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College Sit Tight On JCR Changeover

IC Union is unlikely to be able to persuade College administration to go ahead with the switch of the Main Dining Hall and the JCR.

Union representatives met senior College officials on Monday to discuss the reorganisation of the refurbishment plans. The new proposals are that the SCR should be partitioned, and used in part as an eating area for the 'QT' snack bar which was opened just before the start of term. This section of the room will be retained for Union use after 5.00pm.

College Deputy Secretary Brian Lloyd Davies said that the refectory system was a 'victim of its own

success' explaining that there were not enough seats to accommodate demand. He said that there was a severe bottleneck in all catering areas between 1pm and 2pm, when the majority of people took lunch. He quoted several significant increases in numbers using refectories since 1984, including a figure of 117% for the JCR services. This is largely because of the introduction of the 'QT' snack bar in the JCR, though trading at other outlets has also increased substantially.

Mr Lloyd Davies went on to say that the 'QT' snack bar had originally been envisaged as a take-

away service, and that its turnover had exceeded all expectations. In acting now, he said, the College was trying to cope with the problem at the outset.

ICU Hon Sec David Colley questioned whether the use of the JCR as an eating area could not have been foreseen, and described the College's new scheme as 'sneaky and underhand'. He thought that the College seemed to have gained some of the Union's space by going ahead with the development of the snack bar and then shelving the changeover plans.

Mr Lloyd Davies said that the refectory issue ought to be treated as

a 'community problem', and accepted that the Union Snack Bar was also suffering from space shortage because of high demand at lunch times.

According to the University Grants Committee (UGC), Imperial College has sufficient space set aside for refectory and student service uses for a college of 6,500. The current student population of IC is just under 5,000. The UGC also considers Imperial to be over-provided with lecture theatre space. Internal Services Officer Alan Rose commented that this had not prevented the Biology Department from taking over Union rooms.

Trolleys To Be Banned From College

John Smith, the College Secretary, has sent out a notice warning that departments using supermarket trolleys to transport goods within College will be disciplined. Following complaints from neighbours annoyed at the clutter of trolleys as well as from local supermarket managers, Heads of Departments and Administrative Sections are asked to assess their transport needs and buy suitable trolleys from their equipment grant. The policy comes into effect from January 1st and action will be taken against the supervisor of any staff-member using a supermarket trolley on College premises after this date.

Assistant Secretary Michael Arthur pointed out that not only is the practice of taking supermarket trolleys illegal, but it is important to keep on good terms with the neighbours so that they do not block further expansion.

Throw Them To The Lions



The Guilds Slave Auction, Rag's answer to Human Rights Week raised £350 on Tuesday. The highest price, £36, was paid by Guilds Rugby for Guilds Hon Sec Anne

Driver. The expense of this purchase prevented them from buying other slaves but this did not dampen the brisk bidding from others with many offers coming from the ranks

of the slaves themselves. About 300 students watched as auctioneer Adrain Johnson was chained and sold in a vicious last minute revolt.

Great Expectations

Dear Sir,

I find the attitude of certain student bodies towards the new Education Act (which requires each Institution of Higher Education to ensure Freedom of Speech) quite incredible. If you believe that the presence of speakers will influence peoples' views then you must also believe that a highly active Union Executive can influence peoples' views. Now since many unions up and down the country are affiliated to the NUS, which is run by the National Organisation of Labour Students (NOLS) then you see this has very interesting consequences. Who then finally decides the range of speakers allowed into a College? Ultimately NUS and NOLS.

Now the NUS has in the past managed to gain credibility by ostensively supporting minority viewpoints, while systematically disabling the democratic apparatus to oppose such views. Remember

though, the NUS is run by NOLS and the executive of socialist principles is the prime objective.

Of course this is a gradual process and as Chris Martin (DoC) pointed out in the last FELIX—"The NUS are well aware of the dangers of extending the definitions more widely, which would result in the (no platform) policy having no credibility at all." However, in the short term there is a solution—"debating" principles.

The NUS are rightly scared that the new Education Act will halt their long term plans by removing their veto on opposition views. Since you cannot possibly oppose "Freedom of Speech" without being exposed, the recent GUC as Christine Taig pointed out, actually discussed "the principle of the gov. interfering directly with student unions...". Very emotive language and I suppose it keeps interest ticking over.

Maybe next time they will discuss "the right of men to have babies" to galvanise the gay vote.

Philip Parker
Elec. Eng. III

Grant Rant

Dear Sir,

In last week's FELIX, Stephen Blanchard asks why students should be penalised for entering higher education by having to pay for themselves in the form of student loans. If all the students in all the universities & polytechnics around the country were totally committed to their courses I would agree with him entirely. However, a large number of students, even at Imperial, seem to come into higher education as a way of putting off career decisions. This is not in itself a bad thing, but some obviously would have been better served by looking more carefully at the options available to them, which is what student loans would force people to do.

If this causes a drop in numbers of students by causing them to take more suitable options at 6th form level, then some departments and maybe universities may have to close, but this would merely serve to weed out the less productive ones.

No department or university has a divine right to exist, and there are people who regard universities and polytechnics as being full of people who don't pull their weight (for instance there was a letter in my local paper, just before the beginning of term, which talked about "gross overspending" in universities and "dross in the university system"—purely, so it seemed, because the letter-writer's son had been accepted by a university having only achieved "mediocre" grades).

It is to be hoped that this increased pressure on departments would cause the courses to be more industrially orientated, since the outside world seems to be crying out for graduates who are actually of some use. This is not to say that all courses that do not have a practical use should be abolished (perhaps not even the one run by the Professor at Cambridge who specialises in 10 dead Iranian languages), just that those that aim to be practical should be more aware of the needs of industry.

Yours sincerely,
Dave Hamilton
Met. & Mat. II

Lots of Bickering

I would like to complain about some of the semi-intelligent tripe that has appeared in your pages recently. Obviously some of your correspondents are so obsessed with promoting their causes that they have no time to think about their arguments.

Firstly the puerile bickering between the rabid right (John Martin, Colin Trotman etc.) and the trendy left (Christine Taig, Chris Martin etc.) over the freedom of speech/no platform argument. Do these fools not realise that the Education and Public Order Bills are merely legitimate political tools employed by the government to impose their views on sections of the public? It is not a question of the rights and wrongs, it is a question of who has the power to implement their schemes. Frankly it looks like we're going to have to accept that we will have loans instead of grants, we will be obliged to adjust our views on the acceptability of speakers and on the acceptability of social practices to fit those of the elected powers. You cannot just expect democracy or automatic rights, any examination of the British political system will show you that the accepted practice in this country is that a party has to win one argument (eg. an election) and is then given the right to automatically decide all the others. Then again perhaps that is the way these people are arguing.

Furthermore I am appalled by the hypocrisy of RCS. Of course when a bunch of mindless vandals from

QMC nick the bell from Jez it is theft. But what is it when RCS hacks nick street signs and hang them in their office? Why is it that RCS get to decide the laws pertaining to theft, and why is it that their rules of mascotry are automatically extended to QMC without anyone consulting QMC. It's a bit like throwing a ball at someone in the street and complaining its not cricket when they don't bat it back. For three years QMC have been a pain in the backside nicking stuff to ransom back Mary, its about time someone gave the thing back and stamped on all this idiocy.

Mark Cottle

Peace in our time

Dear Sir,

How the worms crawl out of the woodwork! Cannot Messrs. Wooding and Wells (FELIX 754) fathom the intellectual argument that they can only trade personal insults for informed comment?

For the benefit of new readers, David Wooding's tactic of repeating my name exactly five times in a letter is an old one, used by his cronies last year, and reinforced with a pseudo-quotation. A phrase which the 'honourable' David Wooding finds funny, is attributed implicitly and dishonestly to myself. The idea of the whole ploy is to anger the victim.

Try growing up Mr. Wooding, your style, along with the dregs of an argument are pathetic and laughable.

Just to set the record straight Mr. Wooding and Mr. Weller, let me reiterate the sentiments of my first letter: It is, in my opinion, cowardly and dishonest to distribute leaflets with no name on, however, I can understand that if you have so few principles you may not want to stand by them. Perhaps more important is the fact that nobody could question the authors of the literature, and nobody could question the authors of the literature, and nobody could assess their bias. Moreover, I was given a leaflet whilst talking to the REME recruitment officer. He said that the thing which narked him most, was that they were not allowed to reply to them: I appreciate that the right of reply is something you guys would like to see the back of as well.

