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WEEKS HALL REOPENS

FLOOD 1 IN THE TOILETS OFF THE UNION BAR

LAST FRIDAY there was a flood in the toilets just off the Union Bar. Water was gushing all over the place, and so the toilet had to be closed for a period.

Now all this water you might have expected to run into the centre of the floor and down the drain. However due to the clever design of the drain (it being at the highest point of the floor) the water did the opposite and collected round the edges.

The obvious course of action would be to lower the entrance to the drain and this was in fact being done when the flood occurred. It appears that the workmen involved with the re-positioning of the drain used an electric drill which accidentally pierced a water pipe.

The damage done was not too extensive and the facility does appear to be in working order now. There were few complaints except from the occasional murmurings of the bar patrons who had to walk across the lower lounge to the

other place when nature demanded it.

GUESTS SMASHED!

40 FRENCHMEN descended upon IC last Friday and unfortunately went away broken and dejected. Guess who ran all over them on the sports pitch? *England*. A ramshackle IC Rugby team massaoared them 24-0, then a rampant(?) UC team finally demolished them on the football pitch 14-0. It sounds incredible - more like a rugby socre. Still, they consoled themselves over a crate of whisky.

WEEKS HALL will be re-opening in the summer term and students will be offered places only for the duration of this term. There is to be no summer vacation letting in order that further structural strengthening work be carried out. The progress of this work will determine whether the hall will be ready again for the autumn term.

The work to be done will take approximately twelve months to complete. If the work is started before the autumn term then the hall will be out of use for the whole of the session 1975/6, otherwise it will be in use for the first term of the session only. This is due to the fact that the alternative date of commencing will be Christmas, 1975.

There are stringent conditions attached to this move which include; the Weeks Hall Bar remaining closed throughout the summer term. All residents will also be expected to sign an undertaking to the affect that he will not introduce materials that are likely to cause explosions (for example, portable gas cylinders). To this and, the president of IC Union, Trev Phillips has been asked to recommend a number of students who would co-operate with the Warden to ensure strict adherence to the stipulated conditions.

All students should receive a letter from Trev Phillips within the next two or three days outlining the conditions under which they will be allow-

ed to stay in the hall. Whilst the next phase of structural work is in progress the hall will have no occupants residing there. It is hoped that after this second phase the hall will be safe to accommodate students for the following session.

FLOOD 2

A FLOOD has been reported in one of the basement storage rooms of the Union building which is used, ironically enough, by the Underwater Club.

The source of the flooding was a joint in a drain-pipe which is exposed in the room. It is understood that the joint blew out under pressure due to a blockage at the kitchen end of the drain. A plumber was called and the matter is now under control.

Fortunately for the Underwater Club, the storage room is split-level and so most of their equipment suffered no damage whatsoever from the water.



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WOULD LIKE TO WISH ALL ITS READERS A
HAPPY EASTER

EDITORIAL

Michael Williams

THE EASTER vacation is now upon us and for many it is a very welcome respite from their academic labours: a breathing period in which those problem sheets and project reports which are still outstanding can be finally tackled and then laid to rest without the distraction of lectures, lab periods etc. But for a handful of students who are distributed throughout the country, the vac will prove to be a time for bold rhetoric, furious nail-biting and subtle wheeling and dealing as their mettle comes under close scrutiny. For it is at the Easter Conference at Llandudno April 7th - 11th that the elections for the National Union of Students Executive will take place. Only those delegates elected from each member students' union will be entitled to vote.

This year the Broad Left's on the NUS Exec is being challenged by "moderates" who believe the NUS should be more democratic in their elections by having a nation-wide secret-ballot. *This, they believe, would make NUS truly representative of the students of this country.*

The Broad Left, in reply, have said that a nation-wide ballot would be too vulnerable to rich students, for example, *who might try to buy their way to power with expensive publicity.* Anyway, they continue, the NUS has been developed as a federal institution with delegates elected from each constituent organisation to help decide policy at conferences - it should stay that way.

Thus a controversy rages, and, as in all good controversies, different sol-

utions emerge depending on which particular criterion for resolution happens to take your fancy at any given moment.

It is perhaps unfortunate that Negative Democracy (*ie "because the people do not object to this view, then it is clearly what they really want"*) can only be beaten by active participation, because, considering the state of student apathy, the latter is a non-starter.

I believe the only way in which the question of genuine representation can ever be resolved is to hold a nationwide referendum. This would leave no doubts in anyone's minds as to what the students in this country want. Only those who would expect to lose something in a referendum would totally reject the idea.

LETTERS

Chauvinist!

Mechanical
Engineering Dept.
Imperial College,
14th March, 1975.

Dear Sir,
May I congratulate Messrs. Seal, Scott, North and Wilkinson on their contribution to Science in describing so accurately the attitudes of that waning species, the 'Male Chauvinist Pig'? (FELIX, No. 382).

This information may resolve the current dissent existing amongst Zoologists as to whether the species is actually a surviving ancestor of 'HomoSapiens' or simply a sub-species of the ape.

Yours sincerely

L.V. Maxwell.

Monopoly

Royal College of Science
Union Office
17th March 1975.

Dear Mike

Thank you for the report on "The RCS Monopoly Treasure Hunt" published in the last FELIX. However I must make two comments:

- 1) 'Monopoly' is a registered trade mark of John Waddington Ltd and, acknowledgement of this fact in all written material was one of the conditions of being allowed to use it.
- 2) The person who helped me organise the stunt was, in fact, Jan Vincent, and not as was reported.

