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Free Beer and Ciggies

Police were called in after the Bonfire Night Party in the JCR last Friday when the Bar was broken into and the contents of a barrel of Fosters lager and several hundred cigarettes were stolen.

Alan Larson, the JCR Bar Manager, found the bar had been broken into when he arrived on Saturday morning. The Police were called in and fingerprints were taken off the bar by the metropolitan forensic team. Initially it was thought that the bar had been broken into in the very early hours of the morning since nothing suspicious was noticed during a security check at three o'clock in the morning. However it seemed unlikely that anyone would take the trouble to break into the bar at four o'clock in the morning, consume an entire barrel of lager and then sneak out again. The feeling now is that the theft occurred during

the party when the bar had closed and the bar staff had gone home.

The Police are no longer involved and the matter is being dealt with internally since it is felt by the College Secretary, Mr John Smith, that College would be better at dealing with the culprits than the Courts. A possible reason for dealing with the matter internally is that the Union is worried that any black marks in Scotland Yard would prejudice chances of future bar extensions in the JCR.

Anyone at the party who saw anything suspicious should call Mr Geoffrey Reeves, Chief Security Officer, as soon as possible.

Caption Competition

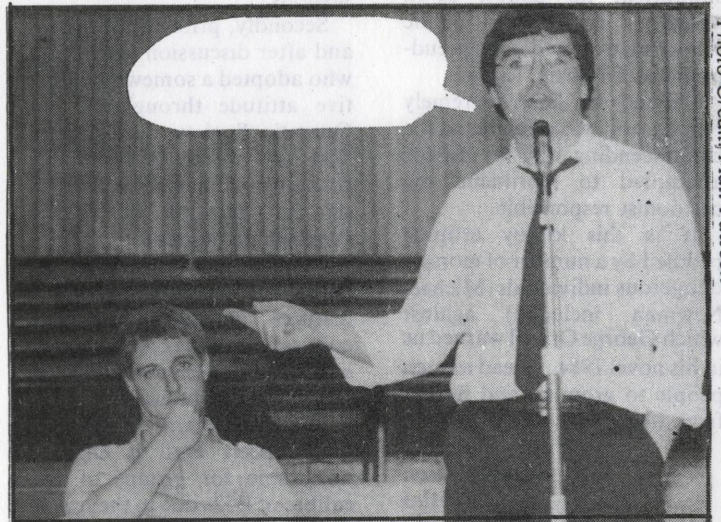


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NUS President Neil Stewart points out reasons for IC re-affiliating to NUS at Tuesday's UGM whilst Chairman John Passmore looks on. For full report see Page 3. UGM sketch page 4. (Entries for the caption competition to FELIX Office)

The Bad Guy



Prof Ronald Wood

Tea Room Stays Closed

The Botany Zoology tea room will now definitely not be opening this year if Head of Department Professor Ronald Wood has his way. Earlier this year there were hopeful signs of the tea room reopening, however negotiations between Professor Wood and Mr Tim Wilson, Life Sci Dep Rep, have broken down.

The tea room has been a centre of staff/students social life for many years. Students were able to meet staff informally over a cup of tea.

Without this social centre the department is blighted. The comfortable atmosphere that once existed in the division has gone. Tim Wilson said he was dismayed by Professor Wood's attitude and he felt that the situation was tragic.

Last February, Mrs Shirley Varey, a member of the division's technical staff who ran the tea room fell ill. Mr Ian French, assistant departmental supervisor, tried desperately to keep the tea room open by working unpaid in his own time.

This attempt failed though because of the pressure of work on Mr French and his volunteers.

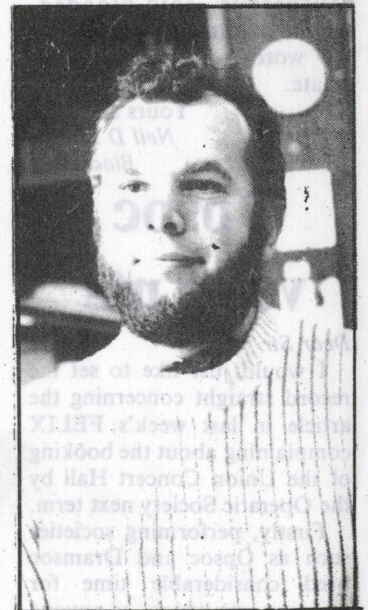
This gave Professor Wood the chance had been waiting for. In an attempt to save £2,500 he closed the tea room.

Students and staff were united in their opposition to the closure. A petition was circulated and was signed by over 300 people including every member of the academic staff (except Professor Wood) and the majority of clerical staff and students. The Rectors Committee was approached and they supported the need for the tea room.

Professor Wood claims that he cannot afford to keep the tea room going. However the money needed is only 0.25% of the departmental budget.

Many members of staff, feel that Professor Wood is being unnecessarily intransigent.

The Good Guy



Mr Ian French

Sexually Frustrated

Dear Pallab

How refreshing it was to see the cartoon on the cover of the Careers Edition of FELIX recently, it provided a breath of irreverent fresh air in this community of rampant conservatism.

With this in mind I feel I must draw your attention to the drivel-packed letter of complaint you published last week, submitted, no doubt, by a sexually frustrated public school matron under the pseudonym of J Martin Taylor.

I found this letter extremely boring, and was offended at the condescending way Mr Taylor attempted to reprimand the cartoonist responsible.

It is this killjoy attitude peddled by a number of morally dangerous individuals (Michael Newman included) against which George Orwell warned us in his novel 1984. I plead to such people to grow up and refrain from being such wet blankets.

Yours worriedly
Alan Robinson
Physics

Conservative Fascists

Dear Pallab

In reference to Martin Taylor's letter last week. If a government, which declares it has already made the decision to shoot the unarmed Greenham Peace Women if they get in the way isn't fascist then which adjective would you apply? Murderous, cold-blooded, butcherous and inhumane are a few words which seem appropriate.

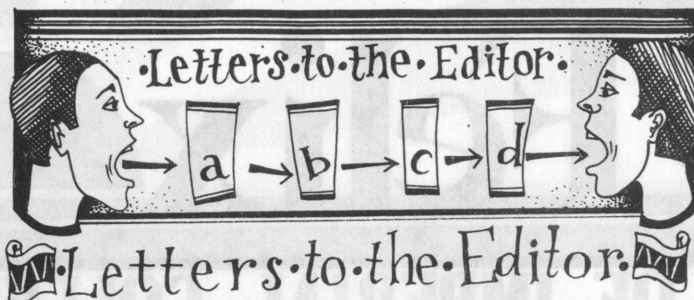
Yours sincerely
Neil D Martin
Biochem 3

Opsoc vs Ents

Dear Sir

I would just like to set the record straight concerning the article in last week's FELIX complaining about the booking of the Union Concert Hall by the Operatic Society next term.

Firstly, performing societies such as Opsoc and Dramsoc need considerable time for building sets which, as anyone who has seen one of their shows



will know, are usually of a very high standard. This work is often carried out at weekends because it is the only time the stage crews can get together for reasonably long, uninterrupted sessions.

Secondly, prior to the article and after discussion with Ents, who adopted a somewhat negative attitude throughout, the Operatic Society released the first two weeks of term and prepared to negotiate further on the question of Friday evenings in January.

Thirdly, the productions by Opsoc and Dramsoc are regular features of the social and cultural life of the college; this is a fact of which Ents should have been aware of anyway.

Finally, it seems to me that the Concert Hall is entirely unsuitable for groups of the calibre of B52s due to the size of the stage and audience facilities. In future, I feel that Ents should concentrate on securing venues such as the JCR for most bands, whereas the Great Hall is the only adequate location for major gigs and I wish the Union every success in attempting to reopen this venue for rock concerts.

Yours faithfully
Clive Paget
SCAB Chairman

PS: I understand that Christine Teller has managed to secure the Great Hall for two rock concerts in February already.

The point is, Clive, that these gigs Christine has got permission for are private gigs which cannot be advertised outside College. The Union has always been able to obtain the Great Hall for these types of gigs. However there is little point in getting the Great Hall if only a 100 or so people turn up—Ed.

Freshers Eye View

Dear Pallab

When I came to IC I expected to find a student union lacking the usual stereotyped political domination, a union concerned with the more mundane interests of its member (ignorant

twit I hear you cry). In place of this I find the place is run by a bunch of insular hacks who wouldn't take much notice of a normal student if they could recognise one. I am dismayed even by the predictability of the content of your esteemed rag (and I dare you to print this bit). Most students I have met are more interested in getting a decent degree and having a reasonable social life, so I don't suppose will see much change in the usual sucking up to College by ICU hacks (people with a proven ability to cock up a piss up in a brewery). I doubt Ents will ever get a group I have heard of and I predict UGMs will only be prevented from iniquity by RSM and the trendy left squad.

I note also you slag off Guilds freshers buffets as a fiasco whereas I have yet to hear a complaint and felt they were a vast improvement over formal dinners. Are you party to a conspiracy to stamp out CCU subversion? I note a great enthusiasm to slag off Guilds particularly.

Yours
Mark Cottle
Civ Eng 1

PS: Mike Stuart is a bit of a wimp isn't he?

A wimp writes

Dear Pallab

I was terribly afraid that my name might not be in FELIX this week so I thought I'd write you a letter.

Love and kisses,
Mike (Boy George) Stuart

Pertinent Questions

Dear Pallab

I would like to raise a few points which I feel are relevant to everyone at the College. Perhaps someone in this College of ours can explain the reasoning behind them.

1. Why are the refectories under the control of a certain person? What I am asking is, why doesn't someone else man-

age them. If this happened they could more than pay for themselves by being a cheap, clean and having good quality food. They would pay for themselves because all students would (I guess) use them.

2. Why are the bars more expensive than other UL bars (I know cos I've drunk in others)? If they were cheaper more people would use them (I guess). Perhaps FELIX could hold a ballot to see if this is true.

3. Why is the Bookshop not cheaper than other bookshops (which run to make a profit!)? Why is its good selection of stationery so expensive? Is it because it has a virtual monopoly, owing to its position.

4. Why is the Southside Shop so expensive. (Own brand baked beans 16p from Sainsburys; only brand 25p from the shop) and poorly stocked?

Can I suggest one thing to everyone. If you agree with me boycott these services. Foyles and Dillons and easy to get to and just as expensive. Bring sandwiches if you live out. Cook your own food if you don't. Go down ULU bar (10-15p cheaper a drink) at Euston—really easier to get to. Shop in a supermarket (but not Europa) or if resident use your Hall's coop.

