an event which might have caused a holocaust to worry even CND. Further, with the RSMU's preference for Southside, I doubt that most of the heavy drinking is now done in the Union.

To those reading the Union Handbook I would suggest caution in accepting Mr James' view of College and would encourage them to find out for themselves, with an open mind.

Yours
Slug

A Likely Tail

Dear Pallab

I feel I must tell your readers about Mooney's excellent meals service. The shepherd's pie must be tried, full of good meaty nourishment, though I was disappointed by the lack of marrowbone variety.

Yours sincerely
P Chum
(Catering Manager Battersea Dogs Home)

FELIX Exposed

Dear Pallab

Congratulations on your Freshers' FELIX—an excellent production. It lacked only one thing, the gratuitous use of nipples.

Yours
David Rectal



Satisfied?-Ed.

Corrupt and Self Seeking

Dear Pallab

Congratulations on producing your first two issues of FELIX.

However, I must say that your present campaign against Michael Arthur is disgraceful. Some of the things you have said in the course of it are tantamount to suggesting that not only is he arrogant, unhelpful and with no interest in the problems of ordinary students but also that he is a right poofter. Both these charges are as false as they are disgraceful. (Mind you I couldn't help laughing at the last one.)

I was further surprised when, in your vacation issue of FELIX, you described last year's dedicated and hard working Union President Stephen Goulder as "corrupt and self-seeking". Have you changed your opinion since you proposed him for for this post last year, or are you wilfully and knowingly responsible for inflicting, in the light of your own words, such an unsuitable person on the Union?

Yours sincerely
J Martin Taylor

Mick Gets the Boot

Rape Alarm



Photo Credit: Steve Brann

Linstead Hall Warden Dr Richard Clarke and Subwarden Raj Chandra are pressing College to reconsider what they believe is an insensitive and rigid application of rules over the messengers system.

They are dismayed that a month ago the Hall messenger, Mr Mick Saul, was suddenly transferred to the Beit Quadrangle. Mr Saul had been Linstead messenger for the last year. Dr Clarke said that in this time he had done an excellent job. His efforts not only saved the Wardens and Housekeeper considerable amounts of time, but made the students feel very much at home.

Mr Saul was moved in a periodic reshuffling of responsibilities in the messenger service. This is a regular procedure according to the Chief Security Officer, Mr Geoffrey Reeves, so that each messenger has detailed

knowledge of at least three buildings, therefore ensuring that a satisfactory service can be provided during holiday and sickness periods.

The timing of the move is unusual in that messengers are normally moved every two years; Mr Saul was at Linstead for just one year.

Linstead Hall is different from other Southside Halls, with its own bar and catering facility, a factor that Dr Clarke feels that College has not fully appreciated.

Mr Saul undertook a number of extra voluntary duties which would not be expected of a messenger but are nevertheless essential for the smooth running of the Hall.

The Executive Committee of IC Union has overturned a decision by Deputy President Christine Teller to charge a £4 deposit for all rape alarms.

Union Council policy is to issue rape alarms to any woman who wishes to have one. Since there was no provision in Union funds for this kind of expenditure, Miss Teller decided to charge a £4 deposit to those requiring a rape alarm. The deposit would be refunded when the rape alarm was returned.

The objection at the Exec meeting was raised by Mike Stuart Guilds President since he felt that her action was going directly against Council policy.

Miss Teller will now not be ordering any more rape alarms since she feels that she cannot find the money to pay for them.

There have been ten cases of rape and violence against women reported over the past fourteen months in Notting Hill, a mere two miles from College. Most alarmingly three rapes have occurred in the last eight weeks.

Police activity has been stepped up in the area, but this may, unfortunately, mean that the rapist may change his territory. So far the police only have a vague description of the 'Beast of Kensington'. His victims could hardly be described as careless about security, so there is extra reason for extreme vigilance.

The rapist's acts have certainly struck a real fear and anxiety in the women of Notting Hill. Let us hope he is soon caught.

The Ents Mafia



Photo Credit: Neil Bristow

One down two to go

RCS Honorary Secretary Miss Sue Humphrey dropped a bombshell on the Union by resigning her post. The shock decision was revealed in a statement read by President Eric Darbyshire at last Monday's RCSU meeting.

Mr. Darbyshire said at the meeting that she resigned because of academic pressure. However in an exclusive inter-

view with FELIX, Miss Humphrey revealed that this was only part of the reason. She said that there were differences of opinion between herself and the other senior officers in the way RCSU should be run.

Yet despite her resignation, Miss Humphrey will continue to organise the Union's Freshers' Dinners, thus ensuring no disruption pending an election to replace her.

Members of Ents gunning for broads at the 'Molls & Gangsters' party, during a highly successful Freshers' Week.

Imperial Solution to an Imperial Problem

UGM Sketch

A girl in the audience called him a fascist bastard, he called himself simple, but nobody called him speccy-foureyes. In the end, either by accident or design, Tim

Williams (RSMU Vice-Pres) proved himself quite clever by sinking another motion on pornography. The trick was amazingly simple—have an amendment to a motion passed, you are then considered the proposer and can withdraw it. The only fault was that the amendment should not have been allowed in the first place since it was put before the motion proposed. This was all the fault of Ian Bull (one minus mark already in his Presidential campaign) who took the chair after the original chairman, the

terribly busy John Passmore had to leave.

