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Imperial Gay not OK

Dear Dave,

FELIX has been a forum for much discussion on the subject of homosexuality recently. With the exception of a rather coy and defensive letter written from a Christian standpoint, no objections have been publicly raised to the commitment of Union resources to lesbian and 'gay' welfare. Yet such objections can be presumed to exist within Imperial; why else the long delay in instituting measures that have been commonplace in other colleges for years? A section of one of your recent editorials, subtitled "Gay News Blues", finally prompted me to contribute my own thoughts on the subject.

Society in the 1980's is technologically and economically the most sophisticated that the world has ever known, but it still has a surprising amount in common with earlier civilisations. Historically, all communities have developed and grown through the tutelage of their young in the ways of society. Thus they, and their subsequent progeny, can build on the current achievements. This education is implemented partly through the formal education system, but most fundamentally through the parent-child relationship. In this way, the external aspects of an economy can develop and grow enormously, while the basic aspects of people's lives remain very similar. The family unit as a social building block is not cultural propaganda circulated by the present government (or indeed Queen Victoria), but empirical fact, in all the great societies the world has known, like it or not, these are cultural norms we live by.

In the light of this discussion, the nature of sexual relationships in society can be seen to be of great importance to its development. That a stable enough relationship between man and a woman can be built up to allow the intellectual, emotional and social development of their children is a real need societies have. It follows that, within such a society, certain types of behaviour are aberrant; amongst these are rape, indiscriminate sexual intercourse, and homosexuality. All three examples have been present in our society, to a greater or lesser degree, since its inception. In the past, they have been regarded as outside normal or approved behaviour. It now appears that certain segments of society wish to establish at least the latter two practices as acceptable.

Why might this be? A logical explanation defeats me. Not only is

homosexuality a socially useless, even destructive, activity; it is also most unappealing aesthetically. Its principal act of consumption is a scatological parody of sexual intercourse, rejecting all aspects of a sexual relationship except the purely tactile. The feeling of revulsion this engenders, when coupled with sexual immaturity and a profound lack of intelligence, results in the activity of 'queer bashing', which seems to rise in proportion to the social acceptance of homosexuality in other quarters. Perhaps those who have not yet resolved their adolescent disagreements with their parents see this as a symptom of social oppression; the reality is simply a lack of social acceptance. For some people, the mere scent of an oppressed minority in need is enough to bring out the banners and petitions.

These are the reasons why I reject the arguments you propose in your editorials in favour of 'gay' rights. When you state that human sexual feelings are more complicated than a desire to penetrate other peoples' bodies, you are correct. The complexity is added by the desire to extend an emotional relationship physically, the desire to demonstrate the depth of your affection, the desire to create new life. A desire to be penetrated yourself adds no complexity, merely some variety to pointless hedonism. If we are to be idealists, as all good students should, we should strive for a society in which homosexuals could be shown compassion, be allowed to get on with their lives, and be protected from mindless violence. A society where homosexuality is institutionalised is not ideal. It is a contradiction, and one I want no part of. We still have the opportunity to prevent this happening at IC Union. I have neither the time nor the energy to organise any concerted effort to achieve this. Any student who feels empathy with this aim can show it by writing to FELIX, and by making sure it is an important issue for the presidential elections.

Andrew Thomis, Elec Eng IV

Confusion and corruption

Dear Dave,

Following the recent requests in FELIX for correspondence on the 'gay rights' issue I wonder if I can make some comments.

I think it is fair to say that in any argument over 'right and wrong' most protagonists are accepting some form of objective morality; that there are right or best attitudes to the way we should live and that confusion and corruption have entered into some peoples lives who have got it wrong.

It is no doubt true, I think we can say, that our world does harbour much corruption. However convinced, then, a particular person is that he is in the right I think it would take a rather naive or arrogant person to claim that, in all areas of their life, they are completely unaffected by such confusion, especially with regard to 'gut' reactions.

Discussions over right uses of human sexuality do most often, I think, strongly acknowledge that it is a valuable thing, and not least those in FELIX. We hear of the hurt caused to homosexuals by them sometimes being automatically regarded as promiscuous, of Robert Daniel's sadness caused by seeing heterosexuality being reduced to just 'sleeping with a member of the opposite sex' (March 6th) and of Andrew Bannister's encouragement to people holding some views on the use of sex to undergo deep 'questioning (of) their attitudes' (May 8th).

People on both sides, then, of the 'gay rights' debate can definitely start from common ground; that there are rights and wrongs on this issue. Some people have got it wrong. Confusion and corruption have indeed entered into this area also (and caused much conflict). Let us clearly acknowledge they have and that means especially with regard to people's gut reactions, even, and yes especially, with regard to sexual desires (as per the quoted points above). It would seem to me, then, to *not* be helpful for the idea (even if it be a fact) that a significant proportion of adolescent males experience sexual feelings towards other men to be treated as a significant reason for supporting "progress...made on the gay rights front" (Editorial May 1st) without explaining why such feelings must be regarded as being in line with right, uncorrupted attitudes to life.

I for one would prefer to hear less of claims about subjective feelings (or indeed of the cries of "homophobia") and for the discussion to turn more onto tackling the question: What is the right relationship between sex and love?

Yours sincerely,

Hugh MacKenzie, Civ Eng RA.

Insensitive and cynical

Dear Dave,

I was quite looking forward to the gossip column about Silwood, which was bound to be written.

When it finally appeared, I was furious to find that the very serious and beautiful intention of Steph and Mark to get married was more or less laughed at.

Could you please name the idiot who said that the odds against the marriage were 5:1 so I can skin

him/her alive! Of all the insensitive, cynical and destructive things to say, this has to be one of the nastiest feats of backbiting possible.

Steph and Mark were slagged off even before they started going out with each other, so I suggest you guys start leaving them alone.

Anyway, I'd like to congratulate them both again and wish them all the happiness in the world. Don't let things get you down, Steph!

Love, Ina El-Kadhi

Objective morality

Dear Dave,

Correct me if I'm wrong, but I was under the impression that FELIX was a student newspaper. If this is indeed so, could you please enlighten me as to why such articles as "Censored" which appeared in last week's FELIX are given space in which to slag off members of the College. I refer, of course, to the part about Mark and myself and our engagement.

To my way of thinking an announcement of this kind should be a happy occasion not only for the two people involved, but for the people that know them, and can share in their happiness and good fortune. Why does it have to be different for us?

True, we have not been together for very long but if we feel its the right decision, what right have people who hardly know us to slag us off for it. I know that I would not take such a large step unless I was sure and I'm sure Mark will agree with me.

When we decided to get engaged it was a prelude to marriage (which is incidentally, the definition of engagement). It doesn't matter whether the decision comes after 4 years or 4 months of a relationship; it is still the most important and serious step anyone can take in their lives. We certainly didn't take the decision lightly by any means, so who the hell does the writer think he/she is by saying "undisclosed sources would lay 5:1 against a marriage ever taking place".

When Kathy Tait and John Ingham got engaged, everyone was full of congratulations for them (including FELIX). I can't see any difference, so why can anyone else.

I'm sure, Dave, that if you and Judith were in the same position, you would be angered and upset about such comments and would not dream of allowing such crap to be printed.

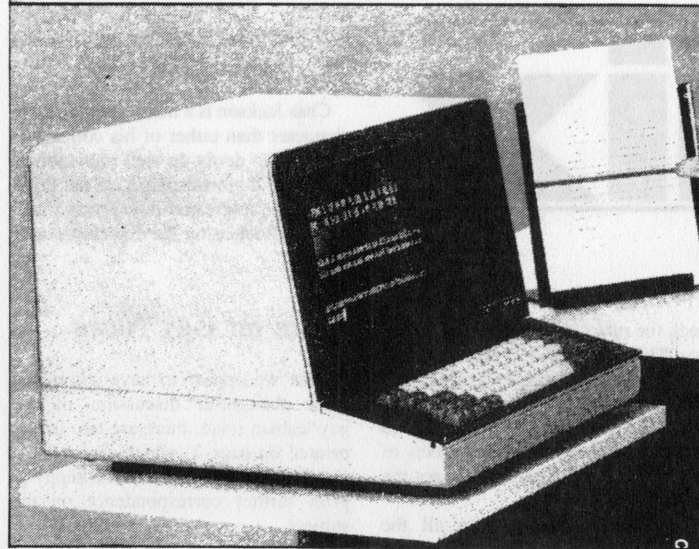
We both feel that we have been victimised and I don't see why we should have to suffer it. I hope that when the person who wrote the article finds out how upset we are he/she will reveal him/herself and apologise publicly.

Yours sincerely,

Stephanie Snell, Physics I

Students face disruption in Beit basement

Students on the ground floor of Beit Old Hostel may have a noisy time while revising for their exams this and next month. This will be due to the demolition of some basement internal walls and the subsequent construction of a laundry and staff room. Mr Steven Rumford, a resident of Beit has complained formally to Dr Job Finley, warden of Beit Hall, about the work, which will commence on May 26th and continue for three weeks. Mr Rumford asked that the work be postponed until the end of term as he feels the "undue" noise at exam time would "disturb students at critical periods" thus contravening College policy. As yet there has been no official response, but in a letter to John Smith, John Finley has suggested that moving affected students to alternative accommodation might be a suitable solution.



Fred leaves after 3 years

Felix staff mourned, on Tuesday, the passing of Fred Jr, a much loved and valuable part of the FELIX production team. Fred left after the induction of Gaza who, though younger and less experienced, has made a considerable impact on FELIX's operations since his arrival. Fred was eventually made redundant

and left FELIX without even a souvenir. He took Norman Tebbit's advice to 'get on his bike' and found a job in Durham. The FELIX staff are very grateful for the contribution Fred Jr made to FELIX since he came to IC in September 1983. The Varityper was named Fred by former typesetter operator Maz Fellows.

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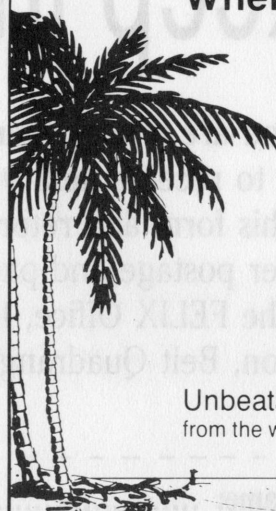
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In with the new

Despite Ian Howgate's ability to irritate a lot of people, he was in many respects the most suitable candidate in the presidential election. His experience and knowledge of Union affairs were at least as good as any of his rivals, and he was without doubt the most conscientious and dedicated. Nevertheless the news of his election was not considered good cause for cracking open another case of sherry in the Union Office on Wednesday night. Too many Union officers have, rightly or wrongly, treated him with extreme cynicism this year. It is easy to agree with them after sitting through an average session of ICU Council, during which his opinion is heard on every subject, whether or not he has any opinion to express, or even any knowledge of the issues.

Ian has done some useful work for the Union, particularly on Residences, during his time at College. His weaknesses are his tendency to overreact to many situations, and, frankly, his

knack for rubbing people up the wrong way. This not all bad news: his pushy attitude will prevent there being another 'silent president' on College committees and, if his enthusiasm lasts, he should not tire of the more testing aspects of the job. He has the ability, but not the temperament.

Now that we know who all the sabbaticals and Executive officers for 1986/87 it is hard to be hopeful for next year. If Ian is irritating, Alan Rose is the most caustic Union officer we have had for years. He has experience of the Union, but I can think of little to recommend him. Alan likes nothing better than to sit in the Union Bar all night, trading cynical quips with anyone else who find themselves propped up against the counter. His decision to propose one of the candidates in the presidential election was both irresponsible, and a measure of his inflated ego. While Ian rushes round making everybody's life difficult, Alan

will be downing another pint, sitting back, taking life easily and telling himself how well he is doing.

Chas Jackson is a much more amiable character than either of his colleagues and will no doubt do well in his job as Hon Sec. Unfortunately I do not think he will be interested in exerting much of an influence on the Executive as a whole.

More on Gay News

At last we appear to have stimulated some thoughtful discussion of the gay/lesbian issue; there are two letters printed on page 2, which are at least, interesting reading. I shall be happy to print further correspondence on the subject.

An Apology

On reflection, last week's gossip column was rather unkind and overly personal. I should like to express my apologies to Mark and Steph for printing this. My only other comment is that if there are any complaints about any item in FELIX, whether the author's name is

included or not, then they must be referred to me directly. What gets printed in FELIX is ultimately my responsibility and I will not have members of the student staff questioned upon the origin of any material. I will not disclose the identity of any anonymous contributors and I do not expect any other member of FELIX staff to be approached.

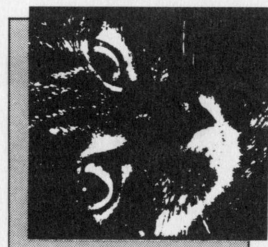
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David Jones

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N.B. This includes

- Clubs wishing to produce Freshers' Fair posters and leaflets.
- Any work which contains substantial typesetting or finishing.

Material not booked in by Friday will only be printed subject to the availability of the printer.

You have been warned!

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STA Competition

Pictured here is Mark Ball, receiving his prize of a holiday weekend in Paris, at Saturday's Rag Fête. Mark answered all the questions correctly in the FELIX/STA competition, and his entry was the first to be drawn from the hat. Last Friday FELIX received a flood of entries after all the questions were reprinted.

The correct answers and mystery photographs were as follows:

Week 1

Who was the Rector of Imperial College before Lord Flowers?

Lord William Penney

Mystery Photograph: The plaque at the entrance to Southside

Week 2

Who was the first President of IC Union?

GSM Taylor

Mystery Photograph: The Lyon Playfair Library, as seen from near the foot of the Queens Tower

Week 3

When was the Union building extended?

1957

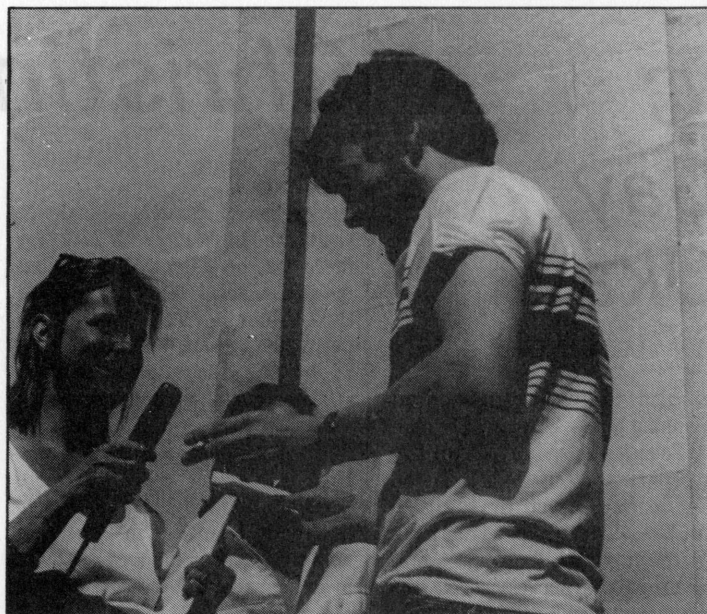
Mystery Photograph: The old ceiling of the JCR

Week 4

How many FELIX editors have there been?

55, including the current one. More complete answers added, correctly, that there have been one or two Editors who brought out less than one issue, and so do not appear on the definitive FELIX office honours board of Editors.

Mystery photograph: A section of the Beit Quad wall, next to the Security guards' lodge, which faces on to Prince Consort Road.



Week 5

Where is the Colcutt Tower?

On the Queen's lawn. ie the Colcutt Tower is now called the Queen's Tower.

Mystery Photograph: The IC climbing wall.

Several entrants scored 9 out of 10; a common error was to put 54 instead of 55 for the number of FELIX Editors. Since we did not cover up the board in our office, we only allowed answers which included this year's Editor.

The winner of the last of the £10 travel vouchers was MB Jones Of EE2. All entrants who won one of the £10 prizes can pick it up from the FELIX office.

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IC Gay Okay

I'm glad to say that things are beginning to move at last. Firstly, at ICU Council on Monday I was co-opted as Lesbian and Gay Welfare Officer after a fiery speech by Hurricane Christine, who deserves all the credit.

Better than that, though, is that as a result of recent publicity people have started getting in touch with me, and the members of our Wednesday meetings are gradually increasing. I can only say again that if you do want to come along please do, and if you want to chat with me first I can be reached via the Union Office, or via Geology pigeonholes.

I don't seriously expect any Gay movement at IC really to get off the ground until next term—the summer term is not the campaign season, after all. However, if we manage to get next term off to a good start, hopefully with a stall at Freshers' Fair, then we should do pretty well. It is important that we keep ticking over until then, so that anyone who does want to come and see us can, and so that we have a nucleus with which to get going next year.

Thanks to the people who turned up on Wednesday—I'm very sorry I didn't. I hope you managed to have a meeting anyway. See you next week, 12.30 in the Green Committee Room in the Union Building.

