

# Felix

## A HAPPY EASTER FROM FELIX

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### OPPOSITION TO BOAT CLUB TOUR

Opposition is continuing against the Boat Club Tour. FELIX was in its final stages of production when further developments occurred. On this front we outline the background to the discussion and include a letter from the Imperial College Boat Club Captain, Steve Webb. An open letter written by the Anti-Apartheid Group at IC is printed on page 2.

At last Thursday's Results UGM a motion was discussed relating to the Boat Club tour of South Africa. The meeting turned into a heated discussion with two amendments being proposed to the original motion. However quorum was called before the vote could be taken on the main motion.

Last Tuesday an initial meeting of the Anti-Apartheid Group at Imperial College discussed the present situation of IC Boat Club rowing in South Africa. They decided that the following action should be taken:

The Unions of colleges and universities with major rowing clubs have been contacted informing them of IC Boat Club's proposed trip and asking them to boycott fixtures with ICBC.

All colleges and universities with Boat Clubs are to be contacted asking them to demand the withdrawal of ICBC from all rowing events.

The ARA (Amateur Rowing Association) is to be contacted, demanding the expulsion of ICBC - the club would no longer be able to enter any events since all are ARA fixtures.

It was proposed to present a petition, containing the names of people opposed to ICBC rowing in South Africa to the ACC meeting held yesterday evening.

#### 75 TROLLEYS AT IC

As a result of a visit from the assistant Manager of Mssrs Waitrose Store on Friday 14th March some 75 or more of their trolleys which were scattered around the college were collected and restored to the company. There may be others still on the campus and the Chief Security Officer, Mr A D Dawson, has advised that it would be in the interest of the college to publicise this matter with a view of encouraging persons to return them.

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Yesterday a meeting was organised by the newly formed Anti-Apartheid Group at IC. The speaker was Sam Ramsamy Chairman of the South African Non-Racial Olympic Committee (SAN-ROC). He spoke on the position of sport in South Africa and pointed out that racial integration in sport in S.A. has only taken place at an international level, not at club level. He said that this has been simply a result of S. African teams being expelled from international competition in many sports, which was damaging to the white population of S. Africa.

At the end of the meeting, a vote was taken on the issuing of a press statement to the student and national press, outlining the situation, and calling for a boycott of Imperial College Boat Club. This proposal was accepted by the meeting.

Those present included several members of IC Boat Club who had been invited to attend by the Anti-Apartheid Group.

The letter from the IC Boat Club Captain, Steve Webb:

I feel a lot has been said about the Boat Club Tour to South Africa. So it is about time the record was set straight, since the opponents seem to throw a lot of statements and untruths around.

1) The Boat Club was invited to South Africa purely due to its successes over the last few years. Henley winners 1978, semi finalists 1979 and Southern University winners 1973-1980. It is a performance with which we at college should be jointly proud, how often do you have the best college team in the country?

2) It has been completely financed from outside sources with no College or Student Union help whatsoever.

3) None of the crew, to my knowledge, support in anyway the Apartheid policy of South Africa or any other régime.

4) That in general, people do not approve

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Colin Palmer



# LETTERS

Dear Students

I thank you for the lovely day out at London. We liked you and thank you for taking us to the museum and for taking us on the Boat. We liked it on the coach and we saw Buckingham Palace and we liked looking at the Cannons and soldiers on the horses and the oldest shop and the smallest house and the animals graveyard.

We like going on the boat on the river Thames and we heard Big Ben striking 3 o'clock. We had a good time in London. We saw the dusty road that horses ride on. We saw the smallest police station. We liked the museum and everything in the museum.

Thank you for giving us a very good tea at your university and when we got home we felt full up and slept and we will look out for you on University Challenge and we want you to win and we want you to know that Dixie Dean came to our school in 1911.

With love from  
Glynn, Martin and all the children who came to London.

Dear Colin

I would like to express my thanks to all those who voted for me in the recent sabbatical elections, and especially those who helped in the campaign, whose numbers are too large to mention here.

I am most indebted to (in no particular order):

Val Langmuir  
Chris Webb  
Sheila Morison  
Nick Griffin

Yours sincerely  
John Tidy

## AN OPEN LETTER

Dear Boat Club Member

We are writing to urge you to refuse to go on the proposed Boat Club trip to South Africa, and to argue strongly against others going. You are no doubt aware that the South African government administers its country according to the principles of apartheid. The consequent degradation and exploitation of the majority of the population means that it is urgent that the rest of the world campaigns against any activities which may be seen to condone such policies. The system of apartheid has, itself, brought politics into sport and

so it is consistent that we should cut all sporting links with South Africa.

We have reluctantly decided that if the Boat Club competes in South Africa, we shall publicise the fact and urge other colleges in the UK to cancel fixtures with it. This proposed tour can only be interpreted as spitting in the faces of the majority of the South African people.

If you wish to contact us please send a note to Andy Nicolaou (Elec Eng 3).  
Yours sincerely  
The Anti-Apartheid Group At IC.

**Wanted:** Information as to why John Passmore should be seen steering a car at 30mph over Vauxhall Bridge without a driving license on a Sunday morning.

**For Sale:** Mono portable Philips TV, one year old, as new. £50. Contact Farshid Navidi, CCD3 or telephone 221-7230.

Dear Colin

What surprised me most about last week's Union Meeting was not that over a hundred of the students present voted to suspend a group of students from Union membership, but that a similar number (and presumably, many not present) did not care about what those individuals were up to and why the name of Imperial College was being soiled by their actions.

For those who were not there, let me explain. An IC team are to take part in sporting fixtures in a

police state (which is where the Moscow analogy begins and ends) against teams selected from a racial minority, before racially segregated audiences. If any of the readers of FELIX find nothing distasteful in this state of affairs and nothing disgusting in the imprisonment and torture of those who peacefully oppose the South African system, I find their humanity very questionable.

Yours in extreme disgust  
Derrick Everett  
Physics PG

## RAG

Well just a quick word this week, but make sure you read the letters — you are appreciated!

Last Friday's party was a success, in that everyone who went enjoyed it, but not enough people attended — so if you missed a good night it serves you right. Many thanks to everyone who did help though and congratulations to everyone with the enterprise (sorry, Mr Spock!) to produce some excellent fancy dress.

You may think it's all over now, but on the contrary the Rag Fete is looming large on the horizon. It's on Saturday 3rd May and we need lots of enthusiastic general helpers and people willing to run stalls. If you're interested drop a note to me in the Union Office, or come to one of our meetings. They'll be on the first and second Wednesdays of next term at 7:00pm in the ICWA Lounge.

See you there,  
Rae.

Dear Rachel,

We would like to thank you so much for the Auditory Training Unit presented to Adam and Benjamin on Saturday last. This piece of equipment will play a great part in teaching them to speak more clearly. We both thank you and all the other students concerned in the fund raising activities who helped to raise the money for this Auditory Training Unit.

