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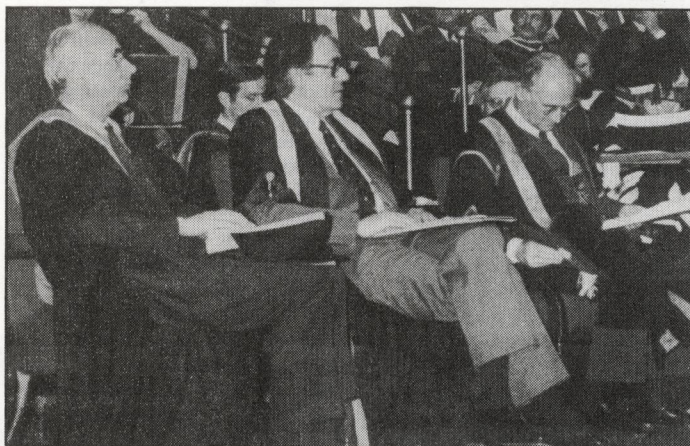
Colin Palmer

Residents of Southside can not have failed to notice the sad demise of the large plant in the Falmouth/Tizard entrance. Two plants were installed over the Summer vacation, complete with their own spot lighting, presumably at great expense. However, they have obviously been neglected or maltreated and one (above) is a drooping shambles of dead and dying leaves. Surely something can be done!

## KEOGH K.O. CHAOS!

**KEOGH HALL** gallery level was the scene of an attack on Friday night. Two youths of about seventeen had gained access to the gallery level and balcony area from Stan's Bar, where they had been drinking earlier in the evening. They were asked to leave by two Keogh Hall residents because they were making a nuisance of themselves on the gallery; they refused. The intruders became violent when it was attempted to persuade them to leave; one of the youths smashed a beer glass over the heads of the two residents trying to remove them.

### Rector pleads for money



Steve Groves

Sir Andrew Huxley, the Rector, and Sir Henry Fisher

**Commemoration Day, last Thursday, began with a speech by the Rector, Lord Flowers. His speech reflected the economic climate. In appealing for money he drew the attention of the audience to the deeds of covenant placed on their seats, and pointed out that if all of this year's graduates were to covenant £20 a year for five years the College would receive a quarter of a million pounds.**

He also commented on the fall in numbers of overseas students (around 25%). He felt that this meant we were less able to contribute to the development of the Third World. In conclusion Lord Flowers said: "If we are not to sink into mediocrity there has to be a major reappraisal of the support of basic research in the universities of the industrialised countries — and it is urgent".

Following this address the Associates, Diplomates, and New Fellows were presented. This year's fellows are Sir Andrew Huxley, FRS; Sir Derek Barton, FRS, formerly Hofmann professor of Organic Chemistry; Emeritus Professor A G Gaydon, FRS, formerly Professor of Molecular Spectroscopy at Imperial College; Professor R Lüst of the Federal Republic of Germany; and Mr J P Sowdon, Governor of the College since 1971.

The ceremony ended with an address by Sir Andrew Huxley as special visitor. We have tried to ascertain the subject of his speech, but no one appears to know; indeed, to those of us there it appeared that Sir Andrew didn't know either.

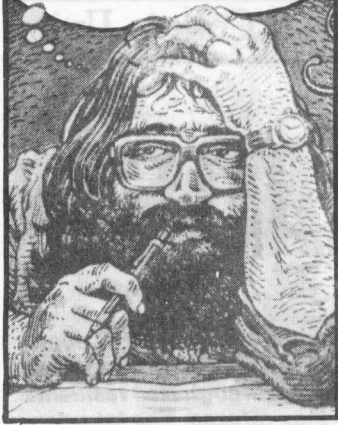
The assailants were subdued when confronted by over a dozen members of Keogh who had come to investigate the commotion. They were anxious to get away from trouble, but were taken away by the Police who had been called.

Frank Potter, the Warden of Keogh Hall, has said: "With the present security set up, there is no way it could have been prevented." The two victims were later taken to St Stephens Hospital where they received a total of 9 stitches for scalp wounds, but they were not detained overnight. The two intruders were charged and appeared before a magistrate on Monday. One pleaded guilty to causing bodily harm, the other was found not guilty.

Mr Reeves, Chief Security Officer, said that there is a trend at Stan's where many undesirable are able to get into the bar. To combat this he said that an electric locking system is to be employed to close all entry points to Stan's except that via the security guard. He also said that if any student approaches any suspicious persons they should ensure they are well supported. The security guards have been instructed to call the Police if any trouble occurs. He reiterated his view that in this age of increasing violence that there needs to be cooperation between students and security guards to keep Southside safe.

Both he and FELIX highly commend those who tackled the intruders in such a public spirited manner.

## Letters to the Editor



Dear Sir

I hope that not too many students were taken in by Sir Keith Joseph's rather simplistic ideas last Thursday. While I would agree that competition is valuable, I do not agree with Sir Keith that competition between a few large companies is the same as competition between a large number of small businesses. Anti-monopoly laws have not been very effective in the past, yet the Conservative Government of which Sir Keith is a member does not seem to be putting much emphasis on tightening them, or on breaking down the existing private monopolies. Nor does it seem to be putting much priority on profit-sharing; it seems content that workers do not get any direct benefit from being competitive, and thus do not have any incentive.

The fact is that monopolies can exist under private ownership, and competition can exist under public ownership. The debate between public and private ownership is largely irrelevant to Britain's future. Conservative policies are actually squeezing out small businesses, thus destroying competition. This is not surprising when one notes the large financial contributions given by big business to the Conservative party. Sir Keith criticises the power of politicians while accepting the need for some government control, yet he does not seem to be interested in even the most basic reforms to make government more democratic.

Sir Keith's inhumanity was shown when he suggested that people should accept lower wages to get jobs, mentioning partic-

ularly those areas covered by wages councils. These are among the lowest paid jobs in the country — less than £50 for a full working week being not uncommon. He mentioned hairdressers where the minimum wage is set at £36 a week. I wonder if Sir Keith could live on this amount. Has he ever considered that there are vacancies in these areas because people just cannot keep their families on these wages? Surely it should be the higher paid who take the cuts to enable these workers to be paid a decent wage.

Sir Keith Joseph's policies are like all Conservative policies; designed to ensure that real power and ownership lies in the hands of a small and privileged élite, while most people are condemned to spend their lives as slaves in an inhuman system over which they have little control.

Yours

Matthew Huntbach  
Computing 3

Dear Steve

I would like to make a few things a little clearer for Fiona Sinclair after her attack on ICWA in last week's FELIX. I object to her statement that "Sandra O'Sullivan was the only member of the committee who had any contact with or cared about, the women at College". I myself, and the rest of the committee have a great deal of contact with the women at College and spend many hours discussing their views with them whether they support ICWA or not. When Sandra was in office the committee asked her to use her ideas and concern for women in College to help the rest of us to make ICWA into the type of association she feels is needed. She declined, leaving all of us wondering exactly how much she does care.

I wonder if Fiona was at our first social event, the Freshers' Ploughman's Tea, at least one hundred people attended this event and enjoyed it.

I would like to point out that although for us quorum is 20%, for UGMs it is 6.6%. Since, unlike Sandra, I am not in Maths 3, I may be mistaken, but I have worked out that 6.6% is considerably less than 20%, not more as Fiona suggests. In view of this we feel that a lower quorum would still be representative.

I realise the new ICWA Lounge is not luxurious, but I wouldn't call it a ghetto. Women do not lock themselves in there every lunchtime, this would be against fire regulations anyway. As for throwing away £500 (re-

John Passmore) this money's to provide social events for 570 women for a whole year.

Finally, anyone is welcome to offer constructive criticism about ICWA, but Fiona seems to have a purely destructive attitude. I suggest Fiona either tries to use her energies constructively or leaves those of us who are interested to do this instead.

Yours sincerely  
Sheila Cox  
Geol 2

Dear Steve

I was mildly surprised to read the sonambulations of Miss Fiona Sinclair in last week's FELIX.

In her letter, she states that a quorum of 20% is low; if so then that of an IC UGM (6.66%) is abyssal. ICWA is not a committee so Miss Sinclair's comparison is invalid, ICWA needs 100 people to attend its meetings for them to proceed; on a Union Committee of under thirty there obviously needs to be more than six people present. In addition, a committee member is usually highly motivated, whereas ICWA members run the gamut of inspiration.

The accusation that the present ICWA Executive will not change is easily refuted since they cannot do so till a meeting is quorate. I would suggest that Miss Sinclair raises her army of alienated women and attend the next ICWA meeting and initiate change.

It ill befits Miss Sinclair to point the icy finger of disdain. The policy of glorious inaction which she so applauds in Miss O'Sullivan will only lessen the pressure for change.

Yours sincerely  
Stephen Goulder

Dear Steve

Re: Rae Snee's letter in FELIX 563.

At no time last year was I informed of either:

- House Committee's decision to convert the TV Room into a committee room; or
- Joint House Committee's decision to give ICWA use of the room.

They did not even have the courtesy to tell me that these topics were on the agenda of the meetings, otherwise I would have objected very strongly indeed at the time.

For a long time now, the TV room has been the meeting place for Snooker Club. Since before 1972, the Club has been clamouring for a third table. The main arguments used by Union hacks against a third table:

- No room available.

- One table was used for an elite few.

- Too expensive.

Well,

- The TV Room was the best possible place to put another table, and Malcolm Brain knew damn well we wanted that room.

- A valid point, which I corrected during my year as President.

- For a Union that can afford to spend umpteen thousand pounds on a 1916 fire engine, or can afford to lose £500 on a concert, surely they should be able to afford a snooker table that would last at least 75 years! I was given a distinct impression last year that the club would, probably be getting a table this year.

