

# Felix

THE NEWSPAPER OF IMPERIAL COLLEGE UNION

With student support a reversal of the scheme may be possible

## IC Union lobby Parliament

Over 170 Students from Imperial attended the Students' Union lobby of Parliament yesterday afternoon. The lobby was supported by the Rector and the College's Governing body and most departments cancelled lectures, tutorials and laboratory sessions to enable students to take part in the action. One MP commended all the students present as 'well-behaved' and saying that he felt the afternoon had been 'carefully organised.'

Before the lobby Mr Peter Brooke, Chairman of the Conservative Party and MP for Westminster North, addressed the College on the issue of student loans expressing the Government's viewpoint. He argued that the loan system was justified, claiming that it reduced the pressure on parental contributions and would increase the number of students entering higher education as a result. He rejected the views of several students who stated that school-leavers would be deterred from entering higher education as a direct consequence of the loan system.

Chairman of the meeting, Neil McClusky noted that a survey carried out at Edinburgh University concluded that 40% of school-leavers would be discouraged from entering universities or polytechnics under a loans scheme. Mr Brooke felt this survey was biased by students' wishes to affect the future of the loans scheme. 'Faced with the same questions once the loan scheme is in action,' he claimed, 'they would probably vote differently.'

The Government's reference to the Swedish system of loans in its White Paper was raised by a number of students. One student said that in a survey carried out by Gothenburg University, 65% of the lowest socio-economic group, who had the relevant qualifications, were



*Butcher, Baker, Candlestick Maker*

deterred from going to university because of the Swedish loans system.

Mr Brooke refused to accept predictions about the effects a loans system would have and said 'the test will be in how many people will take up the loans when they are available.' One student commented 'It is ridiculous to allow our education system to suffer in the same way as the Swedish one before we take any action to remedy the situation.'

Mr Brooke insisted that no condemnation of the system would be fair until it had been tried.

It was suggested to Mr Brooke that an increase of 1% in the upper tax bracket would 'more than provide for the £108M needed to restore grants to the 1979 level, in real terms.' Mr Brooke replied that a large number of people in the higher tax bracket are not graduates

and as such would object to paying for further education.

IC Union President, Nigel Baker said afterwards, 'I thought that the meeting was a success because it allowed the students a chance to question the Government first-hand. I do not think that we changed his mind, but at least we had a go.'

The responses from MPs at the Parliamentary lobby were mixed. Graham Riddick, Conservative MP for the Colne Valley, claimed that the implementation of student loans would make students more responsible about entering higher education because they would 'have to think about the money first.' He refused to accept one student's claims that loans would discriminate against students from low-income families. He argued that the incentive of good jobs after leaving university would 'more than

compensate' for the expense of the course. Different views were voiced by another Conservative MP, Mr Tony Speller, who implied that the concept of students being seen to be paying for further education was a good vote-winner among the working classes.

A number of other Conservative MPs were sympathetic to the views of students and expressed an interest in modifying the loans-scheme proposal as it stands. Mr Stephen Day, Conservative MP for Cleesdale, said he would attempt to increase the hardship fund and Mr Richard Page, another Conservative MP was particularly sympathetic about the specific problems that would be encountered at Imperial and other London colleges.

Mr Page whose son is on a production engineering course at

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## In Defence of Nigel Baker

Dear Bill,

I am writing to you in response to the article in last week's FELIX, entitled 'View from a Bridge', which 'passes judgement' on the Union President, Nigel Baker. I am not a 'Bakerite', I am only writing to point out a few factual inaccuracies in the article, and do not want to be involved in a bickering match between Union big-wigs.

In his article Mr Harbour-Bridge says that 'Mr Baker informs his Council of his actions rather than asking their opinion in advance'. This is not true. At the Council meeting of 21 November 1988, which I attended, approximately one-and-a-half hours were devoted to the President's report. This was because Mr Baker had asked for Council's views on several matters. These included rent levels, intercollegiate halls, the value of sub-wardens, student loans, timetabling, to name but a few. The reason for the debate on each of these issues was so the President could present the Union's view, and not his personal view, at forthcoming committees, meetings and discussions.

I seem to remember that last year Mr Harbour-Bridge presented a paper to the College Governing Body proposing a reorganisation of the College timetabling system. This paper was not presented to Council at the time so the proposal put forward was the personal one of Mr Harbour-Bridge. What right does the Union President have to present personal papers to Governing body without first consulting the students—those people who elected him and who ultimately will be affected?

I believe that most students would rather see the Union Office run as an 'efficient package'. Surely the more efficient and organised the Union Office is, the more efficient and effective the whole Student Union will be, which is beneficial to everyone. We should be grateful that the President is not continually at loggerheads with his Deputy. The sabbaticals should work as a team, with the President, according to the Job Description instigated by Mr Harbour-Bridge last year, 'responsible for the overall effective organisation of the Union'.

Once the office closes at 5.30pm the President, and indeed the other sabbaticals, are still accessible, each one of them having a telephone in their rooms. It is not part of the President's Job Description to spend every evening in the Union Bar.

Through the running last term of Alcohol Awareness Week and the Welfare Survey and this term's Aids and Sexuality Week, Mr Baker has demonstrated that he actually cares about the students who elected him. Was it his fault that 75% of IC students couldn't be bothered to fill in and return the Welfare Survey? Also on the subject of Welfare, the Union does have a Student Welfare Officer and the Welfare Committee did meet last term. A Welfare Advisor, a member of the permanent Union staff, has been appointed and should be assuming responsibilities any time now. It takes time to appoint the right staff,

particularly to the post of something like Welfare Advisor. Indeed in Mr Harbour-Bridge's reorganisation of the Union last year he said that the Union was 'massively understaffed', so when staff are appointed the right choice is essential.

Mr Baker does care about accommodation and is currently involved in assessing the value of sub-wardens. The rent levels currently being charged for College halls were agreed during Mr Harbour-Bridge's year as President, so why didn't he do anything about it? And on the subject of the merger with St Mary's, why wasn't a merger agreed last year?

I believe that the article written by Mr Harbour-Bridge is a case of 'sour grapes' as a result of probably a few things. Firstly Mr Baker's attempt at a vote of no confidence in Mr Harbour-Bridge at a Council meeting last term, and secondly Mr Baker is more popular and is doing a better job than Mr Harbour-Bridge ever was or ever did. Okay, Mr Baker's 'public image' is not as great as Mr Harbour-Bridge's was, but Mr Harbour-Bridge got his 'public image' through his 'relationship' with the FELIX Editor. Oh, by the way, what did Mr Harbour-Bridge actually do for Joe Student during his year as President?

Yours, name not withholding,  
Chris Greenwood (Elec Eng 2).

## Indsoc rules the waves

Dear Bill,

I would like to reply to the anonymous letter in last week's issue. Hopefully we can put this issue to bed once and for all.

1. The money in question is not for my benefit, it is for Indsoc which doesn't receive an SCC grant.

2. We were specifically told before the Fair that Indsoc would be given a cut of the profits. We were complaining because this was in question.

3. In four days we raised £500 for Rag and £8,000 for the Union and £2,000 for Indsoc. Very arrogant I must say.

4. Why won't you let your name be printed? Frightened that somebody else will bitch anonymously at you?

S J McCall.

## Chas for Wendy

Dear Bill,

I have just seen an envelope addressed to my colleague Ian Morris, ICU Hon Sec, which has been posted with a first class frank on it. Nothing extraordinary about that, except when you consider that it has been posted from College itself, instead of being sent in the internal mail. As someone who is responsible for Union finances, Nineteen pence wasted by College may seem a trivial amount to quibble over, but I wonder if this is just the tip of the iceberg?

Yours sincerely,  
Charles Brereton ICU Deputy President

## That's not cricket

Dear Editor,

I am writing concerning the proposed expansion plans for Imperial College Radio, which I note have not been discussed with me.

On Friday evening, January 13, I received notice from Sydney Harbour-Bridge that comments and amendments to his suggestions should be received before Wednesday January 18. I take this to mean that the latest date for submission is Tuesday. The notification of this leaves me two College days in which to prepare submissions.

I suspect it is unlikely to have escaped Mr Harbour-Bridge's notice that this leaves very little opportunity for the members of IC Radio to formulate a reply to proposals that are universally held by them to be very damaging. Given that the earliest possible time that I could call a general meeting of the station is Thursday January 19, I must ask that the deadline be extended.

Failure to do this will result in the members of Imperial College Radio being allowed no say in the future of the Club to which they belong. In such circumstances, many of them are unlikely to wish to continue providing a service to their fellows.

As a consequence of this, and in the light of the unconstitutional discussion of Imperial College Radio at the last meeting of the Publications' Board, I must inform you that failure to extend the deadline will leave me with no alternative other than to table a motion of no confidence in the Chairman of the Board.

Yours sincerely,  
Nigel Whitfield, Station Manager.

## Wendy for FELIX

Dear Bill,

First of all may I congratulate you on printing the opinion article by Sydney Harbour-Bridge. Even though the article is obviously critical about my bias towards Ents (I was Ents Secretary last year!), the criticism is constructive and has prompted me to act on a number of ideas that I had shelved for the time being. I therefore apologise for not having invested enough time in certain areas.

With respect to your Editorial, however, I feel that such negative and fruitless criticism will only serve to alienate people rather than encourage them to correct any mistakes they may have made. I know that a certain amount of 'them and us' inherently exists between FELIX and the Union Office but if we all try to shed our own self-advancement and consider how best to project the Union, progress will be made and the student populace will see that we're not so immature as to wreck the Union from within when external influences are having a pretty good go.

Yours sincerely,  
Ian Morris, ICU Hon Sec.





# Editorial

**A Farewell to democracy** On Monday, the Union Council will consider a proposal to abolish the Union General Meeting. The proposal has been put forward by the St Mary's merger working party. It has to be one of the most absurd and dangerous proposals that this Union has ever considered, all the moreso because, on the surface, the move appears to quite innocuous.

The problem which has been hindering merger between IC Union and St Mary's medical school is the question of the Union General Meeting. The difficulty is that the time table at St Mary's Medical School does not allow their students time to attend Union General Meetings at Imperial.

The working party's solution to this problem is to abolish UGM's altogether leaving Council as the only decision making body. Such a move would mark the end of democracy within the Union.

The Union General Meeting is the only forum in which ordinary students possess to challenge or question the actions of their elected Union Officers. It is the only forum which students have for raising motions on subjects they believe and it is the only forum they have for discussing issues which are important to them.

Without UGM's this Union would be governed by a clique of self seeking individuals whose interests lie more in making a name for themselves than in the long term good of the Union. Elected officers would not be accountable to the students who elected them and the Union would be one stage further removed from the students it represents, as if it isn't far enough removed already.