Since you both seem keen to diversify into peace politics rather than the real issue of my letter, let me put my bit in. Peace won't come as you seem to suggest if you throw down your arms, wave a bit of paper and shout 'Peace in our Time'. Your peace seems to be precariously balanced somewhere between instability and downright disaster.

Also deserving comment is the contemptuous insolence of Andrew Weller who seems to have made an estimation of my 'literary appreciation' from reading my letter. Keep taking the pills sunshine. I assure you that I am quite cool enough without that ice and water to make an unprejudiced decision on Barclays involvement in South Africa. So was the attendance of the last IC UGM. The lies of your letter have been forwarded to Barclays PLC for their inspection.

The final absurdity of last week's FELIX: how the hell does Ms Taig

translate 'some people like to explore their own sexuality' into 'supposed or actual homosexuality'? I am not a gay. And how exactly can students take a democratic decision to exclude other students from the democratic process? It sounds like you have more empathy with Joe Stalin than Joe Student, Christine. How about starting to use a little 'supposed or actual' intelligence?

Yours sincerely,
John Martin

Sincerest Gratitude

Dear Sir,

May I make use of the letters page of FELIX to thank all those people who helped run the Guilds Carnival last Friday. Their enthusiasm and sheer hard work were of an order seldom encountered at an IC event and so to the many Guildsmen and women whom I was unable to thank in person on the evening, may I say that all your hard work into the small hours did not go unnoticed. In particular I would like to thank all the exec who took over much of the work when the timetable had to be adjusted, leaving me in a blind panic suffering from a total loss of organisation, and all the Links men, who put in such a sterling effort on the Cocktail bar. Whilst the event was not as well attended as I had hoped, all the helpers made it what I hope was a good night for those who did attend. My sincerest gratitude to you all,

David Pugh
Guilds Ents

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Residences

Since the rape in Hamlet Gardens earlier this term, IC's accommodation and security problems have attracted public attention fairly consistently. Few of the issues raised are new, however. Security in student residences is lax, and some rooms are poorly maintained. This is not because College is unconcerned, but because it is not a sufficiently high priority when it comes to the allocation of funds. Until a serious criminal incident occurs, together with all the bad publicity this entails, Sheffield is happy to let students cope with shabby accommodation, because it is not seen as an important factor in dissuading students from coming to College. The collapse of a roof in Holbein House, which quite conceivably could have resulted in a fatality, was met with a pitiful lack of concern. If IC Union can achieve anything this year, it should hammer home that the state and number of student residences are unacceptable.

I understand that measures may be taken to divide the role of the Student Services office, so that the ambiguous position of welfare organisation and rent collector are resolved. If so, I applaud the changes; one can only wonder why such a scheme was not adopted a year ago.

Rag

Rag Week is now in its closing stages, and, from what I have heard, this year has been very successful financially. It is a little sad that the party-type events, such as the Beer Festival receive most support from students, whereas the number of "direct collecting" events are getting fewer. I would urge all those who have attended and enjoyed any of the Rag Week events so far this week to attend the VSO collection tomorrow, and persuade the general public to support the Rag charities.

Big Bert Warms up for Free!

Appearing tomorrow night as Bert & the Family Scrogg is this band's way of warming up for their European tour (see Time Out & City Limits — October 22nd).

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Letters Page

I am very please that so many people should feel moved to write to FELIX (we have not been able to print all the letters this week). At the same time, I have been quite amazed by some the correspondance. If in future we receive as large a postbag as this week's I am going to be considerably more selective in choosing which letters should be printed. This may upset a number of people who seem to take thattiude that FELIX should guarantee to publish their scribblings. Some of the letters I have received have no purpose other than to introduce the authors name. These will not be included; if correspondence is nothing more than a personal attack and a repetition of some stale argument then I shall simply forward it to the person or persons for whom it is intended.

FELIX

I am still very pleased to meet anyone who is vaguely interested in contributing to FELIX. I appreciate comments that the paper has been a little dull recently, and this issue is particulalry thin. I can best improve FELIX is there is a wider input of ideas to the paper and I shall be delighted to receive new ideas for articles.

Credits

Many thanks to David Rowe, Kamale Sen, Chris Martin, Chris Edwards, Pippa Salmon, Gail Turner, Judith Hackney, Liz Holford, Ian Thomas, David Wooding, Alan McNeil, Jim Claydon, David Burns, David Williams, Simon Lewis, Aaron Kirtcheff, Steve Nuttall, Sunny Bains, Bill Goodwin, Jane Spiegel, Jane Griffiths, Laura Bain and Steve Shackell.

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The Union Planning Group will meet on Monday 24th November at 6pm in the Union Senior Common Room. ANYONE who is interested in the long term future of the Union, its organisation and building, come along and join in.

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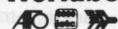
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Small Hall

Dear Sir,

We would like to reply to Ian Hogate's so-called justification of the rents (issue 753) through your columns, as we feel that his views are misguided.

If Weeks is really the most popular Hall why did 28% of this year's fresher residents opt for other College accommodation in preference to Weeks? (without

knowledge of the new rent structures incidentally). A survey conducted amongst residents showed that by far the main reason for choosing 'the best-equipped Hall' was its small size.

On the facilities front, the kitchens have yet to be properly upgraded to self-catering standard and are inferior to those in Linstead where meals are provided. The heating is also inadequate as the repairs promised over the summer have not been completed.

Peter Hallworth has been deservedly praised for the remedial work to bring Southside and Evelyn Gardens in line with Local

Authority regulations. It is our firm belief that the lack of ventilation in the kitchens, showers and toilets is just one of the ways in which Weeks contravenes these regulations. The structural instability of the Hall means that conference guests only stay here as a last resort.

On a wider note we feel that the high rents charged in some residences will deter more prospective students than the lower rents in the Houses will attract and suggest that it would be in the College's interest to reconsider the issue.

Yours sincerely,
Weeks Hall Committee

Mr John Martin

Dear FELIX,

I seem to have stirred up a hornet's nest with a comment that I was not aware that I had made. My first inkling was when Dave Jones showed me a letter from Jonathon Davies implying that John Martin is considering legal action against me for calling him a homosexual.

I certainly did not do so; I have no idea whether Mr Martin is gay or not and, what is more, I could not care less. Making comments about someone else's sexuality is a childish and offensive ploy to which I hope I shall never stoop. What I meant—and I thought I said—was the Mr Martin has never been harassed for being gay, regardless of whether he is or not. If my wording was misleading I apologise; I still believe that my meaning was quite clear. The sweet irony of this overwhelming over reaction is that my comment arose from Mr Martin's objections to an article in which I bemoaned the existence of homophobia in Imperial College, a place where the term "homosexual" is considered to be an insult.

Yours,
Christine Taig

Mr John Martin

Dear Felix,

I would like to comment concerning a letter from Ms. Christine Taig in last week's FELIX in which the allegation was made that Mr. John Martin has 'Homosexual Tendencies'.

Having known John for well over two years, I am at a loss to comprehend this complete falsehood, and I do not blame him for the legal action which I understand him now to be taking as

a result.

Furthermore, the realisation of Ms. Taig that she should be perfectly sure of what she puts her name to should also be clear to the Editor, Mr. Jones.

If he were doing his job properly he would have taken appropriate steps to ensure that allegations are not unsubstantiated lies. In which case last week's scurrilous letter from Ms. Taig would not have been printed.

A copy of this letter has been sent to the Rector, and in view of all rules of decency and fairplay I expect it to be published in the next copy of FELIX.

Yours sincerely,
Jonathan Davies
Metallurgy & Materials III

Sweet Freedom

Dear Dave

In reply to Chris Martin's letter about 'Freedom of Speech' I would like to set the record straight.

Freedom of speech in this country means that you can say anything you wish to, and even the various laws which restrict those who defame or incite are only a minute and tiny dent on what can be said.

The NUS, he says, have a 'no-platform' policy for 'the like of the National Front'. The National Front, however, are allowed public meetings, candidatures for parliament and even television party political broadcasts. This clearly demonstrates that the National Front are not breaking any laws, so it is perfectly possible to have 'Freedom of Speech' given to those who would act (as they see it) against various unwanted sections of the British Society.

It is only by hearing their repulsive policies that we can put ourselves in a viable position to attack and negate their arguments.

Equally, there is no restriction (at least in public...although it of course doesn't apply to the NUS) on public sexism—just look at the Church of England. I hope people have seen through the weak link in Chris Martin's letter between the terms racist and sexist, and the reference at the beginning to freedom of speech.

It is perfectly legal therefore to be racist and sexist in public and society has decided that it is better to hear and destroy, rather than 'certain views should not be expressed in public!'

