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ACCOMMODATION CRISIS

College slashes re-app places

There will be a reduction in the number of re-applicants places in Halls and Houses next session in order to provide enough rooms for first year students. This is necessary because of the impending loss of the Fremantle Hotel.

In order to meet the guarantee given by the College to house all new undergraduate and overseas postgraduate students it has been necessary to use about fifty of the places in the Fremantle Hotel, which is leased by the College on a head tenancy basis. The three year lease expires at the end of this session, meaning that if it is to maintain the guarantees the College will have to reduce the numbers of non-guaranteed category residents in College owned accommodation. The Student Residence Committee decided on Wednesday that the shortfall will mainly be met by reducing the number of reapplicants, students who spend a second year in a Hall or House to provide some continuity in social life, by at least thirty. This represents a reduction from 10% to about 8% of places, although the cuts may not be implemented uniformly since Wardens are to consider each residence individually before final decisions are taken.

The remaining shortfall will be met by a combination of extra places in College flats and existing residences and reductions in other categories such as Union places, which ICU has agreed to reduce from sixteen to twelve for next session. It is hoped the extra places generated will be sufficient to avoid cutting the, already very low, number of home postgraduates who can be offered places.

Evelyn Gardens

Despite the problems caused by being compelled to carry out work on Willis Jackson House during term-time (reported in last week's FELIX), the College is not planning to carry out similar work on the remaining houses which will be required by Kensington and Chelsea Council until it is again forced to do so.

After inspections by the Council last year a notice was served for work to start on 69 and 64 to 66 Evelyn Gardens. However, since all the Evelyn Gardens houses are in a similar condition it seems that in due course all will require improvemnts. The total cost is expected to be a quarter of a million pounds.

New locks

Electrically-operated locks are to replace the present system of entry to the Southside Halls of Residence. At a cost of £2000, the changes are as a result of residents complaints that excessive force is required to gain access.

An additional change is that doors will be altered to open inwards instead of outwards.

Sinn Fein at IC

A member of Sinn Féin, the political wing of the IRA, addressed IC Socialist Society in The Lounge yesterday. John Niland, from Essex University, described the history of his party from the early 1900s until the present day. In the early sixties, he said, the policy of Sinn Féin had been revised from a generalised nationalism to a 'statist' one, which visualised three stages in the future of the Irish peoples.

First, the Northern Irish working class would be mobilised by 'civil rights action', he said, and a similar process would follow in the Republic. Finally, because the workers of North and South would be united, the bourgeois capitalist, whom Mr Niland said were controlling the public, would be overthrown.

He maintained that the current troubles are due to discrimination against Catholic Nationalists in the North, especially in housing and political representation, and were triggered by the RUC removing a Republican flag from a Nationalist meeting in Northern Ireland. He went on to describe the IRA in conjunction with the people 'on the streets' performing a 'police' role in keeping the B-Specials and the British Army out of the Nationalist ghetto areas.

Forty-five students were present at the meeting, including some from other colleges.

College security chief Geoffery Reeves was said to be annoyed yesterday that posters advertising the meeting had been on show to the general public on Exhibiton Road and Prince Consort Road.

Phones fiasco

The new College electronic telephone exchange developed a major fault this week, making outside calls impossible from most instruments.

Callers had to route urgent calls through the switchboard, leading to extensive delays in answering incoming calls.

Engineers hope to rectify the error 'as soon as possible'.

RCS Rag Mag success



Rag Mag sellers who raised £1800 last weekend - full story page 3.



Right Human Right's wrongs

IRAte

Dear Sir.

Judging by last week's FELIX letters and a number of other sources there seems to be widespread misunderstanding of Cathsoc's Human Rights Week article on Nothern Ireland. No-one is condoning the IRA's activities: I detest terrorism just as much as anyone else. However, calling the IRA psychopaths and doing nothing achieves very little except to harden attitudes and makes progress harder. The British government makes the situation worse by fueling the hate that the IRA feed on. One example of this is the use of plastic bullets which do kill and injure. Everytime someone is killed by a plastic bullet the IRA gain a pschological victory — they have a 'martyr' so can stir hate and continue their bloody violence.

Yours sincerely Mark Alderton Cathsoc Secretary

PS The European Parliament is to debate the Prevention of Terrorism Act when only 3% are prosecuted.

Bad taste

Dear Sir,

I feel I must complain in the strongest terms possible about the thoroughly tasteless and disgusting publicity gimmikry employed recently by Ents to promote the very last night of their Lounge 'Nightclub' as it is rather ambitiously called.

I am referring of course to the recent posters and articles which have been polluting FELIX and the rest of College (ie 'The Lounge is dead' and so on).

Evidently Ents seem to think it amusing to put on such a tasteless event as a 'Funeral Party' (and I am told that they have even gone to the extremes of hiring in special presumably funerial-ha-bloody-ha-lighting effects and silent horror movies to be shown during the night) but personally I find the whole thing thoroughly distasteful.

I trust that no-one who has any pride in their inestimable position as students in Imperial College would be sufficiently sick minded to attend such a degrading event.

Yours angrily, Horace Limey Dear Sir.

I feel moved to say that I do not believe Human Rights Week, in this present regular form, is the most effective way of promoting knowledge and concern about human rights at IC. Politically partisan groups should either not be allowed to stage Human Rights Week events, or they should be much more closely supervised when they do. At the JCR exhibition last Thursday, for example, I saw precious little material on the Consoc stand which had direct relevance to human rights; much more in evidence was a poster promoting nuclear deterrence. The small display mounted by the UNA failed to mention human rights as far as I could see, although this group has a quite valid (and preferably much larger) role to play in any discussion of human rights. (I should say that I visited the exhibition in the mid-afternoon: if UNA had by that time dismantled part of their display I apologise, and withdraw my comment).

The inadvisability of allowing political groups to participate independently in Human Rights Week was also demonstrated on Tuesday. Anybody who arrived early at the UGM would have witnessed what appeared to be a 'full and frank discussion' between members of the college Amnesty group and the real sponsors of the motion on Iraq. The original motion condemned the Iraqi Government itself (rather than certain of that government's actions, as amended) and even in its amended form, the motion, like the posters which festooned college, described the Iraqi Government as fascist: hardly tactful considering that the welfare of numerous political detainees, whose interests the motion is intended to further, rests in the hands of that government (and the Iraqi Embassy is only the other side of Queensgate, so this 'fascist' slur could easily come to their notice).