In many ways the abolition of UGM's marks the culmination of the attitude which has been prevalent throughout the Union this year; a move away from consultation and towards decision making behind the closed doors of the Union Office. Take the recently appointed Welfare Adviser for example. Nigel Baker deserves a pat on the back for persuading the College to pay for a full time Welfare Adviser. But he was wrong not to bring the matter to the attention of Council or the UGM, particularly when it is possible that cuts in Clubs and Societies budgets may be needed to provide the Welfare adviser with the £7000 resource budget she needs to carry out her job. (The Union forgot to pass the relevant UFC minutes through the last Council.) No doubt someone will raise the matter at Monday's Council, but now that the adviser has been appointed it is rather too late to discuss the merits or otherwise of having a full time adviser.

The proponents of abolishing the Union General Meeting argue that students will still be able to raise motions at Council and point out that they will be able to ask for speaking rights. They argue that such a system is good enough for The University of London Union in their General Union Council (GUC) and so it should be good enough for IC.

There are two points to bear in mind. Firstly, to be considered by the proposed new council, a motion would have to have 150 seconders, as opposed to our current UGM system where only one seconder is required. It is fairly obvious that this will make it very difficult for students raise motions at all. Emergency motions, which need to be draughted and submitted in a hurry will, of course, have no chance whatsoever.

The second point is that the GUC consists of delegates representing constituent Colleges which have their own UGM systems ie the position of GUC is inherently different from that of Imperial and St Mary's.

**Alternatives?** I am not pretending that there will be an easy solution to the UGM problem. It may mean negotiating with the authorities at the Medical School to ask them to reschedule lectures and holding UGM's on alternate sites, for example.

What I do know is that this Union should be striving to become more democratic not less so. Even if retaining UGM's does damage democracy by making it difficult for St Mary's students to attend it is preferable to do this than to destroy democracy completely by abolishing UGM's.

**Cheese & Wine** Tonight at 7pm in the FELIX Office. Everyone is welcome. There will be a small financial contribution required.

**Thanks to** Dave, Sez, Rob, Doug, Romin, Andy, Jason, Wouter, Summit, Liz, Paul, Adam, Saya, Syd, Penny, Roy, Hal, Nik, Wendy, Walter, Rose, Dean, Ents, SF Soc and Third World First for collating last week, anyone I have forgotten and all this weeks collators. Staff Meeting today 12:30.

## Smallads

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Japanese Society:** Please contact K Yokota, Mech Eng PG (ext 6265), or K Kameko, Physics UG2, for details.
- **Greater London Club.** Trip to Ronnie Scotts today (Friday). Cost £5 to see Art Blakely and the Jazz Messengers. Meet 8pm at Union Snack Bar.
- **GLC trip on Monday (23rd Jan)** to see Wogan. Meet 8pm Union Snack Bar. 30 places.
- **GLC trip to Jongleurs on Friday** 27th Jan. £4, includes transport there and back. Only 30 places.
- **Girls tennis team practice** starts again this Sunday from 11am to 1pm at IC courts. Expect to see all the old members there and any newcomers welcome too.

### FOR SALE

- **Openreel** ¼" '4-track' sound on sound recorder. Normal, X2, X4 cassette spds. £60 including leads. Bass guitar, 2 pickups. £35. Contact C Wong (Physics 2).
- **Vauxhall Cavalier 1300 Saloon**, B Reg. £2250. Contact Adrian Hicks via Dramsoc 3531 or Elec Eng UG pigeonholes.

### ACCOMMODATION

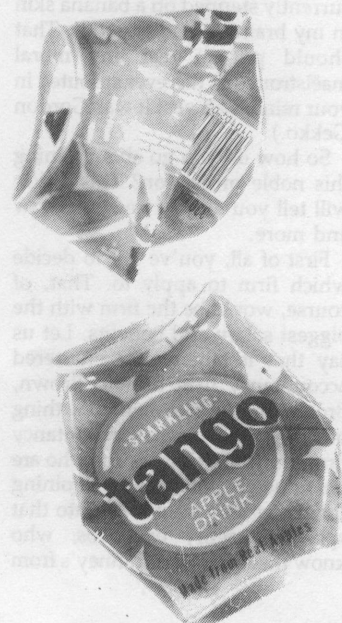
- **First week of March**—shared accommodation available in Bayswater. Contact A Tamdjidi, Aero 3 or phone 724 6553.
- **1-4 people in Hamlet Gardens.** Available from 22/3/89. £38 per week (rent rebate available). Contact Christine Tuckett (Life Sci 2) via Biology pigeonholes.

### PERSONAL

- **Wot no Zev Greenjacket**
- **Babs**—Don't forget our secret meeting on Wednesday 2.15pm outside the bookshop.
- **I haven't** seen Pam since the Dirty Disco...honest.
- **Small lonely pine tree** seeks companion for lasting friendship—Beit Quad.
- **What's green and smells of cucumber?**
- **How long** is your cucumber?
- **Lost:** Small, furry, black hat, prefers dark corners, liable to bite. Reward. Return to FELIX Editor.
- **Beware** the RCSU dream ticket.
- **Not if you don't** take your boots off you don't, luv D.
- **We're** not having that as President.
- **Monday 23rd** is approaching fast.
- **Can you stand the suspense?**
- **Wanted** dead/alive person to share room, either sex, would consider inflatables. Box 725.
- **Surrogate father** available,

cheap rates. Contact Bill 'I want to have your babies' Goodwin.

- **Wanted:** Legal advice concerning forthcoming lawsuit. Apply Norman Rat (Deceased).
- **Saucy Susan** reveals all. The hottest sex line in IC on 3521.
- **Chemistry 1** claims another victim! The Penthouse Club.
- **The EEC** wine lake, the EEC butter mountain, now the RCS mustard lake and the RCS onion mountain.
- **Mon Dieu!** C'est beaucoup de onions!
- **Why aye yer bugger!** D 'yer won ter, buy sum onions?
- **Will Steph 'Ballcrusher' Snell** be taking part in the wrestling in the Great Hall on the 26th?
- **Tim the Toyboy**  
Dave the Face  
Paul the Eunuch!
- **Phallixword:** Flamey. Your bodies in overdrive, but you mind's in reverse. Extasis or Joanie, which is worse? Beware of 12 bar; He's the curse. The Last Main Block.
- **Phallixword:** Twelve Bar Extasis Baffled Flamey with a move Ray hadn't seen in the back By God. The New Breed: The Last Main Block.
- **Want to win a bottle of wine?** Or even join the blind tasting team? Then come along to the UDH on Tuesday at 6pm.
- **If you've heard of Muffin the Mule**, here comes Robin the Mule. Ask Helen for details...
- **Did Rick Astley** model himself on Steve, come along to Computing 2nd year and see for yourself.
- **Q.** How do you get 24 people in a 17 seater van?
- **A.** Do it on a Thursday.
- **Desperate** computing second year seeks intelligent third year for a lasting copy of Pascal Compiler. See Zmaccw41.





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So you are in your final year now, eh? What are you going to do afterwards? Don't know? Good, you are just the person who'll make a good accountant. But I'm afraid that if you started your academic life by being sacked from your first kindergarten, then please continue filling in those SAF's for engineering firms. In less tactful circles, you'll be known as a kindergarten drop-out.

Yes, sir, this career is for the hifliers. That means quite a lot of you, judging from the number of engineering students going into accountancy.

'So why should I be an accountant?', a clever dick amongst you asks. 'I don't want anything to do with those, Uerggh, yuppies!', says another. Very true. 'They are boring'. True. True. 'Counting books, machines, money or whatever it may be that other people have, is not my idea of a career'. Hmm, you might have a point there. 'What?! Three more years of study. No thanks, I've had enough of three years here'. Alright, Alright (will the clever dicks amongst you shut up so that I can get on with my article here?).

So there might be a few, how shall I put it, setbacks in this. But there is one thing that will totally eclipse that viz. Loadsamoney!!

Yep, folks, there's gold in them thar' filofaxes.

And for those do-gooders out there who might be inclined to question the ethics and related rubbish of this kind, then I'd like to quote an authority on moral ethics, that great bastion of capitalism, the idols of yuppies (whose name has currently stepped on a banana skin in my brain) 'greed is good'. That should put to rest any moral maelstrom that has ever sprouted in your mind. (Ah yes! It was Gordon Gekko.)

So how do you go about joining this noble profession? This article will tell you all you need to know and more.

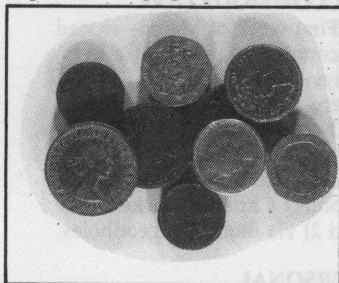
First of all, you've got to decide which firm to apply to. That, of course, would be the firm with the biggest salary and benefits. Let us say that it falls to the chartered accountancy firm Brown, Brown, Brown, Brown & Brown. One thing one must know is that accountancy firms only take those bozos who are passionately interested in joining them so if you do not fall into that special category of bozos, who know their Ernst & Whinney's from

their Peat Marwick's, then apply to the lot and be passionately interested in joining any firm who bothers to call you for an interview.

The initial part of the application form regarding your personal history should be easy enough. In passing, I'd just like to point out that it pays to be economical with the truth. I'm not asking anyone to lie (shock, gasp, horror!), I'm just initiating you into a few facts of life.

If you find yourself unable to finish this portion, with enough spice to pale Madras Vindaloo in comparison, then I'm afraid you are, as the saying goes, up the spaghetti junction without a steering wheel. You might as well crash out now.

And then comes the hard part, filling in those stupid questions, along the lines of 'Why do you want to be an accountant', 'What is your career plan?' etc. Don't despair, the majority of students hit against a blank brain at this point. The correct procedure, or so I'm advised by a friend, is to find out who is the literary buff in your year from the departmental grapevine. Then you



have to pile him with enough free beers/Mars bars ('Investing in the future') to become matey. When you feel you have reached the stage where you and him are a couple of real good pals, like what's-his-name and who-was-it in the Bible, then you have to delicately introduce him to your little problem. Ten minutes later, your problem's solved. Eleven minutes later, you dump him.

Next, to ensure a good recommendation, you have to get in the good books of your tutor. Be generous with the butter. It's just too bad if you've spent a considerable portion of your time here, avoiding them in the lifts and corridors. Put the good old stone on the heart and get on with it.

Write a covering letter in the bestest of your writing and English, remembering to remove any dripping nosego and beer or curry stains from the paper and the application form, and post it to the relevant geezer at Brown, Brown,

Brown, Brown & Brown.