If you don't agree—carry on being a sucker.

Douglas Earl
EE1

Smiths Masterplan

Dear Pallab

Sorry to spoil a good story (just think of the headlines you are going to miss: *Sherfield Split, Smith Drops 5 Levels, College Secretary Encamped on Queen's Lawn*) but my move along the corridor was part of my own plan to achieve a consolidated and more effective administration while the Rector has to devote a fair amount of time to the Committee of Vice Chancellors and Principals. The only person who may feel snubbed is my snob; I am not putting in as much mileage.

Yours sincerely
John Smith
College Secretary

All letters to the Editor should be submitted to the FELIX Office (Beit Arch) before the copy deadline of 1:00pm Monday.

Pallab Ghosh

We've Had Enough!

Conditions in one of the College's Head Tenancy residences have deteriorated to such an extent that the residents are refusing to pay rent until substantial improvements are made or the rent reduced. The residence, number 6 Earls Court Square, houses students in double and single rooms with communal facilities.

The kitchen is infested with cockroaches and standards of decoration and furnishing are very poor. Paints is peeling off the walls, the lino has gaping holes in it, the bathroom floor leaks and the furniture in the rooms is so bad that some residents have thrown out chairs and beds. Redecoration has not been carried out for over three years and two rooms in particular are unlettable.

The rent charged for these rooms is an exorbitant £27 per week for single rooms. Number 6

Earls Court Square has become the Student Services Office's refuge of last resort where people with absolutely no where else to go are sent. The majority of students there are looking to get out as soon as they can.

The landlady Ms Seddon has been unwilling to spend any money on the property, and it has been difficult to bring pressure on her to make improvements since she refuses to deal directly with the Manager Gary Turner or the Student Services Office. All defects have to be reported via the Estates department, which can involve considerable delay. Some blame clearly lies with the College who have failed to ensure that the landlady carried out adequate repairs in the past. The residents hope that by withholding their rent they will force the College to take immediate action.

FELIX Gets Results

Victor Mooney, the Refectory Manager, warmly thanked FELIX for bringing the filthy state of the Union Dining Hall to his attention. (This was reported in FELIX on 21 October.) Mr Mooney was absolutely furious when he read the article and took immediate action to censure the member of staff responsible, a Mr Parsons.

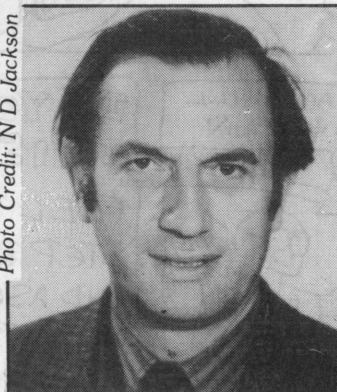
The FELIX exposé of the School of Economic Science has proved useful to Geoffrey Reeves, the Head of Security. This group have applied to use College premises for their meetings, and Mr Reeves is reconsidering their application in the light of the article, which appeared as a centre spread in the 21 October issue.

Ex-Head of Department Has Stroke

Professor Dan Bradley, former Head of the Physics Department, has suffered a serious stroke. His sudden illness has come as a shock to his many friends in the department. He is paralysed down his right-hand-side and is unable to talk. His condition is improving daily and he is now able to get around in a wheelchair and walk with help.

Prof Bradley came to the Physics department from Queen's University Belfast in 1973, bringing a large group of laser physicists with him. He had been Head of Physics in Queen's since 1966 and previously had lectured at Royal Holloway and Imperial. When he returned to Imperial, he became Professor of Applied Optics.

Photo Credit: N D Jackson



Three years later in 1976 he became an FRS and also became Head of the Physics department.

In 1980 he returned to Ireland, only this time to Trinity College Dublin to a specially created Chair of Optical Electronics.

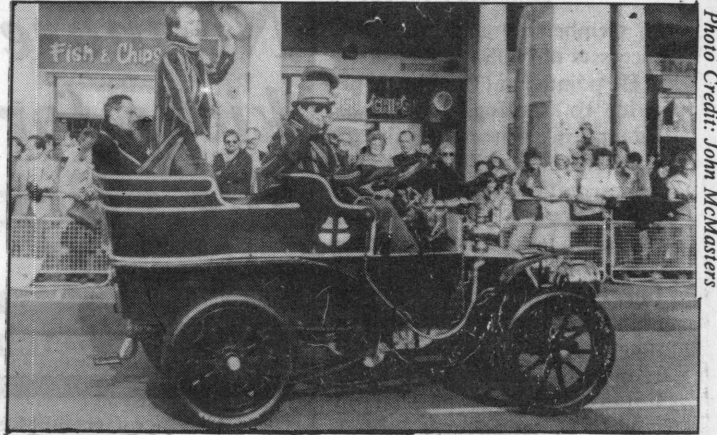


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Despite RCS gatecrashing the Brighton Run with Jez their vintage fire engine, Bo, Guilds' veteran mascot beat her to the finishing line.

Being a race for pre-1904 veteran vehicles Jez could only run unofficially. Both finished in the first hundred. Bo, being a 1902 James & Browne, receiving an official placing.

Potatoes on the Brain

Refectory Manager Victor Mooney has got potatoes on his mind at the moment. Recently he discussed the high price of potatoes at length at the College House Committee. However in addition what has really got Victor worried is the number of chips being bought. As a man

who always has the interests of students at heart, Victor is concerned that too many chips will ruin students health. He is even considering getting the Health Centre to issue a warning. Perhaps the Health Centre should extend the warning to include all Mooney's food.

No More Sex Shows

There will be no more pornographic events on Union premises after the passing of the anti-pornography motion at Tuesday's Union General Meeting. The motion was passed by 212 to 157 votes.

The consequences of the motion are that no club, society or Constituent College Union will be able to organise pornographic events on Union premises and that Imperial College Union will not be associated with any pornographic event outside College.

An ecstatic Michael Newman, proposer of the anti-porn motion said that the sight of the Miners leaving the Hall when they realised they could not win was "the most beautiful sight" he had ever seen. The Royal School of Mines Union will be attempting to reverse the motion at the next UGM.

The vote on the motion was carried out by paper ballot. Allegations of ballot rigging came from both sides since it was felt that people were voting with several ballot papers. Mr Newman has lodged a complaint to the Union Honorary Secretary Mr Sean Davis. RSMU officers claim that the ballot is void if

there is any evidence of ballot rigging.

The motion on Nicaragua was passed narrowly by 113 votes for to 111 against. Union President Gaynor Lewis will be writing to Ronald Reagan asking him to stop US intimidation in Nicaragua or otherwise he would have the full military might of IC Union to answer to.

Another surprise was the warm reception accorded Neil Stewart, President of NUS. Despite being elected on a blatantly anti-NUS ticket, Gaynor Lewis Union President seems to be moving closer to a pro-NUS stance. This dramatic change seems to have come about since meeting Neil Stewart at a weekend conference earlier in the year (*mudge, nudge, say no more-Ed*).

Mr Stewart outlined the five major changes made within the NUS since IC disaffiliated 6 years ago.

In view of these changes Mr Stewart felt IC ought to hold a referendum on re-affiliation and eventually vote in favour.

In answering a wide variety of questions he spoke briefly on the moral obligations on IC to join in view of benefits we already receive but primarily on the cost

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of membership and the recent successes of NUS.

He pointed out that the money paid to College by Local Education Authorities already contains an element for representation at national level which should be used to pay our affiliation fee of £15,000 and that some colleges of similar size to Imperial pay over £30,000 in annual affiliation fees because they receive more than IC. However Christine Teller, Deputy President, pointed out that the quoted allocation to ICU £214,000 was not realistic because College pays for cleaners, electricity etc.

His other major argument was the success of NUS in postponing the abolition of student loans, London weighting, minimum grants and traveling expenses. He also spoke at length about successes at South Bank Polytechnic and Lancaster University concerning benefits and increased accommodation.

However there was confusion over whether the NUS or IC were responsible for the recent legal victory over fees for overseas students in the House of Lords.

No more kicks for the pricks

UGM Sketch

Tuesday's Union General Meeting began in traditional shambolic style without any microphone and the one which did arrive seeming to have little effect bar lowering Chairman John Passmore's aggressive bark by at least 10 decibels (no bad thing) and raising it an octave. The nadir was an election for one ordinary member of a committee nobody ever attends (Academic Affairs); particularly the obligatory 'I'm not really a hack and now seem to be lost for words' speech which would have been embarrassing if it hadn't have been so unoriginal.

The only other items of interest in the first half were the clothes worn by the seconders in another election—Ian Bull (next year's President) wore the worst leather

jacket I have ever seen (at least three colours) whilst he of the inane grin—Mike Stuart (Guilds Pres) proved he had a revolting pinkish shirt (or should that be skirt) to go with his dress of the same colour. I mean they made people with College sweatshirts look cool.

At times like this Neil Stewart (holder of the only noteworthy post in student politics never held by John Passmore ie NUS President) must really have wondered if he wanted this College in NUS. We can't speak, we can't listen and are even pretty poor hands with paper darts.

Stewart literally wiped the floor with the other speakers at the meeting—you may argue that NUS is nothing more than a left-wing talking shop but Stewart is more than a match for any 'professional' politician who has ever spoken here. His speech is reported elsewhere but it's worth pointing out that such rapturous applause hasn't been heard since the last Tory Party Conference. And if Stewart is Mrs Thatcher (no doubt Sean Davis would be John Cole), then who is dear old Cecil P? Perhaps the soon-to-be-married Passmore, a self-confessed batchelor and damned fool. And who is to be Sarah Keays—well Gaynor Lewis did wobble off (bless her in her ever so tight little jeans) halfway through the meeting—

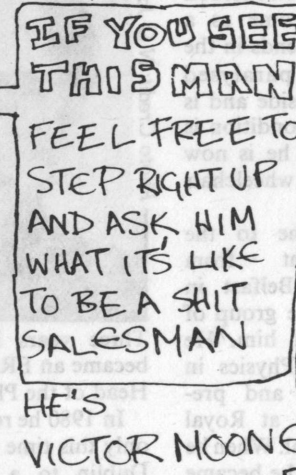
FELIX has some fast bicycles ready to get her story.

