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Security Slammed

A room in Southside Halls was forcibly entered last Friday and a large amount of electronic equipment, including a hi-fi system and a camera, were stolen. Forensic tests carried out by police officers on Monday uncovered no evidence as to the identity of the criminals.

Dr John Hassard, warden of Selkirk and Tizard Halls, told Imperial College News Network (iCNN) that the theft was 'the latest in a long line of losses' not just from rooms but from common areas in Southside as well. Dr Hassard also queried the suitability of the new swipe card system being installed around college, even though he does hope that the system will be a success. He quotes sources at Sabre Access Control Systems Ltd, the manufacturers of the system, as saying that individual cards will

often become inoperable. This may lead to attempts to ensure access, such as propping doors open. But Keith Reynolds, IC chief security officer, is sure that any problems will only be minor teething problems and procedures to rectify problems will be quick and simple. Mr Reynolds said that he had installed similar systems in the past and in 18 months, with 4000 cards, only 3 cards went wrong. Together with increased patrols to make College security forces more visible and the possibility of Close Circuit Television cameras in halls, Mr Reynolds said that the swipe system should go a long way to increasing college security. He said that the system had been 'put in with a lot of thought to try and make life simple for everyone.' (iCNN)

Election Update

No candidates have put their names up for the posts of President and Deputy President of the Union for the 1992 sabbatical elections, except New Election. The three options for the post of Felix Editor and Print Unit Manager are Jonty Beavan, Toby Jones and New Election. Mr Beavan is proposed by the former Publications Board chairman, Richard Evers and Mr Jones is proposed by Sarah Harland, from Aero 3.

The two Honorary Secretary (Events) candidates so far are Nick Allen, proposed by Laurie McNamee, and New Election. The New Election campaign is usually organised by the current Honorary Secretary, in this case Steve Farrant, though the Imperial College News Network (iCNN) may run a campaign based on a

previous slogan, 'can you think of a better reason to vote New Election?,' accompanied by a photograph of the current sabbatical officers.

Guidelines for the coverage of the election by iCNN are freely available from the Felix Office and are posted on the Union notice board outside the Union Office. Declan Curry, iCNN election media co-ordinator, said that the guidelines were merely to help candidates to plan their campaign to maximum effect.

Candidate's manifestoes will be published in Felix next Friday, the day that sabbatical papers come down. Deadline for acceptance of manifestoes is this Monday. STOIC, the television service, will also be producing campaign videos for candidates. (iCNN)

Trousers

Photograph: Simon Gavier.



The leader of the Liberal Democrats, Paddy Ashdown, spoke at the 'Youth and Student Day' held at Westminster Central Hall on Thursday. Members of Parliament from all parties attended, including Mr Tony Benn, who when asked what Labour could do for students told iCNN 'I don't see it that way. I ask what students have to offer this country, because a new generation with new ideas and high hopes must make their contribution.' An interview with Mr Ken Livingstone will be broadcast on IC Radio tonight at 8.00pm. (iCNN)

Exam Relief

Students with exams in the first week of next term may be able to move back into their rooms in Princes Gardens in the week before the end of the Easter Vacation. Nicky Fox, Union Housing Officer, said that anyone with exams in the first week of next term should write to their department and include exam dates on the Easter Accommodation application form. Loretto O'Callaghan, IC

Accommodation Officer, said that although cleaning and hall maintenance would be taking place 'every effort would be made to accommodate students who have exams.' She continued that students can help by submitting accommodation forms, and that this should be done as soon as possible. The applications closing date is 28th February.

Fishing in Muddy Water

Dear Adam,

There are so many examples of poor management and incompetence at Imperial that it is difficult to know which to write about. We have a Union President who behaves like a spoiled brat, a Union Store that has half full shelves for much of the time and is forever running out of basic items such as A4 paper, a snack bar in the JCR that is 20% more expensive than local bakeries—the list is endless.

However, rather than the annoying but trivial, I would like to write about the life-threatening—the potential death-trap that is

Fisher Hall. In the event of a fire at night, it is my opinion that many of us would not get out. This will not be because of poor access; on the contrary, Fisher had ten main escape routes. It will be due to the inadequacy of our fire alarm. On the one occasion when it was tested last term, (at 9am) considerable numbers didn't hear it, others only recognised the faint ringing noise in the background as a fire alarm because we had heard all the other fire alarms in Evelyn Gardens being tested earlier that morning.

I raised these and other points with Ian Tillet (College Safety Officer) (Adam—I think that's the

right description) (Ian Gillet, Safety Director, I think—Ed) in November of last year, and was assured that he would 'look into it' (is this college-management-speak for 'I am going to ignore everything you've just said'?). As you might have already guessed, nothing had been done. I am sure that bodies such as the Health and Safety Executive would take a dim view of such blatant disregard for safety by senior management, so hopefully this letter will produce a result.

Yours hopefully,
C A France, Civ Eng 1.

A Bid for Sponsorship

Dear Adam

Imperial College is a renowned University that seems to take no advantage of its worldwide reputation. Good students may become good clients. Computer manufacturers should realise that if IC students get to use advanced technology equipment, it will have positive marketing consequences for Brand X, who provided the equipment, when these students

graduate and are in a position of purchasing similar equipment for their company; one tends to choose machines one is familiar with. Of course, if these are tragically out of date, the image given is a bad one. Working on old, slow, dumb PCs all day, I loathe all IBM equipment, and dream of Apollo or Digital Equipment workstations. Some students don't even know what a good computer is like.

Manufactures, show them!

Chemical Engineering students, those of Mechanical Engineering, Civil Engineering, Biology and all the others, do you have all the equipment you dream of? Do you even know what to dream of? Manufacturers, show us!

Yours sincerely,
Mathieu Delattre, Elec Eng PG

Frigging Pompous

Dear Sir,

I've just read the last edition of Felix with great amusement, and a little disappointment. There are at last some signs of initiative and humour from across the park. I am of course talking about the case of the missing Felices! Whilst in no way fully endorsing Miss Hellinger's (and others') actions, it

appeals to me to see any group of people willing to get up off their backsides and stop the destruction of months of hard work.

Far more predictable, however has been the backlash from Felix, who as usual have produced conceited, self-satisfied, editorial drivel. What a shame Felix doesn't use its potential to inform and

encourage student opinion, rather than wallowing in its own ego.

So come on Felix, get a sense of humour, get back on the students' side, and stop being so frigging pompous!

Yours faithfully,
Chris Sweeting.

Third World Debt

Dear Adam,

At the union EGM on 6th February, a motion concerning Third World Debt was narrowly defeated. The motion called on the union to stamp all cheques which it processes with the message 'Stamp Out Third World Debt Now!' and to send fax messages in protest to the chairmen of the big four banks. Neither of these actions would require much time or expense and, given that the vote was so close and that many people seemed confused by the issues, I feel I must write to discuss it.

The debt crisis began in the 1970s when western banks were flooded with oil dollars following massive increases in the price of oil. The banks saw lending to Third World countries as a safe way of re-investing this money. Huge loans were offered, often to despots and military governments who had no

intention of using them for the benefit of the poor in their countries. They were only interested in buying armaments to maintain their rule over the people. The people of these countries saw no benefit from these loans and are now burdened with an unpayable debt.

Today, the total amount owed is £557 billion, requiring an annual interest payment of £37 billion. To attempt just to pay the interest, the world's poorest countries are forced into using their resources to produce cash crops for the west.

Thus, over half the children in Ghana are malnourished while over half of Ghana's farming land is growing cocoa for western chocolate bars. During the great drought in the Sahel, production of peanuts for export actually increased. Sudan was still exporting food in 1990 when on the verge of

famine.

In Brazil, 400,000 children die each year from hunger related diseases, yet Brazil is one of the world's biggest food exporters. The number of child deaths per year in Brazil increased 12% in the first two years of the debt crisis.

Contrary to what is widely believed, the British banks have not written off their Third World Debt. What they have done is to 'provide for' it, meaning they have assumed in their accounts that the debt, or most of it, will never be repaid. This makes no difference as far as the countries who owe the money are concerned. The reason the banks did this was because they can claim tax relief on money they set aside against non-repayment of the debt. In fact, when they have provided for the total amount owed, our banks will have received \$7 billion in tax relief, this is three

Luddites

Dear Adam,

One way to get a machine to eat your card in eight simple steps:

1. Put card in machine (warning, fatality approaching).
2. Type in pin number (get it right).
3. Ask for balance.
4. Get it.
5. When it asks if you want another service say no (especially if you mean yes).
6. When it spits out your card, put it back (big mistake).
7. Lights go off, munch, munch, munch, bloody munch. Out of order sign appears.
8. Yell 'Oh F**k' several times. So what happens now? (In easy stages.)

1. Go to bank.
2. Wait for 20 minutes (minimum).
3. Complain bitterly, getting very p***ed off indeed.
4. Hear them say I'm sorry we can't open the machine until Monday.
5. Plead with them.
6. Repeat (4).
7. Write a cheque to cash (no card).
8. Get asked for ID.
9. Throw an ICU card at them.
10. They give you the money at last.

11. Repeat (8) from previous list.
12. Turn up to lecture very late.
13. Copy up frantically (still fuming).
14. Write silly lists because you're in a bad mood—understandably.

Yours sincerely,
Name withheld by request.

times Britain's annual foreign aid budget.

Last year, the Third World managed to pay the west £25 billion towards the £37 billion required interest. It is obvious, not only that the debt can never be repaid, but that the Third World cannot even afford to pay the interest. Each year the amount owed is more. Each year the world's poorest countries try to produce more cash crops, forcing the value of such commodities down and so receiving even less to give to the western banks. Someday, somehow, all this is going to have to stop. The most important thing we can do to help the people of the Third World is to convince our banks that this suffering is unjustifiable and we're not going to stand for it.

Yours sincerely,
Mark Richardson, Physics 2.

editorial

Millions of people starve in this shite heap we call the world. To countless billions more, life is nothing but a fifty year long collection of assorted miseries. Measles kills millions of children in what is termed 'the third world' - a term which puts the majority of people on the planet at the end of the queue. Perhaps for 'third world' we should read 'third class.'

So forgive me if I promulgate an unusual view concerning AIDS. Death is an appalling tragedy, no matter who it is who dies, so I find it nothing less than revolting that so much money is being spent on finding expensive drugs which will only benefit a few hundred thousand - at the most - when minimal investment would save millions of lives and improve billions more. If you think any anti-AIDS drug will benefit any of the millions who have it in Africa, think again. To governments who spend what little they have on buying equipment to kill large numbers of people more effectively, drugs are a luxury, particularly since they cannot feed those who would survive. Don't get me wrong - AIDS is a horrible disease, it is not a 'punishment', nor does anyone 'deserve' it and I wish that nobody had it - hence I wish the information contained within

this issue, which aims to prevent the spread of the disease, with great approval. The hysteria surrounding the disease is completely out of proportion to the damage it does. More people die in traffic accidents. Is anything done about this? No.

The image that immediately presents itself is of an evening party of self indulgent brats complaining bitterly that it may come to an end, while the poor of the town press their noses up against the window. AIDS is avoidable. It is no more deadly than a hundred other diseases, but merely because it has put the frighteners on the 'first world', so used to doing exactly what it likes, buckets of money has been poured into it.

I hope a cure is found for AIDS, and I wish I could help those who have it, but to be impartial about the issue, I wish far more strongly that starving countries could be given access to the cure they need. Unlike AIDS, the cure for starvation is known. If a cure for AIDS is found, like the cure for starvation, that cure will never benefit the developing world. After all, they are all foreigners, mostly black, and they have committed the worst sin of all - they are very poor.

Changing their Spots

There appears to be a flurry of

name changing going on in the academic establishments around the country at the moment. The University of Wales College, Cardiff (UWCC) has mooted the possibility of changing to the 'University of Cardiff' if the Polytechnic of Wales becomes the 'University of Glamorgan.' In this week's *Pluto*, of Lancashire Polytechnic, the lead story was of the possibility of becoming the 'University of Lancashire in Preston' (UCLiP). *Pluto* also reported that Oxford University may become the 'University of Central Oxfordshire in Oxford,' allowing Oxford Polytechnic to become 'Oxford University.' And the Polytechnic of Central London is thinking of becoming the 'University of Westminster.'

What the hell is going on? I suspect each institution is trying to outbid their competitors by finding the most cumbersome name which will stick out in a list. By this yard stick the Imperial College of Science, Technology and Medicine should remain so for quite a while. Sadly, the *Imperial* bit does seem rather old fashioned, and *college* is, after all, a diminutive version of an academic institution. Given that the College has obvious pretensions towards independence, and it gets directly funded by the Universities' Funding Council (UFC), unlike all other London University colleges,

it seems likely that we will graduate to Universitydom within the decade future. And what if we merge with the Royal College of Music in Prince Consort Road? That would lend a far more civilised air to the college, as would merger with the nearby Royal College of Art. There have long been rumblings of merger with the Royal Holloway and Bedford New College, near Staines, and Brunel University in Uxbridge. St Mary's may soon open negotiations with the Charing Cross Hospital. Open the curtains on the 'West London and Middlesex University of Science, Technology, Medicine, Music and Art' or WLMUSTMMA.

Whoopie-do. I can't wait.

Collective two week credits.

Poddy, Stef, Andy T, Mario D'Onofrio, Khurram, Sam, Steven N, Andy, Han Mien Kho, Abdul Malek Said, Peter Wright, Jon Jordan, Nicky Fox, Stef Ruis, Zoë Hellinger and all the AIDS contributors, Toby, John Simpson, Ian, James, Troy Tempest, the Elephant author, Simon, Paul, the Osset authors, Graham Lawton, Steve F, Jonty, Declan, David H-B, Rose, Auntie Marge, die geessenen Beutel des Rückens and variously clear sons of Fergus, David S, Chris duPois, Stuart le Suisse and the one and only, and dearly beloved, Richard Eysers. Ha. I didn't forget.

Have you seen our February & March Special Offers?

BREAKFAST

in The Main Dining Hall
Sherfield Building
8.30am-10.00am

Scrambled Egg, Baked Beans, 2 Toast 99p

Bacon, Sausage, Hash Browns, Tomato 99p

Scrambled Egg, Sausage, Bacon, Toast, Juice, Coffee £1.75

SPECIAL IMPERIAL BREAKFAST:

Scrambled Egg, Toast, Mushrooms, Bacon, Sausage, Tomato, Coffee
£1.99

Next Saturday is 29th February is called Leap Day and that's exactly what's happening.

It's the culmination of a large series of events that have been occurring at universities up and down the country for the last month or so, to raise vast sums of money for Oxfam. The main event that most universities have been participating in has been a sponsored 1,000 mile leap frog, with each university contributing a couple of miles or so.

It's on the leap frog theme that Oxfam have been concentrating. Their mascot for this promotion is Leap Frog, springy badges of whom have been on sale and it's on the same theme that all of the leap day's events have been planned.

On the Saturday morning in Battersea Park, just the other side of the Thames, there will be the culmination of the fundraising done so far. Various things are already planned, including a bouncy castle (in the shape of Leap Frog) for the

kiddies and the last of the 1,000 miles of leap frogs which is being planned and run by IC Rag. We shall be needing all the help that we can get, so if you're going to be free for the morning come up to the rag office one lunch time and we'll tell you how you can take part.

In the afternoon it's off down the pub and seeing as if you're a good student you'll be there anyway, this bit shouldn't be too difficult. The second part of the day is being run in conjunction with the Firkin Pubs. Students and others are being encouraged to go down to their local Firkin pub before the day and sign up for the sponsored leap. Each person will be sponsored for a distance that they can leapfrog between 1.00 and 5.00pm on the day. The leapfrogging will be done in (or just outside) each pub, with the pub that raises the most money in that time being given a large alcohol prize for all that have spent the afternoon in the pub.