The poet Wordsworth has recorded how his cardiovascular system was apt to leap up when he beheld a rainbow in the sky and this could be how your system behaved when you beheld the letter from the abovementioned gang about two weeks later. If you've followed my advice you will find within a note registering you to call on them at the relevant time and date.

The interview is your important chance to strike 'em dead with your charisma and knowledge. It is important here to dress well. Intelligent as you are, you can see that a bimbo—call him Bimbo I—who wants to impress another bimbo—Bimbo II—starts at a serious disadvantage if he is wearing a crumpled shirt and a jean with a stylish tear on the knee. You need to put the PR smile on the face, even if the amount of cologne the honourable interviewers are wearing, gives rise to emotions possibly comparable to Jack the Ripper.

You have to convince the interview panel that you are the person they've been looking for all these years. Don't hesitate to tell them how hard you had to work to get your 3A's. Show them your entrepreneurial spirit by giving details of the security service that you introduced, for a fixed sum (or in ten easy instalments), for lower-formers at your school against the bully (the fact that the bully was yourself is completely and absolutely irrelevant). And what about the time when you smuggled a few books from Foyles and sold them to friends when you and your bank manager were having a little misunderstanding. Every bit helps.

And again if you have followed my advice then in a week's time again, you will receive a letter from Brown or Brown or Brown or Brown—or it may even be Brown—informing you of their decision and wishing you good luck in your job hunting 'Bashibazzoks, nincumpoops, tenapins, troglodytes, dipsomaniacs, filibuster' you quote the great Captain Haddock expressing your feelings. '\*@\*\*!@\*\*!' you quote yourself, expressing your feelings a little more in depth.

Well don't be too hard on yourself. Remember all great (and very rich) men were initially either ridiculed or rejected by their societies. So continue applying, you are bound to hit it lucky at one time or another.

# WALTER WALTER WALTER

It is probably true to say that we have all adjusted to living in a technological world in which science has gone domestic, business has gone computer, and personal attention in banks has gone to the four winds. It is also true to say that Walter has adjusted less willingly than most; even he, however, is now used to bar codes, keypads, and inserting his card with the black stripe facing down and to the right. Notwithstanding this, the latest electronic attempt on his sanity has come dangerously close to success. The device in question is the Psion Personal Organiser 2. Walter would like to point out that he personally does not own one of these horrors, but someone of his close acquaintance does, and is rapidly making himself unbearable; the air around him is punctuated with an endless series of beeps and whistles. Look! If you press this button it turns itself into a helicopter.

Whilst on the subject of technology, those ladies and gentleman of Imperial College Radio have hit the headlines for the second time in only six years with their staunch resistance to the idea of radio commercials. This is one of those occasions where Walter really doesn't understand the workings of the collective mind of Imperial College Union. It seems obvious that a precondition of accepting advertising is that someone is listening to it that will be in a position to spend money as a result of it. Students? Imperial College Radio? Think what you are saying.

Mind you, when someone does listen - or read - the power of the press becomes obvious, as in the case of the Caterpillar Cafe, so named after a story appeared in FELIX highlighting the presence of a certain animal in the chilli. To think that Nigel Baker didn't believe us.

Of course, we all know you shouldn't believe everything you read in the press. Certain persons of small credence have even extended this to the sayings of our College Secretary and local diplomat, John Smith. Walter would suggest that it might be time to start listening, for the following reason: John Smith will soon be leaving us, and it is tempting to speculate that the good gentleman may have a few things to say before he goes. Skeletons from the college closet, perhaps? Well, we live in hope.



## New locks

New locks were introduced in the Union Building over the Christmas holidays in an attempt to increase security and reduce the large number of thefts taking place.

Union Deputy President Chas Brereton who was responsible for the scheme told FELIX that he suspected that many of the pieces of stolen equipment in the Union had been lost to unscrupulous staff and student members who have copies of the old 'Arthur' R37 master key. He added 'It is quite possible that ex-staff are coming back and using keys to obtain equipment from within the Union Building'. He claimed that there were 'masses' of the keys going round and he blamed this on the fact that the locks have not been changed since 'before he was born'.

The new ASSA 6000 keys have proved successful so far according to Mr Brereton who added 'however, the doors of the Union are so bad that if someone wanted to enter the building it would be easier to knock the doors down rather than touch the lock.'

The new keys to the external doors have been issued only to the sabbatical officers and the Union Manager, David Peacock. Chairmen of clubs and societies, and other club members deemed to require a key by the Union President will be given keys to their storerooms. Entry to the main Union Building between the hours of 11.30 pm and 6 am will be via the Beit security staff subject to clearance by Mr Brereton and Sherfield security.

## CND talk

Bruce Kent, the former Chairman of the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament will be speaking at College on Thursday 26th January.

Mr Kent, a former Roman Catholic priest, will be addressing Imperial College Methodist Society in Mech Eng 220 at 1pm.

## No smoke

The Union Snack Bar (now officially renamed the Caterpillar Cafe) has been designated a non-smoking area.

Originally a UGM decision from last year, the smoking ban was also decided upon at a Union Catering Committee Meeting. The meeting also noted a 21% drop in lunchtime sales compared to the '87-'88 season.

## Union appoints new Welfare Adviser



Imperial College Union has appointed a new Welfare Adviser, Yve Posner.

The cost of the new appointment will be met by the College and the Union are hoping to persuade the College to contribute a £7000 annual welfare budget. If this move is unsuccessful the money will be raised by cutting back expenditure on clubs and societies, according to Union President Nigel Baker.

Ms Posner will be able to advise students on housing benefits and landlord/tenant relations, as well as legal, consumer and immigration problems. She will also provide assistance with letter writing, phone

calls and filling in forms. She will be available for consultation from 1pm onwards from Tuesdays to Fridays in the Welfare Office in the Union Building, formerly the Jazz and Rock Club.

Forms, leaflets and reference books will also be available from the Welfare Office.

Ms Posner has ten years experience in welfare and benefit work including seven and a half years working for the DHSS, a year as leader of the Haringey private sector housing benefit team and eighteen months as a Welfare Officer for Islington Council.

## Higher rents

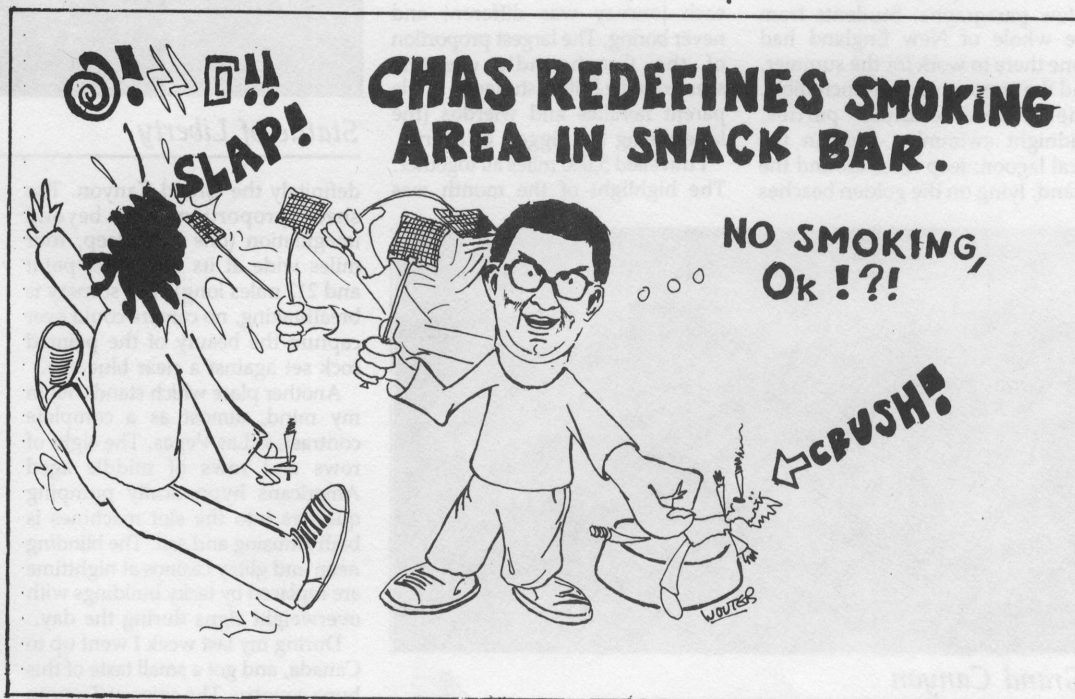
Students may lose some of their protection against eviction and may have to pay higher rents as a result of the first stage of the 1988 Housing Act which came into effect last Sunday.

Two new forms of tenancy agreement have been produced: long term 'assured tenancies', and 'assured shorthold tenancies' which are for fixed periods, some as short as six months. Both increase the landlords' power by allowing the landlord to set rents at 'market levels' and, unlike current contracts, to apply to the court for eviction if the terms are broken or if the tenant is more than three months in arrears.

Landlords are also permitted to charge 'key money' for taking up or renewing a contract.

Most students' landlords are expected to opt for six month assured shorthold tenancies. These will give the tenants only six months guaranteed residence, after which the landlord has the right to evict.

Any contract entered into before last Sunday will still be covered by the old act. The new regulations are only likely to come into effect when contracts are renewed or new contracts entered into. The tenancies will be administered by Rent Assessment Committees which have replaced the more powerful Fair Rent Office. The committees have no power over new contracts but they can attempt to block excessive rent rises.







# The INDEPENDENT

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## Work America

Imagine standing alone on West 34th Street in downtown Manhattan, rucksack on back, overwhelmed by the humidity and pace of the Big Apple, armed only with \$250 and a work visa. The prospect of surviving for three months in this rat race looks bleak and terrifying. Yet this is how I and 3,999 other British students began what is probably the best experience of our lifetimes.

As I sailed on the ferry towards Martha's Vineyard Island, I really began to feel the excitement in what I was doing. There on the horizon lay the silhouette of the Vineyard, where a new job, a new home and a whole new circle of friends was waiting.

Three months earlier I had secured a job in a sandwich/ice cream shop. When I walked in there for the first time, I was surprised to find the shop full of British students also working there and after five minutes I felt completely at home.

It is impossible to describe the 10½ weeks I spent on the Island in a few paragraphs. Students from the whole of New England had gone there to work for the summer, and the atmosphere was incredible. There were endless parties, midnight swimming trips in the local lagoon; jeep rides around the island; lying on the golden beaches

just became a daily duty. It seemed as though I was making new friends every day. American students are social animals and quickly make you feel as though you have known them for years.

Half way through my stay, I changed jobs, not because I didn't like the other one, but I wanted to have a different atmosphere. My second job was in an amusement arcade, and I was the only Brit working there. It meant I really had a taste of working in America.

