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FELIX

The student newspaper of
Imperial College

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ICU's Last Days in Beit Quad?

The Students' Union of Imperial College now looks likely to move from Beit Quad by 1998 as the estates department forges ahead with controversial plans for a massive overhaul of the South Kensington campus.

Staff and students involved with Imperial College Union (ICU) are increasingly worried at the rate at which the plans appear to be proceeding without thorough consultation. IC estates plan to move the union bars, offices and entertainments facilities into the Sherfield Building as part of an £100 million scheme to revamp college.

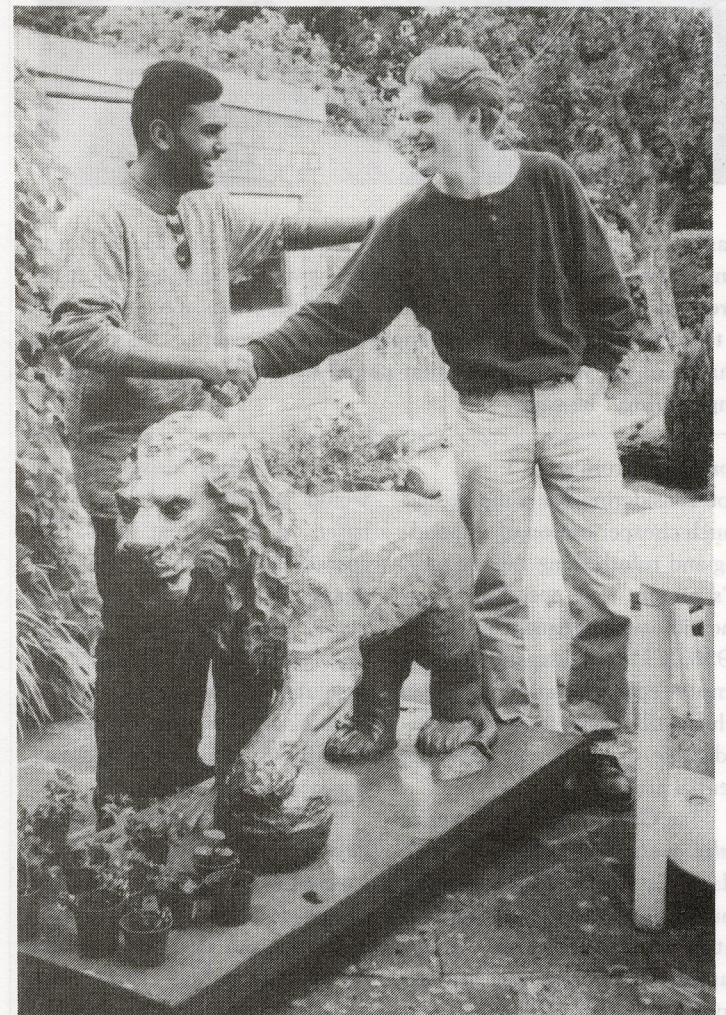
The proposals have been sparked off by the development of the new Basic Medical and Biological Sciences centre, which will remove the biology department from Beit Quad. IC Director of Estates Ian Caldwell and his team plan to convert Beit into a prestigious "Oxford Quad" residential area that would generate valuable income

through conference bookings during vacations.

ICU say they are being increasingly sidelined in the plans: the college building committee set up to oversee the scheme has no student representatives. ICU President Sarah White has continually called for a wider debate on student facilities but has waited over three months with minimal response to her letters to Caldwell. "I am extremely cross," she said.

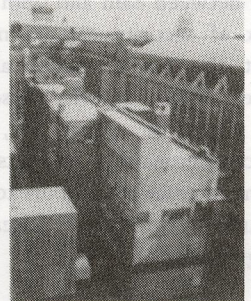
The architects Trout and MacAslan have submitted a feasibility study to IC estates, but the plans have been dismissed as being prohibitively expensive. It seems they are now working to produce blueprints for a less expensive development. It is the latest in a long line of feasibility studies and 'masterplans' which have been produced over the last few years, but ICU staff are unhappy that the proposals are

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Making Friends: Royal College of Science President Mo Dullo (left) returned the Kings' College Union mascot to President Rob Hall on September 13th. "Reggie" had lain in a back garden in Camberley since being stolen in a raid last December. Report, page 5

in summary



Royal College of Science Building Still Standing

IC Estates Projects' manager Brian Dennis insists that that the building of the Basic Medical Sciences centre is still on target, although permission to demolish the old Chemistry building it will

replace has still not been granted. Medical school representatives continue to express their reservations about the lack of social and catering facilities in the plans for the new building. page 6

New Solution for Karrian

The University of London Union President Ghassan Karrian is spearheading a pressure group calling for a re-think of higher education funding. He wants to press the NUS to reform. page 4



Last minute touches: ICU Entertainments Manager Mark Horne finished re-decorating the Ents lounge yesterday in preparation for Freshers' Week. Over the next few days eight bands, a hypnotist and a top TV comedy act will be appearing at six events. "It's our first chance of the year to prove that not all three years at IC are about engineering," he said.

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not considering the simpler and much cheaper option of expanding and refurbishing the union in its present Beit position. When the biology department moves in 1998, ICU could expand into the empty space relatively easily, whilst still leaving room for considerable expansion of the residential area.

Ian Caldwell was on leave as *Felix* went to press, but Nick Black, Estates Manager, insisted that ICU would not be pushed into a scheme that they weren't happy with. "The Rector told Lucy [last year's ICU President] that he would make the new union building an offer too good to refuse... as I understand it, that situation remains," he said.

Black also dismissed out of hand rumours that a dramatically shortened timescale was being pushed ahead. There had been suggestions that the Union could be asked to vacate its present premises for temporary accommodation as soon as next summer. "Nothing is settled at all," he insisted.

Sarah White insists that she would strongly oppose a move based on the current plans. She guaranteed that Imperial's students will be fully consulted before a final decision is made. She emphasised: "There will absolutely definitely be a referendum' on the subject, insisting that this is not a decision that any one person could take.

ICU employees appear similarly resolute in their opposition to any forced removal from their present location. One senior official suggested that there would be sit in of staff if any pressure was brought to bear on them to vacate the much loved Quad.

Nick Black insisted that any hesitancy in fully disclosing the estates department's plans was because they wanted to get the proposal 'just right' before it was finally presented to the student body. He said that they were aware that it was likely to be a contentious issue, and wanted to make sure that everybody concerned would 'get a good deal' before the plans were fully brought out in the open.

News in brief

Clayponds Crime Wave

Residents of Clayponds, Imperial's Ealing accommodation estate, are expressing increasing concern about the recent spate of burglaries. The complex has been broken into eleven times in recent months, with one female ground floor resident being a victim three times. Matt Crompton ICU Deputy President (Finance and Services) said that there was a programme under way to review Clayponds security. "They will almost definitely be having passive IR detectors installed," he insisted. "We're deeply concerned and will be pushing it through the appropriate channels," he said

Biochem Honour

Professor J. Oliver Dolly, Professor of Molecular Neurobiology in the Department of Biochemistry, has been awarded the Henderson Medal by the Centre for Applied Microbiology and Research.