Some facts:

- Snooker Club is the biggest recreational club in College, yet it spent the least amount of money from RCC. Its membership has increased 60% since 1977 and by about 400% since 1967. (It now has about 275 members a year.) How do I know all this? Simple, the Club has records of minutes as early as 1959.

- According to the Blue Book (1978), the Chairman of the House Committee is the Deputy President (i.e., Rae Snee). This being the case, why did she not inform the Club of the Joint House Committee's decision about the TV Room.

Conclusions: Rae Snee and her bosom friends, or House Committee want to get rid of ICWA, so they put them in a room where they will cause the most uproar, and hope that Snooker Club will instigate a constitutional motion to dissolve ICWA, as some attempted last year. I, personally, do not believe that ICWA should exist. But, I do believe that students elected to represent and govern other students should be dependable, and Rae Snee does convey to me that impression. During my year as President of Snooker Club, I learnt how various committee members made sure that their interests were upheld, and anybody else's could go to hell (e.g., RCS, C&G, RSM always got what they want at a UFC meeting, and another e.g. is Snee's personal vendetta against ICWA being fobbed off on to Snooker Club via House Committee). You don't have to believe me, but why don't you just pop over to the next UFC major claims meeting and see for yourself. What I saw was a bunch of about ten self-centred hacks handling roughly £12,000 of your money, and making sure that it went to "worthwhile" causes.

I have rambled on a bit too long. I apologise; but those twats

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# UGM QUORATE!

The attendance at this, the second UGM of the year, was quite good; estimates put the number present at around 380 - well above quorum.

Mr John Passmore was questioned at the end of his report about the Freshers' concert. He admitted that he was unconcerned about the financial loss involved (£500) and that he himself was responsible. Mr William Cortazzi attacked the increase in subscription of *London Student* from 200 to 300 as a waste of another £500; the increase was agreed.

Miss Rachel Snee was questioned by Mr Stephen Goulder, FELIX News Editor, over her statement that the trophy thief had been identified; she conceded that her statement was strictly unofficial. In addition, she revealed that the Bookshop is likely to make a loss of around £10,000 in the current year, which she said 'reflected the current economic situation'.

During his report, Rich Archer, President of RCSU, confessed that he had been censured by the RCSU General Committee on Monday night (27th). This was over his use of funds allocated to the Transport Committee to repair the J4 van, without first contacting the Transport Officer, Mr Barney McCabe. Had he done so, the repairs would not have been so costly as RCSU owns a range of spare J4 parts.

Elections were held for the posts of External Affairs Officer and for the Union Finance Committee; Phil Cole and Graham Green contested the EAO post.

Mr Bill Robertson was presented with Honorary Life Membership of the Union for his services to the World University Service and the Union.

The motions on overseas students and Greek students were passed with no opposition as was the lecturer training motion. The most contentious motion was that on the control of agenda - preventing a motion on the same subject being discussed for a second time in a term. Rich Archer, the proposer, said that this motion was essential to get decisions taken promptly at UGMs; Phil Cole, responding to this, said that the motion infringed upon the freedom of speech of every student. After lengthy questioning a vote was taken and the motion passed.

The meeting concluded at about 2.25pm, quorate to the last!

The election results were announced later:

Phil Cole 212  
Graham Green 168

Hence Phil Cole was elected as External Affairs Officer. Barney McCabe and Christine Teller were elected to the Finance Committee.

## NUS Student Journalist Conference

The NUS Student Journalist Conference was held last weekend at the City University. This was the largest gathering of student journalists ever held in Britain with over ninety newspapers represented. In addition a one day meeting of the National Association of Student Broadcasting was held on Saturday to coincide with the conference.

Steve Marshall and Mark Smith (FELIX Business Manager) attended the conference on behalf of FELIX in the guise of London Student reps, as Imperial is disaffiliated from the NUS. IC Radio sent four representatives to the one day radio conference.

The journalist conference was opened by David Aaronovitch, NUS President, who devoted his speech to stating how disorganised the DES were in their handling of the controversial student union financing issue. Later, Ian Coxon, NUS Press and Publicity Officer, and other NUS staff demonstrated how disorganised the NUS were in their handling of the conference. The first day ended with a rather useless newspaper production workshop, and of course, the Bar.

Mike Power of the National Graphical Association (one of the main print unions) gave an amazing insight into the bolshieness of their union which made us IC boys glad to employ 'scab printers' for all Union publications. This attitude was, of course, looked down upon by most of the left conference delegates.

## CND Rally A Sellout

OVERALL, about 50 students of Imperial College joined the peace march (of which 20 left Beit Arch at the prescribed time); which with the West London Chaplaincy group, and a few lecturers, made quite a respectable turnout. But, with no ICU banner to rally round, the groups dispersed to join different sections of marchers.

The CND had anticipated a 50,000 strong turnout which was easily surpassed; people were still arriving at Trafalgar Square even after the speeches had ended.

The list of speakers included:



Colin Palmer

Queen Mary College showing their colours at Piccadilly.

## Nuke in Sheffield

ON FRIDAY 7th November the BBC will be filming a lecture and discussion entitled 'Towards the final abyss?' about nuclear weapons at 7.30 p.m. in the Great Hall in Sheffield. The lecture is part of an Open University series

and it will be broadcast on Sunday 30 November and repeated the following Sunday. The lecturer is Professor Michael Pentz, Dean of Science at the Open University. It is hoped that a member of staff from IC will chair the lecture and discussion. All staff and students are welcome to attend.

Midday saw the presentation of the NUS/Guardian student newspaper awards which FELIX cannot enter due to our disaffiliation. The *Mancunian* (Manchester University) was voted best large college paper and was awarded a £250 prize. *Invoice* (New Uni of Ulster) won the best small college paper award of £250. The Lancaster birdlife magazine, *Curlew*, won the best specialised coverage award (£100).

While teaching absolutely nothing about newspaper production, the conference did provide valuable contact with other college papers and was thoroughly worthwhile.

## London student newspaper organisation

REPRESENTATIVES of all London student newspapers are meeting at ULU on Tuesday, November 4 to discuss the formation of a newspaper organisation. Such a body is most desirable; it could serve to increase contact between London Colleges and would be invaluable for *London Student*, enabling it to present a very comprehensive

inter-College news service.

It is likely that Mr S.J. Marshall, our own esteemed Editor, will take on the Chairmanship of the body as he is one of the few London Sabbatical Editors. Paul Segal, sabbatical Editor of *London Student*, initiated the idea but is unwilling to pursue the idea.

## Letters to the Editor



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really get up my nose. Not all Union representatives are bad eggs, but most of the ones I dealt with were, and there still seems to be a good batch of them at IC this year.

*Yours disgustedly*  
Sanjit Teelock  
President Snooker Club  
1979/80

Dear Steve

Last Friday night, two IC students were hit over the head with beer glasses as they tried to remove two youths, who were making a nuisance of themselves on Keogh Gallery Level. This necessitated in both having stitches and the Police being called.

The details of the above are not really relevant. What is relevant is the question of how they (and other) non-residents gain access to Southside.

Following the rape last term, the main Southside doors are locked at 6:00pm each evening. Presumably, these trespassers got in through Stan's Bar and one of the emergency staircases, or through the supposedly locked doors that some careless resident had not pushed closed.

My point is that Security is everyone's problem. It is up to each and every student to keep unwanted 'guests' out, and avoid repetition of these violent incidents.

*Yours sincerely*  
Clive Chandler  
Keogh Hall Secretary

Dear Sir

The section you printed last week on Les Sleath's complaint presented a totally false account of what actually happened. He

had a totally destructive influence on the after-dinner activities and was asked to leave peacefully several times. In the end he had to be evicted from the room with only a minimum of force. With regards to being thrown down the stairs; our Les fell down them himself (perhaps a beer or two too many?).

RSMU Executive

Dear Mr Marshall

It has come to our attention that the IC Rag Committee is attempting to run an 'idiosyncratic event' along the lines of our blockbusting successes of the previous two years under the guidance of Mr N I Morton.

In an attempt to mislead the public, our names have been incorporated into the titled of this malconsidered fiasco, 'The Fox-O'Boyle Memorial Handicap Chase'.

We would like to publicly disclaim any responsibility.

Furthermore we demand an apology from the said Morton and the IC Rag Committee for unadvisedly taking our names in vain.

Finally we advise students to accept no imitations. Fox-O'Boyle are idiosyncrasy.

"Hon hoi theoi philocisi apothnēskei neos".

*Yours reprobatively*  
Chris Fox, BSc ARCS  
Séan O'Boyle, BSc, ARCS  
CC: ICU President, Rector Imperial College, and Esther Rantzen.

Dear Sir

As an active aeromodeller I feel I must add my own contribution to the recent correspondence on CB radio. I would like to make it perfectly clear, at the outset, that I am not opposed to the idea of making part of the electromagnetic spectrum available for the use of everybody, whether it be called 'Citizens Band' or 'Open Channel' and while I am forced to agree with the opinion of most CB enthusiasts that the Government's proposed allocation of frequencies in the UHF band is unsatisfactory, what I cannot condone is the use of an already overcrowded band by the users of (to quote The Ferret, FELIX 544) 'pirate sets' who do not seem to realise or care about the amount of damage their illegal radiations can cause to other people's property.

In his/her letter, The Ferret, states that only channel 16 causes interference to radio controlled models but, alas, this is not the case. There are twelve radio control frequencies between 26.970 and 27.255MHz spaced by 25kHz and a transmission within this band will interfere with radio control sets even if the said transmission does not coincide exactly with one of the

twelve frequencies. It can still very easily cause enough degradation of the signal for the model to go completely out of control usually with destructive, expensive and possibly dangerous results. By the way, due to negotiations with the Government by various modelling organisations it has been agreed that a selection of frequencies will be made available for aeromodellers in the 35MHz band on to which we may move (at a cost of between £20 and £65 for the conversion of each set of gear) should we find it necessary. I, for one, will certainly take advantage of this provision if only for peace of mind. I break enough models on my own without any help from the "Crash your own model aircraft" brigade. Free speech is everybody's right, but please not on 27MHz.