Surprisingly the meeting managed to pass two motions despite predictable attempts by Mines to block them using their new found toy—the amendment. A motion condemning US interference in Nicaragua was successfully amended but Mines forgot to withdraw it and in the confusion it was passed by a small majority, still effectively in its original form although a note estimating the influence ICU exerts on international diplomatic affairs was added. Negotiations with Mews residents should now be chicken feed after a move to much higher things.

The pornography motion was also passed (212 v 157) possibly due to excellent pre-planning but more likely due to a fluke. Before the motions procedures had been invoked to ensure paper ballots for all the motions and voting slips for the pornography motion were distributed during the Nicaragua motion to save time. When a RSMU amendment to the motion was defeated they attempted to make the meeting inquorate by all leaving but as voting slips had already been distributed while the meeting was quorate, the vote was also quorate and the motion (against Pornography) subsequently passed. Doncha love it?

SUCKER

EATING CRAP





THE TRUTH ABOUT NUS

Last week Neil Stewart made a number of claims about the possible benefits of NUS membership. In this article I have answered many of the points he raises and followed this with an, I hope, illuminating description of what NUS is really like.

Firstly, he claims that NUS has cut its bureaucracy since we left in 1977. This may be true to some extent, but it has been cut relatively little. A reduction to 'only' 70 permanent staff is hardly a breakthrough. Large student unions only employ this sort of number in order to provide facilities such as refectories, shops, bars, etc, all of which provide real services direct to students. NUS still spends well over a million pounds, the vast majority on administration, salaries and conferences.

He says that NUS has 'disposed' of its large commercial empires. In truth much of this empire, which included NUS Travel, NUS Marketing and Endsleigh Insurance amongst others, went bankrupt in 1976 due to mismanagement caused by political interference in commercial decisions. Endsleigh was sold off and the rest of the companies were liquidated. For Mr Stewart to write that NUS now concentrates on influencing company policies and coordinating the purchasing power of students is a clever way of saying that NUS is incapable of organising any commercial ventures. This incapacity is solely due to the political nature of

services bankrupt

NUS, without which service companies could be successfully run.

NUS has changed to a system of compulsory election of delegates to its conferences, but there are still exceptions for the many small colleges. And its unrepresentative nature is demonstrated by the fact that 14 out of 17 executive members are members of the Labour Party, which even they don't claim reflects the political views of students.

Thirdly, he talks about the expense of joining the NUS. No-one has yet, it seems, been able to put a figure on what our subscription would be. A figure of £13,000 was bandied about last year, but Mr Stewart's 'no more than £4 or £5 a head' leads to a figure of between £18,000 and £22,500. If he is right (and he should know what he's talking about) this represents the total

CCUs slashed!

amount of money that ICU spends on C&GU and RMSU combined, or our entire publications budget (including FELIX). It is half what we spend on all our sports clubs, it represents the cost of employing all four sabbaticals or half our permanent staff. Since it would in fact be impossible to make the saving from cutting out any single area, and since approximately half of our money goes on fixed costs such as salaries and insurance, short of sacking staff the only way to raise the money would be by making severe cuts of up to 20% in the financing of clubs and societies, and the CCUs. It is totally unrealistic to expect the College to come up with more money at the expense of sacrificing research.

Then Mr Stewart goes on to make extravagant claims about sums of money 'saved' by NUS for students at Lancaster. To claim each and every Government decision which happens to be of benefit to students as a victory for the NUS is arrant nonsense. There are many much more influential groups when it comes to education and welfare lobbying, such as the Committee of Vice Chancellors and Principals (CVCP), the UGC, and university and college authorities. If they are

unable to persuade the Government to change its mind what chance has NUS got, either with or without ICU in membership. The House of Lords judgement on overseas students entitlement to grants was the culmination of five years of legal battle brought by individual students, and whilst ICU (and in particular our welfare adviser) was instrumental in initiating the process, NUS involvement has been minimal. He fails to mention the many issues on which the NUS has totally failed to change the Government's mind, along with the other bodies mentioned earlier. Crucially, these include grants (every year) and full-cost fees for overseas students.

Imperial College has an excellent welfare service and the Union employs a full-time welfare advisor to help students get the most from benefits like rent and rate rebates. We have employed an adviser ever since we left NUS, using some of the money we saved by leaving. I am certain that one full-time advisor working here at IC can do far more for us than all 70 permanent staff at NUS headquarters put together, and at a much lower cost.

Of course our welfare service does sometimes take information from NUS publications. But to say we are being dishonest and not admitting we are using it is untrue, and it is not obtained clandestinely. Most of what we use is freely available for purchase by anyone and we pay for it and credit NUS for producing it. The information is anyway easily available from other sources if we didn't get it from NUS.

The provision of welfare information and support to College welfare services should be the primary function of NUS, but it is one which it performs badly. To take one example, the head tenancy agreements which result in secure accommodation for several hundred Imperial College students were developed by our welfare service independently of NUS. Being NUS members would not have helped at all since they have done no work on this important subject due to the fact that they are politically opposed to private landlords. It seems that NUS operates purely as a protest body with a complete lack of new ideas and imagination.

time-wasting rhetoric

In dealing with the points raised by Mr Stewart I have come back several times to the question of NUS's political side. NUS is party political through and through. He gives this away when he says that NUS's proportional representation system gives one executive post for one sixth of the votes, two for one fifth, etc. In order to get elected and get any real influence on NUS it is necessary to have the backing of a

political party, or rather the student wing of the party. All the political parties have student sections — from the Communists to the Conservatives. The National Organisation of Labour Students (NOLS) presently controls NUS having won it from a Communist/Liberal alliance two years ago.

Within each group there are the usual factions and infighting. To look at NOLS in particular, the faction known as Clause Four is in control but is fighting against strong opposition from the Militant Tendency. Mr Stewart is a member of NOLS, the Labour Party and Clause Four. There is nothing wrong with this in itself,

politics before welfare

but can he and the other four NUS sabbaticals really be concentrating on students' welfare when their first loyalty is to the political organisations which put them in office. Those who saw Mr. Stewart in action at Tuesday's UGM will know that he is a very able politician—he needs to be, because student politics makes the real thing look like a vicarage tea party. Against this background the five delegates IC would get would have precious little effect, unless they themselves joined in the political fun and games.

It is evident that the NUS is fundamentally a party political football which, far from existing to protect the welfare of students, has become its own reason for its existence. Its activities in the field of student welfare are limited and are largely linked to the political views of the controlling faction. NUS conferences must be the ultimate in time-wasting rhetoric—hundreds of people meeting to discuss topics ranging from the atom bomb to abortion, from South Africa to sexism, from which transpires absolutely nothing.

Yet I still believe there is a role for a national welfare body to help and advise student unions. The NUS is not going to reform itself, with or without our participation—conferences don't vote themselves out of existence. But maybe, if someone took the initiative, a genuinely useful body could be set up without NUS's political appendages. Such a body could perhaps make a valuable contribution to student welfare at reasonable cost.

It is no coincidence that the main supporters of NUS at IC are groups like the Liberals and Labour Clubs, which are affiliated to the ULS and NOLS. It seems Mr Stewart is, with their help, trying to launch a carefully orchestrated campaign to get us back into the NUS. We want our money to be spent on the benefit of all our students, not to further the political aims of small groups in College. In the interests of all our students we must reject reaffiliation to the NUS.

Thank God - Only 90 minutes long...



Who's a pretty boy then?

Oliver Twist (Classic Haymarket) is well acted and beautifully shot, but lacks the bite needed to get you involved.

The main problem is that the film has been chopped back far too much from its original US version. What is left progresses smoothly enough but is too bland, lacking emotional peaks and troughs. Oliver never seems in real danger, though Tim Curry as Sykes tries hard.

All the acting is good, as you'd expect from Eileen Atkins, Timothy West, Cherie Lunghi and Sir Michael Horden. Richard Charles as Oliver gives none of those cringing moments you often get with kids on film although those looks of his are allowed to be too angelic. He never seems real. Poor George C Scott's Fagin has been hammered by the critics, and unfairly. They compare him too much with earlier versions. Fagin is not really an evil Jew (overplayed in the past) but a kindly old man trapped half-voluntarily amongst criminals. Like Nancy, his destruction becomes a tragic mistake made by all concerned, including Fagin himself.

Forget temporarily that the book *Oliver Twist* was ever written. Watch this just as a film. Then it has real merits.

Tony Atkins

Bullshot (Classic Haymarket) is exactly what it sounds to be—a complete send up of Bulldog Drummond and Britain in the twenties and thirties.

Bullshot (played by Alan Shearman) is a clean shaven, clean living hero. The whole purpose of his life is to play fair and to fight for the British Empire. The beautiful Rosemary (Diz White) asks him to help her find her father. Count Otto Von Druno (Ron House) is the baddie they end up chasing.

This film is basically a good laugh, an excellent spoof of those values upheld by so many 'modern' Tories. Don't expect to see much of Billy Connolly or Mel Smith (despite the posters). They only make brief appearances. It's a pity that the film couldn't have made more play on jokes about the pointlessness of war and so on.

Bullshot is enjoyable—go and see it, and remember the days when Britain was Great, men were Men and the Germans were called the Hun.

Hugh Southey

Spacehunter: Adventures in the Forbidden Zone (various Classic cinemas) is a reasonably entertaining B-movie made in 3D, trying to mix *Star Wars* with *Mad Max*.

A mad scientist, Overdog, rules the plague-infested Terra Eleven, and likes kidnapping young girls who are silly enough to pay his planet a visit. Peter Strauss, the captain of a salvage spacecraft, sets off to rescue three of the girls and collect a reward. The rest you can predict.

The special effects are average—flying vultures, bat people, mutant children—and the 3D brings the battle scenes spectacularly to life. But it isn't all hack and slay—the one notable character is Molly Ringwald who plays an aggressive but emotionally vulnerable teenage orphan picked up by Strauss to act as a guide. Even so, *Spacehunter* cost \$12m—at that price you expect something more.

Tony Atkins

The Black Stallion Returns (U) at the Classic Oxford Street.

OK, kiddies are you ready? This film is a must if you're ten-year-old fighting for freedom and peace and love. I'm sure we adults have much to learn about these ideals, but somehow it's all too phoney.

Kelly Reno plays the typical ten-year-old, except he's American, has freckles and everything always turns out just fine, so he never has to do anything difficult. like think. They only time this plot becomes interesting is when the French Legionaire says to Kelly, in his saucy French voice: "If you were mine I would make your bottom very sore!"