The end of the American summer is marked by Labor Day. The summer work had dried up and it was time for me to set out upon the second half of my summer. I had one month before I had to return to England, so I bought a thirty day Greyhound bus pass, and set out to see America.

It is quite impossible to appreciate the size of America when you live in England. Bus trips of fifteen hours, which didn't seem to take you any distance when you looked at the map, became the norm. But each journey was different and never boring. The largest proportion of the Greyhound's clientele seemed to be British students, single parent families and wierdos (the latter being the biggest category).

I travelled 5,000 miles all together. The highlight of the month was



Statue of Liberty

definitely the Grand Canyon. The sheer proportions are beyond imagination (one mile deep, four miles wide at its narrowest point and 217 miles long). The scenery is breathtaking, no camera could ever capture the beauty of the painted rock set against a clear blue sky.

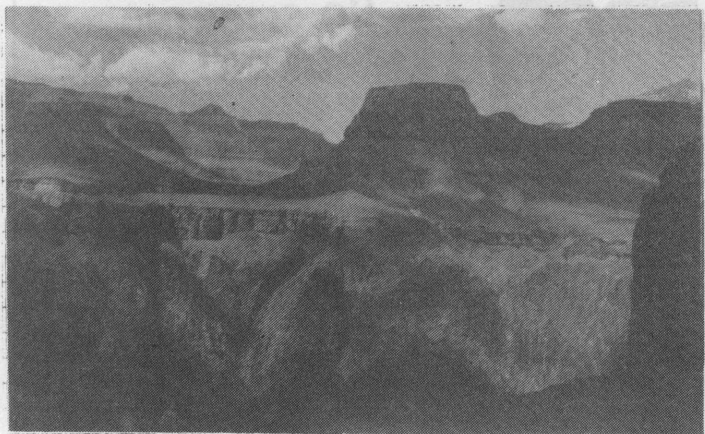
Another place which stands out in my mind, almost as a complete contrast, is Las Vegas. The sight of rows and rows of middle aged Americans hypnotically pumping quarters into the slot machines is both amusing and sad. The blinding neon and glitzy casinos at nighttime are replaced by tacky buildings with overweight signs during the day.

During my last week I went up to Canada, and got a small taste of this huge country. The cities of Toronto

and Montreal are so vastly different from their US counterparts, that they could be 1000 miles apart rather than two hours drive. They are clean, friendly and safe, and I left with the feeling that I'd like to spend a lot more time exploring the rest of Canada in the future.

I would definitely recommend everybody to go to America at least once in their lives. But the experience is greatly intensified by staying out there for three months working and is ideal for students. If you would like more information write to BUNAC, 232 Vauxhall Bridge Road, London.

**Text: Chris Shaw**  
**Pictures: Jackie Godfrey**



Grand Canyon



# CHARTER 88

Charter 88 is a call for the introduction of a written constitution for Britain that would guarantee civil liberties in the form of a Bill of Rights. It's signatories believe that freedom could be curtailed in this country, writes Robin Davison.

Is Britain free from threat to liberty? Generations of Britons have grown up expecting to live in one of the world's most free countries, but if asked what their civil liberties were they could give no reply. This is because we have no written constitution, explaining exactly what are our rights.

Britain's Parliament is known as the 'Mother of Democracy', our reputation for an impartial and fair judiciary second to none, and our liberty is the envy of the world. This is a prevalent attitude but is dangerously complacent according to the signatories of the Charter 88.

The Charter, calls for civil liberties to be guaranteed by a Bill of Rights on a model that is similar to the one which exists in America. In the United States all legislation is tested for unconstitutionality by the Supreme Court, the equivalent body in Britain would be the House of Lords.

## Britain is unique in having 300 years of Parliamentary democracy

Charter 88 was launched in conjunction with the *New Statesman and Society* and the Electoral Reform Society. It is endorsed by 250 celebrities; these are mostly journalists, authors, writers, artists and politicians who could be described as liberal-left wing intellectuals and are concerned that the period the present Government has been in power has left civil liberties undefended.

The advantages of a written constitution are that the 'entrenched' clauses can only be changed by long and protracted amendment. Any Government in power would find it hard to change

the document because it would have to be passed by an independent body. Their idea is that, like in other countries, the written constitution would have an 'aura of magic' which would make it sacrosanct. The motives of this group appear honourable, they seem to wish to preserve freedom, enhance democracy and are very liberal and European in nature. The disadvantage of a constitutional change of this nature is that changes to it can long and protracted. In America, for example, equal opportunities legislation has not been introduced, because all 50 states have to agree to it. Britain, though not a federal state, could pass such laws in one Parliamentary term.

How has Britain's unwritten constitution come into being? We are unique in Britain in having had 300 years of parliamentary democracy in which the network of laws that preserve our liberty have been formulated. It is from the 'Glorious Revolution' of 1688 that the principles of a democratic monarchy have been established, but the signatories of the charter claim that power of the monarchy was only shifted from the hands of an absolute monarch to a parliamentary oligarchy. They assert that Britain has a long history of freedom documents, for example the Magna Carta, signed by King John and the peoples' charter of 1838.

Critics, have claimed that by apeing the name of the Charter 77 movement in Czechoslovakia, a freedom and civil rights Covenant

## the written constitution would have an 'aura of magic'

the signatories do no justice to their case. Conditions here are so much better than in the Eastern Block so as not bare comparison.

The *Independent* newspaper in an editorial proposed that the European Convention on Human Rights could be incorporated into the legislature. This would be a

The Charter makes the following calls;  
A Bill of Rights guaranteeing the following freedoms;

- Right of Assembly
- Freedom of Association
- Freedom from Discrimination
- Freedom from detention without trial
- Guarantee of trial by jury
- Guarantee of privacy
- Freedom of expression

The Charter also calls for the establishment of;

- Open Government and freedom of information
- Election by proportional representation
- A non-hereditary House of Lords
- Executive Power under Parliament
- Legal remedies for abuses of power
- Reform and guarantee the independence of judiciary
- Incorporate universal Citizenship in to the Constitution

shortcut to achieving the same objective. The European Convention was drawn up after the Second World War in a manner such as to be acceptable to the 21 members of the Council of Europe. It has several 'let-out' clauses that would make it more acceptable to government, for example, interference with the exercise of a right can be sanctioned, 'in the interests of national security, public safety or the economic well being of the country'.

The Charter also expresses the need for electoral reform to a system of proportional representation and in doing so has only received warm support from the Labour Party.

Roy Hattersley, Labour's deputy leader, writing in the *Guardian* claims that Charter 88 diminishes the importance of positive aspects of freedom. He claims, focusing attention on loss of freedoms, that state interference of civil rights is not enough, for example, the right to a basic 'living' wage. He cites T H Green who defined freedom as 'a positive power or capacity of doing or enjoying something worth doing or enjoying'. Green was discussing the Irish Land Act last century that prevented landlords and tenants

freely signing agreements in which they were usually ruthlessly exploited. However the charter has generally received cross-party support.

The *New Statesman and Society* documents 88 cases where they believe individual freedoms have been lost in the last 100 years. The

## Britain has a long history of freedom documents

most recent of which is the loss of the 'right to silence' in Northern Ireland's trials, but others just from 1988 include the ban of interviews of paramilitary supporters on radio and television.

The supporters of Charter 88 do not believe that their demands will be met immediately they consider that change of this magnitude would take over 25 years to complete, however the discussion of Human Rights is their immediate objective. Perhaps it should be remembered that few people ever miss their liberty until it is taken away from them.



# The making of *Felix*

*The wodge of paper you are now holding in a pair of sweaty hands reaches you via the undying (hmmm...almost) enthusiasm of the FELIX staff. A merry band of men (and women), we are led by our illustrious leader, Bill Goodwin, FELIX Editor extraordinaire, in a spacious open-plan office in the corner of Beit Quad.*

**I am about to take you on a guided tour of our activities in the FELIX office...  
Prepare yourself for an absolutely mind-blowing experience...**

## RESEARCH AND WRITING

**T**his is where it all starts... Research is the central activity of the news-team. The team is headed by a man who always has his head in the clouds, Dave Smedley, (a great cloud of fag smoke follows Dave round wherever he goes) backed up by Sez Wilkinson, Rob Davison, and anyone else close enough to be asked to write a news story.

Much to the annoyance of various people in College and the Union, these brave souls trek all over the campus to interview notables and generally be nosey about things that aren't their business. Having dug up enough scandal to make a reasonable story, the reporters sit at a word-processor and write their various pieces, usually continuing late into Thursday evening in order to ensure that the news is 'News' and not 'Olds'.

## PROOFING

**T**his step, completely unnecessary most of the time (oh aye, tell us another), means persuading someone to read through the typeset, carefully highlighting typing errors, spelling mistakes, etc. The text is returned to the typesetter operator who diligently weeds out all the mistakes.

In fact, this process usually takes two or three cycles to remove all the errors, and even then, the odd one manages to slip through. No one's perfect...



*The nasty camera*

by Steve Meyfroidt

## TYPESETTING

**H**and-written or word-processed text needs to be presented in a final, printed form; the typesetter, a kind of high-powered computer/laser-printer is used for this. During the week, the typesetter is operated by Rose Atkins, whose delicate fingers tickle the keyboard all day long; but when she flits off at 5.30 the rest of us are left to grapple with the beast ourselves, which usually results in miles of wasted typeset paper. It's quite fascinating to see the thing set an entire two-page article onto a single line. Fascinating. But completely useless.

The typesetter terminal acts in a similar way to a normal word-processor, albeit rather crude in many respects. The clever bit lives in another box to which the terminal is attached; it takes a text file, complete with embedded control codes to determine fonts (type-faces), point sizes (text size is measured in points), and other clever things, and 'prints' it onto photographic film. The film is developed in a processor which dunks the film into various chemical baths and then dries it ready for use.

## THE PROCESS CAMERA

**T**he process camera is an essential piece of machinery to the production of FELIX. And it knows it. That's why it enjoys breaking down or re-programming itself at the most critical periods of activity...

During the final stages of Union Handbook production last summer the thing took it upon itself to collapse before my disbelieving eyes. The first time I'd used it by myself. With 30 or so jobs to get done. And it decides to blow itself up. Dave Smedley (the Handbook editor at the time) was mildly peeved; not only did he go up the wall, he clung to the ceiling and stayed there until the repair-man had been two days later.