*Yours faithfully*  
ICMAC Secretary

Dear Marshall

Congratulations on producing such an interesting newsletter for the seventh successive week!

Being a person of significant import in the literary world, I thought that a few words of advice concerning your organ would be well appreciated. Try reducing the frequency of your issues; perhaps, to one every three terms? I consider this to be a most suitable arrangement. Indeed, with the invaluable help of my dedicated staff. I intend to produce a magazine this year! It shall be called 'The Phoenix'. Admittedly, the name isn't very original, in fact it's been used sporadically since 1904. Anyway, I chose it because to me the name 'The Phoenix' is synonymous with the words "literary masterpiece", "superb quality", "artistic endeavour" and the like. Unfortunately, to many people 'The Phoenix' is synonymous with the words "obscurity", "Did you say Felix?", and "What?".

Enough of my troubles, what about yours? I heard that you had an acutely embarrassing attack of impulse buying last year. To speed you on your recovery, here's a pound, use it to appease your bank manager.

Support Michael Foot's arches!  
Here's to free speech for all, except oppressed minorities.  
Bye for now!

Sean Giblin  
PS: As the once famous Clement Freud used to say: "I hope Henry likes it".

Sir  
I feel it may clear up any confusion that may have arisen over the misspelling of Graham Green's name, if I point out that I am in fact a famous author, and nothing to do with IC at all.

Graham Greene  
Famous Author

## Small Ads

RSM OPEN DAY  
Monday, November 17

The School will be open for exhibition by departments, research teams and companies for the benefit of students and invited sixth form school leavers. Anyone (ex-RSM) wishing to attend please write to the Open Day Committee c/o RSM.

INDIA SOC

Tomorrow, Saturday, November 1  
Annual Diwali Celebration

JCR, 8:00pm

with a famous live band, disco, the 'Great Indian Dancers', Indian food and bar.

Cost £1.50

Everyone welcome.

●Wanted: Bellringer for amateur taxi-dermy.

●Smokestack — the future of R&B. Now available for gigs, parties, Silwood Ball? Anything considered, book us now, while you can afford us. Contact 'Eric' Jarvis or Martin (El Ropo) Bayliss c/o IC Radio. Hear us now before the plebs catch on.

BRIGHTON OR BUST

The London-Brighton veteran car run on November 2. Give Bo a Boomalaka of welcome at Brighton. Coach tickets £2. Dinner £4.65 available from Guilds Union Office.

●Honda 125 Twin, April 1979, rack, top-box, Comstar wheels, low mileage, Dunlop TT 100 tyres, vgc, 70-80mpg and 80mph, cheap to insure. Yours for £500ono. Contact A Kimber, Chem Eng 2 via Chem Eng letter-racks.

●Lathe, 2'6", 10" diameter chuck, Metalwork/Woodwork, £200ono. Contact Rich Seville, Mining Geology 2.

●Fireball, all go-fast gear, £600. Contact Mike Lee, Geology dept.

●Head shrinking by appointment only. IC Lycanthropy Society; original South American Jibaros formula gives guaranteed success. Return to the delights of pigmy baiting and Stone Age beliefs. Applicants must be in good health and should carry own life assurance. Membership applications to Albert Fasulo (Secretary and local Mafia rep), Physics 1, Room 211, Linstead Hall. Chairman (Bavarian, -45 Pistol Happy, Pilot).

●Mysteries and Legends. Are you interested in history and archaeology? Have you a little spare time to participate in important archaeological excavations in the city or field work in the local countryside? If so, contact Nick Bedding, Civ Eng room 409 (int 3242). I am also looking for one or two people to take part in an archaeological/ecological expedition to Peru and the Amazon basin (summer or end of 1981).

●Tennis Club members: Anyone wanting to attend the Braniff WCT at Olympia please sign the list on the Tennis Club board in the Sports Centre. List down on November 10, 1980. Anyone with their name on the list on November 11 has a firm commitment to buy the tickets signed for.

●Parachuting: Anyone interested in this sport please drop a line to R Brugge c/o Union Office, who has promotional literature.

●Astronomical Soc: Would anyone interested in reviving this society contact Roger Brugge (c/o Union Office). Help from former committee members of the club would be welcomed.

●BUNAC: Interested in working and travelling in North America next summer? For details of job schemes contact BUNAC Club, Green Com Room, 3rd floor, Union Building, Friday lunchtimes.

●Does "Mycil Powder" RING A BELL?  
●"Idiosyncratic? Idiosynschmatic!" — FO'B.

Helenic Society Cheese and Wine

TODAY

Friday, October 31

8:30pm

Bot/Zoo Common Room

Everyone welcome!

Non-members 50p.

Live Greek music.

## Access Cards

NEW SECURITY arrangements for College buildings mean that the doors will be locked after 10pm. Mech Eng, Mines, Physics (including Huxley) and Elec Eng have had key card access points installed; these are likely to be brought into operation around November 10, although it is expected that Elec Eng will be operational at a later date.

The other College buildings will be shut after 10pm.

Key cards are allocated to departments according to how many the Head of Department requires. If any PG thinks they will be inconvenienced without a card, they should see the Head of Department.

ALL buildings are going to have *designated* exits after 6pm and College Security urge all members of IC to respect this. They add that should you choose to leave via a non-designated exit, could you make sure to lock the door behind you.

## IF Triumph

THE FIRST MATCH of the City and Guilds darts championship produced a shock result on Tuesday night.

A confident Mech Eng I team arrived at the L'Institut Français Union Office (minus Chras, one of the Mech Eng Soc Reprs).

Both captains agreed that the rules should be modified to make it more interesting. A game of eights at 1001 straight in was agreed. Finishing on a double or nearest the bull if the match hadn't been won after eight players from a team had

attempted the finishing double. The men from Mech Eng I had to play left handed.

The girls from IF averaged 30 with each set of three darts and after some erratic play from the men (The IF mascot, André, had a few painful experiences) IF found themselves stuck on double three.

Tension mounted as each girl went for 'nearest the bull'. A brilliant throw from Nicky Burrell gave the game to IF by a quarter on an inch.

IF will play the winners of Civ Eng II vs. Mech Eng PGs in the next round.

## Motor Show '80

*As might have been expected, the Motor Show this year was dominated by one car, the Leyland Metro. As we arrived at the show, right outside the main entrance was parked an innocuous looking police car, which just happened to be a Metro. Parked in the entrance hall, in the Lloyds Bank of all places, was another Metro.*

It was not, however, the first actual show car that you came across. This honour belonged to the new Ford Escort, the introduction of which may have been overshadowed by the Metro, but whose excellence I very much doubt will be. Ford have again managed to produce a neat, modern looking car that is obviously not just a restyling of an existing model, like the Morris Ital/Marina.

The other notable stands at the show all belong to British manufacturers. The Rolls Royce stand as ever attracted large crowds. They had two new cars on show, but impressive as they were, they just looked like any other Rolls Royce to me. By far the most impressive stand belonged to Aston Martin. In their large stand area, which was covered in thick pile carpet, stood just three cars, all oozing class — the gull-wing doored Bulldog, the Lagonda, and the Volante. The only other stand to attract more crowds was, inevitably, the Leyland stand, and the Metro. All credit to Leyland, they certainly weren't underselling their car.



Filmshows, models, dramatic music and commentary — it got th elot. I must admit that I was pleasantly surprised by the car. It definitely appeared more stylish in real life than it had in the photos I had seen before, and inside the car, although being quite plain, it was every bit as roomy as Leyland claim.

All in all, it was a very impressive Motor Show. The Birmingham Exhibition Centre is obviously much more capable of holding the show than Earls Court. The only trouble with it is that it takes all day to walk around the place, let alone look at any cars as well.

Neil Masom



CONGRATULATIONS to everybody for surviving the Freshers' Dinners and thanks to all the old lags who turned up later to help make each dinner a great success. It is pleasing that for the first time ever our dinners have been mixed and don't seem to have changed in format at all. The MRE dinner got a bit rowdy as a result of the waiters being third year miners.

To the future; tomorrow (Saturday, November 1) we are going to Windsor to sell some Rag Mags have a few beers and maybe take the castle by siege if we have time! All welcome to come, so be in the RSMU Office at 9:30am.

During Rag Week we shall be holding a fête in the Union Building organised by CHAPS, but we shall need all assistance that can be offered (the fête is the same night as the Beer Festival upstairs).

Morphy Day will be here soon so start collecting any rotting matter, e.g. old milk, eggs, vomit, etc).

We shall building a float for the Rag Procession on the Saturday in Rag Week and we shall need volunteers and help in design. Finally on Sunday, November 30 an RSMA Invitation XV will play the present first team at Harlington at 10:30am. All support would be welcome.



LAST WEEK'S Alternative Rag Stunt was a great success. Thirty people met in the Union Bar at 1:00, including two postgraduates, several assorted thugs and one Ayatollah. They all then trooped down to Harrods and extorted money out of the local populace. At the end of the day £433.67½ had been collected which makes last week's Guilds collection look rather feeble. Collecting honours go to Terry Everitt, Chem 2, who collected £35.94, Steve White with £32.87 and Marco Lechwood with £30.61. Congratulations to everyone who took part.

Sincere there is no collection tomorrow, there will be a session of Rag Float building in the RCSU Office at 2:00pm. Bring masses of cardboard along with you and discover the fun you can have with a bent pair of scissors and some sellotape.

Next Wednesday, (November 5) sees the Ents day out cum Rag Mag trip. In the afternoon there is a Rag Mag selling expedition to Exeter University followed in the evening by a visit to the Ottery Carnival. Cost will be about £2.50 or £3.00. If you want to go, see Dave Thompson, Ents Chairman, as soon as possible and give him your name.

That's the end for another week. see you at the Halloween Party (groan!).



