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Student Services Re-shuffle

Mr Michael Arthur is to leave the Student Services Office after four years in the job. The new Student Services Officer is to be Mr Donald Ferguson, who is presently an Administrative Officer in the College Secretary's Office. The re-shuffle will take place on July 1 1985.

The announcement of the changes on Monday came only hours after angry Fremantle residents staged a sit-in in Mr Arthur's office. The students were concerned that the roof of the Fremantle has collapsed, the heating is inoperative and there are numerous water-leak ages.

Mr Arthur later admitted that he had not realised how bad the Fremantle Hotel had become, although he denied that the students had staged a sit in.

'They just happened to be sitting on the floor of my office while I drew up a list of their complaints'.

The heating at the Fremantle has now been repaired after Mr Arthur's prompt action in contacting the landlords.



Mr Michael Arthur - 'I drew up a list of their complaints'

Guilds President slams ski-holiday students

Maribel Anderson, C&GU President, yesterday told FELIX that she was disappointed in the way students were treating the week of centenary celebrations as a holiday, rather than supporting the organised events.

All lectures in City and Guilds department have been cancelled for three days, and Miss Anderson is upset that some students are using this period to go on skiing trips, or are simply taking a three day break. This view is also shared by many members of staff who feel there ought to be a greater student involvement in the centenary arrangements.

Events taking place include the Centenary Banquet, to be held at the Guildhall on Wednesday February 27, which 75 current C&G students will attend. The week opens with a Masquerade Ball on Monday 25 and there will also be a Centenary Carnival on Friday 1 March.

A special supplement featuring Imperial College will appear in *The Times* on February 27.

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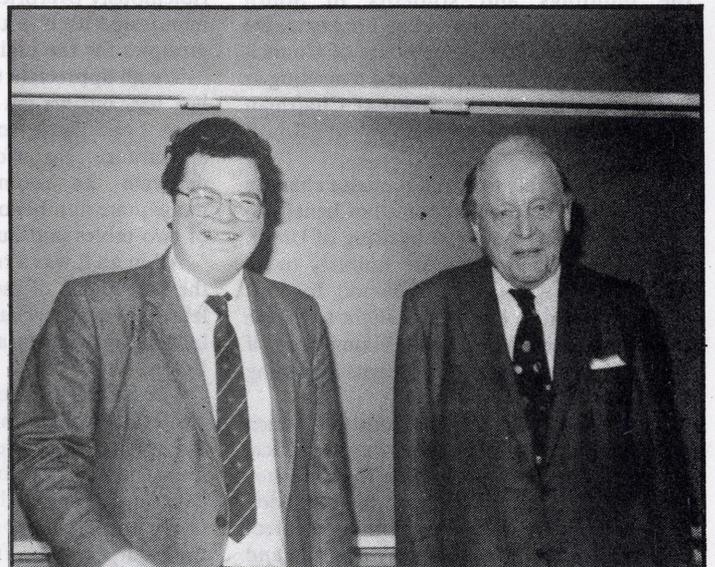
Barnard to retire after ten years

Professor E A Barnard, Head of the Biochemistry Department for the last five years and holder of the Rank Chair of Physiological Biochemistry since he arrived at IC ten years ago, has resigned with effect from 30 September 1985. He is to take up an appointment as Director of the MRC Molecular Neurobiology Unit at Cambridge and will lead research into the applications of molecular biology and gene cloning to the nervous system in

the search for new drugs and strategies for the treatment of mental illness.

His wife, Dr P J Barnard, will also be leaving to work at the same unit.

Another imminent departure is that of Dr T J Lyons, a lecturer in the Mathematics Department, who will be leaving Imperial College on 13 March 1985, to become Professor of Mathematics at Edinburgh University.



The annual Newitt lecture was delivered on Tuesday by Professor A R Ubbelohde, FRS. Professor Ubbelohde is former Head of the Department of Chemical Engineering and Chemical Technology. He is pictured above, left, with Mr Nigel Atkinson, Chairman of the Chemical Engineering Society.

LETTERS



Silwood Park

Dear Sir,

I feel your report in last week's FELIX (No 693), headed, 'Hendy in Silwood resignation shocker', requires some further comment.

It has been Union policy for a number of years to hold one Council meeting at the College field station at Silwood Park. Silwood is not only a place of full-time study for many postgraduates and academic staff, but is also frequently used for a variety of undergraduate courses ranging from Zoology field studies to Civil Engineering surveying courses and Physics practicals using the nuclear reactor. It also plays host to a number of social functions, the RCS Summer Ball, Orchestra rehearsal weekends and joint PG parties to name a few.

Over recent years Silwood has become very much detached from the main campus at South Kensington and I, in conjunction with the previous and present Silwood Park Chairman, have done my best, I believe with much success, to bring some cohesion and understanding between the two.

These points along with the fact that Silwood receives a sizeable grant from IC Union should make it apparent that Silwood and its residents are as much a part of ICU as the buildings and students in South Kensington. It did not seem unreasonable therefore to expect the members of Council to make a small effort to attend a meeting at Silwood. After all, the Silwood Chairman attends numerous meetings at South Kensington.

Silwood is likely to undergo major changes in the coming few years, not all of benefit to the students. Without the backing of Union as a whole, their views are unlikely to be heard. To fail to go to Silwood for this meeting would be a personal slight to all the residents there. Who could blame them if they look suspiciously on students attending short courses?

I should also like to point out to Council members and those that voted them to office, that if they are unable to spare the time they can always delegate their vote to somebody else, better surely than being unrepresented.

I hope this letter explains my position and that the majority of Council members take their positions with a sufficiently responsible attitude to make my resignation unnecessary.

Yours sincerely,

Chris Hendy

IC Council Chairman
PG AAO 1984/85

Dear Sir,

I would like to offer my full support to Chris Hendy over his threatened resignation from his post as Council Chairman. Whilst this may sound like petty hack wranglings to many FELIX readers, Chris is one of the most responsible members of Council, and the principles involved are very important to the future running of the Union.

Will all students reading this please go along to the next UGM (yes I know they seem boring, but £250,000 is a lot of money). And if you have anything to complain about then get off your backsides and tell your Dep Rep, or your CCU President, or a sabbatical, but don't just sit there and do nothing.

Chris Hendy is just trying to do his job, his voluntary Union job, and up to now he has been doing it well. If he should be forced to quit then it will be a great loss, and I've got the feeling that he will not be the last.

Thank you for reading this.

Graham Thorpe
IC Academic Affairs

Lounge, RIP off

Dear Sir,

I would like to bring to the attention of IC students the mercenary activities of the cowboy rip-off merchants purporting to be Imperial College's Entertainments Committee. The most recent of their underhand dealings occurred after Friday nights' Dinner and Dance, an event attended by 300 people and costing an arm and a leg. Ent's saw fit to cash in on the high spirits of the occasion and the desire to go on until the early hours.

The services they provided were ridiculously overpriced. Their incompetence manifested itself in their need to employ ten groupies for the night.

We all appreciate that the Lounge is on its last legs but we felt that some effort could have been made to rid it of its derelict appearance. No efforts had been made to decorate the room and there were an inadequate number of chairs available and all of two tables laid out.

All in all it was a real anti-climax to one of the best nights of the year and many people left early extremely angry at being ripped-off by fellow students and dissatisfied with the Ent's services.

Those who did remain to the bitter end, although few in number, were deprived of an hour's 'fun' when the disco was shut down at 5 am (having been booked until 6) the Ent's Committee charged £1 30 to cover the cost of the unsociable hours but we estimate that they made vast profits out of the exorbitant prices. Who do Ent's answer to for their actions and who is checking where this money goes to?

The Lounge is dead,
Ents RIP

Yours
Maribel Anderson

FELIX

A time for change

Michael Arthur's departure from the Student Services Office is an ideal opportunity for a fundamental re-organization of the way in which that office runs.

There are irreconcilable conflicts of interest between the efficient administration of student halls of residence and the proper provision of a welfare service. And yet the student services office attempts to fulfill both of these rôles, often with an interchange of staff between residence and welfare.

It is not difficult to imagine circumstances under which a landlord would give a different opinion or advice to a tenant than the opinion or advice that a disinterested counsellor would proffer.

Under those same circumstances, a counsellor who works in the same office as the landlord and looks to the landlord as the superior, could hardly be expected to give sound advice. But this is the situation that prevails in the student services office today. And while it prevails neither the Student Services Officer nor the Welfare Adviser can be expected to perform to the full potential of their jobs.

The solution is to remove welfare responsibilities from the student service office and to leave it responsible for administering College Halls and Houses. It might well be called the Student Residence Office.

An independent Welfare Office could then be established, under Union control, and preferably in the Union building.

In other words the solution is to refer to the situation that prevailed at College in the late 70s.

Under those circumstances a Fremantle resident could go to the Residence Office to complain that his roof had fallen in. He could then go to the Welfare Office to obtain sound, unbiased and independent advice on what to do about it.

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POSTGRADUATE HANDBOOK

The first IC Union Postgraduate Handbook was published earlier this week.

The 32 page booklet is a new venture for the Union this year and is targeted at final year undergraduates who are considering progressing to an MSc or PhD in the coming year.

The subject matter covered essentially forms an introduction to postgraduate life. Areas tackled are postgraduate funding, the structure of MSc and PhD courses, prospects after graduating and a look at the

postgraduate way of life. There are also personal views from postgraduate students on what MSc and PhDs are like and lists of MSc courses and research areas available at Imperial.

The Handbook is available free from the Union Office now and will become available from departmental postgraduate tutors over the coming week.

The founding editor of the Handbook was Hugh Stiles, a Chem Eng postgrad and Chairman of the Union Recreational Clubs Committee.

Submission rates cause concern

Two recent surveys have revealed that only an average of 33% of PhD students have submitted theses at the end of four years — one year after the expected completion date.

The surveys published by the Science and Engineering Research Council (SERC) and the Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC), detail submission rates for PhD degrees by award holders who began their research in 1979 and cover the four-year period up to the end of 1983.

Under the SERC submission rates vary between 86.7% (Lancaster) and nil (Ulster) with an average of 47.8%. IC stands at 51.9%. For the ESRC the figures are between 60.0% and 7.7% with an average of 27.2%. The latter survey does not give a figure for Imperial because it had less than ten ESRC award holders for the period under review.

The reasons for this scatter are difficult to pin down. Admittedly the article in last week's FELIX showed that first class and upper second class degrees are easier to come by at certain universities, but even so the overwhelming majority of students who undertake research should be academically able. (A first or upper second class degree is a requirement for holding a research council award).

It is a fact that if the student fails to complete in three years (the length of the grant) he often takes up employment, rather than write up on social security. The result is that the opportunities and incentive to write up diminish and the degree is left uncompleted.

The obvious question is why do so many students submit late? The answer must be because they do not leave enough time at the end of the project to write up. The SERC have recognised this problem and in the booklet *Research Student and Supervisor (an approach to good supervisory practice)* they recommend that a period of six months be set aside for writing up.

It seems certain that the use of transfer theses at the end of the first year can only help the student when it comes to writing up since at least the core of the literature survey should be complete not to mention part of the experimental and result sections.

Another factor with low submission rates is that fresh graduates are unprepared for the rigours of a three year research degree. Their level of awareness of the degree structure (let alone the pitfalls) is often woefully inadequate. To try and combat this ignorance IC Union has just published the 'Postgraduate Handbook'.

Academics suffering tenure itch

Academic freedom in Britain's universities could be under threat from government proposals to limit academic tenure.

Tenure means that academic staff can only be dismissed with 'good cause', such as extensive plagiarism, or assaulting another member of staff. When universities need to lose staff due to grant cuts then this must be achieved by natural wastage and early retirement.