Bye for now,
Andrew Bannister

Christine writes

Residences

At the next Student Residence Committee on Wednesday 27th May there will be a long and tortuous discussion about rent increases for next session. Throughout the negotiations about buying the new Evelyn Gardens houses I have repeatedly said that College must go ahead with the purchase. It is my view that accommodation near College is going to become more and more difficult to find and that given the gap between rents in private accommodation in this area and those in student residences, I feel that we should be prepared to accept a rent increase in order to pay for the new houses.

Nobody *wants* this to happen, and many people have said 'let College find the money from elsewhere'. Given the severe restrictions placed on the College by the UGC over the spending of public funds—and given the College's own £3M deficit—this is rather optimistic to say the least. Residences have, by law, to be self-financing or paid for by the College's private income. One of the few ways of financing the loan to buy new houses would be to use the income from the sale of Harlington Gravel; this would reduce the necessary rent increase from around £7.50pw over several years to about £5pw over the same time. On the other hand it would end plans for a new indoor sports hall to be paid for by the gravel money.

One argument frequently used in this context is the fact that, since students cannot claim housing benefit when living in hall, they would actually be better off living in private sector accommodation if hall rents go

up by so much. The other side of this argument is the fact that the Conservatives are committed to taking students out of the benefits system *altogether* and if they return to power on June 11th (as seems likely) then students will quite probably no longer be able to claim benefit wherever they live. This makes the need to provide cheaper accommodation for as many students as possible an even greater priority of the College.

I am firmly convinced that the purchase of this hall is essential and that, since it is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity, and is *not* purely a prestige, conference type facility we should be prepared to accept rent increases to pay for it. I have therefore encouraged the College to go ahead with the deal. If the student body is unwilling to accept the necessary increases after the purchase, and if the money cannot be found elsewhere, then the building will have to be sold and the 200 extra residence places will be lost.

PLEASE come to the AGM next Tuesday if you have a view on this matter—hopefully we can come to some sort of consensus on the issue.

Lesbian and Gay Welfare

Last Monday, Council decided to make the post of the Lesbian and Gay Welfare Officer a permanent one. The post will be a non-voting one on Council, currently held by a co-opted volunteer but in future by a nominee of the Lesbian and Gay Society—when one officially comes into existence.

It is true that any Union member can attend Council and ask for speaking rights. However this is a positive commitment by Council to

ridding Imperial College once and for all of its ridiculously homophobic attitudes and atmosphere. I have been waiting for four years to see some progress in this direction and I'm proud that it has happened during my term of office.

Andy Bannister of Geology I has been co-opted by Council to carry out this role for the remainder of the year, since Robert Daniel has left College.

Rag

Last Saturday's Rag Fete was a great success—helped by perfect weather and a lot of hard work by the people concerned. The party in the evening was not so wonderful, largely because of very drunken people causing trouble and starting fights, breaking the door in the JCR and hassling those people who were trying to collect door-money for Rag charities. As usual the trouble-makers were not the ones to clear up the mess, and surveying the damage at 2.30am I really wondered why people carry on putting on events like this to be met by plenty of hassle and few thanks. None the less they do—I for one am most grateful (I even enjoyed most of the party immensely!) and would like to extend thanks to Nigel, Rachel, Man Tai and all the others who worked so hard on Saturday.

Finally

Don't forget the Union's Annual General Meeting next Tuesday, 1pm in Mech Eng 220. This is your last chance to put us on the spot over anything we have or have not done over the past year

See you there,
Christine

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The production schedule will be arranged to time things as painlessly as possible (ie after exams).

Contact: Charles Robin, Life Sciences I (pigeonholes)

Apathy? Who cares?

An opinion article by Chris Martin

We've heard it all before—candidate X promises to get more students involved in the Union, candidate Y, slightly less naive perhaps, promises to try and do something about it, but warns that it will not change overnight.

The symptoms are clear enough; only 100–200 people attend a UGM, only about 20% of the students bother to vote in sabbatical elections, which are frequently uncontested, and so on.

Are Imperial students different from those elsewhere? No! The only College in the University of London which has consistently large turnouts at UGMs is LSE (and we know what they are like!). It is not only a problem here.

Yet there are some conflicting signs. When the Union organises action (a

boycott of the bar, or of QT) it gets almost total support. University College sit in their Union Building; the School of Pharmacy get over a quarter of their students out on a ULU "50% cuts" march. The message is clear: Students are willing to back their unions on specific issues. The problem comes when translating this into general involvement.

We must face facts: the majority of students (or for that matter, members of any democratic organisation) are quite willing to let their union (or whatever) to get on with representing them. This may mean a lot of work for those that do get involved, but they don't care. The vast 'uninvolved' don't consider themselves badly off, they are doing very nicely thank you.

There are no 'burning issues' that affect them, they go through their life with little hassle. They don't think they need a union to defend their interests, or at least they don't think it will disappear without them, so why should they become involved? The irony is that the union is a victim of its own success, the better off the students think they are, the less they will perceive the need for a union. They are quite happy to continue the 'status quo', why should they need a union to change it?

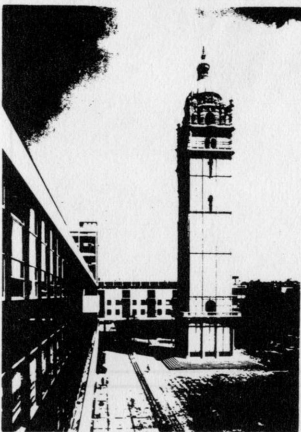
They are taking the attitude that the union is doing little that interferes with them, so why get involved? This is effectively a mandate for those running a union to do whatever they like: if the majority really do object they have the opportunity to attend UGMs, or whatever. This opportunity is what is important, and the UGMs must continue.

Of course these are vital issues that unions should campaign on; gay and lesbian rights, disabled rights, and the other liberation campaigns; grants, student loans and many others, but they should not be surprised if the involvement from the masses is small. The majority might not feel strongly enough to take part, but they don't

object either; give those that are interest the opportunity they need.

Of course there are dangers, not least that the general student population must know what the Union is doing on its behalf. That is one reason why an independent student media is so important. Meetings must be open, accessible and as unthreatening as possible. Some kind of written guide to what may happen (like the NUS guide to their conference) available at every meeting would be a good start. Meetings must be publicised properly, but I'm certain that having only one Union Publicity Officer (a job almost unique in its lack of perks!), even with the best will in the world, cannot be a good place to start.

We must accept that the majority of students are not interested in attending Union meetings for their own sake. Experience has shown that they will turn up if an issue affects them. We should stop wasting our time worrying about UGM attendance and start worrying, for example, how we keep our 'apolitical' status while campaigning against a government intent on butchering Higher Education.



COLLEGE BURY TALES

The printers' tale

I've got a good job when I think about it. Like, I'm as good as self-employed. Printing's an odd trade you know. Like you've got to have friends, and if you haven't got the friends you don't have the contacts and you'll never get anywhere. It's a shady world, dodgy deals with dodgy lads who know the trade like the back of their hand. Caxton would have been well out of his depth. Like pamphleteers have given way to sharks who'd rip you off sooner than look at you. So I do printing, I can handle it. I do a few business cards, the odd bit of publicity, nothing heavy, like I'm not even into colour in a big way.

I get my regular fix each week on Felix, the bread and butter printing which pays the bills and not much more. Like, it's hardly challenging. You know the highlight of my week is getting my hands on some art paper, a new colour ink maybe, or

perhaps getting my hands on the latest Australian travel brochure.

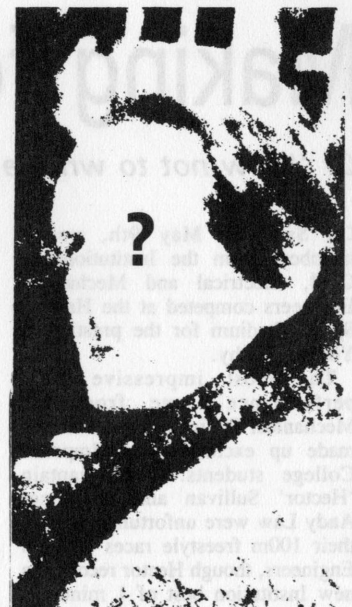
It's travel I'm into at the moment, with summer on the way, a chance to get away from it all, like. I've seen a little bit of the world already. Absorbed the atmosphere in Europe you know. It's all part of life's rich pageant. Seeing things, getting to know people, a really relaxed way to live. It stands you in good stead for later life. The days when I'll be entirely my own boss, work for myself, create what I want to create, maybe write. I can picture myself on Bondi Beach, book in hand, offset litho slaving away beside me.

For the moment I sit in the print room, my friendly machines working away, while I ponder the latest paperback. It's work I can tolerate, it doesn't intrude on my time a great deal, and I'm free to be my own person. The others don't see too much of me. I wander through in between

making plates and occasionally I get visits from the staff. We don't really have a lot in common like. Like, I don't follow the student politics, and can't see what all the fuss is about most of the time, but they're nice enough people.

What does get on my nerves is having to hang around until two o'clock in the morning waiting to print the front page, and they're still in the office deciding what the lead story's going to be. Like, if it gets that bad I bugger off and leave them to it. Like, its beyond the call of duty you know.

Anyway, like, I'll be doing the job for a while longer, until I save enough to set up on my own. Like, in the meantime, if there's anyone wants some business cards doing, like, I can give you a good deal. After all, like, if you don't have the contacts you'll never get anywhere.



Boat Club Ghent Trip

Making waves

At the 9th International Belgian Rowing Championships held in Ghent last weekend, IC won one gold, two silvers and a bronze medal against some very tough international competition including national teams from Belgium, West Germany, Cuba, France, Portugal, Holland and Mexico as well as many top crews from the UK.

Following a short and uncomfortable nights sleep on Friday in a Belgian Army Barracks, IC managed to shrug off some of the tiredness and qualified for two of the afternoons finals. In the lightweight double skulls, the IC crew did not perform as well as they had hoped in the final, losing the bronze medal to the Belgians by some six feet. The open coxless four did however perform better going a well deserved bronze medal in a high class field just behind the German and French national squad crews.

On Sunday, all the crews were determined to do even better and this was proven right from the start when in the heats of the under 23 skulls, Vince BA Roper came through in the last 500 meters to get a place in the final. The lightweight double again dispelled any rumours that their nickname 'splash the crab' was true when they won their heat comfortably. In the coxless fours, IC raced in both the open and under 23 events. Both crews made the finals, beating off a lot of stiff competition from both the UK and abroad. As luck would have it, all four finals fell in the space of 45 minutes which meant that our coach Bill 'super

cyclist' Mason managed to cover some 16km watching and encouraging each crew in the finals.

In the first of the IC finals, Vince Roper sculling in his boat 'Black Adder I' had a hard fought race from the start and was lying 5th until half way before moving through in the last 1000m with an 'Adder Burn' to take a well deserved silver medal. In the double skulls, the IC crew although lying 4th with only 750m to go managed a sustained push to go through and win a silver behind the winning Dutch crew. In the open coxless fours, IC were really up against it but they fought hard all the way finishing a very close 4th, under one second off a medal winning time. The Under 23 coxless four who are looking for GB selection for the World Student Games led from start to finish in their race leaving both French and German Squad crews trailing behind.

This gold medal rounded off a very successful weekend for the Boat Club and gives good hope for all the crews who raced all of whom are now looking for international selection.

Other good performances came from the dynamic single scullers of K Steinlechner and JVB Towndrow.

The crews were:

Open (Sat) Under 23 (Sun)

4—J Walker, J Waller, G.

Pooley and C Behrens

Open 4—N Reynolds, H

Michels, A McChesney and K

Steinlechner.

Lightweight 2x—S Pearson,

R Gee

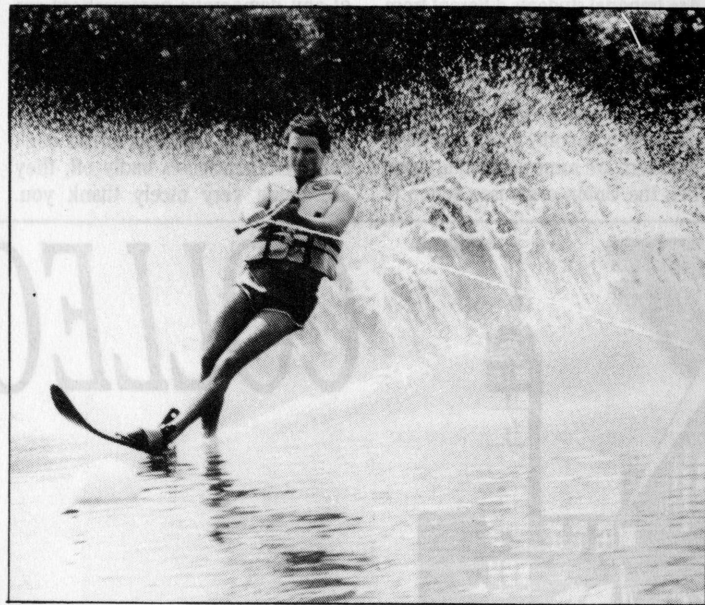
Waterski Club

Making a splash

At last! After two terms disappointment, in which everything that could possibly have gone wrong with the boat *did* go wrong, we, the Waterski Club, are definitely back in full operation. The boat's engine was overhauled before the beginning of term, and last Wednesday 6 members (including a complete beginner) had the lake to themselves and were able to ski all afternoon until dusk. We ski at Burghfield Aqua Sports Club (50 minutes' drive from College), where we have free use of changing rooms, showers, clubhouse, slalom course and jump ramp. We have a Delta Sport boat powered by a Ford 3-litre

V6 inboard engine supplying 140 hp, and we organise trips every Tuesday, Wednesday or any day of the week when there is enough interest. The Club possesses all the necessary equipment (skis, flotation jackets, wetsuits etc) and also provides some of the cheapest waterskiing in Britain, so if you're at all interested, come along to any of our meetings which are held every Monday at 12.30pm above Southside Bar. Alternatively, drop me a line through the Elec Eng pigeonholes.

Alastair J Seymour
Secretary, ICWSC



Harrowing Day

Making fools of themselves

Or 'How not to write a sports report'

On Saturday May 9th, young members from the Institutions of Civil, Electrical and Mechanical Engineers competed at the Harrow Sports Stadium for the prestigious Young Trophy.

The most impressive team performance came from the Mechanical Engineering swimmers, made up exclusively by Imperial College students. Team captain 'Hector' Sullivan and newcomer Andy Law were unfortunate to lose their 100m freestyle races to Civil Engineers, though Hector recorded a new Institution best of 1 minute 9

seconds. Fellow members 'Gismo' Goodsell and 'Pope' J P Hansen—on loan from Vatican City—won their races convincingly, a particularly creditable result for Gismo considering the strong opposition. The consistent skill of these young swimmers was best seen in the relay, where they totally devastated their already demoralised opponents, to win by over two lengths. The event would not have been complete without the traditional inspection of the pool bottom by referee Fraggie 'steady as a rock' Strawbridge.

The Mechanicals scored another

notable victory in the table tennis, though the cricket, 5-a-side, badminton and squash events were won by teams from the less well respected branches of Engineering.

One of the most remarkable individual performances of the day came from another Imperial Student—Mechanical Engineer Basil Heaney—in the squash event. Taking into account the rigorous training that he had undertaken in the Union Lounge the night before, he lost his first match with a commendable 9-0, 9-0, 9-0, and went on to score 9-2, 9-2, 9-0 in his second.

By the end of the day, the Mechanicals emerged as worthy, overall winners—the third year in a row that they have done so. When asked to comment on their memorable victory, 'Pope' J P said 'I wish there had been a roller skating event, Harry'.

So what a day it's been for the Young Mechanical Engineers, winning the swimming, the table tennis, the Young Trophy and missing the Rag Fete. And now over to Ron Pickering in the swimming pool...

BCSD

Ents event

Shock horror! two Ents articles in as many weeks, what can the matter be?

Well firstly just in case you had forgotten there is a Comedy Cabaret night in the Lounge which we are running as a joint venture with Rag. The evening includes a good mix of music, humour, juggling and will only cost you £1.50, plus there is a very cheap bar with beer at 60p a pint and lager at 50p a bottle. All this adds up to rather jolly good value for money if you ask me (not that you would).

Secondly the election papers went up on Tuesday so put your name down if you're interested. The papers come down on Tuesday the 26th when there will be a meeting (or rather election) in the Lounge at 1.00pm. All candidates should be there and anyone can vote. Also all CCU Ents officers should turn up and all Ents reps would be most welcome.

Finally, thanks to all those who came last Friday night.

WellSoc

Wellsian appeal

As dedicated members may have noticed, the *Wellsian*—WellSoc's 'annual' publication—has not appeared this year. To make up for this, we want to produce an edition for the start of next year—and we need *your* contributions. Why not, in those dull times between mugging up for exams, put pen to paper to produce short stories, poems, sketches, cartoons or short non-fiction articles—on any topic that catches your fancy. If you want a theme to work on, there will be a small section under the heading "Alien"—try your luck. You stand to win a prize of £10 or £5 for the best contributions, so get writing.

Contributions may be left in the FELIX Office (in the orange box taped to the wall) or in my pigeonhole. Deadline: 26th June (end of this term).