This prestigious award follows his Henderson Memorial Lecture at the Centre late last year. Past recipients of the award, which is always given to those who have carried out eminent work in the Centre's field, include Sir Hans Kornberg and Prof Luc Montagnier.

Barrier Breakdown

The effectiveness of the Closed Circuit Television Camera network, which extends throughout the Imperial College campus, has been called into question by repeated acts of vandalism over the Summer.

The parking barrier in Watts Way, which has its own dedicated camera, was ripped off just yards from the Southside Security Lodge.

Apparently with so many different cameras in the Princes' Gardens area - over ten at the last count, it is not possible to monitor all of them at the one time.

Consoc Capers

Imperial College's Conservative Society have started off the year in much the same way as they finished the last, by causing controversy with their web pages. Not content with being censored twice in the final term, they once again look set to provoke the wrath of Imperial College Union with a defamatory attack on a well known public figure.

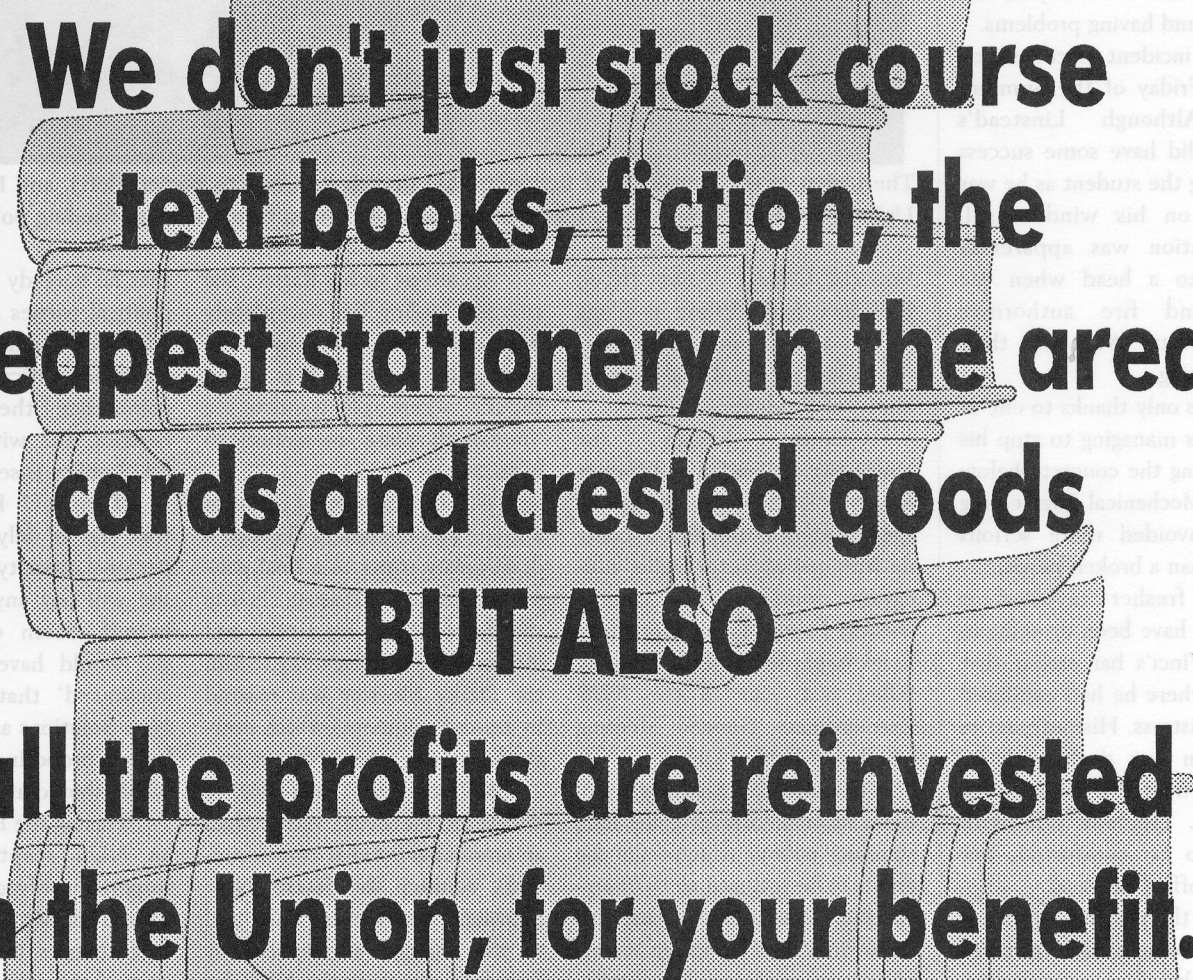
This time the subject of their 'Off the Record' column is the media, and in particular the well worn idea of how the media monitor politicians and their activities, but how nobody regulates the journalists. Consoc go so far as naming Rupert Murdoch, the owner of the News International conglomeration, as one who wields too much power. There have been no reports so far of legal action against either Imperial College Union or the Conservative Society in particular.

Aero Manoeuvres

The outbreak of building projects which erupted across the college campus during the Summer Vacation has included the redevelopment of the Aeronautics Department's Prince Consort Road entrance. This high cost scheme involved transforming the previously dingy front into a brightly lit display reminiscent of the Science Museum's Flight Lab.

The decor, which strongly features imitation rivets, is being questioned as a waste of College money. The reason for the concern centres on the fact that the door is only open for ten hours a day between 8am and 6pm. The lack of security camera means that the swipe reader allows access only to security personnel in times of emergency, and forces Aeronautics students who want to enter after hours to trek round through Chemical Engineering.

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Linstead Alternative Union Proposal

Worries

The death of a Linstead fresher was narrowly averted at the end of last term when people standing on the ground below managed to avert a suicide attempt.

Both the student's department and hall of residence welfare provisions have been called into question, since it was widely known that the first year was unhappy and having problems.