If Human Rights Week is to continue as an annual event, I believe that Amnesty International and other groups whose prime concerns include human rights should have a more prominent role. However, I think there are strong arguments for discontinuing the event; individual groups could probably produce a greater impact if their efforts were spread throughout the year. Perhaps those responsible for organising last week's events could consider this.

PS I do not represent the college Amnesty group.

Peter Hobbis

Last week's comments about the College's laissez-faire attitude to repairs in Willis Jackson revealed a serious lack of planning. Although Estates knew in May 1984 that repairs had to be done in Evelyn Gardens, the work will not begin until next month.

So far the Kensington and Chelsea Council has only served a 'notice' on Willis Jackson House. Inevitably they will serve notices on the other, identical houses in Evelyn Gardens in due course. But the Estates Department have decided not even to plan to do work on these other houses until notices are served. What is more they aren't going to set aside any money for the work to be done. So the College could suddenly be landed with repair bills of up to £250,000.

Why hasn't the Estates Section planned a phased repair programme for the next few years? This could be arranged to cause least inconvenience to students, and would allow for the financial burden to be spread out. But doubtless this is to ascribe too much sense to Estates. Doubtless they will wait until the last moment. Doubtless they will again force students out of their rooms during exam time. Doubtless they will arrange for the work to be done at the maximum possible cost.

In short, they will doubtless ensure, as always, that the 'students interests are of prime importance'.

Just a brief word about FELIX Diary entries. The forms for the Diary are kept in the FELIX Office, and should be completed and handed in on Monday to ensure publication the following Friday. You may, if you wish, obtain a small supply of Diary forms if you, make many entries.

Finally, I must confess that this issue hasn't received my fullest attention. I was admitted to hospitial last Friday and only got back yesterday. The credit for this issue goes, then, to those who stepped into the breach, especially J Martin Taylor and Hugh Southey, without whom this issue wouldn't have appeared at all. Other super stars were Diane Love, Dave Jones, Rob Shiels and Pete Coleman who worked late into the night. Special thanks also to Hugh Stiles, Grenville Manuel, Ajav, Patrick, Jon J, Pete, Nigel, Nick, Finian, Jon B, Richard, Ian Bull, Dave Parry and, as always, Rosemary and Tony.

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Teaching Sir Geoffery How

Sir Geoffery Howe, speaking in College last Tuesday outlined his role as Foreign Secretary and described why Britain needed a Foreign Policy. He also linked in his previous role as Chancellor of the Exchequer.

Talking at length about arms control and the European Economic Community (EEC) he emphasised that relationships depended on personality and personal contracts.

Sir Geoffery stated that 'politically and economically Europe is very important', and he marvelled at the way the threat of European War has been removed.

Following his speech Sir Geoffery answered questions on the 'Star Wars' superiority possessed by the USA, the shooting by a Libyan diplomat of a policewoman last year, and several questions about US involvement in South America.





Members of RCSU were banned from Keele and Loughborough Students' Unions during the Rag Mag selling trip last weekend, when objections were made about the sexist nature of much of the material.

Complaints were also received from Leicester and Leeds, where Rag Mags were thrown at RCS students. As a result of the Loughborough ban the mag was sold as 'sexist filth from London' directly outside the Union building.

There were, however, better receptions for the students at Nottingham, Aston and Warwick, and at Birmingham. The four day trip raised over £1800 and between 4000 and 5000 mags were sold.

Fifteen universities in the North and Midlands were visited during the four day trip.

Theft

A vending machine on level 3 in the Huxley Building was broken into on Sunday afternoon. The thieves took about £50 in cash and about £25 worth of stock.

Geoffry Reeves, College security officer, thought it unlikely that it was broken into by a member of the College but refused to rule theft by students out. The police are investigating the matter.

Challenge

Imperial College has drawn Somerville College, Oxford in the 1985 University Challenge.

The rounds are filmed at Granada TV studios in Manchester, and our first game is on Monday 8 March 1985. Should the team be successful in the match, they will stay overnight to play again on the next day against (the winners of the match between Sidney Sussex College, Cambridge and Queen's Belfast.

A fifty seater coach will be laid on by Granada TV to take supporters from IC to and from the match. These coaches will arrive in Manchester at around 6.30pm, so a mid afternoon departure is anticipated. Please let Jen (Union Office) know if you wish to go.

Hendy in Silwood resignation shocker

Mr Chris Hendy, the Chairman of ICU Council, has threatened to resign unless the next meeting, to be held at Silwood Park, is quorate, it was announced after last Monday's Council.

During the Hon Sec's report, objections were raised by Carl Burgess, Rag Chairman, and Maribel Anderson, Guilds President about the intention to hold the next meeting at Silwood. Mike Stuart, Welfare Officer, is also considering resignation after failing to be allowed to spend money on rape alarms without approval from Union finance Committee.

Before the end of the meeting it was noted that the Executive had not implemented Council policy on re-admitting Royal College of Music students to the Union Bar following a previous ban. This disagreement has now been resolved.

It was also decided that priority of allocating Union Rooms in Halls of Residence will . be left to the Executive.

Unions and the media

Alan Sapper, General Secretary of the Association of Cinematograph, Television and Allied Technicians (ACTT) spoke in College last Tuesday on the subject of 'Unions and the Media'. Mr Sapper covered quite a wide range of issues including comment on the recent legislation regarding videos. He pointed out that the heavy licence fee for video tapes distribution effectively prevents many unions making use of this otherwise invaluable medium. Turning to television, he praised Channel Four's news policy, which he said leaves little room for biased editing of interviews and speeches, a feature of other channels which has led to controversial union action



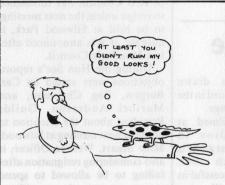
preventing broadcasts.

After the talk the discussion broadened to include the press and trade union political affiliations.

Raywond

the world's most boring student

by Finian



Sorry I tried to eat you the other day, Charles — I was only playing around.



In fact it was probably a very silly thing to do — mum's always telling me you can get a lot of very nasty germs from freshwater amphibians.



Recipe of the week

The Art and Science of Sorbet

8 oz. fruit (eg. strawberries, cherries, kiwi fruit, or blackcurrant) fresh or frozen

2 egg whites

8 fluid oz. water

4 oz white sugar

serves six



Start the preparation the day before if you can, since it takes at least five hours. First of all put the sugar and water in a small pan and bring to the boil slowly. Boil for ten minutes and leave to cool. Meanwhile prepare the fruit. (Boil blackcurrants for ten minutes and sieve, peel kiwi fruit, remove the stones from cherries.) Reduce the fruit to a puree by any means available. Combine with the syrup, and then add lemon juice bit by bit until you can just taste it. Blend thoroughly and place in a sealed container in the freezer.