The government is considering legislation to allow universities to shed staff on the grounds of a 'change in financial circumstances', or that a given department is felt to be of no further value. Although the

government claim that 'academic freedom' will not be compromised, the Association of University Teachers is opposed to the change, saying that 'the removal of tenure will seriously weaken the ability of academics to deploy their critical and creative faculties in the face of governmental expediencies'.

The AUT fears that measures ostensibly introduced to help universities reduce academic staff who can no longer be afforded, could allow 'unpopular' members of staff to be purged, and make it impossible for academics to fly in the face of received wisdom about the worth of a given area of research.

Research would be able to be channelled into specific, possibly 'safe' areas, and members of staff who disagreed would be able to be removed supposedly on the grounds of financial expediency.

The situation is further complicated by the fact that Imperial College claims that academic staff have no tenure, as a clause is written into academic's contract of employment, allowing dismissal with five months notice. This however has never been tested.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Letters should be handed in before 12.30pm on Wednesday. Early letters stand greater chance of being published.

Unsigned letters will not be considered for publication.

Tweedledum

Dear Sir,

I feel that I must respond to the article in last week's FELIX and clear up a few points about Socialist Society's meeting with a speaker from Sinn Féin. Socialist Society is currently organizing a number of events around the topic of Northern Ireland, since we feel that, as British people, we have a particular responsibility to examine the conflict in that region. For too long Northern Ireland has been a 'taboo', with only repeated condemnations of the IRA's violence being echoed, in the almost total absence of serious debate on the issue. One only needs to watch the Party conferences each autumn to see how the subject of Northern Ireland is simply ignored. If anyone sincerely wishes to see peace in Ireland, they must be prepared to open up debate and discussion, and this must include all the parties involved, however vile one may find their ideas or actions.

During Human Rights Week Socialist Society showed a film about the Prevention of Terrorism Act and brought in an exhibition on the use of plastic bullets. These events passed with very low attendance, no reports and little reaction. Later this term we have a speaker from the SDLP (which is incidentally diametrically opposed to Sinn Féin) to talk about the New Ireland Forum, and this too will pass by without incident or controversy. What should by now be clear is that our meeting in no way implied support for Sinn Féin or the IRA, and must be seen in the perspective of opening up serious discussion of the issue.

As for the posters being displayed in view of the public I would just like to say that when the first posters went up on Wednesday morning we confined them to the Walkway and inside departments, for precisely the reason that they would not be on show to the public. However, on the Thursday morning less care was taken due to the fact that 50% of those that went up on the Wednesday were torn down by some people (whose belief in Free Speech is apparently quite selective) within a couple of hours.

I hope that this clears up any misunderstandings, and I would like to invite anyone with ideas on the subject to come along and get involved in Soc-Soc's activities.

*Yours sincerely,
Julian Bommer
Civ Eng 3*

Tweedledee

Dear Sir,

The recent platform given to Sinn Féin by the Socialist Society is a major affront to the democratic values held by the majority of students at IC and indicates the moral degeneracy now afflicting the Labour Party.

The IRA is a terrorist organisation, matched only by the ANC for its ability to kill and maim. It is evil because it ranks the armalite higher than the ballot box in promoting its beliefs. And it is dangerous because it will stop at nothing to meet its sectarian ends.

I was at the Conservative Conference in Brighton last October and the aftermath of the Grand Hotel bombing filled me with nausea, yet fuelled my determination to defeat these animals through peaceful means rather than resort to their methods. I welcome the contribution made to political debate by the wide range of speakers at IC, but not for terrorist who have forfeited their democratic rights by virtue of their actions.

*Yours in anger and disgust,
Graham Brown*

Conservative Society Chairman

Re-apps

Dear Sir,

Having been a re-applicant myself this year the recent announcement of the reduction in re-apps next year concerns me greatly. Re-apps are essential for the social life of the hall, especially in the first term, and a reduction in the numbers of re-apps would only serve to further overload the remaining re-apps, as well as the wardens and subwardens.

The reason for this announcement as we all know is the imminent closure of the Fremantle Hotel. The closure of the hotel at the end of the year has sadly resulted in the total disregard of the 100 current residents (myself included) by Student Services, in fact Student Services are tending to support the ridiculous claims of the owner, who blames every fault, no matter how big, on the residents. Consequently, over the last few weeks the building has developed into an awful state of disrepair. Ten roofs (at least) have leaked since term began and the heating has been off for the last two weeks, and nothing at all has been done to help get the place fixed.

The standard attitude at the moment is 'the Fremantle is shutting in five months, why should we fix it?' This could be understood if the problems were small, but they are not, and I can only hope that Student Services realise that the residents of the Fremantle are concerned about the total lack of assistance from the people who supposedly help students with accommodation problems.

*Your sincerely,
K P Gardner*

Clarification

Dear Sir,

The general response to the issue of human rights in Northern Ireland highlighted in College by the Catholic Society indicates that some clarification of what we were actually saying is necessary.

In a *personal capacity*, and as co-author of the original article in FELIX I would therefore like to make the following points:

- 1 The Catholic Society does not support Sinn Féin. It condemns the violence of the IRA, the INLA, the UVF—in effect the violence of *all* paramilitary groups.
- 2 It therefore abhors *all* deaths and injuries and family suffering caused by the conflict. This includes the death of all security force members. Such happenings are all contrary to the teaching of Christ.
- 3 It re-iterates its call of attention to what are also serious issues of the conflict — the Prevention of Terrorism Act, lethal mob control weapons and unnecessary strip searching of women.

It was the unfortunate consequence of the limited space available for our article that it may have appeared in some sense unbalanced. If anyone has any further misgivings on the views we put forward then please do not hesitate to get in touch with me or any committee member. All dialogue will be welcomed.

I would like to conclude by saying that, as a Christian, I find that one of the most valuable assets of my faith is that it teaches unconditional love and respect. Hardly surprisingly this is the most difficult value to incorporate into one's daily life; but I am convinced that unless we learn to take the risk of showing love, fairness, respect to our enemies then never are we going to see an end to violence in this society.

*Yours,
Stephen Curry
IC Cathsoc
Chairman*

Pudding

Dear Sir,

With the falling pound, and higher interest rates, Easter vacations abroad must now seem quite unlikely for most students. There can be no doubt this is all part of a capitalist lacky running-dogs of Western imperialism ploy to grind down proletariat students. We must unite in the struggle for a higher pound.

I cannot have been the only one to notice that Lord Flowers will be an excellent Vice-Chancellor of the streamlined University of London after his IC experience of three constituent colleges.

*Yours,
Till the cows come home,
Alan Pudding (Mr)*

SURROGATE FATHERHOOD

Cash in hand

Everyone knows that the way to succeed in business is to satisfy a basic human need, and surely no-one would deny that many childless couples want a baby more than anything else. But is Harley Street running a 'babies for sale' store under a different name? And are IC students helping? A FELIX correspondent reports.

The technique of Artificial Insemination by Donor (AID) has been practiced in Britain for over 40 years. It is responsible for over 1000 births per year in this country alone, and the figure is still rising.

AID uses donor sperm to inseminate women whose husbands are infertile. The donors are carefully screened for genetic diseases, and after acceptance they are matched in physical appearance to the husband. Donors must also be of reasonable intelligence, and are often University students, in particular medics. Donors are typically paid £5-£10, and are not told if they have caused a conception, although they will be removed from the list of donors after several successful pregnancies due to the risk of unintentional incest between his 'children'. The name of the woman's husband appears on the birth certificate, and every effort is made to involve him at counselling, conception, and birth.

The actual cost of the process can be relatively small, between £75 and £400. Normally only two or three attempts at fertilisation are required before success, the semen being introduced into the womb at the right stage in the menstrual cycle. The operation takes only about five minutes, and a woman can be in and out of the clinic in less than an hour.

AID children have been the objects of extensive studies. Ten years after birth their families tend to be more emotionally stable than those of 'normal' children, and there are relatively few one parent families with AID children.

'Height? Eye colour? Hair colour? Build?' The receptionist took my details down over the

phone. 'Monday at 12.15 OK?'. Apparently some people are in more demand than others. Do you want your baby to look like Paul Newman, Omar Sharif, me?

I arrived quarter of an hour early and took a seat in the waiting room. The others were either couples or women on their own. A check of their fingers revealed that everyone else was married. The walls were plastered in press cuttings. 'NEW HOPE FOR THE CHILDLESS' 'BORN... THANKS TO BOFFINS', the headlines shouted good news for the infertile. The women were 25-40, mostly typical Guardian readers I thought—baggy sweaters and corduroy trousers. They did not all seem so affluent. One man had the rough hands of a labourer, which he kept tightly pressed against his wife's. One or two seemed nervous, tapping their fingers against the arm of a chair or flicking absentmindedly through the pages of the Observer Colour Supplement. Would one of these women end up bearing my child? A man walked through, his Barclays Bank Cheque book open.

My turn came soon enough. A nurse explained everything matter-of-factly.

'Just provide a specimen, and we'll examine it, and ask you a few questions.' She handed me a small disposable plastic container, with a clip fit lid. 'There's a toilet up the stairs'.

The new word in medicine is 'involvement'. If you haven't sat in a lab while three nurses sit examining your semen under a microscope then you haven't lived. 'Density is plus two,' one said. 'White blood cell count is 15,' said another. I was invited to

look down a microscope, and felt rather like a schoolboy being given a guided trip round a museum. As the gang of three checked my virility I began to wonder—am I doing right.

Undoubtedly many students at IC have been semen donors. It can be looked on as 'just another way of making money'. The opportunities available are advertised in the student press. However, how many students have thought about the ethics involved? Is it your fault that a baby has been born with a genetically carried disease? It is theoretically possible for children to trace their genetic father. Do you have a son or daughter that you don't know about?

'Well, all the tests we've done are OK, if you'll just answer a few questions then you'll be finished.'

Protecting what?

Possibly the most important advance of civil rights in the UK last year was the passing of the Data Protection Act. This Act allows anyone to see data held on them on a computer, and will have repercussions for IC and its students primarily because of its impact on examination marks.

The Act applies to any data describing an individual that is held on a computer, and allows him or her to view, correct, and erase it (if it is faulty), and claim compensation if it is incorrect. The Act applies to any computer, from your lecturer's BBC micro to IC. It is undoubtedly going to affect access to exam marks. These have been prepared and processed on computers for many years, and departments with highly modular courses and large numbers of students could not operate any other way.

Currently, all that is given to a student is a grade. No student is able to see the 'raw' examination results, and because of this can not make a sensible appeal. This has the effect of insulating departments from criticism about the way papers are set and marked. The University of London even has a regulation forbidding the disclosure of this information, and this regulation will have to be changed in the light of the Act. Colleges will also have to allow access to personal data held on computers such as opinions and disciplinary records.

Any history of mental illness in the family...are you a homosexual...heavy smoker...academic record?'. Surely I didn't need A-level biology—it's not as if I was applying for a scholarship at Cambridge after all. Still, the patients are paying, and I suppose they expect the best.

'If you could drop in sometime next week when we finish all the tests we'll let you know the situation. We pay £8 during the week, and £11 at weekends—we don't like using it frozen if possible, as it's much better fresh'. Thirty seconds later I stood blinking in the sunlight of Harley Street, as the Volvos and Ford Granadas roared up and down. A young woman hurried past me, back up the stairs and into the clinic.

'Good luck' I thought.

Departments are now faced with a choice. They can remove examination mark processing from the computers, comply with the law but change as little as possible, or go farther than the law demands.

