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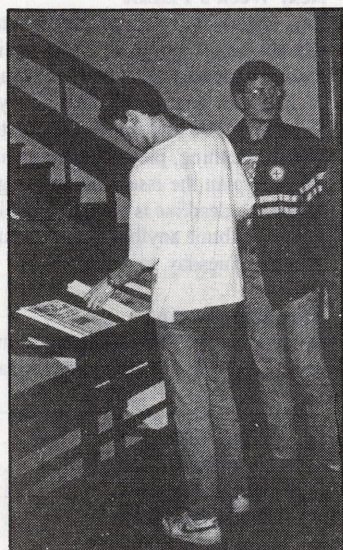
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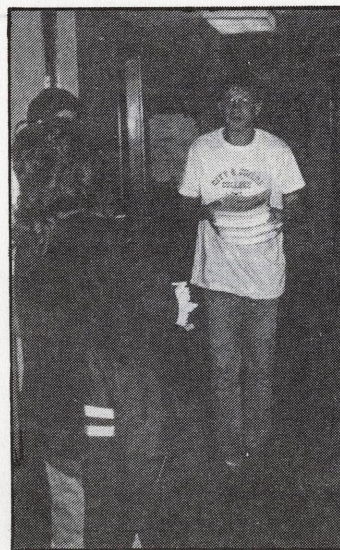
# Catnapping

Students who paid 20p for a copy of FELIX when they were sold for Rag at the Smoking Concert must have felt very pleased with themselves on Friday morning. By that time the paper was in very short supply. Members of Guilds Union had stolen three thousand copies from the distribution points. After tense discussions between FELIX Editor Judith Hackney, Guilds President David Tyler and Guilds Vice President Tanya Maule, all the FELIXs were returned to the usual sites.



*Caught in the act*

The 'raid' was organised by Mr Tyler as a protest against material published in last week's FELIX and in other recent editions. Mr Tyler felt that some news stories concerning Guilds Union had not been reported fairly. In his opinion, the story about the theft of Dramsoc's ladder had incorrectly implied that the ladder had been stolen by Guilds. He was also upset that last Friday's FELIX had



*Putting them back*

attacked the organisation of Guilds Carnival and carried advertising which he thought would discourage students from attending. Mr Tyler felt that this was in contravention of a ICU Council ruling, which states that Rag events should receive priority. The FELIX Editor is, however, entirely independent of Council.

Miss Hackney first noticed the disappearance of most of last week's

FELIXs when she returned to the Huxley building to deliver some additional copies. She was told by the Huxley messenger that the FELIXs had been removed by two students. Suspecting a Guilds Rag stunt, Miss Hackney and FELIX staff member Adrian Bourne surreptitiously took photographs of two Guilds students as they removed copies of the paper which had been left in the Department of Electrical Engineering. When challenged over the disappearance of FELIX, Mr Tyler admitted that Guilds Union was responsible, but said that the raid could not be considered to be theft. He stressed that it was intended chiefly to avoid any detrimental publicity for Carnival. After stating his grievances, Mr Tyler agreed to replace the missing copies of FELIX, on the condition that FELIX donated £20 to Rag. This request was refused, but all the missing copies of FELIX were later returned on the instruction of Miss Maule. FELIX was in full circulation by 11.00am.

The removal of nearly an entire print run of FELIX has caused bad feeling in the FELIX Office. Many staff members had spent the whole of Wednesday night working to get the edition ready for press. When FELIX is not distributed until after Friday morning's lectures have begun, it has generally been found that not all students are able to collect copies.

The situation appears to have been

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## editorial

I am saddened that Guilds Union should have to get such bad press because of the actions of its President and other officers. To take FELIX away from the distribution points is unforgivable, especially after so many people put so much effort into getting the thing out on time in the first place. No matter how many problems the Print Unit has gone through, we have always got FELIX out to students on Friday morning, even if we have to go without sleep to do it. The action by those people was purely a crude act of censorship.

Having said this, I must apologise to Dave Osbourne and Murray Williamson for the advert I included last week. I genuinely thought that that advert was 100 times better than the one which would have originally gone in. They just submitted a few words on a bit of paper for an eighth

of a page advert. I wanted people to go to the Guilds Carnival so I wanted the publicity to be good. I am sorry that I included the snide comment at the bottom of the advert, but is that any reason to steal all the copies of FELIX on Friday morning?

Let's hope that the matter can now be forgotten. I have apologised and Dave Tyler has apologised. I only wish to add that if everything in FELIX, not only the news, contained no opinion it would be very boring indeed. My editorial policy still remains: an entertaining newspaper that contains an independent view on events around College, independent but tongue-in-cheek news items and informative articles. I'll let nobody change that policy.

### Deadlines

You have probably read of our

printing difficulties throughout this term. It has been necessary to cut down the number of pages to 20 from 24. We had more than enough material to fill double that! If your article, letter or small ad has been missed out or edited, I have to apologise, but some things just had to go to make room for the articles we had to include. No doubt you will find articles in this issue which are far less interesting than the one *you* submitted. I have to make decisions on number of pages, articles to include, where to put them, etc, on Monday afternoon. This is why there is a deadline for any contribution on Monday lunchtime. If I don't know about your article before then, it won't go in. Occasionally we may have a small space left by Tuesday night or even Wednesday morning but this is a rare occurrence. As a rule, if you don't want your article to be edited down it is best to edit it yourself before you send it in. Try and keep reports down to 200 words if possible. If you cannot hand in an article, eg Union Officer's report, by Monday lunchtime then please tell me and we can arrange a different deadline. I do not appreciate people who ring on Wednesday afternoon asking if they can have a report in Friday's FELIX.

### Next Week's FELIX

This is going to be mega! I've had to tell so many people to bring their articles back next week that I'm going to have to start production today. Even if you've told me you intend to write something, please tell me again so I can plan the issue this evening. Monday's deadline is the last possible time to submit anything as we start printing Tuesday morning.

### Misunderstanding

So many people have come up to me and asked if I'm talking to Ian

Howgate yet—Bill Goodwin's opinion article gave completely the wrong impression—I have always been talking to Ian. The 'Cold War' has been created by certain Union Officers who do not talk to FELIX.

Why did I print the article?

Because I see no need to stifle criticism, however misguided it is.

### Survey

I attribute the bad response to our survey to three things:

- The fact that it was not made clear that **A** is to be answered by everyone, **B** by males only and **C** by females only. Congratulations if you filled in all sections.

- That nobody know how to use the internal mail system—just put your answers on a piece of paper, place the paper in an envelope, put **FELIX**, **Beit Quad** on the envelope and give it to the messenger (the guy who sits in the cubicle by the entrance to your department). Voilá.

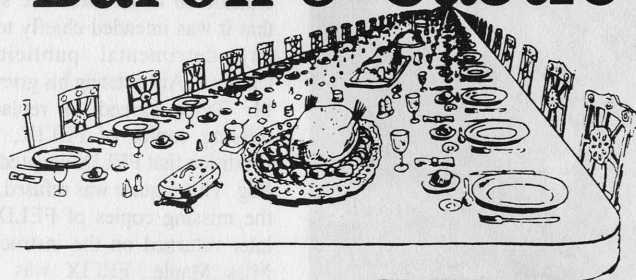
- Apathy, again.

### Thieves

We distribute FELIX free to all members of Imperial College Union on the understanding that each person takes one copy only. We have very little money so we can't produce enough copies for every member of College to have a copy. I frown on departments who take copies of FELIX to give to sixth formers who come for interviews—I know that this is happening as I've seen members of staff taking 30 or 40 away at a time. Some have the decency to come to the Office and ask for copies. It's very flattering that College should want FELIX to use as a promotion for College and the Union but it's just not on. Each extra copy costs us 15p to produce, so please let the limited copies available go to those for whom they are intended.

*John xx*

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## Housing Benefit after April 1988

In April 1988 the Social Security Act 1986 will come into force, introducing fundamental changes to the whole social security system, including the Housing Benefit on which students are so reliant. College Welfare Advisor Linda Simmons tries to explain...

First the good news: there is at present *no* proposal to abolish Housing Benefit for students. So most people receiving benefit before April 1988 will continue on benefit after April, but the amount paid will be less.

One of the purposes of the new

rules is to 'unify' the way help is given for housing costs for all claimants. At present the rules for eligibility to Housing Benefit are different for those claiming Supplementary Benefit and those who claim Standard Housing Benefit from the appropriate local authority. Most students are in the second category and claim during term time and short vacations.

In April 1988 Supplementary Benefit will disappear, to be replaced by Income Support. The basis for assessing the amount of Housing Benefit will be the same as that used for assessing Income Support. Therefore, as the rules for Income Support treat under-25s less favourably than those over 25, most students will have housing benefit assessed under these less favourable rules. Another change is that a full rate rebate will no longer be possible. Under the new rules the maximum

allowed will be 80% of the eligible rates. There will be some adjustment to allow for this in the amount of Income Support, but for those receiving Housing Benefit alone, it will mean a reduction in allowable rebate.

The amount deducted from the eligible rent for students will also apply (currently £17.80 in London). In fact almost all the special rules which relate to calculating student Housing Benefit will be carried over into the new Scheme (eg treatment of grants and covenants, eligibility of overseas students etc).

The table below gives some examples of the possible effect. The figures are reproduced just as a guideline—the Government has not yet announced the exact figures which will apply in April 1988, only suggested examples which have been used in the calculations.

For the first time a capital cut-off is going to be introduced to assess eligibility to Housing Benefit. Under the present scheme only interest or other income earned from savings is taken into account. The capital cut-off for Housing Benefit and Income Support will be £6000 with a reduction made to entitlement on any capital between £3000 and £6000. As

with the present rules on Supplementary Benefit, any capital less than £3000 will be disregarded.

The last time major changes to the Housing Benefit system were introduced was April 1983. The result was utter chaos in local authorities everywhere. This time, the changes are in many ways even greater. Local authorities face an additional workload and have little extra time to prepare for the changeover. It also looks as if they will not be given enough money to set up the new system. It could well be that similar problems as those experienced in 1983 could be repeated, with massive delays and serious administrative errors contributing to claimants' misery.

So be on your guard if you claim Housing Benefit after April 1988 and don't receive when you expect them. Check at once with your local authority or come and see me. The same applies if you are unsure about anything to do with Housing Benefit or any other benefit.

The system is horrendously complex and I'll always do my best to try to make the intricacies clearer. I'm available at 15 Princes Gardens, Monday to Friday, 10am to 2.30pm, extension 3604.

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## Estimated levels of Housing Benefit before and after 1st April 1988

The calculations assume:

- A single student, under 25, with a standard grant and no other income.
- Three, ten-week terms and two, four-week short vacations.
- The level of Income Support for a single person under 25 to be set at £25 from 1st April 1988.
- The student's eligible rent is not less than the rent element.
- The figures are for London only.
- All figures are weekly.

Eligible rent*	Standard HB up to 31.3.88	HB after 1.4.88	Weekly loss
£	£	£	£
18	.20	Nil	.20
20	2.20	Nil	2.20
22	4.20	Nil	4.20
24	6.20	Nil	6.20
26	8.20	2.13	6.07
28	9.56	4.13	5.43
30	10.76	6.13	4.63
32	11.96	8.13	3.83
34	13.16	10.13	3.03
36	14.36	12.13	2.23
38	15.56	14.13	1.43
40	16.76	16.13	.63

NB Eligible Rent equals full rent paid minus rates elements (if not known 30% of total rent) minus amounts for any gas or electricity included in the rent (maximum deductions approximately £7 per week).



