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Security team get result on bike thefts

MATTHEW BENNETT

Imperial College Security officials are celebrating a massive reduction in campus bicycle thefts, following improved security vigilance and the arrest of a suspected thief before Christmas.

A man was arrested on 11 December after a fourth year Civil Engineering student noticed two people, a man and a woman, making "sawing movements" near bicycles in Dalby court, behind the Civil Engineering buildings. He immediately notified Sherfield security reception. The couple were identified and intercepted as they passed the Sherfield building as security officers were going to Dalby court to investigate, but refused to be detained. In the short struggle that followed, the man was apprehended while his female accomplice escaped. The police were called, and the man subsequently arrested.

According to the police, this man has previous convictions for theft. Security officers on duty at the time of the incident report that the suspect was carrying all the equipment necessary to steal a bike, including bolt cutters.

Upon his arrest, the man allegedly protested that he was only "making a metal sofa, and looking for scrap metal." Nevertheless, he has been charged with the offence of "going equipped to steal". The case will come to court during the next few weeks. If found guilty, the man will be sentenced according to his previous criminal record and individual circumstances. A man arrested for attempted theft last year in Weeks

hall was sentenced to four months imprisonment.

Police later obtained a search warrant for the man's house in North London and discovered he was living with a girl matching the description of his accomplice. However, no evidence exists linking her to the incident, and at present police have no plans to press charges.

This victory follows a number of improvements to South Kensington campus security measures. Foremost among these have been 'plain clothes' security patrols, which have been adopted as standard practice following their introduction shortly before Christmas. This and other measures have seen a drop in bicycle thefts from around eight per week to virtually none. No further bike thefts have been recorded since the end of January.

Security staff routinely remove bicycles from certain locations if they consider them to be causing an obstruction. IC security currently holds at least eight bikes removed from around the College which remain unclaimed by their owners. Security officials strongly recommend that students whose bikes are missing check with Sherfield reception before assuming them stolen.

Whilst highlighting their crack-down on bicycle theft, IC's security service reiterated the difficulties inherent in maintaining vigilance given the size of the campus and the multitude of places that bikes are sometimes left. The plain clothes patrols continue, and officials hope that extra surveillance cameras will soon be in place.



PHOTO: ROBIN RILEY

Doctor! Doctor! IC medical students share a joke over lunch in the Great Hall before showing visiting sixth-formers around the rest of the campus.

First ICSM open day attracts brightest pupils

KENT YIP

The first open day for the new Imperial College School of Medicine on Tuesday attracted 600 prospective medical students from some of the best schools in the country.

Visiting sixth-formers were welcomed by the ICSM's new Principal, Professor Chris Edwards, in the Great Hall. Prof Edwards immediately began by highlighting the potential of the new school, which will inherit the research excellence of the National Heart and Lung Institute and the Royal Postgraduate Medical School, and the proud tradition of the two undergraduate medical schools at St Mary's and Charing Cross Hospital.

This was followed by an overview of the new curriculum, which Dr Rory Shaw, Rector of the Medical Education Unit, claimed was "Out with the worst of the old, and in with

the best of the new".

Dr Shaw allayed fears that prospective medical students might be used as "guinea pigs" for a new course, explaining that the new qualification had been designed with considerable input from current students, whose curriculum already incorporates part of the new course.

Dr Stan Head, Admissions Tutor, went on to explain the selection procedure. Throughout his talk, he repeatedly stressed the need for candidates to be good all-rounders in order to gain admission into the prestigious new medical school. Dr Head illustrated the highly competitive nature of the process using entry statistics from last year. Of 5,000 applicants to St Mary's and Charing Cross, only 1 in 5 were called up for interview, and only 1 in 12 received an offer. Immediately afterwards, Dr

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First medical open day

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Head talked the prospective medical students through two admission interview case-studies, in an attempt to demystify this most dreaded part of the selection procedure.

Finally, brief presentations were given by Eric Allsop, Sami Ansari, and Nitesha Singh, Student Union presidents of Imperial College, St Mary's Hospital Medical School, and Charing Cross and Westminster Medical School respectively. Together, they emphasised the extensive recreational facilities provided for students by the College and drew attention to the sports teams, clubs and societies that the medics could enjoy within their own Constituent College Union.

Dr Shaw then fielded a brief question and answer session concerning the new curriculum. Questions related to other aspects of the course, particularly those pertaining to present medical students, were answered during the rest of the day while prospective students were taken on a tour of the South Kensington campus. This was followed by a visit to the two main teaching hospitals, St

Mary's and Charing Cross. At St Mary's Hospital, the large party of sixth-formers learned of the proud tradition of the hospital and its medical school in sporting achievements and other activities during a talk by Mr Robin Touquet, a consultant surgeon in accident and emergency.

The open day was jointly organised by the ICSM and the Student Unions of Imperial College, St Mary's Hospital Medical School and Charing Cross and Westminster Medical School. Some preparations on the South Kensington campus were a little improvised, the ICU executive having been informed of the event only the night before. However, most of the visitors, including the tutors who accompanied their students on the open day, made the most of the the opportunity to chat to the medics. The principal concern expressed by the prospective students was that their less than outstanding GCSE grades would jeopardise their chance of winning a place at the medical school, and that they might not have chosen the correct subjects at A-level to study medicine.

HUMANITIES PROGRAMME 1997 - 1998

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PHOTO: WAN LING LI

Visitors examine the winners of the 1997 Hunting Art Prizes, works by new British artists on display at the Royal College of Art until Sunday.

Surprise candidates enliven Sabbatical race

NEWSTEAM

The final week of nominations for the 1997 Sabbatical Elections has seen unprecedented activity amongst potential candidates jockeying for prominence. A number of submitted and then withdrawn candidatures have further confused the election race. Today, the deadline passes for members of Imperial College Union wishing to run for election to a sabbatical position to sign their names on the nomination papers. Last minute nominations are expected as several rumours of eleventh hour candidates, possibly including a medical student, abound.

At the time of going to press, six fully proposed and seconded candidates are standing for the four Sabbatical posts. Two candidates have stood for the posts of Deputy President (Finance and Services) and Deputy President (Clubs and Societies, whilst there remains a single candidate each for the posts of Felix Editor and President. New Election, the option for voters unconvinced that the candidates are suitable for the job, is also standing for every post.

This second week of nominations has seen some surprise candidates come forth and secure the full compliment of twenty seconders and a proposer. Samantha Baker, a third year chemist, is currently unopposed for the position of President after Johnathan Austin, a fourth year



physicist, and Andrew Guilder, a third year mechanical engineering student withdrew their candidatures. In an unusual turn of events, Mr Guilder withdrew his candidature by scrawling "No thank you. Cheers for the support" across his paper early on Thursday morning despite his securing of seventeen seconders.

Elsewhere, fourth year civil engineering student Duncan Tindall is vying with chemical engineer John Savery, also in his fourth year, for the post of DP (F&S). Smita Chaturvedi, biochemistry II, and Sarah Thomas, chemical engineering IV, are competing for the post of DP(C&S). Jeremy Thomson, a third year physicist is sole candidate for the post of Felix Editor.

With nominations closing at 6 pm this evening, there is still opportunity for last minute candidates to come forward. Rumours persist that two 'heavyweight' candidates will sign up for the top post of President, with some suggestions of a stage-managed nomination just before the deadline.

Deaths were 'avoidable' Sir Ron piles on the pounds

MATTHEW BENNETT

An official report on last year's meningitis outbreak at Cardiff University has suggested that the deaths of two 19-year-old students could have been avoided had mass vaccination been implemented, and has suggested a review of national guidelines.

Last year, seven students contracted meningitis between October and December. The first made a full recovery. The second case occurred four weeks and one day later, in the same hall of residence. Since national guidelines state that cases four weeks apart are unconnected, the case was treated as a separate incident, and emergency vaccinations were not administered. Only after several more occurrences of meningitis came to light were inoculations given to more than 1,000 students. Tests have since established that all the cases in Cardiff were caused by the same strain of meningitis bacterium, strongly indicating that they were connected.

One senior health official stated "My conscience is clear on this one. I don't believe any of the decisions

made by the outbreak control team were wrong. I believe we made the right decisions at the time." He went on to suggest that a rethink of the guidelines might be necessary, particularly regarding what is defined as "close contact". He also emphasised that many people's understanding of the development and spread of meningitis is still primitive. It is believed that meningitis is contagious only through close contact, although none of the students affected were close friends.