## C&G

TONIGHT is the inter-CCU Halloween Party. Tickets are only available in advance, for 50p each from the Guilds Office, if there are any left.

Tomorrow, Saturday, is the Silly Sports Rag collection. If you don't know what a wheelbarrow race or a camel race is, turn up in the Guilds Office at 9:30am to find out. The best part is that you can collect for charity at the same time.

Sunday, November 2 is the Brighton Race. Tickets for this always sell out quickly, but there might be one or two left in the Guilds Office. The cost is £2 for a coach seat, £4.65 for a slap-up hotel dinner.

Monday is the Aeronautics Freshers' Dinner and Thursday, November 6 in Mech Eng and Man Sci. Tickets for Aero are only available today, so get your ticket now! (Monday is the latest for Mech Eng.)

Saturday, November 8 is the Lord Mayor's Procession. Work starts on the float on Monday when the lorry arrives. Volunteer your services and skills any time in the Guilds Office to be sure of a place on the float.

That evening there will be a Guilds/IF Kiddies Party. If you can make yourself look "under ten" then you'll get in for 50p. Otherwise it costs 75p. You'll also need to bring a bottle, but if you are under ten it does not need to be alcoholic.

## Old Preversions

### UGM

I don't want to steal Steve's thunder, but I was extremely pleased with the turnout and the way in which we managed to get through the agenda. It is the first UGM I remember which actually closed and was not adjourned or deemed 'incomplete'. I hope they continue in the same mode.

### Robert Pryor House

After some investigation, it would appear that College bought the lease to this house in Easter 1979 knowing that it would have to be renovated. However, they did not have the money at the time. So it stayed empty for a while, was temporarily occupied and is now to be renovated by Easter 1981. How College have managed to keep the house empty for more or less two years knowing that the renovations had to be carried out is beyond me. Two years rent has been lost, so when it does open, rents will probably reflect this. Nice one College!

### Third World Scholarship

John Smith has agreed to the idea of using a covenant scheme among staff to raise money and suggested that it be done as part of the Queensgate Trust. This seems to be an excellent idea; I hope that it results in much more money for the TWS and WUS.

Anyone who was at the UGM will have heard Jane Goldsmith from WUS speak. If anyone is interested in forming a Third World Group to help with WUS and issues relating to the Third World could they please contact me in the Union Office.

### SU Financing

Having spoken to both John Smith and the Rector, I have been assured that they know no more than I do. I treat the DES with some suspicion as the information received so far is not at all optimistic. We must wait for the final plans before we can react, but we must not be complacent.

### ULU Constitution

The Draft ULU Constitution will be circulated next week, for discussion in College unions. If we are to amend it then we must meet and make proposals to Council on November 10.

There will be a meeting on Tuesday, November 9 at 1:00pm in the SCR Union Building.

John Passmore

## Matters Raised

Just a short article this week, as last week was spent mostly in committees, more committees, Commem Day, and even more committees.

### Bookshop

This is just to remind you that the Imperial College Bookshop on the walkway is YOUR Bookshop, run for you, and also the profits go back to your through the Union. The shop should have all your recommended textbooks, as well as a comprehensive stock of stationary, files, pens and, of course, Union regalia. And remember, if you've any suggestions or complaints, please come and tell us and we'll do our best to do something about it.

### Judo Mats

At present we have a couple of dozen old judo mats, which have been lying in the corridor of the Gym for about a year. If any club, society or individual has a use for any of these, I'd be very glad if you'd come and take them away (after warning me first!), otherwise I shall dispose of them elsewhere.

### PS

Thanks to Liz, and all who helped make Commem Ball the great occasion that it was.

Cheers  
Rae

## Lizzie's Wee Bit

In the last two issues of FELIX my allocation of space has been tied up with the list of successful parking permit applications. Should these permits remain in the Union Office after 5:30pm on Friday, October 31, I will reallocate them to people whose need appears to be greater.

Last Thursday the Commemoration Ball was held and from the comments I received everyone thoroughly enjoyed the occasion. My thanks to the Dance Band, Jamie for his disco, all the wine waiters, the cloakroom attendants and those heroes who set up the JCR for me. My one problem was that some miserable blank pinched the parachute after the Ball had finished. However, it turned up in Southside strewn over some poor gentleman's car who then handed it to Frank Potter, Warden of Keogh Hall. Don't panic, Dramsoc . . . it will be returned!

Last Tuesday several people turned up to help collate 2,000 copies of *Exec News*. My thanks to them but to the rest of Council who didn't make any effort I am not very impressed. I hope that the additional copies of *Exec News* and the posters designed by Dave Wheatley do the trick and we actually manage to have a quorum present at the UGM. If we don't I'm at a loss as to where we go next.

The invitations to INCOST were sent out at the end of the summer vacation to fifty-five establishments in Europe. So far we've had eight replies with a total of twenty delegates hoping to attend. The deadline for replies was set at October 31, 1980, but we intend to allow a few days grace and then send out reminders. If this fails the Union has no alternative to cancel the conference which will be a shame considering the time and effort put in by a large group of people. At the moment I'm keeping my fingers crossed!

Brain has now gone dead so this will have to suffice for this week.

Liz

## The Phoenix

*THE PHOENIX* is the magazine of Imperial College Union. It is directly descended from *The Science Schools Journal*, whose founder, H G Wells wrote in his first editorial of December 1886: "Here, from north, south, east, and west, are gathered minds specially capable of acquiring, retaining, and displaying systematic knowledge. Clearness of perception, imagination, and order are alike the mental requirements of the scientist and the writer. We may, therefore, reasonably expect that our pages will be filled with right opinion well expressed".

His magazine bears little resemblance to the Phoenix of today, but the suitability of our students as contributors is ever undiminished. The magazine has a different role to fulfil now that news is delegated to Felix, coarser humour to the Rag Mag and College block contributions to ICON. The Phoenix will not report or titillate, but will attempt to provoke thought on a grander scale.

To paraphrase our first editor, you are here because your ability to observe, analyse and record is considered far higher than that of the average man. So, your observations on College life, London life, indeed on life in general, whether in words or pictures, will be most welcome for this year's edition of the Phoenix.

Please submit all offerings before the end of term to: The Editor, *The Phoenix*, c/o Felix Office.

The next meeting of people interested in promoting and/or producing *The Phoenix* will be on Monday, November 3 in the lounge above Stan's Bar at 7:00pm. You are welcome to come along and see what's happening, or even join in!

## Clubs & Societies

### WUS

IMPERIAL College has a very good record in campaigning for WUS; £700 has already been raised this year for the fund to support a refugee student from the Third World to study at Imperial College. There are several refugee students from Ethiopia and Chile already studying at Imperial on WUS scholarships.

WUS directs funds where the need is greatest — there are over 400 refugee WUS award-holders in Britain and WUS supports educational projects throughout the Third World through its international organisation.

The watchword is reconstruction; African students supported by WUS from Uganda and Zimbabwe have already completed their courses in Britain and are returning to their own countries to devote their skills to Third World development.

WUS is a charity with a record of sixty years dedication to helping refugees. It's been estimated that at any one time there are ten million refugees in the world, so WUS relies on the continued support of the students' unions like ICU to keep up the good work.

Keep the contributions rolling in — Don't let WUS turn into WAS!

Jane Goldsmith

Field Officer for World University Service  
20 Compton Terrace, N1 2UN

## Concrete Canoes

FOUR years ago the Civ Eng dept was confronted with this statement: "The CANOE shall be constructed entirely in concrete or mortar reinforced with steel or fibre". Much laughter followed until the more learned of the gathering remarked that they had heard of concrete vessels (in fact, someone had made a 4mm thick concrete diving board, but that's another story). So, this wasn't another Mines joke.

From then on civil engineers became a rare breed. Following the trails of unfinished problem sheets and empty cement bags they were found working hard in the concrete lab. Then, one day, from the dust a grey object appeared, the problem of the concrete canoe had been solved and these engineers were seen around College once again.

When the first ever British concrete canoe race was over, Imperial emerged overwhelming victors. The following year was a sad disaster, but the latest weekend of battle was very promising; for just two weeks' work by one person the construction prize came to Imperial.

This brings us up to date. June 20 and 21, 1981, is the date set for the fourth concrete canoe race, and this year with the help of more beer we shall not only retain the construction prize, but win all the others as well.

## Liberal Club

Are you bored with Conservative Society dragging down members of Parliament to apologise for the actions of the Government in boosting unemployment, bankrupting industry and slashing social services. Well, there is a choice, because Richard Wainwright, Liberal MP for Colne Valley will be speaking at College on Thursday, November 6. At 12:45pm PROMPT, in Mech Eng 640. Richard is the Liberal economic and treasury spokesman, and has been busy attacking the Government policy on high interest rates, and slashing aid to industry, so he'll have a lot to say. He'll be speaking on the real alternative to a harsh Tory government, and a Labour party split between left and right, liberalism. Come along and get a different view of things — see you there.

Phil Cole, Chairman

Chem Eng 2

# Reviews

TREVOR HOWARD IN VIVIAN STANSHALL'S



"IF I'D ALL THE MONEY I'VE SPENT ON DRINK, I WOULD SPEND IT ON DRINK"

**Certificate AA. Starring Trevor Howard, Vivian Stanshall and Patrick Magee. Directed by Steve Roberts. Now showing at the Paris Pullman.**

IT ISN'T very often that a significant comedy feature surfaces from amongst the host of glossy Hollywood imports. Fortunately, the British film industry has not sunk so low as to stop producing the occasional gem to sweeten the bitter pill of American domination.

'Sir Henry' is the grotesque image of English eccentricity generated, undoubtedly, in one of the darker recesses of Vivian Stanshall's brain. If the name rings a bell, I should explain that Viv is a former member of the Bonzo Dog Doo Dah Band, whose meteoric rise to stardom in the sixties and subsequent fragmentation may be familiar to you. This film is the extension of the Sir Henry theme, which was originally

serialised by John Peel, recorded on disc and even transformed into a successful stage production. Now, Charisma Films have produced a screen comedy of great merit.