We would also take this opportunity of thanking all concerned for last Saturday's super afternoon. The children thoroughly enjoyed the activities and I know that a lot of hard work went into the planning and preparation of the day, and the whole afternoon was a great success.

Once again our sincerest thanks to all for your support and kindness.

Yours sincerely  
Carol and Brian Pike

Dear Miss Sneek

I would like to thank you and your fellow students who organised the Imperial College Rag on Saturday 8th March, for all the hard work you did, for the money you have raised and also for the wonderful afternoon you gave the deaf children who attended. It was a joy to see and hear the pleasure they had in tossing the caber and in the games which were so ably demonstrated and played. I think the great secret was in the ratio of students to children and the active and able manner in which you all communicated with them.

I know that deaf children all over the country will have good reason to be grateful to the students of Imperial College when they receive the equipment which will have been bought with the money you have raised.

Yours sincerely  
Chairman of the National Deaf Children's Society

## IC GAMES

The games are planned to take place on Wednesday 23rd April at West London Stadium near Wormwood Scrubs around 2:00pm, with a coach leaving the Union at 1:00pm.

Men's events include: 100m, 200m, 400m, 800m, 1,500m, 3,000m, 2,000m steeplechase, 4 x 100m, 4 x 400m, 4 x 400m x 1pt relay, 2,000m walk, shot discuss, javelin, hammer, high jump, long jump, and triple jump. Women's events include: 100m, and 800m and other field and track events depending on interest shown. There will also be the Presidents Race.

A good turn out will make this event a success! No athletic ability needed to compete.

Ian Morton, Chem Eng 3

## OSCAGM

Thursday 1st May  
in ME 220 at 1:00pm

At this meeting elections will be held for the posts of Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary, Assistant Secretary and Reception Secretary plus seven committee members. Papers are up in the Union Lower Lounge until Monday 28th April.

### BOAT CLUB

of sport being used as a weapon for political purposes, as can be seen from the recent opinion polls, that 75% of people reject the call for an Olympic boycott, and the union policy is, at this moment in favour of all sporting contacts with all Nations, colours and creeds.

5) That the motion of the Anti-Apartheid Group at Imperial College, has found 300 odd signatures in several days which amounts to about 6% of active students!! This hardly seems to be a "storm of protests" which Mary and her cronies have put on their Press release to the student Newspapers and a few Nationals!

6) That all the channels for application were gone thro' i.e. ACC - Council - UGMs and there were no official changes of policy to instruct us not to go. Now after all has been arranged threats of retaliation are being voiced by an **unofficial** organisation calling itself the Anti-Apartheid group at Imperial College.

In conclusion I would like to appeal to all students at college (especially those of you who enjoy sport) to try and show the student politicians amongst us that we are not prepared to be instructed what to do and who to play against but to leave the decision up to the individuals who play the game.

I would also like to say that I went ahead with this tour in the honest belief that it would be a good thing for the college, and our sportsmen, in general, with no intention ever to show support for any Political System.

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## LATE NEWS

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### ACC MEETING (see front page)

The ACC meeting held last night closed after only 2 minutes. Tim Hillyer deemed that the meeting was inquorate and so it ended without any discussion on the Boat Club issue.

CINA

### PWP ELECTION EXPLOSION

At 8:30 p.m. last night, there were 22 candidates standing for the six posts on the Permanent Working Party. 17 were fully proposed and seconded. The election is by STV and it will be held at the UGM on Thursday 24th April.

### MORE TROLLEYS TAKEN

15 more trolleys were taken from Imperial College and returned to Waitrose. This follows yesterdays amnesty. It is reported that there could still be another 20 trolleys on campus. FELIX has had to use the Editor's wheelchair to distribute today's copy of FELIX.

### CITY AND GUILDS

A short article this week, just some news about what Guilds have been doing during the last week or so. In the haste to report the elections a certain publicity officer forgot to mention the events of the previous weekend, so: The Election Rag had about thirty people turning up to collect outside Harrods in various styles of fancy dress. Guilds collected about £480 bringing our total to £5,700. The Bar Night on Sunday was well attended and many good pints were drunk as were a few yards by the candidates.

Now on to the events of this weekend. The theatre trip on Friday was a great success with forty people going to see *The Accidental Death Of An Anarchist*. Everybody enjoyed the play and another such trip is planned. The East End trip on Sunday was a good time out for a few intrepid Guildspersons who remembered to set their clocks back an hour, our intrepid president got rather confused and managed to arrive an hour early. The trip that followed showed this merry band some of the sights of the Near East End and was enjoyed by all who came.

Don't forget to hand in your replies to the Finniston Questionnaire that you should have all received. The reaction of us students is important, so get the replies into the Union Office today.

Have a good vacation.  
Cheers  
Bryan

### URGENT MESSAGE TO HAMSOC MEMBERS

There is a HAMSOC meeting at 12:30 today, at the shack (roof of Elec Eng). They need help with the removal of equipment from their shack. It has to be dismantled because the roof of Elec Eng is being resurfaced over Easter because of leaks.

CINA

Nick Jenkins



MINES v. GUILDS IN SPARKES CUP

(result on page 10)

### IC STUDENTS LEAVE PETITION AT SOVIET EMBASSY

A petition organized by the Imperial College Union Jewish Society, appealing to the Soviet authorities to stop discrimination against Soviet students, collected over one thousand signatures. This was to be delivered to the Soviet Embassy.

On arriving at the Soviet Embassy the students representing the Jewish Society and the Union were admitted and engaged in a conversation with an Embassy official. He made the point that they would not accept the petition as it dealt with an internal Russian affair. After much argument the official stood firm in his stand against accepting the petition.

Whilst two of the party engaged the official in obtaining the address of the Russian Minister of the Interior a third discreetly 'left' the file containing the petition. At this point all of the students left.

Thus, though not accepted, the protest was lodged on 'Russian soil'.

This protest was organised in conjunction with the nationally organised Students and Academic Campaign for Soviet Jewry.

### SPORTS CENTRE VAC CLOSURE

The Sports centre will be closed between 2nd and 10th of April.

# WHAT'S ON

**FRIDAY 21st MARCH**

IC CHRISTIAN UNION MEETING at 6:30pm in the Music Room, 53 Prince's Gardens.

**TUESDAY 1st APRIL**

MOPSOC LECTURE on *Who Wrote The Ravel Letters - A Statistical Survey* by Prof Avi Fuldheiw in ME 220 at 2:00pm. Members 20p, non-members free.

**WEDNESDAY 23rd APRIL**

HAMSOC AGM with elections for club officers at 1:00pm above Stan's Bar, Southside.

**SATURDAY 3rd MAY**

ENTS CONCERT: CARAVAN in the Great Hall at 7:30pm. Tickets £3.00 in advance or £3.50 on the door.

Riding Club meetings now held at new time of 12:30 to 1:30 in Room 1110 (level 11) Elec Eng every Tuesday.