If you have a moments break

between all your leaping on the day, then you can sample the special leap frog beer that the Firkin pubs have been brewing for the occasion. It is likely that by the time that this issue is distributed the beer will already be on sale, so go and by a pint. Needless to say, all of the proceeds from the beer are also going to Oxfam.

Lastly, even as you read this, plans are afoot for a large press covered event to precede and publicise the day. If all goes to plan then next Friday, in the early evening, members of IC Rag will be playing a large game of human leap frog draughts, probably against another college. We can't let you know any more about this at the present because we haven't yet got permission, and would not want upset the people we may be asking. Hopefully all will be revealed in next weeks issue.

Again, if you want to help with this then come up to the Rag office any lunchtime.

Leaping for Oxfam



Remember all those dead bodies around the college a few weeks ago? For those of you that didn't attend the great event, this is what you missed out on:

14 teams (including three from Cambridge) left Beit Quad on Saturday morning for their journeys around a rather oversized Cluedo board; **London.** In the good old rag tradition the found some quite silly/mad going's on. Penguin, the Rag Chairman, played billiards against the Grim Reaper in the middle of Trafalgar Square. Needless to say, the police got somewhat worried about this and almost had them removed, but after being convinced that it was all in a good cause, chose to ignore them.

The little dagger turned out to be

a seven-foot sword, we allowed a bit of artistic license there. Paddy was kicked out of the pub he was supposed to be marshalling in and proceeded to spook unsuspecting tourists anywhere near Piccadilly Circus.

Spanner and Bolt starred on the day for a two hour performance as did the Theta bearers minus Theta (the latter indisposed, affected by a Welsh parasite). I hope that everybody involved had a great day. We raised £1,084, which was unfortunately not enough to win the computer that Winged Fellowship had on offer. A small consolation, however came from the Hard Rock Cafe, who spontaneously gave us some merchandise as prizes. The top collector was Tamsin 'Sex on

legs' Braisher who collected £150.

The winners of the game were a team from Cambridge (shame on you IC), with the top IC team dropping hints that the marking was unfair (shame on you top team). The big party that Winged Fellowship put on for all the collectors from all the Rags that came down, was a big success except for the fact that Ents double booked. Ents kindly allowed us to join the stormin' disco they already had going.

Finally, thanks to everyone involved, and if anybody is interested, whether involved in the day or not, STOIC have a short video of the event so go up and have a look.

Chris Pease.

BIBIC

Last weekend students from Imperial College collected £804.59 for BIBIC, the British Institute for Brain Injured Children. Various other Rags came down including D.U.C.K. (Durham Uni Charity weeK), who were only able to come down because individuals associated with IC Rag were able to put them up for the night (Hyde Park Relay were using the crash space in the Southside gym). Well done to all concerned in collecting both coins and Duckies.

After Oxfam's Leap Day (see relevant article), the next collection is for MENCAP (Mentally Handicapped) on Wednesday 4th March. It will be collecting how we know best, in the City of London itself, as well as all of the mainline stations and underground stations. If interested come up to the new Rag/Ents office any lunchtime, or to the Rag meeting on Fridays.

Onwards!

As the term moves further on, so I.C. Rag moves further afield and tomorrow students from Imperial hit the usually picturesque and tranquil cathedral town of Bath. Joining with Oxford Rag, the collectors will be raising as much as possible for UNICEF (United Nations Children's Fund). The places have already been filled, but there will be more Rag Raids next term.

Going off the Boil

The IC football 1st team began the season brilliantly by topping their group in the UAU. In the first game against RHBNC, Annan Galloway got bored and decided to twat their forward conceding a penalty and then another leaving IC 2-0 down. However, a great free-kick by Rafael Martinez and a 40 yard shot from Tom Robson finished the game with a 2-2 draw.

Reading were IC's next opponents and frankly they should not have come. Two goals in the first 5 minutes from Felix Francis and Gary Mahoney ensured IC's dominance for most of the game. Reading came back but a goal from Marv Abdo and his boil left the game beyond reach. Man of the match was awarded to Tom 'Fingers' Hulbert who made some great saves with the help of Paul Nelson, Annan, Dave Phillips and Tom.

Kings College who hadn't lost a game yet were next in line for an IC thrashing. Before they could say 'what a good looking bunch IC are', Gary had struck 2 goals in the back of the net. With 10 minutes to go, the score was 2-2 but Stuart 'Pecs' Watson got the winner leaving Kings 3-2 down at full time.

Next came Brunel in a meaningless game as qualification had already been ensured. The hair raising captain, Marv, displayed his excellent skills in a well executed goal - pity they scored two. Man of the match was Paul.



The visit of Nottingham finally saw IC's dreams of UAU glory shattered. Missing their midfield maestro Felix to the dubious calling of ULU, IC laboured to a 3-0 loss, although the scoreline flattered the opposition.

IC's powers in cup competitions extended to the London Cup which saw IC cruise to the semi-finals. Despite giving RHBNC a 3-0 start, IC moved into a higher gear to win the first round match 4-3, with goals from Marv, Felix, Rafael and the winner, again, from Stuart.

The quarter-finals saw KCH stuffed 7-1 with goals from Marv, Bob, Gary (2), and a glorious hatrick by Rafael, scoring the goal

of the season with a volley from outside the area. The back 5: Tim, Annan, Paul, Tom and Dave, were denied a clean sheet through a dubious penalty. Even after 2 games, IC were the only team not to be beaten by Kings but this changed in a 5-1 loss in the semi-finals, with top scorer Gary getting IC's only goal. Man of the match was Annan.

It should be said that despite the Kings and Nottingham games IC 1sts have had a good season and the line up in the picture is still unbeaten. Only injuries and disappearance of their good luck charm, the captain's boil, has stopped IC from going all the way.

Badminton

On 12th February, the Imperial Badminton Ladies team played in the quarter-finals of the UAU. With the luck of the draw, we played at home against Brunel University. Both of our men's teams have recently been knocked out in the previous rounds, so it was up to us to pick up the ashes. We felt we had a good chance to get through since we beat Brunel in the first round.

However, we did cast doubts towards their first pair who were very strong indeed. To our surprise, they were not as strong as we anticipated them to be. Our first pair (Uta Boltz and Wendy Tan) won their match in a truly magnificent manner. Our second pair (Wendy Yates and Emily Fok) showed tremendous strength and confidence to beat their opposition 15-2 and 15-1. Our third pair (Claire Roberts and Jennifer Lau) finished in an equally marvellous

fashion to win 15-7 and 15-2.

We only needed two more games to secure our place in the semi-finals. Our spirits were high and our dream to go through to the semis were about to come true. In the end IC beat Brunel 7-2. The only disappointment was the fact that we only had four supporters (not surprising since you never informed Felix of the match - Ed) We would like to thank them for coming and hope that we get more support next time.

Now we are in the semi-finals which will take place tomorrow, Saturday 22nd February, at Cardiff University. We shall be competing with the strongest university teams, some of which have the finest badminton players in England. It would be a wonderful experience for the Ladies team, and who knows, maybe we will bring back a trophy with us!

Rugby

The Imperial College rugby first XV beat Surrey University by 20 points to 3 last week at Harlington, in the quarter-finals of the UAU Championship. The conditions did not allow flowing movement of the ball but the forwards soon took control.

John Fowler was denied two tries as the Surrey scrum collapsed on their own line, resulting in the award of two penalty tries, Simon Pearson scored a try from another pushover. Stuart Paynter scored two penalty goals and converted one try, missing one from in front of the posts - charged down.

ICRFC are now set to meet Durham University at a neutral ground on Wednesday 26th February, three days after the Gutteridge Cup final. Free transport will be available for spectators to both matches and support would be welcome.

OSC Nite

The OSC is proud to present International Nite '92, on Friday 28th February. In our inimitable manner, we announce yet another edition of our successful International Nite's. This year we will have the usual cultural show among other events as described below:-

- Food Fair (MDH, 6.30-8.00pm). This is your chance to sample exotic cuisine from the four corners of the world. Don't have tea, make room for this delectable affair.

- Cultural Show (Great Hall, 8.30pm onwards). The main event and always a success. Watch and take in the multitude of sounds and images of presentations from many different countries. From the traditional instrumental music of India to the flamboyant Lion dance of the Chinese. Watch a play: Images of Pakistan and hope to God it's in English. Whatever your opinion, it will be an unforgettable event.

- Disco (JCR, 8pm onwards). For those of you who lack culture, you can boogie the night away in the JCR to IC Radio's music. Drinks are available, but we don't sell any traditional hangover - so take care.

- African Band (MDH, 10.30pm onwards). And for the first time, a band with a difference. This time it's an African band. Aimed especially at those of you who are adventurous. Expect good music, great rhythm and a great time. Drinks also available.

Tickets are available from next week at the main entrance of the Sheffield Building. Look out for the inevitable posters that will be placed at regular intervals all over the college. Prices are very reasonable: £3.50 in advance and £4.50 on the day for a ticket which covers all the events on the day. Don't miss out on this event.

ICSF

Los Angeles in the year 2020. The majority of Earth's population has left for outer space leaving only the poor and the mega rich behind. Four laboratory created replicants (artificial humans) have illegally returned to Earth - to meet their creator. They have killed the process and it is up to super cop (Harrison Ford) to stop them. Directed by Ridley Scott. It also stars Rutger Hauer and Sean Young.

ICSF will be showing Blade Runner at Mech Eng 220 on Tuesday, 25th February at 7pm.

Band Fairy Story

ULU League Tables

Once upon a time there was a beautiful little princess called Princess Consort Band. She was a small little princess, but what she lack in size, she more than made up for in the happiness she gave to her musicians. However, it occurred to the Princess Concert Band that if she was so small her voice may not be heard at the approaching Concert Band Fairy Concert.

So the King of the land sent his messengers to the far reaches of his realm proclaiming to all his subjects that all wind and brass instrument players should meet in the Great Hall on Mondays at 5.30pm. If you play a wind or brass instrument and you want the Princess Concert Band to live happily ever after, then all you need to do is close your eyes, say 'I wish the Princess Concert Band to live happily ever after', and come to our rehearsals on Monday.

Shown below are the University of London Inter-Collegiate League Tables for 1991-1992, up till 8th February. As can be seen, IC 4ths are in danger of being promoted to Division Three (where they should have been in the first place), with the IC 2nds having an outside chance of winning Division Two. The 1sts and 3rds are doing reasonably well, propping up 4th place in their divisions, while the 5ths and 6ths are languishing near the bottom of their respective divisions (what more can you expect from such a pathetic lot?).

PREMIER

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
KC	13	10	2	1	50	11	22
RH&BNC	14	10	1	3	40	19	21
Golds	13	8	2	3	38	15	18
IC	12	5	4	3	23	19	14
UC	12	6	2	4	26	28	14
LSE	14	6	0	8	31	36	12
St Georges	11	2	2	7	12	32	6
SoP	13	2	0	11	12	47	4
QMWC	12	1	1	10	14	39	3

DIVISION ONE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
RH&BNC 2	14	10	1	3	41	25	21
IC 2nd	16	8	4	4	45	29	20
St M	14	7	4	3	50	33	18
UC 2nd	13	8	2	3	40	23	18
KC 2nd	13	5	3	5	22	20	13
UMDS	11	6	1	4	26	25	13
MxUCH	14	5	1	8	20	44	11
KCH	13	4	2	7	26	31	10
Royal Free	13	2	3	8	29	37	7
QMWC 2nd	13	1	1	11	11	43	3

DIVISION TWO

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
ChXW	15	11	3	1	58	18	25
St Barts	14	9	2	3	29	14	20
KC 3rd	13	7	4	2	42	17	18
IC 3rd	14	8	1	5	36	24	17
RLHMC	13	7	1	5	23	28	15
RSM	13	5	1	7	21	28	11
UC 3rd	14	3	4	7	28	40	10
Golds 2nd	15	4	1	10	30	32	9
LSE 2nd	14	3	1	10	20	48	7
UMDS 2nd	13	3	0	10	17	55	6

DIVISION FOUR

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
St Geo 2nd	15	9	2	4	39	16	20
IC 4th	14	8	4	2	31	19	20
KC 4th	12	9	0	3	34	12	18
UC 6th	15	9	0	6	47	33	18
UC 5th	17	7	1	9	34	37	15
KCH 2nd	10	6	1	3	30	21	13
IC 5th	15	5	2	8	13	37	12
QMWC 4th	15	5	2	8	13	37	12
KC 5th	14	3	2	9	16	34	8
UMDS 3rd	14	2	0	12	16	40	4

DIVISION FIVE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
RSM 2nd	16	12	2	2	63	27	26
ChXW 2nd	15	13	0	2	48	17	26
QMWC 5th	17	11	0	6	72	35	22
RH&BNC 4	13	10	1	2	62	18	21
LSE 4th	15	7	4	4	36	25	18
KC 6th	17	6	1	10	54	62	13
MxUCH 2nd	14	5	2	7	29	31	12
UC 7th	13	3	1	9	28	47	7
IC 6th	14	3	1	10	20	75	7
RLHMC 2nd	18	0	0	18	15	90	0

RESULTS TABLE

Rugby

UAU Quarter Finals:
IC 1st XV 20—3 Surrey

Badminton

UAU Quarter Finals:
IC Ladies 7—2 Brunel Ladies

Football

UAU Group:

IC 1st	2—2	RHBNC 1st
IC 1st	3—1	Reading 1st
IC 1st	3—2	Kings 1st
IC 1st	1—2	Brunel 1st

UAU Knock-Out:

IC 1st 0—3 Nottingham

London Cup:

IC 1st 7—1 KCH

ULU League:

IC 5th 1—2 QMWC 4th

Losers

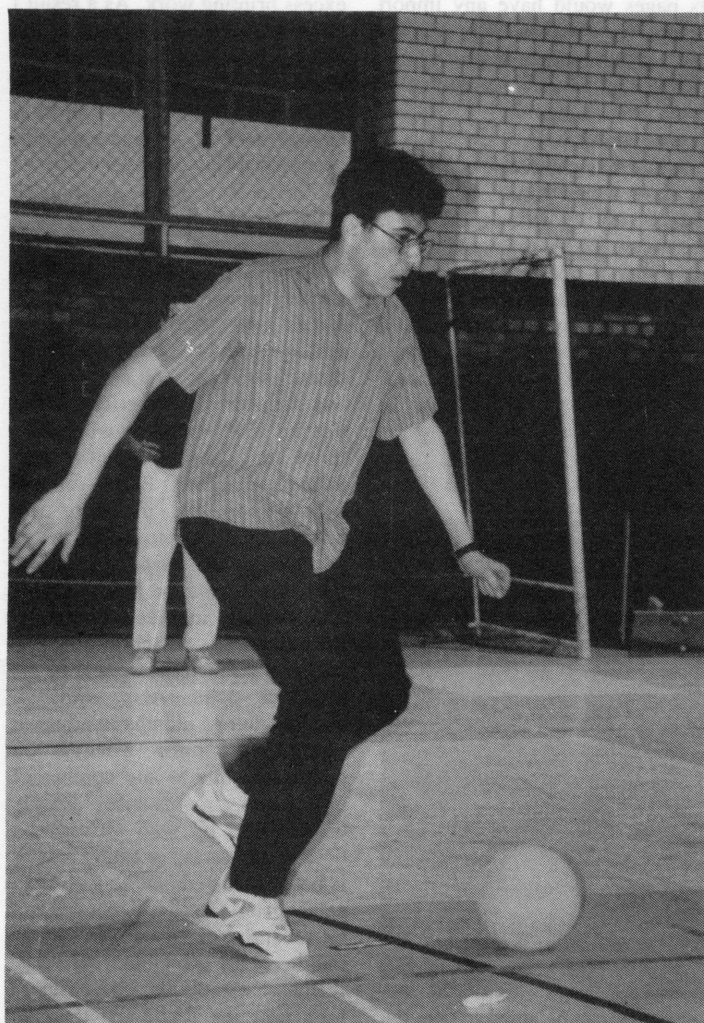
On Wednesday 12th February, the IC Football 5th sought revenge against QMWC 4ths at Harlington, after their defeat away at QMWC's amazing sloping pitch.

