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17 MARCH ON RHODES

Seventeen students from Imperial College attended last Friday's march in opposition to the Government's proposals on Student Union Financing. The march was jointly organised by the University of London Union (ULU) and the National Union of Students (NUS). The Imperial College Union Banner was carried by students who were not members of the ICU Exec. No ICU Exec member went on the march.

The Police estimated that 11,000 students attended the London demo, this included an impressive turnout of 600 students from Huddersfield Polytechnic.

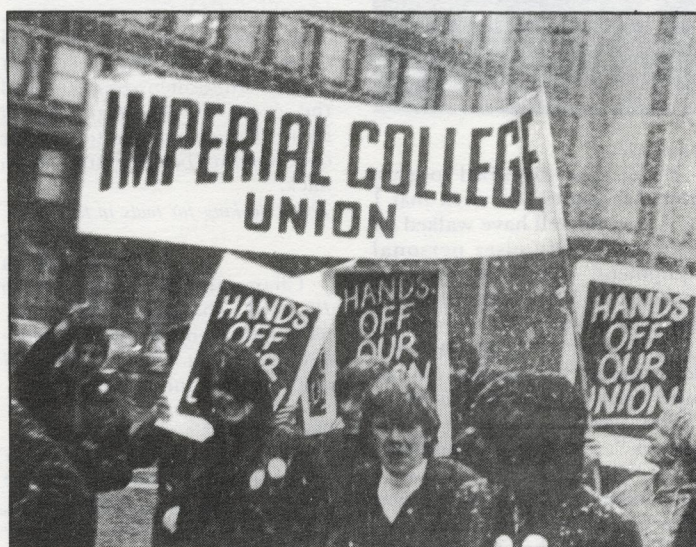
At the recommendation of the Public Accounts Committee the Government is changing the method of funding Britain's 800 student unions.

Two weeks ago, the Department of Education and Science finally accepted the National Union of Students estimates on the total amount of public funds received by Union this year.

The reason for Friday's demonstration was that the Government has not yet given adequate guarantees to protect the legal and financial independence of student unions.

Students are not asking for more money — agreement has been reached on the sums involved. They simply want firm guarantees that the money promised will be paid to their unions.

The NUS state: 'Student unions are not political organisations. They are an essential part of college life, just like a library or canteen. Student unions provide welfare facilities, shops, bars, entertainments, and sports clubs for all students at each college.'



Colin Palmer

"In addition to the £22.1m student unions receive from public funds, student unions generate another £40m through commercial services and throughout Britain employ over 4,000 staff."

"Student unions also encourage their members to help local community groups and raise cash for charity. Last year students raised well over £1m for needy people." ICU Rag '79/80 raised over £20,000.

The NUS hoped that the public would agree that student unions deserve to be protected. The public reaction on Friday was varied. Many frustrated motorists muttered 'bloody students' as they spent half an hour waiting for the demonstration to pass.

On Monday FELIX interviewed James Prior, the Secretary of State for Employment. Mr Prior hadn't heard about the march and when told that 11,000 students had marched passed the DES shouting, 'Boyson Out', he commented, "That's about par for the course."

ICU President, John Passmore, was in Zurich at the time of the

march; however, none of the other five members of the Union Executive saw fit to attend. This lack of representation contravenes ICU Policy of December 1979 'Public Image of ICU' which instructs "a representative of the ICU Exec to attend all student events featuring IC that receive media coverage". The march was publicised by LBC before Friday, and many news reports appeared in Saturday's national newspapers.

When asked to comment, John Passmore said: "I don't think any NUS march achieves anything. Every year the NUS campaigns about a different issue. With one million members they should expect to get 11,000 at a London demo. That's 1% . . . Wow big deal!"

The Imperial contingent was led by Phil Cole, ICU External Affairs Officer. Phil was pleased with the response from Imperial. However, because of a snowstorm only two students from IC completed the march. They were Mr Cole and the FELIX photographer. Some students left the

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Sexism Fine!

African-Caribbean Society were fined £10 last week for sexual discrimination after posters for their party on Nov 22nd were brought to President John Passmore's attention.



Mr. D. Afolabi

They announced an admission fee of £1 would be charged; ladies, however, would be admitted free of charge. John Passmore, verbally warned Mr Daré Afolabi (President of the African-Caribbean Society) that the poster was blatant sexual discrimination, and hence was in infringement of Council policy which forbids split pricing at events on Union premises. A subsequent written warning was sent to Mr Afolabi by the President.

At an Executive meeting, it was decided to fine the African-Caribbean Society £10 (to be added to the Third World Scholarship Fund) for their discriminatory action.

Colin Palmer

Letters to the Editor



Dear Sir

I was most disturbed to learn from Mr James last week that I "... could well have walked off with somebody else's personal equipment" when borrowing the paddles for RCS Union's use in the Raft Race.

As I am, to quote my job description: "responsible for the supervision of the resources of the Union," and Canoe Club equipment is "... the general property of the Union ..." (Bye-Law 18 Ownership of Property), I was most surprised, as was the rest of the Executive, that £1,000 worth of personal equipment is stored in the Canoe Cellar, and that "this situation ... exists in many other clubs."

We had certainly not been officially informed of this practice, and whilst I admire the trust displayed by the owners in that any other member of the club could "... walk off with somebody else's personal equipment, without permission, and with the chance of seriously damaging it," I sincerely hope such equipment is clearly marked with the owner's name (to avoid the above) and is also adequately insured, as it is not included on our policy (or if it is, it is fraudulently included).

I hope equipment owners will bear these points in mind if they choose to make use of Union facilities in this way.

Yours sincerely
Rachel Sneec

Dear Steve,

With reference to Rae Sneec's article in this week's *Exec News*. Her comment about an out of order games machine reads, "if students can't be bothered to walk up to my office and report a fault ..." Is she that far above a normal student in her first floor sanctuary

that she cannot walk amongst the masses occasionally - whereupon she would either see or learn verbally of any fault or complaint? Please - this year's *Exec* - get off your pedestals!

Yours

Phil Webb
Mech Eng 3

Sir

I would just like to inform Canoe Club, via the columns of these 'ere bits of paper, that they just don't know how lucky they are!

They gripe about losing a few paddles for about a day. I have to put up with stuff disappearing from the Jez Garage, in the hot sweaty mitts of RCSU for several days if not weeks at a time. Nearly all without permission.

The worst to date being the loss of two CO₂ fire extinguishers, and whilst I realise the good cause to which they were put (some Guildsmen might recall the event at the beginning of term), I resent having to wait for over a month before getting them back.

Yours, looking for tools in the RCSU

Office

Andy Smith

Chairman, RCS Motor Club
PS: I just thought I'd insert my oar (pun intended) into the little disagreement between RCSU and Canoe Club.

Dear FELIX

Andy thinks you're much better than *Guildsheet*. In fact, we all think you're a *bundle* of fun, and so concerned for our safety and well-being. Your letters page is a *hotbed* of discussion, and we all delight in Aunt Deidre's adventures (*so* naughty in places, isn't it?).

Now Mr Mooney is going to produce wondrous delicacies after being given a damned good talking to in the interview printed by your brave editor Mr Marshall. I've never seen him, but I'm sure he must be very handsome as well as being so obviously witty and intelligent. Mr Marshall that is; Mr Mooney's photograph shows him to be less handsome than one of his spotted dicks. Seemed like a nice chap though.

So, keep up the good work; your investigative work makes the *Washington Post* look like *Beano*!

All the best
Nick Miller
ME2

PS: Feel free to edit according to your prejudices.

Thank you oh so much for your kind comments about FELIX - Ed.

Dear Sir

With reference to your last edition's hit squad cover story, I note that, while you gave a brief mention to the mass hit on BE2,

you said nothing about the mass hit on BE1 by the hit squad during a joint lecture with EE1.

The entrance of the hit squad, led by Ben Bourdillon, was marked by the appearance, in the hands of BE1, of several shaving foam cans, equipped with long distance nozzles; also several washing up liquid bottles filled with water, not to mention a bucket, also filled with water. In the carnage that followed, during which one half of the lecture theatre became submerged under bodies and shaving foam, the hit squad, and a large proportion of EE1 (who ordered the mass hit), got more than they delivered, and, to quote one of the opposition: "BE1 definitely beat us". Afterwards, Dr Spence continued his lecture, although many of us had had our notes washed away.

We feel very hurt that you did not consider this to be worthy of a mention, since you are known to disapprove of the hit squad, and this must surely be the only time that the hit squad got more than they expected.

Yours faithfully

Brendan 'Smiler' Smith
BE1

Our 'mole' in EE1 felt too ashamed to report this incident - Ed.

Dear Sir

As a member of the Aeronautics department I have been involved recently in showing prospective students of aeronautics around the College. I was surprised to find that some interviewees were asking if the department was going to close in the near future. As you can imagine, this is a fairly important question to ask if you intend to take a three year course at this college. This impression had been gained from an article in the *Alternative Prospectus* which is circulated with the ordinary College prospectus. I wrote the departmental entry and had not included a reference to the Rector's suggestion of last year.