## PART-TIME TUTORS REQUIRED

Tutors in all branches of the arts, sciences and languages are required for part-time work in London. Please contact David King on 904-3833 or write postage free to David King, Freepost, Wembley. HA9 9BR.

# JUST A SEC

With the end of term it is perhaps appropriate to take stock of the results of this term's elections.

## Dep Reps

Five departmental elections were held on Monday. The following candidates polled the greatest votes.

Elec Eng - Bill Stucke  
Aero - Carlos De Pommès  
Physics - Mark Gillett  
Life Sciences - Daniel Benham

The election for *Met and Mat Sci* Dep Rep resulted in a tied vote between the two candidates. The election procedure will be re-run. Papers go up on Monday 21st April and come down on Friday 2nd May, with the election being held on Monday 12th May.

The other Dep Reps were elected unopposed.

Maths - Mike Booty  
Mech Eng - Colin Batchelor  
CCD - Jonathon Briggs  
Chemistry - Joe Przeworski  
Chem Eng - A B Miljkovic

At the time of writing no one has stood for the post of *Geology, Min Res Eng* or *Civ Eng* Dep Rep. Papers will remain up until someone does. (*Man Sci* Dep Rep is elected in the autumn term.)

## Officers

The election of next year's Union Officers was held at the last UGM and the candidates who received the most votes were.

Welfare - Pete Stevens  
ICCAG - Sean Coyle  
External - Chris Webb  
UGM - Jon Firth

The other posts were uncontested. They are

Academic Affairs Officer - Bob Bradley  
Rag Chairman - Ian Hodgson  
ULU Representative - Kirsten Pratt

## Sabbaticals

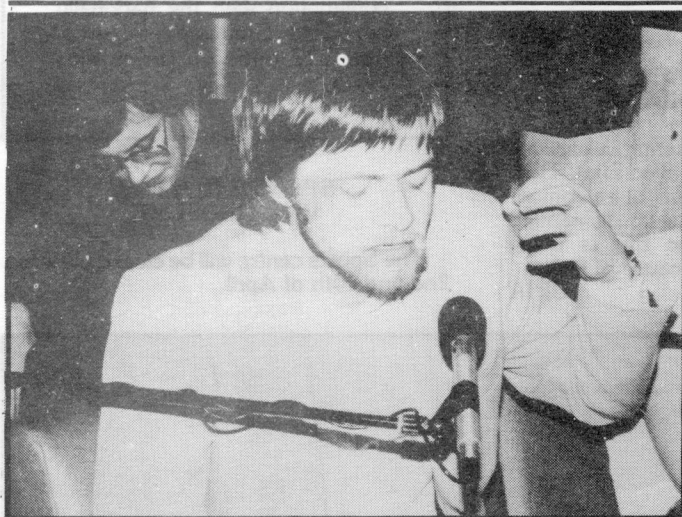
These are

President - John Passmore  
Hon Sec - Liz Lindsay  
Deputy President - Rae Snee  
FELIX Editor - Steve Marshall

All the other Union posts are elected next term. The six *Permanent Working Party* representatives are elected at the next UGM which is on **Thursday 24th April**. Papers are up now in the Union Lower Lounge. Also elected then are the two ordinary members of the *House Committee*; six ordinary members of the *External Affairs Committee* (with one being the Secretary and one the Publicity Officer); Record Buyer; Book Buyer; FELIX Business Manager and Union Publicity Officer. Papers are up in the Lower Lounge and come down on Tuesday 22nd April.

I've nothing more to say just now, except have a good holiday.

Roger Stotesbury



Barney McCabe speaking on Imperial College Radio during the Presidential Election Special live from Stan's Bar, Barney livened up the elections with his David Bellamy impressions which won him a respectable 3rd place with 404 votes.

FELIX has been unable to photograph the four winning sabbaticals as it is difficult to find them all together in one place in order to take a group photo.

**The LONDON STUDENT TRAVEL Office at IC will close for Easter, TODAY at 1:30pm, but the main branch at 117 Euston Road will be staying open over the holidays.**

# THE GREAT IMPERIAL RAG RACE: FINALE

After Chapter Two last week, it falls to the undeniably bionic superhuman RCS collectors to finally set the record straight. The diabolical injustices and blatant propaganda were perpetrated not by us but by Ian the "Anonymous Guildsman".

The feats of the immortal few Guildsmen (sic) were expounded with a noted self-confessed lack of modesty. What was modestly forgotten was that the jolly band from Chem Eng 1 were bolstered by the addition of an RCS person to their ranks. Indeed, were it not for DIE COOK JAW (yes, we too can produce useless anagrams), the doyenne of Chem 1, the Chem Eng team would have sunk into ugly obscurity. The apparent RCS cock-up at the start was only due to the fact

that the IC Rag Committee, and indeed most of those who attend Rag Committee meetings, are RCS persons. Perhaps a point for our Guildsman elect chairman to bear in mind.

So we come to the travels of Deviant doing it his way over eight hundred miles. Eight hundred miles and Rolls Royces do not make a hero of modern times. We showed the stuff which men are made of Scotch, crisps and nearly one thousand miles of continual travel.

Besides, what did Deviant do when he got to Perth? Nothing! He just turned round and headed home. The great long distance RCS Rag machine left Dundee reeling under an onslaught upon their defenceless women in their university halls.

But what of the future? A Rag race sometime in the first term of next year should see us with a complete supply of Rag Mags for everybody to overrun the country. Rumour has it that this year's real champions (ie RCS) are going to head for a North Sea oil rig, or failing that, the Big Apple across the pond. Should BE1 like to learn how to Rag race properly (eg, one thousand miles gone, two hundred and thirty-seven Rag Mags sold by one person, etc) they know where to come for lessons.

Yours heroically,  
M & S (not the clothes shop, but Matt and Steve)

(For those of you readers who think this inter-CCU slugging is going a bit far, don't worry, we're only doing it for the kiddies.)

# The Mines Review Reviewed

1. How did you hear about the review?

- a) posters (57)
- b) word of mouth (97)
- c) FELIX (28)

2. Would you go alone?

- a) Yes (63)
- b) No (108)
- c) Maybe (7)

3. Did the type of posters affect your decision?

- a) Yes (23)
- b) No (153)

4. Have you seen a stripper before?

- a) Yes (99)
- b) No (67)

5. Would you go to a strip show outside of College?

- a) Yes (53)
- b) No (99)
- c) Maybe (22)

6. Are you trying to maintain an image?

- a) Yes (16)
- b) No (167)
- c) Maybe (3)

7. Do you see the female stripper as

- a) a woman (40)
- b) a clown (63)
- c) a sex object (48)

8. Do you see the male stripper as

- a) a man (21)
- b) a clown (120)
- c) a sex object (17)

9. Are you a miner?

Yes (53)

Which year?

1st, 18; 2nd, 7; 3rd, 9; PG, 2.