Meanwhile, Cardiff University students expressed concerns about the lack of communication between the University and the student population, and a lack of up to date information.

The meningitis research foundation is funding various projects at St. Mary's to investigate why the vast majority of the population seem immune to meningitis, while a few are susceptible and become seriously ill when they come into contact with the infection.

The staff of Imperial College's health centre stress that there have been no cases of meningitis at IC.

NEWSTEAM

For the second year running, universities have been required to make public the salaries of their top staff.

Imperial College's Rector, Sir Ronald Oxburgh, received a pay rise of £1,000 last year, making him the UK's 45th most highly-paid Vice Chancellor and taking him up to an annual salary of £104,000. This is comparable with other London institutions, but these salaries are not typical nationwide. The overwhelming majority were between £70,000 and

£90,000, with the lowest figures listed being between £30,000 and £40,000. Most vice-chancellors saw significant increases on the previous year, although Strathclyde's J. Arbutnot had a 15% decrease from £120,000 to £102,110.

There were some marked differences between the salaries of institutions of similar reputations, most notably with the vice-chancellors of Oxford and Cambridge each earning £78,895 and £109,000 respectively last year.

Institution	Vice-Chancellor	95/96	94/95	Position
London Institute	J. MacKenzie	142,618	128,666	1
London Business School	G. Bain	136,000	122,831	3
Caring Cross/Westminster	R. Greenhalgh	129,928	136,133	5
UCL	D. Roberts	128,459	129,162	8
QMW	G. Zellick	112,000	110,000	32
Univ. of East London	F. Gould	107,000	102,000	37
Imperial	R. Oxburgh	104,000	103,000	45
Univ. of North London	B. Roper	100,094	95,068	52
University of Westminster	G. Copland	94,753	110,050	70
Kings College	A. Lucas	93,000	98,000	78
Thames Valley	M. Fitzgerald	88,000	83,000	95
Royal College of Art	C. Frayling	83,611	78,720	101
Birkbeck	T. Blackstone	82,000	80,000	107
London Guildhall	R. Floud	81,798	78,566	111
Royal College of Music	J. Ritterman	57,451	55,952	166

ICU Overseas Students Committee
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Fair fares derailed by Underground privatisation

ALOK JHA

Speculation that London Underground is to be privatised has intensified this week, following a report that it may be sold whole to a single company. This might lead to fare increases and scotch plans to introduce cheaper fares for students.

An article in Monday's edition of *The Independent* claims that the subterranean rail system could be sold off as a 'job lot', possibly as early as March, before the general election. London Underground has as yet made no official announcement regarding privatisation plans, although a spokesperson claims that the organisation has submitted a document to the Department of Transport outlining a number of approaches. The contents of the proposal remain confidential, and both sides have adopted a policy of silence.

London Underground operates tube services on behalf of London Transport, which has expressed its intention to remain neutral throughout the process. LT claims it wishes only to ensure that whoever buys the network maintains the correct safety and security measures.

Privatising the tube network, according to the Government, is expressly aimed at improving the service to customers (formerly passengers). However, projects that LT was hoping to carry out in the near future must now be shelved until a satisfactory outcome to the sell-off has been achieved. One of these postponed projects is the refurbishment of stations



PHOTO: FRANK

On the way out... Public ownership of the London Underground, and the chance for cheaper student fares.

at the southern end of the Northern Line. Although new trains will soon be introduced to the line, delays will remain as tracks and signalling will not be upgraded. Hidden costs such as these will have to be met by the network's new owner.

Should privatisation be given the green light, the future of London Transport itself remains unclear. As the sole administrator of the capital's public transport, LT is able to issue tickets and travelcards valid for both buses and trains. As yet, there is no guarantee that a private investor would continue this regime. Similarly, were the network to be divided up, it is unclear whether a ticket bought at a station owned by one company would be valid for travel on lines owned by another.

After the privatisation, London Transport will not continue to control any transport services. The organisation might survive in an advisory or regulatory capacity, possibly acting as a consultant for the tube's eventual owners.

Whoever buys London's underground network will need to invest an estimated £1.2 billion immediately, to cover essential repairs and maintenance. The burden of such an investment could be lightened if the Government pours money into the system before selling, as it has in some previous privatisations. Paul Bates, University of London Union Welfare Officer, predicts that if a private buyer is forced to make a massive initial investment, the result may be a sharp increase in fares and

increased hardship for students.

Speaking to *Felix*, Mr Bates explained that he "...cannot believe that anyone would want to buy the underground system. Shareholders would not get a return on such an under-invested scheme."

Believing that an increase in fares would hit students particularly hard, ULU has been exploring ways of obtaining discounts for its members. ULU's President last year, Ghassan Karrian, attempted to negotiate a deal with London Transport in which University of London students would receive a 25% discount on tube fares. LT agreed to test the scheme and set up a pilot project for the students of Queen Mary's and Westfield College. According to Paul Bates, London Underground's imminent privatisation has derailed the scheme. It has been removed from ULU control and now faces an uncertain future.

A student representative at Queen Mary's and Westfield College explained that the scheme had been very popular with students, but that it was "...down to London Transport whether or not it was successful."

London Transport believes that the long-term success of such a discount scheme could be guaranteed at the time of privatisation, by including it as a contractual obligation to be fulfilled by the network's new owner or owners. Unfortunately, such a decision will be made during discussions between LT and the new buyer, where student interests are unlikely to be represented.

AUT vote for pay deal

ALOK JHA

With a turnout of 64.9%, members of the Association of University Teachers voted with an overwhelming 92.3% majority to accept their latest pay offer and end all industrial action. 99.2% of the union also voted to set up a new pay review body. These results, announced on Wednesday, mean that pay will be increased by 2.9% backdated to last April and remain at that level in the next financial year. Technical, manual and ancillary staff will also receive a rise of 2.8%.

According to Chris Moss, AUT representative at IC, the increase showed that they had been particularly hard done by during the whole process.

Everybody's fourth favourite ingredient



PHOTO: ALDOUS

Sainsbury's store on Cromwell Road. Where good food costs less?

JACKIE SKEATE

Leading retail chain Sainsbury's has been ranked fourth out of five in a survey of food quality in leading supermarket stores.

For Sainsbury's, whose flagship Cromwell Road store is popular among Imperial College students, this is further blow follows the announcement that their profits would be £60 million lower than expected, causing their share price to fall by 13%. Sainsbury's have seen their dominant market position overtaken by Tesco, and last year saw their profits fall for the first time.

The survey, conducted by the Epicurean World Master Chefs' Society, placed Sainsbury's beneath Waitrose, Tesco, and Safeways, but above Asda.

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EXPLANATION
WOULDN'T YOU?

SO WOULD **WE**

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Valentines

MENG? TREE.
HMM.

Aero, You're so surreal
Tea and hugs,
Ewar Wawaw xoxo

Doirena: Hope you didn't fall over this morning. Mr X

To 'A'
I've been watching and waiting since the 1st year...
Please be mine THIS VALENTINE!!!

To my very own OJ,
Could you 'absorb', I mean strip for me sometime???
Love??????????

Claire Delsol
I have chocolate.....
Come and get me!!!!!!!!!!!!

Darling Thomas,
All our love, kisses and lots of rude things.
Chem Eng gurlies.

Dear RS
When will you be mine? I'm tired of waiting.
MT

Poppy,
Will you be my Valentine?
Lots of love from your Secret Admirer.

TO LAZY J
YOU CAN THE DAY AWAY WITH ME ON MY SOFA ANYTIME NICE HAIR LUV

Dear Sebina
Happy Valentines Day Honey! I love you more and more each day
Love Simon

DEAR DATA

MAY YOUR ACTIONS BE BOLD

HUGS AND KISS ES
GOD

EMMA SUE You can tell it like it is. I love you.
Gingko.

EM, THANKS FOR REMOVING THE FOG THE VIEW IS MAJESTIC!!
LOVE AND CUDDLES, FROM YOUR VERY OWN CHESHIRE CAT!!

T. Cremin, Aero Eng 3.
You were great.
Love, Peter.

Privet Lobov!
It is for you Linachka.
Good luck with construction (i.e. demolition)
Eta Ya! ☺

Shall I compare thee to a summers day?
No, probably not.