Oh yes: if you have any ideas about speakers you would like to hear next year, leave a note in either of the above places.

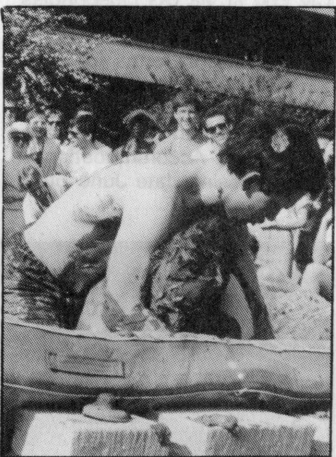
Kamala Sen
Geology 2



Last Saturday saw IC Rag's 12th Annual Summer fête which, by all accounts, was enjoyed by those who attended. The usual Rag mix of entertainment and silliness was the order of the day and anyone who finished mud-free or dry was definitely in the minority. The fête was also an opportunity for the more serious side of Rag, that of raising money for charity, to be seen. Two cheques for £1517 were presented and also on display, although missed by most, was the new Variety Club Sunshine coach for the Rectory Paddock Mentally Handicapped

from those who ran stalls to those who didn't disappear when it came to the drudgery of clearing up. A few people deserve special mentions; Emma for taking the party off my hands, Rachel for helping count the money and Christine, Abi and Rufus for not bugging off ten minutes before the end of the party.

I'm sure that most of you will have seen the new 'Lemmings Fate '88' T-shirts and will want one, well they can now be bought from Kathy in the Union Office for the paltry sum of £3.50. (Form an orderly queue please!) The Rag year is now drawing



School which was partly paid for by Rag. Overall £1000 was raised and this was due in no small part to the fantastic weather which had been ordered. I'm glad to see that Rag's hotline to St Peter is working well. A plea here, could all those societies and CCUs who owe money get it to me as quickly as possible so I can tidy up the books and pass them over for auditing. The day ended with a party in the JCR which was great fun although it was eventful for the wrong reasons.

I'd like to thank everyone who helped make the day such a success,

to a close but there are still a few events left, the Comedy Nite in the Lounge tomorrow and later in the term we're off to Covent Garden carol singing (not my idea!). Lastly, the Rag AGM takes place on Monday. It starts at 12.45pm and the main items on the agenda are the election of next year's officers and the choosing of the charities for 'Lemmings Fate 1988'. If you feel it's time to get involved in Rag or want Rag to support a particular charity next year, come along as new faces are always welcome.

Nigel D Baker

Rag's Riches

Rag chairman-elect Nigel Baker rounds off Rag fête 1986/87



COMEDY NIGHT



IC Fests and Rag
present an evening
of comedy and
cabaret in the
Lounge featuring:
Tom McEwan
Steve Rawlings
Music Hall Cabaret
Test Card Jazz

Cheap Bar
Doors Open 8-30pm
Admission £1.50
Saturday May 16th

THE RECTOR

Will address the AGM
of the Academic
Staff Assembly on
Wednesday May 20th
in the Pippard
Theatre, Sheffield

Accommodation for academic year October 1987—June 1988

Fully furnished, self contained flats and houses available for groups of 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 10. Available in South Kensington, Fulham and Putney. Prices from £32 per person per week, exclusive of bills. Some single and some double bedsits also available. Bookings taken now, no payment until October.

Please ring for viewing 385 9882, 731 0292, 731 4073
any time during the day

Small Ads

ANNOUNCEMENTS

● **It's Monday**, it's 12.45, it's the Rag AGM! Election of next year's exec, deciding next year's charities, and free fizzy pop! All in the SCR. (Will it fit?).

● **There here!** New IC Rag 'Lemmings Fete '88' T-shirts. Only £3.50 each, large or extra large, available from Kathy in ICU Office.

● **Forget Exams!** Tomorrow in the Lounge at 8.30pm; 3 hours of excellent comedy and entertainments, cheap bar and all profits to Rag! Only £1.50 on the door.

● **Many thanks** to all those who helped at the Rag Party. To Dave and Adrian the life-saving DramSoc hacks; to Man Tai, Mike, Cosmo, Rufus, and anyone else who helped on the door or cleared up afterwards; to Roger for the much-needed pizza; to Nigel for his mercy dash to Commie Hall; and finally to all those who kept me up until 5am the night before! I love you all, Emma.

● **If you have** not received your residence bill, please go to see Dave Parry in 403A Sheffield.

● **Is anyone** prepared to swap two tickets for U2 at Wembley Stadium on Saturday 13th June for two tickets for Friday 12th June? Contact Robin Andrew Civ Eng III via UG pigeonholes or Guilds Union Office.

● **Application** forms for summer vacation residence in Imperial College.

Accommodation available from the Student Accommodation Office. Closing date June 5th, 4pm

● **Applications** for summer jobs as managers, cleaners, receptionists and cashiers close today at 4pm. Forms available from Student Accommodation Office.

● **Extra head** tenancy flats for 2, 4, 6, 7 and 8 people available for October 1987. Applications available from Student Accommodation Office.

● **ICSO** in action tonight. Great Hall, 8pm. Go for it Tony!

● **ICSO** tonight with Tony Neal—the best thing to have come out of Elec Eng so far!!

ACCOMMODATION

● **Earl's Court**, flat-share. Large double bedroom in nice flat, 1 min Earl's Court tube, 74 bus outside door, £271 per calendar month. Available now. Contact Cameron (int 3670) at 8.30/9.00am.

● **Single rooms** available in attractive flat for six in Fulham for next academic year. College is within 20 minutes walking distance, or buses and tubes run from the top of the road. Rent will be around £25 per week (after rebate). Contact Steve Kilmurray, Physics 2, or Andrew Bannister, Geology 1, or via FELIX.

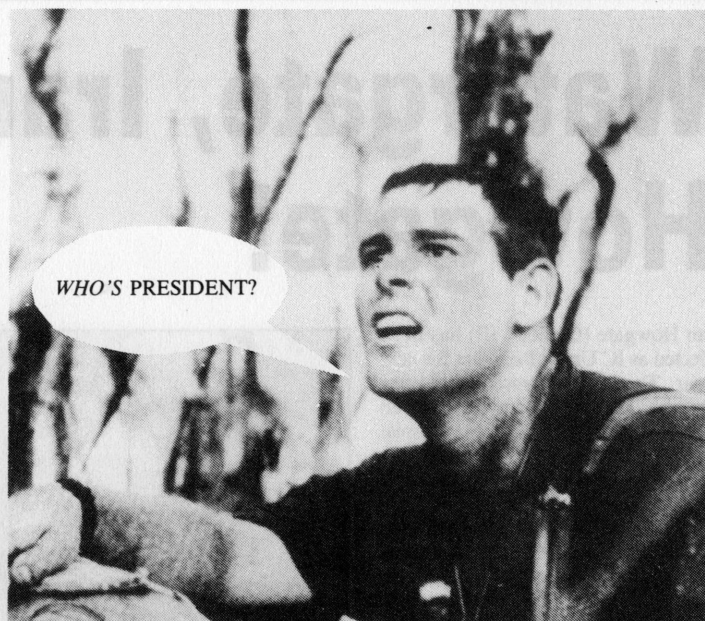
FOR SALE AND WANTED

● **Moped** Honda, C registered. No need to pass MOT for 2 years, road tax paid, comp insurance paid until end of 1987, even helmet included. Price as new £800 now only £450, contact SIU Elec Eng.

● **For Sale:** Yamaha CX5M II (music computer) and Casio CZ1000 (synth). Open to offers, contact Robert int 3616.



I SWEAR IT WASN'T ME THAT CRASHED THE VAN



● **For Sale:** Karrimor 'Hotearth 45' 1 year old. As new £35. Ultimate Mountain King sleeping bag 2/3 seasons £25. Contact Steve Clark, Physics II.

LOST AND FOUND

● **If anyone** picked up a gold necklace at Saturday Night's Rag Party, could you please return it to me. I know it was found and was left on a chair in the corner of the JCR. Thanks, Kathy Tait (IC Union Office).

● **Lost** to unknown person from Hammersmith in exchange for a blue and white striped T-shirt on Friday—a green and white pacer-mint pattern shirt. Please return the exchange. Room 32 Beit Old Hostle.

● **Lost** at Silwood Ball (1st May)—a gold and diamanté bracelet. Great sentimental value (corny but true). If found please contact Jane Ryder or Kathy Tait in IC Union Office (int 3500).

PERSONAL

● "What's that then, Tony?"
"It's a trombone concerto, innit?"
"Where's that, then?"
"Er, Great Hall...8pm"
"Who's that with then?"
"ICSO...I think..."

● **Q:** What was Dvorak's most popular symphony before No. 9, the "New World"?

● **A:** Number 8, of course!...ICSO, Great Hall, 8pm, tonight.

● **He's maaed**, raving maaed (or is he a sheep?).

What's On

FRIDAY

Friday Prayer1.00pm.
Union Building. See Islamic Society.

Christian Union.....6.00pm.
53 Prince's Gate (Music Room). Speaker—Dave Burke 'Spiritual Warfare'. Buffet provided. All welcome. See CU.

Science Fiction Video.....7.30pm.
Union Lounge. Magical Mystery video of your choice also Hitch-Hikers. 30p to members.

ICSO Summer Concert8.00pm.
Great Hall. Programme includes: Dvorak Symphony No 8, concerts for trombone and orchestra by Grondahl. £1.50 for students, £2.50 others. See ICSO

SATURDAY

Comedy Nite8.30pm.
Lounge. Tom McEwan, Steve Rawlings, Music Hall Cabaret, cheap bar and compère Phil Arnold. £1.50 entry.

McEwan's Nite8.30pm.
Lounge. Cheap bar and brilliant comedy—see above. £1.50 entry. See Ents and IC Rag

SUNDAY

MONDAY

Rag AGM12.45pm.
SCR. Election of next year's officers, and determination of charities for 1987–1988. All Soc Reps should attend (refreshments provided).

Recitation of Holy Qur'an1.00pm.
9 Prince's Gardens. See Islamic Society.

IC Concert Band Rehearsal5.45pm.
Great Hall. All players please. See IC Concert Band.

Dai Rocking.....11.00pm.
IC Radio on 999kHz. The best in hard rock music thro' midnight including the featured album every week with David Williams. FREE!

TUESDAY

Prayer Meeting8.15am.
Union Upper Lounge. See Christian Union.

IC CathSoc Mass ..12.30pm.
Chemistry 231. Quiet and contemplation between lectures or exams. Food provided (50p). All welcome.

Holy Qur'an Recitation1.00pm.
9 Prince's Gardens. See Islamic Society.

Judo.....6.30pm.
Union Gym. All standards Welcome.

OpSoc Tour Rehearsal7.30pm.
53 Princes Gate. See OpSoc.

Nigel on the Wireless9.00pm.
IC Radio, 301m, 999kHz. Make tea, not love. Rather a

screw loose than a loose screw. Free.

WEDNESDAY

Explanation of Holy Qur'an1.00pm.
9 Prince's Gardens. Talk given by Dr Darsh. See Islamic Society.

THURSDAY

MethSoc Speaker ..12.30pm.
Huxley 413. Rev Sandy Millar, of HTB (Holy Trinity Brompton) will be speaking. Lunch 50. See MethSoc

Science Fiction Society1.00pm.

Green Committee Room, Union Building. Anarchy, occasional events, use of the library, find out what we're doing in the weeks to come. Free to members

Science Fiction Things1.00pm.

Green Committee Room, Union Building. The BBC epic "Hordes of Things"—serialised at SFSoc every thursday. All this and the library too. Free to members.

Judo.....6.30pm.
Union Gym. Beginners Welcome.

Gay/Lesbian Group ..7.30pm.
ULU Building, Malet Street. Mens group room 3a, womens group room 2e. Meet weekly for speakers and booze.

Soup Run9.15pm.
Weeks Hall Basement. FREE. See Imperial College Community Action Group (ICCA).

Watergate, Irangate, Howgate!

Ian Howgate (Geology III) has been elected as IC Union President for next year. The election was re-held after the previous election was declared invalid at the end of last term. Despite only two candidates standing originally, the re-run produced a field of five candidates.

In a poll of 869 votes, Mr Howgate passed quota of 436 votes after three reallocations under the STV (Single Transferrable Vote) system used in ICU sabbatical elections. He reached a total of 442 votes, enough to reach a clear majority of the votes cast.

The re-run election was considerably less acrimonious than the first. It was run in a blaze of apathy, with no candidate producing any publicity until the Thursday before polling, a full week after papers were taken down. The length of the 'phony war' meant that candidates did not conduct campaigns as extensive as in recent years.

When questioned by a FELIX reporter, Mr Howgate gave some idea of his intentions and priorities for next year. He was glad about the large field of candidates and thought that the turnout was quite high considering the distraction of exams for most students. He said that one of his first tasks would be to learn more about external affairs, particularly ULU, about which he confessed to having little knowledge. Also he wished to find out about the extraction of gravel from the sports fields at Harlington, a source of much confusion and misinformation. He also wants to increase awareness of the Silwood



Park field station, about which he felt that IC students had little knowledge apart from the RCS Silwood Ball in the summer term. Perhaps one solution would be to arrange some sort of visit early in the autumn term. Mr Howgate said that he thought that some sort of factual comparison for answers to questions at the Hustings UGM would be useful, as most students would not be aware of the correct answers to more detailed questions.

Surprisingly, the election campaign seemed to be little affected by the knowledge that the other two sabbatical officers were already elected; Alan Rose as Deputy President and Chas Jackson as Honorary Secretary.

A breakdown of the total voting figures is given below showing the STV system in operation, with allocation of preferences until one candidate reaches or passes the required quota.

IC elections

There will be elections at the IC Union Annual General Meeting (AGM) next Tuesday, in Mech. Eng. 220 at 1.00pm. When papers came down yesterday, the following posts were contested: for five delegates to the University of London Union General Union Council (GUC), there were six candidates; Chris Martin (DoC), Simon Bosher (Physics), D Clements (Physics), S Kilmurray (Physics), Dave Jones (Physics) and Bill Goodwin (Mech. Eng.).

Also contested were the two ordinary members of Union Finance Committee (UFC); standing were Steve Kilmurray (Physics), Neil Motteram (DoC), A Pugh (Physics) and David Jones (Physics).

Amongst the posts that were uncontested, Charles Brereton (Biochem) stood for Academic Affairs Officer, Alastair Seymour (Elec. Eng.) and Sunny Bains (Physics) stood for the two Ordinary Members of Council, Kamala Sen (Geology) was unopposed for Haldane Book Buyer, and Chris Martin (DoC) was the only candidate for FELIX Business Manager.

The papers for Haldane Library Record Buyer are to stay up for a further period of time while the post is publicised more widely, and there were no nominations for the positions of Publicity Officer and the three Ordinary Members of House Committee.

Gay support

ICU Union Council has passed a motion in support of a non-voting Council post to represent gay and lesbian students at College. The motion, prepared by Union President Christine Taig and seconded by Deputy President Jackie Peirce, called for Council's backing for gay and lesbian welfare officer. This is currently a co-opted post, but it is hoped that a Gay Society will shortly be in existence, and that this society will be able to nominate its own representative.

Elec Eng Dep Rep Alistair Seymour questioned whether creating a post to represent the Gay Society might "open the floodgates for all College clubs and societies to demand their own representative". Academic Affairs Officer Dave Lowrie commented that all societies already had representation through the major sub-committee chairman.

Ms Taig and several other speakers thought that it was a very positive move to create a specific non-voting post for gay and lesbian students. When taken to a vote the motion was passed unanimously.



Typesetting Marathon

FELIX would like to say thank you to typesetter operator Rose Atkins, who typed the whole of FELIX, including the annual reports, in just over three days. Rose said yesterday that she was looking forward to thinner issues as the term progressed. FELIX will be adopting a new policy of only accepting club articles if the club referred to send along people to collate. In addition, Dave Colley will have to type all his articles. Any Union Officer who is reading this after submitting a report but not turning up to collate may consider themselves humbled.

Engineering award

James Sturgeon, a final year student in the Civ Eng Dept has won a prestigious prize at the Institute of Civil Engineers. This prize for the Institution Medal and Premium (Universities) Competition was for a paper entitled; "Being constructive with people: man-management and the role of the site engineer". This was the first national competition for this prize for which entrants were required to write a 4000 word essay. Five entrants were selected to make a presentation and undergo a discussion about their papers.

Annual Reports

President

Introduction

It is impossible to cover everything that has happened this year—unexpected and routine—without writing a telephone directory! In this report I shall attempt to cover the outstanding issues along with the main routine business which has occupied my time.

The year has in many ways been extremely successful; but the Union has had its shortcomings. A criticism which has been levelled yet again is that the Union is too introverted and that its officers have not spent enough time amongst the students finding out what they want, or, on the other hand, publicising national student issues to its members. This is not how I would have wished things to be, but unfortunately the Union has, in recent years, grown in its activities so that the current staff/sabbatical structure is no longer able to cope with all the administration *plus* all the outgoing, forward-thinking things sabbaticals are supposed to do. Inevitably the latter functions suffer; hopefully the imminent reorganisation will reduce this problem and will give the sabbaticals much more time to develop a higher social/public profile.

