

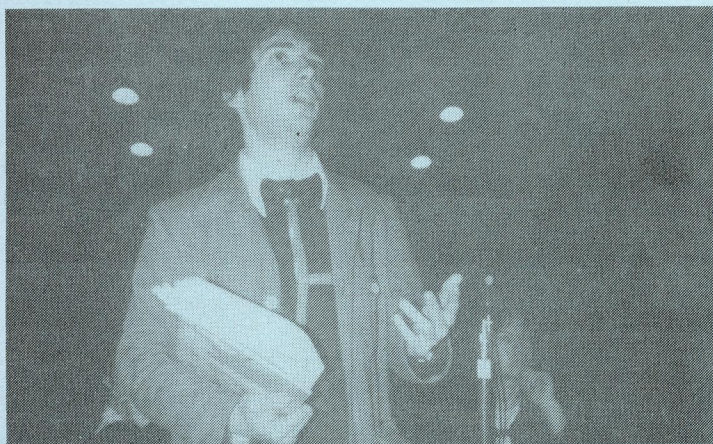


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THE NEWSPAPER OF IMPERIAL COLLEGE UNION

BOYCOTT TO CONTINUE



Sheyne Lucock speaking to his housing motion.

'STUDENTS MISLED'

Students are being misled over the use of the regulator to tie refectory prices to inflation and price rises are too high, according to IC Union President Mary Attenborough. Former President Hugh Barrett also feels that students have been led astray.

The regulator is the means by which refectory prices go up whenever there is a rise in the Financial Times Grocery Index. It was set up in 1976 to allow increased costs of basic foodstuffs to be passed on to the customer without delay. The FT Grocery Index increased by 1.9 per cent in November and 1.4 per cent in December resulting in refectory price rises of the same percentages on 1st December and 8th January.

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The Union is to organise a 24 hour boycott of Southside Refectory in protest against poor quality food and high prices.

The decision by Tuesday's Union Meeting reverses the recommendation of IC Union Executive to postpone the boycott.

Barry Austin proposing the boycott said that the abandoning of a 2 per cent price rise at the beginning of the year was not sufficient. There was far deeper dissatisfaction among students about the refectory service and a 24 hour boycott would express students' feelings. Refectories at other colleges were more subsidised than ours and even some local restaurants were cheaper.

Chris Fox, one of ICU's eight representatives on Refectory Committee, was worried that a boycott would damage the Union's campaign for the use of the regulator to be changed, but the meeting accepted the proposal without opposition.

Union President Mary Attenborough appealed for mass support for the boycott.

UGM Chairman

The meeting heard that Malcolm Brain, Deputy President, was the only candidate for the new post of Chairman of Union Meetings. His election was ratified.

Also elected was Dave Haddon as an ordinary member of IC Community Action Group, thus ending the long saga of attempted elections to this post.

Bye-law amendments permitting Union sabbatical officers not to reside in college accommodation if they so choose were passed and now become part of the Union bye-laws.

Further bye-law amendments preparing the way for a sabbatical Union Deputy President were given a first reading.

Housing

A motion on housing proposed by External Affairs Officer Sheyne Lucock proved highly controversial. After an attempt to refer the matter to IC Welfare Committee had failed Tony Cox proposed an amendment asking for the Union to investigate the setting up of a head tenancy scheme to provide more accommodation for students.

Sheyne Lucock objected to this proposal, maintaining that head tenancy schemes were a means of avoiding the provisions of the Rent Act for security of tenure. He wanted all residents to have more security of tenure in rented accommodation.

The meeting was declared inquorate before a vote could be taken on the amendment and no policy on housing was passed.

NEWS IN BRIEF

NUPE

IC's 480 members of the National Union of Public Employees took no part in Monday's national one-day strike of public service employees.

A meeting of IC NUPE last week voted not to strike for to picket the College. NUPE members at some of the other Colleges of London University took part in the action which was in protest against low pay.

Record Rag Collection

Rag Chairman Graham Cox announced that about £13,000 gross has been collected for rag so far this year. The total net sum collected last year was about

£7,500.

IC Rag is now one of the top ten Rags in the country according to a recent national Rag Conference. Graham Cox is hoping to reach the top five by the end of the year.

HJT Inquorate

Last Tuesday RCS held a vote to elect a new HJT. After the votes were counted the election was found to be inquorate but could be ratified by a UGM. 330 students voted ... over 200 votes below the total required for a quorate election.

Cadmium Findings

Research carried out in IC's geology department caused front page news last weekend when 1,200 villagers of Shipham in Somerset were told that the high level of cadmium in their soil could be a health hazard.

The research project led by Professor J.S. Webb surveyed 21 metals in the soil of England and Wales. In August last year the researchers informed the Department of the Environment that the village of Shipham had levels of cadmium in the soil of 100, and in some places 1,000, times the national average.

Cadmium is a toxic metal capable of causing disease and even death if ingested in small quantities. The villagers are to be medically examined to see if anyone

has been harmed.

Prowler Returns

A man was seen prowling around the ladies' toilets in the Union Building on Friday and was spotted in a Beit bathroom last Tuesday. The man is described as Negroid, possibly half-caste about 25 years old, clean shaven with a rough complexion. He is well built and about 6 ft. 1 inch tall. The prowler has not touched anyone yet and seems to run at the first sign of trouble.

If anyone sees a man entering ladies toilets go straight to Malcolm Brain, security or the Union baman.

Rape alarms are to be installed in each cubicle of the ladies' toilets following requests by several women students.

LETTERS

Dear Sir, - I haven't made any secret of the fact that I think society is repressive towards women, and as such am prepared to do something about it. It would be nice if men and women could work together to eliminate discrimination and repression wherever it exists with regard to both sex and race. This will never come about, however, if groups such as WIST (Women in Science and Technology) continue to operate in what can only be described as an antagonistic fashion. Waging a 'sex-war' can only be counter-productive.

Their ludicrous claim that only women can understand how women are repressed can do nothing to change men's attitudes - rather it serves to strengthen them.

"Women only" meetings (such as last week's WIST meeting) are to be condemned as discriminatory just as "men only" events certainly do not inspire others (both men and women) with sympathy or understanding.

People should campaign against sexism as individuals - because in the end it is the individual (either man or woman) who will be better off when sexism no longer pervades our society.

The sooner people like Mary Attenborough and Sonia Hoch - felder realise this, then the sooner we shall be some way to achieving that objective.

Yours anti-discriminatory,
Sheyne Lucock

Dear Editor, - In common, I guess, with most readers of FELIX I noticed with considerable irritation the seemingly petty letter from Ms. Attenborough concerning the 'El Vino' restaurant in last week's FELIX. However on second thoughts I realised that this letter represented a far more serious matter than it at first seemed to, it in fact represents a direct attack on the freedom of the individual - in this case the owner/management of 'El Vino' - by a frighteningly large minority within society today.

This group of people in their fanatical devotion to the impossible and perhaps undesirable aim of absolute equality (after all, are not the people of Democratic Campouchia more 'equal' than the people of U.K. and how many Britains could honestly say that they would rather live in Campouchia?) are prepared to sacrifice the freedom of choice of the individual which exists in this country today making it the best country in the world to live in (an interesting point to note is that Britain was the only country that would allow Karl Marx to live and work in it). Anyone who disputes this may leave the country and go anywhere they care to go, a choice which very few people in the world today are lucky enough to have.

By law, the owners of 'El Vino' in common with those of all other licensed premises may refuse

service to whoever they wish. A very admirable state of affairs which I hope will continue for a very long time.
Yours, In increasing fear of losing my right of freedom of choice and expression,
Andrew Lyall

Sir, - At the risk of provoking yet further response on the topic, I feel compelled to answer the letter in last week's FELIX from Mary Attenborough.

As the organiser of this year's FELIX Dinner, I chose the particular venue for a number of reasons. Firstly, the Dinner was to be held outside College; I felt it time that the traditional stranglehold that the College Refectory service has over such functions should be broken, thereby offering the diners the possibility of decent food and reasonable cost.

Secondly, I tried to find a venue that had some link with the newspaper industry; Fleet Street is the obvious location, and El Vino the company which immediately springs to mind.

By attending the Dinner, one no more registers a vote in favour of the political opinions of the management than one would show support of, for example, Victor Mooney's by eating in the College Refectories or the knickers in the Union Bar by drinking there. I have observed Mary doing both. The fact that, in a separate bar, the management of El Vino practise a form of sexual discrimination does not mean that those attending the Dinner favour this. They are supporting FELIX, this College's newspaper.

Yours faithfully,
Duncan Suss

Dear Sir, - It has become increasingly difficult to obtain a copy of FELIX on Friday mornings - even by arriving early in the Department. Many of my friends on other courses and particularly P.G.s have expressed similar problems.

It is sad that the present supply does not seem to satisfy the demand.

FELIX is tremendously important to college life and so I think it would be a good idea to increase publication from the present three thousand odd to a figure nearer the number of students attending I.C.

Yours faithfully,
John Shuttleworth
Maths II

Eds note - In response to this and other requests that departments receive more copies, from the messengers particularly, for a trial period the print run of FELIX will be increased from 3000 to 4000.

Dear Editor, - My letter is particularly addressed to those male chauvenist boars who inhabit C&G. It is a universally agreed problem that there is a lack of women here and the reason seems obvious to me - it does not appre-

ciate the women it has - if it did, they might very well multiply! For example, those disgusting rigger songs that surface on bar nights and on coaches - perhaps the amusing side of these is beyond my intellect? There also seems to be a large proportion of men who totally ignore the women, while harping on about I.F. and other girls - perhaps they don't realise how much it can hurt those girls who are shy, sensitive and lonely. At the moment, all I could say to a prospective woman student engineer is - learn from my mistake and go elsewhere. I will end by thanking those few men who have treated me as a fellow human being and made my college life bearable - they will make super husbands, one day!

Anne Onimus, WIG

Sir, - Some of your readers may already be aware of the reported sighting of a "Peeping Tom" last Friday night in the ladies toilets in the Union Building. This particularly unsavoury incident occurred about 10.30 pm and took the form of peeping under the door of an occupied cubicle. The girl concerned was unable to raise the rape alarm as it was safest to remain inside the cubicle. Having sworn at the peeper who then seemed to go away, the girl waited until she heard other footsteps before leaving the toilets. A search of the Union Building a few minutes later proved fruitless. Whether the man (described as negroid, with chubby features) was contemplating rape, or was merely getting some kicks in a rather sick way is irrelevant - this type of incident is extremely unnerving for any girl. I would hope that it was not a member of Imperial College Union who was the perpetrator of the incident. Attacks on women and girls using the East staircase toilets have been occurring at the rate of three or four a year for the last four years. Although two rape alarm buttons have been installed in those toilets, they are not inside the cubicles and are situated at shoulder level and as such are easily set off accidentally. Perhaps it would be worthwhile for the Union to install buttons in all the cubicles and at such a height that they are easily accessible in an emergency, but not prone to accidental triggering?

Furthermore, perhaps the College Security Officer, Mr. Dawson, could give some indication of how he thinks would-be attackers from outside the College can be discouraged from even entering the Union Building.

In an article in FELIX No. 504, Sheyne Lucock referred to the Reclaim the Night Campaign which is attempting to make the streets safe for women to walk on their own at night. A very commendable ideal indeed. However when even our own campus is obviously not a safe place for women to

be, I feel that something more tangible in the short term is required. Perhaps more effective deterrents and some increased security are small steps in the right direction?

Yours etc.,
David Crabbe

Dear John, - I must write and comment on the article about I.C. Radio in today's edition of the I.C. Liberal Club newspaper 'Forward'. The article, by an un-named author, is not only misinformed, but also damaging both to me personally and the station.

To answer some of the specific points:

There has never been any deal between I.C. Radio and the Nat. West. Bnk. I had discussed the possibility of a small donation in the order of £100 with one of their staff; this could not lead to advertising on the station as our Home Office licence does not permit outside commercials.

As far as reception is concerned, in the past four College weeks there have been five major changes to the transmission system to try and improve reception, with considerable success. However any changes that we make have to be within limits set by the Home Office which does not give us much scope for manoeuvre.

When a radio station increases its broadcasting from 35 to 60 hours a week, and changes its format away from 'juke box muzak' it is inevitable that more staff are required, certainly our staff turnover is no greater than in many union organizations, less than in most. To answer the other two points briefly. I certainly do expect news to be heard on I.C. Radio before it appears in FELIX (radio is an immediate medium, publishing a newspaper has an inevitable delay) and as far as a successor is concerned there are a number of student stations in the U.K. which change their (undergraduate) station managers every year. (Many of them broadcast for double the hours of I.C. Radio). If Liberal Club have evidence that it is not possible here, perhaps they should present their evidence.

I hope that after reading the above, members of the Liberal Club (particularly the author of the article who didn't have the guts to give his or her name) will find themselves able to issue a public apology for the article to both myself and our loyal staff. Otherwise I am considering taking action on two of the points in it, as my legal advice suggests that the article has libelled both myself and the station.

Yours Sincerely,
John Allen
Station Manager, I.C. Radio

FELIX

editorial

FORWARD Attacks Media

FORWARD, the newspaper of Imperial College Liberal Club, launched an unprecedented three-pronged attack on the media, and the individuals in them, in an article entitled "Media at IC" last Tuesday.

I know that the intention of that article was to provoke discussion on problems discerned within the media and to that end it succeeded! Unfortunately, there were many repercussions that were unforeseen.

Admission

I, for my part, would like to take responsibility for the IC Radio section as I supplied the details that appeared in the text. I did not fabricate any of them, however, but merely relayed rumours that I felt would create debate. I am sorry if these rumours were unfounded and for any distress I may have caused John Allen in disrupting his team. I particularly appreciate the difficulty created for Karen and Harvey.