Yours sincerely,

Martin Kessler
RCSU VP

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WARDENSHIP

OF

WILLIS JACKSON HOUSE

The present Warden of Willis Jackson House will be leaving the College at the end of this session. Applications are invited from students of the College to fill the position with effect from 1st October, 1975.

The successful applicant will be a married postgraduate, who has been studying at the College for about a year. He should have some experience of handling student affairs, and be likely to be at IC another two years.

A flat is provided for the Warden, rent-free, and he receives an entertainment allowance.

Application forms will be available from the Union Office from Tuesday, 25th March. Applications close on Monday, May 12th.

Answers to Xam No.13.

ACROSS

8. Mother's day 9. IOUs 10. Supple 11. Nest-eggs 12. Mass 14. Ski 15. Untame 17. Ministry of works 19. In toto 20. Asp 22.Sash 23. Georgina 25. Osmium 27. Step 28. Alexandria

DOWN

1. Modulation 2. Chop 3. Creeps 4. Identity parade's 5. Dyestuff 6. Licentious 7. flung 13. Spirograph 16. Makes music 18. Tropical 21. Poo-Bah 24. Ents 26. Mode

The winner of Xam No.13. was Mrs E.M.Galloway of Aeronautical Engineering who receives the £1 prize.

Vacation FELIX:

If enough copy is received by Monday 7th April we will attempt to produce an Easter Vacation FELIX.

ORPHANS' PARTY

J McCloskey

At 4.45pm on Wednesday 5th March, several residents of Tizard Hall, held the annual orphans party in Southside lower refectory. About fifty children who came from homes in Chelsea and Battersea, rapidly finished the excellent food, and set to work provoking the patient organism with party whistles. Naturally the organisers rose to the bait and displayed their hidden childish instincts. However, the party was not as rowdy as last year and both the children and the organisers considered it to be a success.

WELL DONE TIZARD HALL RESIDENTS.

STELLA GODFREY: NEXT YEAR'S ICWA PRESIDENT



LAST TUESDAY lunchtime saw the ICWA elections being held in the ICWA lounge. This years all-round dearth of candidates within ICU struck again. However the situation was some what the reverse of ICU: there were three candidates for the post of ICWA President while the posts of DP, Hon. Sec. and

Hon. Jun. Treasurer were unopposed.

The candidates for President were: Kathy Conlon, Stella Godfrey, and Sue Tanner. The ICWA lounge was crowded for the actual voting and once this was over, there was a tense wait before it was announced that Stella Godfrey collected the most votes with the actual result being very close.

So next year's ICWA Executive will be:

President: Stella Godfrey
(Physics)

Dep. Pres: Dani Salvadori
(Physics)

Hon. Sec.: Alison Halstead
(Physics)

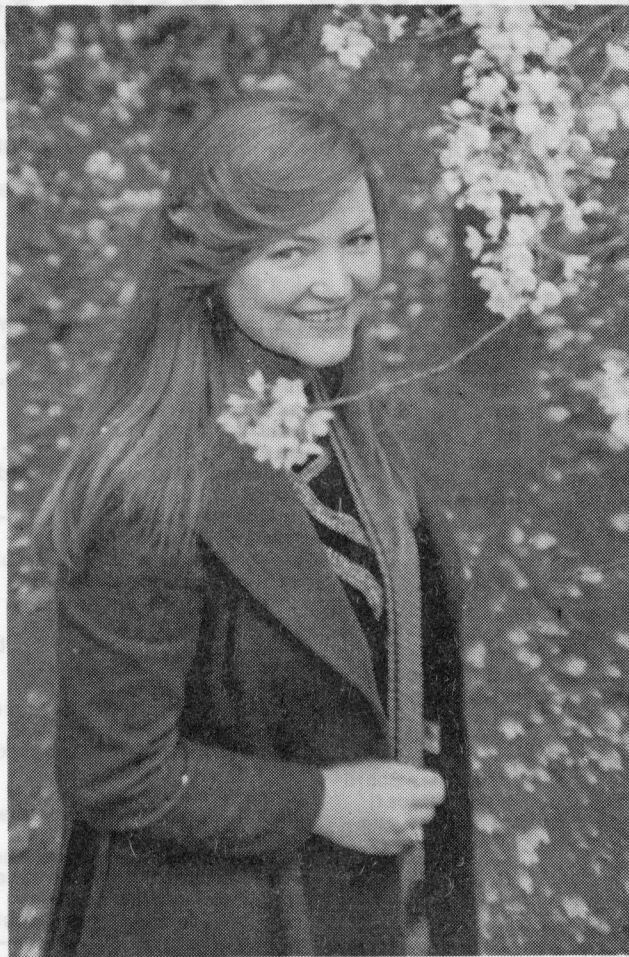
Hon. Jun. Treas.: Isobel Donnelly
(Zoology)

Stella has been active this year as Rag secretary which involved organising meetings, events and taking minutes at meetings. The job also brought her into contact with the Refectory Manager and the Domestic Bursar in College Block.

She reputes the rumour that she was "put up" by the *Women in Science* Group although she is nevertheless a member of the group and advocates most of its policies. Stella aims to create greater awareness amongst the women in the college in respect of a variety of topics including the difficulties many women encounter when trying to get industrial sponsorship or simply getting a job. One of her major aims is to attract more women to IC.

