



FELIX



THE NEWSPAPER OF IMPERIAL COLLEGE UNION

Lars Hermansen, the Chairman of Chalmers University Students' Union in Gothenburg, Sweden, is spending a week in London as a guest of IC Union.

The visit, which is mostly being paid for by Imperial College, is in return for the visit made by Union President Mary Attenborough to Chalmers University at the beginning of this term.

Also in England is Mian who is the Administration Officer of Chalmers Union. She is on holiday but is taking time off to visit IC Union

About twenty students from Chalmers University study at IC each year and Lars' visit is aimed at fostering a good relationship between the two universities.

Lars and Mian are two of Chalmers' six sabbatical Union officers. The University has a similar number of students as IC and is a centre for Science and Technology.

Lars arrived on Wednesday and is to stay a week. While over here he hopes to see Imperial College, meet students including the Swedish students here this year, and see London, though he is not interested in the usual tourist attractions but wants to see London life.

Swedes have the reputation of making the most of the opportunity to consume as much alcohol as possible when abroad as it is very expensive in Sweden. Mary Attenborough and FELIX Editor John Harris gave them an early opportunity to quench their thirst - on the tube journey to South Kensington from the airport. There then followed a sherry session in the Union Office and a hurried visit to the Queens before lunchtime closing for a pint of Lars' favourite, Guinness.

In an attempt to give them experience of English cooking, Mary invited them to a dinner party at her new flat where she served roast beef and Yorkshire pudding cooked by herself. However, Mary admitted that she had never cooked Yorkshire pudding before and at the time of writing it is not known whether the Swedish guests survived her attempt.

Lars is expected to have an opportunity to meet the Rector and the Union is hoping to arrange a trip to Silwood. On Monday the visitors will meet Union Officers over a wine and cheese party in the Union office. Lars will also be able to get a true picture of life as an IC student as he will be staying in a hall of residence and will doubtless experience several moonies.

Mian will be staying on another week in the British Isles and hopes to visit Ireland. External Affairs Officer John Passmore, who comes from Northern Ireland, has been explaining to her how to avoid the bombs.

FELIX hopes they will enjoy their visit and hopes that relations between these two Universities will continue to prosper.

Swedish Sabbaticals Visit Imperial



Mian and Lars outside the FELIX Office yesterday

NEWS IN BRIEF

HEAD TENANCY OPENS?

College is asking students what they thought of the new accommodation in Lexham Gardens with a view to taking on flats for up to 60 students from next year.

Nineteen students have been housed in the new Lexham Gardens head tenancy scheme this term. If they are satisfied College will extend the scheme.

BIG CATS EXPENSE

College has estimated that it will cost £750 to clean the two stone lions at the foot of the Queens Tower painted blue by students of Queen Mary College earlier this term.

The Vice President of QMC Union has promised to make a contribution to the cleaning and

IC Union are to ask College to deal directly with QMCU as IC Union consider that the problem is nothing to do with them.

PUBLICATIONS CHAIRMAN ELECTED

The new Publications Board Chairman is to be Jon Firth of IC Radio. He was elected at the joint Publications Board meeting last Monday, defeating Colin Palmer by seven votes to six. Jon Firth will sit on IC Union Council and replaces John Allen, also of IC Radio, who held the post this year.

Earlier the meeting elected Dave Fuller and Colin Palmer as ordinary members of the Publications Board following Roger Stotesbury's insistence that the election should be by paper

ballot on the single transferable vote system 'to give me practice for next year'. As IC Union Honorary Secretary Roger will have to run all Union elections.

The meeting went on to discuss the printing of the IC Union Handbook and Phoenix, which is several weeks behind schedule.

Because FELIX's finances turned out to be sound £400, originally allocated to the Handbook to pay FELIX for printing before FELIX was forced to drastically reduce charges, was transferred to the Board's account along with £60 from Phoenix. Publications Board was therefore able to meet claims by the student television service STOIC and IC Radio for new equipment.

During the meeting Deputy President Malcolm Brain surprised everyone by leaving early to do some work.

LETTERS

Dear Sir, I hope that it is possible to print this letter even though it doesn't argue the merits of abortion, homosexuality, sexual discrimination or the bible.

I would like to reassure members of the RSM Hockey Team, especially Steve Gatley (who is next year's captain), that my sylph-like frame will not be leading them into battle on the green and pleasant land of Harlington. I will, however, try to maintain the superiority of Mines Newsletter over Gluidsheet and Bedsheet in my capacity as Editor.

I admit I wrote the RSM article in the 1st June issue but, unlike someone on the staff of FELIX, I got it right.

Cheers,

Bob Holding
Metallurgy

Dear Sir, - I would like to comment on a couple of points in Mike Elkin's letter of last week concerning insurance in student residences.

I do not feel that publicising changes of policy in FELIX is sufficient as one cannot guarantee that everyone gets a copy. Hall and House Wardens should have been informed directly, by the Union, as it is the Union who holds the policy.

Mr Elkin states 'I would have informed the Wardens ... except that I thought Residence Office would do that.' How was the Residence Office supposed to find out about

it? Did the Union inform that Office? - I think not.

Surely members of the Union Office have the ability to communicate directly with the Wadens and Mr Elkin should not 'pass the buck' of his own negligence onto persons not concerned in the matter.

He also points out that the new policy would not cover replacement value. However, under that scheme Mr Bambridge would certainly have recovered more than the 30% of his loss that he has now received.

Yours sincerely,

Sue Kalicinski,
Warden, Southwell House.

Dear Sir, - On the 17th of May, the IC India Soc held its AGM to elect a new president for the coming year. There were two candidates for the post, Mr Chakravarty (Mech Eng) and Mr Satinder Purewal (Chem Eng). The election was preceded by the candidates making the usual sincere blah-blah. Mr Chakravarty pointed to his wide experience in this sort of thing while Mr Satinder Purewal did a lot of handwaving and said nothing in particular. Election was by a show of hands and Mr Gujral (Chem), the outgoing secretary, did the counting. The result was a win for Mr Chakravarty by three votes.

It now seems that Mr Satinder Purewal is suffering from lack of sleep over the result; he is reliably

reported to be claiming that Mr Gujral's ability to count suffered a temporary lapse when his supporters showed their hands. The latest is that Mr Satinder Purewal has been fervently trying to collect signatures of friends and supporters for some unknown reason. Could it be that he is setting up a clandestine group which would make him president hands down?

Conclusion, a bad loser.

Independent Observer.

Eds note: name and dept supplied.

Dear John, - I feel I must correct the errors in the letter from Richard Archer in last week's FELIX regarding a news item the previous week about RCS Smoking Concert.

Firstly, the report did not say that the motion had mentioned the stripper. However Chris Fox said that the motion passed would almost certainly result in the dropping of the stripper and the report highlighted this.

Secondly, Mr Archer said he would like the chance to explain why the name of Smoking Concert will be changed to the 'Head lights Revue'. Unfortunately readers must remain unenlightened as he only proceeds to explain why it will no longer be called Smoking Concert.

Thirdly, it was Chris Fox who referred to undemocratic minorities in answer to a question as to whether the change had

come about because of protests by women. I do not see how Mr Archer can say that Mr Fox meant something different to what he said, and it is surely clear from Mr Fox's answer as reported that he was referring to the women making the protests and not to any others. To my knowledge nobody other than Rich Archer has considered that Mr Fox might have meant all women.

As for his statement about 'those people who go to Smoking Concert to disrupt and drink the free beer' it would be interesting to know to whom he is referring. Those who protested outside the Concert firstly did not get any free beer, and secondly were not disruptive, their protest consisting of holding placards, handing out leaflets and peacefully trying to persuade people not to go in.

Those who got free beer had to have been legitimately inside the Concert, in other words they had bought a ticket or were performers. They were therefore as entitled to the free beer as anyone else.

I personally was not aware of any disruptive action by protesters either inside or outside the Concert. They only disruption which occurred came from some members of the audience who were not prepared even to start listening to the Executive sketch.

Yours sincerely,

Sonia Hochfelder

WHAT'S ON

FRIDAY 8th JUNE

CLUB ACTIVITY

IMPERIAL College Christian Union 'Love sex and all that!' - Mr and Mrs John Balchin. 6.30pm. Music Room, 53 Princes Gate.

ORIENTEERING Club Meeting. 12.30pm, Union SCR.

MONDAY 11th JUNE

MISCELLANEOUS

PHOTOSOC Shop - 12.45 - 1.15pm, Linstead 211. Ifospeed paper at ridiculous prices!

TUESDAY 12th JUNE

CLUB ACTIVITY

GO CLUB weekly meeting. 7pm, Southside Upper Lounge. 'Awake! For morning in the bowl of night, Has cast the stone that puts the stars to flight'

MISCELLANEOUS

STOIC Transmission - Interview with Barry Norman. 13.00. Union, JCR, Southside Halls, Southside Lower TV Lounge.

WEDNESDAY 13th JUNE

CLUB ACTIVITY

CROQUET Club: 1pm, Queens Lawn (under the Queen's Tower) Introduction to the game for beginners, all welcome.

SNOOKER Club bar-night. 7pm, Union Bar.

THURSDAY 14th JUNE

MISCELLANEOUS

PHOTOSOC Shop - 12.45 - 1.15pm, Linstead 532. This is the last time the shop will open this year. (Your last chance for cheap holiday film).