## PGs take note!

Hello, my name is Helen Fitzpatrick and I am writing as this year's Postgraduate Affairs Officer (PGAO). You may not be aware that IC has a Postgraduate group which should:

1. Represent postgraduates within ICU and the College.
2. Provide social activities for postgraduates in the College.
3. Provide finance for departmental postgraduate groups.

Presently the committee is two members strong with both members from the same department. To prevent the committee from allocating the entire budget (your money) to our own department the vacant positions on the committee must be filled. Any one who is interested in becoming a committee member, a departmental representative, or even just lending an occasional hand should drop me a note.

All ideas or suggestions relating to postgraduates within Imperial, will be gratefully received. Send them to PGAAO, Union Office.

## Zany Welfare article

Have you been burgled recently? Last Monday (16th), at least forty-two people were. Fortunately it was only by the zany Welfare Team who were going round IC halls and houses, trying the doors of all the rooms.

The wardens were very enthusiastic about the campaign, all being very keen to improve security. But we're all fighting a losing battle if people don't take responsibility for the safety of their own belongings. Not only can you not complain if someone takes things from your unlocked room, you'll have difficulty getting any insurance on it. Never let anyone you don't know into the building either and keep outside doors locked.

I'd like to thank all the wardens, subwardens, Geoff Reeves, 'burglers' and residents very much for all their help.

*Love, Pippa.*

## SLAGS

The Society for Lesbian & Gay Students have noticed that most posters put up on the premises advertising their meetings are invariably torn down. This, of course, is a sign not only of intolerance, but also of extreme ignorance.

However, perhaps this desecration of posters is carried out mostly by those who feel rather guilty about their own sexuality.

xxxx,

*Society for Lesbian & Gay Students*

## Hon Sex

UGMs

Sometime over the weekend, someone removed the election papers for first year council reps from my noticeboard in the Union Building Foyer. I would dearly like to have these back before Monday so that I can run the election at the UGM. Otherwise I will have to go through the whole procedure again, wasting both my time and that of the candidates. If they are returned to the Union Office I will drop this matter.

## CUT THE KRAP

*Cut 'n' Blow Dry £5.00  
Wednesday 10am onwards  
in the Ents Room (above the  
New FELIX Office)*

## Graduating in Agriculture, Applied Biological Sciences or Biochemistry in 1988 or 1989?

ICI Agrochemicals has a number of vacancies for those who wish to use their technical skills in a commercial environment:-

- On our Techno-Commercial Scheme, the successful applicants will spend 1-3 years in research and development, followed by a transfer to a post in international marketing.
- On our UK Sales training scheme, the successful applicants will (after training) take up a position in UK Agrochemicals Sales.

For further details, contact the University Careers Advisory Service.

There will be a presentation for 1988 and 1989 graduates, and any interested postgraduates, on Monday

30th November 1987 at 7.00 pm in the Courtfield Suite, Gloucester Hotel, Harrington Gardens, London SW7 4LH. Refreshments will be available.

Applications should be received by Wednesday 13th January 1988. Preliminary interviews will be held at the Gloucester Hotel on Thursday 21st January 1988.

Those seeking appointments in 1988 should apply (using the Standard Application Form) to:- Ms D L Matthias, ICI Agrochemicals, Fernhurst, Haslemere, Surrey, GU27 3JE.



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## KENSINGTON GORE SW7

CITY OF WESTMINSTER

● **Safe sex** has arrived at Norman's—the Union Snack Bar with the sale of Richard Branson's condoms 'Mates'.

The first packet were ostentatiously purchased on Monday lunchtime by yuppie FELIX Reviews Editor Ashley 'rank and filofax' Niblock. One time pop star Ash said "I will be reviewing the full range in a future issue."

● **Is the cold war** between the FELIX and Union offices over?

Highlight of the RCS Smoking concert was the special guest appearance by Ian Howgate in the FELIX sketch, an episode of 'The Baron'. Seen for the first time by the large audience were Ian's infamous sequinned dress and his magic wand.

Alan Rose and Chas Jackson also featured in the sketch, although Chas didn't do much acting.

● **FELIX Clubs editor** Kamala Sen has started receiving dirty phone calls and was recently offered £5 for an item of a very personal nature by a mystery caller.

Ms Sen was taking telephone bids for a pair of boxer shorts donated to 'Children in Need' by Children's BBC TV presenter Philip Schofield when one listener got slightly confused and was convinced that a jockstrap was up for grabs, much to the amusement of fellow telephonists Judith Largeamounts and Pippa Trout.

● **Since being featured** in 'Eye Spy', Mike 'What's a condom' has, if the small ads column is to be believed, had quite an eye opener of a weekend. Last week the female occupants of a nearby flat offered to show him what a condom was and this week there are two ads from Mike on the subject. Will Mike be seen stocking up for this weekend in Norman's at lunchtime?

● **'Interesting' Prof Haines** of the Department of Physics missed an opportunity to raise over £50 for rag when he refused to allow the Guilds Hit Squad to flan him on behalf of his 2nd year electro-magnetism class. Another Physics lecturer, Dr David Websdale, was much more sporting and agreed to a hit paid for by his 1st year Physics class.

## THE MORON

"Tee hee hee", thought Dave Braincell to himself as he sat with all his helpers in the temple of the lumps of metal worshippers.

"Tee hee hee", thought five thousand citizens to themselves as they searched for copies of that week's edition of PHALLIX.

"What a complete lump of offal Dave Braincell is".

It was one of those occasions when tempers were wearing a bit thin. Dave Braincell had carried out what he thought was a brilliantly conceived plan. (Anyone else who had the intellectual capacity of a hedgehog's testicles might just have agreed with him). Braincell and a group of lumps of metal worshippers had followed PHALLIX editor Judith Largeamounts around Cheapskate, sneakily collecting all the piles of PHALLIX as they were distributed. Unfortunately, Largeamounts and the PHALLIX staff were extremely cross when they found out what Braincell had done.

\*\*\*\*\* Braincell', said Largeamounts.

\*\*\*\*\* Braincell', said Cwis Media.

\*\*\*\*\* Braincell', said Willhebe Goodforacolumninch.

'Crumbs', said Pippa Trout.

It had been one of those weeks when most of the PHALLIX staff had lost a lot of sleep producing PHALLIX, and this probably made it difficult for them to see the humour in a group of demented morons hiding every copy and preventing all the citizens from reading it.

Braincell was very sensitive about his public image. He had been very upset by a story in PHALLIX. The story had said that Braincell and his followers had not organised enough publicity for their Rug party. Braincell knew that this was a load of rubbish: there were two posters prominently displayed behind Braincell's altar in the lumps of metal worshippers temple. Obviously anyone who came in to the temple and could put up with Braincell drivelling on about square bashing would know all about the Rug party. Braincell was quite sure that PHALLIX was out to get him: every time he made a complete arsehole of himself, PHALLIX would print the same old drivel about what a complete arsehole he was.

After a few hours the PHALLIX staff had calmed down enough to start work on the next week's issue of PHALLIX. Thinking that Braincell was feeling a little hard done by, they decided to print a special message just for him:

### THE BARON'S PRINTING SERVICES

From the PHALLIX sweatshop, a service especially tailored to suit your needs. Yes, if your name is Dave Braincell then read on. You have an issue of Lumsofmetalshet to get printed? Then we can certainly help! Yes, with the 'Baron's printing service' your artwork will be prepared for the presses as soon as it is delivered. After printing, folding and collating we can cut out the middle man and throw the whole lot straight into the bin! Spare everyone the labour of stealing all the copies, and bypass the reader completely!

**We think you'll agree, it's unbeatable value.**

*Issued on behalf of the 'Why should we bother' Commission.*

The PHALLIX staff contented themselves with the thought that if Braincell ever tried the trick again he would be spending a few weeks in the slammer.

*Why does Braincell wear a condom on his head?*

*Who the hell voted for him anyway?*

*Whose genitals will be nailed to his forehead if he picks up more than one copy of PHALLIX next week?*

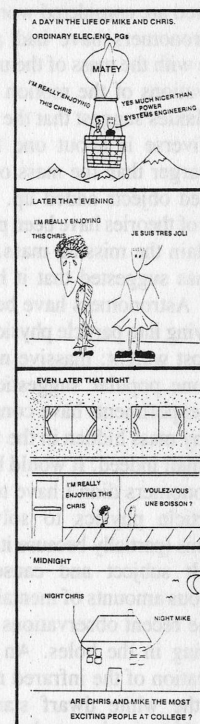
*You shouldn't need to wait to find out in the next episode of 'the Baron of Cheapskate'.*



● **Is 2nd Lt Dave Tyler** taking up a new hobby truly reflective of his mature outlook on life?

Spotted in the Guilds' office this week were the essential pieces of equipment necessary for his latest passion—a Subbuteo set and Dave's favourite team. Also spotted in the vicinity of the Guilds' store were two new cars for the Motor Club's Scalextric Championship (!). Isn't it amazing what a university education can do to your mental age?

● **Ex RCSU hack Dai Head** intended to take part in the RCS Motor Club's Godiva Run last weekend but was sponsored £60 to keep his clothes on.



## Late News

College Refectories Manager Rob Northey has purchased a washing machine to clean the polystyrene burger containers in the QT Snack Bar, it was announced on Monday. The move comes as part of a College-wide drive to increase conservation awareness amongst staff and students. Rob Northey told FELIX that the machine will enable the containers to be recycled, leading to a reduction in the ozone layer damage caused by volatile fluorocarbons in new containers. He also pointed out that the machine would save the refectories £100 per annum. 'It's a jolly good idea' commented Dr Krippen of Physics 'this move will reduce the ozone depletion rate by  $10^{-10}$  molecules per second'.



## Small star fills a hole

Astronomy is an inexact science. Theories are considered good if they get answers within an order of magnitude of observations. Factors of a hundred are considered worrisome. So astronomers have had a lot of trouble with the mass of the universe. Observations of the motion of stars and galaxies suggest that the mass of the universe is about one hundred times larger than the mass of all the observed objects added up.

Lots of theories have been proposed to explain the missing mass, though none has suggested that it has been stolen. Astronomers have been fond of straying into particle physics to find their lost weight: massive neutrinos were one popular suggestion. But, actual experiments have consistently kept any mass hidden in the neutrino very small indeed. It would be better if astronomers didn't have to appeal to particle physics to solve their problems (partially because it's a very difficult subject and causes them enormous amounts of mental strain).

Some recent observations seem to be filling in the holes. An indirect observation of the infrared radiation from the white dwarf star Giclas 29-38 (this is the star's telephone number) suggests it has a cold but large companion. Theoretical estimates suggest that the companion has a temperature of about 1,200 K and is about 4 to 8% the mass of the Sun. This puts it right on the borderline between stars and planets.