Complacency

I feel very strongly that any group which remains un-criticised for too long becomes complacent and therefore fails to provide their best. Each media at IC has its own particular internal problems and being reminded of them from time to time can only do good. Sensationalist material of the kind I provided, however, achieves nothing especially as I "didn't have the guts" to sign my name.

STOIC

May I appeal to Colin Grimshaw that, rather than reinforce the opinions of the author of the STOIC section, he continues to provide the technical help that STOIC relies on.

Staff wanted

Volunteers are needed to work on FELIX, this newspaper. News reporters and paste-up artists are especially required but any short stories, reviews etc. will be welcome. If there is sufficient response then I will organize a "guided tour" of the print unit to familiarise everyone with techniques of production.

Refectory Boycott

It was with dismay that I watched a UGM vote to continue with a boycott of Southside refectories. What is the use of threatening to have a boycott if prices increase if the boycott goes ahead anyway when they don't? What can the Union threaten next time? It seems to me that we will only lose credibility and harden attitudes by this course of action. If there are those who wish to complain about quality I suggest they do so via the complaints books and letters to FELIX rather than using the ultimate weapon at the first opportunity.

Credits

Firstly, Paul Williams for his superb cartoon. David Crable promised to buy me two pints if I wrote the following: It seems a very sad, nay, disastrous day when one printed publication has little better to do than gang up on three worthwhile media. Cheers. Dave! Thanks also to John, Sonia, Colin and Sheyne for photos, paste-ups, stories and collating in no particular order. Anita typed her largest FELIX to date, and Ian printed it all in two days (if he prints it all in two days that is). Cheers,

John

PS The Compset 550 has just arrived!

ALL AROUND THE QUADRANGLE

A non-female was spotted inside the 'Ladies' on the Union Building's first floor last Friday. Well, he is a braver person that I.

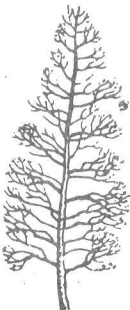
The girls' room is nicely situated between the Union Bar and Dramsoc. These are both full of heavily built human beings just itching to go into battle.

Only two days earlier there was a false rape alarm. It's amazing how quickly people arrive on the scene. A special "three cheers" for Big Malcolm, who managed to put on his shoes whilst sprinting across the Quad.

If anyone else is seen in these 'Ladies' who obviously shouldn't be there let Malcolm know. Also anybody who is likely to fool around up there just for a joke, I offer one word of advice. DON'T. You won't find it so funny afterwards.

Good for Mary for pointing out that El-Vino's discriminate against women in not allowing them to be served at the bar. I noticed no mention was made of this in the advert! However I'm afraid I shall not be supporting a boycott even though I do not approve of this practice. I hope I can be forgiven for feeling that such action will solve little. I think it's an unfortunate venue and I trust that an alternative will be found in future.

Did you know that FELIX distributes about a million sheets of paper during a student's nominal three year stay at I.C. I wonder how many trees that is?



I do not wish to comment on the last SCAB NITE, but what of next year. Social, Cultural and Amusement Board consist of those I.C. societies presenting formal entertainment.

On paper the prospects are terrific: theatre, cinema, nightclub and concert music from opera to folk, jazz and orchestral.

With these all seasoned by a promised topical debate I feel sure that students can for once have "City" entertainment in the 'home' so to speak.

Next SCAB evening needs to be a great success. I see no reason why it cannot be so. Let's forget previous events and make sure that the right people are encouraged to attend a great evening's entertainment.

It's not too early to plan for next year when considering this sort of event.

The Union Lower Lounge looks great, though someone's bound to dislike the colour scheme. The new carpet should arrive over the Easter vacation.

Some D.P. from the distant past had lino laid around the bar so preventing the wooden floor from breathing. This should be put to rights quite soon with the rotten wood floor being replaced by concrete.

Despite all this, the atmosphere here in the Lower Lounge has not altered.

From a well known hymn: "Change and Decay in All Around I.C. O Thou That Changest Not, Abide With Me."

Would someone please explain why Beit Fire Bell sounded with the rape alarm. It's got me quite worried. Cheers!

John Shuttleworth

'HOME SOLDIER HOME'

A film documentary using interviews with ex-soldiers, and including footage of the Army in action in Ireland and in other colonial wars to show the anti working-class and partisan nature of the British Army. An ex-soldier will be present to answer questions afterwards. **Mech Eng 342, 7:00pm on Tuesday 30th January.**

WHAT'S ON

FRIDAY 26th January

FILM

I.C. FILM SOC - presents A Man For All Seasons. 7.00 pm. M.E. 200. Members free. Non members 20 p.

I.C. CHINESE SOCIETY - Chinese New Year Celebration. Film Show, Buffet dinner and Disco. 6.00 pm - 1.00 am. J.C.R. £2.50.

Miscellaneous

I.C. RADIO - Broadcasting from 5.00 pm to 1 am, To Southside Halls on 301 m, Stans Bar and Linstead Bar, with at 9.00 pm. Boogie Time. See Monday for general format.

SUNDAY 28th January

Miscellaneous

I.C. RADIO - From 8.00 am to 1 am, with at 8.00 am - Wake up with Harvey, 11.00 am - The Wibbly Wobbly Wireless Show, 1.00 pm; Groovin, 4.00 pm - Round Table, 8.00 pm; I.C. Radio Live

MONDAY 29th January

Miscellaneous

UNION COUNCIL MEETING; 6.30 pm. Senior Common Room. Anyone is very welcome to observe.

I.C. RADIO; with at 5.00 pm; Good Evening. 7.00 pm; View point 9.00 pm (specialist programmes). 11.00 pm - Through Midnight

I.C. PHOTOSOC SHOP - 12.45 - 1.15 pm. Linstead Hall Room 211.

TUESDAY 30th January

Club Activity

NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY LECTURE; 1.00 pm; - Botany Basement Lecture Theatre. Do Fungi cause "staggers" in animals? By Dr. Mantle. Tea and Biscuits provided.

JOINT IC CHEM. SOC BIOCHEM SOC LECTURE; 5.30 pm. Biochemistry Room 702. Subject: "Perfumes" by Mr. J.M. Klap from Proprietary Perfumes Ltd.

MOPSOC - Lecture by Dr. A.F.S. Mitchell. 1.15 pm "A statistical study of Authorship; who wrote 'The Federalist' papers?" Physics LT2.

RIDING CLUB - Information, ULU Riding Club news & bookings. 13.00 - 14.00. Electrical Engineering Dept. Room 1110. Level II All Welcome.

WINE TASTING SOCIETY; A tasting of Rhone wines. 5.45 pm. Union Senior Common Room. 60 p (non members 80p)

I.C. PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY - night out - details on notice board.

Miscellaneous

PUBLICATIONS BOARD MEETING - 6.30 pm. Green Committee Room. Union Building. Appointment of Phoenix Editor and election of Handbook Editor.

I.C. CLUBS & SOCIETIES - Stoic Transmission. 13.00. Union T.V. lounge, JCR Southside Halls (except TIZARD), Southside Lower T.V. lounge (Nr. Stan's Bar). This week: JUDO Club!

I.C. RADIO - From 12.00 pm - 2.15 pm., Broadcasting to JCR, also Alans Bar and Stans Bar. From 5.00 pm - 1 am, see Monday for format.

ASSOCIATED STUDIES EVENT - 1.30 pm. Read Theatre, Sheffield Building. The Restorer's Art 3. The Conservation of Paintings Kenneth Malcolm, Conservation Department, The National Gallery.

ASSOCIATED STUDIES EVENT - 1.30 pm. Lecture Theatre 1, Chemical Engineering Department. Christianity and Current Concerns 1. Human Implications of Research at Imperial College. Dr. David Glover, Martin Cripps, The Revd. David Ashforth. (arranged by Anglican Chaplaincy).

WEDNESDAY 31st January

Club Activity

TENPIN BOWLING - Meet Aero (opposite Union Arch) at 2.30 pm.

Miscellaneous

WELFARE AFTERNOON - All Afternoon, JCR

RAG MEETING - 6.30 pm, Rag Office, Third Floor, Union Building.

I.C. RADIO - From 6.00 pm - 1 am. See Monday for format.

THURSDAY 1st February

Club Activity

IC CHINESE SOCIETY - Lunchtime Gathering. 12.45 pm. Elec. Eng 606.

Miscellaneous

JUMBLE SALE - proceeds to Crèche & Women's Self-Defence Group. 11.00 to 3.00 J.C.R. (Sherfield)

ALTERNATIVE PROSPECTUS DISCUSSION PERIOD - 12.45 pm, ICWA lounge. A chance for both sexes to say how, their social life is affected by coming to IC. Views expressed can than be included in the Alternative Prospectus.

LUNCH BREAK' Stoic Transmission. 13.00 & 18.00 (except JCR). Union T.V. lounge, JCR, Southside Halls (except TIZARD), Southside, Lower T.V. Lounge (Nr. Stan's Bar).

I.C. RADIO - From 12.00 pm - 2.15 pm and 5.00 pm - 1 am. See Tuesday for details.

I.C. PHOTOSOC SHOP - 12.45 - 1.45. Room 532. Linstead Hall. INFORMAL TALK - 12.30 pm. Senior Common Room. Union Building. A Talk by John Rodgers - coordinator of the New Horizon Youth Centre on "Problems of the Single Homeless in Greater London".

ASSOCIATED STUDIES EVENT - 1.30 pm. The Great Hall, Sheffield Building. Film: Civilisation: A personal view (Kenneth Clark) 13. Heroic Materialism.

ASSOCIATED STUDIES EVENT - 1.30 pm. The Music Room, 53 Prince's Gate. Lunch-hour Concert. Santiago Mantas (piano).

Social Cultural and Amusements Board

SCAB

FRIDAY - The ENTs Disco. 8.30 pm in the Union Lower Refectory. Admission 20 p.

MONDAY - Folk Club presents, Nigel Mazlyn Jones (& Electronics) making a welcome return after his good reception last year.

WEDNESDAY - Orchestra rehearsal - 7.00 pm in the Great Hall. Jazz Club present the London Vintage Jazz Orchestra in Stans Bar. 8.30 - 11.00. Admission free.

THURSDAY - ENTs Film "Vampyres" 6.30 pm in Mech. Eng. 220. Admission 30 p.

FRIDAY - ENTs Disco. 8.30 pm in the Union Lower Refectory. Admission 20 p.

WARDENSHIP OF BERNARD SUNLEY HOUSE

APPLICATIONS ARE INVITED FOR THE WARDENSHIP OF BERNARD SUNLEY HOUSE IN EVELYN GARDENS. The position will become vacant in early March.

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

A flat is provided for the Warden, rent free, and he will receive an entertainments allowance.

Application forms are available from the Union Office, and the Residence Office, Room 161, Sheffield Building.

Applications close on WEDNESDAY 31st JANUARY 1979.

BRITISH RED CROSS SOCIETY
FIRST AID COURSE
 commencing
THURS 18th JANUARY
 at 5:30pm in the
Bot/Zoo Common Room
 (under Beit Archway)
ALL WELCOME

CITY AND GUILDS

The first rag collection of the term took place last Saturday. A small group turned out to brave the cold weather outside Harrods dressed in pyjamas. They proceeded to collect £300, an excellent collection (which is higher than at any collection last year). The President and Hon. Sec. were noticeable by their absence; they were at a wedding (not dressed in pyjamas!)
 Tonight is the 28th Annual Engineers Dinner and Dance. This splendid event has been sold out for the past week. Over 300 people, a record, are attending. It promises to be an event of true class with Pans people and Jeremy Taylor providing two very different cabaret acts. An extra bonus is being thrown in; the third cabaret will be Mr. Corrigan leading off the first waltz. It will certainly be a night to remember and I have no doubts that it will be the best of the College Balls!

Although D & D is the biggest and most impressive event of the term (and year), there are several other notable occasions in the near future. Some dates for your diaries:
Feb. 16th - Guilds/I.F. Valentines Party. A. J.C.R. Party with a difference; there's always equal numbers and lots of them.
Feb 20th -Field Cup. Yes, it's approaching rapidly. You are warned! Find out what its about and put a team in.
Feb 21st - Aspirin sales rocket - its Recovery Day (funny how it always follows Field Cup!)
Feb 22nd - Guilds U.G.M.

Rag, Revelry and Gnomes

FRENCH SOC. PARTY

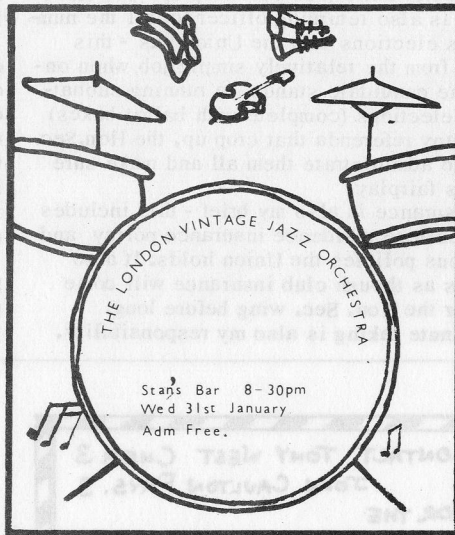
Crepe Suzettes with cider and a good disco with 150 people helped to make last Saturday's French Soc party a social success. Guillaume, the president of French Soc, said that he was pleased with the marvellous response. The wonderful turnout was especially pleasing because it included many members of IF.
 French Soc. hope to hold another event in February because their first party got the Society off to such a good start.



RCS' border patrol leaves for Oxford St.

UDI OF OXFORD ST.

