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SURREY PRESIDENT CALLS FOR NATIONAL COLLEGE BAN FOR IMPERIAL STUDENTS

Breaking the rules

ACCUSATIONS of sexism, racism and 'riotous behavior' were made against Imperial College sports teams, who visited the University of Surrey last Wednesday for University Athletics Union (UAU) matches. The Football, Hockey and Rugby teams were involved in the incidents, which took place in the Student Union Bar at the University, in the evening after the sports fixtures.



As the evening progressed some of the students who stayed behind disrupted Surrey's annual "Union Quiz Nite" by shouting out answers and heckling. Some also dived off the balcony of the bar, and during a song members of the Rugby team undressed, offending some Surrey women students present. Plastic glasses were thrown, and Surrey claim 200 glasses were broken during the evening. They also claim that racist remarks were made to some overseas students present, and fights were started, although this is disputed by the Imperial teams.

The President of their Students' Union, Andy Young, decided to shut the bar at 9.10pm because of the

disturbance. However, some of the Imperial students then tried to force entry to a private disco going on in another part of the building. Mr Young then set off the fire alarm in order to clear the building. Surrey claim that some students still refused to leave, although the visiting teams said they were only trying to reclaim their kit first.

Once outside the Bar, a further £400 of damage was caused by the Imperial students when a shopping trolley full of people was pushed through a plate glass window of a restaurant on the campus.

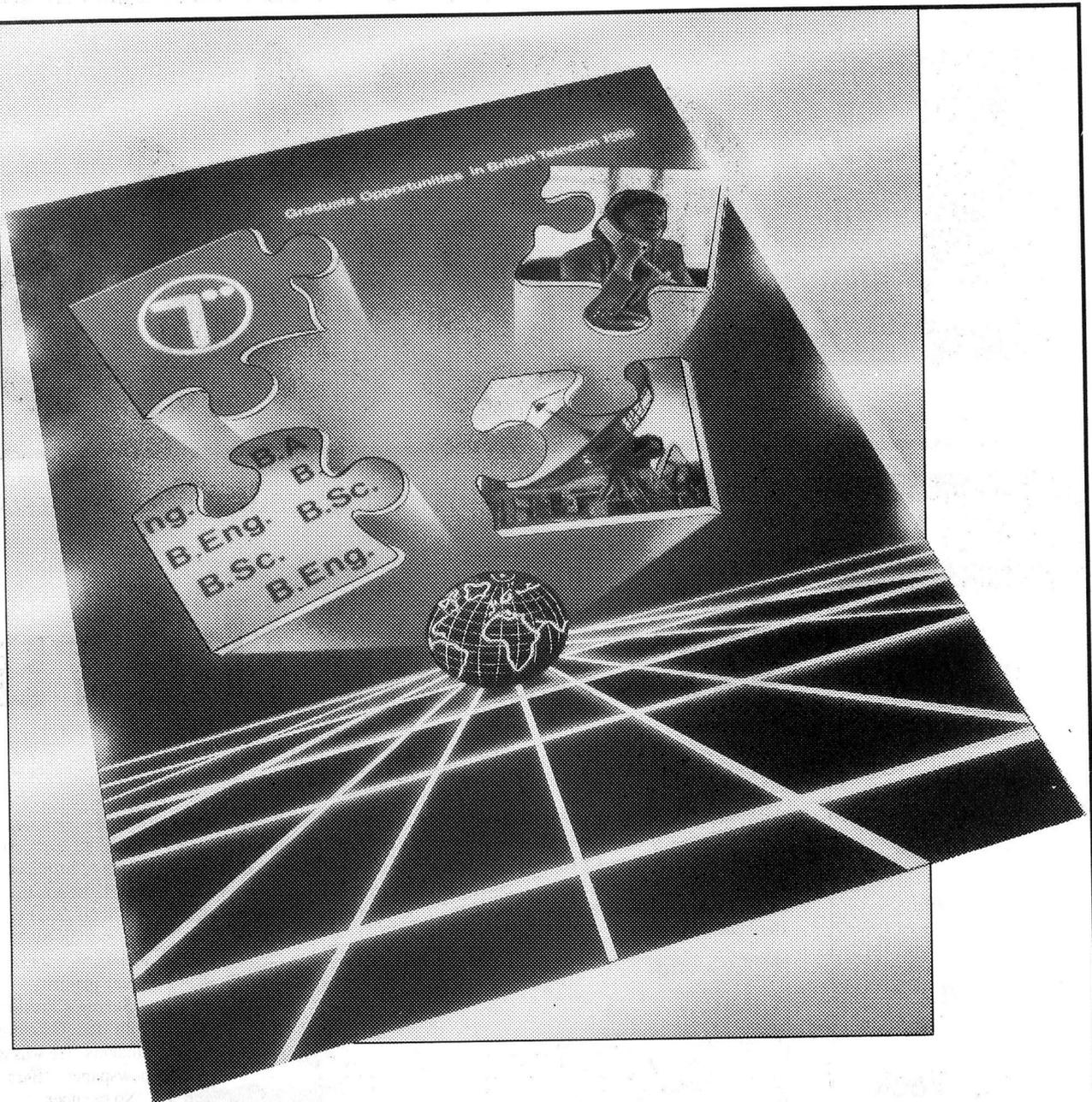
A motion was taken to Surrey's Union General Meeting (UGM) on Tuesday by their President. It called

for the banning of all Imperial Students from their building, and imposed conditions for allowing any visiting sports teams into their Union building. Due to strong opposition to the motion by Surrey's own sports teams, the motion was defeated by a small majority.

Surrey's President was very upset with the behavior of the visiting students. He was quoted in Surrey's newspaper "Bare Facts" as saying "No member of a visiting sports team from Imperial will ever set foot in this place again while I'm here". When contacted by FELIX, he said he was not sure of his next move after his UGM motion was thrown out. He admitted that he had not contacted Imperial officially yet, although he "might do" soon. The motion, had it been passed, would have mandated him to write to Imperial "deploring the behaviour of our the students" and sending them a bill for the damage caused. He added that he would like to see Imperial students "banned from every College in the country", and that he was in contact with his regional NUS about possible further action.

The Surrey Deputy President, however, is very unhappy with the bad feeling that the incident is causing. He told FELIX that "it was helping no one" and that he was surprised and sorry that their President had not been in touch with Imperial yet. He felt that with the

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editorial

Firstly, I must apologise for the poor quality and lack of pages in this week's issue. Our main printing press broke down last week in the middle of printing FELIX 782. This will not be fixed until next week. Luckily we have a very, very, very old back up machine which got last and this week's FELIXs out. But this machine also broke down on Friday! This means that the Print Unit has been out of action since then. We managed a bodge job on the old machine and decided that it was better to get a bad quality FELIX out rather than no FELIX at all.

As regards the Print Unit, we are battling to fulfil our printing obligations—at least it means that our posters will be eye-catching!

Secondly, I must apologise to all the people who submitted articles, reports, etc for this week's issue which we were unable to print due to the lack of space.

WHY ALL THE SECRECY?

Over the weekend I was taken aside by the Selkirk subwarden and told of the proposal to turn Selkirk and Tizard into 'postgraduate only' halls. I was therefore exceptionally annoyed to find out that our President Ian Howgate had known of these proposals for at least a week before this but had not thought to inform anybody. At the UGM on Tuesday he reported that it was to be decided at Wednesday's Student Residence Committee (SRC). He then asked for comments from the floor! It was the overwhelming feeling of the UGM

that not enough open discussion had taken place and a motion was passed which asked Union reps to call for a deferral of any decision at the SRC meeting. It came as no surprise to me that Mr Howgate is totally in favour of the College's plan for the halls. I think that it is scandalous that he tried to leave any discussion until the last minute and that he hasn't gone to the halls to find out what postgraduates and residents of Selkirk/Tizard think of the plans. And why wasn't the student newspaper told of this until after last week's issue came out?

THOUGHTS ON PG HALLS

I'm not in favour of any sort of segregation. However, most postgraduates I have spoken to have welcomed College's idea. My only thoughts are that Selkirk and Tizard are better suited to undergraduates and their needs. Perhaps the newly acquired houses in Evelyn Gardens would be a better choice?

NEXT WEEK'S FELIX

Remember it's the special Rag issue, printing machines permitting, next Friday. All proceeds raised by charging 20p for small ads and diary entries will go to Rag.

FINALLY

There are only a few sweatshirts left in stock and there's a staff meeting today at 1.00pm. All welcome.

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The College Policeman, Andy Nimmons, was presented with a farewell gift by College Security on Thursday. PC Nimmons, who has been with Gerald Road Police Station for three years, will be taking up a new post in Greenwich from Monday.

During his placement in the College Andy has been very involved in combatting bicycle thefts, and thefts of other personal property from College premises. He recounts amongst his most traumatic experiences being kidnapped for Rag and having to address the Freshers at the Rector's Reception.

Security Chief Geoff Reeves praised Andy for his work at Imperial and Terry Bridley of Security commented that Andy was a 'good traditional policeman, persistent, very diplomatic and extremely helpful.

PC Duncan Law, also of Gerald Road Station, will be taking over as the new College Policeman.

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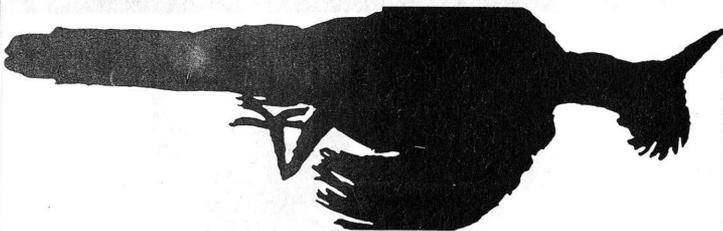
by Steve Black

I would like to thank Jason Lander for the article on the new Acorn computer. Anyone else is welcome to submit articles of a similar nature. If you are not confident of your linguistic abilities, don't worry I can clean up whatever you send. I am easy to contact via the FELIX Office, the letter racks in the Chemistry foyer, or by phone (int 4642). I also welcome ideas even if you don't have time to investigate them yourself, so if you want to see something explained, drop us a line.