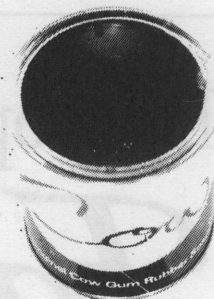
Anyway, when it decides to work, the process camera will reduce or enlarge artwork, and also produces the 'dot-screened' photographs you see reproduced in FELIX. (Photographs need to be converted into dots before printing; look closely at a 'photo on this page and you'll notice the dots.) As its name suggests, the camera uses photographic methods, although the paper used is developed automatically in a processor to give a finished 'photo' in about a minute. (The 'photo' is usually called a 'brômide'.)

The camera is also used later on in the production process to make the printing plates used by the press - see below.



## PASTE-UP

**E**ach page of FELIX is laid out and stuck down on 'paste-up' sheets. These sheets are pre-printed with a 'grid' that defines the position/width/depth of the columns of text, and, in theory, they ensure that all text is straight. Lengths of typeset with accompanying bromides are stuck down on the sheet with 'Cow Gum,' which fills the office with solvent vapour. Could it be this solvent that causes people to get 'hooked' on producing FELIX?



*A pot  
of glue*

## PRINTING

**B**y mentioning the press (or 'litho', since it uses lithographic processes to transfer the image to paper), I am immediately risking this week's FELIX. The litho is very sensitive, and if I slag it off too much, it will take one look at the stack of nice clean paper waiting to be fed into it, grab as much of it as it can, shred it into confetti, then distribute the confetti about its internals. At this point, Dean would try to restrain the beast, while tying his shoe-laces together to create a make-shift noose.

The litho's temperamental nature is the reason that Dean listens to Radio 4; the soothing sounds of Joe Grundy in *The Archers*, and the useful advice given on *Woman's Hour* seems to calm the litho somewhat.

However, by the time our news-team has pasted up the front page on Thursday night, Dean has usually gone home, leaving Bill to persuade the litho to print the last side. Bill hasn't quite got the right technique, and often upsets the poor litho by playing 'tasteless' music such as Bob Dylan's *Dear Landlord* while operating it. By this time of night the machine is really knackered, and to taunt it with *Dear Landlord* is just too much. Bye bye says litho. Oh \*\*\*\* says Bill...

## PLATE-MAKING

**T**he completed paste-up sheets are spirited away by Dean Vaughan, our ever-so-slightly-crazy printer, to the camera room. Relieving his grubby fingers of their coating of ink while he uses the camera, Dean exposes the paste-up sheet to produce a special negative that makes a plate when fed into the plate-maker.

Plates are not made of finest bone china. They are flexible aluminium sheets, carrying an image of the page to be printed on their surface.

*Bill not smoking*



## FOLDING

**Y**ou'll notice that the pages of FELIX are folded. This job is supposed to be done by a marvelous piece of technology called, not surprisingly, the folding machine. With a combination of pulleys, levers, and rubber bands (I kid you not!), this marvel of modern science manages to fold the printed pages in half. Sometimes. This is another temperamental machine, and it often spits out the main screw holding it together just so that it can have a rest. We do try and keep it all in one working piece; the amount of sellotape used to do this is enormous...

## COLLATING

**A**fter being folded, the pages are put inside each other to make whole FELIXes. This is called collation. I don't really want to publicise this too much, but on Thursday nights, we have a collation party. Open to everyone. Completely free. Lots of fun. The reason I don't want to publicise this weekly event? Because I don't want everyone to rush down, gatecrash it, and drink all the free booze.



## DISTRIBUTION

**A** lone figure trundles across the campus. He pushes a shopping trolley before him and looks immensely tired. Stopping, he stoops down over his trolley, picks up a heavy pile of paper and shambles over to a table. The pile is dropped and the mysterious figure droops back to his trolley... Who is the figure, and what is he doing?

Well, it's Bill on a Friday morning. The trolley contains thousands of copies of FELIX which are deposited at strategic places for thousands of students to pick up on their way to first lecture. Perhaps in future you will realise the effort that goes into producing FELIX every week. You might even want to come down and help! If so, drop in one day; you might even enjoy it...

*Someone strange*



## Feature

Paul Barton  
Andy Clarke  
Summit Guha  
Mike Dalton  
Andy Waller  
Sez Wikinson

# The people who make *Felix*

by Steve Meyfroidt

Dave Thomas  
Adrian Bourne  
Ramin Nakisa  
Neil Motteram  
Susan Appleby  
Jason Lander

DAVE SMEDLEY

### Office Smokescreen

Dave, being News Editor, is an excellent source of gossip. He's always ready to throw really wicked (crucial, man!) pieces of sarcastic wit into conversation.

He's also always prepared to reminisce about the good old days when he was Broadsheet Editor and had to collate all night because no one could be bothered to help... I know how he feels.

BILL GOODWIN

### Beloved Leader

Bill is FELIX editor: obvious by the haggard, worried expression he usually carries around with him while trying to hold the office in some kind of order. Sometimes he hides this expression under his 'lovely' hat, and gets pissed to forget that FELIX exists.

If you need to find Bill, look for someone wearing a hat and swearing at the Union, Council, UFC, Pub Board...

WENDY KITE

### Features Editor

Wendy joined the FELIX at the start of the year and has risen to the exalted heights of Features Editor. Just to make a change, she justifies this position by being good at it; her nice smile, sense of humour and skill at making coffee are entirely incidental.

STEVE MEYFROIDT

### Wackiness Factor

Steve's function in FELIX is not clearly defined, which means that he gets his nose into everything. He produces arty layouts, in depth articles and rude features about other FELIX staff members. Cheers, Steve, the cheque's in the post. (*I didn't write this - Steve*)

LIZ WARREN

### Business Manager

Liz's official title is 'Business Manager'. She hassles Bill all day long, which is alright because he enjoys it. Liz is the one who sends out invoices and tries (desperately) to make the books balance and ends meet (that's enough cliches!). Anyone know where we can find an odd £5,000 for a new folding machine?

DOUG KING

### THE Photographer

Doug likes his cameras, he does. I'm sure his conversations make sense, but all this talk about f45 and automatic shutter speed differentiation by a zoom lens heat-sink selector makes no sense to me. The staff would love to have a serious talk with the person who puts the psychedelic patches on his jeans.

DEAN VAUGHAN

### Litho Operator

Dean is the second permanent staff member in FELIX. A right-on rebel, he'll talk politics all day if you let him. He also sings. Loudly. And often.



ROB DAVISON

### Office Poseur

Apart from his official title, Rob also acts as News Features Editor. Starting on FELIX this year, Rob has easily slipped into first place in the fashion stakes with an undisputable good taste in cravats.



ANDY BANNISTER

### Moral Support

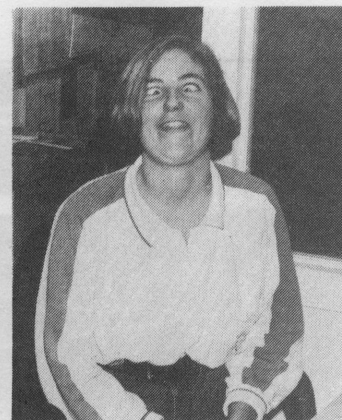
Andy's namesake gives support to people going upstairs. Andy gives support to anyone in the office. He writes occasional pieces and gives invaluable help when bits of the extremely dodgy FELIX equipment falls apart. He is also witty, attractive and modest, and he didn't write this bit, honest.



ROSE ATKINS

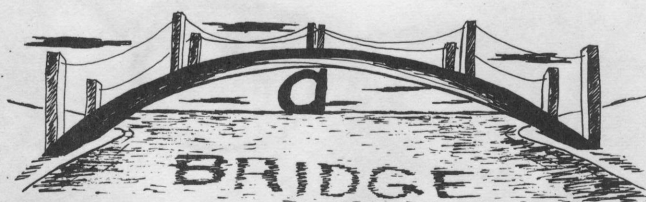
### Typesetter Operator

Rose, a permanent staff member, is human, a point you might be doubting after looking at the 'photo.





## from View



### Charles Brereton

As Deputy President, Chas has taken responsibility for Academic Affairs, Overseas Student Welfare, financial estimates and overseeing the work of the Finance Officer and Union Manager in areas of Bar, Snack Bar, Union Building and other trading outlets.

Regarding Academic Affairs, Chas was supremely qualified having been the Academic Affairs Officer and involved in this area for three years previously; even so he appears to have been almost totally ineffectual. It was hoped that by splitting the sabbatical jobs and reducing the amount of work to be done by all of them it would allow the sabs to succeed in a few areas rather than dabble in a number. Academic Affairs was an area which desperately needed attention and in which Chas could shine. At the end of last year a sabbatical passed Chas the idea that students could be made £55 better off by shuffling term dates and suggested that Chas looked into it. A few months later and Chas has achieved nothing; luckily Nigel took over the idea and results are now being seen.

The College has laid down limits for time-tabled hours of undergraduate courses and although a number of timetables which break these limits have been submitted to Chas nothing has been done.

One of the most important areas in Academic Affairs concerns those students who fail and why. Much discussion has taken place on College committees about this matter, but no one has any facts to go by. In last year's annual reports Chas was passed responsibility for running a non-graduate questionnaire, yet while Nigel has managed to survey every College student for Welfare, Chas has not been able to track down the few who failed and I wonder if he would know what to ask them if he did.

In the area of Overseas Students Chas was passed responsibility for the Third World First student scholarship. A large amount of this scholarship had already been secured, but some crucial matters needed work. Six months have elapsed and Chas would appear to have done nothing. We are now reaching the stage where we may lose the ground previously gained and the programme instigation date will definitely be put back, if it starts



*'Chas Brereton: almost totally ineffectual?'*

at all.

Whilst the rents in halls of residence were being discussed at an important UGM last term, it was proposed and eventually passed that Overseas Student fees should subsidise Hall rents. This is quite obviously discrimination against Overseas Students, yet Chas Brereton's voice was not heard on the matter. The vote was won by only one vote: Chas voted in favour of the motion.

Chas's work in the Union Building has been outstandingly bad and I shall save much of it for other articles, but it is exemplified by the case of the Central Staircase toilets. The toilets were large, underused and men only, so an expensive alteration programme, to split them into men's and ladies' was started. College pushed the work through at the most difficult time of the year so that the ladies' would be available for Freshers' Week. Having organised this with help from the Union Manager, Chas failed to notice a lack of towels, paper dispensers or soap on either the plans or the finished item: these toilets were almost unusable at the beginning of term and, despite many complaints, until approximately two weeks ago.

In over-viewing the work of the Union Manager the DP must make sure that the short term interests of the student are balanced properly against financial gain so that students will benefit in the long term. I would suggest that up until now Chas has failed in this aspect

for both the students and the Union, but that's another story.

Finally, according to his job description, Chas is responsible for security; there has been a new security lodge built in the foyer of the Union Building to house a guard promised by the College. That lodge has been unfilled for three months now and last week STOIC was broken into at a cost of several thousand pounds.