SMALL ADS

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N Reg Honda CB200, top box etc. Just right for the summer! £230 ono. **D Stutchfield Mech Eng P/H or Linstead.**

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Must be sold - mint condition 135mm f2.8 telephoto lens and 35mm f2.8 wide angle lens (screw mounts). £70 ono for both - will split. Contact **N Tooby via physics letter racks.**

FOR SALE

Doctoral Hoold, Imperial College (Chemistry), 1954 style, deep red/yellow trim. Excellent condition. Make offer. Contact FELIX Office or Mrs Edward R Williams from June 18th up to and including June 30th at St Margaret's Hotel, 26 Bedford Place, Russell Square. Telephone 636-4277.

FOR SALE

EMI 1515 stereo Amplifier. 4 inputs, 15 watts per channel out. Excellent sound for the price. £20 ono. **R Whitworth, Linstead 532.**

WANTED

Lightweight, compact two-man tent to borrow for the summer. Hiring considered at very low rates.

Contact **Cathy Hyde Physics II Letter racks.**

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editorial

Our Hero

First off I must mention the Superhero of the Week, Colin Palmer, who, despite an exam on Wednesday, still delivered Day by Day to us in the evening. Good stuff, Colin.

All the way from Heathrow

After a very interesting tube trip from Heathrow, Lars and Mian, the two Swedish sabbaticals visiting IC, experienced being trapped in a lift at Earls Court, a Moony snack at lunchtime and Mary's cooking in the evening. I hope they didn't think the latter was representative of British cooking (sorry Mary).

I'd like to wish them both a very enjoyable stay in Britain.

Cork Competition Winner

The winner of last week's cork collecting competition was Paul Johnson from STOIC with his entry of three corks. The rest of you didn't take the competition seriously, did you? We'll be getting the bottle to you as soon as possible Paul.

Insurance etc

Following the correspondence recently concerning the changes in the Insurance policy covering students' possessions, one or two facts have come to light that may clarify the situation. Firstly, it appears that Residence Office were notified of the change in the value of goods covered (to £750). But they had not been informed of the 10% limit on records, cassettes etc. At the time of writing her letter Sue Kalicinski was unaware that Residence Office knew of the change.

A Day Out

It suddenly occurred to me the other day that, with less than

fifteen College days to go before the end of the sabbatical year, it has become impossible to remove any of this year's sabbaticals from office (check your By-Laws).

So Mel Kinkie could act out his most extravagant fantasies on an unsuspecting ICU with impunity.

Fortunately a less frightening (frightening for the rest of you, that is) way exists of releasing a year's frustration safely and well off campus (have you guessed yet?). Yes folks, the Annual PG Trip to Cambridge is with us again. This amazing event is not to be missed by any PG who wants an excellent day out.

Last year's trip coincided (accidentally so I'm told) with the 5th Annual Cambridge Beer Festival and this year's just happens to be on the opening day of the 6th. My, what a coincidence! For further details see PG Tips.

Last FELIX of Session

My very last issue will be on the last day of term (22nd June as if you didn't know) so all of you who want a bound edition will have to come in and collect this copy. Please bring complete sets of FELIX, after then, into the Office for binding. As you may have gathered from recent adverts we don't have too many of some back issues so don't expect us to be able to make up your set.

Well the time is fast approaching when the FELIX Editor cannot be seen for a gradually settling cloud of dust. But before then there are still two more issues. Don't forget to keep writing for us.

Cheers

John.

RCC TRANSPORT CHAIRMAN



ONE DAY, MY BOY, ALL THIS COULD BE YOURS.

This important post is still unfilled. Anybody interested in taking over next academic year, please get in touch with Roy Attwood, Elec-Eng 808, int. 3113. The work involves managing the Union fleet of 3 Transits and 2 Landrovers. A strong committee has already been elected to look after finance, maintenance and tests so the role of future chairman will be largely that of co-ordinator.

The post carries the option of a room in hall.

Royal College of Science



ANNOUNCING THE END OF THE LINE

CONCERT

Wednesday 20th June
8pm Concert Hall

What IF?

MEET ANNE TURNBULL: IF's SOCIAL SECRETARY

Hello, I am Anne Turnbull, aged 19, and the new Social Secretary for the Institut Français.

Reading the local newspaper over the Bank Holiday at home I came across an article on a court case which rather amused me. A nineteen year old, having committed a series of robberies in Bosham, West Sussex, my home village, was being questioned on his latest attempt. The evidence of the prosecutor had already been given, describing the arrest of the culprit. A man and wife had been asleep upstairs when the wife was awoken by strange noises below. She then heard someone coming up the stairs, and being somewhat forceful and unflappable she sat up in bed and called out "who's there?". When the accused was asked to give his evidence he admitted his guilt. At this point the judge asked his reaction on hearing someone shout out from the bedroom.



"I couldn't believe it. I jumped out of my skin. On hearing the woman shout at her husband to chase me I dropped everything and ran like a rabbit down the stairs and out into the road." He was fined a considerable sum of money.

As social secretary I would like to break up the apathy at IF and increase the number of active members of the college. Being Social Secretary offers a particularly good chance to do this.

I, myself, being conveniently situated in South Kensington, in a hostel where I am not quite under lock and key, enjoy a good social life, and I would like to see a good deal more social events organised at IF. I enjoy parties, going to the theatre or concerts, classical or otherwise, films, and particularly sailing and playing the piano.

Hoping to see some of you down at 13a Cromwell Mews, lots of love, Anne x x x

Waiting And Scheming

This is one of the disadvantages of being elected FELIX Editor before the end of session. You see that funny guy with the permanent leer who seems to grow out of the paste-up board on the right, was getting worried. It was only five hours to copy deadline time and no-one had submitted any more than a filled in What's On form and a creased exam paper.

I was sitting over a meal of pie and half baked chips munching a paper cup when my dream world of account books and cleaning foam was destroyed by the words, 'How do you fancy ...', I looked up ... 'writing an Editorial this week? You can have a whole page if you like.'

Normally I would have jumped at the chance; who wouldn't? (shutup and read!) Today was different. Today I had just walked out of an extremely exhausting exam, yes you know what I mean, and I just did not exist.

The strange thing is here I am writing about why I wasn't going to write what I'm writing.

Lots of people seem to be asking me lots of questions. This doesn't often happen to me so I've been a bit slow to realize just what's going on. I gather that some of you understand I am producing FELIX next year, and organising all your posters and party tickets etc. Of course you wish to know when my copy deadlines are and if you can break them. I do not yet know if it is going to be possible to mail a FELIX to prospective Freshers and

whether I can produce one if it is, but if I do then I will only include copy in my possession by 5.30pm on Monday 23rd July. Copy for the Freshers Issue, which will appear on 1st October, should be in by 5.30 Friday Sept. 21st.

I must warn anyone that calling me nasty names behind my back won't make me any more flexible than I chose, which is not very.

While I'm warning people - If you want posters done for Freshers' Fair then I advise you to get the artwork in as soon as possible. If you come in the week before term starts I can offer no guarantee that the work will be completed in time.

Just before you all write me poison-pen letters. I had better make my peace. There will be a new Cartoon Book on sale next term. Drake's 7, the strip which proved so popular this year, is going to the presses in book form with a completely new and original story in which our heroes travel ..., enough said.

Some of you who are societies in disguise will have received bills for litho work which you have not paid for yet. If you do not believe this come and see either me or the other funny bloke and explain why you distrust our accounting. I have very much appreciated everyone who has co-operated so far. I am sorry to say that the unit is not available to anyone who owes us money and has not come forward.

Summer time is nearly with us again when some of you will be thinking about getting bound editions of FELIX. If you have a set of

this year's paper why not fork out the extortionate sum of money that we must necessarily charge and have them bound into a nice thick, black and heavy volume that is ideal for keeping all those pretty coloured covers nice and clean. More details of this next week, if John's short of copy again.

Publications board just managed to ratify the eight lesser-spotted Committee members and for those of you with short memories: if you wish to take exotic photographs for FELIX next year get in touch with Ian Prosser in the Chem Eng exam. 'Eric' Jarvis is not only Phoenix Editor but FELIX News Reporter (confusing isn't it?) If you're into social events make a date with Jill Dawson who stars on page 5 (The one on the left) and help her organise something, somewhere, sometime. Man of all seasons and also heading Page 5 Mr Colin 'Feather Duster' Palmer is looking after the media bother in College and around the other London slums. Lars Wernburg-Møller is still trying to teach me to spell his name when he takes time off from being FELIX Hon Sec. Ian Alvey runs the sport section and Mark Smith makes sure we're all kept up to date with reviews and reviewers.

This only leaves me to mention Dave Haddon who does more than he has to, and is our extra Ordinary Member.

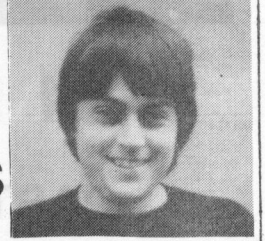
If you are at all interested in working on FELIX just come along to the FELIX Office and tell someone. You could live to regret it.

Stay cool,
John



Day By Day

A ROUND-UP OF LAST WEEK'S NEWS



Wednesday 30th

More Floods Hit South

Torrential rain swept across Southern Britain, flooded houses and cut off villages. A Western Region spokesman said that the railways were in quite a state. An Inter-City train was derailed by a landslip. Many passengers travelling through Dorset, Somerset and Wiltshire had to abandon their trains after floods closed rail tunnels.

Michelangelo's Tondo Stays in Britain

Arts Minister, Mr Norman St. John-Steuas turned down an appeal to let Britain's most valuable work of art be lent to Russia. The decision could anger the Russians who wanted the tondo as an exchange loan for their Treasures of the Kremlin.

Forest Win European Cup

Nottingham Forest became the third English soccer club to win the European Cup, beating Malmo, of Sweden, 1-0 in the final in Munich. Trevor Francis scored the goal a few seconds from half time.