The observation is important for various reasons. Brown dwarfs have been popular candidates for some of the missing mass for some time, but they have never been observed before. They are objects just not quite big enough to get seriously into nuclear fusion. Theory is a bit poor at predicting exactly what size they should be or exactly how many of them there should be. So, now that we can see them if we know what to look for, astronomers can refine their theories with actual observations. If there are lots of them they may well end up accounting for a lot of the unseen mass that so bedevils observational astronomy. (*Nature* 330 p105)

## UNDER MICRO THE SCOPE



by Steve Black

## Editorial—science & values

There has been some criticism of last week's comment on the state of things with *Star Wars*. It was a rather opinionated piece, and some people have argued that there is no place for such opinions in a page about science (please note that the article did contain a lot of facts taken from the scientific press; Woodruff's case has received a large amount of publicity in *Nature*, for example). This objection seems to imply that the world of science stands entirely apart from the world of values: that is, there is no place within science for the discussion of the uses of science. I disagree, and it is worth explaining why.

Perhaps the most important thing connecting the world of morality and the world of science is the requirement for truthfulness in scientific work: unless scientists report their results accurately science cannot continue.

It is probably not surprising that, in a society increasingly dominated by the ethic of individualism and self-advancement, scientific fraud is on the increase. Several recent cases have come to light (see *Nature* 329 p377). Most were caused because scientists are increasingly judged by how much work they produce, so the workers in question improved their publication record by inventing a few extra results. These cases have caused a good deal of worry in the world of science, because they diminish the trust that is necessary for science to work. Policing the world of science is impossible, so we have to rely on the honesty of individuals.

The public and the state also rely on the honesty of the experts who give them advice. This trust is severely damaged when scientists allow themselves to be bought by particular interests. The interests of the food industry are not always compatible with our health, so we need honest independent experts to oppose the effects of junk food advertising. We

would still think that tobacco was OK if there had not been honest individuals who were willing to stand up against the huge industry and say that fags cause cancer. Where would we be if rich companies could prevent the truth emerging by bribing the experts?

Scientists increasingly have to make more important judgements about the implications of their work. Scientists who leave such questions for the politicians are abdicating their responsibilities. They are the moral equivalents of the scientists who used concentration camp victims as convenient Guinea pigs for horrendous experiments. Scientists have to become more like Woodruff and start challenging those who make misleading claims for their work. More than that they have to start asking themselves if their work is morally justified at all. *Star Wars* is a good example. There are good reasons for supposing it will upset the balance of power, making war more likely. There are even better reasons why it is unlikely to work at all. The scientists who know this but continue to take the (vast amounts of) money, are guilty of dereliction of their moral duty. At the very least they are wasting large amounts of public money that would be better spent elsewhere; worse they could be encouraging politicians to think that war is fightable.

Scientists who are not guided by any ethical considerations are bad for science and dangerous to society. They are not going to be taught ethics at Imperial College, where conformism is the ideal. So this column will do its best to maintain some sort of balance and, when ethical issues arise, will not hesitate to discuss them. You are, of course, entitled to disagree with my conclusions, and their contrary opinions on any subject.

## Radiation is worse than we thought

Patent medicines containing radioactive mixtures used to be popular (some of them glowed in the dark). People simply did not know what exposure to ionising radiation did to the body. Nowadays we know just how nasty most forms of radiation are. For example, when you have an X-ray taken at a hospital, the radiographer has to hide behind a lead shield.

Much of our information on just how nasty radiation can be, comes from studies of the long term effects of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. Not everyone who was near the two explosions has died yet, so we have not yet obtained reliable information on the long term effects of low doses of radiation. However, the latest results are disturbing since they suggest that previous estimates seriously underestimated the long term dangers of radiation.

The National Radiological Protection Board has called for dramatic reductions in the exposure of workers to radiation. The amount of radiation exposure allowed is to be reduced soon by a factor of three in those working in nuclear plants. This seems likely to cause major problems for the nuclear industry, which will have to spend vast sums of money increasing protection for its workers.

It seems that the more we find out about radiation the worse it gets. Sooner or later the electricity industry will have to ask whether atomic power is worth the trouble. It will do it sooner rather than later if the Government privatises the nuclear power stations with the rest of the industry.

**Complaints, news stories and features should be sent to the FELIX Office or to me via Chem PG letter racks or phone 4642.**



## RSM Open Day 1987

Thursday December 3rd 1987

Open day this year has been designed on a more lavish and hopefully more appealing scale. A more professional and 'up market' approach is to be adopted in the overall presentation.

The three departments of the RSM—Geology, Materials and Mineral Resources Engineering—will be open for sixth form students, accompanying school staff and invited industrialists to tour undergraduate teaching areas. Over 500 visitors are expected to attend and will be guided in small groups by undergraduate students through displays of undergraduate project work. Admissions tutors, careers advisors, and other academic staff will be available to discuss the different degree courses on offer and career paths open to graduates.

An integral part of the day will be an exhibition supported by 30 organisations who are associated with subject areas within the degree course or who may be future employers. This exhibition will be held within a large heated marquee covering over 400

square metres of the concrete walkway outside and adjacent to the RSM and Electrical buildings. Particular effort has been devoted to give this aspect of a professional atmosphere and will be open throughout the day to visitors and to all students of Imperial College who wish to confer with the organisations present.

Visiting school staff and staff manning the main exhibition will be invited to a buffet lunch hosted by members of the academic staff of the three departments.

In addition to the main exhibition area there will be two static exhibits located in the roadway outside the entrance to the Royal School of Mines in Prince Consort Road. Volvo BM (UK) will be providing a 30 tonne Rock Shovel and Mineral Contract Services will be providing a 25 tonne Dump Truck. These exhibits will be available throughout the day for visitors to examine.

All students are invited. Be there!

*Peter G Darling, Mining III.*

## INSEAD—Providing 'significant upward mobility'

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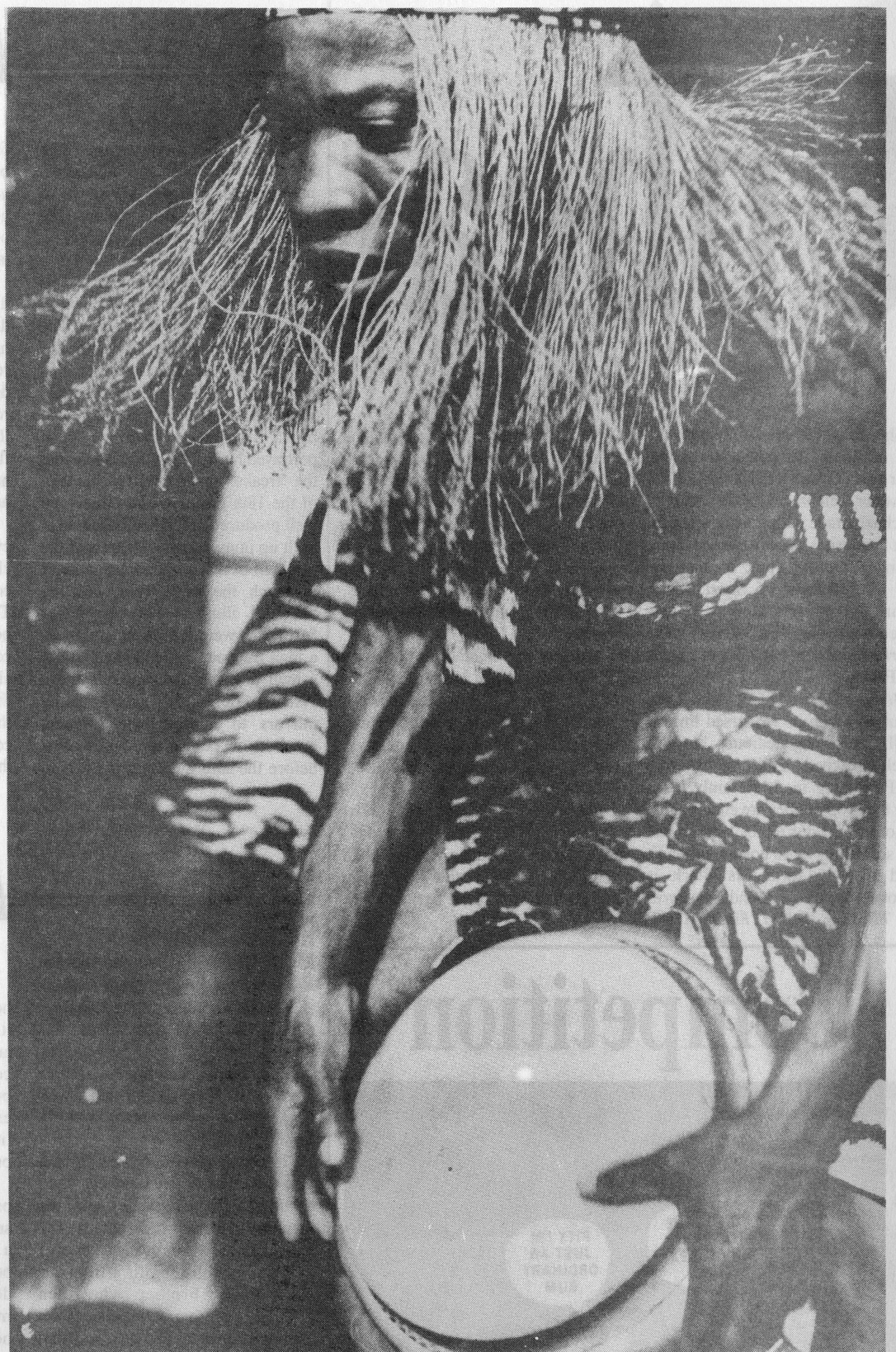


# Africa comes to Imperial

One of the best bands to appear at IC for many years is happening—that's the only way to describe it—on 3rd December as the main attraction of the Christmas Party. Read on for the low down on a group who are even now being plugged by no less a person than John Peel.

If anyone out there thinks that thirteen is an unlucky number, they had better change their ideas a bit smartish, because the thirteen members of **The Real Sounds Of Africa** will have something to say about it. Originally from Zambia, and now based in Zimbabwe, this band's blend of infectious African energy with their own version of the latin polyrhythms of the rhumba has moved those other denizens of the music world, the Bhundu Boys to say: 'Real Sounds? They're better than us....' High praise indeed.

This band is no newcomer to the musical scene, and can claim to have been around longer than, say, Dire Straits; they formed in Zambia in 1975, moving to Zimbabwe three years later, although their first LP, Harare, wasn't released until the group was celebrating its tenth anniversary. The basic musical form is that of the soukous, an African derivation of the rhumba which is thought to have been brought back from the Cuban end of the Carribean. That, and group member Jozos explanation, 'We are trying to play Zairean music with a Zimbabwean flavour', will probably leave you as much in the dark as it did me, but the success of the formula can easily be judged: The Real Sounds' residency, the Seven Miles Hotel in Harare seats 1000, and playing there three nights per week the band fill it to the top. Every single night. For those of you unlucky enough to miss them when they appeared on last week's South Bank Show, this is what they are about. Twelve musicians, playing sax, snare, lead and bass guitars and tons of percussion, together with vocals which at first hearing seem simple, but soon reveal their subtle and complex harmonies, all blended



into an exotic mix - the only people who can resist dancing are those who are put off their stroke by the refreshing lack of a heavy beatbox bass.

So, that's twelve: how about the thirteenth? Bring on the Witch Doctor! No kidding, his name is Mashura Nzou, and in addition to his interest in alternative medicine he must be one of the most flexible

contortionists going. His inclusion in the show isn't mere kitsch, either: one of the main pieces has as its focus the death of an entire village, and its magical revival, and those who have seen this live will tell you that it really works.