Before I continue I must explain my own lack of familiarity with the said waxing; I have no idea whether the film will offend those already informed about the antics at Rawlinson End. Personally, I found the screen presentation to be both hilarious and refreshingly new.

What of the film itself? Trevor Howard gives another exceptional performance in the lead (indeed, on the Parkinson show he admitted it was his most enjoyable role to date), with strong support from: Stanshall as his brother Hubert and Patrick Magee as Reverend Slodden.

As far as the plot goes, suffice it to say that I'm still not quite sure by which route the end was reached. In a series of hilarious (if a little confused) scenes, the lifestyle of Sir Henry and his assorted acquaintances is revealed. There's Old Scrotum, the wrinkled retainer, Mrs E the housekeeper and another brother (Humbert) who is prematurely dispatched to the great beyond by accident, and comes back to haunt Rawlinson End. For good measure there's also Max and Joachim, two Germans kept by Sir Henry in his own POW camp since the war. Various relatives complete the strange inhabitants of Sir Henry's abode.

When Humbert appears (spiritually) once too often, Sir Henry enrolls Reverend Slodden's help for an exorcism. Meanwhile Buller Bullethead (Harry Fowler) witnesses the various novel escape attempts of Max and Joachim, after his suspicions were aroused by Sir Henry's unicycle ride to the local sewage farm dressed as an 'impecunious jungle-bunny'. Various other twists occur which are far too complex to detail, but on the whole moments of hilarious comedy shine out from amongst the apparent confusion.

The film is now showing at the Paris Pullman with *The Running? Jumping Standing Still Film* starring Peter Sellers and Spike Milligan. I'd say it was one of those rare comic treats which are too good to miss.

Mark Smith

# Caligula

**Certificate X. Starring Malcolm McDowell. Now showing at Prince Charles Cinema.**

As you may have noticed, *Caligula* (billed as "arguably the most controversial film ever") opened at the Prince Charles cinema yesterday. I had the dubious privilege of seeing *Caligula* whilst I was in Amsterdam a month ago, and I suspect that the main controversy surrounds the claim that the highly pornographic content of the film is in some way artistic.

It begins with an idyllic scene: Caligula (Malcolm McDowell) romping with his sister in a soft-focus forest. All very tasteful. Tiberius (played by a scabby-looking Peter O'Toole) soon lowers the tone of the film as he lounges beside his Roman jacuzzi, surrounded by slaves, whilst elsewhere in his villa, women are mechanically masturbated, whipped and tortured, and even the guards are in danger of being eviscerated.

However, Tiberius doesn't last long, and his adviser, Nerva (Sir John Gielgud) commits suicide shortly afterwards in true Roman style. From this point onwards, with Caligula as emperor, the plot alternates between executions and orgies (including the incident when the senators wives are forced into prostitution), all lavishly recreated, until Caligula is assassinated and Claudius is acclaimed emperor.

A number of scenes in the film — for example, the girl performing 'deep throat', the close-up lesbian love scenes and the disembowelling — will probably have been heavily censored, and if so, there will be very little left (surely more interesting things were happening in Rome).

It comes as no surprise to learn that *Caligula* is a Penthouse production; what is surprising is that several well-known actors should agree to appear in it.

Simon Hodgson

Walt Disney's

# Snow White

## and the Seven Dwarfs

**Certificate U. Starring Snow White, Happy, Dopey, Grumpy, Sneezy, Bashful, Sleepy, and Doc. Directed by David Hand. Now showing at the Classic, Haymarket.**

In a run-up to Christmas, this 1937 feature from Walt Disney was re-released last week.

As the first true full-length animated film it was an ambitious project which took just over four years to produce, involved 750 different artists and used about a quarter of the one million separate drawings they produced.

Most of you will, no doubt, be familiar with the film. It is loosely based on a Grimms fairy tale and still seems to captivate an audience of young and old alike. The classic "good versus evil" plot centres on the attempts of an evil queen to dispatch her beautiful stepdaughter,

due to mum's insane jealousy. Making the obvious mistake of trusting the good hearted huntsman to do her dirty work, Snow White escapes death and stumbles across a sort of mini-commune of seven well-rounded dwarfs.

Returning from a hard day down't pit, the jolly sevensome find Snow White has cleared up their filth and, after a little sweet talking/singing let her stay. However, her black-hearted stepmother isn't finished yet. After another chat with a very clever mirror, she hot foots it out into the forest in the guise of an old hag offering free bites on a poisoned apple.

Well, needless to say, things eventually end up happily. A few questions may pass by younger eyes though. For instance, where on earth did these seven little men appear from and what happened to all the little women? Is Snow White really so daft as to trust strange old ladies (admittedly not Greek) bearing gifts?

Anyway, I wouldn't let such trivia bother you. I really did enjoy this charming story. The animation is surprisingly good and I just can't kick whistling "Heigh-Ho" (one of the eight songs in the film which used an 80 piece orchestra). It's undoubtedly a sound alternative to a Motorhead gig, or whatever else you do with your spare time.

Mark Smith



*Snow White, in a flagrant display of favouritism, gives Dopey a smacker on his bald patch (his head). It must have been the combination of a baggy cloak, toothy grin and an ability to waggle his ears which won her over. Take note. You too could win the heart of your own princess.*

# Theatre

## The Romans in Britain

Olivier Theatre

CONSIDERING the fuss everyone is making about this play, it turned out to be really rather disappointing, being neither entertaining nor informative. The play has three settings; the first act is set in Ancient Britain at the time of the Roman invasion, and the second act is split between modern Ireland (near the border) and Britain at the time of the Saxon invasions. The latter two subplots ran concurrently, the characters from each era being conveniently asleep or deceased when action is occurring in the other time zone.

The idea of this, it would appear, is to draw comparison between the contemporary situation in Northern Ireland and the aforementioned Roman and Saxon invasions. An interesting idea, but it doesn't work. There are no obvious correlations between the three situations as presented here, other than the (hardly original) message that War Is Hell. The result is somewhat perplexing; the first act has no bearing whatever on the events of the second and the two subplots in the second act intermingle confusingly.

Both the Roman and the Saxon sections suffer badly from a lack of storyline. Characters come and go in bewildering abandon, and no sooner are we introduced to a character than he is horribly killed by some means or other (suicide, stabbing, yellow fever, and slit throats are just a few of the delightful exits made. The much publicised obscenity in the play lies chiefly in the scene in which three young Celtic the stage, and are caught by a trio of Romans out for a good time. After two of the Celts are killed, the third is held down by one of the Romans while one of the others simulates the act of buggery (he gives up after a couple of minutes, complaining that he "can't get it up. He's just a mass of piles!"). I found this scene neither particularly tasteful nor necessary to the action, but there you go.

The section of the play set in modern times was somewhat better in that it had a discernable if somewhat slow moving plot. A British army officer is waiting in a field near the border in order to meet, and then assassinate, a high-ranking IRA member. We later discover that while he is waiting, although he appears not to be at the time, he is actually witnessing in some way the events going on in the Saxon era. These 'visions' (and, presumably, the bottle of whiskey he drinks to pass the time) affect his sense of justice and morality so profoundly that when the IRA chap finally strolls along he willingly reveals himself as an army officer, thereby wrecking months of careful planning. Result: he gets shot. Wonderful. Quite honestly, I think this play is a total waste of time and money (it costs £3.30 with a Unioncard, and you can get tickets in advance at this price). I suggest you give it a miss.

Dave Jago

# What's on

## Friday, November 31

•**Christian Union: Jesus Said I am the Good Shepherd**, Arthur Pont 6:30pm, 53 Princes Gate.

## Sunday, November 2

•**Wargames Club Meeting**, 1:00pm, SCR.

## Monday, November 3

•**Environmental Society Inaugural Meeting**, 1:00pm, 4th floor, 48 Princes Gdns, ICCET. Discussion of this year's events all welcome for new ideas. Make this your society.

•**Folk Club Ceilidh** with Muckram Wakes, 8:00pm, Lower Refec, £1, members 50p.

## Tuesday, November 4

•**Vegsoc Meeting**, 12:30pm, Huxley 348. Lunch 30p.

•**Conservative Society General Meeting**, 12:40pm, Huxley 644.

•**Dept of Humanities** presents:

1. World War Two: The War Beyond The Fighting: Logistics with Dr Ian Beckett, 1:30pm, Read Theatre, Sheffield Building.

2. What's New in Engineering? Airships in the 80s with Dr Cyril Laming, 1:30pm, Pippard Theatre, Sheffield Building.

•**RCS Natural History Soc Lecture**, *Bird Brains and Calling* with Dr T J Sellers, 1:00pm, Botany Basement Lecture Theatre.

•**MOPSOC Lecture**: *Wave Energy*, 1:00pm, Physics LT3.

•**Rail Soc Meeting**, 5:40pm, Maths 340.

•**Met and Mat Sci Soc Lecture**: *Problems in Conservation - The Raising of Mary Rose*, given by Mrs M Rule (Mary Rose Trust), 6:00pm, Mines G20.

•**Microcomputer Club Meeting**, 7:30pm, Dept of Com room 145. Admission free to members, but 20p to non-members.

•**Mountaineering Club Slide Show**, 8:00pm, Physics LT2. Free.

## Wednesday, November 5

•**Wargames Club Meeting**, 1:00pm, SCR.

•**Rag Committee Meeting**, 5:45pm, SCR. Everyone welcome to attend.

•**Exploration Soc Films**: *A Wedge of Rock and Expedition to the River Kwai*, 6:00pm, Biochem 302.

•**Vegsoc Trip** to Food for Thought restaurant in Covent Garden, meet 6:00pm S Ken Tube or 6:30pm there.

