

Students' rights to stay in Hall at Christmas? 'No—they've got no rights anyway.'—Senior Assistant Finance Officer, Malcolm Aldridge

Southside sold out

Students of Southside and Linstead halls have no guarantee that they can live in hall over Christmas, according to Mr. Malcolm Aldridge of the Finance Department at IC.

'No student is entitled to residence in hall', he stated, though he said there would be no problem except in the above mentioned halls, where only half the rooms were available for students. Priority would be given to overseas students who had to stay he said. In the minutes to the students residence committee (SRC) of last November it states that 'all students would continue to pay one weekly rent for the Christmas break, which would entitle them to leave their possessions in the room and occupy it for seven days'.

'A lot of water has gone under the bridge since then', said Mr Aldridge. He admitted that they might break this rule—students may have to remove their luggage to storerooms if rooms cannot be found for the Christmas conferences. Last Christmas had no conferences so the problem didn't arise. Mr Aldridge said that if the halls became overcrowded they would advertise in Felix for rooms in other halls for the displaced students.

He added that 'we have a contractual obligation to the conferences which we cannot back down from; we have no obligation to the students—they may be required to vacate a room'. On being pressed if students had a right to stay in their rooms if they so wished he replied 'No—they've got no rights anyway.'

An additional rule this year is that students must pay rent at the normal rate for all the Christmas holiday, and not just for one week getting the rest of the holiday rent free, as with last year. Mr Aldridge



concluded 'I cannot give a cast iron guarantee to please everybody'

Ms Loretto O'Callaghan, of the Accomodation Office, declined to comment on most of the questions, but said that problems were unlikely to arise as not very many students usually stayed over Christmas, though she admitted that there was the possibility of difficulties.

Dr John Hassard, warden of Tizard and

Selkirk Halls also said that not that many students would want to stay, so no clash would occur.

Professor New, warden of Falmouth-Keogh hall said 'it's highly likely that it's all a storm in a tea cup.' He said that the number of rooms needed was 'not all that great.' 'It's not an ideal situation,' he said, 'everybody realises it's a compromise'

IC's Director of Undergraduate Studies becomes first local councilor to instigate Clause 28 of Government bill

Glad to be Levitt

ICs director of Undergraduate Studies, Dr Bryan Levitt, is behind Kensington and Chelsea Borough Councils plans to be the first London council to use the controversial 'Clause 28' against its homosexual community. The clause, from the recent Conservative Local Government Act, explicitly forbids local councils from openly 'promoting' homosexuality. It has been condemned by civil liberties groups who claim that it gives too much room for

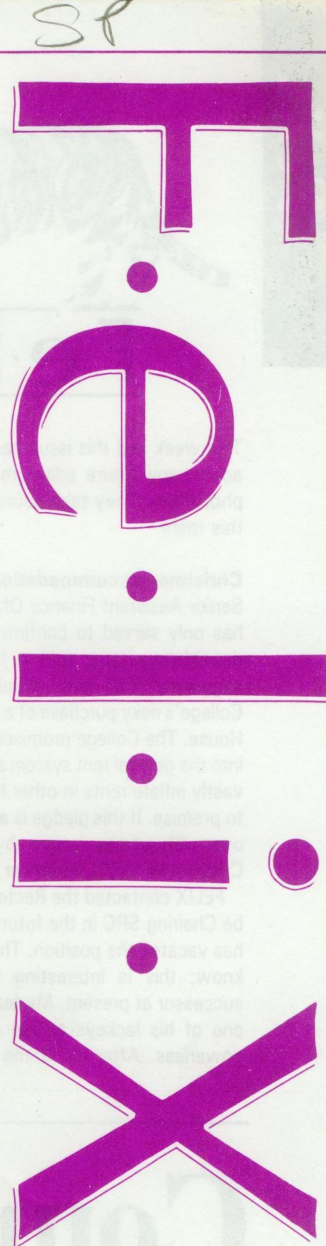
prejudice.

The council has decided to stop funding the 'Notting Hill Lesbian and Gay Youth Group' apparently without consulting any of its members or any outside specialists. Dr Levitt believes that the group promotes homosexuality at an age when people are still unsure of their sexual preferences, adding that he 'wouldn't want to encourage sexual experience for anyone under the age of 18'. Despite this, he

claimed to be aware of his own heterosexuality at the age of 16, but said that was different.

Imperial College Welfare Officer, Jackie Scott, told FELIX that attitudes towards homosexuals at IC had 'improved dramatically over the last few years' and said it was worrying that a key member of college could apparently hold such 'narrow minded opinions'

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This week and this issue has been hectic. I wish to advise any future editor reading this—never do a photostory. They take hours to produce. Enough of this tosh!

Christmas accommodation

Senior Assistant Finance Officer, Malcolm Aldridge, has only served to confirm my fears of his future deceitfulness over rent in halls. Earlier this term I suggested that rents would be affected by the College's risky purchase of a new hall last year; Olave House. The College promised not to incorporate this into the general rent system since such a move would vastly inflate rents in other halls. This they continue to promise. If this pledge is as good as the one made over Christmas rents by Student Residence Committee (SRC), however, it won't last.

FELIX contacted the Rector to ask him who would be Chairing SRC in the future, now that Brian Levitt has vacated the position. The Rector said he did not know; this is interesting since he appoints the successor at present. My fear is that he will appoint one of his lackeys to the post, making the body powerless. After all, if the body that advises the

Rector on residences is chaired by his beloved appointee, what will it say against his wishes?

Thanks to the perverse thinking of the twisted little money man in Sheffield who goes under the name of Mr Aldridge, students will now be kicked out of hall to make way for the big spending Christmas conference guests. Why do Mr Aldridge and Loretto O'Callaghan, the Accommodation Officer, not take any notice of decisions made by the Student Residences Committee unless it suits them? They liked the idea of students paying for a week at Christmas before; now they just don't like the students staying in their rooms.

Whilst I am on the subject, how much of a guarantee is there that students' possessions, stored in their rooms, will not be moved out to make way for conference guests, when the lettings inevitably screw up? The whole issue stinks of money grabbing in a pathetic attempt to make up for past and future clangers in student residences.

Life Sciences

I hope that students in Biology II enjoyed their impromptu timetable change when the department panicked over their visit.

Alphabet

We have now reached the letter 'E' in the competition. Thank you to the donor for last week's 'D'. Next week's letter is 'F'. We have a few entries for this, but I am sure everybody can try harder to get things in a more ordered fashion in future. To spice the whole thing up a bit more, I am also accepting entries for the letter 'M' next week, with this letter also rotating each week. It still seems difficult to get away from 'A' but that's life, I guess.

Meetings

Staff meetings are now on Tuesday lunchtimes at 1pm. Please pop along if you fancy getting involved. Today there will be a special meeting for those interested or involved in **reviews**. We can get you into films and plays for nothing, as well as obtaining free books for review.

Credits

Thanks to everybody this week for working until ridiculous hours. Chris Stapleton is a mega-hero for staying 'til 5.30am on Wednesday to help me with the photostory. Andy Bannister is a hero for writing, pasting and seemingly everything this week. Adam has worked his balls off doing the News, many thanks. Thanks also to the permanent staff, Rose and Dean; Ian Hodge for being a super-hero; DAN; Paul 'Barry Norman' Darby; Toby; Adam Tinworth; Richard Crouch, Susan Appleby, Laurence, Neil Lavitt, Graham Lamlor, Chris M, and Chris Leahy for music; Stef, Kaveh, Chris, Andy and Shan for the photostory; Vinita Khanna, Clare Davis and Jason Lander for science; all the union officers and clubs who wrote; Dave Millard for sports; Jim for pasting and lots of help; Liz, and Pippa for loads of help.

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Council Sketch

By Andy Bannister

Council is a traditional forum for the emergence of new sabbatical candidates, and this one marked the first really serious moves on the part of six people.

First to make a move was Athos Ritzbiscuit, who announced his intention of running for president by taking off his sunglasses to gasps of awe. The ploy started strongly, but rather petered out.

Next to go was next years Hon Sec Events, Murray Williamson, who not only appeared without shades, but put in a further bid in the form of an unusably ambiguous motion about paying people we already pay, to do jobs they already do, but doing it differently. I think that was what he said...

Four further contenders for unannounced posts contented themselves with wearing dark glasses and letting off indoor fireworks. Actually, this was a relatively sensible way of registering a protest at the recent decision of the non-smokers on Council to spoil everyone else's fun by banning the evil weed from the meeting the moment the gloves came off.

And to the business: the Greeks and the Cypriots have been writing rude letters to the STA about the Turkish Cypriots. It only took half an hour to decide that McCluskey was to write a rude letter to both the Greeks and the Cypriots, being rude about the Turks. The debate was polite and to the point. More so than the debate about Union vans, which managed to work out that if we buy some more, we might have to pay for them, so people ought to book vans six months

in advance. This was presented as a move to maximise the efficiency of usage of the van stocks. Logical? You bet.

At least one logical motion was passed on behalf of Dave Williams, which ended up saying that the snack bar has walls, and that the Union lives in a grade 2 listed building, so nobody should stick any posters on it. It seemed to make sense at the time, but the meeting failed to reach any conclusion about precisely where anyone with a poster could stick it. Answers on a postcard please...

The meeting did manage to reach a conclusion on the subject of minutes. It decided that reading through the minutes of the major SubCommittees, or MSCs in Councilspeak, which Council is supposed to oversee would take a very long time, and Council members, finding themselves in danger of having to do some work, voted that one down smartly. In fairness, one could see their point; Council meetings are after all long enough, and any possibility of their continuing past bar closing time should be firmly stamped on.

There being no more sabbatical candidates, the meeting was closed before anyone else could put their oar in, and the assembled masses picked up their bags and lit cigarettes with an audible sigh of relief, before heading off to the bar to sun themselves in the reflected glory of membership of the Union's highest body.

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To those of you who do not know (probably the majority) *M31* is not a motorway or even a trouser size but the Anchromeda galaxy. With that in mind you may well expect a fantastical account of intergalactic war, warp drives and all, but fortunately you would be very wrong. (All you science fiction types with your Iron Maiden t-shirts; most of us got past the 'beam me up Scotty' stage about ten years ago.)

The cover of a mid-western church gives a better, if somewhat vague, insight into the book's contents. The setting is earthbound if the story itself is a little pie in the sky. Perhaps the best clue to the weird and often confusing story within is the large blue radar dish perched on top of the church.

Dash and Dot are two all too typical American cranks who believe passionately that they are descended from aliens from the aforementioned galaxy. They travel the country spreading their message on talk shows and radio phone-ins.

They say that 'The Occupants', the name they use for the aliens, are everywhere constantly hovering above us feeding on electricity which they say is a form of highly concentrated information. If you are wondering why we never see them they are in blue space ships that blend into the sky; something to think about.

Returning from a week of shows with their daughter

Zoe (who they believe is being use by 'The Occupants' as a method of communication) to their home in the church to find they have gained two guests.

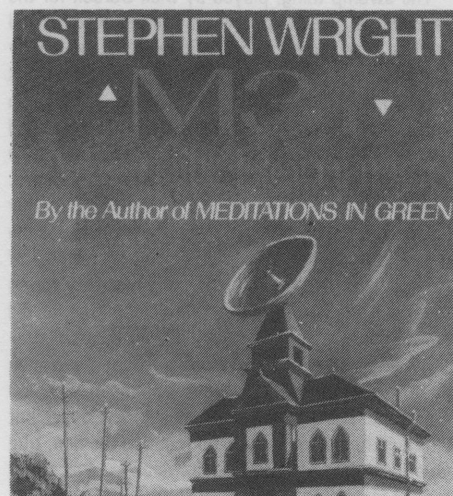
Gwen and Beale are both fanatical about UFO's and follow Dash and Dot around the country. Beale carries with him a rucksack full of newspaper cuttings concerning UFOs saying that 'sometimes words are more important than food'.

The family is a complex contortion of personalities that are in almost constant conflict. Ranging from the vicious and brutal Dallas who spends most of his day with a can of Budweiser in his hand to Maryse who is quiet and gentle with her baby.

As a piece of creative writing the book is very good, in places brilliant, but not too verbose allowing the story to develop through the book and the characters to reveal their true nature. Not only is the narrative well done but some of the character comments show real brilliance. Dallas at one stage describes the sky at night as 'Gods dandruff' and Dash uses the sarcastic comment 'why is it every time I leave the house all the alcohol evaporates?'.

Things do get slightly cluttered as I feel the number of characters used was excessive and the author could have done well to leave a couple out completely.

In addition to this the book has a major problem; although not as bad as some books the plot can get quite confusing particularly at the end. For this reason



you do need to concentrate on every page for everything to remain clear.

Overall I feel I can recommend the book as being good with some excellent descriptive passages throughout.

Stephen Wright has also written *Meditations in Green* which won the Maxwell Perkins prize for best first novel 1985.

Ian Hodge.

Motor Mania 89—Earls Court

The 1989 Motor Fair, held at Earl's Court recently is best described as nine days of macho posturing by car producers.

Well, to some extent that's what it's all about and let's face it, if your stand is host to several gruesome looking pieces of red metal (Ferrari, Lamborghini) it's quite difficult not to be accused of posing.

This year saw the trend towards a green lifestyle and the family car. Most manufacturers took the chance to proclaim their latest environmentally friendly machines. Most of the cars present have been able to run on unleaded petrol and the three-way catalytic converter (the 'Cat') is also becoming increasingly common and often a standard item.