On the other hand Chas was the only sabbatical that worked over the Christmas vacation, he took office earlier than the other sabs and has dedicated his year to the Union. Chas is an extremely amicable and friendly person when he is not on his high horse about being DP and I believe he still could do the job well. In his first month or so in office he worked alongside of me and I found him an excellent Deputy President. Chas does need guidance (often away from games machines) and advice; his fellow sabs do not have the grounding in the necessary areas to help him out at the moment. Nigel Baker does not have an understanding of balancing the interests of the students, even if he did run a bar, and Ian Morris has never run a bar. As a team they could manage to fill in all their inadequacies. It might mean working after 5.30pm, even when there are not meetings, or on weekends, but it definitely means working together, encouraging each other and not saying 'that's his job, he's to blame'.

Sorry boys but it had to be said.



Phoenix is the literary magazine of Imperial College. It was founded in 1886 by H.G.Wells under the title *The Normal Schools Science Journal* and now stumbles into its 102nd year with me as newly appointed editor. After an experiment last year with a smaller issue published every term, it now returns to its original format of a slim, glossy book published once a year, which I hope will appear during the summer term. As for contents, it's really down to you; poems, prose, photographs, drawings, serious or not so, I am willing to accept anything of what I consider a literary nature. One hopes this will be art in the broadest sense of the word. You have up until Easter to do something which you can send in (anonymously or under a pseudonym if you wish) via the pigeonhole in the FELIX Office or to me via Chem/Biochem 3 or Linstead Hall. If you want to discuss something with me or perhaps are more interested in the production side of the magazine I would be only too happy to talk to you, remember you have nothing to lose.

*Roy*

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### ARE YOU COLOUR BLIND?

If you are, or think you may be, please contact Tony Marland or Julie Savage on int. 6705 or through the Biophysics Department (Physics). We desperately need you to help in a simple, painless experiment.

**FREE cup of coffee  
to all who join in**



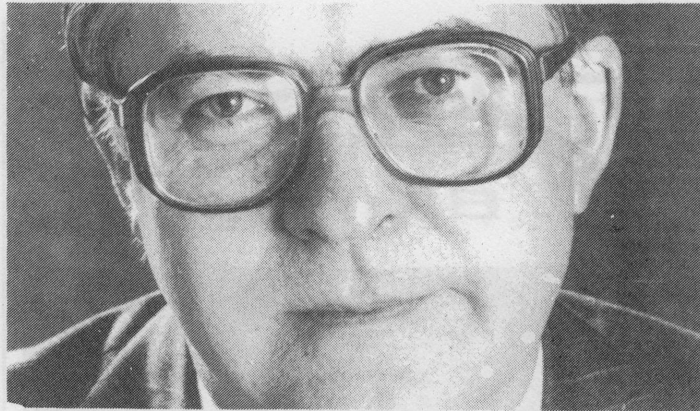
# CREDIT WHERE IT'S DUE

If you are bored or confused by the rhetoric being blasted about on student loans do not fear, this article is designed to inform the majority of students as to what is actually happening in the campaign against loans.

Firstly, a few questions have to be answered, the most important being will a campaign against loans actually achieve anything? That is, once the DES and the Government have set their minds on the idea is there anything anyone can do to stop them. Past cases show there is: the best example being the proposed changes in gun Laws after the Micheal Ryan affair. All political parties and 80% of the electorate were behind the legislation. But then the Gun Lobby stepped in in what has become one of the most notorious bits of lobbying out: the Government then dropped the bill. The White paper on student loans hardly has the same support to start with.

Secondly, should we actually try to block the white paper? Ignoring the ideological arguments as to whether or not the Government ought to be committed to fully funding students in higher education or whether alternative sources of funding should be found for students, the figures behind the white paper are based on averages. The average student being male, white, an undergraduate at a provincial university, whose parents have combined earnings of somewhere in the region of £19000 and who gets £214 a year over and above what he should do from his parents. He also spends £20.50 a week rent (86/87 prices) and spends the holidays at home. The average student would not be too adversely affected by the proposals in the white paper except that they'll walk out of higher education owing the government around £1,600.

Of course if you're not the average student (ie you're in London, a woman, a postgraduate, on a part-time course or you receive no parental support) the chances are you would be much worse off under the proposed system. It has been



said that postgraduate grants will not be frozen but postgrads will not be entitled to any benefits which sort of kicks part-time courses in the goolies. Naturally I don't have to point out that rents around South Kensington are not £20.50 on average. From the paper that Ian Morris presented to governing body last month (which was based on the Research Service Ltd "Undergraduate Income and Expenditure Survey", which is what the white paper is based on) the average London student would be £1,510 worse off (on top of what they would owe the Government) at the end of their course, ie with total debts of more than £3,000 over and above the normal figures now. If you went to an institute outside London this would be nearer £1,600 (90/91 levels).

Even if you think loans are the best thing since sliced bread, actually reading the white paper shows it is a seriously flawed document (irrespective of its ideological basis) and should not be presented to parliament, this is why we should campaign against it.

## What is being done:

What the Union is doing: As has already been mentioned our Hon Sec has submitted a paper to Governing Body about the London factor, in principal this will be ratified when they have checked that he is not a creative accountant. A working party from Governing body will then be set up to decide IC policy on the London factor among other things. Otherwise the Union is doing what it has been mandated to: departments are being polled on the proposed half day shutdown on the 19th. So far all years polled have said yes to it (Geology1, Life Sci 1, Mech Eng 3 & 4, Elec Eng 3 & 4, Chem Eng 4, Maths 1, Chem 1, Physics 3, DOC 2 as of 2pm Tuesday). All departments will have been polled by Wednesday. Also on the Thursday of the 19th the RT. Hon. Peter Brooke, MP for Westminster South and Chairman of the Conservative Party will come and

give a short talk followed by questions on his views on loans. This will be at 1pm and Union cards will be needed for entrance.

A petition is being sent round and should be with your Dep Reps (if you haven't seen it please hassle them). This will be handed into Parliament on the afternoon of the shutdown, so please sign it. Also if you are concerned about the current proposals (if you are a first year you should be) write a letter to your own MP or the DES and this can be handed in at the same time (meet Parliament Square 3pm).

On the external front, ULU are organising a march on the 1st February (the last day of submissions on the white paper) which our exec are going on. The march is from Finsbury Circus in the City (Moorgate tube) to Shorditch Park (the centre of the universe, but the only route the police would allow the march to go without invoking the public order bill). And if you're really keen we need stewards on the day, see me if you're interested. The NUS are nationally organising a march on the 25th of February from Victoria to Kennington Park where there will be a 'festival' like at the end of the anti apartheid march (I reckon we ought to supply a beer tent). Co-operation with the NUS is running into problems (from their end, ULU have also had some problems with the NUS exec about the 1st of February), so no more details are known.

The NUS is also trying to organise a national shutdown on the 16th of February and are liasing with the AUT, NUPE etc about it. Our participation in this will probably be decided at the UGM on the 31st. Finally ULU are trying to come up with possible alternative proposals to increase access to higher education, which the white paper does not do. Of course if you get the current maximum parental contribution of £4,900 this probably doesn't concern you.

Hal Calamvokis GUC delegate,  
ULU FCC.

## OPERA

# Alas Strauss and Jones

On Monday Griff Rhys Jones made his debut with the Royal Opera at Covent Garden.....Yes, you did read it right.....seriously!

In distinguished operatic company the irrepressible Mr Jones delighted a first night audience by his recreation of the comic role of Frosch, the jailer, in a production of Johann Strauss' popular opera, 'Die Fledermaus'. The role of Frosch (a speaking only part, I should add!) is traditionally taken by a comedian. In England Clive Dunn, Arthur English and even Frankie Howerd have played the (usually drunken) gaoler. However, in this new, English version, by writer John Mortimer (of *Rumpole* fame), Frosch stands on an island of disgruntled and holier-than-thou sobriety in a sea of champagne and high jinks. This treatment worked well despite obvious first night nerves and those of us in the cheapest seats enjoyed the jokes about our 'restricted view' of the stage and the unscrupulous Covent Garden 'Champagne pushers' charging £4 a glass and £25 a bottle.

Purist concerns that the Viennese flavour would be lost in an all English interpretation were outweighed by some good one-liners in the new translation and hilarious use of the controversial subtitles when two imposters were speaking cod French. Of course, when singing in a language that the audience understands, extra effort in enunciation is necessary so the audience *does* understand! Generally the diction was good as was the comic timing. Best all round was the wonderful Thomas Allen (newly CBE). However, there was no weak link in the soloist line up. Notably, Claire Powell (Prince Orlofsky) managed a difficult part well. The American, Carol Vaness, as Rosalinde was definitely a case of 'She who must be obeyed'. Lillian Watson's Adele was as impish as she had been on the Coliseum stage, though not always in tune, but Denis O'Neil was an entertaining and convincing Italian (Welsh!) tenor both theatrically and vocally.

In conclusion, the 'bat's revenge' was an unqualified success and I look forward to seeing it later in the run when it has settled down. By now you should be convinced, so I advise you to get down to the box office in Floral Street.

Remaining performances: Sat 21st, Tue 24th.



## IC RADIO

Tune in to IC Radio every Monday morning from 8am to 9.15am for the freshest start to the week. Filled with many of the regular features from last year including the infamous 9.05 classic, this will prove a tasty sandwich in the lunchbox of life.

This is a warning for all you people out there. Watch out! Also this is a reminder to listen to IC Radio every Thursday at 1pm for the 'Fast Trouser Show'. As usual it will be smattered with a sprinkling of Mike's Handy Tips, media muddles, and competitions galore where mugs can win a signed limited edition poster and even an album—with an occasional 'Garry Green' popping up here and there, you can be assured of a really good read of your favourite textbook. Remember no FT, no comment.

PS. An FT tip: If you are having problems with your flatmates barging into your room when you're busy, try playing *Wet Wet Wet*. Guaranteed to send every drip running.

## AUDIOSOC

The Audio Society has two main functions, to promote good hi-fi and to run a buying club giving discounts on records, tapes, CD's, etc. The first objective is achieved through demonstrations by manufacturers and by lending the Society's own equipment to members. Most of the demonstrations will be of British hi-fi since it's usually much better than the majority of Japanese hardware that floods the market.

There's little to say about the buying club except that we get records and pre-recorded tapes for £5 or £6, CD's for about £9 and good discounts on blank tapes, videos, accessories, etc. Orders can be made on Tuesdays and Thursdays in the Union SCR (first floor of Union) at 12.30pm, and collected on the following Thursday.