## Thursday, November 6

•**Hang Gliding Club Meeting**, 12:30pm, above Stan's Bar.

•**Speech** by Richard Wainwright, MP, Liberal Economic Spokesman, 12:45pm prompt, Mech Eng 640.

•**Mopsoc Lecture**, *Cosmic X-Ray Astronomy*, 1:00pm, Physics LT2.

•**Mech Eng Soc**, Colin Aldridge and Steve McQueen of ICL talking on *Computers, Engineering and Science*, 1:00pm, Mech Eng 220.

•**RCC General Meeting**, 6:00pm, Upper Lounge. All club chairmen/women must attend.

•**IC Gliding Club Meeting**, 5:30pm, Aero 254.

•**Ents Film**: *Exorcist II (The Heretic)*, 6:30pm, Mech Eng 220, 40p.

•**Real Ale Society Meeting**, 7:30pm, Crush Bar, 2nd floor, Union Building.

• **Dept of Humanities** presents:

1. Life on Earth: *The Swarming Hordes*, 1:15pm, Great Hall.

2. 700th Lunch-hour Concert with Bernard Roberts on piano, The Music Room, 53 Princes Gate.

# Records

## Remain in Light Talking Heads

*Remain In Light* is the fourth album from American art rock band Talking Heads. As with past albums, it represents a stage in the evolution of a 'modernist' sound. Each album develops the ideas of the former, while retaining the traditional Heads sound.

Unlike most modernist rock bands, the Heads actually achieve something new — certainly none of the Numanesque fake originality. And the result is not some stab at what rock might sound like in the future, but a development of traditions in new ways.

'I Zimbra' from *Fear Of Music* is perhaps the best indication on the last album of the way *Remain in Light* has developed. It is not surprising to find, therefore, that Brian Eno, who wrote 'I Zimbra', has produced the new album and co-written all of the songs.

Thoughtful, serious; the lyrics here become more obscure, but have not yet reached the level of Cars songs, where words are used predominantly for their sound, rather than their meaning. But they are still writing songs about buildings and people.

John Miller

# CEILIDH

IMPERIAL  
COLLEGE  
FOLK  
CLUB



Monday  
8:00pm

Union Lower Refectory

## Ramones - EP

FOUR songs from past Ramones' albums: 'I Just Want To Have Something To Do', 'Here Today, Gone Tomorrow', 'I Wanna Be Your Boyfriend', and 'Questioningly'. They are awful, so go and buy it cos it's great. Pity it does not include any of the wonderful over production of Phil Spector from *End Of The Century*, but it is more likely to win new converts than was that album.

John Miller



# The Counselling Service

by Don Adlington, Student Counsellor

In a FELIX article at the end of April I tried to outline some of the misconceptions/prejudices commonly held about counsellors, since it seems likely that some people at least are deterred from making contact with me for those sorts of reasons. I'm keenly aware of certain hazards inherent in writing about counselling — for one thing it's terribly easy to sound pretentious.

I'm paid by the College to run a service which is essentially intangible — I don't teach, type, cook, administer, or research anything. The core of my work quite simply is talking to students for whom things have gone wrong, and because life for students, as for everyone else, is essentially rather messy and complex, there is seldom any sort of scientifically verifiable end result or product (though I believe that much is often achieved).

It seemed to me however that there might be some merit, especially from the point of view of newcomers to the College, in describing the sort of problems or difficulties that students actually do bring to my office.

First of all there are people with straightforward 'welfare' type queries with clearly identifiable boundaries. For example an overseas postgraduate may wish to discuss the implications of bringing his wife and children to the United Kingdom, or how to get his children into primary school, or how to make use of the National Health Service. Similarly students in financial difficulties or with unusual accommodation anxieties often find it helpful to discuss these things in a neutral setting before making major decisions, or before talking to other people on the College staff whose job it is to help in a more direct way. I suppose that about a third of the students I see are in this loosely defined 'welfare' category.

Most of a student counsellor's work however is concerned with problems of a different order. I call them 'personal' problems for convenience — their common characteristic being that they give rise to distress or anxiety of a more or less disabling kind. In these circumstances students are not seeking advice or information, nor usually are they expecting an easy 'solution'. They may have come to feel, often rather hesitantly, that they must talk to someone, for no better reason than that some sort of immediate relief is evident simply from having talked — of having given expression to their feelings, and knowing that at least one other person understands. The great majority of these kinds of problems fall fairly readily into one of three categories and I will discuss them in turn:



Me

## (a) Work/Motivation Problems

A student may come to talk to me because he feels, rightly or wrongly, that his work is not satisfactory. He may indeed have failed an examination, or achieved a result that is markedly worse than he had expected. He may have lost interest in his subject — at least temporarily. He may be straightforwardly shocked at the intensity and high level of the course he's following and be suffering a paralysing loss of confidence as a consequence. He may already have had a less than happy interview with his tutor, senior tutor or supervisor. In these circumstances I always try to clarify two things — first of all what is the objective reality of the student's report of his work performance? And secondly, is the student's motivation good? It is important to ask the first question because one occasionally meets both undergraduate and postgraduate students who believe that their work is poor, and feel unhappy about it, but who are in actuality working at a perfectly satisfactory and sometimes a very high level. Clearly the reasons for such apparently inappropriate anxiety ought to be explored — but the problem is essentially different from that of a student lacking motivation. I am quite sure that each year the college admits a number of students who

have made an error of choice either of subject or of university, and a smaller number who would have been better advised, irrespective of A level results, not to have gone to university at all. The remedy in these cases may well be to consider some radical rearrangement, and other things being equal, the earlier the better.

For the postgraduate and especially the research student work difficulty can be particularly distressing since it almost always follows a good experience of first degree work, and there is an in-built assumption that qualities which made for success at one level will be the same as those required at another. The research student who is anxious about his work sometimes feels much more isolated with his problem than his undergraduate colleague, especially if for one reason or another his relationship with his supervisor is an unsupportive one.

## (b) Relationship Problems

It is not unusual to talk to students who are not working effectively, but where there is a very high level of motivation (or indeed who may be working efficiently, but be feeling miserable nevertheless) and it is necessary therefore to look at some other reasons why things are going wrong.

The characteristic which marks off university students from the

rest of their peer group is that of intellectual attainment, and if a balanced and happy life was linked in some associative way with that single factor there would be little need for student counsellors. Personal development however is far more complex than that, and it is a striking fact that a person's social and emotional development for example may be markedly out of line with that of his intellect. This multidimensional view of personal development and the observation that we may progress along different dimensions at varying rates, is widely accepted, and it is as true of the non-student as of the student. It is a source of special difficulty for students however for a number of reasons, one of them being that most people entering university are leaving home for the first time to do so. In effect it is often the first time that people are thrown onto their own resources for social contact and emotional support, and a person who is relatively inept at making this adjustment, but who has survived perfectly well in the assured security of the family, may quite suddenly and unexpectedly find himself feeling isolated, lonely and depressed.

It is a personal observation, though one shared by many academic colleagues that Imperial College is not an ideal setting in which to overcome these sorts of difficulty, and it may be important for students to be aware that sympathetic help is easily available and that there is much to be said for talking to someone sooner rather than later if one's initial experience of university life proves to be something of a disaster.

## (c) Grief Or Loss Experience

Students are of course as vulnerable to the contingent hazards of life as anyone else. The shattering impact of bereavement is well understood, and the necessity of relieving students of their academic obligations at such times is widely accepted. Perhaps it is not quite so generally accepted that a broken love affair is just as much a grief experience, and is always a serious matter for the university student, who will almost always find his ability to work badly disrupted for a period of time. Similarly students may be seriously distressed, (and academically disabled) by disharmony in their parents' marriage, and a widely held assumption that it is only the young children in a family who are affected is simply not borne out by experience.

All these events share the common psychological thread of a fracture or threat to the emotional dependency links on which the sense of well-being of every human being rests.

The student counselling service is confidential and independent of other services in the College. My office is at 15 Princes Gardens, and I can be contacted on Internal 4205.

Don Adlington

# SPORT

Compiled by  
Phil Webb,  
Sports Editor

We are definitely going to win next week. (I suppose this match and article gave you some FULFILMENT, eh Robyn? - Ed.)

## Results and Reports

### for Wednesday, October 22

<b>RUGBY</b>			
IC 1st XV	v	Police B Division	41-3
<b>FOOTBALL</b>			
IC 1st XI	v	UC	1-0
IC 2nd XI	v	UC	4-4
IC 3rd XI	v	UC III	4-1
IC 5th XI	v	UC	5-1
IC 6th XI	v	St Georges Hosp	3-0
<b>HOCKEY</b>			
IC 1st XI	v	Kings Coll	2-1
Guilds	v	Royal Holloway	2-1
RCS	v	KCH	1-1

## Football Firsts

AFTER a short coach trip in glorious sunshine the first XI lined up against UC and recorded yet another win. The conditions made good passing difficult and it was obvious that the team that made the least mistakes would win. After ten minutes, Andy Hartland pounced on a through ball to make it 1-0. This proved to be the decider.

IC continued to play good football for the remainder of the first half with Elliot, Smith and Dean combining well on the left. During the second half, defender Mulhall was very lucky not to be sent off for heading a boot and then laughing at the referee. IC defended for most of the second half, but had one or two chances, the best falling to Bateman, who hit the post. However, UC lacked penetration up front and Orgasmitrov did not need to make one difficult save.

TEAM: Organofski, Reeve, Smith, Mulhall, Ward, Elliot, Nicholls, Bateman, Saunders, Hartland, Dean.

## Football Seconds

A TREMENDOUS second half performance enabled the seconds to overhaul a two goal deficit and leave the UC ground with a well earned point.

Early on misfortune beset IC when Lakin pulled a hamstring and hobbled off to view the match from the sidelines. Before the defence had reorganised, UC were a goal up and minutes later an unfortunate penalty was conceded and converted to make it 0-2.