Freedom of speech does not belong to the oppressed, or the oppressors, but to all.

Dave Burbage
Chairman IC ConSoc

Jones vs Jones

I am writing to ask whether you are willing to confirm or deny that you allowed Mr. Don Ferguson, Student Services Officer, to censor the last edition of FELIX, which contained two articles of direct concern to him (Hamlet Havoc and Bringing The House Down). If the reply is to be in the affirmative, could I further ask if there is to be a general policy for FELIX to allow College officials to censor stories and if so if there is any point whatsoever in passing news items to the FELIX office if they contain anything which may be of the slightest embarrassment to any College employee.

Yours faithfully,
Ray Jones

Editor's Note,

No member of College is ever allowed to censor FELIX articles. I will occasionally permit people to read the proofs before FELIX goes to press, but any changes they advise may be rejected. Don Ferguson did not read either of the stories mentioned above before FELIX was printed. If the tone or content of either article seems biased in his favour, it is because we are only able to print as news information which we have been given "on the record". All such information is gratefully received.

Trouble in Chelsea

Dear Dave,

Last Monday night, the manager of the Cadogan Arms opposite the Chelsea cinema escorted my two friends and I, three seemingly innocent girls waiting for our film to begin, out of his premises, accusing us of using it as a youth club and telling us that we had better not come back as we would not get served.

Our only crime was to show our student faces at his bar, and have a quiet grumble after he had been rude to us serving our drinks, and charged us £2.32 for half a beer, half a cider and an orange juice and lemonade. When we got fed up of being pushed past by the aforementioned gentleman, who was piling up the glasses in front of our noses, we moved to the only available space—a step in front of a half empty food cabinet. A couple of us sat on the step, as others were doing in the pub, and it was then that the ever pleasant-manager reappeared to help us to our feet and then the door.

I was wondering whether any other students have experienced the same treatment and, if so, I would like to draw their attention to the awards framed on the wall opposite the bar for friendly customer service and the welcoming atmosphere of the pub.

To save others money and the indignity of being treated in such a way, I would like to suggest that they walk a little further down the King's Road to a different pub for their pre-film drinks.

Yours sincerely,
Vivienne Watson

Dave Pugh Rules OK

Dear Dave,

Can we use your letters column to congratulate Dave Pugh on the excellent way he organised Carnival. We have been at this College for several years and this Carnival was the best organised. Enough said.

Hugh Southey & Duncan Royle

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Courtney at Kings

When Courtney Pine appeared on stage at Kings College on November 14th he was greeted by a packed hall consisting of devoted followers and other curious to see what was so great about this British saxophonist who, if the press is to be believed, is destined to become one of the all-time greats of jazz.

As soon as he started playing it became clear. Pine is a brilliant musician and he was backed by talented piano, bass and drum players. The set consisted of modern and traditional jazz as well as re-arrangements of traditional African music, and a selection of music from his recently released debut album 'Journey to the Urge Within'. The sheer variety and energy of Pine's playing kept the audience swaying for two hours and he was met with continually ecstatic applause.

Jazz is more conducive to a seedy night-club than King's Nelson Mandella Hall, but the atmosphere was electric. Courtney Pine has an almost naive approach to performing, he was genuinely surprised that anyone present had ever heard of his album, and then explained that 'this piece had to be the last' because he had to get the night-bus home! However he showed no sign of nerves and clearly enjoyed every second of the show.

Pine is a talented player and writer (he penned much of 'Journey to the Urge Within') and this, together with his down to earth approach leads me to believe the critics. Although he has played in London alot recently, for example at the Camden and Soho jazz festivals, time may be running out for you to see him as, apparently, a move to New York is likely soon.

It is often easy to appreciate recorded jazz as it is to appreciate live, but Courtney Pine does have that extra dimension that makes it well worth scouring the listings for details of any of his future live dates.

Liz Holford

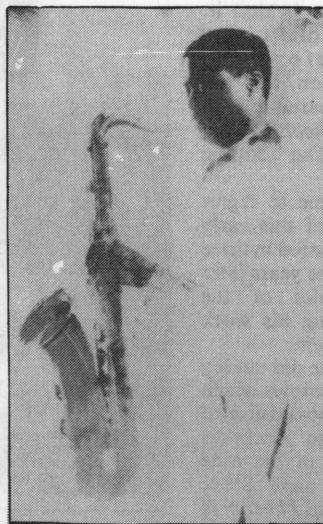


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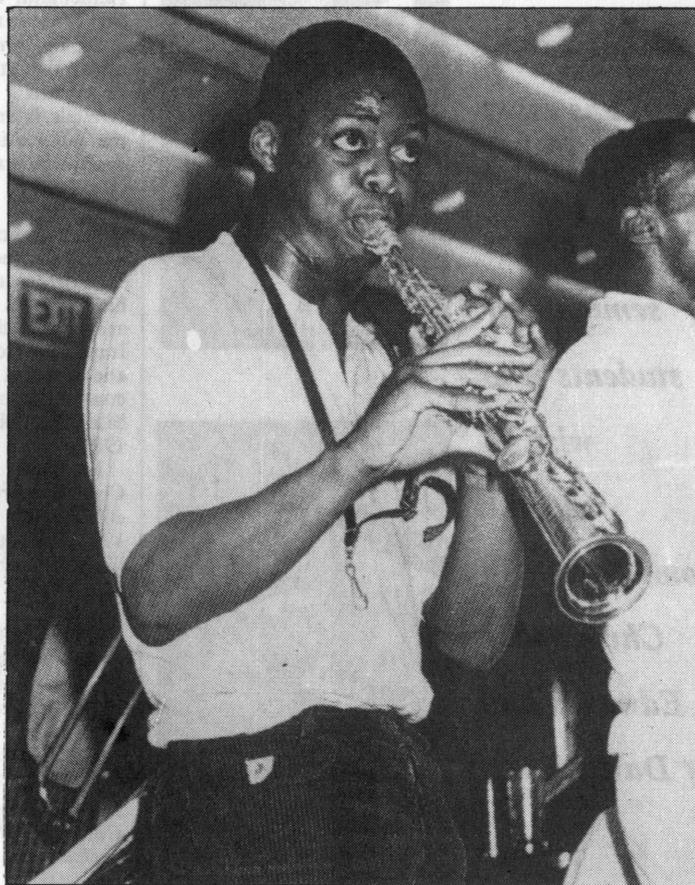
*Black Venus by Angela Carter
Published by Picador £2.95*

This is an exciting set of eight stories, original, witty and daring, by the woman who helped write the script for 'A Company of Wolves'. These tales are all very innovative and different-there is the one about the runaway girl from the transportation colony in America who lives with the Red Indians, or the son of a Yorkshire chef, conceived during the cooking of a lobster soufflé. Another strange story concerns a girl who, as a baby, was taken by the wolves who ate her father, and reared by them. When her human relatives find her again, eight years later, her wolf-like howls rouse the wolves to rescue her.

The whole book is full of interest, action, odd characters and imagination-ordinary surroundings witness exotic happenings. This would make an ideal Christmas present for anyone under 45, or with a certain flexibility of mind.



Blowing the Blues



I.C. Dramatic Society
"After The Fall" by Arthur Miller.
 Tue Dec. 2nd-Sat Dec 6th
 Union Concert Hall 7.30pm
 Thurs/Fri/Sat £2.00

Next week marks the centenary of the oldest publication at Imperial College, the Phoenix. To mark the occasion a programme of events has been organised, with lectures, parties, dinners, and, perhaps most importantly, a careers seminar for students who wish to become journalists. By Christopher Edwards and David Rowe



H G Wells and the early history

In December 1886, Herbert George Wells founded the *Science Schools Journal*. In 1890 it became the *Royal College of Science Magazine* and in 1904, the *Phoenix*. This fateful decision, to call it the *Phoenix*, has set the character of the magazine's history ever since. It has been destined to die occasionally during its 100 years, only to rise again, gloriously, from the ashes.

H G Wells was editor for the first four issues. He contributed regularly until 1893, and made his final contribution, an appreciation of Huxley, in 1901.

Time Machine

Wells is best remembered today for his works of science fiction. Among his novels, 'The Time Machine' is one of the best known. It was published by Heinemann at the end of May 1895, but this classic story has a very interesting history behind it. Three different drafts were published before the Heinemann edition, and the first of these appeared in 1888 in the *Science Schools Journal* under the title 'The Chronic Argonauts'.

Wells later came to regret the publication of this early draft, which appeared in three installments: some years later he bought copies of the journal containing his work and destroyed them.