Thursday 31st

Zimbabwe is Born

Africa's newest nation, Zimbabwe Rhodesia, came into being at midnight. Eighty-nine years of white rule ended and the new era of black rule began in an atmosphere of sadness to some and subdued optimism to others.

Multiple Sclerosis Cure Claim

Multiple sclerosis could be wiped out within a generation through treatment with oil extracted from Primrose flowers. Prof. Ephraim Field, Professor of Experimental Neuropathology at Newcastle-upon-Tyne University, has devised a test which, he says, will enable scientists to diagnose the crippling disease, which affects more than 40,000 people in Britain, in its very early stages.

Its progress can be slowed or even halted by feeding the patient oil from the Evening Primrose flower.

Multiple sclerosis is a degenerative disease attacking the nervous system. The cause is unknown and although not hereditary, it tends to cluster in families.

Friday 1st

Britain's Failure by Next US Envoy

A bitter review of Britain's economic decline was leaked from Whitehall after being submitted to the Foreign Office by Sir Nicholas Henderson who has been chosen to be an Ambassador in Washington.

It confirms the opinion that under the last government morale in the Foreign Office reached rock bottom. The dispatch declares: "You have only to move about Western Europe nowadays to realise how poor and unproud the British have become in relation to their neighbours."

It shows in the look of our towns, in our airports, in our hospitals and in local amenities, it is painfully apparent in our railway system."

Somerset Banned

Somerset have been banned from this season's Benson and Hedges Cup competition as a punishment for their declaration after scoring only one run in last week's zonal match against Worcestershire.

The Test and County Cricket Board condemned the declaration as being totally against the spirit of the game, which it had brought into disrepute.

Glamorgan will now take Somerset's place in the quarter final, and go through to play Derbyshire at Cardiff.

London Tube Strike from June 18

An indefinite strike by 23,000 workers is planned to bring London Transport's Underground system to a halt.

"The strike will undoubtedly bring London to a standstill with the tubes halted. There is no way any other transport, busses or trains, can take over the traffic of the underground."

10 Year Old Has Twins

A ten year old girl has given birth to twins at the Indiana University Medical Centre. The babies were born six weeks prematurely and weighed three pounds six ounces each.

Saturday 2nd

Pope Arrives in Warsaw

Millions of Poles welcomed Pope John Paul II with a spontaneous outburst of religious fervour and affection as he came home in brilliant sunshine.

2 million people lined the road taking him from the airport into Warsaw and more than a quarter of a million people flocked to victory square, in the centre of Warsaw, for a deeply moving open air Mass.

Save the Seagoing Cockroach

The former cockroach coach on HMS Manoora has registered a strong protest against the projected national cockroach hunt. He states that he is horrified to think that these 'friendly' insects who have given so much company to seafarers during our mutual maritime history should be hunted down and placed in jam jars to suffer untold misery. He hopes that the survival of the species will continue for the enjoyment of future generations of mariners.

Sussex Union President Sent Down

Two students have been set down by Sussex University after protesters disrupted Biology examinations by removing the students' scripts and then trying to disrupt the exams when they were re-held.

A special Union General Meeting to debate the issue will be attended by Trevor Phillips, the NUS President. Their expulsion followed the Union - approved demonstration with beating drums outside examination rooms being used for the re-sitting of the exams.

Sunday 3rd

Insurance Against Skylab

Nervous citizens worried at the prospect of a ton of Skylab landing on them have started taking out insurance with Lloyds of London.

Brokers have arranged cover for up to 2.5 million pounds for damage attributed to a falling space vehicle, although there is a condition that an official of NASA, or other responsible body, identifies the object to insure that it really did fall from space.

Monday 4th

Vorster Resigns

The South African Head of State, Mr Vorster, resigned after a most dramatic development in the £37,000,000 Muldergate scandal.

His resignation was forced by publication of the third report of the Erasmus Commission of Inquiry into the scandal, which accused him of having "concealed irregularities from the cabinet, regardless of the consequences".

International Breast-Feeding Week

A conference at the Kensington Hilton heard MPs and Esther Rantzen speaking about their experiences of breast-feeding. The conference is part of International Breast-Feeding Week.

Rampant Nudity Closes Agency

The Lucie Clayton Model Agency is to withdraw from the indignities of the modelling market place.

"Cut-throat competition, twenty per cent commission and a plethora of new agencies with names like Angels, Images and Petals have changed the ladylike sixties into the money-grabbing seventies."

Tuesday 5th

Top Salaries up 25%

2,000 senior civil servants, judges, Service chiefs and executives of State industries were awarded pay rises averaging 13% on top of the twelve per cent previously agreed by the Labour Government.

84,000 Health Service doctors and dentists should get pay rises averaging 25.7% back-dated to April 1st.

Archbishop of Canterbury to Retire

Dr. Donald Coggan is to resign next January 26th. He wants to make way for a younger man as he is sixty-nine. Many felt that his personal choice to resign must have been taken in the context of his own awareness of new Church policy that future Archbishops of Canterbury will have to retire at seventy.

Sussex University Students Strike

Sussex University students voted today for a series of one-day strikes in an attempt to secure the re-instatement of two colleagues banned from the campus for their part in the examination disruption.

A Summer Episode

PART III - The Moral Dilemma

'Let him in Peter,' Sue whispered, excited by the prospect of the imminent confrontation between the two men in her life. Obsequiously, Peter obeyed.

To his surprise and relief, a young hotel porter stood at the door.

'I haf message for Mrs K-,' he announced solemnly, assuming the gallant posture of a Hermes.

'There's a long-distance telephone call in fifteen minutes,' Sue exclaimed, mechanically checking the time on her watch. Peter dispatched the porter without a tip and closed the door.

'Who can it be from?' Susan handed the note to her husband.

'Your mother,' Peter conjectured.

'Peut-etre. Or my sister Louise. At any rate, I do hope nothing calamitous has happened at home.' As she prepared herself, Peter felt a cold fury whelling up inside him. Over the past month, a cacophony of anguish had simmered within him ... the doctor's error ... the episode with Lucy ... Sue's hysterectomy ... and now Virgil's mysterious appearance.

'What is it dear? Move out of the way, Virgil will be here soon.'

'Virgil ... yes Virgil ... Susan, just how did he manage to be in the same Aegean Island as us?' Peter bit his lip in exasperation.

'It's providence, dear. Now please ... will you help me down the stairs.'

'Providence ... there's no such animal,' Peter snapped. 'And don't be facetious with me, Susan. I detest the ingratiating way you play on your physical disabilities. But I know your little aches and pains; they are the whimsical products of a fevered mind. You are a consummate hyperchondriac, my dear.' He raved, deliberately mimicking the way his sire had said 'my dear'.

'Well, I am grateful for your saccharine encouragements. God! You accuse me! You, the epitome of an emotional cripple. Impeturbable, you look on at the world's sufferings. Or perhaps you are some ghastly descendant of Medusa ... she was merely your prototype ... if anyone gazes into your eyes, they see nothing but stone.' Sue had always had a volatile temper, and now her claws were bared. She paused for breath, allowing just enough time for the vehemence of her tirade to sink into her husband.

'You have never had to make a decision whose outcome becomes the watershed in the course of your life: a choice so horrendous in its repercussions that, whichever way you turn, you cannot escape the baleful figure of guilt. You eschew the more gruesome aspects of life by your romantic flight into science.' This reference to his occupation suddenly reminded Peter of his stature and reputation in the world of physics. He wondered whether the journal had accepted his latest paper. Susan's mind was elsewhere.

'You abhor the 'present' and the 'now': instead, you prefer to define the world in terms of atoms, subspaces and molecules. These are the figments of your fevered imagination, for, according to my senses, none of these peculiar animals exist. Go on! Build your castles in the sky, nebulous, ideological edifices whose battlements protect you from the threat of the real world.' A short pause. Peter waited for the climax. It came.

'And to think I left my children for you!' At this Sue ran out of the room, momentarily forgetting the pain her stomach.

Halfway down the stairs, she doubled up in pain. It was funny, though. She had come to associate it with her children. She saw it as a kind of punishment for abandoning them.

And how querulous Peter had become! Lately, she had been repelled by his very touch ... it felt like an icy wind. If only Virgil would have her back. Earlier in the day, when they had met so providentially in the street, she and Virgil had discussed the possibility of a reconciliation, though only briefly.

After a while, someone passed her on the stairs, and helped her to her feet.

As she reached the foyer, she sat down by

the manager's office to await the 'phone call. At that moment, Virgil came striding in through the door. Although he lacked a certain air of sophistication, a certain gentlemanly grace, his swave appearance and athletic physique made him glow with a masculine prowess Susan admired in men. The first thing she wanted to now was where the children were.

'I left them in the hotel ... have you ever seen a Greek baby-sitter? Mind you, they can't all be like her. She must weigh over seventeen stone, the folds of flesh around her belly are like the waves of the Aegean on a stormy day.' Susan laughed: Virgil's bubbling humour and nonchalant manner was like a cool, refreshing breeze on a hot summer's day. How different it was to Peter's crass intellectualism, and the assault of his

barbed innuendos. She pressed his hand in hers, and kissed him lightly on the lips.

Virgil ordered some ouzo and water. The conversation flowed. They spoke of past regrets and future hopes. It wasn't long before Susan broached the subject which was uppermost in her mind.