From the end of 1992 all new cars from Robin Reliants to Ferraris will, by law, have to have a catalytic converted fitted to comply with tough new EC legislation on exhaust emissions.

All of the major European and Far Eastern companies were present with several notable British, as well as world, debuts. Lotus were showing the sensational new Elan. This 2-seater, open top sportscar was designed in conjunction with the Japanese company Isuzu, and is built using some components manufactured by Isuzu in the Far East.

Other new, but less exciting, models included a sleek new Vauxhall Coupe, the Calibra; the restyled Ford Fiesta XR2i—same as its predecessor but with a new letter for fuel injection. Peugeot Talbot, another company with a penchant for lots of letters were showing the latest 405 in its various forms including a four-wheel-drive version.

Some notable vehicles included the brand new



Porsche 911 Camera and the BMW Z1 which is probably best known for its doors which are operated by an electro-hydraulic mechanism, the doors and windows slide into the sill of the car to produce a truly 'open' sports car. I shudder to think what happens if the fancy electrics decide to give up the ghost.

One or two companies failed to draw attention in

quite the way they intended. For instance Citroën—showing the new but rather ugly XM—got more attention for their stand which was a huge revolving contraption with a large upside down pyramid in its centre. Was this, perhaps, Citroën's contribution to the bicentennial celebration of the French Revolution?

DAN

Opens 22nd December

The Return of Swamp Thing

Adapted from the original DC comic story, this is a light-hearted good versus evil movie, though for a 12 certificate, it has some scary moments.

The swamp thing, played by Dick Durock for the second time, used to be brilliant scientist Alec Holland until he was turned into a vegetable by the evil Dr Arcane and his assistant Dr Zurrell (played by Louis Jourdan and Sarah Douglas, famous as Ursa in *Superman*). Swamp thing retained the intelligence and emotions of Alec but ashamed of his appearance he lives in solitude in the swamp until he meets Abigail.

Abigail is Arcane's step-daughter played by Heather Locklear from *Dynasty*. In the film she investigates the mysterious death of her mother only to fall foul of Arcane's mad experiments on an immortality serum for which she has the correct rare blood type (as did her mother).

Swamp thing comes to Abby's rescue more than once and slowly she falls in love with the man behind the gunk. Arcane, however, has other ideas, but although he destroys them both during the film, true love pulls them through. As for Arcane, well that's for the inevitable sequel.

So if you're a fan of DC comics or if you just want some light evening's entertainment, *The Return of Swamp Thing* is for you.

Toby.



Two Moon Junction



He knows she is engaged. He also knows that whilst the fiancé might make a superbly clean-cut and respectable husband, loved by her wealthy daddy and himself alike, her obvious sexual hypertension could only really be satisfied by Him: the sweat-glistening rough guy, waving a sledgehammer at fairground tent pegs to kill the time between brawls and bottles of Bourbon.

The director of this film makes no bones about it being based on the same idea as *9½ Weeks*. So you can guess what will happen. She wants him, he knows it, and is prepared to let her beg. Unlike its sister movie, however, much of this is blazingly subtle—the principal actors are both symbols of

sexuality, the camerawork is much more open than in *9½ Weeks*, lessening the sensation of erotic titillation for a far more earthy bum-and-tits production.

In between the slagging and the shagging there is a real story going on—probably to make up for the re-casting of the kitchen fridge as a humble video recorder and it cannot be denied that certain humanist touches came across, not least the obvious angst to do with her forthcoming marriage, although, on the whole, this was purely an excuse to get your nerve endings tingling and to sit there wishing you dared behave like that. And why not, indeed?

Paul Darby.

Great Balls of fire

This film chronicles the rise of Jerry Lee Lewis (the 'Killer'), from his early inspiration, listening to forbidden 'nigger music', to the point where he is a contender for the crown as 'King of Rock 'n' Roll' when Elvis is drafted. It also tells of his subsequent fall into obscurity when an English reporter—a superb cameo by Peter Cook—discovers that Lewis has bigamously married his thirteen year old second cousin, twice removed.

The film's major fault is that it never finds itself a style, careering between a love story, a Good/Evil parable and a musical, with some scenes jarring badly with those that precede them. This is partially compensated for by the sheer enthusiasm that runs through the whole film, mostly emanating from Denis Quaid who plays Lewis as a manic, posturing, immature egotist whose only real redeeming features are his talent at the piano and his devotion to his child bride. The film implies that the only reason this relationship survives is that each is as childish as the other—witness the bubblegum 'kissing' scene.

The acting, on the whole is good, although both southern and English accents are occasionally over played—especially the 'cockney porter' in the tour of England sequence (notable for a short pan down Prince Consort Road).

The period detail is well maintained too, although in one or two of the shots of London you feel that you have seen something that you weren't supposed to.

The songs, re-recorded for the film by Lewis himself, keep your feet tapping throughout and even help sustain the rather limp ending—Lewis having not done the producers a favour by dying early but instead living to a rather obscure middle-age.

The film makes for a good evening's entertainment, but if you want a more serious look at the life of Lewis read his wife's book.

Adam Tinworth.

FELIX interviews rising ex-indie band The Wedding Present

Past, present and future

The *Wedding Present* emerged from darkest Leeds some five years ago. Their frenetic guitars and bittersweet songs proved immensely popular and the group rose steadily to become one of the biggest indie-bands in the country. After a succession of fine singles and an excellent debut album, *George Best*, they dropped their indie status by signing to RCA records and have just released a new album, *Bizarro*. Richard Crouch, Susan Appleby and City of London Poly's Laurence Brewere spoke to David Gedge and Peter Salowka, of the band, at the Kilburn National Ballroom.

R.C: What made you decide to sign with a major?

D.G: Without trying to sound too pompous or bigheaded about it, I think we were just getting too big for an independent label. It was our own label, Reception Records, which was distributed by the Cartel, and we just found it was really difficult to get

Wedding Present are not your favourite group, and it's a bit outside your taste in music, I'm sure the two LPs are going to sound very similar. In the same way, to me I'm sure all eight Simple Minds LPs are going to sound similar. But for me *Bizarro's* completely different.

R.C: What number did *Kennedy*, the single from the album, reach in the charts?

D.G: It came in at 34 and zoomed up to 33. If it kept on going at that rate, we'd have been Number One by March!

R.C: Were you on *Top of the Pops*?

D.G: In between Sabrina and the Pet Shop Boys, I believe. A snapshot of us! We had a sweepstake for what number the single would be; we got everyone to pay a quid, and my girlfriend won it. Did quite well, actually.

money out of it, couldn't we?

P.S: I was just thinking we might be looking back on this when we're about 50, in a little bedsit in Leeds...

D.G: ...thinking 'Why didn't we do it! Why didn't we sell out!'

R.C: How do you think your music translates from the small clubs you used to play to these cavernous venues like Kilburn?

D.G: It doesn't really, I don't think. For me, probably the most disappointing thing about being successful is that you've got to play these big venues where, as you know, the atmosphere is pretty well non-existent. You feel like a pop-star, which I don't really want to be. Kilburn isn't too bad because it gives the impression of being a bit smaller and more intimate, but we've played some places on this tour where the stage is bigger than most of the venues we've played in the past. There's loads and loads of space and you just feel like Genesis, or something.



records to the people who wanted them, especially abroad. We wanted a more efficient service, really.

R.C: Were there many majors after you?

D.G: I'd be hard pressed to name a major who we haven't talked to, but we've been quite hard to get, I think. We saw different people and as soon as we found out what kind of contract we wanted, most of them said no.

R.C: Why is *Bizarro* named after an old Superman villain? Did you know about that?

D.G: No, not really. It was pure coincidence. I was reading an old Superman comic the other day, and I noticed after the word *Bizarro* on the cover it had TM in a little circle, so I think we'll probably get sued for it!

P.S: Is it spelt differently?

D.G: No, it's the same.

P.S: Shit, the end of a promising career, that!

L.B: How do you think the new LP compares to *George Best*?

P.S: It's better, but then we're bound to say that! If we've just spent weeks in the studio and we came out with something we didn't think was better than something we did three years ago, we wouldn't be here now.

D.G: You do feel a bit pretentious talking about it, because every group you ask what's the new LP like? they're all going to say 'Oh yeah, it's really good, go out and buy it', but unfortunately we do believe it's a really good LP. And we didn't with *George Best*.

R.C: How do you respond to the criticisms of lack of progression?

P.S: Well, what do they want us to do?

D.G: For me they're unfounded. I think in many ways it depends on how closely you follow the group. If the

L.B: Do the *Kennedy* lyrics represent a change in approach away from the usual love songs you write?

D.G: Oh yeah, obviously. Well, I've had a go at a few different things before, but they've always been rubbish, to be honest. They've always been the fourth track on the 12". I'm still not completely happy with *Kennedy's* lyrics. There were reams and reams of writing that got pared down to two verses, and Keith, the bassist, thought it was really good, so I decided to stick with it. I think the song's good, but I'm happiest writing about things I know about, really. I don't know much about *Kennedy* or conspiracy theories, it was just interesting to think about for a while.

R.C: Is there some sort of agreement within the band that you handle all the songwriting?

P.S: He's better at it than anybody else is!

D.G: Not better, they're just lazy!

L.B: You did an LP of Ukrainian music which is totally different to the other two LPs.

D.G: Oh yeah, that's Pete's fault, that.

P.S: That doesn't really fall into the same category as the other two, though.

D.G: It doesn't count!

R.C: Were you surprised when it took off?

D.G: To be honest, no I wasn't because it's something that's got novelty appeal. A lot of people who wouldn't normally like the Wedding Present liked it. RCA loved it. They wanted us to release *Those Were the Days*.

P.S: They could have hyped it into the charts.

D.G: Oh no! Can you imagine having a Number One record with it, y'know, get Mary Hopkins for the video and all the rest of it. We could have made a lot of

R.C: How is such an essentially British band received when you tour abroad?

P.S: A lot of the people who come to see us tend to be British people who are actually over there.

D.G: Soldiers, isn't it? Especially in Germany.

P.S: Yeah, or in Spain it's people who teach English as a foreign language. It's like a British evening out!

D.G: The Dutch don't really see us because they're stoned out of their heads. They're there, but they're not aware of anything going on. We're on stage playing this really fast music, and they're just going, clap...clap...clap. It's weird!

S.A: What are your immediate ambitions? What directions will you be shooting off in?

D.G: People tend to disbelieve me, but I've really got no ambitions for the near future—my ambition was to make a better LP than *George Best*, and I think we've done that. I'm thinking of writing new songs now, but we haven't got any real plans apart from to do this tour, then go to Europe, and then release an EP next year.

R.C: Have you ever thought about when you want to end this, or do you want to carry on forever like the Fall?

D.G: I go through phases of it, but I genuinely can't imagine not being in a group anymore. There would be...not so much sadness, more like nothing—it's irreplaceable. I love the position that I'm in, but there's times that I hate it as well, and I don't want to be doing it when I'm 40, like Mick Jagger. It's a real paradox, because part of me says 'you've got to set a limit on it', and there's another part of me saying 'but why? I'm enjoying it now more than ever!' It does get easier when you're bigger. It would be a shame to finish now after struggling for the first 2 or 3 years and at last being satisfied with it.

Wembley Arena

Anderson, Bruford, Wakeman, Howe

Another revitalised 'supergroup'? Well, we've seen them before haven't we? *Deep Purple*, *The Who*, even the three survivors of *Led Zeppelin* stunning us at Live Aid. And now A.B.W.H. For all the various legal complications, already well documented elsewhere, the tickets were billed as 'An evening of Yes music' and if you have never heard a Yes album in your life, you have more than likely heard them described by various so-called 'music journalists' as a pompous and self-indulgent ensemble of egomaniac musicians. It may well be for this very reason that the solo spots (to many people, myself included, an integral part of such an event) were consigned to the opening fifteen minutes of the concert.

Although most of the audience were there to hear the old Yes pieces again, the revitalised band knew they had to sell the new songs from the recent A.B.W.H. album in order to survive and prosper. But representing such an immense track repertoire within a 2½ hour set, and paying heed to the future is no easy task, and consequently the 90125/Generation material was ignored. *Long Distance Runaround* was played a little more slowly than usual, and the absence of Chris Squire and his distinct Rickenbacker bass sound detracted from the piece. However, all the evident new technology did not betray the 70s sound; the ballad *And You and I* was extended brilliantly with a full orchestral sound.

In all fairness, it could have been better. The poor Arena acoustics, coupled to a 'flying' PA system paid token justice to the band's huge sound and many Yes veterans told me that the lighting wasn't like the old days either. But it's very easy to be blasé about such an event as this. Suffice it to say that my friends were all very impressed and some said it was the best they've ever seen. This proves a very basic but overlooked point: at the end of the day, a group will not be remembered for its image, publicity stunts and record sales, but by its music.

Chris M.

All About Eve

Scarlet & Other Stories

Scarlet and Other Stories is the album from *All About Eve*. It's the follow-up to the album of the same name as the group which brought us such gems as *Martha's Harbour* a track which will always be remembered for Julianne Regan's refusal to mime along to it on Top of the Pops.

This is a fine album. From the first play it was a hit, the reason being two-fold: Julianne Regan's voice and the many guitar styles of Tim Bicheno. Ms Regan is truly blessed with a stunning voice. Not only is it melodic but it has depth and character. It sounds childlike one moment and is charged with emotion and maturity the next. Acoustic and electric guitar as well as banjo playing are very well thought out, forming the most important aspect of the soundtrack. Powerful percussion and supporting bass complete the sound.