"Fortunately he did not lay his hands on the copies which are now in the possession of Imperial College Archives and contain all of his nine contributions," says Steve Marshall, editor of *Phoenix* in 1980.

Marshall published 'The Chronic Argonauts' in its entirety for the first time in 1980, together with new illustrations by Paul Williams.

Strike threat

On the occasion of the *Phoenix's* Diamond Jubilee in 1946, some wag looked to the future and contributed a 'report', taken from the *Times* of 10 November 1986:

The students of the Imperial College of Science and Technology were concerned yesterday in a scene

reminiscent of the days of "ragging" of the violent 1940s. They claimed that their working hours did not leave time for attendance at the Lectures of the Professional Institutions and at Scientific Discussions, these activities being, of course, the main relaxation of the college. Consequently, it has been decided to strike for the 80-hour week.

The author was clearly confident that the *Times* would still be going in 1986: I wonder if they were as confident that the *Phoenix* would also have survived.

But the author in 1946 could have known nothing of FELIX: that didn't appear until December 1949. Its appearance was to change the nature of the *Phoenix* profoundly. From being a magazine containing college news as well as literary works, it has gradually shed the former role as FELIX has matured. Originally published several times a term, *Phoenix* now appears only once a year. But *Phoenix* and FELIX, originally in competition, now complement one another. □



The boss: H G Wells, the founder of the magazine



Staff: An early meeting of the editorial staff of the magazine



phoenix

Free careers seminar for budding writers

Inspired by John Maddox's lecture on Tuesday, thousands of IC students will doubtless be eager to become journalists. The careers seminar on journalism on Wednesday 26 November is conveniently timed for these budding writers.

The seminar, which is free, will take place in Mech Eng 220 at 1.00pm.

Among those taking part will be ex-IC students who have made their career in journalism. Also present will be:

●Shiona Llewellyn, an IC careers adviser who used to be managing editor of *Radio Times* and *Time Out* — she will talk about the business of

journalism, and career prospects;

●Wynford Hicks, a freelance journalist who also lectures in journalism at the London College of Printing;

●Nina Hall, science correspondent of the *Times Higher Education Supplement*, soon to become science editor of *New Scientist* — she will deal with science journalism in particular.

But the emphasis of the seminar will be on the audience — so feel free to come prepared with a long list of questions if you wish.

Remember that there are literally thousands of magazines and newspapers in the UK, and many of them carry scientific material: they need science graduates who can write. But there is no need to feel constrained to science journalism: one IC graduate works for *Socialist Worker*; another is Belfast correspondent for *Hot Press*, the Irish music paper; and another works for an occult magazine.

Coming to the careers seminar doesn't guarantee you a job in journalism — but it will explain some of the pitfalls to avoid, and may give leads that you can follow up. □

Scientists can't write

Despite the efforts of *Phoenix* editors throughout the 100 years of its history, people still criticise scientists for their inability to write. Someone who knows more about this problem than most is John Maddox, editor of *Nature* magazine. Every week he handles hundreds of papers submitted by scientists who hope to have their papers included in the prestigious journal. And although the science may be good, the English is often difficult to read, unclear and ambiguous.

"What is the problem?" you may ask. Scientists are employed to "do" science not to write about it. But a brilliant idea or discovery is useless unless it can be communicated to others, both fellow scientists and lay people.

John Maddox feels strongly about the subject, and so his lecture on Tuesday, provocatively entitled 'Scientists cannot write to save their lives', promises to be entertaining and thought provoking.

The lecture takes place on Tuesday 25 November at 12.45pm in the Read lecture theatre, Sheffield. To get to the Read theatre, take the lift to the level five of the Sheffield Building. Admission is free.

This lecture has been organised jointly by *Phoenix* and the Imperial College Department of Humanities. □

Back to the future: the next 100 years

This time next week, the Centenary *Phoenix* will be on sale, but already preparations will have to begin for the next issue. The magazine has changed a long way from its original format envisaged by H G Wells in 1886. Originally intended for treatises and diatribes on scientific matters, bearing the banner of 'no articles of a light-hearted nature to be submitted', it soon became transformed into a form more creative than logical.

Recently, after its resurrection in 1980, *Phoenix* has become an annual occurrence, but now we are hoping to make it more frequent — at least one each term. But this can only be achieved if you write articles or submit artwork. Articles need not be short stories or poetry; there is always scope for satire and comedy, features and critiques. Also,

just because we are at a science college there is no need to avoid talking about science 'out of hours' in *Phoenix* — but having said that, don't write up your latest problem sheet. The stranger a subject is, the more likely it is to be interesting.

Submissions should be sent to the *Phoenix* editor, at the FELIX Office, as soon as possible.



TUESDAY

Centenary lecture, Read lecture theatre, 12.45pm. 'Scientists cannot write to save their lives' — a lecture by John Maddox, editor of *Nature* magazine. Admission free.

WEDS

Careers seminar, Mech Eng 220, 1.00pm. For students who are considering a career in journalism, with ex-IC students who have become journalists.

THURSDAY

Launch party, Old FELIX Office, Beit Arch, 12.30pm. A party to launch the Centenary edition of *Phoenix*, with food and drink.

FRIDAY

Grand Centenary Dinner, 170 Queen's Gate, 7.00pm for 7.30pm. The highlight of the week, with fine wines, good food, string quartet and jazz band: for just £15 each. A few tickets are still available from the FELIX Office.

Centenary issue: The cover of the Centenary edition of *Phoenix*

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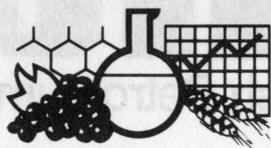
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There will be a presentation for 1987 and 1988 graduates, and any interested postgraduates, on Wednesday 26th November 1986 at 6.00 pm at the College. Refreshments will be available.

The closing date for receiving applications for employment will be Thursday 8th January 1987. Preliminary interviews will be held at the College on Thursday 15th January 1987.

Those seeking appointments in 1987 should apply (using the Standard Application Form) to: Ms D L Matthias, ICI Plant Protection Division, Fernhurst, Haslemere, Surrey GU27 3JE.



Plant Protection Division

Christine's Piece

What Junior Common Room?

Elsewhere in this FELIX you will read about College's change of plans for the JCR in the Sheffield building. This is a controversial move on the part of College. The JCR, which is currently controlled by the Union for the benefit of students, will effectively become a dining area for most of the time, thereby reducing its potential as a meetings and events room, and as a money spinner during conferences and exhibitions. This comes at a time when the Botany-Zoology common room has been lost, the FELIX Office has been moved into

the only piece of available space in the Union Building, and Union Rooms are heavily oversubscribed by clubs and societies. All this to produce more refectory space even though the Southside refectory is undergoing massive refurbishment this year in order to attract several hundred students. On the other hand perhaps more and more refectory areas are what is wanted, but should the Union be prepared to lose effective control of its one large function room? Do look at these plans; come to the Union Office if you've any questions or ideas—the more comments we get, the better.

Probably the Best Carnival in the World

Yet more effusive thanks to everyone who organised the Guilds Carnival. It's the first time I've ever seen the floors mopped *before* all the P.A. gear had been taken out...seriously, it was a wonderful night, smooth-running and great fun. The only problem was the poor turn-out—*where were you???* The time has now come to re-think the whole concept of the Guilds Carnival. If a high quality, good value charity event like this can't attract the numbers, it's a great shame; maybe Guilds shouldn't waste all the effort next year.

Dragging on...

I was going to write this entire article about the merits of dressing up in drag, but they told me it would ruin my image. I wouldn't have thought

it could get much worse, but however...

Assuming you're still in one piece after the excesses of the Beer Festival and the Smoking Concert, see you at the 'Rag & Drag' disco tonight. But will we recognise each other? I shall continue my tradition of going along with the prettiest man there—and this year we're going for the prize. Yes, this is a challenge, all you closet transvestites. (Well I always thought being wild and wacky was what going to college was all about.)

And Finally

I ought to apologise for the rapidly deteriorating quality of these FELIX bits. How Dave goes on producing deep and meaningful editorials every week is a mystery to me. Ah well, only five weeks until Christmas. I bet you're not looking forward to it as much as I am.

Christine

Women's day at 170

'To talk to anyone at Imperial College, you need an appointment. But people are too busy to see you. So I haven't talked to anyone... not since I arrived in August.'

'This is the first real conversation I've had in London... I didn't know there were so many women at Imperial.'

Eighty two women and one man arrived at 170 Queensgate last Wednesday for the all day workshop designed for new arrivals throughout the College.