This year has seen further attacks on the funding of the universities system: students have become even worse off with the reduction in state benefits available to them; and universities across the country have suffered drastic cuts in income from the University Grants Committee. In spite of Imperial's continued high academic ratings the College has lost its privileged highly funded position and now faces a £3m deficit. This fact has hung over all talks of merging, increasing student members, increasing research commitments and cutting 100 jobs in College. Given this bleak context—in which improvements to student welfare would seem unlikely—there have been a surprising number of positive steps forward this year; although the future continues to look fairly grim—much depends on the result of the forthcoming general election and it is not difficult to see which way that is likely to lead.

My summary of this year, then: the beginning of an essential period of change of organisation and outlook both for the students' Union and for the College as a whole. I wish all concerned the best of luck for carrying on with these changes over the coming years.

Major Issues and Developments

1. St Mary's Merger

One of the most radical proposals to hit IC in many years was that of merging with St Mary's Hospital Medical School. It now looks likely that the merge will go ahead despite vociferous opposition from the more conservative academics who feel that it will irredeemably alter the nature of Imperial College—personally I would see this as a change for the better. Much research has been done by the

College into the financial effects of the merge and given that these are likely to be advantageous the whole idea appears to be a good one, both academically (especially in the long term) and socially. St Mary's would be taken in as a fourth constituent college; its effects would probably not be felt by most students at IC, or indeed at Paddington, except in so far as new, broader courses with medical content—and more medical-based research—are developed.

Jackie and I have been involved in many talks regarding Student Unions and facilities after a merge. Any conclusions we have reached this year are recommendations only, and it will be up to next year's Exec to sort out the nitty-gritty. There will be problems, mainly those of financing a previously autonomous Union through an established central system and of achieving effective integration of the second site into Union affairs—but it is felt that, in the event of the merge, these will be surmountable and possibly outweighed by the benefits of increased facilities and social mixing. The St Mary's Union reps have been extremely positive and helpful even though faced by the daunting proposition of being 'swallowed' by the much larger Imperial College.

2. The Junior Common Room

This has been the major bone of contention this year as College backed out on their original plan to swap round the dining room and JCR in Sherfield—leaving us with a College-run burger bar in the corner of 'our' room. After the highly successful week-long boycott of 'QT' the Union's points about control of Union space and conference income were taken seriously, and there now seems to be a solution in sight. The College has agreed to give us money to compensate for loss of income from conferences—apart from any other increase to the subvention—and is committed to finding a new space where the Union can have complete control of management and bar/catering facilities, suitable for large functions. This commitment is incorporated in the reviewed College plan and seems a good idea as the current JCR is obviously destined to become purely refectory space in the long term.

3. Office Reorganisation

The Union has been struggling this year under the huge workload caused by catering and bar finances—on top of all the other functions which our staff were originally employed to carry out. This problem will be alleviated with the appointment of a finance officer—approved by the College on top of our normal expenditure. At the same time the Union Office will probably need to expand into the Upper Lounge. (See section 5).

The Union Office computers are now running with Pat being trained in word-processing. An accounts system and data-handling packages will be developed over the summer in conjunction with the new officer and current staff.

My thanks to the planning sub-group on Union organisation, led by Hugh Southey, for the recommendations on reorganisation; and to Chris Martin for sorting out the mess of computer bits which I inherited when I took office.

4. Bar and Catering

At the start of the year a lot of work had to be done on getting the Union Bar and 'Norman's' into shape. The Bar now has its own licence, held by Jen Hardy-Smith and Bob Schroter on our behalf. 'Norman's' was completely refurbished on a very limited budget; and Kevin Buckley was appointed bar manager, assisted by Sean Davis. For the first time the Lounge Bar was opened regularly and meals were served in the evenings from the Snackbar, which was also open over Easter. Although both bar and Snackbar have had their quiet periods, on average they have traded very well and provided a good, cheap service. Thanks are due to all the staff and Bob Schroter (Bar senior treasurer) for amking our expanded services a success.

5. Union Building

The Union Building is in quite a mess, a fact which is widely recognised. By the end of this year a comprehensive plan for refurbishment will have been agreed with the College; Mr Smith has agreed to increase the Union's budget by a specified amount for refurbishment and maintenance. This would include such work as altering the office and upgrading/redecorating and finishing rooms and stairways. A substantial expenditure is necessary to stop the building deteriorating further and this will probably be made available; it will be up to future sabbaticals to ensure that it is wisely spent.

My thanks to Pete Higgs and his working group for their ideas on the Union Building refurbishment.

6. Residence Developments

Over the year many new hall and house wardens, subwardens and managers have been appointed. I have been involved in all the interviews for these posts and on the whole the choices seemed to be wise ones.

The projected increase in student numbers has placed a huge strain on residence places resulting in the unfortunate cut in places for re-applicants. Negotiations for 200 new places in Evelyn Gardens have given new hope; if acquired these may have to be financed partially through across-the-board rent increase. This is an unfortunate but necessary measure if the money cannot be found elsewhere, as a chance to acquire such good accommodation may never happen again.

Finances for student accommodation will always be a problem as long as the UGC regulations—preventing the College spending public funds on accommodation—apply. It is one area where I do feel every effort is being made by the College as the accommodation problem (and its effect on recruitment) is widely appreciated. Several new schemes such as self-funding acquisition of houses further away from College have been suggested and the long-term objective (as stated in the reviewed College plan) is to increase the residence places by 1000. Planning application has been made for a new hall of residence to be built over the Sports Centre in Prince's Gardens but it is very difficult to see where the money could be found.

7. Sports Hall

When the old Chemistry Building is demolished

the only provision for indoor ballgames will go too. The Governing Body of IC has accepted that the provision of indoor sports facilities at South Kensington is a priority. Research is under way into the feasibility of building a new sports hall on site, probably financed by the income from the gravel being dug out of the sports ground at Harlington (this money being specifically reserved for student facilities at South Kensington).

8. Welfare Service Developments

The Welfare Advice Service has been in limbo for most of this year, after the disbanding of the Student Services Office. The service now appears to be taking shape, based on the first floor of 15 Prince's Gardens: the Accommodation Office at the front, Welfare Centre in the middle, and Student Counsellor at the back forming a comprehensive advice service on a range of topics. I have been involved in discussions at all stages in the re-organisation and in selecting the new Welfare Advisor; and I am confident that the re-vamped service will be a successful and useful one.

9. Overseas Students Welcome Day

This year for the first time ICU, with Lesley Gillingham, organised a 'welcome day' for new overseas students the day before Autumn term started. This was based in the Union Building and involved introductions to welfare staff, free lunch and a guided tour. Although reminiscent of (only slightly) organised chaos, it seemed successful and enjoyable. So much so that the College have abandoned their usual reception for overseas students, and are instead prepared to collaborate on, and underwrite costs of, this event every year. I felt it was a major success and hope it will continue to be so.

10. Lesbian and Gay Welfare

The issue of prejudice against lesbians and gay men at IC has always concerned me and I was pleased to bring it out into the open. Although it has led to much abuse both of me and others who have supported the rights of gay people to be open about their sexuality, it seems to have been a positive move. Robert Daniel was co-opted to Council and publicised issues and events effectively. There is now the backbone of an active Gay Society which should continue its work next year. Fear and prejudice at Imperial College seem to be on the decrease—perhaps we're moving out of the dark ages at last.

Thanks to Robert and to Andy Bannister for all your work on this issue—and no thanks at all to all those who spread childish rumours when it was really nothing to do with you!!

11. AIDS Campaign

With the backing of a UGM I managed to get many people around College involved in a major AIDS information campaign which is currently under way. I have also secured College's financial backing for the project. Unfortunately this campaign will need to be carried on as the AIDS problem won't go away, but at least I feel we've made a start. I have also received a firm assurance from the Rector that there will be no discrimination against any student or staff member who contracts the AIDS virus.

12. Developments at Silwood Park

Major problems and grievances at Silwood Park have been brought to light in the course of events there. The development of the new Technology Transfer Centre or 'Science Park' on site there has highlighted the shaky hold students have on their facilities; and the selling of Sandyridge—residence for several overseas families—has brought attention to the accommodation problem there.

The small number of students based at Silwood may have beautiful surroundings and a close-knit

community, but they lack the accommodation and welfare resources and many of the facilities that we at South Kensington take for granted.

One of my regrets about this year is the failure of plans to form closer social links with Silwood. However we have tried to put forward the views of Silwood students on the issues of facilities and accommodation at the highest levels in College; with some success.

College Committees

1. Introduction

For brevity's sake I shall not go into detail on all those I have attended. I shall list them, with brief notes where appropriate.

The major issues of the year have been, without doubt, the St Mary's merger, the student accommodation problem and refectory refurbishment/JCR problem. These have cropped up again and again on administrative, academic and welfare committees. The inefficiency of the committee system is demonstrated only too well as the same arguments are regurgitated yet again in different settings—of course this is one of the perils of sitting on such a wide range of committees! Certainly my view that committee meetings contain 1 hour of waffle for 10 minutes of useful business has proved correct.

One the whole the Union representatives on College committees have used their positions well; the student viewpoint has been put forcibly and, generally, effectively.

2. Governing Body and Finance and Executive Committees

The main decision makers of the College; Union representatives are technically only observers but have spoken out whenever appropriate. Although these bodies have representatives from many external organisations there is no real representation of non-academic staff which leads to unbalanced views of, for instance, job cuts proposals.

3. House Committee and its Sub-Groups

(i) House: reports to the Governors on space/building/maintenance aspects of College and co-ordinates and approves work of the following.
(ii) Catering and Conference Services Management: has been obsessed with refectory refurbishment/JCR. Otherwise is often hampered by clashes between refectories and conference office.

Refectory Users: similarly obsessed, a frequent and often trivial committee.

(iii) Student Residence: has yet to discuss next year's rents; has been most concerned with need for new places and refurbishment of existing stock.

Wardens sub-committee: deals with finer details of residences; often tends towards pettiness and trivial bickering.

Security Working Groups: has achieved some real results with Southside and Linstead—and hopefully soon with Beit Hall.

4. Academic Committees

(i) Board of Studies: a huge gathering of all professors and other academics to discuss all academic and related matters and to co-ordinate and approve work of following:

(ii) Graduate Studies: deals with all aspects of post-graduate teaching and supervision. Spends much time reviewing courses in detail—a very useful input into new and evolving course structures.

(iii) Undergraduate Studies: without doubt one of the best and most effective College Committees. This tackles the problems of teaching, student workload and course design on all undergraduate courses. I believe this group will bring about major changes for the better although they will be slow. As well as those below, major areas of work have

been: staff training for teaching, teaching of study skills, assessment and control of student workloads.

(iv) Teaching Evaluations Working Group: has developed a College-wide student questionnaire concentrating on teaching rather than course content—this is currently on a trial run. Other assessment methods are to be introduced, aiming for a College-wide evaluation/credit scheme for good teaching.

(v) Course Review Working Group: has developed a system for assessing new and existing courses including scrutiny of workload/assessment/teaching methods as well as academic content.

(vi) Engineering Course Units Working Group: Course Units have been suggested as a means of reducing the engineering department's high failure rates. It seems unlikely that any progress towards course units will be achieved due to intransigent attitude of many engineering academics. Other benefits of CUs could be broadening of courses and scope for study options in other colleges of the university.

5. Athletics Committees

(i) Athletics and Athletics Grounds: have been greatly concerned with Harlington gravel extraction and the spending of the resulting money on a sports hall. I have regularly expressed concern that the Union should be able to keep track of the income, which goes into trust to be spent on student facilities with Governors' approval. This will need to be closely watched next year. Also discussed was the possibility of an 'Astroturf' pitch at Harlington—a very useful and potentially lucrative idea well-received by College but still in its infancy.

(ii) Sports Hall Working Group: to be of useful competition size the Hall must be huge and hence both costly and difficult to site. However this group appears to have made real progress and a feasibility study is now being undertaken on a Prince's Gardens site.

6. Welfare and Related Committees

(i) Student Welfare: meets infrequently—rather a 'talking-shop' as welfare issues are generally dealt with directly. Main concern has, again, been student accommodation needs.

(ii) Overseas Students: this also meets infrequently and covers two areas: both recruitment and welfare of overseas students; unsurprisingly accommodation has again featured highly as an issue for concern. Whilst College is so desperate to gain extra fee income recruitment is bound to be of highest priority; although it is recognised that lack of welfare back-up will be detrimental to recruitment in the long run, it is often up to the Union representatives on this committee to ensure that welfare issues are thoroughly considered.

The Union and its Committees

1. UGMs

These have, as ever, been badly attended. I take partial responsibility for this, for failing to ensure a well-coordinated publicity campaign in advance of each one. Two UGMs—the 'Tie Club Motion' in November and the emergency meeting in the JCR showed that it is possible to have serious, constructive debate at quorate general meetings. Unfortunately the 'Big Issues' aren't always there for discussion and the Exec can't invent them all the time. However, good advance publicity is possible, time-consuming as it is; this is an area where we have failed on several occasions, largely due to unfortunate circumstances and overwork of the people concerned.

2. Council

These meetings have generally been short and fruitful. I have been worried sometimes by the lack of debate on serious issues and the lack of reports

from some officers, but meetings have generally run smoothly give or take a few petty bickerings.

3. Union Finance Committee

This seems to have been immensely sensible in its outlook. All credit to Jackie for hours of groundwork before meetings (even if paperwork was haphazard). There will always be divisions at UFC between CCUs and clubs committees but final decisions this year have been amazingly reasonable and even-handed.

4. Major Sub-Committees

The MSCs, too, have been remarkable for their smooth and sensible running for which all credit goes to their respective chairs and committees. Points of particular note:

It is good to see the formation of a thriving (and badly-needed) film society, also good to see the considerable successes of many sports and recreational teams. Thanks are due to Frank Potter, retiring after many years' service as RCC senior treasurer.

The Overseas Student Committee held an immensely successful and enjoyable 'International Nite' at the start of the year. They have also mourned the tragic death of long-standing junior treasurer, José Molina—a lovely and much missed person.

Publications Board's interminable meetings have given rise to some highly useful developments—notably those for alleviating FELIX equipment replacement costs.

5. Internal Services

Bar, Catering, Bookshop and Sportshop have all flourished this year. Day-to-day running has been handled efficiently by managers Kev Buckley, Norman Jardine and Ray Hicks respectively, whilst the respective Union committees have monitored performance and handled policy questions.

The Internal Services Committee, whilst tending to repeat events of its sub-committees, has also produced the skeleton of an integrated services publicity scheme and healthy long-term plans for each of the services.

6. House Committee

Although it has often tended to concentrate on details the House Committee has eventually come up with some major ideas for Union Building refurbishment—some of which should be carried out before next session, notably refurbishment of the Union gym and Dining Hall. It is amazing how little interest there is in this committee, in the Union as a whole—it controls a very substantial budget and has the potential for initiating large projects.

7. ENTS

There has been a great deal of criticism of ENTS this year for failing to be financially accountable, failure to provide good events, and as always, for being a 'clique'. Some of this criticism is deserved although most people who bothered to attend the first term's ENTS events might have found them enjoyable. I have also been criticised for my defence of Dan Phillips and ENTS but I still feel there is some case for my stance. A lot of hard work was done and the ENTS budget was not overspent. ENTS at Imperial is also a frustrating exercise due to the lack of space and resources compared to many other colleges. However there is no excuse for failure to be accountable and it is not surprising that this led to claims of embezzlement!

ENTS next year is to receive a considerable injection both of resources and of morale; I am confident that this year's problems will not occur again.

8. Executive Committee and CCUs

Guilds and Mines appear to have had a very good year; RCS has had internal squabbles which I

have attempted to keep well away from. One thing is certain though; that is that Duncan, Rob and Simon have succeeded in maintaining a good balance between CCU interests and their position as vice-presidents of Imperial College Union. Exec meetings have ranged from totally zombie-like to slightly hysterical, but have reached sensible decisions whenever the need arose. Big thanks to Duncan, Rob and Simon for all their work.

9. Academic Affairs

Academic Affairs meetings have attempted to share experiences, tactics and ideas between departments. This is a good idea but is open to monopolising by the more voluble Dep-Reps. My feeling is that they should rely as little as possible on bureaucracy and trivia and aim more for broad discussion.

As usual the contact between Dep Reps and IC Union has varied enormously; I have tried to improve this by informal meetings but it seems that many Dep Reps are surprised by the amount of departmental work they've taken on and are unwilling to take on more.

The ability of a sabbatical to apply pressure on academic matters without fears of academic 'reprisal' should not be underestimated. This has been proved repeatedly this year with several successful cases from full scale academic appeals to minor departmental disputes.

