



# FOCUS



THE NEWSPAPER OF IMPERIAL COLLEGE UNION

## College Changes Policy?

### Demonstrate Now!



170 Queens Gate: scene of today's demo

**The Union have responded angrily to a suggestion that College may change their policy of not forcing students to leave courses due to financial hardship.**

**Students are to demonstrate from 10.30 this morning outside the Rector's residence at 170 Queensgate while College Governors arrive for a Governing Body meeting which may make this change.**

The suggestion comes in the wake of the Budget announcement of a 20 per cent tuition fees rise for overseas students resulting in an almost 30 per cent rise over fees at the start of this session.

In the past self-financing students suffering financial hardship have received College help with fees enabling them to finish their courses. But the Rector told Union President Mary Attenborough last Friday that College may no longer be able to afford to do this.

Mary has written to the Governors arguing against such a change. She points out that forcing students to leave would deprive College of the fee income they are still able to pay.

Half IC's research students are from overseas and therefore such a policy could prove a severe blow for research at the College, especially coming on top of the £5 million Budget cut in Research Council expenditure.

The University Grants Committee met yesterday to discuss where expenditure cuts could be made. The Rector hopes that savings can be made at IC without endangering jobs.

Linstead Hall furniture is, however, not threatened, as it has

already been paid for.

Later today at the Governors' lunch, to which all members of the incoming Union Council are invited, students will be raising the question of overseas students' fees and many will display badges with slogans protesting against any change in College policy.

#### OCCUPATION THREAT

If the Governors go ahead and change College policy on students suffering financial hardship they could be faced with a student occupation next term.

Deputy President Malcolm Brain has submitted a motion to go to the first Union meeting of next term proposing that the Union occupy a room in College.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

#### PARKING

Because there have been less applications for July parking permits in College than places available the Union will not be issuing permits.

Instead students wishing to bring cars into College grounds will be asked to register with parking attendant John Fuller.

#### CHAIRMAN ELECTED

The Union Permanent Working Party has elected Gary Dearmer to be its chairman next session. All six of its members sit on Council.

#### COLLEGE COVER-UP

A Union member has alleged that College is trying to play down the involvement of an IC student in a toilet role throwing incident at the Epsom Derby recently.

The Jockey Club were furious when someone threw a toilet role at horses, interfering with the race. The media called the man a moron and an imbecile.

The student was identified from television film of the Derby and is believed to be from the Royal School of Mines.

#### ACCOMMODATION

John Smith, the new College Secretary, is to meet Union Welfare Adviser Michael Arthur to discuss ways College can help with the student accommodation problem.

To be included in the discussions will be head tenancy arrangements.

Nightline has also been caught up in the plight of students looking for somewhere to live. In their annual report to the College Welfare Committee they reveal that they get calls from homeless students almost every night at the beginning of the year. They can only respond by referring students to other agencies.

#### BICYCLES

The Union are to press for better facilities for bicycle storage in College following several thefts throughout this year.

Departments will be asked to provide room inside buildings if possible and the Union are to consider setting up a bicycle rack in the Beit Quad.

#### ALTERNATIVE PROSPECTUS

The University of London Union Alternative Prospectus Conference is to take place in November at Queen Mary College. It is being held at the instigation of ICU Academic Affairs Officer Roger Stotesbury.

# LETTERS

Dear Sir, - In his letter of 15th June (FELIX 522) Mr Purewal claims that he knew that I had written the letter signed 'Independent Observer' (FELIX 521). In fact, he didn't know until I told him. I have borne no personal grudge against Mr Purewal, as he alleges. Indeed, if he will care to read the India Soc election memorandum, he will find that I was one of the people who proposed him for the presidency. It was Mr Purewal's reaction to his defeat, rather than any animosity, which prompted me to write to FELIX.

Yours faithfully,

**V Dhanak**

Dear John, - Just dropping a line to let you know that whatever Sonia may or may not write, or even if she only thinks it: we disagree with it.

**Rick Archer  
Sean O'Boyle  
Chris Fox  
Mich Maghar**

Dear John, - I am glad that my letter of two weeks ago, of which the prime purpose was to fill a quarter page space on page 2 of FELIX, has given rise to correspondence filling half a page.

From the three letters of last week it seems that the higher echelons of the Royal College of Science Union do not themselves know exactly what they are to do about the stripper at their 'Revue'.

So may I venture a final opinion and say that the featuring of a stripper might be just slightly inconsistent with the intention of putting on a **quality** revue.

As for Chris Fox, no doubt he will learn during his year as ICU President to express himself accurately and unambiguously, or he will have trouble not only with FELIX reporters.

To return once again to the problem of the 'undemocratic minorities', this concept was only voiced to me by Chris Fox in answer to a question about whether protests by women had been a factor contributing to the change in the nature of Smoking Concert. I did not need to 'divine Chris' thoughts as Sean O'Boyle makes out. I still fail to see how anyone can construe that Chris meant any other group than the women protesters referred to in the question. If he did then he was even more inept in his use of the English language than he makes out.

However, only Rich Archer, Sean O'Boyle and Mick Maghar claim to explain which other people Chris meant while Chris himself remains silent. As this is the last FELIX this term we shall probably never know.

One more point from Mick's 5.5 inch paragraph, yes I was at Smoking Concert and I thought that most of the audience was guilty of disruption and excess consumption of free beer. But this is irrelevant to the argument about undemocratic minorities.

I wish next year's Revue organisers the best of luck in their attempts to persuade the audience to behave themselves.

Sean claims that Rich Archer explained the reasons for the name 'Highlights Revue', and then justifies Rich's lack of explanation by saying that the name is obvious. Obvious it may be to you and many others, but there are people to whom it is not at all obvious. Saying that it is obvious does not in any case constitute an explanation. Not everyone watches the same television programmes.

I am glad that Sean does not mind people airing their views in public. It would be a sad day for the democratic body which he heads if he did mind.

Finally, having livened up your last few FELICES with a bit of not too serious correspondence, I hope everyone has a good summer and perhaps we shall meet again some day.

Yours sincerely,

**Sonia Hochfelder**

P.S. In view of their letter elsewhere on this page, may I assure readers that I think RCSU is wonderful.

Sir, - I do not recall any response from IC Executive or Council having been made on Barry Austin's letter in FELIX No. 520. Presumably, Council had just quietly ignored the points contained in that letter! Well, I for one object to such an attitude, because an important principle is involved.

If Parliament passes a particular Act that happens to be faulty, the Government has no power to presume a 'correct' version of that Act - it has to introduce a Bill into Parliament to amend the existing legislation, thereby removing the mistakes. It is only after this that the 'correct' version becomes law.

Now all this applies, by analogy, to IC Union. A UGM may pass a particular policy. This may include particular mandates or directives. But for these to have any effect, they must be phrased in the correct terms. ICU Council has no power to take the attitude, 'Well, the UGM really meant such and such, even though they didn't actually say that, so that's what we will do.' If Council are uncertain, or if they would like a particular policy of a UGM altered, then they have to bring the matter before another UGM,

which may or may not agree with them.

Barry Austin is right about the latest motion on Abortion: I had already pointed out to several people including Barry Austin, (before the motion was discussed), that, in that form, it could not be understood as instructing the Executive or Council to do anything. I had not noticed the internal inconsistencies that Barry has pointed out, although these seem to result from the amendment. Neither had I noticed that the policy could not affect any existing policy, as has been correctly shown in Barry's letter. It is no use whatever Council saying that the policy meant to do these things - if the proponents of such ideas cannot find from amongst themselves articulate, clear-headed persons

capable of drafting a simple little policy motion, then that's just too bad. The only problem with ICU is that there is no system like the courts to restrain Council or the Executive from acting beyond their proper powers.

I can only hope that the next Council will not be so blatantly high-handed as to invent new powers for itself! If the policy on the 'NAC' has been 'deleted' by this present Council, then it is the duty of the incoming Council to overturn such a decision and, on behalf of their predecessors, to apologise to the next UGM for having previously acted ultra vires (beyond their proper powers).

Yours faithfully,

**Tony Leech,  
Materials Science 3**

## SCIENCE RESEARCH COUNCIL: RESEARCH STUDENTSHIPS

CLEARING HOUSE FOR ENGINEERING RESEARCH STUDENTSHIPS - 1979

The Council's Engineering Board has been concerned at the low take-up of its quota research studentships in recent years and new arrangements are being made for the 1979 awarding exercise to improve the situation. A clearing house for students seeking engineering research studentships will operate in the period 11 June - 31 July. There will also be a small reserve of studentships available to departments that have filled their quota studentship allocations and have further eligible candidates seeking awards. We hope that this will help departments achieve a full take-up of their quota allocations.

The normal SRC Appeals procedure will continue to redistribute unused studentships during August in the first instance in accordance with Council's general allocation between Science and Engineering. In previous years the Appeals exercise has been too late for some students since by then they had made other arrangements - hence the clearing house exercise this year.

Prospective research students are advised in the first instance to contact the head of the relevant department to see if quota studentships are available. In case of difficulty students should telephone the SRC Engineering Secretariat for details of departments that have unfilled studentships. This clearing house will operate between 11 June and 31 July 1979. Departments which have difficulty in filling their quotas may also contact the Engineering Secretariat (Mrs Marion Bird, Swindon (0793) 26222, Extension 2429) for names of students seeking awards.

There will be a reserve of up to 24 research studentships which may be applied for on a first come first served basis by departments that have filled their quota research studentships ie when SRC has received as many applications for eligible students as allocated. Nominations of eligible candidates for reserve studentships should be made in the normal way except that the top of the front page of the application form must be marked *Clearing House Reserve*.

Studentships from this reserve will cease to be available after 31 July 1979 when the normal SRC Appeals procedure operates.

These arrangements will apply only to quota research studentships allocated by the Science Research Council's Engineering Board; they do not apply to *Case Awards*.

## Policy Reversal

Today, a Governing Body meeting may decide to totally reverse their previous policy concerning overseas students attending courses at IC who find themselves in financial difficulties due to circumstances beyond their control. It is obviously unfair that a student should be made to leave through no fault of his/her own and I feel that the reputation of the college will suffer as a direct result. The quality of research carried out at IC will fall as well since about half of our research students are from overseas.

Present policy is to help self-financing students and the Governors must be persuaded to maintain this stand. You can help by demonstrating outside 170 Queens Gate at 10.30 this morning. Your stay at IC may depend on it!

## Bar Committee Nomination

Malcolm Brain will be nominated for the post of Bar Committee Chairman, by the President, at the first Refectory Committee meeting of next term. He has not yet been appointed as stated in News in Brief below.

## Shuttleworth's First Stand

So! There he was: gear lever in one hand and AM reference manual in the other (1850 model). 'Why not do something special for your last issue?' he inquired, innocently. Little did I know when I agreed to increase the number of pages what fiendish scheme John S. planned to perpetrate. Print it himself!!! God, you should have seen the mess! Purple ink everywhere. Still it was a lot of fun, assaulting an under-age offset-litho all night in the FELIX Office. What do you mean we had no alternative!? That's beside the point.

## The End is Nigh

It's rather a funny feeling, sitting here, writing my last Editorial. After three years of chasing around after a degree this last year has given me a chance to pause and take a good look at IC. I can't say I like the place, but many individuals have made it brighter by helping either FELIX or myself. I'll list them in the order in which they spring to mind.

## Thank-you;

Malcolm Brain, Mary Attenborough, Mike Elkin, Sheyne Lucock, Paul Fairbairn, John Shuttleworth, Dave Haddon, Colin Palmer, Jill Dawson, Sonia Hochfelder, Dave Crabbe, Paul Williams, Mark Smith, Jen, Pat and Annie in the Union Office, all those in IC Radio especially John Allen, everyone in Beit who helps collate, the Central Stores and College Block staff who liven up my Friday morning and Julie and Fe from IF.

Without the regular crowd in the tea room I would have given up long ago and without the many favours granted by Arthur Carter, Sue and Steve at AM International, FELIX would have not appeared on more than one occasion.

