

In next week's FELIX there will be more about our World Champion, Dave Derby and we will focus on the reasons why the media have made superstars of the Ladies Rugby Team.

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WORLD CHAMPION



Dave Derby, a third year Civil Engineering student at IC, won the Mirror Dinghy World Championships in Perth, Australia, last month.

Although he only started sailing five years ago, he has also won the UK and European Championships. Dave flew home last Tuesday and had to sit three days of examinations. FELIX will publish an interview with Dave next Friday.

FELIX CARTOONIST WINS AWARD

Paul Williams, the creator of *Drake's Seven*, has won £100 in a student newspaper competition organised by the *Daily Express*. Sheffield's student newspaper, *Dart* won the main prize. Peter Horrocks was top reporter and Stephen Mackey was voted best feature writer. Photographer of the year was Julian Law.

This year's FELIX will be entered in the 1980 competition and we have hopes that Paul Williams will win again for Imperial and that we could win other prizes.

Paul has been working on a cartoon book which will be on sale soon.

RED CROSS COURSES

NURSING COURSE at 14 Princes Gdns starts on Monday 14th January at 6:30pm.

FIRST AID COURSE in Bot/Zoo Common Room starts on Thursday 17th January at 6:30pm.

Late News

PRIVATE TELEPHONE CALLS ARE NOW TO BE CHARGED

If you have any news for FELIX

Ring Int. 2881

STOP PRESS

We would like to apologise to readers for having to bring FELIX out on Monday. Problems with the printing press and other difficulties with production meant that we could not issue FELIX last Friday. The old press is to be given a thorough maintenance today but the size of FELIX may only be twelve pages next Friday.

EXPRESS

On Friday 11th January the *Daily Express* featured the Ladies Rugby Team. Barbara Ions (the Happy Hooker) woke up to find herself pictured on page seven.

The article was written in a style typical of the *Express*. The ladies were not pleased with the item and the Editor of FELIX would like to apologise to the team for any embarrassment caused. Radio Four discussed the article on Friday morning as part of the continuing interest shown in the Ladies Rugby Team by the international media.

**RETURN VISIT
to HOLLY STREET
ADVENTURE PLAY—
GROUND**

on Saturday 19th and Sunday 20th January 1980. Leave ICU 10:30am. If you can make either day, please give your name to Roger Stotesbury, ICU or John Whitehouse, Chem PG (int 4162).

FOR SALE

LHD FORD FIESTA 1.1 GHIA. Feb 1979. With sun roof, stereo and all fitted extras. £3,000 ono. See W S Tortike, Pet Eng 1 or 228 Linstead Hall.

PIONEER PL 112D TURNTABLE complete with Shure M75ED2 cartridge, makers boxes, as new. £55 ono. Contact Mike Richardson, Elec Eng letter-rack.

1100 MORRIS G REG. £250 ono. MOT till June. Contact L Poon, Civ Eng 3 or 633-0128 evenings.

WANTED

Percussionist for IC Wind Band. No previous experience required, but must be able to read music. Contact Dr D M Edwards, Huxley 6M 36 or come to a rehearsal any Monday at 5:30pm in the Great Hall.

HANDBOOK

Are you a good organiser? Like working to a deadline? Can you balance a budget? **Great!** You're just the person who would make a good ICU Handbook Editor.

The Handbook is published every year and sent to the freshers for that year. It contains articles about the Union, its clubs and societies and other useful information. This year's Handbook will be published in August, but needs an editor now.

If you are interested and would like further information, contact Jon Firth, Mech Eng 2 or via the Publications Board letter-rack in the Union Office.

£15

for distributing lunch boxes at the Albert Hall between 10:30—6:00 on Friday 18th January. Names as soon as possible to Chris Fox, IC Union Office.

OSC

Sports Tournament

This is open to any society in the College apart from ACC clubs. If interested get in touch with OSC for details by Monday 21st January.

Fair

There will be an International Fair in JCR on Wednesday 20th February from 12:30—5:30. If any societies are interested in having a stall or showing a film please get in touch with OSC as soon as possible.

**NEW LONDON STUDENT TRAVEL
OFFICE OPENS ON MONDAY,
ALONG SHERFIELD WALKWAY.**

Open 11:00—2:00, Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday.

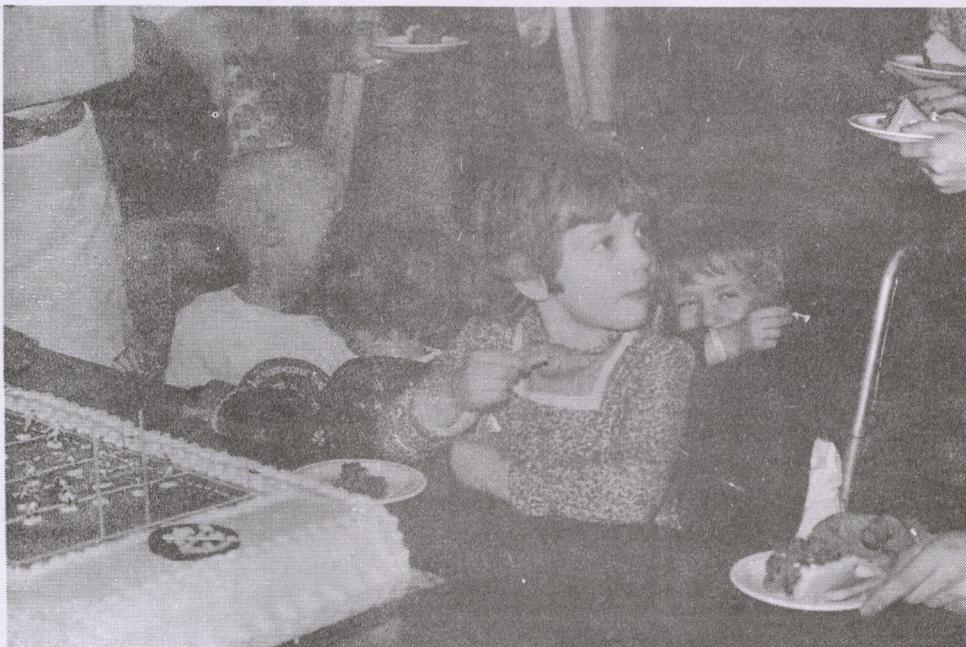


Photo by Colin Palmer

**MINES
PRESENT
GIANT CAKE
TO CHILDREN**

Larry Stove, the head chef, of the Kensington Palace hotel baked a cake for the Mines raffle. The President of Mines, Bernie Pryor, decided that the cake was too good to decorate any one person's Christmas table and so he presented it to the Gt. Ormond Street Children's hospital.

The children enjoyed their surprise Christmas feast and so did the staff. The FELIX reporter noted that the cake had been laced with alcohol. The Catering Manager said that the amount of Christmas Spirits in each slice would not harm the children.

**IC RADIO
STATION
MANAGER
RESIGNS**

On Monday the station Manager of IC Radio, Harvey Nadin, resigned. Jon Firth has become Acting Station Manager.

In a special interview, with the Editor of FELIX, Harvey explained that he wanted to devote more time to academic work.

Harvey said that he had not been able to properly revise for his exams, last December. His results had been affected by the amount of time that he had to spend managing the Radio Station. Harvey hoped that IC Radio will grow from strength to strength over the next five years and he still intends to contribute to the station.

Ken Newton, of the Sports Centre would like to thank the following for their kind donations of prizes for this year's Mines Ball Raffle:

Larry Stove, head chef of the Kensington Palace Hotel

B J Brown, Gen Manager and John Eaton, Food and Beverage Manager of the Royal Garden Hotel

Mr and Mrs M Connolly and staff of the Catherine Wheel

Tara Hotel

Thursday's Club

London Hilton

Jimmy's Wine Bar

Barkers

Roxy Boutique

Playboy Club

Flags Tobacconist

Fine Fare

Joe Storey

Martini Rossi

Harrison and Crossfields

Frank of the Viscount Hotel

**FELIX
EDITOR
RESIGNS**

from PWP

On Monday the FELIX Editor, Colin Palmer, resigned from the Permanent Working Party. Papers went up in the Lower lounge last Tuesday.

The post gives the holder a vote on Council. Colin is still a Permanent Observer of council.

In a statement to IC Radio Colin said that he resigned at this time, in the academic year, to give freshers a chance of winning an election for a post on council.



Photo by Colin Palmer

CHEERS BRENDAN!

Brendan Clements has been the head Barman of the Union Bar for the last 11 years. At the end of last term he left Imperial to become a catering manager for the GPO in London.

He was presented with a silver cigar box engraved 'All learned and all drunk'

- A pot from ICU & CCUs
- A pot from Chaps
- A silver goblet from Links
- A silver hip flask from 22
- A coffee perculator from DRAMSOC

Brendan's wife was given a hairdryer and a bunch of flowers.

After the presentation at a buffet in Sherfield and a party in the Union Brendan was taken home in JEZ.

The above photograph is special because all the head barmen are pictured together for the first time. On the left is Victor Mooney. Brendan has his arm round Stan and next to him are Jimmy, Roger and Allan

**Stan needs Bar Staff
for Mornings and Evenings.
See Stan --- training given**

SHORT OF MONEY?

Efficient Guys and Girls are needed for Part Time Morning Work Contact Paul on 370 - 2250 after 1 p.m. The work is in the immediate locality

**NUPE CALENDARS
AVAILABLE FROM
CHRIS**

LADIES RUGBY TEAM ARE INTERNATIONAL SUPERSTARS

The Imperial College Ladies Rugby Team have become the most famous Ladies Rugby Team in the World. Last Thursday, CBS Television News filmed their practice session in Hyde Park. The BBC will be filming a match for Nationwide. The Daily Telegraph gave them a half page feature and it is expected that the Ladies will appear in this Friday's Express. Next Thursday a Radio programme will be recorded that may be transmitted on the World Service.

FELIX began the publicity last term and since then the international media have given extensive coverage to the Ladies. The reason for the American interest is because the USA is going through a Nationwide keep fit craze.