The former is impossible for most departments for the above reason, and the College has accepted that examination marks will still be processed on computers, with all the implications that entails.

One option that the College could take would be for each student to be sent a copy of all the data that was held on him. He would then be invited to comment on it and correct any errors.

Whether or not this is implemented, there is no doubt that the Act is going to mean that College will be involved in considerable expense, to write software for all the administrative computers, and the subsequent operation of the inquiry system.

The new laws will begin to be enforced in Autumn 1987, just in time for this year's first years to get legal right of access to their final examination results. The benefits of the Act could be felt long before then, however, because it may start a significant change in the way Colleges store student data, leading to a more open, and fairer, system.

On Friday 1st February at 8pm,
in The Lounge, Union Building.

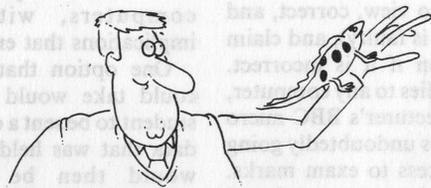
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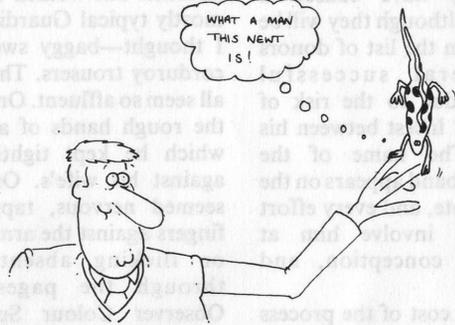
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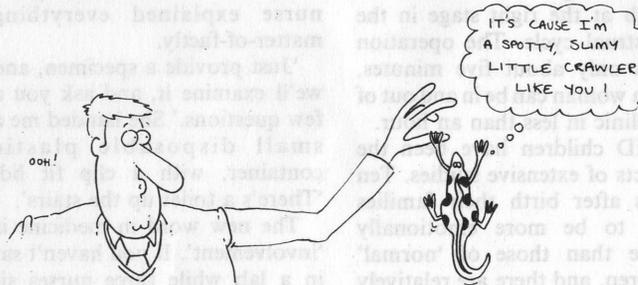
I wonder what deep subconscious emotions made me choose a newt as a pet?



Just think I could have a hamster or gerbil, possibly even a cute baby alligator...



...reckon choosing a pet is just one of life's many great intangibles.



Romance in the air

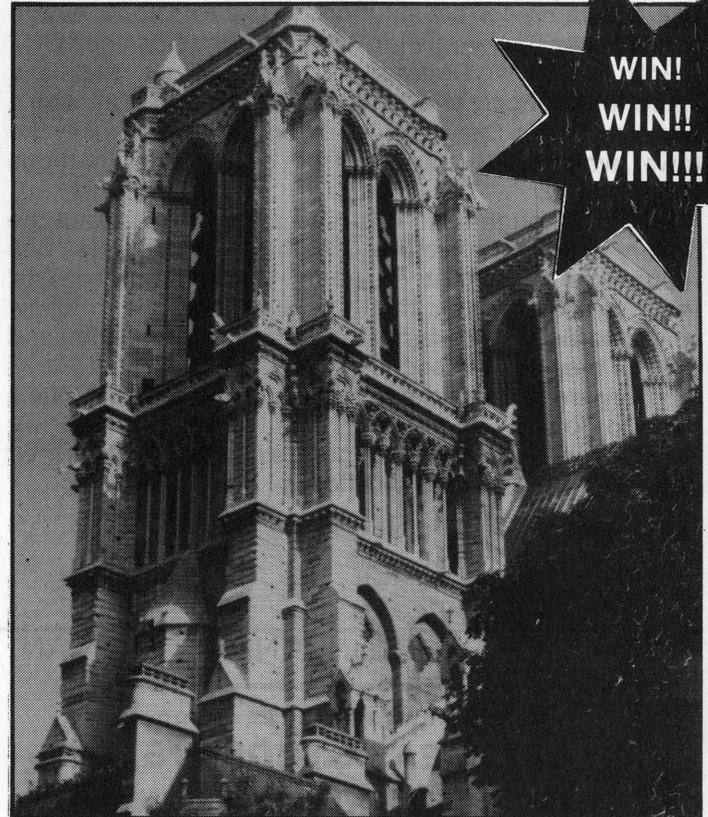
The STA round the world quiz

Rumours are flying that the Bull-Lewis partnership is about to come clean and go legit. An unattributable source close to the Union promises that the date for The Event is April 1st, to be followed by a whirlwind round-the-world honeymoon in the Easter vacation. We can reveal exclusively that an aide, operating on behalf of the thrifty couple, has approached the ULU Travel Office in Sheffield to discover what a startling savings they can obtain on their air fares.

Over the next five weeks we'll be giving you clues as to the route they will be taking. These will be announced on IC Radio every Friday. Fill in the names of each destination on the schedule below.

After five weeks you will have the complete round the world route costing £1,912 on scheduled economy flights. Simply find out the STA fare for this route (A big help will be that the price concerned will be displayed on a poster outside the Travel Office in the JCR). Add up the total saving made and tell us why you prefer to fly with STA.

We were thinking of awarding as a prize a third round the world ticket to go with the newly weds, but on reflection we considered it more romantic to offer a weekend in Paris with the partner of your choice. The winner and answers will be announced in the last week of term and the holiday must be booked before June 30. The competition is not open to students working on Felix or IC Radio.



This week's clue to destination **b)**:-
Presidents pose with Mickey Mouse where nowadays the Angels may fear to go.



The lucky winner of last year's super STA competition—she won a weekend in Paris.

STA Competition Form
(Keep this)

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Week

1	a) London	to	b)
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Tinker

There were no correct solutions to last fortnights puzzle so I will use it again just in case someone can solve it.

Four Heads of Department have decided they can stand it no longer, and have decided to end it all with a one-way visit to the Queen's Tower. Each Head faces the tower, which is 70 yards away from them, in the directions N,S,E and W.

Sadly, although each has read a great deal about the history and architecture of the building, no one recognises it in front of them. After a few moments' thought each decides that it would be easiest to follow someone else, hence turns to the person on their left and follows then at 1 yd/sec.

If they are to reach the tower at all, how long will it take them to do so?

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 FAIR STARTS FROM **5.00pm**
 AND ENDS AT **1.00am**

INCLUDES:

- CULTURAL DISPLAYS**
- LIVE SHOWS**
- EXHIBITIONS**
- CHINESE NEW YEAR SHOW**
- DISCO**
- BRAZILIAN CARNIVAL PARTY**

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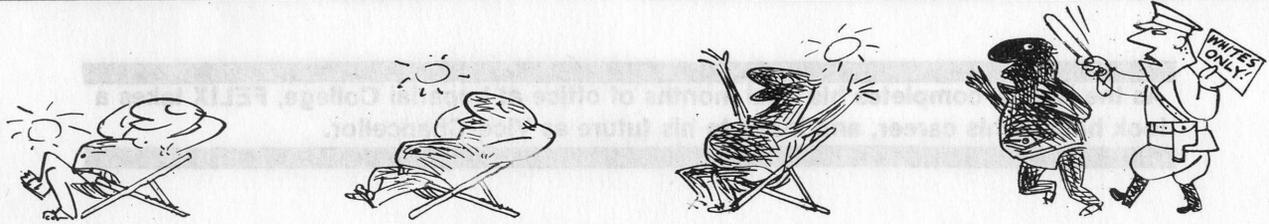
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7.30	Chinese New Year G.H.			Food Sale J.C.R.	Exhibitions Sherfield Hall
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9.30		Disco M.D.H.	Brazilian Carnival Party J.C.R.		
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South Africa

by IC Anti-Apartheid group



SOUTH AFRICA

South Africa is a country of immense wealth and its white population, accounting for 15.5% of the total population, has one of the highest standards of living in the world. Yet 25% of black children die before they reach the age of one, and many more are permanently crippled by malnutrition related illnesses. Education is segregated and the black system is openly designed to prepare blacks for their second class role: even their makeshift overcrowded classrooms give most black children little more than primary level schooling. Health care is grossly inadequate, with consequent life expectancy of 40-45 years for blacks compared with 70 for whites. Black workers are ruthlessly exploited—with a wage gap of 12:1 in mining for example. Their families, officially designated as 'non-productive Bantu', are often forcibly removed to the barren wastes of the Bantustans. The black community has no political rights, their organisations are outlawed and their leaders are jailed—removing all opportunity for them to change the system in the ways open to democratic societies.



The Imperial College Anti-Apartheid Group exists to make people aware of the injustices of the Apartheid system in South Africa. The society sees its main role within IC, in dissuading people from working in South Africa, or in any way which directly helps the continuation of Apartheid.

Recruitment

The South African economy has a continual demand for skilled and professional workers, which cannot be met from the white population within the country. At the same time, however, there is a high level of unemployment within the black community (21-24%). The system of job reservation—which continues despite recent statutory changes—prevents blacks from taking these posts. Without this strict racial demarcation in employment, black workers would require proper education, wage gaps would narrow, all peoples would start to compete on equal terms and blacks could even hold positions of seniority above whites. Hence the apartheid system depends upon whites being found to fill skilled and professional jobs—and if those whites cannot be found inside South Africa they are sought outside.

Thus the recruitment of graduates from Imperial College for work in South Africa directly contributes to the frustration of black aspirations, and to the continuance of apartheid.

Within this College job opportunities in South Africa are not available to all students. Although for obvious reasons those employers offering posts in South Africa do not publicise racial barriers, such barriers do exist. Only white graduates can successfully apply for jobs in South Africa. It is deeply offensive to the many black students within this and other colleges, that the recruitment for these jobs goes on here. Although recruitment to employment outside the UK is not covered by the Race Relations Act, it is still, nevertheless, clearly racial discrimination.

This College (particularly RSM) has strong graduate employment, research, and even educational links with South Africa and Companies heavily involved in South Africa and Namibia.

Namibia

South Africa's mandate over Namibia ended in 1966, since then it has been occupying Namibia illegally and enforcing apartheid laws there. Hence working for a company in Namibia also helps the continuance of apartheid both in Namibia and South Africa.

In 1966 the General Assembly of the United Nations terminated the mandate exercised by South Africa over Namibia. The commission concluded that South Africa's continued occupation of Namibia was illegal.

The United Nations Decree for the Protection of the Natural Resources of Namibia, approved by the General Assembly, forbids the kind of operations undertaken by companies such as RTZ in Namibia. It forbids the exploitation of the natural resources of Namibia without the consent and permission of the United Nations Council for Namibia and invalidates any 'permission, concession or licence' for the exploitation of these resources granted by the South African regime or any authority purporting to act on its behalf.

On 11 February, a speaker from the Namibia Support Committee will talk about the Campaign against the Namibian Uranium Contract (CANUC)—uranium mined illegally by RTZ in Namibia, for half of Britain's civil and military uranium needs.

For further information, see the folder 'Facts about South Africa and Namibia' in the careers library, contact AAM, 13 Mandela Street, London NW1 0DW, and come to our meeting.

Feb 11 — CANUC

Feb 18 — South Africa prisoners of conscience

Feb 21 — Party — two live bands

March 4 — The Church in South Africa

ANTI-APARTHEID

PROFILE the Rector

As the Rector completes his final months of office at Imperial College, FELIX takes a look back at his career, and looks to his future as Vice-Chancellor.

A large man with a clumsy gait, he manages to look uncomfortable in any chair. He has a peculiar ability not to seem 'at home' in any surroundings. In his Queens Gate residence he has the air of a tired but proud museum curator; in his fifth-floor Sherfield office he gives the impression of having arrived only a week ago, and not having properly settled in.