The actual filming, however, is superb. The Sahara and Arab culture were taken in with a real vitality. The best actor was the Black Stallion himself. This horse outdoes Lassie and Champion the Wonder Horse any day.

Steve Chamberlain

National Lampoon's Vacation (most of the ABC cinemas).

For some reason the producers of this film seem quite pleased with their creation—or at least their bank managers are.

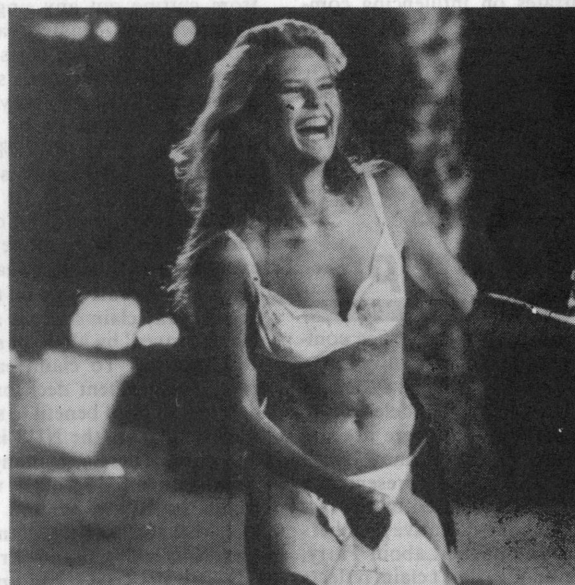
The characters are supposedly an ordinary middle class family, only a little accident prone. When the father (Chevy Chase) decides they are going to drive across the continent from Chicago to Los Angeles, every sort of mishap occurs. The result is mayhem.

I felt this film never carried the individual scenarios through properly. The jokes were well set up but never quite worked.

Christine Brinkley makes several appearances as a sex-crazed poor little rich girl in a red Ferrari, and eventually goes skinny-dipping with Chevy Chase. Unfortunately not a single glimpse of tit or bum from her.

My advice to you: Don't bother. Go and see a good porno film instead.

Dave Parry



Cor! But not a single glimpse of tit or bum.....

Alarm ring in another new wave

'Some people say we've sold out, but I say to those, Satan get behind me' was Mike Peters emphatic denial of accusations that the Alarm had 'gone commercial'. But it is impossible for a good band, and the Alarm are good, not to sell records and pack out venues.

The Savoy Ballroom (an annex of The Boston Arms) was packed out. Situated next to Tufnell Park tube station, the Ballroom, with over a thousand people squeezed in, making breathing difficult, doesn't quite fit in with the Alarm's idea of playing small venues. The room was very reminiscent of the pillared JCR, though the higher ceiling allowed for much improved acoustics. A slightly higher stage would have been appreciated, too, by those at the front who kept spilling over into the microphones.

The Alarm's use of Epiphone 6-string acoustic and acoustic bass always seems to cause trouble (like the almost complete lack of bass at the Lyceum in March) but the sheer enthusiasm of the band and the way the front three (Mike, Eddie and Dave) swop around on vocals and guitars and thrash the hell out of them covers the finer problems with the PA and sound balance. All the singles, *Unsafe Building*, *Marching On*, *The Stand* and their anthem *68 Guns*, were covered in the set, with the inclusion of the poignant *Tell Me* a song about life after a prison sentence. A further six songs made up the two encores, including *Up For Murder* and the Dylanesque *We Are The Light*.

The Alarm have come a long way from their 'mod' days as 17 supporting such bands as Dexy's Midnight Runners at the Cardiff Palais. Inspired by U2 (*Blaze of Glory* is dedicated to Bono) and renamed after the first song they wrote together, *Alarm Alarm*, the band has built up a substantial live following supporting the Jam, U2, Stiff Little Fingers and The Beat. Indeed, like U2, the Alarm have been labelled as a 'Christian' band, but the title is as equally inappropriate as 'acoustic punk'. Their lyrics do show an obsession with conflict and the metaphors of war, though. *Third Light* is a prime example:

So here I stand, by your grave side,
The steel helmet lies upon your cross.
They say you died for King and Country,
But that's no comfort to the life you've lost.
In Across the Irish Border they voice
the futility of the conflict but carefully
don't take sides. *Marching On*, their
second single, expresses an optimistic

Get out your ten-gallon hat and fringed jacket as Cowboy-chic hits the fashion-conscious FELIX music page. We report on the *London Cowboys* who play the Union Concert Hall tonight (admission £2) and new faves the *Alarm*.

X Pistol and the Cowboys

Once upon a time, Johnny Thunders taught Steve Dior how to play guitar and Dior went on to call his band *London Cowboys* and dedicate their debut album—*Animal Pleasure*—to Thunders' old band, *the New York Dolls*. These observations and the fact that *London Cowboys* are large in France (hit singles, albums and tours) tend to make the band seem a bit of a laughing stock. I mean, what do the French know about rock'n'roll—even Plastic Bertrand was Belgian.

Since the album is only available on import it is not possible to pass fair judgement on the *Cowboys* although reliable sources say they are good live. The band have received a mixed reaction from the music press—the *Melody Maker* recently raved about them whilst the *New Musical Express* dismissed them as 'plain ridiculous'. Given that most IC students seem to read *Sounds* you'll have to make up your own mind—and possibly see ex-Pistol Glen Matlock who plays with the band.

Peter Rodgers

theme of hope which runs through most of their songs:

*The Power on the Right Side,
Fights the Power on the Left.
We have got to stand together;
Forget the East and West.*

As Peters says 'With so many tribes out there, all possibly afraid of being tolerant at each other, music can unite us. We're all on the same side, the government hasn't got anything real to offer. None of us are of any political party, we just get on with the politics of youth.'

The follow-up single to *68 Guns* is rumoured to be *Blaze of Glory* and the debut album is planned to be recorded this November. With two TOTP appearances, a top twenty single and an extensive UK tour starting in January, it might seem that the Alarm are on the point of selling themselves down river. I hope that the process is not an inevitable consequence of the commercial success the Alarm seem destined to enjoy.

Guy Riddihough



DAVE SHARP

EDDIE MACDONALD

NIGEL TWIST

MIKE PETERS

Them & Us

K♥ Lord Flowers Rector Mr Big at Imperial College and parts of road next to 170 Queensgate. He has carefully cultivated a magnificent pair of jowls to cover his expression of utter boredom.
Likes: to polish the silver balls on his coronet.
Dislikes: FELIX Editors.

Q♥ Michael Arthur Student Services Officer. Has a reputation for being vague and off-hand with anyone he thinks isn't important (ie ordinary students). Interests include sucking up to his bosses in College and rubbing people up the wrong way.
Likes: earning lots of money.
Dislikes: Students, FELIX.

Q♠ Gavnor Lewis ICU President. Inside the quiet schoolgirlish exterior is a quiet, schoolgirlish interior. She's a miner (but old enough to vote at UGMs) and Welsh (but not so you'd notice).
Likes: having her elbows bitten less.
Dislikes: being called 'Gorm-'.
J♠ Christine Teller ICU Deputy President (the goofy bird with the big tits) She was acting liked it so much she decided to carry on (as Dep Pres that is). Chris has an MSc (middle of sex change) in physics.
Likes: being tied to trees.
Dislikes: seeing the above photo of herself in print.

J♦ Sean Davis ICU Honorary Secretary. The token Irishman on the exec, so much so that he requires simultaneous translation at UGMs. A once and future physicist, his interests include drinking, drinking to excess and drinking until he falls over.
Likes: working under two women.
Dislikes: Chelsea College students.

K♠ Pallab Ghosh FELIX Editor. Also known as Prince of Darkness (for reasons that are obscure). He is an ex-physicist and his interests include sex, scandal and innuendo as well as the occasional bit of gossip or rumour.
Likes: thinking he is the most powerful and influential person in ICU.
Dislikes: twats.

J♠ Chris Brannick Nightline Director. The enigmatic fifth sabbatical is a mathematician and occasional timpanzee in orchestra and wind band.
Likes: pussycats finding out about this.

J♥ Ian Bull Next year's President. Also known as the Crown Prince. Seen regularly prancing around at College parties, increasing his sabbatical credibility.
Likes: 18 pints of Guinness a night.
Dislikes: It being known that he is standing for President next year.

J♥ John Smith College Secretary could well have been our man in Grenada had he not retired from the FO. Would possibly like to lead an armed group into Estates section to restore efficiency.
Likes: Organising Donkey Derbys.
Dislikes: His new office.