Soon after kick-off, QMWC scored from a sensational 30 yard free-kick, given when the semi-blind referee saw the 3rd foul. However, the 5ths soon levelled it when Captain Andy swung his leg at the ball inside the penalty box and shot on target (for once). They were unlucky not to go 2-1 up after 6th team stand-in, Nick, shot from point blank range, but the shot was save miraculously.

In the second half, the 5ths were totally annihilated when QMWC shifted up a gear. Striker Andy Reed was in danger of falling asleep because the passing was so bad. However, yet another 6th teamer, Alex Cord, surpassed his usual pitiful standards and made several strong runs down the right wing, only to be dispossessed. Eventually, QMWC went 2-1 up after a lone striker slipped past his marker and lobbed Simon Lam, out goalkeeper.

Throughout the game there were scenes of near violence and threats of GBH from the Captain to a fellow defender. When the final whistle went, the nightmare ended; IC 5ths losing 2-1 and relegation looming dangerously close...

Indoor Football Tournament



Tournament Structure

All the 4-a-side games will take place in the Volleyball Court over two periods of 15 minutes each, with every game supervised by a referee. Since each team comprises of 6 players, this allows there to be 2 substitutes (yes I did pass my CSE maths!). During the game, the subs can rotate as often as a team desires.

I expect approximately 16 teams to enter the event. Thus the first phase of the tournament will involve the teams being split up into groups of four. Within each group, all the teams will play each other once. 3 points shall be awarded for a win, 1 for a draw and none for a loss. The two teams with the most points in each group will then qualify for a knock-out phase. If two teams have a similar number of points, the criteria used to adjudicate which team goes forward to the next round shall be the goal difference, goals scored and goals

conceded.

For the knock-out stage, the draw shall be made according to the criteria shown in the table adjacent. Eventually, this will lead to one team winning the tournament. In all, a total of 24 qualifying games shall be played together with 7 knock-out games.

The fixtures shall be played during the following times: Tuesday 1-2pm, Wednesday 4-6pm and Thursday 4-5pm, with the first games being played next week, starting on Tuesday 25th February. All the fixtures shall be finalised immediately after the deadline for entry. So it is vital that a member from each team is present during the draw. Every team will be notified of all its fixtures in advance. As all the results shall be published in Felix, you can all see how your club/society is getting on.

RULES FOR ENTRY

- only clubs/societies of ICU may enter
- players must be registered members of both the ICU and the club/society entering the tournament
- £5 entry fee per team
- maximum of 6 players per team, ie 2 substitutes
- a player may only play for one team
- any club/society may enter a maximum of two teams
- deadline for entry is 5pm, Mon 24th Feb

Prizes Galore

Well here it is. Finally we have organised a competition within the apathetic Imperial College. Bemused! Then read on...

The OSC together with Felix have organised the Imperial College Indoor Soccer Tournament, a competition open to any club or society affiliated to the IC Union. This is a 4-a-side football tournament to be staged in the Volleyball Court over the next few weeks.

The winning club/society of the competition will receive a trophy, with the victorious players and losing finalists each receiving medals. There is also the possibility, pending the outcome of whether the Nat West Bank is willing to sponsor the event, of cash prizes. (Read next weeks issue of Felix, to see if the winning club/society can win £500.)

The body set up to organise the competition is known as IC IST; it's basically comprises of myself and Gunny Dhadyalla, the OSC Sports Officer. To enter the tournament all you have to do is get together a maximum of 6 friends from your favourite society or club, scribble their names onto a piece of paper, and then give it to either

myself, here at Felix, or to Gunny. Please note that there is a £5 entrance fee which the society/club you are representing should, in theory, pay for. Once you have entered, you'll get a full list of the rules for the tournament.

The deadline for entry is 5pm this coming Monday, 24th February. No entries will be allowed after this time, no matter how big the bribe (well actually...). Immediately after the deadline, the draw shall be made in the Felix office, after which the resulting fixtures shall be announced. It would be advisable that ONE (no more please) representative from each team should be present at this time.

At the point of writing this article, I know of several teams who have expressed a wish to enter the competition, but which haven't yet fulfilled the entrance requirements. These include the following: Islamic, Sikh, Whist and Board Games, Greek, Lebanese, Sri Lankan, Malaysian, and RSM. So please could these clubs get their acts together. Unfortunately, teams such as the MSc Transport and MSc Computing are not able to enter - so you lot should try to hustle you way into a club.

Game 1:	Best 1st place qualifier vs Worst 2nd place qualifier
Game 2:	Second best 1st place qualifier vs Second worst 2nd place qualifier
Game 3:	Third best 1st place qualifier vs Third worst 2nd place qualifier
Game 4:	Fourth best 1st place qualifier vs Fourth worst 2nd place qualifier

Dear Adam,

After reading the plethora of criticism received over the Grease review, Rock Soc's bad press and the performance of the Print Unit, I finally feel compelled to write.

It is amusing to see Tim Proctor commending you on your defence of editorial freedom when he was one of those involved in the removal of Felix 924 and the subsequent censorship that this act caused. The review of Grease that sparked off the affair did perhaps play too much attention to money matters and did use this as a yard stick by which to judge the performance. However, as reviews go, it did seem reasonable. Even on the last night the sound was a little dodgy and the

College in all their areas of responsibility. If this ability is removed then its merits are shot to pieces and nought that is said within its pages would have any import whatsoever. 'Wallowing in our own ego' is not a pastime in which Felix indulges, it is merely proud of its own ranking within the student newspaper species.

A.D. Ham's RockSoc complaints do score a few points, but only a few. Paddy, the Music Editor, is not famed for his tolerance on any front, but he does at least have the get up and go to provide a section that appeals to many readers. Indie and rave music reviews do make up the majority of work covered only because nobody from Rock Soc, or

by Andy the printer and myself, far too often I worked 100 hours a week (in a normal week about 70 hours!), trying to catch up with excess printing work. As a result I often suffered severe exhaustion and our printer almost resigned on a number of occasions.

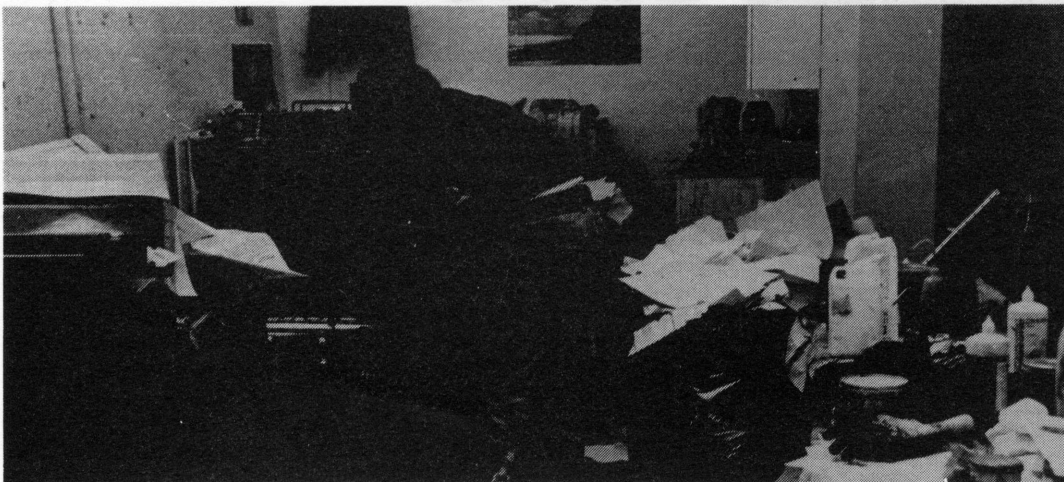
In view of the above I fully respect, and lay no blame on, this year's Print Unit Manager and Felix Editor, Adam, for not learning to print. Andy has again built up a large amount of overtime due to demand. The Union has a policy of not paying overtime as wages and forces time in lieu as the only option. Andy needs time off and thoroughly deserves it for his effort and patience. This fact has meant that he is likely to be working a three day week for the foreseeable future. Based on this information try planning the printing of Felix (2 to 2½ days) and all the other work asked for (Guildsheet, IndSoc News, Union letterheads, invoices, business cards, leaflets, posters, clubs and societies publicity, etc etc). It just can't be done. Also, although booking things months in advance helps it cannot always be guaranteed due to any number of unforeseen circumstances. People do not turn up with artwork on time, machines fail or external work is booked that cannot be shifted to another slot. If a slot is missed it can be several months before another one becomes available.

But what about the photocopier? Last year we found out that the servicing company had gone into liquidation leaving us high and dry. The machine soldiered on with much time spent on it by myself and Felix staff until mid November last year. To fix it now will probably cost in the region of £1000 and whether this will be recouped, including further regular servicing, is doubtful. Perhaps the union and CCUs would be prepared to underwrite this operation. To date we have worked in excess of 150 man hours on the problem and spent in the region of £2000 in attempts to renew this service to the student body.

After noting the above information that you so obviously lack, Mr Proctor et al, I conclude the basic, but severe, problem is ignorance of the situation. If you, or anyone else for that matter, have any complaints about Felix or the Print Unit come into the office at a sensible time (not when Felix is in full swing, or when the Editor is shattered after finishing it) and discuss problems without biting peoples heads off.

Chris Stapleton, ICU Print Unit Manager 1990/91.

Letters Page Extension



In an open letter, Chris Stapleton, last year's Union Print Unit Manager, gives his point of view on the issues surrounding the current Felix Print Unit debate

guys were outperformed by the girls with the exception of Rodger (aka Ed). The set was superb and the music good. One thing I have always wanted in Felix is previews of events so that I can judge whether something is worth going to. Not reviews that tell me how bad it was once I had seen it. In this case I did go, I enjoyed the performance and as far as I am aware, relatively few tickets needed to be sold to sell out on Friday and Saturday nights. Certainly not enough to warrant the ridiculous action of censoring Felix in such a way. If the finances at stake were of such great importance then the Union, CCUs, and societies involved in backing it were idiots to have taken such a gamble.

As mentioned in Chris Sweeting's letter of this week, Felix does try to 'inform and encourage student opinion'. However, if Felix was to lie about the quality of such an event, especially of Union origin, then people would soon learn to ignore such intellectually offensive plugs. The independence of Felix is there to comment and inform students and staff about the performance of the Union and

that scene, can be arsed to take the initiative and start writing for Felix. Something that is ALWAYS welcomed along with proof readers (pedantic git). As final comments on this particular débâcle, adverts on the whole are paid for, press releases are usually so uninformative as not to warrant entry in their basic form. If you want to publicise any event without comment then submit a 'What's On' entry or Small Ad.

Back now to Mr Proctor. The print unit has grown in size since first formed by and for Felix. It has steadily increased its productivity and this has enabled work other than Felix to be done. But it is still an amateur body despite the two full time professionals it employs (the printer and typesetter) and as such relies on the ethos of self help wherever possible. The print unit endeavours to print as much material as possible for the Union and its clubs and societies, an immense task as I hope you are aware when only one printer and press is available on two and a half to three days a week. The pressure of work last year led to a massive amount of overtime being built up

Kate is a University of London student and she is HIV positive. She talks to Anita Anand candidly about the moment she found out she had been infected with the killer virus. Kate is an alias used to protect the identity of this courageous undergraduate. The name is fictitious but the story is tragically true. Kate is in her youth but one day she knows that she will die of AIDS.

I don't know if you've met Kate. If you're not sure, then let me describe her to you. She makes notably disgusting coffee. Her lanky frame seems far too well groomed for that of a London student, her essays are late, and she ate far too much over Christmas. In most things she is totally unremarkable. There is however one thing that I forgot to mention about Kate. She is 21 years old, and she has been infected with the HIV virus.

'Can you imagine the first thing I said when they told me that I had the virus? It was so silly and unprofound. All I could say again and again was 'I've just bought a ball dress. I'm going to a Ball on Saturday and you're telling me that I'm going to die. What gives you the right to tell me that? I've just bought a brand new dress!'

It is very hard for Kate to talk about what she calls her 'blackness'. In a way it is almost just as hard to hear what she says. She is a young flaky student like most of those milling around London University.

Her bed is covered with teddy bears. And yet she talks about her illness, and she talks about death with an authority that has no place in the face of a promising young woman of 21.

Throughout most of the interview she was crying, holding a pillow tightly to her chest rocking herself from side to side like one of the Romanian orphans the latest victims of our five minute charity sprees. She has those same orphan eyes too.

It is not very often that we see this side of the horrific AIDS carnage.

There are those like Derek Jarman who have the same infection running through their veins but are militant, defiant and strong, often humorous about the virus. 'I wish I could be like that too. But I can't. I hate it! I don't want any of this and I can't go through any of that stiff-upper-lip crap. It hurts and it's unfair. So bloody unfair!'

Kate found out relatively recently that she has the HIV virus. She admits that in time her perspective

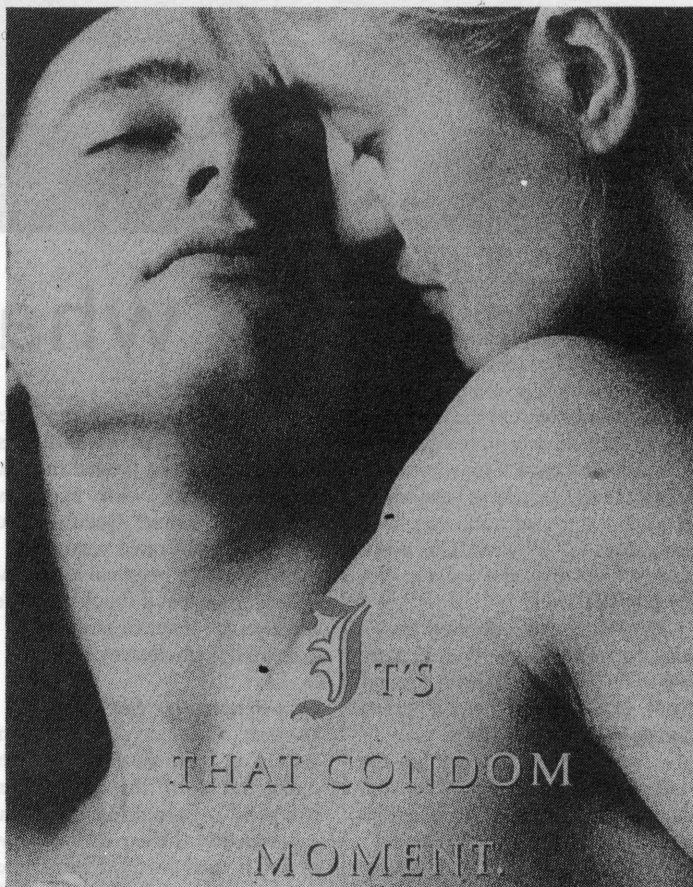
may change but for now she says 'I'm terrified. Every day I wake up scared and angry, but mostly so frightened.'