But the Rector has been here for rather more than a week. After twelve years at Imperial College this 60 year old son of a Welsh pastor is to become Vice-Chancellor of the largest University in the country.

Early career

Flowers read Physics at Cambridge. After his DSc at Birmingham he went to the Atomic Energy Research Establishment at Harwell. The head of the theoretical physics

division at that time was Klaus Fuchs, who later turned out to be a spy for the Russians. On his being apprehended by the police other people who were senior to Flowers were either not offered the job or did not accept it. At the age of 28, therefore, Flowers became head of the division, to the surprise of many people, not the least himself.

He built up the division, which was naturally in bad morale, to a very flourishing affair. But the lure of academe was too strong.

'I soon realised that the longer I stayed at Harwell, the more administrative my role would become. When I was offered the chair of Theoretical Physics at Manchester, I quickly accepted it.'

Within a year, the Head of Physics at Manchester had left on a sabbatical leaving

Flowers in charge. In the event he never came back, and Flowers found himself head of one of the biggest Physics Departments in the country.

'This led to me taking an interest in an enormous range of things; other people's work, things which were second-hand. Woe befall any administrator who doesn't take that second-hand experience seriously. You become a pontificator over everything, knowing nothing.'

Past peak

At about the age of 40, Flowers was becoming recognized nationally in the policy-forming world; he joined the predecessor of the Science Research Council (now the SERC) and the Advisory Council for Scientific Policy (now the ABRC). But there were other reasons for his finally leaving active academic work.

'I was becoming aware that I had achieved all I was going to achieve in research. I have seen people, only too often, past their peak, becoming gradually more tetchy and miserable, thinking it's other people's fault.'

'I knew that I either had to give up my policy-forming activities and get the external stimuli that was needed or I had to give up the idea of an intensive, front-line, research career.'

He decided on the latter course, and so for his six years as Chairman of the Science Research Council, he was gradually running down his research work.

This post took Flowers to the topmost levels of science policy formation, dealing with cabinet ministers and senior civil servants. His ministers were Crossland, Short, Margaret Thatcher and Shirley Williams.

'In quite different ways the two ladies shone most: I was on very good terms with both of them on a personal basis, although I agree much more with Shirley than I do with Maggie.'

Imperial

From 1965 onwards, offers of vice-chancellorships started to flood in. Flowers doesn't like to say how many offers, but he manages to convey the idea that there were quite a few.

'I remember very well having lunch with Shirley Williams one day. We were discussing each other's futures. She said that

I should accept a vice-chancellorship. I said that this was nonsense—terrible sort of job.'

An yet within two months Lord Sherfield had offered, and Flowers had accepted, the job of Rector at Imperial College.

'I suddenly realised that Imperial College was exactly right for me. And gosh was I right, because I've had the most marvellous time here.'

Flowers had perceived that Imperial College was 'supposed to be good, but was not quite as good as it should have been'. He felt that he had an ability to put such institutions right.

'I did it at Harwell, I did it at Manchester, I did it at the SRC and I think I've done it here. The main thing wrong with IC was that it was so convinced that it was tops, that it wasn't. It didn't question itself enough.' And so Flowers had to adopt the unpopular rôle of forcing IC to face up to itself.

'I knew that until it had done that, the College did not have any hope of improving itself.'

When the Rector came to IC, Heads of Department were appointed for life. Researchers of ability were being held back by these 'complacent old men'. He therefore made headships five year appointments. He raised the standard of staff appointments, and of student admissions.

'We had all sorts of funny overseas students who had no motivation to be here at all.'

People point to the inception of the interdisciplinary centres (environmental technology, biotechnology, robotics, etc) as being Flowers' most important innovation whilst at IC.

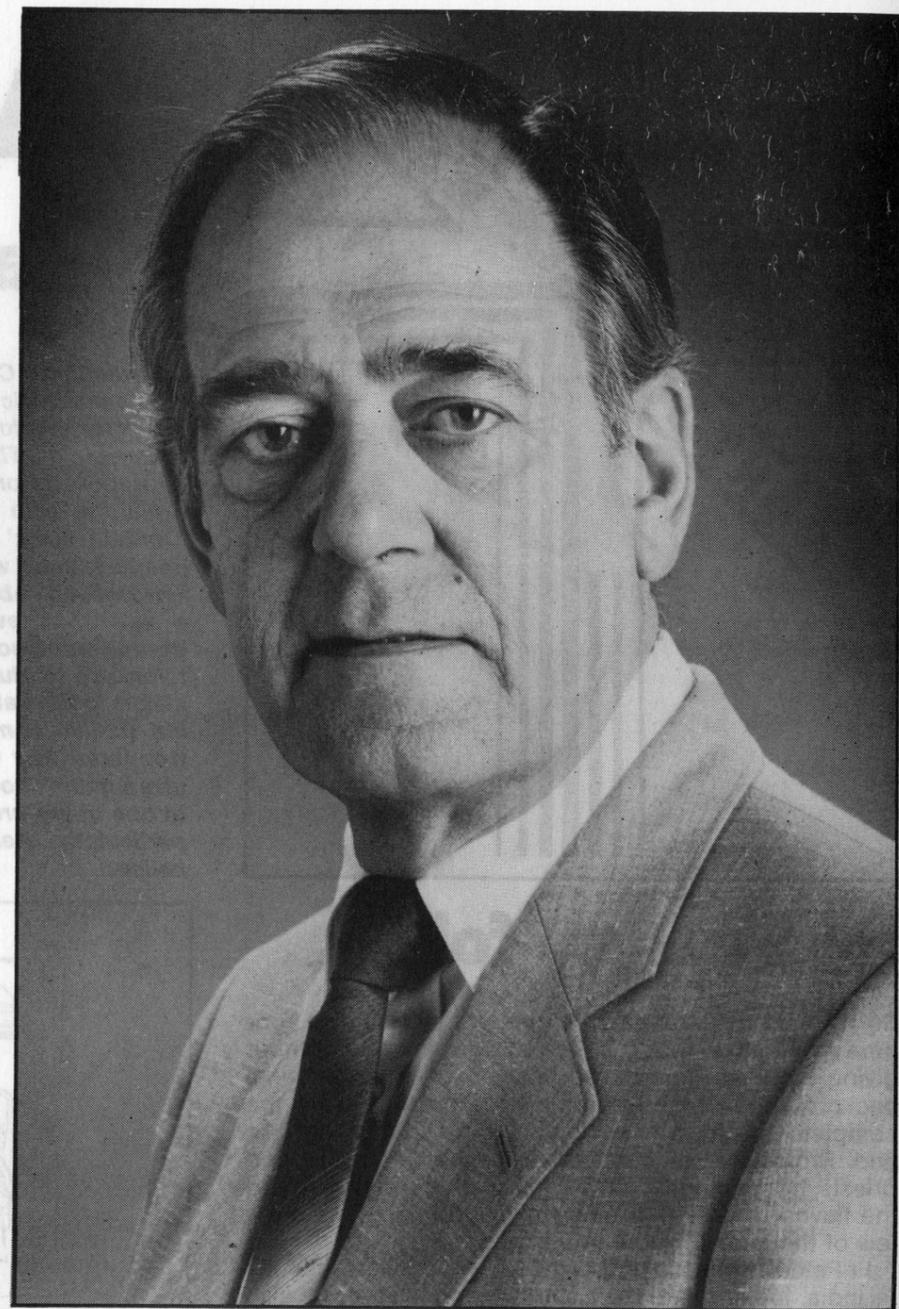
'Problems of structure have always interested me. Here at IC we had the separate departments, divided up the way they are for good reasons, and yet these divisions create borderline problems.'

'Having established any vertical structure you promptly have to set up some organisation, however flimsy, at 90 degrees.'

It was the lack of such a mechanism that Flowers sought to put right.

'I had just done the Royal Commission on Environmental Pollution and felt that there was a great need, not for wishy-washy environmental sciences, at undergrad level, but for people of real professional competence in different subjects to come together and work on the environmental problems.'

'What people in industry often don't realise is that a university can't respond to the latest fad by setting up a whole department. Just because of Sinclair someone will doubtless suggest the setting up of a Department of Electric Tricycles. But this is wrong. A department is there to teach what is known—a sound body of doctrine. But at the same time a university such as this must be in the swim, in the modern world. So organised within the integrity of disciplines we are trying to tackle problems which respect no boundaries. The centres, then, are the *doing* places and the departments are *teaching* places.'



London University—the future

In 1980 the Flowers Report was published—a much criticized report which suggested major changes in medical education. It was said at the time that the unpopularity of the report was responsible for Flowers not being offered the vice-chancellorship three years ago. But he still stands by the findings of the report.

'Not only do I stand by them but they've been accepted, almost all of them. Not in every detail, but the essence of it has been accepted, and the logic of it is entirely being put into effect now.'

'The problems that the University faces are again structural ones—the meaning of a Federal University needs sorting out. At the moment it's rather an ill-assorted collection but with the Swinerton-Dyer Report we are seeing the formation of fewer, larger and

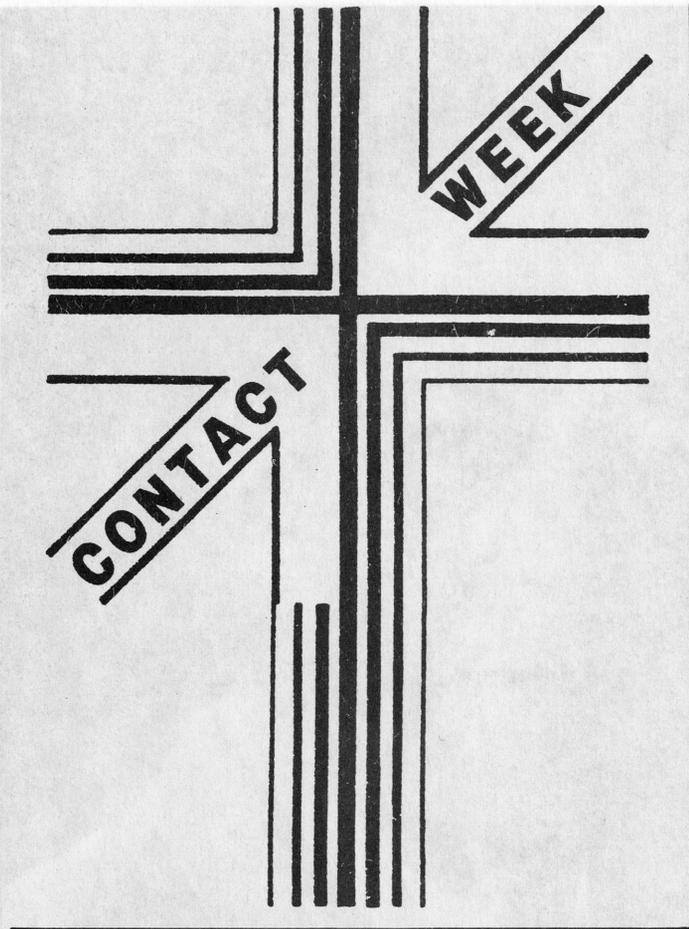
more comparable institutions.'

The Rector was made a peer in 1979. He is an active member of the House of Lords 'when time allows', and is a passionate supporter of its existence.

'One of the most fascinating experiences of my life was to watch Ken Livingstone in the public gallery at the House, listening to speeches of support of the GLC from members of an institution that his party is committed to abolish.'

Flowers has enjoyed his time at IC—he has been able to indulge himself in his passions for art and music at the same time as heading a great institution. He says 'I have contrived to enjoy my life enormously so far'. One gets the impression that he will continue to do so at Senate House, just as much as he did at Imperial.