Fluffybunny No. 1
I love you 50000 much
Cuddles and squaddles
Fluffybunny No. 2.

I'm your secret admirer
When I see you my legs go all wobbly.
You make me sweat at the sheer sight of you.
Please make my day by coming onto me.
Love W.U.

To Hsiu Min
A little note to say I love you, now and forever.
Love Simon

My dearest Fluffybunny
I love you more than chocolate moose.
Love, licks, squaddles and huggles from
xxx ? xxx

C. Wood, Mech Eng 3.
Your secret admirer.
Hope you liked the pop-up card.
Love, ????

To My Heathcliff,
You can wander my moors anytime.
Love eternally
Cathy.

T. Stringer.
To the most good-looking girl in Aero Eng love
(Aero 3)?**

For 2 Frenchmen:
Here is a reply to your message last year.

I thought that the gesture was sweet and sincere.
So here is a poem I've written to say,
Thanks to you both,
Happy Valentine's Day!

G. Tan, Aero Eng. 3.
You are the one for me.
Love, Am _____

To Claire of Room 501
One day I'll summon the courage
From a friend

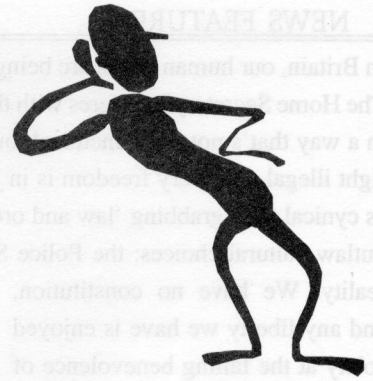
To Little Miss Squirbly.
All my love.
Mr Squirbly.

To Afli, Angela, Ylousihma, Mary and Rupa,
To these special girls on this special day.
Loads of love
Mivmal xxxxxxxxxxxx

Sweet Charity Agi
May you drink the blood of many horses

TO: ED
ONLY YOU CAN SEPARATE US!
LOVE L + M

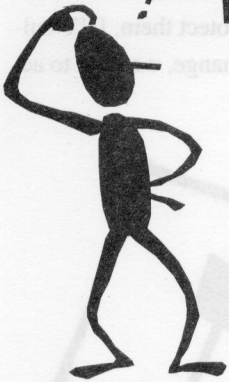
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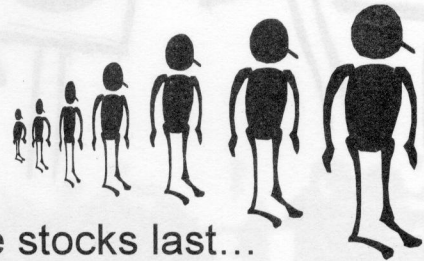
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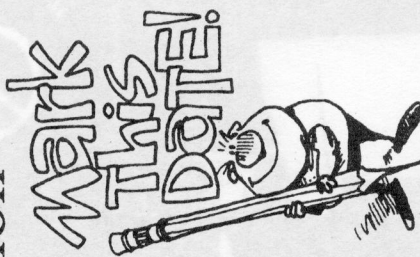
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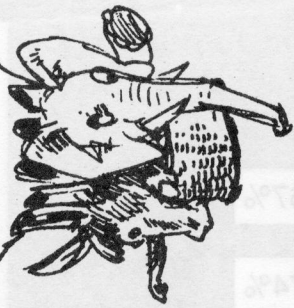
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Papers up **17th February**, come and sign up on the
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Results will be announced **15th March**,
at The City & Guilds Dinner

ELECTION



In Britain, our human rights are being eroded. The Home Secretary interferes with the courts in a way that's not only unethical, but downright illegal. Our very freedom is in jeopardy as cynical vote-grabbing 'law and order' bills outlaw cultural choices; the Police State is a reality. We have no constitution, and any liberty we have is enjoyed solely at the failing benevolence of our rulers. Profit driven policy and party politics are leading to a gaping poverty gap and untold environmental destruction.

You may not agree with these statements, but millions do, and these are hardly problems that will be solved by writing to an MP or The Times. When society's problems become systemic, only radical protest will get the message through. 10,000 placard-bearing activists

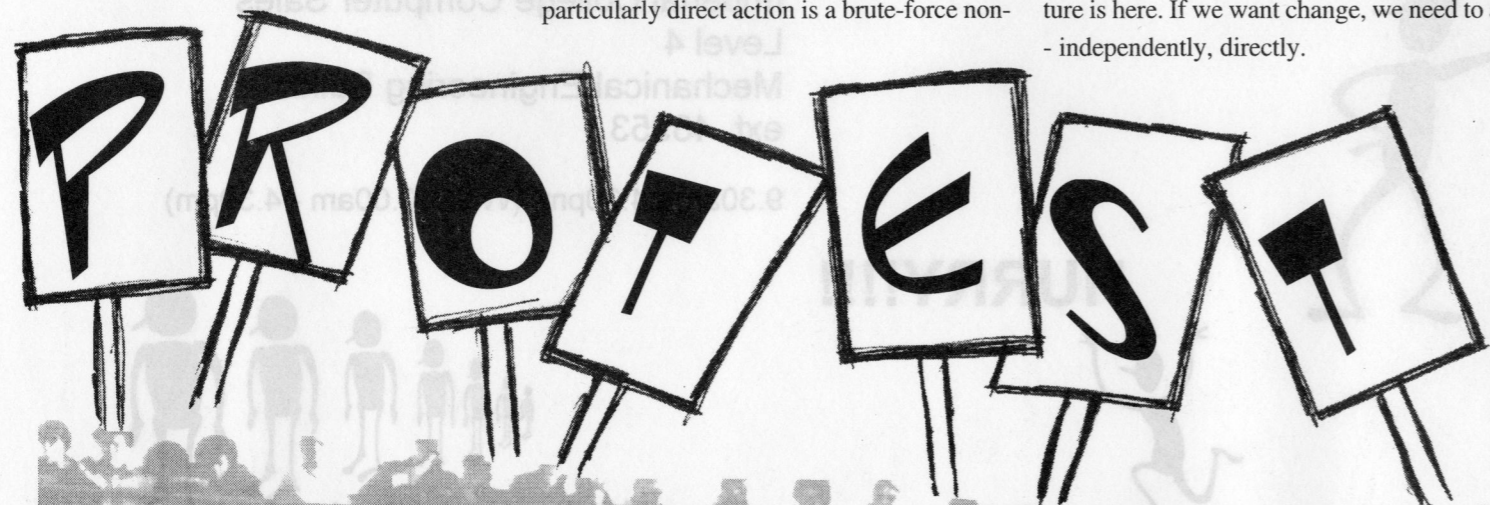
Protest Culture? Absolutely

marching through the capital simply can't be ignored or concealed.

Is it right to protest? After all, civil action, particularly direct action is a brute-force non-

democratic method that is illegal and often violent. Shouldn't people use our time-honoured democratic system to express their views? Perhaps we are over-tolerant of activists who seem to wander around the country causing disruption for their own entertainment.

Bollocks. The law is broken because the law has failed. We don't have a democracy, we have a stagnant, gnarly puppet-show that seems to resent its citizens, not serve and protect them. DIY culture is here. If we want change, we need to act - independently, directly.



It is often forgotten by groups of protesters that there are far more effective methods of registering your distaste of a building project, commercial activity or proposed law than lying in front of a bulldozer. These groups, frustrated by their own inaction in opposing their chosen bugbear, resort to illegal actions in a last ditch, and usually futile, attempt to influence opinion. Unfortunately for them, and fortunately for the due and correct process of democracy and accountability, they normally fail to succeed in their plans. The proper democratic channels are

always open for anyone to object, but it is blatantly obvious that these channels are deliberately ignored by the cadre of 'professional' protesters who revel in the media attention and their fifteen minutes of fame. It is they who put our society and its structures at risk

Protest Culture? Not to be tolerated

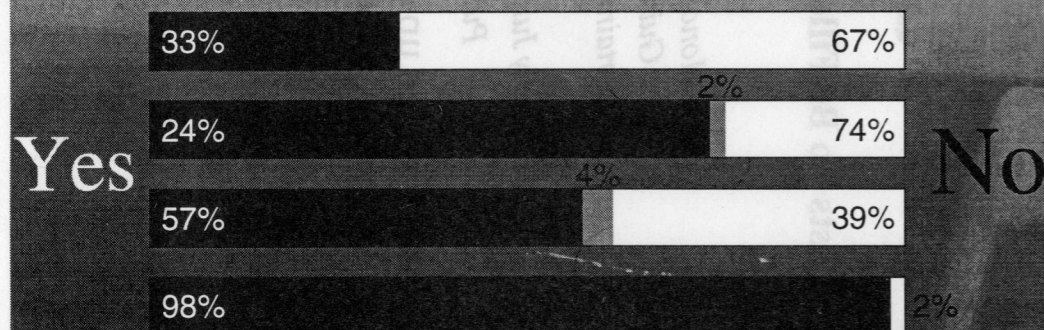
for their own personal gratification. It is right that these so-called 'legitimate' protests are dispersed by authorities acting under the auspices of the law. Right-thinking and law-

abiding people, who are often put at some risk by protesters actions (witness the two deaths at last year's demonstration in opposition to the export of calves), do not deserve to be exposed to this sort of mass law breaking.