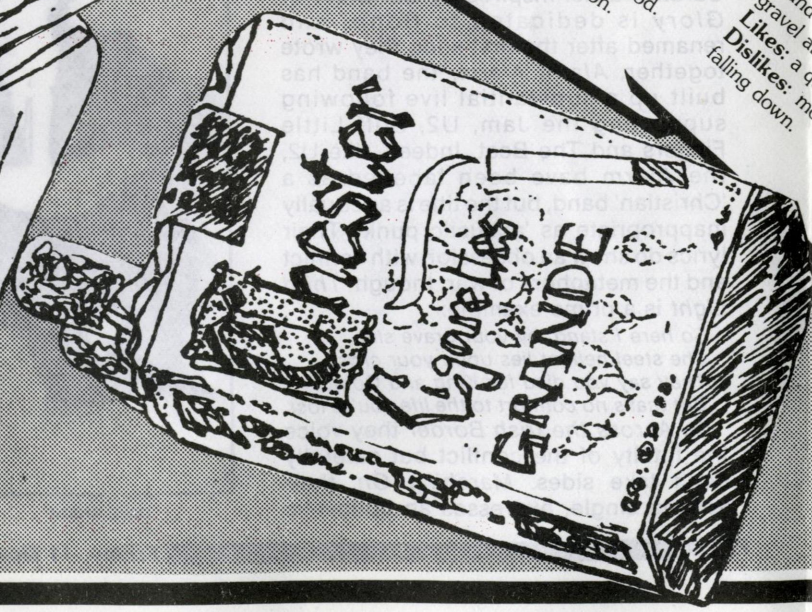
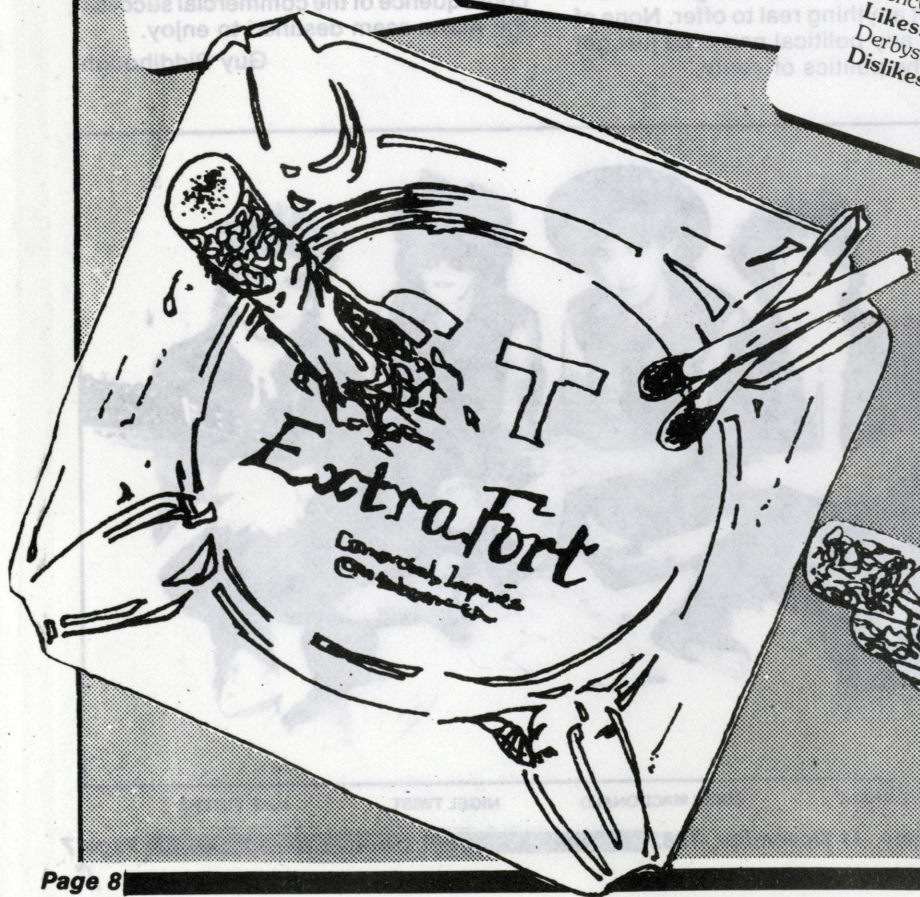
K♣ Victor Mooney Refectory Manager. This man is the living result of eating 'mooneys'. Would like to dispatch most of the Estates section to the great refectory in the sky.
Likes: refectory food.
Dislikes: eating refectory food. The entire Estates section.

J♣ Don Clark Estates section. Played with lego as a child and seems to have built most of College with it. Currently to be found building a bunker of gravel at Harlington.
Likes: a quiet life.
Dislikes: most of the College falling down.

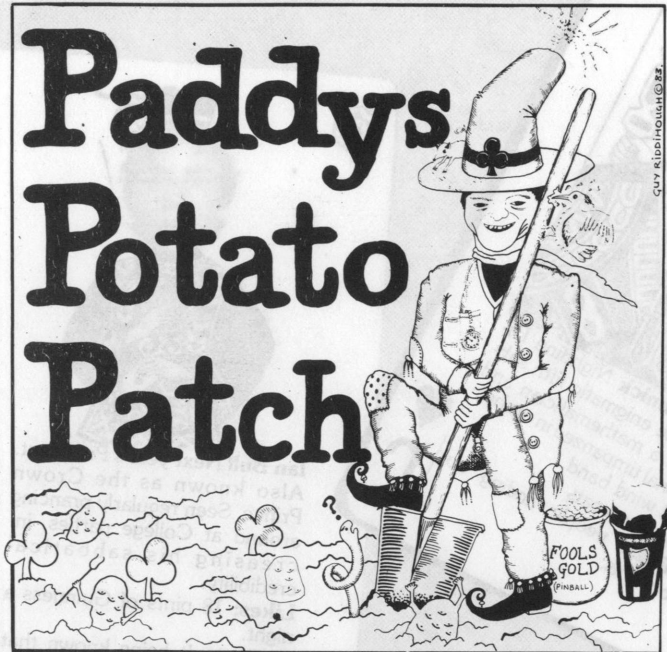
K♦ Brian Lloyd-Davies Financial Officer of Imperial College and hence its most important man. Wonders where the next £1m is coming from and where he put the tablets for his stomach ulcer.
Likes: the occasional drink.
Dislikes: having to bask in Leicester Square.

Them & Us
We feel it is about time to introduce you to a few Union and College personalities that are often mentioned in FELIX in the form of a new card game, Us and Them. The rules are simple: it is a game for up to 5,000 players. The object is to gather as many points as possible.

Union Flush When you get Pres, Dep Pres and Hon Sec in the Union Office at one time (and not out on a freebie). 50 points.
Sherfield Blush When prominent members of College administration have it off with their secretaries. 100 points.
Grand Slam When the FELIX Editor finds out. 150 points.
Bungle Getting a set of Estates Sec, Refectory Manager and Student Services Officer. Minus 20 points.
Snap What you get when you phone up Michael Arthur. Minus points.
Full House When Michael Arthur overbooks the Summer Lettings Scheme. Minus 50



Paddys Potato Patch



Have you ever drunk more than ten different beers in the one day; seen Mike Stuart wear a pink dress; collected more than anyone else in the streets; drink some poor pub completely dry and then watch the barman break down and cry; seen a Gerard Livet film; taken part in a one hundred man boat race; taken a dirty weekend in Paris; watched the CCU execs drowning in the Serpentine; taken part in a three team tug-of-war event (it's not really circular—it's triangular); been to a Mines Dirty Disco, a Rag Carnival, the Smoking Concert, or SCAB

Night; heard about or even seen Elephant; watch Gaynor and Christine drink a yard, read a new FELIX every day; watched Eric Darbyshire and Chris Crownshaw acting like two old women or even seen your most appalling lecturer being hit by the Guilds Hit Squad?

If you haven't, then watch out for Rag Week. It is just about to fall on you like a ton of bricks and when it hits it takes almost two weeks to recover, but will leave you with scars for the rest of your lives.

Sean C Davis

Rag Week 1983

| | Lunch Time | Evening |
|----------|--------------------|-----------------------|
| Nov 16 | Beer Festival | |
| Thurs 17 | Paper Darts | Rag & Drag |
| Fri 18 | | Barnight & B-B-Q |
| | | Fireworks |
| Sat 19 | Street Collection | SCAB Night |
| Sun 20 | Raft Race & Circ | Drink XXX? Dry |
| | Tug of War | |
| Mon 21 | Ents Films All Day | Ragarama |
| Tues 22 | | Dirty Disco & Gig |
| Wed 23 | Inter-College Rag | Mag Selling (All Day) |
| Thurs 24 | Monster Boat Race | Smoking Concert |
| Fri 25 | Start of 1,000,001 | Carnival |
| | Down Darts | |

SOUTHSIDE BAR

Tonight: Friday 11 November

COURAGE DIRECTORS 50p pint

& LIVE MUSIC—THE CHASERS

at 6:30 and 9:00pm

Mon 14 Nov: Chaps Club RAGARAMA in Real Ale Bar.

Q: WHAT WOULD YOU DO WITH £13,000?

I'D USE IT TO JOIN THE NUS—AFTER ALL WE HAVE A MORAL DUTY TO SUPPORT THEM.



I'D ALSO USE IT TO JOIN THE NUS—IT'S ABOUT TIME THESE RIGHT-WING CHAUVANIST IMPERIAL STUDENTS TOWED THE LINE.



RIGHT—SAY A PINT OF DIRECTORS COSTS 60P. 13,000 DIVIDED BY 0.6.....





Lewes Trip came off well, we sold over 500 Rag Mags to the people on campus at Guildford and had a fine time attempting to get into pubs in Lewes. As usual the disaster on this trip was the coach driver who decided to circle Guildford's one way system twice before plucking up courage for the cross country trip over to Lewes—before being hit by a drunk driver on the way back.

The next day Jez gaterashed the old crocks run to Brighton—beating the plastic-bodied fiat Guilds borrow off Sir Hugh Ford for the occasion.

Come to Rag Week in which you will find lots of RCSU events, so come along and join in.

Also, today at 12:45pm above Southside Bar is a RCS Rag Committee meeting to finalise details of Rag Week. So be there.

Have fun.

Dave

ΨΦ

.....haven't much time, even now I can hear the slap-slap of alien feet on the stairs. God, I hope FELIX don't cut this article before the door gives out because I must tell you about—Christ, they're in, their metallic antennae searching the air. I must tell you, don't.



Congratulations to Bo on making a successful trip to Brighton, and congratulations to his supporters for stuffing RCS on the bumper cars, as usual.

Unfortunately Mike Stuart had to go swimming by himself as Mark's ankle had an argument with a slide—and he's still in hospital.

Don't forget that tomorrow is the Lord Mayor's Show, when the Guilds float, that Siwan Chamberlain has been building for the last month, tours the City of London.

Then on Wednesday, Rag Week begins with the inter-CCU raft race where we race (and beat) RCS and Mines across the Serpentine and back.

Stoic

Welcome to another week of hand made television. Next week on Tuesday you can have a tube with Dame Edna Everage as she insults, embarrasses and pours tea over a past STOIC interviewer; and on Thursday our news and information service for the jet-lagged, News-Break, is back as usual. First Ben-Hur; then Star Wars; then the Wombles; and now this—it's better than a refectory meal (and it doesn't repeat as quickly). (But it does make you throw up—Ed).

Vegsoc

Vegsoc got off to a good start this year with 38 people joining at the 'Fruit and Vegetable Tasting'. This unusual event was a great success and thoroughly enjoyed (apart from the seaweed!). Don't worry if you missed it—we'll probably hold another.

Our lunchtime meetings will now take place on Mondays and Fridays. Meet at 12:45 at Beit Arch for lunch at the RCA. These meetings are completely informal, just come along when it's convenient.

We hope to have fortnightly evening meals on Tuesdays, either in people's rooms or a Union room. These follow the old formula of everyone bringing something and chaos ensuing!

Finally, if you have any suggestions for events, restaurant trips, campaigns, etc, let us know at a meeting.