After the break however IC battled back bravely with Veenman and Armstrong leading many forceful forward runs. A cross from Carr was converted by Merritt, after which a UC attacker beat a slowly advancing IC defence to make it 3-1.

Further misfortune struck IC when Clarke left the field, although the whole team continued to fight and soon cut the deficit to 3-2 after a well taken goal by Veenman. Soon after a fierce near post shot made it 4-2 to UC.

More good midfield work enabled Esberger to shoot from a narrow angle to reduce the deficit to 4-3. With only five minutes from the final whistle, a well struck shot by Merritt squeezed under the keeper to square the match up at 4-4.

TEAM: Veats, Curran, Beer, Armstrong, Lakin, Griffiths, Merritt, Clarke, Veenman, Carr, Esberger.

## Football Sixths

IC VI cruised to their third victory in three matches against St Georges Hospital to give them a maximum of six points out of six.

IC dominated the game from the start and throughout the first half launched a series of menacing attacks on St Georges goal. Gartside, Milner, Gannaway and Roache all came very close but the easiest chance fell to John Chamberlain who fired Steve Davies's cross wide from three yards. At half-time the score was nil-nil.

During the interval, IC were given some very large orange segments and consequently created numerous chances. Following a melée in the penalty area, the ball broke loose and Mike Roache slotted the ball in from the edge of the area. The Harlington Academicals soon went two up when Gannaway's cross, following a fine run from Davies, found Mike Roache running in on the blind side of the defence to score. IC kept up the pressure, and the defence (Higham, Davies, Bradley and Nagle) coped admirably with any breakaways. The Sixths scored their third goal when John Chamberlain jinked past two defenders only to be brought down in the penalty area. Gartside broke the British land speed record as he thumped the penalty in the left-hand corner.

TEAM: Hampton, Higham, Bradley, Nagle, Davies, Milner, Tinkler, Gartside, Gannaway, Roache, Chamberlain.

*This space could have been used for a sports photograph if anybody had taken any.*

*Alternatively, it could have been used for a cricket report, had it not been submitted on Wednesday afternoon.*

## RCS Hockey

A SMALL brave band of RCS hockey players (ten in number) took on the massed ranks of medics from UCH (eleven players), and drew! Biting tackles from a newly-formed side, gradually getting over its teething problems, made the UCH defence open wide. UCH extracted a goal with clinical precision after a few anaesthetising tackles by the RCS defence. RCS probed and bored into the cavities at the back, and, using all the gaps got a firm hold on the game with the forwards scraping past grinding tackles, the midfield gobbling up every ball within spitting distance and all defence feeding the RCS probes.

After more than one short corner, Scrope drilled the ball into the throat of the goal to earn RCS a worthwhile draw.

## Water Polo

ON Monday, October 17, the Water Polo Club played Neptune as one of the final matches in the Middlesex League.

Apart from Dave Roberts, our Captain, who was absent due to bowel trouble, there was a very good turnout for the occasion.

The match was very easy as the result shows, notable performances from freshers Phil Mills and Nick Buckland who each scored, and Nick Last who managed to put the ball in the back of the net five times.

The final score was 11-1, a comfortable win which should ensure a place in the third division of the league next year.

The next match is away, against Isleworth on Friday, October 31.

TEAM: Ribar, Porter, Taylor, Smith, Ashwin, Rackingham, Hay, Mills, Buckland, Heffernan.

## Results and Reports

### for Saturday, October 25

Saturday, October 25

<b>RUGBY</b>			
1st XV	v	Royal Holloway	28-6
2nd XV	v	Royal Holloway	33-0
<b>FOOTBALL</b>			
1st XI	v		BYE
2nd XI	v		BYE
3rd XI	v	UC II	2-2
4th XI	v	QMC	4-4
6th XI	v	St Marys Coll	5-1
RSM	v	UCH	3-5
<b>HOCKEY</b>			
1st XI	v	Meadhurst	4-1
3rd XI	v	Silverwing	4-0

## Rugby Firsts

A changed side from Wednesday's 41-3 romp looked and smelt a little bit the worse for wear, due to an over alcoholic Friday night.

Holloway came close to looking as pretty as we did in their green and black hooped shirts, but it was soon evident that IC were the superior team. We took the lead early with a penalty only to fall back 3-6 behind due to Manzoni's over enthusiastic polishing of his studs. By half-time we had scored two good forward tries to lead 11-6.

The second half was broken up by a visiting ambulance which removed an injured Holloway player. However, even with a replacement, they were unable to halt the fire rolling mauls of the IC pack which lead to a further three tries leaving the final score at 28-6. Ron Shaft was hard pushed to afford the jug for his fine hat-trick of tries and was forced to borrow £5 from coach money.

All the backs receive the 'I have no fingers to catch the ball with' award. Despite rumours that Smart has had a recurrence of jock-rot, training will be on Monday as usual.

TEAM: Symes, Ratcliffe, U-Narborough, Morgan, Pike, Fazakerley, Paxaio, Toole Goring, King, Narby, Shaft, Lorans, Long, Manzoni.

## Football Thirds

ON Wednesday the thirds played their first league game of the season against UC thirds. IC got off to a good start with an early goal by Flanagan who put the ball in the net following a low hard shot by Dunhill. From a corner,

Knowles went close with a header, which rocketed inches over the bar. IC failed to convert many chances, but the defence did well to soak up some intense UC pressure to give IC a 1-0 lead at half-time.

The second half started well for IC when Flanagan scored with a brilliant header from a cross by Hawa. UC pulled a goal back when they scored from a controversial penalty which was awarded after an incident which left Wiggins on the ground and the UC player still standing. Immediately afterwards, Redmayne was injured but, courageously, decided to play on with a badly twisted ankle. Despite these setbacks, IC continued to play some good football with many attacks coming via Rimmer, who played an excellent game at right-wing. The third goal was scored by Hawa who collected an overhead kick from Flanagan and slotted it neatly past the keeper. Flanagan completed his hat-trick when he nipped in on a sloppy back-pass to give IC an emphatic 4-1 victory.

TEAM: Johnston, Dunhill, Knowles, Redmayne, Drabble, Audin, Sims, Wiggins, Rimmer, Flanagan, Hawa.

## Football Fifths

FOLLOWING their excellent 5-1 win over UC IV on Wednesday the fifths produced another scintillating performance to bundle QMC out of the cup.

With defence looking as solid as ever the fifths took advantage of their complete dominance to miss a multitude of chances. After several easier efforts had been missed Lay stepped up to stroke a through ball from Morris past a helpless keeper. The second goal followed soon after and was yet another Dhillon free-kick special.

The fifths took a 3-0 lead when Hardy took the ball straight from the kick-off ghosted past four QMC defenders and chipped the ball over a bemused keeper. The fifths continued to dominate the second half and were unlucky not to score when first Kelly headed against a post and then Cable watched a superb shot brilliantly saved by the keeper. The fourth goal came midway through the second half when Audin overlapped down the right wing and crossed for Healy to slot home.

In the dying minutes a suspiciously off-side QMC attacker headed a consolation goal.

This game represented yet another fine win and also the final game of Denis Cooke for ICAFC. Denis has proved over the years to be a fine and valuable servant of IC Football always reliable and prepared to turn out for any team. If advancing years have started to take the edge of his pace his experience and coolness in crisis have still been invaluable. Many thanks to our Denis.

TEAM: Brown, Audin, Cooke, Cable, Lay, Kelly, Morris, Dhillon, Baldwin, Healy, Hardy.

M O Match D Cooke

## Football Sixths

A HAT TRICK from Mike Roache helped the giant-killing IC Sixths to comfortably over come St Mary's Hospital 5-1 in the preliminary round of the cup.

The Sixths started the game at a very fast pace which the St Mary's defence were unable to cope with. The Harlington Academicals went ahead when Davies sprinted down the left and sent over an inch perfect cross for Roache to head in. More goals followed when Chamberlain received the ball on the left, slammed the ball in the corner of the net. A few minutes later John scored an almost identical goal to put the Sixths three up. The fourth goal was not long in coming; Tinkler put the ball through and Roache scored.

The second half started more evenly but

soon IC began to apply the pressure using the speed and close control of Davis and Chamberlain to get behind the St Mary's defence, which was forced to defend in numbers allowing Gartside, Milner, Davies, Clegg and even, in some cases, Nagle and Bradly, to support the attack. IC created numerous chances; Milner and Davis both hit the bar and countless times the St Mary's goalkeeper made acrobatic saves when a goal looked certain.

Surprisingly, St Mary's scored the next goal from a cleverly judged chip from the edge of the penalty area.

IC were soon back on the attack; Milner split on the defence with a through ball that Roache thumped in the back of the net (for his hat-trick) to give IC Sixths an emphatic victory that belies their presence in such a low division.

TEAM: Hampton, Clegg, Nagle, Bradley, Davies, Milner, Tinkler, Gartside, Davis, Roache and Chamberlain.

## Hockey Firsts

LAST SATURDAY saw the IC 1st XI venture away from Harlington for the first time, to play Meadhurst, the BP Research Station team. On a reasonable pitch IC moved swiftly into attack, and after a few minutes Lito Rich (Mining 3), scored underneath the goalkeeper's feet. Meadhurst made a rapid reply, largely due to the Captain's and goalkeeper's error. IC were soon back in the lead following a bullet shot from a penalty corner by Ian Crowe (Mining 3). A subtle alternative penalty corner produced the third goal when Steve Gatley (Mining 3) scored a goal off the inside of a post. Shawn Bell scored a fourth goal just before half-time.

The second half was goalless, and somewhat less exciting, although this was probably the best performance by Mining 3/Imperial College so far this season.

TEAM: Jones, Barns, Crowe, Riley, Davey, Hughes, Ayres, Clarke, Rich, Bell and Gatley.