Aliens

contact Imperial

Do you think Christians are all incredibly boring religious fanatics who have no idea what it's like in the 'real world'? If so, you've never met the Chaplaincies. They are full of real people who are as far removed from your average religious fanatic as Attila the Hun is from Mother Theresa. During 'Contact Week' the Chaplaincies invite a team of people from all walks of life to come into the college. They will talk about their beliefs and experiences in a series of events based around discussions groups/workshops on a variety of topics of current relevance to students. No one in the chaplaincies claims to have all the answers about the meaning of life (unlike some other brands) but if you ever wondered why we're here or whether you should give a damn about anyone else, why not come along to one of the groups and air your views - you'll be particularly welcome this week, whatever you believe.

Strange folk

So who are the strange folk, trying to monopolise your time at IC next week? Difficult to answer that without giving you an enormous dossier on the personal background of eighteen or twenty persons from the complete spectrum of society; old and young, Catholic and Protestant, students and teachers, porters and priests, from Edingburgh to Earl's Court. Just to give you the flavour of this appetising recipe though, here are a few of the people whom you might meet.

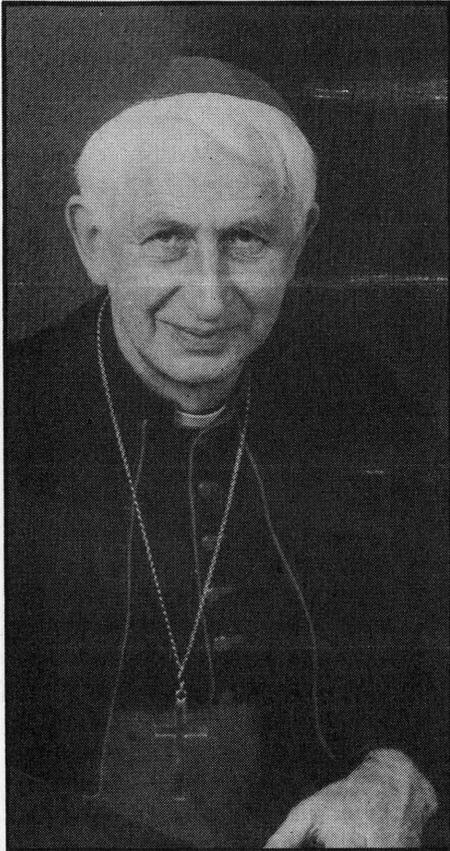
Fr Peter Bowes is a priest who has spent a year recently in India, looking into their spirituality. However he also has his feet firmly on the ground through his work amongst young people in England.



Bill Kirkpatrick has been described as an 'urban hermit'. From his flat in Earl's Court he acts as a counsellor and friend to anyone who needs him. His work among people 'rejected' by our society has given him unique insights into applying the Christian faith.

Sally Theakston was the president of East Anglia University SU before taking up her present job with the student Christian movement, so she will have a lot to say about what students can do in following the the Gospel.

Although they come from various backgrounds, all of the team have one thing in common — they are relating their faith to the real-life situations in which they find themselves. It is this experience of the world outside student life and how they have come to terms with it which should make the discussions and workshops an unmissable event for any IC student looking beyond their first pay cheque.



His Eminence Charles Basil Cardinal Hume OSB, Archbishop of Westminster

Cardinal Hume

Cardinal Basil Hume, the top man in the Roman Catholic church in England will be speaking in Imperial College tomorrow evening. In what has been described as 'a considerable coup for the Chaplaincies' the Archbishop of Westminster will be taking part in the opening service of Contact Week, in the Physics Common Room. This is just the start of a week-long series of meetings in and around the West London colleges.

Imperial College is in the arch-diocese of Westminster and therefore the local bishop is Basil Hume. He succeeded John Heenan in 1976 and was created Cardinal in the same year by Paul VI.

Cardinals only exist in the Catholic church and are not, as is commonly supposed, the next rank up after bishop. They need not be bishops but can be priests or deacons — and are drawn from around the world and many are stationed permanently in Rome.

As a cardinal, Basil Hume forms part of the College of Cardinals which acts as an advisory body for the Pope and elects a new Pope as the occasion arises. He may also represent the Pontiff at ceremonial functions.

As senior bishop in England and Wales, Basil Hume acts as a spokesperson when an official church

opinion is required on any subject. Through visits around the diocese (such as to IC) and discussions with other bishops he can advise the Pope on the situation of the Church in this country.

Basil Hume was born in 1923, a distant relation of the famous 18th century atheist, sceptic, philosopher David Hume. He was ordained in 1950 after joining the Benedictine monastery at Ampleforth (a RC public school). Whilst there he was both abbot and headmaster. Later he took on a number of senior posts within his order and has lectured in theology.

His visit to IC to start Contact Week and to lead the ecumenical (ie non-denominational) service is part of his efforts to see an end to the divisions which at present split the Christian church.

February 2-8 1985

PROGRAMME

12.30am Monday/Tuesday **Workshop**
Thursday/Friday 12.30am

(Each Workshop runs for two lunchtimes, so you can opt for any two workshops in any order. Lunch is provided for a small charge. Just turn up on the Monday or the Thursday and join in!).

- **Prayer and Meditation Chaplains' Office** (10 Princes' Gdns.)
- **Evangelism and Mission Union Upper Lounge** (Monday/Tuesday) Elec Eng 207. (Thursday/Friday).
- **Worship and Liturgy Chemistry 231** (Monday/Tuesday only).
- **Social and Political Action Huxley 348.**
- **Sexuality and Relationships Huxley 410.**
- **Faith, The Bible and Theology Huxley 408.**
- **Dialogue with other Faiths Royal School of Mines, B432.**
- **Careers and Vocations Chem Eng E400.**

All Workshops begin at 12.30am. Monday and Friday: finish at 1.30pm. Tuesday and Thursday: finish at 2.00 or 2.30pm.

Saturday 2

7.30pm Physics Common Room level 8. Opening worship with Cardinal Hume

Sunday 3

10.00am Consort Gallery, Sherfield. Service.
6.00pm More House, 53 Cromwell Road. Service.

Monday 4/Tuesday 5

Lunchtime Workshops (see opposite)

Wednesday 6

12.30am Read Theatre, Sherfield level 5. Meditation on the life of Christ by Rev Michael Day.
7.30pm Botany Common Room, Beit. 'What is the Gospel?', an evening of exploration and proclamation.
7.30pm More House. Film about Cardinal Sin's work in the Philipines.

Thursday 7/Friday 8

Lunchtime Workshops (see opposite)

Friday 8

7.30pm More House Party and worship with *Revue*.

More whingeing

For those of you who are waiting in eager anticipation for the new colour enlarger to arrive, we have some very disappointing news. It is proving very difficult indeed to get the money off the union. When our request was submitted to the RCC Chairman a week before the last UFC meeting, we were given no indication that it would not be approved. Then, at the meeting itself, he refused to put our proposal to the committee unless we could state exactly what was wrong with the old enlarger and exactly how much it would cost to repair, even though we were planning to purchase a new enlarger irrespective of whether or not the old one had broken. (After all, when drawing up a 5-year plan, you can't say exactly when something will need replacing). In these days of financial belt-tightening, however, it seems that this argument is not valid, although it must have been valid when the 5-year plan was drawn up.

All this is symptomatic of the way photosoc has always been treated by the union. The club has been seriously underfunded for a very long time, just so that some so-called 'prestigious' clubs such as gliding or ballooning can be cheaper for their (comparatively few) members. Now that the financial situation is very bad all clubs are being asked to tighten their belts, but is it really fair to ask everyone to tighten their belts equally when some are already suffering from malnutrition? There is no reason why a well-equipped photographic society shouldn't bring just as much prestige to the union as a gliding club or ballooning club.

And now, more whingeing! If you have improperly labelled bottles of chemicals in the darkrooms and you don't want them throwing away, then please remove them before Wednesday (5 Feb) otherwise they will be. Also, if we find out who it was broke the large masking frame and the contact printer, he (or she) will be receiving a visit from several large gentlemen from the Karate club.

Finally, the good news! (we've saved the best bit till last!) It may be possible for some members to go along to press-calls at the Royal Opera House in Convent Garden, but numbers will be limited to one or two people at a time, more details later. If anyone went to the RSC press-call last term has developed their pictures, please bring them to the committee meeting so we can all see them. Lastly, there will be another slide show in our 'Great British Photographers' series in Elec Eng 408 at 6.00pm on Tuesday 19 Feb, and it promises to be really great, so come early to be sure of getting in!

QT SOC



There was a great wailing and a gnarling of teeth and people rent their clothes (tuxedo's, dinner jackets, etc). And it come to pass that a multitude gathered in the meeting places, for it was the time set for the gathering. Behold there came a voice from on high: 'Yea verily I say unto thee that Melvyn Bragg will speak to this society on Feb 5'.

And the multitude were agog with the wisdom and intelligence of the man and they chanted in unison: 'All praise O Tall One! Thou has fulfilled all thy promises, all praise!'.

Now amongst the people there was a lowly serf who claimed to be secretary, and he spoke up timidly — 'Ehm, I hate to spoil a good plot but Mr Bragg will be overseas on that date, to be more explicit, in sunny Denmark!'.

The crowd were astounded by this feat and they shouted in amazement — 'Yea, will Melvyn not only speak to us on the date set

aside, but he will address us from Denmark! All Praise! All Pra... hand on a minute'. The scrowd became suddenly silent and gazed upwards for guidance. The chairman's voice boomed out with a distinct Northern accent: 'I have decided upon a number of options, and he described them in great detail.

1 Send Melvyn a megaphone—cost £50.

2 Buy two dozen return tickets to Copenhagen — cost £108 each from Dan-Air.

3 Arrange for Melvyn to speak to a joint QT/Humanities audience in the Read Lecture theatre on Feb 21 — cost peanuts.

And it came to pass that the crowd voted in line with tradation — with their wallets, and the final option was chosen by a huge majority of 2-0. There was great rejoicing and dancing in the streets and they all lived happily ever after, especially the 'very nice boys'.

? SOC

In a dark cobwebbed corner of the sprawling complex, a video screen flickered dimly into life. As a hand moved hesitantly across the console, pressing a button here, adjusting a control there, other screens sprang into wakefulness. On some, faint squiggles and hieroglyphics resolved themselves into pink words on a putrid green background. With a muttered oath, the one they called Char-man (he liked tea) hurled himself at the colouriser console and wrested with the homeostat on the Anthrax Modulation Subsystem. After a few frantic moments, the screen blazed forth once again in the yellow-on-blue colours of *The Service*.

The FELIX Hack shivered involuntarily. Although he had volunteered for this hazardous mission, indeed had suffered the torments of hypno-surgery to dull his responses to such noisome sights, his skin

crawled beneath his plasti-mask disguise. He shuddered, and prayed he would not be caught. The thought of inquisition by the dread pair, the ones known only as RC and RP, filled his mind with dread. Why did I ever agree to try and find out what STOIC are showing on Tuesday, he asked himself? Just then, a shadow fell across him. He looked up, startled, and a scream died to a gurgle in his throat as he beheld the ravaged features before him.

On struggling back to consciousness, our Hero found himself manacled to the wall of the dreaded *Star Chamber*. All hope drained from him, as he hung limply against the cold stone. Fighting to make his eyes obey his will, he focussed on the opposite wall, where someone had writtne 'Nigel Rees in conversation on STOIC, OK' with a can of spray paint. So that was it! This was the dark secret of Tuesday's Transmission. The master of graffiti himself! What irony that he could not communicate this information back to the office...(to be continued?).