Despite his broad Irish accent Passmore managed his part of the meeting very well—starting off by quickly running through the Standing Orders. He didn't say they had to be obeyed (and they weren't). His chairmanship was a strange mix of egoism and modesty—wearing the very exclusive Union General Award tie whilst at the same time not mentioning he was Chairman of ULU General Union Council during the election of delegates to

that committee.

We even had the honour of Passmore interpreting for the even more Irish Sean Davis who pronounced Eros —E-row-us and might as well have been talking about Keady High St when mentioning tiddlywinks down Oxford St (next Saturday).

In the complex procedural wrangling during the porn motion, they would have appreciated the comments of a girl during a recent amendment on abortion in Ireland 'F*** the amendment'.



PC Paul Goodeson, Welfare Officer Barry Franklin and Gaynor Lewis (President) survey the aftermath of the Freshers' Reception.

Does anyone really want Martin S Taylor's FELIX?

Did you enjoy FELIX last year? Did anything happen that you want to remember? Did you miss your Captain Lindley dress-up doll at Christmas? If the answer to all of these questions is no, don't neglect to order an edition of last year's FELIX—it's still quite useful for holding up short table legs, biffing noisy neighbours and invaluable as a concentrated source of material for paper planes.

If you are interested, please enquire at the FELIX Office for further details, or fill in the form below:

The price is a mere £15.50 and the amount for post and packing is available from the FELIX Office.

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Cheques payable to ICU Publications Board (FELIX).

Sally Romps Home

Sally Pillbrow, a first year mathematician, is the new RCS Queen of Jez. She was elected at Monday's UGM where the contestants were required to prove how "successfully and stylishly you can polish your brass nozzles". Only Sally won by polishing brass buttons!

Sally hails from Reading where she's got a boyfriend of three year's standing. If that wasn't enough to ruin any self-respecting male's chances she lives a life of luxury at Hughes Parry Hall over at Russell Square!

She looks forward to getting involved in Dramsoc and Canoe Club. She likes singing too,

particularly in the bath!

Sally is destined to bemuse RCS with her unique ability to do charades with her tongue!

Tradition dictates that the RCS President takes the Queen of Jez out to dinner. So what advice can Sally offer Eric Darbyshire so that he gets it just right. She likes going out to dinner, provided its terribly romantic and done with all the trimmings (eg dressing up, roses). A Chinese restaurant would be ideal.

So a demanding lady who has found the first week a little overwhelming, although it wasn't "so much chaos and shambles as I'd been led to believe."

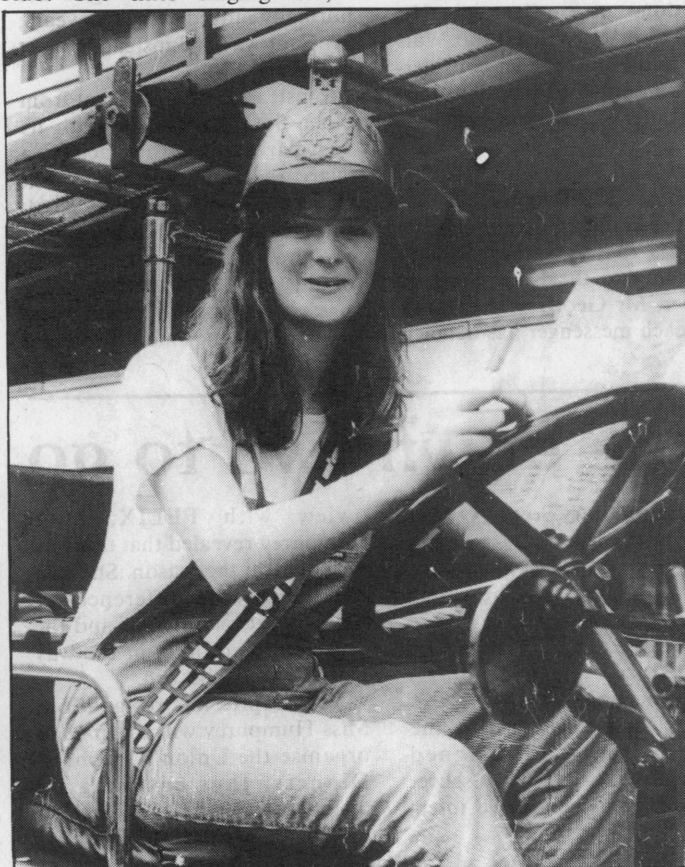
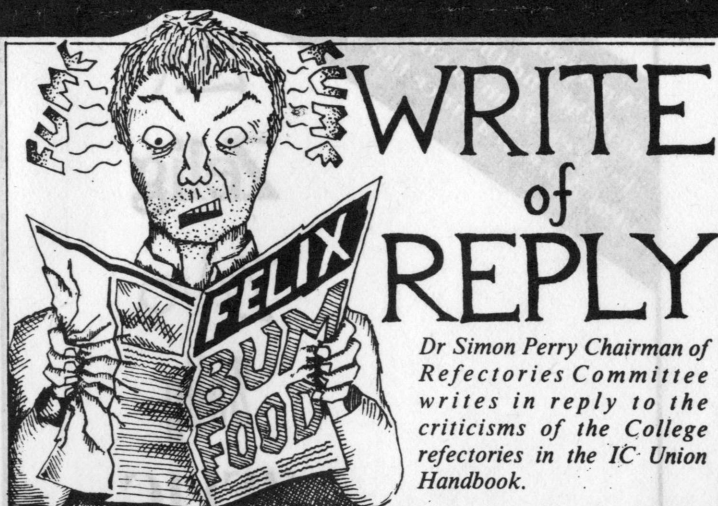


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Dr Simon Perry Chairman of Refectories Committee writes in reply to the criticisms of the College refectories in the IC Union Handbook.