Kate is reluctant to acknowledge the courage it took for her to talk to a newspaper. 'I'm no hero. For God's sake I was all ready to chuck it all in. Drop out of my course, run away from home and find a dark room and sit and wait for the AIDS to catch me and eat me. My parents helped me so much through that nightmare. At first they were so hurt by it all. They felt betrayed and I felt as if I had betrayed them. But they are strong for me. I suppose they gave me life twice.'

Kate is receiving counselling and her GP has been 'very kind and

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Spread the Word, not the Virus



*Welcome to the
AIDS Week
special.*

*Following are
seven pages
about the issues
surrounding this
much publicised
disease.*

Information Fair

Tuesday 25th
11.00am-3.00pm in the JCR
Organised by Riverside Health Authority. Health advisers from the Genito-Urinary Clinic will be present to offer advice on a wide range of AIDS related topics, including the HIV test and where it is available, safer sex and how to put a condom on correctly.

Question Time

Wednesday 26th
1.00pm in Civ Eng 201
A volunteer from Body Positive, living with HIV, will speak about her experience and answer questions about the virus. Dr Freedman, from Imperial College Health Centre, will give medical information about AIDS and HIV.

Bar Quiz

Wednesday 26th
8.00pm in the Union Lounge Bar
The regular Bar Quiz will also include questions to test your AIDS awareness. Alcoholic prizes as usual.

AIDS Lecture

Thursday 27th
1.00pm in the Union Concert Hall
Prof Anderson from the Biology Department will give his popular lecture about AIDS and his research work.

Benefit Night

Friday 28th
8.00pm in the Union
A charity party where all profits will be donated to the Terrence Higgins Trust.

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very helpful. I suppose that is because she is young.' Kate received counselling before she was even given the blood test at the STD clinic. 'They warned me about all the down-sides to the test and all the up-sides too. They were really honest. They told me that if I had the test done and it was negative then I wouldn't have to worry anymore. If I tested positive, then I could quickly get drugs and counselling to help me get in control of things and maybe keep healthier for longer. But the downsides were frightening and I very nearly bottled out. I was warned about the prejudice and the disruption, and the ignorance and hatred I may have to face if I was tested positive.'

But the bloke I had been with had been tested positive and I had to know. I couldn't live with the uncertainty. I had the test and I was positive.'

Kate is revising for her finals, but she is remarkably calm about them. 'Everything takes on a different perspective. I didn't want to chuck my degree in. That would have been three years wasted and there has been more than enough waste in my life already. You've just got to get on the best you can. It's the way I keep my sanity I suppose.'

For the same reasons that she remains anonymous for this interview, Kate has also told only her closest friends and one of her tutors that she is HIV positive.

'I don't want to be treated like a leper. I'm used to having lots of people around me. And there is no use pretending that people, friends and such would be able to handle it. Some people's families can't even take it.'

I know about one mother whose daughter is HIV positive too. Her mother makes her book into a Bed and Breakfast every time she has her period! I don't want that shit. I want to shake peoples' hands without seeing fear and hatred in their eyes. I demand that as my right as a human being.'

When asked if she owes it to those she knows to tell them that she is infected, she reacts contemptuously.

'I don't owe them a damn thing! I'm not putting anyone in any danger, and I will not give up my right to hold hands because of ignorance and evil bigotry. HIV is not skin deep. My skin holds the virus in. Any one who touches me, who shakes my hand, is completely safe. My skin is their protection. It is also my prison.'

Kate refuses to talk about how she contracted the illness.

'That's my personal life, and it is private. But I want people to

know that I am heterosexual, and I have never injected drugs in my life. And I don't sleep around either. It was one mistake. God! Don't I sound like an awful TV advert. But it's true. I didn't deserve this. No one deserves this no matter what they've done.'

What do you think sex is for? Pure fun and enjoyment? A way of demonstrating love? Strictly for the production of children? Something to laugh and brag about amongst friends? Healthy exercise? Dirty fun? Annoying the neighbours? Testing the bed springs? Passing the

(permissiveness makes more orgasms but we miss out on old-style restricted courtship, kisses and looks that vagina-bent, with-it males now think is sloppy); sleeping together without intercourse.

In fact HIV could provide a means of encouraging people to



Kate is one of the most courageous people I have ever met. It is a naive observation to make, but nevertheless it is important that it be made. Kate does not look any different to most people you would sit next to in a lecture theatre. HIV is a cruel and deceptive illness.

Those who have it may not even know it unless they have been tested or when it is too late, and they have contracted full blown AIDS. It is a curse of our day and a curse that nobody deserves.

'I'm doing this interview today only for one reason. People must know that it does happen around them, very close to them. There is just no way of telling how many of your own friends are carrying the infection. After all if they are like me, they will not tell you. Don't be stupid and take risks. AIDS doesn't care if you are a student, a drug addict or a bank manager. Use safe sex and enjoy your life. It is such a precious thing and we take it completely for granted.'

What Kate claims as her right is anyone's sincere privilege. I am proud to shake this brave lady by the hand.

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AIDS awareness week has been organised by Nicky Fox, Zoë Hellinger, Demi Jones, Ola Olulode, Stef Ruis and Donna Sibley.

So what do you

time before a cigarette? Experimenting with new positions? Whispering about behind the bike sheds? Playing with hamsters? Letting off steam? Quelling your urges? An overrated pastime? Whatever your personal views, we can all agree that it should be a life-enhancing experience, not a potentially life-destroying one.

Non-Penetrative Sex

If you attended sex education lessons at school the chances are the main thrust of the course was towards teaching about reproduction - how to do it and how to stop it - and therefore penetrative sex is promoted as 'the norm'. In fact after a straw poll asking students 'what type of sex would you think of if I said I had sex last night?', everyone answered 'penetrative sex'. This needn't be the case, there are many varied methods of safer sex which are commonly practised which don't involve penetration.

Some other things are 'real sex' too which people also need for a fulfilling relationship. For example; being together in a situation of pleasure, or of danger, or just of rest, touching, holding hands

broaden their sexual horizons, not just relying on penetration as the goal of sexual pleasure. If you're interested in research, Alex Comfort's 'The Joy of Sex' describes many types of non-penetrative sex which are worth trying - that should keep you going for a short while!

Toys

Don't forget that using toys can heighten sexual enjoyment and are totally safe as long as you don't share them. For example; dildos, vibrators, chinese balls, rubber dolls, artificial vaginas..... The list goes on and on as does the pleasure.

Oral Sex

Of slightly higher risk of infection is oral sex, the risk can be removed by using a condom or dental dam. Dental dams are relatively rare in this country but are available in some local chemists, they are basically a flavoured square of rubber and are used by placing over the area to be licked. A very interesting study on the art of oral sex for women can be found in 'How to drive your man wild in bed' by Graham Masterton. Similarly a study for men is found

in Masterton's 'How to be the perfect lover'.

Penetrative Sex

For those moments when there's no option but penetrative sex then the best method of preventing HIV transmission is by using 'your flexible rubber friend' - the condom (see separate item on condoms). As well as the commonly known sheath there is also a female condom available which is also known as the 'bikini condom'. You may find yourself with a partner who doesn't want to use a condom. 80% of young people use a condom when they have sex. Don't risk your life with the other 20%. Some men complain that condoms reduce sensitivity or that putting one on interrupts love making. The fact is that there are now many types of condom available which do not reduce sensitivity and putting a condom on can become an erotic part of the sexual activity.

And Finally....

Safer sex is healthier sex. The key to safer sex in the age of AIDS is honesty and open communication - things which have taken a back seat since sexual freedom and

How old is AIDS?

The AIDS virus was passed to humans from monkeys in African villages between 140 and 160 years ago. Initially confined to a handful of people in one or two villages, possibly contaminated from scratches and bites from monkeys, this virus spread very slowly but gathered pace as larger numbers became infected.

Researchers from Imperial College, London, led by Professor Roy Anderson, head of biological statistics, have examined the spread of HIV in Africa. They conclude that in some areas it now takes between one and three years for the number of cases to double in the general population.

In some of the worst affected parts of the continent, tests on blood donors and pregnant women have found that between 20 and 30 per cent of people carry the virus. The Imperial College team has found that current HIV infection rates in Africa are taking their biggest toll in women aged 20-25, who are at a peak age for child bearing, and in men aged 25-35.



think sex is for?

performance became the watchwords. You may be the kind of person who finds it easier to have sex with your partner than to talk about it with him or her. A sensible (and safe!) attitude would be to make it part of your sex life to talk openly about any worries and fears you may have about HIV. Choosing the right time and place to bring up the subject of safer sex is important. You are more likely to have a successful, relaxed conversation about safer sex if you don't leave it until you are sexually aroused, drunk, tired or in an emotional state. It is usually best to bring the subject up in a neutral setting (ie not in the bedroom). A useful way to start the conversation is by referring to a TV programme or article about AIDS or HIV. This will allow you to find out what your partner thinks in general before moving onto the more personal issues. Don't wait for your partner to bring the subject up; it may never happen! The responsibility in safer sex is above all to yourself - looking after your health. You can't always rely on a partner to do that for you.

Whatever you do: if you're not confident that it's safe then don't do it!

Condoms

What some people say:

'They're passion killers. Just when you want to go on you have to stop and fumble around' - So treat it as part of the sexual act - practice makes perfect?

'It's like having a bath with wellies on. I can't see the point of having sex with a bit of rubber in between' - Condoms are now so fine you lose little, if any, sensation.

'If I carried a condom he'd call me a slag' - It's becoming accepted for women to carry condoms they're sensible not foolish.

'Why do we take condoms so seriously? Having decided to use them, why not make them fun to use?'

What types are there:

Plain, ribbed, Straight end, Flared, Contoured, Flavoured, Coloured, Ultra thin, Glow in the Dark ('No more fumble before you fondle').... The list is endless. For a complete guide there is a leaflet 'Which Condom' available, alternatively visit Condomania in Soho and examine the displays.

To be sure of their safety, always look for the BSI Kitemark as this means the condoms are tested.

Where to get them:

This is a matter of personal choice.

Condoms have come out from behind the counter. They're now such a part of everyday life that you can buy them from pharmacists, garages, record shops, supermarkets, barbers, clothes shops, pubs, slot machines and mail order.

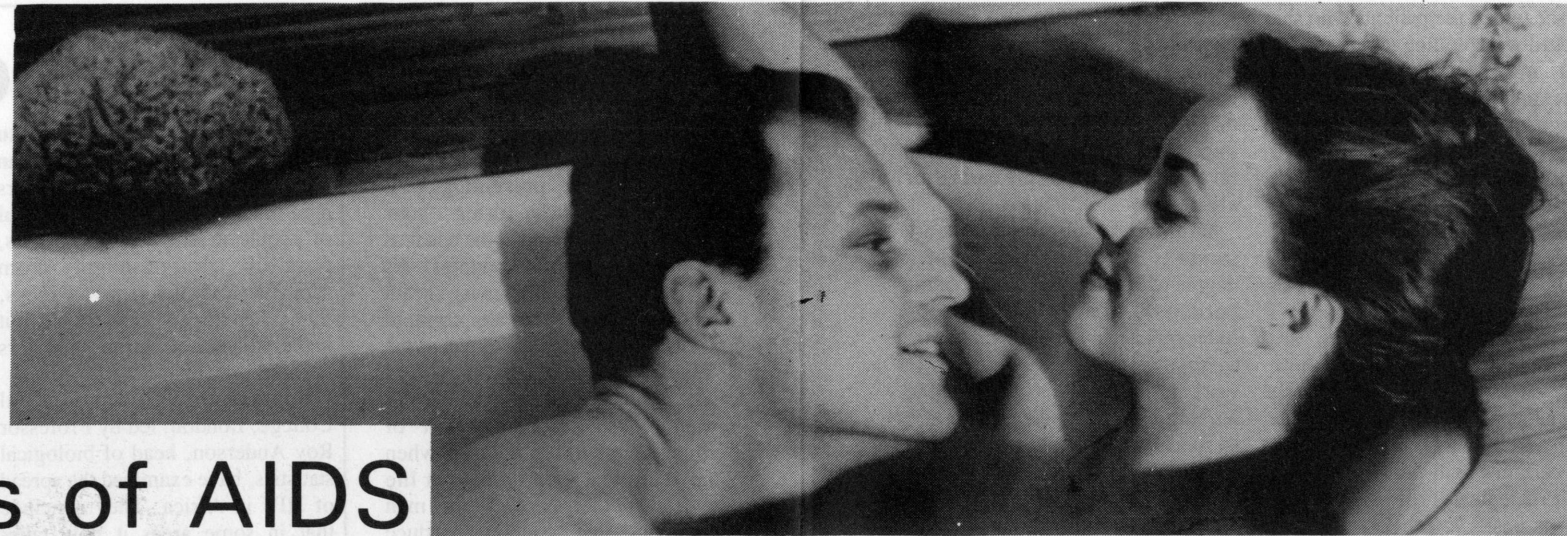
If you want free supplies and/or advice about sex and contraception then you can go to the IC Health centre or any other family planning clinic. All you need to do is register your name in their totally confidential records.

For the condom connoisseurs, there is a new type of shop - 'Condomania' opened in Soho and recently one in Leeds. The aim is to make condoms hip or even chic. Almost every one of the thousands of brands of condoms on the market is stocked and there should be no trouble with embarrassment as the shop assistants are trained to cope with embarrassed customers. As the MD, Martin Foreman, says 'No one expects people to dress in the same way in the daytime so why should they have such limited choice about what they put on at night?'

How is AIDS Transmitted?

When AIDS was first identified in the USA, all the people affected seemed to be homosexual or bisexual. However, shortly afterwards the disease was also discovered among heterosexual injected drug users. Before long this heterosexual trend was confirmed with the diagnosis of AIDS among them and women who did not inject drugs. It was also diagnosed among recipients of blood products such as haemophiliacs.

It soon became apparent that there was a considerable



The Ins and Outs of AIDS

How is AIDS transmitted?

Do we now need telephone sanitisers? The virus itself is far less infectious than the hysteria surrounding it

heterosexual AIDS problem in Africa and that AIDS clearly was not a new disease at all. It seemed to have been in Central Africa for at least fifteen years and perhaps many more.

Although AIDS first appeared in different groups of people in different countries, HIV is invariably transmitted in a similar way, through the transfer of infected body fluids.

HIV has been found in semen, tears, breast milk, vaginal secretions and blood. The means by which HIV is passed on, or 'transmitted', from an infected person to an uninfected person are therefore very limited and require a degree of intimate contact.

● **Unprotected sex.** Penetrative sex between men and women or men and men, both vaginal and anal can lead to transmission of HIV. Anal sex is associated with the highest risk. The presence of other sexually transmitted disease, such as genital ulcers, may also increase the possibility of transmission.

Unprotected oral sex, and sexual contact between women is associated with a lower risk of transmission.

● **Infected blood and blood products.** HIV transmission via this route has now been virtually

eliminated in industrialised countries through routine screening of donated blood. Most developing countries are now also improving their screening of blood for HIV.

● **Re-use of needles or syringes** can lead to the exchange of small quantities of blood, leading to transmission of the virus from one person to the next. Injecting drug users who share 'works' can transmit the virus in this way. Re-using needles in a medical setting, which still occurs in some less developed countries, could also lead to transmission.

It is possible for HIV to be transmitted if the blood of an infected person gets through a break in the skin of another.

● **From mother to child (prenatal transmission).** Estimates are that around one in four children born to mothers with HIV infection will themselves be infected with HIV. There is also a slight chance of infection via breast milk.

HIV cannot be transmitted through:

- Coughing
- Sneezing
- Sharing a toilet seat
- Mosquitoes and other insects
- Sharing a drinking fountain
- Eating food prepared by someone who has HIV

- Showers and swimming pools
- Sweat, tears and saliva
- Animals and pets

With regard to social contact, it is the person with AIDS who may be in danger. They are more susceptible to infections such as colds, flu, measles or chicken-pox, with serious consequences due to their deficient immune system.

