



# FELIX

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## Suffer for Sport?

*Student facility or private health spa?*

Proposed changes to the college's sports centre by Prince's Gardens have caused fury amongst the student body. These changes include a conversion of the present Gym-cum-weights room into a cafe or lounge area, and inclusion of saunas, sun-beds and jacuzzis. In addition, prices for students are going to up and access times for sports clubs will be limited or moved.

The price for a season ticket this year is £18 for nine months - as three months will be used for refurbishment - compared to £12 for twelve months last year. It is projected that next year the price will be £24 for students, which compares to £100 for non-college people.

This refurbishment is due to take place in Spring 1992 for 12-16 weeks at an estimated cost of between £300,000 and half a million pounds. In a written note Gordon Marshall, Director of Estates, referred to the 'South Kensington Sports Centre' and said that it was intended 'to market improvements to make the centre self financing and if possible profit making.' In addition, Southside gym would be divided in two, one half to replace the gym previously in the Sports Centre, the other for the events that usually take place in it.

Ray Coleman, Manager of the Sports Centre, told Felix that he believed the refurbishment was to be financed by a loan from the college. He said that the new idea 'appeals to students and staff.... we can attract people from outside to pay competitive rates to subsidise student and staff use of sports facilities.' He added that 'at the moment we can't justify external rates... I can't promise that there won't be an increase (in student prices) but not a great increase'.

Zoë Hellinger, Union President,



said that she had received a number of complaints from clubs using the swimming pool. The underwater club will have its session moved so that it will not finish until 10.30pm rather than 9.30pm as at present. Other clubs have said that the unsocial hours they have been allocated mean that they are less attractive to new members. They also say that few students wish to exercise so late in the evening as they are too tired.

Other complaints from clubs of the Athletic Clubs Committee (ACC) include the belief that there would be too few cubicles for the swimming pool, the centre doesn't need another bar - which won't have any alcoholic drinks - and that a sports centre ought to maximise its sports facilities rather than have snack bars.

Craig Robinson, Squash Club captain, told Felix that 'nobody has been told what Ray Coleman's brief is... it appears to be a self financing brief'. The ACC said that it

believed that Mr Coleman was not remotely interested in student facilities and had said so on more than one occasion.

This is not the first time the Sports Centre has been in the limelight. When it was built it cost just over a quarter of a million pounds and was beset by technical problems, postponing the opening and increasing the planned costs. It was originally intended to be open to both students and staff of the College, as was reported in Felix, 2nd October 1968. No mention was made by Rex Lowin, Union President of that year, of outside usage or profit. Finance for the centre came almost equally from the College and outside grants. The entrance charge was a shilling (just five pence) for entrance to the pool and squash courts. Today it will cost you eighty pence if you are an Imperial student and £1.75 if you are not.

See next week's letters for further comment.

## New Security

Imperial College will have a new security system by January 1992 if everything goes as planned. The system will require each student to carry an identification card to gain access to campus buildings after normal hours, although the campus will be open as usual during the day.

Terry Briley, College Security Officer, told Felix that the cost was under discussion. 'We are still doing a lot of homework', he added. The College will be paying for the new system, and the identification cards will be provided with no cost to the students. 'I can't see how it can be detrimental to anybody,' said Jonathan Griffiths, Union Deputy President.

Mr Griffiths said that he thought it would be a 'preventative measure rather than trying to cure something.' Each student will have an identification number which will automatically enter the system when the card is used. The system will record the movements of each individual around campus. There is the possibility that an unwelcome individual's movements can be limited by programming their number into the system to be rejected. Mr Briley said that the precise details of the system depended on which one college chose.

Both Messrs Briley and Griffiths said that in their opinion the administration and the students feel that the system is a good idea. 'We will all benefit from it,' said Mr. Griffiths, 'no one should be wandering around the quad for any reason.' The proposal is currently being reviewed by all of the departmental heads. If it is approved by everyone, then installation will begin ready for use early next year. Mr Briley ended by saying that 'it would be best to say that college is looking into a college-wide security system.'



# Help Yourself

*El Presidente,  
Zoë Hellinger,  
talks of  
violence, first  
aid and women.*

## Self-Defence Training

Recently published crime figures show an increase of over 10% in violent crime, including rape and armed robbery. Indecent assaults rose by 26%, which included a 55% increase in offences among men. Increasingly, an overstretched police force voices its frustration at people's apparent unwillingness to take steps to prevent crimes against themselves and their possessions.

Although South Kensington and the surrounding boroughs are probably the safest areas in London, attacks have been known to happen. For those who are worried about possible attacks, a 'Violence Awareness Course' for both men and women has been arranged by the Union.

Through simple but effective techniques, you will learn how to deal with situations, should they arise. The physical and psychological self-defence techniques taught to you will help you to handle most situations that threaten your personal safety. All this is explained in a concise and clear manner, showing how easy it is to be both aware and safe.

The course takes place over two 2.5 hour sessions on Tuesday 8th

and Thursday 10th October at 6.00pm. The cost of the course will be £3.00 (subsidised!!) and there are limited places (30). If you would like to attend then please register in the Union office by 5.30pm Monday 7th October.

## First-Aid Course

What would you do if your neighbour in a lecture theatre couldn't breathe or fell unconscious? Would you want to help but not know how? If this is the case then you should attend a first aid course which leads to a certificate of ability to practice first aid.

There is an 11 week course leading to the Health and Safety at Work certificate taking place on the college site. It begins on Monday 7th October at 6.00pm (finishes 9.30pm) and will be held in the Holland Club (underneath the Great Hall) every subsequent Monday. The price of this course is £15.00, possibly the cheapest first aid course you will get. If you would like to attend then please contact Roger Serpell on Internal Extension 4045. Places are limited to 24 and will be allocated on a first come first served basis.

## Women

Certain difficulties are always experienced by minorities within any society, and women at IC, who make up only 23% of the population, are by no means immune. The situation is certainly not impossible to live with, women have a good deal here considering that the powers that be within college are desperately attempting to increase that percentage. However, it can be quite a strain when you are surrounded by men constantly. Often a time to relax in a safe space amongst sympathetic women is all you need to recover a flagging spirit. If there are any general problems encountered by women, then this is the best forum in which to discuss them.

In order to see whether there is a need for this kind of a ground, there will be an introductory meeting on Tuesday 8th October at 1pm (bring your lunch) in the Union Senior Common Room. Both women and men are invited in order to test the acceptability of this kind of group amongst the IC population. If you have any constructive ideas for this group then I hope to see you there!

# Smoking Policy

The College's smoking policy came into force on 1st October. Many of you will recall the questionnaire sent to all students earlier this year. The working party set up to review the policy were guided by the responses to that questionnaire.

In determining the need for a smoking policy the college is acknowledging the increasing concern about the risks to health incurred through smoking. A formal policy minimises conflict and misunderstandings.

The policy outlines areas in college where smoking is banned. These will be public circulation areas such as lifts, corridors, toilets and reception areas. Smoking will not be permitted in official vehicles and enclosed sports areas. Smoking will not be permitted in college catering facilities unless they are big enough to accommodate a separate

area for smokers. Bars will not be affected by this policy.

The policy will be implemented departmentally rather than imposed across the college as a whole. Each college workplace is different and various characteristics and methods of work will need to be considered.

There are some buildings and departments where restrictions on smoking already operate eg. lecture theatres, meeting rooms, libraries and laboratories. These arrangements will continue.

The policy will apply to all members of staff, visitors, contractors, conference delegates and students.

Where accommodation permits there will be areas where people will be allowed to smoke. These will be identified within departments.