All in all, an amazing concept, and on top of that they are football crazy as well..... and they sing a song about it. Don't miss 'em.

*The Christmas Party starts at 9pm and there are free mince pies for the first hundred people. Tickets are £2 in advance and can be purchased from Norman's Snack Bar or the ICU Office. Alternatively, if you bring this page along to the party, you can get in for only £2 on the door. (If you don't you'll be charged £2.50).*



# Upbeat

With Christmas not too distant, the TV channels are obviously saving their best (?) for later. The BBC have, however, celebrated the departure of Michael Grade with four new series. Old Favourites, *Kenny Everett* (8pm, Monday) *Dallas* (8pm, Wednesday) and *A Question of Sport* (8pm, Thursday) all return, with a new three-part thriller series, *The Marksman* starting at 9.30pm a week on Friday.

*Blind Date* (ITV, 8.15pm, Saturday) with its rehearsed lines is really becoming tedious, but last week's reached an all time low with OAPs joining in. It certainly looks like the programmes are encouraging us to turn off our tellies 'and go and do something less boring instead'. And true to form Ms Black is followed by Ms Caine and *New Faces of '87 Live Grand Finale* (ITV,

7.30pm, Saturday). Can anyone look Marti Caine in the eye without thinking about that cruel caricature on *Spitting Image*? Things don't improve much on Sunday unless of course the *Royal Variety Performance* is of interest (ITV, 7.15pm), though the *Birdman of Alcatraz* (BBC2, 10.15pm) is always worth seeing again.

Monday sees another in the series of Woody Allen films, *Sleeper* (BBC2, 9pm). Allen wakes up in the year 2173, 200 years after going into hospital for a routine ulcer operation (and you thought the NHS waiting lists were bad).

On a more serious note *First Tuesday* (ITV, 10.30, Tuesday) investigates racism in Alabama, 25 years after Martin Luther King spoke of his dream of racial harmony.

# Competition



The winner of last week's competition was Alistair Seymour with this wonderful little gem. Collect your t-shirt from the Office today. Special merit awards go to Phil Adams, R Wiles and Neil Boxall.

# DANCE

## The Phantasmagoria

As is so often the case with contemporary dance, a production is not so much a story as a series of sketches based on a theme. *The Phantasmagoria* is no exception.

Originally, *The Phantasmagoria* was a form of entertainment using a 'magic' lantern to produce illusions and fantasies of the mind. The London Contemporary Dance theatre sets out to recreate some of this mysticism. The opening scene, *Pandor's Box* is a magical dance, lead by a two-faced creature well portrayed by Anita Griffin, displaying the 'freaks' of the circus at the turn of the 18th century. The effects are well produced and the atmosphere is built up immediately. The rest of the first half of this production continues in much the same vein, creating beautiful illusions. My particular favourites were a glowing web with a man trapped inside, a sketch with a man in a smouldering suit and a visually delightful sketch using mirrors to multiply the apparent number of people on stage. Just before the safety curtain is lowered

for the interval a human gyroscope is brought on stage, although I must admit to wondering how the man has going to stop spinning let alone get out of the contraption which was taking him round and round.

The second half is in a slightly different vein, with song as well as dance. The choreography seemed much more traditional and this was reflected in the confidence of the dancers as they went through the routines. Again there are some lovely illusions, the music was more flowing, and the tongue-in-cheek humour which appeared in the first half continues.

All in all it is a very enjoyable evening with the experimentation in choreography for the first half contrasting the easiness of the second. The ability of the principal dancers helped sometimes to pull together the coordination of the others who did not always seem as confident. However the quality of the dance is high and throughout the performance you constantly find yourself marvelling at their combined elasticity and stength.

M.B.

# BOOKS

## Relative Strangers

Maureen Rissik (Penguin, £3.50)

*Relative Strangers* by Maureen Rissik is a book for rainy afternoons (not advised for exam week since it is nearly impossible to put down). Unlike many seemingly similar novels, it is well written, well organised and even contains a nearly feasible storyline.

The plot itself is somewhat flimsy: rich beautiful women meets rich, beautiful stranger (male) and the resulting relationship haunts the remainder of the book. She takes over the family publishing firm from her incompetent brother who then disappears off to a drying-out clinic. Various characters find their way into the story through the publishing world, or the stranger's shady dealings. The whole thing concludes with a grand finale of the ultimate crime brought about by the ultimate abuse of power and the woman realises what sort of man this stranger really is: actually an incredibly, unfulfilling and very predictable conclusion.

Maureen Rissik herself has spent her life working in a publishers and it comes as no surprise to find details and phrases that could only have been concocted by someone 'in the business'. However, it is well explained and leaves you feeling a little more learned in the world of publishing.

The book encapsulates many problems, but the key message is surely that it is possible to succeed as a woman in a corrupt and ambitious business (and world) consistently dominated by men. My feelings: interesting and very much alive, but not recommended to those who turn to Tolstoy and Dickens for light relief! Despite the very cool ending, I enjoyed every minute of *Relative Strangers*.

T.G.

Margaret Berry  
Noel Curry  
Thomas Greig



## FILM

## Cry Freedom

There seems to be some unwritten law, which Richard Attenborough is a firm believer in, that a film must be at least two-and-a-half hours long if it is to be an epic. And although the two hours and forty minutes of *Cry Freedom* did not by any means drag, it could have profited well from some selective editing and restructuring. The film, which has been publicised as the biography of Steve Biko, is as much about the deceased black activist as it is about Donald Woods, the author of the two books *Biko* and *Asking for Trouble*, on which the film is based. The plot divides neatly into two halves, the first dealing with the friendship that develops between Biko and Woods, then the editor of a white liberal South African newspaper, and the second with how Woods slowly begins to appreciate the views of black consciousness. The second half deals with Woods' plight after Biko's death in prison and his subsequent bid to flee from the restraints and dangers of South Africa.

Attenborough would have done well to concentrate more on Biko's life and death, and less on Woods' attempt to flee South Africa. By comparison, the second half lacked any real tension anyway.

The parallels with *Ghandi* are obvious and Attenborough is once again drawn to a character who seems to represent true goodness, hope and tolerance in the face of open bigotry, hatred and evil. However, the advantage Attenborough had with *Ghandi* was that he was re-animating a historical figure, who to a large extent had been forgotten, and also the audience was able to proudly condemn the terrible crimes of another generation. Whereas now a lot of the audience may be more familiar with the case of Biko, and while condemning the visible evil in South Africa, must remember that they themselves live in a society that does nothing to prevent this, and indeed financially supports it. Some people may not like being reminded how unconcerned and uncaring they are. But it is for this very reason that, although *Ghandi* was a better film, *Cry Freedom* is a much more important one.

On a purely cinemal level, the standard of the film varies greatly from scene to scene. Attenborough lets us down quite often with the forced sentiment and clichéd frames of a few scenes, but the prevailing emotions are real, and modern



audiences now no longer fall for the heart-rendering departures; instead they demand more realism. Although Attenborough's direction is somewhat disjointed at times, there are some scenes where his touch shines through, (primarily the brilliant opening scene of the raid of the illegal shantytown Crossroads and also the '77 disturbances in Soweto, during which 700 people died) and the overall feeling of the film is right. The film does become a political preacher at times as Biko talks almost directly to the camera, which is unnerving. (I'd rather be shown the truth than told it.) Biko's story works much better on a humanitarian level, with the stunning photography (a lot of which was shot in Zimbabwe) bringing an added contrast between the beauty of the country and the

ugliness of the blacks' situation. Denzil Washington has a difficult task in creating the saintly character of Biko, one of the main black leaders who pushed for peaceful confrontation to apartheid, into a believable human being, but he copes admirably. Kevin Kline is excellent as Donald Woods, the liberal white, who discovers that the blacks don't want to be 'let into' the white society; they want South Africa on their own terms. There is a strong British cast littered throughout the film including Penelope Witton (as Woods' wife), Timothy West, Ian Richardson, Alec McCowen and most notably John Thaw as the particularly nasty Kreuger, Head of Police. All have varying successful South African accents ranging from Scottish to Australian. It is notable that the

nastier a character was, the more pronounced their South African accent.

Despite its faults, *Cry Freedom* came through as a strong film and as one of the most important films of the year. It deserves attention and should be seen, for it raises issues which the South African government has managed to bury in the last year. However, it should not be over-rated just because of the worthy ideals it supports. Although this may be the best role of Kline's career it is not his best performance, as some have suggested. It reaffirms the general condemnation of apartheid without saying anything desperately new. On the other hand; apartheid is wrong—what more is there to say?

N.C.



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### FRIDAY

**Circuit Training** .....12.30pm.  
Union Gym with Cross Country and Athletics Club. Everyone welcome.

**Orienteering** .....12.30pm.  
Brown/Green Committee Room (top floor of Union Building). Arrangements for following Sunday's event.

**Third World First** .....1.00pm.  
139 Huxley. Dr Chaplin Isanad.

**GLC Meeting** .....1.00pm.  
SCR (above Norman's). Sign up for next week's events and have a cup of coffee.

**Friday Prayer** .....1.00pm.  
The Union Building. See Islamic Society.

### SATURDAY

**Guilds Motor Club** .....8.00am.  
Goodwood Race Circuit. Scrutineering starts at 8am at the circuit. All drivers and cars please be there on time.

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

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

### SUNDAY

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

### MONDAY

**Rock Soc Meeting** .....12.30pm.  
Southside Upper Lounge. Interested in any form of rock? Come along!

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

**Artsoc Meeting** .....12.30pm.  
SCR Union. Come to sign up and pay your money for tickets for forth-coming events, eat biscuits and drink coffee. Free to members (membership £1.50).

**QT Soc EGM** .....12.45pm.  
S/ide Upper Lounge. Bye Bye, Howgate!! New members always welcome.

**Recitation of Holy Qur'an** .....1.00pm.  
9 Prince's Gardens. See Islamic Society.

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

**Concert Band Rehearsal** .....5.45pm.  
Great Hall. Concert tomorrow—all players please.

**Films** .....7.00pm.  
ME220. ICSF/WellSoc/RCS Ents present: 'Highlander' and 'Fright Night'.

**Intermediate Ballroom** .....7.00pm.  
JCR. 80p. See Dance Club.

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

**Beginners Ballroom** .....8.00pm.  
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 Radioshow** .....9.00pm.  
Prizes, good music and all the latest gossip!

### TUESDAY

**Christian Union** .....8.15am.  
Chemistry 231. See Steve Clark, Christian Union.

**Guinness & Gossip** .....12.30pm.  
Sailing Club meeting above Stan's.

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

**Boardsailing** .....12.30pm.  
Regular meeting in Southside Lounge to organise trips.

**BUNAC** .....12.30pm.  
If you would like to work in the USA or Canada then come and see IC's representative of BUNAC in the JCR.

**Ski Club** .....12.45pm.  
Above Southside Bar, sign up for lessons and recreational skiing.

**IC UGM** .....1.00pm.  
JCR. Come and debate to your hearts content.

**Concert** .....1.00pm.  
Mech Eng Foyer. Lunchtime concert by IC Concert Band.

**Industrial Soc Presents** .....1.00pm.  
Chem Eng LT1. Mr John Banham, Director General of the CBI. As seen on TV.

**Speaker Meeting** .....1.15pm.  
Read Theatre, Sheffield Building. 'The origins of the architecture of Imperial College: the scientific and technological buildings of London' by Frank James.