More fundamentally though, two (or more), wrongs do not make a right; there should never be a situation where breaking the law of the land is a legitimate method of expressing an opinion. The more common forms of protest such as vandalism, libelling someone or an organisation and trespassing on private land should be recognised for what they are: illegal.



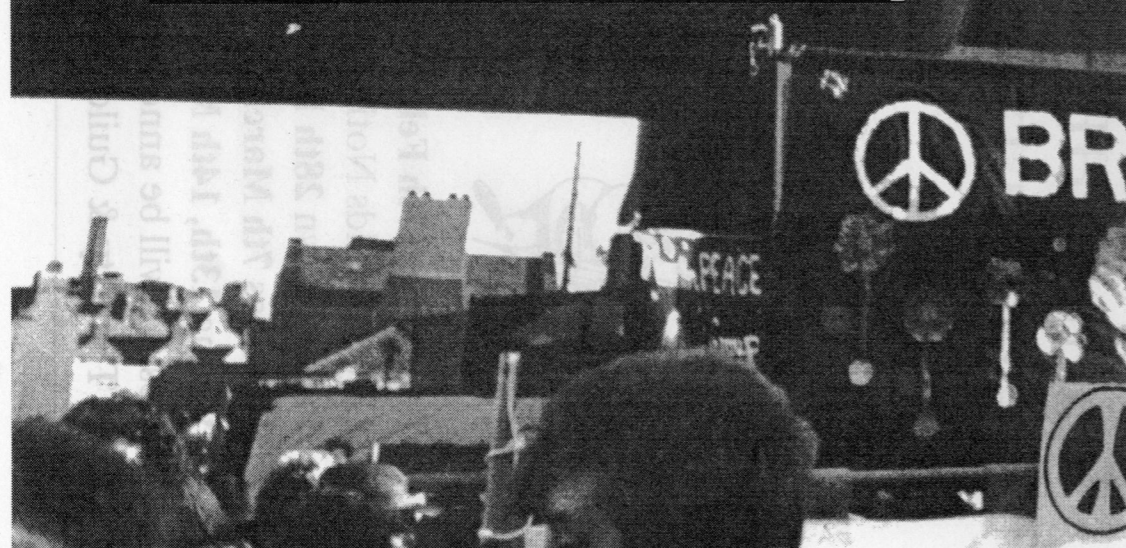
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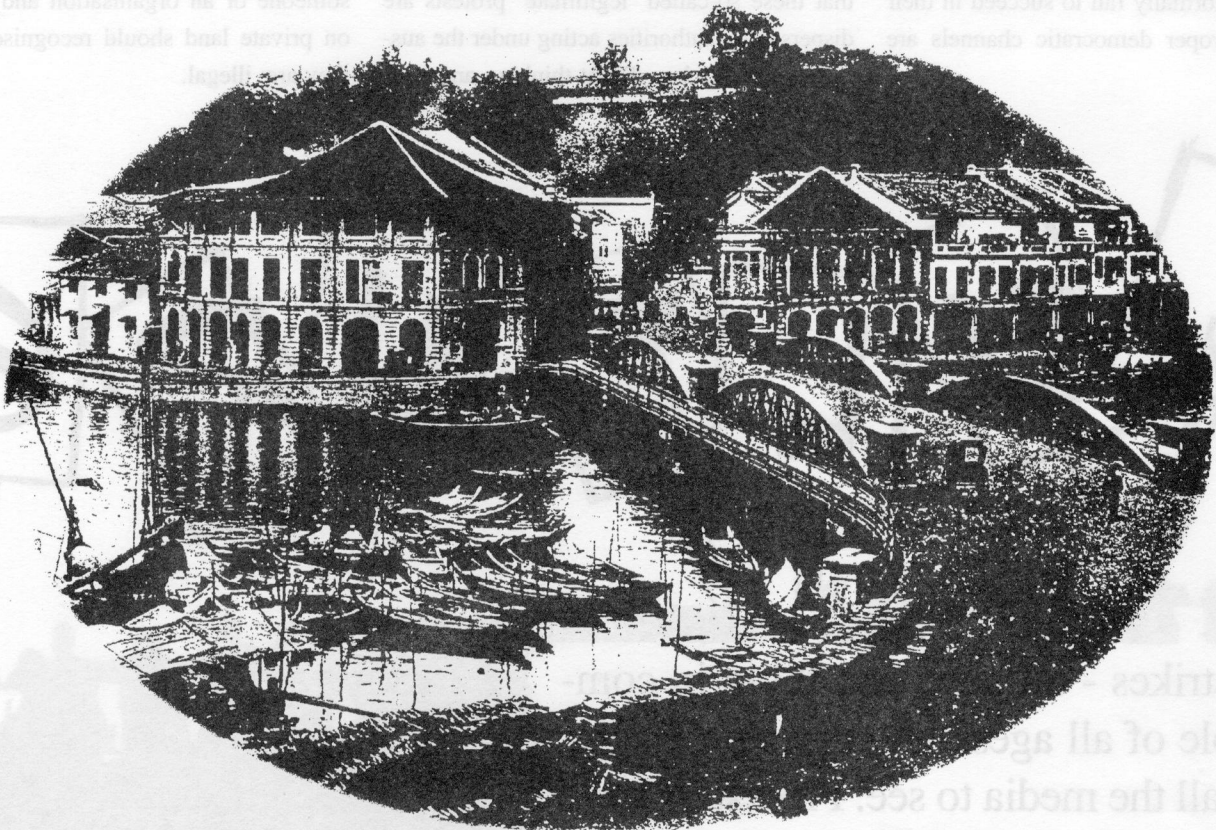
Bypasses, live animal exports, strikes - all have one thing in common. Nearby you will find people of all ages and stages protesting and shouting out their views for all the media to see. Protesters have been in the public eye recently, with Brent Spar and Newbury among the most famous examples. The Criminal Justice and Public Order Act outlawed many forms of protest, creating the new offence of 'aggravated trespass' as well as outlawing some raves and certain demonstrations without permission. Should demonstrators break the law if that is the only way of changing it? Or should the police clamp down on those who trespass and destroy property to publicise their own views? We have conducted a small survey among students (questions below, results left), and have supplied two opposing viewpoints. Feel free to write and tell us your views.

Survey questions:

1. Have you ever been involved in a protest?
2. Do you think that peaceful protest works?
3. Do you think violent or illegal protest works?
4. Is the right to protest an important part of a modern democracy?



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Would the real Mr Caldwell please step forward

Ian Caldwell is not 41. That is the sum knowledge of most people at Imperial College about the incumbent of one of the administrative division's most powerful posts. Luckily for you, the denizens of Imperial College, Felix was able to snatch an impromptu interview with the Director of Estates whilst he visited our Office on a slightly different pretext...

Mr Caldwell is, as is apparent to anyone who has spoken with him, a Glaswegian by right of birth, though his resistance to a permanent record of his voice or visage outliving him testify to a little bit of vanity that is uncommon in a Scot. Although trained as an architect by the University of Strathclyde, Mr Caldwell's early forays in to the blueprint and set-square profession gave way to a desire to be in the commissioning side of building design. This eventually led to Sheffield Hallam University where, as Director of Estates, he helped revolutionise the campus design. Mr Caldwell was at Sheffield for three years before moving to his present post as Director of Estates at Imperial College.

He has now been here for three years...