If any criticism were to be placed it would be that this album could get tedious with overplaying. Influences are clearly a mixture of 70s and 80s rock such as *Genesis*, *Led Zeppelin*, *Marillion*, *Mike Oldfield*, *Iron Maiden* and *The Mission*.

The track which has to stand out is *Road to Your Soul* which is beautiful and stunning. Credit has to go to Paul Samwell-Smith for excellent production.

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Powerhaus

Colourblind James Experience, The Veldt, God's Little Monkeys

Country and Western: You might love it, you probably hate it, but you can't ignore it. Not tonight anyway. The stuff is pumping out of the PA at no mean volume, hoary old classic after hoary old classic. Everyone knows the words—it's that sort of crowd.

Halfway into REM's *Rockville*, York's finest *God's Little Monkeys* bound on stage with a new album, *New Maps of Hell*. A European tour behind them, this lot are full of confidence and it shows. Despite a few problems (a lost voice and lack of sleep thanks to a 'bloody awful' ferry crossing) they treat us to an electrifying half hour of folk rock, then they're gone and the place fills with country faves again.

The *Veldt* are from North Carolina. 'Hi', they tell us, 'we're from North Carolina'. 'Hal', we think, 'a countryish band, I'll be bound'. The *Veldt* then tell us they think country is crap and launch into some of the best white indie noise I've heard in ages. The trip

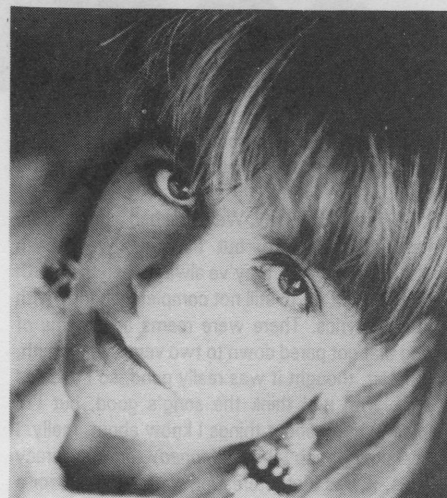
starts somewhere between *Ar Kane* and *The Telescopes* and pays service to just about every other blissed-out feedback/noise band you'd care to mention on the way. With an album out in February (*Cocteau Twins* and *Ar Kane* connections, apparently), the *Veldt* look set to steel the thunder of the best in British indie. The next big thing?

What exactly is the *Colourblind James Experience*? Imagine an unlikely looking bunch of blokes churning out a warped, loony-toon country blues. Imagine a big fat acoustic bass, trombones, clarinets, xylophones. Imagine *Colourblind James* himself, a latter-day *Beefheart*, tongue inserted firmly in cheek as he relates quirky tales of America from a big black book. This is the experience. It's infectious and the crowd get happy and love it. Considering a move to Memphis? You bet!

Graham Lamlor.

Union Lounge

Bliss—FELIX interview



The emphasis in the band on Rachel is very definite, with her singing brimming over with expression and emotion. Exhaustion is a problem and she claimed that with the intensive schedule ahead, she is going to have to be careful.

Bliss are not well known in the UK but feel that with hard work and patience they will achieve success. This is a contrast to Italy where they are quite popular, playing large venues and cultivating their own fan following. After this they have found it difficult playing in smaller British college venues where the audience is practically on top of the band. Rachel does not enjoy this intimacy claiming: 'You have to concentrate much harder and at times can be put off by being able to hear comments the front row are making'. Despite this, the very nature of these gigs makes them more rewarding if you captivate an audience.

Having covered venues in England, Wales and Scotland, they have found southern England venues less responsive, whereas the far northern England venues tend to be rowdy, with drunkenness and wolf whistling being a common feature. This is ascribed to the availability of cheap beer in student unions, together with the fact that they go on stage late in the evening.

Their live work has greatly influenced their studio recording technique. Rachel feels the urge to 'hold the microphone in the studio' and to use first time takes on the LP rather than trying again or overdubbing.

The roots of their music is set in the soul, gospel style of the 60s, drawing inspiration from soul and blues artists like *Van Morrison*. There is an optimistic air about their future but little optimism for the music industry as a whole. With their stage presence and very competent musicianship *Bliss* have a bright future. They are at a very important stage in their careers and they clearly are trying hard. It will be of great interest to see whether they succeed. It would be a shame to waste such talent especially with talentless Australian soap stars topping the charts—no names mentioned! Many thanks to Chris Stapleton for some fine photographs.

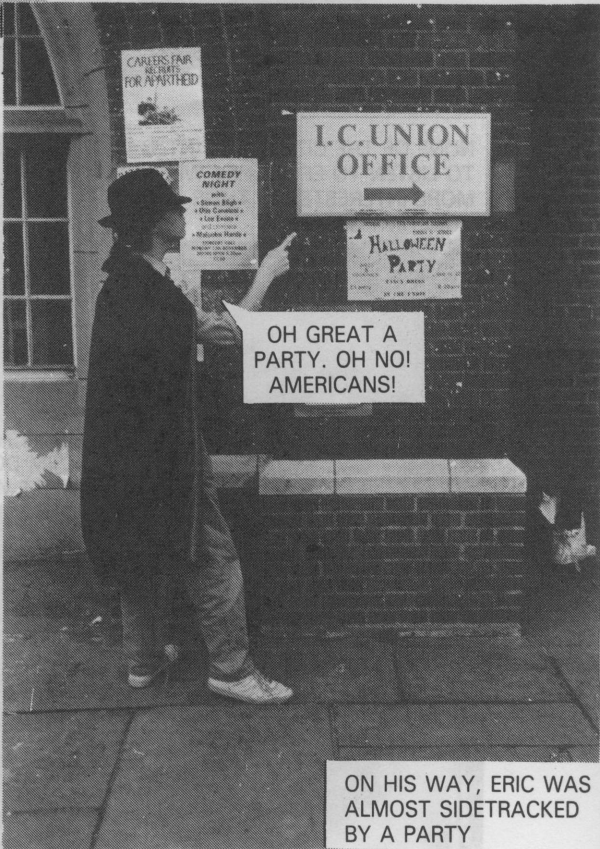
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ERIC FAWKES , ONE TIME CATHOLIC NUTTER AND SIX TIMES GRAND NATIONAL WINNER, WOULD NEVER HAVE BELIEVED THE SEVENTEENTH CENTURY HASSLES THAT WERE TO BESET HIM WHEN ATTEMPTING TO PARK HIS HORSE....



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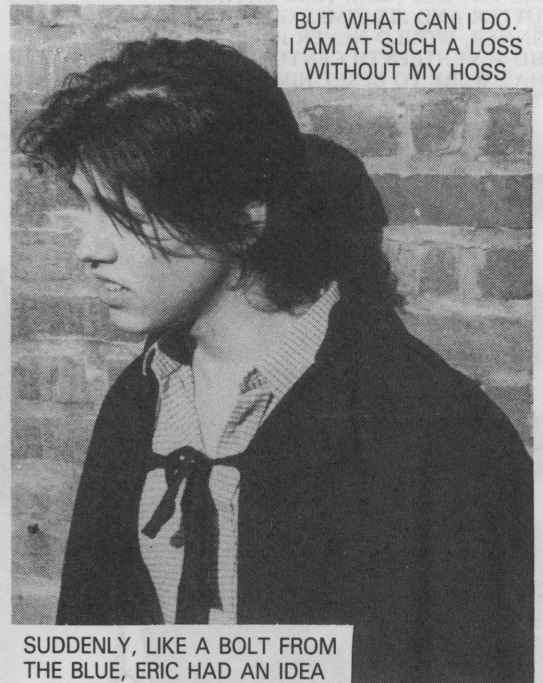
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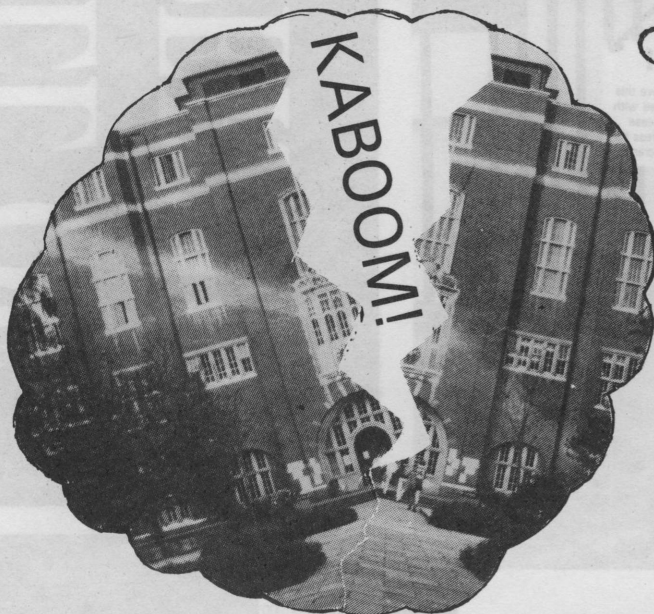


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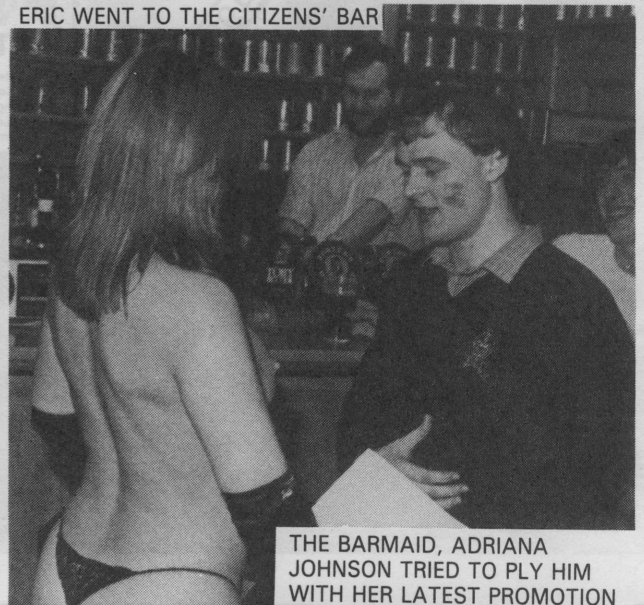
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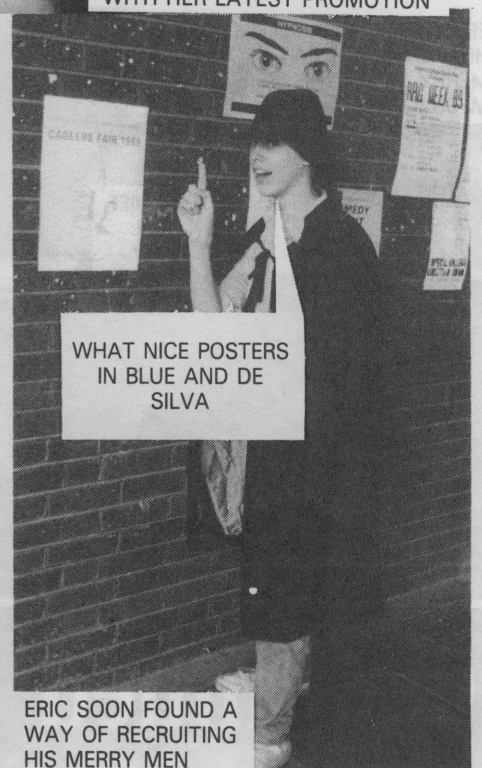
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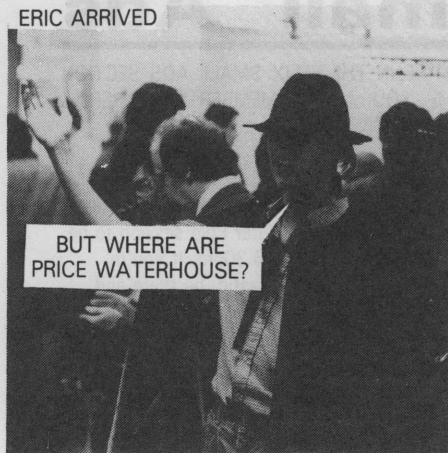
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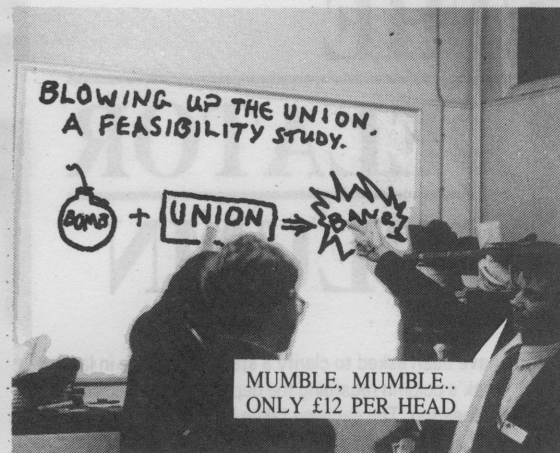
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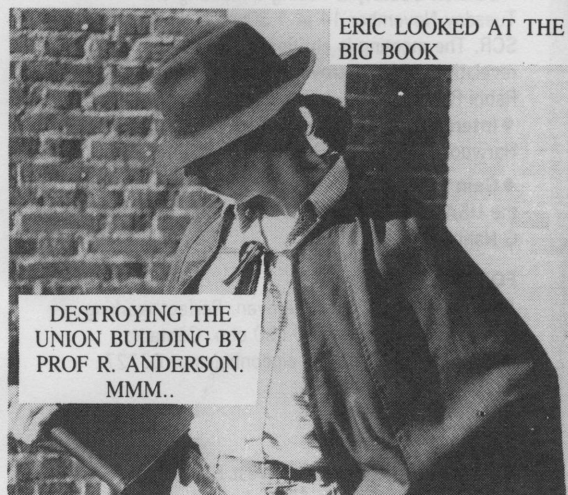


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DON'T ASK AWKWARD
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ERIC LOOKED AT THE
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DESTROYING THE
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PROF R. ANDERSON.
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HE HE. NOW I WILL
NEVER HAVE TO ASK
FOR A PARKING
PERMIT AGAIN

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FIZZ!