RCS declared UDI in Oxford Street last Saturday. For 1½ hours they managed to escape police arrest. Finally the London constabulary warned our customs and excise patrols to terminate their extraction of dues from the tourists passing through RCS's border control. This rag stunt was great fun and was not designed to raise a large amount of money.
 However, while the Peoples Republic of Oxford Street was in existence its Treasury collected £145 for rag before liquidating its assets in the Cockney Pride.



MATHS GNOME PARTY

Garden gnomes, windmills, birdbaths and bus-stops all wandered into the JCR last Friday for the Maths party. An endless supply of food, plenty to drink and good music all served to help the guests have an enjoyable time.
 The winner of the fancy dress competition was Andy French complete with fishing rod. Kirsten, dressed as a windmill, generated a lot of support.



Two collectors on Guilds' Pyjama Rag

SMALL ADS

Wanted-One line of text, 1080/8c, 9cm long. Contact **FELIX**

For Sale - Bush 3013 Stereo System £25 -good condition - contact **Gary Dearmer - phone 01 603 7724** or through **Physics II letter-racks.**

For Sale - Kay Les Paul Copy Guitar only 4 months old. natural grain finish, excellent condition, good action £50 o.n.o.

Praktica L2 Camera - ideal for SLR beginner. With f2.8/50 lens, strong case and light meter £40 o.n.o. Contact **Paul Johnson Elec Eng II**

P.S. Anyone want any cheap lab-coats?

For Sale - A lady's bicycle with rack £28.00 only. AM/FM stereo tuner. LT 2020 Audiotronic (made in Japan) as good as new. sensitivity 2.2 µV Harmonic distortion Stereo 0.8% Mono 0.4% £55.00 only Contact **H.D. Kim Physics III via letter rack.**

For Sale - Sanyo Stereo Cassette Recorder with stereo record and playback facilities. built-in speaker for mono playback. built-in condenser microphone, vu-meter, chrome normal switch, battery/mains, headphone socket, adjustable or automatic level control £35 or nearest offer. **Chris Ward, Metallurgy I, R.S.M.**

Kodak needs graduates

Kodak representatives will be visiting your university on **February 14th**

We need engineers and scientists, computing, marketing and accountancy trainees. Your careers service has the details. Collect a copy of "Kodak and Your Future" and apply as indicated. Look forward to seeing you.



W.E.C.V.S.

WECVS is the West End Co-ordinated Voluntary Services and has been set up to help solve the problems of the many single, homeless, and often jobless, young people in central London. It comprises of six agencies which offer a broad range of solutions to the single homeless. They are:

- 1) **Centre Point Emergency Services** provide basic accommodation and counselling support for young people, most of whom have recently arrived in the city. Help and encouragement are given to residents so that they can become self-sufficient in obtaining permanent employment and accommodation.
- 2) **Intake** is a mixed hostel where emphasis is placed on taking an active part in the running of the hostel.
- 3) **New Horizon** is a day-time base for young people who are homeless and rootless in the West End. As well as advice and help the centre provide literacy and numeracy aid and encourages young people to take an active part in the many creative activities.
- 4) **Single Homeless Project** offers accommodation for older people where advice and street level assistance is offered.
- 5) **Soho Project** is a detached youth work agency operating an open-door policy, with help, medical and legal advice as well as help with accommodation and employment.
- 6) **Kingsway Day Centre** is involved in providing help and advice for older single homeless people and also deals with the rehabilitation of alcoholics and other casualties of society.

If you are interested in any or all of these agencies or would just like to be better informed about the homeless scene in general then come along to the Union Senior Common Room where John Rodgers from New Horizon will be talking about them. **Thursday, Feb. 1st at 12.30** or you can contact me and I will give you a leaflet.
John Whitehouse
Chem PG. Int. 4162

Police Radio System

Is it a bird? Is it a plane? Is it an obscure punk-rock group? No, it's the second ever Radio Society FELIX article! So why is it headed "Police Radio System"? Because that is the title of our very first venture into the field of multi-media entertainment!

At 2.15 p.m. on February 28th, Mr. David Chapman (G3NGK), will be giving a talk on, and demonstration of, police radios. I've already seen this talk, and can guarantee it to be interesting. It includes slides of how "999" calls are dealt with, and a real live demonstration of talking to a policeman on the beat (gasp!). Mr. Chapman will also be talking about technical careers with the Metropolitan Police. Non-members are welcome to this event, and if successful it could be the start of a regular series of Radio Society talks. Venue is yet to be arranged, so keep your eyes on the "What's On" page.

If you don't get on too well with policemen, how about our second talk, scheduled for March? This is from Mr. Anthony Askew (G4BPC), and will encompass broadcasting, music, mixing, stereo, microphone techniques, and much else besides. The talk is illustrated with a collection of tape recordings, which will be reproduced courtesy of Audio Soc! Although you may not have heard of Tony, you've probably heard some of his

Elk's Epistle (3)

After rummaging through the mad chaos that exists in my mind, in order to find some thing to enthrall all the literary people out there, I decided this week, what with all the election rumours that are floating around, was a good time for a job description of Hon. Secretary - so if anybody out there is thinking of standing, you know what it entails.

First and foremost -you'd better get to like duplicating 'cos that's what you spend a lot of time doing any duplicating that needs to be done, the Hon. Sec. has to do it. For Council, UGMs, numerous committees, Exec. News (when it can't be printed) plus numerous other little jobs that crop up. The Hon. Sec. is also returning officer for all the numerous elections that the Union has - this runs from the relatively simple job when only one candidate stands, to running sabbatical elections (complete with ballot boxes) and any referenda that crop up, the Hon. Sec. has to administrate them all and make sure all is fairplay.

Insurance is also my brief - this includes the college residence insurance policy and various policies the Union holds. It also looks as though club insurance will come under the Hon. Sec. wing before long.

Minute taking is also my responsibility.

In practice I'm secretary to three committees and in theory five -you get so used to taking minutes that any committee you attend you'll automatically think about taking minutes whether you're meant to or not.

In common with the D.P. and Pres., you're also ex-officio on all union committees - and that means a lot.

Well that's the backbone of the job - there's also a lot of other smaller duties e.g. control of the Union parking spaces, upkeep of all stationery. Basically, it's an administrative job, but there are moments of fun spent cavorting naked around the Union office, in games of wild abandon, when all normal inhibitions are thrown away.

Iranian notices

To finish off with - will all those concerned with putting up the Iranian notices around college please note publicity rules. "the date of the event being publicised and the name of the body organising it shall be written in English on all publicity." I keep finding posters in direct contravention of this and I am empowered to take them down unless the TWes are complied with.

That's all for this week folks.

Love, kisses and general eroticism

Mike Elkin

I.C.U. Hon. Sec.

EDITOR WANTED

Here in the lecture rooms of Imperial College lies a future editor of the Sun, the Times (the what?) or even PHOENIX. Phoenix is the literary magazine of the Union and at present it is short of an editor. You don't have to be able to write Elizabethan sonnets or short stories - just the ability to organise the production and publication of the magazine. It's not a lot to ask is it? - if you are interested then come along to the Publications Board meeting on Tuesday 30th January (Green Committee Room, 6:30 pm start) or contact David Leach via the Publications Board letter rack in the Union Office.



work, as he mixes many concerts for Radio 3, including the Proms. As this event is likely to be popular, only Radio Society members will be guaranteed seats. The rest of you are very welcome, but latecomers may have to stand if we get too crowded. (You can always join, and save yourself the trouble!). Again, keep an eye on "What's On" for details.

A very important event in our calendar is the ARRL DX contest, on the 3rd and 4th of March. Last time we entered, we were placed 2nd in Britain, so our hopes are high for a similarly good result. Although only licensed members can operate the transmitter, we can use as much help as we can get in keeping logs, checking for duplicate contacts, making coffee, etc. If you've ever had a passing interest in amateur radio, this is your chance to see it in action at its most exciting.

And for the rest of you semi-interested

persons, how about coming up to the shack (roof of Elec. Eng.) one Wednesday afternoon, and finding out what it's all about (no obligation!). The club is, after all, back in full swing with both rigs working, all aerials up, and fresh QSL's in the draw. And if you don't know what a QSL is, it's a postcard-like object that takes FELIX close to a year to print. But it was worth the wait; they're a real work of art (thanks, John!)

Oh, one other piece of news: We've been thinking of changing our name to "I.C. Amateur Radio Society", to avoid confusion with the other amateurs (literally) in college. I refer, of course, to that bunch of medium-wave pirates, that can't seem to transmit as far as Linstead. Never mind, lads, come up and see us some time, and we'll talk to Australia for you!

Russell Whitworth
Treasurer



Day By Day

A ROUND-UP OF LAST WEEK'S NEWS



Wednesday 17th

Lorry drivers accused of blackmail

Drivers were alleged to be demanding up to £100 before allowing lorries to cross picket lines. Transport Union leader, Mr. Moss Evans was given a final chance to exert full control over pickets in the lorry driver's dispute as ports gradually came to a standstill. Food supplies are reduced but there is still enough to feed everyone.

The Prime Minister warned Mr. Evans that a State of Emergency will be declared to safeguard food and other essential supplies unless full control is exerted over pickets.

Mrs. Thatcher's T.V. broadcast

In a T.V. political broadcast, Mrs. Thatcher called for an all-party agreement on three points to curb union excesses which were leading the country to "anarchy".

- 1) A change in law to end secondary picketing.
- 2) Government-financed secret postal ballots
- 3) "no-strike" agreement with workers in vital services

Women scatter picketing lorry drivers

300 women from the Cadbury-Schweppes chocolate factory at Bournville, Birmingham yesterday broke up a picket formed by 15 striking lorry drivers.

Students help pickets

University students have joined the pickets said Mr. Alex Kitson the Transport and General Workers Union's national executive officer in direct charge of the lorry drivers' strike.

Thursday 18th

Terrorists attack gasworks and oil depot

Early this morning a home-made bomb blew a hole in the side of a large Texaco fuel storage tank at an oil depot on Canvey Island. Had a nearby tank containing 600,000 gallons gone up the whole storage complex might have been blazing in minutes.

Terrorists also bombed a huge gasometer in Greenwich. The inferno that followed could be seen for eight miles. Flames shot 300 ft. into the air as 7 million cubic feet of natural gas burned following the explosion.

The IRA claimed responsibility. 300 people were evacuated and there were no casualties.

Lord's UFO debate

Sixty peers listened to the UFO debate. The Earl of Clancarty, Chairman of the UFO movement, alleged that there had been government cover up throughout the world.

"UFOs had been coming in increasing numbers since the war and it was time people were told the truth. We had not been invaded from outer space and most incidents had not been hostile".

"It is earthlings that have fired on them".

Gut reaction

There was a disgusting start for new Oxford Union President, Alan Duncan. His members' attempt to beat the world hamburger eating record next month (11½ in 30 mins). Says Duncan, "I expect a gut reaction".

Friday 19th

Imperial College survey starts cadmium scare

Last autumn a team from Imperial College discovered a high concentration of cadmium, between 11 and 998 times the national average, in an area around Shipham, a Somerset village.

Today the local authority delivered warning letters to the village, built on the site of old zinc mines. The village residents have been advised not to eat vegetables grown in their back gardens and to cut down on smoking.

No freeze for Road Transport Charges

Mr. Roy Hattersley announced that a feared freeze on road transport charges would not be appropriate at this time.

The freeze would have been a stumbling block to a settlement of the lorry drivers strike.

Radio Caroline

This evening five men were rescued from the pop pirate station, Radio Caroline, 11 miles off the Essex coast. The 274 ton Mi Amigo, which houses the pop station was said to be listing badly and in danger of sinking.

Saturday 20th

Cadmium village angry

Initial concern among many residents of Shipham about the discovery of potentially dangerous levels of cadmium contamination in the village gave way to dismay at the way the issue had been handled and the likely impact on property values and trade.

Bathroom is security risk

A new bathroom adjacent to Mrs. Judith Hart, Minister of Overseas Development, poses a security threat according to a private circular issued to staff at the Ministry.

Secret discussions can be heard by anyone using the inner passage to the bathroom which was constructed at a cost of over £6,000.

Accident excuses

The Metropolitan Life Insurance of New York quotes the following four excuses, given by motorists for accidents, from its top ten bizarre claims list. "An invisible car came out of nowhere, struck my car and vanished." "The other car collided with mine without warning me of its intention". "I pulled away from the side of the road, glanced at my mother-in-law, and headed over the embankment." "The pedestrian had no idea which direction to go, so I ran over him.".

Welsh fight back to beat Scots at Rugby

Wales beat Scotland by 19 points to 13 at Murrayfield, Edinburgh. Wales won the match after being 13-6 down.

Ireland drew 9-9 with France in Dublin.

Sunday 21st

Argentine Grand Prix crash

A six-car pile-up, 30 seconds after the start of the race, happened as Jody Scheckt-

er of South Africa in a Ferrari and John Watson of Britain in a McLaren drew side by side.

The two cars collided as they reached the second bend. A rear wheel flew off the Ferrari and spun into the cars behind that were travelling at 125 mph.

Jacques Laffite won the Grand Prix and Britain's John Watson was third after a hard race in 110 degree heat. Carlos Reutemann in a British Lotus came home second.

Chinese birth rate falls

Eight million fewer babies were born in China last year than in 1971 because of a birth control campaign.

Russian student birth control?

Strict morality rules at a college hostel in Ryzan, Russia, forbid even married students to spend the night together.

Monday 22nd

Ambulance drivers refuse to answer 999 calls

London's accident service was taken over by the army and police. They were called in because striking ambulance drivers defied their union and refused to answer 999 calls.