I obtained a copy of the *Alternative Prospectus*, and found that a reference to the Rector's proposal was included in an article about 'The Future For Imperial College'. While allowing that it is important to mention the unfavourable economic situation, I think that the inclusion of a specific paragraph stating that "it has been suggested that the department as such should be dissolved" is irresponsible.

I would have been grateful for an opportunity to discuss the article with the editor of the *Alternative Prospectus*, Gary Nichols, but was never given such an opportunity.

Anne Evans
Aeronautics Dep Rep 1979/80

Small Ads

● **As copy deadline approaches** Editor of glossy magazine abandons telepathy in his search for contributions.

● **Part Time Work:** leaflet distribution for language school. £1.50 per hour and bonus. Hours to suit. Telephone 937 6229 or 262 7481. Ends February.

● **Toshiba microwave oven**, contact Jim Carroll, Union Bar, int 2848. Open to offers.

● **Electric guitars** from the US. All new, great selection, bargain prices. Call 892 8676.

● **Gaussian**, the ideal Christmas present; play the latest electronic game; Gaussian II. Simply eliminate the elements before they pivot and watch them decompose. Take too long and UL decompose yourself. Fully-pivoting version £1, partial-pivoting only 50p. Cheques to R Morgan, Maths 2 (no PAs).

● **One ticket** for the Queen concert at Wembley Arena on Wed, Dec 10. Price £7.50. Contact Tim Wright, Maths 2.

● **One Yes ticket** for Dec 18, Rainbow Theatre, row M in stalls. Cost negotiable. If interested contact MNakamura via Computing 2 letter-racks.

● **Boys** what are you buying your girlfriend for Christmas? Why not get something you'll both enjoy, high quality underwear. For info right Ruth 01 603 0020.

● **Found** small green address book belonging to William Tsao? Contact Allan, JCR Bar.

● **Lost** one scarf, red/white/touch of blue, tartan, short (3ft), Monday week ago. Please contact Greg Loten, DOC 2.

● **Deaths:** Quietly, after a long and painful illness the battered Mini Clubman. Send no flowers.

● **S Rodan**, Physics 1, photographic order is now in.

● **Mark Slomka:** Please collect your photographic order next Tuesday.

● **Christmas Sale:** There will be a sale of films for the Christmas break next Tuesday at 12:30pm in the Old Dark-room. Prices are very low.

● **N Miller:** Keep up the good work!

● **Gay?** Want to talk to someone? Contact me! Peter Bond c/o Gaysoc, ULU, Malet St, London WC1E 7HY or phone Nightline 581 2468.

● **Nick**, thanks for Friday night, I never thought it could be so good. CH.

● **Does it matter what you eat?** How are you feeling — tight or loose? Why are women generally smaller than men? Macrobiotics shows you how to answer all sorts of questions, how to make use of the power that lies all around us. At IC Health Centre, Sunday, December 14, 10:30 to 4:30. For further information ring 743 6104.

● **Inter-Hall 5-a-side soccer league.** IC Halls are invited to each enter a team for this forthcoming competition. Ring Stevie Goudie on 3711 up till 7:00pm or call Room 12, Weeks Hall for details.

● **Konrad Urbanski's convenience** has gone in search of better prospects. Having been totally ignored on Saturday night. A suitable contribution to Rag (£5) deposited at Guilds Union Office will procure its return!

● **Now Open:** 'Johns', Room 14, Irish homecooking. Specialities: frying-pan brulée (guaranteed to keep you up half the night), flaming pie, carbonised toast au danté. Bring your own asbestos gloves and gas mask.

● **Ski Club:** Anyone interested in going skiing in Austria during the Easter vacation please give names to Ski Club, Union Office. Also there will probably be a weekend trip to Scotland during next term. Names also to Union Office. Non-members welcome.

● **SF Soc members!** Space is yours for the taking! (Sorry, 2D only). Follow in the footsteps of H G Wells and write for this year's issue of *The Phoenix*. Contributions (before term's end) to Sean Giblin c/o FELIX Office.

● **Artists/ Cartoonists** urgently required to turn ideas into images for this year's *Phoenix* magazine.

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demo to visit the pubs which lined the route from Waterloo to Hyde Park. Ironically, the blizzard was strongest as the march passed the hostelry named 'The Perseverance'.

On Monday, Harry Ewing, MP, asked four Parliamentary Questions about student union financing. Mr Rhodes Boyson, MP, replied for the Secretary of State for Education. Mr Boyson confirmed that the DES would implement the changes in student union financing at the beginning of the 1981/2 session.

Next Monday, John Passmore, will discuss student union financing with Rhodes Boyson. He was granted a special interview because Imperial is not in the NUS.

Ramp rumpus

RECENT bicycle thefts have led many students who come into College on bikes to park their cycles in safer, less accessible areas of College. In particular, a growing number of students have locked their cycles to the access ramps at Mech Eng and Maths. However, this has meant that it is becoming increasingly more difficult for disabled students and members of staff to get into College. Dr Learner of the Physics staff who himself uses a wheelchair made the point that all of the ramp is needed for him to manoeuvre up. Dr Learner has been campaigning strongly in the past to improve facilities for the disabled at Imperial College.

This carelessness certainly highlights the problems of the disabled especially in this the International Year of the Disabled. It also highlights the lack of provision for cyclists at Imperial College. A motion was presented to the recent UGM attempting to get a policy on cycles, this unfortunately was one of the motions that the meeting did not have time to consider.

Nuclear 'bomb'

THE BBC are in a quandry over a lecture at IC. The lecture was given by Professor Pentz, Dean of the Science Faculty at the Open University, on nuclear warfare, and was recorded for use by the Open University. Prof Pentz said at the lecture that there was a difference between an educational lecture and a political speech. He then proceeded to give a political speech. Defending the decision not to transmit the lecture, the BBC said that usually the Open University lectures were on education and related topics.

Closure Controversy

ON TUESDAY, *The Times* printed a controversial front page news item under the headline "Two London Colleges may close and faculties could be at risk". One paragraph particularly effects Imperial: "Queen Elizabeth, a science college of just over 1,000 students is also vulnerable. A merger with Imperial College, another pure science institution, may be a solution".

The Times disclosures about the future of London University, as seen by the Swinnerton-Dyer Committee have created a tidal wave of criticism. Leading ULU College figures have started 'bitching' in public. Westfield College is also in danger of closure and Dr Brian Thwaites, Principal of the College growled: "Sir Peter Swinnerton-Dyer's credibility amongst staff and students of the University is now zero."

Sir Peter was not content to sit back and listen to the arguments which followed *The Times* disclosure for on Wednesday *The Times* printed a letter from Sir Peter. The letter which was dated as having been written in the first week of November (a typographical error, one would assume) began: "Sir, I have just seen the report in today's *Times* relating to the University of London's Committee on academic organisations and the conclusions it might reach."

Double Con

The letter from Sir Peter denied the claim made (that this committee will be recommending closures), he stated that the document to be published next month will be a discussion paper and contains no firm proposals.

FELIX asked ICU President, John Passmore to comment. He

said "There could be a mole or Sir Peter may have tried to double con. It is odd that his letter was printed so quickly by *The Times*. Perhaps he is trying to promote public interest." John was careful to point out that the word 'merger' can mean several things. QEC could close and their students may join IC courses; QEC could become the home of one or two complete departments that are at present at IC or the Administration of QEC could be taken over by Imperial.

The new threat to London colleges has meant that the Association of University Teachers have begun to campaign to stop redundancies. "We will fight to the end in terms of protecting our members jobs," said one officer. Sir Peter said he hoped "redundancies would not be necessary, savings could be made through natural wastage."

UGM Report

THE FINAL IC UGM of term was not only the most controversial so far but also the best attended; estimates varying from 500 to 600.

As the meeting was opened there was a proposal to change the order of the Agenda to debate Nuclear Disarmament and the South Africa motions immediately after the Returning Officers Report. This was quickly followed by another Point of Order to move the motion on the FELIX Editor and debate it before the changes in the Bye-Laws. Both were passed by a clear majority.

The Union President, John Passmore, then gave his report. He confirmed that DES had confirmed that the capitation would be £44 (not £32). This he said would be enough for Imperial but many other universities are at present run on capitations that are much higher. Another major issue brought to light was the drop in overseas applications received by UCCA, there may even be a chance of an MSc course closing.

The hustings for the Ordinary Member of PWP were held and the results were as follows:

Candidate	1st Count	2nd Preference	3rd Preference
Tim Lawes	51	77	—
C Godin	22	—	—
M Ledwold	64	68	80
B McCabe	95	93	113

Barney McCabe was this duly elected subject to ratification at the next UGM. The UGM also ratified Phil Cole as External Affairs Officer, and Barney McCabe and Christine Teller as Ordinary Members of Finance Committee.

Then the first of two very contentious motions were discussed. The UGM voted in favour of Unilateral Disarmament and affiliation to the CND, the amendment proposed by Mark Clegg was thrown out, William Cortazzi was no more successful in opposing the motion as it stood. The UGM then overwhelmingly voted to support the anti-apartheid motion which asked the Executive to approach the Governing Body with a view to preventing South African students sponsored by their government being registered on the Nuclear Technology support.