Do you enjoy working here?

[Long pause] I would describe it as challenging, but basically, yes. It is a stimulating environment in which to work, not only because of the academic environment but also for the high standards that are expected. When you first walk on campus, all you see are sixties problems, that cannot easily be solved. But with the medical mergers there is greater opportunity to resolve some of these problems, and have a much bigger impact on the future of the College.

The hierarchy here is much better than many other universities. IC is much more consensus led than many institutions, and I think that this has caused problems for some staff who are used to a more tiered management structure. I would add to that and say that College has a bloody good team who are brave enough to admit mistakes.

How has your role within the College changed while you have been here?

[Even longer pause] There is much more focus on planning now, and though there have been great improvements, the every day organisation is not quite there. You have to realise that there is never going to be enough money to do what we would like, but we are now beginning to understand our priorities much better. There is an assumption that students and staff want to work in a place of quality.

When you look out of the window, what do you see?

The image that is generated by the College can be related that created by other institutions, for example, the Queen's Lawn can be compared with the Great Lawn of MIT, or the University of Technology in Hong Kong.

When, if ever, you leave here, what do you want to be remembered for?

I have no plans to leave just yet! [Long pause] I think that I would like to feel that I would have achieved something different. But there are perhaps two main things I would like to do. Firstly, I would really like to develop a partnership between the Estates Division and the academic departments; try and achieve a better understanding of each other and what departments need from us. For example, the lecture theatre and research lab refurbishment over the past few summers. Ideally, the project managers should also have better relationships with the departments. I think that Estates can be the intellectual equal, in its field, to the academic departments.

Secondly, I would like to leave something that people wouldn't have expected. At Sheffield, there was a major space created on the campus that I



was involved in designing and initiating that helped unify how the university worked. They believe that I left something worthwhile. I haven't yet had anything named after me though!

What do you do in your spare time?

I like to spend a lot of time with my family: at weekends, we often go to art galleries or restaurants. I particularly like modern and innovative places, such as the Tate. I am quite interested in the design of buildings and how they use their space and dimensions. One of my children (Mr C has two sons aged 11 and 16) is just choosing his A Levels; he wants to study interior design and so is interested in this use of space too.

What sort of music do you listen to?

I love Buddy King and Chicago Blues, though I have a broader range of music I enjoy such as Elton John and jazz. And I saw Carmen at the Royal Albert Hall last night.

Being more general about my taste, I would like a Morgan car [I indicate my lack of car about my person].

Do you think that Scotland have a chance of winning the Five Nations?

[Laughs] We will be back! We may not win this year, but in the future we will have built up a good team, and then we'll definitely win!

Where do you see the College going in the future?

Physically, it will not be where it is now. I imagine that there will be more changes in the estate than we can predict, though more integration with some of the medical sites would be inevitable as more of the departments undertake integrated research. You might foresee a time when certain departments have outstations within the medical sites.

One of the biggest challenges for the estate is the RSM building. Basically, it is in poor shape, out of step with modern thinking and inefficient with its space. But to restructure the RSM would take millions, which we simply don't have. We will always be short of cash.

As for mergers and acquisitions, there are unlikely to be any more mergers, and though there will be far greater co-operation between the South Kensington institutions, we are not going to absorb the Science Museum, for example. There will be cross fertilisation of ideas, and more joint seminar programmes and other sorts of linked activity. College needs to become more known to, and more open with, the local community generally, not just the museums.

How do students now compare to when you were a student?

Well, beer was cheaper, but generally students are more mature now...

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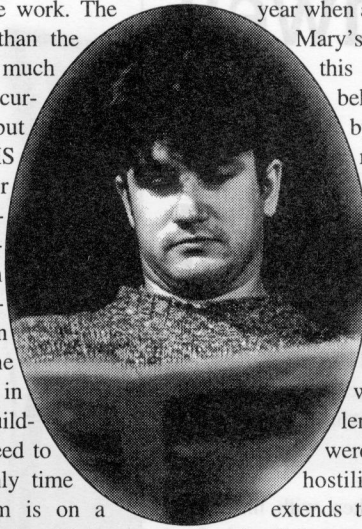
Simon Baker - Voice of Reason

Everything seemed fairly quiet on the medical front a few weeks ago. The BMS was rising majestically and on schedule (after a fashion), and little had been heard from St Mary's. Then news came of a deal struck by the medics to secure direct funding from College to the tune of £80,000 per year. This will indeed further alienate the medical students within the body of IC, but that is precisely what they want.

To describe the merger of St Mary's, Charing Cross, NHLI and Royal Postgraduate medical schools as a shotgun wedding doesn't even come close to the mark. For anyone new to the South Ken campus, let me explain the gist of recent events. Mary's do not like Imperial, and dislike being reminded of the fact they themselves have been part of IC since 1988. Imperial do not like Mary's. Mary's do not wish to merge with the other medical schools, and they in turn want nothing to do with Mary's IC, or each other. In short, this is tribal warfare. Since no one likes anyone else in this shambles, College senior management, playing

the Cupid role, are bending over backwards to accommodate this special interest body of students and make the marriage work. The ICSMU, smaller than the RCS, will get as much funding as all the current unions put together. The BMS has provision for social space, a feature that is somewhat sparse in every other department. This again will allow the medics to remain in their shiny new building without the need to fraternise. The only time we will see them is on a Friday night in the Union and Southside, and God help the consequences.

For reasons best known to themselves, medics are a fiercely independent bunch the world over. They are very big on their identity, which is why they feel they have everything to lose from this merger. They resent

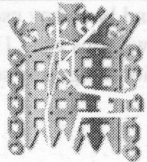


interference and intrusion by outsiders, a point that was made all too clear to me and other IC students last year when attending lectures at Mary's. An explanation of this somewhat fanatical behaviour was offered by one of the pharmacology lecturers, who suggested it was a school in every sense of the word, with greater cossetting of the students the result being that, in his words, the equivalent age group at IC were more mature. This hostility towards IC extends to the very highest levels of the medical schools. In St Mary's magazine, there have been letters of complaint from all and sundry, culminating in an open letter to the Queen Mother. The only thing that unites them all is that they don't want to be united.

As days go by, this is looking more and more like empire building

by IC. Forget the cost and to hell with the consequences. The BMS building amazingly manages to fill every available square inch, preventing expansion by anyone else, clear evidence that it was built on the basis of getting the largest building that the planners will allow - stick it up, then think what to do with it. Only the Biology department have, to date, supplied plans of what facilities are needed. Even by IC standards, this ain't good.

As you would imagine on a job of this size, there will be penalty payments for late completion. Very sensible you say. Oh dear. The penalty payments are £21,000 per day late. Not to be paid by Schal to us, mind. Oh no, this will be paid to the Treasury by IC. The bloke that came up with that stunning deal was probably headhunted from the British Library project. It will, therefore, open on time. With the integration of Charing Cross and the others likely to be as shambolic as Mary's, prepare for much more chaos. This, as someone once said, is going to run and run.



Westminster Eye - Hamish Common

One area of public spending doesn't seem attract much interest from students, apart from the odd comment that in a modern society we don't really need one any more: Britain's Armed Forces.

The arguments for a serious rethink on our defence forces are strong. The annual budget stands at £24 billion, enough for a quite a lot of hospitals and schools. It employs a few hundred thousand people, plus countless others in industries including arms and aeronautics companies. There will certainly be people reading this who will be going into such industries themselves. The broad question of arms is a horrendously complex one, not made any easier by the emotional issues attached to it. Arms companies are usually pacifists' and socialists' Enemy No 1, with the supply of totalitarian and repressive regimes regarded with justified disgust - although I wonder how many people from Imperial who were offered a highly paid job with one of them would turn it down for these reasons.

Labour's Defence Spokesman, David Clark, has been quietly agreeing with most of Government defence policies. Labour has a politi-

cal legacy including policies for partial or complete destruction of our nuclear arsenal, swingeing cutbacks in all three forces, leaving NATO and so on. This is all now considered too dangerous, and Labour have recently kept quiet on the subject. Clark has said a few things though: membership of NATO, maintaining Trident (our nuclear submarine fleet) and our permanent seat on the UN Security Council will all be "non-negotiable".

