

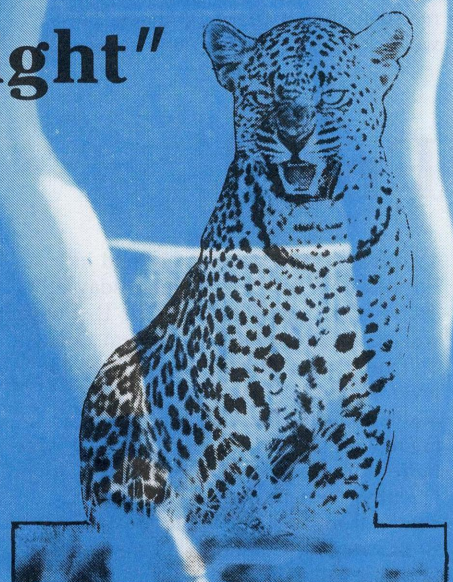
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All's Fair

The Careers Fair had over 6500 visitors during two days this year compared to 4000 over four days last year. Many of the companies attending stayed for both days. David Ensell, Careers Fair Manager, said 'Its all gone horribly right'.

Last year the fair was held in the Junior Common Room (JCR). The different organisation this year, which included a marquee on the Queen's lawn, has been a great success according to the employers. Russ Clark, Careers Office Manager, said that the 'set up is better than the Great Hall or the JCR'. Comments from the employers included 'Its better than the JCR' and 'I like the marquee - it looks professional'. Complaints included the 'lack' of provision for drink in mid-afternoon and the careers fair handbook, which many thought sloppy.

Though the Fair made £30,000 last

year, the experimental setup has meant that it only broke even this year. It is hoped that the improved service will mean a larger profit next year.

David Ensell said that the many companies which had shown satisfaction with the new arrangements would be writing to the Rector, Sir Eric Ash, to show appreciation of this Union organised event. He also stated that any profit made next year could be split between the careers service, currently underfunded by College, and a nominated charity.

When the employers were approached concerning students, who, after all, were the main reason for their visit, comments ranged from 'there's a good calibre of people here - we often recruit from the fair' to the more ambiguous 'Ah, it's not worth commenting - the organisers have no control on that'.

Thief!

Police caught two bicycle thieves last Wednesday after a member of college alerted the Senior Traffic Warden of Imperial College, Mr Pitrola. Three teenagers had been spotted tampering with a bicycle in the old chemistry building's bike sheds. Mr Pitrola challenged the youths who ran off towards South Kensington. Two of the gang were apprehended by police near Old Brompton Road.

The youths were found to be in possession of bolt cutters, hidden inside duffle bags. These bags had a hole in the bottom to allow a security chain to be cut secretly.

Mr Geoff Reeves, IC Security chief, commended Mr Pitrola. 'He dealt with the affair in a proper manner.' He added that the last 10 days have seen 10 bicycle thefts. He said that this was a lot.

Speaking to Felix, Mr Terry Briley, Security Officer, reiterated security's plea that bicycle owners should use D-locks rather than chains. These are available at cost price from the security room in Sherfield.

BEng Dropped

All three year engineering degrees at Imperial College are to be reorganised into four year Masters courses by October 1992. The Rector, Sir Eric Ash, gave a speech in which he said that the decision to change the course structures was taken primarily to 'concentrate above all on the fundamentals of science which will remain the basis of engineering in the future'.

The decision was also influenced by the Rector's feeling that an extra year was necessary to match the level of education received by German engineering students.

A third factor raised by the Rector was the worry that the level of knowledge required in A-level mathematics courses may be declining. This could be countered, Sir Eric said, by adding more mathematics to degree courses. This would require an extra year, especially if

the teaching of calculus were to be dropped from the A-level syllabus.

Sir Eric said that 'the suggestion that educated people need not know calculus' was harking back to a 'two culture' system which leads to problems in communication. He commented that the lack of scientific knowledge amongst MPs was a problem today.

When questioned after the speech, Sir Eric said that the Chief Executive of the University Funding Council (UFC) had been involved in the decision and had given a 'green light'. He added that the Department of Education and Science (DES) is supportive of the move by Imperial but would not necessarily be supportive of other universities due to the increased cost. Mandatory grants from local governments will be available for the new four year courses, he said.

Hard-up

Students may be able to claim over £50 a week 'hardship' payments over the summer vacation from a little known Government fund. Local Education Authorities (LEA) have the discretion to award up to £53.50 to any student whom they consider may suffer undue hardship without the extra grant. This award would be refunded to the authorities by the Government.

Mr Alan Parker, the Education Officer of the Association of Metropolitan Authorities, told Paul Shanley, Union President, that the LEAs don't get many requests or agree to many. He will be meeting the National Union of Students (NUS) next month to discuss the fund. He advises students to write to the LEA in which they are currently resident to register their intention to claim. A request for a claim form should be sent later.

Free!

Two free lectures are to be held in Physics next week. On Wednesday at 13.15 in Lecture Theatre 1, Dr D. Deutsch will be speaking on 'A Quantum Concept of Time'. On Thursday at 12.45 on the level 3 Physics concourse, the Mathematical and Physical Society (MOPSOC) are having a cheese and wine buffet followed by a lecture by Dr. John Quenby. He will speak on the early results from the X-ray satellite ROSAT. Both events are open to all members of Imperial College.

Time's Up

Mr Rob Northey, IC Refectories Manager, tendered his resignation last Thursday. He said that his reason for leaving was because he had been at IC for five years, which was the length of his contract.

Mr Angus Fraser, IC Managing Director is known to be concerned in the matter, but refused to comment.

Mr Northey said 'I've enjoyed myself very much', and added that he would go to India afterwards. Although he has officially resigned, he will continue to work until January 28th.

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Monopoly

Old Rag



Monopoly raised over £4600 for Rag last Saturday. The best team were *The Brass Monkeys* (Simon Patel, Isabelle Jenkins, Martin Stevenson and Julian Tennant-Smith) who raised £856.30. They will receive a prize. The next best was *Hal and Jeremy's Team* (Hal Calamvokis,

Jeremy Burnell, Pete Bower and Tom the Jock) who raised £442.74. Nine people collected over £100 each and have earned a T-shirt. These can be picked up at today's Rag meeting at 12.40 in the Union Lounge.

Tiddlywinking down Oxford St raised a total of £1536.39 for Rag. The top collecting team was Michael Wong and Bill Hume Smith, who raised £48.82, closely followed by Ed Hughes and Jeremy Morris with £47.67.

Tradition!

Continuing with the Felix tradition of 'Research Grant Stakes', this month's trophy goes to Dr. D. Vvedensky and Professor B.A. Joyce who get £2,500,000 over five years from the Japan Research Development Corporation for research into the application of atom arrangement in the design and control of new materials.

The 'Free-market Economy Booby Prize' for tight-fistedness goes to the Science and Engineering Research Council (SERC) who have awarded Professor J.C. Dainty £1,344 over six months to look into the atmospheric structure of cool giants.