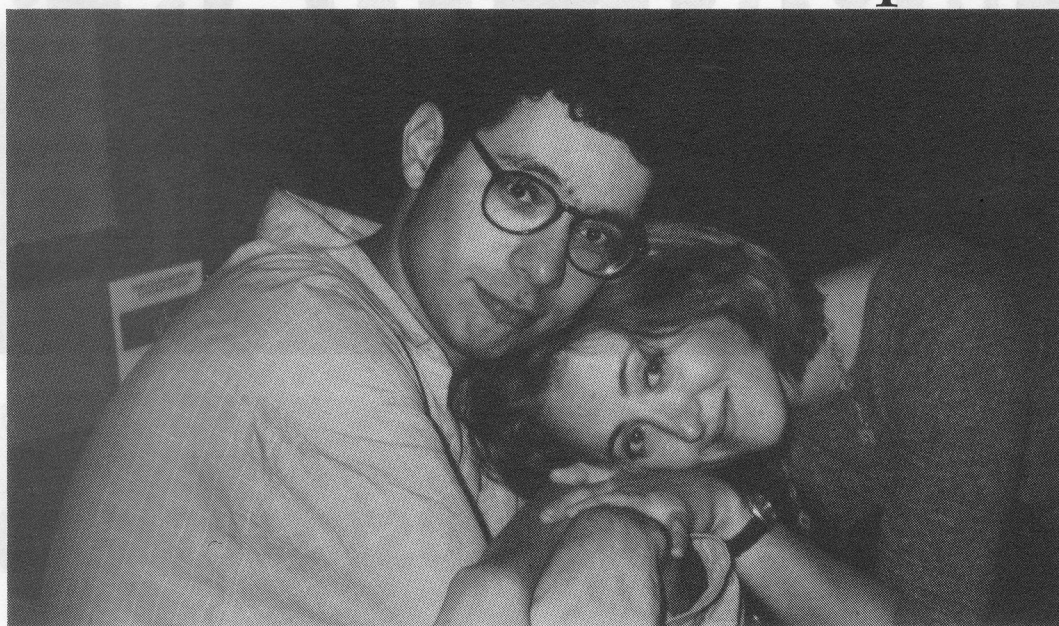
The incident occurred on the last Friday of the Summer term. Although Linstead's Warden did have some success in calming the student as he was perched on his window sill, the situation was apparently brought to a head when the police and fire authorities entered Watts Way with their sirens blazing.

It was only thanks to one of his friends managing to stop his head hitting the concrete below that the Mechanical Engineering student avoided more serious injuries than a broken pelvis.

The fresher involved is known to have been drinking in the Da Vinci's bar earlier that evening where he had exhibited signs of distress. His outburst in the Union was dealt with by staff who treated a minor cut to his head. He was left with friends to be comforted, but soon ran off to Linstead.

With the pressure of exams and the volume of work given to students being a contributory factor, this incident once again questions the pressure levels exerted by Imperial's various departments.

● Another serious incident took place on the final night of the Summer term. A guest of an Imperial College student allegedly punched one of a group of rugby club friends. An affray resulted, in which blood was spilt, and claims were made that 'the Army of Jah' would be involved in retribution.



The Union of the University of London: ULU President, Ghassan Karian (left), and Imperial College Union President, Sarah White, take a break from discussing future student funding policies.

Imperial College Union (ICU) President, Sarah White, is taking part in a new initiative to overturn a key policy of the National Union of Students (NUS).

Ghassan Karian, the University of London and former Kings' College Union President is spearheading a campaign to come up with new ideas for higher education funding. The media friendly Labour Councillor from Essex hopes to succeed where he failed last year in the NUS Extraordinary General Meeting which was held in Derby.

That meeting narrowly rejected a motion to reverse the long standing policy, which calls for grants to be restored to 1979 levels. But Ghassan denies that this 'New Solutions' campaign is simply a rerun of the previous battle. He insists that there will be spin offs, for a 'whole range of educational issues'.

The ULU President believes that the proposed change will benefit students as the NUS would, without their unrealistic policy, be involved at the highest level of the educational debate. When pressed on this matter, he insisted that Eric Forth, the Government's Higher Education Minister, was sympathetic to the campaign.

According to Mr Karian, the current policy is completely impractical and does absolutely nothing for students. It is 'pie in the sky', where as he wants to see 'food on the plate', metaphorically speaking.

With a steady build up from a discussion document through a draft policy paper to a final policy document, Ghassan insists that he is looking for a calm and rational debate. According to him the Derby Meeting was marred by heated arguments which overshadowed any rational discussion.

His current calls for a debate of the issues rather than an emotional crusade runs somewhat counter the latest 'New Solutions' statements. They add to the charged atmosphere by forcefully attacking the NUS for their present policy.

They accuse the traditional movement of being dominated by 'extremist leftwing groups' who 'stifle the debate on education funding'. New Solutions' papers further attack the NUS' campaign for demonstrations and occupations with highly pejorative language.

Mr Karian, with his well documented 'New Labour' links, denied that the matter was a party political issue. He insists

that he is ready to work with all political parties on the future of education funding. With most of the main political parties about to commence their own policy reviews, the withdrawal of the NUS policy is seen as essential.

The ICU President insists that she is only attending in a personal capacity; she asserts that she will pay any affiliation fees herself. Sarah emphasises that she would have to be 'utterly convinced' that the proposed New Solutions are going to work before proposing that ICU as a whole should affiliate.

Having the President of such an NUS sceptical college as Imperial involved is being seen as a coup for Mr Karian. He insists that colleges like IC should be part of the debate as their students are just as affected by hardship as any others. He hopes to get Student Union officials from Glasgow and Edinburgh Universities - both non NUS institutions - involved.

The present collection of over 100 student union officials from colleges as disparate as London, Scotland and Wales hope to eventually overcome the 45 - 55% defeat at the last NUS conference and create a policy more in tune with reality.

Mascotry Dispute Continues

RCS: "We're still on the hunt... it's not all over yet"

The troubled relations between the Royal College of Science Union (RCSU) and Kings' College London Union (KCLSU) look set to continue. Many members of the RCS exec say they are angry that the Kings mascot stolen in a 'rag raid' has been returned without the customary mascotry penance of a sizeable donation to charity.

The return of the 600lb lion was negotiated by ICU President Sarah White and RCS President Mo Dulloo when Kings College repeatedly resisted demands calling for a ransom. Mo said "I can't say I'm very happy with the situation but there didn't seem to be any point in letting it drag on any longer."

Members of the RCS lifted "Reggie" the lion in an audacious

attack on the Kings' Kensington premises last December. They managed to persuade security staff that they were taking it away to be cleaned, and demanded that Kings donate 100 pints of blood for its return.

The strained relations between IC and Kings' were compounded when fourteen Kings' students attacked ICU's traditional bar in January. They attempted to steal some of the valuable pewter tankards from behind the bar counter to bargain with, but in the ensuing fracas managed to do £2000 of damage to the ancient Beit Quad doors. The University of London Union President Ghassan Karian, then President of KCLSU, was implicated in the cover-up of the Kings Union involvement in the affair.

Rob Hall, the new President of KCLSU, is anxious to repair the strained relations between the two colleges. He is clearly delighted to have the mascot back. Made of cement, copper and bits of old vacuum cleaner and painted gloss red, the lion is apparently of great sentimental value to the students' union. "Words can't express how happy we are to have him back," he said.

With the return of the lion being negotiated over the summer vacation, most of the RCS exec did not know that it was going back. Richard Willis, Rag Chair, was angry and defiant: "We need some compensation for this. It's a bloody disgrace." He warned KCLSU that as far as he was concerned, the score was

still not settled. "They've got to do something for charity and they've got to do it quick... It's not all over yet, but I suppose we can finish it at a later stage." Speaking to *Felix*, Willis rejected the suggestion that the sport of mascotry was sad, pointless and clearly destructive. "Mascotry promotes lateral thinking and initiative amongst students," he claimed.

Rob Hall insisted that KCLSU "have withdrawn from mascotry for the time being." He explained that they are now planning to have the lion restored as part of a venture that will also see the sculpting of a bust of Desmond Tutu for the Kings Union bar. "We're hoping for a clean, calm run into his restoration," he said.