I believe the general argument for axing vast portions of the Armed Forces goes something like this: in a modern society, we do not need these weapons of war. No-one is likely to attack us - we now enjoy close relations with Germany, the last country we fought within our borders. But anyway if they do the United States will help us out, and we'll keep something in reserve just in case. Many people may not say this openly but feel in their heart of hearts that this is the case.

Unfortunately, the world doesn't really work like that. Since the collapse of Communism, the standard East versus West confrontation has been replaced by a much more complicated situation, with instability

and power vacuums in countless areas across the world. It is vital that a country with enormous world interests such as the UK does not seek solace in itself - every time relatively powerful countries become isolationist, ignoring the affairs of others, foreign powers will see what they can get away with. Hitler took over most of the European continent this way - Russia invaded Afghanistan this way, Argentina invaded the Falklands this way, and the fighting factions in Bosnia consistently tested NATO's patience to the limit this way. I am not arguing that world order would collapse if we scrapped a few missiles, but that we must show the world quite clearly that we won't watch on the sidelines while atrocities are committed and islands and areas of the world under British rule - who wish to remain British - are attacked. This clear attitude lies at the forefront of our nuclear policy. The world knows that Britain has at least one submarine afloat with the capability to launch an attack on any part of the world at any time. This would make anyone considering using chemical or biological weapons against British troops, or considering attacking the UK mainland itself, think twice.

Let us say this or an incoming Government accepted these broad terms: how could they cut defence? Even a 5% cut would release billions of pounds. Unfortunately they are

finding it very difficult to cut anything. Trident is practically paid for, so scrapping it would kill off a major part of the UK's personal defence without any pecuniary advantage. The same can be said of Eurofighter - an essential project if only to show that countries other than the States are capable of building hi-tech weaponry. All forces have been cut to the bone, with observers commenting that we would not have the resources to launch another Falklands operation. More adventurous ideas have been suggested: merging the Royal Marines with the Army, scrapping the RAF (!) and merging them with Naval and Army air arms. We could lose the tanks - attack helicopters do the job just fine. We don't need long range bombers - cruise missiles will fit the role quite nicely.

Although such suggestions may cause hernias in defence chiefs and invite ridicule from various quarters, tough decisions will have to be made. Industry bosses and trade unions will lobby strongly against any cuts, with some places employing tens of thousands of people on one (albeit large) site. But even the milder plan for more European integration could save £3 -£4 billion pounds annually. As John Reed of 'Defence Industry' says: "the risk is that in trying to get the best of both worlds they will end up with the worst of both, and that the real day of decision will be postponed."

LETTERS TO FELIX

edited by David Roberts

Dear Alex Feakes,

I read with interest your editorial in Felix 7.2.97. There is no indication that ring-fencing will be of detriment to ICU funding, it merely allows Charing Cross and Westminster Students' Union and our counterparts at St Mary's to run the facilities for students, at their present sites, who will have no contact with Imperial College since teaching of the new course at IC doesn't start until 1998. Although, Charing Cross and Westminster Medical School merges with the established ICSM in August of this year there will be no change to student requirements at the Charing Cross site for the time being. Ring fenced funding in the interim period is a perfectly logical solution to maintaining basic recreational facilities for students off the IC campus. If your suggestion is to ignore the needs of this considerable body of students I must value your comments for less than the paper they are written on.

Yours sincerely,

Nitish Singh

President of Charing Cross and Westminster Medical School SU

Dear Editor,

A couple of weeks back in Felix (issue 1077), I read the editorial article about the library closure and the rebates received by Weeks Hall residents.

What gets me, is that the College may of agreed to rebate the residents, but to my knowledge they haven't actually paid out any money. I've spoken to the person who organised a petition and was at the forefront of the fight against the noise, ans she knows nothing about the rebate!!!

I've put together a few signatures of key people (petition organisers) and residents from the lower floors of Weeks who know nothing about the rebate, this is to add some weight to my letter.

Shinri Szymko, Mech Eng II

The letter is then signed by the following:

TR Thompson, RJ Rust, S Cross, D Haboubi, AR Southern, E Coombs, G Paesano, P Newton, P Curnow, G Tucker, James Hodges

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My Funny Valentine

by the increasingly desperate Jon Trout

It is once again that traumatic time of year when you try to lie about how many cards you received to hide your crushing disappointment whilst all the while thinking: it's come in the second post, or it'll come tomorrow, but knowing that if anyone cared they would have made sure you got it before you picked up this copy of *Felix*, and you know that if you haven't got one yet, it's safe to say you're going yet another year without. This year, I'll have done the same thing any self respecting young man should. Cheat. Count the card from your mum. Use last year's cards from that ex-girlfriend you said that you would have no more to do with. And those from the year before. Tell everyone you got e-valentines that morning. Walk around with a smug grin refusing to reveal how many you got. Claim the most obscure newspaper Valentine's message as being a coded epistle of undying love directed solely at you, even if this means radically altering your known life story to date. The worst thing you can do at this time is admit defeat, and if this means sacrificing your personal dignity, so be it.

So, that's the morning's lectures out of the way, and the afternoon can be survived by pretending to do work. This leaves Valentine's night, which for some is more disturbing than the morning. Those of you lucky enough to have some kind of pre-organised tryst need not read on, but for the rest of humanity, and those of you who are lying, fear not, help is at hand. According to a random woman in the office, it is imperative not to spend a sad night in, cynically avoiding all mention of Valentine's Day, and playing Quake/ watching slushy films/ get-

ting skullfucked on cheap wine. No the solution is to swallow your rapidly shrinking pride, put on your finest party clobber and, that's right, go to the Union, get drunk in the corner and watch everyone getting off with each other. No, that's not right... If you plan, scheme and generally strain your virgin brow, you can be one of the deliriously happy few. Look around you, see the girl splayed out on the floor by the vending machine. She's obviously off her face, sobbing heartbrokenly to her best mate about never finding true love and all that girlie bollocks. Seize your moment, lose the friend, "talk your meaningless profound crap" (said the same random office wench) and abuse your position as the benevolent knight in shining armour. The deed is done, you will get your kicks and she will remember none of it and probably fall asleep halfway through.

Happy Valentine's Day.

COMPETITION

For true style points though, it is you who must do something romantic, and this is where *Felix* can help you...

Those lovely people at IRP Promotions sent us news of the first ever "virtual careers fair", which has been organised by Gradunet for the 26th February. To celebrate this event, Reuters, the leading global financial information and news provider are giving away two train tickets to Paris as a prize on a web-based comp @ www.gradunet.co.uk Explains Gradunet MD Adam Bass: "Students can communicate with employers even if their university doesn't have a milkround." Right.

Mr Trout has still not got a girlfriend.

Your chance to influence university funding

At 6.30 in the Union SCR on Tuesday 18th Feb. You will have the opportunity to take part in a discussion with members of the Dearing enquiry. The enquiry will soon be making recommendations to the Government concerning the funding of student grants and tuition fees, they want to hear your views on a loan-based system. Advance questions should be submitted in writing to the Union Office.

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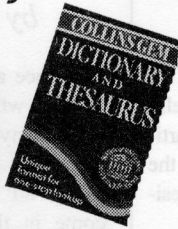
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Across:

1. Musical party is extremely finding. (9)
6. Broken slab - bridge player in fur. (5)
9. Painter able to finish in time. (3)
10. No rant about ten in Canada? (7)
11. Item of clothing found in remains of extinct unicorn? (5)
12. Rake around circle by mistake in a country. (5)
13. Backward noise - country is site of egg deposits. (5)
16. Martial arts expert in demonstration in Japan. (5)
18. Vote of agreement from a young entrepreneur first. (3)
19. Southern Liberal? Capone has doctor retire over skiing event. (6)
20. Tries in vain to take the exam again. (5)
22. Upper part of duet sung in neat and tidy circle. (5)
24. Five sent to fix air ducts. (5)
26. Male goose puzzled when in jeopardy. (6)
28. Purpose of American energy. (3)
30. Chin broken by Englishman in a corner. (5)
33. Slab about the first distinctive name. (5)
36. North-eastern journalists' requirements. (5)
37. Item of sports programme that the National Trust had the night before. (5)
38. A number of insects are residents! (7)
39. Have food in Newcastle at seven. (3)
40. Facial feature - king in strong head wind. (5)
41. Hoop score affected by astrological prediction. (9)