Public employees strike

1½ million employees staged a 24 hour strike which severely affected services including hospitals, schools and airports.

This was the biggest strike since 1926 but the programme is not tough enough for militants who want an "all-out strike".

Leopards win special dispensation

A NUPE organiser granted a special dispensation to a man to feed leopards and pumas at Haigh Gardens Children's Zoo. "We decided to make this one dispensation. The lion feeder did not want to be eaten alive when he returned to work."

Tuesday 23rd

Worst weather for 16 years

Four inches of snow in London and up to 12 inches in South Wales brought chaos to the country to-day.

Travelling on the roads was described as "horrific". The situation was aggravated by the rail strike and the refusal by militant council workers to take out gritting vehicles.

It soon became clear that with no trains and most roads snarled up, the chances of many people getting to work at all, let alone on time, were practically zero.

Dave "Boy" Green takes European title

Dave Green, from Chatteris, won the European welterweight title at the Royal Albert Hall to-night.

It was heralded as one of the most exciting, no-holds-barred, championship fights for years. Dave stopped Henry Rhiney in the fifth round.

Jail better than outside

A former professional safe blower depressed with the rat race on the outside walked into a Police station and confessed to a £25,000 bank robbery that he had committed in 1964.

"I am better off on the inside with the people I know".

IC RADIO

No doubt you have now all heard about Imperial College Radio and a fair proportion of you will have listened in, be it in a bar, in the JCR, or on your own "tranny" in your own room on 301 metres, medium wave.

Many of the people involved in IC Radio only present programmes, and due to their enthusiasm we are able to have an output on the medium wave approaching 60 hours a week, together with programmes to the JCR and our other landline outlets on Tuesday and Thursday lunchtimes.

To maintain our high standard of presentation, we need to have a large amount of equipment in perfect working order. You may think that everything runs smoothly, and we never seem to have any problems, or if we do, then they are solved by a technical wizard in-between records ... not so! We have at our disposal no less than 2 Ferrograph reel-to-reel tape decks, 3 BSR record decks, 3 cartridge machines, a Dolby cassette deck, and last but not least, the hub of the Station ... a 19 channel stereo mixer. These do malfunction from time to time, and if the fault is not rectified, then the presenter has a problem in that a piece of equipment he may need to use for a programme cannot be relied on to perform at 100% efficiency (in some cases the figure can fall as low as 30%, 20% ... need I say more?)

Take a programme like "301 Newslines" on Wednesday evenings. This requires at least the two reel-to-reel machines, and two cartridge machines. If these are not available, then "Newslines" is virtually impossible to produce.

By now you should have got the idea that the people maintaining (and of course constructing new equipment, laying cables etc.) have a hard job. In fact at present, they have too many jobs to cope with and need help. That's where you come in!

How would you like to get involved in helping to keep IC Radio on air, and have the chance of putting "IC Radio engineer" on that job application form? Then again, if you perhaps want to go into radio as a career, engineering experience with a student radio station will stand you in good stead (well where else will you get experience ... hospital radio is about the only other way!)

Our system is totally voluntary and because of this, we rely on people to turn up on times that are usually pre-arranged. Each evening we have a Station Co-ordinator, who looks after the smooth running of the programmes. How nice it would be to have stand-by engineers on call for each night of the week, to solve any technical problems that might occur; all that would be required would be a 'phone number or room number to reach you on, so in fact you would not even have to be in the station at all, unless an emergency occurred.

Interested? Well no experience is required at all! We can train you and introduce you to the intricacies and fun of community radio. If you want to get involved contact IC Radio with a note addressed to 'IC Radio, Southside' through the internal mail, or come into the office and studios after five any evening (they are next to the shop in Southside.)

Alternatively you can 'phone 3440 anytime.

By the way our Technical Manager is Malcolm Locke (EE2), so if you want to, you can drop him a line personally, telling him what times during the week are most convenient for you to come in. Your time will be really appreciated, not only by the presentation staff, but also by our listeners, who will be given a consistently high standard of medium wave output, due to your efforts. Hope to see you involved soon.

Harvey Nadin
Assistant Station Manager



John Firth in action, presenting one of his twice weekly "Through Midnight" programmes on Imperial College Radio. He is self-operating, in the main (and at present only) studio in the basement of Southside.

AP Meeting

In case you haven't noticed already, Imperial College has a male/female ratio in which females are very much a minority. Since this is not in common with society in general, it can have quite drastic and even adverse effects on the attitudes and way of life of both male and female students here.

In order to prepare and forewarn new entrants of this, there is to be included in the Alternative Prospectus, a description of the social situation at I.C. If this description is to be at all representative, it must include as wide a range of views and opinions as possible.

Of course the way you react to this situation, depends on your personality, temperament and what you expect out of student life. Yet we can all observe that I.C. produces different social groups than society in general.

To consider such effects, a meeting is being held on **Thursday 1st Feb at 12.45 pm in the ICWA lounge**. It is hoped that views will be presented, so that they can be included in the AP.

So please come along and speak your mind.

PHOENIX

I.C.'s literary/arts magazine will hopefully be published at Easter. If you have any drawings, cartoons, photos, poems, prose, graphics, short stories, longer short stories, serious social comment, less serious social comment, designs, verse or any combination thereof, it would be very welcome. PHOENIX is your magazine too, it is not only intended to show you what the rest of us can do, but also to show the rest of us what you can do. Help to prove that I.C. is not a cultural desert, leave your contribution in the Phoenix file, on the board on the right as you enter the FELIX office.



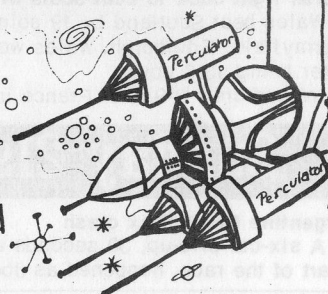
PART 1...

The galaxy is in the grip of the evil, totalitarian Federation, which strikes TERROR into the hearts of the POPULATION and CAUSES PEOPLE to WRITE IN ITALICS.

Only one man challenges the power of the federation - Drake.

With his little band of rebels he

escapes from the federation prison planet, only to find a strange starship, floating discarded in space. Drake heroically names it "PERCULATOR". We join our intrepid band as they explore their new find.....



THIS MUST BE THE CONTROL ROOM..

IT LOOKS MORE LIKE THE MEN'S ROOM IN HARROD'S!

...and now, by popular demand...

The latest news from I.C.'s up and coming sensation. Alexander the Great, Captain James Cook, Mungo Parke, Christopher Columbus, Burke and Wills, and Marco Polo to name but a few legendary figures, have all at one time or another been members of the I.C. Exploration Society. The extraordinary and phenomenal interest expressed by members of the college has literally forced me to put pen to paper and to inform any savages lurking out there in the wilds who may not have heard about this legendary society to beware of its gripping powers. Only recently, several members have been so overcome by the fascinatingly interesting meetings that they have found it impossible to miss

a single meeting. While others, finding the first meeting of last term so provoking, have walked off into the wilds and have never been seen since(!).

Back to sanity and truth, the exploration society had a very active list of events last term - over one a week on average. The society is a meeting ground for all people interested in exploring, and is not a college travel agency which supplies 'pre-packaged' holidays to exotic places for those who request them. Instead, it is a very useful means by which people can get ideas for expeditions, from where to go and what to do, down to whom to contact for such a thing.

Since 1956, there have been over eighty expeditions to areas all over the world. Each trip has had a specific aim such as climbing some mountains, discovering a cave system, while many others have involved studies of certain aspects of Biology, Meteorology, Archaeology, Geology and Social Behaviour (to name but a few). Due to the fact that most of the money comes from sponsors such as industrial firms and charities, it is necessary "to do something worthwhile" on the expedition, and not just to roam about in some far-away place. There are several expeditions being organised for next summer.

Meetings last term have consisted of illustrated talks by students who have been on adventures, practical talks on how to go about planning an expedition, including a one-day symposium in Leeds on all kinds of practical aspects, a couple of associated studies talks on polar regions and underwater exploration, and other sundry events. We also combine meetings with the Royal Geographical Society (of which we are corporate members) and these meetings have varied from talks about volcanoes, to talks about expedition film making. All meetings have included slides or films as well.

There are many unique facilities at I.C. for the prospective explorer. The I.C. exploration Board, which consists of student union representatives and members of the academic staff and old student associations, exists to provide guidance, advice and financial support towards an adventure. This, together with the R.G.S., Young Explorers' Trust (also at the R.G.S.) which can deal with any problem, means that a wealth of assistance of every kind is available. To find out more (and to stop boring you any further) come along to any meeting. We advertise in FELIX "What's On" and Topic and we'll put you on our mailing list if you drop a note to one of the following committee members:

- Nick Bedding - Chemistry 2
- Anne Vitoria - Zoology 2
- Graham Bunn - Physics 3

Our notice board is in the southside cloakroom area. We'll be having people from the natural history museum this term as well as from the R.G.S., and a one day conference about Africa on February 17.

Nick Bedding
Chemistry 2

FISHING TRIP

If you fancy a nice cod for breakfast on a Monday morning, why don't you come for an all night fishing session with us? We're thinking of a trip to the East Anglain coast line (in I.C. transport), to somewhere between Harwich and Lowestoft probably on Sat. 3rd-Sunday 4th February.

- Agenda:
1. Bait digging at low tide on Sat.
 2. Find a nice beach, rock outcrop or pier, where a few cod may be hanging out.
 3. Settle down there for a good night's fishing.
 4. Return to I.C. early Sunday Morning and crash out.

- Don't worry about not having any tackle; if you're remotely interested in fishing of any kind we will be only too pleased to meet you and have you accompany us. (Note: the subsidies available should make this a worthwhile weekend for any fisherman buggered off with London life).

How About It?

Meet in Southside Upper Lounge, About 1 o'clock Thurs. 1st Feb. (look out for fishing rods and that will be us). or see Noel Preston, Room 663, Selkirk Hall.

Red Cross

The industrial action by drivers and attendants of the London Ambulance Service, who are members of NALGO last Monday, left London without its emergency ambulance service.

Together with the St. John's Ambulance Brigade and the Royal Army Medical Corp the Red Cross helped to provide cover for emergencies over that period.

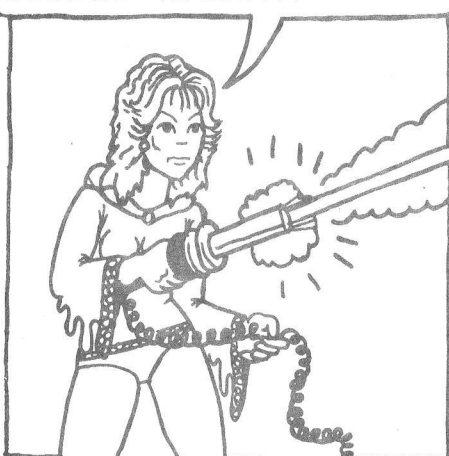
Their action was confined to "life or death" emergency only and response was following requests from the police or doctors only.

The voluntary services made it quite clear that their action was in no way intended to be "strike breaking" but was purely humanitarian in intention. It is clear that without the first class work of the London Ambulance Service, the safety and well being of the population of our capital would be in jeopardy.

However, the existence of trained volunteers within the community, able to respond to emergencies of any kind, is an essential adjunct to statutory services.

We need trained volunteers now! Why not come along to our first aid training sessions, on Thursday evenings at 5.30 pm in the Bot/Zoo Common Room under the Union Arch.

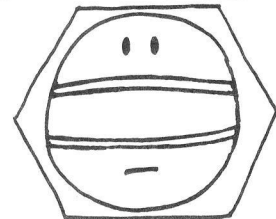
LOOK, DRAKE! ADVANCED WEAPONRY - I EXPECT IT WORKS BY FIRING A BEAM OF HIGH ENERGY RELATIVISTIC ELECTRONS THROUGH A -



NO, I THINK IT'S JUST A PERSPEX TUBE WITH A LIGHT BULB IN THE END..



SUDDENLY THEY ARE INTERRUPTED BY AN ELECTRONIC VOICE FROM ONE OF THE WALL PANELS..



ATTENTION! THERE ARE METEOR STORMS NEAR MARS, SEVERE SOLAR WINDS IN THE ASTEROID BELT, ELSEWHERE IT WILL BE FINE & SUNNY WITH SCATTERED SHOWERS!

TO BE CONTINUED....

ETHICS AND IRONY IN POLITICS: THE CASE OF LLOYD GEORGE.

Aristotle based his political philosophy largely upon his work on ethics; this attitude towards politics is nowadays generally ignored as being irrelevant in the "real world". This could well explain why the country is in such a sorry political state; the present situation does not even conform to Machiavelli's principle since no body has any very clear aims in mind. While I do not go so far as some historians in suggesting that the lack of ethics in modern politics is due entirely to the influence of Lloyd George, there is no room to doubt that he was completely without ethics.

This does not detract from his social achievements which make him one of our foremost social reformers; but it is to be remembered that no one man, and especially a politician, can devise a social policy. In the late 19th and early 20th centuries there were many liberal social philosophers who suggested social reforms which they considered were required to improve society. Lloyd George merely put this previous work into practice. To do this he had to use highly questionable methods such as threatening to create enough liberal peers to pass the necessary legislation through the Lords.

This contempt of established institutions applied not only to those questionable ones like the House of Lords but to others, less controversial, and ultimately the liberal party itself. The very fact that Lloyd George obtained so much power before he did anything useful is an indication of his nature. The policies which put him into office were reflections of previous liberal work; once in office, as chancellor, he used his position to obtain even greater power, becoming at the outset of war, minister of munitions and finally prime minister. The use of manipulation and oratory, in both of which he excelled, to augment his power without any very precise policy, apart from the vague statement 'to win the war', is an example of the unethical nature of politics which he helped introduce into this country and which has persisted ever since. One cannot imagine him



Michael Caine in 'Ashanti'

behaving as his great predecessor Gladstone when the latter, forced to use official mail for a private letter, had later torn up a stamp.