Next week: is the earth a gas planet? and chaotic uses for pure mathematics.

ERRATUM: last week the labels on the chemical diagrams got confused during the pasting up, it's not that my knowledge of chemical nomenclature is completely up the creek.

The influence of cars on wildlife



The car has completely changed the way we live. Many psychological studies have shown us that we value the car as a status symbol and as an outlet for violent emotions: getting from A to B is a relatively minor use. The influence of cars on how we appreciate the environment has not been much studied; that is until now.

American Roger Knutson has just published the definitive guide to how cars influence the environment and to how drivers can appreciate the wildlife on the road. The book is called *Flattened Fauna: a Field Guide to Common Animals of Roads, Streets and Highways*.

Normally, drivers miss the joys of nature on the road because they may have the stereo turned up too much or they may not be watching where they are going. Knutson's book offers those drivers a chance to appreciate the nature they would otherwise miss

(or hit as the case may be). As he says in the book: 'A Sunday drive can become a safari into a new habitat populated with animals unlike those you have seen before.'

The book is filled with wonderfully clear silhouettes to aid with recognition of the animals. There are also some interesting zoological speculations on the usefulness of mimicry in flat animals, however it is not clear how these fit in with conventional Darwinism: it is not, for example, easy to explain the similarity of rusty hubcaps and the painted turtle in terms of convergent evolution.

All things considered the book makes a wonderful departure from the highly unnatural and contrived view of nature presented to us by the Attenboroughs of this world. I mean, when was the last time you saw a 3-D hedgehog? (*Nature* 329 p498)

Jason Lander looks at RISC

Why less means more for Acorn

Computese, the language of computer buffs, is laden with initials such as RAM, ROM, EPROM, and now RISC. RISC, standing for Reduced Instruction Set Computer, is a field in which Mike Mullen of Acorn Computers is deeply involved and about which he talked to the Micro Club on 15th October.

The idea behind RISC is simple: design a computer chip that can do less but can do what remains much faster. As always, however, the reality is different. Exactly what constitutes a RISC machine is a subject of much heated debate. Purists hold that any machine capable of doing more than the very simplest computing tasks is just not RISC. Others, including Acorn, say that almost any machine that has been trimmed down should count. As an argument, this should run and run.

But just because a RISC chip has fewer instructions does not mean that it is inferior to any other type. A RISC chip can do anything other chips can do, but a RISC chip takes several instructions to do what other chips can do in one. However, most instructions are simple ones, and the RISC chip is optimised for these. The gain in speed on the simple instructions more than makes up for the extra steps needed to emulate complex instructions. Since all this happens at the machine-code level, all the user notices is a faster computer. Users working with FORTRAN or C or the much maligned BASIC (all of which do the dirty work of translating your formulae into machine instructions) will notice no difference except the increase in speed.

Acorn's own RISC chip is called, unsurprisingly, the Acorn RISC Machine or ARM (oh the imaginations of our computer designers!) and is at the heart of their new *Archimedes* microcomputer.

The *Archimedes* was designed partly as a replacement for the ageing BBC Micro, which is rapidly becoming the computing equivalent of the dinosaur. But Acorn also have the profitable business market in their

sights as they are releasing IBM emulation (software and hardware) for the machine.

The original plan was to build their computer from other people's components, but they found this limiting and expensive and so was born 'Project A'. The main aims of the project were to design their own chip (they had a lot of experience from designing the gate arrays on the BBC) and then to build a very fast computer around it. The *Archimedes* is the computer.

In terms of brute power the system is impressive. It is, at the moment, the fastest micro in its class. It is capable of handling three million instructions per second (3 MIPS in computese) on average, with a maximum of 8 MIPS. That is, one instruction in the time it would take a beam of light to cross London.

The graphics are good too. It can display up to 256 different colours to a resolution of 640 by 256 pixels, and can produce animation at a sizable fraction of the speed of film. It can be programmed to produce eight track stereo sound of Compact Disk quality. All of this is enough to turn the average micro owner an unpleasant shade of green (which the machine can probably display easily).

But the ARM is not alone. Other more powerful RISC machines are already on the market such as the Inmos Transputer, which, unlike most other chips, can do several things at once at RISC speed.

The *Archimedes* is, however, the first such micro to enter the mainstream computer market (Atari have announced a Transputer-based machine, but this won't be off the drawing board before next June even according to their estimates). The ARM also has the advantage of being extremely cheap compared to rival chips. But the others may catch up and how long the *Archimedes* survives will depend as much on advertising and luck as on its exceptional computing power.

Jason Lander, *Physics 1*

THE BARON

Whygate was going through one of his temperamental phases. He was quite temperamental all the time, of course, but just at the moment he was particularly bad-tempered. The reason was straightforward: he could not find anyone to take him seriously over his plan to set up the 'Whygate finishing school for new citizens'.

Whygate was proud of this idea. (In fact he was proud of all his ideas, especially when they involved his name). He was very concerned that none of the Cheapskate citizens knew how to behave properly at public occasions, and thought that if any of them did not know how to pass the port correctly it might affect them for the rest of their lives.

Whygate had been to a lot of formal suppers since the new citizens had arrived in Cheapskate. All the citizens, he observed, seemed to take great pleasure in drinking beer with salt in it and then vomiting all over the table. Some of them did not even know how to use a knife and fork properly. Worse still, some of the people from the Baron's castle were almost as bad.

Whygate concluded that the citizens ought to be properly trained in table manners and general etiquette so that they would be well enough behaved to have dinner with him. The first stage of his plan was to produce the 'Whygate's guide to eating with the President; the dos and don'ts of formal dinners', which he would send to all the new citizens before they arrived in Cheapskate. This would give lots of useful information to the uncouth, beer-swilling new citizens, including 'no smoking before the Queen's toast', 'no footsie with the female citizen sitting opposite', and 'no pissing out of the window'. The guide would, of course, give the green light to removing all clothes in the citizen's bar and spanking female citizen's bottoms, both of which Whygate did whenever he got the chance.

Whygate had suggested that his special guide should be included in the 'Citizen's guide to Cheapskate'. When he put this to the last editor, Pippa Trout, the citizen in charge of other citizen's happiness, she had said that she did not think this was 'quite the right sort of material' for the Citizen's guide. Unfortunately, Whygate was too thick to realise that in anybody else's language this would have been 'piss off, you moron'. (Trout was very good at her job. She spent most of the day asking citizens if they were all right, and was very upset and keen to help if anyone was feeling miserable).

But Whygate was not very good at listening to any opinion other than his own, and was not going to pay any attention to Trout or the other leading citizens. He was taking the same attitude over the Tis Soft and Sell Spock dormitories. Whygate wanted to throw all the young citizens out of these two dormitories so that all the very old citizens could live there. In fact this had not been Whygate's idea at all: it had been suggested to him by Arthur Michael, the good but not very useful fairy. Arthur Michael knew that Whygate was as much of a self-publicist as he was, and so had convinced Whygate that the project was a good one by promising that the name of the dormitories would be changed: they would be collectively called the 'Michael-Whygate home for senior citizens'. Whygate thought that this would be an excellent bit of PR for himself, and was not remotely concerned that several hundred young citizens would have nowhere to live. It had not occurred to him that the only reason Arthur Michael wanted to turn the dormitories into an old folks home was that it would persuade lots of old citizens from lands far away to come and live in Cheapskate, bringing lots of money with them. But then brains had never been one of Whygate's main assets....

Will the senior citizens be able to cope with the stairs?

Will Whygate bother to ask Dr Starsky, the guardian of the Tis Soft and Sell Spock dormitories, if he thinks it is a good idea?

Will Dr Starsky be able to stop laughing?

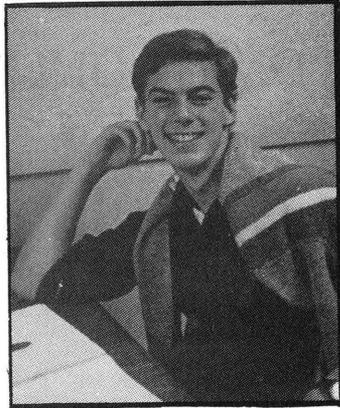
What does Whygate look like with no clothes on?

Find out in the next episode of The Baron of Cheapskate.



in the Physics and Maths Departments

5. What is the most embarrassing thing that has ever happened to you?

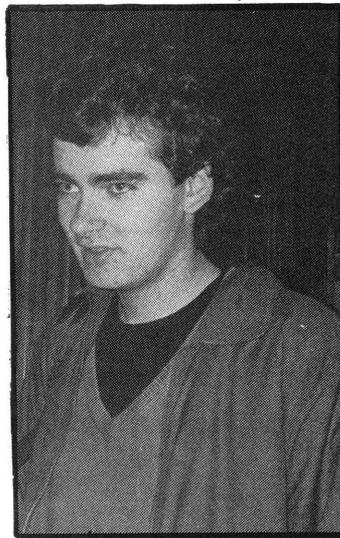


Paul—
"Getting asked stupid questions by you!"

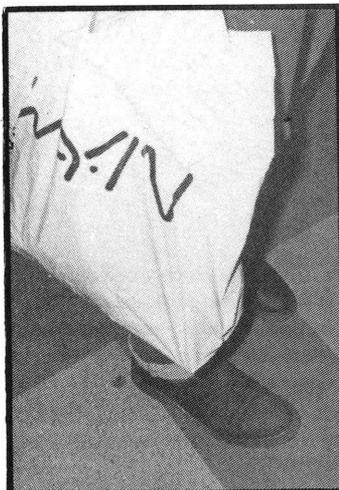
Richard—
"In ULU, going to the concert thing. My friend started swearing at the ULU President."