Colin Palmer



LETTERS

Dear Editor

I would like to bring to your attention that many things available in our Union Bookshop are sold at a seemingly unreasonable price. For example, A4 paper folder is 72p at WH Smith, 60p at Barkers (both in High Street, Kensington) but a similar one in our Union Bookshop costs £1.00. Computer paper folders were 50p in June 1979 but when a subsequent batch came in in August 1979 they were 80p. I really doubt that it is possible at all to have a near doubling in price between two successive orders by the Bookshop.

I am sure many students will have noticed similar sorts of things. I would be glad if you can answer the following doubts:

(1) What is the 'legal' profit margin that our bookshop is supposed to make?

(2) Has the Bookshop been making the correct profit (I mean in accordance to the profit margin set by the Union) margin in the past years?

(3) Are the actual prices (such as the items quoted above) in the Bookshop based on the correct profit margin set by the Union? If not, why?

(4) Have the Union checked the prices in our Bookshop from time to time to ensure that the prices tagged down by the Bookshop are in accordance with the profit margin set by the Union? If not, is it not easy enough to put this into practise?

Thank you very much

Yours faithfully

T C Tan

Pet Eng, PG

Sir

Allow me to be the first in what I am sure will grow to a veritable chorus of congratulation. I refer to the enlightened attitude of the Estates office towards the repair of the College squash courts.

In these days of critical path analysis and time and motion studies it is indeed a courageous decision to specify for the execution of this task, such careful artisans. Rather than conform to the frantic pace of modern life they alone are content patiently to carry out their labour at their own painstaking rate.

The minor disruption to our petty routine caused by several months of squash deprivation we should bear with fortitude. What are a few months compared with the decades taken to complete the great Cathedrals of Europe?

My countless expeditions to observe the work in progress have at last been rewarded by a rare glimpse of these tireless artisans performing their time-honoured craft. Such a sight would silence those tiresome individuals who claimed that the repairs could have easily been completed by the end of the summer vacation.

I leave you to ponder the effect such a prosaic philosophy would have had on the timeless majesty of the Taj Mahal or the immortal grace of Michelangelo's replastering of the Sistine Chapel.

Yours

Taurifimus Metem

CRISIS AT CHRISTMAS

ICCAG would like to thank everyone who contributed to our appeal last term. The College collection amounted to seven carrier bags of clothes, six bags and three large boxes of food and £33 in money. The population of Shelter varied from 250-450 over the Christmas week and they were all very grateful for the food and clothing. Many of them are now back on the streets, so if you want to meet some, we have soup runs on Tuesday, Friday and (probably) Sunday nights — meet in Falmouth Hall Kitchen at 10:30pm. For anyone interested in any other aspect of ICCAG's work (eg children, old people, prisoners etc etc), we have a meeting every Monday lunchtime (12:30) in the ICCAG room (top floor of the Union Building — follow the signs).

MANAGEMENT SCIENCE BUSINESS GAME

During the Christmas vacation, the 1979 version of the above annual event was held. It attracted a varied entry of twelve teams from London Colleges such as QEC, Kings, UC and Brunel, including IC entries from Chem Eng, Mech Eng, Civ Eng, CCD and Maths.

In his final summing up Professor Samuel Eilon explained some of the difficulties of taking part in a game of such short duration and then presented a liquid prize to the winning team (Kings College Civ Eng department).

There was absolutely no prize for the second placed team — IC Maths (Team: Chris Callow, Ashok Patel, Jitesh Gajjar, Barry Wareing and Mick Berry) who refused to reveal the secret behind their success (a loss of only £42,926, putting them well ahead of IC Chem Eng in 3rd).

The free refreshments at least guaranteed that all teams showed a profit in material terms.

Mick Berry.

Your chance to meet KODAK

Kodak Limited will be interviewing at your university on

1st February

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





A career in Computers?

A chance to learn about career opportunities
in Design, Manufacture and
Marketing in the Computer Industry.

**Electronic Engineers
Electrical Engineers
Mechanical Engineers
Physicists
Applied Mathematicians
Computer Scientists
and Graduates in any
discipline interested in
Marketing**

We will be at the

**LONDON PENTA HOTEL
LISBON ROOM**

TUESDAY 22nd JAN. 7.30 p.m.

Speakers

**Burroughs — Cumbernauld, Glenrothes, Croydon
also Burroughs Marketing**



**Royal
School
of Mines**



**Mining &
Metallurgical
Society**

ROBERT N PRYOR MEMORIAL LECTURE

The Mining and Metallurgical Society is sponsoring the First Annual Memorial Lecture to the late Professor Robert N Pryor. The lecture will be given by Sir Mark Turner, Chairman and Chief Executive of Rio Tinto Zinc Corporation Ltd, on Monday, 14th January, 1980 at 6:00pm in Mechanical Engineering Lecture Theatre 220. The lecture will be on the topic of International British-based Companies in a Nationalistic World. All are cordially invited to attend.

PG TIPS

Our questionnaire has now been out for a month, so I feel it would be both interesting and instructive to look at the results so far. The response has not been earth-shattering but with 135 PhD students returning their forms so far, we can identify general trends.

Perhaps the most surprising feature of the questionnaire is that, of all PhD students who have returned, some 68.1% are satisfied with the way their PhD is going and only 26% are definitely not satisfied. Also, there seems to be a wide chasm between students' expectations and reality as to how long a PhD actually takes. Some 53.3% thought that they would be finished in three years (total), whereas in fact hardly anybody finishes in three years. Of course, we should not discourage optimism, but it is disturbing that so few PhD students realize the extent of the problem.

The "average" PhD student spends 44.2 hours in College per week and works 5.9 hours at home. This is not surprising: it is well understood by most potential PhD students that they will need to do considerably more work than the 35 hours (and less!) per week that is commonplace in industry.

The majority of students (65.9%) felt that they had been given adequate supervision at the start, and only 27.4% felt that they had not. 'Research training' emerged as the most popular reason for doing a PhD with 76.3% in favour, but there were some other interesting replies given to this question: ego trip, mental acrobatics, fun etc. The Union is certainly not popular with PGs: 51.9% had no time

for it and only 26.7% said that they definitely did have time.

The above conclusions have been drawn from returns so far (14.5% of all PhD students). The full results of the questionnaire will appear in a later edition, FELIX.

As I have already stated, the response has not been that good and it would be extremely useful to receive many more completed answers. There is an opportunity to submit the results of the survey to the Working Party into Postgraduate Education, but I would be loath to do this with a representation of only one in seven.

The response has, in fact, varied quite considerably between departments, the worst offenders being: Aeronautics (0%), Mech Eng (9.4%) and Chemistry (9%).

Full marks to the following departments for a well above average response: Botany (25%), History of Science and Technology (50%) (an anomaly, I admit!) and Physics (24.4%).

So, if you still have the form lying around, please complete it! Also, there will be a committee meeting of the PG Group in the Green Committee Room (Union Building) at 12:30pm on Tuesday 15th January, which everyone is welcome to attend. We will be planning social events for the term.

Finally, I would like to send many thanks to those who have returned the questionnaire with constructive suggestions: these will be studied in detail. This response has more than offset the haughty "mind your own business" replies which have been received from some quarters.

M I N E S

It's back to the old routine again and here's a brief list of various things that are line up for us this term:

January 14th: Prof R N Pryor Memorial Lecture. 6:00pm. Mech Eng 220. This should prove interesting as we have the chairman of RTZ, Sir Mark Turrer talking to us on the role of international mining companies in a nationalised world.

January 17th: General Committee Meeting.

January 27th: RSM Rugby Sevens. Get together the halt, blind, lame and bone idle and enter a team. See the list outside G20.

February 15th—16th: Cambourne Weekend — 2 Ruby Games, 1 Football Game, Squash and Badminton. Players are urgently needed for the last two sports, so if you can handle a racquet and are mobile, please see Pete Newman.

February 26th: Another General Committee Meeting.

March 2nd: Nottingham Sevens. A rugby sevens competition between various mining departments in Britain for the Union Corporation Shield.

March 18th: Another General Committee meeting.

March 20th: Election. UGM followed by the Annual Brighton trip.

March 29th—April 4th: Foreign Students Trip to Delft, Holland. This is after term ends, so you won't miss any lectures.



LIBERAL CLUB

So we start a new decade, that includes the year 1984, with uncertainty about the future and what it holds in store. New technology has the potential to take over manual labour, and a good job too! Why

should we expect people to take jobs we don't want to do? But there is no point in having ultra-modern industry with five million or more people unemployed with no purpose or interest in life. We will have to share work available by shorter working hours and lives and at the same time provide facilities for people to make use of their increased free time. Coupled with new technology, we need massive investment to make education, craft training, and socially valuable work available to all people.

However, instead we have a Government cutting back drastically on education facilities, while unemployment steadily rises. Imperial College Liberal club opposes this lack of vision and through the Union of

Liberal Students and Young Liberals will be developing alternative policies on the provision of welfare services and education, employment and new technology and the role people play in this, which is, after all, what politics is all about!

Our first event this term will be a combined social evening and debate. Nick Amor, the Union of Liberal Students Education Officer, will be speaking on a 'Liberal Education System' and afterwards there will be an open discussion and free supper. Everyone is welcome, either to make their views known or to find out more about Liberalism. It's 7:30pm in the Union Lower Refectory.
Happy New Year
Philip Cole
IC Liberal Club

Toga Party



Sat 19th Jan JCR
Tickets 50p from Rag

CITY & GUILDS COLLEGE UNION



Present

The 29th Annual Engineers

Dinner



Dance



To be held in the Sherfield Building

Friday 25th January, 1980

7.30 for 8.00

Tickets £18.00 ..Double Ticket

£10.00 ..Single Ticket

Cabaret, Cocktail Bar, Disco
and Dance Band, Late Bar.

Black Tie

WHAT'S ON



FRIDAY 11th JANUARY

IC CHRISTIAN UNION PRESENTS *THE KINGDOM OF GOD*—a bible story by Derek Tidball at 6:30pm in the Music Room, 53 Princes Gate.

SOUP RUN at 10:30pm, Falmouth Kitchen.



MONDAY 14th JANUARY

EXPLORATION SOCIETY INFORMAL MEETING between 12:30—1:00pm in Southside Upper Lounge.

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MEETING in the Green Committee Room at 12:20pm. Observers welcome.

COMMUNIST SOCIETY MEETING ON AFGHANISTAN with speaker, Bert Ramelson (CPGB) at 6:30pm in ICWA Lounge.