Nobody ever seems to consider the *problems* posed by cooking and serving something like 500,000 meals a year. Dozens of nationalities and religions, changing eating habits, kitchens and refectories designed 30 years ago for supplying breakfast, meat and two veg twice a day. Finding staff to work highly irregular hours and seasons. All within a framework of keeping prices down in an age when all the 'traditional' subsidies have disappeared.

Despite this, the *demand* for meals at Imperial College necessitates *four* main student refectories, at least twice as

many as any other London college. This permits a degree of variety which it is hoped to improve significantly during the coming year; firstly, with freshly cooked pitta-bread kebabs and salad (Union), cooked to order omelettes and grills (Southside evenings), more varied sandwiches and filled French rolls (newly refurbished JCR Buttery); secondly, by appointing (we hope) an additional chef—a man with seven years experience in one of the most world-famous London Hotels, C-----s.

Notwithstanding, you may not like the first College refectory you eat in—then try the next! If you don't like any of them, please tell us why (constructively, svp). The staff/student suggestions and complaints committee (contacted in writing by way of the wall-mounted boxes in refectories) considers every comment or criticism and, whenever practicable or appropriate, takes action on your behalf.

It is only natural to try outside eating places—different surroundings, different styles of food, even for the exercise. Nonetheless, the College Refectory system is run entirely for the benefit of staff and students; it is entirely reliant on *your* support. Please try it; after all, can the eaters of 500,000 meals a year be entirely wrong?

S H Perry

British Red Cross Society

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S M A L L A D S

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●**Cafeine Addicts**: Buy your Campaign Coffee every Friday from the Soc Soc Bookstall between 12:30 and 2:30pm.
●**Citroen GS Club 1976** 6mths, MoT 3mths, tax, parking permit, good condition, £380ono. Tel 373 6500 after 6pm.
●**Phillips Fan Heater**, 2kw, 2 switches, £12. Contact C S Quah int 3566.
●**If anyone is interested in a free haircut** there are tickets for a Vidal Sassoon cut available in the Union Office.

WANTEDS

●**Drummer wanted**. Contact Chris Hollebon, Physics 3.
●**Wanted** very very cheap pushbike that no one will take a fancy to ie pinch. Ring Dave on 223 8616.

ACCOMMODATION

●**Wanted 1 or 2 people** to share large double room in very spacious mixed flat in Shepherd's Bush/Holland Park. Large kitchen, garden, gas central heating. Rent £24pw. Suit third year or PG. Contact Chris Chem 441, int 4149 or 603 0472.
●**Wanted fourth girl** for flat near Gloucester Road tube. Nice flat. One twin, 2 singles, k&b, phone. £126pcm and bills. Contact V Draper or D Happell c/o Chgem Eng letter-racks.

PERSONAL

●**Inain Robertson**, Physics 1: Mummy says 'Don't forget to change your undies'.
●**Linstead beware**. With rampant Lyons and Frogs, who is safe?
●**The Poser**: For information please contact Gareth Williams...silly hat, silly hat, silly hat!!
●**Happy 21st birthday**, ribit dibit. Croak croakum dibit, to my darling Puffin (ribit croakum!!!) Love Froggie.
●**Pallab Ghosh**: Now you see him, now you don't. We thought Martin Taylor was the magician. SH.
●**FELIX pussycat** is still here. Where are Death, Famine, War and dear Pestilence? (And the mysterious 5th horseman if he ever existed!!)
●**Just when you thought it was safe** to go back into Southside...Jon Barnett part III the Terror Continues (watch out, don't let him get on top of you!)
●**Harpichord Removal!** Doing it on the cheap, contact Richard Williams, 67 Weeks Hall.
●**Gaynor reaches for the parts** other handbook editors cannot reach.
●**Bladerunner**: will the President really strip for the pleasure of the audience? Cosmic Phalloid.
●**Cosmic Phalloid** is seeking beings of like mind and bodies for ritual sado-masicism. Contact Carl Burgess, Union.
●**David Rectal** is at the top of our hit-list. Be warned, David. No tits in FELIX campaign.
●**Confused by the in-jokes in the small ads?** Then write your own! Revile the person of your choice, and for a price the Editor won't reveal your name.
●**A G Counsell** does not wish to be associated with Jon Barnett, John Barnite, Jon Barnette, etc, or Aero 2.

●**Joint Barnite** says: "Who the hell is A G Counsell—and who cares?"
●**Jon Barnett** would like it to be known that he may be found in flat 5, Penthouse, Southside, top of staircase 5 or int 3634 till the phone is ripped out!
●**If the Master of Sarcastic Wit** can do it so can you! Chose your victim and snipe through FELIX small ads—it's free, easy and fun. Copy deadline Mondays 1:00pm.
●**Volvo 343DL**, manual 1979, silver, one owner, £2,500ono. Paul Eisenklam, Chem Eng, int 3799.
●**Wanted**: Cheap bicycle. Will pay £20-30. Please contact Simon Boyde JoC2 through computing letter-racks.