Lloyd George ultimately destroyed the liberal party when he attempted to extend the war time coalition beyond the end of the war and thus perpetuate his own government. He alienated half of his party which refused to support the government; he did not mend the breach, an indication that he did not care about the fate of his own party. Thus when the conservatives left him, he had no means to continue governing since there was no longer any united liberal party. And soon there would hardly be any liberal party in

FILM REVIEW - 'ASHANTI'

The NUPE demonstration succeeded in making me late for the Press Show of "Ashanti" (AA, Leicester Sq. Odeon). This comes hot of the tail of "Capricorn-One" in that it claims to be even more exciting and important as it could well be based around the unthinkable. On this occasion it is the existence of a present-day slave trade from West Africa to the land of Persian Kings. Michael Caine, playing a Doctor working for the WHO, is on the trail of his abducted wife. Through the tropical forests and desert, Suleiman (Peter Ustinov) is shadowed until the eventual climax. Privately funded, and directed by Richard Fleischer the objectionable fact of this film is that it is as exploitive of the negroes as the action it portrays. It reminded me so much of the despicable 'Slavers' of a few months back. Film makers themselves, see the African as nothing more than sex objects and merchants of black magic, giving them no character and no human responses. Secondly, in this present day, cinema high adventure unfortunately always seems to mean gratuitous violence and scenes of sickness. Next week I hope to review "Magic" (X, Odeon Haymarket) directed by Richard Attenborough.

Roger Stotesbury

Eds note - this article was originally entitled "Getting Down and getting on." Sorry, Roger.

the face of the rising labour party. The Greek Fatalists maintained that whatsoever a man loved most would ultimately destroy him; Lloyd George's career is a splendid exemplification of this ironical attitude.

Therefore the tendency of those recent historians to praise Lloyd George, or at least ignore his lack of ethics - are doing a great dis-service to the liberal party; he was a liberal only in name, but a power seeker in practice.

A recent example of this form of hagiography is John Grigg's "Lloyd George" The People's Champion 1902-1911.

Frank James

Table Tennis

I.C. IV v I.C. III (6 - 3) !!!

Yes, they finally did it - the fourths proved, (beyond all doubt), that their victory over the thirds in the first match of the season was not a fluke, by winning again.

Amazing performances by Rutherford (it's that man again), Lambert and Cobrin (and less amazing performances by the thirds - Reeds, Stean, Ansah) produced this form-book upset, putting the fourths clear of the thirds and in a good 2nd place in div. 6. (I was fortunate to have been dropped for this match!)

I.C. II v N.C.B. III (8-1) (away)

Ian Reed, (of 3rd team fame - see above) played earlier for the seconds and won all three of his games! Marlin however (2nd team capt.) did not and Tye won three yet again.

I.C. IV v Gainsford VI (2-7) (Home)

This was a top-of-the-table clash of gargantuan proportions (I wish I could stop this drivell!) which the fourths lost valiantly - Rutherford won the two games (we will have to drop him - he's winning too many matches) but they were all closely contested. Finally I discovered that the firsts beat Davies, Laing and Dick two weeks ago by 7 games to 2, but lost by the same margin to B.S.C. 33 Club I last week. This was a disappointing result after the recent good run the firsts were having.

And another "finally", I hope anyone daft enough to read the report had as much fun this weekend as I did.
Superhewk (Physics II and bar-Union, that is).

ACC Alive and Well

To the masses:

This is to certify that the Athletic Clubs Committee actually exists and does perform certain functions for I.C.U.

The reason for me (the chairthing) to inform all of you about this is because certain rumours have reached my wonderful ears that A.C.C. does not exist. The rumours started when all references to the A.C.C. disappeared from official I.C.U. handouts (was it that 'yacht club' had pushed Mary A. too far and that I.C.U. exec. planned to purge the A.C.C. from their ranks?). The original rumours that something was wrong were greatly enhanced by the fact that, at the last A.C.C. general meeting, none of the gathered captains, were seen to move or heard to say anything for over an hour. However, this fact should be totally ignored on the grounds that this is the natural state of most of them and the rest were silenced by two of the A.C.C. exec. who insisted on communicating with one and other by barking (as in "woof! woof!").

The A.C.C. exec. now have so many positive waves that they will survive all attempts by I.C.U. exec. to ignore us in the blatant hope that we will simply go away.

I hope to inform you presently what the function of A.C.C. is, but if you are dying to set up a sports club that I.C.U. doesn't already have (we do have a ten pin bowling club) or you want to know anything about the sports clubs I.C.U. or U.L.U. have then please find me in the Union Office any lunchtime and ask away. Love,

Clyde

PS: actual name not given in case Mike Elkin manages to spell it right when he sends me his wierd love letters.

SPORT

Rugby 2nds

The fact that we arrived with fourteen players didn't seem to matter, as they only had eleven. Unfortunately, the other four turned up and our coach driver didn't want a game so we started a man short.

They won the toss, and made us defend the end with all the little bumps. The first half was very static, the ball being in our half most of the time. Their No. 10 obligingly missed two penalties, each from about 40 yds out. Goldsmiths continued to apply the pressure, and there was one dangerous bit about ten minutes before half time, when it seemed as if they had to score, but our defence held firm.

Half time came and went, but we didn't see any oranges (you even get those at Harlington). In the second half, it seemed as if we had just been using the first half for warming up. We kept the ball in their half much more, and finally, after about 25 minutes, Nick Carr scored under the posts from a scrum, five yards out. The try was converted. The match was by no means over though, and it must be said that Goldsmiths' threw everything they had at us (the water bucket, corner flags, a kit bag ...), and although they came at us with a two man overlap about four times, they could not find a way through.

The final whistle blew leaving the score 6-0, a thoroughly deserved victory for I.C., who, it must be remembered were playing with one man short, and three new players in the pack. Sorry, I can't remember the team. Ace sports writer Liam Gartside

Captain Regains Form?

After the fiasco of Wednesday when the Cross-Country Club could only turn out five runners and the opposition three, there was hope that things would be better on Saturday. However, even with the help of U.L. only six people turned up for the race.

The six turned up at the changing rooms of the Metropolitan Police at Hayes, Kent. After changing they set off for the start. Our problems started here. Only five of the team made it to the correct start. It seemed that there were two races, starting not 200 yards from each other.

The two races started. It was soon obvious that the University team was going to be annihilated by not only the Police, but also Hercules Wimbledon, the other team we were competing against. Jim Meades steamed off with the leaders and stayed with them to the end, where he finished 5th. BRYan Acford and Ian Alvey also shot off, but Ian faded badly.

Commencing Monday 5th February, open to all members of Imperial College Badminton Club, Men's Singles, Ladies Singles, Men's Doubles, Ladies Doubles, Mixed Doubles Competitions.

All events will be handicapped and trophies will be awarded to the winner(s) of each competition. The entry fee will be 20 p. per person per event.

Further information, entries and membership obtainable from: -

Vic Bevan (Physics III), Mick Jackson (Physics II), Neil Marks (Maths III)

Football 2nds to Replay LSE

I.C. 2nd XI 1 L.S.E. 2nd XI 1

(The second thrilling instalment of the Gripping Saga of I.C.'s 2nd XI's Road to Cup Glory).

After some initial worries as to whether the I.C. team had actually remembered that they were playing L.S.E., our illustrious heroes set off (at very high speed) for L.S.E.'s ground. Many train changes later believe it or not 12 I.C. players arrived at Marylands on time! Could this run of success continue into the game was the question being whispered in the corridors around I.C.'s dressing room.

In the first half I.C. looked like a team playing for money with everybody looking and running for the ball (except N. Price who was nursing an injury which he didn't want to talk about). When L.S.E. attacked they found that B. Hatton had marked their centre-forward out of the game, which undoubtedly took some of the bite out of their attacks, K. Reeve, in the middle of the defence, controlled IC in a way which could only be described as manly.

I.C.'s attack and mid-field pressurized the L.S.E. defence by kicking the ball into their half. This eventually paid off in the later stages of the first half when a good through ball by M. Hashmi found P. Leaney who, while holding off two defenders, slotted the ball past the oncoming L.S.E. keeper. Unperturbed, I.C. played on well to remain in front at half time.

The second half, however, was a different story. L.S.E. attacked I.C.'s defence con-

tinuously, still I.C. were unworried. The finishing of L.S.E. was not as good as it should have been, but they came close from a free kick lifted over the I.C. wall which A. Betts tipped onto the cross-bar.

L.S.E. eventually hit the target with a flicked shot (which was either well taken or lucky depending on which side you were on) into the top corner of I.C.'s goal.

L.S.E.'s superior fitness showed more and more as the game went on. Even so, I.C. managed to put the ball in their opponents' net twice - but they were disallowed for off-side.

N. Price eventually had to be replaced by C. Beer, due to a very severe attack of cramp (so he said).

When the final whistle came the scores were still level, the big question now was that should extra time be played, a tired I.C. team said no and suggested L.S.E. continue without them. A replay was eventually decided upon, so I.C. have to go through it all again, the tension, the knocks and the disappointment of not being able to find the bar!

A. Betts

I.C. Team: A. Betts, N. Price (C. Beer), K. Reeve, B. Hatton, M. Hashmi, A. Clarke, P. Hiccolls, C. Whiteside (capt), D. Higgs, P. Leaney, D. Parsons

ORIENTEERING

The Second Sunday of term saw the orienteering club setting for a rather unique event at Hanley Common Surrey. The event was rather novel in that all the competition set off at once but on differing courses of a similar nature and length. The open heathland and mass start of 250 people led to a very fast race which was only partially slowed by the mist.

The best performance of the day was that of Steve Kirk in 2nd Place, closely followed by Dave Rosen in 6th Place, Andy Quickfall did well to finish in 33rd place with Gary Longhurst and Nigel Ward also running well, and the event was greatly enjoyed by the I.C. members and other U.L.O.C. members that went.

Details of events including a "come and try it" event at Hampstead Heath, for newcomers to the sport, are on the club notice board in the Union Building or available at club meetings on Fridays at 12.30 the S.C.R.

Gary Longhurst

Beit Hall football team would like to play any other hall that is interested. Please contact John Shuttleworth, Int. 2753 or Beit Hall letter racks.

FORWARD!

Last Tuesday's edition of FORWARD!, the newspaper of Imperial College Liberal Club led with an article stating that the Exec had 'chickened out' over the refectory boycott. The paper believes that College still needs to be convinced as to how bad the food really is - and an efficient, well-organised 24 hour boycott seems to be the only way to do this.

FORWARD!, in a paragraph on Hugh Barrett's involvement with London Student Travel notes that he has given repeated assurances that he would resign his directorship on leaving office as President of ICU. Hugh is criticised because he "has made little effort himself to stimulate any interest" in getting suitable people to sit on the LST board while remaining a director of the company.

Another item in FORWARD! discussed the 'Media at IC'. The article opens by stating that we are very fortunate at Imperial in that we have three quite excellent media services in FELIX, IC Radio and STOIC. It continues by giving its own answers to the question, "Are we getting the most out of them?"

The criticism of production, staff and personal aspects provoked immediate and angry response especially from IC Radio and STOIC.

Although there are all round criticisms in FORWARD! the media are particularly upset. It looks as if this topic will drag on for some time. An official Press Release from IC Liberal Club is printed below.

The article on 'Media at IC' which appeared in the January issue of FORWARD! contained the suggestion that the National Westminster Bank might be offering IC Radio a sum in excess of £1000 in exchange for advertising their branch in the Sherfield Building, and this was followed by a discussion on how such money - if offered - should be spent. This was reported as a rumour. Rumours remain as such until discounted by fact. In this case, it appears that a misunderstanding may have arisen and we are now convinced that such a suggestion has no foundation in fact.

The same article also discussed the editorial nature of STOIC, and the opinions expressed, we feel, were fully justified.

The Committee of IC Liberal Club appointed Paul Fairbairn as Editor of FORWARD! and entrusted him with responsibility for ensuring, to the best of his ability, that the views expressed generally reflect the views of members of the Club as a whole. Articles, therefore, do not express individual points of view, and are not credited to particular contributors. This has been so for every edition of FORWARD! in its two years of publication. It is our view that individual opinions should be put through FELIX or other IC Union media.

The right to criticise both organisations and individuals in the public eye should be upheld at all cost.

contd. from front page

Mary Attenborough claims that prices should only have gone up by half these amounts as basic food prices form only half of the cost of the refectory service. Other costs such as staff wages, equipment, electricity and gas are unaffected by increased food costs and so the amount paid by the customer for these elements should remain unchanged.

When the regulator was set up it was understood that its use would be limited to the cost of food. The minutes of the Refectory Finance Subcommittee of that time record that: "After much discussion the Committee decided that it would be wrong to use the regulator to cover costs other than rises in food prices". But since that time rises in the FT Grocery Index have resulted in equivalent overall rises in refectory prices.

At a Refectory Committee meeting on Thursday last week ICU's eight representatives raised this matter and proposed that the use of the regulator be limited to food costs in future. But Refectory

Committee Chairman Professor Eilon refused to allow a vote on this proposal saying that he would "not allow the Committee to take irresponsible decisions". He maintained that this was a completely new proposal which would first have to be discussed by the Finance Subcommittee. He also refused to permit the suspension of the regulator pending a decision as to its future use. However, Domestic Secretary Captain Lindley intimated that the regulator would not be used in February.

Professor Eilon, when asked by a FELIX reporter for his comments on the use of the regulator, refused to answer any questions.