There was heated discussion on the motion concerning the FELIX Editor, before the meeting began to break up as the proposed changes in the Bye-laws were given their first reading.

There was a proposal to expand the right of life membership to members of College staff who have been here for five years, another to disband ICWA and a third to radically alter PWP. All will receive their second reading next term.

By this time the meeting was rapidly drifting towards iniquity and was adjourned at 2:17pm.

Passmore romps home

MR JOHN PASSMORE, ICU President has recently returned from celebrating the 125 Anniversary of the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology in Zurich.

Mr Passmore told FELIX that he thought the visit worthwhile. There were students from all over Europe, but the Institute's own students boycotted the event, this being because of the current unrest amongst young people in Switzerland. During a torchlight procession for the visitors, the home students marked alongside, to the Town Hall and broke some of the windows there.

Rape Alarm!

ON SUNDAY, LBC Led with the news story that Bradford University will bring a motion to the NUS Conference stating that women students should be armed. This follows the Ripper's attacks on students at Bradford and Leeds. Bradford Union propose that if the Police catch a female student carrying a knife then the NUS should give the woman full support.

ICU Deputy President, Rae Snee, told Tuesday's UGM that ICU are buying several small personal alarms.

On Saturday, May 7, 1980 a female student was raped in Southside. The rapist has not been caught.

Money Money Money Money

If you have to pay rent over the vacation you may be able to claim Supplementary Benefit or Rent and Rate Rebates. Here are some facts and figures.

Supplementary Benefit

Since a successful claim for SB entails signing on at the unemployment benefit office in the area of your accommodation, the amount of time you remain in London may determine which benefit you apply for. You normally have to sign on once a week, although you can apply to have this changed to fortnightly. Also you may find that your signing on day falls into the holiday periods, when the offices will be closed. Otherwise ask for a holiday form, allowing you to be away for up to fourteen days.

How To Apply For SB

1. Register as available for work at your nearest Job Centre, then, assuming that there is no job available, tell the clerk that you wish to register as unemployed. He will give you a card. Also ask for form B1, which is your introduction to the DHSS Office.
2. Take the card to the unemployment benefit office for your area, where you will receive instructions about signing on in the future.
3. It may be advisable to phone the DHSS office first since some operate an appointments system. When you finally arrive make sure you have the B1 form, a rent book, letter from your landlord (or the Residence Office if in College accommodation) and your union card.

How SB is worked out

1. Calculate your requirements. This is what you need each week. For householders, i.e., those living alone, this is £21.30, plus the rent. For non-householders this is £17.05, plus rent.
2. Calculate your resources, for most people this will be £19.20, the vacation element of the grant.
3. Deduct what you have from what you need. The amount left may be the sum payable as SB.
4. This is where the final adjustments come in to increase or decrease the benefit. Firstly, joint householders get extra for living expenses. This is the difference between the householder and non-householder scale rates (£4.25) divided by the number of joint householders. Reductions may involve any of the following if they are included in the rent: heating, £4.35; hot water, 50p; cooking, 50p, and lighting, 35p. If your rent has not been fair assessed and seems higher than average the calculations may be based on a rent more in line with similar accommodation that has been fair rented. Apart from this factor the DHSS (Department of Health and Social Security) have a maximum of £19 rent for single householders; £14 for sharers; £24 for a double bedsit and £24 for a one bedroomed flat. The term householder implies someone who is individually responsible for all household expenses. However, it is not precisely defined, so even if you live in a student house it may be possible, if you have your own room, to argue that you are maintaining a separate household. The calculations for your SB will be presented to you on form A124, and if you disagree with their assessment you are free to appeal within twenty-one days.

Anyone receiving SB is automatically entitled to receive free NHS dental treatment and glasses, and free prescriptions, so ask for an exemption certificate from the DHSS office if you think you might be needing any of these.

Rent and Rate Rebate

This is the alternative method for those who will be at home for the whole holiday period. In some cases it may be worthwhile applying for rebates during term time also. Different rules apply for this, so for further details come and see us at the Welfare Centre.

How to work out rent allowance and rate rebate for the vacation

Quite substantial deductions may be made from the total rent on which you are assessed. First of all the rent will be equated with similar accommodation which has been fair rented. Then a 25% deduction is usually made for furniture with a further amount deducted (up to 25%) if heating is included in the rent. The rate element, usually 25%, is also removed, but this will be subject to a subsequent rebate. The basic rebate will be 60% of what remains. Furthermore, if your income is less than the housing benefit needs allowance (£34.90) then 25% of the difference between the income and the needs allowance is added to the basic figure. For a student with a higher income than the needs allowance the basic rate is reduced by 17% of the difference between their income and the needs allowance.

The rate rebate is not subjected to any initial reductions. If your income is less than your needs allowance the 60% rebate is increased by 8% of the difference between your income and the needs allowance. If your income is more than the needs allowance your rebate is reduced by 6% of the difference between your income and the needs allowance.

While people on rent and rate rebates cannot automatically apply for other benefits it is worth remembering that anyone with an income of no more than £2.50 above their SB level can qualify for the usual free benefits, i.e., dental treatment, glasses, prescriptions.

How To Apply

Go to the Town Hall for your area. If you are not in any of the boroughs listed below ring up your Town Hall and ask where the rent and rebate department is since they are not always in the main building, Kensington and Chelsea Borough forms can be collected from the Welfare Centre.

Overseas Students

Since your conditions of stay say that you must not at any time have recourse to public funds any application for benefits would jeopardize your right to stay here. If you are in serious financial difficulties however, come and see us at the Welfare Centre.

Unemployment Benefit

In order to qualify for benefit this Christmas you must have paid Class 1 contributions on weekly earnings of at least fifty times the weekly lower earnings limit in one of the last two tax years. What this bit of official gobbledegook means is: earnings of at least £750 between April 1977 and April 1978 or £875 between April 1978 and April 1979. You will get a flat rate of £20.65 plus any earnings-related supplement and dependants allowance if appropriate. The new eight week rule prevents claims made during the Easter vacation from being assessed as part of the same period (and therefore previously assessed on the same tax year) as the Christmas claim.

This benefit should be claimed on the first day of the vacation since any delay results in lost benefit. It is also worthwhile remembering that if you have worked before becoming a student you may be entitled to sickness benefit, at least during your first year at College.

NEAREST OFFICES FOR COLLEGE HEAD TENANCIES

Hamlet Gardens

Job Centre and Unemployment Benefit Office:
Hythe House, 200 Shepherds Bush Rd, W6
Tel: 603 3456

Supplementary Benefit Office: Charles House,
375 High St, Kensington, W14.
Tel: 603 4633

Town Hall: Borough of Hammersmith and Fulham,
5 Nigel Playfair Ave (off King St), W6
Tel: 748 3020

Gerrard Mansions

Job Centre and Unemployment Benefit Office:
Chadwick St, SW1
Tel: 222 8060

Supplementary Benefit Office:
4 Regency St, SW1
Tel: 834 8433

Town Hall: Westminster Council House,
Marylebone Rd (nr Baker St Station)
Tel: 828 8070 ext 4176

Lexham Gardens/Earls Ct Sq/Redcliffe St

Job Centre and Unemployment Benefit Office:
Wyfold Rd, SW6
Tel: 385 2241

(70/74 bus, ask for Kingwood Rd)

Supplementary Benefit Office: Waterford House,
Waterford Rd, SW6
Tel: 736 3399

Town Hall: Kensington and Chelsea, Hornton St, W8
Tel: 937 5464

(R&R Rebate forms for this area are available at the Welfare Centre.)

Accommodation for Next Term (Or Sooner)

A Several unmodernised and unfurnished flats for one and two people within fifteen minutes walk of College.

Flats For One - 2rms and WC

Bedroom, bathroom and kitchen together in second room, separate WC, hall. £6.21-£7.27 per week.

Flats For Two - 3rms and WC

Same as flats for one with additional room off bedroom. £8.16-£9.46 per week for whole flat.

Flats completely unfurnished and need carpet, cooker and furniture (some have old cooker and some have lino). Materials provided free of charge, so that you can redecorate where necessary. All flats have immersion heaters.

All applicants **must** be students at Imperial college. Applications considered on the basis of: a) housing need, and b) first come, first served.

NB: There is no security of tenure, but it is expected that most of the flats will be available until at least the end of 1981.

B Double bedsits, ten minutes walk from College. Rents vary from £12.50 to £16.60 per person per week. Also some at £19.50 per week inclusive of heating and lighting. There are some spaces in shared rooms with other IC students at the same rate.

Also spaces in rooms in flats for £19.00 each per week.

C Single Bedsit Fulham: share kitchen, inclusive of heating and lighting, £20.00 per week.

Flat for Four, Wandsworth: two bedrooms, lounge, kitchen and bedroom, £62 per week.

Single Bedsit, Shepherds Bush: cooking facilities in room, £17.00 per week exclusive.