10. Rag

Despite the lack of a Rag Mag (due, it seems, to fear of censorship) and various internal problems in the Rag Committee there have been a number of highly successful Rag events this year. There have also been a few flops; some in spite of excellent prior organisation and publicity. It seems to be essential to reconsider the nature of these events in the future. Meanwhile, many people have worked extremely hard on Rag this year; and the committee has come up with some excellent new ideas for next year (including a 'clean' Rag Mag!)

11. Welfare

The Union Welfare Committee suffered from lack of a welfare officer for much of the year but still managed to hold a couple of successful campaigns—on security and the welfare questionnaire. I have attempted to keep welfare matters going with the AIDS campaign. I hope that next year's welfare committee will get off the ground more successfully and attempt to work with the new College Welfare Advisor in building a realistic and worthwhile service.

12. External Affairs

The Union has seen two External Affairs Officers and substantial periods without. My own involvement in external affairs has been restricted—much to my annoyance—by time problems. As a result the External Affairs Committee has been largely inactive. See section D for more on external affairs.

13. Transport

As a non-driver my involvement in transport business has been minimal. However I have taken part in transport committees, which must be the most tedious meetings ever. A move away from minute detail towards broad transport policy and appeals from van users would be a good thing. The transport system as a whole however, is flourishing.

14. Postgraduate Group

There has been very little sign of life this year (although Gareth Fish will probably disagree with me). I hope this is due to the failure of news to reach the Union Office rather than due to total inactivity.

The involvement of postgraduate students in main Union affairs is still very small although plenty of PGs are involved in clubs and societies.

15. FELIX

I have left FELIX to last as it really needs a section of its own.

The relationship between ICU 'central' and FELIX has been excellent this year for which I am extremely grateful—as I am for being allowed a free hand with my weekly column! There have been many criticisms of FELIX this year (as, I am sure, there always will be). I am not in a position to comment on its content, however to have got the paper out every week—albeit with some close shaves—is a feat in itself, considering all the teething problems associated with a complete change of premises, equipment and staff. It has amazed me to see how much time is spent on producing, collating and distributing the paper; and how dedicated FELIX 'regulars' are. I no longer think (as I did for 3 years) that FELIX appears from nowhere every Friday. For all this, Dave Jones, the FELIX staff and volunteers deserve a medal, let alone my thanks.

External & Miscellaneous

University of London Union

ULU was threatened with closure at the start of the year with the prospects of a 50% cut in funding from the University Grants Committee to the Central University of London. However the situation now appears to be safe for the next few years with ULU in fact receiving a small increase in funds. Much of ULU's activity this year has been campaigning against the possibility of the cuts. Imperial has supported the action with petitions, postcard signing, demonstrations—most of the External Affairs Committee's limited activity has been on this issue.

General Union Council (the 'UGM' of ULU!) meetings have been of limited value and involved a lot of time-wasting. As usual (I'm told) IC was one of the most consistent Colleges, managing to turn out all 9 delegates for most meetings. GUC is hampered by individuals' speeches in response to the simplest of questions when the point could be made in five words.

I believe ICU's relationship with ULU has, this year, been excellent; our delegates' contributions to GUC debate has surprised many who still considered Imperial to be a bunch of right-wing psychopaths.

Other London Colleges

The value of contact with other colleges of the University cannot be underestimated. Although attempts to improve social contact with the Royal Colleges of Art and Music proved to be abortive, relationships with other students' Unions have been very helpful. For instance, many unions gave advice on our plans for office reorganisation; University College Union gave a lot of advice on the St Mary's merger stemming from their similar experiences; and Kings College Union have been very helpful in sorting out the aftermath of the 'raid' on the ICU office by some Kings Rag representatives.

As ICU is outside the NUS it is sometimes difficult—but all the more crucial—to build up close relationships with other unions to the point where they are happy to pass on information and advice. ULU training school and GUC meetings were invaluable for forming the initial contacts.

NUS

Although Imperial is reputed to be next on the list of potential affiliations, there has been surprisingly little approach from the National Union of Students this year. At the start of the year, whilst making is plain that opinion at Imperial is fairly hostile to the idea of re-affiliation, I offered NUS representatives the chance to put their case here; that offer was not taken up. This is hardly surprising

as NUS have had their hands full this year campaigning against the further barbaric cuts to the education system and to student support. Furthermore, it seems from the dissatisfaction within affiliated colleges that this has been a poor year for the NUS in terms of its own administration and personalities.

I believe that an affiliation campaign this year would have failed. However I for one end the year as I began—committed to the principle of a National Union of Students and aware of the fact that ICU misses a lot by not being affiliated, and above all aware that we will never change the NUS from the outside.

Campus Trade Unions

I have tried to build up a good relationship this year with the IC trades unions (the main ones being ASTMS, AUT, NALGO and NUPE) and have attended the Joint Trades Unions Committee meetings. This relationship is a valuable one as our interests generally coincide and mutual support can be extremely useful—for instance this year on the 'QT' boycotts and the AIDS campaign. I hope that next year's sabbaticals will strive to keep up this good relationship.

World University Service

This is a charity in which ICU is affiliated, it aims to sponsor students from disadvantaged parts of the world through degree courses. Backed by a UGM decision I am investigating the different types of scholarship schemes operated and hope to set one in motion before I leave. The Rector has agreed in principle to waiving fees for a student, whose maintenance costs would be paid for by staff/student fundraising. If fundraising starts next year the first such student could come to IC in October 1988.

Iraqi Students

I have become involved this year in the struggle by Iraqi students at IC—and throughout Britain—for their right to study peacefully without intervention from their government. I have been amazed by the pressures put upon these students by their embassy, other Iraqis and other organisations—aimed at monitoring their behaviour here and eventually at forcing them back to Iraq to join the Iraq/Iran war. Iranian students are subjected to very similar pressures.

This issue has received considerable media attention this year; I hope this will continue and that ICU will carry on supporting its Iraqi and Iranian students in any way possible.

Conclusion

This has been an enjoyable, rewarding but also frustrating year. In many senses the Union has been a success—its activities and services have prospered, it has moved forward in attitude and policy and it has improved its standing with the students and staff of IC as well as with other students' unions. I feel I have achieved several objectives although by no means as many as I had hoped for!

It has been marvellous to know that when something needed doing, there was a small reliable group of people always ready to help out. To those people, and to all those students and staff who have co-operated, got involved and generally been helpful, many thanks.

Very Special Thanks

To Jen, Pat and Kathy, who have worked unbelievably hard and have been wonderful to share an office with. It's impossible to thank them enough for guiding their wayward sabbaticals through the pitfalls of the year.

And to Jackie and Dave, who started the year as virtual strangers to me and ended up as great friends. I think they've done brilliant jobs and as a team we've really got on.

All in all, this year has sometimes been frustrating—but wherever I work in the future, I can't imagine ever getting as much fun out of a job as I have from this one. I wish Alan, Chas and my mysterious successor the best of luck and hope that they will be able to say the same in a year's time.

Christine Taig

Deputy President

Thank you for at least reading the introduction to my report. I'm sorry it's so long but it's too late for me to cut it now. If nothing else, read the sections that interest you, but I would advise you to try and read it all as I'm probably rude to you at least once.

Union Premises

One of the most depressing aspects of this job, has been to come into work in the Union Building knowing that, 10 months after starting work, it is, apart from a few bright spots, in the same awful state as when I started. This stems partly from a lack of time to commit to the task in hand, but mostly it seems caused by a hardened intent, by a large number of students, to turn it into a pig sty. A heartfelt thanks to all those who've vomited on the stairs, nicked all the chairs, carved in the tables, written on the walls and splashed Guinness on the ceiling!

Some of the things that, rightly or wrongly, been achieved are the refurbishment of the snack bar and the moving of FELIX and Ents offices. We also put deodorisers in the gents toilets, and had some of the lighting rewired. College maintenance section, has, for the most part, been very helpful, although occasionally painfully slow. The majority of defects reported have been broken windows or faulty plumbing. The latter is likely to become more and more of a problem given the age of most of it.

The cleaners have, as always, shown tremendous resilience and patience. Responsibility for them, together with financial remuneration, was devolved to the departments, including the Union, last August. The arrangement has worked well so far, although it is an extra responsibility that I felt I could have managed without.

Elsewhere around the College there have been a few problems with the gyms. At the start of the year the volleyball court, very old and definitely not purpose built, was so run down that its use was becoming dangerous. Eventually leaking roofs, potted floors and broken lights were patched up, but from this point of view alone, promises of a new sports hall came not a moment too soon. And in Southside the mews residents complained that Karate Club was shouting too loudly.

Bright spots on the horizon are the re-equipping of the Union Dining Hall kitchen, and the almost complete refurbishment of the Union gym. Also, subject to agreement with the College Secretary, the Union should be getting its own budget for re-decoration of the building, rather than relying on the whim of College maintenance section.

Room Bookings

The bane of my life. The problem of noise from the Union Building aggravating neighbours has been particularly bad this year, especially as, now we have taken on the bar licence, the police have been paying us quite close attention. Following the threat of a noise abatement injunction from the Environmental Health Inspector, we (or I), clamped down on loud late events and after-hours drinking. Some people, however, remain convinced that I'm only doing this to spite them and be a party pooper (my dear friends, the male only tie clubs, have refined this to an art).

Revenue from external bookings has increased this year, by the use of rooms by local American Colleges during week-day mornings and afternoons.

Finance

The Union Finance Committee is the committee I have found most difficult to organise this year. The large number of claims dealt with, some submitted very late, plus the need to have, but difficulty in obtaining, up-to-date information on our financial position, has led to a lot of time being wasted during meetings handing out and reading papers. Apologies for the many times that has been my fault. I'm very pleased to say that most members of UFC have nevertheless managed to take a very positive part in its running.

A number of problems have arisen during the year. The Union accounts were not finalised and returned from the College finance section until January of this year, which left us for some months with no clear picture of our financial position. The main cause can probably be tracked down to a lack of continuity in the College staff preparing the accounts over the years. Hopefully this should be sorted out by the imminent appointment of a Union book keeper. At the time of writing the final details of this new post have not been decided, but it is inevitable that they will have to be responsible for the presentation of a coherent set of all the Union's books (ie the Union, MSC and CCU accounts will have to be rationalised into the same format and at least partially prepared by the book keeper).

Another major problem was Dave Kingston's apparent lack of ability to understand what was going on, particularly over the grant to Nightline and the prospects for a College loan to buy a glider.

The part of the Union that has caused me the greatest number of headaches is Boat Club. Whilst wishing to detract nothing from their considerable successes, their representatives consistently do believe that the Union has limitless amounts of money to spend on them, and that an altogether separate mechanism for applying for such funds should exist to facilitate this process.

Our subvention for the coming year has not received final approval yet, but I do not believe there will be any cause for further cuts within the budget as it now stands. The submission of our claim was conducted in a slightly different manner this year, particularly in the extent to which claims were cut before initial submission to College. This had not been my initial intention, but when I received estimates from the various parts of the Union it was evident that certain groups were behaving less responsibly than they ought. I believe that, for the most part, the claims now submitted to the College contain far fewer anomalies and are fairer than would have been achieved by any other likely method.

In the long term the Union's financial situation is likely to remain tight, with little room for expansion except through external revenue sources. I do not believe however, that the Union is likely to face any major cutbacks, unless the College's position becomes very much worse than can presently be envisaged. Given that so much of the Union's resources are channelled straight into student activities, such as sports and recreation, any drastic cut here whilst producing only marginal benefits to the College financially, would devastate its already thin appeal to students.

Thanks to Ken Weale for taking on an eleventh three-year term as Union Treasurer, and to all the other Treasurers who keep the system running. Also to Charles Eagle for the many(!) hours put in as Auditor to the Union's accounts.

Trading Services

The Bookshop continues to perform well, limited only by lack of space and cut-backs in University and therefore library spending. The Sportshop made a profit for the first time last year. Both continue to be run with great professionalism by Ray Hicks. I will admit to paying very little attention to the Bookshop this year, but this is entirely Ray's fault as he runs it all too smoothly.

The catering outlet is also doing well. Norman goes relentlessly from strength to strength with added attractions of opening during week-day evenings, and also catering for private dinners in the UDH. Sadly the problem of recruiting and keeping catering staff has again risen its head this year, and once again the saving grace has been ex-or dormant students. The provision, or not, of Halaal meals has been, and remains, a strongly debated issue.

Meanwhile back at the bar not all in the garden have been roses, but things have settled down quite quickly. At the start of the year the bar manager Moore Lyttle resigned, and Kevin Buckley was appointed, first temporarily, then permanently once the post had been unsuccessfully advertised externally. Sean Davis and Dominic Darbyshire were appointed as barmen. At the start of the autumn term the Lounge Bar began opening on a regular basis, and whilst it is not always packed, it does do well particularly when the Snack Bar is open.

Kevin has proved to be especially good at dealing with brewery reps and has to date arranged for two items of bar improvements to be paid for by different breweries. Full marks for enthusiasm, Kev.

One issue I have received particular criticism over has been the allocation of late licences. The Deputy President is responsible for recommending to both the Union and College licencees, which student events should be allowed to apply for late licences. The criteria that I have used to decide this are whether the late bar would be catering to a special occasion (rather than effectively being the special occasion), how many, and how widely based, were the people attending, and whether other events, particularly of a similar nature, were likely to be taking place around the same time. I will admit to having made some mistakes over the allocation of late licences. I believe I was right not to apply for a licence, where somebody has said "the event failed because there was no extension", only where "it detracted from the success".

On the question of trading ventures as revenue sources: the Bookshop appears to have reached a stage where, barring periods of major refurbishment, the main Union and CCUs can expect to receive a small but regular income as at present. The Snack Bar will almost certainly never contribute to the Union's income, and nor should it. It is at present returning sufficient profit to cover future refurbishment, whilst providing a good and cheap service to students. The bar is making a good profit, whilst still providing cheap (but not irresponsibly so) drinks to students. It should be capable of becoming a source of revenue in a few years, but not just yet.

Union Council

Occasionally a little fraught, but usually useful and informative. A lot of criticism has revolved around late distribution, or lack of papers. In answer to those whilst it is obviously preferable to have papers a long time in advance, that has not proved practical for much of this year when meetings to be discussed (particularly mine) have often taken place just the week before. My reports have tended to be a little thin. Apologies to those who like reading reports but, rightly or wrongly (probably wrongly), report writing has invariably taken a back seat to doing things.

Thankfully throughout the year most members have attempted to make the best of a bad job, a much more constructive attitude than some of the histrionics displayed.

I'd just like to add that I believe we've had an excellent Council chairperson this year, very professional and fair, and such lovely legs!

UGMs

Not many people turn up to these. Have you

noticed? No, of course not, 'cos you don't go either, do you? I offer no theories as to why no one goes.

There have, yet again, been the quorum callers intent on stopping policy they disagree with, but mercifully they have been more restrained and responsible than in previous years, and we've had some good debate and even a few new policies. The "tie-club motion" was a stormer and ought to become a regular event. As for those who reckon student politics do no good, witness how quickly Barclay's withdrew from South Africa when we only talked about boycotting them.

Major Sub-Committees

I have tried to attend as many MSC meetings as possible this year. I am confident that all the MSC chairpersons run very tight ships and should all be congratulated. One particular meeting I would not miss for the world is Publications Board. A truly delightful bun-fight. Long may it run.

Governing Body, etc

The Governor's committees (Governing Body, Finance and Exec and House committees) have been quite fun this year. I've heard some truly outstanding rubbish from some, sheer pearls of wisdom from others and been gripped with fear everytime Dave Colley says anything, in case its another story from "My Dad's Garage" (he's actually been very well behaved and made more pertinent points than I have).

I always get the impression that decisions have already been taken by the time they get here and most of the business is just rubber-stamping. House committee is something of an exception and so is much more interesting. The rest are mainly good sources of information.

It has struck me that every time a financial crisis is mentioned, the solution always arrived upon is to recruit more overseas students. No one seems too concerned that maybe they don't want to come here.

Catering and Conference Services etc

This is a wonderful opportunity to watch the internal politics of Imperial College played out, with the main protagonists (including ourselves) within easy spitting distance of each other! And yet surprisingly they actually got things decided here. The main battle for the JCR took place here (the vitriol flowed thick and fast), Southside refectory was done up, money exchanges hands, great stuff.

Its subsidiary committees, on the other hand, have been something of a damp squib by comparison. Both of the ones I attend, Refectory users and College Bar committees, have been newly set up with the deliberate intention of being toothless talking shops, OK for passing on suggestions and complaints but, if anything major happens, the world falls apart.

Bar committee has been by far the worst which, considering that I'm chairperson for it, is probably a shocking indictment of myself. I have in fact called only one meeting of it this year which was such a farce I haven't bothered since. I expect we shall have one more meeting to discuss bar prices for the coming year, which will probably be the only positive thing that could emerge from such a set up.

Freshers' Week

A truly horrible experience! Not eased any by the antics of several burks, particularly the ones who decided to "flan" the people on stage at the Rector's reception.

The weeks' Ent's event were very well attended and well received, but an incredible amount of work for the three office sabbaticals. On both the Monday and Friday we were all working non-stop until several hours after the events finished. The jobs involved were everything from checking Union cards, to pacifying the police, to chasing people

throwing things off the top of the building, to cleaning the floor afterwards. That is probably what we should expect to do. What we shouldn't expect is students deliberately trying to undermine us, and being complete pains in the proverbials!