This is nothing political or antagonistic about Stella Godfrey. Her approach to the whole ethos of ICWA will be one of expansion, not one of substitution or dramatic change of emphasis. The social events are to receive more attention as regards improvement.

One of her more concrete ideas is to make the ICWA lounge into a kind of daily



Angela Aughwaine is in Maths 1 and comes from Birmingham. She is a keen darts player and when in oen of her more energetic moods she also plays netball. Angela enjoys socialising and took part in the RCSU sketch for the Guilds Revue. She says that she enjoys the life at IC.

Photo by Ramon Newmann.

Albert's Plum

(S.Ken.Stn.)

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3-course meal to IC
Students.

Available up to 8 p.m.
(Dance-bar 'till 3 a.m.)

common room with newspapers, magazines and a coffee machine. Would men be barred from this? "Certainly not," she says, "but naturally, if we find that the place is simply packed out with men every day of the week then we would probably have to reconsider the position". Sounds fair enough.

Other ideas that she hopes to implement next year include

co-ordinating flat-sharing so that girls who find themselves without accommodation can be fitted into a flat; an ICWA Debating Society; possibly a Family Planning Clinic in College one day a week, but this idea is, as yet, still in the *embryo* stage ('scuse the pun).

Stella Godfrey is clearly all set to make next year's Women's Association a group to be reckoned with.



BRIGHTON TRIP '75

By Colin Andrew

THE ANNUAL RSM trip to the seaside at Brighton has always been an event the Police of this district have viewed with some trepidation. This year was to be no exception. The trip started in the 'Queens' after the elections at about 2.00pm, the President elect, Mr Brayshaw reputedly 'getting a dozen gins down his neck'. The 53 members of the merry band then trooped back to Mines to board the coach and to quench their thirst with the barrel on board; within a very short distance this began to take effect. With much shouting of "stop the bus, we want a weewee", the

driver consented and a long queue formed outside Wimbledon Council's major tourist attraction.

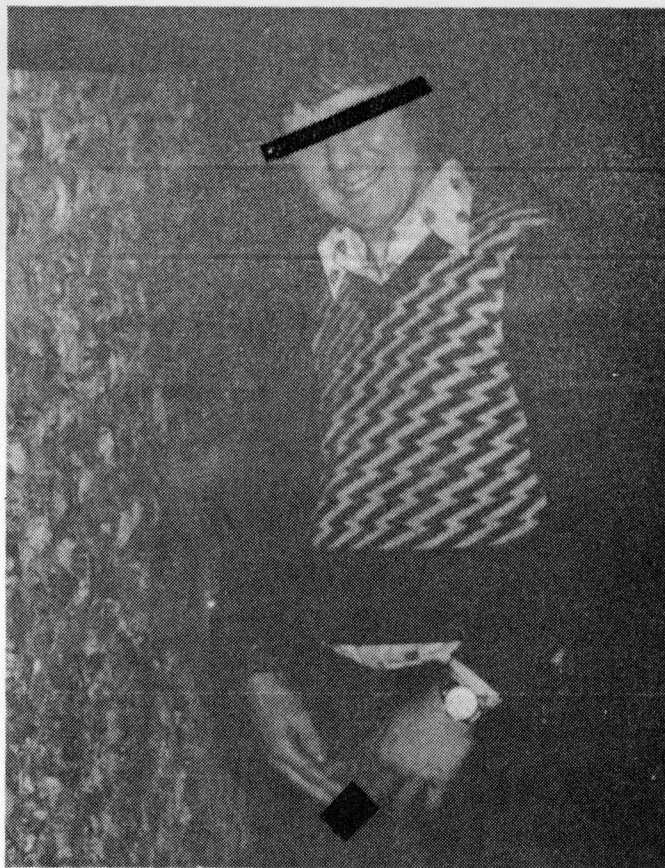
Relief was only short lived as more beer was consumed along with champagne and a small amount of food. Again the driver eventually consented and as no urinal was in sight we lined up against a fence and 'painted parabolas' - much to the embarrassment of school-girls walking past. This stop saw Mr Brayshaw attempting to p*** on a sparrow at the top of a tree. Boarding the coach again the call came for Mr Brayshaw to zumba which he did accordingly and following this there came yet another cry for relief, especially from Bob Longman - "these anti-water retention pills are killing me". Luckily this time the driver also was desperate so we stopped outside a farm, most people thought the wall was good enough but the President elect entered the farm yard and reappeared with a muddy addition to his trousers.

We eventually reached Brighton in high spirits at about 6.30pm and everyone streamed across the park (a few collecting button-holes of daffodils) to the 'King and Queens' where most discussed the strategy for the evening. Being desperate for food we set off in search of this problem, and succeeded in find-

ing chippies, chinese restaurants and sea-food stalls (jellied eel doesn't stay down very well!). The more experienced of the merry-makers then proceeded to the 'Bosun's' in search of what is colloquially known in Mines, as *Rat Tart*. Several pints later a traumatic discovery was made; horror of horrors - there was no door on the bog. This finished us at this particular establishment and people split up into smaller groups.

Later in the evening saw ever so slightly inebriated Miners coalescing on the pub known as 'Dr Brighton's.' This was the pub to which last year we returned two mirrors borrowed from here the year before that, embellished with small plaques reading 'Stolen and returned by RSM 1974'. At about 10.30pm the manager decided that he no longer needed our custom and some of our band were ejected. About now, Jamie Bell was seen staggering around shouting (in scouse) "Ar yer comin' on a ramp?" This was the battle cry to go borrowing signs from the sleepy streets of this quaint town. After last year's fracas with the High Sheriff of Sussex we had decided to be more selective, so restaurants, pubs and the sea-front where our prime objective.