FORWARD! - STOIC's Reply

I was most annoyed to see that an article published recently in FORWARD! - the news paper of IC Liberal Club - contained allegations about the management and editorial control of STOIC.

I feel it is important to point out that the control of STOIC is totally in the hands of its student membership. Colin Grimshaw, the studio staff member, has the role of purely a technical supervisor, and he is only concerned with the direction of programmes i.e. visual and audio quality. Experience in this specialist field takes a long time to acquire, and Colin's could not be matched by any of our members. It is also a College rule that one of the studio staff be present at all times whilst - STOIC are there: Colin, who is College staff (not employed by Electrical Engineering as stated in FORWARD!), is in fact the only person qualified in College to assist in such a manner. Whilst we maintain technical control, we feel that Colin's advice has always been a major factor in the high technical standard of our programmes, and it is very much appreciated.

Concerning the comment that 'STOIC... shy away from material of a serious nature' I would like to remind the author that the last two editions have contained items on ICU elections, ASTMS dispute, housing and accommodation problems, refectory prices and the threatened NUPE strike. Personally I would regard these as serious.

It has been put forward in defence of the article that FORWARD! is regarded as a joke by IC students. However, I feel this is not the case, and anything associating itself with the Liberal Party, which is definitely not a joke, is going to be read in all seriousness.

A more disturbing aspect of this feature is that it was written anonymously by a member of ICU Publications Board (STOIC's governing body). It seems very unfortunate that a member of an ICU major subcommittee feels frightened to openly criticise another member organization of that committee and has to resort to anonymous defamation and non-constructive criticism.

Obviously STOIC has recently been through a demoralising few months caused by the ASTMS dispute, and resulting in a diminished membership, but the statement 'To be frank, there seems little hope of improvement' is, I feel, totally unjustified.

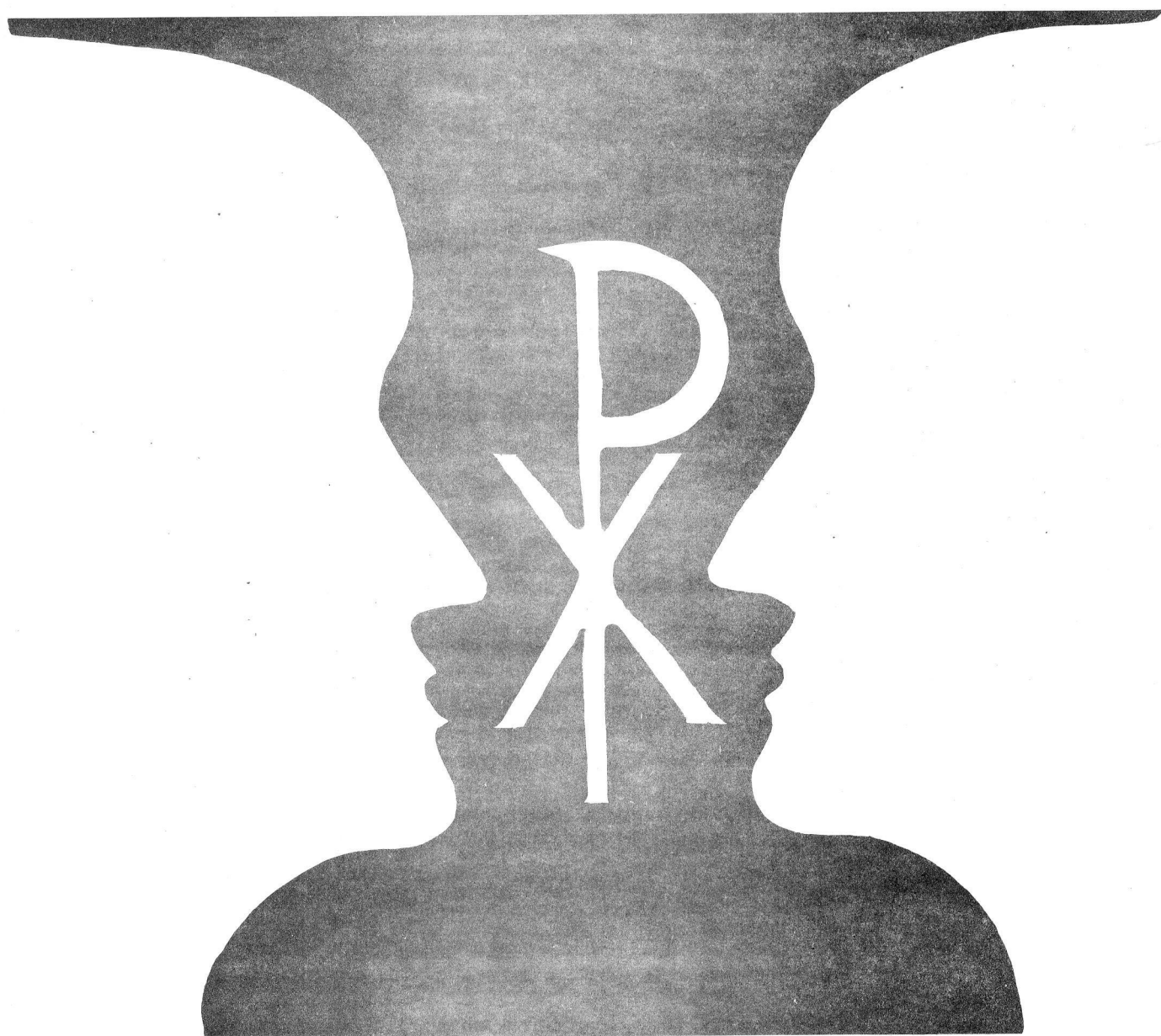
Paul Johnson
Chairman, STOIC

PS Also, please note that despite allegations of being unimaginative and having no forward planning, STOIC transmitted the first in a series of many of a totally new Tuesday programme this week. They will feature many of the Clubs and Societies at IC and we have received a lot of interest concerning these.

Eds note: Roger Stotesbury has never made any secret of the fact that he wrote that article as an individual. I feel that to have put his position in the Union at the foot of the article would have implied that it was the opinion of Pub. Board as a whole which would be wrong.

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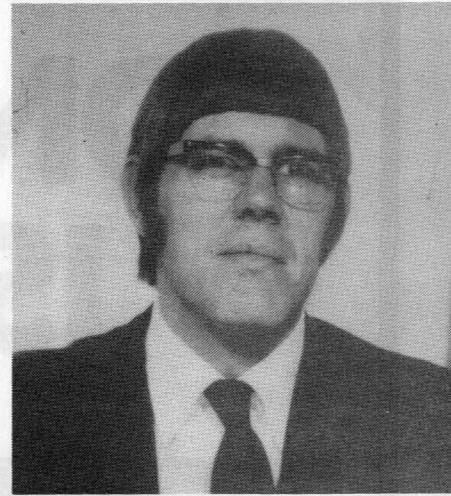
CONTACT WEEK IS COMING



**27TH JANUARY TO 4TH FEBRUARY
1979**



Peter Flint has been here before! He worked for nine months in the Biochemistry Pilot Plant at Imperial College and then did a Biochemistry and Chemistry degree at Queen Elizabeth College when he was an active member of the West London Chaplaincy. Since then he has been studying at Mansfield College, Oxford for the ministry of the United Reformed Church. At present he is student pastor of a church in the quaint Buckinghamshire village of Brill. This week we'll be sending him back to his old college QEC in a different role.



Peter Crick is Rector of Denham near Uxbridge. Before he was ordained he spent four years in the army. He was for four years a Youth Officer in the Diocese of Oxford. He is a fanatical sailor, he hates gardening and loves reading. As an ex-aetheist he is convinced that Christianity works and dramatically enhances life. He's equally convinced it's not just about being 'good'. Being 6' 2" and 15 stone, he tries hard to communicate so as not to intimidate. We wish him well as he attempts to do so this week at the Royal College of Music and at the Chaplaincy House in Holland Road.

John McKechnie is the vicar of a small parish in Reading. He was in the RAF for a short time and then was ordained in 1955. He lectured in a theological college for four years but has spent the rest of his ministry in parochial work. He describes himself as an evangelical by conviction and long practice believing in the Gospel to have a transforming effect both in the life of an individual and of a community. This week he will be at the Hamlet Gardens flats, a Chaplaincy House in Formosa St. and in the Chemistry Dept.



David Skitt was born in 1954 in Blackpool. He worked in local government for some time then went to University College London where he studied Law. He is fond of sport, especially cricket, and likes listening to the music of Elvis Presley and Joe Brown. He is in his final year of training for the ministry of the United Reformed Church at Mansfield College, Oxford. He tells us that he's getting married to a beautiful school-teacher next April, but for the moment he'll be safe in the all male stronghold of Holbein and Bernard Sunley Houses and with the staff and admin. group at IC.

Sunday 28th January 10am Chaplaincy Service
Consort Gallery, IC Sherfield Building

6pm Folk Mass, More House
53 Cromwell Road

7:30pm Film: 'Five Minutes to Midnight'
-about the world's dwindling resources.
-followed by discussion. More House.

Tuesday 30th January 1:30pm Associated Studies Lecture,
IC Chem Eng Lecture Theatre 1.
'Human Implications of Research at Imperial College' David Glover (Genetic Manipulation) Martin Cripps (Micro-Processor Applications) David Ashforth (Christian Perspective).

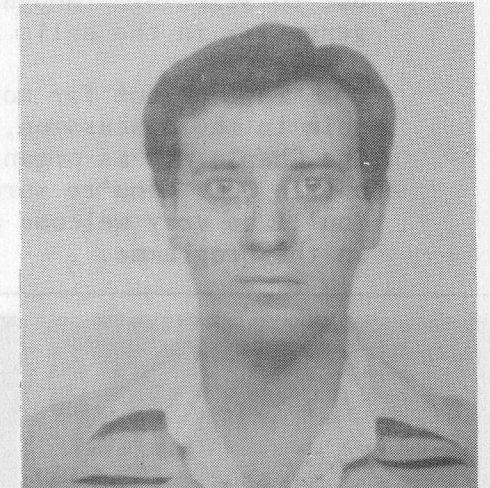
Thursday 1st February 1:30pm Lecture, IC Mech Eng Room 342,
'Christianity and other Religions' Rt. Rev George Appleton, former Archbishop of Jerusalem.

Friday 2nd February 1pm Lecture in West Common Room QEC.
'Faith and Faiths' -dialogue between those of different faiths. Rev Don Pickard Notting Hill Methodist Church.

Saturday 3rd February 7:30pm Entertainment and Barn Dancing
IC Union Lower Refectory.

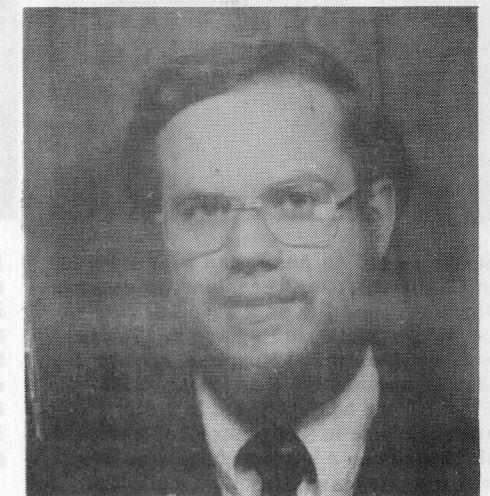
Sunday 4th February 10am Chaplaincy Service,
IC Consort Gallery.

John Strang is a Scotsman and was previously a member of the Church of Scotland. He studied in Edinburgh, in Cambridge and in the United States. He has been Assistant Chaplain to a home for delinquent girls, an evangelist and teacher in North Carolina and an Archeological Site Supervisor in Scotland. He's interested in painting, the piano, the organ and swimming. He has written articles and some papers for the World Council of Churches and has had a book published on 'Silver and Silver Collecting'. He has recently entered the Dominican Order. He will be spending the week in Mining and Southwell student houses and with IC Methodist Society.



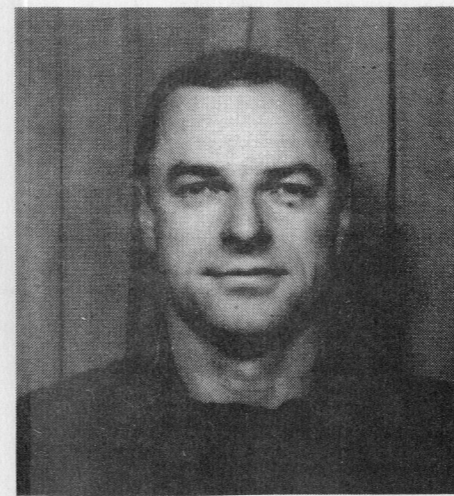
Robert Wright did a degree in Modern Studies which included International Relations, Modern History, Strategic Studies and Politics at Lanchester Polytechnic in Coventry and then went on to read Theology at Oxford. Ordained in 1973, Robert has served in two parishes as curate and since September has been Priest-in-charge of Prestwood, Buckinghamshire. He's interested in gardening, squash, music and reading. He says that he has a bee in his bonnet that Christianity is not just for kids and old ladies. He's not likely to find either this week in Keogh Hall and the Mech. Eng. Dept. at IC

Theo Gill was born in New York City and brought up in California and Switzerland. He is an ordained minister of the United Presbyterian Church in the USA where he has served in two churches, one rural, the other in a city. He came to England in 1976 to pursue research in New Testament studies at Oxford and to be co-pastor of Trinity Church Abingdon (joint Methodist and URC). Theo has been married six years and last August became a dad. Interests apart from changing nappies are politics, art history, drama and psychotherapy. Perhaps he'll have a chance to pursue some of these this week in Garden Hall, a chaplaincy House in Formosa Street and the Physics Dept. at IC.