Go Club

Anyone interested in joining this newly-formed club (affiliated to Wargames) should come to the Senior Common Room in the Union Building ('Wargames Room') on Wed 16 Nov at 1:30pm or contact L Holland, Physics 2. Anyone from complete beginner upwards welcome.

L Holland

SMALL ADS

FOR SALE

●**Canon AE1P** with f1.8 standard lens One year old, vgc, £75. Contact Cheh Goh, int 3156, Elec Eng PG.

●**Sinclair ZX Spectrum** with printer. As new, still under guarantee, £100. See David Rowe, Chem 3.

●**Philips 3-band stereo radio-cassette** player. Almost new. £40. See S Curry Physics 2 via letter-racks.

●**Skiing at Xmas?** 1 place remains for 2 week trip to Val D'Isere from 23 Dec to 8 Jan in self-catering apartment for 4. Total cost approx £450 (inc food, ski hire, lift pass, etc). Contact Jon Symons, EE2. Any grade skier welcome in probably the world's best resort.

●**Camera** Mamiya Ns3000, SLR, f1.7, 3 years old, vgc, £75. Contact Cheh Goh, int 3156, Elec Eng PG.

●**Nordica Nova** ski boots size 7 £20. Dawn Williamson, Chem Eng 2 letter-racks or Guilds Office lunchtimes.

●**VW Beetle**, 11mths tax and MoT, excellent condition, £300. F Millar, Chem Eng 1.

●**5-spd racing bicycle** 21" frame. Good condition. £35. Contact S T Hollingsworth through Elec Eng letter-rack.

●**2 mini-component hi-fi** (1) Sanyo C-3 £90 negotiable; (2) National J-500 (cassette, radio and turntable) latest model £150 negotiable. Tang, Mines letter-racks.

●**Linn Kan speakers**, superb sound, can demonstrate, offers around £150. Phone Graham on (0372) 66204 (eves).

WANTED

●**Wanted:** female to share a room in a mixed Hamlet Gdns flat. Rent £20.50pw and minor bills. Flat facilities include telephone, TV, video and washing machine. Tel 7487503 and ask for Petra or Caroline.

●**Opposition required** to play Mathematics Dept XI soccer team. Undeclared. Contact John Kerendi, Maths 3.

●**Wanted:** football teams to challenge the unbeaten Willis Jackson Spartans. Contact Ian Pennington, Physics 1 via house or Physics letter-racks (370 4824).

●**Wanted one male** to share room in flat of 4 in Hamlet Gardens, TV, washing machine, etc. Only £21pw plus bills. Contact H Southey, Chem Eng or 748 3184.

●**Wanted:** one RCSU Asst Hon Sec due to departure of social climber.

●**25th November** 10⁺1 down darts. M/o and C/LS teams req'd, see P Glover ø3 or Jane Howe C2.

●**Domestic cleaner** wanted from 31 October from 4:00 to 7:00pm for 3 weeks. Rate of pay £2+ per hour. Apply to: Delves House, 31 Queen's Gate Terrace SW7. Telephone: 584 1334.

LOST

●**Lost!** Small, blue plastic, Timex ladies chronograph watch (and 1/2 strap) near Sheffield Building on Friday 4 Nov. If found please contact D Sobieraj, Biochem 3 or phone 741 7095.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

●**Disco, amplifiers, lights**, for hire with or without operator. Prices for disco start at £25. Contact Yuika c/o ICU Office or ring 902 2389.

●**Tennis Club:** To all members. We are having a Club Dinner on Fri 2 Dec. Max £5 inc wine. All interested write internally to Mike Shepherd, Biochem 3 or Christian Langevin, Mech Eng PG.

●**Tennis Club:** Can all members in 1st, 2nd, ladies squads please attend Wednesday training as often as possible. 2nds 1:00-3:00pm, 1sts 3:00-5:00pm and 2:45pm til dark. We are coaching free of charge. So far turn out has been quite good.

●**Throw for Rag**, see Paul Glover, ø3 or Jane Howe C2.

●**Darts in foot** c/o 10⁺ down darts.

PERSONAL

●**Jane**, you'll never get anywhere by whipping hedgehogs (anyway it's dead)—signed ARBS.

●**ARBS of BSH** wishes it to be known that he is not a relation of S Dickhead who should know better than to drink that much.

●**Headcase of Animal House** notes someone was alone with Schizophrenia.

●**To Paul Simion**—ARBS is not an anagram of PISSED.

●**Some of us just want** to be small and furry—Lemming of Bernard Sunley.

●**What is that shambaling** around the seedy bits of Paddington—It's the Bear of Animal House.

●**To the Physics 2 coalminers:** Pick your own noses. From M and S.

●**Animal of Bernard Sunley** doesn't bite but likes the occasional nibble.

●**Wanted**, dead or alive, Jean Legallois. Contact M Standing, Mech Eng 3.

●**M** is for Mike and he is magnificent. M is for Mike and he is miraculous. P is for Paul and he is perfect (so he says) but

J is for Juliet and she is a jerk.

●**Jose Glauschwitz:** What colour socks are you wearing today?

●**Harley:** How is your whipping coming along?

●**A**—No you can't share with a black jellybaby because he's too greasy!

●**Q**—can you share with a black jellybaby? All answers on a postcard to Anne Royley, Chem Eng 1.

●**Will the fucking queer bastard** in Chem Eng 1 please leave my mate alone before I scratch your eyes out.

●**Late:** HB to Pipsy—JJ.

●**Watch out Tessa**, pronto has competition. Love Niel the Natty Newt.

●**BE4-DNW:** Racked off person of the month (November) S W Neild.

●**JW 214** looking forward to your dirty weekend in Paris!—Can we all join in!

●**Wimp's lab partner** sends her love!

●**Wanted:** One reversing light. Contact "47c Aggro Bashers" c/o C&GMC.

●**AJR:** I want my £20 for services rendered—DB.

●**Snoopy sends hugs and kisses** to Angel Fish.

●**Wanted:** Foster parents for middle-aged gentleman. Experience as optician essential. Apply to BAHC.

●**Arms too short?** Gain inches with IC Waterskiing Club. Sorry—only arms catered for.

●**Darling I can't love you any more**, your arms are too short.

●**JC walked on water**, you can too, with IC Waterskiing Club. See clubs page.

●**Coffee?** Tea? Call on Rings and Perve any time.

●**Rejoice, Perve and Rings** find somewhere to live! Ladies sleep safe in your beds tonight. (And Scotsmen).

●**PG sends his love** to MD and FD.

●**MD and FD** love forever!!

●**FD wants meal** at Savoy.

●**MD forgives FD** for bankruptcy.

●**Wham!** Bad boy Karl Briers raps while handgirling.

●**Foxx music** and high biscuit yield are soon to be names in neon.

●**Physics 2 1 Metallurgy PG** (alias IC 1sts) 2. A close match and they had 12 men!

●**To Big Nose:** Never mind about Blondie, we love you: Your mates.

●**Nismo:** Spastic letter—especially as you get pissed on 2 pints. The lobotomy obviously isn't helping.

●**José:** Why is your hair such a mess?

EDITORIAL

The next ACC meeting is on Tuesday 15 November at 6:30pm in the Lower Refectory. 'Stoats Club' socials will be starting soon, you have been warned.

Last week's cock-ups section: sincere apologies to Sailing Club, who, owing to an 'administrative error' appeared as Rifle and Pistol. I realise that this was a great insult to them, and I grovel most humbly. Secondly, I apologise to myself. The Badminton social will be on Thursday 1 December, not as printed.

If any other clubs are wondering why the Sports Page has articles from the same clubs each week, it's because they're the only clubs that write articles.

John Scott

Canoe

It is hoped during the next few weeks to get an Imperial College Waterskiing Club rolling (skiing?). Initially, it looks like we'll be skiing on Wednesday afternoons at the West India docks, where we can get a reduced rate with the Albatross Wind & Water Club. Later, we may be able to arrange weekends on the South Coast. Beginners are welcome (and one of them is writing this!), likewise experienced skiers. Equipment and instruction supplied. Everything depends upon the response we get, so, if you are interested, contact Mike Mclean, Mining PG, John Maxey or Trevor Power, both Mech Eng 1.

Cycling

Last Sunday the Cycling Club rode down to Brighton with the veteran cars. We split up into a fast group and a slow group—the majority of riders started in the fast group. Although the fast group soon split up, they met again at a roadside snack bar near Gatwick then proceeded on to overtake numerous veteran cars. Soon the group were weaving through the roads of Brighton and began to jostle for good sprinting positions but hopes of putting in a sprint finish were destroyed when the final road was seen to be packed with traffic—well never mind, we beat Bo and Jez anyway (just) after giving them a three-quarter hour start!

After downing chips and Pepsi, two keen members set off back to London (must be scared of trains) and while the others were paddling, madman Gary Hotchkiss stripped down to his racing shorts and went for a swim. After drying off, the group caught the train back after a very enjoyable day (time: three and a half hours including stops).

Football



IC3 Entertainments Present:

'The Curse of the Shiny Red Kit'

A play in four acts starring:
Mark Whitehead "A man of savagely curling shorts"—FELIX

Bryce Goldsborough, "Incomprehensible, impassable, incomparable individual"—Northern Alliterist Weekly.

Anton Milner, "sounds like a pinko to us"—1922 Committee

Jim Downing, "I thought we were playing rugger"—Jim Downing.

Plus support cast.

Act 1

The troupe spend two hours investigating Charing X architecture, Wendyburgers etc, because we seem to have nothing better to do.

Act 2

First half curtain opens at 3-15 in gathering gloom. Mark doesn't score so we run around a bit to keep warm.

Act 3

Second half storm tactics involve running away from keeper Paul a lot because he forgot his deodorant. Mark scores so we jump on top of each other a lot to keep warm.

Act 4

Potato soup and John Smith cocktails are consumed in celebration.

Moral of Story: Just because you've got a shiny red one doesn't mean you can't score.

Final Score: Goldsmith 3 0 IC 3 1

—Flash

Hockey



Hockey 2nds: IC 1 British Airways 1

The Case Against British Airways

"You are charged that on the afternoon of Saturday last, you and your team did willfully contrive to play the worst, and most unsportsmanlike, seventy minutes of hockey seen for many years, and yet still had the impudence to leave with a draw. Do you have anything to say for yourself?"