## Help for those who wish to give up smoking

Everyone recognises that giving up smoking is not easy. One third of smokers who responded to the questionnaire expressed a desire to stop smoking.

The Health Centre will again be running a programme to help people to give up smoking. These will commence on October 1 and information can be obtained from the Health Centre (ext. 3091).

Students can also encourage their fellow students and offer support to those who are going through a difficult time.

The policy is not intended to create a situation within which smokers will feel alienated. However, non-smoking is to be the norm at Imperial College and as with any college rule, repeated disregard could lead to disciplinary action.

J N Payne, Employee Relations Manager.

**To all clubs  
and societies:  
Deadline for all  
news/results is  
Monday each  
week!**

**CASH PRIZES  
FRESHERS'  
SNOOKER  
TOURNAMENT**  
This Sunday (6.10.91)  
1pm  
Top Floor Union  
Building

# Thanks On Your Radio for the Fish

Life, the universe and everything?

What would you give, right now, for a two page document containing the answers to every question on your final exams? No risk, no strings...Probably a lot?

What would you give for the answers to what life is about? Now immediately you're saying to yourself, 'Cute, another little advert for religion. You can have the answer to the ultimate questions of existence!...'

Well it's rather awkward, but, the truth is something like that. In fact, Christianity does not claim to provide the truth about man's existence. It's not quite as easy as sending in a self-addressed envelope and getting back simple answers to universal questions. Perplexities remain. Questions still rise, in fact discovering truth always raises new questions. But, Christianity is truth.

It's hard, substantial, weighty enough truth to have captured the minds and imaginations of Augustine, Aquinas, Pascal and Newton. It's deep enough and broad enough to have been the foundation of Western civilisation for most of the last two millennia.

The core of this truth is simple enough to be grasped by a child and profound enough to feed poets and philosophers through the ages; there is a person behind what we see and experience and that person cares about you. God loves you.

If that's true, it's worth knowing. If He's true, He's worth knowing. A lot of people, many of them sane, reasonable and even intelligent believe they do know Him, and that knowing God is the sweetest thing possible.

The truth isn't easy, but profoundly good. Is it worth looking into?

If you are interested in knowing more we are running a series of presentations and discussions on the core facts of Christianity every Tuesday from Oct 8 at 12.30pm in Elec Eng 508 or you can contact me on 071-584 2933 or through my pigeonhole.

Ben Quant, ICU Christian Outreach, Biochem 2.

Do you want to be a DJ?

By the time you read this you will probably be suffering from the extremes of Freshers' Week, but if you've ever considered being a DJ then keep your tired and gritty eyes open a moment longer and read on.

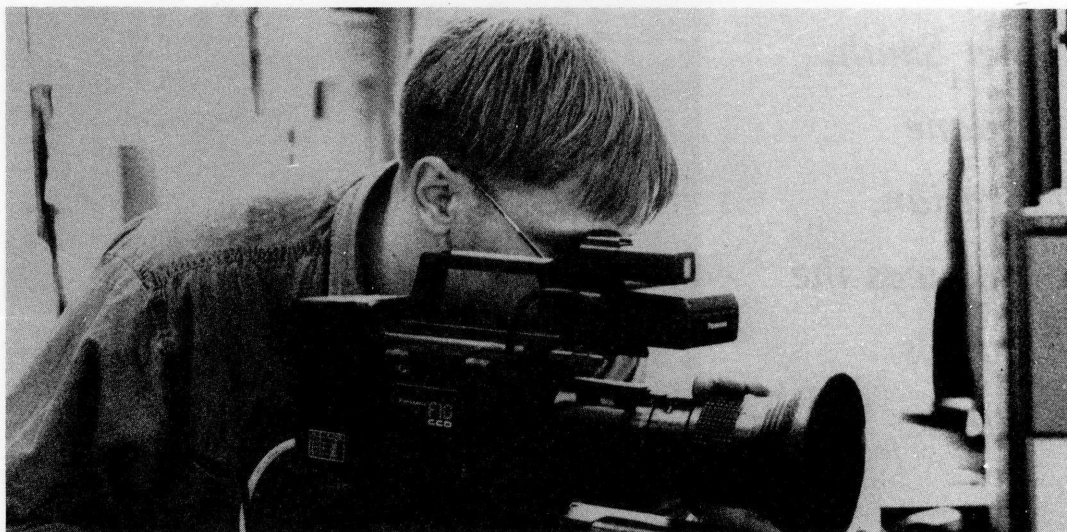
One of the many services provided by the Union is IC Radio. We broadcast across campus on 999 kHz AM and are linked by high quality land lines to many parts of college including the JCR and Southside bar.

So, if you've ever listened to the radio and thought you wouldn't mind having a go or that you could do better yourself, or perhaps you would prefer to be behind the scenes helping with the technical wizardry that keeps us together then come down to our southside studio. The studio is situated beside Southside shop below Falmouth/Keough and Selkirk/Tizard halls. During the summer the studio has been completely rebuilt and refurbished,

and our extensive music library has reached over 15,000 records and several hundred CDs.

Why not pop in and say hello and maybe even get a cup of coffee! Training is very simple and you could be on the air this time next week.

If you have any requests or dedications you can call on the internal telephones. 789 from Southside, 3440 from anywhere else in college.



## Help, Help! Mint Sauce

London Nightline, the night time confidential listening and information service run by and for students from colleges and polytechnics across London, is looking for new volunteers.

Two volunteers man the phones in the Nightline Office at ULU from 6pm to 8am every night during termtime. After an initial training and probationary period lasting one term, each individual is on duty on about four nights a term and in addition is asked to attend ongoing training sessions three times a term.

Volunteers must remain anonymous and respect the absolute confidentiality of all calls. No experience is necessary just the desire to help others by listening without judging them or trying to solve their problems.

Some calls are simply requests

for information from Nightline's reference files, which cover everything from legal rights to nightbus timetables and 'What's On' in London to phone numbers of halls of residence. The training programme also covers this aspect of the work.

If you are interested in finding out more about what becoming a volunteer involves, Nightline are holding an Introductory Meeting on Thursday 17th October at 7.30pm in room 3A, ULU Building, Malet Street, W1. All are welcome.

Alternatively have a chat with one of the volunteers on duty by phoning Nightline on 071-436 5561 or leave a message for Rob Haddock, this year's sabbatical coordinator of London Nightline on the ansaphone during the day.

Film Soc's first film this year is Jonathan Demme's terrifying tour of the mind of the serial killer. *Silence of the Lambs* is an 'edge of the seat' ride through the first case of a novice F.B.I agent. Clarence Starling (Jodie Foster) is forced to seek help from insane psychiatrist, Hannibal the Cannibal (Anthony Hopkins), to catch Buffalo Bill a psychotic who skins his victims. In the process Starling discovers the nature of the mass murderer by Hannibal's exploration of her own life. Hideous, yet compulsive viewing in Mech. Eng. 220 at 7 o'clock on Thursday 10 October



Newcomers to the college are often surprised to learn that Imperial has a non-scientific library. In fact, a general cultural collection has existed in some shape or form since around the time that H.G. Wells urged students to 'show that they were not barbarians'. The present Haldane Library is named after R B Haldane, politician, Renaissance man, and an instigator of the merger of IC's constituent colleges. The Haldane Library has the dual function of providing a wide range of general reading for all members of the College, and supporting the teaching and other activities of the Humanities programme.

Library (books, periodicals, music scores and sound recordings) is currently open from 11.00am to 4.00pm, Monday to Friday, but it is hoped that these hours will be extended during the course of session 1991-92.