Anita Lai and Gill McConway have put up with both varitypers and phototypesetters in typing FELIX and I am deeply grateful to them both. Ian Morse has printed (almost) all of my FELICES and on time: many thanks Ian.

I'd like to wish those of you leaving IC the best of luck in the future and offer my commiserations to those stuck here for another year.

At least you'll have John S. - type FELICES to read.

## The End is Here.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### BEIT SAFETY

College are at last to take action over the safety of women in Beit Hall where the main door to the hostel cannot be locked.

Estates section is to begin work on strengthening the doors and providing good locks to prevent strangers entering at night.

Discussions are to take place about the possible provision of an answerphone system for all Beit residents.

### BEER RIP-OFF

Malcolm Brain, piss artist extraordinary, has been appointed chairman of the Bar Committee for next session. He takes over from Andy Middleton.

A bar price survey by Andy Middleton has shown that IC bar prices are of the same order as pubs elsewhere in South Kensington.

He told Council that this was a matter for concern as IC prices are the most expensive in the University of London and are higher than in pubs in many of the areas where students live.

It is College policy that IC bars should be as profitable as possible. The Union are to try to reverse this policy which will probably require a Governing Body decision.

### BLOOD GIVEN

A total of 268 students gave blood over two days this term when the National Blood Transfusion Service visited the College.

The Service has sent a message of thanks to all volunteers.

Last year 369 students gave blood over a period of three days.

A barrel of beer awarded to the department giving the most blood went to Life Sciences but it has not been claimed to date.

### WELFARE CENTRE USED

About 3,000 visits were made to the Union Welfare Centre this year. The Union see this as confirmation that the Centre is fulfilling a need not previously recognised to exist by College, especially as an accommodation service.

### UNION MONEY CUT

The Union is to receive £126,525 from College in 1979/80.

This is a cut of £7,500 on the estimate put in by the Union and has meant that an overall 4 per cent cut has been forced on all expenditure.

Union Finance Committee, meeting last Friday, decided not to cut the grant to City and Guilds Union as their original estimate had been very low.

### DAY NURSERY

Day nursery charges to students are to go up by £1 per week to £16. Charges to staff will be £20.80, representing a 6.7 per cent increase. The subsidy of £5,000 for student places remains the same as last year.

Chelsea College, which has five places in the nursery has been told to withdraw early in 1980 because the nursery is becoming overcrowded. Chelsea College is having difficulties finding a building to house their nursery.

### UNION CARD

Next year's Union card will include an advertisement by the National Westminster Bank. The Union will receive £450.

The deal means that plans to include a list of useful telephone numbers have been dropped.

### RADIO FIRST

Last Sunday IC Radio broadcast what could be the first real breakfast programme ever.

Assistant Station Manager Harvey Nadin, who usually does the Sunday morning slot, decided to celebrate the end of term by presenting the show live from his bedroom and providing a full breakfast for anyone who turned up.

People began arriving soon after the eight o'clock start, coffee mugs in hand, and included the Hall Warden, Frank Potter, and

his wife, Union Deputy President Malcolm Brain, who smothered his cornflakes in beer, and other students including Paul Fairbairn clad in pyjamas and a tie. Harvey soon found that he had barely enough food to cope with demand despite a shopping spree the day before.

The programme required a special two-way line, laid from Harvey's Keogh room to the station control room in the Southside basement where the operating was done.

The breakfast itself continued until well after the three-hour programme had ended, except for some members of the station who had to prepare the equipment for one of IC Radio's more usual outside broadcasts that evening, from Stan's Bar in Southside.

### RAG RECORD

Imperial College Rag has achieved a record collection this year. Figures released this week show that almost £16,000 was collected.

The previous record stood at £9,000 and last year's total was £7,500.

### BRAIN DAMAGE

Deputy President Malcolm Brain estimates that the 2p VAT increase on a pint of beer announced in the Budget on Tuesday will cost him an extra £20 per year.

# What IF?

## MEET NINUSHKA PROVAZNIK: IF's RAG REP

My name is Ninushka Provaznik, and like all the other 'What IF?' girls I am slaving my heart out on a two year course at L'Institut Francais due Royame Uni, just a stones throw from South Kensington tube station.

I was recently elected as Rag Rep for IF Students' Union. This doesn't mean that I resemble a rag doll but that I am responsible for selling IF shirts which are excellent value for money.

As you can see from the photo I have a great passion for sitting on motor cars so beware all you BMW owners.

I have more fantasies too numerous to mention but I dread the day that I reach the age of 20.

I was going to write this article



in Czechoslovakian so that none of you could read it. We have a slightly different alphabet and I wasn't sure whether the typesetter could cope with so many strange characters, so in the end I decided not to write one at all.

I think it is important that more socializing exist between IC and IF.

Not just between the FELIX Editor and the IF executive but more generally.

If you perchance to find yourself close to IF don't hesitate but walk right in and say Hi! Someone will be glad to see you and I would just love to sell you an IF shirt or sit on your motor car.

Love and kisses,

**Ninushka**

# What IF?

## MEET VIRGINIA CHALMERS: IF's TREASURER

Well, everyone else seems to have found something of interest to say to you all so I shall try not to let the side down.

My name is Virginia Chalmers and I am the treasurer of the IF Union, (mainly because I was the only one stupid enough to stand for the position).

I was born in the North East of Scotland, but when I was 2 years old my family moved down to the South of England where we lived for about 10 years. We then moved back up to Scotland to a small fishing town called Arbroath where we have been for the last 5 years.

When I finished my O levels, I went to France to stay with a family for 6 months. With my consequent knowledge of the French language, I came back to England and took the entrance exam for the French Institute.

Well now that you know a little bit about me and how I came to be at IF, I shall try to tell you something of what my job as treasurer entails.

As you probably already know the French Institute is a very small college and consequently our Union is not as rich as we would like it to be. Our main sources of income are from the sweat-shirts, tee-shirts, stationery and sweets that we sell in the



Union room, not forgetting, of course, our beloved coffee machines. (when they are actually working!).

My main duties are to settle any bills that we receive (if we have any money left in the bank at the time), to pay in all the money we make from the things we sell, and to keep a constant supply of 2ps in the Union Room for our coffee machines.

All of us in the Union here are trying desperately to get more girls involved with the Union and the activities organised by Imperial. However, this has proved quite difficult as a great percentage of the girls live outside of London and commute everyday. It is therefore very difficult for them to take part in any of the evening activities.

We shall keep on at them all the same and hopefully some of them, at least, will respond.

I'd just like to say a quick thankyou to all last year's Union for helping us to get settled in this year and explaining to us exactly what our jobs entail. We do appreciate their help.

Well I think that's about it. Please feel free to come down and visit us in the Union Room sometime. All visitors are welcome, but we accept no responsibility for the coffee.

**Ginny**



# Day By Day

## A ROUND-UP OF LAST WEEK'S NEWS



### Wednesday 13th

#### Tornado jet crash starts sea hunt

Prototype 08 of the new 1,400 m.p.h. swinging Tornado jet crashed mysteriously into the sea 40 miles off Blackpool on Tuesday. An urgent salvage operation began today to recover the wreckage of the plane.

The Tornado is being built jointly by Britain, West Germany and Italy. It is due to replace all the RAF's Lightning and Phantom fighters, Buccaneer and Vulcan bombers over the next few years.

The Ministry of Defence has asked aircraft scientists at Farnborough to rebuild the wreckage as it is recovered.

#### Piers Corbyn sentenced

Squatters' leader Piers Corbyn was sentenced to 28 days in jail for resisting the mass evictions in Huntley Street, Camden, last August. Imperial College External Affairs Committee brought the Huntley Street evictions to the attention of students at IC by showing a video tape last year.

### Thursday 14th

#### Shadow Cabinet announced

Peter Shore was given the portfolio of Foreign Affairs. Dr David Owen covers Energy. Mr Healey came first in the ballot for the shadow cabinet and, as expected, was appointed shadow chancellor. Second was John Silkin, the ex-Agriculture Minister. Third was Mr Shore and Roy Hattersley came fourth.

In addition to the shadow cabinet members, there are three other possible contenders for the future leadership. Mr Benn chose to return to the back benches. Mrs Williams may come back to the Commons via a by-election and Mr Roy Jenkins, now President of the European Commission, could make a return to British politics within two years.

#### Sioux still fight for rights

Viewers of the television programme, Centennial, will probably sympathise with the struggle of the American Indians.

Descendants of Sitting Bull, the Sioux Chief shot by the US Cavalry in 1890, were angered by a Washington court award of millions of dollars in compensation for the seizure of their lands a century ago.

The Judge ruled that the Sioux are entitled to \$17,500,000 for the 'fair market value' of the Black Hills of Dakota, because the confiscation in 1877 violated the Indians' constitutional rights. They are eligible to receive interest which the court estimated could be as high as \$115 million.

The Indians are worried that the bulk of their award will disappear into the pockets of Washington lawyers.

#### Ego amo te; tu es virgo formosa

I love you; you are a smasher. "Latin - the new tongue of the new Europe".....says the

Vatican. They want Latin to be adopted as Europe's official language - with 30-minute lessons on TV for three months as an introduction.

I wondered why I was forced to learn Latin nursery rhymes.....obviously all those happy hours chanting amo, amas, amat, amamus, amatis, amant - were to be for some future purpose.

### Friday 15th

#### Queen's birthday honours list

Mrs Thatcher gave Diana Neave, widow of her closest political advisor who was killed by a car bomb at the Commons, a seat in the House of Lords in appreciation of her courage.

Margaret Weston, first woman director of the Science Museum becomes a Dame. Jimmy Young was awarded an OBE. Mrs Thatcher got on famously with JY & some political experts believe that his show - on which all three party leaders appeared during the election campaign - had more influence on the result than any other broadcasting outlet.

#### Allergic to the 20th century

A new allergy that is beginning to affect an increasing number of Americans is being dubbed, "an allergy to the 20th century". An allergist described the case of Scott Jablin. He stated that his patient developed a poisonous substance inside his body whenever he came in contact with modern domestic furniture - everything from the television to the telephone, from chairs to carpets.

Mr Jablin has to spend every 24 hours sitting or sleeping on a wooden bench in a friend's backyard. He breathes bottled air through a cotton mask with a charcoal filter. Allergists predict that there are going to be many more people with the same problem. They say that the more garbage we put into the world the more people there will be whose bodies break down from it.

### Saturday 16th

#### England beat Pakistan by 14 runs

After a thrilling match against Pakistan, England finished top of their group B league in the Prudential World Cup Cricket Tournament. In the semi finals, played on Wednesday, England take on New Zealand, and Pakistan meet the West Indies.

#### Hippo with a killer streak

Adelaide Zoo bought Albert the Hippo knowing that he was a difficult creature. Albert, alias Brutus, is an incurable terrorist hippo who savagely went on the rampage a few days ago, crashed through his steel pen at the zoo and killed a water buffalo who lived next door. Only then was it discovered that Albert has a record.

Back in 1973 when he was called Brutus he

broke out of a safari park and slaughtered a goat, a pig and another buffalo. Later when a neighbouring camel peered into his pen.....Albert bit his head off.

### Sunday 17th

#### Malaysians tow refugees back to sea

Malaysian patrol boats towed 5 vessels containing about 2,500 recently arrived boat people back into international waters.

Announcing Malaysia's new refugee policy the Deputy Prime Minister, Dr Mahatma Mohamad, said legislation would soon be passed to allow the nation's security forces to 'shoot on sight' Indo-Chinese refugees trying to enter Malaysian territorial waters in small craft.

### Monday 18th

#### SALT 2 arms treaty signed

The SALT 2 arms limitation treaty, signed in Vienna today by the United States and Russia, was hailed as "a victory in the battle for peace" by President Carter and as "defending the right to live" by Mr Brezhnev.