Julie—
"One time I got really drunk and threw a pint of beer over someone that was really getting on my nerves."



Linzi—
"Being photographed with my hair flat and no make-up on!"



Justin—
"Missing a whole term of lectures."



For your delight and delectation Rag Mag makes a come back

Here we are again after a week's absence from these pages with news of the last Ents event before Rag take over for the next three weeks. Well on Saturday November 7 we will be presenting an evening of Comedy and Cabaret in the Lounge Bar which will be on the same format as the Freshers' Week event.

The evening features Mark Thomas a fast and exceptionally funny stand up, John Maloney the highly entertaining accordian player and a special performance by impressionist and new-comer Simon Cartwright. On top of this there will be a very cheap bar and any profits made on the door go straight to Rag. The whole thing costs just £1.50 or 50p with an Ents card. Doors open at 8.30pm and the first act starts at 9pm.

After Rag Week we have three more events: Thursday November 26 brings an evening of soul and rhythm 'n' blues with *Howlin' Wilf* and the *Vee Jays*, December 3 sees the 'real' sound of Africa in the Lounge and finally Saturday December 12 features a comedy night.

John Noble

By the time the next issue of FELIX appears the IC Rag Mag should have made a welcome come back after a lapse of two years. The production of the IC Rag Mag was one of the most rewarding tasks I've ever undertaken.

The encouragement and support I received from many people helped my task as Rag Mag Editor to be a pleasant one. I owe my sincere thanks to all those people who helped me with the Rag Mag be it typesetting, pasting-up, artwork, writing material or whatever. Indeed without the help I received, I would have been extremely hard pressed to produce a good Rag Mag.

I shall not mention names here, as to do so would be to run the risk of repeating the credits in the Rag Mag but thank you all once again.

Gehan de Silva Wiseyeratne,
Editor, IC Rag Mag 87/88

P.S. For those who want an autographed Rag Mag, I will be selling Rag Mags on Monday November 16 in THE JCR at the Sri Lankan 'Drink a Cup of Tea for Rag' stall.

WOMEN ONLY

Women in science push

Now we've all had time to settle in, I thought I'd take this opportunity to remind you that I am your Undergraduate Women's Officer. I can be contacted via my pigeonhole in the Union Office or the Maths Undergraduate pigeonholes.

I sent out a letter to undergraduate and postgraduate women at the beginning of term. If you want to go back to your school to talk about women in science, please contact me (it doesn't matter if you lost the 'official' reply slip). I will then pass your name on to Sandra Dawson (College Senior Tutor for Women, 53 Prince's Gate) who will send you the relevant forms.

If you live out and are worried about travelling alone at night, give

me your name, address and phone number, and I will try and put you in touch with other women in your area. This, of course, depends on their response.

There are free rape alarms available to women from the Union Office and a self-defence course should be organised soon. If there is anything else the Union should be doing, in your opinion, then let me know. Ideas, suggestions, comments and criticisms are always welcome.

Finally, if there is anyone interested in being involved in the running of WIST (Women in Science & Technology) then please contact me or Helen Fitzpatrick (PG Women's Officer, Chem Eng PG).

Linzi Wishart.

INTERNATIONAL SCIENTISTS PEACE WEEK

MONDAY 9th NOVEMBER

1.30-2.30pm, Read Lecture Theatre, Sherfield

"The state of the nuclear arms race"

Dr Jerry Leggett, TV and radio commentator on arms control and College lecturer.

FRIDAY 13th NOVEMBER

1.30-2.30pm, Read Lecture Theatre, Sherfield

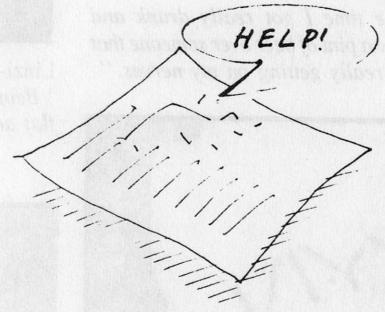
"Sex, scientists and the arms race"

Dr Patricia Lewis, Senior Analyst, Verification Technology Information Centre.

CUT THE KRAP

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Have you got more problem sheets than anyone else, or are they just bigger problems?



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You would like to meet other people but they are too busy with their own work. Your own social life is becoming a problem sheet which you cannot solve.

We know someone who specialises in making light of other peoples' problems. In fact few things are of greater concern to Him. If you would like to know more, keep an eye on this space over the next few weeks.

A series of events
in week eight, Nov 23-28
organised by Imperial
College Christian Union

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"Come to me all you who are
heavy laden and I will give you rest"

The Survival Guide to RAG Week

Next Wednesday sees the beginning of eleven days of chaos which masquerade under the title of Rag Week '87. This year many events have been resurrected to make the next few weeks the busiest for many a year. For those who have yet to experience Rag Week IC style, Rag Chairman Nigel Baker gives a short (!?!) résumé of what can be expected.

RCS Beer Festival

JCR, November 11, Noon

●The Beer Festival has been the traditional start to Rag Week and this year is no exception. Entry to the Festival costs £2 and for this you receive a 'Lemming's Fate '88' pint glass for use during the day. There will be about 35 beers, ales and ciders on sale ranging in price from 70p to 98p per pint. Many of the popular beers sell out early, so a firkin of each is usually held back until about 5.30pm. This gives the sporty types a chance to try them when they return from their matches. Once the QT Burger Bar shuts the Scout and Guide Club and the Chaps Club will be selling curries and burgers, which are not only cheaper than QT, but also generate some extra money for Rag.

Killer

Everywhere, November 11, Midnight

●The idea behind the Killer game is very simple. Everyone who wants to play registers by filling in an entry form and enclosing a couple of photos. These photos are then given to other participants who try to 'kill' their target. This is done by the use of water pistols, etc. Hopefully by the end of Rag Week there'll be two people left who are trying to kill each other. There are some very good prizes on offer which have been donated by the Virgin Megastore and other games suppliers.

Hypnosis Lecture

Great Hall, November 12, 7.30pm

●The Hypnosis Lecture has, in recent years, grown from a fringe

first half-hour is taken up with a talk by Martin about hypnosis, its history and uses. The next two and a half hours see Martin hypnotising over 100 people en masse. It's a sight that just has to be seen; but remember 'Polywog'!

Rag and Drag Disco

JCR, November 13, 8.30pm

●The Rag and Drag Disco is the first 'theme party' of the week and it offers an opportunity for all the closet transvestites to come into the open. This year there will be the first 'Miss Drag Queen of IC' competition which will take place during the evening with mega-prizes for the winners (entry details elsewhere in this issue). There's a 1am bar extension with no lectures to get up for next morning so a great night will be had by all. If there's anyone with a pair of size ten stilettos could they please let me know.

SCAB Night

Concert Hall, November 14, 7.30pm

●SCAB Night is an event whereby all the performing societies in College, from Dramsoc and Opsoc to Jazz and Rock Club, come together and perform on the same stage in the same evening. The performances are of a very high standard as the clubs rehearse for weeks beforehand. This year's show is timetabled to last over five hours and it is great value at only £2 a ticket.

●Also on the first Saturday there is a 24 hour street collection organised by RCS. (Don't worry it's only slightly illegal as collecting shouldn't continue after dusk!) This year the collection will take place outside Harrods, along Oxford Street and in Leicester Square and is in aid of Amnesty International. Anyone interested in taking part should see Fiona Nicholas, the RCS VP, or turn



●After the problems that were encountered with the Hitsquad at last year's Festival it has been decided that Hitsquad will not be allowed to operate in the JCR this year, so you can get legless in peace.

event to become one of the highlights of the week. Martin S Taylor, a magic circle hypnotist, brings his own brand of humour and entertainment to a subject that has baffled and mesmerized people for centuries. The

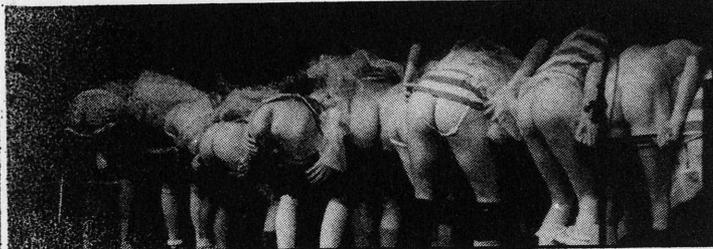
up at the RCS Union Office at 9pm. Remember this event is open to everyone, not just RCS. All totals will count towards t-shirts and sweatshirts.

- Sci Fi Soc also hold a marathon on this day. This starts at 1pm in the UDH so all the Dr Who, Blakes 7 and Star Trek freaks can get their annual fix.

Sunday

Everywhere, November 15, all day

- Sunday has traditionally been a day of relaxation and recuperation before the excesses of Week Two, but not this year. At 11am in Princes Gardens there's a three way tug-of-war between the CCUs (yes, Rag do own



a three-way rope!). Then there's the inter-CCU Exec Raft Race where the three CCU Execs race from College up to the Serpentine, across it and back.

- Afterwards we all retire to the Union Bar where Jelly, the Bar Manager, has put on a promotion for the lunchtime and the infamous Chaps curries will be available.

- A new event occurs at 2pm in the Concert Hall, a Celebrity Charity Auction. Again this has been organised by RCS and items to be auctioned include, a football signed by all the players from Spurs and a programme signed by Diago Maradona. It is hoped that a qualified auctioneer will do the business so it should be quite a good laugh.

- The evening sees the IC Rag Barnight. Cheap beer, silly games, need I say more?

C&G Slave Auction

ME 220, November 16, 1pm

- Would you like to own Dave Tyler for a day? No! Would you like to own Tanya 'I'll do it for £200' Maule for a day? Yes! Well this is your opportunity to buy a slave for a day and get the last five week's washing done. Prices range from about £5 to about £50 depending on who's for sale and who's buying. I'm sure Guilds Rugby will make their usual sexist purchase but there'll be enough to go round! Some lucky person will even get a hunky, macho Rag Chairman with only one previous owner. ('Good as new'...Automarts). Open to everyone irrespective of CCU.