The Haldane Library aims to cater for all tastes and it would be impossible to describe its contents exhaustively. Most conspicuous are such subjects as politics, history, travel, biography, music, art history, philosophy, and literature, but there is much more besides. There are, for example, well-used sections on consumer matters, sport, genealogy, transport,

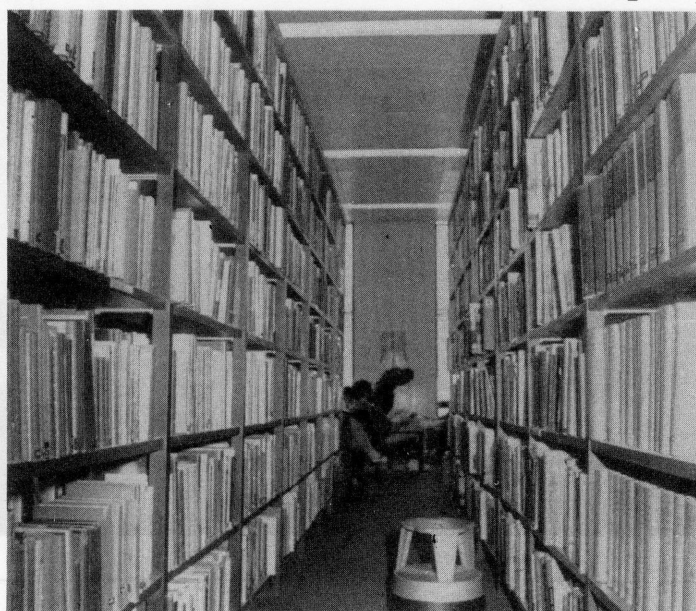
collections of particular significance are fiction and popular music recordings, both of which are financed by the Students' Union and selected by student buyers. The Music Library houses printed music (including a good selection of chamber music parts), language cassettes, some spoken word recordings in addition to the classical and popular recordings already mentioned.

Daily newspapers (*the Times*, *the Financial Times*, *the Guardian*, *the Independent* and *the Daily Telegraph*) are taken, as well as a wide range of magazines and periodicals (including *Autocar* and *Motor*, *Private Eye*, *New Left Review*, *Newsweek*, *Great Outdoors*, *Britain Events* and *Which*), some of them financed by the Union. Some subscriptions support taught courses, notably history periodicals, *Stern* and *L'Express*. There are Ordnance Survey and other maps, atlases, and a good reference collection. In addition, the library receives a selection of publicity material of theatres, concerts, and other events in London. The library also hosts occasional poetry readings.

It remains to say that we welcome new users and are always glad to consider suggestions for new purchases and to forward requests for new fiction titles and popular sound recordings to the Union buyers, who are still to be appointed for this year. The Haldane Library staff are Janet Smith, Haldane Librarian; Jane Agnew, Senior Assistant; and a half-time Music Assistant who is yet to be appointed. We look forward to meeting you!

# The Haldane Library

*Janet Smith,  
Haldane  
Librarian,  
introduces the  
library's  
facilities*



The Haldane Library is situated on Level 2 of the Central Libraries and is accessible from the entrance opposite the Queen's Tower from 9.30am to 9.00pm on Mondays to Fridays (9.30am to 5.30pm on Saturdays) and from the Level 2 entrance between 11.00am and 4.00pm on Mondays to Fridays during term (vacation hours are shorter). The library card, obtainable from the registration desk on Level 1 of the library, permits the borrowing of up to four books (including maps and music scores), two records or cassettes (or one of each), and 2 compact discs. For CDs a contribution of 50p per issue is requested; this is to provide for further purchases and security in the collection, which was set up by means of grants and voluntary contributions. Books may be borrowed for one term, and are issued from the main issue counter on Level 1. Sound recordings are issued for three weeks from the sound recordings issue desk in the Haldane Library itself. The Music

feminism, religion and humour. Beyond this it is well worth a browse to discover some of the curiosities, which, quite apart from the fringes of psychology, range from giants to Egyptian grammar. The most requested authors this year have included Nostradamus, as well as, more predictably, Umberto Eco and Tom Wolfe. Two

## Postgraduates please note

The Maths Advice Centre gives guidance to PGs on mathematical problems connected with their research projects.

Please contact:

**Dr Geoff Stephenson,  
Room 6M24, Maths Dept.  
Tel: 5752**

for an informal discussion of  
your problem.

## BRITISH RED CROSS Imperial College First Aid Course

A standard First Aid Course under the Health and Safety at Work Act will be held on Monday October 7th. If you are interested, come along to the Holland Club at 6pm. Please note that numbers are very limited. Applications will be accepted on a 'first-come-first-served' basis that evening.

**Hope to see you then**

**Roger Serpell  
Group Leader**



**Does global warming present a problem?** Are scientists scaremongering? What will happen if carbon dioxide release into the atmosphere is not curbed? What is the cost of limiting emissions? Questions like these will be tackled by Dr Jeremy Leggett, a research director for Greenpeace International and former earth sciences lecturer at Imperial College, next Wednesday. We preview some of the answers from his book 'Global Warming - the Greenpeace Report'

Global warming often appears to be presented in two different ways. The greens are viewed as harbingers of catastrophe and prescribe lifestyles unacceptable to most people. The other view is that the scientists are being alarmist, that it is pointless to spend huge quantities of money on a problem that might not materialise.

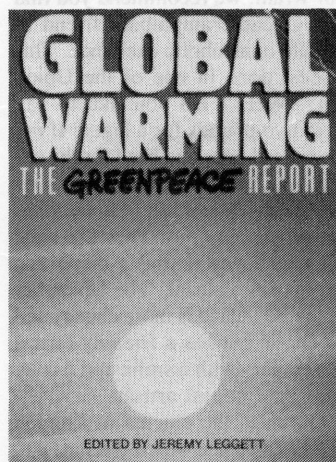
'Global warming - the Greenpeace Report' presents, very clearly and apolitically, the middle road. The broad scientific basis to global warming is fairly well known, but what most 'people on the street' find hard to understand is the concept of scientific uncertainty, the uses of figures with error limits. Given that even the simplest measurement is subject to uncertainty, how much more so the problem of climatic modelling. '...Many critiques somehow understress the fact that the sword of uncertainty has two blades: that is, uncertainties in physical or biological processes which make it possible for the present generation of models to have overestimated future warming effects, are just as likely to have caused the models to have underestimated change...' The problem is compounded by the fact that natural weather variations are large, so that it is difficult to pick up the initial stages of a trend to a warmer earth. What is certain, however, is that the atmospheric concentration of carbon dioxide is very high, and is increasing rapidly. Analyses of cores taken from the ice caps show that high carbon dioxide levels are associated with higher earth temperatures.

Many people argue that global warming may be a good thing. After all, cold areas in the world will surely become fertile, and the increased carbon dioxide will stimulate plant growth, thus

trapping more carbon? The experts think not. Plant growth depends on nutrient availability, which may not increase. Respiration (which releases carbon dioxide) of plants and soil microbes is stimulated by warming more than photosynthesis (which locks up carbon). To avoid mass extinction, plant species will have to migrate many times faster than is shown by the fossil record and modern experiments.

# Insulate

Moreover, increase in global temperature will mean much greater variability in weather patterns: we can expect more storms, more flooding, more drought, more harvest failure and reduced lowland rainfall. In addition, pests that die in cold winters may survive, and disease epidemics are likely to sweep across a world competing for clean water supplies. The outlook seems bleak.