Drugs & HIV

People who inject drugs are not only at risk of HIV infection from sexual contact, but also from the sharing of infected injecting equipment. Sharing 'works' is the surest way of transmitting HIV, as infected blood can be injected directly into the bloodstream of an uninfected person. The total for known HIV positive people through injecting drugs in the UK is 2179 (Sept '91), with 223 cases of AIDS and 120 deaths.

Users of injecting drugs can protect themselves by looking at a range of options for drug use other than injecting. There is a growing range of agencies which can provide help and advice on changing their pattern of drug use.

Drug users who continue to inject drugs can protect themselves by never sharing equipment (eg

needles, syringes or spoons). Sterile equipment is available from needle exchange schemes and from a growing number of high street pharmacies. Injecting with sterile works or a set kept strictly for use by one person offers the best protection for those who continue to inject. If equipment is not shared, it cannot spread HIV. However, if sterile or individual equipment is not available the next best thing is to clean equipment using disinfectant. This may offer some protection, although it is difficult to disinfect plastic and is no substitute for sterile works. Washing equipment in water is not sufficient.

Sexual partners of drug injectors, who do not themselves inject, risk infection through unsafe sexual activities with their drug injecting partners.

There are four points to consider in order to stay healthy:

1. Stop sharing. Always try to get your own set of works. Find a local syringe exchange. Use a clean set of works for every fix. Use your own spoon for cooking up. Use clean water to mix with the gear. Dispose of used works safely.

2. If you have to share, clean your works. Clean used equipment immediately it is last used. Separate needle, barrel and plunger and clean them in hot tap water and household detergent. Remove all traces of blood. Rinse the works thoroughly with clean water. Do the same with any spoons etc.

3. Stop fixing. There are lots of alternative ways of taking any drug which do not involve fixing or skin-popping: smoking or snorting heroin, snorting speed, dropping pills, freebasing coke, oral substitutes like methadone.

4. Stop using. Find a local drugs agency to give advice on self-help methods of coming off or other available treatment options. Join a support group. Consider a re-hab programme.

The best way to protect yourself from HIV and to stay healthy is not to take drugs at all. If you require any information about kicking the habit call:

Mainliners 071-274 4000
Release 071-377 5905
Scoda 071-430 2341
Turning Point 071-437 3523

1. You pick up a girl who's got a pack of condoms. Are you:
 - a) insulted
 - b) relieved
 - c) excited she's carrying a ten-pack
2. Your partner asks you to perform a sexual act that might involve blood passing between you. Do you:
 - a) lie back and think of England
 - b) refuse point blank because of the risk of HIV infection
 - c) say 'not tonight, darling, I've got a headache'

3. You find out that your best friend is HIV positive. When you meet them in the street, do you:
 - a) announce that your friendship is ended and turn your back on them forever
 - b) tell them that you want to help in any way you can because a friend is for life
 - c) cross over the road because you're scared your friend might breathe on you
4. Your ex-boyfriend or girlfriend tells you that they've been to the STD clinic and has gonorrhea. Do you:
 - a) tell them that it's their problem, not yours
 - b) Call the clinic and make an appointment as soon as possible
 - c) ask if you can have some of their medicine
5. You've always liked your friend's big brother. He's tall, good looking and athletic. One day you see him kissing with another boy at a bus stop. Do you:
 - a) decide you don't like him any more
 - b) decide you still like him no
6. The best looking boy in town takes you out in his sports car and asks you to stay the night at his place. You know that he never uses condoms. Do you:
 - a) have another spritzer and say 'Let's go'
 - b) say no, unless he'll buy some condoms from the machine in the gents
 - c) say: 'OK, but you'll have to sleep on the sofa'

Questionnaire

RESULTS

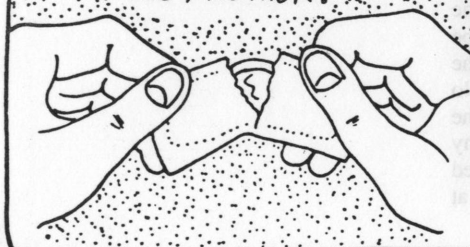
Mostly a) answers: You have a very serious attitude problem. You should read all the information you can about sex and sexuality very carefully and think about your answers again. Your recklessness could cost you your life.

Mostly b) answers: You have obviously understood the dangers involved in casual sex without protection, and you have a mature attitude towards other people's sexual preferences. Don't be afraid to voice your opinions.

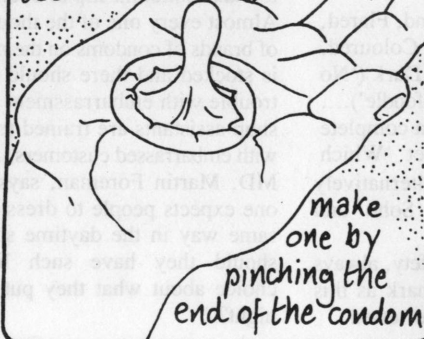
Mostly c) answers: Your heart is in the right place but you are still confused. This means that you are still at risk. You must be more careful in your attitude towards life and re-think your attitudes to sex and sexuality.

how to use a condom

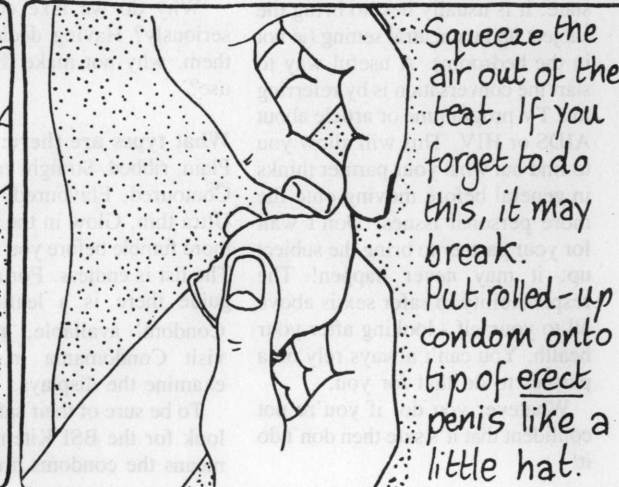
Open sealed wrapper with care. Take care not to damage the condom. If you do damage it--
USE ANOTHER!



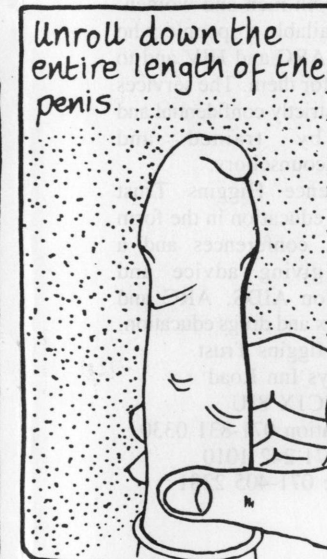
The test is important! It is for the semen. If there is no test--



make one by pinching the end of the condom



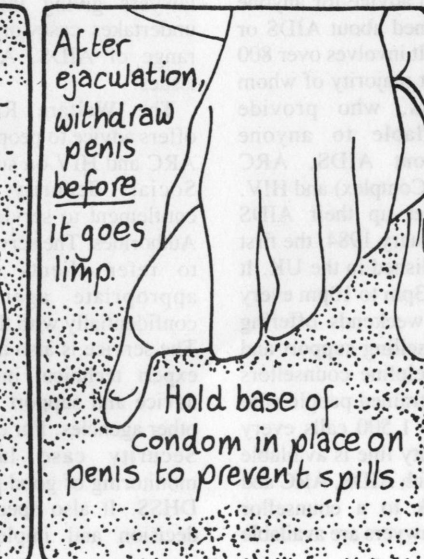
Squeeze the air out of the test. If you forget to do this, it may break. Put rolled-up condom onto tip of erect penis like a little hat.



Unroll down the entire length of the penis.



Add a blob of WATER-BASED lubricant-- K.Y. Jelly or Duragel--
NOT Vaseline, as it destroys rubber!



After ejaculation, withdraw penis before it goes limp.
Hold base of condom in place on penis to prevent spills.



Tie knot in condom (after taking it off!) Wrap it in tissue and flush it away or put it in a bin.

In the 1st year of their Clinical course at Mary's all medical students spend a week on a nursing attachment, last September I found myself on one of the two wards at St Mary's which specialise in caring for HIV +ve patients. On the whole most medical students spend little time with these patients except for the odd ward round, I am very glad that I had the opportunity to spend a week there.

Day 1—What do I say to these people?

How does HIV affect their lives?

Will they realise how unsure I am?

I met the Ward Sister that morning and she suggested that I go

and see two of the patients who she checked were willing to talk to me. That morning I managed to overcome some of my inhibitions and worries about HIV +ve patients and began to learn how very varied the patients can be.

Not every patient knows or has accepted their diagnosis, while others are angry, depressed, or have come to terms with it and are keen to talk. Almost all the patients I spoke to during the week are incredibly well informed about HIV, AIDS and all the latest treatments, they want to know why, when and how they will be treated and certainly will not just leave it to the Medical Profession to do what is best!

During the week I also met the partners and sometimes the family of many of the patients, they may know different amounts about the diagnosis so confidentiality is very important. The partners are often involved in much of the caring for a patient.

Whilst some of the patients are seriously ill and require a high degree of nursing care, many of the patients are young, very independent and able to look after themselves, therefore unlike working on many other wards the nursing care required is often not so much washing and feeding, but has a large Psychosocial content and complex Drug rounds. In addition the nurses work with Community

The Terrence Higgins Trust

There are a number of voluntary groups who help AIDS victims, as well as sexual problems in general.



The Terrence Higgins Trust was founded in 1982 and is today the leading AIDS charity in the UK, providing practical support, help, counselling and advice for anyone with or concerned about AIDS or HIV infection. It involves over 800 people, the vast majority of whom are volunteers, who provide services available to anyone concerned about AIDS, ARC (AIDS Related Complex) and HIV.

The Trust set up their AIDS helpline in February 1984, the first one to be established in the UK. It now runs from 3pm to 10pm every day including weekends offering telephone counselling support and information. Helpline counsellors are skilled and trained people who deal with up to 1,500 calls every month. A priority line is available so that people with AIDS, ARC and HIV can speak to a counsellor immediately. Lawyers are available

for advice and information on the Legal Helpline every Wednesday evening at 7pm until 10pm. The Legal Advice Service has over 60 lawyers giving information and undertakes casework on a whole range of AIDS, ARC and HIV issues.

The Welfare Rights Service offers advice to people with AIDS, ARC and HIV on subjects such as Social Security, debt and entitlement to service from Local Authorities. The service is available to refer clients to the most appropriate agency to deal confidentially with their problems. The service is also able to provide expert technical information for advice and support workers from other agencies. For example Social Security case law and the monitoring of good practice in the DHSS. It also specialises in the decision and implementation of

training packages for advice and care agencies.

The Trust provides a number of different counselling and support services to both men and women. They are available to people who have AIDS, ARC and HIV and to those caring for them. The services are free and strictly confidential and provided by trained and experienced counsellors.

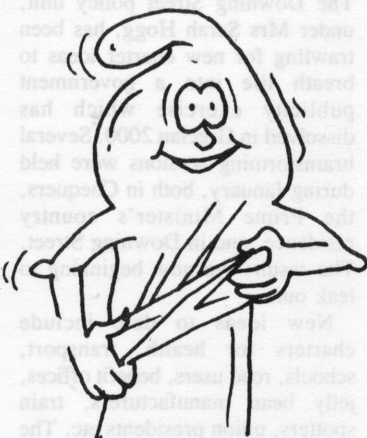
The Terrence Higgins Trust offers health education in the form of speakers, conferences and a roadshow, giving advice and information on AIDS, ARC and HIV, safer sex and drugs education.

Terrence Higgins Trust
52-54 Grays Inn Road
London WC1X 8JU
Administration 071-831 0330
Helpline 071-242 1010
Legal Line 071-405 2381

services and psychologists to try and achieve the best support possible for the patients.

The atmosphere on the ward is not one of doom and gloom, of course there is great sadness when a patient dies, but somehow a positive attitude is maintained for most of the time, and I can honestly say I enjoyed the week I spent there. At the end of my week on the ward I had learnt a lot about basic nursing care but also a great deal about AIDS, HIV+ve patients and the importance of being able to sit and listen, without necessarily offering advice or comforting words.

Sarah Payne,
SMHMS Medical Student



True or False

Answer true or false to the following questions.

1. HIV is mainly spread by sexual intercourse

2. Smoking heroin is a cause of AIDS.

3. Now that all British blood products are tested, there is little chance of being infected with HIV during a transfusion

4. A pregnant woman who is HIV positive can infect her unborn child

5. If a couple are both HIV+, safer sex is unnecessary

6. You can get a test to prove you do not have HIV

7. A positive HIV antibody test can affect life insurance

8. HIV can damage the brain

9. A person recently infected with HIV may show no symptoms

10. Night sweats and swollen glands could be signs of HIV infection

11. Bronchial pneumonia is a characteristic sign of AIDS

12. HIV can be spread by insects and mosquitoes

13. Since HIV has been found in saliva, kissing an HIV+ person is highly dangerous

14. Only gay men and drug abusers are at risk from HIV and AIDS

15. People using public swimming pools put themselves at risk of HIV infection

1. True

2. False—smoking heroin will not cause AIDS but injection of drugs with dirty needles or needles which are being shared can lead to infection with the HIV virus and eventually to AIDS

3. True

4. True

5. False—the immune system may be jeopardised by the virus and therefore unsafe sex may activate AIDS

6. True—those who have the virus develop antibodies in their bloodstream which become evident after three months. It is therefore advisable to have two tests three months apart with a period of abstinence in between

7. True

8. True—HIV may be a direct cause of meningitis with headache and fever; it can also cause impairment of thinking, learning and memory which is known as 'AIDS encephalopathy', 'AIDS encephalitis' or 'AIDS dementia'

9. True

10. True

11. True

12. False

13. False

14. False

15. False
Information source Terrence Higgins Trust.

Body Positive

Body Positive was founded seven years ago to run a self-help group of people who are concerned with HIV and AIDS. Most people within the group are HIV positive. The organisation has a drop-in centre at Earls Court which is open seven days a week to provide a number of facilities for those affected by HIV and AIDS. The centre has laundry facilities, and TV room, a living room and an information room where materials on HIV are available. Food is available during the day and free tea and coffee is served. In addition to this, Body Positive provide advice sessions (appointments can be booked in advance), complimentary health sessions, massage, a free transport service for people who have difficulty in walking, a fortnightly newsletter and a telephone helpline answered by men and women who

are themselves HIV+. The organisation has over 2,500 members and welcomes volunteers.

Body Positive
51b Philbeach Gardens
London SW5 9EB
Office 071-835 1045
Helpline 071-373 9124
(7pm-10pm every evening)

Positively Women
Holds weekly support groups and individual counselling for women with HIV/AIDS

Positively Women
5 Sebastian Street
London EC1V 0HE
071-490 5515

National AIDS Helpline
All calls are free from anywhere in the UK and totally confidential. A list of needle exchanges is available upon request.

0800 567123 (24 hrs a day)

London Lighthouse, Britain's first major residential and support centre for the growing numbers of men and women living with HIV, ARC and AIDS was officially opened in November 1988.

Based in a purpose-designed building in North Kensington, London Lighthouse is committed to providing the best possible care, support and facilities so that people affected by AIDS can live well throughout their lives. Its range of integrated services include a social centre, counselling health programmes, home support, respite and terminal care. London Lighthouse also provides support to the partners, friends and families of people affected by AIDS and runs training courses for statutory, private and voluntary organisations and for individuals concerned with AIDS related issues.