**Holy Qur'an Recitation** .....1.30pm.  
Prayer Room. See Islamic Society.

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

**Amnesty Meeting** .....5.30pm.  
Brown Committee Room. Everyone welcome.

**Academy** .....6.00pm.  
UDH. **CANCELLED** istry should attend.

**Sherry Tasting** .....6.00pm.  
Union SCR. A tasting of fine sheries by a master of wine (MW). £2.

**Judo** .....6.30pm.  
Union Gym. Next beginners' course—January.

**Film** .....7.00pm.  
Mech Eng 220. 'Pink Floyd—The Wall'. Specially beefed-up sound system for the occasion. 50p to members, £1 others.

**Caving Club Meeting** .....7.00pm.  
Southside Upper Lounge.

**Advanced Ballroom** .....7.00pm.  
JCR. 80p. See Dance Club

**OpSoc Rehearsal** .....7.30pm.  
53 Princes Gate. See OpSoc.

**Beginners Ballroom** .....8.00pm.  
JCR. 80p. See Dance Club.

**Dai Rocking** .....9.00pm.  
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### WEDNESDAY

**Sailing** .....12.30pm.  
Meet outside Southside.

**Explanation of Holy Qur'an** .....1.00pm.  
9 Prince's Gardens. Talk given by Dr Darsh. See Islamic Society.

**Industrial Soc Visit** .....afternoon.  
To British Gas Research Station. Lunch, presentation and tour. Send £3 deposit cheque to C Keener, Chem Eng III.

**IC Gay Okay** .....12.30pm.  
Green Committee Room, Top Floor of the Union Building.

**Ski Club** .....12.30pm.  
Above Southside Bar. Meet for trip to dry ski slope for lessons and recreational skiing. Bring gloves and thick socks.

**Golf Meeting** .....1.00pm.  
Sudbury. Regular weekly meeting.

**Caving Club Meeting** .....1.00pm.  
Union Snack Bar.

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

**Beginners Rock n Roll** .....2.00pm.  
UDH. 80p. See Dance Club.

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

**Advanced Rock n Roll** .....3.00pm.  
UDH. 80p. See Dance Club.

**Academy** .....5.30pm.  
Huxley **CANCELLED** eng, Maths and Aero Eng should attend.

**ULU Meditation Group** .....7.00pm.  
Room 3A, University of London Union, Malet Street. Traditional breathing meditation. Everyone welcome. No charge.

**ICSO Rehearsal** .....7.00pm.  
Great Hall. It's the last one, so be there.

**Audio Soc** .....afternoon.  
Union SCR. Cheap records & CDs.

### THURSDAY

**Meth Soc** .....12.30pm.  
Huxley 413. Someone interesting will be talking about something interesting.

**AudioSoc** .....12.30pm.  
Cheap records & CDs in the Union SCR.

**ICYHA Meeting** .....12.30pm.  
Southside Upper Lounge.

**Socialist Society Meeting** .....12.45pm.  
Brown Committee Room. All welcome. Contact Adrian Grainger (Maths 3).

**Ski Club** .....12.45pm.  
Above Southside Bar. Sign up for lessons, racing team and the holiday at Christmas.

**Microclub Talk** .....1.00pm.  
'Alice'—Imperial College's Parallel Processing Project. Physics LT1. Free to members.

**Amnesty Talk** .....1.00pm.  
Union Lower Lounge. Helen Bamber from Medical Foundation for the Rehabilitation of Torture Victims. Free.

**Ind Soc Presents** .....1.00pm.  
Chem Eng LT1. Stoy Hayward talks to the society about 'Sources of Venture Capital'.

**SFSOC Library Meeting** .....1.00pm.  
Green Committee Room, Union Building. Borrow books from our vast library, help plan future events. Members only.

**Lunch-Hour Concert** .....1.30pm.  
The Fairfield Quartet. The Music Room, 53 Princes Gate.

**Arabic Classes** .....1.30pm.  
Prayer Room. See Islamic Society.

**Gliding Club Meeting** .....5.30pm.  
Aero 254. Arrange trial flights, lifts to Lasham, talks and then to the bar.

**Orienteering Training** .....5.30pm.  
Union Gym. Social meeting held from 6.30pm onwards.

**Academic Seminar** .....6.00pm.  
Huxley 341. All AC reps from Chem Eng, Physics and Material should attend.

**Judo** .....6.30pm.  
Union Gym. Next beginners' course—January.

**Film** .....7.00pm.  
Mech Eng 220. 'FX—Murder by Illusion'. 50p to members, £1 others (membership available).

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

**Soul Express** .....9.00pm.  
IC Radio. Danny & Ken present the best in soul, dance and house.

**Ents Present** .....9.00pm.  
'Real Sounds of Africa' in the Union. £2.50 (on the door), £2 (adv), £1 (Ents).

**ICCAG Soup Run** .....9.15pm.  
Weeks Hall Basement. See Imperial College Community Action Group (ICCAG).

### HELP NEEDED

Crisis at Christmas is from 23rd to 29th December but help is needed before and after. For details and/or application forms see ALISTAIR GOODALL by 12th November on 373 1736 (flat 6) or Computing 1.



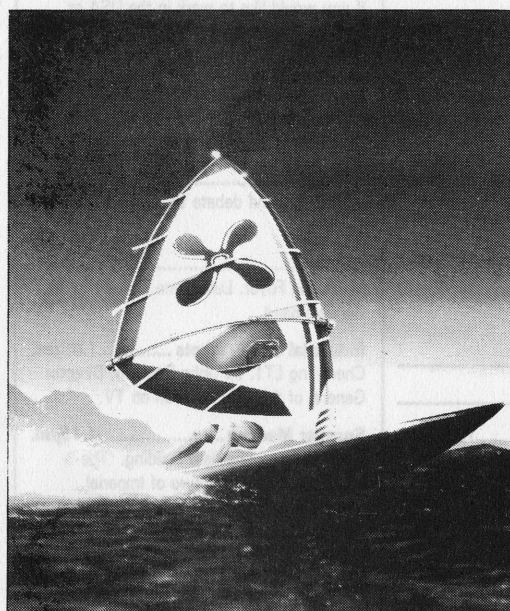
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## IRISH

### Collecting

We are currently collecting names in the hope that it will lead to the formation of an Irish Society. The general aim will be to bring together anyone with an interest in Ireland although our precise aims have been left open. As such, we are open to constructive suggestions. If you are interested in a traditional Irish barnight or something more intellectual, please contact one of us via the appropriate pigeonhole.

S Murray, ME I

D O'Kane, Physics I

C Robinson, EEI

Anna Marie Boston, Mat Sci I

## CHINESE CHESS

### Wanted

Chinese Chess Soc is looking to put together two teams of five or six players to play Go and Hsiangchi against other London Colleges in the near future. We would like to hear from players of all shapes, sizes and standards who would be interested in taking part in such matches. For more details come along to a Club meeting on Tuesday or Thursday lunchtime in Elec Eng 4036.

## SF, WELLS, RCS ENTS

### Double bill

*Highlander* and *Fright Night*  
Monday 30th November,  
7pm, ME 220

We have here a vastiferous double-bill for your delight. First, the famous *Highlander*, concerning a group of men who would live forever if they didn't insist on cutting each others' heads off—but it's good because it's got Sean Connery in it. Then we show *Fright Night*, the excellent film about the teenager who is convinced his beautiful neighbour is a vampire and manages to persuade a TV horror show presenter to go with him on a terrifying journey—next door.

As usual, when the last person to turn up before 7pm is seated—we start! So don't be late.

£1 to ICSF/WellSoc/RCS members (please bring ID) and £1.50 to the rest of the world.

## GREATER LONDON

### Good times

The Greater London Club was started this term with the intent of showing students how to have a good time in London without necessarily becoming victims of the city's expense. We try to maintain a balance between serious and not-so-serious events, and now have over 120 members.

The events we have lined up for the rest of this term and the next include a tour round the BBC TV Centre, visits to the City of London and a national newspaper, and an evening at a greyhound race meeting as well as several bands and cabaret/fringe theatre venues. We are aiming at 2 events per week until Easter, and always arrange for concessions and/or provide club subsidies.

We do not profess to know everything that is going on and welcome suggestions from all our members. We have an informal meeting every Friday at 1pm in the Senior Common Room (above Norman's) but can also be contacted via Phil Adams or Rob Conn (both Chem Eng IV).

## AUDIO

### Good deals

If you're just about to buy a new hi-fi system or records, or even computer hardware or software, come and see Audio Soc first.

Firstly, Audio Soc can get you major discounts on a wide range of equipment and music 'software'. Goods are generally ordered on Tuesday lunchtimes and collected and paid for the following Thursday lunchtime.

Secondly, all the Audio Soc committee are hi-fi buffs and will gladly give you the benefit of their knowledge and point you in the direction of a good hi-fi dealer.

Finally we organise visits to and from some of these wonderful manufacturers. We had a successful day out at Naim Audio last week, and have had FREE demonstrations from famous British firms such as Linn, Wharfedale and Celestion.

Come and see us one Tuesday or Thursday lunchtime in the Union SCR or UDH. Or come along to our next demonstration from loudspeaker maker KEF on Tuesday December 1 at 7.30pm in the Holland Club Function Room.

## QT

### Freak

It is the dawn of time. Earth has just been created. A freak cosmic ray bonds some atoms together which spontaneously evolve into the Kama-Sutra, the Chaircreature of what is now QT Soc. Comprehending the effect of its existence on humanity (on the off-chance that it too would come into being) it hid under a rock for millions of years, reproducing by binary fission and watching furry, banana-eating, tree-dwelling creatures evolve into almost hairless, bipedal animals whose idea of fun was getting pissed at parties.

*Continued next week...*

We meet at 1300 hrs every Tuesday in Southside Upper Lounge or Belushi's depending on how hungry I am. Everybody is welcome, Be there!!!

## KARATE

### Fighting spirit

On Saturday 21st November the '17th Portsmouth Invitation Karate Tournament' was held at the Mountbatten Centre, Portsmouth. There were 500-600 competitors, and IC was represented by a 13-strong team, trained and coached by Ceasar Andrews (3rd Dan). Together the team won ten trophies.

The competition involved kumite (sparring) and kata (fixed forms) and there were creditable performances all round. The ladies stole the day with Maiken Engelstad coming first in the kata competition with a spectacular execution of 'seishinshin' and being asked to demonstrate her kata again after the finals. Kate Taylor came third, and both ladies came joint third in the kumite. In the men's kata competition Paul Potter came a respectable third with 'sochin' and the men's team (P Potter, Kenrick Sayers and Oday Abbosh) achieved fourth place. In the junior individual men's kumite Paul Urbonas and Michael James came joint third. Recognition must be given to those who didn't reach the final but fought strongly and with good spirit. The men's kumite team A reached the quarter-finals where after a hard struggle they were defeated.

In closing I wish to thank all those who took part for their dedication, and Ceasar Andrews for his guidance.

## WINDSURFING

### Shaky start

Two members of IC Windsurfing Club competed in this week's race in the Carlsberg Cooler series. This was held at Datchet Water on Saturday 21st November.

After numerous detours including an unintentional circular tour of the reservoir the club captain found the entrance and was rigged in time for the first race. Being faced with 132 competitors including some of the country's top semi-professional sailors the two members got off to a shaky start, both lying between 25 and 30. The best three results from the day's four races were taken. Despite the light and variable wind, least favourable to the equipment used, Club Captain Robert Kent finished 15th and Mark Gilanze finished 31st—especially good considering he was using unfamiliar kit.