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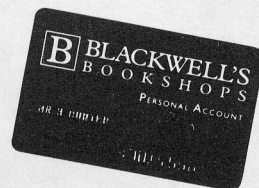
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Basic Medical Sciences 'on target'

Imperial planners insist that they can make the 1998 deadline for the opening of the new Basic Medical and Biological Sciences building.

With the government share of the funding only being finally confirmed in July, IC has just applied for planning permission to build the centre.

According to a newly revised schedule, the final design stage of the project should be completed by March, which will leave just two years before the projected completion date of

Easter 1998. Rodney Eastwood, Director of Planning, insists that the scheme is on target. "The opening date of September 1998 cannot be moved. It's absolutely fixed."

However, the Old Chemistry building due to be knocked down to make way for the new department is still standing. Planners will submit applications for demolition later this month, which means that the building is unlikely to come down until early next year. Nick Black, Estates Manager, said "It means we're

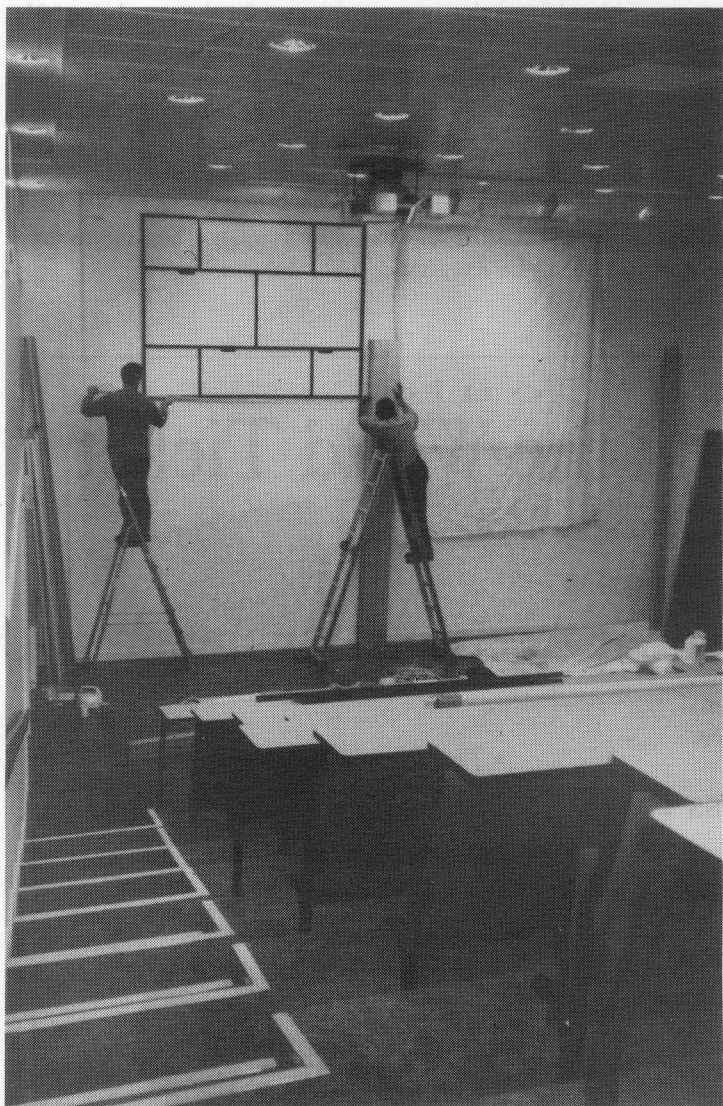
already running behind schedule, which is really bad news."

The new building will eventually house St Mary's and Charing Cross Hospital Medical Schools, the National Heart and Lung Institute and the Royal Postgraduate Medical School as well as Imperial College's own biology department.

Student union officers from St Mary's are concerned that they are not represented at the regular planning and design meetings for the building. Sarah White, Imperial College Union

President, represents all the different student groups involved.

In addition, Sarah Edwards, St Mary's Union President, is concerned that students will not be allocated adequate social and catering facilities. The present outline design allows for only a very small capacity restaurant on the ground floor. Mr Eastwood emphasised that the new centre will be only thirty yards away from the Sherfield Building and that the different groups of students would mix better if they shared the same social facilities.



Both the Reid and Pippard lecture theatres were completely refurbished this summer in preparation for the increased use that they will receive this year. With the old chemistry building now out of action and awaiting demolition, first and second year lectures have had to be re-allocated elsewhere. Previously the only regular usage of these lecture theatres was by the the biochemistry department.

More Halls for Prince Gardens New Health Centre Planned

Imperial College estates department have commissioned a feasibility study to refurbish and expand the halls of residence in Princes Gardens.

Options include building new halls on the roof of the sports centre and on the site of the tennis courts beside Linstead. The department also plans to completely refurbish the Southside building.

The move comes as part of a plan to completely redevelop the area. Funding has already been confirmed to move the health centre from its present location to the Conference Office premises at the east end of Southside. This $\frac{3}{4}$ million project is being financed by the National Health Service and Nick Black, Estates manager, says that they anticipate getting planning consent soon.

In a further development over the summer, Imperial has bought the area of park north of Princes Gardens. Although they are not allowed to build on the

land, estates plan to extend the sports centre underground to provide further facilities.

The sports centre itself was designed to have a hall of residence built on top of it, but a planning application submitted in 1988 was not accepted, and attracted considerable opposition from local residents. Nonetheless, estates intend to resubmit an application, with the hope of building student flats. A considerable increase in the number of bed spaces available is necessary to accommodate the medical students who will be based in South Kensington from 1998.

Nick Black maintains that IC is in a strong position to secure a large loans at a favourable rate of interest to finance the proposals. Each bed in an IC hall of residence brings in around £2000 a year from conference bookings, so the new halls could effectively finance themselves, he insisted. He maintained that college would endeavour to keep rents around the £50 a week mark.

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Technobytes takes science and technology into a new dimension investigating everything from Cyberculture to the rebirth of intelligent science fiction. **Fit to Drop** tackles new sports, whilst **Hall Life** aims to follow a group of undergraduates through their undergraduate years.

The Good Guide series visits local pubs, clubs and restaurants; **Flicks** offers cinema goers the opportunity to sound off about recent releases, **Fast Food Faster** dishes up culinary masterpieces and **Beam me up Scotty** charts the history of Star Trek.

There's also the chance to go to see press screenings of new films, as well as visiting all the big exhibitions, such as this year's motor-show, going behind the scenes of your

favourite TV shows, go training with your sporting heroes, interview showbiz celebrities and even become contestants on popular gameshows. Last year STOIC took part in the Channel 4 series "Don't Forget Your Toothbrush".

Any budding marketing gurus could become involved with the advertising side of our society, whilst there are ample opportunities to work behind the scenes with our technical team of engineers and camera operators.

Our programmes are beamed daily across the campus to TV screens in the Unoin building, the JCR and some Halls of Residence. We will be broadcasting live between 2 and 6 pm from our studios on level 3 of the union building on Monday and Tuesday of Fresher's week-why not come and join us!