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Bird on a Wire



To give this film its due, it's scrupulously fair. You see Mel Gibson's bum at least as often as you see Goldie Hawn's legs. Of course, both the bum and the legs are particularly fine examples of their type.

Physiology maketh not the film, alas, so what does it have to offer in the areas of acting, plot and filming? Well, a fair amount actually. Rick Jarmin (Mr Gibson) is on the witness protection programme, changing identity, accent and occasionally sexual orientation whenever he is recognised. At present he is working in a garage with a southern accent, y'all. Then his college girlfriend-turned-hot-shot-lawyer improbably pulls up for some gas. A call to the FBI soon puts the very people he put away on (and some buckshot in) his tail. Thus he and Marianne (Ms Hawn) are forced to flee across the country.

Both the principals turn in reasonable performances, and Mr Gibson copes well in a role that often sends up the macho types that he is best known for playing. The chemistry is good between the principles, and the contrast of Rick's



retention of his college beliefs and Marianne's sell out for yuppie principles is occasionally exquisite. The villains rarely even make it into two dimensions, but as their role is low on words and heavy on guns it doesn't make that much difference. Admittedly, the cockroach is far more emotionally convincing than the motiveless tigers but then I'm sure talented tigers aren't even two a penny in Hollywood.

In amongst all the shooting, flying, screaming (Ms Hawn has a pair of lungs to match her legs), roaring, bonking and hairdressing something got rather unfortunately left out. Where were those laughs? Without them we are left with a comedy-thriller that occasionally raises a wry smile, but would never have you rolling in the aisles. Passable, passable.

Pendragon.

USSR Bolshoi Symphony

The scene was set, the lights in the Barbican were dimmed, the orchestra poised and as the conductor raised his baton a panting FELIX reviewer staggered to his seat. Despite LRT's attempts to stop me getting to the concert I had made it!

The concert opened with Tchaicovsky's *Fantasy-Overture Hamlet*, Op.67. This provided an exhilarating start to what was to be an impressive concert. It was composed in 1888 and was obviously inspired by Shakespeare's play, and dedicated to Grieg, (popularly known for 'In The Hall Of The Mountain King'). However, *Hamlet* is a tragedy and I doubt if Tchaicovsky's intention was to recreate the atmosphere of the play since he would have failed miserably if it was. The overture is a bright and inspiring

piece which even a vehement 'I don't like classical music character', typical of I.C., would recognise parts of, if only from adverts. I don't consider myself placed to criticise the orchestra on technical detail, but I did feel that they were a little uncertain in their delivery.

Dvorak's *Cello Concerto in B minor*, Op.104 followed and provided a complete change of atmosphere. The audience warmed to the soloist, Alexander Rudin, as he played with a skill and feeling that infected the orchestra and the audience with equal enthusiasm. Rudin played with increasing confidence throughout the three movements. So popular was his performance that he returned to the stage to treat us to ten minutes of the most impressive cello I have ever seen.

An interval followed and then the

Romeo and Juliet Suite Op.64, by Prokofiev began. Its opening can only be described as spectacular, and again would be recognised by almost anyone. It was only slightly spoilt by an over enthusiastic brass section. The entire work was excellently done, with the orchestra warming to the audience. The closing bars received a standing ovation and such was the reception that Lazarez was persuaded to lead the Bolshoi into two encores, including Elgar's *Pomp and Circumstance*, No.1, which was played with great enthusiasm.

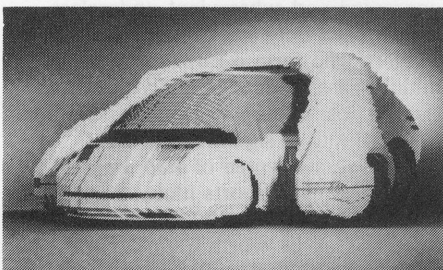
It was a rare treat to see this orchestra in London and they lived up to their excellent reputation, giving a concert that the audience should not forget for a long time.

Richard Evers.

The Alternative Motor Show

Following the success of the Science Museum/Lego exhibition earlier this year the Museum is once again displaying designs based on those infinitely versatile plastic bricks.

This time students of design across Europe were asked to produce a 1:5 scale model of a concept car for the next century. Their entries, built using only Lego, range from the wildly original (a giant walking stilt) to the practical (an egg-shaped passenger vehicle) and the shades in between, including the winning entry, 'Lobstar', a two-part car comprising a small electric runaround and an



environment-friendly hydrogen booster.

Also on display are computer-controlled Lego cars and robots that can be programmed for a variety of movements and skills; and for those of us who

enjoyed being harrassed by small children last time, there is the essential 'build your own' section with thousands of the parts you could never find.

Lastly, car freaks will be happy to learn that the Jaguar XJ220 concept car (no, not a Lego one, the real thing) is on show for the next week. The next chance you'll have to see one of these will be one of the 350 they make between '92 and '94.

The exhibition is well worth a visit for anyone interested in design, cars or pretty models. Remember, admission to the Museum is free for Imperial students.

Stone.



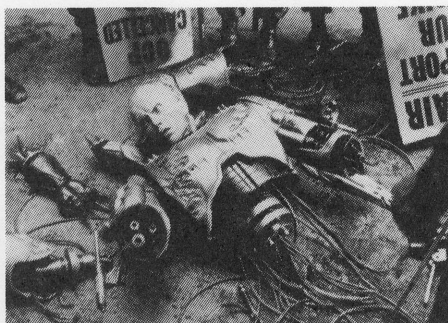
Robocop II

Clump, clump, clump.

Like the posters say 'he's back'. Restored to gleaming perfection after the toils of his last celluloid exploit, once more Officer Murphy—Robocop—patrols the streets of Detroit. Until Nuke (a deadly drug) merchant Cain and his gang get their hands or rather pneumatic drills on him. OCP soon take delivery of a self-assembly Robocop model kit. Meanwhile The Old Man (boss of OCP) puts seductive but frankly barmy Dr Juliette Faxx in charge of the Robocop II development programme. Now Robo II is part of a takeover bid, but not of a corporation, but of Detroit itself. After pressure from the police Faxx rebuilds Robo I but...are you following all this? Thought not.

Ripp...Craaaash...

In the hands of comic writer and artist Frank Miller, the Robo-sequel is not a simple affair, but a combination of at least three separate plotlines. Almost inevitably this makes it a much more



complex film than its predecessor. Issues only touched on in the first film, such as privatisation gone mad and the psychological effects of becoming a cyborg, are developed and a greater dose of humour is injected. Poor old Robo himself is the butt of most of it—he even has 'kik me' sprayed on his back at one point.

'Where is he?...Obstructing the law is an offence.'

So far, so good. The gore and splatter

merchants will be pleased too. Many of the less important cast members disappear into a fine red mist when Robo II enters the fray. If you can stomach this, which is not easy—a rather damp cinema seat marks my attempt to cover my eyes while sticking my fingers in my ears with my morning orange juice still in my hand—there are many gem like moments to be had. Robo is mentioned to have been a catholic, and is then 'forgiven' by a criminal with a Jesus syndrome before he is dismembered.