The secret of all sorbet and ice-cream making now follows. After about two hours, the mixture is at the stage where it is just beginning to go solid. If you tip the container, it won't run, but it's still quite soft. Now whisk the egg whites until they are stiff but not dry, and fold them into the sorbet mixture. Keep mixing gently until the sorbet is uniform. Return to the freezer and leave for at least two hours (but probably longer). If you like you can give it a third stir after a couple of hours.

The double-freeze technique, the syrup and the bubbles all help to prevent the sorbet frdom becoming brick-hard. It should be easy to serve no matter how cold it is. Once you have used the process a couple of times, you can experiment. Try rum and raisin sorbet with two bananas, brown sugar, a measure or two of dark rum and a handful of raisins.

Your chance to meet Kodak



Kodak Limited will be interviewing at Imperial College on 4th March 1985.

We need electronic engineers, physicists and chemists for research and computing, marketing and accountancy trainees. Your careers service has the details. Collect a copy of "Kodak and Your Future" and apply as indicated. We look forward to seeing you.





HALF TIME SCORES

It's nearly half way through the academic year, so Grenville Manuel looks at what has and has not happened to the bigger news stories so far.

Refectories

Undoubtedly the old IC hardy perennials have been blooming as usual. The food, as served by Mr Mooney, is still as awful as ever, and true to form the Refectories Section kicked off the Autumn term by serving beef as lamb (or was it the other way round?). November saw the stirrings of revolt in the long suffering customers. Evidently Dave Parry called it 'ill conceived, ill timed and ill worded' a motion was passed at a UGM in early November threatening refectory boycotts if arbitary price increases were imposed. Despite Dave Parry's reservations, the pressure seems to have had an effect and the college has now put someone to work on the refectory pricing fulltime in an attempt to iron out some of the anomalies. With any luck Victor Mooney's successor will implement a complete review of the refectories system.

Residence

Another story which has kept student's tongues wagging since 1951 is the thorny problem of accomodation. In fact, in six

months just about everything that can go wrong with something made of concrete has gone wrong. Beit Hall has asbestos in the doors, Evelyn Gardens is in contravention of Housing Regulations, the Fremantle Hotel is being turned into an indoor water sports centre. Southside has had problems with fire alarms and flooding, and Montpelier had a rent strike lasting two months. Well, in the end the residents in Southside and Montpelier got a refund — those in Southside got £13 per week if they were flooded, those in Montpelier got £13 for the loss of their hot water and heating.

M Eng

Anyone on a four year engineering course will be pleased to know that the case for the awarding of a M Eng has been Advanced. In November FELIX reported that ULU General Council had opposed the change, saying that it was elitist. Well, the Engineering Board of the University of London doesn't agree with them, and has endorsed the change. Now the University of London Senate is



Students blocking Lambeth Bridge during the NUS demonstration.



all that stands in the way of this much needed change.

Grants

The other piece of good news for IC students last term was Sir Keith Joseph's decision to not charge student's tuition fees. This came after a concerted effort by students that culminated in the so-called siege of Westminster. However to use a well worn cliché 'you can't have your cake and eat it'. The back down on the grants issue resulted in cuts to SERC and hence cuts to the departments.



FEATURE

CHRISTIAN UNION

The Christian Union is one of IC Union's largest societies. However, the average IC student knows little about the CU. In this series of short articles CU members describe their activities.

The CU, as the Christian Union is more popularly known (and although not to be confused with the 'Commercial Union', I reckon that the life assurance policy we offer is the best available!) has been around a good many years. Records go back as far as 1937, written in delicate and faultless copperplate handwriting, telling of cream teas with local vicars, budgets noted in shillings and adjournements to committee meetings due to wartime bombings. Today the Christian Union is as dynamic and in step with the times as ever seeing growth both in numbers and in the level of involvement with College life. One of our primary reasons for being a Christian Union is to draw together people who want to share with others some of the joy and excitement of the Christian life and to be available as such to those who are interested in discovering just what it means to be a Christians. It is as much, indeed more a giving of a special love and of sharing of a life as it is proselytising a religious truth. Today, many are unaware of these truths lacking knowledge of even basic Christian teaching. For this reason we look to bring people to an awareness of the existence of a loving God-a God who became a man to live and then to die on this earth. A God who desires above all things for us to come to know him in a real and personal relationship.

God is Dead!

The cru of the 60's that 'God is dead' finds little to support its claims in a Church that today is seeing rapid growth in many parts of the world and is beginning to experience again many of the more spectacular events seen in the life and ministry of Jesus and of the early Christian church (events recorded in the Gospels and Epistles of the New Testament part of the Bible). As Saint Paul writes in one of those epistles, 'The Kingdon of God does not consist of words but of power. 'It is that power that continues to change us as people, that releases us from the pressures and anxieties of this world and which brings a new and dynamic lifestyle that encourages us to step out with greater faith in a God who is truly 'Alive in '85'.



...Members of the Christian Union on one of their weekends away.

Bible Study

By the time you have read this ariticle it will be clear that the Christian Union does not consist just of a group who meet on Friday evenings and whose notices you see around College. There is a group who meets each week in your department. As the title suggests these groups are known as the Bible Study groups and their main aim is to meet and study the Bible and discuss what it has to say to us today. You may not believe what the Bible says or perhaps you have never read it. The groups could provide the opportunity to make a start.

Not only do the groups meet to study God's word but also to have a chat and enjoy good company. Most groups provide some kind of lunch as in most departments the meeting take place on either a Tuesday or Thursday lunchtime.

If you are interested and would like to meet more Christians in your department or you would like to know more of what Christianity is and of how it CAN totally change your life, then contact your departmental group.

Prayer– the CU Power-House

Prayer is a vital and integral part of the life of a Christian reflecting the intimacy of relationship with a God, of love. So it is for the Christian Union as a group. Almost daily members gather to pray with and for each other - not only as a CU but in departmental, hall and house groups. Most halls of residence and student houses have or are in contact with a prayer group which meets regularly. These groups also come together for Bible-study and more relaxed and informal discussion. If you would like to join these discussions or studies, or are a Christian and would like to get involved in a prayer group then contact Chris Lynas, Chemistry 2 who can put you in touch directly with someone in your hall or area or if you know someone who is a Christian see them!