David Cooke trained as a Civil and Municipal Engineer and then served in the army for nine years. When he left in 1960 he went to Lincoln Theological College, was ordained, and since 1970 has been Rector of Stone near Aylesbury. He claims his hobbies are omphaloscopy and ethanol, and he should get a good chance to exercise both this week in Willis Jackson House, a Chaplaincy House in Ladbroke Grove and the Civil and Elec. Eng. Depts.

Richard Christian is at present a priest with the Anglican congregation at Hurley, a village on the Thames near Marlow. He is Chaplain to the Bishop of Reading for Youth and Community involvement and a warden to a house of nuns. At one time, he was with Air Traffic Control in the RAF in SE Asia. He has recently travelled in South Africa, Latin America, West Indies and USA. Main interest: life, death and something to go in between. He will be spending this week in Selkirk Hall, a Chaplaincy House called Warrington Hall and the post-graduate group at IC.



Janet Wooton graduated from St. Hilda's College, Oxford in Classics in 1975 and promptly got married. She spent a year working for a Christian publishing company and since then has been training for the ministry of the Congregational Church. At present she is student pastor of a church in Fairford, Gloucestershire. Her hobbies include folk singing, folk dancing and hill walking, but this week she will be giving her attention to Sion Hostel and Queen Elizabeth College



CONTACT WEEK

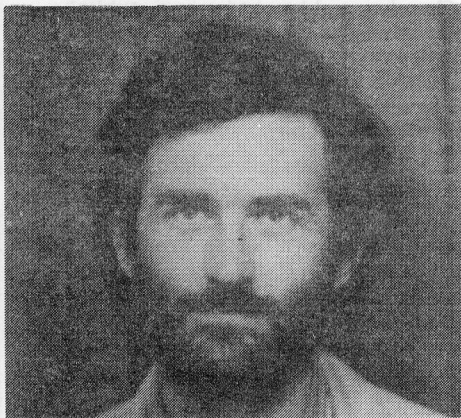
Contact Week is an annual event organised by the West London Chaplaincy. In case you didn't know the Chaplaincy operates in three colleges in West London; Imperial College, Queen Elizabeth College and The Royal College of Music. It works through a network of small groups which meet regularly each week in the halls of residence and college departments.

During Contact Week, each of the groups of students acts as host to a member of the Contact Week Team. The team member will in most cases be living in a hall of residence as the guest of the group that meets there. As you can see, the team are a varied and interesting bunch of people. They will be contributing their insight and experience to the various informal meetings and discussions which will be happening around them. The team are not just here for the benefit of the regular members of the Chaplaincy groups but to stimulate thought and discussion about ethical and spiritual matters generally in the halls and departments where they are based.

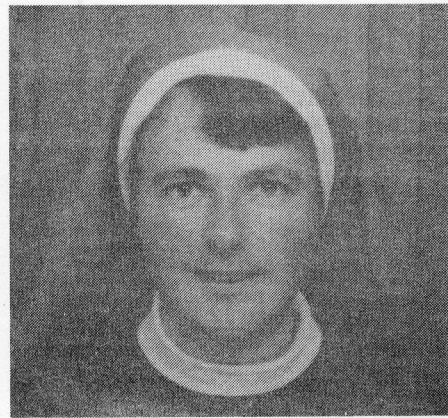
So look out for notices in your hall or department and come along and join in the discussion, whatever your point of view! We like a good argument! The Chaplaincy is organising three special lectures this week, two in IC and one in QEC. You're sure to find at least one of them of interest to you. You'll be very welcome at any of the other events, social or serious listed in the programme.



Sister Joyce. An Australian with a degree in Chemistry from Queensland University, Joyce sampled life as a hospital biochemist before coming to England in 1969 to work at Westminster Hospital. A year later she joined the Community of St. Francis, and has spent the last four years at their house in San Francisco, where she worked as a hospital chaplain. She will live at Queen Alexandra Hall, and be around the Royal College of Music.



David Trent. A Londoner, David worked as a pharmacist in a hospital before joining the Catholic Dominican Order of friars. He has a varied educational background, having studied pharmacy at Aston University and philosophy at The Gregorian University in Rome. David will be living in Beit Hall and will be seen around the Maths Department in the daytime.

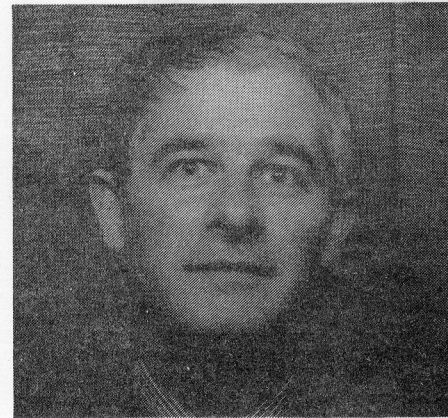


Sister Eleanor Bridget. Born and brought up in New Zealand, Eleanor took a BSc. in Agricultural Science at Massey University, followed by a year at an Auckland teacher training college. Having completed eighteen months training she moved on to Wellington as a Government fisheries economist involved in developing a national fisheries policy. In 1976 she came to England and joined the Community of St. Francis. She will be living in Linstead Hall and be with Life Sciences Dept. in IC.



Ian Stubbs is an industrial chaplain in Slough. He is a member of the Labour Party and a great believer in trade unionism. He did a course on Industrial Relations in 1976 at the Open University. He will be sharing out his time this week between Weeks Hall, a Chaplaincy House in Meek St. and the Chem. Eng. Dept.

Don Eadie is a 'local' being a member of the Notting Hill Team Ministry. He will be convenor of the Contact Week Team and will also relate to the Chaplaincy House in Lansdowne Crescent.



FEELIX

SPECIAL 6-PAGE WELFARE SUPPLEMENT

ON FEELING DEPRESSED

Some poet -no doubt the one who said 'A garden is a loathsome thing God wot' - described this time of year as a season of mists and yellow uselessness. It is also the season of influenzas, colds and sore throats. For some people it is a time for feeling depressed and their mood is like the grey sky.

We have, I suppose, all felt depressed at one time or another. The individual depth of our despair will vary and the length of time for which we have this feeling of hopelessness will be considerable - from a few hours to months.

The trouble with depression is that when you are feeling depressed there seems no earthly reason why the feeling should go and when you are young then you don't have the advantage of experience which has taught many people to recognise their depressed periods and to recognise their own pattern of mood swing. For the younger person these mood swings may be more extreme, varying from heights to the depths.

Depression brings feelings of guilt and incompetence, sleep disturbance, a general loss of drive and a difficulty in thinking clearly as well as a feeling of physical ill health. These are some of the factors which make it hard to seek help and also difficult for the doctor to recognise. Indeed when we are low and depressed we can behave in quite a self destructive way.

Often depression is selflimiting and quite short, but it can be longer and more severe and very disruptive of study and work because concentration is difficult. Also the decisions depressed people take are depressed decisions which they would not take when feeling normal. If this sort of depression is not recognised then the results can be serious.

Various sorts of depression are described. Some people have cyclical mood swings from cheerfulness into gloom. These people often recognise when they are low - they have been there before - and they accept that they may always have a down in the Spring or possibly the Autumn. Some people get depressed more easily by circumstances although it may not be clear to them what exactly is the circumstance which has triggered the depression. Loss of a close relative or a friend is not an uncommon trigger and the expression 'loss of a loved object' is one used by Psychiatrists. Depression is seen as anger turned inwards against oneself, and anger and guilt are two common feelings together with that feeling of worthlessness that occurs in extreme cases.

But depression can also be accompanied by chemical disturbance in the brain. This is at the junction between the nerves - called neurones - where transmission of messages from one nerve to another or to many others is by a chemical process. It is this transmitter that becomes less effective while the impulses which pass

along the nerve by an electrical process are unaffected. The pattern of depression caused by this chemical disorder is often very specific and the type of depression is often treated by specific drugs as well as support and psychotherapy.

Indeed the depression which is reactive to some event or loss can progress to a chemical depression which colours ones attitude to life and other people. Not for nothing has it been called the 'Blue Plague'.

If you are getting depressed and life seems to be rather grim, DON'T TAKE DEPRESSED DECISIONS, COME AND GET SOME HELP WITH SORTING IT ALL OUT.

NIGHTLINE.

SOMEONE TO TALK TO

Nightline 6 pm to 9 am 581 2468 Int 2468

Nightline now has information on most things that affect student life, and we usually have a list of college bands, films and bops in the West London area.

We also provide a focus where people can find a friendly accepting atmosphere in which to think and talk about anything that is worrying them. You certainly don't have to be suicidal to come and see us, or to phone us up. Often our callers are just interested to find out what we do, and don't have a 'problem' at all!

As many of our volunteers are 3rd years we are keen to have new volunteers this term. So if you think that you could listen constructively to some one, and can spare one night every 2 or 3 weeks, get in touch with us to find out about our next training session. You can either phone us, call round, or come to our stall at the welfare Afternoon.

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The Role of the Student Counsellor

Whenever I'm asked to write a piece or give a talk about my job I'm aware of a certain inner resistance, I suppose this might be attributed in part to a natural streak of idleness, but I don't think that's the whole story, and at least two other possible reasons spring to mind.

One is that it is dangerously easy to sound pretentious. It's an odd feature of my sort of work that is not susceptible of objective assessment, and what the individual student, or the College, itself as employer may regard as a useful interaction or a satisfactory performance, may appear remarkably non-concrete when honestly described in writing. Partly because of this, and no doubt feeling a powerful urge to vindicate themselves, counsellors sometimes present evidence of their effectiveness which seems to me highly questionable, not to say grandiose.

The other reason is that while I myself find the work endlessly stimulating and rewarding, I think it unrealistic to assume that the world at large will share this view - "Student Counsellor" does not resonate as the possible title of a T.V. drama series. Of course there is another side to this particular coin. Students themselves, and sometimes their teachers, may have powerful reasons of their own for not wishing to know about College support services, and perhaps especially about the student counsellor who is inevitably associated in people's minds, one way or another, with academic or personal inadequacy, or both. This grossly distorted and simplistic fantasy of what a counsellor's work actually entails has its roots firmly embedded in the prevailing ethic of the University world, which ascribes the highest value to intellectual competence, and which at this particular institution is sharply reinforced by male-dominance. It is I think quite difficult for a student here to acknowledge that he needs help, that he is vulnerable.

What then is counselling? It is a professional helping relationship in which the aim is to put the student/client into a position where he can cope with his own difficulties more effectively. It involves a recognition of the integrity and uniqueness of the individual and of his need to make his own contract with the world. Counselling and paternalism are entirely incompatible, and while almost all counselling relationships involve an element of support and friendliness, they also involve a degree of honesty which can be quite demanding, and which marks them off from informal chat with friends and colleagues.

What is so special about student's personal problems that justifies a College in paying a professional helper? After all University en-

trants can hardly be perceived, except in the most trivial sense, as a deprived group. Indeed in psychological and emotional terms they are likely to be far healthier than the population at large. I have no doubt at all that if we made a random survey of passers-by in the High Street we would find amongst them a far higher proportion of serious social disability and of profound personal and emotional problems than we would find in any University population.

In my opinion the answer lies in the critical combination of two factors, namely the age-range of students, and the peculiar quality of academic endeavour. The student age-range largely coincides with a phase of rapid personal and emotional change and development accompanied often enough by periods of anxiety and transitory distress. Academic work, with inbuilt time limitations, by common consent increasingly intense and competitive and demanding a sustained high level of intellectual efficiency, is peculiarly susceptible to the destructive impact of anxiety and other kinds of psychological disturbance. A young man or woman, for example, coping with the very normal repercussions of a broken love affair may - if he or she is a bank clerk or a shop assistant - be able to work with relatively little loss of efficiency. Such a life event for a student can have quite damaging consequences. A few weeks of distress, of impaired ability to concentrate, may make a disastrous impact on a whole year's work - especially perhaps in sequential courses inseparable from science and technology. Anxiety and serious emotional conflict, whatever its source, almost invariably brings with it a marked fall-off in work efficiency for the university student - indeed that is the normal consequence of such experiences.

I wouldn't wish to overdramatise things. I know very well that we all have to accept quite serious problems from time to time as part of the fabric of our lives, and we ride them out one way or another without recourse to support services. But the point needs to be firmly made that everyone's self sufficiency is finite, and recognising that one has fallen, at least temporarily, below the threshold is an index of maturity not of immaturity. Of course sharing worries with friends - family or teachers may be all that is needed, but if you wish to see someone outside your Department in complete confidence, who is easily accessible, and who has time to talk, you are welcome to contact me. If it's any comfort to you I will almost certainly have come across something of the kind before!

My office is at 14 Princes Gardens, and you can call on spec., or ring me on Internal 4205.
Don Adlington

Entry Form L.P.S. Ruling

Entry Form For Competition

Rules: The competition starts at 14.00 and is between teams of five members.

The first team member has to inflate a condom (which will be provided) until its circumference is 72 cm and then tie a knot in it. He then hands over to the next competitor who repeats the process and so on until all five have finished.

The first team to do so wins a bottle of whisky.

No artificial methods of inflation may be used.

Name of Team: _____ Team Members: 1.

2.

3.

4.

5.

Return to Union Office by 5.00 pm on Tuesday 30th January.

As a result of the Court of Appeal decision in the case of Demuren V. Seal Estates Ltd. on the 12th of December 1978, it would seem likely that all L.P.S. 'licensees' are joint tenants. This means that you now have security of tenure and the right to apply to the Rent Officer for the Registration of a Fair Rent.