Two Bedsits, Hammersmith

One single, £18.00, and one double, £25.00 (rent not inclusive). (Not in family house.)

Please contact the Residence Office (Room 161, Sherfield Building) for further details.

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Canoe Club

A GROUP of IC paddlers attended the Mike Jones Memorial Rally on the River Dee last weekend. We found the river at a reasonably high level, thus providing some very exciting canoeing. On Saturday morning the IC paddlers were first on the water and avoided the overcrowding that later took place on the river. On arriving at Llangollen we were met by large crowds eager to see the first canoeists to negotiate the 'Town Rapid'. Later trips down the river on Saturday were hindered by the large numbers of paddlers.

On Saturday evening two films were shown in the Town Hall. One was a documentary about Mike Jones's Expedition to the Blue Nile, and the other featured some of Britain's top paddlers at the moment, including three ex-members of IC Canoe Club.

Sunday morning saw the cold really beginning to bite, with some wet clothes having frozen solid overnight, and large quantities of ice in the canoes. Again IC was among the first on the water and able to have another clear run down the river. Due to the extreme cold we left the river unusually early and were able to make a relatively early return to London.

The weekend provided a valuable opportunity for those entering the Universities White Water Race to explore the river where the event will be held, increasing their chances of winning. Several IC paddlers have now been selected for the University of London team, of which about three quarters will be IC paddlers.

ICCAG

CRISIS AT CHRISTMAS: We urgently need any food or clothing (including shoes) you can spare for this charity before you go home. It will go to the centre in London where they hold their 'Open Christmas', providing shelter, food, clothing, and where necessary, medical aid for anyone homeless and alone at Christmas. Every year since its origins in 1967 the centre has been full (recently overflowing), so we are also looking for volunteers to help at the Open Christmas, or to prepare for it or clear up after, and also to drive round collecting supplies. If you would like to help, please contact any of those below.

Please take your donations or food and clothing to: Sean Coyle, Falmouth 238, or Paul Sunderland, Garden 31, or Fiona Sinclair, Selkirk 462, or Richard Martin, Beit 41.

Home Insulation Project: Heipers are also badly needed to put up draught excluders, etc., in old people's flats (no experience necessary). The first session will be this Wednesday afternoon, (December 10). Meet Beit Arch (original!) at 1:00pm.

Note: No Adventure Playground work again this weekend.

HAMSOC

AS ONE TERM drags on at its icy end, I'm sure everyone's thoughts are turning to what to do with those long empty Wednesday afternoons next term. Why not take up Amateur Radio (well, why not??)

If you like fiddling with electronics, freezing to death on roofs putting aerials up, or even if all you want to do is talk to other people, and make new friends all over the world, then you should come along to HAMSOC's Radio Amateurs course starting at 1:00pm in Elec Eng 1207 on Wednesday, January 14.

To get on the air, legally, you must obtain a Home Office transmitting licence. All you need to do to qualify for one (class B, as opposed to class A, which also requires morse) is to pass the Radio Amateurs Examination, a simple multiple choice test for which our course gives (more than) adequate preparation. A student from IC would find this test very much of a walk-over (last year, there was a 100% success rate amongst our members who took the exam), so if you're interested, please come along. It's free, and everyone is welcome, though if you want our printed notes, we will have to make a small charge.

Several other things are happening next term. We have managed to arrange several talks, including some people from Cable and Wireless Ltd, and expert on optical communication and the dreaded G4CTP, who has risen from his museum-case to show us how to make simple 2m aerials.

Hopefully a pub-crawl or so, a few visits and, of course, the HAMSOC Annual Dinner will be forthcoming. Members interested in sawing and filing things are needed for the microwave project, which can now get under-way again, as we've got our book back! Anyone with any other ideas for HAMSOC to do, please let me know.

Finally, I would like to thank that dynamic duo, Pete Mead and his amazing micro, for organising and running an amazingly good morse course. Hopefully it will result in a load more G4s on the air soon!

'73's for now,
M Sock
p p G8RRD

Free Gig

The Rio Grande
Hot Tango Orchestra
8.30pm Wed, Stans Bar
Vintage Jazz & Fire Eating

I.C. Wind Band

Christmas Concert

Christmas Festival - Anderson

Suite No 1 in E^b - Holst

Semper Fidelis - Sousa

Jingle Bells Rhapsody - Walters

1pm, Wed. 10th Dec. Outside the
Lyon Playfair Library



SF Sock

The SF sock committee sat around a blazing copy of 'Dream Dancer' by Janet Morris.

"You get more warmth from a copy of 'Lucifer's Hammer'," muttered Jonathan Flint, the sock president.

"Yes, it's a thicker book," said Andrew, the sock librarian.

"You're telling me!" I retorted.

"It was on just such a night as this," began mark jeffcock.

"Why doesn't your name have capital letters?" interrupted Steer Higgins, the sock magazine editor.

"Take heed to my tale, and eftsoons you shall learn," mark continued. Elsie, the secretary went to look up eftsoons in a dictionary.

"It was on just such a night as this—"

"You've already said that," said Denis.

"I know godamit!" shrieked mark.

"Yah," quoted Steer.

"Alright, alright — it was on just such a night as this that ten of our Analogs disappeared through a transdimensional warp on a mission to track down the missing Fahrenheit 451 paperback."

Elsie returned with a thought: "Should we tell FELIX that we're showing the film *Fahrenheit 451* sometime in January?"

"Who's FELIX?" quipped Andrew in a feeble attempt at wit.

"I think this is getting needlessly messianic," said Denis.

Luckily Johnathan saw the naked hatred of "Hitch-hikers" quotes gleam in my eyes and I was forcibly restrained from battering Denis to death with a copy of 'Swords against Wizardry' by Fritz Leiber.

"Careful that's one of the fantastic new books that's just been added to our already extensive range in the SF sock library, which is available at 1:00pm in the lounge above Stan's Bar every Friday," exclaimed Andrew grinning because he had slipped in a useful piece of information before anyone could stop him.

"Can you remember what the others were?" I found myself saying.

"Yah," quoted Steev.

"Certainly," Mark found himself saying.

"What are they?" I found somebody else saying.

"Well," intoned mark, "let me put it this way. If someone wrote a sequel to all of them, simultaneously, he'd have to call it 'The Seven Footprints of the Electric Tiger Protected by the 4-D nets of the Naked Women from the Wings of the Strange Penquins of Titan marked the End of Death of Earth Out Where the Fantastic Guardians of the Well-Currents Flew Rider III'." "Jesus!" said Denis. "It doesn't even mention space!"

"While we're on the subject of Father Christmas," Jonathan remarked, "what other films are we showing next year?"

"Well, as part of the Christmas celebrations we're going to show *The Rocky Horror Picture Show* in March," gestured Elsie expressively.

"And *Santa Claus Conquers The Martians* in February," interjected John, wondering why he hadn't said anything before now.

"Solace!" chanted mark, striking Denis on the head with a soup ladle.

"Ow," said Denis, failing to appreciate the reference.

"Ho ho ho," laughed Jonathan significantly.

Suddenly, the head of an axe broke through the door, pulled back, then struck again repeatedly, a maniacal figure gradually becoming visible through the hole.

"I told you we shouldn't meet in Southside," remarked Andrew when he saw the evilly grinning face. "It's Steve Marshall!"

"Yah," quoted Steev.

Here endeth the first chronicle of Kenneth Mann the Inconvenient.



C&G

Saturday, December 6
Rag Mag Selling Trip to Reading
Sunday, December 7
Rugby Sevens
Tuesday, December 9
Christmas UGM at 12:45
Evening: Carol Singing

If you want to go on the Rag Mag trip or enter the Rugby Sevens give your name to Ruth in advance. (Rugby players do not need to have played before.)

Don't miss the UGM which will include Christmas presents and a slide show of this year's events so far.

The same evening is Carol Singing where everyone gets entangled in Scarf (a 300' long inviolate mascot) then travels around London trying to sing carols and collect for Rag. Attempting to board tube trains while connected to Scarf can be fun, to say the least. This is followed by punch and mince pies in the Guilds Office.

Merry Christmas.

Andy Dixon
Publicity Officer

Overseas Students

I would like to thank all those people involved in organising the OSC/KIS Disco, even though the atmosphere generated was not disco like. Special thanks goes to Satinder, Chandara, and Adjmandar for tying up loose ends left by me.

The trip to Bath was quite an experience to say the least. A total of twenty-nine adults and four children managed to turn up in the cold weather of Sunday last. The Roman baths were well visited by the group. The museums were a bit lacking in atmosphere, but I found the Postal Museum, especially the films at the end, quite interesting.

Future trips will be organised — probably to Oxford. Other events in the next term will include the International Fair, social evenings, and maybe cinema trips.

Pravin M Patel
OSC Chairman



Saturday, December 6
Year Collections

Sunday, December 7
Soccer 6s, 12:00pm from Beit Arch.
Evening: Xmas Bar Night, 7:00pm, Union Bar.

Monday, December 8
HJT Elections
Evening: Carol Singing, meet 6:30pm. RCSU Office.