In the morning 'talk-shop' groups, dispersed all over the Rector's flat to discuss 'I'm bored Mum! Where can we go?', '999 casualty! What happens when you get there', 'Citizen's Advice Bureau: When do you need one?' and 'London Black Tie and other invitation rituals'. Clare Ash investigated what PG students and visiting academics were paying for accommodation and what action was needed. Dot Griffiths gave an inside view about shopping in Oxford Street; Shirley Sargent and Audrey Grant did a run down on 'How to get the best out of Sainsburys'. Marion

Anderson, Gerry Levitt and Sally Grootenhuis told everyone in the dining room about 'How to Help London' by volunteering to run stalls and hospital shops, supporting Cancer research and the National Trust.

At 2.30 there were a series of workshops led by PG students geared to survival on a shoestring.

An invited guest, Connie Parker from International Student House, briefed us on what was on offer for all London students and Christine Taig led an animated discussion on 'How to Stay Safe Although Out Alone at Night'.

The day's organizers were elated. We made a small leap forward in the communication game. Yet there were a lot of new arrivals we didn't reach. Next year we'll have a better invitation list! If you missed the day and would like to have the handouts, write to the Women's Club at 170 Queensgate and we'll send you our combined wisdom. We're also recruiting talent who will help turn it into a handbook. Offers to the same address.

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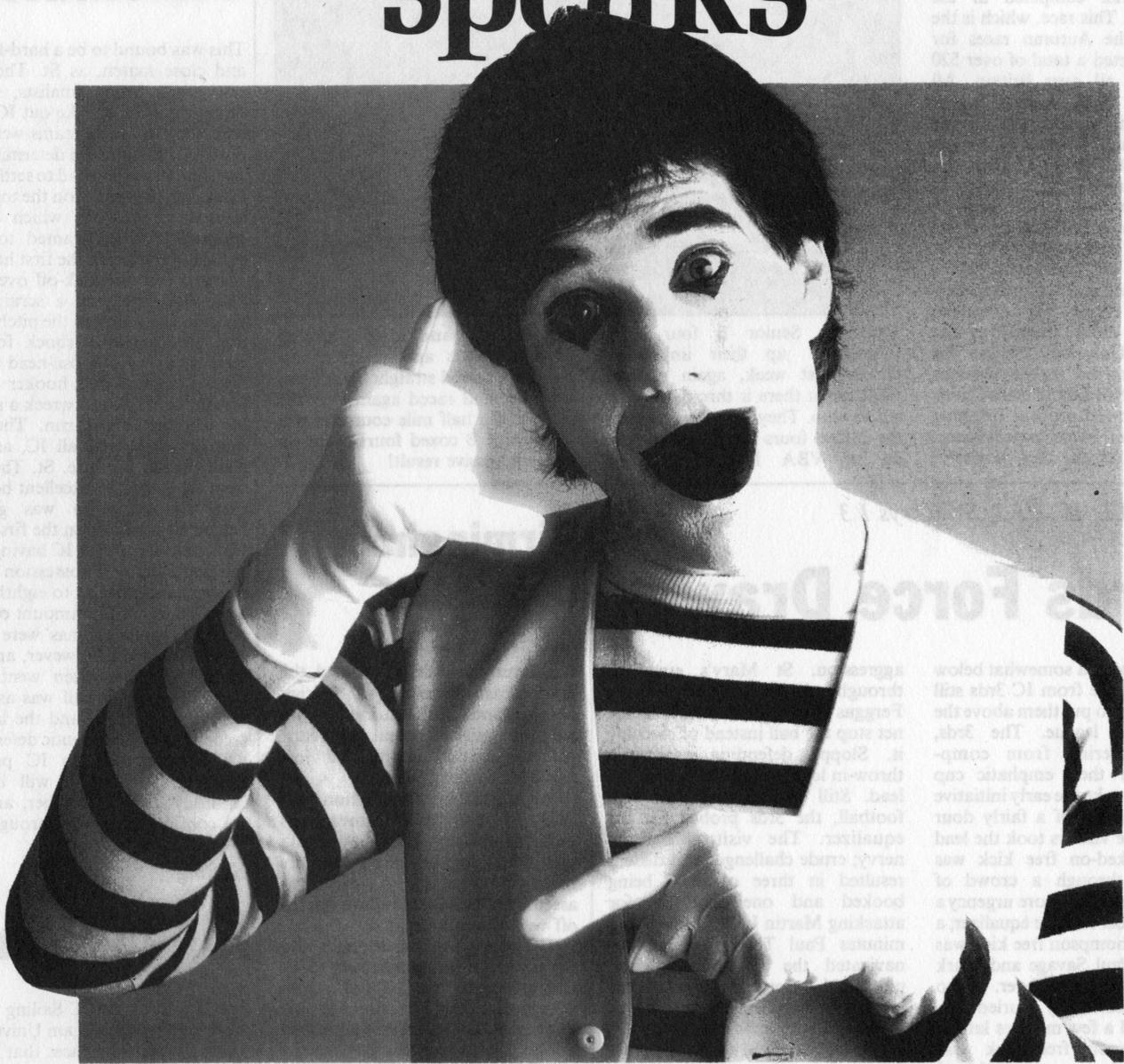
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Boat Club; Fours Head of the River 1986

IC Fours Impress

On Saturday a total of 12 crews from Imperial competed in the Fours Head. This race, which is the climax of the Autumn races for Fours, attracted a total of over 520 crews from all over Britain. All events were hotly contested with many Commonwealth and World Championship medalists entered in the top events.

The top Imperial crew racing in the Open coxless fours finished in 5th place, a mere 13 seconds behind the winners and several places in front of the UL crew! In both the Senior A coxed and Senior A coxless fours, IC crews were unlucky finishing a close second to the Cambridge University Crews. The IC crews entered in the womens fours, mens Novice and mens Senior C events showed promise finishing well up in their respective divisions.

The stars of the day, however,



were the Senior B four who, following up their impressive victory last week, again showed what talent there is throughout the whole club. They convincingly won the coxless fours event, overcoming all of VBA Roper's steering

difficulties, and then, having changed boats' and taken a cox onboard, rowed straight back up to the start and raced again over the three and a half mile course to win the Senior B coxed fours event—a very impressive result!

FOOTBALL; IC III 3, St Marys 1 3

Thirds Force Draw

Last Wednesday a somewhat below par performance from IC 3rds still forced a draw to put them above the 2nds in the league. The 3rds, perhaps suffering from complacency after their emphatic cup win, failed to take the early initiative and seize control of a fairly dour first half. The visitors took the lead when a flicked-on free kick was stabbed in through a crowd of players. With a little more urgency a set piece almost saw the equalizer; a short Paul Thompson free kick was crossed by Paul Savage and Mark Woodgate headed just over. Hideo Takano speculatively curled the equalizer and a few minutes later a Paul Thompson free kick was headed home by an unmarked Paul Savage 'not quite' ghosting in at the far post.

Perhaps somewhat fortunate to be leading at the interval, the 3rds began the second half with more

aggression. St Mary's equalised through a 40 yard free kick; keeper Fergus Batstone deciding to let the net stop the ball instead of catching it. Sloppy defending against a throw-in let the opposition steal the lead. Still not playing their best football, the 3rds probed for the equalizer. The visitors became nervous; crude challenges and dissent resulted in three of them being booked and one sent off for attacking Martin Lake. In the dying minutes Paul Thompson circumnavigated the penalty area and unleashed a tremendous left-footer just inside the post.

A mediocre performance by the 3rds really deserved no more than a draw, but the unbeaten run continues.

Team: F. Batstone, C. Gordon, M. Lake, M. Woodgate (C), K. Graves, C. Budgen, P. Thompson, H. Jakano, P. Savage, D. Semeria, W. Charles.

Ten Pins Toppled

For once IC managed to put a full team out. This didn't necessarily mean they would all get there in one piece. Thanks to the driver's attraction to a red 2CV the C team arrived in a state of shock.

This spread rapidly through the whole team as we were given a lesson in how to bowl properly. There was a glimmer of hope when

the A team held Portsmouth's away team to a tied first game, C. Wheeldon being the star with the highest score of the day, 196. However the other teams were taken to the cleaners, and the only other game in which we scored was the final B team one, when the opposition was one man short.