Freshers' Fair was another wacky occasion. I'm tempted to suggest that in future no planning goes into it, as half the people set up stalls when and where they want anyway, and those that don't complain that they are being victimised by being put somewhere they don't want to be. I hope you all enjoyed it 'cos I didn't.

Ents in General

According to the DP's job description I'm responsible for overseeing the activities of the Ents committee. I gave up this responsibility after being informed it was not my place to question what was in the contracts I was expected to counter-sign. Christine has been watching them ever since (she's better at it than I am anyway). Dan and I have often not seen eye to eye.

The Saint Mary's HMS Merger

This seems now to be extremely likely to happen, the mechanism appears to be proceeding with great haste, and the dissenting voices seem too few and too late in the day.

I was a member, along with Christine, of the working party looking into student affairs concerned with the merger. The opinion I reached was that the merger would have some slight potential benefits for the Union and, provided that when the time comes we are particularly loud in sorting out our case, there should be no major disadvantages. There is little point to my going into detail on the possible future arrangements as 1) they are presented very well in the report of the working party and 2) the eventual arrangements will all need to be accepted by a UGM later in the day anyway.

I would briefly like to answer criticisms that Christine and I have kept the workings of this group secret. Christine especially has gone to great length to publicise the form the discussions were taking and, anyway, the brief of the working party was to identify potential problems and indicate possible avenues for solutions. With so woolly an agenda the prospect of taking every single discussion point to an UGM was patently ridiculous.

Junior Common Room

The battle for the JCR has been a long and bloody campaign (ie I'm bloody fed up with it!). It was notable for one thing: it caused an alarming outbreak of selective deafness: the 'College' didn't listen to the 'Union', half the students misheard that it was a campaign against beefburgers, the 'Staff' didn't listen to anything until half way through the year, and then were so busy listening to each other that everyone else got fed up of waiting and carried on without them, the 'Union' tried to listen to the student's answers but the questions kept changing, and 'refectories' didn't bother listening at all but just counted 'bums on seats'. And so at the end of the day what has been achieved? A possible new Junior Common Room somewhere else, which may or may not be any good, but we'll have our own bar; a burger bar in slightly too big an aircraft hangar; a handsome-ish pay off for lost conference bookings. Is it a good solution? No idea. And we probably won't know for a year either way.

Telephones

On several occasions this year I have griped about abuse of Union phones, in particular the one in the Guilds office. At present we do not pay the bills for our phones. Every other department of College is being told to cut its bills. If we are not seen to be attempting the same then either we'll lose the automatic external lines, or be forced to take on the bills. Nobody expects that absolutely no private calls will be made but there are limits to people's

credulity.

Camborne

Another thing I've beefed a lot about this year is the biannual visitation of those delightful people from Camborne. I should like to go on record, once again, that I believe that this event and similar ones, such as Cardiff Minex, should not be allowed to carry on as present. I was disgusted not only by their behaviour, but by Council's pussyfooting response to it. As Deputy President, and main duty officer, they have decided that I should expect to put up with verbal and physical abuse, stand by and watch them vandalise the building, then calmly have it all put right afterwards. They also deemed that if College security failed to turn the Sherfield Building into a fortress then it was their own fault if Camborne get in and wreck some of the toilets.

I felt this was Council at its most irresponsible. Thankfully a UGM straw poll backed me up. I shall try to avoid the temptation of coming back next year when Cardiff are here, and saying I told you so.

ULU

I have not attended every General Union Council of ULU. At those I have, I have witnessed a great deal of political posturing, but also a more positive, even aggressive, attitude towards issues dismissed by our UGMs as too political, which was at the very least refreshing.

I hope ULU does continue to be a focal point for the University's Unions, and to provide the facilities which are so important for the smaller institutions. It is a great shame the majority of our own students are too narrow-minded to consider that the 3R's campaign had any relevance to them.

National Student Services Organisation

This is the relatively new body which has been established to take on the job of being the national students' union purchasing consortium. A year ago I attended its first AGM. I have not bothered to go this year. For us to join would be extremely expensive as we are not in NUS, but we have not suffered yet from not being members. Nor do I expect that, in the foreseeable future, we shall be.

Self Defence

This year I have managed to arrange for two self-defence courses, provided free of charge by the Special Police Force, to be run for women students at IC. The difficulty in arranging these courses has been the high demand for them from companies. The instructors are now booked up to 10 months in advance. Pippa Salmon, next year's Welfare Advisor, has already had to contact them for a course next October (she will not be helped in this by the particularly poor record of attendance from IC students).

Having attended a course I can vouch that they are extremely useful and useable. However if we wish to continue this scheme it will need to be more regular and better attended. Otherwise we would do better to use a commercial course.

This year the Union has distributed around 350 rape alarms to women students. I would hope that the commitment to provide these free, to any woman student wanting one, is maintained.

At the start of the year an attempt was made to provide free lifts home, for women students in particular, after late night events. It was used by two people only, then faded into oblivion. I find it difficult to believe that there are not women students who have problems getting home late at night. It would probably be worth trying this at least a few more times.

Back to the subject of rape alarms, hopefully in the next few months a fixed rape alarm will be fitted in the women's changing room in the Union gym.

The Year

This year has been quite a depressing one for me

discovering that despite hard work I have achieved little of any importance or consequence. How the permanent staff cope with more than one year here is beyond me.

The reorganisation of the way the Union Office runs has been long overdue. Jen in particular has become so bogged down in finance work that she has no time for any other admin. Hopefully the advent of more staff will alleviate both some of her work, and the DP's and Hon Sec's. Maybe we shall end up with sabbaticals taking decisions rather than attempting to cope with the day to day running of the office.

We have, from time to time, been slagged off for not being sociable, not going to Rag events etc. I, for one, have almost entirely exhausted my supply of enthusiasm for doing anything with students. I think it is probably a sound policy if I just turn up to deal with trouble or hassle someone to clear up the debris. If you consider this is not enough, then tough, because I'm only human.

The Thank You Bit

Jen, Pat and Kathy are very nearly due for canonisation, or at the very least big sloppy kisses. There are loads of College staff who have made this year more productive or less arduous. I hope you know who you are because this report is already too long to name you. Thank you anyway.

Christine and Gutman have been excellent colleagues this year. Christin has done a superb job of resurrecting a credible face for the Union and gained us the respect of the College, Trade Unions and other SUs. Gutman has quite simply been Gutman, which is more than enough for on sabbatical post.

That's it! nearly finished. Big raspberries to all the real pains! and goodbye.

Jackie Peirce

Honorary Secretary

Introduction

At last year's AGM two of the sabbatical reports were referred back to the writer because they expressed the author's opinions of the situation, the argument being that the sabbaticals should not say who in their opinion had not been pulling their weight or express opinions on situations or actions of people. My article will be representative of my views of any situation, as I can't view a situation from any other angle, and my advice to anybody who wishes to chuck it out on those grounds is: If you don't want opinions, next year elect a computer, because I'm not going to write falsities just to get my report passed.

1. Transport

a. Administration

The transport system has on the whole worked very well this year with very few complaints and no enforced cancellations by me. I tried this year to continue along the same route Quentin began last year as this seemed to work very well for him. The only real problem to arise from this was in the process of shared costing. To put the shared costing procedure into action for any given weekend, it is necessary to have all the transport slips back and in my possession. The lateness of some clubs with this procedure meant that the billing for some weekends has been put back by up to a term and a bit. This has led to a transport committee decision that the booking form be changed, and I shall be recommending a new format to Chas. For this year it has been possible to override the shared costing procedure by giving a club an inside hire and an outside hire van, this multiplies the shared effect. There was some suggestion that the Transport Committee is superfluous to the transport system, except for large decisions, and to some extent I would go along with that. The main argument for this decision is that any decisions in transport need usually to be taken quickly, so calling a meeting is out. If the committee can't be called then it can't operate so why have it? The main argument for the committee is it makes the Transport Officer and the Hon Sec immediately accountable (and we do have a large turnover to look after). On the whole though it might be a good idea to get rid of the Transport Committee and call meetings when problems arise.

b. The Union Minibuses

These vans have held up remarkably well under student use and we have had remarkably few problems with them. This year has seen the buying of a new minibus (BLR) and the paying for of another (WLE). HLO has been sold for a not unreasonable sum and the fleet seems to be ticking over nicely. The major problems have been an electrical problem with KLO, braking problems with AHU and some starter problems on the same van. I decided to stick with Quentin's decision, taken last year, to maintain the van fleet at 5, and have found that this was a very necessary decision to take and maybe the number will have to be increased again. At the end of the year a new 17 seater will be bought to replace KLO, so I've begun my task of searching out a bargain price for one. The other major point to have come out of the IC transport system this year is the role of the Transport Officer. This post is very ill-defined and with the annual comings and goings in each post, there are areas where effort can be overlapped or left out depending upon the whims and fancies of

both officers. It is my aim to invent a job description along with my successor and the Transport Officer and his successor before my year has run.

c. Outside Hire Buses

This year I have used only Translocation as my supplier of outside hire vehicles, but this doesn't mean that I have not looked about for a cheaper, and better, source of vehicles. On the whole this year people have given me reasonable notice of cancellations so everything is OK there, but they tend not to tell me about any accidents they have until I'm confronted by the company involved.

d. Accidents

All the accidents with other motor vehicles this year have resulted with no damage at all to our vans, but seemingly being able to inflict severe damage to the other party. The only plea here is, please report your accidents.

2 Insurance

a. Club Insurance

There have been two claims made on this insurance policy this year and as usual the insurance companies are taking their time over settling them with us. The premium remained the same as last year but the excess rose from £10 to £100 and with the claim being minimal this year it appears that a concession from the insurance company should be forthcoming. At the beginning of my term in office all clubs were asked to provide the Union with an inventory. One year has passed so I'm left to assume that 60% of the Union hasn't bought anything over the year. (If you are reading this please get me an inventory soon).

b. Hall of Residence Insurance

The full running of this insurance was handed over to the Union at the beginning of my term of office, the idea being that direct student to student contact on a temperamental issue such as this would be worthwhile. The whole procedure was made rather ineffective by the failure of the College group handling the swap to inform both myself and security of the full demands of the insurance company and a three to four month delay was the least claimants could expect to wait for settlement from this.

It was only due to some sterling assistance from Terry Bixley in security that the whole process got moving again so quickly and now the settlement payments are beginning to filter in.

Last term Students Services expressed an interest in the running of the insurance process, as it is indeed a Student Residence Service, so consequently arrangements will be made for next year to transfer the running of this policy to Students Services in Princes Gardens, unless any second thoughts prevent this.

3 Duplicating Service

This is where some major advances are taking place this year in the area of cost cutting while providing a reasonably efficient and high quality service. The Union will now be buying its paper, recycled, from a company called Paperback. This was a response to Environmental Week and a UGM proposal and will probably save the Union up to 50p a ream and £450 pa. Other savings to the Union have come in the cheap buying of a stencil cutter and the acquisition of a Roneo duplicator. Special thanks must be made at this point to Mr Oakley (Chem Eng) for giving us miscellaneous office equipment (ranging from duplicating equipment to addressing equipment). A supply of stencils for the stencil cutter has been secured, so any club need only type up minutes on paper instead of those old awful stencils. This year I have started helping anybody out with any duplicating work eg Chiswick Anti-Apartheid, and as long as the work is not

required to be of really high quality, the new equipment will ensure that a reasonable standard of reproduction can be obtained at reasonable rates. The two photocopiers continue to give good copies to users and both have been serviced, and will be serviced again just before I leave, so Chas can start nice and clear.

4 Union Committees

Except the MSC and Academic Affairs meetings I take the minutes on all the other committees. This makes meetings a real chore and also harder to make any worthwhile contribution to, as you have to write as well as talk. The planning groups set up this year have agreed that each committee should elect its own secretary to take minutes, so the sabbatical can be released for more useful jobs. The committees have ranged far and wide in frequency and usefulness with undoubtedly the Internal Services Committee leading the list on both these points. The Internal Services Committee along with House Committee have caused some useful additions to the bar and the Union Building as a whole, and have greater plans to do more. The other committees have been ineffectual or not really needed (eg Transport), with maybe a slight exception in Exec, which is useful to stay in touch with the CCUs.

b. Council

This year I feel there was a very obvious lean towards trying to get things done and not bickering over the petty things in Union life. The consequences of this were that all councils were quorate and the introduction of previously controversial issues (eg gay and lesbian, JCR and QT). The only problem with both Council and the UGM is the production of papers for the meeting, people don't hand motions or reports to me until the day of the meeting or the day of issue and consequently their papers aren't out in advance. If I asked anybody to produce a document in five minutes, they would quite rightly say no, so give us a break and hand stuff in a week in advance.

c. UGMs

These in contrast to 4b. have been on the whole in-quorate (except for the EGM in QT which was a record breaker), but this hasn't prevented some useful business from being achieved eg AIDS, the JCR wrt QT, Tie Clubs and Recycled Paper. These have on the other hand been stifling free of opinion and discussion of some of the more contentious issues, this has been due to the calling of 'quorum', but more directly, the apathy of IC students about internal and external affairs. Many times over the years various sabbaticals have slated the apathy of students at Imperial College, but it seems that these rants fall on deaf ears and things haven't changed. From this it seems that perhaps the only way to make any policy or decision will be to use only Council and scrap UGMs. As any student can attend council only those interested will do so, leaving the rest to stew in apathy, and perhaps more policies and discussion can go through on the words of Council reps that are elected by the student body anyway.

d. GUC

This in my opinion could have been a useful forum if only the same loudmouths let others from other colleges have a word in edgewise. The only thing that GUC seemed to be held for was so that a small number of people could hear their own voice and have the added bonus of making us hear them.

However some of the motions passed eg Quest for a test for Cancer have been worthwhile and unopposed, but some of the other motions have in my opinion at least, been unforeseeable by ULU or any student group

e. MSCs

MSCs are well run and well orchestrated by their respective execs. I unfortunately, haven't been to all of these but those I have attended, have gone through quickly and without a hitch. This I feel is their main problem, nobody questioned the outgoing of money in supplementaries. Whether this is because of a fear of tit for tat reprisal against their club's chairman or not, I don't know, but I feel this is the only useful purpose the sabbaticals make on MSCs beside making sure nothing illegal is perpetrated.

5 College Committees

a. Refectory Users and Catering and Conference

In Refectory Users Committee we have discussed the renovation of Southside Refectory, and I bring up any suggestions and complaints, which unless they are signed and dated are ignored, and even if they are, seem to be ignored too.

The QT/ICR argument was brought up here too but no agreement could be reached, as everyone was too deeply entrenched on their respective sides, so this committee can make decisions only if everybody is on the same side, but isn't too good otherwise.

b. Safety Council

Safety Council is made up of Union sub-committees that keep an eye on all aspects of College safety eg radiation, HSE, biological hazards, chemical hazards etc. Over the next 2 years each of these committees will be scrutinised in detail by Safety Council and suggestions for improvements made.

On the bad side due to lack of money or other reasons, safety matters only seem to be acted upon when inspectors say it is dangerous eg at Silwood a fire escape was said to be against fire regulations and it was likely the next fire inspection would demand an alteration. As the problem had already been identified, why couldn't we act now instead of waiting? I just hope there isn't a fire between now and the next inspection, for the sake of those working or living in that area, and for those who went against my suggestion.

c. Parking and Traffic

This committee is to control all roads and parking spaces on College property. The Linstead motorbike park is now reopened and the parking spaces outside the barriers on the opposite side of the road from the Post Office are as inaccessible as ever but Mr Reeves still gives them to the Union.

The two barrier guards and the Southside warden are beginning to bite and have cleared up some congestion and illegal parking, and for this I thank them and back them up fully.

d. F and E/Governing Body

A lot of the committee decisions are passed through here, unless one of the small minority of non-academic voices objects to any issue. The real fault with this committee however is there is not complete representation on it, so the views of academics and admin are more than adequately heard, but not those of other workers in the College without whom we would die. We sabbaticals do bring up points eg paper on the sports hall, the jobs reduction, increased overseas intake, FELIX's Civil Engineering letter, AIDS and other issues that otherwise wouldn't be known, but I feel really free discussion is hampered by a tendency to stick to the rigid finishing time of 1.00pm so dinner doesn't get cold.

6 Other Jobs

a. Parking Permits

These were given out by a committee to nearly all who applied and appealed, and more were

returned to be re-distributed. This subject still appears to cause more anguish and consternation to people who really shouldn't even be applying, so my advice to Chas is to ignore these people.

b. QT Boycott

There were two points to this boycott that continued to concern me:

(i) The decision to boycott came from the floor of the largest UGM I've seen after a discussion with the Rector and J Smith by a very considerable majority vote, and still people believe that the decision was undemocratic. As a point of information the last government was elected on a minority vote but we all have to obey that decision, so the rantings of some people confused me.