President Carter now faces a battle in the Senate. He warned a joint session of Congress that a setback to SALT policy would be "an invitation to disaster".

Mr Carter faces a bitter struggle to get the treaty ratified by a two-thirds majority of the Senate. Opposition to the pact is based mainly on the grounds that it fails to restrain Russian arms build up enough.

### Tuesday 19th

#### The End

Britain is facing the prospect of inflation rising to 17% by the time College restarts next Autumn. Petrol could have risen to nearly £2 per gallon as Arab oil supplies continue to be cut back. This week has seen President Brezhnev talking with the American President. The 72-year old Soviet leader has shown signs of ill health. Will he be replaced by a leader less interested in detente? Jeremy Thorpe's trial filled the national papers this week.....

.....what new scandal will be discovered in Oct '79? Next term a new team will describe how Britain and the world face the problems that emerge from day to day.

A giant problem is the plight of the South Vietnamese refugees.....for some just another item in a world full of news stories - for the people fighting for survival a nightmare that won't go away.

Day by Day was written by Jill Dawson and Colin Palmer. News extracts were based on copy from copy from the Daily Telegraph, Daily Mail and The Guardian.



# Wardenship of Southwell House

Do you want a chance to help lots of students?

Have you a good sense of humour?

Are you a postgraduate (preferably married)?

Are you staying at college for at least another year?

Are you mad?

The Wardenship of Southwell House will become vacant from the end of August, and if your answer is "Yes" to all the above questions then you have the chance of winning a RENT FREE flat for possibly up to three years together with an allowance to entertain all your students.

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

Applications close on Monday, 16th July, 1979.

For further information contact the present Warden in the evening: **Sue Kalicinski. Tel. no. 370 4864.**

## MARANATHA

### God's glory and man's dignity

Lord, our Lord,  
your greatness is seen in all the world!  
Your praise reaches up to the heavens;  
it is sung by children and babies.  
You have built a fortress against your foes  
to stop your enemies and adversaries.  
When I look at the sky, which you have made,  
at the moon and the stars, which you set in their places -  
what is man, that you think of him;  
mere man, that you care for him?  
Yet you made him inferior only to yourself;  
you crowned him with glory and honour.  
You made him ruler over all you have made;  
you placed him over all things;  
sheep and cattle, and wild animals too;  
the birds and the fish,  
and all the creatures in the seas.  
Lord, our Lord,  
your greatness is seen in all the world!

From 'Sing a new song'  
Psalm 8 Collins.

## FINALEND

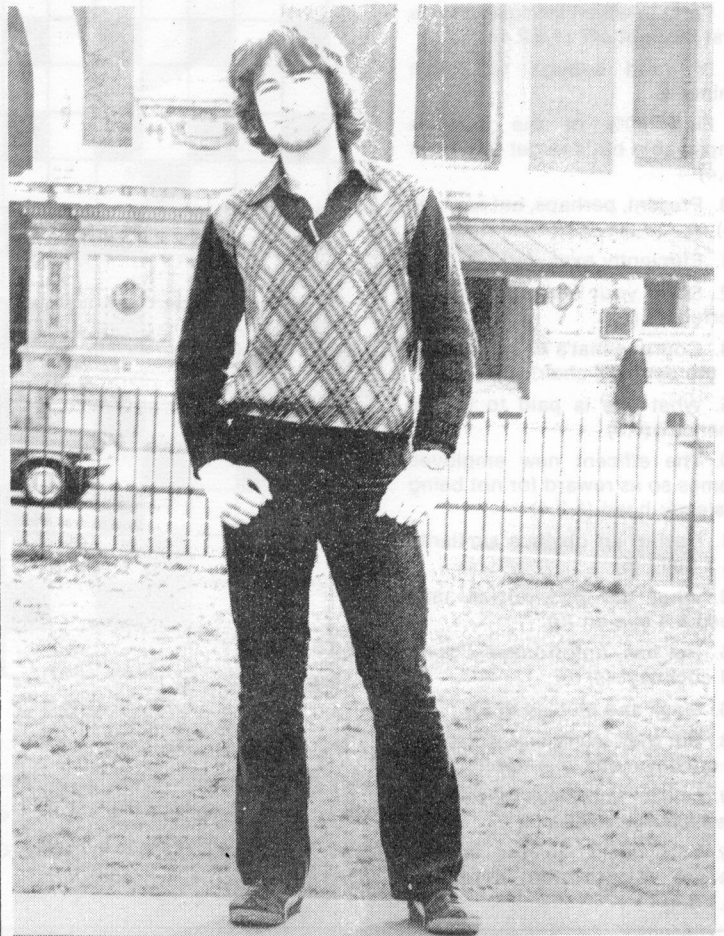
Sharp sweet empty bitterness  
There is nothing left but this  
Three years and now they're finished;  
The final aloe kiss

And all the friends I've known? No-more.  
Scattered on some other shores  
Their lives with mine will nevermore  
So closely touch and interlink.

Nothing will ever be the same;  
Though some will lose and some will gain  
This day to all brings strange rewards  
And thoughts to haunt our drunkenness

And when I think of all my fears  
And all those lost and happy years  
And all the days I've yet to see ...  
Why are my eyes so filled with tears...?

## Mel Kinkie's Last Ride



**It's not easy trying to write a farewell article. I've thought long and hard and I'm still not quite sure what to say. This is the last official article / report I'll write as Hon. Secretary, and brings to an end three years of writing for Broadsheet and FELIX (what a comparison!), and in many ways brings to an end 4 years at IC; and I'm not sure what to say. I've got mixed feelings about the impending end, and my new life as a real person once again - it'll be nice to enter the somewhat calmer, saner outside world again; but then I've certainly had some good times here, had an amazing array of experiences and met a fantastic variety of people - one thing I don't think I'll ever lose are the strong emotional ties I feel with IC. The last four years have been a formative experience (I think that's the right term).**

Anyway - all you people out there probably aren't interested in the parting thoughts of an aging hack who's found that eternal and everlasting life doesn't exist in Imperial College Union. Actually it does sort of - for the paltry sum of £9.00 you can become a life member of ICU, - which entitles you to the use of all Union facilities for the rest of

your life; and that includes membership of all clubs and societies and use of the Sports Centre. It's an opportunity you can't afford to miss.

As regards parking permits for July - I discussed it with the traffic warden at the Exhibition Rd entrance, John Fuller, and we decided that instead of issuing actual permits, if you wish to park over the Summer and have not got a permit, simply register with him.

Well that's got the information bit over; and almost the article bit over. I'll just end with a lyric from an obscure song by Peter Hammill called childlike faith in childhood's End:

'Though dark is the highway  
and the peaks distance breaks my heart

Though I never shall see it  
Still I play my part  
Believing what waits for us  
Is the Cosmos compared with the dust of the past

In the death of mere humans  
LIFE - SHALL - START.

How's that for an obscure ending?

Hope to see you around again sometime.

Cheers,

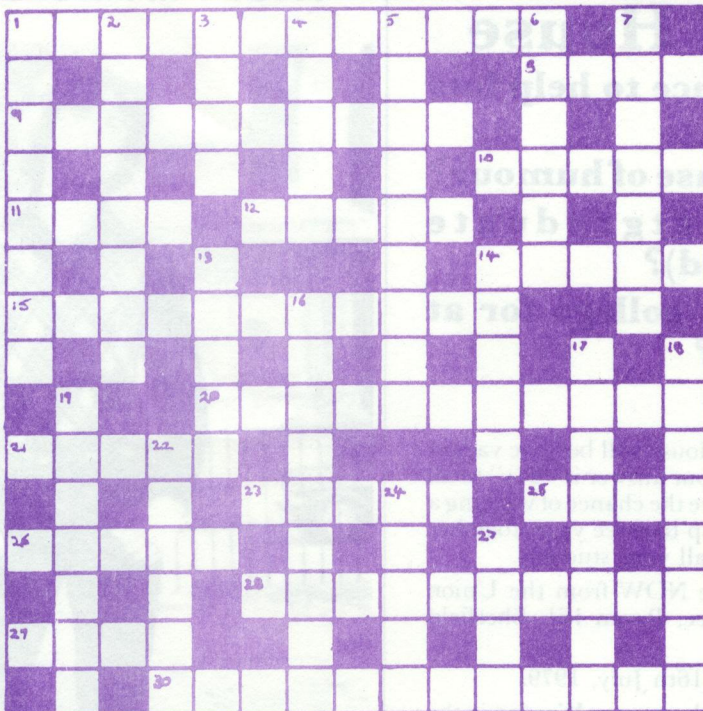
**Mike Elkin**

P.S. Sex isn't everything, you know!

# Crossword No. 523

## Across

1. Form in which inoculation was first thought of? (4,2,2,4)
8. Is good enough for some animals
9. Find 50% of the services unplayable but can get one back (6,4)
10. Present, perhaps, but nervous (5)
11. Efficiently executed (4)
12. Show your contempt for the perfume? (5)
14. Courage that's no help to you in the dentist's chair! (5)
15. What one is paid to take a chance? (6,5)
20. The efficient new employee comes so as reward for not being a sleepy-head (5,2,4)
21. Having an obvious similarity to a bell? (5)
23. What the pick-pocket may keep his eye on (5)
25. Hal has, unfortunately, gone all cockney! (4)
26. Goes and pierces it! (5)
28. But they won't help a woman to cut down on her shopping! (10)
29. Unlike potatoes, they don't, we hear, have eyes (4)
30. You might, in the silence before a grenade explodes (4,1,3,4)



## Down

1. Tributes for the winner that almost made a grand slam (8)
2. A ghost story that has one quaking is such a good story! (8)
3. Whose acid has been spilled? (4)
4. White, unlike the cock? (5)
5. But it could be the product of an active imagination (4,5)
6. It tells the bill-poster what to do with what where! (6)
7. Puts down on paper what I have been pondering over (7)
13. He'll give out (5)
14. A very fine example of man's creativeness (5)
16. For Mrs Green, a wild duck (9)
17. Who made the hat Dusty's seen around in? (8)
18. Gets the dining-rooms in an awful state? (6,2)
19. Say something nice about how well the lawn looks after its rolling? (7)
22. In which the early bird lies awaiting the worm? (6)
24. Being sharp and incisive and taking in the man (5)
27. Turning north, south or west, presumably, from the school (4)

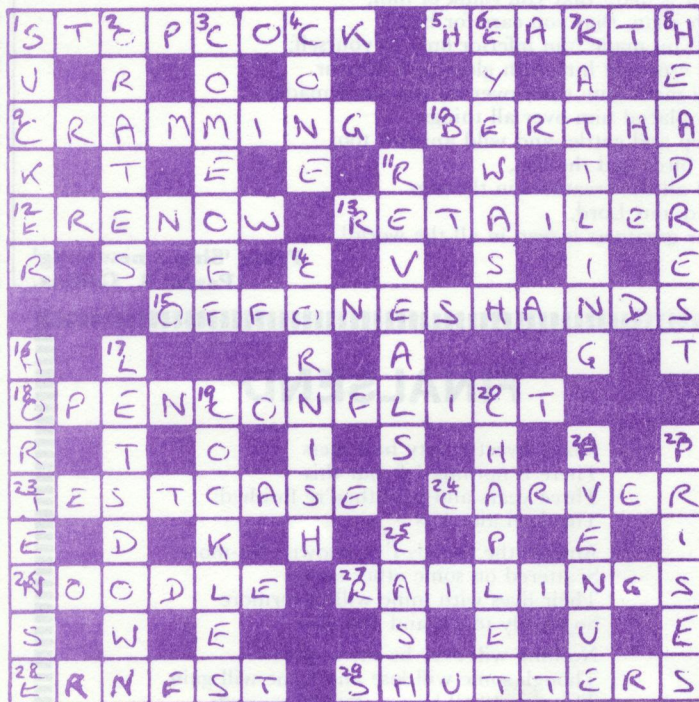
**There will be a £1 prize for the solution to the above crossword. You've got the whole holiday so you should stand a good chance. Entries to the FELIX Office by the end of the first week of next term.**

# Crossword No. 521



Only one correct solution was received this being from Carol Ault, Room 534 Sherfield. Congratulations on winning the prize of £1 and good luck with this week's teaser.