Bookstall

As you may have noticed the Christian Union is running a bookstrall in the JCR, Sherfield at lunchtimes each day this term. This aims to provide general information (what's on guide, FELIX, bus-maps, details of our CU meetings etc) and Christian literature that is not generally available in the Bookshop.

We hope to supply books that describe the basics of the Christian faith and the reality of God, together with autobiographies and those which deal with specific and relevent issues – social, political and religious. In connection with the lunchtime discussions we hope that we can make available books which give a Christian perspective and wider on the topics of abortion and clinical experimentation, the occult and on Northern Ireland (available nearer to the meeting-event in quesiton).

For overseas students there are a number of publications in different languages and similar material can be obtained in most languages if required. Please ask.

Aside from the books it will provide an opportunity to meet and discuss question and or queries of those Christians on the stall. Any suggestions of how to improve the bookstall as a service to students would be very welcome.

Overseas

We are instructed in the Bible to pray for government and all those in authority, that we may live in peace. A small group within the Christian Union have taken this to heart and meet once a week to pray for the nations of the world. We also pray for missions and national church work. We have a particular concern for Africa and Eastern Europe at present as some of the group were born in these areas and others have visited there.

We are able to supply Christian literature in most languages to anyone who is interested. Do ask.

Overseas group presently meets each Tuesday in the Green Committee room in the Union Building. If you are interested in the groups concerns and would like to take an active participation then contact either Cheryl Howard-Gibbons (Botany 3) or Nick Gardiner (Civ Eng 1).

The Eighties

The first four years of this decade have seen many important moral and political debates grow and flourish with little hope of early or peaceful settlements. As Christians we believe our faith is directly relevant to the issues that contantly fill the front-pages of our newspapers, and that perhaps in this radically alternative lifestyle based on a belief and dependance on a loving God lies the very real possibility of a solution that will bring about the reconcilation of men.

By the time you read this article the first of a short series of lunch-talks will have taken lace. This first one will have taken a look at the controversial Government paper 'The Warnock Report', considering the implications of the Warnock Committees' suggestions. The area of experimentation on live, human embryos alone raises serious moral questions and ones that MPs will have to face and debate when Enoch Powell's 'The Unborn Children Protection Bill' receives its second reading in three weeks time. The lunchtime talks will include a buffet lunch and a talk given by an invited speaker who will give a Christian perspective to the topic in question. After this talk there will be opportunity for questions and discussion in an informal atmosphere.

Future meeting hope to look at such topics as the Occult (Feb 21) and Northern Ireland (March 7). Details of these and other events will be available shortly — or for further information about any of these meeting then contact either Mark Mabin, Elec Eng 1 or Paul Townsend, Chem 1.

Ecumenical

CONTACT WEEK FEB 4-8

Just a brief mention to look out for details of this week-long event run jointly by the College Christian societies and to encourage you to get involved in some way. There are many various and interesting discussion groups running each lunch-time together with evening 'soirées' organised mostly on a hall/house basis. An ideal opportunity to meet with people and to share your view on the many social and even political problems there are together with religious idealogies. The week is opened on Saturday the 2 February with a meeting addressed by Cardinal Hume.

THE WARNOCK REPORT THURS 12.30PM UNION CONCERT HALL LUNCH PROVIDED A CHRISTIAN PERSPECTIVE, WITH JANICE PRICE (FROM CHRISTIAN ACTION, RESEARCH AND EDUCATION)

...One of the events organised by the CU that considers issues of the eighties.

Friday, Friday!

Probably the focal point of the Christian Union's week is the regular Friday evening meeting. Then members can come together in the relaxed and informal surroundings of 53 Prince's Gate (opposite the Mech Eng building in Exhibition Road). This is an invaluable time for chatting and sharing experiences over a cup of coffee-especially with people from so many different backgrounds. The main feature of this evening is the time of worship when we offer to God our thanks and praise and allow ourselves to be filled with his love and power. Often this time is followed by a short talk from a visiting speaker. This term the topics under discussion fall under the general title of 'What Jesus had to say about..', looking at various issues concerning our faith and challenging us as to whether we are living as Jesus expected us to.

After a break for coffee we come together again this time primarily for prayer – prayer specifically for each other – to heal those who are sick, to encourage those who are down hearted and empower each of us in the work that we do by the power of the Holy

These meeting are free and open for anyone to attend. We begin at 6.00pm for 6.30pm with coffee and break at about 8.00pm. This term's programme is printed below (a programme card is available from most CU members) or if you have any enquiries then see Richard McCallum,

Spring Term Programme

Jan 25 - A 'Celebration' - prayer and praise with an invitation to all Christian Societies as well as the rest of College: Consort Gallery, Sherfield-6.00pm (Supper inc).

Feb 1 - 'Prayer and Fasting' (speaker meeting)

Feb 8 - 'Contact Week Party' brings to an end on a lighter note a week full of discussion.

Feb 15 'The Great Commission' - taken by student members of the CU.

Feb 22 - 'Salvation' (speaker meeting)

Mar 1 - 'The Christian Message' - a chance to hear the message of the Christian Gospel presented through song and drama and an informal address given by a local curate. (speaker meeting)

Mar 8 - 'The Second Coming' (Speaker meeting)

Mar 15 - Lead by some members of the CU.

Mar 22 - 'End of term party' guaranteed to be something 'different' - but fun.

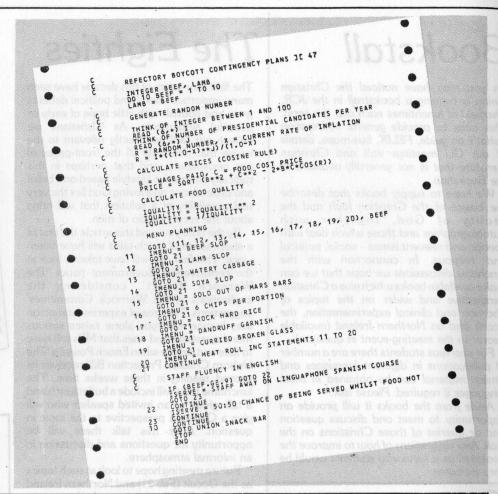
Fortran & Chips

You may recall that at a UGM last term IC Union adopted policy regarding the Refectory pricing system and the lack of a working computer system to keep stock and purchase records. Since that forthright expression of student opinion the College has not been idle!