●**Rega Planar II turntable**, including Rega cartridge £100. **Mordaunt short carnival II loudspeakers** £45 including cables. Can demonstrate. Shaun Collins, Mines letter-racks.
●**To she of the 'softy-moulded** buttocks: how are your goldfish?
●**MOSW to Pussycat**: I don't know about Pestilence but I know where there are plenty of pests.
●**One girl** wanted to share a room at flat 9, 81 Lexham Gardens. Please contact Ian Neall, Mech Eng 2 or phone 373 1968. Rent £23.50.
●**Judo suit for sale**, £10ono. Contact D Bruce, Chem Eng letter-racks. I discovered I was a pacifist!

Inter-Hall Rag Mag Selling

Come to Union Lower Lounge in groups of two or three between 10:00am and 10:30am tomorrow (Saturday 8th October)

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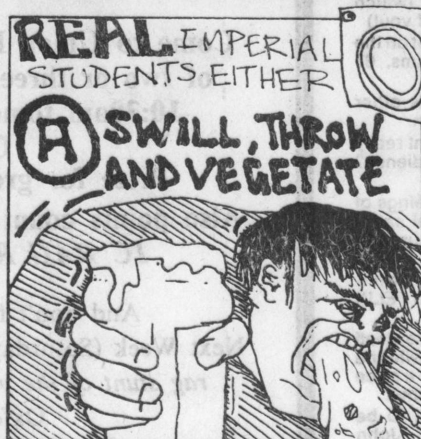
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FELIX Apology

FELIX would like to apologise to IC Choir. It seems that the advertisement Choir submitted to the Fresher's issue was deliberately sabotaged by persons unknown. We deeply regret that, owing to pressures of work, we did not detect this until after printing. In order to make amends, we are printing the advertisement in its original form free of charge.

Martin Taylor

needs sopranos altos and
lots and lots of women



this year's programme includes

bach magnificent

elgar the dream of gerontius

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 5:45 pm or a few minutes earlier in the foyer.

For more information phone Martin Taylor on 01-223 1105 (especially if you have nice legs and aren't too choosy).

Last Flower

The first meeting will be in the Union Upper Lounge on Tuesday 11 October at 7:30pm, when the film *The War Between Men and Women* starring Jack Lemmon and including an animated version of *The Last Flower* will be shown following an introductory talk by Michael Newman. It promises to be an interesting meeting.

Jewish Society

Left home? Living on baked beans? No Kosher food? Oy! Is this the end of the world?

No. Here to the rescue is the local Kosher meals club which Jewish students and staff are able to join. For more information meet at Beit Arch 12:30 Monday. Alternatively contact Lawrence Gergel Maths 2 or Jonathan Gerson Comp Sci 2.

J-Soc have an exciting range of events organised for this term. Look out for posters. First event: Freshers party, Thursday evening. Membership available there. Look forward to seeing you.

ΨΦ

David Tightman ran up to the floppy and chained it straight into the 48K RAM available on his Atari 800. The screen blanked and then lit up with the following message:

Your'e not F-king well trying to log into NORAD again?

'Sheesh!' David groaned and typed in YES. These damn computers are getting too smart for their own good, he thought, peevishly. The computer replied:

Jeezus Christ, kid. Well if that's what you want...

David smiled as he logged on and then frowned as there was a knock on the door. 'Dave?' Jennifer's seductive voice came from the other side of the door, 'Coming to *Bladerunner* on Tuesday 6:30 pm Mech Eng 220?' David sighed, if only girls were more like computers, just program them to do what you wanted instead of all this necking, ugh! 69 perhaps....He was distracted by the screen.

Press return to initiate full scale nuclear war.

He paused, fate of the world at his fingertips. There was Jennifer at the thought of her young body he clutched his terminal with a sudden intensity. Then the fire of lust died in his eyes.

What the hell, David thought, *this* was more fun than screwing.

Cosmic Phalloid

Overseas Chinese Education

The Overseas Chinese Education Centre is a voluntary organisation financially supported by the Hong Kong Government Office and ILEA. It consists of an independent administrative body currently managing four establishments which are located in Euston, Shepherd's Bush, Hounslow and Reading. The schools provide Chinese language education and GCE O Level tuition for the local Chinese community, as part of the ethnic minority mother tongue teaching encouraged by the Government.

In the new year to come, we require every enthusiastic support from overseas Chinese students for organising and teaching projects. Those interested please contact Josephine Lai (Dept of Biochem PG) on int 3859.

WLC

The West London Chaplaincy is a group of Christians from various churches who meet every Sunday for a Communion Service in the Consort Gallery, Sherfield Building at 10:00am followed by an informal get-together over coffee and maybe lunch.

We also meet in smaller groups in the Halls and Departments over breakfast or lunch to share friendship and a meal and talk over those parts of life computers cannot reach. These meetings lead to weekends in the countryside, journeys to foreign parts, and carol singing in the Albert Hall (vestibule).

There will be a new students party on Monday 10 October in the Bot/Zoo Common Room inside the Beit Arch, at 7:30pm, to which everyone is welcome.

The first weekend out of London is at Gerrards Cross 28-30 Oct. The summer pilgrimage is going to Assisi by Landrover. Start saving now!

Nigel Young
Chem 3

IC CONSERVATIVE SOCIETY

invite you to their

CHEESE & WINE PARTY

with guest of honour

PETER BROOKE MP

Local MP and Under Secretary for Education

Monday 10th October

Union Dining Hall (First Floor Union Building)

6.30 to 8.30pm (note changed venue)

Free cheese and wine for members and those becoming members on the night.