Clump, Clump, whirr, click...

Surprise! A sequel which is much better than its predecessor. The best ideas from the first are mixed with some fresh input and a very enjoyable film is the result. Go see, you have 20 seconds to comply.

'You are under arrest for violating the Critic's Charter section seven—no reviewer will like a sequel better—you are coming with me, dead or alive.'

Pendragon.

Salute of the Jugger Sunset at Blandings



I have seen the future and it is dark...It always is isn't it? Once more we have a barbaric apocalyptic society where lots of impoverished looking people scrape out a living from the arid deserts that remain. Their only entertainment is The Game—a sort of public school rugby, but with chains, sticks, body armour made from tyres and a dog's skull instead of a pig's bladder. Bands of Juggers (players of The Game) roam from village to village challenging local teams, and invariably winning. Their prize? Money, food, alcohol and women (and men too—women play on equal terms). The film tells of Kidda (Joan Chen) a young Qwik in Sallow's team who aspires to the League. The League is a series of games fought between teams from the 7 cities, each imaginatively named after a colour. Eventually the team's wanderings bring them to Red City and a challenge match with a team headed up by an old team-mate of Sallow (Rutger Hauer). This chap turns out to be called Gonzo, but is unfortunately not a blue Muppet.

The plot is minimal and the acting minimalistic. The backdrops are standard

(Australian) wastelands but the extras refreshingly multi-racial. The film will never be accused of selling itself on the back of gorgeous people as the Juggers are all badly scarred. The cinematography is unexciting, and the music fairly banal. Not really a lot to recommend so far.

Their is light in the darkness though. The scenes in the vast underground city give tantalising glimpses of a feudal society, with a rich, hedonistic and aesthetically obsessed hierarchy and an oppressed and subservient underclass. Sandwiched between the two are the Juggers who form a rather precarious middle-class. It's never really developed though, lost under the weight of the main plot and lots of significant glances.

If you're a devotee of *Mad Max* style movies, or even sports films, which this resembles fairly closely, *The Salute of the Juggers* may be worth a look. For everyone else the exciting game sequences won't be enough to sustain interest over the 92 minutes.

Pendragon.

This finally brings the *Life at Blandings* series to an end. Unfortunately the final instalment is incomplete, P.G Wodehouse died before he had a chance to tie up the loose ends and bring everything to its natural end.

Included with the book are the notes that were found when he died and some discussion as to how he would have ended the book. You do need to have read the other books to fully understand them but they're interesting nevertheless.

There is too little space to go into the details of the plot; that would be a book in itself, the best thing to say is that it's simply brilliant.

Many modern, supposedly humorous, writers could learn much from reading his book. It is funny in a natural, human way, there are no jokes but you will often find yourself laughing at the mistakes and coincidences that the numerous characters concoct.

I highly recommend that you read this book and the others in the series. All I will say is why can't people write like this now, was it something in the water?

Ian Hodge

Video Competition Winners

N W Jones

Catherine Tombs

Graham Little

Your prizes will be here in a week!

The Shamen

The Shamen have shocked the world with their outspoken stabs at tradition, firmly intent to make us question all that we hold for granted and try to convert us to their ante-religious philosophies.

This new creation, due for release on October 22, adds the latest dimension to their brain-washing techniques and hypnotic propaganda. There is no acclimatisation, no becoming drawn into their ideas.

The first track, *Human NRG*, leaves no doubt of their convictions that the mind is the source of all divinity. Is this mind-numbing medley meant to awaken people to the snares of tradition, or simply force

them to succumb? There is no let-up into *Progen* where the mind is not only divine, but all-powerful. Here *The Shamen* add a racing beat and some rap, succeeding still more in bringing their own relevance to today.

The album continues with still more attacks at apathy and warped morals where anything is permissible without a divine law to inspire. *The Shamen* are purveyors of sounds and captions more than musicians. They acquire their knowledge from the television world of fraudulent American preachers and do not find it necessary to add with vocals to what has already been said. Nonetheless,

where they do sing, it is only to confirm this trippy dreamworld which counters all that is real.

The hit, *Omega Amigo* is also included, but seems a little insignificant against such a relay of sounds as here. However, the familiarity does provide a little relief from the head-on onslaught at the mind all around it. This effect is secured where the flick is an image of the first, a restatement of what has preceded. More conformist is the dance track, *Hyper Real*, which should be a single, overlaid with a female soul voice. There is an addition of African influence and a little rap, again confirming that *The Shamen* are just as concerned with race as religious zeal. A contrast to this is the half-consciousness of *Oxygen Restriction* where the whole floats on the edge of the surreal.

The album is sealed with the last track, *Hear Me*, almost a repetition of the first track. There is no apathy within the realms of the innocuous black pit of vinyl. You can either fight it or be swept into it, it cannot be ignored.

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The Mothers

Even if we Lose

This four track EP is a blues/folk collection of songs, which sound very American—similar to the likes of *REM*, but not as melodic. They favour story telling, with a key theme of loneliness, delivered with a distinctive rasping vocal style.

The EP kicks off with *Even if we Lose*. This is the most blues orientated track, with scarcer vocals than the others.

Shame on You is an acoustic number accompanied by a piano, and dealing with the subject of prostitution. A married man picks up a prostitute and takes her home, as his wife is away. His bedside manner leaves a lot to be desired as he tells her 'Everybody's lonely, so lie on top of me!!!'.

On the other side—*Trying to Find a Reason* is a bit more up-tempo, reminiscent of early *Echo and the Bunnymen* (of all things). It is a more poppy combination of guitar and vocals.

Finally *The Marriage is Gone* is a slow number which is full of the despair, regret, self-pity, and loneliness of a man close to the brink. The singer is a father writing to his son about the end of his marriage, and his resulting loneliness.

Although not the type of music we would choose to listen to, it's not bad, but we can't really relate to the subject matter.

Pinky & Perky.

Loud

This doesn't explode, although it does manage a pretty loud pop. All three numbers suffer from a case of production, leaving them too clean to be exciting, while giving a definitely trans-Atlantic taste, that probably lines the title up as MTV fodder. The singer tries too hard to be interesting, and even succeeds a bit.

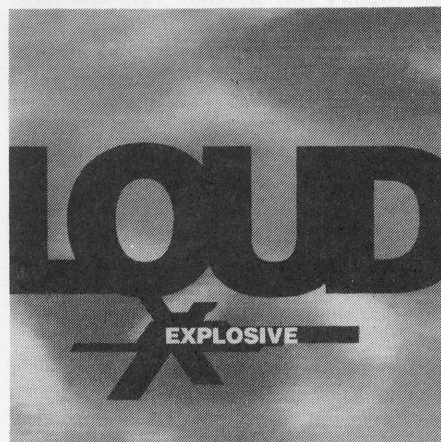
An acoustic track helps to get the needle to the middle of the record, but not much else. Perhaps this is the New Model Army influence still lingering on singer, Craig MacLaughlin.