## FILM

### Brilliant

IC Film Society are showing *Pink Floyd—The Wall* on Tuesday December 1 (Mech Eng 220, 7pm). Naturally the wattage will be appropriately massive for this brilliant film, and its even more brilliant soundtrack.

Then, on Thursday December 3 (Mech Eng 220, 7pm), we have our regular Thursday film, *FX—Murder by Illusion*. A movie special-effects man is asked by the American police to fake a murder to protect a witness. He does so and is plunged into a web of intrigue and violence.

50p to members, £1 to others (membership available on the door).

## CONCERT BAND

### Free

Don't miss another FREE lunchtime concert brought to you exclusively by kind permission of the Mech Eng Department. IC's greatest Concert Band is performing for one lunchtime only in the Mech Eng Foyer at 1pm on Tuesday December 1.

The programme will be:

**Slava!**—Leonard Bernstein

**Ballad for Band**—Gordon Jacob

**An Ellington Portrait**

—Duke Ellington

**Le Carnaval Romain**

—Hector Berlioz



## Rugby's Angels

IC 1sts—30

Kent 1sts—8

IC 1sts rounded off their successful UAU campaign with their 5th straight victory. Despite being 8-6 down at half-time, due more to complacency than Kent's prowess, IC's pack produced a rousing second half display to keep Kent pinned in their own half and without a scoring chance.

Two pushover tries from the IC pack only in the second half put the game beyond doubt. 'Young' Rob Hargrove managed to score both of these tries. Unfortunately, however, it looks like we may now lose his services as he has been reduced to riding a tricycle to rest his poor ankles.

Kent's performance was nothing if not spirited but accurate place-kicking from the 'cool-headed' IC outside half made sure of a well deserved victory.

The after-match performance of the team was a credit to the Club. However, most of the boys were shocked by the Kent team's sexist and foul-mouthed behaviour in the bar after the game. This did not detract too much from the team's enjoyment and indeed Canterbury proved to be so attractive that a few members of the squad managed to secure their transfers to the Kent Club and declined the bus journey home. That is on explanation. The other is that Messrs T Brown, T Paul, R Dark (non-member) and others unaccounted for, fell madly in love with 'something' in the pub.

On a more serious note IC now earn a well deserved rest from the UAU competition and can sit back to see who their opponents will be in the last 16, which takes place in late January.

## Exciting Debutantes

IC IV—5

Westfield College—3

Fresher Derek Robinson's first goal for IC came in a hat-trick as the IVs twice came from behind to beat Westfield College.

But his first goal was the one dividend of IC's complete dominance of the first half. Derek taking Alan Sinclair's cross on his knee before driving the ball past the advancing keeper. The best of the many other chances fell to Sean Elliott, who shot narrowly over after breaking through. The IC defence held firm throughout and goalkeeper Mike Harper was complaining of being cold at half-time.

Things soon warmed up for him as we started the second half in a higher gear and were rewarded with goals from a dubious penalty decision and an own goal by B\*\*\*\* D\*\*\*\*\*.

IC were soon hitting back, Tony Goodwin's run and shot, in particular, coming very close, and, from a corner, the Westfield defence failed to clear, and Sean Coolly placed the

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ball into the far side of the goal through a crowded goal mouth.

However, we were not yet done, and struck again, with a half-volley from the edge of the box, and the score stood at 3-2 with 20 minutes to go.

IC's spirit did not break, Eddie McCann moving forward to help IC regain total control of midfield, and the forward runs of Talib Araim and Hides Tekano were much more threatening. The pressure paid off with Derek completing his hat-trick with two similar goals, slipping past hesitant defenders and clinically finishing to turn the game.

Now Westfield were done and their misery complete when a defender, under a little pressure turned in a cross after a piercing run from Mark Prior.

Tony and Sean made good debut performances and the defence deserve a special mention for their solid work, but after writing this report, I can't be bothered to make one.

**Judith says 'this is the worse paste-up she's ever seen' (Judith is 28).**

### OTHER SOCCER RESULTS

Kent II—1

IC II—0

IC III—2

Kent III—3

## Lucky Linstead

Linstead Hall—18

Tizard Hall—3

Linstead retained their 100% record with a devastating performance against Tizard Hall. The game was evenly balanced until the second minute when Linstead went ahead with a goal from Nick Tumman. The rest of the half saw Linstead do most of the attacking resulting in a further 5 goals in their favour.

Although Tizard rallied with 3

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goals in the second half, they were completely overshadowed by the 12 goals scored by Linstead. The best of which was a superb effort by Richard Harris, who, having received the ball from the kick off, greedily ran through the opposition on his own to blast the ball past the keeper. This just about made up for his earlier misses that had to be seen to be believed.

## Ship shape

Sailing

This week we sailed at the Welsh Harp against the University of Kent.

IC won the first race by gaining 1st and 2nd places, despite the Commodore's reluctance to join in. Kent came back to win race 2 to keep the match level before lunch.

In the first race after lunch, IC

sailed to 1st, 2nd and 3rd places, to lead the match 3-1 before the final race. Kent decided that IC had faster boats, so after swapping one of the boats, the final race was sailed with IC completing another whitewash, gaining 1st, 2nd and 3rd places, to win the match 4-1.

## On Grass

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IC II—5

New College II—1

With the IC team containing 6 players, either making their debut, or having only played 1 game for the 2nds, it may have looked a difficult game on paper, to the ordinary fan. But, with an inspirational team talk by captain for the day, Russ Dark, and the fact that we play on grass, caused IC to play like a team possessed. After early pressure, Graham Day was in the right place at the right time, to give IC the lead. New College put pressure on IC for the equaliser, but a hasty clearance was headed through by Talib Araim, who had the vision to see Guy Phiri running through. Guy doesn't miss them, so IC went 2 goals up. Shortly after good work by Guy in the right, the ball was crossed, and some how, Neil Vanden Begin converted a difficult volley, to put IC 3 up.

The second half was going to be tough, against the wind, and this was shown when New College got a goal back. However, IC's character showed through, and shortly after, Guy Phiri scored the goal of the match. Having beaten two players on the edge of the box, he cut inside, beat two more, rounded the keeper, and blasted IC into a 4-1 lead. Then, Graham Day popped up again to round off a fine IC display, keeping IC II at the top of the league.

## Winners

### MORE FOOTBALL

IC (1st team)—2

UC (1st team)—0

The game was dominated by the windy conditions preventing either team from playing entertaining football. IC started in a sluggish manner, giving UC a lot of time on the ball and letting them dominate the game. Gradually IC got back into the game creating a few chances. A sloppy back pass from one of UC's defenders left Nigel Collier with just the goal to beat which he did to put IC into the lead.

IC continued to battle against the elements in the second half. IC's defence were having one of their best games of the season not allowing UC to break through.

In the 70th minute IC were awarded a penalty when Paul was brought down inside the box. Phil Ewart took the penalty and scored only for the referee to disallow it because someone entered the penalty box before the ball was kicked. Phil Ewart retook the penalty and scored. The final score was 2-0. It was IC's first clean sheet of the season.

**Editors comment:** Thanks to TRIBOLOGY DEPT Mech Eng; please can we have some hockey reports? Big Sue's coming home; and Kiki says hello to Mr Brush.



# C&G Success

C&G Rugby have been playing in the UAU as an IC 3rd XV this term. The first part of the UAU was a league competition in which C&G finished top of their league, not losing a game, with wins over Surrey (4-18), Brunel (24-0) and Kent (12-16).

The first match against Surrey saw the loss of our scrum half Graig Allery with a broken wrist. The game started slowly with us taking most of the first half to assert our authority, after which we stormed away to put 18 points on our opponents.

Our second match was against Brunel, this game was played in appalling weather conditions. In the first quarter of the game, we were kept behind our own 22 yard line, and all credit to the team for preventing Brunel from scoring at this crucial point in the game. When we finally managed to make headway against the gale force wind, we scored two tries before half-time, and then after the

break we changed up a gear as the opposition crumbled and a further 4 tries were scored. We ended the match with an injury to our vice-captain Steve Holden with damaged ribs, he has been unable to play since.

Our third and final game in the league was against Kent, this game kicked off at 12.30pm, too early for some! After a period of prolonged pressure against Kent in the first half we scored 2 tries and then relaxed. At the beginning of the second half our over-confident attitude allowed us to concede two very dubious tries, this managed to motivate the team into action again to reply by scoring twice in as many minutes. The game ended with Kent squeezing in with a last minute try.

My congratulations go out to all the C&G 1st XV players, who have played well and made these results possible, taking us into the last 16 teams in the UAU.

## Ladies Foiled Again!

### Fencing

Last Saturday saw the debut of the ladies fencing team against Kings College. It is the first time we've been able to raise a ladies team for a few years. We were very pleased with the results especially against Kings who have always been very tough opponents. The results for the day are as follows:

**Ladies' Foil** IC 4-5 Kings

**Men's Sabre** IC 3-6 Kings

**Men's Epee** IC 9-0 Kings

**Men's Foil** IC 9-0 Kings

Everyone put up a really good fight on both sides. Adam Sadler, who recently achieved 4th place in the National U20 Epee Competition, won all his 6 fights for the foil and epee teams as did Peter Cripwell. Adam's performance was particularly

impressive since he was still recovering from a heavy dose of cocktails from the Guilds Carnival.

The most embarrassing incident of the day saw one member of the ladies' team having to be prized out of her electric jacket by two fencers having broken the zip. She then discovered that her body wire (which goes up one sleeve of the jacket and down the back) was broken. One bright spark of a fencer decided to tie a second body wire to the first and pull it through. Of course, it got stuck half way! The next five minutes saw the highly embarrassed lady in question surrounded by six eager lads all trying to rectify the situation. Needless to say she still went on to fence a very good match!

## Belle Vue Cycling

### Cycling

The annual Belle Vue C.C. cross-country running race for cyclists took place on Sunday in cold, windy conditions. The South London Harriers' tough, hilly course always attracts a quality field of both cyclists and triathletes.

Heavy rainfall the previous night made for extremely muddy conditions, and turned the event into a severe test of strength and stamina.

Sole IC entrant Andy Major

produced a sound 32-minute run, for 32nd place in a strong field of 108 finishers. Recent IC graduate Scott Heyhow achieved a creditable 33-50 (43rd place) running for his new club, C.C. Woking. International triathlete Peter Moysey failed to start, and the overall winner was ex-professional cyclist Pete Sanders with an astounding 26-51.

Forthcoming events include an eleven mile walking race and a 25-mile time-trial in December.

## Should be fun

### Orienteering

Last Sunday's event was at the Forest of Dean in Bristol. Despite rain on the journey there and a torrential storm the forest remained dry and orienteers were able to complete their courses in comparatively fast times. Men ran the blue course with 350m of climb and ladies the green course. When the results come through, positions within the Club will be able to be calculated for those competitive orienteers.

Next weekend there is a night event on Saturday; followed by a badge event in Nottingham and a colour-coded event in Ashridge on the Sunday. Anyone interested in coming along should come to training on Thursday this week at 6.30pm in the Union Foyer for an 'O' sprint around College—should be fun!