However it came to our notice that Mr Brayshaw, in keeping with tradition, should go for a swim, duely he was escorted down the beach and thrown into the now icy sea. Emerging he was courteously wrapped up in coats and taken to a nearby shop doorway to



recover. This appeared to be the meeting place for many of our band, and out of dark corners various criminal types appeared with strange shapes under their coats. The coach eventually arrived and we trooped on board, Nick discovered he had lost his wallet so the cavalry was sent out and duly returned successfully. A certain member, who shall remain nameless, left the coach and hung his posterior over the sea wall to lessen his load then turned around and puked on top of the mountain below.

Bob Longman, not to be outdone by Nick Brayshaw, then decided to go for a swim voluntarily and had to be carried back on board the coach. When on the coach he did a marvelous impersonation of a zombie as Pat Gorman changed his dripping clothes. About

11.45 pm we were nearly ready to set off when the news arrived that Steve Maw had been arrested for borrowing street lamps but was later released. The coach left at about midnight with a good load of signs.

The trip back, although uneventful for some, was very entertaining for those watching them; Fred Tutchter slept almost the entire way back. He was totally unaware of the pound note rolled up in his mouth, the coins balanced on his eyelids, and the paper cup on his head. After a couple of puke stops we reached Mines at about 2.45am.

The few who managed to get in to college the next morning commented on each others' bleariness but remembered little of what was a very fine trip, I think?



MINES REVUE

THE MINES Revue stormed enthusiastically into action last Monday night to present entertainment without recourse to a stripper, drag artiste or blue films which are a regular feature at the other CCU revues. In the end, the gamble to forego the hired help of outside 'entertainers' paid off. For although the smoky, crowded, intimate atmosphere which tends to prevail in other revues was missing, the effort and organisation was there to ensure that whatever happened this year Mines Revue is established on a firm footing as an annual event.

True, the vast majority of those appearing in the sketches have had practically no previous experience of revues and this aspect was manifested in the hesitation and uncertainty which characterised some of the first-half sketches. Nevertheless, valuable lessons have been learned.

The Revue gathered momentum as it went along and there were some excellent ideas which had clear potential - the only things really lacking were punchlines which are the essence of a good finish to a sketch.

In conclusion it must be said that whilst this event was a good revue but not a great revue, it must be quite clear to Mines that with so much potential having been exposed on that night, the outlook for next year must be very encouraging indeed.

The Wizard will Fall

Alan Littleford

AS MANY readers of FELIX may be unaware of the greatest revelation in the history of human thought, I feel it my duty to expound the activities of the official Wizard of the University of New South Wales, and to delight your readers with news of his amazing cosmological discoveries.

Ian Brachenburg Channell, BA Hons Sociology and Psychology (Leeds 1963) - was officially appointed Wizard to the University of New South Wales in 1969. In 1971 he set up the 'Wizards Cosmological Research and Development Centre' in the Department of Levity at the University of Melbourne - to which he has since been made official Cosmologer.

Many years of intense intellectual activity have enabled the Wizard, ably assisted by theoretical physicist Derek C. Banks, to put forward a new working model of the Universe - the "Complete Revised Post-Modern Cosmology" - which is essentially a new synthesis of physical and meta physical laws.

To verify the validity of this New Cosmology the Wizard is preparing for THE GREAT EXPERIMENT.

In this experiment the Wizard, at an exact time in 1975 still to be fixed, will journey to the Antipodes Island, some 400 miles from N.Z. From this island (which is diametrically

opposed to a point off the French coast) the Wizard, after a period of merry making, will levitate into the air and vanish. Passing through the centre of the universe (which is also the centre of levity and Heaven - a corollary of the New Cosmology), he will appear triumphant in the English Channel 42 minutes later. To prevent his untimely demise a recovery fleet (including a yacht from IC) is being prepared to greet him and simultaneously raise the level of levity on the high seas.

Having completed the major part of his great opus, the Wizard has been giving greater attention to the religious aspects of the expression of Cosmological truths. He first devised a mathematical proof that he willed himself to be born at a particular time and place; and that these coordinates were not, as most modern cosmologies would have of a necessarily random nature. The second major outcome of the Wizard's investigations was his acceptance of the role

and title of "The Prophet" (In the mainstream Israelite tradition).

As "The Prophet", the Wizard sees his main aim as halting the world-wide religion of materialist economic progress, generally timed International Socialism or International Capitalism, depending on the system by which the means of production are legitimated. To achieve this aim the Wizard intends to revitalise "The Faith" of the British peoples in Her Majesty the Queen, basing his thesis on the stability resulting from the balance of power achieved by the binding by oath of various legal, religious-philosophical, executive and representative institutions in Britain to the religiously legitimated constitutional Monarch. The government resulting from such a system has proved to be impervious to the maneuverings by materialists in the form of sociologists, psychologists and economists, who, with the help of party politicians and mass media controllers, busily attempt to engineer the "voice of the people" to put themselves in positions of complete totalitarian authority.

Our reporter writes: Those who attended last weeks Wizard Wellsoc lecture were treated to a mental trip away from our normal conception of the universe, into one in which the Earth is on the inside of a sphere, with the rest of the universe in the central region. If light travels in a curve, the physical laws are the same, and this universe is indistinguishable from ours. Whether the purpose is a serious experiment or an exercise to encourage irreverence towards our a priori universal model was not clear, but to become a Wizard devotee is not difficult and the concepts are fun.