The other two tracks are different enough to take Loud off the beaten track, but only onto the grass verge. If they want to be good beyond doing what everyone else is doing, they will have to be wierder than this. Their music's own merits are not enough.

Explosive 12"

Quite a lot of people will like this quite a lot.

Mungo



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WHERE'S THE
CARTER
REVIEW???



Kaveh Guilanpour follows the chit-chat of leading Conservative family man

Rocky Road

On walking into the lecture theatre on the ground floor of Mech Eng, I was astounded by the lack of security—I merely walked in with my bag (which could have contained anything) and took a seat—no security guards and no body searches—remarkable considering recent terrorist activity in London. Or do the IRA have such a high regard for IC students that they wouldn't harm them. As if to emphasise the lack of security, an unattended bag was left in the lecture theatre throughout the address without once being challenged.

The next thing of major importance that I noticed is that the Secretary of State for Transport is yet another Conservative MP who drinks Perrier. Not content to sell our water industry to the French, are the Government now adopting a policy of buying French bottled water as well as French owned tap water?

Another fact distinguishing him as a true Conservative was his inability to remember the name of the Liberal Democrats. This inherent Conservative disability he shrugged off with a laugh. I do not consider a minister who cannot recall the name of the third largest party in the House of Commons a laughing matter, despite the fact that its name changes every five minutes or so.

Mr Parkinson soon launched into the expected oration of how bad a condition the country was in before 1979 and how wonderful it is now in comparison, throwing in countless statistics along the way.

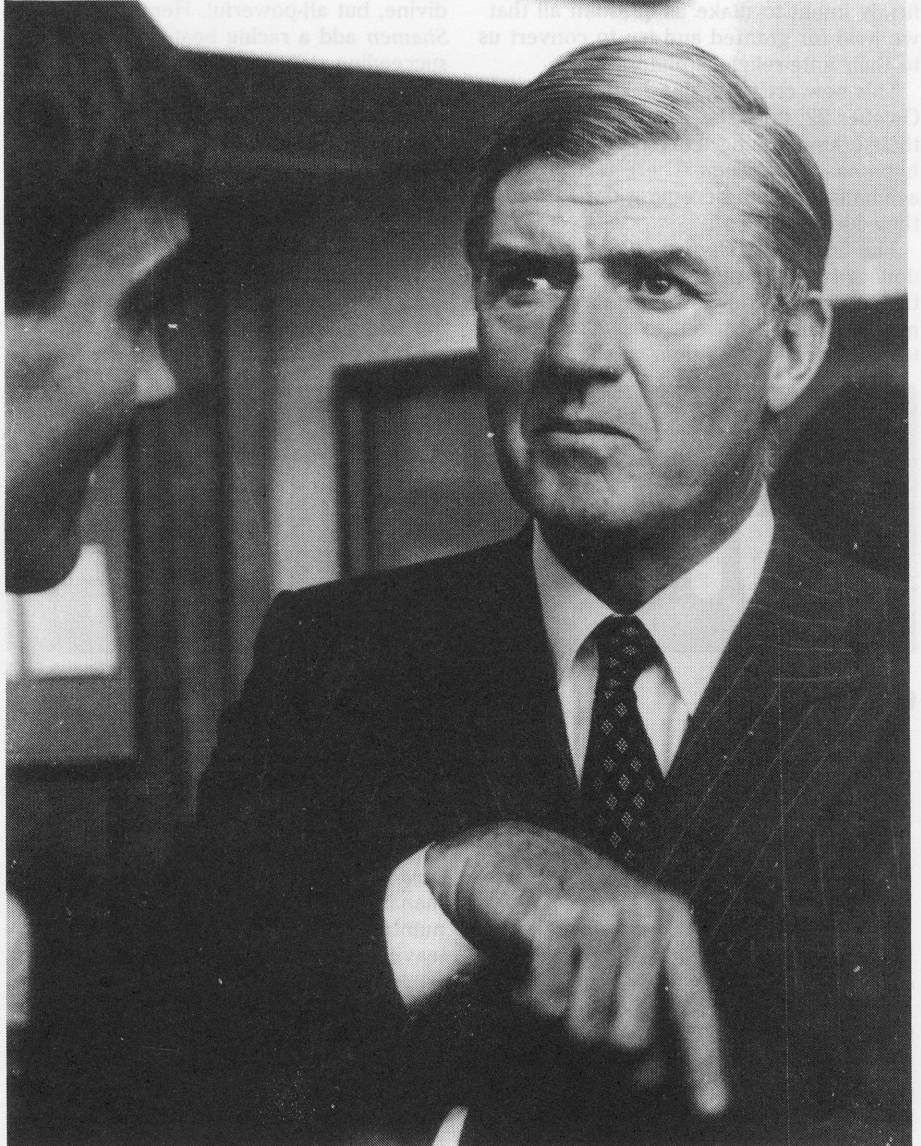
A great deal of his speech was devoted to the state of the economy, saying that decisions taken after the crash of 1988 were a mistake and had led to the high balance of trade deficit and high inflation, adding that 'economic lessons had been learned' and that 'the risk of a recession had justified taking the risk of high inflation that we have now'. He gave another reason for the present state of the economy as being the 'win the election, pay later' policies adopted by the Government in 1981. He also said that in economics 'motives don't matter—action determines results'.

On inflation he commented that it would fall but that 'timing was unpredictable' and that drops in interest rates would follow inflation.

Speaking on the recent joining of Britain to the Exchange Rate Mechanism (ERM), Mr Parkinson said that this 'would not solve Britain's economic problems' and 'joining the ERM is no substitute for sound economic policy'.

'Joining the ERM will have benefits but will put pressure on industrial productivity and economic growth'.

On being questioned on the timing of Britain joining the ERM Mr Parkinson



stated that the date had not been chosen to coincide with the Conservative Party conference the following weekend, but had been chosen to 'avoid market speculation'. He revealed that the date for joining the ERM had been discussed between the PM and the Chancellor of the Exchequer, John Major, as early as June.

In reply to the suggestion that our European Community (EC) partners were not happy with the timing of Britain joining the ERM, especially in view of high interest rates at present, Mr Parkinson replied that many of the Government's conditions on joining the ERM had been met, resulting in the joining of the ERM last Monday—something that is currently being strongly disputed by Labour in Parliament. Neil Kinnock claims that the PM had done a 'U-turn' on conditions previously set by the Government.

On Economic and Monetary Union, Mr Parkinson expressed the attitude of the

Government as 'not obstructive but less enthusiastic' than the rest of the EC.

On being questioned on Capital punishment he replied that he was in favour, but that his view should not be official Government policy since MPs should have a 'free vote' and should not be forced to vote against their consciences, saying that at the moment there is a 'substantial majority against capital punishment in the House of Commons'.