Charles Brereton's Piano Marathon

JCR, November 17, 6pm

- Each year Charles Brereton undertakes a sponsored piano marathon. This year he aims to play for forty hours with only a five minute break each hour. Hopefully you will have already contributed at the Freshers' Dinners but if you haven't you will find Chas in the JCR for a couple of days. This should be very interesting especially considering the venue of the next event.

RSM Dirty Disco

JCR, November 17, 8.30pm

- A Dirty Disco organised by the miners. I can't say much except that

there's a bar extension till midnight and that anything goes and if past years are anything to go by, they certainly will.

- During the course of the evening the three CCU Execs and ICU Exec will return from their initiative test. They will have been tied together in pairs and dumped 70-80 miles from London with nothing but a Rag can and one 10p in case of emergencies. They will then race back to College collecting as they go and, as ever, there will be alcoholic prizes for the winners.

Morphy Day

CCU Offices, November 18, 1pm

- In the past Morphy Day has consisted of various rowing races which take place on the Thames near the Boat Club's boathouse. This was usually accompanied by a pitch battle that took place between the CCUs on the towpath. This battle has caused a lot of ill feeling in previous years so last year the whole of Morphy Day changed. The three CCU Execs decided that a better Morphy Day would be a race between the presidents to see who could be the first to get a total stranger to go to Harrods for afternoon tea. This was good fun for those involved but it was a little restricted! This year the boat races will again take place with the Rugby Club's racing for the Morphy Oar. There will also be a race between the Execs including the ICU Exec. Afterwards everyone will go to Harrods where we'll all play silly sports outside before going in for afternoon tea.

Drink a Pub Dry

Union Bar, November 18, 6pm

- No explanation required. Meet 6pm in the Union Bar before moving off to a very special pub this year.

Exec Torture

Beit Quad, November 19, 12.30pm

- Have you ever felt like throwing unspeakable things at Ian Howgate or Gordon Brignall? Well, the Exec Torture is your chance to show the CCU and ICU Execs just how popular they really are! There's a Rag Chairman who'll be getting his revenge first on a couple of members of the RCS Exec. The torture starts at 12.30pm and you bring along *anything* you want to pour or throw. The more horrible or nasty it is, the more you pay to Rag!

RCS Smoking Concert

Concert Hall, November 19, 7.30pm

- The Smoking Concert is one of those events that cannot adequately be described on paper, so I won't try. All I'll say is that it takes place in the Concert Hall and anyone who's anyone in College will get up on the stage and make a total pillock of themselves. For some this is easier than others, isn't it Ian?! All the Execs will be doing a sketch and the Rugby Club sketches are normally quite memorable. This year everyone should remember to bring some extra cash along so we can raise £200 so that Tanya Maule, the Guilds VP, will do a solo sketch. (She's going to kill me!)

AeroSoc Darts/Monster Boatrace

Beit Quad, November 20, 1pm



- AeroSoc Darts; pay a nominal fee to throw paper darts off the top of the Union Building with prizes being given for the longest, furthest, funniest, etc.

- After the darts, the three CCU's boat race each other. Mines normally win but then they normally have about one third the number of people that C&G or RCS have.

1,000,001 Down Darts

Southside Bar, November 20, 6pm

- Two teams of darts players race each other to score 1,000,001. They'll end at about 6am Monday morning so if you're in Southside or

close-by over the weekend go down and throw a few arrows as help is always welcomed!

C&G Carnival

Union Building, November 20, 8pm

- Rag Week '87 goes out with a bang. Carnival is the end to Rag Week and is probably the best party you'll go to in your time at College. It's run on the lines of the Freshers' Ball and New Year's Party and at only £3.50 a ticket everyone can afford to go. This year it will have a sixties theme so dig out your dad's old gear and come to the party of the year. Remember, it's the last event so you can sleep tomorrow and then catch up with all those problem sheets!

Southside Cocktails

Southside Bar, November 20, 7pm

- Enjoy a delicious, potent Southside Cocktail while you throw a few arrows for Rag

So there it is, Rag Week '87, twenty-five events in eleven days, I'll be at all of them and for anyone who aims to do the same Rag are offering a special deal on entry to the events. This year we are selling Rag Week '87 tickets for only £10 which covers entry to:

- Beer Festival
- Hypnosis Lecture
- Rag & Drag Disco
- SCAB Night
- Dirty Disco
- Smoking Concert
- Carnival

Individual entry would come to £15 and so the week long tickets are well worth buying. They are available

from myself and all members of the Rag Committee which includes the CCU VPs.

A lot of people have asked me about t-shirts and the Rag Mag. T-shirts will be on sale at all the events so bring your £3.50 for a limited edition 'Lemmings Fate '88' t-shirt. The Rag Mag is, as I write, being printed. It arrives back on Monday and will be on sale at the Beer Festival.

It only remains for me to encourage everyone to join in as it's normally the first years who make Rag Week.

Have fun!

*Nigel D Baker,
ICU Rag Chairman.*

Rag Week Timetable

DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION	ENTRY FEE
Wed 11	Noon	RCS Beer Festival	JCR	£2.00
Thurs 12	7.30pm	Hypnosis Lecture	Great Hall	£2.00
Fri 13	8.30pm	Rag & Drag Disco	JCR	£1.50
Sat 14	9.00am	RCS 24 hour Collection	RCS Office	
	1.00pm	Sci-Fi Marathon	UDH	£0.50
	7.30pm	SCAB Nite	Concert Hall	£2.00
Sun 15	11.00am	Tug-of-War	Princes Gdns	
	11.30	Raft Race	Princes Gdns	
	Noon	Bar Promotion	Union Bar	
	Noon	Chaps Curries/Burgers	Union Bar	
	2.00pm	RCS Charity Auction	Concert Hall	
	7.00pm	Barnight	Union Bar	
Mon 16	1.00pm	C&G Slave Auction	ME 220	
Tue 17	6.00am	Piano Marathon Start	JCR	
	1.00pm	Exec Initiative Test	?	
	8.30pm	RSM Dirty Disco	JCR	£1.50
Wed 18	1.00pm	Morphy Day	CCU Offices	
	6.00pm	Drink a Pub Dry	Union Bar	
	10.00pm	Piano Marathon Finish	JCR	
Thur 19	12.50pm	Exec Torture	Beit Quad	
	7.30pm	RCS Smoking Concert	Concert Hall	£2.50
Fri 20	1.00pm	AeroSoc Darts	Beit Quad	
	1.30pm	Monster Boatrace	Beit Quad	
	6.00pm	1,000,001 Down Darts	Southside Bar	
	8.00pm	C&G Carnival	Union Building	£3.50
Sat 21	7.00pm	Cocktails	Southside Bar	

Charity choice

Although Rag Week is a time for great fun to be had by all, it is very easy to lose sight of the aim of Rag: to raise money for charity. The street collections are to support charities that will not benefit directly from the money collected and put in IC Rag coffers. Any money which is raised during Rag Week will be distributed among five national charities which were chosen by the Rag Committee last term.

The British Institute for Brain Injured Children (BIBIC)

BIBIC was founded in 1972 and now operates from Knowle Hall near Bridgewater in Somerset. BIBIC helps children who have been diagnosed as spastic, autistic, retarded, mentally handicapped, backward, cerebral palsy, mongoloid, slow, educationally subnormal, epileptic or dyslexic. These problems may stem from a brain injury which occurred before or during birth, through virus infection or vaccine damage, or as a result of an accident at home, on the road, or at play. BIBIC's goal is to improve the quality of life of all their brain

injured children. To this end, they aim for the day when they will function in every respect at the same level as their peers, and be able to survive independently in the real world.

It should be noted that after the age of about twelve the brain cells that are continually dying are no longer being replaced, in this respect we are all brain injured, it's just the extent of injury that is different.

The Muscular Dystrophy Group of Great Britain and Northern Ireland Muscular Dystrophy causes progressive muscle wasting, and in its worst form leads to an almost total loss of voluntary movement. The Muscular Dystrophy group raises money to finance medical research into the cause, treatment and cure for the many forms of Muscular Dystrophy and allied neuromuscular diseases. It also provides support to all those who are affected by these diseases.

Quest for a Test for Cancer

Quest's research into early cancer detection includes work at the Galton Laboratory which is part of University College here in London. Research is currently being conducted into screening methods to detect genetic predisposition to cancer. The cancers being studied include colon, thyroid and testicular, some of which can also affect children.

Shelter

Shelter is a charity that aims to help London's homeless, a problem that is increasing at a rapid rate, especially among young adults. IC Rag's support of Shelter has been chosen to coincide with National Homeless Year which begins in January.

The Terrence Higgins Trust

The Terrence Higgins Trust is an organisation that gives advice and counselling to anyone, not just sufferers, about AIDS. AIDS is a problem that is going to become a lot worse before advances can be made. Any attempt at education must be supported, especially if it can break down some of the prejudices that have unfortunately arisen.

I hope you will agree with some, if not all, of our choices

*Nigel D Baker,
IC Rag Chairman.*

Drag queen contest

You must be aware by now that Rag Week is almost upon us. You may not, however, be aware that you may have a chance to become 'Miss Imperial College 1987' during Rag Week. This is no usual beauty contest though, as it is open to only a selected few. Well, actually it's open to 80% of the College, because the title you will be competing for is that of 'Drag Miss IC 1987'!

In order to organise this contest, which will happen at about 10.30pm during the Rag and Drag Disco on November 13, I will need to have all entries by November 11 (the day of the Beer Festival).

On your entry please state:

1. Name and Department/Year
2. Vital statistics (just the usual ones please).
3. Hobbies and interests.
4. Ideas for your career.