Sport Clubs

And now, a whole article without one mention of the word 'fresher'. Well over half of the students at IC join a sports society, and last year, there were over a thousand that played for a team regularly. If you're like me, you won't have seen much of the Freshers' Fair apart from the Real Ale stall. The Sports Column is the place where you can find out which clubs are lunatic enough to let you join them.

A note for people writing reports now. If I'm short of room, the boring ones will be left out. No lists of teams and: "Pete didn't play well because he stirred his coffee clockwise by mistake at breakfast." I want some incisive wit this year. (Look it up!) Photographs are also a good idea (black and white), especially as it'll take me less time to do the page.

A message to the Cricket Club. Pallab wouldn't let me use a whole copy of FELIX for your tour report, but I'm considering serialising it!

Copy for reports should arrive by 5:00pm Monday at the latest.

Sporty Bookshop News

Hopefully all the recommended books are now in stock. If you cannot find any particular title, please don't hesitate to ask either me or any of my staff.

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Slow Boats to China - Gavin Young, Penguin £1.25
Windfall - Desmond Bagley, Fontana £1.75
The Vanishing Hitchhiker - Jan Harold Brunvan, Picador £1.95
Bad Company - Liza Cody, Pan £1.50
Fear No Evil - John Gordon Davis, Pan £1.95
Solo - Jack Higgins, Pan £1.75
The Angels Weep - Wilbur Smith
Spellbinder - Harold Robins, NEL £2.50
Badge of Glory - Douglas Reeman, Arrow £1.95
Thurston House - Danielle Steel, Sphere £3.95
Prisoners of Power - A & B Strugatsky, Penguin £1.95
Graffiti 4 - Roger Kilroy, Corgi £1.25

Imperial College Sports Shop

This will be situated on the walkway between the entrance to the JCR and the Television Studio. It will open between the hours of 10:00am and 4:00pm Monday to Friday. It will stock the full range of College regalia, sports equipment and cycle accessories. This is a new venture for the union, so if you have any suggestions regarding stock contact Carl Burgess.

Remember these are your Bookshop and Sports Shop, so use them.

Southside Bar

Guest Ale for October

YOUNG'S SPECIAL

Cocktails available at all times

Top Ten

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| 1. Brandy Alexander
Brandy, Creme de Cacao, Cream. | £1.50 | 6. Sidecar
Brandy, Cointreau, Lemon Juice. | £1.45 |
| 2. Tequila Sunrise
Tequila, Grenadine, Lime and Orange Juices. | £1.35 or £2.00 | 7. Golden Cadillac
Creme de Cacao, Galiaino, Cream. | £1.45 |
| 3. Margarita
Tequila, Cointreau, Lemon Juice. | £1.50 | 8. Black or White Russian
Vodka, Tia Maria (with or without cream). | £1.30 or £1.40 |
| 4. harvey Wallbanger
Vodka, Galiaino, Orange Juice. | £1.60 | 9. Singapore Sling
Gin, Cherry, Brandy, Benedictine, Lemon Juice. | £1.35 |
| 5. Between the Sheets
Brandy, Bacardi, Cointreau, Lemon Juice. | £2.10 | 10. White Lady
Gin, Cointreau, Lemon Juice. | £1.35 |

Bluebells ring in New Year

The New Year's Party is never an easy gig for any band with a large proportion of the audience being at the venue for the first time and still suffering from culture (or lack of culture) shock. Dancing does not come easily. Also this was the best organised New Year's Party for at least four years with both bands competing against two discos and other entertainments which also attracted large crowds.

Support band Magic Box had come from Scotland looking for a record deal. Although their music was highly danceable almost everybody stood still and their similarity to Simple Minds in both sight and sound may well work against them in the future. Nevertheless they received a deserved encore.

The Bluebells are also Scottish and play a much more straight forward version of rock'n'roll with two guitars and plenty of harmonica and tambourine. Thankfully they beefed up their sound from their last single, the Alan Tarney produced *Sugar Bridge* (Tarney also produces Leo Sayer and Cliff Richard) which on record was as sweet and insubstantial as its title but live was given a much more satisfying and boisterous treatment.

Tarney was brought in when their first two singles *Forever More* and *Cath* failed to get beyond the lower reaches of the Top 75 but his production methods were no more successful and their debut album, which is due for release early in the new year, will be produced by Colin Townley (producer of Costello's *Pills and Soap*).

A welcome change of pace was *The Patriots Game*, a song by Dominic Behan (brother of the late Irish author Brendan) about a young man joining the IRA. Sung in a slow and regretful voice it is a moving case of disillusionment when the ends don't justify the means.

Although receiving a better reaction than the support, the band were obviously disappointed by the audience whom they later said were "a bit dead".

Their main drawback is that they just want to be a pop group. This has virtually become a two-horse race between the coiffured and costume pop of England and the much more talented sound of young Scotland.

Ironically signed to London records (formerly Decca) the Bluebells are well on their way to success with an American tour coming up. They're signed to Warner Brothers in America and have gained much experience supporting Elvis Costello and Nick Heyward.

WHEN PETER RODGERS AGREED TO WRITE A WEEKLY ROCK PAGE FOR FELIX IT WAS ON THE EXPRESS CONDITION THAT HE GOT TO MEET ONE OF BANANARAMA. HIS PROMISE WAS FULFILLED AT THE NEW YEAR'S PARTY LAST MONDAY SO HERE HE REPORTS ON THE *BLUEBELLS* and *MAGIC BOX* WHO PLAYED AT THE PARTY AND REGGAE STARS *CLINT EASTWOOD* AND *GENERAL SAINT* WHO HEADLINE THE FIVE-BAND SHOWCASE AT TONIGHT'S FRESHERS' BALL.