Rugby, Gutteridge cup second round, Sunday November 16th; IC 1st XV 0 St. Thomas' Hospital 1st XV 0

Stalemate

This was bound to be a hard-fought and close match, as St. Thomas', last year's losing finalists, would obviously want to take out IC, who won the cup. Both teams went onto Harlington field determined to win, and in the end had to settle for a draw. St. Thomas' won the toss and elected to kick-off, which suited Imperial as they wanted to play against the wind in the first half. St. Thomas' put the kick-off over IC's dead ball line, and a scrum was given in the centre of the pitch. This first scrum was a shock for the medics, as IC's loose-head prop, Josh Somhon, and hooker Andy Martin combined to wreck a strong St. Thomas' front run. The first quarter of the was all IC, as they piled on the pressure. St. Thomas' were saved by the excellent boot of their fly-half, who was greatly helped by the wind in the first half. Half-time came with IC having won the lion's share of possession in the scrums, and, thanks to eighth man Steve Parker, a fair amount of line-out ball too; St Thomas' were quick around the field, however, and the loose ball quite often went their way. The second half was as hard fought as the first, and the last 45 seconds saw some frantic defence by the hospital side as IC pressed forward. The replay will be on Saturday 22nd November, and IC are confident of going through!

Sailing

Kings Win

Last Saturday the IC Sailing Team travelled to Birmingham University. During a series of races that lasted all day the Birmingham team triumphed, despite a valiant effort by the IC team. Although consistent results were achieved, the tactical advantage held by the Birmingham team due to the light and variable nature of the wind ensured their success. Helms Richard Brimelow, Apostolos Leonidhopoulos and Gareth David sailed well, and Fresher helm Richard Jarman sailed consistently, but all lacked the fine edge needed.

In a second series of races the ladies team had their first match of the season. Helms Jenny Bingham, Sam Page and Helen Morgan all sailed well, showing great promise for the rest of the season and future years, but were also unable to pull off a victory.

Birmingham Dominate

On Saturday 15th, IC hosted the South East Region UAU fencing competition. Unfortunately, we were not able to repeat last years' success in this event, and lost narrowly to Kings College.

We started the competition with two of our team members missing—foilist Adam Andreski was injured and one of our sabreurs failed to turn up. A team was assembled, however, and we started off with the sabre match.

The sabre was hard-fought and we ended up losing narrowly (5-4). Unfortunately, the IC foil team were not at their best, and lost 7-2: this meant that we could only afford to lose 1 bout at epee.

Full marks must go to the epeeists, who fought hard to level the overall score at 13-13. In a tense finish, however, we just failed to pull off what would have been an amazing comeback.

The overall winners of the competition were UCL, who now go forward to the next round.

Team: Jon Davy (Captain), Rick Jarvis, Simon Holden, Simon Chenery and Kim Ming Looi.

We meet in the Union gym at 12.30 on Thursday for tuition, and more informally on Friday evenings from about 6.00-8.00. Anyone is most welcome to come along to watch or participate—just bring a pair of trainers, loose trousers and a t-shirt.

Next, by Ents

Health Warning—these articles have been known to make people violently sick. This is nauseating, ignore all. So what has your Entertainment's Committee got lined up for the rest of this seemingly endless Autumn term?

Friday November 21st

The annual all-American Beach party in that most Riviera-like of venues—the Lounge. This late night soirée features our first and hopefully last repeat performance—Three Colors, back by popular demand from Boston, Massachusetts, followed by a disco and the surfing film 'Big Wednesday'. It's £1.50 on the night (50p LSS Ents card) or £1 if you turn up with frost bite and dressed for the occasion (beachwear?)

Friday November 28th

IC Ents bring you the best of the new bunch of British bands—The Bible! The Bible are signed to Chrysalis records and gained critical acclaim (and even a little radio play) with their first single 'Graceland'. This was followed by their debut album of the same name.

Saturday December 6th

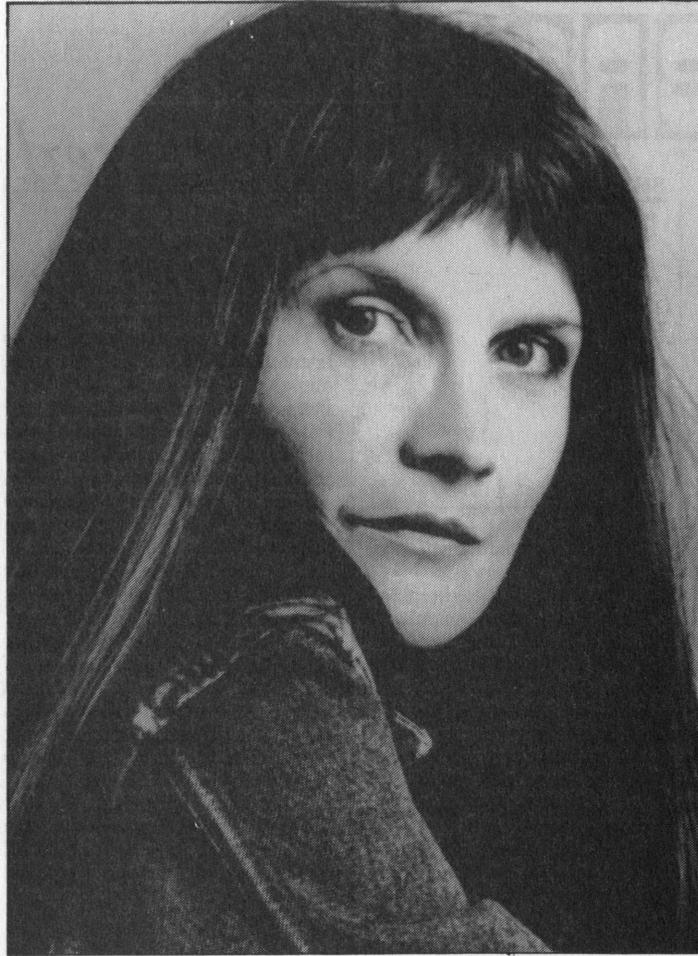
To celebrate Imperial College Students' Union's 75th anniversary we have moved over to the Sheffield Building for the first Christmas Carnival in ten years. The event will be the biggest staged in College for a long time and if it goes well, we will be able to get bigger and better bands—so turn up please!

Christmas Carnival: Free mince pies, late bar until 2am, disco in the JCR, comedians, Zeke Manyika (ex-Orange Juice partner and guest player in The The, Style Council, Kate Bush etc.). Films until late, and Sandie Shaw (she of Morrissey and shoeless Puppets-on-a-String fame) in the Great Hall—and it's only £4.50 in advance (£3.50 with LSS Ents cards) from the Ents office. Have fun and see you there.

Consoc Trips

In the light of the wider share ownership resulting from the Government's privatisation programme, the Conservative Society organised a visit to the Stock Exchange on Wednesday November 12th. After spending some time on the gallery overlooking the trading floor, a film was shown detailing the workings of the Exchange.

Peter Clark



QT Plans

A land of milk and marmalade was discovered amongst the toast, tea and cereal at the great annual QT breakfast on Thursday 13th. Protected from the lashing rain by a shield of insanity, the many members who turned up were wearing only pyjamas and dressing gowns.

The previous Tuesday was the QT Porn Night. Over 15 short films were shown at 9.00pm, timed so that anyone who might be offended had gone to bed by then. It was one of the most popular events this term with over thirty members turning up.

For the following Tuesday, November 18th, QT booked the Guilds Hit Squad to hit...the Guilds Hit Squad. Finally yesterday we appeared in the RCS Smoking Concert where we revealed the secret life of Mr. Benn. He may look like a calm business man on the outside, but we revealed him to be rather dodgy dressing up in other peoples' clothing and having adventures!

Coming this Friday, November 28th, is the Wogan Trip followed in early December by a practice run for the Tube World Record Attempt. Next meeting Tuesday November 25th, Southside Bar Upper Lounge to discuss The Tube World Record Attempt.

Balloon Ride

Early last Saturday morning the Balloon Club drove down to Newbury for a days flying. By the time re-fueling was completed the early morning mist had burned off, so after the pilot, Colin Butter, had borrowed some matches he was ready to fly.

Despite a high wind speed the retrieve van initially had no trouble keeping up with the balloon as it followed the A4 east. An hour and a half later and over twenty miles further east the retrieve lost the balloon near Reading when it was forced to make a detour due to a closed bridge. Having fruitlessly searched the area north-east of Reading, the retrieve followed standard procedure and retired to a pub to ring the pilot's house. A message was passed via the pilot's wife, giving the location of the landing and the balloon was quickly recovered.

There then followed a fast drive back to Newbury for an evening flight. Colin wanted to leave early, so a local pilot, Tony Byrne, was intercepted on the way to Sainsburys and persuaded to fly. While Tony rushed home to get changed Colin inflated the balloon. Tony arrived back and took off immediately with Ed Houlihan and Barry Sanders for a 'short hop' before sunset.