(ii) The inability of people to walk 2 minutes in another direction to get alternative food and assist their Union to make a democratic point (and I fear if alternative food had not been available more would have crossed the picket). Even the most common excuse: "I didn't know about the boycott" rankled after 2 days of boycott with the same people crossing. My only conclusion to this is students are either severely overworked or really bloody idle, lazy buggers, who don't give a s... about anything but themselves.

c. Elections

These have run reasonably smoothly except for the presidential election and the 'abstain' campaign. While this did raise some important points I feel that they were mis-timed in making law and the campaign was instigated on the grounds of personal feelings, rather than on principle ie they didn't like the idea of one or more of the candidates being elected because of personal dislike, and were in a position to do something about it.

It is the duty of elections committee to act on the conclusions of an election and its running after the election (unless a rule is breached) and not change the terms of running half way through.

Conclusions

I have enjoyed the year as Hon Sec and extended life as a student, and I hope I haven't put my foot in it too much. I don't think I have made great advances in the Union, but I hope I have made a small advance in some of the fields I'm involved in and I feel my work could save the Union money in the long run. I hope that what I've said hasn't all been dismissed in committees, and after the laughter dies down a point will have been made because I've not said anything I didn't believe to be true or right or useful in directing actions, and have tried to implement some of my views myself.

Thank you and goodbye.

Credits

This year would have driven me mad and all my hair would have gone had it not been for some unbelievable work by Jen, Pat and Kathy all of whom have helped and kept me going when sometimes all I wanted to say was 'f... it' and lock my door.

My last thanks must go to Christine and Jackie. When we started people said we wouldn't get on and nothing would get done, especially me and Christine. Nothing however could be further from the truth and although we have disagreed on some points, all three of us have got on well and I hope ended as friends. I wish them and the office permanent staff the best of everything for the future.

Dave Colley

Athletics Clubs Chairman

Since affiliating to the Universities Athletic Union (UAU) in 1984, the overall competitive level of sport at IC has improved markedly. This year, there have (so far) been four outstanding successes in the UAU competitions.

The men's volleyball squad reached the final tournament at Essex, eventually coming sixth. Five of the team represented the University of London (UL) side at the British Universities Sports Federation (BUSF) championships.

For the third year in a row the men's waterpolo team (coached by Cliff Spooner, the Sports Centre Manager) reached the finals and came fourth in a very close, hard fought tournament.

Once more the ladies' badminton VI reached the final of the competition, only to be beaten by Sheffield. Further, the first pair won the individual ladies' doubles title and represented English universities at the BUSF tournament.

The Boat Club became the first university side to win three events in the UAU championships, with the men's first, second and novice VIIIs winning trophies on the same day. Ninth position (out of over 400 starters) in the Head of the River Race (Horr) meant that they were the third fastest British Club crew. One of the Club won the Horr single sculls event beating several international oarsmen in the process.

Off the field, too, there have been some significant developments over the past year. The 'divisional reorganisation' of the UAU has been approved and will be implemented from next October. This means that there will be six teams in our group, resulting in one extra game for each team. Also, the UAU General Committee voted to pay for winners' plaques and medals centrally, allowing them to be presented after the final matches.

Within College there has been much debate over the standard of indoor sports facilities on campus. This matter was brought to the attention of the governors who appointed a sports hall working party. This group (of which the ACC Chairman and ICU President are members) was instructed to carry out a feasibility study on the building of an Olympic-size sports hall on campus. Much progress has already been made in this direction, but some hard work still lies ahead.

Another long term project that is being actively pursued is the laying of an astroturf hockey pitch at Harlington. The gravel extraction is expected to take five years under a 'rolling-plan', which gives us the timescale of this project. It has been suggested that an astroturf pitch would not only provide the perfect surface for hockey, but also produce a large income from external bookings. This money could then be used to finance student sport throughout College.

This year has seen the birth of Fives at College, with a new Rugby Fives section of Squash Club. Two of the old courts by the Linstead tennis courts have been revamped and several fixtures have been played.

Finally, I would like to thank this year's Exec for all their hard work, and remind club captains to encourage people to stand in the coming elections. It is in your own interest!

Rob Kelly

Overseas Students

The term of office of the 1986/87 OSC executive started clumsily due to the inability of my predecessors to hand over office smoothly, in good time and in good faith.

It was observed that there was no documentation, especially as regards the offices of Chairman and Secretary. This has been corrected this session and all principal officers of the Committee do own files for documentation purposes.

Reception of 1986/87 Freshers

The reception was a huge success. The reception desk at Sheffield building, manned from the first week of the session to the end of the second week of the session by the Committee, did a lot to help the new students find their way within the College and some parts of London easily. The reception 'party' organised jointly by the Students' Union and the Welfare Centre was fantastic as it helped create a welcome atmosphere to the Freshers in the College. May I use this avenue to thank those who helped out especially at the reception desk.

This session, two major lines of policy were pursued.

1. Greater and wider social interaction/integration between the International groups.
2. Increased presence of the International Community in the College

The first line of policy was pursued in two major ways:

- a) Encouragement of joint ventures between the National Societies.
- b) Introduction of competitions between the National Societies (Annual football competition).

The second line of policy was particularly focussed on symposia which unfortunately featured during the International week.

International Week

The activities spread over a full week were held as against the usual one day event—International Evening.

The week featured lectures, symposia, football competition and finally the International Nite.

The week started off very clumsily and rose to peak during the International Nite. Approximately, 1500 people attended the Nite.

The International Cup donated by the College Committee on Overseas Students was won by the Cyprus Society. It is hoped that other societies will fight for and retain the cup in subsequent years.

José Molina

One of the saddest and most depressing moments of the committee was the tragic death of our Treasurer, Mr José Molina on March 9, 1987. José was cremated on 16th March 1987 and on 18th March 1987 a memorial service was held at the Holy Trinity Church, Prince Consort Road, London in his honour. May his soul rest in peace. José had been the Treasurer of this committee for three years (sessions) at length. In recognition of his contributions to the committee the International Cup was renamed José Molina (International) Cup.

Magazine Stall in Haldane Library

The acquisition of International magazines and journals from the different countries comprising the OSC had been initiated. The Indian High Commission had donated some books on Indian culture and art to start off the stall.

The acquisition project was handled by the late Treasurer and it is a bit difficult to sort out things now. However, the budget for next session contains a fixed amount for magazines. This implies that the whole community will have magazines from different parts of the world at their disposal for first hand information and news.

Formation of New Societies

There had been moves to form two new societies: Egyptian and Iraqi Societies. I have since not heard anything from the proposer of the Iraqi Society.

The constitution of the Egyptian Society is awaiting ratification from the Council.

Fury of Overseas Students

Recently, a group of students from the civil engineering department expressed their disgust and frustration at the College through the pages of FELIX. With this kind of protest, it is very difficult to make any form of representations. I hope in future one will be able to channel grievances through the office of the chairman in strictest confidence as this might yield very quick results.

Conclusion

Except for the sad incident, the session was good, successful and full of new achievements.

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Publications Board

It has been a time for change in the Publications during the year; involvement and commitment are still very high and IC has a range and quality of Publications that few colleges can equal.

FELIX have moved their office, changed both permanent staff and replaced both major pieces of equipment. Obviously this has caused problems while things settle down, but the hard work of the editor, Dave Jones, and many capable staff has meant that we have continued to have a newspaper of which we can be proud, even if it did mean staying up all night to produce it.

The other innovation for **FELIX** is the arrangement where any profit that **FELIX** or the Print Unit is able to make above their grant can be put away for replacement of major equipment, thus relieving at least in part the strain on the Union equipment fund.

IC Radio have continued to broadcast throughout the year, with a new mixing desk and committee structure. They still seem to have had some problems in providing a daily news service, although this may change next year, and they are still chasing the spectre of Community Radio which would allow them to reach all the students at IC.

STOIC, the student TV service, have had a very difficult year after being forced out of the College TV Studio before their Union studio was completed. The Union has invested a large amount of money

in **STOIC** and should start to see the return once their studio is completed for next year.

The Phoenix had its centenary this year, with celebrations organised with many thanks to Dave Rowe and Chris Edwards. A very good **Phoenix** was produced, but it was felt that an Annual Publication was not the best way for it to serve its purpose. Next year it will be produced as a number of smaller regular editions, to be printed in-house and distributed with **FELIX**.

THE UG Handbook was produced and universally acclaimed, and next year I'm sure it will continue its success. Many thanks to the editor, Judith Hackney.

The Alternative Prospectus for the first time was produced on a bi-annual basis, to save money. This was no thanks to a few narrow minded people who felt that we should save even more by not producing one at all, but wiser heads prevailed. This AP will serve for those entering in 88/89 and 89/90, and although there were strong reservations about the quality of the outside printing, it was produced under budget by a sizeable amount. It would seem like a good idea to put some of this money aside to produce an AP 'supplement' printed in-house next year, especially with the Mary's Merger looming. All thanks must go to the editor, Sunny Bains.

The PG Handbook came out (eventually) and seemed well received by those it was aimed at—final year undergraduates thinking about post-graduate courses here.

In general there have been a lot of changes, but morale remains high and I have every confidence in the next year's editors' and committees' ability to expand and uphold the Publications here at IC.

Finally, a few words of thanks are due, to Steve Cook, the outgoing Senior Treasurer for all his hard work, to Simon Langan for taking over so smoothly, to Judith Hackney, James Southward, Richard Fincher and Nigel Whitfield in helping to run the Board, and to the Union staff and sabbaticals; Jen, Kathy, Pat, Christine, Jackie and Dave—it's been a pleasure to work with you, and to anyone who has read, listened, helped and supported the Publications throughout the year. Thanks.

Chris Martin

Recreational Clubs

The past year has gone surprisingly well for RCC with most clubs running smoothly and efficiently. The start of the year saw an excellent Freshers' Fair with large numbers of clubs substantially increasing their membership figures. In particular Wine Tasting and Real Ale Societies have done very well in keeping their clubs active and thriving after having their grants drastically chopped by last years UFC. Competition-wise two clubs have been outstanding. Wine Tasting for winning the Inter-University Wine Tasting Competition for the third year running and Dance Club who seem to have had a top three placing in almost every competition they have entered. The Union outdoor clubs have also maintained their popularity and excellence. The commitment given to these clubs by members is enormous, culminating in three expeditions this summer, the Underwater Club to Egypt and the Mountaineers and S&G are both off to the Karakoram mountain range in Pakistan.

UFC this year has run extremely well due to a good degree of cooperation between its members and Jackie Peirce, and possibly a large carry over from last year.

Dave Grimshaw

SCAB

Once again the past year has seen significant growth in the Board's activities, achieved by both the efforts of existing constituent clubs and the starting up of a previously inactive club. It has, however, also seen its share of problems.

The **Chamber Music Society** has risen to its highest level of activity yet, providing opportunities for musicians within College to play in small groups. Some participated in the two concerts held last term, both of which were successful. The society provides a valuable addition to musical activity within IC.

The **Choir** has maintained its activity over the previous year with the performances of popular works at Christmas and Easter being well-attended. Use was also made of the organ in the Great Hall, which adds to the range of performable works.

The **Debating Society** has broadened its activities, maintaining a higher profile than previously. Debates within College involving joint events with other societies have led to improved audiences, and debates outside College have also been attended with a successful end to the year being provided by winning the 150th Anniversary of London University Competition.

The **Dramatic Society** have had another successful year, with not only the two major productions, but also a lunchtime production in the spring term, going well. Participation in the London Student Drama Festival was a major success, as was the 1986 Edinburgh tour. Both the theatre venue (Theatre West End) and the performing side (Beit Theatre) were extremely professionally organised and run, with there again being few problems.

The **Jazz and Rock Club** has continued to grow despite early problems with the reliability of equipment. Many bands have been formed which rehearse and perform at parties and concerts both within College and around London.

The **Operatic Society** has maintained the level of previous years activities with a successful and well-attended February show; as well as small productions taking place at other times of the year. Having had little contact with the organisers of last years self-financing summer tour I can only assume there were no problems and it was as successful as in the past.

The **Orchestra** has had another successful year, performing difficult works as well in both their Christmas and Easter concerts.

As well as the above activities all the SCAB societies took part in SCAB NITE which was the most successful of recent years, and raised over £200 for Rag. This event must not be regarded by SCAB societies solely as a fund-raising event: it provides an ideal opportunity for clubs to increase the level of awareness of their activities within College. This year, the fact that other events directly clashed with SCAB Nite was extremely annoying to both organisers and performers alike.

The most significant thing to happen this year has been the re-emergence of the **Film Society**. Showing a film every week the Society has flourished this year, and promises to provide a significant addition to the variety of entertainments offered to students at IC. Congratulations to those involved.

With the theft of a mixer for the SCAB projectors last summer, the new SCAB PA has been heavily used both with and without projectors. The interdependence of the two systems has sometimes caused problems, which will (hopefully) be rectified next year. With FilmSoc re-assuming control of the projectors, the amount of time spent administering these facilities will be reduced to a reasonable level.

The problems with the SCAB finances experienced over recent years have unfortunately continued. At the beginning of the year, a discrepancy between the Union grant allocated and that expected was eventually attributed to an unexplained change made by last year's Deputy President. The mistakes made in the auditing of the SCAB books for 1983/84 again caused errors to be made in the calculation of the end-of-year returnable balance for last year. This is the third year this has happened and causes much unnecessary work on behalf of both SCAB and the College internal auditor. My thanks to Charlie Eagle for his considerable help in sorting out this year's problems. It should not be necessary for students to have to check the work of College's finance section, but as has been illustrated over the past few years, this is not the case. The problems which emerged last year concerning the distribution of College funds to Choir and Orchestra appear to have been resolved satisfactorily at the end of last year, and have not recurred this year.

IC Music Committee has continued to devote time to the special problems faced by the musical societies within College; with discussions ranging from immediate problems (eg the shortage of practice pianos within College) to anticipated future ones (eg the expected loss of facilities in 53 Princes Gate). The work of the committee has been to the benefit of all musicians in College, and has been pleasingly more coherent than I was led to expect.

Finally, my thanks to all the members of the Board who have made this year such a success: to Dr Don Monro for agreeing to continue as Orchestra Staff Treasurer; to Dr Alan Sherlton; and the SCAB Executive. Also especially to the Board's Senior Treasurer, Professor Bill Wakeham whose signature, after years of practice is slowly becoming more legible, though a few more years are still required for perfection! Also to Louise, and anyone else who has had to put up with me in my less dynamic moments...thanks.

Academic Affairs Officer

To avoid tedium and verbosity I shall simply make a few points about this year's innovations on the academic front and some feelings and advice that I have. Those I can remember are as follows:-

1. Dep Reps

The idea of trying to keep some check on Dep Rep performance was squashed at Council on 16.2.87. However the AAC meeting on 2.3.87 felt that the idea was a good one and would be worth following up in future years if it could be done accurately and from the beginning of the year.

2. Admissions Issue

The Student Recruitment Advisory Panel was set up by the Rector to generate policy and advise on recruitment issues. Its discussions are more philosophical, rather less statistical, than admissions policy, or such is one's initial impression. It would appear to be a useful 'think tank'.

The new scholarship scheme is to be operated again this year. It seemed to have been a success initially despite the adverse conditions.

3. Feelings/Advice

It saddened me that Board of Studies can wholeheartedly approve a document with statements such as "has gone to considerable lengths...to expose the proposals to outside scrutiny" when all student criticism was ignored, largely because the document was already approved. I would like to think, after a year of involvement with course revisions, that in future anyone who is concerned enough to formulate thoughts on their course should bring these forward to someone as high as possible in the Union structure as soon as possible. Experience shows that if a well thought out case, which can be shown to have student support, is put to 'College', then 'College' often will listen. This is what future Union officers must realise. However they must also realise that an individual can easily be shot to pieces, especially academically by a hawkish Department.

Dave Lowrie

Internal Services Officer

QT

It was a pity that such a popular and useful service proved to be so controversial. It was however pleasing to note that the popular success of last term's boycott showed once more that the student population is not prepared to allow College to ride roughshod over their long term interests. I can only hope that the more positive attitude to the whole JCR issue which appears to have resulted will eventually lead to a more generally acceptable solution.

Trading Services

Another good year generally for Union outlets, the most impressive successes being achieved by the Sports Shop and Norman's.

Norman's

The extension of the service into the area of evening meals has grown in popularity throughout the year and the Easter Vacation try out period along with catering for formal dinners in the UDH both show great promise for the future. The reputation of London's favorite student eatery even stretched as far as the city wide student rag 'London Student'. Earlier in the year they dispatched one of their crack investigative reporters to look into reports that herbal tea can increase one's sexual prowess. The Sunday Sport has not yet called.

We are hoping to be able to sell condoms in this outlet in the near future.

Sports Shop

The pulling power of ICU fatty Dave Colley in an IC jogging/romper suit proved to be a valuable asset. Takings have soared to new highs and a record profit is anticipated. It is also hoped that the shop will get a new front similar to the one which STA had installed last year.

Book Shop

Reduced spending by College libraries has served to reduce the overall level of takings although counter sales have increased. Having computerised the shop's accounts this year, the next 12 months should see the introduction of an automated stock control system. We are also hopeful that the shop will be able to find a way to increase its space.