What can be done? Advocates of sackcloth and ashes rarely get a warm reception. It is obvious that the output of carbon dioxide (and other pollutants) must be dramatically curtailed to prevent a rapid change in the earth's average temperature. What is completely wrong is the conception that reduced output is going to cost a huge sum of money. The West must increase efficiency of energy use, a measure that in the long term actually saves money. '...It is generally cheaper today to save fuel than to burn it. Avoiding pollution by not burning the fuel can therefore be achieved, not at a cost, but at a profit - so this result can and should be widely implemented in the market-place...' A chapter on energy efficiency in 'Global Warming' demonstrates how US electricity-generating utilities find it cheaper to subsidise energy-efficient lighting and motors (the

main electricity consumers), than to build new power stations. Information about efficient energy use is needed to increase consumer awareness of the cost-effectiveness of insulation measures, and the use of renewable-energy sources, which can completely replace fossil and nuclear fuels. '...Technology exists that can produce electricity or any temperature heat (up to 1,400 degrees C) directly from natural

resources available at a remote location in nearly any country. The demand can be satisfied without transporting a continuous, long-distance stream of fuel or running long-distance electric-power transmission lines - or emitting vast quantities of greenhouse gases... There is no qualification needed for these statements. Technically, it is possible. Economically, it is a more limited situation, but not nearly as most observers and analysts believe...' Indeed, if governments stopped subsidising fossil fuel usage, but diverted some of that money towards energy-efficient usage of renewable energy, the greenhouse effect could largely be mitigated.

The industrial revolutions of the first world involved relatively small populations, hence relatively small release of carbon dioxide. Old and inefficient technology in a Chinese industrial revolution would result in the release of huge quantities of greenhouse gases. Since lesser-developed countries (LDCs) want to grow, the first world must supply the appropriate technologies, and encourage them to use it. After all, why build power stations and a national grid, when, for a smaller cost (both economic and environmental) you can build micro-grids supplied from renewable resources?

If the world carries on with 'business-as-usual', the effects of global warming will not be pleasant. But the solution to the problem is already available, and at less cost. People and governments must turn their backs on expensive and finite fossil fuels, and think efficiency, think renewable, think long-term.

'Global Warming - the Greenpeace Report', edited by Jeremy Leggett, was published in 1990 by the Oxford University Press.

*'Avoiding pollution by not burning the fuel can therefore be achieved, not at a cost, but at a profit...'*

# to Shiver

**Dr Jeremy Leggett is the first speaker in this year's Physics Departmental Colloquia series. Entitled 'Global Warming: A Climate of Change', the colloquia is on Wednesday (9 October) at 1.15pm in Lecture Theatre 1, level 3, Physics Department.**



In the year of our lord 1991 there came a great storm in the wilderness that strove to bring you news of what goes on in this funky town (who did Funky Town anyway?). Since most of you are impov (erished) students and have little in the way of fiscal embellishments, it might be handy for you if we give you the benefit of our accumulated wisdom. Thirty simple ways to enjoy yourself at Imperial College:

Some of these are less likely than others. For example, 22 is a really bad idea. As is anything to do with sex. No, hang on, that's wrong, sex is a GOOD idea, it's just less likely than the others 'spesh at Imperial. If you like females (human) then there aren't enough to go round (bang goes all non-sexist brownie points. BROWNIES!) The figures go 5000 people here, 4000 blokes (read blerks). Work out the rest you sad sacks. We suggest all you

star curling etc) offers more return than a random visit to a London cinema. To pick the best film to see we find the most accurate and impartial reviews come in Felix in easy to read prose with pictures and everything and they're really good and my mate says he's met one of the reviewers and everything and they're great.

Theatre in London is often as cheap as the cinema if you buy tickets at the last minute. It can open new vistas of pleasure and experience or merely subject you to three hours of Andrew Lloyd-Webber drivel. When you first came here you were almost certainly told that one of the highlights of London was its THEATRE. Taking his sound advice, most of you will never go. That's probably - hell, we don't know anything about theatre. Jonty does, he's the Theatre Sub-Editor thingy, ask him.

geologists out there go gay since you're all such enlightened people (hi there freshers, in-house gag, you'll find out).

Ladies! Do you enjoy being pursued by every piss-artist for miles who fancies himself? Thought so.

That's why, pausing only to vent our wrath, we recommend you find an agreeable amphibian friend to imitate in alcoholic excellence. This is best done in one of the Union bars. WHY? Do you like to pay over two pounds for a lager? If not then avoid pubs and head for the on-site bars. Southside (college bar) is dark, moody and full of good vibes (personal opinion). Pick the right night and you'll find a disco that avoids disco muzak. The Union bar in the Beit Quad is more cliquey and alcoholic but has a friendly crowd of regulars with a smile and a song for every honest artisan.

Going to the cinema in London is an experience which can hurt you badly in the wallet unless you pick carefully. For a start, it's always worth making sure you really want to see whatever it is you're going to see because an average show will leave you emotionally, morally and physically about five pounds lighter. It is possible to find cheaper cinemas than this by : xviii) going to the kind of film that you go to by yourself; xvii) going too early; xvi) flying Virgin Atlantic to Seattle. In fact almost anything (discussing codfish, celebrity all-



Have you been watching Thunderbirds? By an amazing coincidence there used to be Gerry Anderson exhibition at Alton Towers, and he did Thunderbirds. Alton Towers (Stafford) is great fun and marvellous value at under £9 for a day of frolics and roller-coaster adventures. Strictly speaking Alton Towers isn't in London but there is a model of Big Ben in the 'Round the World' crazy golf. In fact Big Ben is only the name of the bell and the clock is only Westminster Palace clock tower.

Dancing is great way to lose weight and tone muscle. It's almost as good as eating celery. There are many places to dance such as Southside bar on Thursday or

Friday. Ents events, the Hippodrome, Whistling Jack's Wiggling Emporium, South Kensington subway, outside the High School of the Performing Arts, in your pants, out of your head, with your newt. London has clubs oozing from every pustule; a lot of the better ones give out flyers in record shops etc. which make the entrance prices more bearable.

Shopping. Oxford Street is not as exciting as it should be. Don't be conned into buying a twenty-piece dinner set. It happens (Hi there Dav) more often than you would think ie. once to our knowledge. That's one out of the eight people in our household, therefore about nine hundred thousand people in the Greater London Area have been caught this way (statistics), so watch out! You will only be able to buy anything you want (if you look in right places) and cash is the only limit. From records to Guinness.

mention that sex will do many of the above, although losing your virginity will not make you shave your head (except for a tuft bit at the back) and sell books to complete strangers. (If you fantasise that your partner is a newt then good luck to you.)

Milk. Love it or hate it it'll get you in the end. White and honest with a creamy top and a choice of skimmed, semi, pasturised and Norman you'll be in a spin to find anything better on your cornflakes. It looks good, tastes good, and by golly it does you credit missus.

Music. You can't stop the music. Nobody can stop the music. Tell the birds 'Don't sing!' Tell the sun 'Don't shine!' Because that's easier to do.

There are loads (read lards) of exhibitions in London. Some are permanent such as the Guinness World of Records in the Trocadero, some are temporary like last year's Lego Motor Show at the Science Museum, and some are imaginary like the Kim Basinger Nude exhibition in Hyde Park (pause for reflection. Comb hair). The Science Museum is smashing super lovely because as a member of the Imperial alumni you will get free admission. If scientifically minded then there is lots to see, if not then you're at the wrong college. The Natural History Museum wouldn't give you free entry if you were Kim Basinger nude (spot my hang up kids). If you should be wandering wistfully through Hyde Park anyway then make it on Sundays because then you get to laugh at the sad cases at Speaker's Corner (Free Nelson Mandela, Jesus Is Not Only Alive But He's Me, Socialist Worker Student Party etc) and join in if you like. You may even meet the gentlemen from HMV if you try. While we're on the subject, remember you should eat less protein and suppress your carnal urges. For further information on this valuable dietary insight ask the highly conspicuous gentleman on Oxford Street. The Aetherius Society, best known for their well-researched claim that Jesus came from Venus, visit Imperial every year With Evidence. In the same vein, so does the Minister For Education. He's not quite as entertaining. It's a poor day in London if you don't spot at least one loony.