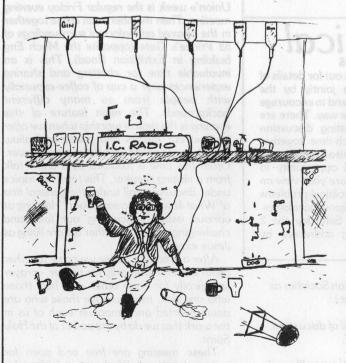
That well known software expert, Mr Victor Mooney, has been working round the clock on the latest in FORTRAN IV to beat the deadline. Whilst at the premier college of science and technology in the country you may not be at all surprised that people can and do write FORTRAN programmes, the Refectory Manager has just acquired the very latest in vacuum-tube technology — a steam driven abacus, code-named Deep Thought.

Informed sources have revealed some of the coding used (see below). As you can see, it relies extensively on a random number generator for menu planning, prices, and what to call the meat this week.

Union Bar Manager Mr Norman Jardine has denied that this is common in the Catering Industry. He said that it is quite easy to read the label on a package.



IC RADIO IN LINSTEAD BAR



Monday 28 January 9.00 till 11.00pm In accordance with the last will and testamanet of The Lounge, who died last week, he is to be laid to rest at

A Juneral Party

on

Saturday the 26th of January

at 9pm

So come and drown your sorrows, or dance them away to the moribund disco, which will run until 2am at the very last night of The Lounge Nightclub of which he was the life and soul.

A donation of 50 pence will be gratefully received from mourners on entry, members of the Lounge's family and close friends will be admitted free.

Southside Bar

Guinness 45p; Kronenbourg, Wethereds, Courage Best, Strongbow — all 50p per pint.

Third anniversary of bar re-opening Saturday 26th January

Live music from 'Kool Skool', disco till midnight.

SINGLES

Flash and The Pan: Midnight Man

In the three years since 'Waiting For A Train', Flash doesn't seem to have progressed very much. A very 1982 sound in fact. Pleasant enough but certainly nothing special. I can imagine Rod Stewart doing this song, but I wouldn't buy his version either.

George Benson: 20/20

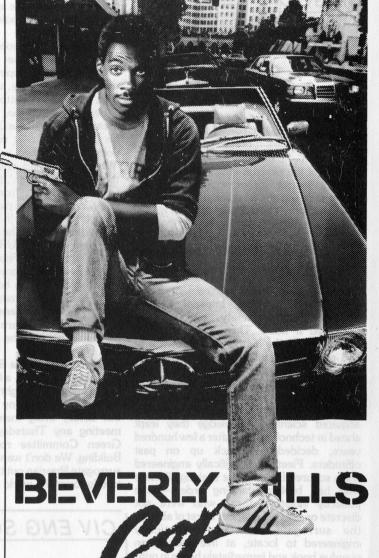
I have to admit I know very little about George Benson's music. I was expecting an 'In your eyes' ballad sound, but instead I was treated to a feast of synth-funk. The production, particularly the stereo-imaging, is superb; the feel is great. The song however, is unmemorable.

I Start Counting: Letters To A Friend

A typical Mute sound (ala Depeche Mode) with lots of keyboards and choral vocal harmonies. This is the debut single from Dave Baker and Simon Leonard, and as such is very impressive. Can't wait to hear the 12 inch extended mix. Watch this band — they're gonna be big!

The Colourfield: Thinking of

Well, despite my pleas, noone bought the first two singles from the Colourfield. If this one doesn't at last break the band into the charts I shall be most pissed off. It is the best of what was the voice of the Specials and the Funboy Three, without the depression.



BOOKS

Jobs Abroad

Working Holidays in 1985

If you want to do something different on the cheap as well as filling up one of those embarassing holes on your CV you could do a lot worse than going on a working holiday abroad. There are quite a few books trying to help you in your quest for employment overseas. Some are very expensive, some have dodgy chapters on forging work permits, and some are rather thin. Thankfully 'Working Holidays in 1985' is none of these. Published by the Central Bureau for Educational Visits and Exchanges it kicks off with twenty-odd pages of general advice, and then launches into nearly 300 pages of listings of openings country by country, with other useful information such as where to get a Polish railway ticket and how to get in touch with the local British consulate. The jobs range from grape picking in France (yawn...) to the trendy Bulgarian work camps which promise discussions on the theme of East-West détente and solidarity (whatever that

Unlike most of its kind this book concentrates on government-run schemes and community projects, not commercial employers. Although the pay may not be as good, or even non-existent, it does mean that a 330 page book can contain many thousands of opportunities. There are some jobs in the UK as well, but for the reasons mentioned above you might well be better off financially if you get a job in C&A in Oxford Street.

Go to Collets Travel Bookshop in Charing Cross Road tomorrow and get yourself an interesting vacation. Make sure you have a look at 'Working Holidays 1985' when you're browsing. It may turn out to be the best £4 you spend all year.

Beverly Hills Cop

Eddie Murphy Judge Reinhold, John Ashton, Lisa Eilbacher.

Directed by Martin Brest.
Eddie Murphy is on the crest of a wave. After 'Trading places' and '48 Hours', two films which set him up at least in this country, if not in the States, as the funniest comedian since Richard Prior, his reputation as much as actor as funny-man, relies heavily on the success of this

Here, Eddie Murphy plays a young overzealous detective. Axel Foley, supposedly 'on vacation' in Beverly Hills. Secretly investigating the murder of his companion, exconvict Mikey Tandino (Jonathan Banks), and tailed by the Beverly Hills Police Department, Foley uncovers the inevitable drug ring which, after a larger shoot-out than most, (they do things big out there), he single-handedly brings to its knees. What a

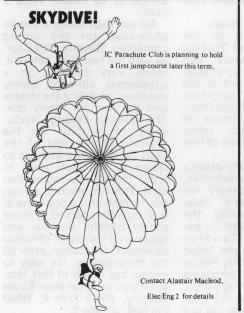
Rather than being a simple showcase for the young comedian, 'Beverly Hills Cop', as with the two films before it, relies very heavily on a substantial, although barely credible, plot. But the drama and the humour rarely mix. The humour belongs exclusively to Murphy, (at the expense of the rest of the cast), and Brest's attempt to return to the plot tends to break the balance rather than tilt it. The net result is a soap box thriller, and a poor one at that, but interspersed by some simply brilliant humour and action in a variety of different situations. Of course, after all the pre-publicity, it's easy to expect too much of this film, but if you've never seen Eddie Murphy, you'll love it. What the hell, go see it.

SF SOC

Who's at IC?