The contest will be run along the same lines as the usual 'Miss World' competition and the winner will receive suitable liquid reward, with second and third place receiving a Rag t-shirt and all winners will get free entry to all the remaining events.

Please send your entries to Emma Barrett (Rag Sec) at either the Rag pigeonhole in the Union Building or Materials pigeonhole (outside Mines G20) or put them in the box provided at the Beer Festival.

Entry is free to anyone who comes to the disco.

Hitsquad

WARNING

The Guilds Hitsquad will be coming to get you during Rag Week!

If you wear contact lenses come to the City and Guilds Union Office to get your free identifying badge, alternatively if you are in a Guilds department see your Dep Rep. If you want to buy idemnity come and see us. If you want to 'flan' people we're always looking for volunteers, come and see someone in the Guilds Office if interested.

The Guilds Hitsquad.

Amnesty collection

On Saturday November 14 Amnesty International will hold its national street collection. The Amnesty Group at Imperial will be on the street rattling its tins like there was no tomorrow outside the museums,



Waitrose and Harrods. If you can spare a couple of hours to help this international human rights organisation then get in touch now. Go on—you know you want to!

Contact Guy Sims or Monique Yeo, both of Maths 2, or Stephen Curry on int 6729. Or come to Amnesty's meeting at 5.30pm, Tuesday, in the Brown Committee Room (top floor of the Union Building).

Small Ads

ANNOUNCEMENTS

• **Come to France** with the Wine Tasting Society on December 2. Details at our meeting on Tuesday. Closing date for deposits November 11.

• **Please** could all IC hockey players (especially 3rd XI players) tick off on the hockey notice board or put their name up if they want to play, by Thursday evening, thank you.

PERSONAL

• **New** at Tizard Hall—the three nose chairman!

• **Calling** all heffie homes—hibernation ends November 6. Wake with care then party.

• **Timmy**, Joanne from Vidal Sassoon wants to make an appointment to massage your head. She'll provide accessories.

• **Anadin** won't cure the SFSoc style headache.

• **Q.** What's sticky, red and covers 15 sq ft of wall?

• **A.** Your head after 'Scanners'.

• **Bonk, Bonk, Bonk.** CCU house party.

Upbeat

TODAY

- Steve Martin's **Roxanne** opens at Cannons Chelsea, Haymarket and Oxford Street.
- The V&A opens its doors on Friday for the first time since 1977.

SATURDAY

- The absolutely terrible **Dancing Days**, 11.30am C4.

SUNDAY

- **EastEnders**, 2.00pm BBC1
- **Comedy Store**, 8.30pm £5, features **Joan Collins Fan Club**.

TUESDAY

- **Barry Humphries** is back at the Strand Theatre, 7.30pm from £6.

WEDNESDAY

- **Wacky Races**, 4.10pm BBC1

THURSDAY

- **Miss World 1987**, 8.30pm ITV. Tongues out boys.
- **Alas Smith and Jones**, 9.00pm BBC2.
- **Gary Shandling Show**, 10.10pm BBC2.

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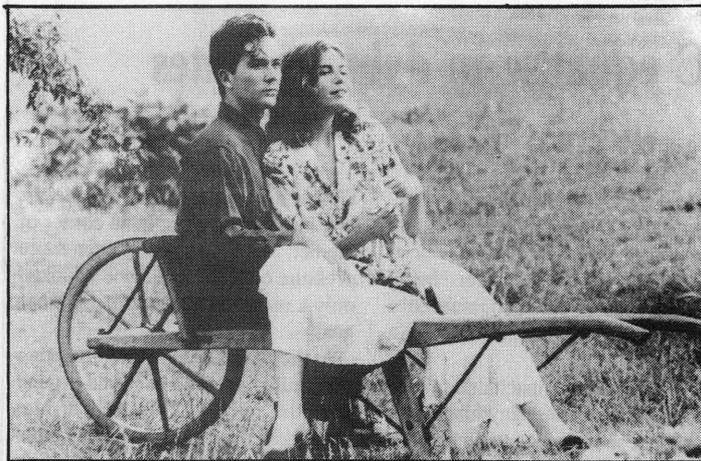
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Made in Heaven

'Some relationships are made in Heaven' as the saying goes, which inspired this picture from Alan Rudolph, formerly of *Choose Me* fame. Initially set in the 50s the story starts with Mike Shea (Timothy Hutton) having a bad day. Having lost his job and his girlfriend (who ran off to marry someone else), Mike sets off for California to find happiness. Barely a hundred miles out of town, he comes across a car accident and after bravely saving a mother and her two children, he is unfortunately drowned.

Heaven, it turns out, is a great place to be. A late aunt of Mike's welcomes him to paradise since the man in charge is busy. Here he accidentally meets Annie (Kelly McGillis) and they fall in love. Everyone in Heaven is waiting to be born and soon Annie disappears to be born on Earth. Reluctant to wait his turn, Mike

persuades Emmet, (he's not God he just runs things), to give him thirty years on Earth to find Annie. Here we move swiftly through the sixties with Mike becoming Elmo, an aspiring musician, while Annie has become Ally and married. The chances of them meeting when they know nothing about each other are less than slim, but the opportunity for near misses is cleverly explored.

The film does well to remain believable, with reliance placed on imagination and subtlety to good effect. Heaven really is fun, and here the film scores admirably by creating a realistic Utopia. Mostly the characters are convincing without being over-sentimental, but this is stretched at the end. There is plenty of scope for touches of wit with unexpected coincidences and timing tricks which result in an unusual romantic tale.

A.N.

Live

Johnny Mars Blues Band

Johnny Mars and his band are currently playing the best blues to be heard on the pub and club scene since the heyday of *The Blues Band* (if you are old enough to remember them). Frontman Mars blows his fiery harmonica and sings with real presence—when he says he's the 'Number One Playboy' you'd better believe it!—and he displays his talents in a varied repertoire, ranging from slow 12 bar through to ballads and rock-solid boogie.

His four-piece band is well rehearsed to the point that Mars' complex arrangements are tight, but not so tight that the sense of invention and fun is gone—their performance

MUSIC

remains fresh on repeated hearing. Nor do the players restrict themselves to the standard blues licks and tones—the keyboards in particular get away from the clichéd piano/Fender Rhodes sound employed by most outfits.

Whether you've never listened to the blues or you believe that blues started with Muddy Waters and ended with Eric Clapton, you'll find the modern approach of the *Johnny Mars Band* an education. Catch them in November at:

Pizza Express, Dean Street, 29th
100 Club, Oxford Street, 16th
Pied Bull, Islington, 10th, 17th
and 24th
R.C.

FILM

Roxanne

Roxanne is the latest production starring the talented American comedian, Steve Martin. Also written by Martin, it is a modern portrayal of the classic Rostand character—Cyrano de Bergerac, cast in the form of a small Northwest American town fire chief, C.D. Bales.

'CD' has everything, he is a popular and respected member of the community, he has a nice house and a good job (all this and he's not a yuppie!). But he also has a problem, his exceedingly large nose. Over the years CD has learnt to deal effectively with people who are unwise enough to make adverse comment, and this generates endless fun, notably the big-nose joke-telling duel CD has with a drunken taunter ('Did your parents lose a bet with God?'). What he cannot deal with is his affection for young astronomy student, Roxanne (Daryl Hannah). Feeling that she will laugh at him, he woos her through another man, the hunky and wonderfully dumb Chris (Rick Rossovich), whose letters he writes, and even whose conversation he invents (another hilarious scene). Roxanne, of course, falls in love with Chris, believing him to be the intelligent and romantic author of the letters, and CD has no choice but to prolong the deception.

Although the plot is reasonably predictable this is still a hugely enjoyable film. The atmosphere and pace are relaxed and the comedy is never forced. Steve Martin is faultless as the zany, sympathetic, loveable guy whom nature has cursed, conjuring up almost every emotion in the audience. Daryl Hannah is gorgeous, as ever, although I found it rather hard to believe her as a genius PhD student. Also along for all the fun is the wonderful Shelly Duvall, still without the starring role she deserves, playing CD's friend Dixie. Even if you've never seen Steve Martin before, I advise you to see this film as it is undoubtedly his best yet.

Roxanne opens today.

A.K.

Rory Curtis
Aaron Kotcheff
Alex Noble

Mens Hockey

Battered

Surrey 1sts—1
IC 1sts—2
Having Phil Oliver out with a broken ankle, John Stonham out with a cracked finger and Hari Vamadevan still sporting a swollen lip, it was a stretched and battered IC side that travelled to play Surrey 1sts at Guildford last Wednesday. Although IC tried to play their usual flowing hockey, a poor pitch and inept umpiring provided as much opposition as the inferior Surrey team. Abusing the lax umpiring, IC set about the unprotected Surrey side. Paul Coleman, Mark Lewis (warned), Skipper Justin Brooking, 2nd team skipper Andy Lewis and goalie Simon Chittendon (warned) were all lucky not to get their marching orders.

Although they only had two shots throughout the game, it was Surrey who led 1-0 at half-time, against the run of play. With every player giving 100%, IC fought back with Paul Skipworth equalising from a Wright cross. He then scored the winner from a penalty corner, giving IC an excellent victory and Skipworth his sixth goal in five games.

Boat

Collision Head on

Watney's Fours Head of the River On Sunday, two Imperial teams raced at the Watney's Fours Head, a warm up for The Fours Head in two weeks time. The crews were entered in the Senior A coxed and coxless divisions in a field of some 45 crews.

The Senior A coxless four started fifth and after only about one minute were in the process of overtaking a Thames Tradesman's crew when the two crews collided (not due, this time, to the serpent-like steering of V Roper) losing IC over 15 seconds before they could continue. Despite this IC finished second overall only a few second behind the winners and won the Senior A coxless fours division.

The Imperial coxed four also rowed well despite only just getting their boat repaired in time for the race and finished a good fourth being the fastest coxed four.