Women in Science and Technology (WIST) conducted a survey of people entering the Mines Review on Wednesday 12th March from 7:00 to 8:45 during which time 186 people answered the questions

by  
**WIST**

Less than half the entrants found out about the review from the posters and most were not influenced by the type of poster which suggests that its offensive nature (a silhouette of a nude woman) was totally unnecessary.

A similar proportion, under fifty percent of those questioned would go to a strip show outside of College and many suggested that the late bar licence influenced their decision to attend the review rather than the type of entertainment offered.

The men did not accept that they were maintaining a stereotype image of a 'man' (nor reinforcing it) (question 6), however the pack instinct was prevalent, with many people answering in groups; on the other hand many people entered, as stated above, for the bar.

We, in WIST, believe that strip shows hinder any moves towards equality in our university society. To watch a show which displays women as objects to be looked at and assessed in terms of their performance, and then not to translate these values in relations with other women on the same course, takes a

conscious effort. The fact that so many going to the review saw the stripper as a woman can be seen as a worrying comment on how they view women in general. Question 7, though, did provoke many to consider the differences between their ideas of women and sex objects and, perhaps, highlighted some of the contradictions put forward in this society regarding sexual conditioning.

Yet another contradiction can be seen in the responses to question 8, relating to the male stripper. Three quarters of those asked saw the male stripper as a clown. We should next ask: Why is it that the male stripper is a figure of ridicule and the woman stripper not? Could it be to do with 'stereotypes', 'sex roles'? We suggest that one of the reasons female strippers are 'exciting' is that a naked woman is vulnerable and so the men in the audience can derive a sense of power. A male stripper however does not depict a helpless creature. One only has to note that male nudity is often aggressive, eg, in the cases of flashers and rapists. Mines may say (and if they don't many others will) that by having a male stripper the event becomes non-sexist because

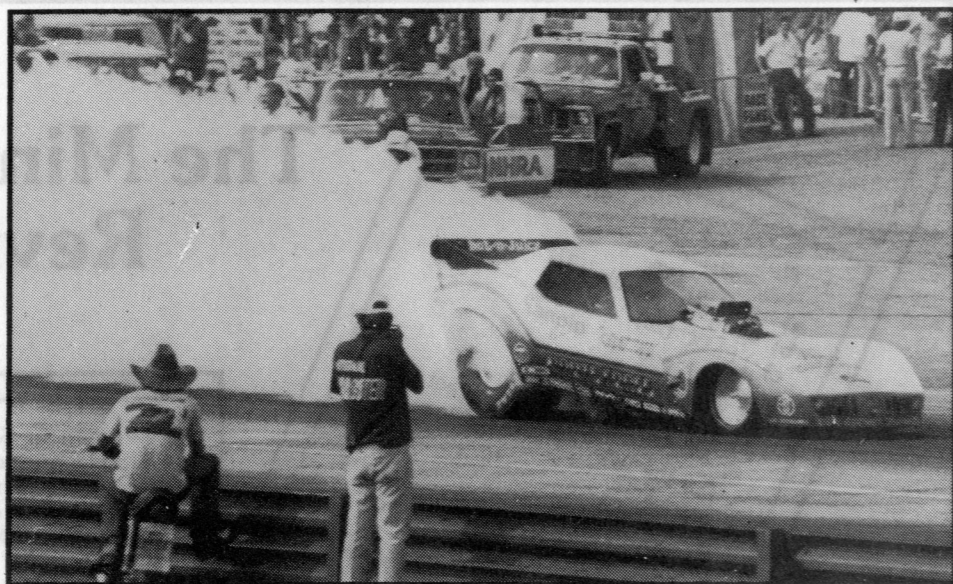
then women can look at a man, but this, again, is just a case of men wanting women to conform to their ideas of sexuality.

This college has a very unequal ratio of men to women and as previously stated, we do not believe such spectacles as the Mines Review will improve it. The results of the survey suggest that Mines should review the need for this type of entertainment in College (on purely economic or popularity grounds if not egalitarian). Such events are not warranted (nor desired) by people in this College and should not continue.

To end on a slightly different (though topical) note, the fear with which people regard ICWA organising women-only events (which it does not do anyway) or events pertaining specifically to women is alarming and yet with only eleven women out of 186 people entering the review, will Mines be accused of providing discriminatory entertainment? Is this not just another contradiction highlighting inequality in this college (and another reason for keeping ICWA . . . or else to disband Mines — let's be consistent at least).

Easter witnesses the greatest show on earth (well, nearly) in the form of drag racing (as seen on TV, although not very often). The venue being the infamous Santa Pod Raceway. Drag racing began very humbly as cars racing between traffic lights in sunny Southern California and Florida. The guys got so fed up of being harassed by the police, that they began to use a disused airfield and things went on from there.

Today drag racing is a booming multi-million dollar business which is becoming popular worldwide, having active participation in at least ten countries. The sport is basically an acceleration contest between two cars or bikes of about equal modification over a standing start of quarter of a mile, the winner being the one who crosses the finish first. Sounds simple! Don't be fooled, a lot can happen in such a small distance, things can go seriously wrong, such as disintegration of clutch or engine, punctures, tyre shake (where the tyre only grips the track for part of a revolution), etc, etc. You don't have long to react before you hit a solid guard rail and that's when trouble really begins, it doesn't do your health (or overdraft) too much good travelling at over 200mph upside down. However, that doesn't happen too often.



### The 'Hot-N-Juicy' Corvette Funny Car puts in a really smokey burnout at Indiannapolis

Before the actual run itself the cars go through a 'burnout' process; the rear wheels are moved into pools of water, and the accelerator floored, spinning the rear wheels, melting the rubber and clearing the tyres. The layer of rubber which is laid down gives excellent traction (or grip) off the start line. To make use of this grip and the power available wide wheels and tyres are used; the tyres are made useless after no more than three miles racing. At the end of a good day's racing the track can have a good quarter of an inch of rubber covering the start line. At the end of a day the whole strip is cleared by heating and scraping to remove the rubber which cracks and spoils the surface.

The main classes: Rocket Dragster/Funny Car

Light the blue touch paper and run, would be an ideal comment, so I won't write it. These cars are definitely exhibition cars, i.e. they are not allowed to race in pairs, because of the danger of a high speed collision followed by possible detonation of the Hydrogen Peroxide (neat) tanks. Top man is 'slamming' Sammy Miller of New Jersey in the Vanishing Point Rocket. His quickest run to date being 3.94 secs at 360 m.p.h. over a standing quarter mile. The rocket is actually a converted lunar landing module propulsion system (converted from liquid Oxygen to Peroxide).



This burnt down piston was the result of an engine disintegration

The top racing class is Top Fuel, the cars most people associate as dragsters (if, in fact, they know what a dragster is) — the long-bodied wide rear-wheel machines, which run on a diet of nitro-methane (explosive) and methanol. I challenge anyone to drink beer as fast as they do nitro; just about one gallon per second when in 'full song'. The best cars can run the quarter in just under six seconds at 245mph plus. The cars have so many safety features built in, it's unreal; fire extinguishers, explosion-proof leak-proof fuel cells, dual parachutes, and more, giving them a very safe track record.