Checking out at Sainsbury's may not sound so exciting, but bear in mind other places that you check out of. Checking out of your suite at the Hilton, out of intensive care, all exciting places and there's no reason you shouldn't add your local supermarket to this list. Quite apart from anything else, you'll probably



manage to combine it with loony-spotting. If you don't get offered a gold chain on your way out and have to beat up small children it will be an unusual trip indeed. Another bonus of the Kensington store is celeb-spotting; Willie Rushton! Jan Howard from Howard's Way! They're all there kids!

There are enough societies at Imperial to shake rather a large stick at. If you do anything that there isn't a soc for then either start one, or realize you're a pervy and lurk a while. The freshers fair shows you what's available so we're not telling. Wearing socks is a great pastime. Warm toes, enclosed ankles, something to make holes in.

Crap gags are what we do, At half past one or half past two, Some for us and some for you, Doobee doobee doobee doo.

Far Left, Dancing  
Left, Sex  
Above, Duck

## A Guide

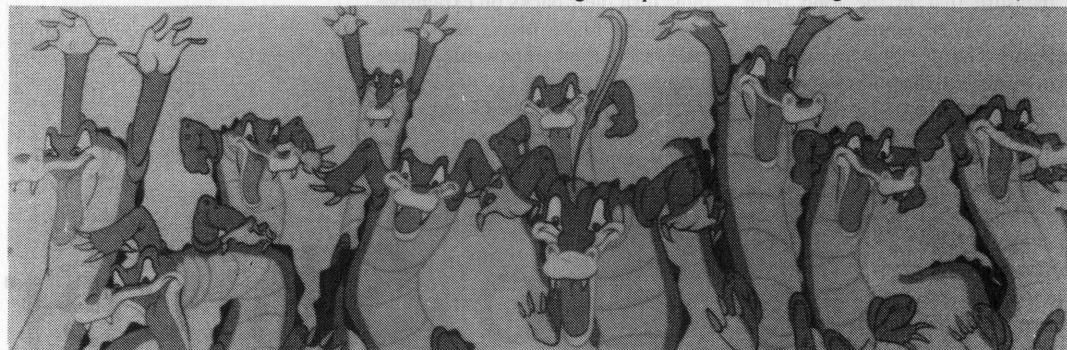
Sex with an animated newt...etc. If you try this, you really haven't got the hang of this recreation lark, have you? Remember, if you can't find a friend (or an consenting newt) to have sex with, why not try a business partner? In Australia sex is a collective name for cloth bags.

Finally, if all this gets you down, remember you're luckier than some. A flatworm's penis comes out of its mouth and is accorded with spikes and poison glands.

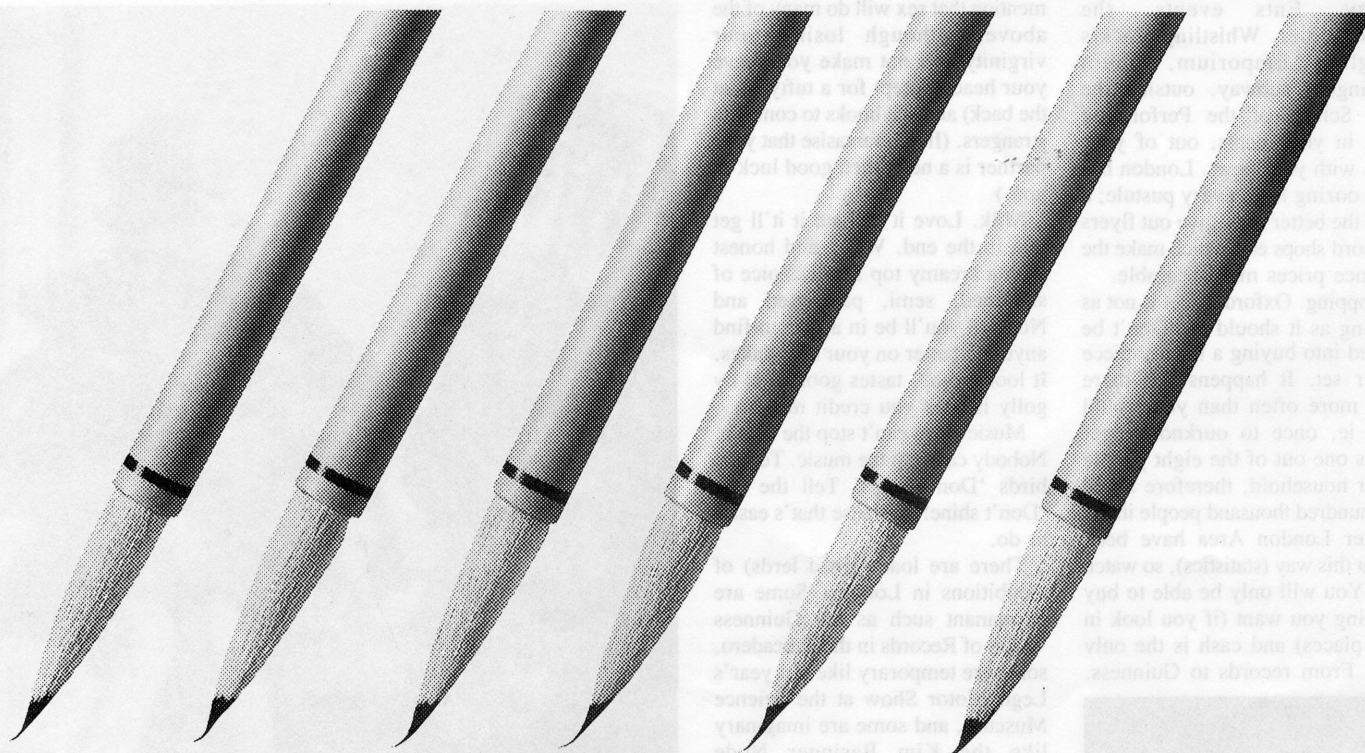
# Living in London

*The Cynical  
Flying Gerbil  
Machine passes  
on some words  
of wisdom for  
living in the  
'Big Smoke'*

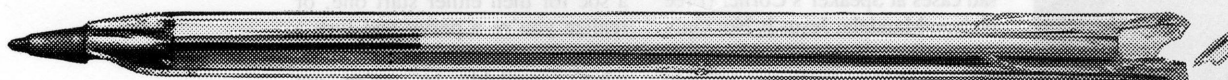
1. Sex
2. Sex with a partner
3. Sex with an animate partner
4. Sex with a business partner
5. Getting pissed as/with/on a newt
7. Going to the flicks
8. Going to the cinema
9. Going to a play
10. Going to Alton Towers
11. Boogieing the night away
12. As 11, but with a newt (see 5)
13. Dance yourself dizzy (Liquid Gold, 1972)
14. Shop
15. Improve your mind
16. Take up Zen Buddhism
17. Sex
18. Milk
19. Music (in-house)
20. Music (out-house)
21. Sex (have we mentioned this yet?)
22. Hi! Amazing Machine, Aries, Bryan Adams look-alike will do everything for you. Box 12, Felix.
23. Check out the exhibitions
24. Check out the exhibitionists
25. Check out at Sainsbury's
26. Join a soc
27. Wear a sock
28. Crap gag! Crap gag!
29. Crap gags
30. Sex with an animate newt engaged in a theatrical venture with you at Sainsbury's The Movie with a sock at the premiere of Can't Stop The Music with the Village People.