"Well, your honour, we were totally overawed by the occasion. To play against IC at Harlington is every baggage-handlers dream, and"

"Silence! We will move on to the circumstances of your goal. Is it not true that you were so frustrated by your inability to score, that you did force your umpire to award a penalty for a perfectly legal challenge?"

"I'm afraid so your honour, but the game was nearly over and we were losing. I apologise for any undue suffering we have caused."

"Groveling will get you nowhere you pathetic creature. However on this occasion I am prepared to be lenient: you are to leave this court and spend the rest of the season in the very 'darkest' depths at the bottom of the league, whence you shall be taken to your place of execution—a small town called Sunbury."

Cross Country



"Hello Ron, is that you?"

"Oh Robert. How are you? I'm terribly sorry you had so much trouble getting through to me."

"Yes. It was that stupid secretary of yours. Kept saying you were in conference and couldn't be disturbed."

"Well, of course, when I heard it was you on the phone I told the Russkies to stuff their proposals and came straight to the phone to speak to you."

"OK. Listen closely. What I have to say is very important. On Wednesday 2 November 1983, IC Cross Country Club held their annual friendly at Richmond Park. On a wet, muggy afternoon about thirty runners attempted the five mile course of which approximately fifteen ran the correct course and the rest got lost. Graham Harker, the first person home, judged the race well because everyone in front of him ran the wrong way."

"Have you got that Ron? I'm sure you understand the implications if any word of this ever got out. I hope to God this line isn't tapped. Give my love to Nancy. Bye."

"Goodbye, Robert and thank you."

Water Polo



Friday night saw the highly-organised masses of the Water Polo team travelling in dribs and drabs to Isleworth for our final match in the Middlesex League Competition.

Prospects did not look too hot, with three of our star players unavailable—one drinking his way up a canal somewhere, one with broken fingers (sustained during experiments with products of 'The Spanish Fly Company') and the other telling everyone to say they hadn't seen him.

We started the match while still missing Richard, who was speeding on his way Beetle-style from Beckenham. After two minutes of the first quarter, we were 2-1 down and about to concede another goal when your intrepid reporter went to block the threatened shot, and sacrificed his right eyelid in the process.

Two hours and four stitches later I found out we'd won 8-6 and everybody played very well. This means we remain in the top division. Players should stand by to win ULU knockout later on in the month.

Paul Edwards

Rugby



IC Rugby 1st XV vs Roehampton Institute The 1s XV set off to Roehampton with a much depleted side from the one that won the cup game on Wednesday. It did not matter however as IC scored two tries in the first five minutes and continued to score at a steady rate. By the final whistle IC had scored 11 tries and won by 60-0.

Sailing



1sts vs St Georges 2-0
1sts vs Southampton 1-1
A vs Southampton 1-1

After an energetic boat rebuilding session last Wednesday, Imperial College SC were once again in a position to take the formidable seas of the Welsh Harp at the weekend. Two IC teams took on sailors from as far afield as Southampton and Burnham in races which were as hotly contested as the final of the America's Cup. The first team, under the direction of Jones, soon had St Georges under control, sailing them convincingly to the back of the fleet in the first race. But St Georges would not accept defeat and fought back in the second race to take a very credible first place. However the remainder of their team were not given such an easy time and some excellent sailing by the IC team soon forced the opposition into a losing position.

Southampton were given effective treatment by both Imperial A and Imperial 1sts, with both teams beating the opposition in one race. The match would have been more hotly contested but for one Firefly with a cast iron centreboard which severely disadvantaged one team. Imperial will prove their dominance when sailing at Southampton later in the year.

Fencing



IC v Kings (Fencing)

Despite laying waste QMC's swordsmen and women last week, IC could not display such verve and dash against Kings who fielded a strong team at the worst of times. Thanks to Tony's father for presiding over the sabre competition, this meant that the usual fractious arguments about who hit whom, when, where, how and why did not arise and we set about slicing one another up with gay abandon.

The lady foilists set about their task with the raw aggression that make the normally strong stomached individuals flinch, but even after all the entrails and gore were swept away things were grim for IC.

The first men's foilists were also run through by the Kingsmen; but a ray of hope, the second men's foil team had won and there was reverie and joy in the IC camp.

Finally Epée, which although took a very long time to fence (the rest of both teams sensibly had adjourned to the bar so as not to break the concentration of the fencers), IC showed a creditable performance, so all in all, a good time was had by all. Thanks to all those who took part and those who came to watch.

Reuter

Cricket



In last week's exciting episode, the captain had a toss. Read on, if you can.....

A good start was provided by Eastland and Helsby (63), as per usual, followed by a fine innings of 54 by Harlow This left IC in a strong position at 152-2 after 32 overs. The rest of the IC batting however lacked practice and the team succumbed to the Barts spin and were all out for 186 in the 40th over.

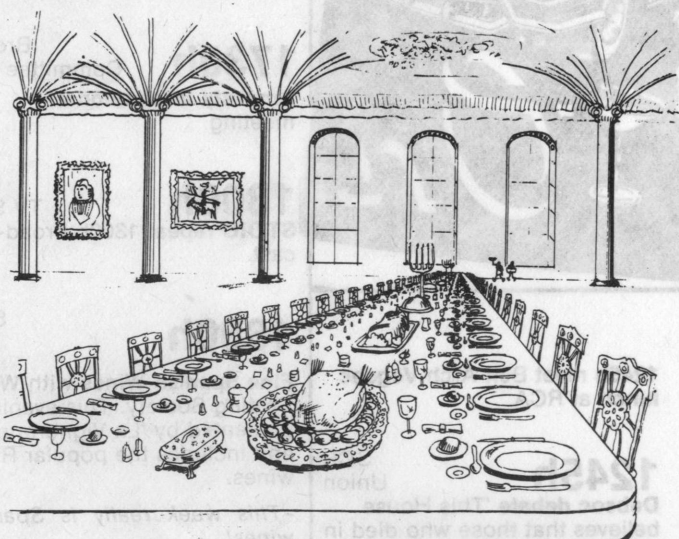
Tight bowling by Eastland and Hobbs restricted Barts in their scoring. An excellent spell by Shaw applied a further brake but all their wickets were still intact and the situation began to look ominous. Barts run rate began to increase. A couple of wickets taken by Tear proved to be only minor setbacks, and the game began to swing back towards Barts. An excellent piece of fielding by Bostock on the cover point boundary switched the game back in IC's favour until a whirlwind 30 by a Barts batsmen (?) sealed the match.

Thus IC lost by 6 wickets, a margin that did not reflect the true nature of the match. Will the Umpire fart?

Will Harlington ever be used for test matches again?

Does anybody care?

Read next week's exciting episode of 'The Cricket Club Saga'.



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FELIX Dinner

2 December 1983

7:00 for 7:30pm Union Dining Hall

Guest speaker: Michael White *The Guardian*

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BODDINGTONS PROMOTION
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CHRISTMAS HALL DINNER
Tuesday, 13 December 1983
£8 per head (student rate)

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Close 12.00 Friday, 2nd December
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(author of *Empire Road*)
Tuesday 15 November 8pm
The Arts Theatre
Great Newport Street
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Free tickets available from the Box Office until 7:45pm.
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friday

1230h JCR Socialist Soc bookstall. Books, info and Campaign Coffee.

1230h JCR BUNAC Info on summer working vacations in the USA. Air fares paid, and it looks good on your CV!

1245h meet Beit Arch Vegsoc lunch at RCA.

1245h JCR CND Bookstall and Peace Vigil 'Remembrance is not enough' We must respect the living as well as the dead. Prayers and readings about war, the future and hope.

1255h Concert Hall, Union Islamic Soc Friday prayers.

1300h Bot/Zoo Common Rm Yacht Club meeting to organise trip for 18-20 Nov. All interested come along.

1930h Union Dining Hall Hellenic & Cypriot Socs Freshers' Dinner. Everyone welcome. Membership available. Tickets 50p for members. £1 for others.

1930h ULU Malet St Black/Its Immaterial/Sir Freddie gig £2.50 adv or £3 door. Further info: Dave Wilson, Ents Officer 580 9551 ext 27.

2000h Concert Hall IC Ents gig London Cowboys and support, £2.

saturday

1230h the Log Cabin Northfields tube

Action Saturday Venture Club for physically or mentally handicapped and deprived children. Travelling expenses refunded. Organised by IC Community Action Group.

LOUNGE LIZARDS NIGHTCLUB EVERY SATURDAY NIGHT LOWER REFECTORY BAR/COCKTAILS

sunday

0930h meet Beit Arch Cycling Club fun run. Pace suitable for beginners. If your bike is in good condition come along with some money for lunch.

1000h Consort Gallery, Sheffield WLC Communion Service. Coffee will be served.

1300h SCR Wargames Club Hack & Slag meeting.

1800h More Hse 53 Cromwell Rd Catholic mass followed by bar supper and talk 'Marx and Christianity' by Prof David McLellen of Kent University. All welcome.

monday

1230h Union Lower Refec Anti-Apartheid Soc coordination meeting. The society now has a full new committee. It is important that everyone interested comes along to this meeting to express ideas for future meetings and events. All welcome.

1230h Bot/Zoo Common Rm Nat Hist Soc meeting to finalise places in Minibus to the Otter Trust (20 Nov). If you can't make the meeting, contact Richard Archer, Biology 3.

1235h ICCAG Office ICCAG weekly meeting. Come along to see and discuss what we have done and will be doing.

tuesday

T1230h Rm 606 Elec Eng Pimlico Connection 'Pay As You Eat' lunch.

1230h Union Upper Lounge Audio Soc Record Club.

1230h Room 231 Chemistry Catholic mass and lunch. All welcome.

1230h Rm E400 Chem Eng Methodist Soc Bible Study.

1245h

Huxley 3W1 film 'Technology—the other way' outlining some of the projects of the Intermediate Technology Development Group (ITDG) who attempt to make technology serve peoples needs in the Third World.

1300h Southside Upper Lounge Windsurfing Club meeting.

1300h Southside Upper Lounge Riding Club meeting.

1300h

JCR/Hall TV Sets STOIC Broadcast Dame Edna—refreshes the parts no lager can reach.

1330h

Read Theatre Sherfield Dept of Humanities lecture 'The Constraints of Intelligence Services in Western Democracy' John Bruce Lockhart.

1330h

Pippard LT Sherfield Dept of Humanities lecture 'Aids for the Handicapped Living in the Community' Prof A Kennaway.

1730h

Brown Committee Rm Amnesty International meeting.