# Crossword No. 500



No correct solutions were submitted for this stiff one. (Shame on you.) The answer is above for anyone who is still trying to solve it.



# Twittens I Have Known...

from an Original Idea

by Pete Spencer-Phillips  
and written by Sheyne Lucock

The astonishing fact that you're still reading FELIX now at the end of the year probably means that you're an even more avid reader than the Editor, who gave up reading it himself after the first three issues! So who is this Editor - the face behind page three? Quite obviously some of you will think he's a complete idiot and you could have done much better yourself. Others will have been continually amazed at the ever increasing standard of technical excellence with each passing issue.

## ANGELIC

At first, John Harris seemed such a quiet and unassuming lad, exuding innocence from somewhat angelic features. Though things are not always what they seem, and in this case, could not have been further from the truth.

## PASSION

It all started on the PG Outing to Cambridge last July which was also attended by the three sabbaticals. The Beer Festival. The punting (with someone falling in). The effect was traumatic. From lager and lime and FELIX to real ale and passion overnight.

## PERSEVERENCE

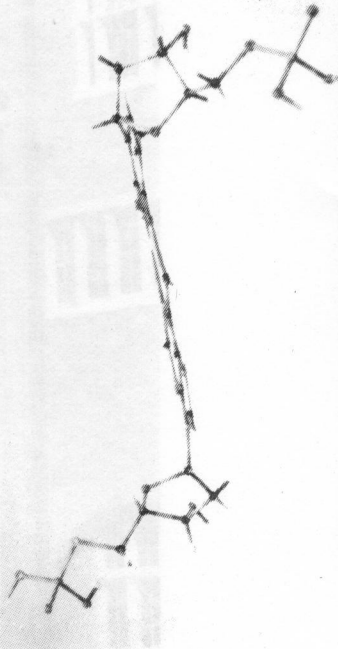
During the autumn term, the fact that FELIX appeared at all is a great credit to John's perseverance and dedication. Practically single-handed, often working right through the night at least twice a week, he produced issues of FELIX to a standard far higher than in previous years, which was undoubtedly responsible for attracting and keeping the high calibre student staff he has been blessed with for the last two terms.

## FOIBLES

But do FELIX Editors have time for anything else? Certainly John's main preoccupation outside the FELIX office is spending as much time as possible in the Bot/Zoo Common Room, which is conveniently situated just three yards away. As it approaches ten o'clock there is a definite speeding up of the metabolic rate, a rhythmic twitching of the drinking paw, a nervous rolling of the eyes and then - wham! He's gone! When the dust clears, one is able to follow the well-worn tracks leading direct to the serving hatch, where, in the midst of what appears to be a cataleptic fit, a cup of tea and a caramel wafer are hustled away to be consumed with even greater vigour than the day before. Once more, calm is restored - until just before three o'clock, when the same ritual is repeated. Although now, of course, Mrs Adams's irresistible charm and tea-making expertise means that the preliminary drooling is maintained for at least another half-hour. And his Mum can't understand why he's started to drink tea after all these years!

While we're on the subject of foibles, John certainly has plenty, and it's difficult to know where to start to describe them.

Perhaps the most obscure foibles relate to the two pictures on this page. The Stockpot Restaurant is a rather nice, relatively cheap place to eat not too far from College - just behind Harrods. So I can't think why he'd travel miles to the one near Duke Street.....?



Ecstasy!

## MORE FOIBLES

The second most obscure foible relates to the model (illustrated) - one of many he has built in his spare time - of what is purported to be a nucleotide (fundamental building block of DNA) of quite peculiar stereochemical proportions. Not that John is a biologist, but prolonged exposure to complex biological chit-chat over tea twice a day can seriously affect anyone's mental health - and FELIX Editors are more susceptible than most to any kind of royalty - whether they be Duchesses of Duke St or not!

There's more! He reads dictionaries! Geological ones. Physical ones. And, you guessed it, Biological ones! But he doesn't stop there. He actually bought a copy of an excellent Biology A-level text-book, and started to wade through it from chapter one. It'll be point quadrats in Beit Quad next!

## NOCTURNAL

Apart from the PG trip to Cambridge, a lot of interesting things have happened during the year. Like there was the time we decided to go with Roger Stotesbury for a drink in Kew one night. "Are you sure it's quicker to go to Gunnersbury Station?" asked John when it was time to go home. We never found it, but had to walk all the way back to College, on the way calling at a Chinese take-away in the Fulham Palace Road which John assured us did quite excellent nocturnal chips, having often frequented it in the middle of the night. Why? We never did find out, but apparently it's better than Westminster Bridge at one in the morning.

He used to go to Barnet a lot, too. Well, it's a nice place is Barnet - right at the end of the Northern Line.

## COLD FINGERS

It was probably a taste for adventure that induced him to spend a frozen weekend delivering 1500 leaflets in a small seaside town on the East Coast for a political cause that he had never expressed a loyalty to, advertising a meeting with the well-known gourmet Clement Freud. When your fingers are that cold, and you get them trapped in that many vicious letterboxes, then I would have thought you'd never want to see the place again. Not a bit of it. Back the next weekend for an encounter with the man himself, and more frozen fingers.

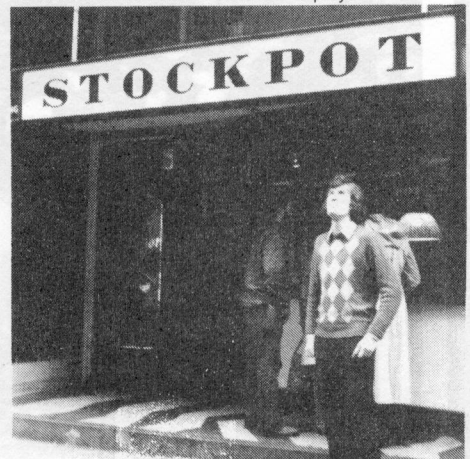
## CONSCIENCE

The disappointment of never having got it together with the other two sabbaticals who also live in Room 434 Linstead (a grammatical error in one of his first issues which led to all kinds of confusions & interests) was never quite overcome in spite of the thrill of marking up Mel Kinkie's deliciously erotic articles each week. So he developed a social conscience to make up for it. From a truly right-wing reactionary view-point and an absolute mistrust of anything red or feminist and Mary in particular, there has been a steady shift in both his opinions and ideas never paralleled in the course of history. Perhaps the most striking event in this transformation was the result of an hour-long discussion over a Mooney with Mary one Sunday night (it takes that long to chew it - the Mooney, not Mary) on the fine details of the Single Transferable Vote. Now, believe it or not, but the new FELIX Society is the only Union club which elects its officers and committee by proportional representation!! He's even got to the stage of beating such seasoned campaigners such as Mary and myself at a quite complex General Election Board Game - but Risk! is probably still his favourite.

## FROGS

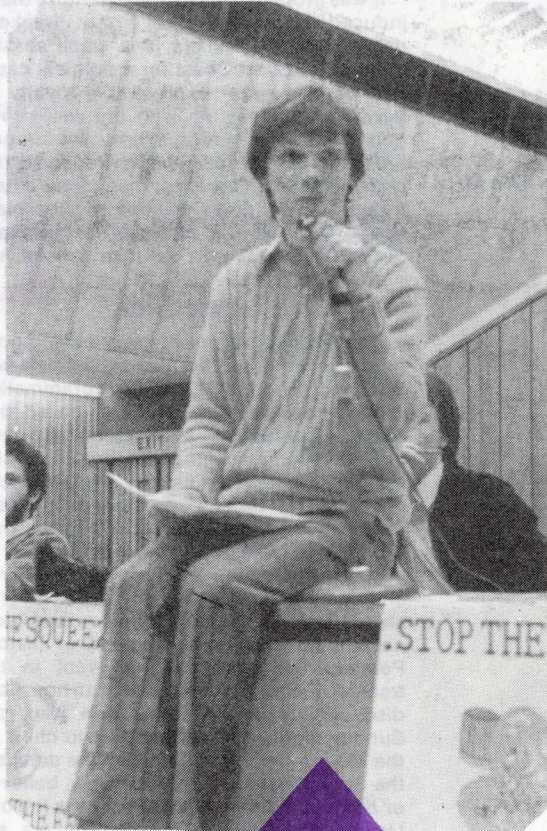
New information recently came to light during a close inspection of his native habitat in Bath. It was then that Mary realised where she'd seen those eyes before. Frogs. Lots of them. They stare at each other for hours, them probably remembering the days when he used to catch flies and dangle them on bits of string for their supper. He also used to have a meaningful relationship with a large white rabbit. Used to take it for walkies on a lead. Into the woods. Say no more.

Usually when you write a profile of someone, the temptation is to exaggerate. Fortunately I haven't had to. It's with regret that one realises that John could end up on the traditional straight career ladder along with everyone else leaving all his foibles behind him. That would be a pity.



Opposite Duke St.

# In and Around College



UGMs this year often debated such topics as abortion, Northern Ireland and boycotts.



The last term, when climbing is better than doing exams for some mountaineers.



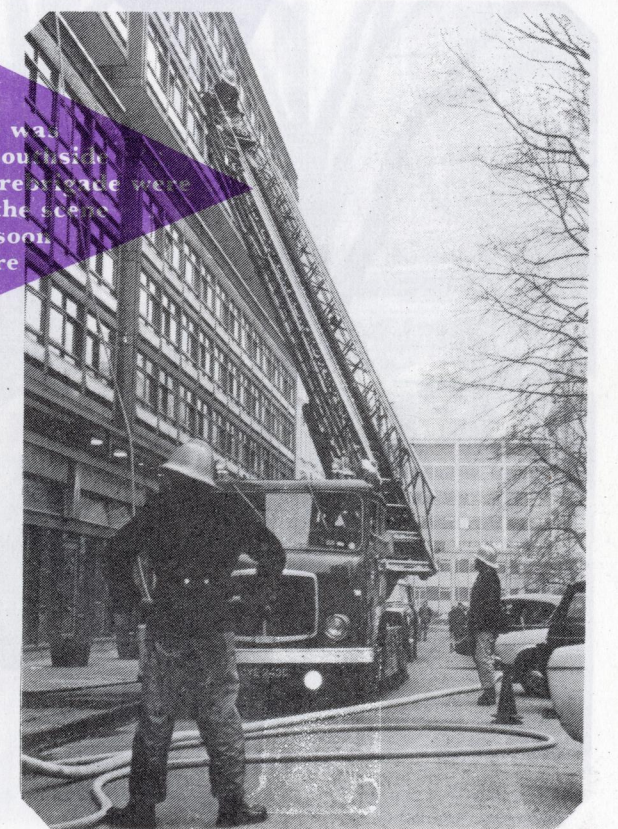
The Anti Racist Festival was one of the first and one of the most successful events of the past year's activities.