SF SOC

Downing Street bunker

The Russian agent rechecked the plans. 'Yes,' he thought, 'this shaft leads down towards the sewers, that would account for the smell, now, one of these two should take me to the bunker'. He consulted the compass and chose the left hand one, being careful not to tread in anything as he had a while back. The continual smell of sewage receded as the tunnel wound its way upwards, and the air was getting warmer. He looked at the map again. 'Not far to go now'.

A faint noise, behind him. There it was again, definitely a footstep. Someone was following. He carefully retraced his steps and hid at the junction. Time check — only ten minutes until the NATO conference begins. 'I must be there from the start. The Star Wars plans have to reach Moscow'.

The footsteps were closer now. He crouched into the shadows and waited for his adversary - presumably some security guard. There he was - a head poking out of the sewer tunnel. Aim the torch-right. Light on. The target was fixed in the cone of light. The Russian's arm flew through the air and connected with the enemy's nose there was a

sharp crack and the man's body jerked with fits and convulsions. Then he fell, back into the sewer, with a faint sploth noise. The way was clear.

As he continued up the tunnel the Russian considered his foe. That was no NATO guard, he was sure, but one of the Chinese. This was going to be a popular meeting.

The end of the tunnel was in sight and the spy emerged into a space beneath the steps of a large theatre. A presentation was in progress. He squinted at the screen. Men in armour, swords, horses? What was this? He consulted his map. 'Oh No! I'm underneath the wrong room. This is Imperial College, not the Downing Street Bunker!'

Join the Russian spys at the SF Soc film showing of EXCALIBUR, John Boormans superb Arthurian Epic. Starts at 6.30 in Mech Eng 220' on Tuesday 5 Feb. If you want to read some books come along to the Green Committee Room on Thursday, 1.00pm

NEWS FLASH — The SF Soc-WIST charades match last Thursday was a close thing — final score SF 36 WIST 33, and a good time was had by all.

RAG

Back from the Bogul Stroll

And so it came to pass that in the year of our Lord, nineteen hundred and eighty four, our gallant chairman went off in search of intellectual enlightenment and a quiet weekend in Blackpool with the NUS, leaving two intrepid soc reps, who also happened to be the rag mag editor and treasurer to venture into other distant parts near the city of much sunshine and Bogul Strollers (Manchester) to attend the National Rag Conference.

So far this year, though the money is still rolling in, Rag week has made over £3000 which with the RCSU rag trip and tiddley winks brings the grand total for this year up to nearly £7000. Still to look forward to is Rag Fete in the Summer term, however, to fill in time till then we have started discussing the organisation of next year's committee and rag week events.

Since the return of the conference delegates, a major revolt has occurred — no longer shall chairmen have to take the full weight of organisation upon themselves. At the conference presentation meeting last

week, a media manager and a marketing manager were elected. Still needed are people to take charge of Insurance, Sponsorships and lots of letter writing for the rest of this year. Anyone willing to be involved — we have something for you to do!

The next meeting is on Thursday 7 in the UDH at 12.45pm and — everyone is invited — now is the time to get involved if you feel that you can offer something for next year. The agenda is lotteries, processions, possible events and the committee structure. Please come along if you have any ideas for students or events or want to help in the organisation — especially at Rag Fete or next year's beer festival. If you have any jokes or articles that you would like to see in next years rag mag come along or drop a line to Tony Spencer, Life Sci 1. All soc reps should come, send apologies or face the wrath of the hitsquad!

And so it came to pass that in the year of our lord, nineteen hundred and eighty five, our gallant treasurer turned his mind back upon the spiritual meaning of the vorticity tensor...

CBS

Biotech blasts off

BIOTECH BLASTS OFF

A lot of interest has been aroused by the new College Biotechnology Society (CBS). Combining the go-ahead aspects of business, biology, and engineering it could hardly fail. And no chance has been missed to enjoy the tastier (well, alcoholic) products biotechnology has to offer.

One such chance was the first CBS full meeting. The evening was brisk and bright. Four excellent speakers (Drs Palmer, Langley, Stuckey and Cass) each gave the 'edited highlights' from their respective fields: plant studies, the biotech business, chem eng and biosensors. It was easy to share the enthusiasm for such good biotechnology and it's all done here at IC!

So how will CBS follow the first success? Much behind-the-scenes work has been done lining up a programme for the coming year, and it looks very good. It would be a good idea to get in on the act now as recruits will soon have a chance to be on the committee. Elections for the top posts (President, Secretary, and Treasurer) and others must be held this term. (Who cares that it looks good on a CV-the CBS was set up as a vehicle enjoyable for almost anyone!)



The person to contact is Jeremy Green—the man who now runs CBS. Though a postgrad he is determined that CBS should remain an undergraduate-oriented club. Bright and able students from *anywhere* in college at all interested in CBS would do well if they contacted him soon (Biochemistry building room 217 or ext 4142)

There will be an open CBS meeting at 5.30pm on Monday 4 Feb in 702 Biochem. It's for discussion and you can join the committee then.

CINEMA

Simple blood..

Blood Simple, by Joel and Ethan Coen. (John Getz, Frances McDermand, Dan Hedaya) Dir: Joel Cohen.

Freekin ay, Marty! We shot ya once for chris'sakes. Watcha want me to do, bury you or something? Come on, man, stop being stupid and lie down in the hole will ya?!'

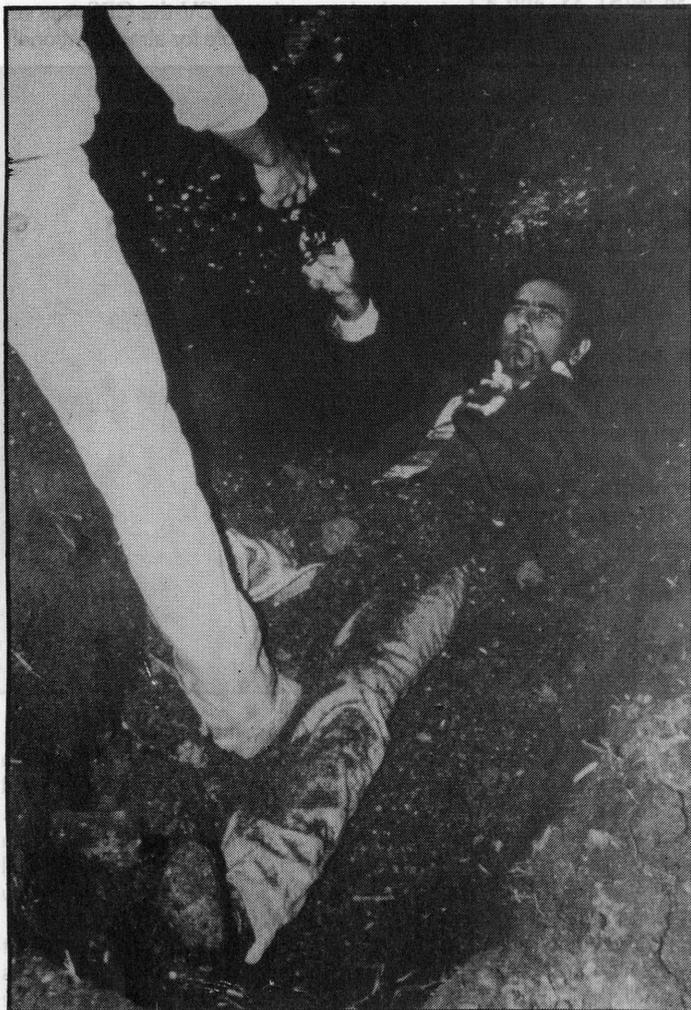
Blood Simple is a hearty attempt by the Cohen brothers (collaborators on *The Evil Dead* and *The XYZ Murders*), to turn a complex, but fairly average, murder story into the sophisticated and romantic movie that Palace Pictures seem to adore.

The result is a long winded joke. Deep in the Texas prairie, Marty (Dan Hedaya), is on the tail of his employe, (John Getz), who is having an affair with this wife. He hires a private detective to turn hit-

man, but plans backfire as the detective takes the law into his own hands. After that I'm afraid I got lost. Marty is killed several times, along with his rival in passion, shots ring out all over the neighbourhood and as the ensuing fracas reaches a climax, Texas Police Dept doesn't twitch a beer gut.

Essentially, the framework of the film is sound. As it evolves, however, the film is heavily overlaid with numerous and confusing production techniques which are neither compatible nor necessarily effective, making the plot intangible and smothering the audience in grotesque and over emphatic imagery: *Blood Simple* turns out to be 'simple blood'.

'I don't know what you're talking about honey' sneers Marty to his rival. Frankly, he's not the only one.



BOOKS

...for simplicity is all

Sorry, but paisley is out. Tartan, too. Just after you had re-structured your wardrobe for the Autumn. This, of course, will place severe restraints upon your choice of reading matter. We are now back to minimalist covers to match the new jazz-babe image. Miller's works in Granada are flashes of fluorescents on lots and lots of black. They are IN. Sartre in Penguin with the Cubist reproductions is OUT. Also see Faber's version of Samuel Becket's *Waiting For Godot* for a lovely line drawing on a white background. Cool play, too. Go for Michael Ondaatje's *Coming Through The Slaughter*. A groovy cover, inside it's all about a really mean trumpet player. Suck it and watch it soar. This is next year's Cult Book.

And now for the other kind. The sort of book you buy with a Smith's gift voucher, because your Auntie forgot that the poor, benighted firm has given up any commitment to books in favour of Travel Agency. WARNING: do not read the following book in public unless it is hidden behind a copy of *Avant Guard*. Your blush of embarrassment would ruin the whitewash pallor which is the pseudo-intellectuals' equivalent of a ski-holiday tan.

The Name of the Rose: according to the New York Times 'Umberto Eco has written a novel and it has become a literary event'. Well, that might be true, but surely this can't be the one they mean. Either the reviewer watches Dallas (subtract ten IQ points) or someone sent him a trunkload of Cane Sugar and an invitation to a Playboy photo-session. Not that the book is bad. Just ordinary. A competent whodunnit and whogivesatoss set in a fourteenth century monastery. I note from the blurb that Anthony Burgess says 'I rejoice and the rest of the literate world will rejoice'. This pontificating old wanker is

surely not without motive in dribbling like that. Both he and Mr Eco are pop academics, and both make the mistake of believing that the random insertion of snippets of scholarship into mediocre books will convert them into art. This makes Burgess' modest claim to be part of 'the literate world' worth rather less than his bank balance. Perhaps even less than the Editor's bank balance, but I doubt it. And while we're on the subject, let's look at an example of the literate chap's work. *Earthly Powers* is a nice, thick, heavy book of the kind that people should donate to the National Union of Mineworkers. It would help in their peaceful struggle for the democratic wosname to chuck this sort of thing at policemen. If anyone made them read it, however, I would definitely agree that miners are horribly oppressed.

Many authors rely to some extent upon 'suspension of disbelief'. That is to say, you have to accept the premises of the book to allow the story to develop. In *Earthly Powers* the reader is asked to believe in the existence of a family comprising two Hollywood celebrities, a homosexual novelist and the Pope. Anyone who swallows that could cheerfully believe in a Humber Bridge made out of Lego. In fairness I must concede that Burgess does have a point to make about the nature of religion—but a better writer, less concerned with sounding clever, could have said the same thing in a fraction of the space.