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SciTech will be run like a company, and will use IC Students as consultants on scientific and technical projects for companies and other institutions. In time we will apply for charitable status. The benefits to students

will be the experience gained in managing and working on consultancy projects, and also from being part of the committee which will run the organisation of SciTech. Of course, you get paid too.

The companies and institutions will range from large industrial and financial companies (e.g. Proctor & Gamble and NatWest Bank), to museums and other public institutions (e.g. Science Museum and British Council). They can gain from the low prices SciTech can charge, and more importantly will get close contact with prospective employees.

SciTech initially needs a number of dedicated and enthusiastic people to join the committee and help to run it. The organisa-

tion side involves managing projects, and liaising with clients, sponsors, and IC students and academics. We also need a workforce, and if you want interesting work experience and don't mind earning a few bob, then sign your name to show you are interested.

SciTech is in the earliest stage of its development, and we need new people to get involved and help us make this interesting and exciting idea take off.

We will have a stall at the society fair on October 3rd, and you can also get in touch by pigeon-hole or e-mail: Arun Nagwaney, Mech. Eng. PG, a.nagwaney@ic.ac.uk and Simon Godwin, Mech. Eng. PG, s.godwin@ic.ac.uk.

the week ahead

sept 30th

IC Union

The Calm before the Storm

For all of you who are really keen to get into it, we throw open our doors, with a free disco 'til 1am, a chill out room, and a bar 'til midnight.

Heineken, Tetley Bitter, and Old English Cider are all only £1 a pint while stocks last.

And all you need to do is turn up - it's not a bad deal is it?

saturday

oct 1st

IC Union

Sunday Lunch and Footie

The way Sundays should be.

The bar opens all day from 1pm, you can get a proper Sunday Lunch, if you're already pinning for decent cooking, you can watch Liverpool v Man. Utd Live on the BIG screen at 3pm, there's a Darts Tournament at 6pm in the Union Bar, & then finish the evening off with a good old fashioned sing-a-long with Jamie.

sunday

monday

Stoic

Union building level 3, 2-6pm
Student TV live.
(see opposite)

St. Mary's

Freshers' Roadshow

Gladys 7:00pm

After the Dean's tea party, meet your year properly! An evening of fun and frolics, followed by your first experience of the legendary Mary's Bop: 'Promo Roadshow'!

IC Union

Refresher's Ball

Union Building, 9pm. Tickets: £6

The week of hedonism starts with six hours of youthful folly, where you get to meet loads of people & do your thing. There's live music in the Concert Hall from top party band "The Sugarplums", and the surreal guitars covers band "Bikini Beach". Downstairs live music is courtesy of the club/dub monster that is "Emperor Sly". There's 2 discos - upstairs is the party sounds of "Shaft", downstairs wears it's club credentials on it's sleeve. There's also a Chill out room, an adult sized bouncy castle, barfly jumping & cock fighting (not the illegal sort), and of course a 2am bar. Get your tickets in advance from the Union Office 'cos it's bound to sell out.

tuesday

Freshers' Fair

Across campus from 2pm
154 clubs, societies and companies displaying all they have to offer. Stalls are situated in the Union building, in Sherfield Ante room and Great Hall, and around Queen's Lawn.

Stoic

Union building level 3
Student TV will be around the college broadcasting the freshers fair live across the campus.
Visit the Stoic studios to take part.

St. Mary's

Coach tour of London

Coaches leave Med. school at 7:00pm
The capital as you've never seen it before. Enjoy it the company of your guides- the most learned and cultured of Mary's students- yeah right.

IC Union

Alan Bates - Hypnotist

Union Concert Hall. Doors: 8pm.
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wednes

Stoic

Union building level 3, 1pm
Opportunity to "talk television".

Pimlico Connection

Mech Eng 7th floor, 2-5pm
Student tutors training session (See below).

St. Mary's

Down the pits!

Gladys' 7pm
What on earth is this? Wait and see, but make sure you don your bad taste gear. Prize for the most atrocious!

IC Union

Lee & Herring

Concert Hall. Doors 8.30pm
The country's top comedy duo kick off this season of "Bust-a-Gut" Comedy, as you get to see one of this years top TV shows in the flesh. Described as "worthy of Monty Python", sit back & lap up the anarchy of 'Fist of Fun'.

Freshers Frolik

Ents Lounge. £1 after 9pm.
Mainstream club sounds and a late bar.

oct 2nd

the pimlico connection

If you want a fun and challenging way to spend your Wednesday afternoons, and are interested in working with children then "The Pimlico Connection" could be just what you are looking for!

We have been sending students from Imperial into local schools for the last twenty years to assist with science, technology and maths classes. Tutoring is very varied, and certainly never boring! You may be involved with teaching children from five to sixteen, as part of the whole class with the teacher or in small groups on your own.

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oct 3rd

skills. Try explaining concepts that you take for granted, e.g. friction or pressure, in a way which pupils, of say eight years old, could relate to and understand.

It can be quite daunting the first time that you go into the classroom, with thirty faces staring at you inquisitively. However, the children always make you very welcome.

Some tutors worry that they may not be able to answer the questions that the children ask, but the teachers are always present to help. Pupils do have a way of asking difficult questions that you can't or won't like to try and answer. One afternoon a twelve year old asked me out of the blue "How could the Virgin Mary be a virgin if she had a baby?" How do you begin to answer that one?

Tutors can act as role models to the pupils that they teach. It hopefully presents Higher Education as an option for their

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future. Female tutors can also provide a positive image of women scientists and engineers. As tutors we hope to dispel the myth that science is difficult and boring.

The Pimlico Connection Society is run by a student committee which also organises open days and social events. If you are interested and want to find out more, come along to one our training sessions which will be held on the following days:

Wed 4th Oct 2 - 5.00 pm
Mon 9th Oct 6 - 8.30 pm
Wed 11th Oct 2 - 5.00 pm
Thu 12th Oct 6 - 8.30 pm
Mon 16th Oct 6 - 8.30 pm

All sessions will be held on the 7th floor of Mech Eng., either in the SCR or R703.

For further information contact Betty Caplan (Mech Eng. Room 318D or b.caplan@ic.ac.uk).

operatic society

This society is one of the most active societies in college. We perform a wide variety of music including operetta, popular West End musicals and Gilbert and Sullivan. In fact, this summer we had a very successful tour of Yeomen of the Guard in Budleigh Salterton, Devon, which we visit every year.

We also produce a winter show in mid-February and next year it will be The Boy-friend by Sandy Wilson, a musical comedy set in the 1920's (first rehearsals on 10th and 17th October!). As well as the two major productions each year, we keep busy with musical reviews and a weekend workshop, the latter held at the beginning of term (14th-16th October). This year it will be based on The Scarlet Pimpernel.

So if you feel the need to let your singing and acting skills develop in a very sociable, friendly atmosphere, then please visit us at the freshers' fair, where we will be pleased to see you.

Please note, copious amounts of alcohol are consumed to lubricate vocal chords!!