FILM: *AGUIRRE WRATH OF GOD* by Werner Herzog with Klaus Kinski at 6:30 in Mines G20. Admission 40p (members 25p). SU cards are required.

IC FOLK CLUB present Sam Stephens and Anne Lenox-Martin at 8:00pm in the Lower Refectory. Admission 60p, members 30p.

TUESDAY 15th JANUARY

DISCUSSION ON *THE ROLE OF ICWA* AT 1:00pm in ICWA Lounge. Please attend, everyone welcome.

RIDING CLUB between 1:00—2:00pm in Room 1110 (level 11) Elec Eng. Rides booked, club activities discussed.

ART COUNCIL FREE FILM TOUR between 7:00—9:00pm in Civ Eng Lecture Theatre 201. Films include: *Landscape From A Dream; Walter: First Graffiti Artist; Hokusa; Eye of the Heart.*



WEDNESDAY 16th JANUARY

JELLY'S LAST ROLL in Stan's Bar at 8:30pm. Free.



THURSDAY 17th JANUARY

IC CRICKET CLUB ANNUAL DINNER with special guest Pat Pocock (Surrey and England). Tickets £7 single, £13.50 double on sale in Union Lower Lounge every lunchtime between 12:30—1:30 or from committee members.

ENTS FILM: *Gauntlet* in Mech Eng 220 at 6:30pm. Admission 30p.

ASSOCIATED STUDIES PRESENT:

1. Film: *The World At War* (Thames TV)
2. Alone. 1:15pm in Great Hall.
2. Lunch-hour concert with David Bogle (violin) and Maureen Parrington (piano) in the Music Room, 53 Princes Gate.



Tom Cottrell getting in the groove - ready for Guilds D & D. This photograph of the Imperial College NAT WEST Bank Liason Officer was printed by special request and was taken during the feast of Christmas parties that were held at IC last December.



JANUARY

FEBRUARY

MARCH

Monday	14	21	28	4	11	18	25	3	10	17
			Council 6:00pm SCR			Sabbatical Elections Papers Up	Dep Rep Elections Papers Up	RCSU Elections	Sabbatical Elections VOTING Officers Elections Papers Down Guilts Election UGM	Council 6:00pm Silwood Dep Rep Elections VOTING
Tuesday	15	22	29	5	12	19	26	4	11	18
	Role of ICWA Discussion 1:00pm ICWA Lounge	UGM 1:00 Great Hall		UGM 1:00pm Great Hall	Guilts UGM	Guilts Field Cup		RCSU Results	Sabbatical Elections VOTING	
Wednesday	16	23	30	6	13	20	27	5	12	19
					Welfare Day JCR					
Thursday	17	24	31	7	14	21	28	6	13	20
							Officers Elections Papers Up RCSU Hustings	UGM (Hustings) 1:00pm Great Hall	UGM (Results and Officers' Elections) 1:00pm Great Hall	
Friday	18	25	1	8	15	22	29	7	14	21
		Guilts Dinner and Dance					Sabbatical Elections Papers Down	Dep Rep Elections Papers Down		
Saturday	19	26	2	9	16	23	1	8	15	22
	Adventure Playground Weekend Guilts Pyjama Rag 9:30 Guilts Office							Guilts Election Rag Collection		
Sunday	20	27	3	10	17	24	2	9	16	23
	Adventure Playground Weekend			RCS 7s				Guilts Bar Night		

ENTERTAINMENT FILM LIST 1979/1980

For those of you who could not understand last weeks effort - apart from feeling sorry for you, here's an easier list:

- JAN 17: The Gauntlet
- JAN 24: The Song Remains The Same
- JAN 31: Midnight Express
- FEB 7: Catch 22
- FEB 14: The Elger Sanction
- FEB 21: IF
- FEB 28: American Graffiti
- MAR 6: The Thirty-Nine Steps
- MAR 13: Holocaust 2000
- MAR 20: Young Frankenstein
- APR 24: Nine Lives of Fritz the Cat
- MAY 1: The Strange Affair
- MAY 8: The Pink Panther
- MAY 15: Laserblast
- MAY 22: Confessions Of A Driving Instructor

All at 6:30pm in Mech Eng 220 (except American Graffiti which is in Maths 213). Admission only 30p.

THE *FELIX* CALENDAR FOR SPRING TERM 1980

PHOTOSOC

Just thought I'd let you know the events for next term:

JANUARY

- 8th: Darkroom Demo - Further techniques in black and white printing.
- 15th: Slide Competition
- 22nd: An Evening Of Colour Photography
- 29th: A Day In The Life Of A Medical Photographer.

FEBRUARY

- 5th: Print Competition
- 12th: Lecture - to be announced.
- 19th: Informal meeting in Linstead Bar.
- 26th: Using Electronic Flash - a practical demo. Bring your camera.

MARCH

- 4th: Ships Past And Present
 - 11th: AGM
 - 18th: The Channel Islands
- If in doubt, always check the Photosoc noticeboard on the ground floor of the Union Building (near Gents toilet).
Sanjit Teelock
(Publicity Officer)

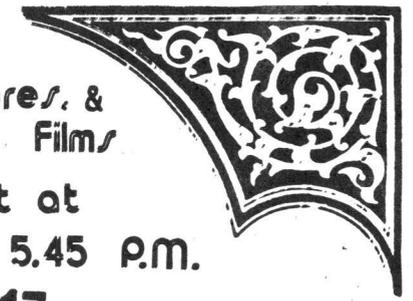


FRIDAY 18
Film

GREAT
HALL

Liberty
(ISLAMIC REVOLUTION OF IRAN)

All
Lectures &
Films
Start at
5.45 P.M.



MONDAY 14

Introduction

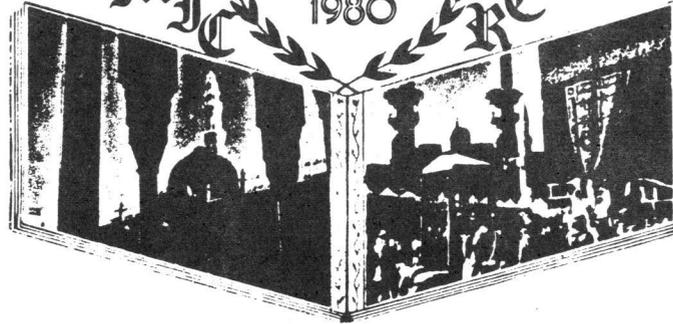
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**The
Message**

WEDNESDAY 16
Lecture

MUSLIMS IN SPAIN
By
M. Farid

ISLAMIC REVOLUTION
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THURSDAY 17
Lecture

**Islamic
Revolution
of
Iran**

BY
M. IQBAL

TUESDAY 15
Lecture

ISLAM
&
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BY
DR.
ZAKI
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EVENTS
ALL WEEK

Book & Poster
Display.

Bookstalls.

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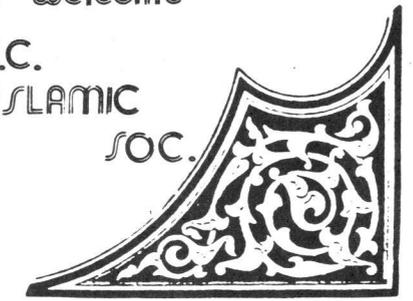
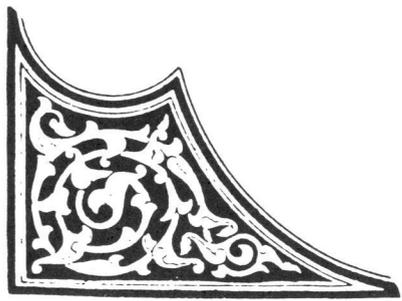
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ISLAMIC
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Lyon Playfair
Library

Union Lobby

LUNCH TIMES



ISLAMIC WEEK

WHAT ISLAM STANDS FOR

Islam (submission to God) establishes not only peace and harmony but also rids mankind of tyranny and oppression. The contemporary world presents in this respect no better view than it did fourteen hundred years ago, when Islam freed it from all false gods. Tyranny still on the rampage in the guise of haughty kings, insolent demagogues and heartless capitalists who are busy in sucking the blood of millions, subjugating them and making capital out of their helplessness and misery. There is still another class of dictators who rule with sword, usurp peoples' liberties and claim that they are merely instruments in enforcing the people's or the proletariat's will.

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Islam brings to an end man's rule over man. It makes the rulers as much subject to Divine Law as are all other men and women. Islam does not allow any man to subjugate others or impose upon them his will. Only God's commands are to be obeyed and only the examples of the Prophets are to be followed. The ruler, in such a community, shall, as a part of his obligations towards men and God, be required to enforce Divine Law failing which he may no longer have any lawful claim to people's obedience. They may in such a situation quite lawfully disregard his orders. This was explicitly stated by the first Caliph Abū Bakr (May God be pleased with him) when he said that "Obey me only so long as I obey God with respect to you; and if I should happen to deviate from God's obedience, then in that case my obedience shall no longer be incumbent upon you." As such the ruler in Islam has no privileged right to use the Public Exchequer or to formulate state legislation in defiance to the *Shari'ah*. Moreover it is only the trustworthy people who have any right to rule, who elected to a post of authority through a free, just and impartial election with no checks on voters save those of justice, virtue and decency.

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Such an Islamic State will not only liberate its citizens from all tyrants at home but shall safeguard their freedom against any outside aggression as well. This is so because Islam itself is a religion of glory and power and as such it cannot tolerate that men should degrade themselves by prostrating at the feet of the false god of

Imperialism, Islam prescribes a very simple code of life for man. It exhorts him to strive hard to gain pleasure of his Creator, surrender his will to that of his Lord, follow His commandments and come forward with all the sources at his disposal to fight against the spectre of Imperialism and tyranny.

Let Man therefore turn towards Islam for this is the time for all human beings to flock together under its banner so as to wipe out from the face of the earth all the vestiges of Imperialism and exploitation of man by man. Here is the way to real freedom, one which allows no serfdom, promises all men freedom in thought, action, property and religion, jealously safeguarding their integrity as well as honour.

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ISLAMIC REVIVAL

It must be well understood that Islam is not a mere ideological vision. It is a practical system of life that fully appreciates all the genuine needs of mankind and tries to realize them.