1800h

Hall TV Sets STOIC repeat 1300h broadcast.

1800h

SCR Beit Fine Spanish Wines with Wine Tasting Society. This evening presented by 'La Vigneronne' and includes the popular Rioja wines.

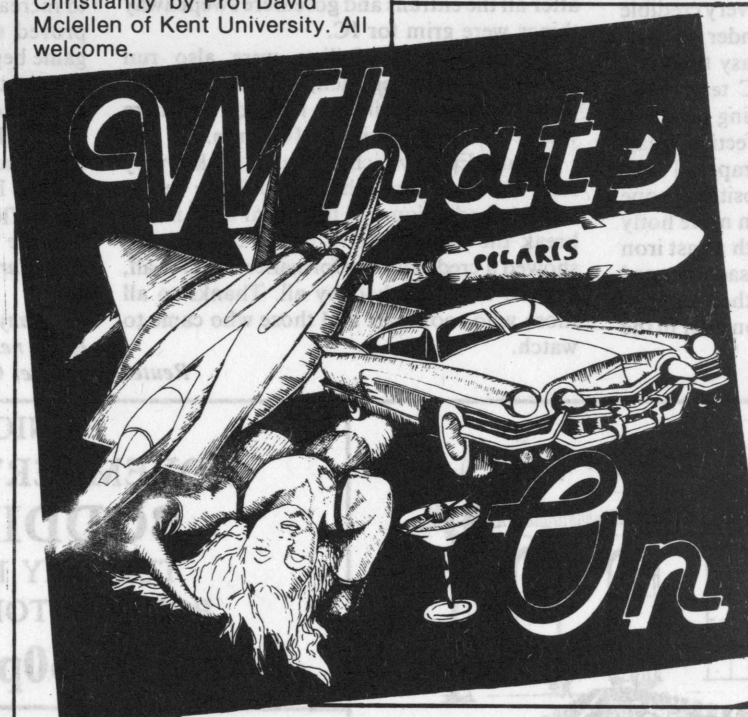
-This week really is Spanish wines!

1830h

Lower Refec ACC General Committee meeting. All clubs must send at least one representative. Apologies to Hon Sec.

1830h

Union Upper Lounge Audio Society demonstrate Elite Townsend who are one of the very few British companies who sell a complete system. Their turntable, which is called The Rock was designed in association with the Cranfield Institute of Technology and has gained acclaim from all quarters—some even admitting it sounded better than Linn!



1830h Union Gym Judo Practice.

1930h JCR Beginners Dance class.

2200-2400h IC Radio presents Russell Hickman 'A unique blend of noise'.

wednesday

1230h

JCR

Rag Beer Festival Lots of different real ales and real cider. Serving hours: 12:00-5:00pm and 5:30-11:00pm. £1 entry.

1245h

Mech Eng Foyer

ICCAG talking to and helping geriatric patients at St Pancras Hospital.

1300h

Huxley

Senior Christian Fellowship Praise and Prayer.

1300h

LTA213 Huxley

Consoc and CND filmshow 'The Peace Game', a film portraying the government's arguments about peace and defence. There will be a discussion afterwards between CND and Consoc. All welcome.

1300h

ICCAG Office

Jobber Squad practical help for the needy. ICCAG.

1300h Senior Common Room War Games meeting.

1310h basement 9 Princes Gdns **Islamic Soc** Quranic Circle.

1330h meet Beit Arch **Cycling Club** training run (30-40 miles).

1400h Rm 401 RSM **Micro-computer club**. Membership £2.

1430h Dramsoc Storeroom **Dramsoc Workshop**.

1930h JCR Beginners Dance Class

2000h-2200h IC Radio **Shiree Baker** with 'Music to accompany a pleasant evening in'.

thursday

1230h Union Upper Lounge **Audio Soc** record club.

1230h

Top of Union Building **Aerosoc Paper Darts** contest.

1245h

LT2 Chem Eng

VSO/IVS/UNAIS speaker meeting on international service with information on the organisations involved. Organised by UNSoc.

1300h Southside Upper Lounge **Balloon Club**.

1300h Green Committee Room **SF Soc** library meeting.

1300h

JCR/Hall TV Sets

STOIC broadcast News-Break all the news you thought you'd missed.

1330h

Great Hall

Dept of Humanities film 'Conquest of the Waters'.

1330h

LT2 Physics

Careers Talk 'Graduate into Telecommunications' with Mr G Craik of British Telecom.

1330h

Rm 542 Mech Eng

Careers Talk 'Engineering Design and Development in the Automobile Industry' with Mr Peter Marshall from the Ford Motor Company.

1330h

Music Rm 53 Princes Gate **Dept of Humanities** lunch hour concert 'the Coull Quartet'

1730h Aero 254 **Gliding Club** meeting.

1800h

Hall TV Sets

STOIC repeat broadcast of News-Break.

1830h Union Gym Judo Practice.

1900h Union Gym Judo Practice.

2000h

Rag and Drag Disco.

2130h

Falmouth Kitchens

Soup Run feeding and talking to some of London's 'down & outs'. ICCAG.

2200-2400h IC Radio **Alphabet Soup** with Ajay. Lunacy to destroy those sane Thursday evenings.

COMING SOON

Fri 18 Nov 1245h **Sherfield JCR IC's alternative**—IC Social Democratic Society inaugural meeting on election reform.

Sun 20 Nov eve Beit Quad **IC Barnight, B-B-Q** and fireworks.

Fri 25 Nov Start of 1,000,000 Down Darts.



IC RADIO IN LINSTEAD BAR
THURSDAY 17 NOVEMBER
8:00 till 11:00pm

GET FRESH!

Are you bored to tears with the same old-timers? Do two points on a Friday evening in Linstead Bar or a chilli-con-carne in Keogh Kitchen just make you want to switch off?

Fret not!!

because IC Radio is proud to present its all-new *fresher* line-up.

Jon Ingham Mon 6:00 till 8:00pm
Raj on the Radio Mon 8:00 till 10:00pm
Captain Scarlet on ICR funkaprise Tues 6:00 till 8:00pm
Aidan Dye's Late Show Tues 10:00 till 12:00pm

And many more besides, so come on, twist that dial to 303mw/999khz am and freshen up today!





Gaynor Lewis

Gaynor Lewis seems to be enjoying her year as President. She hasn't made any awful cock-ups; in fact she has done nothing this year at all!

The day-to-day functions of a sabbatical officer don't take up anything like forty hours a week. The sabbaticals are expected to have their own initiatives and carry them through. Sean Davis has done this admirably. He performs his tasks as Hon Sec competently and has also rescued IC Rag from the depths of bankruptcy to something very worthwhile. Meanwhile Gaynor spends all her spare time sipping Union sherry, working out seating plans for formal dinners.

Gaynor is possibly the worst President we have ever had in terms of negotiating with College administration. A number of top people in College have intimated to me that Gaynor is very naïve on College committees. These hard bitten professionals walk all over her. She has already practically given away the Union Building and settled for the cramped basement in Southside. The Southside expansion has now become the Southside move. If you were expecting any improvements in refectory services or better accommodation forget about them for this year.

The last Council meeting only lasted half an hour. The members of Council were quite happy to accept that Gaynor had done nothing to earn the £3,000 salary she gets. Maybe they'll take notice when they hear of the size of next year's College subvention to the Union—when they hear that the grants of their clubs, societies and CCUs are to be slashed. I hope they give her a harder time at the next Council meeting.

Porn

I was surprised to hear that the motion against any pornographic acts on College premises was passed at Tuesday's UGM. I wonder if this will mean that Gaynor won't be allowed to wear those awfully tight jeans she has been wearing recently?

I am suspicious of any action which restricts freedom of action or expression. With the exception of the horrible films shown on RSM's porno night most of the attractions are good dirty harmless fun. Anyway I'm sure the Mines block vote will reverse the decision at the next UGM.

FELIX

If anyone is interested in working for FELIX, particularly writing news and feature articles then they should come and see me Monday or Tuesday lunch time.

Credits

Lynne James, Jon Jones, Guy Riddihough, Simon Neild, Diane Love, the Sherfield Mole, Hugh Southey, David Rowe, Peter Rodgers, J Martin Taylor, Tony Atkins, Ulysses, Steve Brann, Matt Fawcett, Andreas, John McMasters, Steve Bishop, John Scott, Rolf, Phil, Maz, Pete and the Sherfield Print Unit.

Pallab. Ghosh



ULYSSES

More exams at Primelia College

You may remember my friends Alan, Barry, Chris, Diana and Elaine who got their exam results at the beginning of term. Well they've just had five more tests in maths, structures, hydraulics, thermodynamics and electricity. They were ranked from 1 to 5 in each subject, 1 for the best, 5 for the worst. The numbers of the ranks were added up, and the person with the lowest total would come top overall. No two ranks were equal in any one subject, and no two totals were the same.

1. Everybody came top in one subject.
2. Everybody came fifth in one subject apart from Alan. Elaine came fifth in two subjects.
3. In the maths test Elaine came above Diana, but below Alan.
4. In one subject, they finished in alphabetical order (Alan first).
5. In thermodynamics, Diana finished first and Barry last.
6. Barry's total was 15.
7. Elaine finished first in electricity.
8. If the rankings that Chris and Elaine got in the structures exam were swapped over, Elaine would have come top overall and Chris last.
9. Diana came second and Alan third in structures.
10. Diana came fourth in maths.
11. Barry did better in electricity than he did in structures.
12. Chris finished above Alan in electricity.

What order did they finish in?
Good luck, everybody.

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

Last Week's Solution

I thought I'd been rather hard on you up till now, so I decided to give you an easier one. However, when I was making it up, I didn't realise quite how easy it was. Despite gremlins getting in again and omitting (x+z) from the end of the clue for 7 across, I was still inundated with correct answers. 78 people got it right and the randomly selected winner was Alastair Macleod, Elec Eng 1.

After this puzzle and the one about making 82, I received entries from some people who claimed I was setting too many mathematical problems, "the sort of thing mathematicians cut their teeth on". This criticism was probably based on the assumption that I am a mathematician, and though I probably am at heart, I am studying engineering.

The reason that I'm setting mathematical problems like these is because they're based on fundamental mathematics and more fun to do for the majority of people than any puzzle based on principles of engineering. If those who think I'm being too mathematical would like to give me constructive criticism, and say what they'd like instead, I'd be grateful.

The answer should have been x=11, y=7, z=6.