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# What's On in College

An up-to-the-minute guide to events in and around Imperial College. If you would like an entry into the What's On column send us copy by the Monday prior to publication at the very latest.

If your club is mentioned here but you would like the entry changed for any reason please come in and see us and we will update our files.

## FRIDAY

**Hang Gliding**.....12.30pm  
Southside Upper Lounge.  
**Yacht Club Meeting**.....12.30pm  
Huxley 413.  
**Conservative Soc**.....12.30pm  
Physics 737.  
**Rag Meeting**.....12.40pm  
Union Lounge.  
**Friday Prayers**.....1.00pm  
Southside Gym. See Islamic Society.  
**Kung Fu**.....4.30pm  
Union Gym.  
**C.U. Prayer Meeting**.....5.00pm  
413 Maths.  
**Christian Union Meeting**...6.00pm  
308 Computing.  
**Swimming**.....6.30pm  
Sports Centre.  
**Fencing Club Training**.....6.40pm  
Club training.  
**Shaolin System**  
**Nam Pai Chuan**.....7.30pm  
Southside Gym.  
**Water Polo**.....7.30pm  
Sports Centre.  
**Southside Disco**.....8.30pm  
Southside Bar.

## SATURDAY

**Kung Fu Club**.....4.30pm  
Wu Shu Kwan in Southside Gym.  
**IC Shotokan Karate**.....10.00pm  
Southside Gym.

## SUNDAY

**Sunday Service**.....10.00am  
Anteroom Sherfield Building.  
**Catholic Chaplaincy Mass**.....11.00am  
53 Cromwell Road.  
**Wargames**.....1.00pm  
UDH.  
**Kung Fu Club**.....4.30pm  
Wu Shu Kwan in the Union Gym.  
**Catholic Mass**.....6.00pm  
53 Cromwell Road.

## MONDAY

**RockSoc Meeting**.....12.30pm  
Southside Upper Lounge.  
**Basketball Club**.....5.30pm  
Volleyball Court. Men's Team.

**Keep Fit**.....5.30pm  
Southside Gym.  
**Intermediate Rock 'n' Roll**.....6.00pm  
JCR.  
**Afro-Carib Meeting**.....6.00pm  
Concert Hall.  
**Swimming**.....6.30pm  
Sports Centre.  
**Beginners Rock 'n' Roll**.....7.00pm  
JCR.  
**IC Shotokan Karate**.....7.30pm  
Southside Gym.  
**Water Polo**.....7.30pm  
Sports Centre.  
**Latin American**.....8.00pm  
JCR.

## TUESDAY

**C.U. Prayer Meeting**.....8.30am  
Chaplain's Office  
**Essential Christianity**.....12.30pm  
Mech Eng 508.  
**Riding Club Meeting**.....12.30pm  
Southside Upper Lounge.  
**AudioSoc**.....12.30pm  
S.C.R.  
**Radio Modellers**.....12.30pm  
Southside Lounge.  
**Cathsoc Mass**.....12.30pm  
Mech Eng 702. Followed by lunch.  
**Sailing Club**.....12.30pm  
Southside Lounge.  
**Women's group meeting**...12.30pm  
Union Dining Hall.  
**PhotoSoc**.....1.00pm  
Southside Lounge.  
**Career's Talk**.....1.30pm  
Huxley LT 213.  
**Radio Modellers**.....5.30pm  
Mech Eng.  
**Keep Fit**.....5.30pm  
Southside Gym.  
**Amenesty International**.....5.30pm  
Clubs Committee Room.  
**Wine Tasting Soc**.....6.00pm  
Union Lounge.  
**Improvers Ballroom**.....6.00pm  
JCR.

**Canoe Club**.....6.15pm  
Beit Quad store or 8.30pm in  
Southside Upper Lounge.  
**Judo**.....6.30pm  
Union Gym.  
**ICSF Film 'Flatliners'**.....7.00pm  
Mech Eng 220. ICSF members only.  
Membership £2.50.  
**Ballroom Bronze Medal**.....7.00pm  
JCR.  
**Yoga**.....8.00pm  
Southside Gym.

## WEDNESDAY

**Keep Fit**.....12.30pm  
Southside Gym.  
**Bike Club**.....12.45pm  
Southside Lounge.  
**Cycling Training**.....1.00pm  
Meet at Beit Arch.

**Wargames**.....1.00pm  
UDH. All welcome.  
**Micro Club Meeting**.....1.15pm  
Top floor NW corner Union  
Building.  
**Kung Fu**.....1.30pm  
Union Gym.  
**Diving**.....6.30pm  
Swimming Pool.  
**Shaolin System**  
**Nam Pai Chuan**.....7.00pm  
Southside Gym.  
**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.  
**Balloon Club Meeting**.....12.30pm  
Southside Upper Lounge.  
**YHA Meeting**.....12.30pm  
Southside Upper Lounge.  
**Postgrad Lunch**.....12.30pm  
Chaplain's Office (10 Princes  
Gardens).  
**Fencing Training**.....12.30pm  
Beginners Training.

**Fencing Training**.....1.30pm  
General.  
**Career's Talk**.....1.30pm  
Huxley LT 213.  
**Gliding Club Meeting**.....1.00pm  
Aero 266.  
**3rd World Cheese & Wine**...5.30pm  
Union Clubs Committee Room. Top  
Floor.  
**Keep Fit**.....5.30pm  
Southside Gym  
**Midweek Service**.....5.30pm  
Chaplain's Office (10 Prince's  
Gardens).  
**HG Wells Wine & Cheese**...6.00pm  
Union Lounge. Ground Floor.  
Everyone welcome.  
Southside Gym.  
**New Beginners Ballroom**...6.00pm  
JCR.  
**Improvers Ballroom**.....7.00pm  
JCR.  
**IC Shotokan Karate**.....7.30pm  
Southside Gym.  
**Intermediate Ballroom**.....8.00pm  
JCR.  
**Southside Disco**.....8.30pm  
Southside Bar.  
**ICCAG Soup Run**.....9.15pm  
Meet Weeks Hall Basement.

Imperial College  
Union  
**Career's Fair**  
Marquee on Queen's  
Lawn  
15th and 16th October

## Small Ads

• Who is this Jake Smith anyway?

## Career's Corner

Final year undergraduates and postgraduates should have received a personal copy of the Graduate Recruitment Programme and the Programme of Events.

There are two Careers Talks this coming week in LT 213 Huxley at 1.30 - 2.20pm:

• Tuesday 8th October. Introducing the Careers Advisory Service by John Simpson, Director, ICCAS.

• Thursday 10th October. Graduate Study in the USA by Dr David Stuckey, a former US Scholar.

## SELF-DEFENCE SESSIONS

Available to all students  
Tue 8 and Thur 10 Oct  
£3.00  
6pm

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both sessions  
Book up in Union Office  
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# Southwell's Shame

Dear Felix,

As the committee of Southwell Hall, we are writing to you in order to express our concern at the current condition of this Hall. Last year our concerns were countered by promises of swift action and maintenance over the summer break. None of these promises were honoured. This has resulted in a further decline in the state of the hall despite an increase in the rent for a single room.

We arrived in hall a week early in order to prepare for the arrival of the new residents. Traditionally this has involved moving and rearranging furniture, both in rooms and the communal areas. However, this year we have spent approximately 250 man hours engaged in these activities as well

as reporting defects, cleaning out rubbish, mending locks, and repairing furniture. This figure does not include work done by the wardens, subwardens, and college maintenance men and cleaners. During this time 118 minor defects (requiring less than 15 minutes to repair) and 19 major defects (requiring hours to days to repair) of an essential nature were reported. This excludes major faults such as water hammer (?—Rose), holes and cracks in walls, peeling paint, and shoddy furniture. The two maintenance men employed by college to look after all the 650+ rooms in Evelyn Gardens have been working extremely hard. Unfortunately, there are simply not enough of them for the task in hand.