Upstairs, Peter was pacing the floor with the impatience of a lion at feeding time. Life is so ironical, he thought to himself. If only Susan had told him that he was Augustine's father before she had announced her false pregnancy to him, ... he would never have been motivated to act with such vindictiveness, and the whole rueful episode with Lucy never have transpired. As soon as they returned to London, he would begin legal proceedings to gain the custody of his daughter Augustine. Then he wondered if Virgil knew.

What was he up to, anyway?

After a prolonged discussion, Susan and Virgil had reached agreement. She had assured her ex-husband that she was willing to forsake Peter, and return to Virgil for the love she now realised that she had never lost for him. Secretly, they planned an absurd elopement. That same night, Virgil was leaving with Jade and Augustine for Kusadasi, a resort on the Turkish coast. They were to meet on the quayside at ten o'clock.

Then again, Peter mused, perhaps Susan was lying to him. Then what? Yet deep in himself, he felt a trust for her which bordered on devotion. She would always stay with him, through the direst misfortunes, just as he had unselfishly given her his moral support during and after the operation. He was genuinely shocked and hurt by her vicious outburst. He sorely regretted losing his temper in the first place. When he had time, he would apologise to her. But look at the time! The telephone call should have come an hour ago. Peter decided to go downstairs.

By the time Peter arrived, in the foyer, Virgil had departed. He had so much that he wished to discuss with his wife, that all he could ask her was whether the children had come yet. Without batting an eyelid, Susan replied that she had telephoned Virgil and suggested that he postponed his visit until another day.

Just then, the manager beckoned them into his office. In fact, the caller was Peter's brother Alan. During the course of the conversation, Peter, in his usual reticent manner, said very little. Absorbed with romantic thoughts, Susan didn't notice the colour suddenly drain from Peter's face. He replaced the phone, staring vacantly into nothingness.

'What's the matter? Peter, tell me; you look as if you've seen a ghost.'

'He said it was a sudden stroke ... unforeseeable' Peter covered his face with his hands, trying desperately not to weep. Susan put her arm around him and begged him to tell her what had happened.

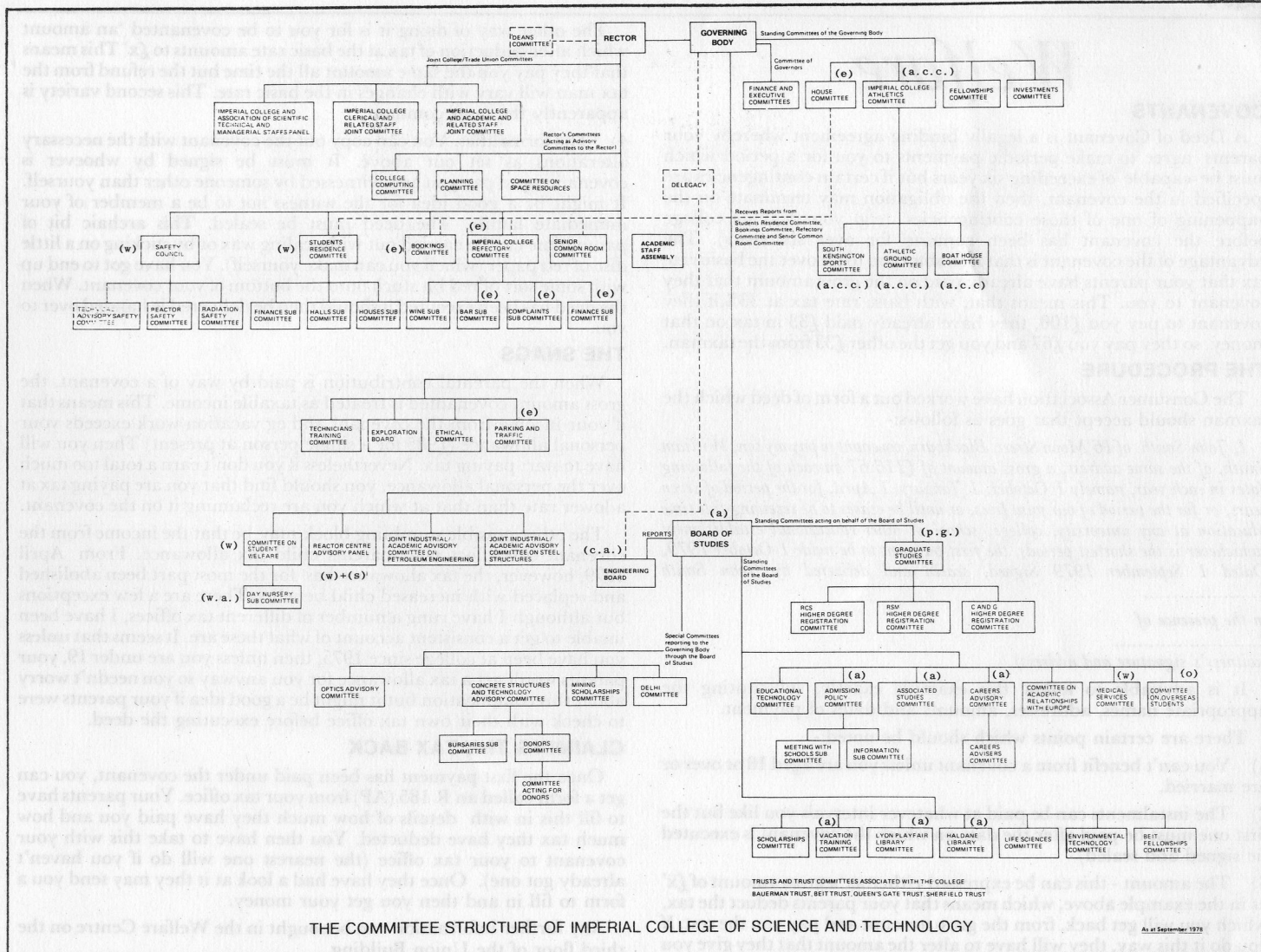
'My father is dead!'

'Oh! No!'

'My brother has booked us a return flight from Athens leaving tomorrow. I'm sorry, Susan,' Peter continued, wiping away a lone tear.

'So am I, Peter. So am I.'

by
Justin Newland



THE COMMITTEE STRUCTURE OF IMPERIAL COLLEGE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

As at September 1978

Mary Mutters

How to (make friends? and) influence people

Other than the sexual games that Mel Kinkie is involved in, lots of other important things happen and emanate from IC Union Office. Much of this is connected with the structure of the college and going about the daily business of representing all you students.

College committees and how they relate to the Union

On lots of committees there are student members, either *ex-officio* (i.e. because of their office), or elected by ICU Council. Council representatives are elected at Joint Council (when both years' Council get together) in June of the year before the session in question.

If for any reason an elected representative cannot attend one of the meetings, we try and send somebody in their place.

If you are interested in the workings of any of these committees then pop into the Union Office and find out who is on them, and you can chat with them some time. The President and Honorary Secretary tend, between them, to be on most committees.

The Rector and the Governing Body are responsible for all decisions in the last instance. The Rector consults his advisory committees, (Rector's committees), but on many decisions will hold individual discussions about an issue with relevant people, e.g. College Officers, President ICU. In particular, refectionary prices and hall rents, etc., he will discuss with the President, ICU.

The Deans committee meets about every two weeks and discusses many financial and other matters. It does not officially exist, but consists of Deans, the Senior Tutor, the College Secretary, and the Rector, (and maybe others I don't know of).

The amazing diagram attached to this 'Mutters' explains the various committees. The left-hand side are Rector's committees which are advisory. The right-hand side are the committees of the Governing Body. These report directly to Governing Body.

Governing Body meets three times per year, and Finance and Executive Committees also about three times a year. The most important thing about these meetings is that they have three student observers and we get a really good lunch in 170 Queens Gate. These meetings always magically end just at the right time for lunch, but retain a modicum of democracy as there are often discussions on an issue. Governing Body consists of the Chairman, (presently Sir Henry Fisher from Oxford), the Deans, the College Secretary (who is clerk to the Governors), a representative of the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, five Commonwealth Government representatives, seven representatives of professional institutions, four members of IC teaching staff, five people from the City and Guilds of London Institute, five from UL, four from the Department of Education and Science and six appointed by the crown.

Union Committees

We try to make some use of our representatives on College committees by actually discussing issues at various Union committees, or if the issue is a major one, taking it to Council or a Union General

Meeting, (e.g. Scholarships were discussed at a UGM).

Union committees are either major sub-committees of Council - which mostly co-ordinate the clubs and societies and administer finance, (except Overseas Students committee, which also campaigns and represents overseas students), or there are committees for a certain area of work such as academic affairs. Postgraduate Affairs committee is both a social and representative body.

I have roughly labelled all the College committees we have representatives on with the Union committee they would relate to.

KEY

Labels represent ICU committees according to the following key:

- (a)- Academic affairs committee (department representatives and others)
- (a.c.c.)- Athletic clubs committee (a major sub-committee for athletic clubs)
- (c.a.)- City and Guilds Union academic affairs committee
- (e)- Executive committee (President, Hon. Secretary, Deputy President plus three CCU Presidents)
- (o)- Overseas students committee
- (p.g.)- Postgraduate affairs committee
- (s) Silwood Park committee (all students based at Silwood)
- (w)- Welfare committee (which also has an accommodation discussion group)
- (w.a.)- ICWA, Imperial College Womens Association

Mary Attenborough
President, ICU

Welfare

COVENANTS

A Deed of Covenant is a legally binding agreement whereby your parents agree to make periodic payments to you for a period which must be capable of exceeding six years but if certain contingencies are specified in the covenant, then the obligation may terminate on the happening of one of those contingencies. (e.g. your leaving college before the covenant has been running for over six years). The advantage of the covenant is that it enables you to recover the basic rate tax that your parents have already paid on the gross amount that they covenant to you. This means that, with basic rate tax at 33%, if they covenant to pay you £100, they have already paid £33 in tax on that money, so they pay you £67 and you get the other £33 from the taxman.