One of the newest and most popular classes is the funny car (effectively short wheel base Top Fuel cars with a fibre glass replica production car bodies). A wolf in sheep's clothing pumping out over 2,000bhp which shake the ground, and can be felt, for a good hundred feet, thus the effect of 'brain shakage' is also known, this is nothing to do with DPs, but an effect where the scalp and brain move in different directions due to resonances set up and is quite fun.



Veteran racer Dick la Haie tries out the surface at the US 131 Dragstrip Michigan.

Handling can also be quite a problem as you may well imagine with the power of four formula one cars on tap. The European cars are nearly as good as the American cars (5.95sec/246mph).

There are six other major classes which are sub-divided into as many as 52 categories in the case of production which is 'normal' cars merely tuned up.

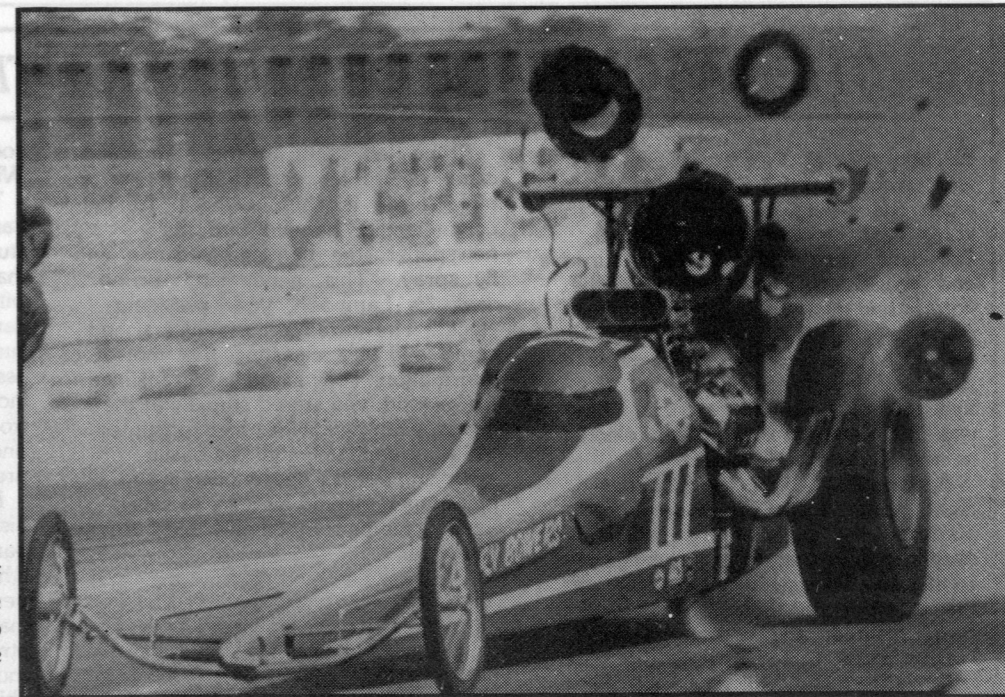
Top Fuel and Funny Cars use many specialist parts, such as aluminium engine blocks for lightness or iron engine blocks for reliability depending on which you can afford. Exotic metals are used for internal parts. Specialist parts generally come from two manufacturers: Ed Pink or Keith Black.

Drag Racing gains its popularity from the friendliness at each meeting—where in Formula 1 Racing could you go into the pits and talk to the drivers about their cars etc. After all the top men can earn quite a lot each year (over \$400,000 in the case of Raymond Beadle, driver of the famed Blue Max Funny Car, and that's in sponsorship alone) yet they still find time to talk to the paying public.

Drag Racing gets into your blood; once you've tried it you can't give it up. there is always so much action, be it on the strip or in the pits.



The famed 'Blue Max' Funny Car holds the European Record at 6.00 sec

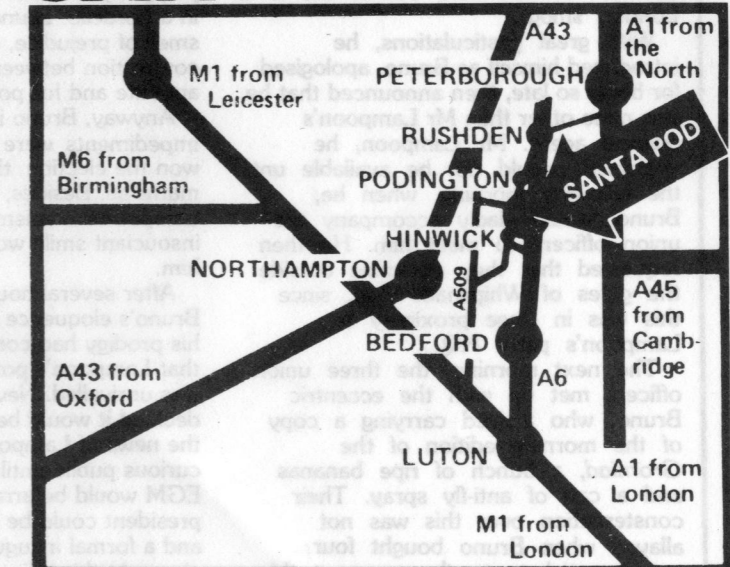


Larry Bower's clutch decides to part with the car

## ISN'T LIFE A DRAG

Words and pics by Mickie Marsh

## HOW TO GET TO SANTA POD



### Every year at least one Christmas Tree gets demolished

The most important part of a drag race is the start, if you get off badly there's a lot of work to do to catch up. The starting mechanism being an electronic light system (Christmas tree) the cars being placed between light beams, if you leave the line before the countdown is finished you're disqualified. On a 'legal' start a clock begins to count your time, and is terminated when you break a light beam at the finish line. Your speed is also recorded using a further set of light beams placed twenty feet apart. The clocks are very accurate, the closest race I've seen was one of 0.0001 seconds separating the two cars. Most races are won by hundredths of a second.

The cars and bikes are divided into classes and sub-divided into sub-classes.

# THE PASQUINADE OF AN ENLIGHTENED CYNIC

Election day at Illogos College was even more bizarre than usual. For when the tellers came to tot up the votes cast for the post of Union President, they found to their surprise and bewilderment that many of the voters had ignored the three names on the ballot sheet, and had inscribed an extra one. Indeed, their perplexity increased when it was realised that this unknown nominee, whose name was Mr Lampoon, had been elected to the presidential post.

Apparently, during the previous night, some agent provocateur had plastered the walls of the college with propaganda in support of the mysterious candidate. The seminal originality of the art-work on these posters had been inspired; and it was for this reason alone that many of the voters had pledged their alliance with Mr Lampoon in preference to his opponents, whose election propaganda had been rancid with cant. Although this was the general consensus of opinion, one girl said that it had been his French sounding name that had appealed to her, while another fellow insisted that it had been Mr Lampoon's Marxist bent that had swung the election his way.