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ERIC HASTENED TO HIS
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BUT THE BOMB WAS
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COULD ERIC DO?



ERIC RETURNED TO
RELIGHT THE FUSE

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WHAMMO!
SPLAT!
KERPOW!

Moral

Never play with fireworks. Go to the Silwood disorganised display tonight instead. (Tickets available from the Union Office)

THE DELATOR COLUMN

I have been asked to clarify a statement made in last week's column regarding the department of Electrical Engineering. The decision taken by some lecturers to leave was based solely on their dissatisfaction with an academic appointment. It was not intended to infer that the exodus of staff was due to poor lecturing.

Hammersmith & Fulham: Fraudulent?

Hammersmith and Fulham council were bailed out by the high court last week over some very dubious business practices. The decision to invalidate deals made by council leaders in the period 1987-89 has left five major banks in deficit to the tune of £500m.

The activities, known as 'interest-rate swaps', are highly speculative. What the leaders of Hammersmith and Fulham council did amounts to nothing more than glorified gambling. The leaders of the council (of both political parties) were playing kismet with rate-payers' money.

It seems fraudulent to enter into a deal and later to try and renege on it because it had started to make a loss. The amount to be covered by the banks is directly the fault of the council leaders. Furthermore, the Labour-controlled authority has admitted in the high court that it undertook illegal transactions.

Bearing this in mind, it seems farcical that council leaders have got off scott free. There should be some provision in law to account for what is tantamount to defrauding the banks of such a large sum of money. Maybe any civil action taken will remedy this.

Rottweilers risk to children

Yet another incident with rottweilers hit the papers this week. A four year old child was attacked by a pack of three and needed 21 stitches. The dogs have not been destroyed due to a loophole in the law.

The clauses laid down in the new Dangerous Dogs Act (1989) require owners to be accountable for large dogs—such as rottweilers or alsatians. Failure to comply can result in the animal being put down. This does not apply to the incident in question, since it occurred before the passing of the bill.

This new act has been welcomed, particularly in the wake of recent attacks. However, I feel it does not go far enough.

All breeds of dog that are considered a possible danger to life, such as the rottweiler, should be made illegal to possess in the home. These genetic mutations belong in zoos or in the wild. The risk to human life, especially children, is far too great to allow these animals to exist in an artificial habitat.



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

● **Ladies Only**—Wednesday 15th November sees the start of a ladies only Water Polo session to be held at IC Sports Centre at 6.30pm. If you're interested, or better, enthusiastic, be there and don't miss out on the fun.

● **Singer** needed for College band. Supreme vocal ability not essential, liveliness helps. Influences include Stones, Hendrix, Clash, Bowie etc. Gigs this term. Anyone with any interest contact R Isaacs or D Whiting, Life Sci IV.

● **SF Lovers** do it non-stop. Video marathon, Sat 11 Nov, 10am—?, Union SCR, at least £1 to Rag.

● **Keep-Fit** Club: Anyone wishing to join should come to Southside Gym during a lesson. Details of classes in What's On guide. (Trial lessons available.)

● **Overseas Students**—If you wish to spend Christmas with an English family in the country, it may be possible to arrange this through HOST (Hosting for Overseas Students). We need to know now! Please ask for a form from the International Students Office, Room 335 Sherfield Building or from the Kensington Committee of Friendship for Overseas Students, Basement, 13 Princes Gardens, SW7.

● **Bored**, depressed, tired of life? Come and work for the Conference Office—as one of the leading employers of cloakroom attendants in the business. Good pay (£2.60 ph), excellent conditions and a great chance to read up on that thesis you always meant to. Call in for application....today!

● **Jewish Society** is having a meeting on Tuesday November 14 at 1.30pm in the Union SCR. The meeting is entitled 'Reasons and revelations, the controversy over philosophy' by Rabbi Rashi Simon.

● **Interested** in Competitive Cycling? Contact Rob Harwood, Life Sci III. Beginners welcome.

● **Gain** experience and earn £1000+ working in the USA next summer. For further details contact G Narine, Physics.

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● **Cream** crackers wanted. Transport provided, fone 3531.

Toby.

If you want to be a Captain of Industry, shouldn't you first learn to navigate?

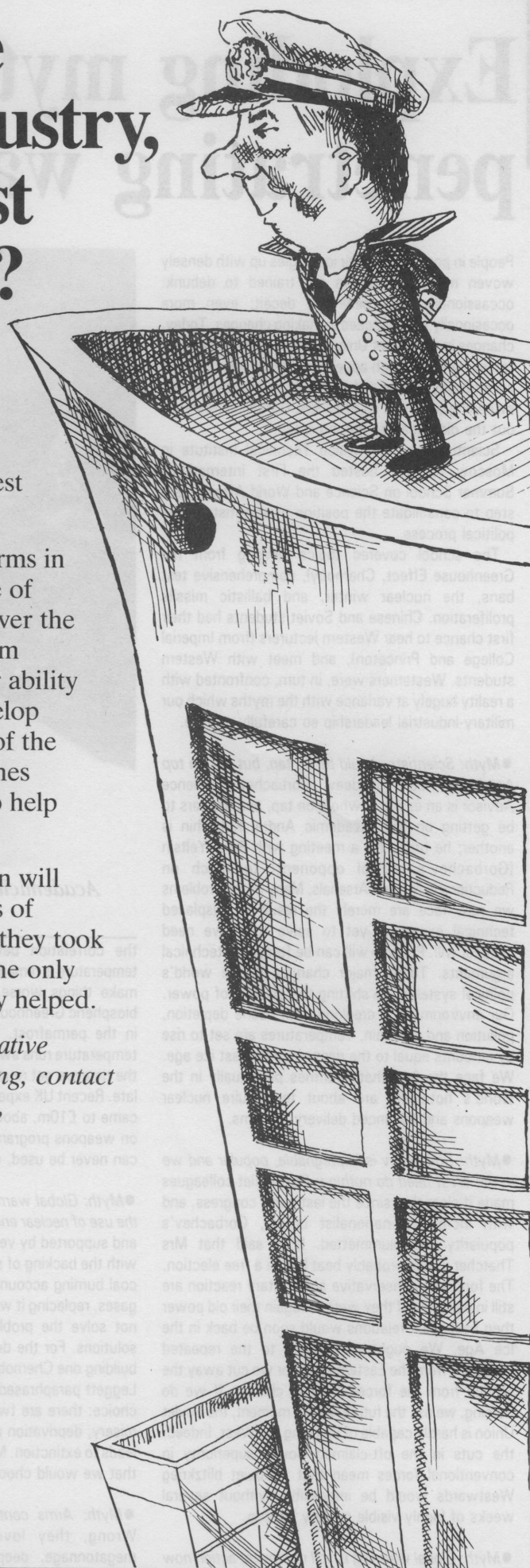
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The first international summer school on science and world affairs saw representatives from Moscow, Princeton and Imperial College London. Vinita Khanna reports....

Exploding myths and penetrating warheads

People in power prop their ideologies up with densely woven myths. Scientists are trained to debunk: occasionally they penetrate deceit; even more occasionally they succeed in making changes. Today, changes in the Soviet Union are being driven by many forces. One of which appears to be the new class of scientifically literate and politically aware pragmatists sweeping to power as President Gorbachev sweeps out the old decaying gerontocracy.

Scientists at the Physico Technical Institute in Moscow recently hosted the First International Summer School on Science and World Affairs, as a step to consolidate the position of scientists in the political process.

The school covered topics ranging from the Greenhouse Effect, Chernobyl, comprehensive test bans, the nuclear winter, and ballistic missile proliferation. Chinese and Soviet students had their first chance to hear Western lecturers (from Imperial College and Princeton), and meet with Western students. Westerners were, in turn, confronted with a reality hugely at variance with the myths which our military-industrial leadership so carefully nurture.

● *Myth: Scientists should be on tap, but not on top* Academic Roald Sagdeev, Gorbachev's Science Advisor is an example who's on tap, and appears to be getting on top. Academic Andrei Kokoshin is another; he broke off a meeting with Boris Yeltsin (Gorbachev's radical opponent) to teach on Reductions in Nuclear Arsenals. Many of the problems we now face are merely the result of misplaced technical expertise, yet to solve them we need political will. Political will can be forced by technical arguments. Today major changes in the world's political systems are shifting the balance of power. Our environment is creaking with ozone depletion, pollution and acid rain. Temperatures are set to rise by amounts equal to the rises since the last ice age. We face the fact that countries perpetually in the world's hot-spots are about to acquire nuclear weapons and advanced delivery systems.

● *Myth: Gorbachev is impregnable, popular and we in the West need do nothing:* Our Soviet colleagues made it clear that since the last party congress, and with increasing nationalist unrest, Gorbachev's popularity has plummeted. It is said that Mrs Thatcher would probably beat him in a free election. The forces of conservative and military reaction are still in place and if they were to regain their old power then East-West relations would soon be back in the Ice Age. We ought to respond to the repeated initiatives from the Eastern bloc—or we cut away the ground from the forces pushing change. If we do nothing, we risk the future. At the moment, the Soviet Union is hardly capable of invading the West. Indeed, the cuts in the oft-claimed Soviet superiority in conventional forces mean that a Soviet blitzkrieg Westwards would be impossible without several weeks of highly visible military buildup.

● *Myth: Global warming is still unproven; action now would be precipitous.* Dr Jeremy Leggett covered the Greenhouse problem in detail. He demonstrated that



Academician Roald Sagdeev with other prominent Soviet, British and American experts.

the correlation between atmospheric CO₂ and temperature is remarkable. Natural processes will only make things worse. For example, it seems most biospheric Greenhouse gases are currently locked up in the permafrost. Once that starts to melt, the temperature runs away. If we wait for more facts, by the time we get round to making changes it'll be too late. Recent UK expenditure on Greenhouse research came to £10m, about one thousandth of that spent on weapons programmes like Trident: systems that can never be used, deter nothing and do not work.

● *Myth: Global warming means we need to expand the use of nuclear energy.* Another myth put together and supported by vested interests. Leggett claimed, with the backing of senior Soviet experts, that since coal burning accounts for only 10% of Greenhouse gases, replacing it with nuclear energy not only does not solve the problem but distracts us from real solutions. For the developing world, it would mean building one Chernobyl-sized reactor every few days. Leggett paraphrased Woody Allen. Mankind faces a choice: there are two paths, and one path leads to misery, deprivation and abject horror, and the other leads to extinction. Most lecturers seemed optimistic that we would choose the first.

● *Myth: Arms controllers hate nuclear weapons.* Wrong, they love them. They love talking megatonnage, deep penetration aids, escalation dominance, use-it-or-lose-it, like any healthy young men. They know all about the jargon used to mystify

and the arcane physics around which the debate swirls. There seems to be a problem here, in that to get credibility and contacts in the world of arms control, you need to work with people and concepts from the days of the arms race.

● *Myth: A test ban is not verifiable.* A lot of people in the West, particularly in the US and the UK, don't want a nuclear test ban. The unverifiability of a nuclear test ban hinges on the idea that a treaty has to be 100% verifiable in all conditions to be useful. In reality, a Comprehensive Test Ban probably is verifiable, according to several Soviet and American experts at the School and verification technologies are certainly good enough for the risk of being caught while cheating to be unacceptably high. So who is stopping the CTBT? Look out for the debate intensifying over the next year, when countries like Argentina and Iran will be urging countries like the UK and the USA to be responsible with their nuclear weapons.

● *Myth: the problems cannot get worse.* It was a characteristic of many of the lectures, from whatever side, that problems affecting just a handful of countries now could soon be causing problems for many. Even environmental problems like CFC production (in that many developing countries import these Greenhouse gases) are soluble if action is taken right away. Physicists shook their heads at this, and used phrases like 'multiparticle dynamics' and looked worried.

●*Myth: Soviets deny Arms Treaty Violations.* Some do: we asked our Soviet students if they thought the Krasnoyarsk phased-array radar violated the ABM treaty. Some nervously said that they had never heard of it; most thought it was OK, including one who lived in its shadow in the Siberian Steppes. Then academic Sagdeev stepped up and blew it for his junior colleagues. Yes, of course it violated the ABM treaty, dammit, and it was a stupid mistake which will cost over 1bn roubles to put right. But why had the US waited until Reagan's Star Wars speech to point it out, when they'd known about it for ages?

●*Myth: Military and political needs drive the arms race.* Wrong. Ted Taylor, from the US and an expert in weapon development, claimed that the weapon developers in both blocs make new gadgets first, then take them to their political and military masters, like a dog with a bone. 'Do you want it?' they ask, and the answer is always 'Yes'. Take penetrating warheads: An exciting technology which allows the targetting of underground bunkers and command and control centres. Strategically, they are of dubious utility: in a nuclear exchange, probably the last thing you want to do is kill the people who can stop the thing. But the technology is very exciting, and is attracting big funding.