THE PROCEDURE

The Consumer Association have worked out a form of deed which the taxman should accept that goes as follows:-

I, John Smith, of 16 Moon Street, Blackburn, covenant to pay my son, William Smith, of the same address, a gross amount of £116.67 on each of the following dates in each year, namely 1 October, 1 January, 1 April, for the period of seven years, or for the period of our joint lives, or until he ceases to be receiving full time education at any university, college, school or other educational establishment (whichever is the shortest period), the first payment to be made 1 October 1979. Dated 1 September 1979 Signed, sealed and delivered by John Smith

.....
in the presence of

.....
(witness's signature and address)

It is advisable to follow this example exactly, substituting the appropriate names, addresses, amounts and dates of payment.

There are certain points which should be noted:-

- 1) You can't benefit from a covenant unless you are aged 18 or over or are married.
- 2) The instalments can be paid at whatever intervals you like but the first one must be paid after the date on which the covenant is executed (ie signed and sealed)
- 3) The amount - this can be expressed either as 'a gross amount of £x' as in the example above, which means that your parents deduct the tax, which you will get back, from the gross amount and pay you the rest. If you do it this way, they will have to alter the amount that they give you every time the basic tax rate changes (which isn't very often). So if you are covenanted a gross amount of £100 and basic rate tax is at 33%, your parents would give you £67 whereas if the basic rate went down to 30% they would pay you £70.

The other way of doing it is for you to be covenanted 'an amount which after deduction of tax at the basic rate amounts to £x' This means that they pay you the same amount all the time but the refund from the tax man will vary with changes in the basic rate. This second variety is apparently the most common.

4) The formalities. You can copy out the covenant with the necessary alterations as set out above. It must be signed by whoever is covenanting to pay you and witnessed by someone other than yourself. It might be a good idea for the witness not to be a member of your immediate family. The deed must be sealed. This archaic bit of pantomime can be carried out with sealing wax or by sticking on a little disc of red paper (which you can make yourself). You have got to end up with some sort of red bit stuck onto the bottom of your covenant. When the deed has been executed it should then be delivered ie handed over to you.

THE SNAGS

When the parental contribution is paid by way of a covenant, the gross amount covenanted is treated as taxable income. This means that if your income from the covenant and eg vacation work exceeds your personal allowance (£985 for a single person at present) Then you will have to start paying tax. Nevertheless if you don't earn a total too much over the personal allowance, you should find that you are paying tax at a lower rate than that at which you are reclaiming it on the covenant.

The other possible stumbling block may be that the income from the covenant can affect your parents' child tax allowance. From April 1979, however, the tax allowance has for the most part been abolished and replaced with increased child benefits. There are a few exceptions but although I have rung a number of different tax offices, I have been unable to get a consistent account of what these are. It seems that unless you have been at college since 1975, then unless you are under 19, your parents won't get a tax allowance for you anyway so you needn't worry about this complication but it might be a good idea if your parents were to check with their own tax office before executing the deed.

CLAIMING THE TAX BACK

Once the first payment has been paid under the covenant, you can get a form called an R 185 (AP) from your tax office. Your parents have to fill this in with details of how much they have paid you and how much tax they have deducted. You then have to take this with your covenant to your tax office (the nearest one will do if you haven't already got one). Once they have had a look at it they may send you a form to fill in and then you get your money.

Any further information can be sought in the Welfare Centre on the third floor of the Union Building.

ACCOMMODATION FOR NEXT YEAR

The Welfare Centre has some details of landlords who you can contact to book rooms, flats etc for next year.

Michael Arthur
Welfare Adviser

CROSSWORD

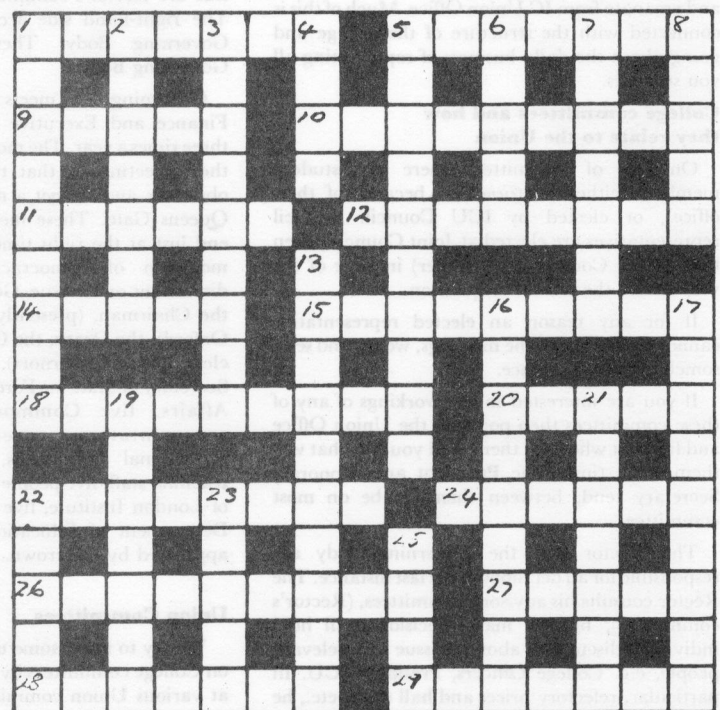
Across

1. Failing to notice that the engine's not working properly (7)
5. Did a favour for someone because forced to (7)
9. Begin to move involuntarily (5)
10. But it won't grow into a larger gem (4-5)
11. Many were on the sick-list and were given a posting (6)
12. Do they look at those who are watching TV? (8)
14. Colour and leave the dance (5)
15. Though skilled, tried to become more so (9)
18. Deciding it's no use fighting (9)
20. Maintains it doesn't go off (5)
22. Stay on the part of the paper that shows the strike (8)
24. Is it his gun that he fastens back on again? (6)
26. Does it keep employees on the move? (5,4)
27. Small in one way and metallic (5)
28. Dropping behind the other plumbers at work? (7)
29. Regret going back to the previous scientist (7)

Down

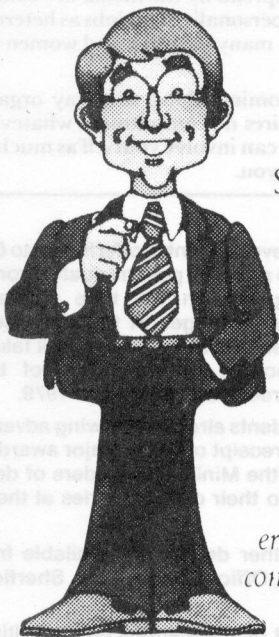
1. Comrades in misfortune? (4-5)
- 2- Give one a position and social standing (7)
3. Like the noodle who's never out of trouble? (2,3,4)
4. Quietly flop back and try to get your breath (4)
5. Put too great a burden on someone else's pocket (10)
6. Having a pound is not down and out; any gardener knows this (5)
7. Do they strike a discordant note in the kitchen?(7)
8. Like fools, the lieutenants join the party (5)
13. A bouncy tune? (6,4)
16. Record what the bank-robbers do (4,5)
17. Is it the ruin of the Navy? (9)
19. Duping but not gulling? (7)
21. The cost of no longer mere coins, we hear (7)
22. Is the girl going round the plant? (5)
23. Was it the dancing that upset the singer? (5)
25. Bound to leave something out (4)

Crossword No. 521 - Prize £1



Industry and the graduate.

Views about industry, especially among graduates and others not actually engaged in it, have a tendency to be both dramatic and odd. For example:



SCENE: Back in the Manager's Office after a special meeting

"Braithwaite, as your department head I want to tell you that my colleagues and I were very proud of the way in which you stood up to the Director this morning. It takes courage and confidence to tell the leader that his facts are wrong and his conclusion illogical, and I must tell you that we were all extremely impressed by your own incisive grasp of the factors involved. It's that kind of fearless, clear-

headed thinking that renews the faith of all of us old hands in the up-and-coming generation. In the final analysis, it is not too much to say, that your kind of new approach makes all the difference between success and failure in the intensely cut-throat world of business. I am sure that your next employer will appreciate it to the full."



Is it really like that? Well there's one place where it isn't – and that's at Rank Xerox Engineering Group. If you want to know the facts about how one of Britain's top technological companies handles graduate development and the Braithwaites of tomorrow, then phone Roger Walker on Welwyn Garden City 35794. Rank Xerox Engineering Group, Bessemer Rd., Welwyn Garden City, Herts. AL7 11 HE

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BILLIARDS AND SNOOKER

Wednesday, 13th is Snooker Club Day!

On Wednesday, 13th June, at 1pm in the snooker lounge, the new committee will hold its first meeting (open to ordinary members). We will be discussing next year's plans, and if you have any ideas, we will be only too glad to hear them (after all, the new booking system was the brain-child of Kit Nair, who is not a committee member, and it is the best thing to happen in the snooker club for a long time!)

In the evening, there will be the first snooker club bar-night! Meet in Snooker Bar at 7pm.

So make a point to come along to at least one of the above events.

The new committee (cordially known as pitch black and the seven twats) are:

President: Me, the tinted one as Maghar puts it,

Vice-President: Martin (leaning-tower of Pisa) Proudlove (who

loves ya, Tracy)

Hon Sec : Steve (You've got strong hands, haven't you Alex) Jeans, who has astounded us all by swearing the most since he was elected,

Treasurer: Dave (Nuts) Nuttall. Everyone's a fruit and nuttall case, **Publicity Officer:** Gareth Machin, but we all call him machine.