Football

IC equalise in dying minutes

IC 1st—2
RSM 1st—2
The season has started slowly for IC who have not been able to find any sort of form so far. This was a crucial match for IC who, after being knocked out of the Cup, needed a good win in the League to regain confidence.

RSM started the match determined and prepared to chase anything while IC did not show any such fire in their game. The chasing and hassling paid off when RSM scored from a corner. Although IC created a few chances, they were unable to hit the back of the net. In the 36th minute RSM scored again: a one-two combination which managed to beat the defence.

IC started the second half in a different spirit, stringing passes together and creating space which was elusive to them in the first. The pressure paid off when Edward

Coates hit a volley from outside the box into the top right-hand corner of the net. With IC exerting even more pressure on RSM's defence it looked only a matter of time before another goal.

In the 65th minute RSM's captain was pulled up for a foul and argued with the referee. This lead to him being sent off which was a big blow for a struggling team. With IC piling on the pressure, RSM were defending well until Nigel Collier was awarded a penalty which he just managed to place out of the goalies reach. With RSM defending well IC could not penetrate their defence until the dying minutes of the game when Adam Thomas headed the ball home only to hear the final whistle go and the goal to be disallowed. The final score was 2-2.

Cross Country

British Rail win

This article was meant to give results from both York and UC relays. However after an abortive attempt to reach York thanks to British Rail, the York team appeared on Parliament Hill five minutes before the UC Relays. The start had to be delayed while a last minute entry was put in and the numbers reallocated to produce first and second teams.

Once everyone was on the starting line though, the pre-race panic died down and everyone had good runs over an undulating, but fairly short course. We have no official results at the moment but the race was won by Southampton with both Imperial teams putting up credible performances.

Sailing

Alternative men

This weekend we took a ladies and mens team to sail against UCA.

The first race, for the mens team, was quite eventful with Apostolos Leonidhopoulos proving he was worthy of his committee position, before the start, with help from his crew Jenny Burton. The mens team then went on to sail a very close race.

The ladies team then went out for their first race of the season and despite the fact that Carol Eastwick hadn't helmed for five years, went on to win.

The alternative mens team then went on to beat UEA's mens team, much to the embarrassment of the first team.

Badminton

UAU matches

Our first match was against Sussex University and IC walked away with an easy victory 9-0. What was nice was that our opponents gave all of our pairs a good warm up for the coming season, and a vital opportunity to get used to each other. This was particularly important considering that the crucial match against Surrey was due to be played the following week.

As it turned out we were well beaten by Surrey who have again got quite a strong team. The deciding factor was the pace at which the Surrey pairs played which was considerably faster than anyone at IC was prepared for. However, our 1sts, Sean Mulshaw and Simon Hughes, did manage to win 2 rubbers, one of which was a deserved victory against Surrey's 1sts. The rubber lasted 1 1/4 hours, Sean and Simon eventually winning 14-18, 18-16, 18-16.

Despite defeat for this 1st team, the 2nds kept their heads up and managed to beat Surrey 6-3. Richard Langford and Alastair McMaster won all 3 of their rubbers and emphasised this by the fact that there are more than just 6 players capable of playing in the first team.

Rugby

Technical defeat

IC 1st—7
Rosslyn Park 3rd—12
IC's first run out against a club side resulted in a moral, if not points, victory.

Despite playing against a massive, beer-sodden pack IC managed to win a steady supply of ball for the backs. IC backs adapted to the wet and windy conditions better than the opposition and ran in the only try of the match. Mike Anderson threw a xxx pass to the fullback, J F Blamo (ex-France, Barbarians under IX, etc) who broke through the defence and supplied Jimmy Sniffshark with an easy scoring opportunity.

Marsh refereeing meant a stream of dubious penalties for Rosslyn Park, four of which were converted to give Rosslyn Park a hollow victory.

RESULTS

FOOTBALL		HOCKEY	
IC 1sts—2.....	1 RSM—1sts	IC 1sts—2.....	1—Harrow 1sts
IC 2nds—2.....	2—IC 3rds	IC 2nds—0.....	6—NPL 2nds
IC 3rds—1.....	1—Surrey 3rds	IC 3rds—2.....	4—UCL 2nds
IC 2nds—0.....	0—Surrey 2nds	IC 1sts—1.....	1—Surrey 1sts
RUGBY		Middlesex Cup First Round	
IC 1sts—7.....	12—Rosslyn Park 3rds	IC 1sts—3.....	1—Meadowhurst
IC 1sts—32.....	0—Surrey 1sts	LADIES HOCKEY	
IC 2nds—4.....	19—Surrey 2nds	IC—0.....	4—Surrey
BADMINTON—Mens		IC—5.....	7—Middlesex/UCL
IC—2.....	7—Surrey	TABLE TENNIS	
IC—9.....	0—Sussex	IC 1sts—3.....	6—London Univ.
IC 2nd—6.....	3—Surrey	IC 2nds—5.....	4—Charter Diamond

AMNESTY

Internal exile

Tatyana Velikanova, a mathematician, has been an outspoken advocate of human rights since the early 1970s. She was arrested in 1979 and convicted of editing *A Chronicle of Current Events*, the oldest Samizdat publication on human rights in the USSR. Velikanova was sentenced to four years imprisonment and five years internal exile. Her imprisonment was spent in the Small Zone, a special unit for women political prisoners in Mordovia.

It is a tribute to the courageous mutual support that has sprung up between the women prisoners that hunger-strikes and other non-violent action is used as a means to protest against ill-treatment of prisoners. In August 1983 Velikanova and Irina Ratushinskaya, the poetess, conducted a hunger strike to support a prisoner in 'solitary'. They were handcuffed and force-fed by six men, then left for five days in a windowless cell to recover from the after-effects of the feeding procedure. Velikanova is now serving internal exile in a remote part of Kazakh SSR. She is now fifty-five years old and suffers from hypertension, angina, arthritis and ischaemia. She is not due to be released until November 1988 unless people appeal on her behalf.

If you wish to appeal, please send courteous letters appealing for her release. Write to:

Procurator-General of the USSR
Mr Alexandre
Mikhailovich Rekunkov
SSSR RSFSR
103 793 Moskva
ul. Pushkinskaya, 15a
Prokuratura SSSR
Generalnomn Prokuroru
Rekunkorn AM

Letter writing is very easy, but if you need some help, IC Amnesty International will be in the JCR one lunchtime a week giving advice on letter writing.

SKI Places

We have managed to increase the number of people we can take on our ski trip to France at Christmas so now you still have the chance to come to Tignes for only £253, all inclusive, except for food. Bring a £50 deposit as soon as possible to Southside Lounge at 12.45pm Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday.

ICCA

Under the arches

One of the traditional places in London for the homeless to sleep is soon to be no more. The Embankment, also known as Cardboard City, is being closed down as the area goes upmarket. Its last residents are unlikely to be allowed back after Christmas.

The ICCAG Soup-Run is a drop in the ocean but it's better than nothing. Come and meet some ordinary people down on their luck—any Thursday 9.15pm, start from Week's Hall Basement. Everyone welcome.



'Under the arches', by a resident



CHOIR

Punch, pianos and song

On Saturday 24th October a coach and a fleet of cars bearing IC Choir descended into the rolling autumnal countryside of the North Downs to take over Bedgebury Prep School for a weekend of singing and socialising. Our arrival at the red brick building set in attractive, though wind-battered, grounds was greeted with tea and biscuits but we soon got down to work with our first rehearsal in the school gym. This term we are preparing the glories of Haydn's Four Seasons and the Bach Christmas Oratorio for our concert on 11th December. (A date for your diaries.)

Lunch was followed by a free afternoon in which the bright sun tempted a lot of people outside to explore the local village and country lanes. The abundance of pianos provided some welcome relief from the (may we hope, temporary) lack of practice facilities in College. Some made a trip to Bodium Castle, whilst others were content to soak up the sun on the benches on the terrace.

We reconvened for yet more tea and Danish pastries and another rehearsal at which our sight reading was sorely tested by Haydn's Summer Storm and our tongues grappled with

the German pronunciation. Supper brought back mixed memories of school meals and then our evening rehearsal was followed by a party.

Yet more food and a magical punch concoction sent us out to gather around a bonfire in good spirits. It was a clear night and the bonfire burned magnificently sending glowing sparks high into the air. Spontaneous singing erupted of a very alternative nature to our previous exertions, definitely neither Haydn or Bach and including some amusing improvisations.

The Sunday morning rehearsal consequently took off rather slowly but we worked hard until lunch, breaking, of course, for mid-morning tea and biscuits. Those who were not drawn out into the sun after lunch listened to a recording of our performance of Handel's Dixit Dominus last May.

At our final rehearsal we went over everything we had learnt over the weekend. Another cup of tea preceded the return trip to London through the Sunday evening traffic and a hazy pink sunset. We look forward to sharing the fruits of our labours with you in December.

SOCIALIST

Foot's talk

The Socialist Society present a speaker meeting with Paul Foot of the Socialist Workers Party at 1pm on 13th November in the Senior Common Room, Union Building. The title of his speech will be "Can the Labour Party bring Socialism?". Paul Foot is a member of the Socialist Workers Party and a journalist with the Daily Mirror in which he has a column. All are welcome to this meeting, as to all Soc Soc meetings at 12.45pm on Thursdays in the Brown Committee Room (top floor Union Building). Contact Adrian Grainger (Maths 3) for further information.

CHINESE CHESS Elections

Having got this year off to a very successful start it is now time to start filling the gaps in the committee. Vacant posts are those of Vice Chairman, Secretary and Publicity Officer. Anyone interested in standing for these posts should forward their name along with a proposer's and two seconders' names to Chris Eardley via Elec Eng pigeonholes by Monday 16th November. There will be a general meeting on Tuesday 17th November at 1.00pm in Elec Eng 403b when candidates will be voted in.