●*Myth: Mankind learns from science.* Maybe, but with a delay of centuries. Academic Sergei Kapitza, head of the Moscow Institute of Physical Problems, worries that too few politicians know any science. Politics, he claims, has yet to reach the statistical physics and thermodynamics of the 19th century, let alone the non-linear dynamics, turbulence and chaos of our century. It's firmly rooted in Newtonian action-reaction. The solution? Scientists must force themselves, if not to leave their ivory towers, at least to start shouting from them.

●*Myth: cockroaches are different from people.* Unfortunately, from a chemical toxicity point of view, it's all too easy to convert pesticide plants to chemical weapons plants, claimed a key Soviet ex-worker in this field. The US decision to continue with binary weapons even if a treaty is in place was no surprise. But don't despair: unlike cockroaches, people can learn to cooperate, to inspect each other's plants. We must, he concluded, or we bequeath our world to them.

●*Myth: God has no place in Soviet Society.* Wrong. We saw many demonstrating Ukrainian Catholics arousing much benign interest in Arbatskaya (a sort of Covent Garden Market). We visited Orthodox seminaries. Our translator dismissively claimed that there were only 70 or 80 million practising Christians in the Soviet Union. One Soviet nuclear physicist claimed that God had made the half-life of Tritium, needed for H-bombs, only 12 years so as to set the pace of nuclear disarmament.

●*Myth: Soviet students don't know what the state doesn't want them to know.* They knew about Chernobyl, and how to organise protests. They knew about, and largely approved of, the Nationalist movements in the Baltic, especially in so far as they are environmentalists. They knew about acid rain, and the damage to their forests. They also knew about Acid House and Heavy Metal, though all seemed to prefer the Beatles. One even knew about credit cards and Euroyen forward exchange rates.

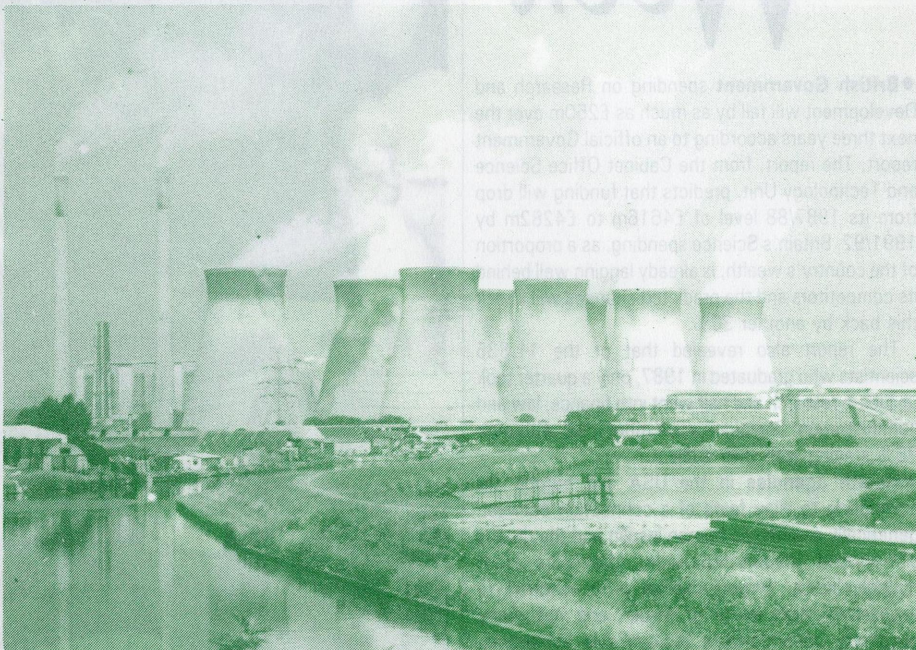
And that's the way it's all going.

Vinita Khanna

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Changing over to nuclear fuels may not be an answer to the greenhouse effect. To use less energy may be a better solution

Nuclear illusions in the greenhouse windows



Ever since the 'green' conversion of the Government we have been repeatedly told that the best way to reduce CO₂ emission is by a massive expansion of the nuclear power industry. It is undoubtedly true that producing electricity with nuclear fuel does release less CO₂ (and other greenhouse gases) into the atmosphere, but by concentrating on this point alone we are only looking at one part of a multi-faceted problem and so could unwittingly increase the greenhouse effect.

The main problem with the pro-nuclear solution is that carbon dioxide from coal fired power stations only constitutes 10% (approx) of the total produced on earth. So even if we converted completely to nuclear power the larger contributions from transport, oil and gas combustion (20%+) deforestation (approx 20%) and CFC's (14%) and, amusing as it may sound, 'farting' animals, combined with rice paddies and pipe leakage, (18%), would remain unchanged.

Looked at in this light the nuclear power debate seems an irrelevant one. Why should we spend billions in solving only one tenth of the problem? To replace all of the world's coal fired power stations by 2025, allowing for a 2% increase in consumption per year would mean a new nuclear plant being built every 1-2 days. This would increase the number of reactors from 398 to 8,000 at a cost of around \$2 billion each. Even if this kind of expansion could happen, no geologically safe technology exists to dispose of the waste we have now, let alone that from 8,000 reactors. Uranium too would eventually become a problem, but for the opposite reason: there wouldn't be enough of it—like oil and coal it's a finite resource. To use less energy may be a better solution.

The Government's own advisers have indicated that energy consumption in the UK could be reduced by 40% (per capita) by 2025. Examples of ways in which we could save energy would be using new technology which makes new buildings 75% more efficient than before, a better, subsidised public transport service, setting efficiency standards for new electrical appliances, and using longer lasting fluorescent light bulbs instead of incandescent ones.

Schemes such as using methane gas from rubbish tips and coal gasfires (ie turning coal into methane before combustion) could also reduce the amount of non-renewables used. These schemes could be introduced in a few months, instead of the six years minimum for a new nuclear plant to be built. We don't have six years to waste.

The true madness of expanding nuclear power in an effort to combat the greenhouse effect is realised when we consider the Third World countries. All of the underdeveloped nations want their chance to enjoy the prosperity that we have had this century—we have no right to stop them. However for them to compete in a nuclear powered world they would have to spend around \$64 billion per year on power. This figure is laughable when you consider that the Third World nations owe over \$1000 billion now and have to pay \$50 billion just in interest every year. It really is up to the developed countries to research cheap, effective, energy saving technology, so that the underdeveloped nations have an alternative to the slippery slope of atmosphere polluting industrialisation that we have pursued.

According to the USA institute, an energy saving strategy can be up to seven times more cost effective in reducing CO₂ than a nuclear strategy. Why then does the Government persist with its expansion ideas?...A vision of the miners' strike springs to mind—wouldn't life at no 10 be much easier without a lot of bolshy miners? Also, if you're as keen on nuclear weapons as Mrs Thatcher is, then a guaranteed supply of plutonium is necessary.

Therefore by promoting nuclear power at the expense of energy efficiency schemes, we are in very serious danger of the greenhouse effect continuing to accelerate. This could lead to devastating floods, food shortages, loss of drinking water supplies and wars, to name but a few. There are also most sinister overtones such as an increased arms race, terrorists utilising readily available plutonium and accidents.

To quote Greenpeace 'There is no room in the greenhouse for nuclear illusions'.

Clare Davis, Geology 3.

This Week

● **British Government** spending on Research and Development will fall by as much as £250m over the next three years according to an official Government report. The report, from the Cabinet Office Science and Technology Unit, predicts that funding will drop from its 1987/88 level of £4616m to £4282m by 1991/92. Britain's Science spending, as a proportion of the country's wealth, is already lagging well behind its competitors and the predicted changes will knock this back by another 30%.

The report also revealed that of the 11,835 scientists who graduated in 1987, only a quarter took up jobs in research and half went into finance, law and administration. Engineers were more loyal with over 70% staying with their subject.

● **Health agencies** in the USA and Europe are attempting to allay fears of a connection between genetically engineered human insulin and the deaths of several insulin-dependant diabetics from hypoglycaemia. Hypoglycaemia is a reaction to excessively high levels of insulin and has many physically uncomfortable recognisable symptoms. However there is anecdotal evidence that these effects are less severe and less likely to be noticed for an human insulin surplus than for animal based insulin.

As yet there is no scientifically established link between insulin type and symptoms and, although there have been a number of surveys of diabetics, none have produced conclusive results.

● **Indian meteorologists** have developed a method for accurately predicting the behaviour of the annual monsoon so vital for the country. Their model is simplistic and provides only qualitative results yet is said to be able to predict whether the monsoon will be good or bad up to 2 months ahead.

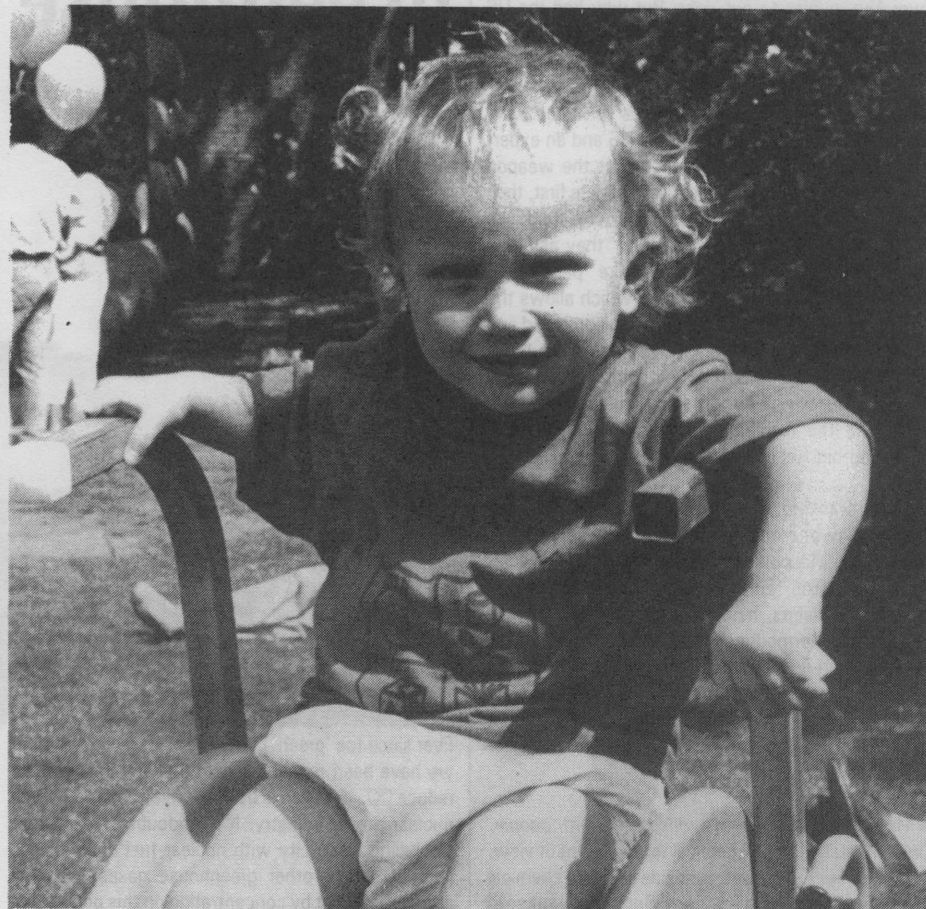
● **The Japanese Government** has agreed to a total ban on all Ivory imports. Japan is the world's largest importer of ivory and the decision has been condemned by the 'legal' ivory trading countries such as South Africa. It may be entirely coincidental that Japan will be hosting the 1991 meeting of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species.

Environmentalists will be less pleased to hear that despite recent protests Japanese fishermen will continue to use drift nets. These are long fine-meshed nylon nets designed to catch squid, salmon and tuna fish. However they also catch and kill many other fish, sea birds and sea mammals.

● **Space scientists** studying the results of Voyager 2's Neptune flypast have discovered what would appear to be a geyser on the moon Triton. A plume of dark particles was spotted on a photograph taken on the 24th of August at a distance of around 100,000km. The eruption is thought to be due to Nitrogen gas forcing its way through the surface of the moon and blasting clouds of dark, dirty ice particles out into space.

● **Plug.** 'A Magician's View of Astronomy' by Prof John Brown of Glasgow University on Tues 14th of November in Physics LT2. If anyone else wants a little extra publicity for a talk please send the details to The Science Editor, FELIX by the Tuesday of the week before.

Childcare and benefits in college



Being a parent and a student is not an easy task especially if your child is under school age. There are several types of childcare arrangements available but most are very expensive to the average student parent. The aim of this article is to look at the main options available and give details of where to obtain further information.

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The cost is £260 pcm full-time or £6.30 per session, part-time. Applications for a nursery place should be made to the Nurse in Charge, Miss Sue Thornett.

Subsidy

Those students who have difficulty in paying the charge may be eligible for a College and Union subsidy. To apply for College subsidy please contact:

Don Adlington, Student Counsellor
15 Princes Gardens, Ext 3041

For Union subsidy, contact:

Yve Posner, Welfare Adviser,
Welfare Office, Union Building, Ext 3500

Please note: Because of the limited amount of Union

subsidy the closing date for applications is **Friday 17th November 1989.**

Other College Nurseries

There are a number of other educational establishments which provide nurseries for children of student parents. For details please call into the Welfare Office.

Local Childcare Facilities

● **Child Minders**—usually local women who provide the service in their own home. They should be registered with the local council. The cost is between £35 and £60 per week per child. Details of child minders can be obtained from your local council Social Services Department or by looking out for advertisements in your local shops and newspapers.