Cheap Trips

The Youth Hostelling Club is one of the most active clubs at IC. We regularly travel all over the country, both during term time and in the vacations.

During term trips are held every two weeks, departing on Friday evening and arriving back on Sunday in time for the last tubes & buses. So far this year we have sampled the delights of the Brecon beacons, Shropshire and the Peak District. Future events include trips to Snowdonia, the Lake District, Northumbria and the Pembroke-shire coast—making use of bank-holiday weekends where possible. The club holds its meeting every Thursday at 12.30 pm. above Southside Bar—where details of weekend excursions are announced. Being a member of a group such as ours has great advantages, not just the cheap cost of travelling as part of a group. We visit some of the most beautiful and remote parts of Britain throughout the year—not just during the tourist season. The Welsh mountains covered in snow on a February morning can be exceptionally stunning. As a member of a group, you can gain access to otherwise closed hostels.

Concert Band

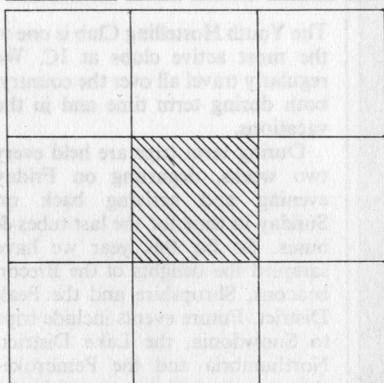
Free Music

Yes, you've guessed it (you have?—already?); IC Concert Band is due to play another free lunch-time concert in the Mech Eng foyer on Tuesday November 25th. The concert starts at 1.00pm and there's space for an audience on the third floor balconies as well as the foyer itself. The programme consists of:

William Tell Overture
Rossini
Porgy & Bess Selection
Gershwin
Hammersmith
Holst
Hot Time in the Brasses
Harold Walters
London Suite
Eric Coates

While your attention has been grabbed, make a note in your diaries of the annual "Freeze Your Bells" Christmas Concert on Tuesday 9th December at 1.00pm by the Queen's Lawn. Look out for posters for details.

MEGABRAIN



SHAGAR RETURNS

Farmer Shagar, as you may remember, keeps his sheep in the garden surrounding his house. The garden is divided into 8 sections, but the sheep are free to roam as they please.

Shagar has both white and black sheep in the garden, the number of white sheep being twice the number of black. His bizarre method of counting them is to go to each window of his house and count all the sheep that he can see (ie. all the sheep in the 3 sections visible from that side of the house.) He did this

one day and counted 11 sheep at every window.

After buying two white sheep and one black he counted again and found exactly the same thing, ie. there were 11 on each side. On both occasions there was at least one white and one black sheep in every section, and there were no more than 3 of each colour in any section. How many sheep were there, and how were they arranged before and after the purchase?

Answers, comments, criticisms to the FELIX Office by Wednesday 1.00pm for the £5.00 prize, please.

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University is a stage where we, as talented individuals, learn to make our ambitions, dreams, come true. Dreams that were our ideal, our final place to be. These dreams formed part of our childhood, our personality, and what we are today.

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—dawn—

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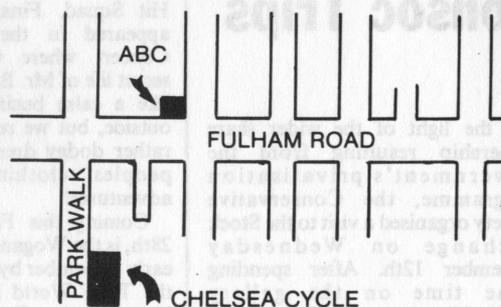
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what's on

FRIDAY

Friday Prayers 12.55pm.
Union Building, Islamic Society.
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Monster Boat Race 1.00pm.
Meet Beit Quad, inter-CCU Rag event. Drink a pint for a small donation to charity.

Church and CU 6.00pm.
Free buffet tea in Music room, 53 Princes Gate.

Christain Union Extraordinary General Meeting 8.00pm.
Music Rm. 53 Princes Gate. Meeting is to pass the new constitution.

American Beach Party 8.30pm til late.
The Lounge. From Boston, U.S.A. Three Colors plus film, Big Wednesday plus disco. £1.50, £1.00 in beach wear (50p ENTS card).

SATURDAY

Scab Nite 7.30pm.
Union Concert Hall. £2.00. "An extravaganza of music (classical and rock), opera, debate and drama. Food and drink available. The last event of Rag Week 1986

MONDAY

Concert Band Rehearsal .5.45pm.
Great Hall.

Cross-Country 6.30pm.
Fatso's Trip. Meet Beit Arch.

Wellsoc Speaker Meeting 7.30pm.
J. Clive talks on "Investigative Journalism" Physics LT 1. £1.50 membership at door.

TUESDAY

Prayer Meeting 8.15am.
Union Upper Lounge.

Phoenix Centenary Lecture 12.45pm.
Read Lecture Theatre, Sheffield. John Maddox, editor of Nature Magazine, will deliver a lecture entitled 'Scientists cannot write to save their lives'. A joint presentation from the Dept. of Humanities and the Phoenix.

Postgraduate Group Meeting 12.45pm.
Holland Club. Meeting of the IC Union Postgraduate Group. All Postgraduates welcome.

Indsoc Enterprise 1.00pm.
Chem Eng. LT 1: The London Enterprise Agency talk on "Getting started on your own".

Greek Wine Tasting 6.00pm.
Union SCR. Come and try a

selection of Greek food and wine. Entrance by ticket only. £2.00. Wine Tasting Society.

Judo 6.30pm.
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WEDNESDAY

Ski Club 12.45pm.
Above Southside Bar. Meet for trip to dry ski slope for lessons and recreational skiing, bring gloves and thick socks.

Careers in Journalism ... 1.00pm.
Mech. Eng 220. A seminar for students who wish to pursue a career in journalism—with presentations from working journalists (including ex-IC students).

Wargames 1.00pm onwards.
Union SCR. 10% discount on games with membership.

10-Pin Bowling 2.20pm.
At Tolworth. Return at 6.00pm.

Dramsoc 2.30pm.
Workshops covering various aspects of acting will restart. Speech, movement, drinking tea and realising all those just-seventeen fantasies will all be covered to some extent or other.

Orchestral Rehearsal 7.00pm.
Great Hall.

THURSDAY

Youth Hostelling Club .12.30pm.
Meet above Southside Bar.

Fencing Club 12.30pm.
Union Gym. Professional Tuition in Foil, Epée and Sabre. Experienced fencers and beginners equally welcome!

Work and Play in the U.S.A. 12.45pm.
Visit America and get paid. See the BUNAC stall and find out how.

Phoenix Centenary Launch Party 12.45pm.
Old FELIX Office, Beit Arch. A party to launch the Centenary edition of Phoenix, the literary magazine of IC, founded in 1886 by H. G. Wells. Free to holders of Grand Centenary Dinner tickets. Others £2.00. Price includes buffet, wines, and a free copy of Phoenix.

Ap Tech Soc 12.45pm.
Elec. Eng. 403A. You've heard of Bob Geldof... now Engineers for Disaster Relief.

Lunch-Hour Concert 1.30pm.
Ensemble Australis Sextet. Music by Barber, Malcolm Williamson and Poulenc.

Happy Hour All Nite.
Bottled Lager in the Union Bar.

Judo 6.30pm
Union Gym. All welcome.

ICCAG Carol Singing ... 6.30pm.
Beit Arch. See T. Scott Physics III for details.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

●**Calling all Academic Reps** remember the Academic Affairs half-day. Wednesday 26th. See your pigeon-holes.

●**Students** please do not send money in the internal mail. From the Huxley messenger's desk.

●**Thank you to all** who tried to keep it up as long as possible for Rag on a rainy day in Beit Quad. The joint winners of Aerosoc Darts were Andy Camp and Chris Glodding.

●**IC. Ents present the American Beach Party** with Three Colors, from Boston, and a film about the beach on Friday 21st November from 8.30pm till late.

●**IC. Ents present the Lounge Party** with the Bible! And Fleshpuppets and disco. From 8.30 till late. On Friday 28th November. Only £1.50.

●**IC. Ents present the Christmas Carnival:** Limited number of tickets left.

●**The Rhythm Method** Dixieland Trad. Jazz Band are looking for gigs—anything considered. For terms and info. contact Don Monro-Int. 5044. Would the Keyboard player who heard Chas Brereton & Mark Satchell practising in the jazz room on Thursday 6th November please contact Mark via Doc Pigeon Holes (room 219 Huxley) or on 589-9727 A.S.A.P.