Catch that Train

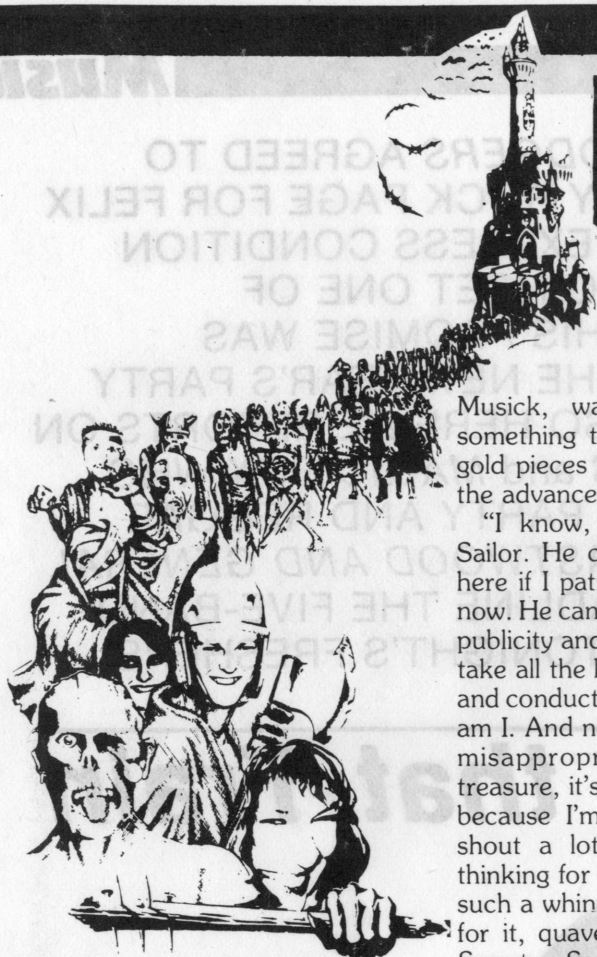


It is highly surprising that Clint Eastwood and General Saint are not household names already. As far back as the riots of 1981 their single *Another one bites the dust* was a cult favourite and enjoyed great success in the independent charts. This coupled with their dynamic stage show (backed by the Inity Brothers and seen on television at the end of 1981) has made them critical favourites and their last album *Stop That Train* enjoyed rave reviews but again managed only independent success.

The excellent title track was released as a single being one of several revamped old songs on the album which were complemented by biting political songs about nuclear war and police harassment.

The duo have evolved from straight forward 'toasting' to include wider influences and although this has angered some reggae purists, it should lead to a memorable performance tonight. Other attractions include the Neutron Hurricane Force Steel Band and a West Indian disco late into the night.

By
Juvenal



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

"Argh," shrieked Gormless Lay-on, President of the Citizen's Association as she idly perused a tattered copy of Falix, the local newspaper. "Gadzooks, boyo, this is verily a scandalum magnatum of the most opprobrious kind on the Baron, or I'm not a Welsh virgin."

"I refrain from making an obvious comment," sneered her assistant the wicked bitch, whoops, witch of Southside.

"Hon detoit arsiyesyou rectorsspeech in den tunten boring as ever." Sawm-off Levis spoke for the first time that desolate day. No-one could understand him, however.

"But what would the Baron do if he read this?" shrilled Gormless.

"He wouldn't know dear, he'd have to ask John Secretary first." Mrs Jolly Hockey-Sticks was usually right about such things.

"I must do something about this despicable publication, I could steal all the copies. It's been done before you know..." Lay-On's face, boyish, wan, pusillanimous, brightened as she strode off flat-footed and flat-chested for a glass of sherry.

Meanwhile, high in an ivory tower in a toast-coloured room once used for the purposes of academic education, Eric Professor, Master of the Baron's

Musick, was racking his brain for something to do with a few thousand gold pieces given him by the Baron for the advancement of science.

"I know, I'll give them to Smarty Sailor. He can pretend to be a citizen here if I patronise him. Yes, I see it all now. He can do my music chores for me, publicity and other menial tasks, whilst I take all the kudos for picking the music and conducting it. Yes, yes, how brilliant am I. And no-one will dare question my misappropriation of the Baron's treasure, it's such a small sum anyway, because I'm terribly important, and I shout a lot at people to stop them thinking for themselves. That Smarty is such a whining ninny, he's bound to fall for it, quaver, stave and singer. "Call Smarty Saylor," he roared at his secretary.

Smarty, whining, listeless, cringe-inducing brown-nosed toady, instantly obeyed the summons to Eric's vile room.

"Now look here, you can become a cheapskate citizen if you really want to, little boy. You can have a job and lots of money and pretend to carry on with your research. All you have to do is run the Baron's choir for me."

Smarty's brown eyes became refulgent. "Run the Baron's choir," he repeated. "Wow." Smarty could sing, although he was now a high tenor after his distressing encounter with Arthur Michael. To run the choir would indeed be a position of magnificence.