FILM

Changes

Peggy Sue Got Married

Thursday November 12, 7pm,
Mech Eng 220, members 50p,
non-members £1.50

Francis Ford Coppola (Director of *The Godfather*, *Apocalypse Now* and *The Cotton Club*) is the Director of this highly acclaimed comedy-drama, a sort of thinking man's *Back to the Future*. Kathleen Turner (*Romancing the Stone*) plays Peggy Sue, a house wife in the present day who wonders if perhaps things would have turned out differently for her if she hadn't got married. Then, suddenly, she finds herself transported back in time—and she has her chance to change the course of her life. This is a thought-provoking film, mixed with appealing comedy; a film about love and life, and a chance to change them both.

Diary

What's On

FRIDAY

Circuit Training12.30pm.
Union Gym with Cross Country and Athletics Club. Everyone welcome. Free.

Orienteering12.30pm.
Brown/Green Committee Room (top floor of Union Building). Arrangements for following Sunday's event.

Islamic Friday Prayer.....1.00pm.
The Union Building.

Talk4.30pm.
Ante Room, Sheffield Building. Speaker: Alhaji Rilwanu Lukman, Nigerian Minister for Petroleum and Energy Resources and Chairman of Opec—"Nigeria's Energy Resources".

Silwood Park Fireworks.....evening.
Barbeque, late bar, disco, live band. Tickets £2 contact Union Office for bus leaving time.

SATURDAY

Shotokan Karate.....10.00am.
Southside Gym. Beginners welcome. £1.

Tang Soo Do.....4.00pm.
Union Gym. Instructor P W Yap (4th dan black belt) beginners welcome. £1 members.

Comedy Night.....8.30pm.
Union Lounge. Admission £1.50 (50p with Ents card). Cheap bar.

SUNDAY

Wargames Meeting.....1.00pm.
Senior Common Room.

MONDAY

Curry Soc.....12.30pm.
Weekly meeting. Southside Upper Lounge.

Artsoc Meeting12.30pm.
SCR Union. Come to sign up and pay your money for tickets for forthcoming events, eat biscuits and drink coffee. Free to members (membership £1.50).

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

Lecture1.30pm.
Read Lecture Theatre, Sheffield. "The state of the nuclear arms race—all at

sea" by Dr Jerry Leggett, TV and Radio commentator on arms control.

RCSA Careers Forumevening.
Sheffield SCR. Find out all the mysteries of job hunting and applications. £2 for buffet meal, contact RCSA Office, int 3025.

Golf Practice.....5.30pm.
Union Gym. See Golf Club.

Intermediate Ballroom7.00pm.
JCR. 80p. See Dance Club.

Shotokan Karate.....7.00pm.
Southside Gym. Beginners welcome. £1.

Beginners Ballroom8.00pm.
JCR. 80p. See Dance Club.

Tang Soo Do.....9.00pm.
Southside Gym. Instructor P W Yap (4th dan black belt). Beginners welcome. £1.00 members.

Guilds & RCS Radio Show9.00pm.
Prizes, good music and all the latest gossip!

TUESDAY

SFSoc Film.....evening.
Scanners. 50p members, £1.50 others.

Christian Union.....8.15am.
Chemistry 213. See Steve Clark, Christian Union.

Cheap Records and CDs.....12.30pm.
Union SCR. See AudioSoc.

IC CathSoc Mass12.30pm.
Chemistry 231. Quiet and contemplation between lectures or exams. Food provided (50p). All welcome.

Boardsailing12.30pm.
Regular meeting in Southside Lounge to organise trips.

ICNAC12.30pm.
JCR. If you want to work in the USA next summer, come and talk to BUNAC's representative.

Speaker Meeting12.45pm.
IC Conservative Society. Mines G20. All welcome.

Ski Club12.45pm.
Above Southside Bar, sign up for lessons and recreational skiing.

Lecture1.00pm.
Graphics Animation. LT1 Physics. Keith Waters shows off his facial animation techniques in this unique lecture.

Holy Qur'an Recitation1.30pm.
Prayer Room. See Islamic Society.

Islamic Circle.....5.30pm.
Prayer Room. See Islamic Society.

Group Meeting5.30pm.
Brown Committee Room. Everyone welcome. See Amnesty International.

Biology Soc.....6.00pm.
First meeting of autumn term. Beit W1/W2. Talk by Peter Whybrow of the Natural History Museum—"Paleontology of the Middle-East war zone".

Wine Tasting6.00pm.
Union SCR. A tasting of fine wines from Portugal. £1.50 members, £2.50 others.

Judo6.30pm.
Union Gym. Beginner welcome.

Caving Club Meeting7.00pm.
Southside Upper Lounge.

Advanced Ballroom7.00pm.
JCR. 80p. See Dance Club

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

Beginners Ballroom8.00pm.
JCR. 80p. See Dance Club.

WEDNESDAY

SWSS12.45pm.
Green Committee Room, Union Building. "Women's Liberation, and the struggle for socialism."

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

Circuit Training12.30pm.
Union Gym. Free to Keep Fit Club members.

IC Gay Okay12.30pm.
Green Committee Room, Top Floor of the Union Building.

Ski Club12.30pm.
Above Southside Bar. Meet for trip to dry ski slope for lessons and recreational skiing. Bring gloves and thick socks.

Golf Meeting1.00pm.
Sudbury. Regular weekly meeting.

Caving Club Meeting1.00pm.
Union Snack Bar.

Wargames Meeting1.00pm.
Senior Common Room.

Beginners Rock n Roll2.00pm.
UDH. 80p. See Dance Club.

Shotokan Karate.....3.00pm.
Southside Gym. Beginners welcome. £1.

Advanced Rock n Roll3.00pm.
UDH. 80p. See Dance Club.

ULU Meditation Group7.00pm.
Room 3A, University of London Union, Malet Street. Traditional breathing meditation. Everyone welcome. No charge.

Guilds Motor Club.....7.15pm.
Mech Eng 750. Meeting for all drivers and navigators on Friday's rally.

Guilds Motor Club.....8.00pm.
Above Southside Bar. Another round of our Scalextric Championship.

THURSDAY

MethSoc12.30pm.
Huxley 413. A presentation by the Bible societies on the various translations. Lunch 50p.

ICYHA Meeting12.30pm.
Southside Upper Lounge.

Cheap Records and CDs12.30pm.
Union SCR. See AudioSoc.

Socialist Society Meeting12.45pm.
Brown Committee Room. All welcome. Contact Adrian Grainger (Maths 3).

Ski Club12.45pm.
Above Southside Bar. Sign up for lessons, racing team and the holiday at Christmas.

SFSOC Library Meeting1.00pm.
Green Committee Room, Union Building. Borrow books from our vast library, help plan future events and generally enjoy the only democroanarchic dictatorship at IC! Members only.

Arabic Classes1.30pm.
Prayer Room. See Islamic Society.

Gliding Club Meeting5.30pm.
Aero 254. Arrange trial flights, lifts to Lasham, talks and then to the bar.

Orienteering Training5.30pm.
Union Gym. Social meeting held from 6.30pm onwards.

Judo6.30pm.
Union Gym. Beginners Welcome.

Film Soc7.00pm.
"Peggy Sue Got Married". 50p members, £1.50 others. See Club's page.

Real Ale Soc7.30pm.
Union Crush Bar. Haven't you got anything better to do? Good beer at cost price.

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

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

Small Ads

FOR SALE & HIRE

- **Used TS-160** dual-cone car radio Pioneer speakers and unused Philips car radio alone (not FM) plus almost new Sanyo portable de-luxe black & white TV. Contact int 7416.
- **Gents Raleigh Bike.** 5 months old, quick release wheels, high pressure valves, lock and chain, bicycle pump, rainbow colours. Contact Gerry int 5233.
- **Ents Disco** for hire £25 per night. Contact Ian Morris via Ents in the Union Office.
- **Saxophone**—1920s with case, needs a little work but a bargain at £70. Contact Peter Darling (Mining III) or 228 8892/874 4964.

ACCOMMODATION

- **Wanted:** Single room in central London, will pay up to £40 p/w. Contact Cain Harris, int 3670/5917.
- **Required** by two professional people (2 single rooms). Please contact P Galley (Chem III).

LOST & FOUND

- **Lost**—Backgammon set from Union Bar in red/brown, zip-up case, may have name 'Harry Bryce' on it. Reward for return. Contact Sarah Butcher (Applied Biology IV) via pigeon holes or ring 373 8307.

PERSONAL

- **Hi Spence** you funky sex monster! Love from your three pussy cats
- **Timmy**, don't forget your appointment at our hair and beauty salon, love Rusti.
- **Desert Island** Disques. Listen to Michael and Jason and join the Pina Colada set.
- **Broadcast** directly from the sun-drenched Southside Beach. Desert Island Disques for the discerning listener.
- **Where** was Scotty last Wednesday night? Has someone taken a PRESIDENT over Lotti?
- **How did** Jackie GATE the Civ Eng buffet. T.
- **The Caped** avenger wants your votes. He doesn't need them, of course, he's a super-hero.
- **Alfred** the redbin seeks female receptacle for mutually filling relationship. Reply to box 130 Hamlet Gdns.
- **Williams' Shades**—Sunglasses customised to your design, or break your own. Reply to 130 Hamlet Gdns.
- **Found**—one broken phonecard (40 units) £200 or would exchange for Brigitte Nielsen's legs. Flat 130 Hamlet Gdns.
- **Lost**—'trendy' IC Radio DJ. Last seen through the bottom of a pint glass in a brandy glass. Description impossible as we've only seen him once this year, answers to most names, if found please direct to 130 HG.
- **What's** yellow & smells of banana?
- **Episode** 2..level 7..mega blah..mega blah..mega yawn..private French lessons..blah blah blah..ha ha ha..bunch of wet optical fibres..xxx.
- **Simon** uses condoms on his flexible friend.
- **For sale**—pure mink hat. No licence but extremely bad taste needed. Possibility of hair lice. 15p onc. Contact MJV, 130 HG.