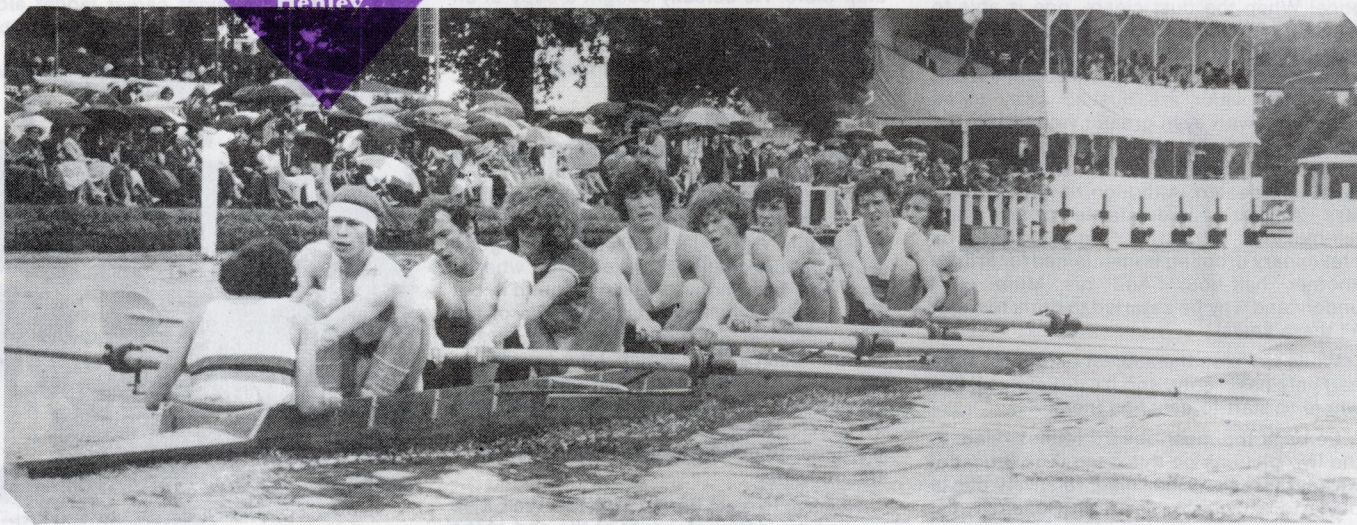
Rag Week means that it is time for the Morphy battle the troops were out in force. Rag totals reached a record high.



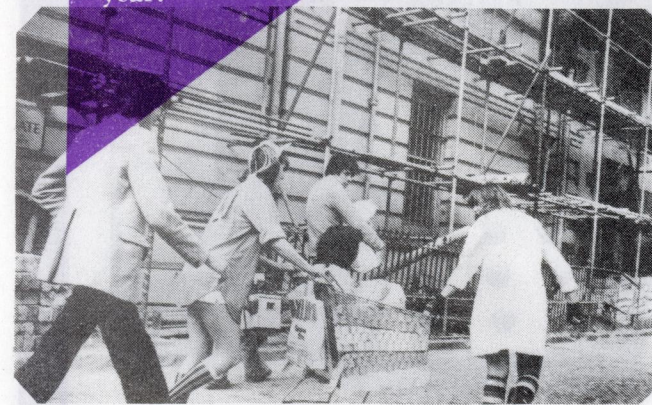
Some people won't forget Pancake Day in such a hurry this year if they got as wet as a certain Ms. Thingy.



Can you recall that there was a fire in Southside and the fire engine were called to the scene and they soon put the fire out.



IC Boat Club have had an extremely exciting year. Below they are shown at Henley.



The thrills and spills of the Pram race will be remembered by all those who took part this year.



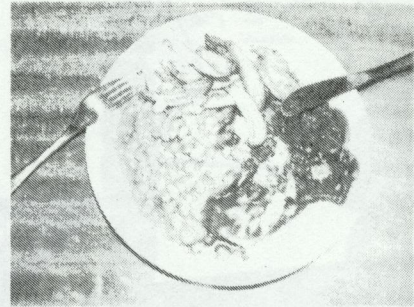
Meet IC day was the first event of it's kind, though it was not so really well attended.

This year's Rag Fete was opened by Mr. Chris Biggins and it starred the IC Dalek.



1979 saw the first boycott of a Refectory for quite some time this was very successful.

## THURSDAYS SPECIALITY CAN YOU RESIST IT ?



**DO SO !! Boycott**  
**Southside Refectory**  
**Thursday February 8 th.**

## Billiards & Snooker

Just a world to let all you PGs and students living in London know that the snooker lounge will be open during the summer holidays. Since I also live in London, I will pop in now and again to make sure that everything is okay.

I would be very grateful if you would leave the room clean and tidy, and always replace the cover after use. Please take extra care with the cues, because if a tip falls off, it might not be stuck back on for some time.

I find that the lounge or tables are being misused, I will lock up the balls.

I hope you all have a good holiday. We, the committee, have planned a lot of events for next year, so there's something to look forward to.

**Sanjit Teelock  
(President)**

## Environmental Society

We are at last able to carry out our threat to run an Env. Soc. field trip and are proposing to terrorise the population of Suffolk one weekend in August.

Full details of itinerary, cost etc cannot be worked out until we have a full list of names, but the trip will be subsidised from Env. Soc. funds and should not cost more than £10 for the weekend. The dates are provisionally set as Friday 24th August - Sunday 26th August, and visits to Minsmere, an RSPB bird reserve, and the Adnams Brewery are planned. If you are interested in coming, please contact Dave Trevor-Jones at the Centre for Environmental Technology (Int 3703) before Friday 29th June. The number of places is limited, and those who come will have to become Society members if they are not already. Although the weekend is in the middle of the Summer Vacation undergraduates are very welcome to come: the awkward timing is rather unfortunate and not in any way intended to discriminate against undergrads!

## RIDING CLUB

Following the Club's AGM and the vote of thanks for the committee 1978-79, I would like to take this opportunity to thank everybody who helped with the running of the Club and all the courageous members who continued riding throughout the bleak winter defying horses and elements!

This year, we were able for the first time to form two groups to represent IC at the ULU League fixtures, therefore I would like to thank Anita Heathcote, Cathryn Grey-Turner, Iona Parkinson from Institut Francais and Amanda Still (CCO) Julian Singer (Geology), Sue Wright (Zoology) from IC, not forgetting our ULU representative Paul Ellis (Physics).

With regards to the new 'pilot scheme' of having Riding Club T-shirts printed, the price will be around £2.20 and they will be ready by or just after the end of term, when everybody will be notified, by internal mail, of the Club's meeting with the T-Shirts on sale (also on Freshers' Fair). The T-Shirts will be sold to present or past Club members.

Finally, I wish you all the best for your examination results/future career/research logging!

**Lucas Siorvanes (Physics 3)  
Chairman**

### LIFE MEMBERSHIP

**Don't forget to get your Life Membership card NOW before you leave College, and save all that messing about with envelopes, stamps and the queues at the Post Office.**

**FORMS AVAILABLE FROM JEN IN THE UNION OFFICE.**

# SUMMER RECRUITMENT FAIR

Members of the Personnel Staff of

**MARCONI RADAR SYSTEMS LIMITED**

will be visiting the University on

**11th JULY 1979**

and will be pleased to meet science students who will be graduating this year with a good, preferably honours, degree to tell them about opportunities with the Company.

**Marconi  
Radar**



Don Havedad downing a metre (whoops) in Beit Quad

## TEMPORARY ACCOMMODATION FOR FLAT HUNTERS

From 16th September the Union will be able to provide accommodation in Southside Halls for a week and in Crash Pad in the Union Building from 23rd September. The cost will be fifty pence per night and sleeping bags will be necessary as linen will neither be provided in the Union or Southside Halls. For those accommodated in Southside a key

deposit will be charged. No booking will be necessary as the service will be run informally from the Union Office, so all you have to do is call in to the Union Office when you arrive in London and we'll take it from there. Wahay!

**Dave Haddon**  
**Welfare Bod**

## ALTERNATIVE LIVING

During the course of the coming academic year, as an anonymous union officer, I shall be writing regular articles on those aspects of college life that we didn't dare mention in the handbook. Week by week you will be kept informed with the current problems being dealt with by the union disciplinary committee on which I sit ex-officio as victim (I presently hold the post of union scape-goat).

Some of the most important problems I aim to deal with are summed up by a few of the titles my articles shall be headed with. For example:-

- How to get thrown out of your flat (part 1)
- Five easy ways of failing exams (written with voice of experience)
- How to get thrown out of your flat (part 2).
- How to get a place on union disciplinary committee.
- Kill ambition and stand for ten union posts.
- How to get round your cleaner.
- How to cook food better than College can (short article).
- How to get thrown out of your flat (part 3).

On a more serious vein will be a syringe and the problems of O.D. (overdraft). On a less serious I shall be making a feasibility study of the prospects of turning the Union Building into a Casino, an idea proposed by at least two presidential candidates.

being thrown out of flats so I have got to know Michael Arthur and the Welfare Centre in the Union Building. The Accommodation Office at 8 Princes Gardens confuses me and I often find myself in the Day Nursery by mistake.

I aim to show that Welfare can be fun and will follow this year's Welfare Day where condom blowing, dirty films and free beer were the attractions. I envisage a Welfare Night and perhaps, depending on how things go, a Morning After.

The Student Councillor lives somewhere in No. 12 though I'm not sure exactly where since he moved upstairs so I am now consulting Nightline in No. 10.

Communication between the various services provided by the college will be at its best next year as I have a rare foot disease and so am constantly in the Health Centre. I am perpetually

As the unanimously elected Secretary's friend I shall be going night release (they only let me in during the day) to the local secretarial college.

To finish, why not ask yourself a serious question "Why are you reading this?"

**Don Havedad**

## SMALL ADS

### WANTED

Student to look after Sally (5) and Bill (3) from 4-16 July while their mother is away at a conference and father working. Either good pay or own room for month of July or longer. Camberwell. Contact Alison Telfer, Botany internal 2282 or 274 5335.

### LIFT OFFERED

on 30th June to Greece - Join Bristol University minibus group to Greece via:- Paris, Monaco, Venice and Yugoslav coast taking ten days down; tents provided. Cost one way £38; for touring and return £95. Contact Rob, 0272-36314.

### CONGRATULATIONS

to: Jon Coates, Linnet Workman and Chris Sangster, Rebecca Smith, both of whom have announced their engagements over the past week. Best Wishes from RSM Rugby Club.

### FOR SALE

Folk Guitar. EKO RANGER 6. Italian made, very good condition. £35 o.n.o. Ring 794 6733 Flat 1.

# FEES UP 30pc

Hardship Fund to be scrapped?  
Stop Change in College Policy

**DEMONSTRATE**  
**OUTSIDE 170 QUEENS GATE**  
**10.30 am**  
**FRIDAY 22nd JUNE**

# A Leper's Tale

**The Chronicles of Thomas Covenant - The Unbeliever. (Fontana).**

When I first started reading this trilogy by Stephen Donaldson I thought 'Oh dear! A Lord of the Rings - American Style'. The map inside the front cover, the Land with its magical inhabitants, the volcano and the threat of an evil Lord Foul started bells ringing in my head like noon in a clock-makers. The further I read, the worse it got: a magical talisman, The Staff of Law, had been lost during the last battle with Foul and recently found by this demented creature, Drool Rockworm, who lives under a mountain. Sound familiar? But just as I was prepared to slate these three books into the ground the story takes a very unusual twist.

**Lord Foul's Bane**

Meet Thomas Covenant, writer and happily married modern-day American whose life is shattered when the doctors tell him he has leprosy. He becomes an outcast, divorced by his wife and shunned by the townsfolk who go to such lengths as paying his bills to remove any excuse he may have for visiting the town. Determined to fight back against social ostracism, Covenant marches defiantly into town, but while crossing the road is run down by a police car.

He awakes in the Land, a virtual paradise, whose inhabitants hail him as the reincarnation of a legendary hero. This is where Donaldson departs from the traditional good vs evil fairytale. There is no straight battle between opposing forces here. Lord Foul has a complex forty-nine year plan for conquest of the Land which involves manipulating the Land's protectors, the Lords, for his own ends. Lord Foul tells Covenant to warn the Lords and also that Drool Rockworm has found the Staff of Law.

Throughout his time in the Land, though, Covenant stubbornly refuses that any of it exists. He maintains that he is dreaming and that the Land & its peoples are figments of his deranged mind: believing himself to be in a coma following the car accident.