A meeting will be held in the Senior Common Room in the Union Building at 1 p.m. on Tuesday the 30th of January to which all L.P.S. tenants are invited to discuss the transcript of the case, and the possibilities arising from it. All other 'licensees' welcome.

In the meantime any efforts by the landlords to alter existing arrangements must be strenuously opposed.

N.B. This does not apply to college flats in L.P.S. properties.

What you can get from The Welfare Centre

Welfare Fair

Next Wednesday, as you may have heard, there will be a grand event in the JCR during the afternoon. The emphasis will be on entertainment more than anything else, but the underlying motive is to give you some idea of any of the Health and Welfare services in the college which you may not yet have had any personal contact with and also to introduce other organisations which are concerned with helping the individual to survive in an increasingly hostile environment. We also hope to show you that these subjects are not only relevant when you need them but that they are interesting enough to be thought about even when they don't directly affect you. In this issue of FELIX, you will find articles by the other college Welfare services and in that context, you might be interested to know something more about the Welfare Centre and the kind of problems and issues that it deals with.

The Welfare Centre has now been operating on a full time basis for just over a year and during that time there has been a considerable expansion in the numbers of people using it, so that last term, for example, there were over 1200 enquiries handled.

So, what's it all about? Well there are two sides to the Welfare Centre's work, answering questions and so on from people who visit us and working on projects which affect sections of the college rather than individuals.

The most important topic, which affects everybody at some time or other is housing. The main options available at present when one is looking for somewhere to live are the University Accommodation Office, which has a problem in that it is very heavily used and so can't always come up with what you want, and flat agencies which often charge a great deal of money for doing virtually nothing even if you can find one that is prepared to help you. In this context, the role of the Student Union is clearly very important to fill the considerable gaps left by other sources of accommodation. The Union is in a fortunate position in this respect in that it is an organisation which gives it an advantage over individual home hunters in a number of ways:-

Bedsits etc.

Landladies seem very choosy these days about the kind of people that they let their rooms to, owing to the restrictions that are imposed upon them by law when it comes to dealing with bad tenants. As a result, they feel much happier having someone from an identifiable source because they feel, rightly or wrongly, that this gives them some guarantee as to the character of the prospective tenant and also someone to talk to if the arrangement goes wrong. With this in mind, we have been actively recruiting this type of accommodation with the result that there are at present over four hundred landladies on our books, many of them as much concerned with helping people who have nowhere to live as with making any great profit themselves.

Although this is a step in the right direction, it only goes a small way to solving the problem as a whole and other schemes are being examined, which again rely heavily on the existence of the Union and would be virtually inaccessible to the individual on his or her own.

Company lets

Those of you who have been through the harrowing experience of looking for somewhere to live have probably come up against landlords and agencies who are only prepared to let to companies and an answer to this would be for the Union to set up a company which could then take on this kind of tenancy. The problem with this is that it is blatant avoidance of the Rent Acts and is therefore a matter of weighing up the moral issues involved against the potential advantages to be gained.

Head Tenancies

This is the kind of arrangement where the Union would take on places, usually from big corporate landlords, and then let them to students, which means that they wouldn't be Rent Act protected. The kind of accommodation that one could get in this way would probably not normally be available to students on a protected tenancy, if at all, because the main concern of big landlords is to maintain the value of their investment and so it would be most prejudicial to their objectives if they were to allow any of their occupiers to come within the Rent Acts. It is interesting to note that this option is not a Rent Act loophole but a specific exception to the Rent Acts, presumably designed to cope with the special needs of students and colleges.

Housing Associations

This is something that could be set up in the same way as the big Housing Associations are with a loan from the Housing Corporation. There are a number of obstacles to be overcome but we are at present examining the viability of the Union's involvement in such a scheme.

Local Authority Accommodation

From time to time, local authorities decide that blocks of council flats or bits of blocks are more trouble than they are worth, e.g. because no one wants to live in them. They are then quite willing to give them off to other organisations like student unions. They don't tend to be the last word in desirable residences but they are usually very cheap and we want to be in a position to leap in if there are any up for grabs.

Discussions on many of these projects are at a very early stage at present but it is hoped that in time something will come of them and that we will then be able to solve our housing shortage for once and for all.

Other areas of work which fall into the category of sectional rather than individual help are our attempts to get Local Education Authorities to change their tune on giving grants to overseas students who have been here for three years and helping with legal type problems that arise in the context of the Union as a whole.

As far as individual enquiries go, they tend to be very varied - the sort of thing one might go to a Neighbourhood Law Centre or a Citizens Advice Bureau for. For example:-

Finding Somewhere To Live

The Welfare Centre has a fair sized list of landlords and usually some current vacancies as long as you are not too fussy about living a few miles from college. There is also a list of flat agencies which might come in useful.

Landlord Problems

These are not infrequently as some landlords do not seem to realise that their tenants have a right to be treated as human beings rather than inmates of a boarding kennels. The legal ramifications of this subject are such that it is best to come along to the Welfare Centre for a chat about it if you feel that a breakdown in relations with your landlord is in the offing.

Consumer matters

If you buy something from a shop and it turns out to have something wrong with it, you can usually take it back and choose between your money back and a replacement. You don't have to accept a credit note. If on the other hand you buy something from a private individual, there is no statutory protection and your rights depend entirely on your agreement with the seller - i.e. if the seller makes a statement about the thing you are buying, which turns out to be untrue then you may be able to get your money back but if you buy something from someone who doesn't make any promises about what you are buying and it turns out to be useless then there is nothing much you can do about it.

Welfare Benefits

You can find out at the Welfare Centre about supplementary benefit, Unemployment Benefit, free glasses, and other such things.

Covenants

There will be a change in the tax arrangements in April which means that parents no longer get a child tax allowance. The significance of this is that anyone who is in receipt of a parental contribution to their grant can increase their income from their parents by half as much again simply by getting their parents to sign a deed of covenant. Even now most people who don't get a full grant could reap substantial benefits in this way.

Contacts with the Police

Most policemen are conscientious upholders of the law and civilisation as we know it. Also, everyone has lots of 'rights' to prevent them from suffering injustices. Unfortunately, however, some policemen (it is rumored) are a bit too conscientious and your rights are so complicated and riddled with exceptions that it can be dangerous to rely on them. The golden rule then, is to desist from annoying any policemen with whom you come into contact but to avoid at all costs any attempts to make you say or write anything which could incriminate you. The right to silence, although under fire, is still sacrosanct. The other thing worth remembering is your right under the Criminal Law Act to make a phone call from the police station, if you are arrested, to let someone in the outside world know where you are.

Most people only have contact with the police in the context of motoring offences and if you want any information on the sentences and defences available I should be able to give you some indication.

The Welfare Centre can also help with any legal enquiries or with other related topics.

Anyway, don't forget to come along to the J.C.R. on Wednesday - even if it's only for the beer.

Michael Arthur
Welfare Adviser

A BLOW FOR ICU

This week Imperial College Union will plumb the depths in its striving for publicity as it brings you...

'THE GREAT CONDOM BLOWING COMPETITION'

The prize for humiliating yourself in public is a bottle of Whisky.

Details on entry form on Page ii)

This is just one of the events at ICU's

WELFARE DAY on Wednesday

31st January at 12:30 in JCR

Starring:-

Bar extension until 18:00

Michael Arthur (Welfare Adviser)

Controversial sex film 'Growing Up'

Nightline

Release

and many others

Welfare Day and Sex

On Wednesday, amongst all the other things you can find out more about, are contraception and abortion. The Family Planning Association will be there as well as British Pregnancy Advisory Service.

Contraception

A normally fertile woman having regular sexual intercourse with a normally fertile man stands about a 60% chance of getting pregnant in any one month. So if you don't want to have kids its a good idea to use some safe, effective contraception.

There are various methods that can be used.

1. Condom - (rumoured to be a very effective form of contraception as it puts most people off the whole idea), is a rubber sheath placed over an erect penis in order to stop semen from entering the vagina. Theoretically the condom should be about 97% effective, i.e. 3 women out of 100 becoming pregnant in any one year. However, the actual figure is only 80% effective. (arising from people who may claim to use this method failing to use it or not using it properly). Their effectiveness is increased to 98% (theoretical) and 95% (in practice) if used in conjunction with a spermicide.

The great advantage of condoms is that they are available without going for medical advice. Lots of loos have dispensing machines in them (e.g. the Ladies Loos in the union building) or they can be obtained, without prescription, from a chemist.

2. Spermicides

It is not advisable to use these on their own as they are not particularly effective. They are used in conjunction with a condom (see 1) or cap (see 3).

Spermicides act in two ways: by killing sperm and by creating a barrier of foam or fluid through which sperm cannot pass into the uterus.

There are lots of different types of spermicides, creams, jellies and aerosols. Some women may find that they irritate their genitals.

3. Caps

The most used type of cap is the diaphragm. Caps fit across a woman's cervix (entrance to the uterus). It has to be fitted initially by a doctor or nurse as it needs to be the right size for the individual woman.

The cap is placed in position not more than 2 hours before intercourse and left in place for at least 8 hrs afterwards and in order to be at all effective has to be used in conjunction with spermicide.

Used in conjunction with spermicide it is theoretically 97% effective but only 75% in practice.

The cap and condom are particularly useful if you are not getting it regularly but on a more regular basis could become a bit of a drag.

For this reason I.U.D.'s (coils or loops) and pills are favoured by lots of younger women, though they have drawbacks in relation to the possible side-effects.

4. The I.U.D. (coil or loop)

Intrauterine device (which I shall call a coil from now on) is fitted by a trained person, and can remain in place for 2-3 years. Copper 7 (and the similar Copper T) are the most common to be fitted to women who have not had children.

It is not exactly known how coils work and they are only effective while in place. (they may fall out during menstruation). Their other draw-back is that they can give severe discomfort just after fitting and also increase menstrual loss (with accompanied greater pain).

They are about 95% effective.

5. The Pill

The most widely used type of pill is the combination pill i.e. containing oestrogen and progesterone. On the fifth day after menstruation a woman begins to take the pill then once a day for 21 days then has 7 days free, then starts all over again.

This pill works by preventing ovulation, by affecting the uterus lining so that implantation could not occur and by causing cervical mucus to thicken, forming a barrier to sperm.

The main disadvantages are that remembering to take it can become a neurotic obsession. There are lots of side effects e.g. headaches, nausea, swollen or tender breasts, vaginal discharges, depression, and risk of blood clotting.

The combined pill is theoretically 99% effective (though only 95% in practice).

The continuous pill contains progesterone only, is taken all the time and also has some interesting side effects but risks should be less as it contains no oestrogen. It is about 96% effective. (90% in practice).

Other methods

Are not very effective. (except sterilisation.) The method is selected abstinence based on the fact that ovulation takes place at about 14 days after the beginning of menstruation, but in practice is even less effective than withdrawal.

Where to get it

Contraceptives are free to all women and can be obtained from

1. Most doctors (on prescription) including the college health centre who are only too pleased to help.
2. The Family Planning Association. Despite the title you don't have to be married. The nearest branch is in Holland Street, W.8 open on Tuesdays and Wednesdays 5.30 - 7.30. (937 4385)
3. Brook Advisory Clinic. 233 Totterham Ct. Road, W.1 (323 1522)

Specialises in the young and generally unmarried though anyone can go.

4. Condoms can be bought from chemists or from machines in Loos. (Unfortunately men cannot get them free from Birth Control clinics).

Other ways of avoiding pregnancy are abstaining or less extremely having homosexual or lesbian relationships. These, of course, have their own problems. Welfare Day can still help as the Campaign for Homosexual Equality will be there to talk about Gay Rights.

Abortion

There are lots of different types of abortion. Abortion is generally safer than continuing a pregnancy and childbirth.

The most common method of abortion is carried out between 7-12 weeks and is by suction (properly called Dilation and Evacuation or D H E). The foetus is removed by suction through a narrow tube inserted through the cervix.

The abortion takes about 10 mins and can be done in a outpatient clinic.

Where to go

Your doctor may refer you for an abortion on the National Health. If not, do not despair there are two charities in London.

1. The British Pregnancy Advisory Service. 58 Petty France, Victoria S.W.1 (222 0985)
2. Pregnancy Advisory Service 40 Margeret St., W1*(409 0281) Both do cheap pregnancy testing (about £2) and can arrange abortions for about £60 or less. (They also have a good counselling service).

Growing up

Also for your delight and enjoyment the controversial film 'Growing Up' will be shown on Wednesday Afternoon.

The film "Growing Up" has a fifteen second sequence of intercourse and scenes of a woman and a boy masterbating.

Before you say that this seems harmless enough I must warn you of a few comments made by my mentor Mary Whitehouse. Bearing in mind of course that "Sexual anarchy is the forerunner of political anarchy". She quotes an individual called Mary Miles (supposedly an eminent educationalist and psychotherapist) who says that "the whole question of group education about sex is open to doubt" and goes on to say that "Dr. Cole's film may well reassure adolescents that masturbation is not harmful physically, but it does not and cannot touch the deeper and more important point, that the fantasies contained in masturbation vary widely, and it is these that cause anxiety and guilt. In some people masturbation is compulsive and unsatisfying, in some girls and women it can be related to their unresolved conflict over not having a penis".

So now you know! Information on contraception etc. taken from "A Womens Body-an owners Manual" Quotes from Mary Whitehouse from "Whatever happened to Sex?"

Mary Attenborough

IMPORTANT MEETING

to discuss the Court of Appeal decision
concerning LPS 'licensees'

**Senior Common Room
at 1pm**

Tuesday, 30th January

- * All LPS tenants are invited
- * Transcript of case available
- * All other 'licensees' welcome
- * See Page ii) for details