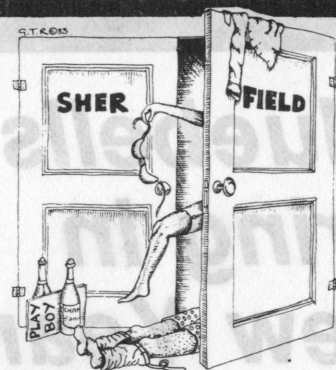
"That's right," smiled the wretched Eric, "just repeat what I say. Now run along, I've got far more important things to do than talk to you. Oh, here's something to keep you going," Eric casually tossed Smarty a malodorous bag containing a score-and-a-half of silver pieces.

Will Smarty catch the malodorous bag?

What is the connection between the malodorous bag and Christine Teller?

Why has the FELIX Editor got it in for Martin S Taylor?

The answers to these and many other questions in next week's exciting episode of *The Baron of Cheapskate*.



BEHIND CLOSED DOORS

Mr. Don Clark, Estates Secretary, and Mr. Hector Cameron Clark, Senior Surveyor.

Don Clark is responsible to Governing Body for the improvement and maintenance of the College Estate. He joined College in 1961 as a surveyor and has been promoted through the Estates section to become its Head. Since in the journey across Don's mind we are unlikely to be over exerted I shall also introduce his deputy Hector Cameron Clark.

Don is an affable, humorous man, possibly the most approachable administrator in College. However, this only makes his frequent blunders all the more unfortunate. The old duffer is kept on his toes by his secretary, the formidable dragon Miss Lavinia Elder-Cowin—a one woman Berlin Wall. Her verbal minefield ("I think it's going to rain, don't you....?") prevents all but the most persistent visitor from seeing Don.

Hector is a nasty little man reminiscent of one of the characters that Peter Lorre may have played in a 1950s movie brandishing a stiletto. He supplements rather than compliments Don as Ygor did to Dr Frankenstein. The metaphor can be extended to the College which was assembled during Don's time here. Its symbolic perfection has been lately found to have been purely superficial. Cracks have appeared in the Holland Club, and the Huxley Building. Bits have dropped off Weeks Hall and Evelyn Gardens with monotonous regularity. The RSM roof had be replaced, as did the asbestos tiles they sheltered. Thus we can see that the monster is biting back.

Don and Hector both appear to support and develop new projects with great enthusiasm and promise early completion. They have done this on and off for three years over the central laundry. The Southside Gym and Weights Room should have been completed over the summer but has only just been begun. Electric sockets can still take up to 14 months to fix. It has been said that Estates is understaffed yet this cannot explain the attitudes and inefficiencies of senior members of the section.

I hear that Don made a few serious blunders over the summer which can only weaken his already fragile cause at IC. Details of this will be forthcoming unless the customary £5 is donated to ICU Rag.

Mole

friday

1230h

Concert Hall

Christian Union present *The Vicar and the Actress*. Canon Keith de Berry and an undisclosed actress reveal all. -And these are Christians, too!



saturday

1800h

Music Room

53 Princes Gate
Christian Union Freshers' Supper with speaker George Cassidy. Free, but please bring bowl and spoon.

sunday

0930h

Meet Beit Arch

S&G walk and barbecue Bring warm clothes and strong shoes. -Anyone interested in going for their guide spelling' badge should come along.

1100h

More House
53 Cromwell Rd

Catholic Mass Quiet mass in Chapel at More House.

1430h

Upper Lounge Union

Dramsoc auditions/technical work Anyone interested in acting in this term's production *Unknown Soldier and His Wife*, a comedy by Peter Ustinov please attend. Also, we will be organising a lighting/sound and set building for remainder of the term. All welcome.

1800h

More House
53 Cromwell Road

Catholic Mass followed by bar supper and social evening. All welcome.

monday

1230h

Brown Committee Room

Third World First introductory meeting. The 3W1 fieldworker for London and Southern region will give an introductory talk, with slides to give an idea of 3W1's work and campaigns.

1245h

Upper Lounge Union

Debating Society debate 'This House believes that debating is not an intellectual exercise but merely an excuse for people to hear themselves speak.' All welcome to first of the weekly debates. -Debsoc again using any excuse to hear themselves speak.

1245h

Lower Refectory Union

Free Freshers' Cheese and Wine with Industrial Soc.

1930h

Elec Eng Room 408

Wellsoc event: talk by a forensic scientist. Admission by membership.

tuesday

1300h

Upper Lounge Southside

Riding Club meeting.

1330h

Upper Lounge Union

Audio Soc Record Club The cheapest record 'shop' in London opens its doors—come along and see just how much you can save. (Also see Thursday).

1800h

SCR

Union Building
Introductory wine tasting.

1830h

Mech Eng Room 220

SF Soc film Bladerunner, free to members, otherwise 50p. Spot the Unicorn. This kind of holds the whole damn plot together (if you think about such esoteric things while watching films.) -An excellent film, excluding the very last scene, as is usual with epic SF films (cf *Star Wars*).

wednesday

1300h

Room 341 Huxley

Senior Christian Fellowship present Dr Ken Nunn (Hospital for Sick Children, Great Ormond Street) 'The Theology of Personal Disasters'.

1330h

Huxley Room 343A

Price Waterhouse Business Game with Industrial Society. Free for Ind Soc members. Apply to Jim Ward, Chem Eng 2 if you want to go.

1430h

Dramsoc Storeroom

Dramsoc Workshop Play reading, improvisation, basic acting skills plus more. Also lighting, sound, set building for anyone interested.