In trying to meet the genuine requirements of man Islam effects a perfect balance between all areas of life and activity. It starts with the individual maintaining a balance between his requirements of body and soul, reason and spirit and in no case allows one side to predominate the other. It does not suppress the animal instincts in order to make the soul ascend the higher planes, nor does it allow man, in his efforts to fulfil his bodily desires, to stoop down to the low level of animalism and hedonism. On the contrary, it makes them both meet on a single higher plane doing away with all the internal psychological conflicts that the human soul is threatened by or set a part of it against the other parts. In the social sphere, it proceeds to achieve an equilibrium between the needs of the individual and those of the community. It does not allow an individual to transgress against other individuals, or against the community. Nor does it allow the community to commit transgression against the individual. It also does not approve of one class or group of people to enslave another class or group of people. Islam exercises a beneficent constraint on all these mutually opposed forces, prevents them from coming into collision with one another, and harnesses them all to co-operate for the general good of mankind as a whole.

Islam strikes a balance between different sectors of society and between different aspects of existence, spiritual as well as material. Unlike Communism, it does not believe that economic factors, i.e. the material aspect alone, dominate the human existence. Nor does it contribute to what the pure spiritualists or idealists say claiming that spiritual factors or high ideals alone are sufficient to organize human life. Islam rather holds that all these diverse elements put together form what is called human society; and that the best code of life is that which takes note of all these, making full allowance for body as well as reason and spirit and arranging them all in the framework of a harmonious whole.

Thirdly, it must always be kept in mind that Islam has an altogether independent existence of its own as a social philosophy as well as an economic system. Some of its outward manifestations may on the surface appear to resemble those of Capitalism and Socialism, but in fact it is far from being the one or the other. It retains all the good characteristics of these systems, yet is free from their shortcomings and perversions. It does not extol individualism to that loathful extent which is the characteristic of the modern West. It was from this germ that modern Capitalism sprang and institutionalized that concept of individual's freedom where man is allowed to exploit other individuals and the community only to serve his personal gain. Islam guarantees personal freedom and provides opportunities for individual enterprise but not at the cost of society or ideals of social justice. Reaction to Capitalism has appeared in the form of Socialism. It idolizes the social basis to an extent individuals are reduced to insignificant cogs in the social machine, with no existence of its own outside and independent of the herd. Therefore the community alone enjoys freedom as well as power; the individual has no right to question its authority or demand his rights. The tragedy of Socialism and its variants is that they assign to the state absolute powers to shape the lives of individuals.

Islam strikes a balance between the two extremes of Capitalism and Socialism. Being appreciative of their role Islam harmonizes the individual and the state in such a way that individuals have the freedom necessary to develop their potentialities and not to encroach upon the rights of their fellowmen. It also gives the community and the state adequate powers to regulate and control the socio-economic relationships so as to guard and maintain this harmony in human life. The basis of this whole structure as envisaged by Islam is the reciprocity of love between individuals and groups; it is not erected on the basis of hatred and class conflict as is the case with Socialism.

ISLAMIC REVIVAL CONTINUED

In the light of the above, one can begin to understand why revolutions in Muslim lands are a logical consequence:

Iran: What has happened is a single demonstration (excuse the pun) of the deep-rooted beliefs at work. Neither the US or Russia had any hand to play. The whole world was taken by surprise at the Islamic aspect.

Afghanistan: Again the forces of faith are rising against the puppet rule of Russia.

These are two recent examples. All sectors of the community in the whole world show their longing to live and be governed according to the rules set by God. For the past 1400 years such revivals were taking place. **Misinformation** by incompetent orientalists have caused ignorance about Islam in the West. A new atmosphere now exists for US to find out about Islam.

POPULAR MYTHS

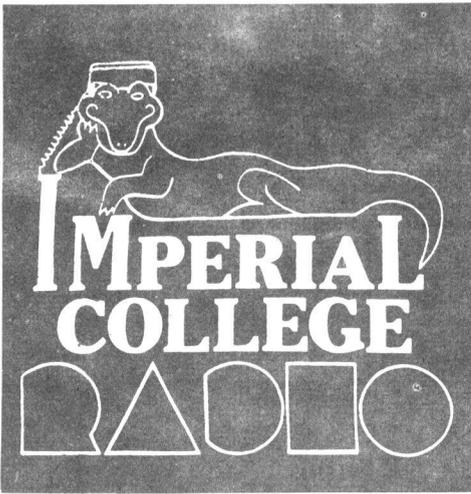
Whenever Islam is mentioned by Non-Muslim Westerners, it usually involves narrow minded views on: Islam and polygamy; Islam and punishment (say lashing); Islam and repression, etc. A good reference for those who have not heard 'the other side' as explained by Muslims may care to read 'Islam The Misunderstood Religion' or 'The Spread Of Islam' or any of the huge literature that exists these days, but is not 'good value' to be printed in Western newspapers. Both books can be seen at book displays in the Islamic Week and can be readily obtained.

CORRECTIONS

God is ONE, Islam (allegiance to God) has been the religion of all the prophets, including Moses and Jesus and has been completed for us under Mohammad. Many schools of thought such as Ja'afari, Maliki, etc, exist but NO SHIITE—SUNNI categorisation is advocated except by the ignorant news reporters or by the enemies of Islam working under the banner 'Divide To Rule!!'

MISINFORMATION

Well publicised and distributed news magazines are *Newsweek*, *Now* and *Time*. A few quotations will show how ignorant, harsh and cruel the treatment of anyone who upholds Islam is treated: 'The holy city where Khomeini stole a revolution for Iran.' 'Qom is the spiritual powerhouse of Iran's revolution. It thrives on piety.' 'Khomeini...has turned to a bloody tyrant, reviving a religious Dark Age.' 'The brutality is a popular element.' 'The mass taste for the cruel has been fed most luridly by the revolution's own judge Blood.' 'A joyless Revolution.' 'Laughter is a crime in the Islamic Republic.' 'A harsh, fundamentalist theocracy.' 'The Mystic Who Lit The Fires Of Hatred.' 'Unifying a nation behind such extremist positions is a remarkable achievement.' 'Shi'ism allows for the presence of an Intermediary between God and man.'



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Rob Shepherd, the new I.C. Radio News Editor at work in the station's office.

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City Boy In Concert on I.C. Radio



This Sunday at 5pm Focus Live features City Boy recorded in the Great Hall on 5th October 1976. City Boy, who were originally a Birmingham based folk / harmony group, presented a six piece line up at the gig, and played a magnificent set. Since giving the concert they have had two singles in the charts: '5.7.0.5' in July 1978 and the follow up 'Oh What a Night' in November.

Despite rumours that they may be splitting up, they are expected to be recording a new album in the next couple of months, after their current European tour and they hope to be touring the U.K. in August this year.

On Monday night, after the 11 o'clock news, is the first of four half-hour programmes in the 'After Dark' series, presented by David Carter. This week's documentary is called 'There's a Nice way of being Naughty', about a Pub entertainer who is now a woman.

DON'T FORGET KAPTAIN KREMEN EVERY WEEKDAY EVENING AT 7.30

Friday 11th January

- 5.00 Tune In
- 6.00 American Rock - Dave Hodes
- 7.00 Viewpoint - Chris Dalton including preview of weekend TV & Film Review Spot
- 9.00 Roundabout
- 11.00 Through Midnight - Gerard Jennings
- 1.00 Closedown

Saturday 12th January

- 8.00 Wake Up With Jon - Jon Firth; including part 1 of The Hitch - Hiker's Guide to the Galaxy and the local cinema guide.
- 11.00 Saturday Morning Show - Mark Jones
- 1.00 James Powell
- 3.00
- 4.00 Dave Fuller
- 6.00 Heavy Metal Show - Julian Pitt
- 9.00 Roundabout - Tony Ferguson
- 11.00 Through Midnight - Jasper; listen in for a little late - night laid - back music.
- 1.00 Closedown

Sunday 13th January

- 8.00 Wake Up With Sarah - Sarah Talbot; the antidote to Saturday night, includes 301 Sportsdesk at 10.30.
- 11.00 S & M - Simon Milner; try a little aural excitement this morning, bring own appliance.
- 1.00 Sunday Isn't Sunday Without . . . Tony Ferguson; great album music for a Sunday afternoon.
- 4.00 Roundtable - Simon Milner with three guests, including Colin Palmer, who review the latest releases.
- 5.00 Focus Live. City Boy, recorded in the Great Hall in 1976; producer: Nigel Davis.
- 6.00 The Wobbly Wobbly Wireless Show - Dave Fuller; the return of the W³ at a new time with an extra hour. (Help!)
- 9.00 The Gramophone Request Programme - Simon Woods; request your favorite music on Internal 3440.
- 11.00 Through Midnight
- 1.00 Closedown

Monday 14th January

- 5.00 Tune In
- 6.00 Ragged Heroes - Eric Jarvis
- 7.00 Viewpoint - Huw Baynham; with the I.C. Radio Top Twenty at 8.30.
- 9.00 Roundabout
- 11.00 Through Midnight; including 'After Dark'.
- 1.00 Closedown

Tuesday 15th January

- 12.00 Midday Spin - Lunchtime music to the JCR
- 2.15 Closedown
- 5.00 Tune In
- 6.00 That's Jazz - Harry Magnay; producer Simon Milner
- 7.00 Viewpoint - Karen; featuring Kate Bush
- 9.00 Roundabout
- 11.00 Through Midnight - Simon Littlejohn
- 1.00 Closedown

Wednesday 16th January

- 5.00 R & B - Sid
- 6.40 301 Newsline - News & Views from around College.
- 7.00 Viewpoint - Jon Firth; including 301 Sportsdesk at 8.30, Chart of Yesteryear, a chat with Stoic about tomorrow's programme and Thursday Gig Guide.
- 9.00 Roundabout - Sahara Blott; Requests on Internal 3440 or we send the Boys round.
- 11.00 Through Midnight
- 1.00 Closedown

Thursday 17th January

- 12.00 Midday Spin - including 301 Sportsdesk at 12.35
- 2.15 Closedown
- 5.00 Tune In
- 6.00 Disco / Boogie Time - Alan Burton
- 7.00 Viewpoint - Simon Milner; including weekend Gig Guide at 8.45.
- 9.00 Roundabout - Simon Woods
- 11.00 Through Midnight - Chris Watts
- 1.00 Closedown