Union Bar

Quite a lot of money has been spent on new equipment this year, primarily on replacing worn out refrigeration equipment and providing a music system. The response to the many evening events organised by the Bar Manager Kev Buckley has been rather erratic to say the least. This is not at all in proportion to the amount of graft which he has put into this area over the year and I hope that next year will be better. In response to many complaints about the smell of the Gent's toilets, we introduced automatic air freshener systems which have, in my opinion served to alleviate the problem although a long term solution to the Union Building's lavatory problem is still required.

Etc etc

This report is only a summary of the main issues considered by the ISC. The Committee considers a whole range of service-related issues and I believe that it provides an invaluable discussion forum for the development of Union services. Now that next year's ISO elect is unable to do the job I hope that there will be somebody willing to take his place, any interested parties can contact me through the Union Office.

Alan Rose

Postgraduate AAO

The year has been more of a behind the scenes action rather than front page news. Due to work and injury I have not been as active as I might have been. In December I missed my first ICUGM for 5 years due to being away at a conference. In January I wrecked my right ankle and it caused me to miss both Council and Board of Studies, and I was out of action for about 6 weeks. Despite this I still managed to make the most of the meetings that I was supposed to go to.

UGM's

I've missed 2, the first since 1981—I've contributed speaking at most and I wish Alastair Seymour good luck in his chairing of UGM's next session. This session we've not seen much of the right versus left battles but have achieved some useful things, despite the presence of a few plonkers. UGM's should be more fun but there is no way that we can motivate ordinary students to come to UGM's under the current climate.

Council

I've been to most Council meetings except the 8/12/86 meeting because I had to go to another important meeting in the City and the one at the end of January because I could not get across to the Union safely on crutches. I felt that most of the discussion has been worthwhile but there has been a lot of petty squabbling which has tended to cause meetings to drag on for too long.

Board of Studies

Unfortunately I've been unable to go to most of the meetings of the BOS. I am still very disturbed about the College plan to sack 100 members of staff and recruit 500 new overseas PG's at £5,000 each, at the expense of HGC students. Soon College will find it impossible to recruit outside home students from universities outside London and as a result academic standards in research will collapse.

Graduate Studies Committee

This only meets once a term. I've been to both meetings so far and I must say I've enjoyed them. We've got quite a few important course changes and general course regulations. The new PG Handbook was circulated to the members, who were all quite impressed with it. It's a pity though that College have cut tea and biscuits from the Committee

Undergraduate Studies Committee

I represented Christine for 1 meeting discussing the Chemistry UG course. A healthy discussion followed but I was still left with the impression I had when I was an undergraduate in Chemistry in that the whole purpose of the Chemistry Department is to generate new graduates to do research in Chemistry, and that undergraduate teaching is a poor relation to research requirements.

PG Group

This has held one successful party in conjunction with Silwood. We've been fairly quiet on the mass

social front but the vast majority of departments have enjoyed parties and other social events partially funded by the Group. We have held quite a few discussions on PG matters.

Thanks to Chris Martin we have a new PG Handbook. I've also spent considerable time helping a couple of unfortunate students with their problems. I also went to an managerial meeting of the UL PG Group which appears to have subsequently died. The AGM will be held towards the end of this term. I also represented PG's and the Union at the opening of the new Holland Club.

DES

I'm glad that the DES has finally admitted that the student grant is not enough to live on but I don't think that they will do anything about it during my final year as an impoverished student. It has also been noted that for London, area weightings have fallen massively for students and that the London Allowance should have increased by more than 10% last year but only went up to cover the rise in inflation.

To summarise, the year has been a quiet one for the Central PG Group but busy departmental-wise, I've not done as much work as I could have but I think that the year has been a successful one. I've enjoyed my second year as PGAAO and I've also managed to combine Cricket Club and RCS Motor Club as well. I've worked hard and hopefully I will get my PhD. I've also worked on the bar and I'm glad it's a success despite the vast majority of students going down to Southside. Finally, I'll wish you a successful year next year and I hope the presidential farce is soon sorted out. I think that I will be glad to get out of IC after 6 years but I must say I've enjoyed myself.

Gareth Fish

Rag Chairman

I am glad to say that the general gist of this year's report is a very good one. The strength of Rag has continued to grow both amongst College and with the students throughout the year. Previous weaknesses last year were identified and made priority issues to get right this year. The problem of publicity was identified very early on, and to this end a publicity team headed by Michael Condon was set up within the first few weeks of the Autumn Term. Recognising that the major market for potential rag participants lay with the freshers, the team saturated all the halls of Southside, Linstead and Weeks with publicity, with some other people covering the student houses in Evelyn Gardens. Consequently, freshers were made aware of Rag's activities and aims this year from the very beginning, and rag took off to an excellent start.

The traditional tiddleywinks down Oxford Street this year broke the £3000 pound barrier, which eluded last year's effort, by £400. Similarly, Human Monopoly in the first term proved to be the best ever by raising over £2,400, which is over £1,500 more than last year. Almost every event this year has surpassed last years' totals for that event, including the hypnosis lecture, beer festival and the Rag and Drag disco in Rag Week—results very deserved for the hard work and effort members of the Rag committee put in.

New stunts this year included our first attempt to have joint rag events between different universities such as Nottingham, Swansea,

Birmingham, New College Durham and Hull, using Imperial as a central collecting point. Other new ideas were to organise the party for the Hyde Park Relays which coincided with Valentine's Day this year. This was a great success and may prove to be an annual event for Rag. Dave Isherwood and DramSoc are to be commended for their unwavering commitment in setting up lights etc throughout the year for our functions.

The Rag constitution this year has been rewritten and passed in the light of the National Rag Conference at Loughborough, and is now of a more structured unit which hopefully shall perform better next year.

It only remains for me to mention the credits, which go to Nigel Baker, the publicity team, and the rag organising committee. The money this year will be going to the 5 charities we are supporting this year, namely:

The British Institute for Brain Injured Children

The National Deaf Children's Society

Imperial Cancer Research Fund

RADAR

The Rectory Paddock School for the Mentally Handicapped.

I have enjoyed my chair this year of IC Rag, and I hope that the enthusiasm will carry over for next year. The real heroes have not been the Rag Committee or even myself. They are the students, without which Rag could not have built so strongly.

I wish Nigel and his committee the best of luck for next year, and just to pass on some sound advice to him which someone said to me before I started... "Go get 'em, Floyd!"

Man Tai Tseung

Welfare Officer

Unfortunately there has not been a Welfare Officer for much of this year and I'm very grateful to Christine Taig who put in a lot of extra work in this area. Tom Melliari-Smith, who resigned during the second term, spent a great deal of time and effort on the welfare survey. The results will be invaluable in helping me and others to identify the areas which need particular work and should be processed soon. Since I only took over a short time ago, any questions should be addressed to the people who were directly involved. I'd like to thank everyone who helped and took part in the survey, especially those who prepared the questionnaire and entered the data.

Tom also helped to coordinate a security campaign with quite some success, including the installation of a new lock system in Linstead Hall. The next major campaign will be the AIDS information campaign, which Christine is organising. Any ideas/offer of help will be very gratefully received.

Pippa Salmon

Social Colours 1986/87

RCC SOCIAL COLOURS

- Exec
 - Dave Wilson
 - Frank Potter
- Balloon
 - Markus Mueller
 - Eddie Houlihan
- Canoe
 - Mark Jones
- Caving
 - Sarah-Jane Hunt
 - Tim Flack
- Dancing
 - Dawn Fletcher
 - Simon Denyer
 - Vicky Cuniffe (Teacher)
 - Christine Norman (Teacher)
- Gliding
 - Jon Towill
 - Andrew Winterton
 - Peter Plackowski
- Hang Gliding
 - Andrew Hill
- Keep Fit
 - Dave Evans
- Judith Day
 - Carolyn Dyson
 - John Haworth
- Parachuting
 - Rolf Bachen
 - Nigel Scott
- Scout & Guide
 - Ken Spiby
 - Anne-Marie Nuttall
 - Penny Gabb
 - Richard Wilkinson
- Underwater
 - Jason Grey
 - Bernard Le Duc
 - Rolf Tietema (Instructor)
- Wine Tasting
 - Savi Madan
- YHA
 - Paul Howley
- Competition Colours
 - Dancing
 - Neil McCuskey
 - Dinah Woodhurst
- Wine Tasting
 - John Craven
 - Keith Russell
 - Tony Cutcliffe
 - Steve Norton
 - Simon Hopkins

ACC SOCIAL COLOURS

- Exec
 - Andrea Burrows
 - Dave Jakubovic
 - Phil Choudhury
- Football
 - Paul Savage
 - Martin Lake
 - Bran Radukic
 - Neil Biockhuizen
 - David Lynne (eo)
- Boardsailing
 - Simon Perkins
 - Pete Stewart (eo)
- Cross Country
 - Mike Jones
- Fencing
 - David Matthews
 - Richard Jarvis
 - Clare Knowles
 - Jonathan Davy (eo)
- Golf
 - C Pitts
 - S Drysdale
- Hockey
 - Paul Henharen
 - John Spencer
 - Phil Choudhury
- Judo
 - Duncan Ward
 - Nigel Scott
 - Henry Young (eo)
- Karate
 - M Patel
 - M A Roche
- Rugby (Mens)
 - Rob Hargrove
 - Frank Millar
 - Richard Ladd
 - Jason Jenkins (eo)
- Rugby (Ladies)
 - Jonathan Mason
 - Juliet Kershaw
 - Jane Lewis
- Sailing
 - Charles Oxley
 - Richard Jarman
 - Adam Stork

- Ski
 - Clare Murphy
- Sporting Motorcycle
 - Alasdair Wilcock
 - Susan Howell
 - Adam Curtin (eo)
- Table Tennis
 - Peter Stott (eo)
 - Liz Hoskin
- Ten Pin Bowling
 - Richard Ingram (eo)
 - Andrew Tress (eo)
- Kashif Saeed
 - Nick Brigham
- Volleyball
 - Vincent Lebeault (eo)

FULL ATHLETIC COLOURS

- Football
 - L Covill
 - N Bradley
- Badminton
 - Julie Goodeve
 - Robin Martin
- Cross Country
 - Gavin Waterson
 - Bryan Gambin
- Golf
 - Dave Jakubovic
- Hockey
 - Nick Collie
 - Sarah Hodgson
- Karate
 - P Potter
 - P Urboras
- Netball
 - Joanna Savage
- Rifle & Pistol
 - Paul Deeks
- Rugby (Mens)
 - Stephen Parker
 - Andrew Watson
- Rugby (Ladies)
 - Sabrina Demello
- Sailing
 - Richard Brimelow
- Apostolous Leonhidopolous
 - Ski
 - Mark Schmidt
 - Michael Johnston
 - Squash
 - Paul Jones
 - Gerald Dunne
 - Michael Morcos
 - Chris Wheelton
 - Paul Gaines
 - Volleyball
 - Olli Moisis
 - Fernando Gonzalez

HALF ATHLETIC COLOURS

- Football
 - Simon Cole
 - Paul Olden
 - Nigel Collier
 - Paul Dyson
- Badminton
 - Sarah Threadgold
 - Susan Yates
 - Farida Kateli
 - Helen Gregory
 - Sean Mulshaw
- Cross Country
 - John Pope
 - John Porter
 - Ramin Dilmaghanian
- Golf
 - R Kinnon
- Hockey
 - Paul Collman
 - Justin Brooking
 - Hari Vannedevan
 - Dave Gott
 - Mary Faldon
 - Sandra Rofe
- Karate
 - S Anderson
 - D Moore
- Netball
 - Debbie Charlett
 - Debbie Nolder
- Rifle & Pistol
 - R Winskill
 - M Lacey
 - I Draper
 - A Lane
- Rugby (Ladies)
 - Anne Parsons
 - Judith Day
 - Nathalie Laidler
- Sailing
 - Sam Page
 - Jenny Burton
 - Andrea Burrows

- Ski
 - Victor Misawa
 - Ivor Gilbe
 - Kate Finch
- Squash
 - Paul David
 - Peter Chin
 - Ming Tan
- Ten Pin Bowling
 - Nicky Fletcher
- Volleyball
 - Magnus Nilsson
 - Carlus Schelleman
 - Fin Buggy

SCC SOCIAL COLOURS

- Exec
 - Steve Black
- Christian Union.
 - Steve Clark
 - John Saunderson
- WIST
 - Jane Bowie
- Amnesty
 - Simon Boshier
- Conservative
 - Dave Burbage
- WLC
 - Martin Bendall
- Cath Soc
 - Britie McElroy
- Meth Soc
 - Tim Pearson
- Arts Appreciation
 - Sarah Bunney
- PATA
 - Pawel Kapusta
- Ap-Tech
 - Hugh Rubin
- Well Soc
 - Liz Tingley
- Science Fiction
 - Jonathan Salmon
 - Tim Irons
- Socialist
 - Adrian Grainger
- Islamic
 - A Shaikh
- QT
 - Al Birch

SCAB SOCIAL COLOURS

- Exec
 - Richard Homan
 - Phil Cambridge
- Chamber Music Society
 - David Patrick
 - Alan Downie
 - Rachel Fowler
- Choir
 - Hilary Todd
 - Judith Taylor
- Debating Society
 - Dan Salmons
- Dramatic Society
 - Ciaran Hassett
 - Liz Holford
 - Samantha Duerden
 - Michael Foulds
 - Nigel Stokes
 - Andrew MacDonald
 - Peter Higgs
 - Paul White
 - Alex Snelling
 - John Wurr
- Film Society
 - Richard Squire
 - Matthew Jackson
 - Dinah Woodhurst
 - Martin Gans
- Jazz & Rock Club
 - John Noble
- Operatic Society
 - Kevin Fleming
 - Sue Foister
 - Jon Sturge
 - Colin Rozario
 - Jo Last
- Orchestra
 - Tim Fletcher
 - Patrick McLeod
 - Nick Hugh
 - Jon Wood
 - David Wooding

PUB BOARD SOCIAL COLOURS

- Exec
 - Chris Martin
 - Simon Langan (Treasurer)
 - Steve Cook (Treasurer)
- Felix
 - Dave Jones
 - Chris Edwards

- Pippa Salmon
- Kamela Sen
- David Burns
- Chris Martin
- Judith Hackney
- Mark Cottle
- Peter Higgs
- Andy Bannister
- Nigel Whitfield
- Bill Goodwin
- Liz Holford
- Steve Shackell (Printer)
- Rose Atkins (Typesetter)
- IC Radio
 - Pete Hands
 - Dave Stanley
 - Steve Gutteridge
 - Alan Barnett
 - Simon Dillworth
 - Nigel Whitfield
- STOIC
 - Mark Salisbury
 - Simon West
 - David Tudor
- AP
 - Sunny Bains
 - Chris Martin
 - Dave Jones
 - Pete Higgs
 - David Burns
 - Mark Cottle
 - Christine Taig
- Phoenix
 - Chris Edwards
 - Simon Lewis
- UG Handbook
 - Judith Hackney
 - Sarah Kirk

ICU SOCIAL COLOURS

- Officers & Council Members
 - H Southey (UGM/Council Chairman)
 - P Hume (Silwood)
 - D Royle (C&G)
 - S Singh (RCS)
 - R Perry (RSM)
 - D Lowrie (AAO)
 - D Phillips (Ents)
 - A Rose (Internal Services)
 - Man Tai (Rag)
 - P Hartley (RCS AAO/Normans)
 - Iri Unua (OSC)
 - D Grimshaw (RCC)
 - S Flower (SCAB)
 - S Houlton (Elections & Dep Rep Chem)
 - J Stonham (Mech Eng Dep Rep)
 - I Howgate (Geo Dep Rep)
 - A Seymour (Elec Eng Dep Rep)
 - C Martin (Pub Board)
 - J Hasnip (Transport/Mountaineering)
 - C Jackson (Publicity)
 - R Eccleston (SCC)
 - R Kelly (ACC)
- For Hardwork for the Union
 - J Noble (Ents/Jazz Club)
 - N Baker (Rag)
 - S Rouse (Geo Acc Rep)
 - R Daniels (Gay & Lesbian Ctp)
 - S McFarlane (Environmental Week)
- Permanent Staff
 - Daphne Smith (Domestic Supervisor)
- Others
 - R McCormack (Self Defence)
 - C Ash
- Honorary Senior Treasurers
 - Dr K E Weale (ICU)
 - Dr R C Schroder (Bar)
 - Dr D Chadwick (ACC)
 - Dr C del Cerro (OSC)
 - Mr S Langan (Pub Board)
 - Mr S Cook (Pub Board)
 - Mr F Potter (RCC)
 - Dr J Bell (Silwood Park)
 - Dr N Graham (SCC)
 - Prof W Wakeham (SCAB)
 - Dr A Shelton (Music Soc)
 - Dr D Monro (Orchestra)
 - Dr D Hardwick (Rag)
- HLM
 - Margaret Cunningham (Ex Women's Tutor)
- UGA
 - Christine Taig