Contact:

John Savery (chairman)

Laurie Tweedale (vice-chair)

industrial society

The ICIS is a society that aims to give all students an insight into major companies in industry. It is without doubt one of the most active society at Imperial. Having a large number of member (220 in 1994/95) as well as a solid (and generous!) group of company supporters, we are able to offer events almost every week throughout the year.

We regularly organise trips to visit companies at their location where we get a 'hands on' tour of their site, a talk on what they do, how they do it, and generous refreshments are always provided. This is then followed up with a question and answer session where you get the opportunity to ask about anything you like.

Our links with companies enable our members to be in the exceptionally fortunate position of hearing first about many job opportunities. This applies as much to 1st and 2nd years as to finalists. Our weekly pre-

sentations are an incalculable way for our members to meet student recruitment officers. Practically speaking, this means that you can chat over a glass of wine with the person who will interview you for a job with their company.

When we're not going out to visit companies, then they come to us. Several times a term, we will organise a business game where a company will come in, and teach us about it's area of business, usually through a game for enjoyment.

These events are great fun, and an excellent place to make friends with other students, and contacts in the world of business. And, as an enticement for you to come along, we generally provide some food and drink for the break, where, you're free to talk to anyone, and ask questions.

So, look out for us at The Fresher's Fair - we're located in the Main Dining Hall (MDH), in the Sherfield building. Finally, membership with ICIS includes membership of the National SIS, which entitles you to a

10% discount at any Firkin Pub.

OCTOBER

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NOVEMBER

Arthur Andersen & Co. Presentation.

Date: Wed 8 November 1995

Venue: Arthur Andersen & Co.

Arthur Andersen & Co. Skills Training. "How to Market yourself for the job market"

Date: Wed 18 November 1995

Venue: Arthur Andersen & Co.

IBM. Presentation

Date: Wed 22 November 1995

Venue: Yet to be confirmed

DECEMBER

Christmas Dinner at a top London Hotel (Date and Venue yet to confirmed)

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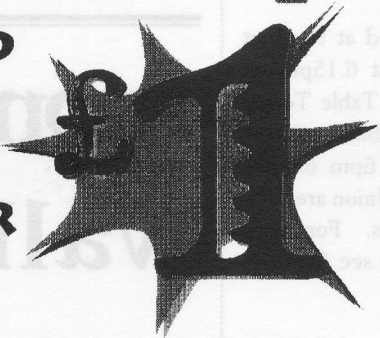
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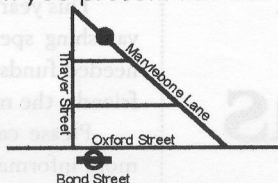


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So why not come along on Monday and join in the fun - we don't bite (honest!).

map



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(RAH)	10 Princes Gardens
Prince Consort Rd	Exhibition Road
Imperial College	Princes Gardens
Imperial College Rd	Watts Way

IC union cards

These are the membership cards of Imperial College Union, and are to be issued to all registered students of Imperial College. This includes holders of combined Union and security swipe cards as the joint system has now been dropped.

To get one of these tasteful green things take your form from registry to the relevant place (listed below) and follow the instructions there.

You will need a colour passport photo, and probably something to read/eat/talk to in the queue.

Issuing stations:

UDH (1st floor Union building)

Mon 2nd	9am - 5pm
Tue 3rd	9am - 12pm
Wed - Fri 4th-7th	9am - 5pm

Wilson House (Freshers' Fair)

Wed 4th 2pm onwards

NHLI (Seminar room B, Conference centre, Dovehouse street)

Wed 11th 12pm - 4pm

ULU cards will be issued on Monday and Tuesday in the UDH and at the above times at Wilson House and NHLI.

first aid course

First aid at work qualification: a course for students.

Mondays Oct 9th to Dec 11th, 6-9pm

Enrol on October 9th at 6pm in the Holland Club Function Room- entrance adjacent to Sheffield main reception.

Cost: £25 and essential text £8.99

Full attendance mandatory.

For further information, contact extension 49422

If you think that you may be eligible for a student parking permit, application forms are available from the Union Office, on the first floor of the Union Building from Monday 2nd October for the Autumn Term only. They must be returned by 5pm on Friday 7th October. Any applications received after this time will not be considered.

People with disabilities, medical conditions and females who travel home from college alone and late in the evening are given priority.

Last year we received 500 applications for 70 permits, so please don't apply unless these conditions apply to you. Please don't be surprised if your application is unsuccessful.

parking permits

Papers are up opposite the Union Office (first floor, Union Building) for the following Union posts-

Council/Executive Chair
Women's Officer

These posts will be elected at the first Union Council of the year, at 6.15pm on Tuesday 10th October in the Table Tennis Room (top floor of the Union Building), the nominations having closed at 6pm on this day. All Full Members of the Union are entitled to vote in these elections. For more information about these posts see Sarah in the Union Office.

Eight Ordinary Members will also be elected to Council at this meeting. Two of these must be first years and two postgraduates, any Full Members of the Union may stand.

council positions

careers

Final year undergraduates and postgraduates should have received a personal copy of the Careers Choice programme which includes details of events, careers talks, interactive workshops, employer presentations and the milkround. Spare copies are available in the careers service.

Careers Talks

There are two careers talks this week in the Clore lecture theatre- LT 213 Huxley at 1-1:50pm. No booking is necessary- just turn up.

Tuesday 3rd October. "Introducing the careers service" by John Simpson, Director, IC careers service.

Thursday 5th October. "Graduate study in the USA" by Dr David Stuckey, a former US scholar and now in Chemical Engineering.

Warning

Although there may be more vacancies in 1996, the competition will still be severe.

Advice

Apply early, visit the Careers Service, and use the milkround. For further information come to the careers service, room 310 Sheffield, extension 48024, open from 10:00am to 5:15pm Monday to Friday.

sponsored walk

The West London World Wide Fund for Nature Supporters' Group are holding their annual sponsored walk along the Thames embankment in mid-October.

We need people! Help register walkers, sign post the route, sell refreshments, or best of all, take part in the walk itself. In recent years, this event has raised c£7K.

This year, we are focussing on protecting vanishing species- and need to raise much-needed funds to achieve this aim. Bring your friends, the more the merrier!

Please call Jane on 0171 376 4328 for more information.

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Hello.

It's a brand new year, and the start of a new run of *Felix* issues. Hope you like our first edition.

Fear and loathing in SW7

The year doesn't seem to have got off to a very good start. While the union staff have been working ridiculous hours in order to ensure that everything is in order for the start of the new academic year, the union itself is in a precarious position.

The vast majority of the freshers week events will be taking place in the Union and Beit Quad, yet nobody knows for how much longer. The breakdown in communication is something which never should have been allowed to happen. The whole air of private meetings and closed door subcommittees has created an air of secrecy that does nothing but perpetuate the idea that student needs take second place to those of conference centre guests.

I am perfectly prepared to believe that a new, purpose-built union could indeed be a favourable alternative, but the whole manner in which the current dealings are being run will simply make everyone suspicious, defensive and intransigent.