'Not much' was Mr Parkinson's reply to being asked about electoral reform and proportional representation. He added that Hitler had come to power under a system of PR and that our present system 'marginalises extremism'. He went further and said that after many years of experimentation with different election processes, the American political system had come to the conclusion that our 'first past the post' system was the best.

Turning to the issue of privatisation Mr Parkinson said that past flotations of

Rag Tag and Bob Tail



Two events down, lots to go. (Why else would I be writing this?) For those people who aren't tired of Rag collecting there's a good old UNICEF/UNA London Collection tomorrow, with a free party at ULU afterwards (ideal if you don't have a big gig ticket). Turn up at today's Rag meeting (Union Lounge 12.40pm) if you want to collect. Also at the meeting we're going to decide what we should do with the Rag Mags. They're back from the printers and very funny too. So come to the meeting if you have an opinion on whether we should sell them before the beer festival.

Next Wednesday we have a Rag Raid to Guildford, followed on Saturday by the infamous Covent Garden World Wildlife Fund Collections. So if being a panda for a day is your cup of hedgehog juice, pop along and see us (yes you've guessed it...) the Rag meeting. The other future events

are:

Leukaemia Research pub crawl, Poppy Day collection, Rag Week (from Beer Festival to Dirty Disco—the new extended 12 day version). The sponsored Nude Kamakaze Parachute Jump (24th Nov) is now off the back of Jez, everyone's favourite fire engine. So volunteer to streak from Harrods now. The team finishes with the Canterbury Rag Raid.

If anyone else wants to be a cheery rag bod then they can stand for 1st year publicity officer or Rag Fête coordinator. Nominations for Rag Mag Editor open the week after Rag Week.

Love and soapy bananas,
Steve Farrant, Rag Chairman.

Well Monopoly went well. Ooops, wrong article, as I was saying Tiddlywinks was lots of fun and we managed to hit the LWT News and the Sunday Times. The

event itself raised around £1,450 for Actionaid.

Drink-a-pub-dry afterwards failed in its objective, though the Queen's Elm did transform to a semi-arid state by the end of the night. A couple of mega interesting tiddle-related facts for you:

1. Shan is the first IC President for six years not to go tiddlywinking. Though he did manage a very energetic 'Fuck Off' at the Wakey Wakey Southside.

2. It's the first tiddle in ages not to have a motorised mascot present. (They were all broken unfortunately, however Clem was excellent at Monopoly and Jez will be available for the Sponsored Nude Kamakaze Parachute Jump.)

One final note, I was perfectly fine after Drink-a-pub-dry but Tanya was so pissed she couldn't even remember half the things she did. Ha Ha Ha.

Steve Farrant.....again.

Opinion: Poll Tax, Why Not?

Cecil Parkinson predicts the fortunes of the Conservative Government

National Industries had been a 'Rip-roaring success' and that British Rail would probably be next. Mr Parkinson made the observation that 'nationalism is not suitable for anything that matters'. The Health Service is something that 'matters' very much. I leave you to draw your own conclusions.

On issues closer to home, Mr Parkinson said that it was his aim in London to improve all forms of transport and then 'let the people choose how to travel', adding that the overcrowded transport system could take no more passengers at present, although a slight increase on the bus system was possible. Speaking on the infrastructure of London he said that 'planners do not always get it right' and commented 'I look forward to the day when I can put a bomb under it' in reference to Lambeth. (Town or councillors?)

Surprisingly the question of Student Loans and Education did not rear its ugly head, and neither did the Poll Tax, or the position of the Conservative Party in the opinion poles.

Mr Parkinson was most cooperative in answering questions and extended the allocated fifteen minutes. He dealt with the only incidence of heckling by saying 'just an intellectual letting off steam'.

Kaveh Guilanpour.

If you went to buy a loaf of bread and the assistant demanded the deeds to your house, you would think that he were crazy. What is more, you would probably walk out in disgust, and yet this is just what we accepted for years. Out of a basket of community needs such as food, water, clothing and schooling, some were paid for according to use, and others according roughly to the value of your home. Yet no one could say that water was less important than food or schooling less important to clothing. So why the difference? Some weak-willed liberal might comment that it was impractical for the state to supply food (as had been show in the Communist Bloc), but this is simply intellectual chit-chat. What we needed was a charge for everything, so that those slacking lefties would really pay for their spending sprees. The Community Charge has brought us a new freedom, where everyone has the opportunity to pay, almost regardless of their means.

But this new wave of rationalism has not yet reached the shore. As I am sure you all know, half of local finances are contributed by central government. And among that, a substantial part is raised through the so-called progressive tax system. This no more than a kind of financial apartheid, where people are discriminated against by the amount of money they earn. One group, the nice clean people (who just happen to have lots of money) are forced to pay more, while the lazy dirty people (who have a little less) pay less or nothing at all. I

have heard it said, that the well-off should be glad to support the community, that they should pay in growing proportion to their earnings. But why should they support a load of whingeing paupers? It is well time that we disregarded this socialist nonsense.

We need to take a fresh look at this problem. If the Community Charge is such an equitable solution, we could apply it more generally. After all, what difference is there between spending on the police (local) and the army (central), between spending on undergraduate study (local) and postgraduate study (central)? Surely what's sauce for the goose is sauce for the gander. Why stop at the Community Charge? Why not a National Charge? Everyone would pay a fixed monthly charge, irrespective of their earnings. At last we could put an end to this idea of robbing the rich to give to the poor. We wouldn't need to have any tax inspectors, or prosecutions for fraud. Just think, that nice man Mr. Piggott would never have gone to gaol.

Yes, this discrimination between rich and poor has gone on too long. It is the rich who provide employment for the poor. And what do they receive in return? They are charged more for services which they don't ever use. It is time the poor looked after themselves, and the rich were left to get on with getting richer. We need a National Charge now (I ought to know, I've got loads of money).

in serious jest...

Matthew G. Johnson

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THIS WEEK

●The **cannabis plant** and its derivatives have long been known to have medicinal properties, including combatting nausea and killing pain. But because of their psychological side effects, synthetic cannabinoids can only be used to suppress nausea caused by cancer chemotherapy, and then only if other remedies fail.

Now researchers at the US National Institute of Mental Health have isolated the gene that gives rise to cannabinoid receptors in the brain. It is hoped that this will make it easier to study and screen drugs that bind to the receptor and to find cannabinoids with analgesic and antiemetic properties but free of psycho-activity.

Scientific American, October 1990

Caterpillars often feed ants a secretion rich in sugar and amino acids; in return the ants refrain from attacking and may even protect the caterpillars from other predators. The mystery of how caterpillars may 'call' the ants has been solved in the case of at least one Latin American caterpillar which has a pair of ridged rod-like protuberances behind its head. By scratching its head against them it produces a high pitched rhythmic chirping that attracts the ants through vibrations in the ground or leaves. The entomologist who recorded the vibrations said they reminded him of a 'gueiro', a Latin American percussion instrument in which a stick is dragged over a grooved gourd.