● **Council Nurseries**—these take children from the age of 6 weeks and the cost is approximately £30 per week with subsidies usually available to those on low incomes. The number of places is very limited and level of provision varies from one borough to another.

● **Council Nursery Classes**—These take children between 3 and 5 years and operate during school hours. Attendance can be on a part-time or full-time basis and the classes are provided free of charge. Places are very limited so you should put your child's name down as soon as possible.

● **Playgroups, Playschemes, Playcentres, 'Latch Key' Schemes**—these apply mainly to school age children during vacation times and rarely provide care covering a whole day. Playgroups however are open to younger children but usually only operate for 2-3 hours per day. For further information contact your local council or the Welfare Office.

Yve Posner, ICU Welfare Adviser.

President McCluskey

Welfare

At the beginning of term I mentioned at both of the Rector's Receptions the problems often experienced by students being approached by members of religious 'cults'. It has come to my attention that students of this College are being pestered yet again. Everyone has the right to follow whatever religion they care to but people should also be aware of what they are getting into. To this extent INFORM (Information Network Focus On Religious Movements) was set up. Based in the London School of Economics its aims are to supply information about religious movements. If you have any doubts about any movement please don't hesitate in contacting them.

INFORM

Lionel Robbins Building
10 Portugal Street
London WC2A 2HD
Tel: 01-831 4990

If you do experience any problems do not hesitate in letting me know.

Accommodation

Following my comments last week in FELIX I was visited by the Manager of Hamlet Gardens, Matthew Bridgwater. Matthew was a little disturbed at what I said about Hamlet Gardens. My comments were based on what I had seen at Hamlet Gardens last year, in order to update my experiences of those flats I will be having a look around some of the flats with Matthew this week.

With reference to Willis Jackson House and the stories about its warden then I have this to say: I am grateful to FELIX for bringing my attention to the problems with the amenities accounts but I do sympathise with Joe Cartwright, the warden, to a certain extent. I myself sent a letter of reprimand to Joe Cartwright, this he took very well and on speaking to him and other wardens it is apparent that wardens are quite often left in the dark as to what their responsibilities and duties are. Joe was in this position and has now learnt. I hope that this year the wardens can get together and tie down some of their responsibilities and duties and put them onto paper for future use. I have heard very little from people in halls of residence so I presume everything is going fairly well, if this is the case; congratulations to the wardens, the sub-wardens and the re-apps.

PS. I hope I never hear again somebody suggesting removing fire appliances from halls or head tenancies!!

Conferences

Kings College European Society and London Young Europeans will be hosting a conference at the New Theatre, Kings College, London, tomorrow between 10am and 5pm entitled '1992: Your Career'. Cost is £3 for the day and speakers include notables from British Airways, BAT Industries, Electricity Council, Nat West 1992 Unit. Further details available from the Union Office.

N.B. McCluskey, ICU President 1989/90

Calamvokis the king of rags

Rag week is now in full swing, so here's a recap of the events:

Tonight: Hypnosis Lecture, 7.30pm, Great Hall (£2.50).

Saturday 11th: Poppy Day Rag Raid, sign up at the Beer Festival. The Sci Fi Marathon starts at noon in the SCR and SCAB Night is at 8pm in the Concert Hall.

Sunday 12th: The Raft Race and Tug 'o' War start at 11pm in Prince's Gardens with a Reconciliation Bar Night afterwards.

Monday 13th: Comedy Night at 8.30pm in the Concert hall.

Tuesday 14th: Guilds Slave Auction at 12.45pm in Mech Eng 220 and the RSM Dirty Disco at 8pm in the

JCR.

Wednesday 15th: Bar Quiz at 7.30pm (no vodaphones).

Thursday 16th: Exec Torture, AeroSoc Darts and Monster Boat Race all at 12.45pm in Beit Quad. The RCS Smoking Concert in the evening at 8.30pm in the Concert Hall.

Friday 17th: Dance Marathon in the JCR and the Guilds Carnival at 8pm in the Union Building.

Saturday 18th: 24-hour Collection somewhere and Nude Kamikazi Parachute Jump.

Enough said?

Hal Calamvokis, Rag Chair



Turner's tiny trainers

Why is it that I never have space to talk about 'nice' things—because there are so many incompetent people about!

This week I'm going to have a minor gripe at the College Estates Section, with particular emphasis on a chap called Ib Hagen. Now, this man is supposed to deal with ICU Deputy President, Dave Williams, when problems occur with Union facilities. Then Mr Hagen sends the boys round to do the business.

Usually this is OK. But with the issue of replacing the Union Gym floor, which is to be carried out over the Christmas hols, thus affecting very few people, Mr Hagen has been a little over-zealous. He assumed, without consulting Dave, that because we want to

replace the Union Gym floor, students obviously aren't using it!

On this basis he ordered the wood for the floor, thinking it could be stored in the Gym. This rather stupid assumption, backed up by lack of communication (how much *does* an internal phone call cost your department, Ib?) has resulted in severe inconvenience to all the clubs that use the Union Gym for the period up till the Christmas break, as there is no other place to store the wood.

Sorry, everyone, but gross incompetence strikes again. Remember, when you work hard to build things up from below, it requires only one lapse for you to be sh*t on from above.

Football | Rugby

IC 1sts—3

Goldsmiths—1

IC extended their lead at the top of the ULU Premier Division, crushing second-placed Goldsmiths with a display of clinical finishing. IC had developed an alarming habit of playing atrocious football until they conceded a goal. So it was again with Goldsmiths—all over for the first 15 minutes so deservedly taking the lead with a sweetly struck half volley. This stunned the IC boys into action and they immediately began imposing themselves on the match. Femi Omotoya levelled the scores with a delightful finish from Adam Thomas through-ball and Pip Peel thumped home a defender-assisted goal from outside the box to give IC the half-time lead.

IC started the second half sluggishly but still looked the sharper in front of the goal. Toni de Lyon secured the points midway through the half when his spectacular overhead kick found its way through a packed area into the net. High drama followed soon after though when Felix Francis, already cautioned in the first half, was dismissed for a cynical foul-running a full 35 yards to viciously chop down his man! Reduced to 10 men, IC were forced to defend but Stu Miller marshalled the back men superbly and Goldsmiths were held to shooting from outside the box. IC still had the audacity to attack and Pat Fancock cracked in a 30 yarder, only for it to be ruled offside.

Surrey—1

IC 1sts—1

IC dropped their first point of the season in a game they really should have won, totally outclassing Surrey University in the second half.

On a difficult pitch IC struggled early on to move the ball around and Surrey had much of the early running. IC, though, had the better chances, Pat Fancock dipping a shot just over the bar. An uncharacteristic mistake led to Surrey's goal—George Habib and Felix Francis collided allowing the Surrey number 9 to nip around Si Holden and score. From then on the IC pressure was relentless, but it took an own goal by the Surrey keeper punching an inswinging Pat Fancock corner into his own net, to bring the scores level midway through the second half. IC pressed forward for the winner and several chances went desperately close, the best being when Pip Peel hit the post but Adam Thomas could only fire the rebound at the keeper.



IC 1st XV—14

Surrey 1st XV—7

IC expected this match to be one of the hardest in the UAU round. This was true and the team found themselves coming away with a narrow but well earned win.

All match the Surrey team unsettled the stronger IC team by infringing around the scrum and lineout, generally being a bit of a nuisance all round and IC were not helped in this respect by a poor standard of refereeing. IC always had the upper hand in every department but almost certain balls were lost by stupid knockons, mistakes or Surrey intrusions.

Without doubt, IC missed scrumhalf Simon Bicknell, out due to an ankle injury. Without him, IC could not click together as a team. Stand-in Matt Tilbury coped

IC 2nd XV—7

Surrey 2nd XV—10

IC 2nds did not fair well in their encounter, going down narrowly by just three points.

IC, leading at half time with a try by nifty stand-off Andy Felming and a penalty by Tintin, were assured of a clear win. The Surrey pack, heavier and more adept, took the initiative and soon pressurised the IC line. Whereas IC were unable to match their opponents up front, after a valient defence, Surrey pierced through to tighten the score.

admirably, playing very well, considering his lack of experience and situation of being thrown in at the deep end.

At half time the score was 3-6 in IC's favour, thanks to a pushover scrum scored by Alex Prince and Mike Anderson converting it.

The second half was rather a stalemate situation—IC keeping play tight, always in control, relying on stand off Mike Anderson to keep pegging Surrey back with superb line kicking. Eventually the forwards got their reward with two well worked tries from Pete Drew and Alex Prince. As the final whistle blew, relief was evident. After a hard battle IC deserved to be the victors, ensuring the beer flowed and hymns were sung well into the night.

With continuing pressure Surrey scored their second and conclusive score, after slip-shod tackling let them through to score an easy try.

With only minutes remaining IC made one last assault which was met directly with stubborn resistance and never looked like creating an opening. The final whistle blew and fifteen dejected IC players trudged back to their gloomy changing room.

After a hard and dogged battle, resulting in two players being taken to hospital, IC now know that things do not always go your own way.

Hockey

IC IIs—2

Surrey IIs—0

Although the better team, IC 2nds didn't manage to convert their chances again and could only gain a 2-0 margin of victory over their Surrey opposition.

IC started on the offensive but didn't manage to break through as the pitch resembled a sandy beach rather than a plush green grass surface. It was nearing half-time when Steve Burton managed to get into the Surrey 'D' and hit the ball into the net to make the score 1-0 to IC. Then, straight after the restart, IC attacked and gained a well earned short corner. Despite the other ones being squandered, the 'shortie'

team of Bob Anderson hitting out, Dave Millard stopping and Colin Wright striking, get it right and Colin struck the ball home to leave the goalkeeping in no man's land. The half-time whistle went, to leave Surrey shocked by the sudden surge of goals going into the interval.

Surrey started the second half trying their best which wasn't good enough for IC's standard. However, the pitch got in the way of some good hockey and only Steve Burton staying offside could deny Colin Wright his second goal of the afternoon, leaving the final score at 2-0 to IC.

IC III—11

Surrey III—0

After winning last year's UAU game 3-1, IC III's expected a low scoring and difficult match against Surrey III's, and for at least two minutes it was just that with the score remaining evenly balanced at 0-0. Then IC made a vital breakthrough from a nicely worked move down the left wing involving numerous players to take the lead. A further ten 'vital breakthroughs' followed; which the reporter can remember very little about except that they were all superbly executed against the run of play. The scorers were however recorded for posterity: Jon Briggs (3), Ian McGovern (3), Dom Howard (2), Adam Pritchard (2), Kevin Hill (1).

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Anchors away

Nine members of the Imperial College Yacht Club have set up a syndicate, the Imperial College European Sailing Challenge (ICESC), to take part in the Spi Dauphine Race, which takes place in St Tropez (France). The race also takes its form in an exhibition the team-sponsor is promoted on and off the water. Every syndicate takes part with two yachts, one crewed by the university, and the other crewed by the sponsor. The final result is calculated on an aggregate of the two yachts' results. University students and sponsors from all over Europe take part in the race week, which is a good opportunity for companies to promote themselves and their products, and for the students to make industrial contacts. Last year there were 110 yachts on the starting line, sponsored by 55 different companies. The skipper of ICESC, Pierre Grosogeat, won last year's race, and expects to do well this year again. The syndicate is currently looking for a sponsor. If interested, please contact Pierre Grosogeat on 01-837 0746, room 551 or via Imperial College Union on 01-589 5111, ext 3500.



Too risky Ladies only please

Betty Blue

Now I've got your attention...Sixteen years before *Betty Blue* there was *Last Tango in Paris*—another French masterpiece tracing a similar highly erotic, but ultimately doomed, relationship between two illicit lovers overcome by desire. Its extreme explicitness caused a huge sensation at the time, and indeed the film is still considered too hot for TV—even for Channel 4 who have tried for years to screen it, without success. Now IC Filmsoc gives you the chance to see this unique cinematic extravaganza yourself on Thursday November 16, at 7.30pm in Mech Eng 220. Cost is 50p to members, £1.50 to others. Be there, and don't forget the butter!

Friends, Romans, Countrymen... 'Men what? Bog off!' This is just for the girls!

What is? Well, thanks to the cooperation of all those at the College Sports Centre, the Swimming and Water Polo Club has arranged a ladies water polo session on Wednesday evenings, starting next week, between 6.30 and 7.30pm. Interested participants from College, St Mary's, AIFS, or wherever are welcome, and positively encouraged to come along and have a go.

For those of you who don't know what water polo is about, in short, when played properly it's a fast-moving, fun and thrilling, non-contact team ball-game. The rules are similar to those in basketball and hockey, except the game environment is obviously the swimming pool, and not terra firma. As such, to get

maximum enjoyment from participating, some confidence in the water is recommended. But that isn't to say that exceptional swimming skills necessarily make a good polo player. Enthusiasm might help as well!

Coaching and tuition will be provided for all abilities from beginners upwards, at every session.

We want the session to be a success so, ladies, come along next Wednesday evening and give it a go. You won't be disappointed.

Any enquiries to Malena Zubov, via the Swimming and Water Polo Club pigeonhole in the Union Office, or just turn up next Wednesday 15th, at 6.30pm, at IC Sports Centre.

Thanks again to all those at the IC Sports Centre for your help and cooperation.

Real Ale

Last week's episode was cut short, so this one won't be as long. Firstly thanks to everyone who turned up last night (Thursday), especially as it was the day after the Beer Festival (c'est la vie, as they say in Grenoble). Next week we are going to the Pig's Ear Beer Festival in Stratford Town Hall, so anyone who is interested is welcome to come along (District Line tube to Mile End, then Central Line). That's all folks.