## Jonnie Rotten

It was Wednesday the 18th. Jonnie Turner was feeling proud of himself. He looked in the mirror and saw his rugged handsome features staring back at him. Yes, he was certainly losing his hair, but then again, four years of Mech Eng would do the same to anyone. He picked up the newly washed kit, re-checked his receding hairline and headed towards Beit Quad. Jonnie was ready to take the IC fifths to Wembley.

It was now 12.43pm and slowly the team drifted towards the noticeboard. They always enjoyed their days out in the country with Jonnie or 'Grandpa' as they had fondly nicknamed him. He would take them on all sorts of trains, to places where no man had been before, to meet people who no man would want to have met before. But these days were always full of fun because Grandpa Jonnie would always find himself in trouble for one reason or another. Today, Jonnie lent his rail card to Glen so that Glen could swindle 70p off his ticket (stingy git). What Jonnie forgot was that Glen didn't look anything like Jonnie's photo. For a start Glen was not bald, did not have a six inch nose and most importantly was not an old age pensioner! Eventually Jonnie got slapped wrists and got his senior citizens' card back.

2.30pm. Cobham town (where?). The whole team felt like a right bunch of Richard Heads because we'd turned up at the match without a ball. So, whilst the other side were having

## Woadwunners Welay

### Cross-Country

Last weekend saw us at the Warwick Woadwunners Welay. The course was a tight and fairly flat circuit of 2.2 miles on the roads around the campus. A below par team did well to finish 7th in a small field of 12 teams. The race was won by Leicester only one second ahead of the team from Warwick. An enjoyable day nonetheless, made even more so by the fact that Stuart finally got to use his umbrella! Thanks Stuart.

Our next race is at Reading where we take part in the White Knights Relays followed by the University of London Championships at Alexandra Palace. C'mon everyone let's have a good turnout for the UL champs (especially the girls!).

## (Football!?)

a kick-about, we amused ourselves by watching Bah dribbling with an imaginary ball for half an hour.

After wasting early chances, Bas managed to put IC in the lead after 25 minutes. From then on IC just sat back and soaked up the pressure as flood after flood of attack was thrown at them. (By the way, we were playing Charing Cross Hospital III). At right back, Mike was brilliant. Pete and Jon were great at the centre of defence and at left back Glen was solid and often sensational. In goal, Steve just sort of floated around really doing pretty much nothing (no, he didn't tip the penalty onto the bar) looking very lost. A solid midfield of Dave, Lee, Tan, and Ean (well, let's face it, neither Tan nor Ean are very solid at all), and a stupendous attack of Bas and Bah, who between them had three shots on goal. Meanwhile Steve was still wearing his newly washed green jersey (I don't know why we bother, it's never muddy). Two minutes before the end, the cheats hand-balled the ball and scored. So, we had penalties, as it was pitch dark. So dark, that we couldn't even see Bah, except when he smiled. Dave and Bas scored, quite clinically, and at 2-2, Mike went up and just as clinically missed. Jonnie was crying. The Harlem Globe Trotters then missed twice (no, Steve didn't even touch the ball. They hit the bar quite easily without his help.) Glenn and Lee scored. We'd won 5-3. We were on our way to Wembley.



## Indigestion

Dear Judith,

Just a quick note, having read the Handbook this year, and also last week's copy of FELIX. An article on the back page of the said FELIX, entitled 'Yummie!', goes on about Mr Jardine's new 'adventurous' menu, forgetting the fact that such food was on sale all summer, at my own suggestion and instigation.

The Handbook article about the Snack Bar reads like the libretto of an oratorio, singing Mr Jardine's praises as if he were some kind of culinary god!

Whilst not berating Mr Jardine's efforts on the catering front, I do feel that the hard-working casual, temporary and full-time staff deserve to be given a few words of praise now and again.

The friendliness and usual promptitude of the service, as well as the laughs it affords to many customers, rather than the boring impersonal service available in other College outlets, is due exclusively to these staff, without whom the place would never survive and would be a lot less interesting. So less about Mr Jardine and his pedestal and more about the dedicated staff, who are, after all, just students like you and are hopelessly underpaid.

Yours sincerely,

Pete Hartley, ex-Snack Bar casual, ex-Temporary Catering Supervisor, Union Barman, ICU.

## Selfish and stupid flanning

Dear Judith,

I write to protest about being flanned without warning, on the Thursday of the Rag Week, just before going into an afternoon laboratory session and also about the behaviour of the C&G Union president towards me the following day. I was unaware that flanning was going on that week, and that one could buy one's way out of being flanned, or get a protective badge if one wore contact lenses. I don't know who paid for me to be flanned, or who actually carried it out.

I fully support charity activities which do not involve the risk of someone being harmed but a person might be unable to cope with being flanned for any number of reasons. He might have ear trouble for example, a friend of mine told me that if he were flanned, his nose would bleed very badly, since it bleeds when under the slightest pressure. Fortunately, my eyes were not harmed by the flanning, but for all I knew at the time, they could have been. I had major surgery done on my eyes this year. I always treat any substance which might come into contact with the eyes with caution, just in case it causes irritations which might hinder the recovery of my eyes. I wear plastic lens glasses which are very easily scratched. They are delicate and expensive. The flanning could have meant buying new glasses or repairing the present ones. For a short-sighted person, to have one's glasses smeared up is in itself a traumatic experience. Walking to a place to wash glasses might in itself be difficult. Also, if I had had to play in a concert that day, it would have been very inconvenient having shaving cream all over my head. I

would have had to have gone back to International Hall to get showered and change my clothes.

Flanning someone who has not personally been warned by the flanners beforehand and given the opportunity to say no is unacceptable, and very selfish of the flanners who only think of the laugh they will get out of it, rather than the problems it might cause to the victim.

I went to the C&G Union Office the following Friday to complain about this. Some people there, but not the president, were courteous and apologised about the incident, although I disagree with their excuse for the flanning. The excuse was that as much publicity about the Rag Week was displayed as possible and that it was my responsibility to find out about it. This excuse is as ridiculous and unacceptable as that of a motorist who says he is not responsible for running down someone who was in his way, because he told the public beforehand that he was not responsible for running down people who got in his way, and that it was up to the unfortunate person to find out about this. The people in the office said that it would be too much effort to inform everyone, personally, beforehand about the flanning. It is hardly any extra effort, on the part of the flanners, to ask their victim before he is flanned whether or not he can cope with it. This might save a lot of ill-feeling.

The C&G Union president was very discourteous to me, saying 'I don't have time to talk to people like you...leave this office...turn your back around and walk through the slit in the wall'. He did not apologise for the incident. His behaviour did not befit that of a union president. He should be setting an example of courteous behaviour to all students. Is C&G Union becoming a fascist organisation which will not hear people complaining, without being told to leave the office? What may be a joke for a person with healthy eyes may have a frightening effect on someone who has already experienced encroaching blindness and is concerned about protecting his eyes.

Yours,

Igor N Dyson, Mech Eng I.

## Biased attitude

Dear Judith,

I am writing to point out what seems to be a rather curious statement by Bill Goodwin in his article 'Is FELIX biased?'. Earlier this week, Bill telephoned me and asked if Ian Howgate had been quoted out of context concerning the Freshers' Week entertainments. I told him that I was not prepared to offer an opinion, but that he was welcome to come and listen to the tapes. As far as I have been able to ascertain, he has not listened to any tapes at IC Radio, and certainly not to the tapes that were broadcast, as only I know where these are kept. In the light of this, phrases such as 'In fact, listening to the tape' seem rather peculiar. The two tapes that made up the interview were broadcast in the first weeks of term, and have not been put out since. Without going into details of whether or not Ian was quoted out of context, it seems to me that a conscious effort has been made to show that FELIX is biased. Surely this shows rather a biased attitude on the part of Bill Goodwin? Had Bill contacted me in person, I would have been more than happy to let him hear the broadcast tapes; all the News Department interviews are kept, and anyone is free to come and listen to them after they have been broadcast. I hope that this letter will clear up any confusion that may have arisen as a result of Bill's article.

Yours sincerely,

Nigel Whitfield, News Editor, Imperial College Radio

## Small Ads

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

● **Wanted:** Union van drivers for the Soup Run. See Liz Warren, Chem Eng II.

● **Burnard Sunley** House Christmas Fancy Dress Party on Sat Dec 5th in Union Lounge, 7pm to 12 midnight. Disco, live band and late bar. Tickets £1 from Union Foyer, Mon to Fri lunchtimes 12.30pm to 1.30pm.

● **Deadline** for retrieving belongings from Linstead Hall is December 2nd.

● **Basement sale** Linstead Hall, 5th/6th December, 2pm. Buy all the things you've always wanted.

### ACCOMMODATION

● **1 Male** required for flat of 4 girls and 1 fella in Fulham. £23 p/w (£33 without rebate). Washing machine, phone, TV, etc. Phone 731 1753 (evenings) or contact A M Taylor, Mech Eng II.

### FOR SALE & WANTED

● **Bicycle:** Olympus, 5 gears, £30. Contact Amin Khataee, 5916, Materials.

● **Renault** 12TS 1974. Tax and MOT, many new parts, very cheap and reliable. Offers around £300. Contact Stephen on 969 8402

### PERSONAL

● **Fun loving** male seeks difficult problem sheets. The harder the better. Apply Paul Murray, Flat 9, 81 Lexham.

● **Baa** said Neil. No, this is how it's done, said Paul: Bleuuuuuugh!!

● **Kebabs** are such wonderful things—even worth getting left in Kent for, eh Rob?

● **Do you** like enjoying yourself? No? Well Paul is looking for company to do his work with him, apply Flat 9, 81 Lexham.

● **Keep** your hankies at the read, Stu's sniffing.

● **Special offer:** unused twelve pack for sale. Too much, to be sure, to be sure, to be sure.

● **To all Guildspeople:** Don't you wish you'd elected somebody else as President?

● **Levels** 1,2,3,4,5,6,9,10,11,12 your time will come.

● **Hvitiè étage**—zut alors!

● **Ottavo** piano—che cazzil!

● **Beware** the banana spirit, he's after you!

● **Edna** oh Edna, oh oh uhh Edna oh uh Edna oh oh oh Ednaaaa...

● **For one month** only at Edna's Sauna Club, wet kipper and baby oil rub down only £100.

● **12** burley firemen (!?) get the photos (or the negs) from the RCS Office.

● **Is Cosmic** a nancy boy?

● **The caped** Avenger would like to point out that he requires budget cape cleaning services, although Bridget is quite welcome to come round. The Caped Avenger.