The project was established in

1986 by a group of people who, as a result of having HIV or AIDS, or knowing people who did, identified the need for a centre where people affected by AIDS would be supported to live well, have control over their lives and be central to making key decisions regarding the organisation and the quality and range of services it offered. People with HIV, ARC and AIDS work at all levels of the organisation.

London Lighthouse is actively committed to becoming an Equal Opportunities organisation and opposes all forms of discrimination faced by people with HIV, ARC and AIDS, black people, gay men, women, lesbians, drug users and people with disabilities.

London Lighthouse
111/117 Lancaster Road
London W11 1QT
071-792 1200

Contacts

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In addition to this, information will be available all week in the JCR, the Health Centre and from the Union, Welfare Adviser, Stefano Ruis.

It can surely be no coincidence that the suggested date of the general election, 9 April, falls during most college and polyversity holidays. Nasty lefty, subversive students can then be packed off home to their safe Labour seats, removing vital student votes from key marginals, such as Kensington.

It is also no coincidence that the proximity of the same general election has prompted a sudden interest in student matters, not to influence students, of course. Students will see any resultant scam for what it is. The whole approach seems to be of duping Joe Public into believing that Conservatives care about students.

Felix and The Guardian have already stated the facts of the story. The Downing Street policy unit, under Mrs Sarah Hogg, has been trawling for new charter ideas to breath life into a government publicity exercise which has dissolved in Grecian 2000. Several brainstorming sessions were held during January, both in Chequers, the Prime Minister's country residence, and in Downing Street. The results are now beginning to leak out.

New ideas to date include charters for health, transport, schools, road users, benefit offices, jelly bean manufacturers, train spotters, union presidents etc. The

'... The idea of students assessing lecturers' pay is not a Conservative idea. It's just not on... It may be something the Labour Party would do, but it is certainly not one of our ideas.'

Really? It may be that Ms. Kesswick has not been fully briefed by the Secretary of State. It may also be that she is vehemently opposed to the idea because the charter came from the political section of 10 Downing Street, and not from the political section of the Department of Health. Or it could be that the Conservative Party is kite flying; leaking an idea to assess reaction while denying that the idea even exists. It allows ministers to

Uncharted Waters

*Declan Curry,
of IC Radio,
looks into the
'student charter'*

It could also be that the general election has been suggested for April so that the public can be saved from a long winded, bitter, sterile slanging match. Roll up, roll up, the end is nigh, as placards read just about everywhere.

And as for proof that Conservatives care? Who needs it? The Conservative government has increased opportunity by increasing access to higher education. Loans are designed to allow funding for those to whom it is not available. Student numbers are up. A students' charter would be ideal to improve on the service.

So why is the Department of Education and Science denying that charter plans exist?

The sources that tell us that charter plans do exist are impeccable. These people, who work in the Cabinet Office, have the ear of the Prime Minister, and they had the ear of the Prime Minister at the Downing Street seminar at which the idea was discussed.

wedge of paper is in danger of catching up with the multitude of Labour policy documents, mark two, of course.

The students' charter emanated from a Downing Street session. The Education Secretary was asked by senior civil servants if he was in favour of various proposals. Mr Clarke said that he was. These measures included a formal link between students' assessments of lecturers performance and future lecture pay awards, effectively giving students influence over lecturers' pay.

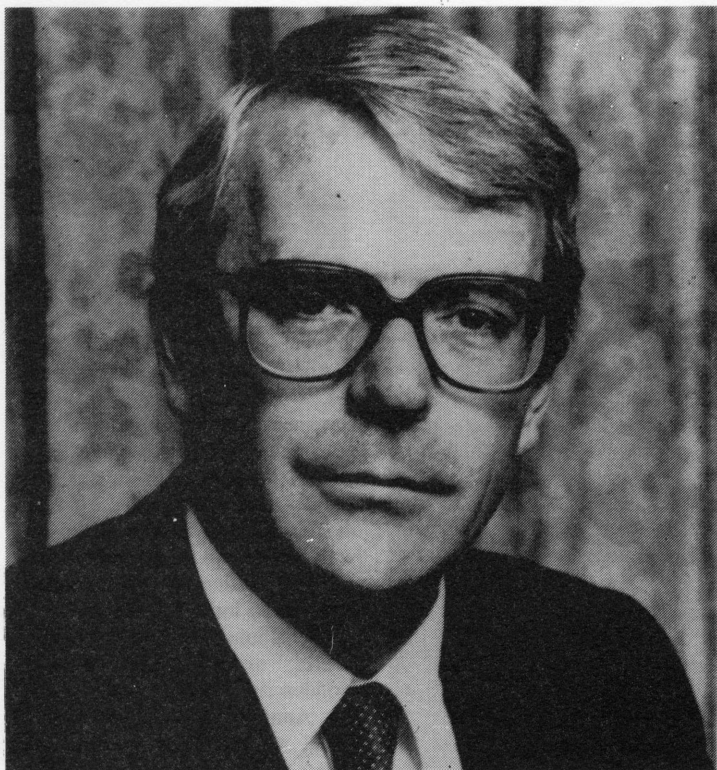
It is this idea which has caused most of the storm which followed the revelation of the charter. The cynicism and hostility which greeted the move was not confined to natural government supporters. Tessa Kesswick, senior policy advisor to Kenneth Clarke, has described the measure as 'not a Conservative idea.' She went on to say that:

'We might do a students' charter... we have no plans for a students' charter, and even if we had, it would certainly not be on the terms listed in the Guardian...

do opinion polling without paying for it, and to withdraw ideas without losing face.

The old line that something is not believed until it is officially denied, does not hold totally true in this case. Grant Edwards, at the Cabinet Office Citizen's Charter Unit told us that 'the idea for a students' charter may have been discussed' at the chartermark seminar in Chequers. We have been told that the discussion took place at Number 10. What is important here is that he did not say that no discussion took place. This is as close as you will get to a civil servant admitting that a specific political conversation took place.

What will go into a students' charter? The usual source of Conservative ideas, the 'think tanks,' don't appear to have any proposals on the table. Madison Perry, chairman of the right wing Adam Smith Institute, told us that they have done no student work for two years. Interestingly, the Institute of Economic Affairs has also done no student work for two years. Both these groups have been exceptionally influential in shaping



Yes, oh yes, I can assure the right honorable gentleman opposite that we are indeed proceeding in a negative direction to macroeconomical impecuniousness and insofar as the sense of syntax can be stretched, so shall it remain.

government policy in the past, and the fact that these groups have not completed student research for two years may be due more to their falling out of favour since the demise of Margaret Thatcher than to any apparent inactivity, or lack of interest in a students' charter.

This also covers any anti-National Union of Students (NUS) work. Madison Perry told us that the Adam Smith Institute had no interest in the NUS. NUS bashing is therefore left to that last bastion of open membership, Conservative

Students. Though a senior official of Conservative Students told IC Radio News that they had no plans to take the NUS 'to the cleaners', the NUS fears a fresh attack on their position, following a period of considerable silence.

This 'fresh attack' seems to be the motive behind the idea that students' unions should become self-financing. This chestnut is part of an old, long running and thoroughly pathetic attempt by the government to strangle the NUS. The scheme is pathetic simply

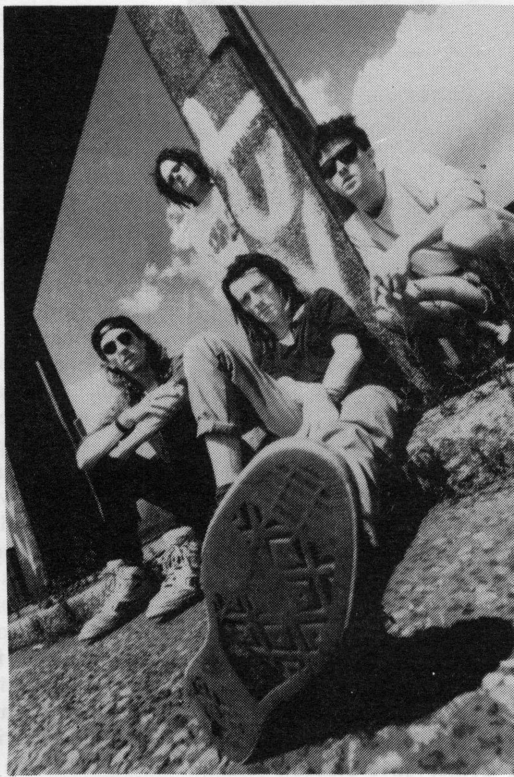
because it has failed. Utterly. The only group which is successfully strangling the NUS is the NUS.

So apart from NUS bashing, what else is likely to appear in the students' charter? Not much, really. There are plans to increase the speed of payment of your grant, but not to increase the grant itself. There are plans for faster loans, but not fatter loans. Not a whisper on interest free loans, and certainly nothing on the graduate tax, as floated by the Institute of Public Policy Research and the Fabian Society, among others.

This gives us a post-it note of a charter. But what about opposition plans for a student charter? According to Labour's Higher Education spokesman, Andrew Smith, there are none. Labour won't introduce a charter, but they plan to scrap student loans, introduce a fairer grant system, restore the vacation hardship allowance, and bring in targeted housing assistance. Labour also opposes moves to reduce student representation on student governing body, plans to introduce a pay review body for lecturers, and rejects 'perennial attacks on students' unions from the Conservative right wing'. No, of course it isn't a charter. It's a wish list. The only question they haven't answered is 'where's the money coming from?'.

Are the two main parties even interested in buying the student vote? Labour, which has for so long taken the student vote for granted, have now discovered the harsh reality that 'student' does not equate with 'Labour-voting'. The Conservatives had initial hopes that this new style floating vote would drift to them. With this now improbable, Conservatives have shown that they are perfectly capable of by-passing the student vote, especially in those key marginals like York. First we saw the now-you-see-it, now-you-don't charter. Now we see that come the election, the student voice may not even be heard.

Mega City 4 - Sebastopol Road



Two not entirely dissimilar pictures of Mega City 4

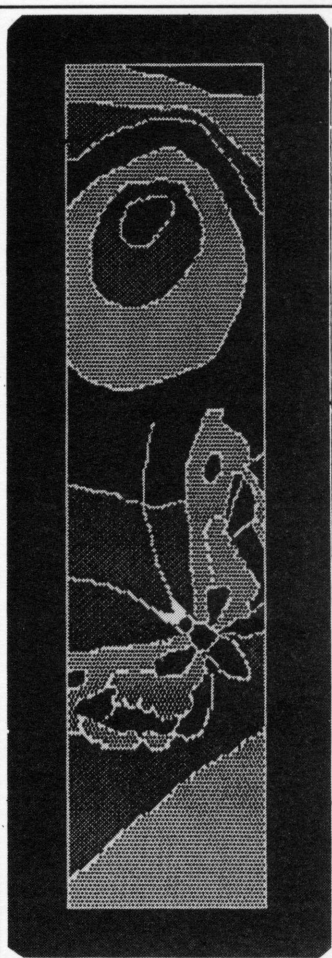
Album

I don't like *Mega City 4*. *Mega City 4* ruined my life. (This is, you realise, a completely irrational statement, and a bare minimum of people will have the remotest idea what I'm talking about, as per usual.) I'm really pissed off with the Megs. In fact I'm pissed off with most things. Now I've got that out of my system, I shall attempt to conduct an impartial review.

This album sounds very strange. Well, not strange really. Nondescript. Nothing really stands out. Anne Bancroft is quite a good track, and there are a couple of others, but nothing really grabs me by the throat.

It's just the major(ish) label blues, I guess. Big time, Big Life, big disappointment. Terribly sorry, Bob.

Lise Yates



MALAYSIAN NITE

-Flight MH002-

22 February 1992

Great Hall,
Sherfield Bldg

6.00pm

-Dinner

-Cultural Show

-Grand Raffle

(1st Prize—a return ticket from
London to
Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia)

£8

Manic Street Preachers - Generation Terrorists

Album

Let's get this over and done with. I know you all want to know if this is the earth shattering debut that these four likely lads from south Wales have been promising, or the complete and utter abortion that you are expecting. Sorry to disappoint, but neither. The three singles aside there are five or six storming tracks and two or maybe three that at least make you sit up and take note. But why oh why did they insist on the others? A desire to shake the world? A belief that they will make the world a better place? You must be kidding! 'You Love Us' and 'Love's Sweet Exile' are good, but in the words of a crap advert, 'not that good'. They do have a nice habit of switching both style and

tempo just when you expect them to degenerate into G'n'R mode but there is still a subtle lack of originality here. If you want to make it in the world of guitars these days you have to have that something special that set you apart from the male dominated, male ego-centric crap that seems to be the 'in' thing at the moment. They may well not be the most macho group around, indeed the lyrics are some of the best and most poetic for all of a couple of months. So they won't wash everybody away in wave of hysterical admiration, they won't be able to retire to a tropical island and forget the world. I for one would be sad if they did, for there is definitely a glimmer, a glint, that shines through. They have an intellect that is far above the norm and hopefully second time around things will be better.

Pebbles.

The Stairs - Woman Gone & Say Goodbye

12 Inch

This is great, this is wonderful. At last a record I like. A sort of cross between *The Doors*, and I mean the early stuff before Jim spent his entire life pissed, and *The Thirteenth Floor Elevators*. Perhaps the most hacky, 'right on', way to describe them is as a '60s retro-

group' but I won't. They may sound like *The Rolling Stones* at times, even, perish the thought *The Beatles* but I for one won't hold it against them. This is more like it, I've had enough of these rock and roll people playing with themselves in public, posing with their guitars as if they are some sort of demi-gods. Give me a record you can get down and dance to any day of the week, and here it is. Groovy.

Pebbles.

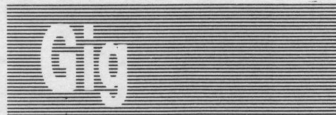
The Search for Magic Box

AIDS week. Would it be possible for me to float the suggestion that this is a waste of Union money, and consequently a waste of your money? The number of deaths in Britain, ever, from AIDS, of people outside of high-risk categories, is less than the number of people who die in Britain every day from cancer. More people die in a week from cancer than have AIDS, in the UK.

'But AIDS is preventable!' I hear you say. Perhaps if a proportional amount of cash was spent on cancer research, they would find a cure for that too.

'But AIDS cases are rising so fast!' The propaganda continues. The massive percentage rise is only due to the fact that the incidence of the disease is so low that just one more person dying causes the figure to rise.