## Hockey Thirds

BRITISH AIRWAYS crashed in an untidy game after starting the game with only eight players. Two goals down after five minutes BA were strengthened by the arrival of a ninth player and the acquisition of Martin Taylor from the IC team, who proceeded to be an embarrassment by being one of their better players. The match continued with BA having little idea and our forwards soon tired of dominating the game and started a competition to see who could squander the most scoring opportunities.

Starting the second half three up, IC decided that any further effort would lead to BA being whitewashed. BA disturbed our 'keeper' twice whilst IC kept up the pretence of playing stylish hockey. At 4-0 the final whistle went and we all adjourned to the changing rooms to sample Dave Cornwall's jug (bought for scoring all four goals).

TEAM: Hutchings, Sawers, Rampton, Purdy, Webb, Clift, Subbiah, Witter, Cornwell, Wylie, Taylor, Mitchell (Capt).

The man in the iron mask

## Snooker

This year's B team, looking remarkably like last year's C team, suffered an unprecedented defeat at hands of LSE B team. It was only due to the unexpected good performances of S Bennett (Trainer-Manager) and G Machin which save our pride. The other three idiots in the side managed to lose convincingly.

However, the B team Captain, S Bennett, has promised the general public that he will knock the team into shape by next Wednesday.

The A team won 4-1 against QMC A team, and the C team won 5-0 against Bedford College.

Lessons are being given every Monday evening at 5:30m, so anyone who feels in need of tuition is welcome.

## Cross Country

JUST a brief set of notes on the season so far; the UL trials were held on the 4th, attended from IC by Tim Hayward and Mark Thwaites who both ran well for such an early stage of the season. The first friendly of the season was held on the 8th over a not very well marked course, where again Mark Thwaites ran well as did Chris Smith.

The UC relay at Parliament Hill, a 6 x 2 mile relay, on the 18th went reasonably well with a team of Kelly, Kirk, Longhurst, Hayward, Russel and Burke, finishing 5th this being a good result for a weakened team.

The first London College's league race, also at Parliament Hill was held on the 22nd; it was very nice to have a turnout of ten, which gave the second team four runners and thanks must go to everyone who came. The first team ran surprisingly well and solidly with Steve Kirk finishing well in seventh place, Chris Smith running well in 30th, Garry Longhurst also doing well in 33rd and Mark Thwaites recovering from an injury in 39th.

Finally mention must be made, albeit belatedly, of one of the greatest feats of athleticism by anyone from IC. Mark Pritchard in running 150 miles in twenty-four hours is now in the top twenty of all time for this event.

## RSM Football

THIS GAME kicked off early which seemed to throw the team into some confusion resulting in some very fluent and entertaining football; UCH scored when Newman just failed to reach the ball as it passed under him! RSM fought back with consistent pressure, resulting in a move down the right where a clever back-heel set up put Blain to score his first goal of the season.

The match stayed evenly poised up to just before half-time, when Newman mishandled a cross from the left which allowed UCH to knock the ball into the empty net.

After the interval, Mr X slotted the ball firmly into the corner of the net to equalise. A defensive error allowed UCH to take the lead again, but not to be outdone RSM equalised through Hanker.

With fifteen minutes to go fitness began to tell and UCH scored twice. Overall it was a good team performance which should have been better rewarded.

TEAM: Newman, Everett, King, Blain, Saunby, Aplin, Pio, Mr X., Hanker (Capt).

A N Other

### IC RUGBY

Wednesday, November 5

GUTTERIDGE CUP

IC v Kings College Hospital

at Harlington

All supporters welcome.

### NOTE:

Articles are included in these pages only if the editor can read them (note: Hockey and Table Tennis Clubs).



### Super Prizes!!

Please tell me if you think I'm overreacting, but I was absolutely amazed by the professional way in which John Passmore, at the recent UGM, flippantly disregarded the loss of £500 on the No Dice concert. In fact, he seemed quite chuffed by the fact that no one could do anything about it. Only one person challenged Mr Passmore, but he was merely laughed away as he happened to be IC's resident fascist, William Cortezzi.

I think I've said enough about the matter, some of you may think I've 'harped on' about it. So, now's your chance — all readers (especially Club Chairmen) are invited to write an essay entitled "What I would do with £500 of Union money if John Passmore had not got to it before I could". A prize of £5 (Union money, of course) will be offered to the author of the essay that makes me laugh the most.

### Motion of Censure

Firstly, Mary Attenborough has asked me to apologise for stating that she was the original seconder of Daré Afolabi's motion of censure against myself. If that's not true, then I must apologise. However, Liz Lindsay has informed me that Daniel Afolabi most definitely put forward her name as seconder, changing it later. I feel this is a private matter between Dave Afolabi and Ms Attenborough, and hence I refuse to apologise. Damian Afolabi may apologise in print if he likes.

As for the actual motion, Duncan, we were all sorry to hear you had to go into hospital and hence were unable to propose it. Still, get well soon, I've got a libel writ waiting for you.

### Keogh Case

The recent Keogh Hall incident, together with the rape in Southside last term points to easy freedom of access.

After a survey of Southside carried out last term by the Union, Domestic Secretary, Captain Lindley, claimed to have tightened up the access. All he has succeeded in doing is making it more difficult to gain entry to Stan's Bar! Just what the hell is the point of locking this door in early evening and forcing people to enter via the main Southside entrance when the fire escape door near Falmouth/Tizard lies off its hinges offering free access to all of the halls both day and night.

Security? Closed access? Residents only? CATSPIDDLE!

### CB Radio

I feel that this issue has now received sufficient 'air-time' in the letters' pages, so I invite one pro CB summing-up letter and one anti-CB letter for next week's issue, after which the topic will be closed. Both letters will be cut at the 300th word, and should be received by Monday, 5:30pm. The letter should be marked 'summing up letter', I will choose the best from each side. Well fought chaps!

### FELIX Distribution

Last week, there were complaints that supplies of FELIX ran out too early in various departments, notably Huxley. I have since altered my allocations to departments and I think I have it about right now. Copies are left in all the main entrances to departments, Bot/Zoo Common Room, Haldane, Lyon Playfair, Health Centre, Union Office, and outside the FELIX Office. None are left in Halls of Residence unlike in the past, as I regard this as an unfair advantage of living in Hall.

I have noticed departmental messengers taking substantial amounts for distribution to senior academics and ask for this practise to be restricted, if not ceased altogether. While I like the idea of College staff reading FELIX, I can't justify a short fall for the student population. One way of insuring good circulation might be to keep 'recyclable' copies in common rooms. If social reps could deposit about 20 in the common rooms in the morning it might help — it's up to you.

### Student Journalism

Mark Smith (FELIX Business Manager) and myself attended the NUS Student Journalist Conference at the weekend. A good time woz had by all.

We were amazed to see the level of journalistic activity in colleges throughout the country. We met editors who were afraid to criticise the Union/College for fear of being abolished and others who criticised their county councils. Some newspapers had libel insurance — v. intriguing. The standard of the newspapers was very variable; initially, one was tempted to disregard the poorer ones, but as time progressed we learnt more about their difficulties, mainly lack of money. By the end of the conference we had come to two conclusions. We realised how lucky we were at IC which actually appreciates its newspaper and provides adequate funding; secondly, we saw at first hand the high level of enthusiasm for student newspapers throughout the country despite lack of resources. The future for student papers and journalism in general looks bright.

### B A Robertson

Don't forget the ENTS gig in the Great Hall tomorrow night at 7:30pm. It takes an awful lot of time and effort to set up a large concert, so let's give ENTS our support.

### Thanks to . . . .

Caroline, Mark, Dave (2), Eric, Steve, Phil, Patrick, Colin, Ian and Maz and all those I inevitably forget because I write Editorials at the very last minute. P.S.: B B Wolffe has just returned from his holidays; he's been searching for Lord Lucan in the tunnels under IC for the past three weeks, full revealing story next week!

## Puzzle Corner

By Scaramouche

When Splinter met Wodge in the Queen's Legs sometime last year, he incautiously remarked that his sons had joined the Wolf Cubs.

"My two daughters prefer something more stimulating," replied Wodge, "so on the first Monday of last September they started evening classes in practical brain surgery. They enjoy it, too; lectures are given every evening, Monday through Friday, and they haven't missed one yet."

"How old are they?" asked Splinter, incredulously.

"Well, let me put it this way; each is at least one year old, and the sum of the squares of their ages (in whole numbers) is equal to the number of evenings they have attended the course, including this evening. If you can work out their ages from that before Friday of this week, I'll buy you a pint."

But Wodge is as tight-fisted as he is mentally agile, and he knew that without being told that the girls are roughly the same age, Splinter would not be able to solve the problem he had been set.

So how old were Wodge's daughters at the time of this conversation?

Solutions, comments and criticisms to me c/o FELIX Office. There is a prize of £5 for the first correct solution out of the hat at noon on Tuesday.

### Last Week's Solution

Friday at 7:00pm in the Great Hall to play Fauré, brass needed.

Congratulations to Ian Tyes, Elec Eng 3, who can collect his £2 prize from the FELIX Office.

This rather easy puzzle attracted a flood of solutions together with several complaints that it was 'trivial', 'only took thirty seconds', etc., which was rather surprising since till then I'd only received grumbles about how difficult the puzzles were.

Anyway, this week's is **really difficult**, and there's a correspondingly larger prize (donated by the author - Ed); in future I'll mix easy puzzles with hard ones, and rely on correspondence to determine standards for 'hard' and 'easy'.

### Christmas Dinner in Hall, Tuesday 9th December

Price: £5, bookings open at 11am, 11th November. See PAT in the Union Office

### JUNIOR COMMON ROOM, Wednesday, 5th November.

Would students please note that this room will not be available on this day until 6:00pm, due to an external booking.

### B.A. ROBERTSON GREAT HALL TOMORROW!!!

Tickets £2.75 adv., £3.25 on the door. Kick off 7:30pm.