Not bothered

Dear IC Students,

I am sorry that no one has taken up Chris Martin's suggestion in FELIX 781 for a London-wide campaign on accommodation. I have long been advising potential students to go for northern universities, unless they have special reasons for wanting to study elsewhere, because of the differences in accommodation costs. I find it difficult to get by in London on my research assistant's salary, so how you students survive, I don't know.

However, from the apathetic response to Mr Martin's letter, I assume you all either have rich mummies and daddies buying you yuppie pads, or you couldn't give a toss if next year you're sleeping on the streets. As someone who has several years experience campaigning on housing issues, I was going to go on and give some advice and suggestions (eg why not link up with younger staff members like myself who have been squeezed out of the housing market). But as you apparently can't be bothered, neither can I.

Yours sincerely,
Matthew Huntbach (Department of Computing).

No bigotry

Dear Judith,

In last week's FELIX, the letters page was dominated by the anti-abortionist point of view as expressed by PATA supporters. By asking a couple of questions of the authors of the letters in question, I would like to offer an alternative viewpoint that neither condemns, nor supports, abortion.

When Paul Rice says... 'unless people are aware of the destructive effects of abortion on mother and child...', does his use of 'people' mean parents, family, friends or society in general? Personally I would prefer the word 'mother', for in the end, only she can decide what is best for her, not 'people'.

Hugh MacKenzie asks, in an extremely condemning and arrogantly self-righteous letter... 'What concept of rights is in use that makes independence a clinching factor?'. To Mr MacKenzie I would ask, 'Does a woman, on becoming pregnant, lose the independence that gives her the freedom to decide the course of her own life?'

There are many people with strong views on abortion, and I suspect that the majority, both those for and against, are bigots, not willing to consider an alternative viewpoint. After all, how many women, especially here at IC, have had to decide between life and death, how many men have 'been there' during the deciding?

So, let's have less indoctrination, less bigotry and more compassion and understanding.
Steven Mercer, Physics III.

No imposition

Dear Judith,

Contrary to what was implied in a couple of last week's letters, I do not deny the dangers of abortion. However, I believe that rather than taking a stance which seeks to impose one section of the population's moral views on

another by law, the following points should be addressed:

1. Performing a late abortion is dehumanising for both the doctor and the mother, not to talk of dangerous. Rather than make it illegal for the few desperate people who need late abortions, the legislation should be changed so that a woman who has considered her own personal circumstances and has decided to have an abortion should be able to get it within a week of her request. Such a speeding up of the system would substantially reduce the number of late abortions and make David Alton's Bill unnecessary.

2. One source of late abortions is underage girls who have been too frightened to do anything about their condition until it became obvious. This could obviously be prevented by adequate sex education and also by doing away with the hypocritical morality that does not allow a girl who is mature enough to realise that she may need contraception to obtain it.

One of the last week's letters mentioned a talk organised by PATA on October 15. I fail to see the effectiveness of the chairman of the society advertising a cheese and wine in FELIX three weeks ago and the secretary revealing, after the event, that it was actually a talk in disguise! In fact, the only PATA event I have seen advertised was some time last year and it was a talk given by a so-called 'victim' of abortion. I am afraid that a talk given by someone who denies responsibility for her own actions and allows herself to be called a victim is of no interest to me. While we're on the subject, I didn't notice any dissenting voices from PATA at a pro-abortion talk arranged by another society last week.

Finally, I must apologise for the sexist assumption that only a woman can feel empathy for a pro-choice stance.

Yours sincerely,
Kemi Adenubi, Civ Eng III.

Not related

Dear Judith,

I wonder if either of your readers have noticed the similarity between Moore Lyttle, ex-Union Bar Manager, and Norman Jardine, Union Catering Manager?



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No? Well, I must confess that they do not look alike at all which makes it all the more surprising to discover one of your ace newshounds conducting the entire of his exclusive 'Norman Jardine' interview (Felix 782) with none other than Mr Lyttle. (He was sitting in the Snack Bar after all...)

Oddly enough, Moore knows little about the price increases affecting the Snack Bar as he has never worked there.

Should you be planning any more in-depth probes into Union pricing policies I would, of course, be more than happy to answer any questions or even point out members of Union staff. However, I should hate for one of your hapless hacks to confuse me with Bryan Adams, the dreadful Canadian singer, to whom I am alleged to have a passing resemblance.

I wonder if, by any chance, we are related? I think I should be told.
Yours sincerely,
Alan Rose, Deputy President, Imperial College Union.

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right attitudes the incidents could be quickly cleared up.

Imperial President Ian Howgate acted quickly when he heard of the trouble. All the clubs involved have submitted written reports of what happened, which are being sent to Surrey. Union Officers at Imperial are unhappy that they still have not heard anything official from Surrey, and that there has been no chance to put the Imperial's side of the story forward.

Athletics Clubs Committee Chair Robert Gee told FELIX that, once the facts were sorted out, if anyone had done anything wrong, the appropriate action would be taken against them.

The sports clubs claim that closing the bar early, at 9.10pm, was "asking for trouble" as the coaches booked to take the players home was not due until 10.30pm. In the past it has been the practice to stagger the leaving time of the coaches, to give students a choice of how long to stay after the match. On this occasion, the coaches only left at 5.30pm after the game, and at 10.30pm, prompting members of the Badminton team to catch the train home in the mid-evening. There was a feeling that if the coaches had been staggered, some of the students would have left earlier and some of the problems would have been avoided.

First quorate UGM of the year

The first 'free chips' UGM took place in the JCR on Tuesday and was the first quorate UGM of this academic session.

ICU President Ian Howgate reported verbally that he was pushing for an entertainments fund to be set up for the residents of Hamlet Gardens who are getting a 'raw deal' at the moment. He wants £800 to come from the residents' fund and £200 from College funds. He also reported that the Union does not yet have control of the proceeds from the sale of Harlington gravel, although the Union have stopped College administration using the interest from any investments.

Deputy President Alan Rose reported that Union Snack Bar prices would be increasing as reported in last week's FELIX. After the Hon Sec and the CCU Presidents' presented

Postgraduate room reshuffle

Selkirk and Tizard Halls of Residence may become postgraduate halls if plans currently under consideration by College administration go ahead. All overseas postgraduates are guaranteed one year in hall. They are placed in mixed halls, houses or Montpellier Hall, which is the only postgraduate hall at present. College argue that the summer vacation letting schemes, which necessitate many postgraduates having to move to new

rooms, interfere with their studies and that a single postgraduate hall could cut down administrative costs.

Beit Hall and Weeks Hall have also been considered but College have rejected Beit because of its 'lively atmosphere' and Weeks because some rooms are reserved for students sponsored by Vickers, who helped pay for the hall.

The exact location of the hall has yet to be decided.

Music news

The music room in 52/53 Princes Gardens will be available for Thursday lunchtime concerts, according to Professor David Norburn, head of the School of Management, but the room will not be available for music societies to practise in. The musical societies are still involved in negotiations to find an alternative venue and will be presenting a petition of over five hundred signatures to the College authorities to outline the importance of adequate music facilities.

Kings anger

Students at KQC College are claiming that they are being forced to join their graduate association while they are still at college. Membership of the Association, the KCLA, costs £5 and during registration at the start of term the college implied that membership of the Association was compulsory.

The students' union are angry as this goes directly against an agreement which the college made last year, they also point out that students are not given their grant to join a graduate association.

In a poll of 130 students, 75% said that they had been told membership was compulsory, 50% had actually paid to join, and 3/4 of these wanted their money back.

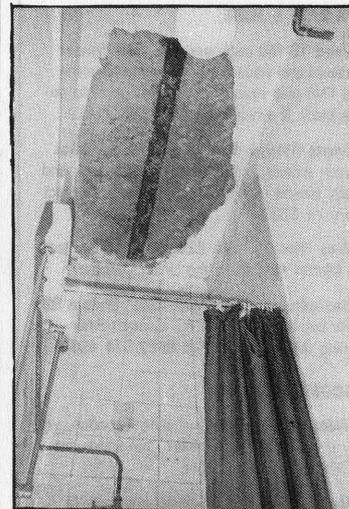
An edition of the KQC college newspaper has been referred to the college solicitors as regards a possible libel action, after they carried a cartoon depicting students dressed as sheep queueing at a KCLA desk with a person reading a book titled 'Fraud Made Easy'.

Extra cash

Universities are to get an extra £61m next year, £60m in 1990 and 1991, on top of £56m already announced to cover the increase in academics pay.

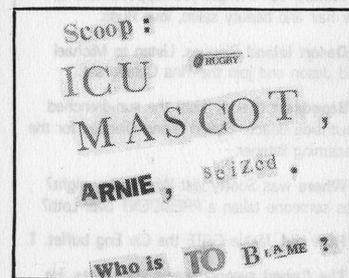
Mr Kenneth Baker, the Education Secretary, claimed that this meant an extra £131m for universities but the Committee of Vice-Chancellors and Principals believe that the new money actually available will be only £10m which would be swallowed up by an inflation increase.

Collapse!



Residents in a Hamlet Gardens flat had a rude awakening last Friday when the ceiling of their shower collapsed. The fall of plaster, in the early morning, occurred despite the fitting of a new shower unit and other repairs carried out after the summer vacation vandalism.

Stolen!



FELIX has received a pseudo-ransom demand for Arnie, a fibreglass gnome, the ICU Rugby mascot. Although the note mentioned no cash demand, it is thought that Arnie will be ransomed in connection with Rag. Along with the note, FELIX received Arnie's identification badge and a Jack of Spades card.

Arnie was kidnapped at Freshers' Fair and IC Rugby Captain Andrew Taylor received an anonymous phone call about a week and a half later confirming that Arnie had been abducted and not merely mislaid.

Mr Taylor said that 'we would like him back, but we are not desperate'. Other players feel that as Arnie is battered and substantially limbless his disappearance is no great loss.