There are three particular points

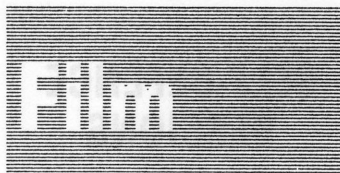
which we would like to make. Firstly, Southwell is a self-catering hall. Currently there is: one microwave per 45 residents; one oven for 28 residents; and one working cooker element for five residents. Secondly, the rain over the last weekend resulted in three new leaks. We expect one to three further leaks every time we experience a major rainstorm. Finally, three years ago when Southwell and Mining Houses were amalgamated into Southwell Hall, college promised an upgrade for the entire hall. This has yet to materialise. We could continue, but we believe that we have made our point.

We were all extremely concerned about the reactions of the new residents and their parents. It was

with considerably embarrassment that we showed them to rooms which, despite the efforts detailed previously, contained stained and threadbare carpets, peeling paint on the walls and ceilings, and extremely old furniture. We hope that bringing this matter to your attention will promote some discussion concerning the current state of IC accommodation.

Yours sincerely,  
Richard Evans,  
Louise Rickard,  
Guy Franklin,  
Karen Young,  
Natalie Godfrey,  
Peter Dahill,  
Lee Jefferson,  
Phil Shimmmin,  
Simon Daykin,  
Ian Lee-Prudhoe.

## Trust



Hal Hartley with *Trust* has yet again proven, on a shoestring budget, his ability to make us laugh at even the darkest subjects. His second attempt proves that his first film, *The Unbelievable Truth*, was not just a one-time thing but an intimation of things yet to come.

*Trust* is about two people helping each other realise that the stereotypes imposed on them are not necessarily who they are and the transformation that takes place in the process. The issues touched upon by Hartley such as child abuse and alcoholism never become overemphasised. He retains this light-handed attitude with snappy dialogue and a bit of surrealism. (Now really, who would carry a live hand grenade just in case he decided to commit suicide or blow up a building?) That's part of the charm of this movie; slight quirks keep the film just off-balance enough for us to laugh in the middle of an abortion scene and not feel guilty about it later.

Matthew Slaughter, the lead played by Martin Donovan, is desperately trying to retain his

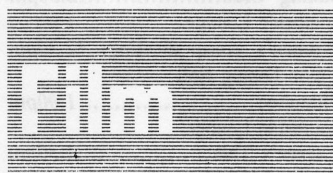
integrity in a world of business that cares more about quotas than quality. Even here Hartley does not sermonise on the cold cruelty of big business. Rather, we laugh at Matthew's way of dealing with it - putting his supervisor's head in a vise, for example. By doing this we don't feel like we've spent two hours in a cinema being imprinted with 'messages' and have a good time instead.

Adrienne Shelley plays his young lover. Shelley lends just enough wide-eyed innocence to her part of Maria - the 17-year old drop-out pregnant slut - that we have little difficulty believing in her transformation to a bookish pseudo-intellectual with the help of Matthew. Martin Donovan exudes such charm on-screen that for anyone not to fall in love with him would be hard - let alone an insecure girl like her. The island these two characters create for themselves in a world gone mad on reality gives us just enough hope for humanity yet.

If you've ever wanted to laugh at American suburbia and the ridiculous stereotypes perpetuated by this subculture - go see this movie. Hell - even if you haven't - see *Trust* for the sincere enjoyment of the madness created in what we call the 'real world'.

Jennifer Argabright.

## Tetsuo



Blood! Gore! Fear! and Metal! describe the two films currently being shown at the ICA. *Red & Rosy* is a comic documentary about drag racer Richard 'Big Red' Friedman. After a near fatal crash, he emerges from 32 hours of surgery with an insatiable addiction to adrenaline - other people's. He still goes on to marry gorgeous Drag Queen, Rosy, whose scrap metal empire provides his adrenaline powered drag simulator. Together they continue to lure terrified victims to fuel their addiction, unaware of the terrible physiological consequences of adrenaline abuse and loud music!

*Tetsuo* (meaning The Iron Man) is a terrifying concoction of gore and metal. A metal fetishist forces a rusting steel bar into his thigh. The wound becomes inevitably maggot-infested and, in panic, he is injured by a hit-and-run driver. Through telepathy and other weirdness, the victim begins to warp and plague the driver's mind as both are slowly engulfed by the invincible metal the punk loves.

The film is crude and gut-

wrenching in its sick perversions and humour. Anything but subtle, the driver and his fiancée go through ten positions in as many seconds before his penis mutates into an erotic power drill - you can imagine the rest. This is, of course, that he dreams of being buggered by a snake.

Hm.

The Mutant

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# editorial

**It has been a manic week. I have** had so much caffeine pumped into my system that I have been buzzing near the ceiling most of the time. All these fresh-faced and enthusiastic first years have given me intimations of mortality and made me feel very old. All in all it has been an emotionally as well as physically and mentally draining week.

## The Sports Centre

This looks like it is going to become the first cause célèbre of the academic year. This issue contains a news story on the subject, and I have already received two letters against the proposed changes and a promise of one from Val Straw, of College Estates, saying what a good idea they are. None of these reached Felix in time for inclusion (**deadline - Monday lunchtime**), but they will go in next week's. It is true that the Sports Centre is, at best, rather spartan. Unfortunately a vast investment such as the one proposed inevitably means that prices for students will go up. I believe that most students would prefer a basic sports centre they could afford rather than a plush one that they could not. If student prices do not go up then their access will be increasingly limited allowing outside people to use the facility originally intended for the students and staff of Imperial.

Having attended an Athletic Clubs Committee meeting in which the subject was raised, it has become clear that students simply do not trust that the progenitors of this scheme have students' interests at heart. I do not think this is unduly cynical - very few of college's

money spinning ideas ever do. In fact it was unanimously agreed that the proposed changes were bad, and a number of individuals commented that the College was less than wholly frank and open on the entire subject. The consensus was that all the clubs that use the facilities are seriously pissed off about the change in prices, arrangements and times of access, so annoyed in fact that they are going to do something about it. This is a rare occurrence at Imperial - things have to be seriously bad for students to start doing something to rectify the situation.

There is a rather strange circular argument being propounded concerning the reason for the face lift. To wit, better facilities are necessary to attract external sporty types, which presumably are needed to finance the building of the better facilities. Zoë Hellinger has said that if the Sports Centre intends to try to dig into Harlington Trust funds, the Union will strongly contest it. Students will have to pay for these facilities through increased prices and restricted access. I fail to see the benefit for students since they do not require jacuzzis, saunas, sunbeds and extra cafés. That part of the college is very well endowed with place to buy food and drink, and most of the luxury 'health spa' bits can be found at the University of London Union. In any case very few students are going to have the time to lay for hours in a sunbed, and those who find a warmish shower a luxury are unlikely to fork out for a jacuzzi. A cleaner facility would be nice, though.

In conclusion, short of more

evidence that the changes are going to help Imperial students, I cannot see the Union, including Felix, supporting the scheme. Despite what the various managers of Sherfield and the Sports Centre say, the facility is the Imperial College Sports Centre, not the 'Imperial' or 'South Kensington' Sports Centre. The former is Mr Coleman's preference, the latter, Mr Marshall's.

## Career's Fair

One of the biggest events that the Union puts on each year is the Career's Fair. This year it will be held on the Queen's Lawn in a marquee on Tuesday 15th and Wednesday 16th October. Over 60 British and international companies will be attending, and final year students should pay a visit.