Further details from: The department of levity, University of Melbourne, Parkville, Victoria 3052, Australia; or Al Littleford and Murray Ward in Tizard Hall.

FOUND

One black diary, no name owner appears to be involved in ULU sports. Collect from Jen, Union Office.

Stanley --- "A STUDENT OF TODAY" --- BY RON APPLEBY

THIS WEEK WE JOIN STANLEY AT THE LATEST DRAMSOC PLAY

I SUPPOSE YOU COULD DESCRIBE IT AS "KINGER BAKER MEETS THE CLOCKWORK ORANGE"!

SPOMMM IS HERE

BASH!

BOOM

BANG

A BANG!

THUD!

DURING THE INTERVAL STAN DROPS INTO THE UNION LOWER LOUNGE FOR A QUICK DRINK...

REPLAY ???

DING! DING!

CLUNK! DONG!

THAT DEAF DUMB & BLIND BOY, SURE GOT A MEAN PAIR O' BALLS

OH THAT'S AGAIN BANG!!

WHAT'S HAPPENING OVER THERE?

THEN SUDDENLY NEXT YEAR'S PRESIDENT OF MINES STREAKS THROUGH THE LOWER LOUNGE...

WAIT 'TILL I GET MY HANDS ON BLOODY APPLEBY

LIMP!

THUD!

YOU'D THINK HE'D WAIT UNTIL NEXT YEAR TO FLASH HIS NASCY AGAIN!

MEANWHILE IN TIZARD HALL...

NOW MR. KILL, WHY EXACTLY DID YOU STAND DOWN IN THE RESU PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION?

WELL IT WASN'T BECAUSE I WAS WORRIED ABOUT LOSING, OH NO, I ONLY STOOD SO THAT BRIGHTMAN WOULD HAVE TO PUT OUT SOME BUMPH, IMPORTANT THINGS THESE PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGNS YOU KNOW!!

THEN WHY DIDN'T YOU STAND AGAINST PETE TEAGUE IN THE EVEN MORE IMPORTANT ICU PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION

ER.. UM.. ER.. WELL... UM.. ER

AND ON THE ROUND LONDON MONOPOLY RAG STUNT...

WOW! WHAT A FIND!!

COMMUNITY CHEST

NOTE THE SWEATING AT THE KNEE CAP

S18

YES FOLKS, STANLEY HAS FINALLY FOUND A GIRL!! HE GETS TO WORK WITH THAT TIME-WORN CLICHE OF CLICHES...

HEY HONEY, WHY NOT COME UP TO MY PLACE AND TAKE A LOOK AT MY PINBALL MACHINE

WOW

MORE DEVELOPEMENTS NEXT TERM

REVIEWS



Records

Xam

Duane Allman: An Anthology Volume II. (Capricorn)

FOR THOSE who have heard volume I, this is pretty similar, though perhaps a bit more varied. For those who have not, it is a double album's worth of other artists' tracks on which Duane Allman plays guitar or dobro -- artists ranging from Delaney & Bonney through Wilson Pickett to (would you believe?) Lulu. Two tracks are actually credited to Duane Allman, and both are previously unreleased (is it too irreverent to say 'one can see why?'), as are four others on the album. My favourite tracks are those on side 4 by the Allman Brothers Band, followed closely by a Boz Scaggs track, "Waiting for a train", on side 3.

Duane's excellent playing is little in evidence on many of the tracks, however, and especially as there is often another guitar player, I feel that the dredging-up of these old recordings is not really a fitting tribute. But for those who may wish to make a collection of anything he played, this will be a worthwhile asset.

Books

John Andrews

Iris Murdoch: The Black Prince (Penguin).

THIS IS Ms Murdoch's fourteenth book; although it's the first piece of her work which I've sampled she already enjoys a considerable reputation as a writer of intelligent, intricate novels, and I'm sure many of her books are well-known to some of the people reading this. "The Black Prince" refers to the hero of the story, an aging writer from whose point of view the book is written; but it also is a subtle pseudonym for a rather more ethereal figure, the identity of whom I am not going to reveal. The writer becomes involved in an unsettled love affair in which the eternal triangle is expanded into a pentagon; and yet even when everything appears settled a startling event occurs which throws the apparent simplicity of the preceding story into an entirely different perspective altogether, and we are left undecided on the subject of the writer's honesty and, more to the point, sanity. I wouldn't advise reading it if you're feeling depressed as it's a very melancholy book, but otherwise I can recommend it.

Phillip Webber

Brindsley le poer-Trench: Mysterious Visitors (Pan)

BRINDSLEY le poer-Trench tries to cover everything remotely concerning U.F.O.'s (Unidentified Flying Objects),

in one book so begins at a disadvantage.

He firmly believes in Alien visiting Earth, Telepathy, Teleportation, Moon Boxes, Alien Mind Influence and genetic breeding with human beings. He makes what is to my mind a tactical error in a book trying to prove something; of asserting these 'facts' first then finding 'evidence'. All unexplainable events thus become evidence.

Beginning with the USAF Condon Report on UFO's which he alleges is a CIA cover-up of the facts, the book then tends to the para-psychological, with human beings meeting aliens, visionary experiences, psychic phenomena etc. Even a surmise that the "Younger Generation" is a mixed race of Aliens/Humans interbred somehow.