'ISLAM THE SYSTEM OF THE FUTURE' talk by A. HASAN

Room 542 Mech Eng, 1.30-2.15pm
Tuesday 14 December

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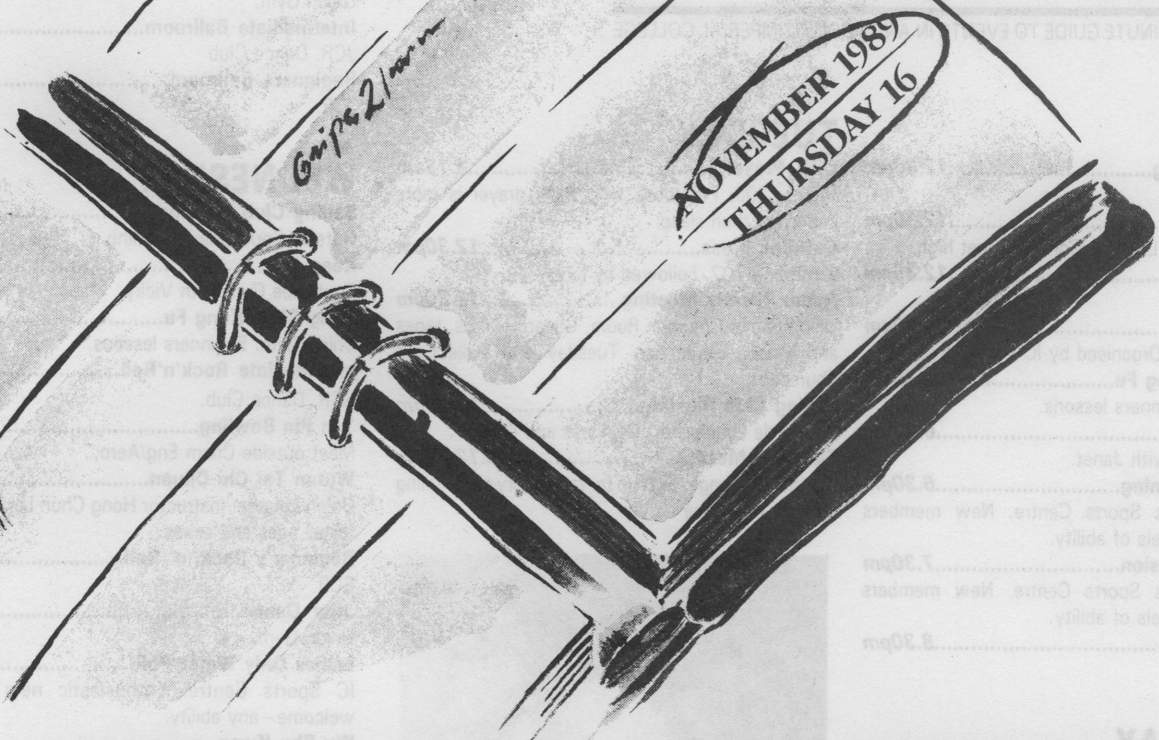
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FRIDAY

- Consoc Meeting**.....12.30pm
Mech Eng 701.
- Hang Gliding**.....12.30pm
Southside Upper Lounge. Come and get high.
- Rag Meeting**.....12.35pm
Union Lounge.
- Friday Prayers**.....1.00pm
Southside Gym. Organised by IC Islamic Society.
- Wing Chun Kung Fu**.....4.30pm
Union Gym. Beginners lessons.
- Keep Fit**.....6.00pm
Southside Gym with Janet.
- Swimming Training**.....6.30pm
Prince's Gardens Sports Centre. New members welcome—all levels of ability.
- Water Polo Session**.....7.30pm
Prince's Gardens Sports Centre. New members welcome—all levels of ability.
- IC Radio Disco**.....8.30pm
Southside.

SATURDAY

- Karate Practice**.....10.00am
Southside Gym.
- Wu Shu Kwan**.....4.30pm
- Shorts & Shoes Pub Crawl**.....6.30pm
Holbein House, Evelyn Gardens. Everyone welcome as long as Bermuda shorts and dark glasses are worn. Games during and after (any ideas welcome). Southside Gym. Beginners Class.
- SCABNITE**.....7.30pm
See Dramsoc's hilarious production of 'Absurd Person Singular'. How will Eva kill herself?

SUNDAY

- Wu Shu Kwan**.....4.30pm
Union Gym. Beginners Class.
- RCSU Bar Night**.....7.00pm
Meet in the Bar. Every week.

MONDAY

- RockSoc Meeting**.....12.30pm
Southside Upper Lounge. Interested in any form of Rock Music? Come along and have a beer.
- Keep Fit**.....5.30pm
Southside Gym with Vicky.
- Beginners Ballroom**.....6.00pm
JCR. Dance Club.
- Beginners Rock 'n' Roll**.....6.45pm
Lounge or SCR.
- Swimming Training**.....6.30pm
Prince's Gardens Sports Centre. New members welcome—all levels of ability.
- Advanced Ballroom**.....7.00pm
JCR.
- WellSoc Speaker Meeting**.....7.30pm
Physics LT1. Talk by Brian Inglis on 'Science in Parascience'.
- Karate Practice**.....7.30pm
Southside Gym.
- Water Polo Session**.....7.30pm
Prince's Gardens Sports Centre. New members welcome—all levels of ability.
- Latin American Dance**.....7.45pm
Lounge or SCR. All levels.
- Medals in Ballroom**.....8.00pm
JCR.

TUESDAY

- C.U. Prayer**.....8.15am
Huxley 308. For those who think prayer is more important than sleep.
- CathSoc Mass**.....12.30pm
Mech Eng 702. Followed by lunch.
- Audio Society Meeting**.....12.30pm
Union Senior Common Room. Cheap records, tapes and videos. Order on Tuesday and collect on Thursday.
- Sailing Club Meeting**.....12.30pm
Southside Lounge for 'Guinness and Gossip'.
- Ski Club Meeting**.....12.30pm
Southside Lounge. Sign up for racing, dry slope skiing and trip to France



- ICU Radio Modellers**.....12.30pm
Southside Lounge.
- Riding Club Meeting**.....12.30pm
Southside Lounge.
- Boardsailing Club Meeting**.....12.30pm
Southside Lounge to sign up of Wednesday and weekend trips.
- AstroSoc Meeting**.....1.00pm
Physics LT2. Visiting lecturer every Tuesday.
- Ents Meeting**.....1.00pm
Union Lounge.
- Amnesty Group Meeting**.....5.30pm
Brown Committee Room.
- ICU Radio Modellers**.....5.30pm
Mech Eng. Student training workshop.
- Wine Tasting**.....6.00pm

- Table Tennis Coaching**.....6.30pm
In Table Tennis Club Room.
- Judo**.....6.30pm
Union Gym.
- Intermediate Ballroom**.....7.00pm
JCR. Dance Club
- Beginners Ballroom**.....8.00pm
JCR.

WEDNESDAY

- Sailing Club Meeting**.....12.30pm
Outside Southside for sailing.
- Keep Fit**.....12.30pm
Southside Gym with Vicky.
- Wing Chun Kung Fu**.....1.00pm
Union Gym. Beginners lessons.
- Intermediate Rock'n'Roll**.....2.15pm
SCR. Dance Club.
- Ten Pin Bowling**.....2.20pm
Meet outside Chem Eng/Aero.
- Wutan Tai Chi Chuan**.....3.00pm
Union Lounge. Instructor Hong Chun Lai. Martial art for all ages and sexes.
- Beginner's Rock 'n' Roll**.....3.15pm
SCR.
- Jazz Dance**.....3.30pm
Union Gym.
- Ladies Only Water Polo**.....6.30pm
IC Sports Centre. Enthusiastic new members welcome—any ability.
- Wu Shu Kwan**.....7.30pm
Union Gym. Experts class.
- FREE DISCO**.....9.00pm
In the Union Lounge Nightclub until 1am.

THURSDAY

- C.U. Prayer**.....8.15am
Chaplaincy Office, Basement, 10 Princes Gardens.
- YHA**.....12.30pm
Southside Upper Lounge. Sing up for weekend break. Everyone welcome.
- Audio Society Meeting**.....12.30pm
See Tuesday's entry.
- Ski Club Meeting**.....12.30pm
See Tuesday's entry.
- ICSF Library Meeting**.....12.30pm
ICSF Library (below Beit). Members can borrow from 1700 books.
- Balloon Club Meeting**.....1.00pm
Southside Upper Lounge. Come and check us out, sign up for a weekend in the sky.
- Keep Fit**.....5.30pm
Southside Gym with Alice.
- Table Tennis Coaching**.....6.30pm
Table Tennis Club Room.
- Judo**.....6.30pm
Union Gym.
- Karate Practice**.....7.30pm
Southside Gym.
- IC Radio Disco**.....8.30pm
Next to Southside Bar.
- ICCAG Soup Run**.....9.00pm
Meet Week's Hall Basement Kitchen. Deliver food to London's down and outs.

NEXT FRIDAY

- Rag Meeting**.....12.35pm
Union Lounge.
- Friday Prayers**.....1.00pm
Southside Gym. Organised by IC Islamic Society.
- Swimming Practice**.....6.30pm
See Monday's entry.
- Water Polo Session**.....7.30pm
See Monday's entry.
- IC Radio Disco**.....8.30pm
Southside.

Michelle ma belle Consoc Fox hunt Quorum caller

Dear Michelle,

In reply to your letter (Issue 848), concerning the decision to ban Price-Waterhouse from the Careers Fair, I should like to say the following.

Like so many other people you are keen to condemn without finding out the facts. You criticise decisions which you denied yourself the opportunity to be party to. Above all else you damn the decision without proposing any alternatives.

Your letter had about as much thought and preparation put into it as the motion that was proposed at the Extraordinary General Meeting. The difference between the motion and the letter is that I used the motion in a sensible manner to achieve reasonable objectives at no cost to any student. Your letter quite blatantly undermines all student unions in all their activities over one small matter about which you apparently know none of the facts.

You suggest in your letter than there are 'both sensible and stupid ways to fight' the loans scheme. Of your sensible methods I presume you advocate writing to your MP, have you done this? Have you persuaded anyone else to do this? Or even questioning your MP personally, do you know how to lobby your MP? Or peaceful demonstrations, or petitions. Open up your eyes, clear your ears, have you not seen or overheard the thousands of students already doing these things? All to no avail because this government is blind and deaf to the students' requests as you appear to be.

One of the remaining ways open to try and stop the loans scheme going ahead is to persuade the persons responsible for implementing the scheme that it will not work. If the motion had been a personal attack on Price-Waterhouse then it would surely have advocated removing all Price-Waterhouse literature from the Careers Office. Did it? No. Do you really think that removing Price-Waterhouse from one Careers Fair will affect students' job prospects? You certainly have a lot to learn in your next two and a half years here: if you can afford to stay here that long, that is!!

The banning of Price-Waterhouse is presently being used to:

1. Promote awareness of the effects of the student top-up loans scheme.
2. Gain access to the financial institutions who will be running the scheme so that we can put across our argument in a professional and educated manner.

In the light of your concern I am sure I will see you at future Union General Meetings or at least in my office asking for information and contributing to the decision being made.

Yours sincerely,

N.B. McCluskey, ICU President 89/90

PS. Chopping off your legs to evade the Poll Tax is not too good an idea. Disabled access in this College is absolutely appalling. Monasteries do not pay Poll Tax though?

Letters should be addressed to the editor. The letters column is a forum for general debate, not a slagging match between individuals. I have not altered this letter. In the future, letters written in this style will be heavily edited. Ed

Dear Dave,

I read in last week's FELIX that Miss Nicky Fox felt compelled to resign from her post of Chairman of the ICU Conservative Society, as she was opposed to:

1. Government policy on student loans.
2. The Community Charge.
3. The charisma-cult of Mrs Thatcher.

None of the above factors have altered significantly since Miss Fox was elected earlier this year. This makes me wonder why she actually stood for the position.

Miss Fox informs me, that although the above reasons are true, the more significant reason for her resigning is of a personal nature. If this is true I cannot see why Miss Fox did not inform FELIX that she was resigning for personal reasons. As a result of her actions surrounding her resignation she has wounded the Society even further.

It is vital that the Conservative Society now elects a Chairman who actually believes in Government Policy (however unpopular) and has the ability to start to repair the damage that the Society has sustained.

Yours sincerely,

Mark Page, Mech Eng 3, Former Vice-Chairman of External 1988-1989 ICU Conservative Society

Fizzical reply

Dave,

As the 'enterprising student' referred to, I would like to inform the anonymous writer of the very inaccurate letter in last week's FELIX, of the facts.

Firstly, Applied Biologists were *not* forbidden to do placements overseas. When my placement in the Gambia was being arranged, the outcome of the AUT action was not yet decided. The exams might still have been set before the end of the Easter term—or they may not have been set at all.

By the time I left in April the situation was still uncertain. I had a 20kg baggage allowance to last for a 6 month stay—so I wasn't able to take 10kg of books to revise from in case the exams were scheduled for the summer.

I returned just before the start of the autumn term and started the exams in the second week. Since the only gap in my timetable is Wednesday afternoon*, I had to take the exams one at a time, at weekly intervals.

The implication that I received preferential treatment as a result of 'flattering male lecturers' is petty and absurd.

Felicity Marsh, Applied Biology IV

*I hope this won't herald another torrent of abuse for the Life Sciences Department.