Ordinary Committee Members : Geoff Keymer, our hero, Chris Calvert, who keeps us all sane & level-headed by his calmness (even if he does have a funny accent), Alice Cameron: Alice is tall, blond, blue-eyed **Quote:** 'Why don't you come up and see me sometime?'

So these are the loonies who are running the club. We're all very approachable (don't take that in the wrong sense), and we are here to serve you.

Sanjit Teelock
(President for life)

Which might not be very long after this article.

GaySOC

With the considerable oppression of gays in society and the law and the continuous misrepresentation of gays in the media and education it is likely that many people who are really gay will never realise themselves or only after they have other commitments, eg marriage, children, etc, leading to considerable conflict and misery.

Please think about the following points

(1) Although it is likely that a sexual preference is established early in life, there is no evidence that this preference can be permanently changed by heterosexual or homosexual experiences, eg why are there so many married gays who only realised their true nature after marrying. Do not be afraid of suddenly being fixed as gay - it's just a myth to try to frighten bisexual and gay people into conforming by suppressing their true nature.

(2) The Christian Churches are by no means convinced of their attitude towards gay people; Catholic, Methodist and C. of E. Churches are all holding considerable investigations to try to understand the situation of gays in their respective churches. Indeed over 40 clergymen have signed a petition specifically repudiating the masquerade of anti-homosexual prejudice as Christian morality.

(3) The stereotypes of gays spread by the media are completely false; gays have the same spread of personality and jobs as heterosexuals, and it is certain that you have met many gay men and women without even realising it.

(4) Involving yourself by coming along to a gay organisation, eg. ULU discussion groups, requires no commitment whatever, you come along just as an observer. You can involve yourself as much or as little as you like - it is entirely up to you.

PG Tips

Next year's Postgraduate Affairs Officer is Richard Earl, a Physics postgraduate. His nomination was unopposed and his election was ratified at the Postgraduate Group Annual General Meeting on Thursday last week. He takes over the job on 1st July and can be contacted in room 732, Blackett Laboratory, internal telephone 4454.

Other Committee members elected are Treasurer Peter Mitchell, Physics room 814, tel. 3867; Social Secretary Steve Gunn, Chemistry room 535, tel 4116; and PG Welfare Officer John Whitehouse, Chemistry room 833, tel. 4162. The post of Secretary remains unfilled.

SOCIAL EVENTS

A bar night held in Stan's real ale bar last Thursday evening was very successful with a large attendance.

The new Committee will be organising a trip to Cambridge probably on Thursday 19th July. The local beer festival starts on 19th July - what a coincidence! Last year's trip was definitely not to be missed and proved a welcome relief from the worries of thesis writing. Further details will be available soon from the new Committee.

FEE SUPPORT SCHEME

The Ministry of Overseas Development is offering up to 600 awards to assist on grounds of hardship selected postgraduates from developing countries who will be engaged on full time studies at British universities, polytechnics and colleges of further education at the beginning of the academic year 1979-80. Awards will take the form of annual grants of fixed amounts of about half of the overseas postgraduate fee for up to three years starting in 1979.

Eligibility is confined to students already following advanced courses in Britain and who are not in receipt of other major awards. They must be following a course which the Ministry considers of developmental value and they must return to their own countries at the end of their course.

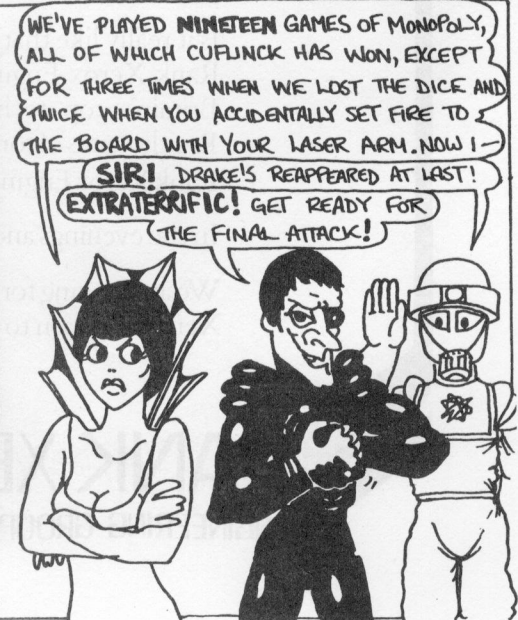
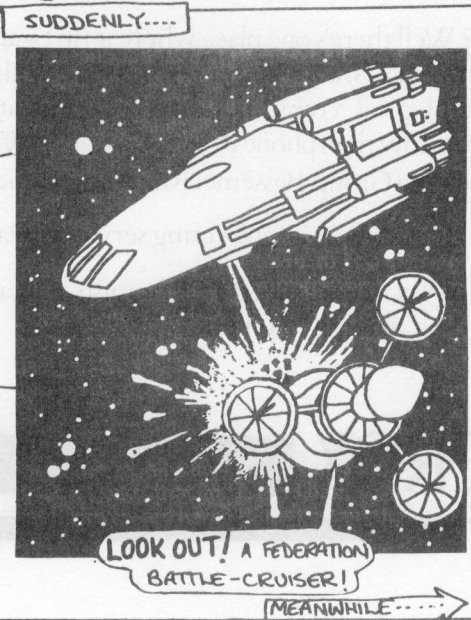
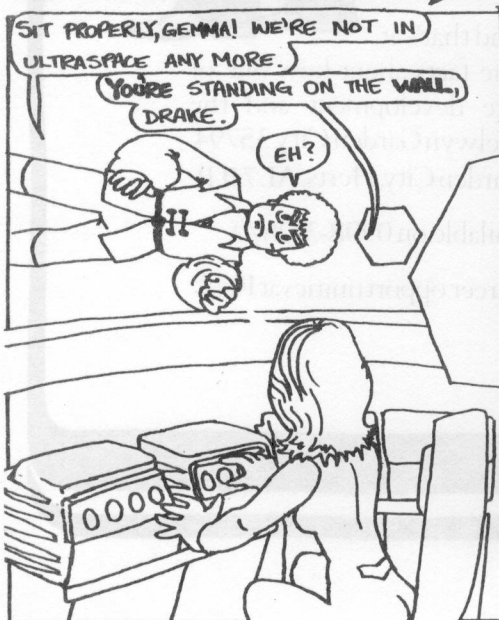
Application forms and further details are available from Mrs J.K. Morten in the Scholarships Office, Room 319, Sheffield Building, internal telephone 2745.

The closing date for receipt of applications by the British Council is 30th June 1979. Registry asks that forms should be returned as soon as possible and preferably not later than 15th June.

Sonia Hochfelder
PG Affairs Officer 1978-79

Drake's Seven part 16.

WITH HEROIC & UNFAILING COURAGEOUSNESS, DRAKE MATERIALISES OUT OF ULTRASPACE INTO THE MIDST OF THE WAITING FEDERATION FLEET.....



RAG

The joint RAG committee for this year was held on Wednesday 23rd May. The main business on the agenda was to choose the charities to benefit from RAG activities next year.

After much debate on the merits of various charities, a vote was taken with the result that most of the money raised next year will be used to buy a kidney machine (or machines), and the minor charities to benefit will be Gingerbread and Alcoholics

anonymous.

Following this, there was a discussion about new types of slopp shirts to be sold next year. The meeting then passed on to the appointment of the new RAG Treasurer and Rag Secretary. These two posts were filled by Ruth Langford, Maths 1, and Kirsten Pratt, Maths 1 respectively.

After this, outgoing RAG Chairman Graham Cox handed over to Raechel Snee, RAG Chairman elect, and the meeting ended with the customary barrel of beer.

MARANATHA

Seek and you will find.

This, then, is the spirit in which our search must be conducted. We must cast aside apathy, pride, prejudice and sin, and seek God in scorn of the consequences. Of all the hindrances to effective search the hardest to overcome are intellectual prejudice and moral self-will. Both are expressions of fear, and fear is the greatest enemy of the truth. Fear paralyses our search. **We know that to find God and to accept Jesus Christ would be a very inconvenient experience.** It would involve the rethinking of our whole outlook on life and the readjustment of our whole manner of life. And it is a combination of intellectual and moral cowardice which makes us hesitate. We don't find because we do not seek. We do not seek because we do not want to find, and we know that the way to be certain of not finding is not to seek.

So be open to the possibility that you may be wrong. Christ may in fact be true. And if you want to be a humble, honest, obedient seeker after God, come to the book which claims to be his revelation. Come particularly to the Gospels which tell the story of Jesus Christ. Give him a chance to confront you with himself and to authenticate himself to you. Come with the full consent of your mind and will, ready to believe and obey if God brings conviction to you. Why not read through the Gospel of Mark, or John? You could read either through at a sitting (preferably in a modern translation), to let it make its total impact on you. Then you could re-read it slowly, a chapter a day. Before you read, pray-perhaps something like this:

'God, if you exist (and I don't know if you do), and if you can hear this prayer (and I don't know if you can), I want to tell you that I am an honest seeker after the truth. Show me if Jesus is your Son and the Saviour of the world. And if you bring conviction to my mind, I will trust him as my Saviour and follow him as my Lord.'

No-one can pray such a prayer and be disappointed. God is no man's debtor. He honours all earnest search. He rewards all honest seekers. Christ's promise is plain: 'Seek and you will find.'

From 'Basic Christianity',
John R W Stott. IVP.