Here my brain becomes confused by Alien Influences, Good for breaking the ice at parties.

James Wellard: The Search for Lost Worlds (Pan)

The factual basis for Atlantis, Eden, the Queen of Sheba, The Amazons, The Cascoiterides (Britain), and Avalon are all well researched and the facts clearly given. The Bible, Sumerian, Egyptian, and Greek stories and myths all being drawn upon to get at the true history.

The age-old story of Atlantis seems finally put to rest by the Archaeological and Geological evidence corresponding to a krakatoa like explosion which occurred about 1500 BC devastating the Eastern Mediterranean region for hundreds of square miles.

Also the land of the folded Prester John, which was the biggest hoax of all time, provoking exploratory missions of Marco Polo, Vasco de Gama and others, all started by an incredible (in many ways!) letter written to the Roman and Byzantine Emperors of the time. They apparently believed in his 3000 wives, and court of 30,000 (all eating at one table) etc. A book to hold your interest throughout.

Xam

The 4th Armada Crossword Book. Compiled by Robert Newton

CROSSWORD puzzles for beginners (or children, for whom it is really intended). One hundred small crosswords with mainly straight definition clues. A novelty is that they are 'starwords' -- several squares in each puzzle are starred, and when complete, the letters in these squares can be arranged anagrammatically to give the answer to an additional clue -- occasionally a help to completion.

One criticism is that although the clues are generally very simple (eg. a journey in South Africa -- answer TREK) there are a few answers which most adults would not know (did you know a hare's tail is called a scut?). Still, you can always cheat by looking it up in the answers at the back.

Leslie Stokes: The 4th Fontana Book of Crosswords.

EIGHTY-FOUR crosswords by a man "well-known for his popular crosswords in leading newspapers and magazines". Well, popular they may be, but I don't like them. The clues are cryptic, but not

in the usual manner of having a definition and a subsidiary indication of the letters. Most of these consist of either a roundabout definition or sometimes just a roundabout indication of the letters. This makes solution considerably more difficult, and is against most modern crossword practice. However the answers in general are common words and phrases, and as usual, all the solutions are to be found at the back of the book.

Theatre

Jack Llewellyn

Dramatic Society: The Sport of My Mad Mother by Ann Jellicoe.

HAVING SAMPLED just the one performance of this play, it is tempting to curtly dismiss it as a modernish hotchpotch of half-baked story threads which fail to crystallise into anything resembling entertainment. But to do that would be to adopt a superficial and possibly snobbish mien, so let us peer closer at this deliberately untraditional kind of play.

The director, Mark Frank, states in the program that the audience should "have no preconceptions and just accept the sights and sounds according to how they entertain and perhaps enlighten you". No advice is given on just how one can dispense with a lifetime's preconceptions in the amount of time given between reading the statement and the beginning of play. As for the play itself, interest in the "plot" is essentially precluded: interest has to focus on the dialogue and the juxtaposition of the characters.

Two teddy boys Fak and Cone clearly live in fear of a rival gang (who never appear) and exult in feelings of violence. They are joined by an American, Dean and a young girl, Dodo, and are dominated by the fierce Greta.

They are inarticulate and express themselves in disjointed phrases, exclamations and rhythmic quasi-incantations which are emphasised by Steve, the commentator using a set of percussion instruments.

As the two 'teds', Eric Stovell and Steve Randall come across suitably dill-dish although their stances did appear a little strained at times. Kevin Austin provided a moral portrayal of Dean and Karen Willis did a fine job as the pathetic Dodo whilst Steve Grove ably breezed through the part of the indifferent commentator.

As Patty, Moira Robinson clearly showed that she has a wealth of talent which awaits the right director to exploit it. Her attempt to appear au fait with cigarette smoking was a gem.

However, the honours for this production must go to Penny Pyke who, as Greta, displayed a stunning mastery of approach and delivery which electrified the audience and put the rest of the cast to shame.

At the end of the play, Greta gives birth to a child and is evidently an embodiment of the Hindu goddess, Kali. The epigraph of the play apparently is, "All creation is the sport of my Mad Mother, Kali" - profound symbolism indeed.

In conclusion, let it be said that this production is indeed an ambitious one. Dramsoc have managed to pull it off - just.

RCSU ANNUAL DINNER



Principal Guest: GERMAIN GREER

(Author of 'The Female Eunuch')

Friday 2nd May

7pm for 7.30pm

College Block

Tickets £1.80 from social representatives and
RCSU Office.

EUROPE

Anyone interested in joining London University Students for a United Europe please contact Philip J. Ide Chemistry 2.

ANNOUNCING
The formation of I.C. Yoga Society Instruction in Hatha Yoga
Every Tuesday at 5.30pm
In Physics Level 8 Common Room

'HORRIBLE HIPPIES'

It has come to light that following the defeat of Imperial College by the Hull University on "University Challenge" two members of the Hull team received a postcard (postmarked "Folkstone") from a lady who signs herself "MBE (Mrs)".

The text of this postcard read "...Would you two 'girls' get your damned hair cut, before you appear again on 'University Challenge'".

You are a couple of horrible hippies, like most of your ilk you might have supposed brains but certainly no beauty. I must say how nice the London Team looked certainly a credit to their university with their short hair, suits, collars and ties. I'm sure one of your team doesn't even possess a shirt.."

A genuine communication? Or does someone here know something about this?