World of Twist - Camden Palace

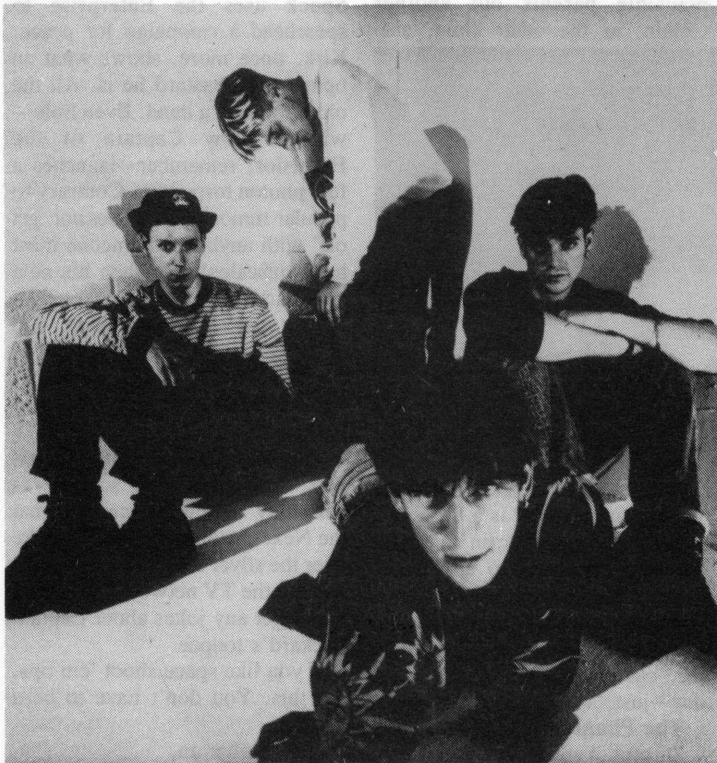


I wasn't going to review this. I was just going to go along and groove to the grooviness. But I've knackered my knee, so I wasn't feeling much like dancing to the danciness, and I was quite drunk, so not particularly coordinated for boogie-ing to the booginess. And I must say that they did play some particularly good songs, the *KLF's America-What Time Is Love?* in

particular can not go unmentioned, because it's too cool for words. I'm going to buy it. Yes, that good.

World Of Twist. Oh Yes. No stage presence at all but they do have some good songs... *Sons Of The Stage*, *Lose My Way*, *Sweets* and the encore *She's A Rainbow* are all really great songs, if a little on the baggy side. I've told you all this before, of course. They also have a couple of stinkers in the set as well, but I'm going to skim over them. I don't want to get a reputation as a miserable perfectionist bitch, now do I?

Lise Yates



Airhead - Palace, Tuesday, Crap

How does this relate to music? Freddie Mercury's tribute concert sold out in six hours. 70,000 people. But it doesn't affect *Sweet Jesus*. Flushed with the all round praise of their debut single, *Phonefreak Honey*, they play at the New Cross Venue tonight. I sincerely doubt 70,000 people will turn up for that so no need to arrive too early.

Over and onto Monday, skimming quickly over *Ingorance* on Saturday, to the *River City People*, with *Boo Hewerdine*. *Boo* is good. *River City People* are too, even if they do come from Liverpool. While I'm talking about them, I'd just like to raise the point that their new single is shit, but the B-side, *Like An Angel*, is a brilliant track. Thank you.

Tuesday features the ever present *Pele*. Are you getting the message yet? Incidentally, *Airhead* are playing at the Camden Palace, so I'd stay away from Camden if I were you.

Wednesday features two college bands, whose ability to arrange practices when I feel like being somewhere else is incredible. Nonetheless, I'm sure they're good, and not just because they're taller than me, either.

The only mail I got last Friday was a letter from a band. *My Life Story*, indeed. But seeing as they are one of the bestest bands on the planet, I'll forgive them for getting my hopes up unexpectedly.

TONIGHT

Sweet Jesus, etc

New Cross Venue £5

BR from Charing Cross to New Cross (or New X Gate) and turn right (or left)

MONDAY

River City People, Boo

Hewerdine

ULU £6

Goodge St., Euston Square, Russell Square. It doesn't really matter.

TUESDAY

Pele

Middlesex Poly £2.50

Oakwood (Piccadilly) tube, across the road towards the park, turn right, and then left up to the barrier. If you wait around a bus will come along and take you to the union.

WEDNESDAY

Blue Salamander, The

Pheasant Pluckers

Fulham Swan

Right outside Fulham Broadway (District) tube. Apparently.

THURSDAY

My Life Story Tufnell Park Dome £3/£4

Dead opposite Tufnell Park (Northern Line, Barnet branch). Easy.

Prince of Tides



The Prince of Tides is an adaptation of Pat Conroy's 1987 bestselling novel. It is an intelligent, compassionate, sad, if at times harsh look at the interaction of people and events that affect the bearing of one's life.

Barbara Streisand produced, directed and stars in the film, her second film as director since *Yentle*. She handles the concept with remarkable integrity. She previously starred in the film *Nuts*, whose main theme also centered on the wonders of psychotherapy healing the wounds of a troubled and marred childhood.

The story is of Tom Wingo (Nick Nolte), an out of work South



American English teacher/coach. He travels to New York leaving behind a confused wife (Blythe Danner) and loving family. He is requested by his sister's psychiatrist, Susan Lowenstein (Barbara Streisand), to give her an insight into his sister's repeated attempts at suicide. Tom is initially unnerved and hostile in the presence of Lowenstein and is unwilling to open up to her, but his love for his sister (Melinda Dillon) overcomes

his reservations.

Lowenstein is caught in a stale, unhappy marriage to an arrogant, domineering husband (Jerome Krabbe) and has an estranged son. During his stay in New York Tom befriends Lowenstein's son Bernard (Jason Gould) by giving him coaching lessons.

Tom is afflicted by the same childhood traumas as his sister, caused in essence by their flawed parents. Tom struggles to tell their

past. With encouragement and warmth from Lowenstein he is able to confront his hidden grief and pain. A deep trust and understanding develops between them. This gives to Lowenstein a renewed faith in herself and they fall in love.

Streisand is admirable and does not allow the film to slide into a melodramatic love story. The film uses flashbacks to depict the childhood scenes.

Overall the acting is impeccable and Nolte shines, though at times he seemed overbearing. In Nolte's own words: '*The Prince of Tides* is about forgiveness. It's about how one must come to grips with the past and move beyond it to a place of comfort and acceptance with life'.

Prince of Tides open on Friday 21st February at Odeon Leicester Square.

Roublies.

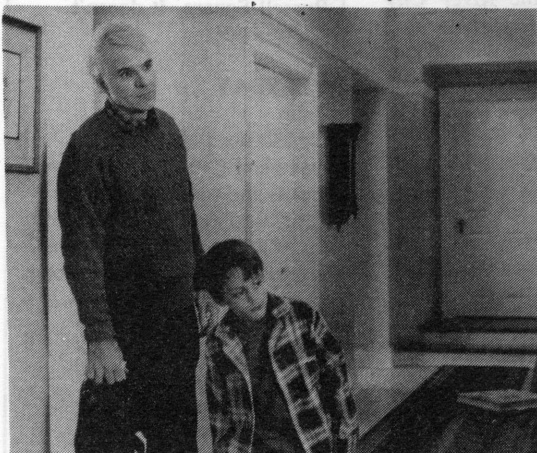
Father of the Bride



Father of the Bride is a remake of the 1950 classic but unfortunately, given the cast, will not be

starts to lose all rationality and his eyebrows take over. Through all the trials he has to face, George's wife, Diane Keaton, tries to gently bring him down to earth (or at least their idyllic family home) and to foot the bill which at my guess was in the region of seventy thousand pounds. The reason for this extravagance—the wedding co-ordinator Franck (pronounced Fronck) Eggelhoff

daddy's nightmare come true through his eyes. As such he cannot make sense of Fronck either but the women can and revel in his willingness to help George part with seventy grand. The film seems to have been made for middle-age parents as a warning of what is to come. Keaton and Martin make plausible parents but another Culkin, as the other child, also



remembered as fondly. Steve Martin progresses from the inane humour, so broadly acclaimed, to become the over anxious father whose daughter, Kimberly Williams, grows up overnight and proclaims her intentions to get married to computer interfacing whizz, George Newburn. Almost from the words 'I'm getting married' George Banks (Martin)

and his sidekick Howard Weinstein. It was Fronck who is the most irksome in this film, his camp flamboyancy is supposed to mirror Otho in *Beetlejuice* but he seems to take his accent that one step too far so that half the time you cannot understand what he is saying. However, the writer/director/producers Nancy Meyers and Charles Shyer wanted us to see

without spontaneity is a bit much. Without Steve Martin and his amazing eyebrows to attract our interest and entice us to fork out a fiver, this film would descend into the realm of obscurity. Thankfully the cast is there to save the day—just.

The Phantom Crapper Dumps Again!



Star Trek VI



The wrinklies are back! The Klingon Empire is in trouble and Spock uses the Enterprise to spearhead a campaign for peace. Kirk, once more, shows what an opinionated bastard he is. All the old crew lend a hand. Even Sulu—who is now Captain of the Excelsior, remember—launches a few photon torpedoes. Contrary to popular rumour Spock does *not* 'get off' with anybody. Someone must have miscalculated when his next 'pon fart' (??—TS) was.

The special FX are good, and deserve 70mm. The plot is ok. The Shakespearean quotes irritating: 'You must read it in the original Klingon!'

This is supposed to be the last *Star Trek* film. Not so! this is definitely setting the scene so that the Next Generation team can take over the silver screen, as they have done to the TV networks. And you won't get any jokes about Captain Packard's toupee.

If you like space shoot 'em ups, see this. You don't have to be a trekkie.

icsh Chairman,
alm@doc.ic.ac.vw.

Betty Blue



Yes, the classic *amour fou* film in the 80s is back again. However, *la version integrale*, re-cut by director Jean-Jacques Beineix, contains an hour of previously unseen footage, which make up to a total running time of three hours!

No, not an extra hour of bonking scenes. Nevertheless, these extra scenes are essential in accounting for Betty's being driven into insanity.

Betty (Beatrice Dalle) walks into Zorg's (Jean-Hughes Anglade) life by bonking every night and moving into his place by the sea, where he is supposed to paint all the bungalows as a living. One day, Betty discovers Zorg's notebooks containing his works, which he thinks are nothing; whereas Betty

is so impressed that she reckons they should be published and Zorg should concentrate on writing. To get Zorg out of his boring life, she burns his house down and they have to flee to Paris. From then on, their adventure moves on to some small province, in which most of the scenes of the unseen footage take place, while Betty's hopes become shattered because of the refusal letters from publishers and her failing to give Zorg a baby. Out of despair, Betty plucks one of her eyes out...

If you have seen the edited version before and are not convinced about Betty's self-destruction, the unseen footage contains trivial, but important scenes that build up the tragedy, and some gags as well. Highlights include Dominique Pinon's (the clown from *Delicatessen*) cameo as a drug dealer. There is also the funny bit about the mattress that their friend's dead mother sleeps in before. What's surprising to someone that has seen it many times

before is the freshness contained in Betty and Zorg's characters, and the people around them, and eventually the film itself.

And, for those who had missed it when it was first released, *Betty Blue* is certainly the film with passion. Ever so moving. Ever so wonderful.

Su.

Valdorama



Ivy, a beautiful fashion model with supposedly great potential is pregnant by her boyfriend Mark. He was a famous actor until recently, when he died in a car crash. Now, should Ivy have an abortion for her career's sake, as urged by Valdorama, her ruthless

manager? He loves only money and himself. Or should she comply with the wishes of her ex-boyfriend's aristocratic family who are all very strange and for different reasons want her to have the baby? And then there's Frank, Mark's minder, who's got a crush on Ivy, but unfortunately he is stupid and socially not acceptable. Anyway, Ivy get's 'modelnapped' by the crazed aristocrats. When Frank comes to rescue her he is put to sleep with a spiked drink and shipped to Africa, from whence he later returns in a sort of Rambo outfit.

This and much more of the kind in *Valdorama* at the Latchmere Theatre. And get this, it's all in verse! Now is that a great tale of love and power, the revival of good theatrical traditions—or it just a right load of bollocks?

Valdorama, 8pm until 29th February, Latchmere Theatre, 503 Battersea Park Road, £7/£4 concessions.

Boris Springborn.

From a Jack to a King



From a Jack to a King is currently playing at The Boulevard Theatre. They are obviously hoping for a transfer to a bigger, more flashy venue. I hope they don't get it, this show doesn't deserve it.

If you've seen *Return to the Forbidden Planet* you'll know the general idea of Bob Carlton's 'Rock and Roll Musical'. Take some Shakespeare quotes, wrapped around a rough plot (in this case Macbeth), some safely popular 60s and 70s songs and here you have it. Apparently it works in *Forbidden Planet* (I admit - I haven't seen it) but sadly not in *From a Jack to a King*. What you get is a disappointing night out and certainly a waste of your money.

It wasn't funny and it wasn't original. Soap fans may be interested to see Sue from Brookside in it, but don't let that be a reason for going, you'd regret it. The show opens, and closes, with a rendition of 'Money (that's what I want)'; don't give them your's.

Darwen

The Cutting



This play is about Judith and Alex. Judith is on remand, Alex is a psychiatrist assigned to the task of getting Judith to talk. She is suspected of murdering her mother (and cutting her up and feeding her to the birds) but for seven months she has been silent. *The Cutting*, by Maureen O'Brien, looks at the relationship that develops between them.

It looks at silence, at speech and at how and why we use each of these things. The acting, by Paul Freeman and Sian Thomas is excellent. The period when Judith is not talking is fascinating, seeing her act with her eyes alone. It's a good idea to sit in the seats on the longer side of the, excellent, set otherwise you may miss that, and whilst mentioning the seats, be prepared for someone sitting on your feet and for you to be sitting on someone else's.

The language in the play is wonderful and Judith's description of being in love is enchanting. It is rare to find a play where you sit and



listen to the words thinking, 'this is so true'. That, amongst many other qualities makes this play a brilliant piece of theatre. Even if the storyline does not grab you, the subtlety and truth in the descriptions of feelings and experiences will.

Darwen.

I didn't think 'this is so true' at all actually, but then Darwen is much more mentally stable than me. I thought it was a black comedy. I

found it funny, and captivating; or even captivating and funny. Well worth a visit, if plays are your thing. I'm off back to my music pages, personally.

Lise Yates.

The Bush Theatre is above the pub of the same name on Shepherd's Bush Green. The Box Office number is 081-743 3388. Tickets are £8/£5 concessions.

Ooh-er missus, put that chicken away and take your mind back to the Guilds Dinner and Dance...Zoë and Jeremy, Sam and Trigger. Well, anybody wearing a shirt absolutely covered in bright pink elephants and wearing boxer shorts covered in kisses doesn't deserve a kiss from anyone. Not even our wondrous Pres. type person. A certain 'Michelle' was the recipient of a barber shop-o-gram recently. I am looking into who sponsored this.

I must mention Mel here - Nick Jones' girl-friend. She approached Bob Symes after his speech and asked for his autograph... on her left breast! How disgusting, I hear you cry, but what I feel is more disgusting is the fact that he agreed. Dirty old pervert or dithering old fool? Whatever your opinion, he made a good speaker from all accounts and entertained the guests with the good old helium filled balloons.

Wild happenings have been afoot

Dear Marge



As for Valentines Day as a whole, well I know of some people who received messages, but to be quite honest with you, the majority of the messages seemed to be contrived by certain ex-members of the College and certain current members of the Felix staff, by name Paul Shanley and

in Fisher Hall this last week w. Miss Sarah Lee, party-goer extraordinaire and maker of exceedingly good cakes, being spotted snogging in the kitchen on the third floor. The identity of this person could never possibly be revealed as this smear his character beyond what could be decently justified, and he may never be able to show his face again. 'Fresher' Bob, mind your laundry bills. The main content of this bash seemed to be Fleming's infamous Yellow Venezuelan cocktail which can only be watered down by the use of Vodka, and preferably over-proof blue Smirnoff. Apparently it was held on behalf of the Lexham Flat Ten Bachelors Black and White Party. This appears to be made up from most of the members of RCSU including Martin, Massie, Rachael, Phil and Steve. Any valid offers from young ladies wishing for a blind date with any of these healthy

Sorry about that, I was brutally attacked and an attempt was made to amputate my hands in order to prevent me revealing the identity of the other person in question, luckily however the attack was all in vain - 'Marge the Superwoman'. So there Rose, you didn't get away with it this time.