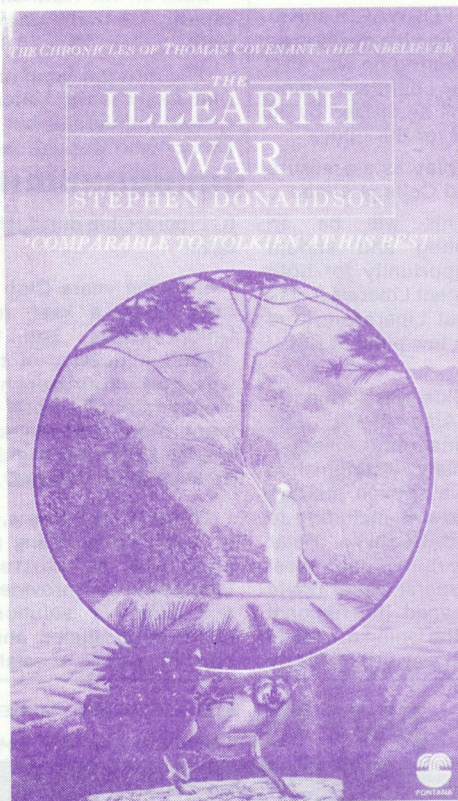
Being a leper, and therefore without any hope of being cured, Covenant has to preserve his precious self-disciplines. Any cut or bruise can deteriorate his condition and lead to a hideous death by cumulative rotting. He sees the Land as a seduction he must resist, for if he drops his defences then he will surely die in the 'real' world when he wakes up. Each time Covenant steels himself against the beauty of the Land his resolve is worn down. The 'illusion' that his leprosy is cured, the health and vitality of the countryside, the trust of the people, all combine to drive him insane if he trusts his senses. Never before have I read about a more unlikely, or more unwilling, hero.

Yet by maintaining his own integrity Covenant becomes Foul's pawn, unwittingly causing suffering and betraying those who trusted him.

The position of the Lords is hardly much better. Sworn to an Oath of Peace, they find themselves forced to defend the Land against Foul using the minimum of force. Can they

trust Covenant? Do they have any choice? Plagued by self-doubt, they must join forces with Covenant against Foul in the hope that the former will be able to use his magic white-gold wedding ring. But despite the legends promising 'salvation or damnation' from the wielder of the wild magic, to Covenant his ring remains a painful reminder of his broken marriage.

The first book sets the scene and introduces many of the characters that appear in the following books. On the surface it is a simple story concerning the Quest for the Staff of Law, but many of Covenant's actions have far-reaching repercussions which only become apparent in the third book.



**The Illearth War**

The second book begins with Covenant back home, having been released from hospital. After only a few days he is summoned to the Land, where forty years have passed since his last visit. Lord Foul has now gained control of The Illearth Stone and uses it to wage open war with a vast army.

We are introduced to Hile Troy, also summoned from the 'real' world, who is a brilliant tactician and convinced he can gain a strategic advantage over Foul's armies and thus defeat them. The conflicting philosophies of Troy and Covenant are brilliantly handled by Donaldson. The one believing passionately in the Land and doing his utmost to defend it, the other doing his utmost to disbelieve it and yet only narrowly failing to thwart Foul's plan. Again the story is complicated by the two mens' relationships with High Lord Elena, their triumphs and their failures.

**The Power That Preserves**

Despite having failed the Land on the previous occasions Covenant is summoned for a third time, two years before the completion of Foul's scheme. Foul has all but succeeded in enslaving the Land. The once beautiful countryside is now held in the grip of an unnatural winter and Lords' Keep, the last stronghold, is besieged by a massive army of Foul's creations.

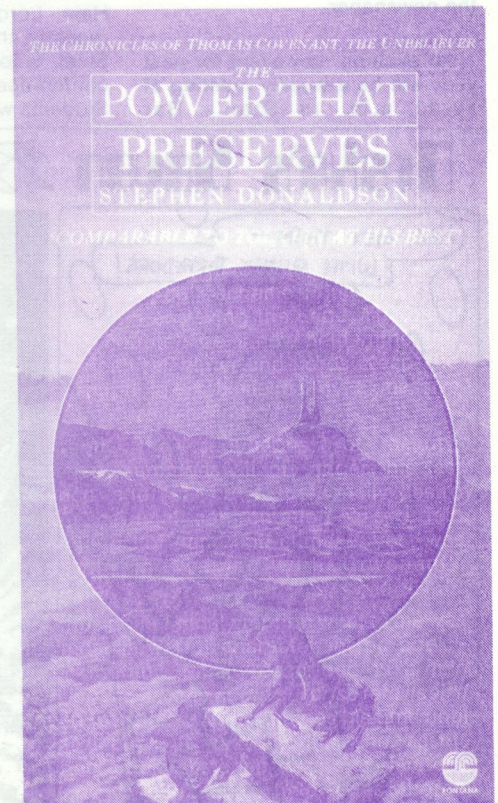
Without the seductions of beauty, Covenant summons all his anger, his last defence, and sets out to personally destroy Foul. The final confrontation was, I felt, something of an anti-climax, yet was perfectly in keeping with Covenant's character.

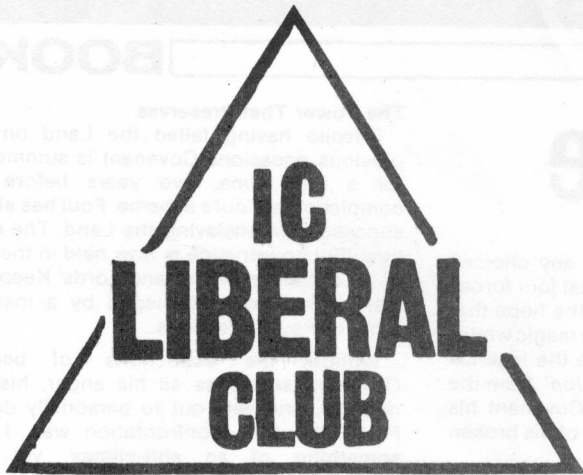
At this point I must mention what to me was the most powerful character in the book - Lord Mhoram. Initially described as 'a man who looked as if he could surprise fate itself if driven to his last' Mhoram bides his time until the last book. It was Mhoram who, as the youngest Lord, listened to and understood Covenant's reluctance to help. It was Mhoram again, forty-seven years later as High Lord, who discovered the reason the Lords were losing the battle and unravelled the secret behind Covenant's 'white gold'.

All in all this is a very powerful and sometimes deeply moving account of a struggle between the forces of good and evil. Each character has his/her strengths and weaknesses which are exploited to create acts of tremendous bravery or incredible stupidity. Donaldson describes the Land in a vivid fashion with more depth than Tolkien. Certainly the characters are more believable.

The use of symbols, a complex story-line, true-to-life characters and vivid narration of momentous events make these books the most interesting and enjoyable I've ever read. I strongly recommend you all to go out and buy them.

John Harris





The Liberal Club held its last meeting of the year on Tuesday and was able to congratulate its new treasurer, Richard Earl, both on his election as Chairman of the IC Postgraduate Group and to the College Governing Body and Finance and Executive Committees.

The future of FORWARD! was discussed and Sonia Hochfelder was appointed Editor of the Freshers' issue, and Richard Earl was appointed Editor of the subsequent issue in October.

Tribute was paid to Paul Fairbairn's editorship of FORWARD! and to the enormous amount of time he spent on both this and his position as Club Chairman. All the more commendable considering he was also Civil Engineering Departmental Representative, on countless Union committees and trying hard to get a degree. He will be missed by all members of the Club, and we wish him all the best for the future.

It was felt that the Club certainly had a role to play as a pressure group, keeping a watchful eye over both Union and College affairs.

The incoming Chairman, Gary Dearmer, said that he hoped that in the coming year the Club would be even more active than last year in spreading the message of Liberalism throughout the College. The meeting agreed that the Club should strike a balance between College issues and national issues in FORWARD! This was agreed after new Publicity Officer Matthew Huntbach had called for more discussion of national issues in the newspaper.

An exciting new event for next year will be a weekly meeting at 12.30 p.m. in Stan's Bar

Southside. This will be an informal meeting and should provide an opportunity for both freshers and latent Liberals to ask questions about Liberalism (and also to down a few pints of ESB!)

IC Liberal Club was formed in 1974 when Alan Beith, MP, attended the inaugural meeting. Since then many distinguished politicians have spoken at Club meetings and events, including Jo Grimond, Lord Gladwyn, Peter Hain, Lord Avebury, and, most recently, the Liberal leader David Steel, who opened the national conference of the Union of Liberal Students which was organised by

# Calais Trip

On Wednesday 13th June (unlucky for some) a notorious bunch from the Royal College of Science descended upon Charing Cross Station at 8 a.m. en route for Calais.

A crate of Swan later they arrived in Dover and then suffered a Channel crossing by hovercraft.

On arrival in "la belle France" and having exasperated the bus driver by offering 50 franc notes for a 3 franc journey, it was decided to partake in a cup of "cafe au lait". This created total confusion even with the help of Steve's French dictionary - but they succeeded in the end.

As the French are an hour ahead they arrived with all the shops closed for lunch. This decided the course of action and everyone went their separate ways.

Some members of the party felt very extravagant and invested in oysters, lobster and numerous bottles of wine. Others had French bread and plonk at 3 francs a bottle in the park.

A stock of wine was built up before boarding the bus to the hoverport where a large amount of duty free spirits was purchased. But unfortunately the homeward journey was rather rough and poor Patrick lost his lobster!

Back on the train once the wine was produced the carriage cleared rapidly due to the singing of those very polite songs everyone knows so well!

The intrepid band arrived back in London at 9 p.m. with plenty of time to get to the Union Bar before closing time. This proved fatal for certain individuals but an excellent day was had by all, thanks to Nick Davies who worked hard to organise this monster event.

IC Liberal Club during the autumn term.

Over the years Club members have taken a keen interest in Union affairs, and this year around a quarter of the Union Council membership were members of IC Liberal Club, and many more contributed in some way to FORWARD! which tripled its circulation this year.

The ongoing battle is, of course, to convince as many people as possible at College that Liberalism can provide a radical and effective solution to the country's problems, and that you don't have to be a socialist to want

a fairer and more just society, where the individual can be free from oppression and exploitation.

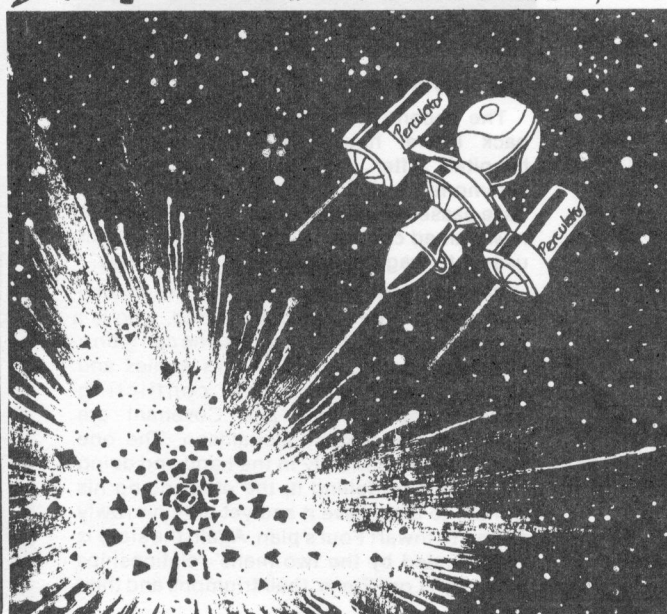
Clearly, with the recent election of both one of the most right-wing Governments since the war, and one of the most reactionary of recent IC Union administrations, it will become increasingly important that an alternative strategy is presented, which is relevant to the vast majority of IC students. It will be the task of IC Liberal Club to put forward a new economic strategy both radical and just in its nature, which lays a far greater emphasis on the role of the community in both industry and Government.

## Drake's Seven



## part 18

JUST AS DRAKE IS BEGINNING TO THINK HE'S FIGHTING THE FEDERATION ALL BY HIMSELF, GEMMA HAS AN IDEA.....



# BALLOON CLUB

Few people can have missed last weekend's TV coverage of the International Balloon Meet at Sudeley Castle in Gloucestershire.