Too much beer

Looking through the second section, it's hard to avoid the strong correlation between Freshers' Week and the consumption of vast amounts of alcohol. Perhaps this isn't something we should be



particularly proud. of. Especially in a week when *Time Out* quotes Imperial as an establishment of top over indulgers.

Right to reply

Don't think that reading this magazine need be your last involvement with *Felix*. The easy way to comment, question or generally abuse us for whatever you may find offensive is the letters page. Find us in the North-West corner of Beit Quad - bring your Union Card along to prove that you're at least connected with IC!

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JEREMY, MARK BAKER, JON JORDAN AND TED W.

THANKS OWAIN.

The FELIX questionnaire: what are you doing here Roger Pownall?

How do you get to work?

I walk. I have a flat in Linstead hall

When was the last time you were late?

Today

What are you doing here?

My official title is Imperial College Bars Manager.

What do you keep on the wall of your workplace?

Brewers' clip badges from beer pumps. I have close to 300 now - but there's a guy in finance who has over 800, he's been collecting them for years. I only started relatively recently when we started going into guest beers.

Do you get paid enough?

That's a silly question - but I can enjoy life on what I earn.

What do you have for lunch?

Pizza, sandwiches or jacket potatoes from Basics.

What takes up most of your time?

Planning: staffing, beers, entertainments - anything to keep the students happy and attract them to the bar. You have to keep people interested or they won't keep coming back. I spend a lot of time organising guest beers - we have 26 pumps here. It can take a lot of negotiating: the big one coming up is when we get Sarah Hughes Original Dark Ruby Mild on October 11th. I had no idea it had such a cult following, it has its own fan club, the Sarah Hughes Newting Society, set up in Southside years ago. It's a mild, but it's

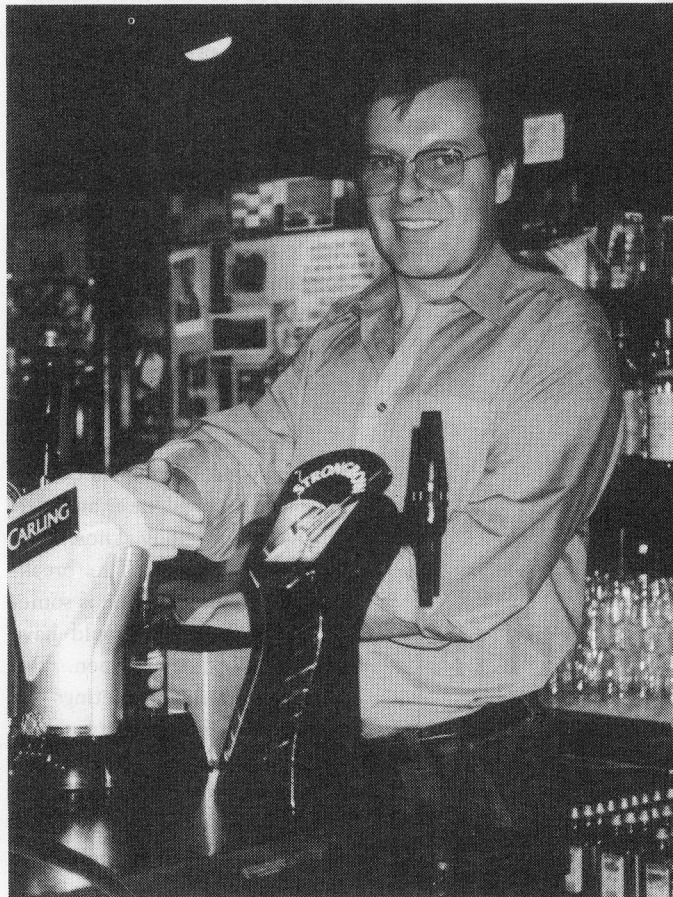
6%, it's really nice. It's brewed up in Dudley, but it's so much sought after that they brew to capacity and it's really difficult to get hold of. I get most of our beers through an agency, and they said there was no way we would get any - but I told them to say it was

Roger from Southside and straight away we got a response. The guy said, "look, I should be able to get you 9 gallons", and I said "Actually, I want 54." But we got it, because of the Southside Sarah Hughes Newting Society.

What do you find most depressing about IC?

The lack of understanding of student leisure requirements by the administration. They make decisions at 9.30 in the morning about what I do at 9.30 in the evening, and they've never even been here. And people at IC are much more stressed than they were before; the atmosphere is a lot less calm. I used to think it was just here, but I get the feeling it's happening all over the country. I think it's lack of job security that makes everyone that way. If you've got a job, it should be for life - these three year contracts are really bad. People spend their time worrying whether they will be working tomorrow, rather than getting on with what they are meant to be doing. I get the feeling that people here are a lot less competent than they used to be, they spend too much time justifying their existence.

I also get depressed by the way everyone assumes that we have a really competitive attitude here, and that there's all sorts of ill-feeling between us and the union. Personally, I think all the Imperial College bars compliment each other: we're like a local pub, and Da Vinci's is like a continental coffee bar, and the trad bar - well it's like nothing on earth, really. I love it there.



"They make decisions at 9.30 in the morning about what I do at 9.30 in the evening, and they've never even been here."

Will you still be at Imperial in five years time?

Yes. I've been here 24 years now.

What will make you come into work tomorrow?

Personal job satisfaction.

Hockey Club Show their Colours

Permission from your parents, passports in the glove box, muchos guilders, beer-up for the annual dice with death that is the I.C. HOCKEY CLUB TOUR OF HOLLAND (or at least a small part of it)

With theses, coursework, and best of all resits finished, the 1995 tour kicked off via Sainsbury's. The essential barbecue material of burgers, sausages and Mr Blobby ketchup was purchased. All of which was ingeniously preserved in dry ice – not the only thing that was nicked from the department, oh no! Then off to Southside to start the tour as we meant to carry on.

Not wanting to be too vain we decided that to play some sport over the weekend, had a marathon pool sesh. But members found this far too tiring so we all headed for Bugies Bar. The purveyor of nocturnal beer and erm, curry: rendered the first tour victim toiletwards. Unluckily Dr Svengenson, the said victim, was not to find out the pleasures of a couple of lesbians in syrup figs and a berk with a dead zebra for trousers.

Morning found us crippled and facing the possibility of a day's travel. Our illustrious leader, Ms DICTator, had the presence of mind to arrange the tour on her birthday weekend. Lured through the wilds of Suffolk en route to Felixtowe, the promise of coffee and bacon sarnies was but a cunning plan for DICTator to go home and get her b'day presents. To make up numbers the men's X decided to kidnap a helpful local.

We arrived at port with the customary five minutes to go and ensconced ourselves outside the duty free shop. A couple of bottles of Pimms and two thousand tabs later, a quiet Belgian couple in the corner decided to

"... the pleasures of a couple of lesbians in syrup figs and a berk with a dead zebra for trousers."

leave the room – obviously we were having too much fun.

Six hours later, having escaped the Zeebrugge traffic the ladies VII found a IXth and we headed for Terneuzen Hockey Club – our unwitting tournament hosts for the weekend. With opening time approaching we used *The Force* to guide us toward a supplier of fine ales. Unfortunately *The Dark Side* was strong and all we could find was shitty Dutch lager. Later we headed barwards to meet up

with the Old Boys XI, where we stayed for the duration of the evening – to mentally prepare ourselves for the following morning's hockey.