Too Clever By Half

Too Clever by Half is the name of the play showing today and tomorrow in the Concert Hall here in College, produced by the amateur Stage Right Drama Group. The group has links to Imperial through stage manager Mike Griffiths, who studied physics here

and graduated in 1972. The play by the Russian Alexander Ostrovsky is a satire about bureaucracy and a clever schemer who achieves success by turning his coat with every wind. Tickets are £4.50 (students £3.50) and performances start at 7.30pm

Union Bits

In the midst of sabbatical elections, there are oodles more posts available. Papers go up on Monday for the following posts: Handbook Editor, 2 ordinary members of council, 2 members of UFC, Academic Affairs, External Affairs, Welfare and the respective chairs of Rag, Ents, ICCAG and UGM. So there's lots to choose from.

It's also AIDS awareness week next week. There is an extra bar quiz on Wednesday, to keep the

trivia buffs happy and International Night on Friday within the Sheffield Building.

In the JCR, there's a woolly jumper and bits sale on Monday and Record Sales on Thursday and Friday. That's it for another week. You now have seven days left to sign up for a wonderful sabb post.

Cheers,
Steve Farrant,
ICU Hon Sec (Events).

young bachelors please apply via the Felix office. May I just remind you that you would have to be blind to date any of them!

On a slightly more serious note, it has been bought to our attention that there are various chain letters circulating the halls at the moment. Some of these are exceedingly threatening and should under no circumstances be responded to. If anybody receives a letter they have two options. Firstly to just bin the letter and forget about it, no matter what is threatened, as there is no way that such a letter can damage either you or your possessions. The

second option is to bring them into the Felix office and drop them in the Dear Marge pigeon hole. If I can find out who is responsible for them, I will ensure that their lives are made terminally miserable. If those of you who are guilty of this crime are reading this then I suggest you stop now. This statement is not a cheap threat but a statement of fact and already there are indications of your identity. It is only a matter of time before you get caught. It is in fact against the law to send chain letters and you may find yourselves facing legal proceedings if this continues.

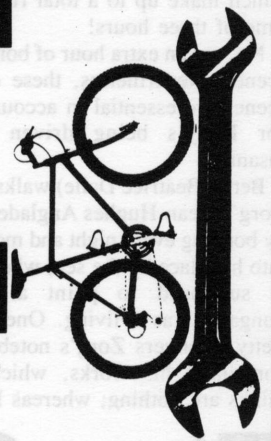
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An up-to-the-minute guide to events in and around Imperial College. The deadline for entries for this page is the Monday prior to publication.

FRIDAY

Hang Gliding.....12.30pm
Southside Upper Lounge.
Conservative Soc.....12.30pm
Physics 737.
Rag Meeting.....12.40pm
Union Lounge. Everyone welcome.
3rd World 1st.....12.45pm
Southside Upper Lounge.
Labour Club Meeting.....1.00pm
Maths 408. Club members welcome.
Friday Prayers.....1.00pm
Southside Gym. See Islamic Society.
Kung Fu.....4.30pm
Union Gym.
C.U. Prayer Meeting.....5.00pm
413 Maths.
International Students Meeting.....5.30pm
Huxley 308. 'Do all religions lead to God?'.
Christian Union Meeting.....6.00pm
308 Computing.
Swimming.....6.30pm
Sports Centre.
Fencing Club Training.....6.40pm
Club training.
Stoic on Air.....7.00pm
Shaolin Kungfu System Nam-Pai-Chuan.....7.30pm
Southside Gym. All welcome.
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.....10.00am
Southside Gym.
Ladies Tennis.....12.00pm
At college courts. Membership £6. All new members welcome.
Cycling Club.....10.30am
Meet at Beit Arch.
Lebanese Party.....8.30pm
Junior Common Room, Sheffield Building. Members £7, advance £8, on the door £9.

SUNDAY

West London Chaplaincy Sunday Service.....10.30am
Anteroom Sheffield Building.
Live Role Playing.....10.30pm
Victoria Station. Gates to platforms 11-12.
Men's Tennis Team Practise.....11.00am
College Courts. Players of any ability. Annual membership £6. New members welcome.
Catholic Chaplaincy Mass.....11.00am
53 Cromwell Road.
Wargames.....1.00pm
UDH.

Fitness Club.....2.00pm
Intermediate.
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.
Broomball Soc.....12.30pm
Southside Upper Lounge.
Parachute Club.....12.30pm
Brown Committee Room.
Yacht Club Meeting.....12.45pm
253 Aeronautics. New members most welcome. Sailing most weekends!
Basketball Club.....5.30pm
Volleyball court. Men's Team.
Fitness Club.....5.30pm
Southside Gym. Beginners.
Dance Club.....6.00pm
JCR. R'n'R/Latin. Adv/Medals.
Afro-Carib Meeting.....6.00pm
Concert Hall.
Swimming.....6.30pm
Sports Centre.
Stoic on Air.....7.00pm
Dance Club.....7.30pm
JCR. Beginners' Rock 'n' Roll.
IC Shotokan Karate.....7.30pm
Southside Gym.
Water Polo.....7.30pm
Sports Centre.
Dance Club.....8.30pm
JCR. Latin Beginners.

TUESDAY

C.U. Prayer Meeting.....8.30pm
Chaplain's Office.
Riding Club Meeting.....12.30pm
Southside Upper Lounge.
Boardsailing.....12.30pm
Southside Upper Lounge.
AudioSoc Meeting.....12.30pm
Southside Upper Lounge. Cheap records and equipment hire.
Radio Modellers.....12.30pm
Southside Lounge.
Cathsoc Mass.....12.30pm
Mech Eng 702. Followed by lunch.
Ski Club Meeting.....12.30pm
Southside Lounge. Put your name down for this year's ski trip.
Sailing Club.....12.30pm
Southside Lounge.
Environmental and Appropriate Tech.....12.45pm
See club for details.
AstroSoc.....1.00pm
Upper Lounge.
STOIC News.....1.00pm
PhotoSoc.....1.00pm
Southside Lounge.
Ents Meeting.....1.00pm
Ents/Rag Office. Up two flights on the East Staircase, first office on the left.
Legs, Bums, Tums.....1.00pm
Southside Gym. Organised by Fitness Club.
Radio Modellers.....5.30pm
Mech Eng.
Fitness Club.....5.45pm
Southside Gym. Intermediate.

Amenesty International.....5.30pm
Clubs Committee Room.
Wine Tasting Soc.....6.00pm
Union Dining Hall.
Dance Club.....6.00pm
JCR. Improvers Ballroom and Latin.
Canoe Club.....6.15pm
Beit Quad store or 8.30pm in Southside Upper Lounge.
Judo.....6.30pm
Union Gym.
ICSF Film.....7.00pm
Bladerunner in Mech Eng 220.
Stoic Nostalgia Night.....7.00pm
Imperial College in the sixties, seventies and eighties!
Dance Club.....7.00pm
JCR. Adv/Medals Ballroom & Latin.
Yoga.....8.00pm
Southside Gym.
Caving Club Meeting.....8.00pm
Southside Upper Lounge.

WEDNESDAY

Fitness Club.....12.45pm
Southside Gym. Intermediate.
Bike Club.....12.45pm
Southside Lounge.
Cycling Training.....1.30pm
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.
DramSoc Improv Class.....2.30pm
Union SCR (old Union Office). Professional tuition.
Diving.....6.30pm
Swimming Pool.
Yet more Stoic.....7.00pm
Shaolin Kungfu System Nam-Pai-Chuan.....7.00pm
Southside Gym. All Welcome.
Basketball Club.....7.30pm
Volleyball court.
Kung Fu Club.....7.30pm
Union Gym. Wu Shu Kwan.
Libido.....9.30pm
Ents Club Night in Union Lounge.

THURSDAY

Fencing Training.....11.30am
Intermediate & advanced coaching.
Balloon Club Meeting.....12.30pm
Southside Upper Lounge.
YHA Meeting.....12.30pm
Postgrad Upper Lounge.
Postgrad Lunch.....12.30pm
Chaplains Office (10 Princes Gardens).
Fencing Training.....12.30pm
Beginners Training.
3rd World 1st.....12.45pm
Talk by Caroline Winchurh from war-on-want 'Europe and Latin America' from a common past to a better future.
Legs, Bums, Tums.....1.00pm
Southside Gym. Every week.
Gliding Club Meeting.....1.00pm
Aero 266.
Fencing Training.....1.30pm

General.
STOIC News.....2.00pm
Fitness Club.....5.30pm
Southside Gym. Advanced.
Midweek Event.....5.30pm
Chaplains Office (10 Prince's Gardens).
Dance Club.....6.00pm
JCR. Intermediate/Advanced Ballroom & Latin.
Judo Club.....6.30pm
Gym.
STOIC. Into The Night.....7.00pm
'Exceptional Evening Entertainment'
Dance Club.....7.00pm
JCR. Beginners Ballroom & Latin.
Real Ale Society Meeting.....7.30pm
Union Lounge. Lots of good booze.
IC Shotokan Karate.....7.30pm
Southside Gym.
Dance Club.....8.00pm
JCR. Improvers Ballroom & Latin.
Southside Disco.....8.30pm
Southside Bar.
ICCAG Soup Run.....9.15pm
Meet Weeks Hall Basement.

Small Ads

●EXMOOR SINGERS concert of French music by Poulenc, Debussy, Durufle and Messaien. 7.30pm Holy Trinity Church, Prince Consort Road, 29 Feb. £4 tickets, £3 concessions.
●ACCOMMODATION available for male/female in shared room. 20 mins walk from college. Rent £40 per week. Available until end of Easter holiday. Non-smoker only. If interested, phone 3515.
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Careers Info

Postgraduates Do you have special needs which are not being catered for by the present Careers Service programmes? Have you visited the Careers Service? Drop in and speak to a Careers Adviser between 1.30pm and 2.30pm or phone 3251 for advice or an appointment.

Second years Start thinking about your future now. Do you want to stay on and do a MSc or a PhD or aim for a career in industry or the professions? Call in to the Careers Service for information and advice.

Milkround Check your interview time out the Careers noticeboard.

For further information come to the Careers Service, Room 310 Sheffield—open from 10am to 5pm Monday to Friday.

Access

Administrators at Goldsmith's College have already allocated all the £123,000 of Access Funds given to them by the Government, leaving nothing for students who get into difficulties later in the year. Goldsmith's College Student Union are reported to be angry about the college's irresponsibility as well as the manner in which the college 'dumped' the problem in the Union's doorstep. The college claims it made the correct decision in view of the large numbers of applicants earlier in the year. (*London Student, University of London*)

PCL Alter

The Polytechnic of Central London (PCL) is applying to the Privy Council to change its name to the 'University of Westminster.' If the parliamentary bill on education goes through, then PCL will become a University from the beginning of the next academic year. (*McGarel, PCL*)

Cheap

Eight polytechnics in the country have been given permission to implement two year degrees. The new Government scheme aims to increase the numbers of students and give better access to mature students. Critics of the scheme have labelled them as 'degrees on the cheap,' but a spokesperson from the Polytechnics and Colleges Funding Council told the *London Student* that the courses were not short degrees but full three year courses compacted into two years. (*London Student, University of London and Mancunian, University of Manchester*)

St M Rag

St. Mary's rag week is starting on Monday 24th February. The main event will be the Beer Festival on Saturday 29th at Wilson House, but it will also include a Karaoke session on Monday, a Slave Auction on Tuesday and on Wednesday a Float will circulate London. There will be a Band Night on Friday and on Sunday Martin Taylor the Hypnotist will be performing. All proceeds from the week will be going to the Paddington Green Childrens' Ward and the Antony Nolan Bone Marrow Trust. More information about the week can be obtained from St. Mary's Student Union on internal 23 042, extension 5196.

Rape Crisis

One in ten female students in British Universities have been raped or experienced 'date rape,' a survey has revealed. Siwan Hayward, part of Cambridge University Students' Union Welfare, who helped organise the study, said that the results were provisional but mirrored by surveys in the USA and by the London Rape Crisis. The full

results of the survey are expected on March 11th.

Anyone who has been sexually assaulted can contact Stefano Ruis, Union Welfare Advisor, in the Union Office or Don Adlington, student Counsellor, for confidential advice and counselling. London Rape Crisis has a counselling phoneline on 071 837 1600.

Overcharged

Many students are being encouraged to pay worthless National Insurance contributions this year. A letter from the Department of Social Security has been sent to nearly 3.5 million people who have not made sufficient contributions from their wages to count towards a pension.

The letter does not demand payment, but says that unless the shortfall is paid, any money collected so far that year will be discounted. Many will not benefit from paying the shortfall as the contribution will only count towards the basic pension, or widow's pension for a married man, but not towards unemployment benefit, sickness benefit, invalidity benefit, maternity allowance or state earnings related pensions.

Funds Up

Imperial College stands to gain a large increase in its budget from proposed changes in the methods of funding Universities. Figures released by the University Funding Council (UFC) last Monday mean that research funding will increase by 11%, but it will be spread more selectively between what the UFC describes as 'research dominated' institutions. This compares with the 8.5% rise in funding for Universities admitting greater numbers of students, which is the traditional method of higher education funding.

This has increased speculation that Universities will be split into a two tier system of teaching and research, with a US-style graduate school system developing. The UFC has denied this to iCNN, saying that 'we are not forcing any one to do anything, there will be a lot of people in the middle'. This has been apparently contradicted by Professor Graeme Davis, UFC Chairman, who told the national media that teaching and research were 'incompatible'.

Roger Frost, Press officer at the Department of Education, said that

while the UFC were autonomous of Government the changes were trying 'to reward places of the greatest excellence and value for money.'

Imperial College stands to gain a significant amount from this change and has increased the number of undergraduates by 1.7% last year, compared to a national increase of 6%. The number of postgraduate students in Imperial increased by 9.7% in the past year. Postgraduate students receive higher funding from UFC. The idea of creating an exclusively research institution is not being considered by Imperial College Planning Department, and a source in the admissions department said that undergraduate numbers were being increased within the 'boundary of targets', but could not say what the targets were.

The proposed changes would mean a cut of 1.5% in funding per student for educational institutes, and student numbers are expected to increase so fast that they will outweigh increases in funding. Details of institutions that will benefit are to be released in two weeks time.

Poll Tax

Westminster City Council have overcharged hundreds of IC students for poll tax this week by billing them the full £36. The students, who live in the Princes Gardens Halls of Residence, have received half year poll tax bills of £18, which equates to a full year charge of £36. Students should only pay 20% of the full contribution, which is about £3.

College Finance Manager, Malcolm Aldridge, has written to Westminster Council to complain about the blunder and to request re-billing. He told Felix this week that students should write individually to Westminster Council to demand a correction to their bills. The address is Community Charge Enquiries, City Hall, Victoria Street, SW1.

The announced poll tax figure for next year is the same as that for last year. Increases in costs due to inflation have been absorbed by savings made in cutting central costs and from £5 million saved by compulsory competitive tendering. Extra spending in the district includes £2 million on footways and £1.4 million on children and community care services.

Roadshow

The Terrence Higgins Trust will be sending a roadshow to Imperial College as part of AIDS awareness week. The roadshow will be held in the foyer of the Sherfield Building and will distribute information on the services that the Terrence Higgins Trust provides.

This week also saw the announcement of the payment of £12 million to people infected the with HIV virus through blood transfusions.

Bust Up

The College management and Trade Unions have run into difficulties in their attempts to draw up a settlement on the recent security and messenger dispute. The dispute arose over college plans to privatise security, messenger and car parking services at the college, and was thought to have been resolved when the Rector, Sir Eric Ash, decided to award the contract in-house. Discussions then began on a detailed contract, involving overtime reduction and new shift patterns. These talks are now in deadlock, and an announcement is expected next week.