The Doctor climbed out from beneath the Tardis' console and peered into the rear scanner screen. They were still there — a vast hoard of lavishly beweaponed Liberoid collection cruisers. 'Lets see what they make of this then', he thought as he reversed the polarity of the neutron flow in the temporal stability matrix disconmogrifier. He felt reality fade out for a moment and then he was back in the Tardis again. Another glance at the scanner — no they were still there. 'Hmmm! Their time distort drive seems highly advanced. Perhaps they've been reading some of their books.

He cast his mind back to the event that had caused his current predicament. It was 1985, Earth, London, Imperial College Science Fiction society, and he had borrowed a book. Then, back at UNIT headquarters, the Tardis had thrown a fit and plunged him into the future. There he discovered this fleet following him and realised the full horror of what had happened. The gnomes of IC had finally taken over the world. Aided by their newly acquired scienfitic knowledge they leapt ahead in technology and, after a few hundred years, decided to check up on past offenders. Fleets of specifically engineered ships scoured the universe seeking all those who had broken standing orders- the publicity violators, those who were not discrete or unavoidable, but worst of all were the surrogate librarians; genetically engineered to locate, at five spaces, an overdue book and immediately home in onto its target. Due to an unfortunate time paradox, the doctor had only had the book for five hours, but according to the librarians' frame of reference, it was 10,000 years



overdue. Now they were coming, forcing their way through the spacetime continuum, to repossess the book and, worse still, to collect the fine.

There was one hope left, a slim one, a desperate one. He set the co-ordinators on the console and, hoping beyond hope that the Tardis, just once, would do what it was told, pressed the button marked 'go'.

Seconds later the Tardis materialised. 'Not bad,' thought the Doctor, as he checked his position; 'almost right'. He opened the door and stepped out into...pitch dark. 'What's happened now? I bet the bloody thing's broken again', he thought. But then light appeared in front of him, gradually resolving itself into a picture. 'Oooh Goody,' thought the Doctor, 'it worked. And it's one of my favourites'. The white screen before him read EXCALIBUR. He had made it to the SF soc film on February 5 — Excalibur directed by John Boorman, and could now warn himself not to borrow the book. But wait, that would mean he wouldn't get chased by the librarians so he wouldn't have to come back and warn himself which meant he would borrow the book and so would

Come along to the SF Soc film Excalibur on Tuesday Feb 5 — a fantastic film and you never know who might drop in.

PS. if you've got any books overdue from our library bring them back to a library meeting any Thursday lunchtime in The Green Committee room in The Union Building. We don't want to have to send the surrogate librarian out to get you...we'd have to take over the world first.

CIV ENG SOC

More Boring

There are several events we are organising for this term, all of which promise to be successful. The first event will be the site visit to the Humber Bridge on Wednesday 13 February organised by Vernon Gaskell our site visit rep. The cost should be between £3 and £4 for the travel costs (we hope to go by coach if there is enough support).

The next event is the next day, Thursday 14 February, to the Institution of Structural Engineers, who are holding an open week. For the above two events see the Civ Eng notice board (opp 201) for more information and to sign up for the trips

The main event of the year for Civ Eng Soc is the Annual Civ Eng Dinner, which will be held on Thursday 14 February at a cost of approximately £10. This dinner is open to all members of the department (including staff) and promises to be a very enjoyable evening, as has been the case in the past, so please reserve this day and some of your grant to join your colleagues for this dinner. More details of this dinner will be advertised in due course and tickets made available.

KEEP FIT

Cheap Fit Club

We are pleased to announce that the Keep Fit Club is at last official. We hope to be able to start the classes early in February. These will be taken by a professional teacher and will cost 50p for an hour.

If you would like any further information then contact either Deb Bailey or Caren McCormack via Life Sci 3.

QT SOC

'Very nice boys'

There have been rumblings of discontent withtin the famed QT Hit Squad. Upset with their current image-'very nice boys'-they have shown their true colours (yellow) by the issue of a challenge to Guilds to meet their Hit Squad Flan to Flan in a fight to the death (or thereabouts). As yet, there has been no reply. Are Guilds up to it?

QT hit on the Natural History Museum! Many thanks to those who made an exhibition of themselves on Wednesday. They won't make a monkey out of us again! Advance notice: Melvyn Bragg speaks on Feb 5th. Weekly meetings now on Thursdays, 12.30pm in Southside Upper Lounge (abové Southside Bar).

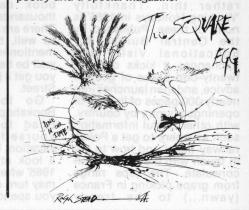
ICCND

Competition

Ralph Steadman, the brilliant artist, is speaking along with three poets on February 14. He will be presenting the prize for our art competition. The competition closes on 6 February and is for any form of literature or art on the general theme of peace. Entries to the Union Office with name and dept.

Our pledge for scientists and students of science has now received the support of three Nobel Laureates, one of whom will be speaking on February 12. The pledge is being circulated around departments. We urge you to sign it.

Peace week occurs between 11 February and 15 February, when there will be films, speakers, exhibitions, books sale, music, poetry and a special magazine.



Friday 25

- •ICCND BOOKSHOP 12.45pm JCR. Free tea, coffee and biscuits, buy your books, cards, badges, and join the club and enter our competition.
- •YACHT CLUB MEETING 12.45pm Southside Upper Lounge. Meeting to organise this term's sailing. All welcome.
- •ISLAMIC SOCIETY 1.00pm Union Building (follow arrows). Friday congregational prayers (held every Friday).
- •CHRISTIAN UNION CELEBRATION!
 6.00pm Consort Gallery, Sherfield (Ground floor). An evening of praise and prayer in the light of 'Christian Unity Week'. Everyone is warmly invited to come along and join in. Supper provided after.

Saturday 26

●THE FUNERAL PARTY 9pm-2am The Lounge, Ground Floor Union Building. 'The very last night of the Lounge Nightclub'.

Sunday 27

- CHAPLAINCY SERVICE 10.00am Consort Gallery, Sherfield.
- •MASS 11.30am-6.00pm More House, 53 Cromwell Road. Mass, and supper and talk.
- •WARGAMES 1.00pm Union SCR. 10% discount on games, membership £1.50.