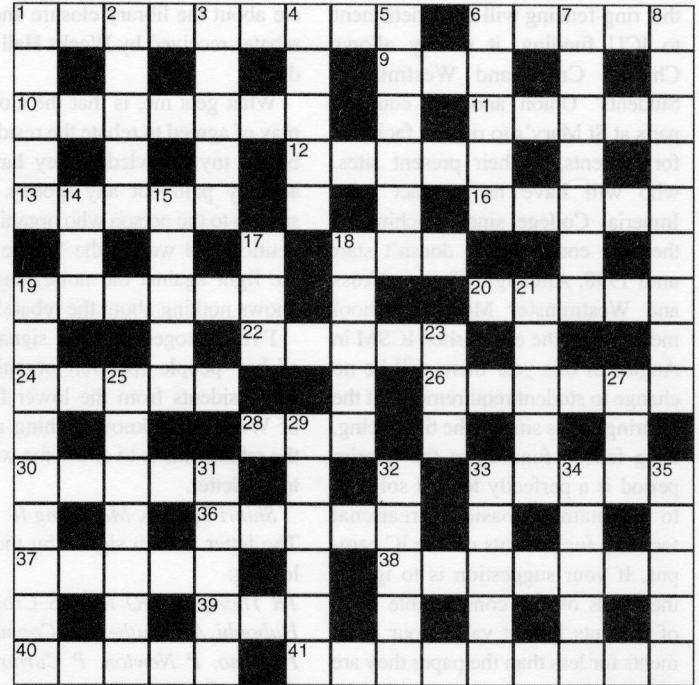
The winner of issue 1077's crossword comp was Miss S.A.E. Wang of Chemistry IV.



In our continuing series of crossword competitions, *Felix* in conjunction with Collins are adding a prize to your usual Friday morning cerebral activity. On offer is a copy of a *Collins Gem Dictionary and Thesaurus* to the first correct entry drawn out of the hat. Entries into the *Felix* Office by 2.00pm next Friday.

Down:

1. Submerge wonder all at sea after loss of Englishman. (5)
2. Replete after eating dates. (5)
3. Plant or Royal Institute's primary specimen? (5)
4. Call up is fine in the night! (5)
5. Yugoslavian ambassador is before time annually. (6)
6. In cases at Andorran resort it's a devil! (5)
7. Prohibit a Northerner when he fruits! (7)
8. Teen ranch converts the magician. (9)
14. State novice being out of sorts. (3)
15. Until stated otherwise, it is left in darkness. (5)
17. Current unit that Pam breaks. (3)
18. Dwell in part on Asda bid exclusion. (5)
19. Three below a score. (9)
21. Mental weariness caused by element in nine that are out of sorts. (5)
23. Song in commando detention camp. (3)
25. Atomic centre that uncle confused with America. (7)
27. Fish that Lee brings back. (3)
29. Has the builder got cover? (6)
31. Egyptian ambassador's rent about to come in. (5)
32. Organic compound? Steer clear! (5)
33. Dyes. Teetotallers in at home. (5)
34. Dancing drink? (5)
35. Measure that Sue will seek after. (5)



Answers to 1077's Prize Crossword:

Across: 1. Over the hill; 9. Jerusalem; 10. Shoot; 11. Carnal; 12. Attempts; 13. Stamen; 15. Problems; 18. In a state; 19. Severs; 21. Thespian; 23. Skater; 26. Guilt; 27. Get back at; 28. Pretentious. Down: 1. Objects; 2. Error; 3. Testament; 4. Eels; 5. Immature; 6. Lisle; 7. Mitosis; 8. Complete; 14. Academic; 16. Breakfast; 17. Strangle; 18. Integer; 20. Stratus; 22. Put up; 24. Tokyo; 25. Sty.

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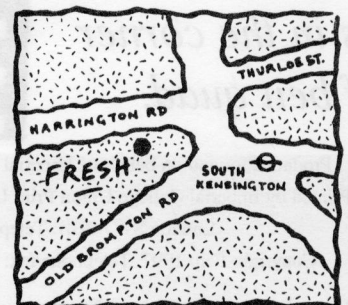
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THE LATEST SCORE

Felix's regular "external" sports column by the ever talented and good-looking Dave Robinson.

It was third time lucky for England cricketers this week as they trounced the Kiwi's, there is even the slight possibility we might win an overseas series if things can be wrapped up Christchurch. Atherton seems to have evaded the chop temporarily and will no doubt walk out for the toss at Edgbaston in June, watch out for Nasser Hussain and Alec Stewart trying to get him run out. Hopefully we can build on the last four performances to create a side with a hope of taking The Ashes on this summer. Since the tests will be contested on home soil, we won't be suffering from the usual bout of travel sickness.

As there was no Premiership or Five Nations last weekend, I was nearly reduced to a trip to Brighton for the 'Fans United' match. Fans of every club in the country inspired Brighton to put five past Hartlepool in front of the season's biggest crowd in the Third Division. Apparently they had Palace and Millwall fans holding hands, and Newcastle, Middlesborough and Sunderland cheering on the same team - amazing what Brighton can do for male bonding.

This week has already seen a few World Cup Qualifiers, Scotland came unstuck when the Estonians managed to turn up and with Mark Crossley

deputising for the immortal Neville Southall, Wales managed to keep a clean sheet against the Irish. As you read this the result of England's World Cup Qualification game against Italy will be known, I've already had to read about and listen to people discussing a probable team over and over again. Judging by how wrong all my predictions were last week I'm not going to have much luck predicting a team or a score. I would however expect Hoddle to go for Shearer and Ferdinand, which leaves the only decision of whether to play McManaman or Merson. Both players have proved that they can be as effective as Alessandro del Piero and one will inevitably be disappointed. I would imagine it will be a match with goals as both sides contain many flair players willing to have a go, the extent to which this will be limited will be decided by Maldini and Hoddle.

For those who haven't been enlightened, if England have won and then go on to win the group they are assured an automatic place in the finals. If however they finish second in the group to the Italians they will have to play off against another second placed team from a different group at a neutral location for a place in the finals. I said I wouldn't predict but I reckon it was 2-1 to England.

Resurgent fourths surge forth

The scoreline does not reflect story behind this game, in which the fourths produced one of the most tremendous comebacks of the modern era to win three-two. This truly was the greatest morale-boosting victory this season, with a script that would have pleased The Bard himself - at the end of act two we were down to our lowest ebb and by the final curtain we were ecstatic.

With only four minutes remaining we were two-nil down and seemingly set for their first league defeat since early November, but then we decided it was time to stop pissing about and score a few goals. Firstly it was Ryan who was found in space by an excellent cross-field ball, finishing with ease low into the corner. Goldsmith's then gave the ball away straight from the kick-off and were over-run by a great wave of IC pressure. Within seconds a scramble on the edge of the box led to Adam

blasting home from close range.

Now we were level but still we wanted more, and in the last minute we forced a corner which was swung towards the back post. Gloriously and majestically a Goldies' defender soared above the rest of the defence and directed a perfect header past his keeper. What a way to complete such a comeback! Crazy scenes then ensued with eleven mad footballers seemingly drunk on happiness all group-hugging and celebrating this splendid fightback.

A great end to a day which started with the IC team causing a bomb alert at Victoria station, then stupidly getting off the train at totally the wrong station, and then at another station comically and pointlessly walking around in a big circle around a council estate looking for a bus which was actually directly outside the station. Well done.

IC IV 3 - 2 Goldsmith's III

Robo knocks and crocks in hot-shot docs shock

IC versus a constituent college - this was a large one! Both teams needed all three points to keep promotion hopes alive; Ubogu, IC's early season signing was facing his old team for the first time and for Mary's...well, as much as anything, it was their cup final.

The game started at a ferocious pace, Mary's making the early running, their brash, bruising style unsettling IC at first and earning them an early lead.

This spurred "The Slags" into action. Playing slightly deeper IC found the space to pass the ball neatly about and carve holes in the Mary's rearguard. Imperial had held the upper hand for a rosy fifteen minute spell when Reed lofted a searching ball towards the fiesty Archbald. The defender made a good interception but tenacious tackling from the twinkle-toed terrier forced the error - the defender could only clear as far as Fleming just inside the Mary's half. With the luxury of a little space he controlled the ball on his chest. It fell to the ground and bounced once. Seeing the Mary's keeper was off his line, he struck it from thirty-five yards. Immediately the keeper was struggling and despite his six foot two frame couldn't get a hand to it. The ball bounced

just before the goal-line and hit the roof of the net. 1-1 and a goal of the season contender. IC came close again through Reed with a blistering shot going narrowly wide after strong run and a tidy one-two with Schroeder.