Enough of the lousy stuff. Let's finish on a better plane. Many writers have lessons to learn from V S Naipaul. Look at *Guerillas* for a perfect novel, and *Among the Believers* for perfect travel writing. There is a sound, 'organic' feel to this structuring. He knits the parts of his themes and plots so closely that they might have grown that way. At the same time, he can leave just enough loose ends to make the thing real, without damaging its symmetry. The word-by-word excellence of the prose is a joy. Precise. Exact. Right. The man never slips. When Salman Rushdie got the Booker Prize for *Midnight's Children* the press were fond of saying 'at last, the Third World has found a voice'. In fact, it had just found a political John Irving. Naipaul has the voice worth hearing, but he makes books, not headlines.

WATER POLO

IC Water Polo team travelled to Warwick last weekend for the play off for the last place in the UAU finals. Due to a lack of information regarding the arrangements, we arrived at 11am to find that the tournament started at 1pm. We also discovered that our first match wasn't until 2pm, although it enabled us to evaluate the strength of the opposition before we played.

Since only one team would go through to the finals, it was hardly surprising that there was a lot of tension, and the first match was marred by a large number of silly fouls. However, Loughborough's tactics of fighting all the way paid off when they finished 4-2 winner over Cardiff.

The second match was IC vs Leeds. Leeds made a strong start and scored the first goal, but after surviving two corners, IC scored three times to go into a 3-1 lead at half time. The second half went Leeds' way and they scored twice to our once, but thanks to a saved penalty by Dave Wall, IC won 4-3.

The obviously impartial arrangements continued with IC having five minutes rest before playing Loughborough (who were twice in the position of playing a team that had just completed a game). Imperial again went a goal down from the start but fought back to be at two all at half time with both sides fighting hard to gain an advantage. The start of the second half showed an IC revival and after a heavy series of raids on the Loughborough goal we were 5-3 up, with goals by Rob Eastman and Stuart Chorlton. This wasn't to last, and while IC became complacent (and tired), Loughborough became more determined and scored four goals to our one, thus winning 7-6.

The next match was memorable for one thing. The Cardiff goalkeeper was sent out and while he was watching from the side his defence were able to repel the Leeds attack.

For the second time in the tournament Loughborough were able to play a team that had just

completed a match, and it is hardly surprising that they were 5-0 winners against Leeds in an undistinguished game.

The final match was IC vs Cardiff. Neither side had a chance of winning the tournament, so it was played in a more friendly spirit than the other games. In the end we drew 4-4, with IC coming second in the tournament. Our man of the tournament award goes to the captain for being joint top scorer while being sent out five times in three matches.

FOOTBALL

Bernard Sunley 2, Holbein 2

In the game billed as the game of the season, two closely matched teams battled in the snow on an icy pitch. It was a highly competitive and physical game, and the final score is probably a fair reflection on the balance of play.

For the first twenty-five minutes both teams struggled to find their feet and create an opening. However, the flair and speed of Andrew Lett ensured that Bernard Sunley maintained the upper hand.

This period of the game was not without incident. A 30 yard shot by the Holbein captain Paul Bravery cannoned off the post, centre-forward Andy Keelin skied the ball over the bar from inside the six yard box, and Bernard Sunley right wing Francis Katelture failed to make use of an overhit cross in front of an open goal. The breakthrough came when a careless backpass by Holbein's centre back Phil Clapp was intercepted by Richard Dobedoe, who in an uncharacteristic display of cool finishing took the ball around the keeper and slotted it ruthlessly into the net.

Bernard Sunley now took the upper hand and another goal by Dobedoe, beautifully set up by Kervick Sayers left Bernard Sunley 2-0 up at the interval.

Holbein came back with a vengeance in the second half, and Bernard Sunley did well to hold off the intense pressure until twenty minutes from the end. In a goalmouth scramble Neil Broekhuisen managed to put the ball past the Bernard Sunley keeper.

SAILING

Score: Pete H. 1 sinking; Pete R. 2 capsizes.

Last Saturday two teams from IC travelled to Datchet in order to sail against Brunel University's team and the University of London second team.

The Imperial teams, being amongst the greatest tacticians of the sailing world, pulled off the incredible manoeuvre of staying in the warm clubhouse while Brunel and UL2 battled it out in the cold early in the morning. However, the time came that Imperial had to go out and do battle. Preparations started by the two Imperial teams racing each other.

When the start gun went it was Tony for the Pinkies who took the lead with his team mate Pete close behind. However, the wind by this time had picked up considerably and as the fleet turned down wind boats started wiping out sending their occupants into the extremely cold water. While most people managed to get their boats upright without too much difficulty Pete and Kate were in the unfortunate position of finding their boat sinking after a capsize. In a dramatic rescue they were plucked from the icy waters. The boat was rescued later in the day, by then nearly completely submerged.

TABLE TENNIS

The first team are hoping for a better second half to the season in division two of the Central League. Currently bottom of the division they received a minor set back last week by losing to the only team they beat in the first half. However the team should be back up to full strength soon when David Rhodes recovers from Christmas and hopefully turns all those 5-4 losses into 5-4 wins this time around.

Team two of division four suffered two unwelcome defeats at the end of last term and the first match this term and so have dropped to fourth in the division. Not to be put off they pulled off

an excellent victory against City University with only two out of three players. Thanks go to Pong Leung who gave one of their players only his third defeat of the season.

The third team, division five, are being more forthcoming with information this term and are showing that persistence pays off. After losing virtually every game last half 5-4, they are now putting in good victories. Special mention must go to L Sabotinov for his consistent good form.

The fourth and fifth teams of division six are plodding along. Not much is known about either of the teams except that five beat four in the first week this term and then four went to the London School of Economics and scored a good victory over them despite the latter being third in the table. All team lists are status quo ante.

10-PIN BOWLING

Yippee! Good news for once! On Saturday the dregs of the IC Bowling Club went to Heathrow to play in the Brunel University Doubles Tournament and, surprise surprise, one pair won the competition over about 70 teams!

The tournament was staggered over six sessions, all three IC teams in the first and fourth sessions. At the end of the morning session, the team of Kevin Short and Andy Yue led by over a hundred pins, a huge amount. A second IC Team, Chris Wheeldon and Paul Stewart were lying second.

After a long pub lunch, the intrepid six went back to the alley for the last three games, and proceeded to play even better than in the morning. Chris got his finger out for once to keep his team in the top three and Ian Smith scored a 'freak' high game and nearly won the trophy for the highest game of the day.

In the end, Kevin and Andy won, with Paul and Chris third. Kevin also won a trophy for highest series (three games) of the day. All this happened, of course, against all the principal university sides of the country. Self-congratulation all round! Teams: Kevin Short and Andy Yue, Chris Wheeldon and Paul Stewart, John Ballard and Ian Smith.

Friday 1

- **ICCND BOOKSHOP** 12.45pm JCR. Free tea, coffee and biscuits. Buy books cards, badges, join the club and enter our competition.
- **ISLAMIC SOCIETY** 1.00pm Union Building. Friday congregational prayers.
- **JAZZ** 8.00pm The Lounge, Ground Floor Union Building. The best in Modern British Jazz, with drummer Tommy Chase and his exciting young Quartet. £1.
- **CHRISTIAN UNION MEETING** 6.00pm, 53 Princes Gate (opposite Mech Eng). Prayer and Fasting. A look at a much neglected part of the Christian's life — **FASTING!** Biscuits will be available with coffee — Prayer after for healing and encouragement. All Welcome.
- **IC RADIO HIGHLIGHT** 12noon till 2.00pm, 999KHz. Trendy, laid-back supra-cool Ed 'Good looking' Cartwright one of IC Radio's most self-confident DJs with a pre-dose of Aids.

Saturday 2

- **OSC INTERNATIONAL FAIR** from 5pm, Sheffield Building. Events include: Chinese new year Celebrations, Brazilian party, cultural displays, heavy disco. Price £2.
- **IC RADIO HIGHLIGHT** 6.00-8.00pm, 999KHz. Stan and Ash Show. IC Radio's most popular show, featuring 'How to make a Paper Airplane'.

Sunday 3

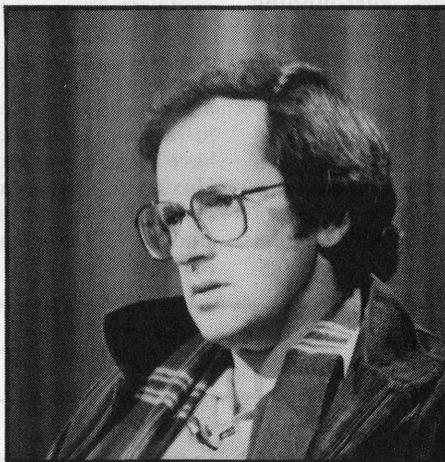
- **CHAPLAINCY SERVICE** 10.00am Consort Gallery Sheffield.
- **MASS** 11.30am and 6.00pm More House, 53 Cromwell Road. Mass, bar supper and talk.
- **WARGAMES MEETING** 1.00pm Union SCR. 10% discount on games, membership £1.50.
- **IC RADIO** 5.00pm 999KHz. 'The Classical Show' with Rufus Short.
- **IC RADIO HIGHLIGHT** 2.00—5.00pm 999KHz. The 'Mega' day after the Birthday Party the night before hangover show — with Dave Hearnshaw.
- **IC RADIO HIGHLIGHTS** 11.00pm—1.00am 999KHz Rock on Sunday The Rock Show with loud parts interspersed with quieter parts.

Monday 4

- **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 till 6.30pm
- **DANCE CLUB** 6.30 and 7.30pm JCR Sheffield. 6.30pm — Jazz Funk and Disco. 7.30pm — Advanced Ballroom Latin. Price 75p
- **THE ETHICS OF AID** 7.30pm Physics LT 1. Professor Scorer of the Maths Department talks about the ethical problems involved in supporting the starving millions.
- **IC RADIO HIGHLIGHT** 8am 999KHz. 'The Monday Breakfast Show' start your week with Rufus Short.

Tuesday 5

- **AUDIOSOC** 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 MEETING** 12.45pm Lower Gallery, Linstead Hall.
- **RIDING CLUB** 1.00pm Southside Upper Lounge. Meeting.
- **STOIC BROADCAST** 1.00pm and 6.00pm JCR (lunchtimes only), Southside TV Lounge, and all hall TV sets. If you thought Graffiti was a kind of pasta watch the Nigel Rees interview today!



- **RAG COMMITTEE** 12.45pm Union Dining Hall. More discussion following on from Rag Conference about next year's Rag.
- **NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY** 1.00pm Botany Basement Lecture Theatre. Talk on 'Badgers'.
- **MAKING NEWS(2)** 1.15pm Read Lecture Theatre. The American New Revolution: Technology and Deregulation. Professor Jeremy Tunstall, The City University.
- **LUXEMBOURG WINE TASTING** 6.00pm SCR Beit. Try the quaint European wines from this quaint European country.
- **SFSOC FILM EXCALIBUR** 6.30pm Mech Eng 220. Superb Arthurian fantasy directed by John Boorman. Price 50p for members and £1 for non-members.
- **CANOE CLUB** 6.30pm IC Swimming Pool. Trip every other weekend.
- **JUDO PRACTICE** 6.30pm Union Gym Beit Quad. Price 50p mat fee.
- **DANCE CLUB** 7.00pm and 8.00pm JCR Sheffield. 8.00pm — Beginners Ballroom/Latin 7.00pm — Intermediate Ballroom/Latin. Price 50p.
- **OPSOC REHEARSAL** 7.30pm Music Room, 53, Princes Gate. Meet in Southside Bar before rehearsal.

Wednesday 6

- **TECHNOLOGY AND DEVELOPMENT** 2.00pm Chem Eng LT 4. Talks 'Economics of Offshore Methanol' and 'Biogesters as a source of manure and energy'.
- **DRAMA WORKSHOPS** 2.30pm Dramsoc storeroom. Come and take part in some silly games and improvised drama. Everyone welcome!
- **BREWSOC MEETING** 7.30pm Southside Upper Lounge.