1830h

Meet Dramsoc Storeroom

Dramsoc theatre trip to *Daisy Pulls It Off* at the Globe Theatre. Dramsoc's first theatre trip of the year. It'll be an absolute hoot! -and thoroughly recommended, Ponsonby. Jolly good show!

Eve

Meet Beit Arch

Visit to Times newspapers with Industrial Society. Free (for members). Apply to Brian Roberts, Mech Eng 3. -does having a member qualify one for the trip? Just curious.

thursday

1300h

Upper Lounge Union

Audio Soc Record Shop You can now collect records within 2 days of being ordered! (See Tuesday.)

1300h

Upper Lounge Southside

Balloon Club All welcome.

1300h

Green Committee Room

SF Soc Library meeting/group sex. The best library in the UK for free loans of SF books/magazines.



As the Karmic Wheel of Academia revolves another week of **What's On** hoves into view. To enliven this event horizon of Imperial it's an idea if those of you who make entries to **What's On** include a photograph, illustration, logo or cartoon to lend excitement to this, the most important page in **FELIX**. It'll also get the punters going to your event. The deadline for **What's On** from now on is **Monday 1:00pm**.

Guy Riddihough



Fremantle

College took a risk when they took on the Fremantle knowing that it was structurally a little dodgy. They were forced to accept it in the light of the acute housing problem faced by students in London. On the whole they did the right thing since the Fremantle, however badly maintained, is both cheap and convenient for students.

What really annoys me about recent developments in the Fremantle is Michael Arthur's single minded intention to put as many students into the Fremantle as possible no matter what kind of state the rooms are in. Perhaps he's making out that there is nothing wrong with the rooms because it's ultimately his fault that the rooms are in such a state now. He should have made sure that the work was done properly, months ago instead of having to settle for a botched job done in a couple of days.

News has just reached us that a faulty smoke alarm, reported last session, failed to go off when a lamp on the fourth floor caught fire last night.

Refectories

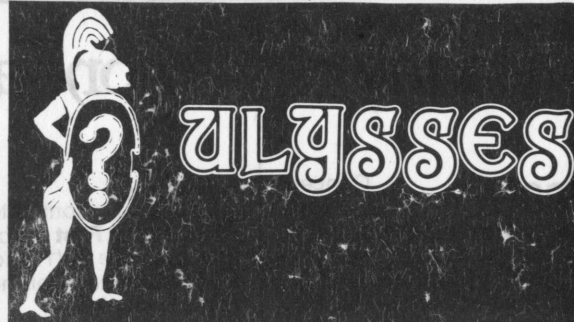
I am pleased to see that Dr Simon Perry has taken a very positive approach as Chairman of Refectories Committee. He seems genuinely concerned about the standard of College refectories in his article on page 5. The changes advocated by Dr Perry seem very superficial. Giving the Buttery a facelift or changing the food served at different outlets have made sod all difference. The food tastes as insipid and foul as ever. I hope Dr Perry succeeds in improving the quality of the food—I don't think he will. The problems he lists with refectories sound like a string of excuses. There is really only one problem with refectories. Victor Mooney. Any real change can only be brought about by replacing him.

Credits

Andy Cave, Chris Jones, Guy Riddihough, Steve Brann, Matt Fawcett, Neil Bristowe, Clive Dewey, Diane Love, Peter Rodgers, Hugh Southey.

A special thanks to Barry Holt and the staff of Min Res Eng Repro for letting us use their equipment while ours was totally Kaput.

Pallab Ghosh



It's the first week back at Primelia College, and the students are getting the results of their exams. Five of my friends were awaiting their results, and their Senior Tutor, Adam Worried, foolishly entrusted me with their grades. I gathered all five to my room.

"Two of you got firsts, and the other three got thirds," I announced. "I will now tell each of you the result of two of the others. No pair of results will be repeated."

Having done this, I said "No-one knows their own result yet. However, I will tell you that I gave Alan's result to Barry, Chris, Diana and Elaine.

"Now I know everybody's result," said Alan.

"Were you told mine?" asked Barry.

"No," said Alan.

"Then I know mine," added Chris.

"On hearing that, I know mine," remarked Elaine. So, who got what?

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

I've received two entries for the crossword set in Monday's FELIX. They were completed by two members of the same department and year, and are identical, which would not be bad were it not for the fact that they have made the same mistakes. I can only assume that they have been working together; I have no objection to that, so long as only one answer is given in.

A lack of space means that there isn't room to write the solutions to Pinocchio's last puzzles, but the winners are:

The Art of Subtle Reproduction

The winner was Robert Macrae, now Elec Eng 2 I suppose, who managed to produce an answer of 6.6m.

Election Special

The winner was Richard Fox of Chem Eng 3.

Shockhorra Probes

The only entrant was Leann Jones, now of Maths 3.

FELIX Crossword

Again only one entrant, so the prize goes to A Knap, who is probably now Physics 2.

My first puzzle attracted only one entrant. The prize goes to Phil Moore, then of Elec Eng 3.

The puzzle in the postgrad FELIX, set by Achilles, was correctly solved by Barry Franklin.

All the above can collect their £5 prizes from the FELIX Office any time after 1:30pm next Monday.

If any society wishes to publicise an event through this column, would they please let me know a few weeks in advance and I will set a puzzle for them appertaining to that society. Furthermore, could they also say what prize they would offer.

If anyone has any finished or half-complete puzzles of their own and wish them to be used in this column, could they drop their idea in my box in the FELIX Office.