- **MC Enterprises** present: 'Gift of the Gab' with new no added subtlety.
- **You** don't want it said but we'll say it anyway. Money back under no circumstances!
- **ICSF members** in the end, there can be only one.
- **The Kurgen** likes necking—love Connor.
- **Would-be** Highlanders—mind your heads.
- **Dai Williams:** Your membership application is being considered pending review of your residential status. The Penthouse Club Committee.
- **What** were you on last night, Mike?
- **Dear Girls,** thanks for the lessons, Mike.
- **Why did** Mike have a cheesy grin all last week? Flat 129.
- **Fortify** yourself—a tasting of fine sherrys. If you thought that sherry finished with Bristol Cream, think again. 6pm, Union SCR, Tuesday.
- **Sean's** been jilted.
- **Rag Quiz** scores: Nigel 15, Sean 19, Chas 22, Colin 26, Laura 41!
- **Soup Run,** super fun. Warra naff pun. Basement, Weeks Hall, Thursday, 9.15pm, ICCAG.
- **Rock Soc:** Interested in any form of rock music? Then come along to Southside Upper Lounge, Monday, lunchtime.
- **WG**—Thanks for the article. Cheque's in the post—IH.
- **Fashion** boutique opening on Level 7. All the latest dust bin liners in stock now.
- **New!** Andy-proof vans, seat 4. Apply any Royal Ordnance Factory Tanks Division.
- **I know** how to put one on myself, thank you very much. Mike.
- **Cosmic's** a nancy boy!
- **It's difficult** to do your piano marathon when your helpers are making love 2 feet away!
- **The Caped Avenger** wouldn't know what a killer was if one murdered him. Mad Dan.
- **This one's** for John: Don't forget the Plants rehearsal on Wednesday, love Kim.
- **Looking** for that hunk of a woman? Trying to find that wimpy guy? Let Andy fix it (!) for you. Free estimates given.
- **Laddered stockings?** Let us fix you up (!), on Level 7. Luxurious surroundings.
- **Guild's Carnival:** Transport home arranged for women. Can you miss it?
- **What's** big and exciting? Guild's Carnival.
- **Congratulations** S&C. Lots of luv, M.
- **Don't** forget to take the braces off in bed!
- **Wanted** one braincell to replace one that was stolen over a week ago—2ndLt
- **Fashionable** 2nd year Physicist requires one rich and single 3rd year Physicist with a full set of EM lecture notes.
- **Kissums** kissums? Dvar yec min gart.

## STOIC reply

Dear Judith

In last week's FELIX (Fri Nov 20) a letter appeared none too complimentary about Dave Tyler. The manner in which it was written was due solely to the author, Charles Robin, and not to STOIC in general. For this he apologises.

However, what follows is a statement endorsed by a committee meeting of STOIC.

1. At Friday lunchtime the only Guilds publicity in the entire Union Building was outside the Arch, and consisted of four identical 'Carnival Today' posters stuck together. We feel that this lack of publicity is more to blame for any alleged low attendance at the Carnival than any broadcast made by STOIC. This lack of publicity is also totally contrary to a statement that Mr Tyler made in a recorded interview with STOIC in which he said: 'You will not be able to move around College without knowing that the Guilds Carnival is on.'

2. We would have been very willing to accommodate Guilds' requests regarding the time of our transmission had they approached us in a civilised manner.

3. Mr Tyler threatened that damage would come to STOIC if our broadcast went ahead.

4. Mr Tyler also threatened STOIC just before the start of this term when due to a breakdown in our equipment the Guilds' introductory video for Freshers was in danger of not being completed. Mr Tyler said that he would see to it that STOIC received zero funding from the Union if his video was not delivered.

5. We did in fact publicise very extensively the Guilds Carnival on our Friday programme whilst it was actually in progress, giving people information on its location and content.

6. STOIC attempts to provide a service for the students of IC. A lot of work goes into our programmes, both 'Newsbreak' and 'Into the Night', and we feel that the programmes are appreciated by the members of ICU.

7. We feel that students have a right to choose what they want to do when they want to do it. Does Mr Tyler then propose to limit the options presented to students?

8. STOIC members were harassed when they attempted to gain access to the Union Building studio in preparation for the 'Into the Night' broadcast. The lift was turned off, and the stairs were blocked by tables and chairs, which is surely a fire hazard?

Does Mr Tyler have something against STOIC? He will get very willing co-operation regarding publicity and coverage of Guilds future events whenever possible, if the request is termed reasonably, and not as a threat.

Charles Robin, STOIC Hon Sec.

## Misquotation

Dear Judith,

Jesus Condone Adultery

In John's Gospel chapter 8, verse 10 Jesus says to a woman taken in adultery, 'Neither do I condemn you, go and sin.' This remarkable reversal of the usually held view is achieved by the trick of incomplete quotation, the complete verse reads: 'Neither do I condemn you, go and sin no more.' The West London Chaplaincy's newsletter got that kind of treatment from Al Roberts last week. From an issue which contained five articles on the morality of

homosexuality he took the least sympathetic and by tendentious misquotation made out the whole chaplaincy to be prejudiced against homosexuals. Anyone who read the newsletter will know there is a range of views on this matter within the chaplaincy, and a vigorous debate going on while people make up their mind, and in some cases change their mind on the issue.

I happen not to agree with Dave Thomas that people who are homosexual can and should be converted to heterosexuality by the laying on of hands with prayer, but I do defend his right to express his sincere convictions as part of the debate without being subjected to misrepresentation and villification.

The Archbishop of Canterbury (one of the contributors to our newsletter) said 'the Church should listen carefully to what homosexuals are saying about long term stable relationships.' I hope that people who are homosexual will also listen carefully to what the Church and the Chaplaincy as a whole is saying, and not take offence where understanding and acceptance are being offered.

Yours sincerely,

David Ashforth, College Chaplain.

## Respect & love

Dear Judith,

I was saddened to read Al's article in last week's FELIX because he had to resort to publicly vilifying me, my beliefs and the chaplaincy when a more constructive approach would have been to have written a constructive reply to Chi Rho disagreeing with my views. The basis of our country is freedom of speech and slugging-off people for their views will decrease this freedom. We are all people to be loved and accepted as we are and then if necessary for change to occur depending upon our beliefs.

I hope that from this brief episode of my article and Al's letter people will learn that the essence of society is to respect others' views whether or not one can agree with them and that with issues such as homosexuality even more respect and love is needed and I am sorry that Al did not see this aspect of my article. I unreservedly apologise for any offence caused by my article but still stand firm by the views expressed in it because I sincerely believe in them. I hope people who disagree with these views can still respect them just as I sincerely respect the views of homosexuals who believe their homosexuality to be correct but don't agree with me and want to live their lives as homosexuals.

Yours sincerely,

Dave Thomas, Life Sci III.

## Sorry!

Dear Judith,

I am sorry for 'pissing' on Broadsheet (FELIX 784). I did not realise 'Bullsheet' (to use its less polite title) took itself so seriously. I'll be honest. I love Broadsheet. With editorials from Smedders and side-splitting humour from Wharfedale who couldn't?

It has been suggested that next time I wish to moan I should Gestetner complaint sheets. But to gain access to a Gestetner I'd have to be a hack thus defeating my purpose, QED write to FELIX.

Yours apologetically and highly polyunsaturatedly (great pun Dave),

Simon Cholerton, Physics II



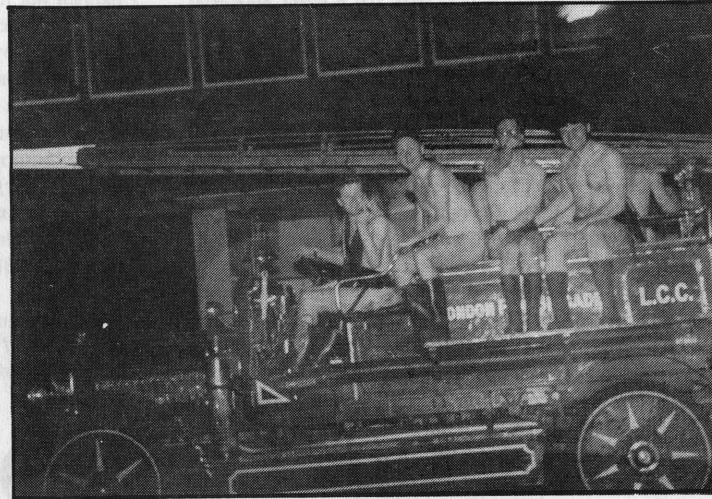
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improving this week. In a letter to Publications Board Chair Chris Martin, Mr Tyler apologised for the removal of FELIX, but was adamant that he had been right to make a protest. At the ICU Exec meeting on Wednesday, Mr Tyler proposed that all the students involved, including himself, should pay a fine. They have agreed to give up time to collect for Rag. Later, Miss Hackney received a large bunch of flowers from Mr Tyler. Unfortunately, this arrived after page 5 had gone to press (*See Libel*).

Mr Tyler said yesterday: 'I feel it achieved what was necessary, although we all wish we had had an alternative method of achieving it'.

The last time FELIX was stolen was in 1981, when nearly all copies of Steve Marshall's end of year issue disappeared. The culprit was never brought to justice (but it was either the ICU President of the day, John Passmore, or a member of the Masons).

## Gawd me nuts please, John!



The 'Godiva' Run, made by members of the RCSU Motor Club last weekend, raised around £350.

## No more tenure for staff

Education Secretary Kenneth Baker has announced in his Education Reform Bill that newly appointed University staff will no longer be given tenure. This means that there will no longer be special protection against dismissal on grounds of redundancy or financial exigency. The Bill provides that staff currently in posts that have tenure will retain it as long as they continue in their present appointments. This means that staff will lose tenure when they are promoted and tenure will be phased

universities in Great Britain. The Bill provides for the establishment of a Universities Funding Council (UFC) to replace the non-statutory University Grants Committee. The UFC will have 15 members to be appointed by the Secretary of State. Six to nine members will come from higher education and the remainder will come from other backgrounds. This special council will administer all funds provided by the Government for universities but the Secretary of State has the power to attach terms



out as quickly as possible.

He also announced that he wishes to establish new arrangements for central government funding for the

and conditions to the funds he provides. The UFC will, however, be independent of Government and have a power to appoint its own staff.

## PG halls

Postgraduate halls will be discussed at Tuesday's UGM, following the final meeting of the Union Accommodation Committee last Tuesday. Postgrads in residence will be asked whether they would have preferred to have a place in postgraduate only or mixed accommodation. The results will be taken to an extraordinary meeting of the Committee on Monday evening prior to the UGM the next day.

Other subjects discussed at the Committee included a new College Financial Advisor, a general survey of students and the temperature of Linstead Hall showers.

## This house believes...

The third Union General Meeting of the Imperial College Union will take place next Tuesday in the JCR. Two motions have already been submitted for debate. One is to promote the rights of Palestinian students at the Bethlehem University and the other is a motion on postgraduate halls.

## Money for old Rag

Last week's Rag Week raised a record £10,840 for the five Rag charities. Rag Chairman, Nigel Baker was 'well chuffed' with the amount raised. He confidently expects last year's Rag total to be exceeded by Christmas.

The Beer Festival raised the highest individual total with £2,100 spent on beer and glasses, £800 on Rag Mags, £95 on Scout and Guide Burgers and £40 from Chap's curries.

Chas Brereton's Piano Marathon raised a provisional £1,500 and the Hypnosis Lecture £960. Other totals include the Guilds Slave Auction (£610), Dirty Disco (£500), Smoking Concert (£400), Carnival (£800) and Rag & Drag (£230).

## IC on film

The first showing of the film *Not Just Another University*, made about the University of London, is to be shown on Saturday December 5 at 6.32pm on Channel Four. The film will include Imperial College. Make sure you get your family to video it for you.

## We have the technology

Another bit has fallen off the Print Unit's printing press. Fortunately 'Hector' Sullivan, who is currently reading Mechanical Engineering, was in the FELIX Office and was able to temporarily repair it.

## A ....coffee please Norm

Mates, the new range of condom, have gone on sale in Norman's Snack Bar and the Union Office this week. They come in four varieties: standard, ribbed, coloured and strong. They are being sold at £1 for six.