- **IC RADIO HIGHLIGHT** 8-9.15am 999KHz. The Porridge Programme, Duncan Lowe bringing life to your Wednesday mornings.
- **ICCAG HOSPITAL VISITING** 12.45pm, Mech Eng Foyer.
- **WARGAMES** 1.00pm, Union SCR. 10% discount on games.
- **CAR MARKETING SEMINAR** 1.00pm Chem Eng LT 2. Marketing Directors from Austin-Rover, Vauxhall-Opel and Ford to speak. All welcome.
- **ISLAMIC TEACHINGS** 1.30pm, 9 Princes Gardens. Concept of prophethood in Islam. Free.
- **MICRO CLUB MEETING** 1.30pm Mines 401. Membership £2.
- **DANCE CLUB** 8.00pm J.C.R. Beginners' ballroom/latin. 50p.

Thursday 7

- **QT MEETING** 12.30pm Southside Upper Lounge. Discussion on Geography of Denmark.
- **METHSOC MEETING** 12.30pm Chem. Eng. E400. Informal meeting, lunch available.
- **AUDIO SOC** 12.30pm Union Upper Lounge. Discount record club meeting. Buy records, cassettes, videos, etc. at trade prices.
- **ICYHA BUTTIES** 12.30pm Southside Upper Lounge. Our weekly meeting with information on this term's coming events. All welcome.
- **STAMP CLUB MEETING** 12.45pm Chemistry 231.
- **BALLOON CLUB MEETING** 12.45pm, Southside Upper Lounge.
- **SCIENCE FICTION SOCIETY** 1.00pm library meeting. Access to the society's 600 volume library. All members welcome. Union Green Committee Room.
- **STOIC BROADCAST** 1pm and 6pm, see Tuesday for reception. Newsbreak.
- **SPEAKERS MEETING** 1.00pm Chem Eng LT 2. 'Hi-tech Tennis Equipment'. Speaker from Dunlop Sports R and D. Everyone Welcome.
- **JEWISH SOCIETY TALK** 1.15pm Civil Eng LT 207. Ilan Israel speaks and shows slides on the subject of: Kibbutz — A Modern Utopia?
- **QURANIC CIRCLE** 1.30pm 9, Princes Gardens. Learn how to read the Quran.
- **CONCERT** 1.30pm 53, Prince's Gate. Nicholas Daniel (oboe) and Julius Drake (piano).
- **IRANIAN REVOLUTION** 6.00pm CE 201. Discussion on the Iranian Revolution. Refreshments will be served.
- **ICNAC MEETING** 6.30pm Union Senior Common Room. Talk on living and working in North America during the summer. By members with past experiences and a rep from the UK office.
- **JUDO PRACTICE** 6.30pm Union Gym, Beit Quad. 50p mat fees.
- **HANG-GLIDING CLUB** 7.00pm Room 702 Biochem. Slide show and discussion about forthcoming Inter-Universities competition. All members should attend.
- **ICCAG SOUP RUN** 9.15pm, meet Weeks Hall, Princes Gardens. Taking soup, biscuits and meeting some of London's homeless.

NEWS IN BRIEF...

A four-week course in self defence for women, with police instructors, is to begin on Thursday 21 February at 6pm.

It will consist of a lecture, two demonstrations and practice sessions

Anyone interested in participating should contact Jen in the Union Office before 5.30pm on Monday 4 February.

In the outcry surrounding Oxford University's decision not to award the Prime Minister, Margaret Thatcher an honorary degree, it has gone widely unnoticed that the Rector, Lord Flowers was awarded an Honorary Doctorate at the same meeting of the Congregation of the University. The presentation will take place on June 26 1985.

The students of Imperial College will have a chance to air their views on aspects of student life such as study and accommodation. As reported in last week's FELIX, the College has commissioned two promotional videos upon which student volunteers will appear. Interviews are to be recorded on Tuesday 12 February. Anyone interested in instant stardom should contact Jen in the Union Office as soon as possible. The films will be shown during the Guilds Centenary celebrations.

The Haldane Library which has been closing at 5.30pm since last term will soon remain open during full Lyon-Playfair library hours. Access to the library during normal working hours will be through the entrance in the Sheffield building and, at weekends and in the evening, through the connecting door from Lyon-Playfair. This will come into effect as soon as a security barrier is fitted at the Sheffield Entrance.

The Rector, Lord Flowers was discharged from St Stephens hospital, Chelsea, last Friday having made a good recovery from a heart attack (miocardial infarction) he sustained on 15 January.

He is not expected to return to full duties until the Summer term.

Students have been requested not to remove braille stickers which have been attached to lifts in the Huxley Building and Weeks Hall. They are to aid a blind student in the Department of Mathematics.

SMALL ADS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

●**Sophisticat** Hair and Beauty Salon, 344 Uxbridge Road, Shepherds Bush W12 TE 01 740 9625. Open Mon to Thurs 9-6pm. Cut 'n' Blow £4.00 and £5.50, Perms £8.50, Highlights £7.50, Lowlights £8 and Blow Dry £2.50 for Women.

●If anyone wants to play SF Soc at any game, come along on Thursday and give us a challenge.

●Wanted, for long term meaningful relationship. Person required for tiring but enjoyable and unusual positions with 100 students — all at the same time! Any sex considered, no kinky stuff. Must be a Mechanical Engineer. Interested? In becoming Mech Eng Dep Rep for 1985/6 you fool! Sign up on the notice board next to the mug shots now!

LOST

●Black 'energy' jacket removed from Southside bar area on Sunday 20 (Superbowl nite). Please hand in to F-K Hall, Rm 221 or College Security if found.

●Stolen yellow sports bike of make motobecane-concorde. If found or seen, please contact D kopp via Civil Eng Letter racks. £10 reward.

●Important! If you are wearing blue Addidas Trainers which you found in the Sports Centre, my Doctor advises you to attend the Health Centre immediately, as I have a Fungal infection which is taking some time to clear up.

FOR SALE

●Expresso Coffee Machine unwanted gift. £5 ono. Contact Judith M Met 1/Selkirk Hall.

●Yamaha 125cc bike needs work £45 ono. Contact C Lev Mines Letter racks.

●S-Speed Racing Bike. Good condition. £55. Contact S Sayani Doc 2 or Phone 543-4950.

●Renault 12TL K reg. Owner moving to new job with no parking. All reasonable offer considered. Internal 5176 GPO940 2800.

●Suzuki GP 125 T Reg £200 ono. Contact Tony Collier. Mech Eng 3, Room 73 Beit Hall Int 3617.

●Honda CG125. Good condition. R reg, but many new parts (exhaust, Engine rebuild), good economy. Excellent learner's bike. Only £230 ono. Contact R Evans, Physics 3 via letter racks.

●Talbot Avenger 1981 1.3ls. Very good condition taxed, 12 months mot. New tyres, excellent value at only £132 ono Telephone int 7777. E Haines.

●Gas Cooker, Arm Chairs, chairs, gas heater and cabinet for sale. Contact Harry ext 4350 or 9048936 ext 4350.

●Roland SH101 Monothonic Synth, with AC Adapter. Only £165. Intersted? Contact Peter Wilson, Computing 1/Selkirk 568.

PERSONAL

●Wanted cardboard guitar for ardent Motorhead fan. See R Bleasdale EE2.

●Oh Julia Those Saturday nights Andy S.

●Fremantle on the March Two in a row now!! 4-0!! Femantle Hawaii Redskins Rule!!

●When will you do the washing up Jo?

●Is she or isn't she? Only D 'the pincher' knows for sure! Or is he still scared?

●What luscious thighs you have Julia, Love A.

●Thanks for your company — another three faults Niall.

●Rapunzel to the carpet.

●Dear Cuddles Don't be jealous of the orange porcupine. Love Garfield.

●A convention beyond your experience, beyond your imagination — PILOCON 2 coming soon.

●Swords, sorcery, grails, quests, armour, swords, blood guts — what more could you want from SF Soc?

●Scandal in Camelot, Adultery in Arthurian times — SF Soc Tuesday.

●Freddie says 'Alas poor Hamlets, we knew you well'.

●Fremantle Hawaiian mud wrestlers make it two.

●Q 'What do you call a man who scores three then misses from two yards?' A 'The Incredible Hulk'.

●Mysterious sightings of Hawaiians in grotesque make-up reported, Hyde Park, Sunday 27.

●Wanted. People answering to the following description. Female, apply to Mech Eng 1 Pigeon hole A-Z.

●Personal The slightly darker shade of blues brothers are coming.

●Does A B go? If so where? £10 prize proof. required, birth certificate not accepted.

●Government health warning most Dr Robb's don't smoke.

●Clumsy Julie Put a plaster on it.

●Wackie — Jackie, don't you know you're wonderful. From all who know you.

●Is Martin really Howard's twin brother or is he taking lessons. Votes to Maths 1.

●Is Phil the only female acrobat in Geology 1.

●Just for Michelle Physics 1 because she wants to be famous.

●Flat 10 Surrogate Father service. You've heard of surrogate mothers, well, Equal Rights Partnerships present the studs of Lexham Gardens (Some hope).

●IC Bowlers rule the rest of the Universe.

●AAH..frill, I lover. How about 11.30?

●The Prince of Monte Carlo visits college 12.16 Feb.

●Watch out for two headed eagles.

●Members of the Brewing, interest to visit College 12-16 Feb.

●Plumpsoc contact JKB Free weighings. ●CCXIX, sink! What's that?

●Judith beware unlocked Doors!

●Sympathy Is expressed to Llanelli for their imminent thrashing by Llandoverly in the fourth round of the WRV cup on Saturday 26 — Plasma Physics Soc Welsh representative.

●Chem 2 beware! Wallabies are a protected Species!

●E2 Beware, M the W is on to you.

●For Sale rare copy of 'Adventurer in Thermodynamics' by Burtin Nite-Rub. Contact Asmet Retibum ME3.

●Castrol GTX-pah ss-pah have a good lunch hour Fremantle.

●Colin Can I dress your buns Simon.

●Colin Irwin, 101 things to do in a lift with a duvet.

●Freddie the Fremantle rat says 'who needs a toilet when you can have effluent in the sink'.

●Can the PP Soc Hon Sec spell? Know!

●Take it easy Green hill PP Soc.

●Happy Birthday PP Soc.

●PP Soc Event coming soon: Shaving the chairman.

●Plasma Physics coffee maching crawl meet at physics level 2 coffee machine 2.30 today! Sample the delights of the various coffee machines round college. Cash not provided! Connersieurs welcome.

●Grand (A) RBS Reunion. All past members welcome. Watch this space.

●Flat 9 Lexham 81 Come and get your roadsigns if you dare BSH.

●Bernard (Rampant) says how do you get rid of Matthew's after shave.

●Shit! Wow! Dammit! How do they do that?

●A walker vomit promotion. 45p a bucket BHS Has unlimited supply.

●BHS goon squad — Ray akcholdally, Rob and Gnome, TC, Pee — hit France Sat 2nd Feb.

●Chateau Chunder opens up the sluices at both ends RBS.

●Join Wellsoc and plagiarise the best — yes read Guildsheet!

●So Roy the Boy reigns as curry King supreme — Sorry about the slip up Royston.

●You're always smiling with a Glueball at FELIX!

●Guildsheet contributions required at all times — like NOW.

●Gott in Himmel was no more Starfighters where is Captain Lockhead?

●Hire car problems? Come to the experts, the MC Culloch consultancy!