Monday 28

- ●ICCAG LUNCHTIME MEETING 12.30pm ICCAG Office. Come along and find out about the activities of the Community Action Group.
- •HANG GLIDING MEETING 12.30pm Southside Upper Lounge.
- CHRISTIAN UNION 5.30pm Green
 Committee Room, Union, 5th floor. Meet for prayer each Monday until 6.30pm.
- DANCE CLUB 6.30pm and 7.30pm, JCR Sherfield. 6.30pm Jazz Funk and Disco.
 7.30pm Advanced Ballroom Latin. Price 75p.
- •LASER WEAPONS IN SPACE 7.30pm
 Physics Lt 1. Professor New of the Physics
 department speaks on the use of Laser
 Weaponry in 'Star Wars':- could such
 weapons really be viable?
 H G Wells Soc.
- •IC RADIO BAR PROGRAMME 9pm Linstead Bar. A live show with lots of fun games and prizes.

Tuesday 29

- •AUDIO SOC 12.30pm Union Upper Lounge. Discount record club meeting. Buy records, cassettes, videos etc at trade prices.
- ●MASS AND LUNCH 12.30pm Chemistry 231.
- •HOVERCRAFT CLUB MEETINGS 12.45pm Lower Gallery, Linstead Hall.
- **•CHRISTIAN LIFE AND FAITH** 12.45pm. A talk followed by discussion on an aspect of the Christian Life. All Welcome. (Discussion continues tomorrow.)
- ●RIDING CLUB 1.00pm Southside Upper Lounge. Meeting

- •SPEAKER MEETING 1.00pm Elec Eng 403A. Tom Burke of the Green Alliance everyone welcome. IC SDP Soc.
- •STOIC BROADCAST 1-6pm JCR (Lunchtime only) Southside TV Lounge and all Campus Halls. The transexual transylvanian transvestite Tim Curry from the Rocky Horror Picture Show.
- •NEWITT LECTURE 5.00pm Chem Eng LT1. Refreshments provided from 6.00pm talk to be given by Professor Ubbelohde.
- •AUSTRALIAN WINE TASTING 6.00pm SCR, Union Building. These wines are guaranteed *not* to open up the sluice-gates at both ends (courtesy of M Python) £2.00 for members of Wine Tasting Soc.
- •CANOE CLUB 6.30pm IC Swimming Pool. Trip every other weekend.
- •JUDO PRACTISE 6.30pm Union Gym Beit Quad. 50p mat fees.
- ●EXCALIBUR 6.30pm ME 220. Superb fantasy film directed by John Boorman. 50p members £1 nonmembers.
- ●DANCE CLUB 7.00pm and 8.00pm JCR Sherfield. 8.00pm Beginners Ballroom/Latin. 7.00pm Intermediate Ballroom/Latin. Price 50p.
- •OPSOC REHEARSAL 7.30pm Music Room, 53 Prince's Gate. Meet in Southside Bar Before Rehearsal.
- •GUILDS BAR NIGHT EVENING Union Bar. Come and meet all the Guilds people and have a few drinks.

Wednesday 30

- •HOSPITAL VISITING 12.45am Mech Eng Foyer. Visit to St Pancras ICCAG Group.
- •WARGAMES 1.00pm Union SCR. 10% discount on games, membership £1.50.
- •CHRISTIAN LIFE AND FAITH 1.00pm 53 Prince's Gate, (opp Mech Eng) Continuing yesterday's discussion on the Christian Life and Faith. All welcome.
- •'POETS FOR PEACE' 1.00pm Huxley Road. Film of Poets reading their works about peace and war. ICCND CLUB.
- •ISLAMIC TEACHINGS 1.30pm 9 Princes Gardens. What does Islam, Monotheism, etc mean.
- •MICRO CLUB MEETING 1.30pm Mines 401. Memebership £2.00.
- •DRAMA WORKSHOPS 2.30pm Meet Dramasoc Storeroom. Come and take part in some silly games and 'improvised' drama. Everyone welcome!
- •THIRD WORLD TECHNOLOGY 2.30pm Lecture Theatre 4, Dept Chem Eng. 'Technical change in the Third World' talk by F Stewart, Institute of Commonwealth Studies, Oxford. All Welcome.
- **•BREWSOC MEETING** 7.30pm above Southside Bar. To arrange a trip to the Firkin Pheasent.
- •DANCE CLUB 8.00pm JCR Sherfield. Beginners Ballroom/Latin. Price 50p.

Thursday 31

•AUDIO SOC 12.30pm Union Upper Lounge. Discount record club meeting. Buy records, cassettes, videos, etc at trade prices.

- •METHSOC MEETING 12.30pm Chem Eng E400. Informal Meeting lunch available.
- ●ICYHA BUTTIES 12.30pm Southside Upper Lounge. Our weekly meeting with information on this terms coming events. All welcome.
- •BREAD AND CHEESE LUNCH 12.30am Chem Eng E400. Organised to raise money for the Ethiopia Famine Appeal Prof John Marsh of Reading will be speaking on 'Third World Aid'.
- ●QT MEETING 12.30am Southside Upper Lounge. Discuss events, stunts etc.
- •STAMP CLUB 12.45am Chem 231. Meeting.
- ●BALLOON CLUB MEETING 12.45pm Southside Upper Lounge.



- •SCI-FI 1.00pm Union Green Committee Room. Access to the society's 600 volume library. All members welcome.
- •MOP SOC LECTURE 1.00pm Physics Lecture Theatre 1. Lecture by Dr Southwood 'Space Physics, Astrophysics close to Home'. A film will be shown. Membership £1.00,non-members 50p.
- ●THE CHURCH AND THE BOMB 1.00pm Huxley 340. Chairperson of Christian CND Speaks on Christianity and Nuclear Arms. ICCND Soc.
- •SCAB MEETING 1.00pm Union SCR. Estimates Meeting all chairmen and Treasurers please attend, all estimates due to SCAB Chairman by 25 Jan (Today).
- •STOIC BROADCAST 1.00-6.00pm see Tuesday's entry. Newsbreak.
- •QURANIC CIRCLE 1.30pm 9 Princes Gardens. Learn how to read the Quaran.
- •ACID RAIN 4.30pm ICCET. Talk on 'Acid Rain' at IC Centre of Environmental Technology. All welcome.
- •JUDO PRACTISE 6.30pm Union Gym Beit Quad. 50p Mat Fee.
- •REAL ALE SOC MEETING 7.30pm Crush Bar, featuring Real Mild.
- ●THEATRE TRIP evening. Get tickets from Guilds Union Office to see 'Adrian Mole' in the West End.
- •ICCAG SOUP RUN 9.15pm. Meet Weeks Hall, Princes Gardens. Taking soup, biscuits and meeting some of London's homeless.

First Class mix-up

It was revealed in The Observer results, nor by the mixture of last Sunday that the chances of getting a top degree can vary by up to 20% depending on a student's choice of university.