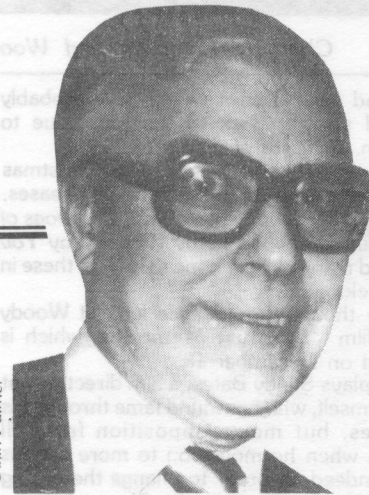
Tuesday, December 9
Xmas UGM, 1:00pm, Physics LT1
Evening: RCS Xmas Party, 8:00pm.

Zow! And we rush headlong into the last week of term. The aftermath of Rag Week had its toll and only ten people went on the night out to the theatre. However the Ents Chairman said it was a great night out, so there'll be another trip next term to the fringe theatre. All reports say it will be goodie.

RCS won the inter-CCU debates with convincing block votes against Mines and Guilds. The victorious team go on to face the IC Exec in the Christmas Debate on Thursday, December 11.

The main events of the coming week are listed above. Try and live through it if, that is, you manage to survive long enough to see the last week. You must excuse me now while I go to die.

PJ



Colin Palmer

Barry Took
to return to IC
next Thursday

BBC RADIO COMES TO IC

Radio Four's popular weekly quiz *The News Quiz* is broadcast every week at 1227 on Saturdays and 1920 on Mondays on Radio 4. The edition for broadcast on Saturday, 13 December, will be recorded here on Thursday, 11 December, at 7:00pm.

The venue will be the Concert Hall and recording will finish no later than 8:00pm, so you'll still have time for a pint or six afterwards.

Those taking part are:

Barry Took — Chairman with a Point of View

Alan Coren — Editor of Punch

Richard Ingrams — Editor of Private Eye

John Craven — BBC 1's Newsround

Bel Mooney — Freelance Journalist

Tickets for this once in a term event are FREE but limited and can be obtained from the ICU Office.

Come and see yourself being heard on radio!

MINES BALL

FRIDAY 12th DECEMBER

Four Course Meal

Cabaret

Jazz Band

Bar 'til 4 a.m.



Sherry, Wine, Port

Cocktail Bar

Disco'

Raffle - Great Prizes

THE EVENT OF THE YEAR

Cabaret includes *Pans People*.

Formal Dress (DJs etc) Please

DOUBLE TICKETS £21 FROM RSMU

Reviews

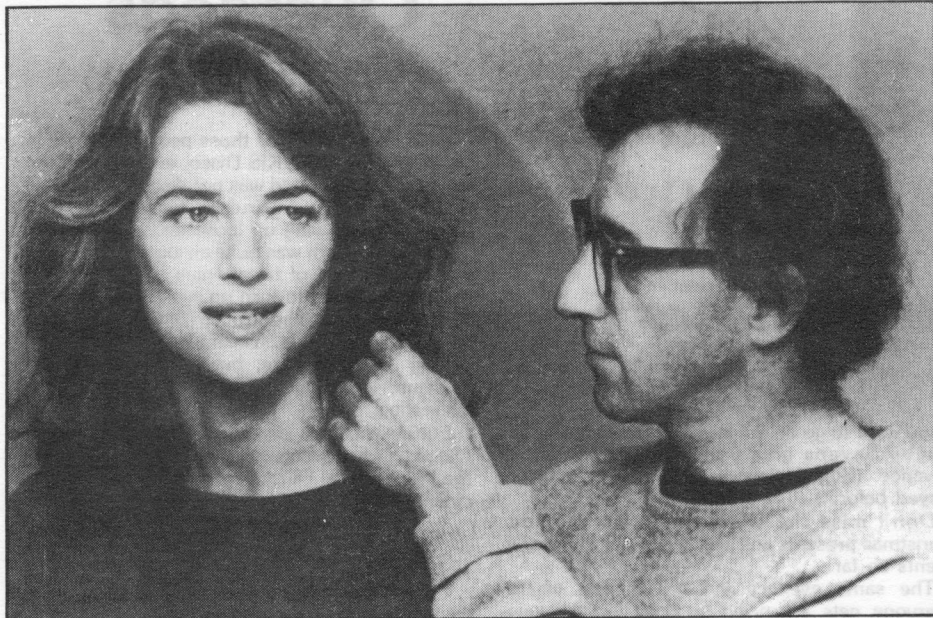
Films

To begin with, a quick look at some recent releases.

John Carpenter's **The Fog (AA)** turns out to be nothing at all to do with James Herbert's novel of the same name. It concerns the return of the mysterious, glowing fog to downtown Antonio Bay, 100 years after the settlement's founders drew a ship full of lepers onto the rocks and stole their gold. Needless to say, the fog harbours the crew of salty lepers, who wield hooks and swords with relish to get their own back. Mr Herbert's rage over having his title knicked is understandable when it could just as easily have been called 'The Leperous Seamen's Revenge'. I wasn't impressed.

Another contender in the recent blood and guts stakes is **The Island (X, Michael Ritchie)**, a tale with both much in evidence. I can believe that an ambitious reporter would wish to explain the disappearance of hundreds of ships in the Caribbean, but why he should take his son along I don't know. As for the idea of a band of pirates who haven't changed their ways (over hundreds of years on an isolated island) and still grab the odd few ships! Well, I'm stunned. The story turns out to be reasonably enjoyable, but I'm afraid the lack of so many vital factors (like a convincing story) make the whole film pointless.

Talking about pointlessness, a prime example is **The Awakening (X, Mike Newell)**, Charlton Heston plays an Egyptologist who discovers the tomb of Kara, a most evil queen who is also known as the nameless one. In a frantic effort to avoid genre cliches, we are taken over a long and boring trail to a dismally disappointing end. When, eventually, Heston gets to putting the mummy through its revival ritual, nothing happens except that his eighteen year old daughter becomes possessed. There is no bandaged figure wandering around strangling people at random, indeed if



Charlotte Rampling and Woody Allen in "Stardust Memories".

there had have been it would have probably returned straight back to the tomb due to boredom. A waste of time.

On to more joyful tidings. The Christmas season brings the usual batch of big releases, including the new *Flash Gordon*, *The Dogs of War*, Clint Eastwood's *Any Which Way You Can*, and many more. I hope to look at these in later weeks.

Firstly though, an advance look at Woody Allen's film **Stardust Memories**, which is released on December 18.

Allen plays Sandy Bates, a film director, not unlike himself, who has found fame through his comedies, but meets opposition from all quarters when he moves on to more serious topics. Indeed, in order to change the ending of his most recent work, film company executives send him off to a retrospective of his films at the quiet Stardust Hotel. Here, he is hounded by fans and bombarded with suggestions. "I like your early films," people constantly say. "You know, the funny ones."

The plot revolves between clips from Sandy's films, question sessions, and Sandy's memories and fantasies. These mainly concern Dorrie (Charlotte Rampling), but also Isobel (a lover who comes to join him at the hotel) and Daisy (Jessica Harper) who he meets there.

I was never quite sure which part of Bates' complicated life I was looking at; by hopping from fact to fantasy to memory a little confusion creeps in, but it maintained the pace and packed in an awful lot of comic material. At one point he encounters alien beings and asks a series of deeply meaningful questions. "If you wanna do a great service to mankind," he's told, "tell funnier jokes!"

Allen seems to be presenting a sharp dig at film culture — the film companies, critics, fans and all. Some parts are treated very seriously, but even if it doesn't have the speed and slapstick of his earlier films, it is still a clever and very worthwhile comedy.

Mark Smith



Concerts

SAD CAFE are something of an enigma. Having become successful commercially they have lost most of their originality, and yet the songs which come over best in their live show are the new ones.

It was evident at the Hammersmith Odeon last week that over the last two years they have been practising their rock star impressions. Vocalist Paul Young struts around like Rod Stewart and pouts like Mick Jagger, while Ashley Mulford chews his guitar and Vic Emerson flails himself à la Wakeman. Only original guy was Ian Wilson, who having fallen off stage the week before, had swapped his guitar for percussion and plaster cast.

A distinctly ageing audience went crazy over *Every Day Hurts* and *My Oh My* but the deathly silence during older songs suggested there were few supporters from the early albums. *Black Rose*, which is without doubt one of the strongest recorded songs, came over as very weak when played live, while new material like *La-Di-Da* and *What Am I Gonna Do* sounded much stronger. Somehow the band seemed out of place. The typical mega-rock light show was there, but didn't quite

recreate the atmosphere of over-indulgent extravagance of other major groups.

As for the new album, simply called *Sad Café* — well, there are a couple of nice catchy singles on it, but the rest is a rather slushy deterioration of their past — as always, I suggest you buy *Fanx Ta Ra* instead.