Scientific American, October 1990

Controversy over the future of the Natural History Museum (NHM) spilled over at a recent conference held by the Royal Society of Arts on the future of scholarship in museums. Dr Michael Novak, dean of science at the American Museum of Natural History said he was disturbed at the way in which Dr Klaus Sattler, a German researcher currently working at the NHM, commented that compared with the management of the NHM and the Victoria and Albert Museum, 'the total collapse of my country in 1945 looks positively well organised'.

Nature vol 347, 11 October 1990

Imperial is more successful than most at recovering overhead costs on industrial research costs, according to an item in *Nature* (vol 347, 11 October 1990). Sue Jacobs, of Imperial's Industrial Liaison group says that most industrial companies can be persuaded to pay a fair price for university research. However, getting a fair deal out of government departments is more difficult: the problem, apparently, is finding the right official in Whitehall's labyrinthine corridors to negotiate with.

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Scribblers Corner

Imperialist Hypocrisy

Dear Chris,

The present Gulf Crisis is not simply a matter of terrorism (see last week) but stems from the illegitimate carving up of the Middle East in the 1920s by British Imperialism. The formation of these new states: Iraq, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia et al and their artificial boundaries has ensured continual instability and conflict in the area since. Which is what was planned. Arab Shikh's sympathetic to the British cause were made rulers and in most cases their families still govern. By separating Kuwait from Iraq it was hoped the little oil rich state would be protected from the effects of Pan-Arabism emanating from Iraq and also weaken the larger state. (Iraq and Kuwait may receive the same income, in \$ of oil per capita, but Iraq has many more mouths to feed.)

Since Kuwait's independence in 1961 it has been governed by the same family of

dictators—the Al Sabahs—installed by the British. Nepotism is strife and denying the majority of residents the right to vote or own land ensures these stooges remain in power.

Out of the two million population of Kuwait only 800,000 are citizens the rest are migrant labourers. Of these 800,000 citizens only 60,000 select male citizens are eligible to vote in elections for the National Assembly and even this body has been dismantled for the past five years or so. This is the system the US has stated it wants Kuwait to revert to after the crisis is solved and not to any form of free or democratic government.

The hypocrisy of the present US action is contemptible. They have known for a long time what type of tyrant Saddam Hussein is. They armed and trained his armies to the teeth. They aided him in his aggression against Iran, in which

almost 1.5 million lives were lost; they ignored the repression of the Iraqi people and the callous treatment of the Kurdish people was overlooked.

Also, why is the US not so vehement in its condemnation of the Israeli occupation of Palestine?

Why is there still no end to the problems of Lebanon after more than a decade?

And can't parallels be drawn between the present invasion and the US invasion of Panama, last year, when 7,000 people were killed and a puppet regime was left behind?

It is obvious that the only reason the US led 'Western Alliance' is camped in the desert is to satisfy its greed for oil and not for any honourable or righteous notions.

Saleem Choudhery.

Bookstore Backlash

Dear Chris,

I felt compelled to write to you in reply to the letter headed 'Pricey Publications' (Issue 878, 12.10.90).

The letter from G Andrade intimates that it is possible to buy all books cheaper outside of the Bookstore. This, unfortunately for the student, is not true. ALL book retailers are required to abide by the Net Book Agreement. This is an agreement that is upheld in the law courts, whereby the publishers dictate the selling price of their own books and retailers are not allowed to discount them.

There are three reasons a book could possibly be obtained cheaper elsewhere.

1. They are breaking the Net Book Agreement—something you won't find happening too often as Dillons have just been prosecuted for it!

2. The book is 12 months old and hence can be sold at 1989 prices. Again this doesn't happen too often as it is risky to keep stockholdings of anything other than bestsellers for more than 12 months. Most recommended texts are not exactly bestsellers.

3. The cheaper book is an old edition. In which case you're buying a completely different book and probably not the one you want.

Given the help of your lecturers we can

stock all the texts that you require. By all means try elsewhere but do bear in mind that in looking elsewhere you'll probably end up spending more on travel than you save on books and you'll certainly spend more time looking.

Always pleased to be of service.

Yours,

Neil McCluskey, Bookstore Manager and Ex-IC Student.

P.S. We have cheaper pads, files and document folders than any high street shop including W.H. Smith!!!

NHS Psycho Sex Change Romp

Dear Sir,

I am writing about that bloke who, after having a sex change, wanted to marry another bloke. Under British law he was not able to do this, so instead of crawling back under from whichever rock he came, he went squirming and crawling to the European Court in order to force the British people to accept something that is against everything this country holds dear.

For once the Europeans went along with Britain but that still didn't stop the

revolting creature. He then said how unfair he had been treated and how everyone should feel sorry for him. Well 'Luv' I lost no sleep over it.

In the same article it stated that 25,000 sex changes have been carried out on the NHS, which the good and decent people of Great Britain pay for. This is totally unacceptable!

This problem of believing that you are a women in a man's body is clearly a psychological problem and should be

treated as such.

If deviants and weirdos want these operations they should pay for them out of their own pockets. Because where will it end?

If someone thinks they're Admiral Nelson will they get an operation to cut off an arm and blind them in one eye? Or if a person thinks they're the President of ICU will they get a labotomy?

Yours,

Alan Bailey, Chem 2.

What's On

AN UP-TO-THE-MINUTE GUIDE TO EVENTS IN AND AROUND IMPERIAL COLLEGE



FRIDAY

- Yacht Club Meeting**.....12.30pm
Huxley 413.
- Rag Meeting**.....12.40pm
Union Lounge.
- Friday Prayers**.....1.00pm
Southside Gym. See Islamic Society.
- Environment Soc Party**.....6.00pm
48 Princes Gardens, 4th Floor.
- Swimming**.....6.30pm
Sports Centre. New members always welcome to join in fun fitness training.
- Fencing Club Training**.....6.40pm
Club training.
- Water Polo**.....7.30pm
Sports Centre. Come along and join in one of the most physically demanding sports ever inveted.
- Rock Soc Presents**.....8.00pm
'Solid State' in the Union Lounge. \$3 entrance (\$1 members).

SATURDAY

- Boat Club**.....9.00pm
Putney Boathouse
- Kung Fu Club**.....4.30pm
Wu Shu Kwan in Southside Gym.

SUNDAY

- Sunday Service**.....10.00am
Anteroom Sherfield Building. See West London Chaplaincy.
- Catholic Chaplaincy**.....11.00am
53 Cromwell Road.
- Wargames**.....1.00pm
UDH. All welcome.
- Catholic Chaplaincy**.....11.00am
53 Cromwell Road.
- Kung Fu Club**.....4.30pm
Wu Shu Kwan in the Union Gym.
- Boat Club**.....9.00pm
Putney Boathouse.