On thirty-six minutes the complexion of the game changed again. Big Vern made a timely challenge on the marauding Mary's attackers and the ball became loose in midfield. It was immediately contested between the Mary's centre half and the galloping Ubogu. This Mary's man came off worse and the medics had an assignment for the week as he was stretchered off the pitch.

The delay, however, served Mary's better than Imperial as it had come in the middle of a purple patch for "The Slags," and they found it difficult to get back in their stride.

The second half was a case of swashbuckling defending and in this respect Finn and Shanidze excelled. Their lunges, lurches, leching, lingering and lovely linking looked like...ace-brill, and with keeper Keane cool as a cat kicking cold cabbages we deserved to hold the fort. Malheureusement with ten minutes to go Mary's grabbed a late winner and the points.

IC II 1 - 2 St Mary's

Miners strike rich vein of form

On a bad day for the IC football teams, RSM seconds reminded everyone that it is possible to win with style and plenty of hi-jinx.

RSM dominated the game from kick-off to the final whistle - the first half saw Martin drive home an eighteen yard shot leaving the deeper helpless, Si quickly followed with an

almost as impressive goal. The second half saw RSM reduced to ten men when Craig was carried off with a fractured knee cap.. King's got one back when a long ball from midfield lobbed the keeper - nice on big Rodger! Si sealed the game with his second goal.

RSM II 3 - 1 King's Hospital

Bar Wars:

The Imperial Union Strikes Back

An overcast February afternoon saw the coming together of the masses of IC's bar staff. As the sides assembled the numerical advantage was definitely with the Southers. Unperturbed by this (and the weight advantage) the heroes of the Union went to their task.

After an unsteady beginning Dimitri the traitor, who was moonlighting from his secret life in Basics, put on home for the union. Southside's supporters, encouraged by whisky and vodka, then raised their team and Barney surged down the wing and slipped one past the stranded union goalie. The union then fought back and won a free-

kick. Gerry's precise lob hypnotised the keeper and the union were back in front. A perfect cross let Justin in for a thumping header to allow the union to go in leading three-one at half time.

Southside came out looking like a different team. Intense pressure led to goals from Nick, Barney and Ewan to put them up four-three and seemingly in control. Nothing could deny the union, however, as they stepped up a gear with Dimitri scoring one and Jason two to finish the match off. The boat-race was won easily by Southside - at least they can do something.

Southside Bar 3 - 6 The Union Bar

FELIX SPORT

Cambridge killed by IC gunmen

In the first competition of the season, the IC magnificent seven (plus Lee "Incredibly hunky and talented" Clements) blasted their way to victory over the Cambridge toffs.

The competition opened with Jacob "the Horn" Thorne stepping up against the best shooters that Cambridge had to offer. Not intimidated in the least, Jacob coolly shot the string that held the four targets up - sending them to the floor and the Cambridge team into disarray. Following the fiercely fought battle in .22 pistol, featuring millimetre

precision from the likes of "Dead-eye" Dick Day and Mike "Ice-cool" Zethrin, the competition moved onto full bore pistol. Here the true IC skill shone through. As Graham-the-kid and Jon "Nutter" McCartney peppered the bullseye, their team took it upon themselves to leave their own marks - on the carpet.

As the display of cool nerve and steady arm continued the IC squad was forced to dig deep against a late comeback but it was too late. The result was inevitable - glory for IC.

IC 3943 - 3675 Cambridge

Mighty IC rule the waves

The first head race of the season saw Imperial crews sweep the opposition away with apparent ease at the Peterborough Head of the Nene. The pre-Christmas training camp and hard winter work is obviously starting to pay dividends, with the men's crews claiming the top four positions overall in the morning's 2.7km warm-up race, backed up by division wins for the men's novice four (tenth overall) and women's open coxless four (eighteenth overall). The 4.2km eights race in the afternoon presented the women the sternest test in the shape of the Cambridge blue boat. Holding a higher rate of striking than their light blue opponents over the whole course, IC looked sharper and more focused than the larger Cambridge girls, which showed in the fantastic result, IC winning by a clear six seconds over the University of London, with Cambridge down in third place. The men's crews were up against more feeble opposition in the shape of the Cambridge lightweights, and beat them by a suitable margin to take first and second overall. The

women's second eight couldn't quite manage to beat their opposite numbers from Cambridge, but still came away with victory in their division. Both men's and women's novice eights raced competitively, but were both beaten by Cambridge college first eights.

The women's crews now shape up to take on Cambridge head-to-head at Henley on Sunday where they hope for a repeat victory. The men's squad continues with preparations for National squad selection (first eight) and a trip to Ireland (second and third eights) with the women's first eight to take on Trinity College (Dublin), University College (Dublin) and the tough Irish club, Neptune.

Last weekend the novice men went to Burway on a mission to redeem themselves after a mediocre showing in the eights at Peterborough. The A crew won by miles, leaving the B crew in second place but still 30 seconds clear of the nearest opposition.

Overall, not a bad start to the year!

RCS sent packing by baggage handlers

A disappointing turn-out resulted in RCS meeting the luggage-lugging lard-arses with only thirteen men. After borrowing two players we went out to face the incredible mass of the opposition. Their size and power was telling, particularly in the forwards, but we fought well and, thanks to our superior speed and mobility, scored a marvellous try - Colone crashing over the line after

beating an incredible seven tackles. In the second half against wind and rain the RCS passing went banana-shaped to say the least and the baggage-handlers took control.

Stout tackling against their heavier forwards prevented an even greater loss. Man of the match was Anthony Spicer. Spoon of the match was awarded to Darren Bryce.

RCS 7 - 34 Heathrow BH

Love lost, race won

Certainly the muddiest course in the London Colleges league, Guildford provided a tough race, especially for Zola Budd who lost her shoe in the ploughed fields. There was also disappointment for Yellow-Arse, whose soap-opera love saga with his ex-girlfriend finally ended when she did not even turn up to watch him run. [Bad luck there, Mr Arse - Sports Ed] He was rubbish anyway.

Jennie, AGAIN, won the women's

race with Dawn putting her best performance of the year. Gaffer, in his element in the mud-wrestling conditions, was pleased with his run which was stimulated by his weekend innings of twenty-eight in Exeter.

After blocking the showers with mud, IC cross country made a quick dash to the bar where we won the post-race drinking competition - hee hee! Unfortunately we had to depart early to meet Poland!

Five in a row for IC pot-heads

After a run of four straight victories, Imperial snooker team set off for Norwich to play UEA. The A-team began slowly, trailing 6-1 early on before fine wins by Simon, Alex and Phil pulled the final score up to 10-

10. The B-team found going far easier, beating their opponents 12-4 including wins by Steff and new boys Aki and Tony. The return match next week should provide some equally exciting snooker.

Firsts still got some Amo left

At last, a victory for the firsts! Last week in BUSA "we wuz robbed" 5-4 on penalties due to a poor effort by "Pretty boy" Alex. We won today despite the continuing absence of "Goal Machine" Ike, and having to field mental patients Tony "Don't worry, I'll only break one leg" Hallett and Jules "Oi, you want some?" Porpeca. With a ferocious

wind behind us, we somehow only managed to be an Amo goal up at halftime, with Jamie having a shot come back off the post. In the second half we really took the piss, with Alex dancing around the keeper and Amo easily completing his hat-trick! Overall, it was way too easy, with great efforts throughout, except Jules 'cos he's still shit.

RESULTS

MEN'S FOOTBALL

IC I 4 - 0 University College Hospital

IC II 0 - 11 Leicester I

IC II 4 - 0 Royal Holloway IV

IC II 1 - 1 LSE III

IC III 1 - 2 RSM I

IC IV 3 - 2 Goldsmith's III

IC IV 2 - 4 UEA IV

RSM II 3 - 1 King's Hospital

WOMEN'S HOCKEY

IC I 3 - 4 aet Sheffield Hallam I

MEN'S HOCKEY

IC I 2 - 1 St Mary's

IC II 0 - 10 Royal Free Hospital I

MEN'S RUGBY

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SNOOKER

IC A 10 - 10 UEA A

IC B 12 - 4 UEA B

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