A nine o'clock start caused few problems, well for the Dutch sides anyway. We were there in spirit alone. This could explain the day's results. By evening we realised that we were far superior to every team there, but hey it was just that their pitches resembled a

"... the Dutch, being so wet already, retired to their windmills to put some chickens in some bowls."

cabbage patch. We was robbed!

Time for yet another barbie, this time à la Dutch. Not quite up to the standard we were used to, we suffered in silence – the English way – and chowed down. It was, quite frankly, pissing it down and the Dutch, being so wet already, retired to their windmills to put some chickens in some bowls. Being only two deep at the bar now, we took advantage of the situation.

To pay for beer, one first had to buy tokens, which could be exchanged for the bevy of your choice: Eurofizz or Eurofizz. Being the green minded people we are, it seemed ecologically sound to recycle these tickets from the bin at the back of the bar. Not only did this save valuable Brazilian rain forests, but also saved us paying. RESULT! Three hundred free beers and a few tulips later, two of our number were in casualty, returning with sixteen stitches between them, four of which were in Darrell Jnr's left buttock. Meanwhile Darrell Snr was attempting to play hide the sausage with an old boy on a bar stool. A fun evening all round.

Sunday's hockey fared little better. Champagne hockey and silky skills were useless in the face of Dutch umpires. At this point it became apparent that Squashy was not feeling on top form. After ten minutes play he retired to his sleeping bag, where he remained until admitted to intensive care.

The rest of us piled down to a local restaurant for the traditional feast of steak and mussels. Certain members of the party however, thought that the paraffin from the table candles was somewhat more appetising, but then found that they couldn't taste anything else. After clearing out the restaurant,

we left. Returning to the camp where we finished our remaining supplies.

When morning came the group was down to its last five cigarettes and decided to make haste to the ferry before we ran dry. Collecting Squashy from the hospital and grappling with Belgian road signs we managed to arrive somewhat earlier – ten minutes before departure, but since the lads had lost their ticket we ended up being equally late.

We were now in a mood for relaxation after a hard weekend's touring. However Poncho our token-rugby-player-make-up-the-numbers-type-hanger-oner had other ideas. Making full use of his allowance he acquired a bottle of Bell's. After cordially offering it round – you know to keep out the cold – he necked half a bottle and proceeded to wreck the ship. His companion in drink, IC Reject, finished the remaining quarter, passed out in a corner and woke up with one eyebrow too few. Meanwhile Poncho had summarily thrown his breakfast to the waves, insulted a biker, and passed out in the restaurant. He woke up to find a razor and an accusation by his side. Even back on dear Blighty we were still not safe...

Pulling up at a garage for petrol we were

"Three hundred free beers and a few tulips later, two of our number were in casualty ..."

surrounded by the afore mentioned biker and his Underworld cherubic cohorts. Fearing for our good looks and teeth, they approached and brutally told us they were writing a letter of complaint to Imperial College Union – less Hell's Angels more Surrey's Solicitors. We scarpered to the nearest drive through McD's.

During the long drive back to the Smoke, Darrell Jnr. had more bottom trouble and had to lie on her front all the way to Guy's A&E. Finally it was back to Southside to finish as we had started off, and a chance for Poncho to detoxify on a Basic's Pizza.

BY THE HOCKEY CLUB

IC Rugby Club Storm Canada

With last year's tour of Zimbabwe having proved such a success, IC Rugby Football Club were itching to do some more travelling. So, at the beginning of the spring term, Canada was chosen as the destination and preparations began. The result was a two week tour which was to include five games of rugby, an IC 'sports weekend' and two alumni events.

Come the morning of Saturday 24th June the months of anticipation were over and ICRFC was off to Canada. Flying to Vancouver on the west coast via Calgary, gave us our first glimpses of the Rocky Mountains. After collecting our transport (four space cruiser vans) at the airport our first port of call was the University of British Columbia.

"the result was soon forgotten, thanks to hospitality of our hosts"

Following a morning training session to run out the travel stiffness, the afternoon was spent relaxing on the beach and playing touch rugby in Stanley Park. Unfortunately, one or two had a shade too much sun and regretted it the next day in the game against Port Alberni Black Sheep on Vancouver Island.

We lost the match against Black Sheep narrowly, 14-10, but the result was soon forgotten thanks to hospitality of our hosts. Alas, we had to wrench ourselves away from



the lakeside and continue on to Victoria, billeting at UVIC. In Victoria we came across our next opponents in the form of Velox Rugby Club. A superb display saw us achieve a thoroughly deserved 24-0 victory which was ample reason for a night of celebration.

Moving out of Vancouver we had a long day's drive before arriving at Kelowna, the venue of our next game against the Black Crows. Sweltering heat and a lacklustre first half display meant that we were really up against it, but a strong second half really earned us respect as well as points, despite going down valiantly 29-17.

Our aim over the next two days was to travel some 800kms to Calgary, through the scenic Jasper and Banff Parks and to safely navigate the rugged terrain of the Rocky Mountains. Motel accommodation was secured in Jasper, a town whose inhabitants could quite easily have been the cast of Northern Exposure.

Our entry into Calgary at night was heralded by a fearsome electrical storm accompanied by driving rain. A visit to Calgary's Olympic sites was the first item on the agenda for the next day. The team experienced the thrill of a bob sleigh run and ski jump with out imperiling their lives - with the aid of a simulator.

The Kannucks provided stern opposition in the afternoon's match and we succumbed 28-17 to their superior strength. This was the team's first opportunity to meet and thank Mike Adams, an ex-ICRFC captain, who had played an integral part in the organisation of the tour. Saturday 8th July was an extravaganza of sporting activity. We watched the rowers pull their oars in the morning before it was our turn to take on the might of the Calgary Saints in the afternoon. After weathering an early storm we fought back fero-

RESULTS

ICRFC VS PORT ALBERINI BLACK SHEEP

VICTORIA VELOX

KELOWNA CROWS

CALGARY KANNUCKS

CALGARY SAINTS

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24 - 0

17 - 29

17 - 28

23 - 20



ciously and hung on to win 23-20 in a titanic struggle played in the strength sapping heat.

A superb team effort coupled with superior fitness, ensured we finished the tour on a playing high. Professor John Archer, Imperial's Deputy Rector, addressed a gathering of alumni in the club house and everybody enjoyed both the after match feast as well as the evening's entertainments.

Being all-round sportsmen, the final day's

"a town whose inhabitants could quite easily have been the cast of Northern Exposure"

cricket match proved no problem as we triumphed in a keenly fought 20 over contest against the alumni in the scenic Riley park. There was time afterwards for some final pressie shopping or rodeo before departing for the airport.

Taking off in the middle of an electrical storm was a further memorable experience of a wonderful tour which sadly had to end. It was a very exhausted but cheerful party which arrived back at Heathrow after an unforgettable fortnight.

BY MATT ANSTEAD