MONDAY

- RockSoc Meeting**.....12.30pm
Southside Upper Lounge. Come and hear the latest (beer optional). All abnormalities welcome.
- Environment Soc**.....12.45pm
Mech Eng 703. British Antarctic Survey with Dr Shanklin.
- Basketball Club**.....5.30pm
Volleyball Court. Men's Team.
- Keep Fit**.....5.30pm
Southside Gym.
- Swimming**.....6.30pm
Sports Centre. New members always welcome to join in fun fitness training.
- Rock n Roll**.....7.00pm
JCR. Beginners
- Water Polo**.....7.30pm
Sports Centre. Come along and try one of the most physically demanding sports.
- Latin American**.....8.00pm
JCR. Beginners/Improvers

TUESDAY

- Riding Club Meeting**.....12.30pm
Southside Upper Lounge. Come and see how it feels to have 16 hands between your legs.
- Oxfam Lunch**.....12.30pm
Geology Dept. See West London Chaplaincy.
- Christian Outreach**.....12.30pm
Elec Eng 508. 'Who is Jesus?'
- Radio Modellers**.....12.30pm
Southside Lounge.
- Cathsoc Mass**.....12.30pm
Mech Eng 702. Followed by lunch.
- Sailing Club**.....12.30pm
Southside Lounge.
- Radio Modellers**.....5.30pm
Student training workshop, Mech Eng.
- Keep Fit**.....5.30pm
Southside Gym.
- Amenesty International**.....5.30pm
Clubs Committee Room. Weekly meeting.
- Social Ballroom**.....6.00pm
JCR. Beginners.
- Judo**.....6.30pm
Union Gym.
- Latin American**.....7.00pm
JCR. Bronze Medal Class.

WEDNESDAY

- Keep Fit**.....12.30pm
Southside Gym.
- Wargames**.....1.00pm
UDH. All welcome.
- Micro Club Meeting**.....1.15pm
Top floor NW corner Union Building. Every week.
- Rowing Club**.....2.00pm
Putney Boathouse.
- FBI Soc Meeting**.....5.45pm
Maths LT213. Video: 'UK Equities: The Market'.
- Basketball Club**.....7.30pm
Volleyball Court. Women's Team
- Kung Fu Club**.....7.30pm
Union Gym. Wu Shu Kwan.

THURSDAY

- Fencing Training**.....11.30am
Intermediate & advanced coaching.
- Postgrad Lunch**.....12.30pm
Chaplains Office (10 Princes Gardens). See West London Chaplaincy.
- Fencing Training**.....12.30pm
Beginners Training.
- Fencing Training**.....1.30pm
General.
- Gliding Club Meeting**.....1.00pm
Aero 266. Come and arrange a trial flight. All newcomers welcome.
- Keep Fit**.....5.30pm
Southside Gym
- Midweek Service**.....5.30pm
Chaplains Office (10 Prince's Gardens). See West London Chaplaincy.
- Social Ballroom**.....6.00pm
JCR. Intermediate.

- Judo**.....6.30pm
Union Gym.
- Social Ballroom**.....7.00pm
JCR. Beginners.
- Latin American**.....8.00pm
JCR. Gold medal class.
- ICCAG Soup Run**.....9.00pm
Meet Weeks Hall Basement to take for to London's homeless.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- JAPANESE SOCIETY NEWS: Our first event will take place on Friday 19th at 12.30pm in the Union Dining Hall. Everybody Welcome! For information contact Toru, extension 7082.
- THE FBI PENS have now arrived. Anyone interested should contact Ann Roberts at a society meeting.
- SWIM FOR CHARITY: National Asthma Campaign sponsored swim 2nd November. See the IC Swimming Club for details.
- AMERICAN FOOTBALL: Sunday 21st October, 12pm onwards. Start of American Football at Imperial College. Hyde Park for throwing around and possible touch football. All Welcome. For more information contact Mike Rogers, Msc Engineering Geology, Geology Department.

WANTED

- VOCALIST AND DRUMMER both required for mainstream rock band. Whole lotta influences and playing from Bon Jovi to The Police. All original and creative ideas welcomed. Contact Dave Foster or Matt Wilkinson in Physics II
- COLOUR MONITOR. Contact Simon Richards in Physics III.
- PLAYERS FOR RSM mens hockey. Everyone welcome regardless of experience. If interested sign up outside RSM Union Office (near main foyer of RSM).

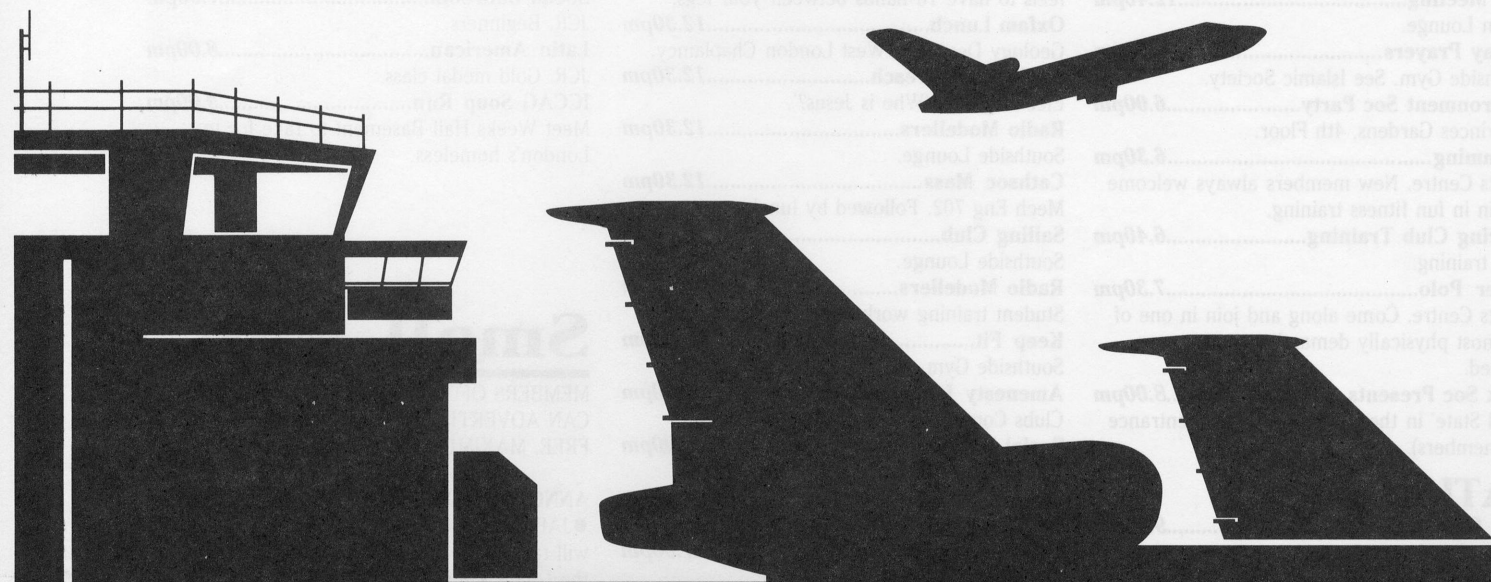
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- FOUND-MAGNUM TICKET. Phone 081-748 5106 evenings.
- THE FBI codeword is 'UK Equites: The Market'. The contact is at Maths lecture theatre 213 on Wednesday 24th October at 5.45pm.
- GET INTO RUBBER in the water every Monday and Friday at 6.30pm. See What's On for more details.
- NECROPHILIA and more... could it get worse? wait 'till the BEER Festival.