FELIX Photographic Competition

First Prize: £5

(Entry fees will be added to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd prizes.)

Rules:

1. The competition is open to all student and staff members of Imperial College.
 2. The category is 'Open Transparencies' (35mm or 2 1/4 sq.)
 3. The entry fee (Per 5 transparencies entered) will be 25p (20p for Photsoc members).
 4. All entries must have: bottom left corner of the viewing side marked; and the entrant's name and college address on each transparency.
 5. FELIX reserves the right to publish any of the entries.
 6. CLOSING DATE FOR ENTRIES IS FRIDAY, MAY 2nd, 1975.
- Entries and enquiries to FELIX office or R.S. Newmann, Mech. Eng. 3.

The competition will be adjudicated by a Central Agency judge.

RUGBY

In order not to draw away the crowds from Twickenham in the afternoon, this international match between IC 1st XV and a Paris University kicked off at the crack of dawn namely 11.00am. IC lost the toss (it is hoped that more practice will correct this) and the French elected to play against the wind. The first twenty minutes was closely contested. Although breaks were being made by the threequarters a lack of finishing deprived IC from taking the lead.

The first IC try came from good maul ball ten yards from the French line allowing R. Hughes to hive M.Cotter a very easy try. At this stage it became obvious that the excellent line out jumping by M. Sharrat and K.Libscome together with superior mauling and nicking by IC would tip the game in IC's favour.

However what became even more obvious was that M.Cotter in the centre had no intention of passing the ball for the rest of the game and to say he hogged the ball is a vast understatement. A.Williams scored next and T.Fearn scored under the post after a brilliant individual break from the base of a scrum on halfway. It was fortunate that Terry had not passed to M.Cotter as nobody would have seen the ball for

the rest of the movement.

Half time Score IC 16 Paris University 0. M.Cotter one pass.

Up to now B.Bradley using iron control had kept relatively quiet but could no longer remain silent and managed to chop or make some comment on nearly every decision the referee made. J.Swift had a couple of good runs down the wing but this was only possible by employing moves which missed out M.Cotter.

The IC backs found it easier to cope with the wind disadvantage and after twenty-five minutes scored another try by T.Fearn which Bradley failed to convert. He even had some comment to make about this. In the last ten minutes the ball found its way into M.Cotter's hands. M.Sergot his fellow centre was so disparate at this stage that he even offered to buy the ball from Cotter. However even hard

FENCING CLUB

There were no deaths in Fencing club this term. In fact it has not been a remarkable term for IC fencing, merely a good one. Our achievements can be categorised into three categories: defeats, victories, and massacres (we doing the massacring rather than receiving it).

Defeats, despite Richards

cash could not prise the ball from Cotters "aralldite" grasp later created an overlap for R. Crosswell on the wing but then decided to beat the French fullback by an outside break thus completely ignoring Crosswell. It was certainly not Crosswell's day when the referee then went on to disallow a completely good try by him, which did not involve M.Cotter.

By the law of averages M. Cotter eventually scored in the last five minutes to give a final score.

IC 24 Paris University 0. M.Cotter three passes which Bradley then commented on.
Team: A.Williams, J.Swift, M.Sergot, M.Cotter, D.Cresswell, R.Hughes, T.Fearn, G. Wrigley, R.Austin, D.Hart, K. Lipscombe, M.Sharrat, P.Robins, B.Bradley, J.Smith.

mathematical ability, did not prove to be a null set. There was the match against leyton which was lost 5-4 due to a bout President who, to quote our captain "didn't know his repost from his stop-hit". And the match against Emany where Julian had a once-in-a-decade off day. (Emany is his home team).

Victories included Sobelle.

Moving on to the most interesting category - Massacras. Ealing Fencing club went down 8-1 thanks to the superb fencing of Julian, Richard and Lawrence. Latista Fencing club were well beaten 12-4, the afore mentioned trio winning all their matches while a rather unsober Kevin Lanton had difficulty standing and did well to lose all his matches.

Social life was confined to an attendance at the ACC Dinner - by some people, that is. The demise of the Friday night social fencing, due mainly to a rumour about impending final exams circulating amongst the third year members, is to be deplored (and we hope remedied.)

Final note. Contary to popular expectation Steve Thompson and Chris Murry did not exchange valentine cards.

FELIX SPORT

SOCCER

With the season drawing to a close IC Football Club can look back with some satisfaction on a year of moderate success. For the second consecutive season no trophies were collected by any of the teams but the 2nd XI reached the final of the reserves cup only to be beaten 2-0 by UC II's, and the first XI were runners up in the premier division to Royal Holloway. In spite of this sad lack of glory the standard of first team football in particular has been very high and to come second in a league which is more competitive now than it has been for a long time is a fine achievement in itself.

The second XI also on their day were an outstanding side. This they proved last February when they annulated the eventual league and cup winners UC II's 3-0. It is unfortunate that they took such a long time to find a settled team and by the time they had the league title was already out of their grasp.

As for the lower teams the season was most disappointing in terms of games won.

The third XI plagued by injury started well and even defeated the second team in a league match, but a certain amount of apathy combined with injuries and the elimination of their captain Roger Hunter put paid to their chances of any league or cup success. Ken Cowan's 4th team battled bravely throughout the season and although they won only a handful of games the standard of play was again fairly good. Too often, however, the team was let down by a lack of fitness, something it is hoped that will be remedied next season. The fifths had a good season and what they lacked of fitness, something it is hoped that will be remedied next season. The fifths had a good season and what they lacked in skill they made up for with enthusiasm which was borne out by them reaching the semi finals of the lower reserves cup. The sixths had an abysmal year and will be relegated. Nevertheless all credit must be given to those lads who turned out week after week to suffer some heavy defeats.