I.C. Radio Top Fifty of 1979

- 1 Blondie - Heart of Glass
- 2 Dire Straits - Sultans of Swing
- 3 Lena Loviche - Lucky Number
- 4 Elvis Costello - Oliver's Army
- 5 Madness - One Step Beyond
- 6 Ian Dury & the Blockheads - Hit Me With Your Rhythm Stick
- 7 Squeeze - Cool for Cats
- 8 B.A. Robertson - Knocked It Off
- 9 Squeeze - Up The Junction
- 10 After The Fire - One Rule for you
- 11 Lena Loviche - Say When
- 12 Electric Light Orchestra - Confusion / Last Train to London
- 13 Al Stewart - Time Passages
- 14 Elvis Costello - Accidents Will Happen
- 15 Frank Zappa - Dancing Fool
- 16 Meatloaf - Bat Out of Hell
- 17 Bill Nelson's Red Noise - Furniture Music
- 18 Manfred Mann's Earth Band - You Angel You
- 19 Blondie - Sunday Girl
- 20 Dean Freidman - Ariel
- 21 Bob Mareley and the Wailers - Stir It Up
- 22 Mike Oldfield - Guilty
- 23 Patti Smith Group - Frederic
- 24 Thin Lizzy - Waiting for an Alibi
- 25 Gerry Rafferty - Night Owl
- 26 Bob Seger - We've Got Tonight
- 27 Bill Nelson's Red Noise - Revolt Into Style
- 28 Bob Dylan - Changing of the Guard
- 29 Boomtown Rats - Diamond Smiles
- 30 Abba - Does Your Mother Know
- 31 The Members - Sound of the Suburbs
- 32 The Police - Roxanne
- 33 Supertramp - The Logical Song
- 34 Romour - Emotional Traffic
- 35 Fleetwood Mac - Tusk
- 36 Leyton Buzzards - Saturday Night Beneath the Plastic Palm Tree
- 37 The Tubes - Prime Time
- 38 Janice Ian - Fly Too High
- 39 Kate Bush - Wow
- 40 Chris Thompson - Thunderchild
- 41 Wings - Goodnight Tonight
- 42 M - Pop Musak
- 43 Cheap Trick - I Want You to Want Me
- 44 Niel Diamond - Forever In Blue Jeans
- 45 Billy Joel - My Life
- 46 Dr. Feelgood - Put Him out of Your Mind
- 47 The Monks - Nice Legs Shame About th Face
- 48 The Jam - Eaton Rifles
- 49 Earth Wind and Fire - Boogie Wonderland
- 50 Blondie - Union City Blue

The most played records on I.C. Radio. Compiled by Dave Fuller and his computer; with thanks to Tony Ferguson and Sarah Talbot for help in compiling the weekly charts.

NUS CONFERENCE REPORT

by Chris Webb

Once again, despite our non-membership of the National Union of Students, a member of this college union went to the recent conference (in the guise of a party helper).

The most important part of the conference, officially at least, are the debates, which were as follows:

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SUBSCRIPTIONS: Remember it was primarily over subs that ICU left NUS. What did we get for our money? In front of conference were five proposals: ranging from the Execidea, a confused extension of currents subs policy, which would have had half of NUS's money coming from forty institutions (ie universities and some of the larger polytechnics) at a rate increasing twice as fast as most union's budgets. Had this policy been passed I feel many colleges would have disaffiliated as they began to feel the pinch. At the other extreme was the rather simplistic Kings amendment, arguing for a more or less flat rate.

In the end all the amendments, and the main motion all failed. This leaves NUS with a big problem: some sort of subs policy must be worked out at Easter, and ratified at Christmas or they may go bust.

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OVERSEAS STUDENTS: The Left Alliance/Exec/Tory/Lib main motion, a fairly moderate statement of intelligent and constructive opposition to the Government's ideas was passed, despite Trot and Maoist attempts to pass much more rabid and destructive amendments. This motion, incidentally, must set some sort of record: so many colleges submitted similar motions that the final composite had 145 "Believes" clauses.

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GRANTS AND CUTS: Proved more contentious — the Left Alliance/Exec main motion, expressing opposition to the Tory economic policy, especially "the cuts" and reaffirming the desire to abolish the means test etc was passed eventually. The amendments proved interesting: the two Trot groups proposed similar motions spelling out a "recipe for Instant Whip Socialism" according to the Liberal broadsheet. The Tory amendment supported the Government's economic ideals, and the Liberals proposed their "student wage" policy, which I have not yet had explained to me. The most amusing was the Maoist shopping list of demands for immediate nationalisation.

HOUSING: Another massive composite of Exec/Tory/LA etc. This placed the onus of finding accommodation for homeless students on local authorities, was against the selling of council houses, against flat agencies, against licences and in favour of multi-signature mortgages.

ABORTION: Déjà Vu. Very like the ICU/ULU Abortion/Corrie debates, with a rousing summing up speech from Anna Soubry (probably the best of the conference).

SUPPORT DEREK ROBINSON: This was an emergency motion (Robinson was a guest speaker, who, contrary to some national press reports received a far from unanimous ovation). In the end, the Left groups were all so busy voting out each other's views on union solidarity that nothing was passed. Trevor Phillips then tried to tell the press that this didn't mean NUS didn't support Robinson, but was correctly ruled out of order.

So much for the motions, what of the rest: Firstly the Left Alliance (née Broad Left) — the CP, NOLS and some Liberals is falling apart — many Liberals don't like it, and the CP had very few delegates. The two Trot groups, SSA and SWSO, had a reasonable number of delegates, but their speakers were unimpressive and their behaviour to the Mayor of Blackpool left a very sour impression: his council let NUS use the Winter Gardens free, yet when he came to welcome conference the Trots congregated on the balcony to jeer at him. Eventually Phillips shut them up, pointing out that even if they didn't like the fact that he was a Conservative, he was democratically elected by the people of Blackpool and we were their guests.

The Mayor, later that day, to his credit was instrumental in securing the release from police custody of two Northern Irish delegates who had been detained on landing in Liverpool.



CITY AND GUILDS

A new term starts and the Mighty Guilds Organization swings into action to provide you with the best events in the College.

The first event is the Pyjama Rag on Saturday 19th January. For this Rag we all dress up in pyjamas or other night attire. Don't worry if you haven't got a pair, you are sure to be able to borrow some from a friend, then we go out into London and extract money from people who keep asking stupid questions like "Why are you still wearing pyjamas at 11 o'clock in Oxford Street?"

A bit of fun for all, so meet in the Union Office at 9:30am suitably dressed.

The next event is the **29th Annual Engineers Dinner and Dance**. This is the highlight of the College year and is a formal occasion. The event will be held in the Sherfield Building on Friday 25th January at 7:30 for 8:00pm. The evening consists of a formal dinner followed by a cabaret and dancing to the early hours of Saturday. Hence the name Dinner and Dance or D&D for short.

Tickets are on sale from the Union Office or from Dep Reps at the price of £18.00 for a double ticket and £10.00 for a single and are limited in number, so get yours early. The dress for the evening is black tie. We have managed to negotiate a deal with Moss Bros, which will give a 25% reduction to you on production of a union card for the hire of a dinner jacket at any of their London branches.

Do not miss the chance to go to this outstanding event.

Also we need an Assistant Honorary Secretary, so if you feel you would like to do this job for the rest of the year (It entails minute taking at various meetings and gives a good insight into how the Union is run.) see Jo or Sara in the Office. The post will be elected at the next Gen Com on 29th January.
Cheers Bryan.



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THE STRUGGLE FOR POWER

No country should be without one — according to history anyway. History might not repeat itself, but some of us surely do. Russia's military involvement in Afghanistan comprises several struggles; not only is there the underlying theme of Soviet global expansion, but also America's problematic role in world affairs, the rise of Islam and the constant battle for prestige. Russia's plans for expansion are no news to anybody; twenty years of Fidel Castro's regime in Cuba have already passed, a prime example of Soviet political investment. But this time her intervention has smashed hopes for an East-West detente and caused SALT-2 (Strategic Arms Limitations Talks) to be shelved. However, it may be that her hasty actions which caught America napping, were not solely for reasons of aggrandizement. Islamic fervour has been mounting in Afghanistan and consequently poses a threat to Russia's control over her southern-most territories which contain a large Moslem population. There are signs of an anxious Russia preparing for a long campaign, to avoid the sort of humiliation that America suffered through Iran. Prestige is all-important in world affairs, especially for a nation that wants control of her satellite states.

America is heading right back the other way, her public pressing more and more for policies of isolation. Carter has sent military aid to Pakistan which borders Afghanistan, and may be making overtures to China, but his action against Russia has been a series of withdrawals, albeit at his personal expense in America's coming elections — no grain, no technology, no consulates-general and possibly no Olympics. America is getting out; it remains to be seen if she will adequately protect her interests in the Middle East. Meanwhile back in Russia, someone in Politburo has itchy fingers. The decision of Afghanistan must have been made with prior knowledge of both the factors involved and the retaliation that might be expected. The American grown sanction will hit hard, with both long and short term effects; heavy-handed action in crushing resistance in Afghanistan will only feed the fire of Islam and combining this with fraternization between America and China makes for a nasty headache. What started out as a struggle for power, may end up as a lot of domestic problems for all concerned.

Pakistan does not only border on Afghanistan; it also lies along the northern boundaries of India, where the political fortunes of the redoubtable Mrs Gandhi have taken a sudden turn for the better. Having swept all opposition before her in the recent elections, she has been chosen by Indian populace to form a new government, a shock decision in view of her totalitarian emergency rule three years ago. The fundamental truth is that she has been given a second chance, because of the worthlessness of the Janata government of the last few years and by her skilful and unscrupulous opportunism. Her careful electioneering on the economic failures of the last

government has proved successful, but an odour of nepotism lingers; Mrs Gandhi's son, Sanjay, has been returned as an MP with rumours of a post in his mother's government, which is perturbing, considering his past record, which includes the unpleasant affair of the compulsory sterilization programme. The facile suggestion that India went to the polls to choose the lesser of two evils might stand, but what follows now must surely be a period of political probation. Technically both mother and son are open to indictment for various offences relating to Mrs Gandhi's earlier rule; it can only be hoped that such action will be rendered untenable by a ministry with clear-headed and economically viable policies.