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Careers Fair

It was organised, it has happened, and now it is over, much to the relief I am sure of the people who ran it. The setup seems to have worked well for both the students and the companies who attended.

It was sad, though, to see a large and important Union event not being attended by the Rector. An invitation had been extended to him, and others, by Paul Shanley. His presence was missed though Angus Fraser, College Managing Director, and the others showed.

Trouble

Having experienced problems with our paper we were unable to run the litho at anywhere near full speed. On this account I had to slash the number of pages from 20 to 16. (Unfortunately this meant the loss of the Clubs, Societies' and Sports pages (sorry Simon), together with some other stuff. We will endeavor to include them, with appropriate changes, next week.

Facilities

The print unit is available to produce, print and photocopy posters, leaflets etc etc, on Mondays and Fridays. Please try

to restrict yourselves to these days as the rest of the week is devoted to FELIX.

Cheese and Wine

Finally, thanks to those who attended our Cheese, Wine, etc night on Monday. It was a damned good freebie and most of you missed out. Oh well, you'll just have to wait for the next one, which probably won't be too far off.

The trip to Circus Archaos, over the weekend went off well. Apart from a return visit sometime before the end of November, we'll be off to The Jongleurs. A good night out, to be had on 2nd November. Come into the office to find out more, sign up, or join in the production of FELIX. We are still in need of Reporters, and Writers of all sorts. AND don't forget the free (and copious) quantities of wine to be had on Thursday nights during collating.

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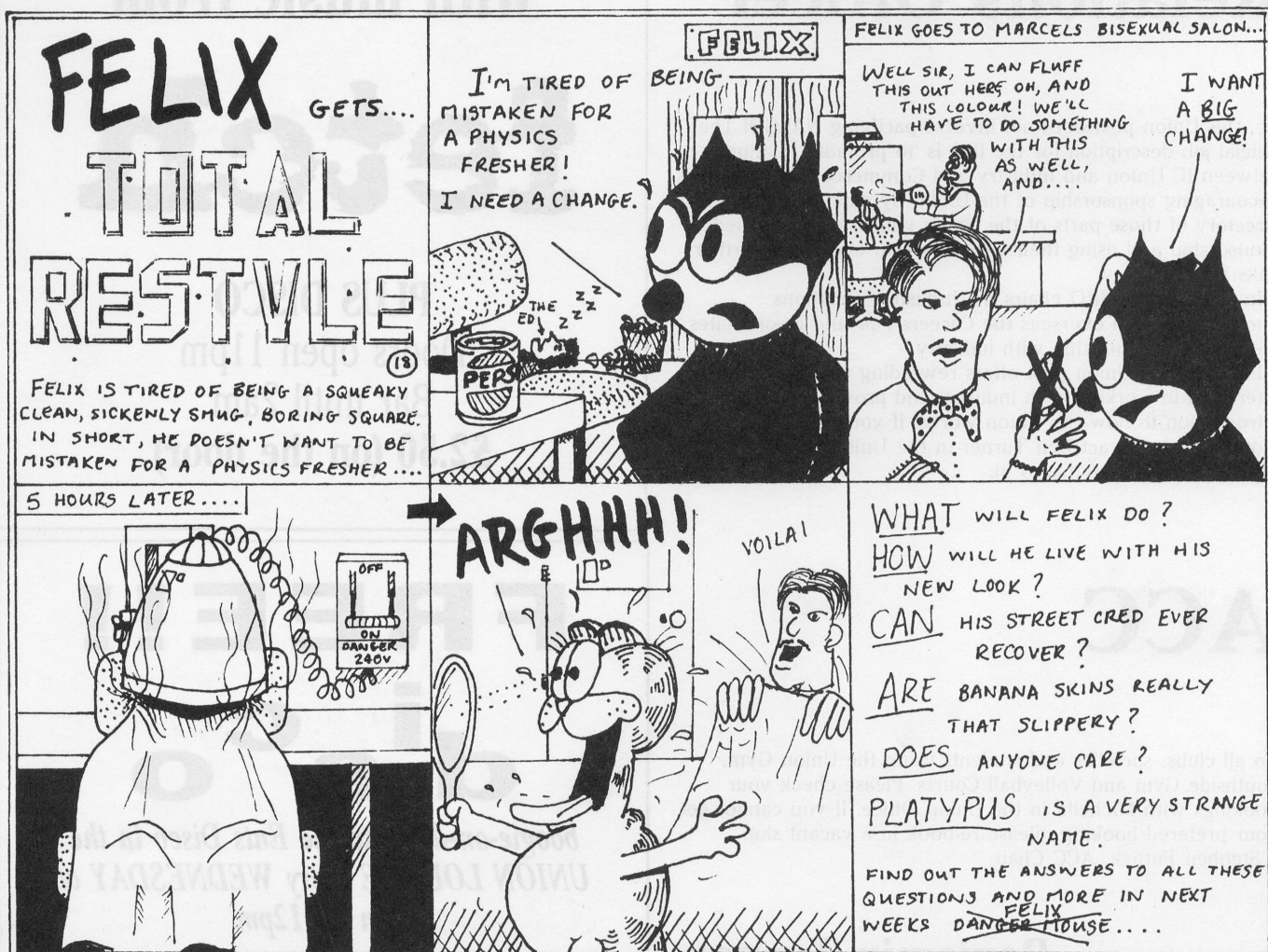
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See ya

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Careers Fair

I hope that you found this a big success! Congratulations Dave Ensell for the immense amount of work put into organising the event. Also thanks to Verity Greenaway and Jeremy Burnell for superhuman efforts and all others involved in stewarding.

All comments about the Careers Fair: venue, range of companies, timing, information available, etc, would be appreciated. These should be addressed to me in the Students' Union.

Industrial Relations Officer

No, this Union post does not involve pacifying NALGO! The official job description for the IRO is 'to promote relations between IC Union and Industry and Commerce'. This involves encouraging sponsorship of the Union by maintaining a directory of those parts of the Union which have obtained sponsorship and using their experience to encourage further links with industry.

In addition, the IRO chairs the Industrial Relations Committee which oversees the Careers Fair and co-ordinates the Union's relationship with industry.

In short, this Union post offers rewarding work for anyone interested in working with industry and provides a good introduction to how the Union works. If you'd like to hear more, please contact Ben Turner in the Union Office or last year's IRO, Nick Lay (Aero 3).

ACC

To all clubs, societies and students using the Union Gym, Southside Gym and Volleyball Courts. Please check your bookings with Michelle in the Union Office. If you cannot get your preferred booking, please re-book in a vacant slot.

Stephen Puttick, ACC Chair.

Benjamin Turner

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