John Miller

Theatre

The Comic Strip

TRUSTING the opinion of John Blake's Ad Lib column of the *Evening News* (RIP), and more recently *Time Out*, I ventured into the sleazy confines of Soho. Not I hastily add for the purposes you might think, but to witness a novel form of fringe theatre, The Comic Strip.

Suitably named, the show is composed of several acts, which vary from week to week, with a resident compere. The humour is often of a topical and seemingly improvised nature. In fact, my second visit to this unlikely nightspot bore the appearance of Pamela Stephenson (not, *Not The Nine O'clock News*), "Everybody look to your right and say, 'Don't you turn your back on me you Bas . . .'"

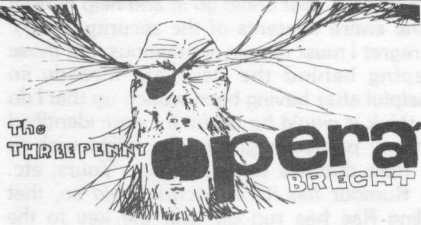
The theatre has a delightful atmosphere. Surprisingly, since it is situated above Paul Raymond's Review Bar, the honourable proprietor of Club International. The Comic Strip being his solution to "What to do with the money which would have sponsored Mark Thatcher's motor racing career?". Though having had my dig, I must compliment him on his particular business venture.

Many of the acts use mime, notably the Dangerous Brothers, with their interpretation of "Space Invaders". Others are very suggestive, a fake French accent with a pretty face and dirty lyrics. But I hope that these acts have long since gone, since the venue will live or die on its originality and spontaneity.

The price of a pint of lager had a certain originality at 90p, not recommended. As for the compere's comments after the intermission concerning conversations at the Bar, they were to be savoured (though not printed), and well worth £3 admission.

The Comic Strip starts every night at 8 o'clock, with additional performances at 10 o'clock on Fridays and Saturdays. Situated in the Boulevard Theatre just off Brewer Street (near NCP car park), Soho. The place reeks of what the working population condescendingly term 'student humour', and well worth a visit.

Philip Peters



Dramsoc Reviewed

AS WITH ANY play by Brecht all is not what it seems, the play is intended to reflect the society around it. However, enough of the preamble what of the play. It concerns the decline and fall of Mac 'the Knife' Heath (Viv Brown) a small-time crook. He marries the daughter of J J Peachum (Alan Minney), who controls London's beggars ("the poorest of the poor"). Peachum then proceeds to bring him to justice by blackmailing the corrupt Police Chief (Graham Brand).

There is a certain risk in casting a woman as the male lead, however, Viv Brown is visually very credible and her acting ability certainly allows her to be very believable in the role. Nevertheless, it is somewhat disconcerting when she breaks into a soprano solo. Alan Minney, as MacHeath's nemesis Peachum also rose to the occasion, almost exuding malice, he in fact gave a very authoritative performance. As his daughter, Polly, Lulu Dazeley ably performs the transition from the wedding day innocent to the cynical accomplice. Of the supporting players space permits mention of only a few: Graham Brand was excellent as the weak corrupt Police Chief and Gareth Davies was a very competent Filch.

The cast combined best in the second act in the jail scene, which brought the best out of the cast. In fact, the level of acting was pleasantly surprising. It was with the songs that the cast became unsure, some of the early singing was of variable quality, but in the second act it became of a more consistent and competent level.

One final mention is due to the set changing crew and its chief, Ian Cairns, who raised a cheer from the audience. All in all, it provided an entertaining evening, and was a very laudible effort by all concerned.

Steve Goulder

Lightwave Distributors present

THE TRAVELLER IN THE FOREST.

a film by Roger Stotesbury,
starring Suki Kalirai.

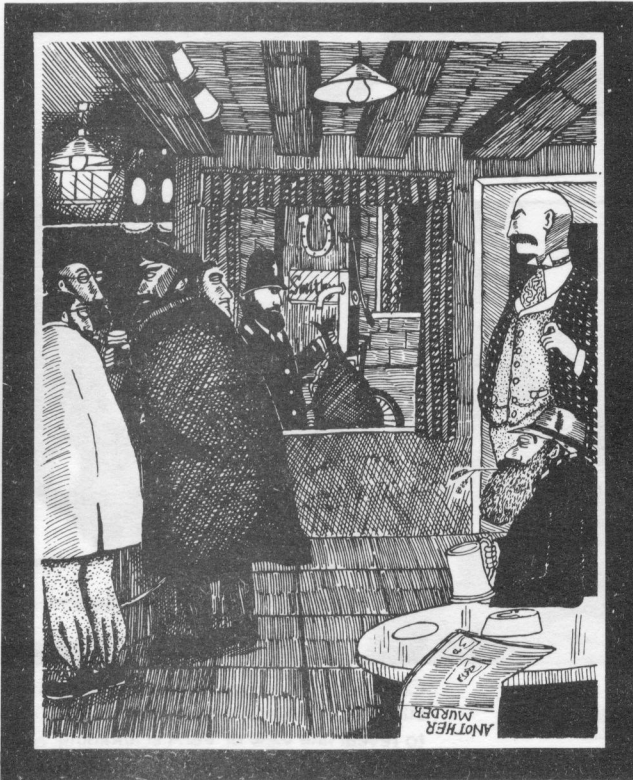
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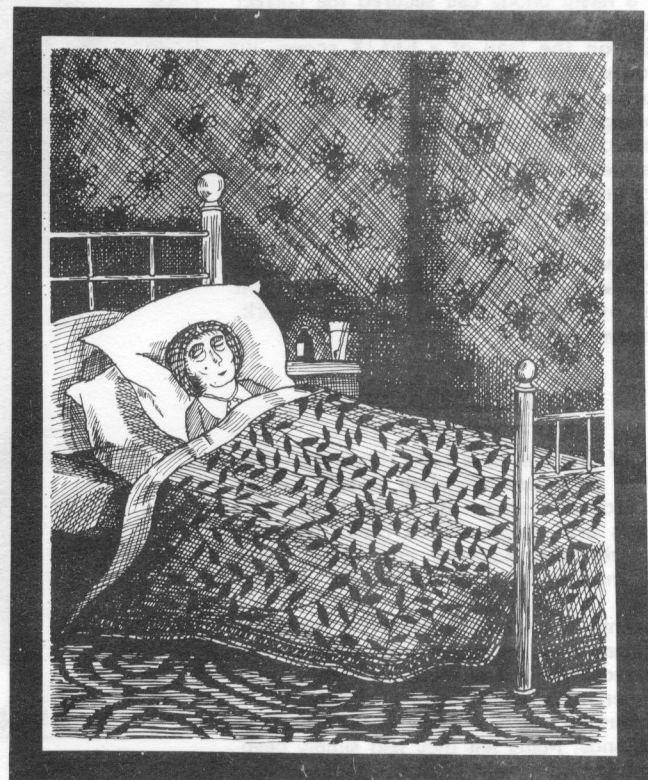
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SHOWING AT THE SOUTHSIDE
PENTHOUSE ON 14th, 15th AND 16th
JANUARY, 1981. TICKETS FROM
THE HALDANE LIBRARY FROM
MONDAY.

Aunt Deidre Visits Friends



The pub was one of those old, dirty, dark places which in later times would be called quaint and bucolic. As yet however, it was considered humble: a working class retreat. Old Garge (though his name was really Oliver) sat in the corner drinking his pint of 'old overcoat', a local brew much beloved by the 'townies' who called in on their way to Sprotboro' Hall.



In her spinster cottage Miss Sybil Snout, the sub postmistress, snuggled into the ageing feather mattress left her by her late mother. She sells stamps and on alternate Mondays deals out Old Garge's pension - tut, such merriment on those days; Old Garge could be such a one.

Miss Snout was not as timeless as the village because Old Garge remembered Miss Georgina Quince and Miss Quince had dealt out Old Garge's pension even before he was Old Garge. Before Old Garge, had been Old Paul Merridown (the 'oldest inhabitant'), but they had buried him some years previous to Miss Snout's arrival.

Episode Five

Fishy Tales

& Tasty Morsels

EEK!



By B.B. Wolfe

Flaw Floored!

If you remember one of my earlier stories entitled 'Barclays Riddle' in FELIX 566 (you know, the issue with those abominable cartoons), then you'll appreciate a similar incident which occurred closer to home.

FELIX received a full page graduate recruitment advertisement for *Borroughs* (an engineering firm) from advertising agency Austin Knight, which proclaimed an exhibition in *Southampton!* Keen eyes spotted the flaw and a hasty phone call secured the correct venue in London.

Hot on the trail of a FELIX scoop, we quickly dispatched a reporter off to Southampton to peruse the University newspaper, *Wessex News* (and the local beer festival). I must admit, we found it very difficult to stifle the laughter on seeing the same *Borroughs* ad inviting all keen undergraduates to an exhibition at the London International Hotel, Cromwell Road, London!

Perhaps this says something about an IC graduate's eye for fine detail so eagerly sought after by engineering firms. Tough luck, Southampton!

Poster Joker

Most of you will have seen those jolly little posters which are affixed to illegally parked cars around College. As a deterrent, said posters are usually stuck down with an extremely good adhesive and cause much consternation. And quite rightly, Sir, might I add.