Lars Wernberg-Møller

In the election of 1977, Mrs Gandhi was defeated and cast aside ignominiously by a handful of old politicians who combined against her on a single platform. The election which was intended as the people's stamp on autocracy thrust Mrs Gandhi into oblivion. Yet only thirty months after this Mrs Gandhi has swept back to power with a two-thirds majority. Whatever else this is a tremendous achievement and a tribute to Mrs Gandhi's courage and belief.

The Janata party instead of using its office to expose the sordid side of the emergency or develop a coherent conservative philosophy for modern India spent its time in perpetual bickering. The electorate disillusioned by this rallied round Mrs Gandhi.

Mrs Gandhi fought the election on two main issues: to provide economic stability and law and order. She promised discipline and a strong government.

One of the questions on people's minds is whether her son, Sanjay Gandhi, will be given a place in the cabinet or whether he will simply be involved in party work.

Sanjay was involved in the controversial family planning programme (being linked with the unsavoury forced sterilization) and was accused of corruption. Whether he is in the Cabinet or not he will be nearer the centre than any holding ministerial posts.

With Mrs Gandhi's two thirds majority she can change the constitution, if she so desires. In future there will probably be states as Mrs Gandhi will continue the trend to centralize the power. She might change the system to one where there is a presidential executor, as in France or the United States. Opposition to this will come from both inside and outside Parliament. Mrs Gandhi has a large majority in the Lower House. In the Upper House, where the members are elected by the State assemblies. Things could be very different as the State assemblies are very much in tune with what happened during the emergency. Outside Parliament there will be opposition by the Trade Unionists, who are led by politicians and better organised than in 1977, which could make things rough.

Mrs Gandhi will face considerable problems once she is back in office.

India is one of the top twelve industrial nations and produces everything from drugs to digital watches. The home industry is protected by keeping a tight check on imports. There is however little stability: the rising cost of crude oil and labour unrest are major problems. India has a power shortage even though there is plenty of coal because railway strikes have prevented the coal being transported to where it is needed. Inflation is at 20%. India faces the worst drought in living memory and has a huge deficit of more than double that estimated.

It looks as if the next few years in India are going to be pretty turbulent.

Aftab Gujral

COMMUNIST SOCIETY AFGHANISTAN

The recent events in Afghanistan have been tragic ones; both for the struggle of the Afghan people for national independence and for the future of world peace. Most members of Communist Society would second the sentiments condemning the Soviet action, expressed in the *Morning Star* Editorial (31/12/79) "Mr Karmal, the new leader of the government in Kabul appears to favour a conciliatory approach toward the Islamic groups and that is said to have been the advice which the Soviet Union has given all along. Such an approach may very well be correct. What is wrong is the use of foreign military force to bring in a new government to follow such policies. For there are wider implications.

Though no one denies that Mr Karmal asked for military assistance, it is by no means clear that he was entitled to do so as the established power in Afghanistan.

This is where the issue impinges on the principle of non-interference in other countries. This principle is central to the struggle for world peace and disarmament so crucial at the

present time."

At the first Communist Society meeting of this term, Bert Ramelson who visited Afghanistan a few months ago will give an opening to discussion on the background and consequences of recent events. Monday 14th January at 6:30pm in ICWA Lounge.

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Now the heavy bit is over, it's time to wish you a Happy New Year and suggest that you might have time to have a quick spy into the ICWA Lounge on a Monday evening at 6:30pm onwards to see how the moles are getting on. Discussions this term could well include: the New Right in Britain, Czechoslovakia, Zimbabwe, relations between socialist countries, *Beyond the Fragments* (Socialist Feminist book recently published) and the Communist Manifesto (Marx and Engels — published some time ago!).

For more information on Comm Soc contact one of the following committee members: Chairperson, Paul Gerrard, Civ Eng PG; Secretary, Kevin Smith, Geology 1; Treasurer, John Hayton, Physics 1 and *Morning Star* organizer, Mary Attenborough, Maths PG.

Don't forget the Communist Party Bookstall every Friday lunchtime in the JCR between 12:30—1:30pm.

MONSTER FROM THE BLACK HOLE

starring NING YANG HO YU FU LUNG
and LI CHI WONG as ZOE



Zoe

Upon the altars of the ancient Chinese temples burned a mystic fire - ever tended by the vestal virgin. To this sacred flame were added special fragrances - incense of careful blending. What hidden value had those aromas? Was there a mystical significance to the passive atmosphere they created?

Virginity as a form of morality was elevated to a divine status accounting for the widespread practice of assigning special temple duties to young girls who had been selected for their chastity.

Legend relates that Fu-hsi; the founder of the Chinese empire, was the son of a virgin who ate a flower which had clung to her garments when bathing.

Amongst the young Chinese virgins there was one named Zarathustra. She lusted for a man whenever she bathed in the aroma of the incense from the sacred flame. One night her lust was satisfied. In a poetically erotic moment Zarathustra is taken by a muscular temple guard. During their ecstasy one sees flashes of his body, shining with sacred oils, as he makes love to her in a giant oyster-shell supported by a column of marble.

Time passes and Zarathustra's child is born in a shadowy glade. As the baby makes its first sounds; her mother screams in terror. There before her lay a

baby girl but, because she had broken her virginity, God had made her pay an awful price. The baby was a monster with four eyes, a nose for a mouth and lips in the top of its head. (see above inset photo)

Zarathustra carefully tended the child and named her Zoe. Zoe was made a prisoner in the gardens of the temple and was never allowed to meet anyone. Twenty years later Zoe stumbled on a group of witches who were performing a naked ritual. Zoe was caught and satanically sacrificed. The film contains many special effects but the moment when Zoe ascends to the stars is the most brilliant effect in the film. Sucked up towards the swirling heavens Zoe is drawn towards a black hole. She emerges after travelling through a time warp that has advanced her through many centuries.

Zoe has gained special powers. She has been armed with four laser eyes. A space craft speeds towards Zoe and a terrific battle ensues. Zoe tries to defend herself from the ferocious attacks of the craft but can she survive? Is this film the ultimate in sci-fi satire? You'll feel sorry for the four eyed monster Watch Out she is coming to get you!

Colin Palmer

INDUSTRIAL SOCIETY

Find out about this term's events at a *CHEESE AND WINE lunch* in the Senior Common Room on Tuesday 15th January at 1:00pm. (Membership only 30p.)

EDUCATION CUTS COMMITTEE

There will be a meeting of Education Cuts Committee on Thursday 17th January at 12:30pm in the Union Office. It is important that everyone concerned with this issue attend, as action will be decided for the coming term. Everyone welcome!

TODAY — THE MATHS PARTY — 8:00 — JCR XMAS FANCY DRESS — JUDGING AT 9:30 — PRIZE FOR THE BEST... so if you've ever wanted to dress up as a reindeer now's your chance!!

BUNAC — Want to work and travel in North America next summer? Details from Green Committee Room, 3rd Floor Union. Fridays 12:30—1:30.



FELIX REGRETS THAT THE FILM, 'MONSTER FROM THE BLACK HOLE' MAY NOT BE RELEASED IN THIS COUNTRY. HOWEVER, IF YOU DO GET A CHANCE TO SEE IT - YOU WILL BE PLEASANTLY SURPRISED.

THE BRAIN DRAIN

BAR

As some of you may have noticed, there's been a price rise in the bars. I don't like this any more than anyone else does, but it can't be helped; it's over a year now since the last increase (except for the one forced upon us by the higher VAT rate) and there's been a large increase from all the brewers, which together with various projected increased costs due to inflation have made these increases necessary.

BOOKSHOP

WOULD ALL THOSE DOSSING DEPARTMENTAL REPRESENTATIVES WHO HAVEN'T GIVEN ME THEIR WRITTEN REPORT ON HOW WELL THE BOOKSHOP SERVES THEIR DEPARTMENT, PLEASE DO SO!

Any complaints or suggestions anyone has about the bookshop should be given to your Dep Rep who will pass them on to me.

LST

Our branch office is being moved from the Union Lower Lounge to the Sherfield Building along the walkway next to the JCR, and will be opening on Monday. We've started selling Eurotrain tickets as well as Transalpino now, which gives you a wider choice of routes and times, and some of the established ones at lower prices.

AT A VASTLY REDUCED PRICE, IT'S..... "LAST YEAR'S THING"

Happy 1980s to all ICUists and anyone else reading this. I hope that the anguish after the orphaned goslings Christmas Gander created isn't worrying you too much.

Contrary to common belief this term is not going to be void, there's lots to look forward too, vis.

WELFARE DAY

On Wednesday 13th February — In which the finer points will be highlighted with stalls and things in the JCR, probably accompanied by an all day bar, and some novelty acts, like sex films!

OVERSEAS STUDENTS FAIR

A week later — This is going to be organised by OSC and again will be in the JCR. Indian food can be washed down by Greek Ouzo or French Wine. An excellent opportunity to taste the custom as well as the foods of the societies in OSC.

Also of course the elections will soon be upon us. That's when I become a has-been before I have been! All I would like to say is that anyone considering a post should not hesitate to see myself or other relevant persons to get a full job description, and can rely on confidentiality from me. To underline the point made to me by one or two friends that I spend too much time in the Union Bar, I would like to agree and suggest that all candidates for posts should be teetotal, or at least do their drinking where no one else can see them! (Which just about covers my New Year's Resolution).

Michael Arthur's brief has somewhat changed of late, his new role taking him out of the Centre more. To cover for this and further expand the scope of the centre a part-time assistant, Susan Telling, has been appointed over the holidays. I wish her a happy stay here.

Also over the holidays I prepared a paper on cutting and streamlining the oh-so confusing ICU committee structure. I hope that when it finally sees the light of day that it stimulates action as well as discussion and hysteria.

ESTIMATES

These must be prepared as soon as poss, so if your major sub-committee hasn't contacted you about them it's because you didn't pick up the mail or the 'infernal' mail didn't deliver it. Get cracking.

So I can go back to putting my new velvet jacket on and taking it off again and you can go back to Quantum Mechanics safe in the knowledge that the quality of the FOX articles have not improved over the Christmas break.