105 balloons had registered for the meet, including IC's own balloon 'Vulcan'. The meet was scheduled to take place from midday Friday through to Sunday evening, but balloon club decided to depart for Sudeley on Thursday evening to be first in.

Lashed by hail on the way down, and blown about by strong winds on the Friday morning while doing a tethered flight for ATV's 'ATV Today' programme, the weather looked set to keep all the balloons on their trailers for the weekend.

Come Friday evening the campsite was full of long faced balloonists muttering about the xxx weather.

Saturday dawned, and somehow an overnight miracle had been wrought. Summer had arrived. The whole camp rose as one at 5 am for briefing. A perfect 5 knot NW wind greeted us, and balloons began to lift off into the blue sky.

While most people were flying only for fun, we had a slightly more serious weekend ahead. The two other UK university balloon clubs had also come to the meet for a prearranged match.

East Anglia with their balloon 'Boadicea', and Edinburgh with their giant sized 'James Tyler'. Our aim was to win the UK Universities Hot Air Balloon Challenge Cup. Very fittingly presented by Anglia Industrial Gases, the original owners of our balloon, and a subsidiary of British Oxygen, our sponsors.

The first task was a pilot-declared goal. Here the pilot declares a chosen destination before take off, and attempts to use the available winds to steer himself to his destination. The closest to his goal wins.

UEA's pilot, Mike Betts, chose a pub, the Puesdown Inn, for his target, while Edinburgh's Asmat Kahn and myself thought the winds would steer us further east. In the end it was UEA's bold decision that won out with Edinburgh second, and us last. Not a good start!

Back for breakfast, refuelling, lunch and then briefing. The weather still brilliant, we decided on a 'Hare and Hounds' for our next task. This involved a 'Hare' balloon which took off some time before the three 'hounds'. The idea being to follow the hare as it dodged about, and land as close to him as possible.

A somewhat chaotic take off meant that the three balloons were staggered. WEA off first, then IC, finally Edinburgh. With the hare in sight off to our right we ascended to 7000 ft to get a right-hand drift, passing over the hare's track and catching up with him by using the faster winds at that altitude. But then he was down, and a fast descent back to ground level to try to land by him. Too late - we were off to his right by some way. Edinburgh took first with UEA third.

The day ended with the statutory imbibing of alcohol before retiring for another 5 am briefing on the Sunday.

Dawn broke - the sky was overcast, but this meant more light winds and we all flew off on a



IC's balloon 'vulcan' lifts off.

Judge declared goal: 'The Puesdown Inn'. UEA were off to the right the whole time, but it took some low flying to open up a mile gap to shake off Edinburgh. This did the trick, and as we floated less than 100 ft from the Inn we thought we had it made - but power lines and fields full of corn precluded a landing for another mile. We finally landed to take first place by only a few hundred metres. Edinburgh 2nd. UEA third.

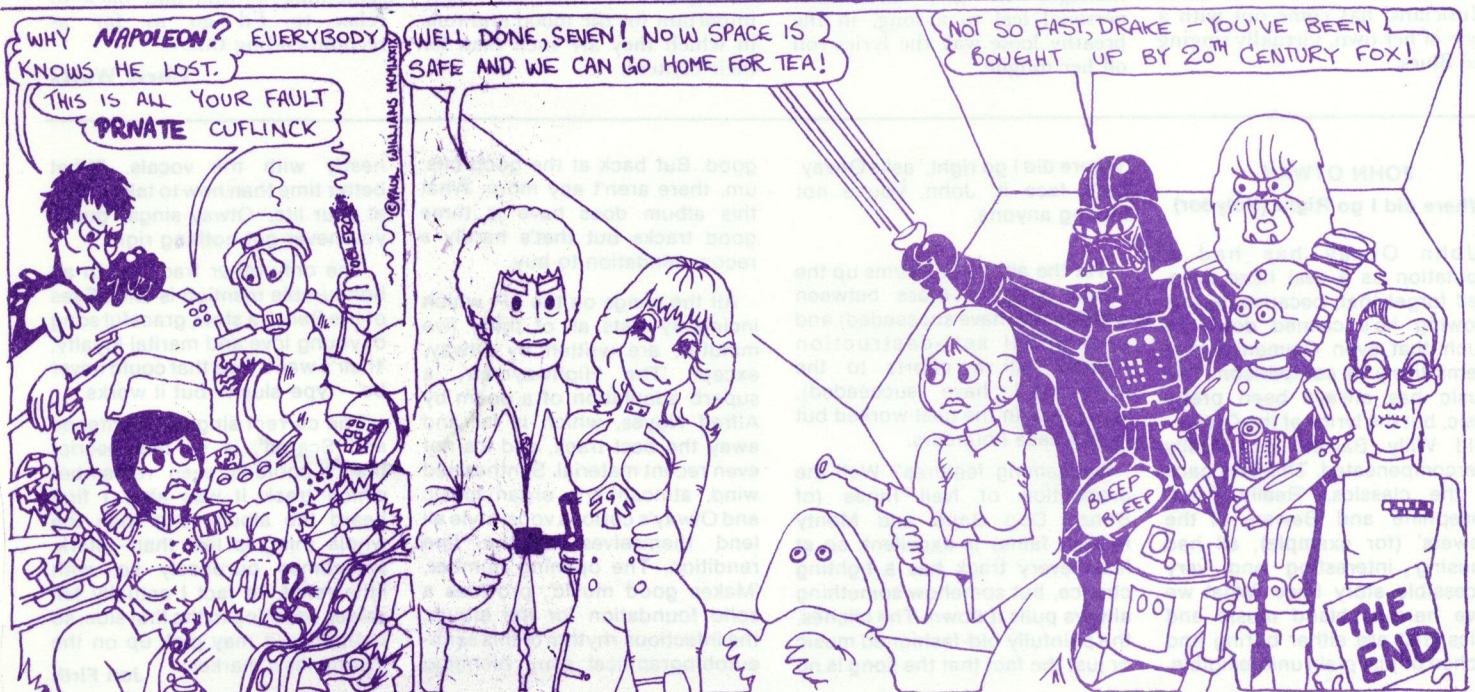
This ended our competition and left a dead heat between all three balloon teams, which we instantly agreed to be the best possible result. The cup has now been brought back to IC as it is the first time we have competed for it - and nobody else wanted to

clean it.

The last flight of the weekend was spent entertaining visitors to Sudeley Castle, flying three more of our members. At the end of the weekend we had flown a total of six and half hours, and carried six passengers, two on their 'first flight', three more members flew while crewing for estate agent Mike Allen's balloon - registration G-ZUMP.

Arriving back at the camp site after our last flight we found it virtually deserted. First in, last out. We headed for home with memories of a fantastic weekend spent floating gently through the Ether, surrounded by scores of other brightly coloured balloons.

Pete Dickinson





## 'Back to the Egg' - Wings

It's strange that the word 'album' should be used to describe LP records. Normally, the word refers to a collection, a group of things with a common theme - 1,238 pictures of Auntie Margie on Blackpool Pier every summer since 1949. With records, however, it's often impossible to regard them as anything but 10 songs coincidentally on the same disc. So it is with this 'album'. Wings, under Paul McCartney, have always produced very varied records - the sheer range of songs is impressive - but on this new collection it would seem that McCartney has lost his way. Not only are the songs almost confusingly varied in pace and style, but many hark back (or across) to some other Wings

opus. (Is the title 'Back to the Egg' a clue???)

Having said all that, I must add that the music is very good, and I like the record very much indeed. There are, of course, the weak points - for instance, on how many records have you heard the old trick of tuning a radio into a song which just happens to be the next on the record? If this trick annoys you (and it certainly does me), then try and avoid track 1, side 1, 'Reception'. Not an auspicious start - the music itself is fine, but why oh why throw in the effects?

From there on in, you have to keep your wits about you. The next song 'Getting Closer', is a good Wings soft-rocker, followed quickly by a typical McCartney ballad-style crooner, 'We're open tonight'. Then headlong and

headbang into the fast and furious 'Spin it on' - almost New Wave, this. See what I mean about variety? And we're only halfway through side 1.

The slightly worrying thing about it all is; a lot of it has been done before - by McCartney himself. Phrases that I have just used, like '- a typical Wings...' are the give-away. Make no mistake, they're all good, but then they were when he did them the first time.

A slight change comes with 2 of the tracks on side 2, featuring the famed 'Rockestra'. I'm sure you remember last summer, and the dark mutterings about '... the greatest collection of Rock musicians ...' and so on - all supposedly recording together for McCartney. The fruits of these

sessions are on side 2 - the 'Rockestra Theme' and 'So glad to see you here'. So, if you've always wanted to hear the sound of 5 guitarists, 3 drummers, 4 bassists, 3 pianists, 2 'keyboard' players, 4 percussionists (non-drummers?), and 4 Horn players all slogging away together, then this is for you. This combination has limited interest - give me a spoons and comb duet any day.

So what are the conclusions? Well, Wings are marking time with this one. It's good, and will find its way into the collections of all McCartney devotees, and a few others too. And by the way, my favourite song is 'After the Ball' - it sounds just like 'Amazing Grace'. Oh what a give-away ...

**Simon Milner**

## Rickie Lee Jones - Rickie Lee Jones (Warner Bros).

A few weeks ago the 'Old Grey Whistle Test' did a short feature on Rickie Lee Jones, showing a wonderfully produced promotional film of herself walking around town and performing with her band. Together the film and the pair of songs stirred up enough interest that the release of the single did not go unnoticed (although IC Radio were unable to play it) and the single 'Chuck E's in Love' persuaded me to go out and get a copy of the album. Although I did not know quite what to expect I fell in love with the album right away.

This girl, coming from the same background as the Eagles, Steve Miller and similar West Coast Musicians, has come out with a style of her own, virtually singing the Blues.

In one way the music sounds disjointed, though disjointed may be inaccurate, there is a coherency about it, yet each note from each instrument seems to have been individually placed, often only seeming to blend together, when strung together with the singing.

She has already been compared with Springsteen, and perhaps the lyrics do have some quality in common with some of his, yet this album is infinitely more relaxing, the vocals more controlled, more compelling listening and she is certainly prettier.

The closest comparison must be, and I don't mean to be too rude, Merrie Wilson. RLJ manages to give the same personal feel to a song, in the breathy loose way the lyrics roll off her tongue.

The musicianship of the backing band seems to be quietly competent whilst doing little else but accentuating the vocals, until it gets pushed to the front, as in 'Young Blood' especially when the music becomes a lot tighter and the sound gets much more exciting instrumentally.

If you're one of those people, that read a lot into the Lyrics of a song you may be disappointed with these: although at first sight they appear to be trying to say a lot, upon closer inspection they become casual observations rather than constructive comments on anything. Rickie Lee Jones sometimes sings in such a way that words are barely distinguishable and are more important for the mood and tone in which they are such than for their content.

There are two tracks worth singling out from the rest. One, the single 'Chuck E's in Love' gives a good standard for assessing the rest of the album, although it is perhaps a little more catchy and irresistible than most tracks it relies on a slow rhythm strummed out on guitar, with a slightly unimaginative drum section, backing up RLJ singing up front.

Also, 'Danny's All Star Joint' - bringing back memories of 'Telephone Man' by Merrie Wilson, - which if you can understand all the American slang stands out as the strongest track on the album, here RLJ moves much more towards jazz than on any of the other tracks.

So if you're looking for something a little laid back to relax to I'd go as far as recommending this.

**Chris Watts**

## JOHN OTWAY - Where did I go Right (Polydor)

John Otway has had a reputation as a real head case. Well forget that, because on this showing he's calmed down so much that even Clement Freud seems lively in comparison. The music has always been pretty basic, but the lyrics of the Otway - Wild Willy Barrett duo easily overcompensated. Thinking back to the classics, 'Really Free', 'Josephine' and 'Beware of the Flowers' (for example), all had amusing, interesting and very accessible story lines. What we have here is bland music and lyrics that are either boring and clichéd or just plain unintelligible.