Clean Sweep For IC Water Polo

IC I and IC II have swept the board in the ULU winter water polo league, the first team retaining their title (of the 1st division) and the second team making a dramatic rise from bottom of the second division to the top.

IC Ists had very little opposition, except a strong London team against whom we lost one and won one. The success of the team is due to the strength of the forwards Lewis, Hindle, Freeze, and Smith (all in the ULU first team as well), the two strong backs Taylor and Lowther, and a brilliant display of goal keeping by Ilic - also in the first team.

The second team had a full eleven plus extras. Special credit must be given to spirited performances by Vaughan, Phaeton, and M.Said, the top scorer in the whole of the ULU league.

The success of this year's

second team reflects on the strength in the club and it is hoped that many second team members will move up to the first team next year.

Finally special mention must be made to our international coach and trainer, C. Spooner, without whose valuable assistance the teamwork and skill of play would be so limited.

1st team: D.Ilic, P.Hindle, P.Frieze, A.Smith, M.Taylor, R.Lewis, D.Lowther.

2nd team: I.Bales, Angelos, I.Paterson, D.Mulrone, Lim, R.Tobiacheusky, W.Gunardine, M.Said, C.Beavan, T.Vaughan, R.Simitovic, A.Slight.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
ICI	8	7	0	1	47	14	14
LONDON I	8	5	2	1	42	20	12
MARYS I	8	3	2	3	20	34	8
IC II	10	6	1	3	22	13	13
MARYS II	10	6	1	3	15	13	13
WESTMINSTER	10	4	2	4	16	12	10

CROSS COUNTRY

Last Wednesday, the annual 3mile race was held at the West London Stadium. The race was run over 5000m - the metric equivalent of 3 miles on a well beaten tartan track. The back straight of the track had a cold wind blowing straight in the runners faces, and the half inch of water on some parts of the lower bend

did not help them either.

The race started promptly at two-thirty, with Tractor Houlbrooke somewhat injured by earlier road relays taking the times. After the first lap, Dave Jones had pulled out a formidable lead, which was slowly whittled away by Paul, Rob and Hank. After the fourth lap a distinct feeling of déjà vu had crept into the team and the boredom of running round a flat circle became apparent.

The race, and its cup, was won by Rob Allinson in 15-32 with Hank Marvin coming in second, well ahead of Paul Clarke.

The Bar Race was won, for the third year running by our Bar star, Pad Donnelly in a record time of 51.0 seconds, this year, however, he was given a run for his money by our resident three man lift expert Bob Ignaciuk who surprised everyone by recording a time of 57.6 secs.

Last Saturday, the IC team met the old rivals or the Old Imperial College Cross-Country Team. The start was delayed by lack of transport from IC to Richmond Park and even when the extras caught a bus, they failed to get off it at the right stop. The course round Richmond Park felt as if it had been raining for years continuously. Why else would sandy tracks turn into quasi-swamps? Anyway less of this self-pity and on with the race - Barry Dabrowski won it, with Rob Allinson in second place and Dave Houlbrooke and Pad Donnelly ran personal worsts of 47.39 round a 5/4 mile course. The young Imperial College team just beat the Old IC's by a mere three points. We hope to improve this score-line next year to the thrashing the Old IC's deserve.

By running in both these races, and many more, Mike Welford won the Petersham Pot, just beating seven or eight people by only one match.

P.S. Mr Ellis has been getting advice from Mr Payne on iridology.

Bedford Head

The Bedford Head of the Great Ouse race to give it its full title was held on Saturday the 8th. The course was short for a head race (2067 m to be

precise) and the times were fast due to the fast stream.

The processing of the times was done by computer to give the results as quickly as possible which was fine except for the slight detail that it got them wrong. According to the computer St Ives Rowing Club came first, pretty good going since they hit the bank during the race. It also put Ooridle School 3rd VIII in third place which was only 14 places ahead of their 1st VIII! Since it was impossible to overtake during the first half of the course the 1st VIII decided to start with a large gap between us and the crew in front (Churchill College Cambridge). By the end of the race we had caught up by about six lengths, however the final results put us only six seconds ahead which implies that we were travelling at over 40mph! Officially the results were as follows:- 1st VIII 6th (more likely 3rd or 4th), 2nd VIII 34th, Novice VIII 59th, Ladies 73rd.

Kingston Head

This took place on Saturday 15th. This time the course was much longer (about 4 miles). Again the conditions and times were very fast due to a weeks rain, in fact the current was so fast that the finish had to be moved 300 m upstream to avoid exhausted crews disappearing over Teddington Weir. Despite being a bit untidy the 1st VIII had a good row, overtaking three crews before the finish and coming in with the seventh fastest time, behind, Iris (Oxford II), ULI, Poplar Blackwall RCI, Thames Tradesmen, Kingston RCI and Bedford RCI. Since Kingston were late for the start they were given a ten second penalty and we moved up to 6th place.

The second VIII were unable to row because an axel broke on one of their seats on the way up to the start.

Our next event is the Tide-way Head of the River Race which takes place this Saturday afternoon. With over 200 eights racing from Mortlake to Putney it is quite a spectacular sight. If you are still around your support would be welcomed.