Toodle pip
CHRIS

JUST A SEC

Welcome back and I hope you had a marvellous Christmas and New Year. This week's Hon Sec article is somewhat long but full of dates and information.

UGMs

There are four meetings this term (one being largely devoted to the sabbatical elections). Please make a note of the dates. They are: Tuesday 22nd January, Tuesday 5th February, Thursday 6th March (Hustings) and Thursday 13th March (Results and Officers' Elections). All the meetings are held at 1:00pm in the Great Hall. After the article is an account of how the meetings are conducted which I do urge you strongly to read. It would be good to see new faces turning up (relative to other Universities we already have a good and representative attendance) and more people handing in motions. This is why I've put up those posters around the campus. The **deadline for motions**, which have to be submitted to me, is seven days prior to a UGM.

COMMITTEES

An important point is that all Union Committees are open. As one person who sits on **all** these it seems that there is one sitting all the time. If you wish to attend one you are perfectly able to. As they are not often advertised, times etc can be obtained from me.

The most important committee is **Council** which has vested in it the "management of the Union". It is to Council that all officers must report and hence there is a check on the work of the subcommittees. Dates of this terms Councils are: Monday 28th January in SCR, Monday 25th February in SCR and Monday 17th March in Silwood Field Station. They are all held at 6:00pm.

UNION OFFICE

The effective centre of all College life is the Union Office. In case you aren't sure where that is, I'll tell you: As you enter the Beit Quadrangle, through the archway, then opposite you across the Quad is the heaven on earth of the Union Building containing all sorts of wonder (Yes! even Space Invaders). The Union Office is via the Entrance at the right hand of the building and is found on the first floor.

Here you can book a room, book a van, grab details of clubs and societies, book for a hall dinner etc. Now we come to the inhabitants....God created Adam and Eve, but more importantly the three Union Office permanent staff and the three full-time Student Officers: Chris Fox, Malcolm Brain and myself, Roger Stotesbury. We share the responsibility for all the areas of the Union's work, so please do not hesitate to come and chat to us.

LIBRARY

If you didn't know, the Haldane Library (just by the entrance to the Great Hall) stocks an excellent selection of books mainly fiction and non-scientific records, classical and an excellent selection of pop and jazz. The point is that two students buy all the non-classical records and fiction and what they go on are the actual suggestions put in to the library on their suggestion cards. So if you want to borrow a particular book/record and it's not in there, suggest it and there's a very good chance it will be bought. So if you don't like the selection — change it!

PWP MEMBER

Following the resignation of Colin Palmer as a PWP ordinary member, the papers went up for this post on Tuesday and shall come down on Thursday 17th January (voting to be at the UGM on 22nd January). If you wish to sit on this working party committee and hence on Council find out what it entails first and then you'll need a proposer and ten seconders. Papers are situated in the Lower Lounge.

NUS

Last term I had many queries as to why Imperial College Union is not in NUS. To put the matter into perspective I include here a section from FELIX dated 17th November 1978 giving the results of a campus-wide referendum called for by a UGM:

In an enormous poll last Friday, Imperial college Students' Union decided not to re-affiliate to the National Union of Students.

The referendum was held as a college-wide ballot with ballot boxes in each department and one sent to Silwood. Over two thousand five hundred people voted: the largest turnout for some considerable time, made even more impressive by the fact that the ballot only took place on one day. The final figures were:

*1402 against re-affiliation,
1058 in favour of affiliating,
86 abstentions and
2 spoilt papers.*

It became clear before the end of the count that the majority decision was against affiliation: the two boxes on the Environment Technology and Geology field trips had no effect on the result.

Thus the decision not to reaffiliate was taken last academic year, two years after we voted to pull out, with a massive poll of over 2,500 members.

DUREX

In case you ever have call to purchase a sheath, let me tell you there is a Durex machine in the mens' toilets in the Union Building.
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REFECTORY COMPLAINTS AND SUGGESTIONS

Boxes in each refectory outlet are for your comments on the nature of the food, the price structure, and the service. Whilst the Union doesn't control any of these outlets we do have a say in the way they should be organised. Thus pass on your views to your representatives (via the boxes). Any note containing a name and department will be replied to informing you of the response to your comment. One point I would add: If your complaint is with the quality of your dish **TAKE IT BACK** and only then, if you are still not satisfied put a note in the box.

RECIPROCAL AGREEMENTS

ICU has reciprocal membership agreements with the Student Unions listed below. If you know of a place not listed tell me about it. Also, if you do visit one of these places where you have access to the amenities and facilities do take your white union card.

Aberdeen University
Aberystwyth University
Architectural Association
Arnold and Carlton CFE
Askham Bryam College
Aston University
Banger University
Balls Park College
Barry College of Education
Bath University
Bedford College, London
Bingley College of Education
Birkbeck College
Birmingham University
Borough Road College
Bradford School of Physiotherapy
Bradford University
Brentwood College of FE
Brighton Polytechnic
Bristol Polytechnic
Bulmershe SU
Byam Shaw
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Cardiff Medical and Dental School
Cartrefe College
Central London Polytechnic
Central School of Art and Design
Charing X Hospital Medical School
City University
City of London Polytechnic
Courtland Institute
Criaglockhart College of Education
Croydon College of Design
Dartington College of Art
De La Salle College of Education
Derby College of Education
Dundee College of Education
Durham Technical College
East Anglia University
Edinburgh University
Elizabeth Gaskell College of Education
Exeter University
Falmouth School of Art
Froebel Institute
Furzedown College of Education
Glamorgan Polytechnic (Barry)
Glamorgan Polytechnic
Glasgow College of Technology
Gloucester College of Art
Gloucester College of Education
Havering Technical College
Henley College
Heythrop College
Highbury Technical College
High Wycombe College
Hitchin College of Further Education
Houghall Agricultural College
Hull University
Institute of Education
L'Institute Francaise
Keele University
Kent University
Kidderminster College of FE
King's College, London
Kingsway Princeton
Kingston Polytechnic
Kitson College of Education
Lady Spencer Churchill College

Lancaster Polytechnic
Leeds Polytechnic
Leeds University
Leicester Polytechnic
Leicester University
Lincoln College of Art
Liverpool University
London College of Dance and Drama
London College of Furniture
London College of Printing
Lowestoft College of Education
Luton College
LSE
Mable Fletcher College
Manchester Polytechnic
Manchester University
Mather College of Education
Margaret McMillan College
Mid-Essex Technical College
Napier College
National College of Architecture and Cranfield Inst of Tech
North East London Polytechnic
Nene College
Newbattle Abbey College
Newcastle upon Tyne Polytechnic
Newcastle upon Tyne University
Norfolk College of Arts
North London Polytechnic
NW Leicestershire Technical College
Nottingham University
Oldham College of Technology
Open University
Padgate College of Education
Paisley College of Technology
Park Lane College of FE
Pembrokeshire Technical College
Peebles College of FE
Plymouth College of FE
Plymouth Polytechnic
Portsmouth Polytechnic
Preston Polytechnic
Queen Elizabeth College
Queens Belfast
Robert Gordon's Institute
Royal College of Art
Royal College of Music
Reading University
Rumney College
St Albans College of FE and Herts College of Building
St Davids University College
St Johns College, Manchester
St Johns College, York
St Mark and St Johns College
St Michaels College
St Nicholas' Nursing College
Salford College of Technology
Salford University
Sedgeley Park College
South Cheshire College
Southampton College (La Sainte)
Southampton University
South East Berkshire College
South West London College
Stockwell College
Stockwell College of Education
Strathclyde University
Sunderland Polytechnic
Surrey University
Sutton Bonington SU
Swansea College of Education
TACT
Thames Polytechnic
Trinity College, Cambridge
UMIST
United Theological College Wales
University College, Cardiff
University College Hospital
UWIST
Wandsworth Technical College
Webber Douglas College
Westfield College
Westminster College
Whitelands College
Wigston College of Further Education
Wolverhampton Polytechnic
Wye College
Yeovil College
York College of Physiotherapy
York University

THIRD WORLD SCHOLARSHIP

I've been saddened that to date the amount raised for this is only £1,000 and that includes collections we have made outside college.

We will shortly be selling TWS badges for 50p. Let's do something good for once.....

CLUBS AND SOCIETIES

If you're in a club or society, and particularly if you're expecting to hear something about an event you've arranged, then keep your ear open in the Union Building for any announcements made over the intercom. There's often a lot of trouble with clubs who must know they are due to be contacted over some alternation to a fixture and yet nobody ever seems to be around to hear the calls made over the intercom.

PUBLICITY

Once again this subject rears its ugly head. I'm just going to remind everybody of Rule (7) of the publicity rules which states: "All publicity shall contain the date of the event being publicised and the name of the body organising the event **in ENGLISH.**" This applies particularly to some of the overseas students' societies who continually break this rule. I'll just reiterate that all posters breaking the rules will be taken down and made the people responsible liable to a fine. Also posters affixed to walls can only be stuck on with Blu Tac **not** sellotape.

NIGHTLINE

"Someone to talk to" is at 10 Princes Gardens. Internal 2468 or 581 2468.

WHAT HAPPENS AT A UGM

The order of things follows the agenda, which usually has the format:

1. Minutes of lasting meeting: Copies of the minutes of the last meeting are issued to everybody which everybody can check as a 'true and accurate record'.

2. Officers Reports: Officers present reports of what they've been doing so that you can check that they are doing their job properly — according to their job description and following any specific instructions that have been requested by previous UGMs.

Once a report has been presented people are free to question anything they do not understand or make a request to enlarge upon a particular section. Questions are always invited to a report.

If you are not satisfied with a report because you feel an officer has not acted correctly or because it is insufficient, then, you can move that it be 'referred back'. This means that the UGM is dissatisfied with the action or lack of it taken by that officer.

MOTIONS

Once the reports are out of the way, what is usually the most controversial part of the meeting starts — the motions. These can and do refer to almost anything — external and internal to the college. How they are dealt with is defined strictly in the standing orders. Anybody can propose one of these to a Union meeting as long as he/she can find a seconder, as long as they do it at least seven days before the UGM, after that they appear at the chair person's discretions.

A proposal speech comes first, after that *amendments* are taken. Again anybody can propose an amendment, and if there are no further rounds of speeches a vote.