In this time of recession any opportunity of finding a job ought to be snapped up - even those not in their final year should have a snoop.

## Staff Meeting

All those interested in Felix should come along today (Friday) at 1.00pm for a staff meeting. I am open to suggestions as to how Felix should look, what its content should be and who wants to get involved in what. Also, it would be a fine time to show all the new people the ropes.

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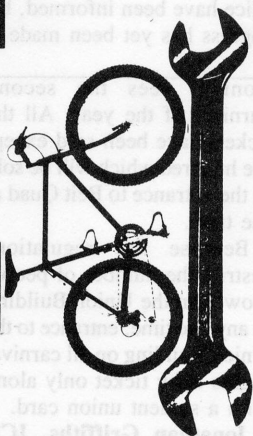
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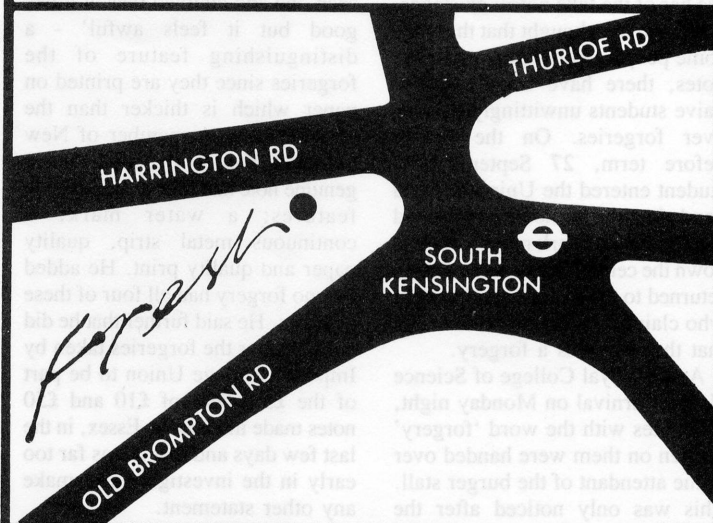


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## Union Building Done Up

Students who have already made use of the Union Building this term may have noticed that it has received a substantial facelift over the summer. The entire building has been redecorated and large areas, including the toilets and Ents Lounge and Union Office, have been refitted. Mandy Hurford, Union Manager, estimated the total cost at about £60,000.

The money came mostly from the

Union's Bar and Catering Committee and House Committee (responsible for the upkeep of the building) with only a £7,500 contribution from the College authorities.

The move followed a questionnaire circulated amongst students which revealed that many students avoided the union building because of the poor decor and standard of cleanliness.

## EMERGENCY

The Union Handbook is required urgently by large numbers of students at Imperial College. Much has not yet been collated and it cannot be done by Union staff and sabbaticals alone.

**Could all those who wish to help please meet in the Ents Lounge in the Union Building on Monday 7 October at 7pm.**

**Contact Zoë on 3501  
or Adam on 3515  
if you require more information**

## Forging Ahead

About fifty pounds in forged ten pound notes have been passed to union facilities in the last two weeks. According to Andy Flannagan, Union Bar manager, such notes are presently flooding North and West London.

The forgery was detected when the Bar's takings were sent to the bank which informed the police and the bar of the fake notes' existence. Although it is thought that there are some people deliberately using the notes, there have been cases of naive students unwittingly passing over forgeries. On the Friday before term, 27 September, a student entered the Union Bar and handed over a note which had neither a watermark nor a solid line down the centre. It was immediately returned to the disconcerted student who claimed he had no knowledge that the note was a forgery.

At the Royal College of Science Union Carnival on Monday night, two notes with the word 'forgery' written on them were handed over to the attendant of the burger stall. This was only noticed after the

event since the people on the stall could not see the writing due to the difficult circumstances. Ramesh Patel, assistant bar manager, said that in future a lamp will be provided for the benefit of stallholders.

Roger Pownall, Southside Bar manager, said that he had not been offered any forgeries yet, but he had seen one and claimed that 'it looks good but it feels awful' - a distinguishing feature of the forgeries since they are printed on paper which is thicker than the genuine note. A member of New Scotland Yard commented that a genuine note had four distinguishing features: a water mark, a continuous metal strip, quality paper and quality print. He added that no forgery had all four of these qualities. He said further that he did not consider the forgeries taken by Imperial College Union to be part of the £5m haul of £10 and £50 notes made in Harlow, Essex, in the last few days and that it was far too early in the investigation to make any other statement.

## Thieves Lush

*Lack of licence loses lucrative gig*

Terry Briley, security officer, has expressed exasperation that people have still not learned that valuables left unattended are easy pickings. He said that the number of wallets stolen were about average for this time of year when thieves can masquerade as freshers with little difficulty.

Wallets have been stolen from the Student Union, the Physics Department, the Maths Department and the Health Centre. In all cases the thieves walked into an unlocked office and simply took them from unattended jackets.

## Dramatic

The Imperial College Dramatic Society, DramSoc, had both a windfall and a loss over the Summer. While organising the 'Theatre West End' (TWE) contribution to the Edinburgh Fringe festival, they entered a prize draw for dramatic societies, and won a lighting desk worth £3000.

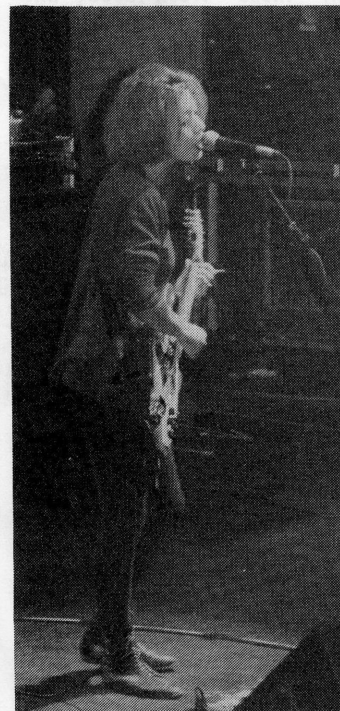
On return from Edinburgh, on the 1st September, all the lighting and sound equipment was left in the concert hall, behind a single locked door. The equipment was checked and all was found to be present on the 3rd, but when setting up for fresher's week, much was found to be missing.

An inventory was taken and over £9,000 of equipment (replacement cost) was found to be missing. The lighting and audio gear was described as being ideal for a band or small theatre, consisting of lights, and a complete 500 Watt pa system. Police have been informed, but no progress has yet been made.

Tonight sees the second carnival of the year. All the tickets have been sold except the hundred which will be sold at the entrance to Beit Quad at the time.

Because fire regulations restrict the number of people allowed in the Union Building at any one time, entrance to the Union Building on all carnival nights is by ticket only along with a student union card.

**Jonathan Griffiths, ICU  
Deputy President**



The band 'Lush', due to play a concert in the Union on the 9th October have pulled out. The Promoters, Metropolis Music, booked what they thought was an open show with no restrictions on entry. Imperial College Union is not permitted to hold a public entertainments licence, needed for this type of event, so only students of the college would be allowed to attend.

Because of this, Metropolis agreed to co-promote the show with Imperial College Ents with tickets stating 'students and their guests only'. Despite this, Metropolis continued to set up an open show, against the ICU byelaws.

Much advertising had already been circulated, but when the band heard of the restrictions, they pulled out of the show. Ents Chairman, Graham Lawton, who originally booked the band, said 'We spent a lot of time trying to rescue it, but there's nothing we could do'.

## Railcards

British Rail are offering half price Young Person's Railcards until 9 November. They will cost £8 instead of £16. Forty pence of this will go to the Friends of the Earth.