Two researchers, Mr Peter Dolton of Hull University and Mr Malcom Bee of Oxford Polytechnic discovered a wide discrepancy in results which could not be explained by either the quality of the students admitted, based on A-Level subjects offered at different universities.

The report concludes that each institution bases its degree awards on a preconception of the appropriate proportion in each category. The preconception differs considerably across universities.

Despite this pessimistic statement IC students have no need to fear. Following intensive research FELIX has discovered that Imperial College tops the list of non-Oxbridge universities.

The percentage of first and upper-second class degrees awarded by Imperial College in 1981 was 46% compared to 40.2% awarded by Nottingham, the closest rival. Swansea came bottom of the list with only 20.3% of students obtaining top

Boolery The union tends to get some

fairly surprising people as Officers, but looking at the present lot there is none more surprising than RCC chairman Hugh Stiles. Hugh's job is to look after the Union's recreational clubs, which he does in the manner of a benevolant dictator. Clubs which step out of line are liable to have their assets instantly frozen by Chairman Stiles. Greystoke, as he is affectionately known on account of his biannual change of clothes, has recently become a bit of a FELIX hack. This has caused some difficulty since Hugh, whose middle name is Noddy, finds it impossible to work in these new-fangled metric units. To the rest of us the column is 44 mm wide, but to Hugh it's one and twenfy three thirty-seconds of an inch.

Whenever non-members of IC Radio appear in a broadcast programmme the station is required to make a ROT, or record of transmission on tape. When the three sabbatical Union Officers staggered into the studio shortly after midnight last Monday to appear on Hugh Southey's Spontaneous Incompetance show, they were either ignorant or oblivious of this fact. The resulting recording is interesting listening indeed. Unless the usual bribes are received on time I might just be tempted to print the words of the song they were singing.

CCUs Hacked

At the Union Finance Committee (UFC) on January 17 cuts were imposed on the CCU's which amount to £8,600 over the next three years.

The three sabbatical officers put forward proposals to reduce the deposit account balances held by the CCU's. This would be achieved by two methods; first Five Year Plan expenditure for the CCU's would not be funded from Central Union Funds until 1987/88 meaning that they would have to draw on their reserves to make the planned purchases, and second, from 1987/88 the CCU's end of year

balances would be taken into account when estimates are placed before UFC. The deposit accounts are funded by monies remaining at the end of each year from the CCU's grant from ICU and therefore enable money to be 'carried over' from one year to the next.

The intention is to draw the CCU's financial proceedures into line with those of the MSC's. That is, to cease to have a carryover and instead have a contingency allocation from which unplanned expenditure can be made.

Stan Kearns

Stan Kearns, a former Southside bar manager, died last Friday.

Mr Kearns, who left College in 1982 after many years of service, is still remembered by older students, who still refer to Southside as 'Stan's bar'.

There will be a Requiem Mass at 10.00am on Monday 28 January at St Thomas of Canterbury Church, Rylston Road, SW6, followed by interment at North Sheen Cemetery.

SMALL ADS

ANNOUNCEMENT

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 Beat those 2nd term blues help
 needed with Community Action
 Activities; find out more about
 Jobbersquad, Hospital Visiting,
 Children's Group and Soup Run by
 contacting Gerry Connolly Civil Eng 3.
- •Would the owners of cars with registration numbers LPP 304C and URU 266J, please contact the Union Office otherwise their cars will be
- **SPT Soc** is holding a party/revue disco for EE1 on Feb 13 in the Lounge subsidised by the Dept; 50p ticket from soc reps or ÉE2.

FORSALE

- ●Pioneer PL—740, list price £120 cashflow problems, hence will sell for £70. One year old, perfect order, fully
- automatic. Contact G S Heyhoe Computing 2 Hux 347.

 •Honda CB250RS W Reg with bits and pieces. £250 ono. Contact Steve int 7439.
- •Practica Camera with case, flash, wide angle, telephoto lens and 50mm lens Steve int 7439.
- V W Polo N T Reg 60,000 miles.
 Excellent condition £1,500 ono.
 Contact D M Reid Metallurgy 3.

• Dual Display Watch if found please contact G Perry via Physics or Beit Hall Letter Racks, £5 reward.

- Lost EEC sanity: EE1 invited to come and watch on Feb 13.
- •Party Party first year Elec Eng watch this space!
- •Andy S was it really Brasso?
- •Steve R how are your Barking Toads?
- Everyone knows the most dangerous part of flying is the landing — why risk it? — Learn to jump out first.
- •Wanted No 52. in the series of 'Snoopy' Boofs. Contact R Lumb, Elec Eng 2.
- •Come alive learn to skydive.
- ●Ingrid, pull your cooking pots out.
 RYP
- •Come back Jon Reed all is forgiven Sara Thingy-Whatsit— Prematurely
- •Wellsoc wimp-out WIST wade-in.
- o'ICAS is not dead just hibernating'. •SLIDING RAGS around may JUst CURTAIL 2 M2's SIN!
- •PHOTOSOC wishes to announce that due to Machiavellian manoeuver-ing in low places, we will not be getting our new enlarger for at least another month, and probably not even then.
- ●Did you enjoy your weekend, Jackie? ●Two Inch octagonal diffraction grating earings. Get yours now while stocks last!! Apply Plasphyssoc.
- •Is yours two inches across and octagonal? If not why not? See Plasphyssoc.

- •Taxicab floors redecorated in technicolor, by Andy Scrivener.
- •Lexham Gardens carpet repaints, by Andy Scrivener.
- •'ICAS are taking a break-back later'. •'See the great go-to, today (25) at the Fulham Greyhound'.
- •Mulligan the Wallaby eats Pt (II) complexes for breakfast.
- •Don't swipe our ideas Wetsoc, or the surrogate librarians will get you!
- •Garfield—You can cuddle my jumper if I can fondle your Triffids.
- ●Rayleigh House —Beware of Hawaiians see you on Sunday.
- •Freddie says 'Fremantle for superbowl XX.
- •His worship says he likes marmalade on toast. •Coming to Bugger the world soon —
- •Get your hats on Arthur, 'Excalibur's
- coming around the corner. •Q. What's missing from the following Nos: B1,44,47,64,66?
 A. No snow.
- Happy Anniversary Anyd love Carol. •lan Rush — Pah! Bernard Sunley Pah! Fremantle - Rolling, Rolling, Rollina!
- ●Who needs a roof when you live in Hawaii?
- •Who needs the sea when you live in

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