The first demonstration for this term will be given by Linn on Tuesday January 24. They will be showing off some of their equipment, probably the Sondek LP12 and Axis turntables and their amplifiers and loudspeakers. The demo will be held in the Holland Club function room at 7.30pm. To get to the room you must go through the Holland Club and out the exit at the back.

Anyone interested in the Society is welcome to come along to any of the meetings on Tuesdays and Thursdays in the Union SCR or come to the demonstration next week.

# THE SPORTS PAGE



*Irrelevant picture*

## FOOTBALL

### Not Cricket

IC—4

Southampton—3

IC stormed into the last 16 of the UAU with a scintillating display of 'total football' that left highly rated Southampton shell-shocked. Back at full-strength for the first time in six weeks and determined to improve on the dismal form of recent weeks, IC started strongly and were two up within fifteen minutes after spectacular strikes from Pip Peel and Byron Wood. Southampton then began to wake up and pulled one back but fell two behind again on the half hour when Paul Olden drilled home a header from a corner. Southampton pressed forward once more and ensured an exciting second half when they sprung the IC offside trap to score on the stroke of half-time.

The pace of the game quickened somewhat after the interval and there were chances at both ends but the score remained the same until twenty minutes from the end when a Southampton free kick, albeit deflected, found its way past a rather static Si Holden. With the scores now level IC heads dipped temporarily, but captain Nigel Collier rallied his men, first hitting the bar with a delicate lob and then beating four men and dummying the keeper to restore the lead. With ten minutes still remaining, Southampton threw everything forward but were thwarted by solid defending and a vital save from Si Holden in the last minute to atone for his earlier error.

This was undoubtedly the best performance of the season and keeps IC first on course for their best season ever.

## CRICKET

### Important Notice

This term's indoor nets commence on Thursday January 19th at 7-8pm, and continue every Thursday of this term.

It is now important for all serious cricketers to attend these nets, a very full fixture list is already planned, coupled with this, an indoor tournament is also confirmed for this term.

There is room for about twenty people to attend each week. To give some idea of how many to expect it would be very helpful if people could sign up on the Cricket noticeboard (between the Union Bar and the Union Snack Bar).

For all net sessions meet in the Mech Eng Foyer at 5.45pm, or indicate on the noticeboard if you intend to go direct.

## FENCING

### En Garde

We arrived in Aberystwyth after an eventful journey down the M4 and over the mountains and headed out for a chippie and pub in true fashion.

The épée on Friday held several surprises—a couple of star turns failed to shine, however, Ian Droper

and Simon Evans got through to the quarter finals and Caroline Bott to the ladies finals, she put up a good fight and eventually came sixth.

The foil on Saturday saw 4 men and 3 ladies in action. All the men made it through to the third round with Gully Burns on top form and Caroline to the ladies quarter finals. Selina Ward got to the ladies semis, while Liz Clark went on and came 5th in the finals.

Finally the sabre. Adam Sadler won a bout but both he and Ian Draper were knocked out in the first round. Dave Matthews went on to the quarter finals. In the ladies both Caroline Bott and Selina Ward were knocked out in the semis. Liz Clark won the gold very convincingly in the final.

Special congratulations go to Simon for daring to preside the ladies sabre. Thanks to Dave and Ian for getting us there—somehow!

## SQUASH

### Holding Court

The Squash Club will be holding a knockout competition with American scoring (all can compete on an equal basis). Sponsorship for this has not yet been finalised, but may be forthcoming from Goudie International, the team's sponsor. The competition will be held throughout term, with some Wednesday afternoon court time put aside specifically for it. Any members that are interested should sign the sheet on the Sports Centre noticeboard with both name and membership number.

To change the subject, Stuart Farrar, the Goudie representative and coach is offering coaching to members. Standards can vary from intermediate to team standard. It takes the form of practicing routines in groups of four per court, and is reasonably fitness based (as opposed to receiving intensive technique tuition). Cost will be about £20 with places strictly limited, given on a first-come first-served basis. Those interested should sign the list on the Sports Centre noticeboard (name and number) and turn up at 5.45pm, Friday 20/27 January with kit and a cheque book.

**WANTED**  
**CLUB'S EDITOR**  
*Ask in FELIX for details*



# What's On

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A guide to events in and around IC.

### FRIDAY

**Consoc Meeting.....12.30pm**  
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**Friday Jamaa Prayer.....1.00pm**  
Southside Gym.  
**Christian Union Meeting.....5.30pm**  
308 Huxley. Time for prayer, worship and discussion.  
**Poetry Readings.....6.30pm**  
University of London School of Oriental and African Studies Room G57.  
**GLC Club Outing.....8.00pm**  
Meet in Union Snack Bar for trip to Ronnie Scotts. Unlimited places.  
**Fencing Club.....12.30pm**  
Union Gym. Meeting also at 6 o'clock.

### SATURDAY

**Karate.....10.00am**  
Southside Gym. Beginners welcome. Build your fitness and confidence.  
**IC Kung Fu.....4.30pm**  
Southside Gym. Beginners always welcome.  
**Southside Bar Birthday Party.....8.00pm**  
Everyone welcome to celebrate eight years of drinking in Southside.

### SUNDAY

**Sunday Service.....10.00am**  
Sherfield Building. Roman Catholic Chaplain to preach at West London Chaplaincy Communion.  
**Sunday Mass.....11.00am**  
West London Catholic Chaplaincy, More House, 53 Cromwell Road. Also at 6pm (followed by bar supper). All welcome.  
**Wargames.....1.00pm**  
Senior Common Room. All Welcome.

**Kung Fu.....4.30pm**  
Union Gym. Beginners welcome.  
**RCSU Night in the Bar.....7.00pm**  
Union Bar.

### MONDAY

**Rock Soc Meeting.....12.30pm**  
Southside Upper Lounge. Anyone interested in any form of rock music come along.  
**Artsoc Meeting.....12.30pm**  
Union SCR. Sign up for shows. Membership £2.  
**Yacht Club Meeting.....12.30pm**  
Upstairs in Southside.  
**W.I.S.T. Meeting.....12.30pm**  
Green Committee Room. All welcome.



**Audiosoc Meeting.....12.30pm**  
Union SCR. Cheap records and tapes etc.  
**Roman Catholic Mass.....12.40pm**  
Mech Eng 702. Mass followed by lunch. 50p.  
**Ski Club Meeting.....12.45pm**  
Southside Lounge. Interested in learning to ski? Already hooked? Want to try racing? Come and find out more.  
**3rd World First.....1.00pm**  
4th Floor, Env Tech, 38 Prince's Gardens.  
**Beatles Hour.....1.00pm**  
For all the best Beatle and Beatle-related material on Cd with Spenser Lane.

### Mountaineering

**Club Meeting.....9.00pm**  
Southside Upper Lounge. Beginners always welcome.

### WEDNESDAY

**Caving Club Meeting.....1.00pm**  
**Hamsoc Meeting.....1.15pm**  
Third Floor of Union Building. Amateur Radio Society regular weekly meeting.  
**Intermediate Rock 'n' Roll Class.....2.15pm**  
UDH. 80p.  
**Jazz Dance Class.....3.15pm**  
UDH. 80p.  
**Karate.....3.30pm**  
Southside Gym. Beginners welcome. Build your fitness and confidence.  
**Open Circle Study.....4.30pm**  
9 Prince's Gardens. See Islamic Soc.  
**Kung Fu.....7.30pm**  
Union Gym. Grandmaster CK Chang's class.  
**Basic Christianity.....6.30pm**  
Senior Common Room, 7th Floor. A meeting held by University Christian Outreach examining the life and claims of Jesus.

### THURSDAY

**Fencing Club.....12.30pm**  
Union Gym. Meeting also at 6 o'clock  
**ICYHA Meeting.....12.30pm**  
Southside Upper Lounge. Everyone welcome.  
**Audiosoc Meeting.....12.30pm**  
Union SCR. Cheap records, tapes etc.  
**Ski Club.....12.45pm**  
Southside Lounge.  
**Debating Society.....1.00pm**  
Room 341 Maths (Huxley).  
**Arabic Lessons.....1.30pm**  
9 Prince's Gardens. See Islamic Soc.  
**Prayer Meeting.....5.30pm**  
Chaplain's Office, 10 Prince's Gardens. All Christians in College are welcome to come and pray for the work of Christians in College.  
**Judo.....6.30pm**  
Union Gym. No more beginners.  
**Soup Run.....9.15pm**  
Meet Week's Hall Basement (back by 11pm).

**ICCAG Meeting.....12.45pm**  
Rag Office. All welcome.  
**Recitation of Holy Qur'an.....1.30pm**  
9 Prince's Gardens (Basement).  
**Basketball Club.....5.30pm**  
Volleyball Court (behind Chemistry Building). All welcome.  
**Improvers Ballroom.....6.00pm**  
JCR. 80p.  
**Beginners Rock 'n' Roll.....6.45pm**  
UDH. 80p.  
**Advanced Ballroom.....7.00pm**  
JCR. 80p.  
**Karate.....7.00pm**  
Southside Gym. Beginners welcome. Build your fitness and confidence.  
**GLC Club Outing.....8.00pm**  
Meet Union Snack Bar. 30 places for trip to see 'Wogan'. FREE.  
**Latin American Dance Class.....8.00pm**  
UDH. Cha, Samba, Rumba, etc. 80p

### TUESDAY

**CU Prayer.....8.15am**  
308 Huxley. For those who think prayer is more important than sleep. Free.  
**Boardsailing Club.....12.30pm**  
Southside Lounge.

**Qur'an Tradition of Prophet.....1.30pm**  
9 Prince's Gardens.  
**Amnesty Meeting.....5.30pm**  
Brown Committee Room (top floor Union Building).  
**Meditative Prayer.....5.45pm**  
Chaplain's Office, 10 Prince's Gardens. Come and join us for some peace and quiet. See West London Chaplaincy.  
**Wine Tasting.....6.00pm**  
Union Dining Hall. Blind tasting competition.  
**Beginners Ballroom.....6.00pm**  
JCR. 80p. All welcome.  
**Judo.....6.30pm**  
Union Gym. All grades. No more complete beginners.  
**Karate.....7.00pm**  
Southside Gym. Beginners welcome. Build your fitness and confidence.  
**Intermediate Ballroom.....7.00pm**  
JCR. 80p.  
**Caving Club Meeting.....7.00pm**  
Southside Upper Lounge. Everyone interested should come along.  
**Audiosoc Demonstration..7.30pm**  
Holland Club Function Room. Demonstration by Linn Products Ltd.  
**Improvers Ballroom.....8.00pm**  
JCR. 80p.