All the same, whatever the pitch of the man's policies, it didn't help the union executive to discover the true identity or the whereabouts of this fictitious president-elect. For three hours after the result was known, a fierce debate ensued between the past president, the returning officer and the chief teller. With their customary unanimity, each suggested a radically different solution to their predicament. Then suddenly, when the whole election seemed in grave danger of being reduced to the level of a comic farce, a *deus ex machina* appeared in the guise of a tattily dressed, unshaven fellow who just seemed to materialise out of the London smog.

With great gesticulations, he introduced himself as Bruno, apologised for being so late, then announced that he was none other than Mr Lampoon's political agent. Mr Lampoon, he explained, would not be available until the following morning, when he, Bruno, would gladly accompany the union officers to meet him. He then requested that they assemble outside the gates of Whipsnade Zoo, since this was in close proximity to Lampoon's party HQ.

The next morning, the three union officers met up with the eccentric Bruno, who arrived carrying a copy of the morning edition of the *Groniad*, a bunch of ripe bananas and a can of anti-fly spray. Their consternation over this was not allayed when Bruno bought four entrance tickets to the zoo, yet this was nothing in comparison to the shock that awaited them.

Bruno led them to the chimpanzee cage, doffed his cap to the hairy male inside it, then, without the bat of an eyelid, handed him the newspaper, the bananas and the anti-fly spray. "This, gentleman," Bruno said, "is Lampoon, your president-elect." The three union officers had some difficulty digesting this morsel of information. They stood as if transfixed to the ground, and stared stupidly at the animal, who meanwhile had consumed the eight bananas, and was busily searching out the sports page in the newspaper. Behind him, six or seven female chimps romped and loped around the cage.



The man who received the brunt of their anger and confusion was, of course, Bruno. How could Lampoon be president when he wasn't even a human, let alone a student, they cried. Bruno parried this objection by presenting them with Lampoon's student union card . . . complete with photograph and authentic stamp. Yet numerous other objections were raised; how would the feminist movement react when it became known that Lampoon had a dozen or so wives . . . after all, to the Greers of this world, polygamy is about as popular as celibacy in a bordello. Bruno, who disliked the smell of prejudice, could see no connection between a man's sexual appetite and his politics.

Anyway, Bruno insisted that all these impediments were illusory; Lampoon had won the election, that was all that mattered. Besides, he was sure that Lampoon's charismatic personality and insouciant smile would carry all before him.

After several hours of disputation, Bruno's eloquence and profound faith in his prodigy had convinced the executive that Lampoon's potential as a president was unrivalled. Nevertheless, they decided it would be prudent not to break the news of Lampoon's identity to the curious public until the next day, when an EGM would be arranged. Then the president could be introduced in person, and a formal inauguration could take place. At this point, Bruno indicated that Lampoon's release was imminent . . . in fact, he had been carrying out a

sociological study during his stay at Whipsnade, which had been completed.

Thus, the following day, Bruno led Lampoon before an aghast audience of students. Of course, Lampoon realised that he was the centre of attention, and with the dramatic sense of a woman, danced around the floor doing summersaults. Finally, to the furore of the assembled company, he demonstrated his incredible gymnastic abilities by swinging from chandelier to chandelier, and with one enormous leap, landed in the presidential chair.

Bruno eventually managed to placate his high spirits with the aid of a bunch of bananas. But the next problem arose when Lampoon was handed a fountain pen with which he was to sign the inauguration document. This seemingly straightforward task was made all the more hazardous by Lampoon's mischievous insistence on squirting ink over the union officers. Each time the pen ejected a long silvery blue discharge of ink, a roguish grin would spread across his hairy face, and his open lips would reveal a set of dazzlingly white gnashers

## BANANAS

Now, these outrageous events occurred over a week ago. During this time, all the disputes, wrangles, points and counter-points over Lampoon's hegemony have been dissipated by those two great redemptive features of any democratic system — apathy and resentment. While most of the students have sunk back into their previous state of intemperance and debauchery, a few have begun to cast aspersions on the new president. One particularly vitriolic attack was aimed at Lampoon's policies and in the apparently haphazard way in which they were formulated. In all honesty, it was being said that the president was more concerned about the importation and exportation of peanuts and bananas than about the welfare of his students. Obviously, you will agree that such libellous accusations are both unfounded and unjustified.

## NUTSHELL

In addition, it was being claimed in some circles that Lampoon's manifesto was written on and hidden inside a nutshell, which he keeps hidden somewhere about his person, and from which he occasionally takes a little nibble.

During the past few days, Lampoon has been on a concentrated field study of the nearby Jekyll Park. Indeed, at this precise moment in time, his exact whereabouts are not known. Some say that he's meditating in solitude on the world's problems, while other more skeptical observers suggest that he's galivanting about the grasslands like a sandboy and practising some novel acrobatic trick with which to enrapture the next UGM.

Justin  
Newland

# Kramer vs. Kramer



Ted lovingly holds Billy



Joanna with her son Billy

Dustin Hoffman described "Kramer vs. Kramer" as a film about a man who considers himself to be a good father. After his wife leaves him the man learns to become a mother and then becomes a father via that route.

The film is a story about relationships. It stars Dustin Hoffman as Ted Kramer, an advertising agency executive obsessed with his career and the need to succeed. When his wife suddenly leaves him, he is forced to divert his attention and his energies from climbing the corporate ladder .... to care for his six-year-old son, Billy (Justin Henry).

Meryl Streep portrays Joanna Kramer, whose decision to leave her husband, home and child is a desperate bid to find and establish a persona after a lifetime as "just somebody's daughter, somebody's wife, somebody's mother." In its own way an act of love because she honestly believes her family will be better off without her.

It takes a year and a half for her confidence and her guilt to reach the point at which she makes a crucial decision. She wants her son back. She wants custody.

Nominated for five oscars "Kramer vs. Kramer" will be a gigantic success in the UK as it was in America. However, there are many good films on the circuit at the moment.

..... they have to be good to survive. I cannot write that this film shines high above the rest but after much persuasion from fellow critics at Imperial I will say that it is a good film which has already been seen by many at IC. I was pleased to have the chance of watching a film that is a story about relationships .... values .... and choices in the world of today.

Colin Palmer

## FIRST PUBLIC WARNING

Articles are now invited from all Union Clubs and Societies for inclusion in the next edition of the Union Handbook. All material should be written double spaced (*preferably typed*) and submitted to the FELIX Office before

**WEDNESDAY, 14 MAY, 1980**

Photographs of Club activities are also encouraged.

If you like sniffing rubber solution and fondling sheets of acetate in the dark, and want to work on the Handbook, please contact the Editor, DAVID CRABBE, via FELIX Office or Chem. III.



# I.C. UNION HANDBOOK



# REVIEWS

## THE SELECTER Hammersmith Palais

The Selecter package got to London on Monday amidst a welter of punks, skinheads and mods, all busy bopping frantically away.