If the amendment is defeated everybody forgets about it. Either way we now move onto the next amendment (only one amendment can be discussed at a time) and so on until all amendments are dealt with (or until a move to vote is passed). There is then usually a speech against; a summing up speech for; after which a vote is immediately taken on the main motion, which if it is passed becomes Union policy.

Any motion can be passed as long as it does not contradict the Bye-Laws (IC Union's constitution) or the standing orders.

COME ON IN

the water's lovely

Well, if you are managing to keep your food down again, after New Year's Eve, perhaps (in a vague, theoretical way, of course), you will be interested in the activities in College this term.

The main HAMSOC occurrence (Yes, I'm sorry — we're still here) this term is the Radio Amateur's Exam course that we will be running on Wednesdays, from about 1:00 onwards in Elec Eng 1207. Sessions will consist of a short talk (if anyone wants it — There is little point in rattling on for ages about Ohm's Law to a group of Post Doctorate Electrical Engineers. On the other hand, people at any standard are welcome and whoever wants Ohm's Law will get it!) followed by Questions and Answers, in which you ask the questions and the "teacher" is unable to give the answers.

Anyone who wants to learn a bit about radio is very welcome to come along, whether they intend to take the exam or not. A pass qualifies you a radio transmitting license.

A listing of the talks is printed out below. They are of course FREE, but if you would like a set of printed notes, we will have to charge to recover duplicating costs.

January 16th Becoming a Radio Amateur. Electrical Theory and Calculations.

23rd Semiconductors. Power Supplies.

30th Receivers.

February 6th Transmitters.

13th Propagation and Antennas.

20th Transmitter Interference and License Conditions.

27th Measurements.

March 5th Operating Practice and Procedure.

12th Tackling the RAE.

On a lighter note, entertainments this term include a private tour to the Science Museum transmitting station (please bring your own jemmy and black boot polish). This will give us an excellent opportunity to look at worn out old equipment used by the first generation of radio amateurs. Rather like an afternoon in the shack, really. According to Russell, they have some excellent examples of the stone-age forbear of the modern monolithic microchip: megalithic macrochips (but I wouldn't take him too seriously if I were you — I don't think they could get Stonehenge up the escalators).

Also on this term's menu is a talk on satellite communications, and of course your valiant committee is working round the clock to fix up other thrills for your delectation, so keep half an eye on your letter rack, half on the "What's On" column and half on the rest of FELIX, and you'll not miss out.

See you up in the Shack,
73's for now,
G8RRD.



CANOE CLUB

Last term Canoe Club had three very successful weekend trips. The first to the River Wye was primarily for the new paddlers in the club, but one stretch was also paddled by the members with some experience. The trip was well supported and many new members were encouraged by their success.

The second to the River Usk was slightly disappointing due to the lack of water, but good weather meant that we were able to spend more time on the water than normal.

We ended the term with a surfing trip to Bude. We were fortunate to have some sun while paddling, although it rained for most of the rest of the time. Those surfing for the first time soon got the hang of it, and everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves in the excellent surf.

For this term the first trip is on the 26th and 27th of January to the River Dart, a river we are not able to visit frequently, so a trip not to be missed. We hope to have a second triper trip in mid-February. The final trip will be to Bude on the 8th and 9th of March. It is also hoped some Saturday trips will be arranged to Shepperton Werr. Finally do not forget the pool sessions on Tuesday evenings (6:30—8:00) in the swimming pool and Stan's Bar after 8:30.

RCS SOCCER SIXES

Sunday 27th January

Teams names to Mo Misra via
Union Off/Chem Dept before
Tuesday 22nd January.

WANTED: One Mohican red Indian. Flexible hours. Sense of ridiculous an advantage. Contact Dave Cruckshaw, Mech Eng 3 or Links Club letter-rack.

IC BILLIARDS AND SNOOKER CLUB

Both tables have now been recovered and the 'B' table has had new cushion rubbers installed. I would advise all members to book a period as soon as possible: There's nothing nicer than to play on a new, silky, pure wool cloth. It would be nice to keep the cloth in this condition: on the part of the committee, we will brush the tables every day and mow them twice a week; for your part, please cover the table when you have finished, and please refrain from smoking over the table, or placing glasses on it.

At present the 'A', 'B', and 'C' teams are first, third and second respectively in the league.

We have three trips planned for February:

1. Benson and Hedges Masters, Wembley, 5th—9th February.
2. UK Professional Billiards Champions Leeds 10th—17th February.
3. British Gold Cup, Derby, 24th—29th February.

If you would like to go to any of these, please come and see me before Wednesday, 1:00pm. We should have fixed the dates by today.

We are now accepting entries for the Open and Handicap Tournaments. These are the two major tournaments of the Club. The entrance fee for the Open will be 10p and for the Handicap 25p (members only). The maximum handicap will be about 55, and the winner will have use of a pot in the Union Bar. Closing date will be next Friday at 3:00pm.

This is the election term, so if you are interested in standing for a committee post, please come and see us. A final word: Please make use of the snooker tables in the ULU Building in the Malet Street.

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EDITORIAL

On Friday 25th January you will find a questionnaire between the centre pages of FELIX. This is a rare opportunity for FELIX, ICU and the College to find out valuable information which will perhaps influence major decisions taken in the 80s.

You have the opportunity to come up with suggestions as to what questions or facts should be gathered in the questionnaire. Please write or visit the FELIX Office to discuss your ideas.

I originally decided to have a ten percent sample questionnaire just on the content of FELIX, but the idea has snowballed into a full 4,000 run A4 questionnaire.

Some of the areas that will be covered are:
The Media: Do you read FELIX? If so, what changes would you like to see in the paper? How much effect does all the work put in by members of IC Radio and STOIC have on College life?

Accommodation: By now you are settled in your digs, hall or house. Are you happy there? What improvement would you like to see implemented?

Entertainment: Do you study every night? If not, does ICU deliver the goods or do you look outside College for entertainment?

Food: When do you eat? College refectories or Kentucky Fried Chicken?

Bars: A topical question. Do you care what happens to College bars?

Entertainment at Imperial is an ICU subject that urgently needs to be discussed. The ICU sabbaticals have been giving thought to the running of the Union. We are in a good position to make some decisions but in the area of entertainment the solution is not so straight forward. To quote Chris, "I haven't managed to come up with much yet." In this Editorial I hope to stimulate discussion in the same way that I covered the subject of Imperial College Women's Association (ICWA) in my last Editorial.

At first I thought that one solution may be to centralise the organising of entertainment by creating a post in the Union — say Social Secretary. This would work if we could annually find a dynamic personality to take on the job. He would almost have to be a sabbatical and in the present climate there isn't any extra cash flowing around for a fifth one! The job descriptions of one of the present sabbaticals could be changed to incorporate that of a Social Secretary. However, judging by the look of exhaustion on most of the Exec's faces last term, they have enough to do already. (As a quick interruption, I would like to define what I mean by the term ICU Exec. In my motion 'Public Image', I referred to the Exec and I mean the ICU President, DP and Hon Sec plus the three Vice Presidents (Presidents of Guilds, Mines and RCS).

The Social Secretary, as a non-sabbatical would need an active team working with him. At Imperial we are obsessed with committees and I don't wish to see another created. Most of the major decisions seem to be taken over coffee in the Bot/Zoo Common Room rather than during a committee meeting. (Have you seen the newly decorated Bot/Zoo yet?) Having a team working with him the Soc Sec would be able to plan a week's entertainment. It is crazy having a giant gig in the Great Hall and still expecting Folk club to have a large audience on the same night! Each evening should be set aside to one major event or several minor ones. There are a limited number of students who are inspired to join in with student entertainment at IC and so they should either be encouraged to go to one big event or to spread themselves over more specialised activities catering for smaller numbers.

Perhaps you are beginning to realise how important the questionnaire (outlined above) is in our attempts to help you have a good time at Imperial. If we know how much time students allocate to relaxing, and what things you like to do then, there is a better chance of giving you what you want.

The ratio of men to women at Imperial has been a challenging problem for nearly a century. Until we find the time to encourage girls from outside College to come to IC events then we are going to be stuck with a 9:1 ration. We can learn from organisers of Tizard Hall discos; they manage to fill the JCR with nurses and students from female colleges. Dancing Club has many girl members from outside IC. Ten years ago there were hardly any women at IC and so girls had to be encouraged to visit us, but now we have a large enough number in the College to give an illusion that we are a 'mixed' social environment.

Before we all rush off to invite girls to IC events we must make sure that they have a good time while they are here, so that they'll come back for more entertainment.

London is dead if you're on your own; discos, theatre, films and bars have lost the social atmosphere that once made them ideal places to meet new friends. New clubs for singles are springing up everywhere but they cater for people in their mid-twenties.

Universities can contribute to improving not only student life in London but also the social life of people in their early twenties who live and work in London. There are dozens of secretarial colleges in London, that haven't any social events. Students at Imperial who live in the halls of residence are not keen on travelling to areas of entertainment, but if you're on your own, living in digs, then travelling to an event is a minor hassle.

An event must not only entertain but also give people a chance to break the ice. I believe that even at Imperial there are still many shy students who have not fully broken through the barriers that hold them back from making new friends. We should have more ice-breaker events where second and third years make an effort to introduce freshers to each other. Freshers' dinners, dinner in hall etc all help but there aren't enough events where students can make new friends.

At a party or disco it is not easy to form a lasting relationship. If you're watching a film in a cinema or in Mech Eng 220 there is little chance to talk, except in the queue or while traveling to the cinema. Rag activities are good because there is an aim to the event as well as giving students the chance to meet each other. However, of the 4,000 plus students at IC the ones who get involved with Rag are usually the more outgoing students.

If we invite girls from outside College to an event then it will be an evening activity which unless it's held in the summer will be indoors.

Several girls from outside get involved in the media at IC: presenting programmes for STOIC, being a DJ for IC Radio or by taking photos for FELIX. This is an ideal way for lasting links to be created. However, most girls visit us once and it's their 'first impressions' that guide their choice to return. Just a disco is not enough to break the ice. A planned evening's entertainment where the visitors get involved in games or events that encourage the initial barriers of shyness to be broken, coupled with a disco for part of the time would be better. Several recognised hosts could go round introducing the visitors to students at IC.

Colin Palmer
(FELIX Editor)