## CHEESE & WINE

**PARTY IN FELIX OFFICE**  
**7.00pm TODAY (Friday)**  
small financial contribution  
**EVERYONE WELCOME**

## POEMS IN FELIX

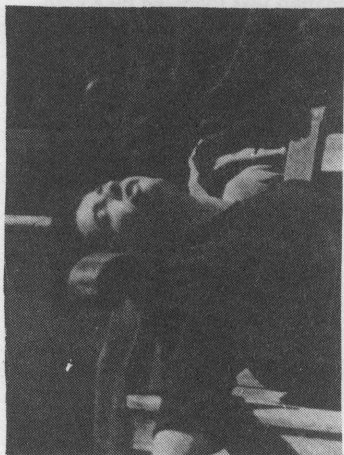
Collation's lots of fun  
If you're not a current bun  
Lots of bits of paper  
That taste like chocolate wafers  
Bill will give you wine  
If we finish up on time.

—a very famous poet.

If you would like to help collate turn up at 9.30pm on Thursday evening.



## Ian Morris talks about loans



**Student Loans.** By the time this comes out I will have met with Pete Mee, the College's Registrar, to go over the figures presented in my paper on the effect of student loans on those studying in London. Subsequent to this, a Governing Body working party is being set up to assess how best to defend students in London against this and a multitude of other 'sins'.

**Carnival.** May I apologise to anyone who couldn't get in on Friday evening. Unfortunately we had sold out to the fire capacity limit by 9.45pm and had to allow ticket holders only to enter.

This gave rise to a number of problems, namely people trying to break into the building from the back and trying to force the front gates open. Due to these actions, a number of complaints have been lodged which may jeopardise future bar extensions and/or prevent us from holding Carnivals again.

Thanks to everybody that helped, particularly Chas Brereton and Jon Denham for manning the gates and to the Wing Chun security for what must have been a trying night.

**Industrial Relations Committee.** The IRC are meeting (for the first time) on Wednesday January 25 to decide its aims etc.

**Wrestling.** Tickets priced £2.50 and £4 (ringside) are available from my office. Please support this event as all profits will be going to charity as well as being a dead good laugh.

Don't forget the Superbowl on Sunday in the Lounge at 9.30pm and the Scotland, Wales Rugby International tomorrow in the Snack Bar at 2pm.

## Brereton returns

DP's bit for Felix

1) Key system: As you may know, we have had a new key system installed in the Union Building. Clubs and Societies who as yet haven't contacted me as regards getting keys for their members should do so as soon as possible. A £25 refundable deposit is payable for EACH KEY issued.

2) Bar Prices: As a result of the recent pay awards, which were up to 12%, it has been necessary to increase beer prices by about 3p per pint. Union Bar prices are still substantially cheaper than the local pubs.

3) Lecturer Questionnaire: This will be run again this term as last year. Your Departmental Rep will arrange specific dates and times for you to fill in the forms. Unlike last year, which was just a pilot run to test the mechanics of running a College-wide lecturer questionnaire, and the results of which were only issued to staff members, this year results will be published in full.

4) Security in the Union Building: As a result of recent thefts from club storerooms and lockers, I will be instigating random checks of Union cards and Club membership cards (where applicable). Please ensure that you have your card on you at all times. Your co-operation is appreciated.

Charles Brereton, Deputy President

## RCS sing the burger blues

A new year, a new term and a new case of listeria for that coq au vin you thought would keep from last term. So far there has been a lot happening RCS-wise. The most important new change is the sad departure of Professor John Albery as Dean of the Royal College of Science. Prof Albery is off to pastures new in Oxford, he has been a popular Dean bringing new light to both the RCSU handbook and in compering the Smoking Concert last year. He has been replaced by Professor Jim Barber of Pure and Applied Biology, we are all looking forward to meeting and working with Prof Barber and wish him as much success as Prof Albery

as Dean.

If you were at the Carnival on Friday you will have noticed RCS cooking burgers again, it proved to be a successful night with the rain holding off until four seconds after the last burger had been sold! However, we are still looking into selling 35lbs of onions and about fifteen jars of Dijon mustard, anyone interested? Last week should have seen the RCS Rag Tour (Northern), unfortunately due to lack of drivers last weekend it has had to be postponed until the first weekend in February.

That is what has happened but what have we got in store for the rest of this term? On February 10th we will be holding the Annual RCS Dinner, there will be a celebrity guest speaker and tickets will be going on sale soon, priced just under £20. Also on sale this term will be tickets for the highlight of the year, the Silwood Ball on May 5th, the price of these will be £55. Finally, near the end of this term will be the RCS trip abroad, this year we are going to Amsterdam, it's an amazing city so do save up your pennies and be sure to go on this one.

So, until next time, this is Dave the VP signing off.

## Winners in the C&G Casino

The C&G Casino at the Carnival last Friday was a great success—over 23,000 gambling chips were given away or 'bought'—the tables were crowded all night and at one point we even had to limit entry as the Casino was so popular. The following people won prizes:

Grant Barta (AIFS)—Walkman with radio (score 2123)

Craig Ridderkhof (Physics 1)—Walkman (score 2100)

John Sears (ME1)—Champagne (score 1205)

J Derry (CE2)—Jim Beam Whisky (score 1205)

Margaret Murphy (AIFS)—£10 record token (score 1135)

The prizes can be collected from Wendy (ICU). Bring some ID.

Finally, thanks to everyone who helped out.

Chris Horne, C&GU Ents.

PS. We're getting some square chips next time so there wasn't any point in keeping the old ones!

## WATCH RUGBY

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1st XV vs. NEWCASTLE 2nd XV vs CARDIFF  
C&G 1st XV vs EXETER

AT HARLINGTON (NEAR HEATHROW)

WEDNESDAY 25th JANUARY

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## ICU Lobby continued

Imperial, noted that Mr Baker's plans were particularly unfair in that they did not differentiate between universities inside and outside London. Mr Robert Rhodes-James, Conservative MP for Cambridge, wholeheartedly supported the lobby. He claimed to be one of the few Tory back-benchers who are fighting the loan system and said that with student support in the form of letters and lobbies a reversal of the scheme may be possible.

Lynne Golding, Labour MP for Newcastle-Under-Lyme, claimed that although the Labour Party sympathised with students there is 'nothing they can do.' She said, 'Mrs Thatcher will push it through anyway,' and described the scheme as 'depressing'. A number of other Labour MPs expressed their support for the student action and said they would attempt to block the paper. ICU Hon Sec Ian Morris, whose report 'Student Loans: The London Factor' initiated much interest in the loans issue by Imperial students, was very pleased with the event and said it would 'do a lot more good than the NUS march last November.'

# ULU President goes

Stewart Jackson announced his resignation from his position as President of the University of London Union (ULU) at an Emergency General Union Council (GUC) on Wednesday. His resignation was followed by a vote of no confidence in Mr Jackson in a move designed to clarify the position of ULU with the University of London.

Mr Jackson was accused by members of GUC of having no respect for his executive, the Constituent Colleges and GUC.

In a short defensive speech, Mr Jackson admitted to claims that he had made 'political capital' from his position as President. He claimed that ULU was 'a politically bankrupt organisation.'

Responding to accusations that he had failed to support ULU's campaign against Student Loans he said that the Union should be 'realistic' in its approach. 'I haven't sold anyone out on Student Loans,' he added later.

As one of four Conservative Student Union Presidents in the country, Mr Jackson told the meeting, 'You're bound to be frustrated by 10 years of Tory Government.' He claimed that, as a left-wing dominated group, Student Unions will be wiped out by the Government. 'They'll say you've got no political credibility,' he said.

ULU's executive is reported to have been furious at Mr Jackson's



*Jackson out, Jones in*

interview in last Friday's Times Higher Education Supplement (THES).

Without informing other members of the ULU executive, Mr Jackson told THES of his intention to resign, saying that 'being a Conservative in student politics is like being a fox at

a beagle hunt.'

Mr Jackson retains his membership as student representative on several London University Committees including Court and Senate since he is registered with them in name, rather than under his post.

# UGM's to go Council top body?

A motion calling for the abolition of Union General Meetings (UGM's) has been put forward to Monday's Union Council for discussion. The motion has been tabled by the working party looking into the problems of merger between Imperial College Union and St Mary's Hospital Medical School Union and is designed to overcome the difficulties students from St Mary's would have attending UGM's at the Imperial site.

The motion states that Council, as opposed to UGM's should become the supreme decision making body of the Union. Under the proposal, non-Council members will be allowed to submit motions to Council provided that they have 150 seconders. Elections for Union posts

will be carried out by 'election meetings' held at Imperial and St Mary's. Non members of Council will be permitted to observe Council meetings and to request speaking rights.

Deputy President Chas Brereton told FELIX that the working party had considered a number of alternatives to abolishing UGM's including holding separate CCU UGM's and alternating the site of UGM's between IC and St Mary's but had rejected them as impractical.

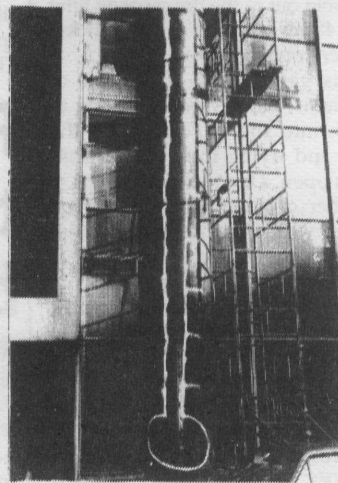
'If we had UGM's only at IC we would be accused of being undemocratic' he said.

Mr Brereton went on to say that the requirement for motions to have 150 seconders would give proposals

'more credibility.' He added that the problem of Union Officers not being accountable to ordinary students could be 'easily alleviated by ensuring that officers' reports are pinned up on a notice board.'

The motion also calls for the St Mary's residence, Wilson House, to be prioritised as accommodation for medical students with the rest of IC's accommodation being prioritised for non medical students and calls for representation for St Mary's and the other CCU's on ULU's General Union Council (GUC).

If the motion is approved by Council it will be forwarded to the next Union General Meeting for discussion.



## BRITISH RED CROSS SOCIETY IMPERIAL COLLEGE First Aid Course

A standard First Aid Course under the Health and Safety at Work Act will be held on Monday 23rd January 1989. If you are interested, come along to the Holland Club at 6pm

*Hope to see you then.  
Roger Serpell, Group Leader*



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Freedom  
'Skating on Thin Ice'

Ents Disco

Freedom  
'Cheese Tasting at FELIX'

Rugby International

Superbowl

Bar Quiz

Wrestling Tournament

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Ents Disco

Rugby International

Bar Quiz

Silwood Valentines Party

Ents Disco

Hyde Park Relay/Rag Party

Bar Quiz

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Bar Quiz

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End of Term  
'Stuff the Poll Tax Party'

Bill's Birthday

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