First on were the Swinging Cats, who played a good solid set of sixties revamps with an excellent swirl organ, very much to the fore, even if the rest of the band had left their notes at home. The Bodysnatchers, an all-female band, were much better; playing a wide range of reggae revival, but mainly their own material including the single *Ready, Steady, Go*. Everyone was well warmed up by now and ready for the Selecter, who were incredible.

I have never seen a band so tight or so hot. Within minutes the whole crowd was leaping about, and two kids had been unceremoniously dumped by the bouncers. They are a seven piece multi-racial outfit playing what can best be described as 'fusion music'. Whatever it is, it's great to dance to! The songs went through in rapid succession; *Danger, Three Minute Hero, Too Much Pressure, Street Feeling* and *It Makes Me Mad* amongst others. A lot of the songs are about racial and class tension, and the need for black, white, skin and punk to get together, stop fighting and have some fun. This worked with most people, who were bopping themselves stupid by this time, apart from a small section of skinheads who chanted slogans now and then.

The band came on for three encores, including the obligatory *On My Radio*, a ska version of *James Bone* and a final version of *Madness* with the Bodysnatchers

back on stage to join in. The reception was fantastic. The crowd went frantic all the time they were on. If you like the Two-Tone scene, something to bop to, or just a bloody good time, make sure you catch them at the other London date, this Saturday at the Lewisham Odeon.

Phil Cole

## IC CHOIR CONCERT

Last Friday, at Kensington Town Hall, Imperial College Choir gave a performance of Bach's *St Matthew's Passion*. They sang, augmented by members of the choirs of Mary Datchelor Girls' School and Notting Hill and Ealing High School, under the experienced baton of Eric Brown, accompanied by a special orchestra with leaders John Bacon and Penelope Howard.

The change of venue (choir concerts are usually held in the Great Hall, Sheffield) was agreeable, producing a magnificent sound, although the red brick and lights produced something of a kiln effect for both performers and audience.

In this superb work, the full emotion of the *Passion* came through, beginning with the rulers conspiring against Christ and following the story until the burial of Jesus. The soloists experienced difficulties in some parts of the performance, but on the whole they did very well, and John Tudhope as the Evangelist gave a particularly memorable and excellent performance.

I think regular attenders of choir concerts would agree that, although this was perhaps not technically the best concert they had ever given, it was however very moving and enjoyable. Partly due to the large size of the choir, the entries were woolly and sometimes weak, but the fullness of the

sound they made during the choruses almost made up for this.

For me, the most memorable and moving part of the performance was the beautiful chorale *When I Am Close To Dying*, which the choir sang unaccompanied. This and the final chorus *In Tears Of Grief* made the whole concert worthwhile.

Despite it being a lengthy performance, it was most enjoyable, and congratulations should go to choir, soloists, orchestra and conductor for such a moving rendering.

Karen Harget

## DRAMSOC

Last week DRAMSOC put on a play, 'We can't pay? We won't pay!' Ironically the plot centred on a group of women who took goods from a local supermarket. The publicity was based on the Waitrose bag design. The play was produced by Peter Ed and was fun to watch. All the company were polished in their performances and I enjoyed the chance to relax for a few moments.

Colin

## MINES VICTORIOUS

On Wednesday, Mines beat RCS at 1st XI Rugby by 9 pts to 7. The Mines 1st XV Rugby by 9 pts to 7. The Mines 2nds won by 30 pts to 12 and Mines also beat RCS at Hockey by 4 goals to 3. This gives Mines the Sparkes Cup, the Engineers Cup and they've also won the Stephenson cup for Hockey.

This success follows the tremendous victory against Cambourne. On Tuesday Mines elected their new Exec.

The RSM President is Keith Maynard.

Vice-President - Cris Dobson

Hon Sec - Rob Pascoe

# SPORT

## RIFLE AND PISTOL CLUB

As is customary at this time of year, the Rifle Club organised three inter-CCU rifle and pistol competitions. The first, the full bore competition for the Jocelyn Thorpe Cup was shot last Sunday at the NRA camp Bisley. Two targets were shot at three hundred and six hundred yards, with the best five out of six to count, giving the maximum possible team scores of 500. Visability was good, but a fresh, blustery cross-wind was blowing which caused a few problems for the less experienced members of the teams.

City and Guilds won with the following results.

### JOCELYN-THORPE CUP

City and Guilds	300yds	600yds
J Evans (Capt)	45	46
J Bloomfield (Great Britain Squad)	50	48
J Marsden	46	40
D Sleath	34	40
J Sackett	41	35
A Pearce	42	44
Best Five Total: 437.		
<b>RCS</b>		
P Easterfield (Capt)	47	33
A Jolleys	46	45
A Briers	43	42
P Dickson	43	41
A Reeve	46	46
Best Five Total: 432.		
<b>RSM</b>		
E Christie (Capt)	41	40
A Lewis	38	30

J Atkinson	41	39
C Darling	46	44
J Simpson	44	45
H Cheetham	41	42

Best Five Total: 423.

On Wednesday afternoon the .22 prone rifle competition was shot for the Courtman Shield, followed by the pistol competition (for which there is no trophy at present) in the evening. Both competitions were held in the rifle range in the Sports Centre.

The Courtman Shield was the closest competition for years. Teams of six each shooting two cards with the best five to count gave each team a maximum of 1,000 points. Each team shot very well with Guilds only beating Mines and RCS by three and five points respectively. Unfortunately for Mines it is still not good enough to win their captain a pot in the Union Bar (which requires them to win the Courtman Shield) . . . perhaps next year.

The Pistol was far less competitive with only Mines and RCS with any sort of pistol shooters. The teams shot 5 x 2 cards with the best four to count and the non-existent trophy eventually going to Mines.

The final results were as follows.

### COURTMAN SHIELD

	Total (Best Five)
<b>RSM</b>	
E Christie (Capt)	192
C Darling	190
J Atkinson	183
J Simpson	188
	939

H Cheetham	186
G Loftus	165

### RCS

P Easterfield (Capt)	172	
A Jolleys	195	
A Reeve	195	
P Dickson	184	937
A Briers	186	
L Wernberg-Møller	177	

### CITY AND GUILDS

J Evans (Capt)	192	
J Bloomfield	198	
J Sackett	182	942
J Marsden	184	
A Pearce	186	
D Sleath	176	

### PISTOL

	Total (Best Four)
<b>RSM</b>	
C Darling	148
J Tunnard	133
H Cheetham	133
J Simpson	115

### RCS

P Easterfield	153	
A Jolleys	100	
A Reeve	82	480
A Briers	106	
L Wernberg-Møller	121	

### CITY AND GUILDS

J Evans	123	
D Sleath	46	
J Sackett	62	330
A Pearce	99	
J Bloomfield	108	



Steve Hutchings

## HOCKEY

### ULU CUP FINAL

Last Wednesday at Motspur Park saw the highlight of what was for IC Hockey Club an otherwise poor season: the University of London Cup Final.