Dear Dave,

An ICU General Meeting took place at 1pm today (Thursday). For most students, this constitutes news. There were, to the best of my knowledge no posters advertising the meeting, and there had been but a one line casual mention of the fact in last week's FELIX. As a result, only some thirty odd people, mostly Union hacks, present.

I called 'quorum'. Why?

The main purpose of the meeting was to conduct elections for a number of Union posts. There averaged about one candidate per post, mainly because few knew about the availability of the posts, or saw the candidate proposal papers on the noticeboard on the walls of the Union Office staircase. As a result, a handful of hacks would have elected candidates in a form of 'one candidate elections' that have been rejected by most communist states. All this from a Union that wishes to conduct business in the name of *all* of its students.

IC Students' Union is a union of all the students. If ICU makes a stance against loans, for increased pay for lecturers or whatever, it must do so *because* that is what the students, the Union members, wish. At the moment, Union hacks pass the policy and the students watch: sometimes in anger, sometimes in support, but almost always lacking sufficient strength of feeling to walk all the way to the JCR, sit down, listen, and raise their Union cards at the relevant moment.

What the ordinary students of Imperial believe in is apathy, and the Union policy should reflect that. In other words the Union should NOT indulge in any form of political or social campaign.

This is a sorry state of affairs. I would much rather see 300 students at each and every (or even most) meetings, listening to debates and passing motions on strongly felt issues. I would call upon all students to make an effort to attend such meetings and I urge the Union Exec to publicise the existence of, and educate its members on the merits of attending Union General Meetings.

Until that happens, it is unacceptable that the Union should pass motions on anything, or elect candidates for any posts, as the students that the Union represents obviously don't care for or believe in such things.

THAT is why I called quorum.

Thomas Wyatt, Maths II.

PLEASE NOTE

A number of letters have been received on the subject of last week's 'Personal' letter. Unfortunately it was not possible to print a large number of them, since they did not carry a name. FELIX will withhold names by request, at the editor's discretion, but we have to have the name of the author of each letter. It is not sufficient to place the words 'Name withheld by request,' at the end of a letter. We will endeavour to print every letter received, but reserve the right to edit. Deadline for letters is 12.30pm Tuesday.

Top Doc strikes back

Dear Editor,

I have apologised for the 'cock-up in communications' headlined in FELIX on Friday October 27. Nonetheless, I do think your picture caption suggesting that the Health Centre is a 'house of horror' was excessively harsh on us. We work extremely hard to provide a top rate service to all our patients and it would be nice to see FELIX writing about the positive aspects of what we offer.

May I once again, through your columns invite any member of College, patient or potential patient of the Health Centre, to contact me directly with any problems concerning the Health Centre. May I also invite anybody interested to come to the next meeting of the Health Centre Patients' Group, which will be on tuesday November 14 at 4.45pm at the Health Centre in the Group Room. If you have any worries, moans, ideas or constructive suggestions do come along and let us hear them.

Dr R Gillon, Director, College Health Service.

Blame the AUT

Dear Dave,

As one of the final year Applied Biologists referred to in the 'Personal' article, issue 848, I have a reply for 'name withheld':

I would be the first to agree that treatment of the individual referred to in the said article was unfair to

the other Applied Biologists and final year UG's for whom the AUT action caused major difficulties. However, I do feel that any malice, resentment or bitterness should be directed at the lecturers/organisers involved in allowing this, not the individual concerned. After all, if we had been offered the same opportunity for placement, and the same opportunity to take our exams later (or when suitable), would we have turned it down? I doubt it.

Steph Parkin, Applied Biology 4.

Turkish delight?

Dear FELIX,

Most of the students who visit the STA office in the walkway must have noticed that STA advertises holidays in northern Cyprus. As most people know, northern Cyprus was invaded by the Turkish army in 1974 and it is still illegally occupied. In this College there are students whose relatives were killed, injured or missing, and many were forced to leave their home because of that, probably in the same place that now is advertised as a holiday resort.

Besides, all the countries of the United Nations (except, of course, Turkey) have refused to recognise the so-called 'state' of northern Cyprus.

It is our belief that such trips must not be organised or advertised at all. The 'Student Travel Agency', we think, should be an agency for students and not a company that only seeks to make profit by any means, especially when this supports the violation of human rights. With this letter we want to express our deepest regret for this attitude.

Yours sincerely,

The Committee of the Hellenic Society of IC.

You're wrong, Jack

Dear Dave,

Michelle Codill's letter about loans and the Union's actions is typical of the 'I'm alright Jack' attitude that seems to be prevalent at the moment.

Over the last few years we've seen health cuts, Clause 28, benefit cuts, the poll tax and now student loans. But if you're with BUPA, straight, middle class, a homeowner and about to walk into your job with Price Waterhouse then why care.

The silent majority allow poverty, homelessness, oppression, racism, homophobia and more to continue through their lack of action. Pastor Niemoeller, a victim of the Nazis, wrote this on the matter:-

*Firstly they came for the Jews
and I did not speak out—
because I was not a Jew.*

*Then they came for the communists
and I did not speak out—
because I was not a communist.*

*Then they came for the trade unionists
and I did not speak out—
because I was not a trade unionist.*

*Then they came for me—
and there was no one left
to speak out for me.*

Maybe we should put up with it being harder for us to get jobs (after banning Price Waterhouse) and speak out a bit more often. One day they might just come for Michell and co.

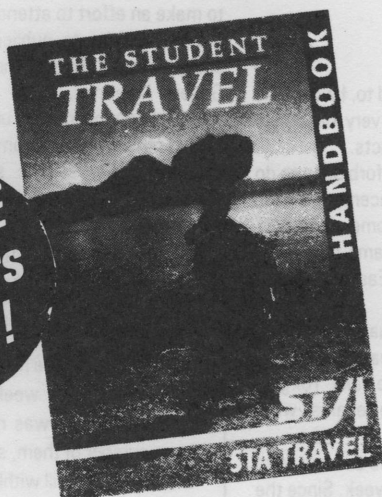
Yours sincerely,

Alistair Goodall, DoC III.

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Beer festival trouble

Trouble flared at the Beer Festival on Wednesday, after an incident over the shortage of festival beer glasses. IC Rag Chairman, Hal Calamvokis, told FELIX that the beer and glasses ran out by 9.30pm this year.

Mr Calamvokis said that they had bought 1150 beer glasses this year—a record number—and had sold all of them, including those left over from last year. He calculated that £3000 had been raised from beer and glasses alone. On average, he added, each person drank 4.7 pints. There were more people this year than last, he said.

Trouble started at 9:45 after more people turned up though all the glasses and beer had been sold. Two young men, described as 'about 5'11' with short, dark hair' and 'with glasses and very blond hair' probably from Mechanical Engineering and 'third years' or pretending to be third years' tried various ruses to obtain glasses, for instance saying theirs had been stolen or broken.

After this failed they resorted to stealing glasses from members of the RCS, and these members then turned them out. They tried twice to get back in.

In the morning it was discovered that many rag posters had been torn from walls. Hal Calamvokis claimed that this amounted to a loss of about £100 in publicity. Though he conceded that the wind may have been responsible for some of this, he was sure that the cleaners had not 'blitzed' the walls, and some of the blame lay with these troublemakers. During the night the glass cabinet reserved for college welfare notices at the Electrical Engineering end of the Sheffield walkway was smashed. Mr Calamvokis thought these two may have been responsible for this as 'generally they were vandals'.

Five tickets for rag week went missing, valued at £16 each, though these were returned the next day.

He concluded by saying there had not been as much vomiting as usual and the mens conveniences had not been trashed as they usually were, probably because when the beer ran out the revellers went elsewhere to continue drinking. 'Next year we will hopefully have 800 pints more and more glasses', he added. 'I was stone-cold sober and I went home alone.'

Community news

Mr Peter Mee, College Registrar, is in the process of sending letters on Poll Tax registration to all full-time students at IC. The letter is to reassure them that he will be giving only the minimum information to local authorities, following the statutory requirements for the poll tax (or community charge).

According to law, the college need only disclose students' names and term-time addresses, although, Mr Mee said, certain authorities had asked for more information. He told FELIX 'We hold a lot of information—previous schools etc. I am giving the absolute minimum to them.'

He explained that he thought that Borough Councils may take a census of their area and may expect students to present themselves to the council offices with the registrar's certificate as proof of where they are currently studying. He stressed that according to the Department of the Environment practice notes, no student is required to part with the certificate at any time.

Paper planes

On Tuesday 14th November, paper plane makers from all over college will have a chance to practice their art at the Annual Paper Aeroplane Competition. The planes will be launched from the Union Building from 1.30pm.

Entry is 50p with an additional 10p for each flight. All the money will go to Great Ormond Street Hospital. Prizes include 3 books from Dillons bookshop, jigsaws from the Science Museum, 3 free video hires from IC Bookstore, a free haircut, a parrot-on-a-spring, dinosaur or zebra mug and animal puzzles from the Natural History Museum.

All the entries must be on paper of less than A3 size, and the winners will have the fruits of their labours displayed in the bookshop in the Science Museum.

Anyone interested in entering should contact Andrew Chipling on extension 4748.

Prizes!

Prospective honours graduates in Chemistry or Chemical Engineering who are in their final year have been offered the chance to win £700.

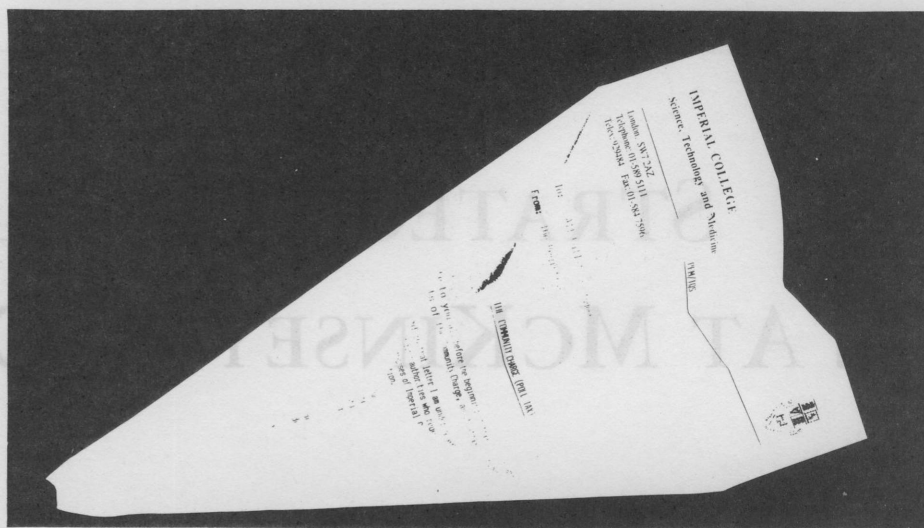
The ten such prizes are being made by the 'Salters Institute of Industrial Chemistry', and are given on the basis of 'the candidates potential...to occupy a leading position in the UK chemical industry'.

The head of each related department can nominate only one candidate.

UFC visit

Student timetables were unexpectedly rearranged on Thursday as Imperial received its five-yearly visit from the University Funding Council (UFC). Council representatives visited the Civil Engineering and Biology departments.

College had known that the visit was due for some while although no-one appeared to know of the Council's exact plans. This, explained Professor Roy Anderson, Head of the Department of Biology, was why changes were made to lectures and lab work at very short notice; second year undergraduates from Professor Anderson's department, who were expecting a lecture on 'Comparison of Plant and Animal Physiology', unexpectedly found themselves doing practical work. The delegation had specifically asked to see a practical group at work.



SPORTS RESULTS

Saturday 28th October
FOOTBALL

QMC-0	IC-3
QMC II-1	IC II-1
IC III-0	Charring X-2
IC V-2	IC IV-0
Please note: Correction from previous table:	
St Thomas II-0	IC VI-1

HOCKEY

Mens	
IC-2	Righing's Park-2
IC II-2	Richings Park II-2
IC III	
Ladies	
IC-0	Goldsmiths-0

Wednesday 1st November
FOOTBALL (U.A.U.)

Surrey Univ-1	IC-1
Surrey II-0	IC II-3
Surrey III-2	IC III-2

FOOTBALL (LEAGUE)

IC-IV-0	UCL V-2
IC V-0	Goldsmiths III-2

Ladies

London Hospital-6	IC-0
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RUGBY (U.A.U.)

Surrey Univ-7	IC-14
Surrey-10	IC II-7
Surrey III-0	IC III-33

HOCKEY (U.A.U.)

Mens

Surrey Univ-0	IC-2
Surrey II-0	IC II-2
Surrey III-0	IC III-11

Ladies

Surrey Univ-4	IC-0
Surrey II-3	IC II-0

Saturday 4th November
HOCKEY

Mens

IC-2	Tilehurst-2
Tilehurst II-0	IC II-2

Ladies

Charing X Hospital-3	IC II-0
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Wednesday 8th November
HOCKEY (U.A.U.)

Mens

RHBNC-1	IC-1
RHBNC II-1	IC II-3
RHBNC III-0	IC III-4

Ladies

RHBNC-0	IC-0
RHBNC II-0	IC II-1

FOOTBALL (U.A.U.)

RHBNC-4	IC-0
RHBNC II-2	IC II-4
RHBNC III-1	IC III-3

RUGBY (U.A.U.)

RHBNC-3	IC-18
RHBNC II-6	IC II-12
RHBNC III-3	IC III-8

BADMINTON

Mens

IC-7	RHBNC-2
IC II-9	RHBNC II-0

Ladies

IC-6	RHBNC-3
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