'Where did I go right,' asks Otway. Let's face it, John, you're not fooling anyone.

Yet the album title sums up the Otway spirt; a cross between confidence (I have succeeded) and anarchical self-destruction (despite all my efforts to the contrary, I have succeeded), which has in the past worked but in this case flounders.

Redeeming features? Well the production of Neil Innes (of Bonzo Dog Band and Monty Python fame) is excellent, so at least every track has a fighting chance, but somehow something always pulls it down. The clichés, the painfully old-fashioned music or just the fact that the song is no

good. But back at the good bits: um, there aren't any more. What this album does have is three good tracks but that's hardly a recommendation to buy.

All the songs on the LP, which incidentally lasts all of thirty five minutes, are written by Otway, except 'The Highwayman', a superb adaptation of a poem by Alfred Noyes, which is far and away the best track, and it's not even recent material. Synthesised wind, atmospheric organ music and Otway's curious vocal style all lend themselves to the fine rendition. The opening number, 'Makes good music', provides a solid foundation for the album, the infectious rhythm of this semi-autobiographical song blending

neatly with the vocals. 'What better time than now to take a look at your life,' Otway sings, 'guess you never got nothing right.'

The only other track worth an honourable mention is 'Blue Eyes of the Belle', a slow, graceful song of young love and marital loyalty; 'their's was a love that could never be' - type slush - but it works.

The current single, 'Frightened and Scared', is so nondescript that I couldn't even remember which track it was after I first heard the album. But then the whole thing is like that - stark, sometimes purposely so, with little relief. In fact I actually fell asleep listening to the first side, so I suppose it may pick up on the insomniac's market.

**Jon Firth**

## RCSU vs RCSA

The highlight of the RCS sporting calendar is the annual cricket match against the old students association. For the first time this year there was a cup to be played for, the Stan Raimes trophy. As there was something to play for, RCSU took it seriously and selected the best eleven cricketers available ignoring the tradition of selecting 'Union Hacks'.

The RCSU XI were led by A.N. Arb whose first master stroke of the day was to win the toss and put RCSA in to bat. It was only at this stage we discovered RCSA had twelve men but we allowed this small anomaly to pass, knowing we could bowl them out. The bowling was opened by the Sylph-like figure of Swain. Bowling at unbelievable pace, Swain picked up a useful early wicket and returned in a later spell to pick up two more. The other opening bowler was Imran Misra whose medium-pace seamers were a real education and probably deserved more than the one wicket they realised.

The change bowlers were Elkin (who?) and Archer. Both bowled with great guile and accuracy and were unlucky to be slogged all around the park without taking any wickets. At this stage the game was slipping away from RCSU and the skipper was forced to bring himself on. This selfish move did remove the classy Sudworth and reduced the scoring rate. A.N. Arb also collected two other wickets later in the game. RCSA still looked threatening and RCSU were forced to employ their secret weapon. The deadly bowling of this man (whose name eludes me at present) produced two wickets, sixteen (approx.) wides and great laughter from the massive crowd. The other two wickets fell through run-outs. The first was due to an amazingly perverted piece of fielding in the covers and the second was an easy chance presented to Bar-Rat behind the stumps. RCSA were all out for 120.

After tea, RCSU sent in Hewkin and O'Boyle to open the innings. Both batsmen looked good early on but O'Boyle lost his head and holed out after scoring only seven runs. This meant Gunn had a chance to show us his true class.

The RCSU number four carried many of our hopes on his shoulders, we were relying on Brain to see us through to a win. This was not to be as Hewkin ran him out before Brain had got off the mark. Next in was the other man in the team who is on next year's IC exec, (I still can't remember his name). He cut, drove and hooked his way to a classy duck before being bowled by a rank full-toss. However, by this stage Hewkin was redeeming himself by scoring a few runs. He finished on 68 n.o. and with the support of the number six batsman managed to win the cup for the Union side by a convincing six wickets.

A good evening was then had in the bar with plenty of beer, songs and silly games. The Union side beat the Association at an incredibly sexual game called Rectum Pennies. Gunn and Swain showed us they were all-round sportsmen by performing particularly well in this game but Elkin got rather carried away with this new form of erotica and made a bit of an ass of himself.

Finally, we are all grateful to RCSA and Arthur at Harlington for providing us with such an enjoyable day.

**Not my cork in,  
Roving Reporter**

## Kention Traders - 119 all out IC 1st XI \_\_\_\_\_ 119 for 7

Wednesday 6th June

Having waited for 4 members of the side to finish exams, supercaptain Furnish eventually led the 1st XI out to Harlington to face Kention Traders. The toss was lost as per usual and IC were put in the field.

The field was set accurately by our hero and play began. Wyatt opened the bowling, unsure of his physical state, he finished his exams on Monday and didn't know much of Tuesday or Wednesday mornings save a large hangover. The openers started to settle down and score some very lucky runs. The 1st wicket fell at 42 when a leg side glance fell into Davis' gloves, both Davis and Wyatt were too surprised to realise that this constituted a wicket, the batsman, however, knew he'd been outsmarted and began to long trek back to the pavilion. Wyatt struck again at 53 when another shot went into the air, this time, however, supercaptain Furnish decided to wake up and take the catch.

Chadband and Fifield were then brought into the attack, the former obviously suffering from using his brain in the morning, the latter taking an expensive wicket and bowling well within himself. Kention Traders then began to score freely, so Heath was brought into the attack. Their batsman was so surprised that he spooned an easy catch. Heath, also surprised at his good fortune, proceeded to bowl 3 wides. Their 5th batsman took a sharp run to Wyatt, obviously aware of the latter's condition, but Wyatt's recovery was complete and the 5th wicket had fallen. The Traders then continued to score quickly, Wyatt, returning to the attack, mopped up the tail-enders with Davis taking the final catch with a surprising turn of speed!

Tea was taken and part of the England football game observed but we had to get back to the real game. Davis and Tomlinson opened the batting with an air of solid assurance and set an example to be followed. However, Davis (17) found a top edge and was caught on the boundary. Fifield (1) decided to move his bat around a straight ball on the off

stump and bring super captain to the crease.

Runs began to come quickly with this partnership, Tomlinson (25) fell to a slightly misjudged hoick to low corner. Run-out Turner (4) joined Furnish who eventually decided to give his partner a dose of his own medicine and return him to the pavilion. Maguire and Furnish then began to put the pressure on, Supercaptain evading an almighty appeal then racing to 37 when he was caught at square leg 'unaware' of this fielder's presence! Maguire (26) then fell to a very straight ball and put pressure on Wyatt and Bradley to score the winning runs. Bradley (0) wasn't interested and let Chadband try his luck. The scores finished level with IC on 119 for 7 and unlucky not to clinch a win. A final note must be added, five batsmen today scored more runs in this game than somebody (the vice-captain) has scored this season!

*Team:- Davis, Tomlinson, Fifield, Furnish (supercapt), Turner, Maguire, Wyatt, Bradley, Chadband, Vincent, Heath.*

**Fart Murnshin**

## British Students Marathon Championships

Mark Pickard ran his fastest ever marathon on Sunday to finish 11th in the British Student Championships. The race was held at Sandbach, Cheshire on a flat 3 lap course, reputedly the fastest marathon course in Britain. Mark's time of 2 hours 40 minutes 44 seconds was all the more remarkable for the fact that he had completed a 40 mile walk in the Lake District the previous day.

The other IC runner in the London team was David Rosen, having a steady run to finish 17th in 2-51-25. With Ian Duncan of University College making up the team, London took third place behind Durham and Leeds.

**David Rosen,  
Astronomy**

## Assistant Subwardenships

**Assistant Subwardens in Falmouth Hall**

At least one vacancy will occur for the 1979/80 Session in Falmouth Hall in the posts of Assistant Subwarden. Falmouth Hall is one of the larger Southside Halls in Princes Gardens, and next Session will accommodate approximately 28 female and 90 male students. The assistant subwardens receive rent free accommodation in a study bedroom. Each has certain specific duties in the running of the Hall as well as general responsibility in assisting the Warden. These posts are a good training ground for eventual Subwardenships.

Young members of staff or postgraduate students of either sex who are single and feel they are qualified and will make a positive contribution to the life of the Hall are invited to apply in writing by 6th July 1979 to the Warden, **Dr DM Monro, Falmouth Hall, Princes Gardens, London, SW7 1LU.**

# JOINT COUNCIL

The sentence "let's go to the Union Building" has taken on a whole new meaning and students now have to think twice before accepting this apparently innocent invitation.

For at its meeting on Monday IC Union Council agreed to allow sexual intercourse on Union premises provided it is "discreet and unavoidable".

The motion was proposed by Mike "Mel Kinkie" Elkin, Union Honorary Secretary, and was the culmination of a long campaign in his FELIX articles in which the subject of sex probably received more attention than any other issue.

Supporting his motion Mike Elkin said that sexual intercourse had occurred this year in the Union Building but the Executive had "turned a blind eye to it". This decision followed naturally from Union policy in support of gay rights and the legalisation of cannabis, he argued.

Council had made fornication a discipline offence in 1974, a policy revoked by this week's decision. It will be up to the Executive to decide when sex is "unavoidable".

The meeting was attended by members of both the current and the incoming Councils. The bulk of its business concerned the annual reports of Union officers and committees, and elections of members to represent the Union on College committees next year.

In a keenly contested election for the three Union observers on College's Governing Body and Finance and Executive Committees Chris Fox, incoming Union President, Malcolm Brain, Deputy President and Richard Earl, incoming Postgraduate Affairs Officer, were elected, defeating seven other candidates.

Council went on to discuss several motions and proposals.

**Haldane Library** Members heard that the Chairman of the Haldane Library Committee had permitted the music librarian to withhold records bought by the Union record buyer for the library. Council condemned this censorship and asked that it should not occur again.

**Engineering Board** The City and Guilds Union Academic Affairs Officer reported how useful the existence of Engineering Board has been. Council asked the four Academic Affairs Officers to look into the possibility of forming similar Boards for Mines and Science.

**Welfare** Council agreed a change to the constitution of the Union

Welfare Committee. This makes student involvement in the welfare of the wider community an aim of the Committee.

**Crash pad** A charge of 50p per night is to be made for use of crash pad, going up to £1.00 from the second week of term. The Senior Common Room is to be used instead of the ICWA Lounge.

**Duty Officers** The Duty Officer system by which Council members volunteer to be responsible for certain evenings during the year is to be reintroduced.

**Amusement machines** Malcolm Brain is to investigate the installation of amusement machines in the Junior Common Room to increase Union income.

**Meetings** At least one Executive member is to attempt to attend each Union committee meeting. A central diary of these meetings is to be kept.

**Associated studies** Council pledged itself to fight any discontinuation of services by the Associated studies department.

**University of London Union** Our representation on the ULU Students' Representative Council is increased to eight. The three existing members are the President, External Affairs Officer and ULU Representative. In addition two members will be

elected by the External Affairs Committee and three by a Union meeting.

**London Student Travel** Council voted to put forward Chris Hunt for the vacant directorship on the LST Board. Malcolm Brain's challenge was unsuccessful.

**Environmental week** Council voted £100 to organise an Environmental week to be held early next term. The money will go towards paying speakers' expenses and publicity.

**Ballot boxes** Council refused to increase the payment made to student volunteers manning ballot boxes. The rate stays at £1 per hour.

**Pots** Following a decision earlier this term to introduce pots for departmental representatives at the rate of three each year, Executive members drew lots resulting in pots for Life Sciences, Met and Mat Sci and Electrical Engineering representatives.

**Awards** In recognition of their outstanding contribution to the Union, retiring Council awarded pots and honorary life membership of the Union to Mary Attenborough, Sheyne Lucock, and John Allen. Mike Elkin was awarded either a pot or life membership, and Bob Hart, Mark Corrigan and John Harris received life membership only.



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