Elk's Last Stand

If you want to park in College over July and you haven't filled in an application for a temporary parking permit for July yet, then you'd better shift your 'arris and get over to the Union Office pronto and fill one in, as the closing date is today (5.30pm). Right that's the serious bit over.

As the end of term approaches and the Elkin dynasty reaches its conclusion I get less and less to write about. My life seems to be sublimating into a sexual fantasy where fact and fiction cannot be told apart, and a misplaced step and a weak link in the fragile fabric of the space-time continuum can combine to create a world unknown outside of personal dream and nightmare; where fragmented shapes exist in a chaos of maximum entropy (he's talking about the union office again) like a huge wet dream of a nineteenth century physicist. Enough of this, I'm beginning to sound like Justin Newland.

Anyway, what I'm really trying to say is that there are only a limited no. of events left at IC this year (I've certainly been saying it in a funny way). The major one of which is the Exec Party which is taking place on the last Thursday of term (21st June) and which is bound to be a stormer. Everyone left at college is invited, bring a bottle, so put it down in your diary (along with the optional Wednesday 1 o'clock one), it's usually an excellent party. The other one, of course, is Joint Council. Another event that is. This marvellous meeting starts at 2 pm on Monday 18th June in the Union Dining Hall and if you'd like to witness great statesmen / women / persons at work then pop along and observe the meeting.

Oh well, as my brain's gone blank-no more elections, no more UGMs, no more heroes - I'll stop my inane rambling and get down to the rope, leather cord and my friend Nige Nob.

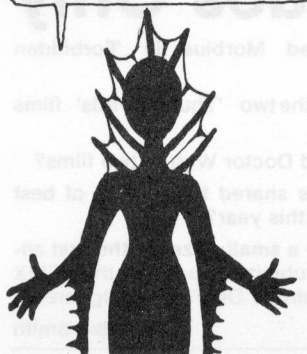
**Cheers,
Mike The Elk**

**Don't forget the fabulous
EXEC PARTY**
Thursday 21st June
8:30 in the JCR
Bar Extension
Bring a Bottle

CREVIS .. WHAT DO YOU THINK I SHOULD WEAR FOR THIS EPIC BATTLE? YOU SEE, I ACCIDENTALLY PUSHED MY DESIGNER DOWN THE DISPOSAL CHUTE. HE WAS NO GOOD ANYWAY. THIS ISN'T AT ALL A NICE DRESS. MORE LIKE A HEDGEHOG. I WANT TO LOOK MORE FUNCTIONAL..

... AND RUGGED. WHAT D'YOU THINK OF MY BATTLE DRESS? THE CASUALLY BELLIGERENT LOOK... (BUT SUPREME GALACTIC REAR FLIGHT SUPER-INTENDENT, IT'S NOT LIKE THAT AT ALL. YOU JUST PRESS A LITTLE BUTTON AND PERCUSSION TURNS INTO A RAREFIED VAPOUR. HOW VERY HYGIENIC. NOT FOR DRAKE, MADAM)

SIR! ALREADY DRAKE'S ENGINES ARE DAMAGED. HE'S A SITTING DRAKE. (WITH ENEMIES LIKE HIM, WHO NEEDS FRIENDS?) (SIR... WHY DOES OUR GLORIOUS LEADER KEEP WEARING FUNNY CLOTHES? DON'T ASK. I THINK SHE THREW A HEDGEHOG DOWN THE DISPOSAL CHUTE BECAUSE IT HAD DESIGNS ON HER, OR SOMETHING. IF DRAKE'S POSITION WASN'T SO HOPELESS, I THINK I'D JOIN THE OTHER SIDE...)



NEXT WEEK ; DESPAIR

It seems such a short time ago that I was bubbling with enthusiasm about the films which were to follow Star Wars. The latter is now a dirty word, I cringe at the mention of it. Below are two good reasons. The Humanoid - (A, George B Lewis).

Don't let the names fool you. This is a prime example of those cheap Italian sci-fi rip-offs, with credits which read like the A.A. guide to the Mafia. I can't remember when I was last so disgusted with a film for lack of story, poor effects and feeble acting.

The stars (joke) are Richard 'Jaws' Kiel and Barbara Bach, both of 'The Spy who Loved Me' fame. In this film it's a case of 001-wish-they-hadn't-bothered! The weak story concerns the efforts of a Darth Vader look-alike and his PVC sidekicks to overthrow his brother, the ruler of Earth. He is aided by a mad scientist who changes a mild-mannered space pilot into an indestructible monster. There are also laser arrows, a robot dog, a beautiful female in trouble ... Need I go on?

The wild use of lasers and cornflake packet space ships clinch it. This is my first nomination for a new film award category - 'Films to be totally ignored'.

The Shape of Things To Come (A George McGowan)

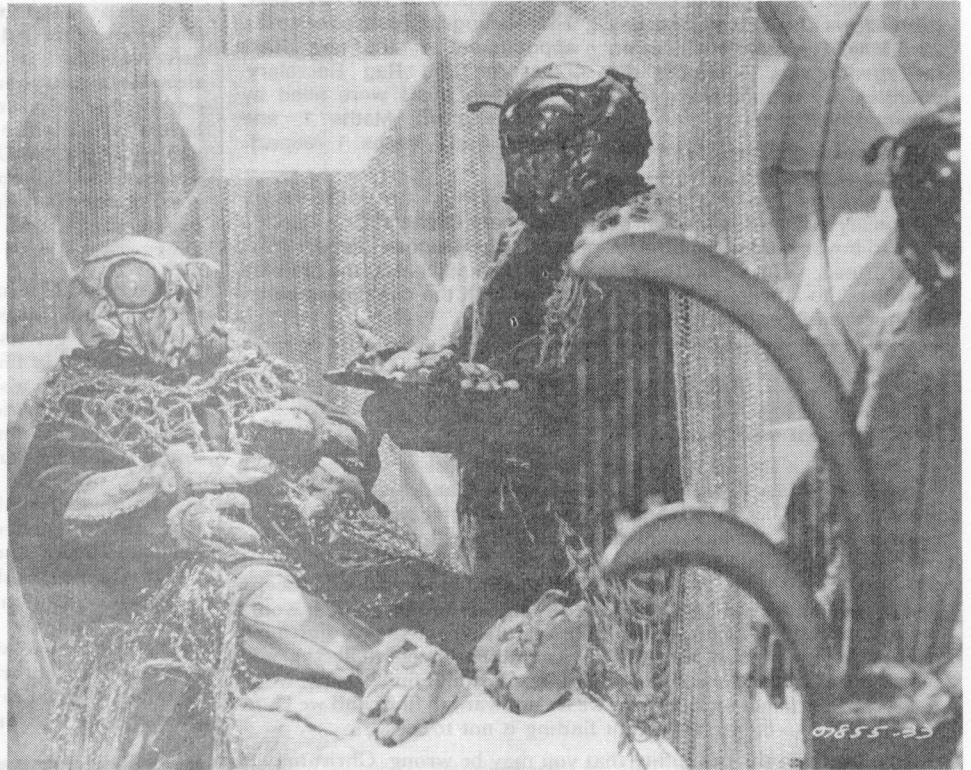
This can only be my second nomination for the above category. Forget it. This is for film perverts only. Oh yes, and Mike Elkin.

Seriously, this film masquerades as a remake of the 1936 classic. It is more of a sequel, being set 50 years after the first ended. Definitely better than the pathetic 'Humanoid' but still for science fiction vultures only.

Well, the exams are drawing to a close and you may have the odd spare evening. For this reason I thought I'd do a 'Film in Brief' column. OK so it is a 'Punch' rip-off!

Animal House - great fun, very amusing.
Battlestar Galactica - disappointing

The Boys from Brazil - cloning plus a good



11.- Which film is this a clip from?

story and cast.

California Suite - stylish, inoffensive humour.
The Dear Hunter - shouldn't be missed.
Fantasia - made in 1940 but a masterpiece of animation. Kentucky Fried Movie - hilarious if you are not too fussy. Invasion of the Bodysnatchers - sci-fi fans only. Midnight Express - probably the best film in London.
Nosferatu - typically European but a different type of vampire story. Superman - fun for kiddies of all ages. Towering Inferno - the best disaster movie. Warriors - well worth it. Watership Down - disappointing interpretation of the novel.

Film Quiz

And Now ...

faster than a speeding bullet, shorter than War and Peace, it is a silly film quiz!!

Who's been paying attention?

1. Who wrote 'California Suite'? Name at least one of his other screen comedies.
2. Who starred in 'Invasion of the Bodysnatchers', 'The First Great Train Robbery' and 'Animal House'?
3. Who directed 'Battlestar Galactica'?
4. Which star of a long running TV western also starred in 'Galactica'?
5. Who plays the vampire in 'Nosferatu'?

Old and New

6. What is the sequel to Star Wars called?
7. Who wrote the novel 'The Boys from Brazil'?
8. What is the new Python movie called?
9. Which Bond movie featured 'Little Nell'?
10. What is the forthcoming Bond movie called?

Weirdos Only

1. Who played Morbius in 'Forbidden Planet'?
2. What were the two 'Thunderbirds' films called?
3. Who played Doctor Who in two films?
4. Which films shared the honour of best film at Cannes this year?

There will be a small prize for the first all-correct entry submitted to me at the FELIX Office. The 'Weirdos Only' can be ignored.

Mike Smith



12.-From which film were these two scenes cut (ie not shown) ?

Rain Saves UC

UC _____ 213 all out
 IC _____ 91 for 2

The remains of the selected IC 1st XI numbered 5 and arrived for UC's bus at Gower St with the news that they wished to borrow the home sides kit.