Recently, a few car-owners broke out into a cold sweat upon espying from a distance what appeared to be one of these dreaded curses. However, most were rather shocked to find the offending piece of paper peel off easily in their hands. Many felt they had simply been lucky and had arrived while the glue was still setting. The most observant few actually read the poster!

THIS CAR IS PARKED LEGALLY.

YOUR VEHICLE'S REGISTRATION NUMBER HAS BEEN NOTED AND SHOULD YOU PERSIST IN LEGALLY PARKING YOUR VEHICLE IN THIS WAY YOU WILL NOT BE LIABLE TO FURTHER ACTION WHICH WON'T INVOLVE A FINE OF £0 FOR EVERY TIME YOU CONTRAVENE THIS ORDER.

By order of I.C. Onion.

Lost property

The Editor was sent a strange present this week which he has passed on to me. It was a plastic bag left in the office containing the Sheffield security sign and the security guard's pagephone bleeper signing out book, together with the following letter:

Dear Steve, I thought this might appeal to you: After repeated failed attempts to find anyone from security in the remote vicinity of the twenty-four hour security desk in Sheffield, in the small hours of the morning this weekend, a member of this college decided to collect a memento of College security vigilance. I apologise for any inconvenience caused to the noble defenders of the bank, service-till and all the offices in the building, but it nicely balances an hour spent carrying equipment up and down stairs because there was no one around to unlock a door (why bother locking a side-

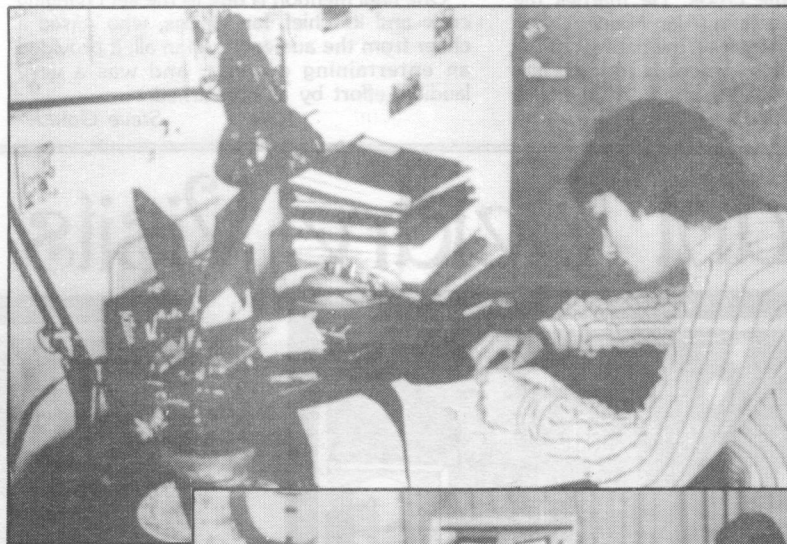
door when a thief could go in and help himself to the entire contents of the security desk?).

I regret I must remain anonymous, but those sleeping behind the desk are already so unhelpful after having been woken up that I do not think it would be useful if I were identified with any particular group who might wish to use their dubious services again. Yours, etc. PS: Rumour has it i.e. security said so, that darling Rae has run off with the key to the cleaners cupboard in Sheffield, just to help any other poor minions around here who might want to use the stuff to clean up after parties. Is it any wonder the place is in a mess on Monday mornings?

Enclosed: one sign and one security checklist book from the desk in Sheffield.

Isn't it terrible the things some chaps get up to! Mr Marshall has given the momentos to Beit Security to return to Sheffield.

Any other equally amusing presents will be readily accepted. In fact, we might just give a prize for the most amusing one at the end of the year.



Living in sin

What a glorious place Imperial College is! One has only to browse through a copy of this year's pristine prospectus to reveal all the joys and pleasures of life at IC. Take for instance the two photos shown here depicting two sides of life in a study bedroom. Picture one shows the diligent student, obviously overflowing with fresher enthusiasm, scrawling away at desk, desk packed with useful material (Kleenex, rubber plant, bananas, etc), surrounded by educational wall-hangings (picture postcards of Brighton, etc). Below, picture two, sixties student strums happily on guitar (probably 'Hippy Hippy Shake' *con espressione!*). Framed masterpiece (Picasso or early

Constable) is propped nonchalantly against curtains, thus preventing them being opened to reveal fine view of V&A scaffolding. Second musical instrument enters scene (top left), suspended precariously above adoring fans, including girl from first photo.

But what's this? My well-thumbed copy of Student Residence Halls and houses Regulations and Information 1980/1 reveals, under section 11:

11 Considerable annoyance can be caused to other members of the community by excessive noise, residents are not permitted to play or practise musical instruments in study bedrooms.

Breaking college regulations is obviously one side of life in a study bedroom!

SPORT

Compiled by Phil Webb

Results: Wednesday, November 26

Rugby
IC 1st XV v London Hosp 15-15

Football
IC 1st XI v RCH 2-0
IC 2nd XI v RHC 9-1
IC 3rd XI v Goldsmith 1-0
IC 4th XI v IC 5th 5-4

Hockey
IC 1st XI v KCH 3-0
Guilds v QMC 2-2
RCS v LSE 1-2
Mines v Chelsea 0-6

Football Seconds

IC SECONDS CONTINUED to annihilate any team that dared to present themselves as opposition with a 9-1 victory over RHC Seconds.

Carr and Veenman took full advantage of a poor defence with four and three goals respectively. The technique known as playing the man, seemed to have been mastered by most of the side and was practised in a tiresomely unsubtle fashion by one of their frontmen. A vicious kick on Jim Beer meant that he became the subject of some extremely firm tackles from Lakin and Niccolls.

Amidst all this, IC played some excellent football and scored three memorable goals. The first of these came when Carr rifled his shot across the penalty area and just inside the far post. The fifth goal came when Carr rounded several challenges and fed the overlapping Drabble whose low cross turned in at the near post by Veenman, who then completed his hat-trick in fine style when he cut inside his man and hit a right foot drive into the top corner of the net.

The sorry RHC performance was capped when their keeper dropped an innocuous back pass and the alert Saunders nipped in to make the final score 9-1.

TEAM: Veats, Drabble, Beer, Armstrong, Lakin, Griffiths, Niccolls, Clarke, Veenman, Carr, Saunders.

Jim Beer

RCS Hockey

HAMPERED from the start by having more shirts than players, RCS had to resort to using all available barprops. After a scenic route to the ground, 'the lads' arrived to find one opponent — a considerable improvement on the previous four weeks. By an act of diplomacy, LSE then managed to have all ten available players on the field.

RCS then proceeded to totally dominate the first half, although, LSE managed to score twice. RCS moved well off the ball, and were still two down at half-time. In one of his two inspired decisions, Robyn decided that he would do less damage as umpire than on the field, RCS scoring almost immediately. However, with only thirty seconds to go and the sun setting behind the gasworks, the second inspired decision was to send off one LSE player for claiming that he was being threatened by the entire RCS team. The final results was 2-1 to LSE. Thanks to the Guildsmen who helped out.

TEAM: Hutchings, Parker, Rogers, Sharpe, Downing, Purdey, Sirs, Taylor, Waters, Cornwell, Farrington, Morgan.

Results: Saturday, November 29

Hockey
IC 3rd XI v Bank of England 2-2

Basketball
IC 1st v QMC I 68-74
IC 2nd v QMC II 26-69
Ladies v QMC 19-53

Hockey Thirds

ON A DAY when Harlington was water bound the long awaited match against the Bank of England was played in near perfect conditions. The dampness around the pitch was nothing compared with the post match refreshments at 32p per pint.

Pre match worries concerning the whereabouts of Mike Clift and reserve goalkeeper Phil Webb were cast aside when we realised that the bar opens *before* the match.

Playing with the tide in the first half, IC took the lead through Dave Cornwell following excellent work by Tim Mitchell on the left wing. Some fine, if somewhat unorthodox play between sweeper Rob Morgan and a deep playing centre back (keeper) Phil Webb kept this as the only score at half-time.

Early in the second half, following the inspired substitution of Pete Hughes, the IC side's defence lapsed and allowed Bank to score twice. Late on Andy Purdy scored his first (of many) goal for IC to retain the third elevens undefeated away record.

Following waitress service of the post match dinner the side adjourned to the bar for a pleasant evening.

TEAM: Webb, Morgan, Sharpe, Leinster, Purdy, Clift, Rampton, Hughes, Mitchell (Capt), Wylie, Taylor, Cornwell.

Sailing

ON SATURDAY, THE IC team raced UL 2 at Welsh Harp. After a preliminary snowball fight to break the ice, the first race commenced. From the start, the IC team adopted an aggressive stance and rammed UL boats twice (when having right of way) thus inflicting penalty points and only had to hold the trailing UL boat in last place to win, but they decided to form a huddle at the leeward mark of the last beat instead. IC finished second, fifth and sixth, after some fast sailing by Mills and Kennedy and some slow sailing by Murray. Even with the penalties, this gave UL 2 the match by the narrowest of margins.