We arrived in good time for the start, in spite of the coach driver taking what can only be described as the 'scenic' route, to be greeted by about twenty percent of Wye College, along side which the small contingent of quiet, but confident, IC supporters seemed quite insignificant.

The match eventually started on time, and all eyes were on the diminutive figure of Poon Foke Loke, our 'imported' Malaysian international, who with almost his first touch of the ball place an inch-perfect pass through Wye defence to the left wing. This led to a cross that found the veteran Bob Middleton totally free at the top of the circle. With the goal at his mercy Bob mishit the ball wide.

Minutes later, however, following a long corner, Poon weaved his way through the defence and slotted the ball into the net to open the scoring.

Though controlling the centre of the field IC were unable to capitalise on their early lead, and were often troubled by some speedy wing play which seemed to impress the snoozing *Daily Telegraph* reporter.

The rest of the half produced no dangerous attacks by either side and the only excitement was provided by the opposition's rowdy support and Shirley Coarse's wellies.

In the second half Wye College survived an early onslaught by the IC attack, before the game settled down into its earlier pattern of IC midfield domination, but with a lack of punch in the attack. With less than fifteen minutes to go, Tony de Barr decided to wake up, which resulted in more effective

front running and a succession of penalty corners.

Bob Middleton was unlucky not to score when, after a series of fouls by Wye defenders at the top of the circle, he beat the goalkeeper. But before he could shoot into the empty goal the umpire gave a short corner for the earlier infringements.

Up till now IC's short corner routine had been very disappointing, caused mainly by the absence of an effective hand-stopper, but Chris Rielly's neat stick-stop and subsequent sidestep of the on-coming defender left him a clear shot at goal which made the score 2-0.

Minutes later, in the dying moments of the match, Bob was up-ended in the circle and Chris Rielly competently converted the inevitable penalty flick, making the final score a deserved, but not impressive, 3-0.

After the match there was a little bit of subdued celebration during which Phil Webb inexplicably decided to take off his trousers in order to drink a yard in the Union Bar.

Team: G Corbin, I Crowe, R Davey, C Rielly, P Hughes, T de Barr (Capt), Poon Foke Loke, G Forbes, L Rich, R Middleton and J Afilaka.

**Neil Mason**

### BOAT CLUB

In the second half of this term, the Boat Club has competed in several events.

The first of these was the Henley IVs Head, where we entered four mens and two ladies' crews. None of the mens crews did as well as they could have done, although three of them came in the first eleven. The girls'

crew finished third in their division.

Next was Reading Head of the River Race, where three mens and one ladies Vllls were entered. The mens first VIII finished seventh overall, despite being hindered by slower boats starting in front of them. The second VIII finished equal eighteenth, only nine seconds behind their class winners, and although the novice VIII rowed well, they were no match for fitter school crews. The ladies probably did better than the other IC crews, finishing fourth in the ladies division, behind two national squad crews and the Oxford University Ladies VIII, and beating the UL Ladies First VIII by twenty-one seconds.

Last Wednesday, 12th March, four crews entered the University of London Head of the River Race, for UL colleges. In the absence of the mens first VIII, the IC second VIII won the event outright, beating Kings College I into second place by twenty seconds. The mens novice VIII, rowing better on their home water, finished fifteen seconds behind their division winner. A University College crew, rumoured to be the UL VIII, withdrew from the ladies event at the last minute, possibly because of their defeat at Reading. This meant that IC I only had to beat IC II to win the Sir Cecil Philips Plate, for the third successive time. Yet again IC proved their dominance of UL college rowing.

On Saturday, the ladies VIII competed in the Kingston Head of the River Race. The home crew's knowledge of the course proved to be a decisive factor, with the Kingston ladies beating IC into second place by only eight seconds, over a twenty-two minute course.

Tomorrow, the men's first, second and novice Vllls are competing in one of the major events in the rowing calendar; the Head of the River Race from Mortlake to Putney. Four hundred and twenty crews, including the national squad and several overseas crews, will be taking part, and IC hope to do as well as last year when they finished sixteenth and thirty-first.

### CREWS

First VIII: Steve Webb (Bow), Bill Bradbury, Miles Fellows, Tony Reynolds, Chris Geary, Richard Fearnhead, John Urry, Matt Pritchard (Stroke), Steve Crampton (Cox).

Second VIII: Bob Maddocks (Bow), Steve Collier, Paul Gerrard, Pete Moysey, Ed Hobhouse, Chris Adams, Pete Allen, Tim Joslin (Stroke), Ian Simpson (Cox).

Novice VIII: Pete Tebbutt (Bow), John Vedy, Keith Powell, Stuart Allinson, Richard Redhead, John Marsden, John Hargraves, Mark Agnew (Stoke), Mark Canven (Cox).

Ladies VIII: Liz Lindsay (Bow), Sara Gray, Angela Burgess, Jo Pearson, Nonie Ray, Gwen Griffiths, Ann Toney, Catherine Weir (Stroke), Bill Partridge (Cox).



## EDITORIAL

Eye witnesses described my accident by saying that I looked like a crazed circus acrobat cartwheeling down towards the Sheffield building. I may have been in a topsy turvy situation a month ago but I intend to stick to my guns on the subject of sporting links with South Africa. All sport should be allowed to continue, no matter where or with whom the games are played. I am a proud holder of Rugby colours for a South African team. I support the Boat Club's tour of South Africa.

I wish the Rugby club well in their present tour of Holland. The cover photo shows members of FELIX collecting trolleys for Waitrose.... I'm not quite sure how I'm going to distribute FELIX this week!

Cheers  
Colin Palmer  
FELIX Editor

## U L U

The University of London Union sabbaticals for next year are: Anna Clarke, President; Nick Weeks, Vice-President Services; Robert McDonald, Vice-President Finance and Administration.

Anna Clarke is currently sabbatical President at the School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS), while Bob McDonald is sabbatical President at Birkbeck. Nick Weeks is a student at University College.

Tim Hillyer.

## TROLLEY

The manager of Mssrs Waitrose Store Gloucester Road is very concerned about the large number of shopping trolleys not returned to the store after being taken home by customers. Following a visit to the college by his assistant Manager on Friday 14th March approximately 75 of these trolleys were recovered from various parts of the campus and restored to the firm. It was pointed out by the Assistant Manager that his firm had in the recent past instituted a number of prosecutions against customers for illegally retaining the trolleys but this was not his objective

on this occasion. The purchase price of these trolleys is £30.00 and the firm were in fact very pleased to recover so many. Many of these trolleys have been used around the college for different purposes and it may be that there are still a number which have not yet been recovered. Persons currently in possession of these trolleys are advised to take them to the Beit Quadrangle where the Students Union Administrator Mrs Jen Hardy Smith will arrange for them to be returned to the owners. Failure to return one of these trolleys could place the person found in possession of it at the risk of a criminal prosecution.

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