On arrival at Shenley we were lent 2 second XI players plus 1 rabbit.

IC lost the toss and opened the bowling with 2 first change bowlers. Wickets fell intermittently until at 150 for 4 Furnish made the astute decision of putting on Mahers who immediately took a wicket. Had he been a real tactician he would then have removed Mahers from the attack as 26 were taken from his second (final) over.

UC eventually made 231 with the help of a non run out decision to give them their last 15.

IC's 7 players included 5 opening batsmen and Mylvaganam and A Guest were chosen to do the honours. These 2 gave IC a solid start until A Guest fell to a bad decision from umpire A.N. Otherguest.

This brought Davis to the crease. The opposing captain thought that this pair were bad enough to get out to some slow near donkey droppers. Davis and Mylvaganam thought otherwise and proceeded to carve the bowling until a proper spinner was brought into the attack to remove Mylvaganam.

Davis continued to strike fiercely until torrential rain

stopped him (on 47 n.o.) from his 50 and prevented fourth opener Furnish (8n.o.) from his second advent into double figures this season.

At 91 for 2 off 17 overs and with 19 overs remaining it was generally agreed that with these two fine batsmen at the crease it was only rain that saved UC.

To decide the drawn match UC challenged IC to a boat race in the bar afterwards which we won in style. (you try boat-racing with Abbot ale).

Team: Furnish, Mylvaganam, Turner, Davis, Mahers, A Guest, AN Otherguest.

TENNIS

TENNIS CLUB

On Saturday, IC tennis were due to play a men's double s against Gower and a mixed against International Student House.

On Friday, O'Boyle was in the bar unaware of what lay in store. Morning came and a dozen racquet-wielding hopefuls crowded in GCP and sped towards Harlington. Sean and Julia who had hogged the front seat payed dearly for it by sticking most uncomfortably (to the seats). After a 5 minute delay, changing rooms were located and one of the team waltzed out in tennis shorts a la RCS AGM, the latest thing so I'm told. The rest of the players dressed some what more sedately knocked up.

In due course the opposition arrived:

'How d'you do?'

'Fine thanks mate, how do you?'

'Nice weather for it.'

'Probably piss down later'

The courts themselves were in fairly good shape, if a bit slow, it had been raining earlier on. Rich Jenner, last year's captain turned up late, the team was complete. The match started.

'These two don't look much good'.

'Naa probably thrash 'em'.

1st round finished.

'Better than they looked weren't they?'

'Not bad at all'.

'Perhaps the others won'

'No we got hammered, bet you beat their third pair though, didn't look much good'

O'Boyle and Jenner exchanged withering glances. And so it went. A break for tea. Perhaps they'll slow up a bit after tea, flash gits, mused IC to themselves over sticky chocolate biscuits and tomato sarnies.

3rd round after tea: no change, but with true grit IC did manage to win the odd game or two.

The mixed didn't fair much better; they could hardly have done worse!

IC 1st IX vs Westfield 1st XI

In the absence of Mel Kinkie this week, IC could only raise nine perverts.

Toplis, still wearing his wellies after a hard morning on the sheep farm, managed to lose the toss again. Westfield elected to bat which left IC to chase around in the tropical heat.

Toplis ignored Morton's advice to bowl his off-breaks and bowled his normal straight up and down rubbish. Somehow he managed to take 5 for 22 and this included a splendid catch behind the wicket by Morton. This surprised everybody as Morton had spent most of the afternoon lusting after women footballers in tight shorts, white socks and PVC shirts.

Ellacott claimed to have a head-ache. This had two effects - firstly he was unavailable to the rest of the team and secondly he only managed to bowl one straight ball all afternoon. The straight ball so surprised the batsman it claimed Ellacott's only wicket. Mylvaganam and Slator downed their whips and turned their arms over. Both were successful by their normal standards returning figures of 1-29 and 1-27 respectively. As usual, IC used one joke bowler. Today was the turn of Aford who is due to appear in court next week charged with exposing himself in Hyde Park. Westfield, with no perversions amongst the whole team, finally declared after tea at 122 for 9.

Morton and Mylvaganam opened for IC. The latter looked quite classy until playing on a wide ball after scoring 28. Morton showed an uncharacteristic lack of talent and scratched around for a lucky 14. Furnish did not last long as he was distracted by a passing school-girl. However he did improve his batting average by scoring one run. Pickles remained at the wicket for at least

two minutes and was given out for self abuse when he had scored 9. Slator looked like swinging the game IC's way by scoring 0. Toplis (still in his wellies) scored an agricultural 10 and Mahers (inspired the night before by his inflatable rubber woman) achieved a life-long ambition and actually scored some runs. He had reached the amazing total of 3 before a harsh umpiring decision sent him back to the pavilion. This left Aford and Ellacott (complete with headache) to try and play out the last few overs. Aford's forward defensive lunge was very prominent and he remained not out 1. It was Ellacott who generously drolled a catch to short extra-cover off the penultimate ball of the day to lose us the match. IC finished with the impressive total of 79 and two rape victims.

After the match we could at least enjoy dirty films and an orgy in the bar, even though we had been defeated by eleven straight men.

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CROQUET CLUB

The croquet season has begun. That's why you may have seen idle people hitting multicoloured balls around the Queen's lawn to no apparent purpose. We are the IC Croquet Club. Actually Croquet is a game requiring skill, finesse and thought and not a little deviousness.

If you think you might like to play, why not come along to an introductory session for

beginners at 1pm on Wednesday 13th June beneath the Queen's Tower, where our resident expert, Prof Neal will demonstrate the basics of the game.

For those of you who already play, and would like to join the club (you need to be a member of use the equipment) the man to contact is **Julian Radowicz, Maths II**. Come along on Wednesday, anyway, and meet us.

After being accosted in bar afterwards and relentlessly teased all the way back, (we only won 2 games all afternoon) I was quite glad to get down to some Fluid mechanics revision, which I probably failed anyway.

There's always next time.

Team: Barry Witts (Capt) Noori, Sean and Rich, Larry and Sydney.
 Mixed: Julia and Richard, Sara and ?, Hazel and Rob.

NEWS IN BRIEF

NEW FURNITURE

New furniture for the Union Lower Lounge has begun to arrive, but will not be moved in until it has all been delivered.

Any chairs now in the Lower Lounge which are still in a decent condition will be moved to the Junior Common Room.

NOT SATISFIED

The Rector is not satisfied with Refectory Committee's recent recommendation for a 0.25 per cent monthly wages regulator and has asked the Union President to correct inaccuracies in her paper which led to the decision.

The Rector would like a 0.5 per cent monthly rise to compensate for wage cost increases with a 5 per cent adjustment in July. But Mary Attenborough says that even after amendments to her original calculations only 0.26 per cent is needed with a 2.5 per cent rise in July. She has accepted the 5 per cent proposal for July.

The annual wages settlement is paid from 1st December. The disagreement between the Rector and the Union President arises over how the increased wage costs should be spread over the whole year.

Ms Attenborough says that the Rector's calculations are based on the wage rise taking place on 1st August which she considers is

absurd. Discussions are to continue at the next Refectory Committee meeting before the end of this term.

OVERSEAS STUDENTS A BENEFIT

The College's Overseas Students Committee is considering ways in which overseas students benefit Britain and investigating a way of quantifying this in cash terms.

College is hoping to use this information to counter arguments about allowing overseas students to study in Britain. The Government sets the fees for these students basing them on the running costs of the university divided by the number of students. The Overseas Students Committee says that this calculation is unrealistic.

At its last meeting the OSC agreed to consider holding a conference about small scale energy sources in the Third World at Imperial College. The conference would be a sequel to one held at Reading in January.

The Committee also discussed English language tests for overseas students. At the moment there is no clear definition of the standard of English required and some students are finding that their knowledge of English is inadequate.

The Committee decided to set up a test which will be known as TOEFL- teaching of English as a foreign language. All overseas students will have to take this test and reach a set standard. If they fail they will be able to retake it the following year.

WUS SCHOLARSHIP TO GO AHEAD

The College and Union have agreed a means of going ahead with a World University Service scholarship to enable a Third World student to study at the College.

College is to find the money initially but the Union is to launch an appeal next term to pay the money back to College.

The Union will have to raise £2000 which they hope to raise from students during registration and from academic staff by donations or covenants. The Union raised £500 for WUS last October by asking students to give 50p each.

WUS already runs schemes for overseas students at other British universities and will add the Imperial College scholarship to their list of places advertised in Third World countries. The Rector and Union will have the final say in selecting the student to benefit.

The appeal, which will be signed by the Rector and the new Union President, Chris Fox, is to be advertised in the IC Union Handbook.

NEW NURSES

College is to allow two male nurses to live in the flat above the Health Centre. In return for free accommodation they will be required to be available to look after sick patients in the sick bay at night.

They will replace the three agency nurses hired by the Health Centre, making an annual saving of £9000. The nurses will come from the Brompton Hospital.

The change will mean that students in the halls of residence will no longer be able to call a College nurse if they are sick at night but will have to call a doctor.

MESS MUST GO

It is rumoured that Roger 'Tidy' Stotesbury, ICU Secretary elect, is to be seconded to the Royal College of Science Union to tidy up their Union Office.

This course of action has been suggested by Union President Mary Attenborough following complaints from College about the mess which can be seen from the road. The office is close to the College's Summer Accommodation Centre office and College fear that the summer visitors will get a poor impression of IC.

One of the promises Roger Stotesbury made during his election campaign was to keep the Union office tidy so it looks like he will have an early opportunity to prove his worth.



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