●**Anyone Requiring** leg waxing, facials, electrolysis and other beauty therapy phone Elisabeth 01-262-1954 or 01-723-4278 (Marble Arch).

●**Student Services** Shared rooms available in Halls, Houses & Head Tenancies. Contact Student Services. Also to James & Boris—we have your letter from Jo & Sandra of Belgium. Please contact Student Services.

●**Bored of Beans on Toast?** Come and try some wonderful Greek food complemented by wine. Tickets only (no plate smashing!)

●**Looking for your ideal partner?** Then come to the Willis Jackson Party. Venue: Union Building (Lounge), Time: Sat. 29th Nov. 8.00pm. £1 on the door.

●**Rag Week Blues?...** as rag week draws slowly to a close, don't forget about SCAB NITE, taking place tomorrow—starts 7.30 in the Concert Hall and lasts for ages. Be there, or you'll miss it."

●**Once again I.C. Symphony Orchestra** is rehearsing to gratify your every sense—be there on Friday 28th November 8.00pm. Tickets available from orchestra members, Haldane Library or on the door (£1.50).

●**Liz Hoskin's car was stolen** from the car park by Linstead Hall last Saturday evening (15/11). It is a beige Ford Fiesta reg. GFX 904V. It was probably driven away by joyriders. She would be grateful for any help in finding the car; please could anyone with information contact Liz at Weeks Hall (int 3661).

●**Cash Reward Offered** for return of leather jacket and contents taken on Friday night from the Disco at Guilds Night. Contact Felix or Union Office.

LOST AND FOUND

●**SMALL TIGER KIT BAG** containing hair brush lost in swimming pool on afternoon of October 28th. If found please contact R. Dilmaghanian. Civ. Eng. UG Pigeonholes.

PERSONAL

●**Tim** Give us a smack. Monique XXX.

●**DID Manship** play pervy strip trivial pursuit with a whole football team?

●**Where** was Captain Squeaky clean all Weekend? And where was the plastic Doll?

●**Lost:** Tufty the squirrel or is it a Turtle with an identity crisis? If you want to get cross, become an older woman. Want your roof removed? Put 8 sharks in a house. Apply to 'The Hovel' for details.

●**Nicki & Tim**-flauti et faggotti-a wise combination?

●**Wendy** I hate wimpy veggie-burgers-try Dave.

●**What** More champagne? Bucket, bucket, bring me a bucket.

●**Nibbles** stop tickling dimples.

●**Roman orgies** catered for-apply 60 Sedlescombe Road or Chem. Eng. III.

●**"What** comes between JP & Cantilever?" Answer: only 3 picometres of saliva.

●**Wanted** one good home for a cute kitten, answers (or doesn't) to the name Pebbles. Requires housetraining, neutering, clawclipping and chocolate biscuits. Apply 12, Holyport Rd. Fulham

●**Pete the Streak** £26.79 cheers R.S.M.

●**Is pebbles here to stay** and what about the Frenchie? Love H.

●**Warning** smoking can kill especially if you play 10-pin bowling.

●**Ode to a Parachutist:** 1000, 2000, 3000,.....!

●**Top prices** paid for used cheese sandwiches. Contact Richard D. Smith. DoC II.

●**Is it possible** to be a physicist and still have your way with women? ARA.M. knows the secret.

Guilds Float Home



Physics Firsts Hit

A first-year lecture in Physics was subject to a mass 'hit' on Tuesday morning. The flanning took place during the course of the lecture and because of a large amount of shaving foam left on the desks and seats the following class was very poorly attended.

The hit has been condemned by all College authorities and students have been warned that hit squads may be refused entry to lecture theatres. Entry to lectures is not allowed without special dispensation, although in the past this rule has not been enforced. Guilds President Duncan Royle has taken a firm stand on the flanning of the first year physics lecture: 'The contract (raising £50 for rag) was taken out by the mining first year

and some of them were allowed to take part in the hit. The Hit Squad should not enter lecture theatres without special permission and to ensure adherence to this the Hit Squad organiser, Chris Simpson of Chem Eng II was present. Due to circumstances beyond his control (namely mining first year) the lecture was actually interrupted. We totally condemn this action.'

To prevent similar occurrences the hit squad have said they will only accept contracts on individuals, not whole departments. A spokesflann stressed that the Squad disapproved of unofficial hits, victimisation, use of substances other than shaving foam, and squads who fail to clear up.

Christine Protests

Christine Taig, President of IC Union, has written to senior College and Government officials to protest at a move by the Iraqi Embassy to obtain detailed information on Iraqi students studying in the UK.

The embassy has written to many college registries in the UK demanding information about all Iraqi privately-funded students, and detailing the embassy's plan to control the transfer of funds to those students from families and other sponsors.

The latest move by the Iraqi

Embassy comes after a history of heavy-handed surveillance of Iraqi students studying in the UK, especially those who are thought to be opposed to the ruling Ba'ath Party, and members of the Iraqi Student Society.

It is alleged that Iraqi students have been subjected to physical attacks by the National Union of Iraqi Students and Youth (NUISY), which has been banned by most student unions in the UK and by the National Union of Students.

The annual inter-CCU raft race, Imperial's version of the Americas Cup, took place on Sunday amid claims that Guilds Union had used a raft almost identical to that used by RCS last year, with some form of espionage being used to obtain details of the innovative 'winged keel' design. The competition began in Prince's Gardens, with the teams having to carry their rafts to the Serpentine and then racing across it. Guilds and RCS arrived at the water together, although the shocking pink of the Guilds raft caused a number of horses to bolt on the way. The aquatic section was then begun, with the Guilds raft arriving at the opposite shore a clear first, followed by the RCS.

Also held on Sunday was another competition between the CCUs, a three-way tug-of-war. Initially the RSM team pulled with RCS, and the Guilds team looked obviously outclassed. However, in a dramatic change in allegiances the miners switched sides, and pulled with Guilds. The match became a stalemate, with the RCS holding firm against the other two teams, until everyone lost interest and went for a drink in Southside bar.

Graduate Competition

IC students graduating in July next year will be competing for higher salaries than ever before, especially those who are planning to go into accountancy.

Accountancy firm Arthur Young will be offering graduates starting salaries of £11,000 a year for its September 1987 intake, and the 80 candidates accepted will be able to apply to do a masters degree in business administration (MBA) at the firm's expense.

This compares with the £9,000 expected to be on offer from the other accountancy firms, such as Coopers and Lybrand and Ernst and Whinney. And these firms are not expected to offer the inducement of an MBA.

The move by Arthur Young comes in the face of increasing difficulty in attracting high-calibre graduates to accountancy. According to the firm, accountancy is often seen as a fall-back career, if all else fails. But their salary hike looks set to put an end to that.

But for the real high flyers, potential salaries are even higher. Since deregulation in the City, the 'Big Bang', stockbrokers are offering as much as £20,000 to new graduates, big bucks by any standards.

It is estimated that at least 10% of IC graduates end up as accountancy trainees. But fall-out rates are notoriously high, with many trainees failing the Institute of Chartered Accountants' tough exams.

Broken Glass

A cleaner in the Physics Department has been seriously injured by broken glass while disposing of waste paper. As he was pushing the paper down into the rubbish skip a broken glass photographic plate severed an artery in his wrist.

Terence Parker, Administrator in the department, has circulated a letter in the Department asking people to ensure that glass and sharp waste is separately disposed of.

IC Arrests

Three students were arrested when they used replica machine guns to stage a water fight in front of the Iraqi Embassy on Wednesday.

A diplomatic policeman saw the students, guns in hand, leap into a car, performing a U-turn in Prince Consort Road, and speeding down Exhibition Road.

The car was flagged down by a police motorbike and surrounded by ten armed diplomatic police. The students were frisked at gunpoint, handcuffed, and taken to Chelsea police station where they were detained for an hour.

One of the students, a Mechanical Engineering second year, says, 'We all kept very calm but if someone in the car had panicked I would hate to think what might have happened.'

New Busses

An experimental minibus service which can be used to travel between South Kensington underground Station and the Huxley Building has been started by London Regional Transport. The service, route C1, runs from High Street Kensington to Westminster passing Imperial on the way. Underground Travelcards give free travel on this service which runs at intervals of 6 minutes.

Mary Returns

Mary, the mascot of Queen Mary College, was returned to its owners yesterday after three years in the custody of RCSU.

The handover was made by RCSU in return for the bell from Jezebel, the RCS fire engine, which was stolen on Sunday 9 November. The exchange took place near Liverpool Street Station.

A set of minibus wheels, which were removed from an ICU van by QMC students two years ago, were also returned to RCSU.