In the second race, IC started well, but dangerously close covering by UL and incredibly slow mark roundings by the feared UL 2 captain put them into a first, second, and third lead by the start of the last lap. At this point at the gybe mark, Palmer of UL decided to do a Firefly railride, and Mills and Kennedy, pumped their way past the enemy captain using their legendary pelvic thrust, this forced them to sail part of the first beat the wrong way and the two remaining UL boats sat closely on the gallant IC squad and sailed cautiously over the line.

TEAM: Murray, Redman, Chadwick, Youngusband, Mills, Kennedy.

Water Polo

THREE WEEKS AGO, the polo team played their final match of the Middlesex League against the Penguin team at Isleworth. It was an important game, as neither team had lost any of their previous matches and this final match determined the No 1 place in the

division. There was a good turnout of Spooner Allstars for the event. The game was very hard fought but IC stayed in control for most of the match, and managed to win by four goals to three. So we win the fourth division and play in the third division this coming season.

The next major event was the ULU Swimming Championships held in the University pool in Malet Street. The Imperial team was probably the best represented college there. Heffeman won the mens 110 yard backstroke, Wilton won the 110yds ladies breaststroke and the College came second overall in the competition.

Last week it was the turn of the polo players at the ULU Water Polo Championships. Imperial entered two teams, and both crushed their opposition in the first round but the second team came unstuck against a well-prepared London Hospital first team in the next round. Our first team continued to play well and reached the semi-final, with special help from Leach who kept the team together, and Heffeman who scored twice in the quarter-finals. In the semi-finals we were matched against an under-manned team from Kings College. Although we dominated the game, their goalie was mainly responsible for keeping the score to 'one all'. The match was decided on penalties which Kings won by four goals to three. Great goalkeeping by our Ian, but an unfortunate result.

Snooker

THE B TEAM won away to QMC by just one frame. A most impressive victory considering. We witnessed a fine win by Kelly suffering from a severe injury. Bennett and Cameron also won to bring our tally to three frames and a memorable victory.

The C team and A team played with each other last week. The result was not as clear-cut as forecast by Proudlove (Captain of A team) and his band of merry men. The outcome was 3-2 in favour of the A team. Cox (Captain of C team) was rather unfairly not allowed to play by Proudlove on a technical matter. If he had played I fear the A team would have won by a bigger margin than they did.

Fencing

CONGRATULATIONS to the team on a well deserved victory over KC by seventeen bouts to fourteen. After a shaky start the second mens foil won 5-4. A special mention goes to Bartfleet and Perkins for excellent performances.

The ladies foil was a draw 2-2.

In the Epee we lost 3-6, although this was the first time in many years that we have fielded an Epee team.

The mens team won 7-2, clinching victory for the match. Well done all, and good luck for tonight against Ealing College.

Basketball

Firsts

A well competed game with the lead alternating between the two sides, that finally fell by a short margin to QMC due to superior fitness, showing us up in the last few minutes.

Seconds

Although the half-time score reflected a fairly tight game (18-22), in the second half, Imperial College fell apart at the seams and QMC deservedly went home with a comfortable victory.

Ladies

A rather rough game which ended in victory for QMC who had a larger number of non-novice players, making a big difference.



Twat of the Week

The prize this week must surely go to Mark Clegg (President of Conservative Society) who spoke out against a motion at Tuesday's UGM calling for unilateral disarmament.

While disagreeing with the motion myself, I thought that his amendment was too extreme. His method of oratory was so ludicrous as to give unilateral disarmament a certain credibility which Owen Greene (proposer of the motion) played on well to his advantage.

Would the following romanticised type of dialogue convince YOU?

"How would all you red-blooded males react to a scantily-clad Aphrodite tripping through the long grass . . . we must smash this Russian Ripper!" After this, Mr Clegg allowed William Cortazzi to speak against the motion which was equally hilarious and earned a huge cheer from the audience.

It's about time that Messrs Clegg and Cortazzi stopped trying to emulate men such as Sir Winston Churchill - their audience is far too intelligent to appreciate it.

Southside Security

It's nice to see that the bolts on the Southside fire escapes have been removed and the proper locks installed.

However, the doors on gallery level are still not being locked at night, allowing access to anyone who climbs over the fire escape gates. I know many people who have resorted to climbing over the gates to see their friends in Hall because they know there would be an open door on gallery level. We all know how expensive and tricky to install automatic door closers are, so surely the only course left open to College is to imbed broken glass and barbed wire at the top of the fire escape doors, excavate a moat around Southside (plus piranhas, of course) and erect a portcullis at the main entrance. I look forward to a response to my suggestion.

Thanks to . . .

Patrick, Colin, Steve, Dave, Mark, Phil, Caroline, Shanne, Martin, Andy, Paul, and not forgetting of course, Suzy Pek who didn't do anything to help but wanted to see her name in print. Who am I to object?

Next week's issue is the Christmas Bumper Special — I guess that means about the same as usual but with a bit of holly here and there. Mind you, we will be having a superb Puzzle Corner Extravaganza for you to do on the train home. See you next week.

Christmas Ceilidh

IMPERIAL COLLEGE FOLK CLUB

Tickets £1
Members Free

Union Lower Refectory
Monday 8:00pm

What's on

Friday, December 5

- **Socialist Society Bookstall**, lunchtime, JCR.
- **IC Choir Christmas Concert**, 8:00pm, Great Hall. Tickets £1.25 (75p to students).
- **CANCELLED**: Heavy Metal Disco. In deference to Dramsoc play.

Sunday, December 7

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

Tuesday, December 9

- **Welfare Committee Meeting**, 12:45pm, Welfare Office.
- **Riding Club Meeting**, 1:00pm, Elec Eng 1110.
- **The Department of Humanities** presents:
 1. Christianity Today
The Christian Dimension in the Struggle in Northern Ireland with Dr Conor Cruise O'Brien
1:30pm, Pippard Theatre, Sheffield.
 - **Consoc Christmas Meeting**, with a debate between the Tory Reform Group and Monday Club, 1:00pm, Union Senior Common Room.
 - **Photosoc Slide Discussion** (bring your own slides) and lecture on *Table Top Photography* by A Carnell, 6:30pm, Min Tech 303.

Wednesday, December 10

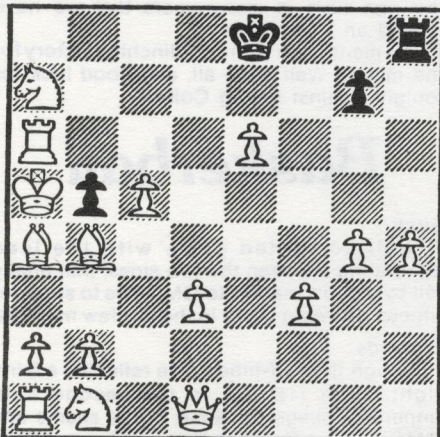
- **Wargames Club Meeting**, 1:00pm, SCR.
- **Table Tennis Club EGM**, 2:00pm, Table Tennis Room. A new publicity officer will be elected. Papers are up in the Table Tennis Room.

Thursday, December 11

- **Liberal Club General Meeting**, 12:45pm, Union Lower Lounge.
- **The Department of Humanities** presents:
 1. Film: *Life on Earth* (David Attenborough) Part Nine: *The Rise of the Mammals*
1:15pm, The Great Hall.
 2. Lunch-hour Concert, with Albert Ferber (piano), the Music Room, 53 Prince's Gate.
 - **STOIC Transmission: News-Break Christmas Special**, 1:00pm and 6:00pm, JCR, Southside TV Lounge, Southside, Beit and Linstead Halls.
 - **Hang Gliding Club Meeting**, 12:30pm, above Stan's Bar.
 - **IC Gliding Club Meeting**, 5:30pm, Aero 254.
 - **ENTS film: Tommy**, 6:30pm, Mech Eng 220. 40p.
 - **Real Ale Society Meeting**, 7:30pm, Crush Bar. With Bourne Valley Wallow and Mild.
 - **Christmas Chemistry Party**, 8:00pm, JCR. £1.

Puzzle Corner

Melanie (Black) By Scaramouche



Blanche (White)

"Bit one-sided, isn't it?"

Wodge had discovered his daughters deep in thought over a game of chess, and was

making his usual unwanted observations. This was the position, and it was White's move.

"Mate in two, it seems."

"Are you sure?" asked Melanie, suspiciously.

"Certainly," replied Wodge, "but I've no idea how."

There was a long pause while this sank in. The girls looked at each other, then at the board, and then at their father.

"Do you seriously mean that if I play the correct move, then whatever Melanie does I will be able to checkmate her on my next turn?" asked Blanche, incredulously.

"Right," answered Wodge, amused at her bewilderment.

"And yet you don't know what that correct move is?"

"Right again."

"Impossible!" declared the girls together.

But Wodge's reasoning was as rigorous as ever. Can you demonstrate, from the given position, that White has a mate in two?

Solutions, comments, criticisms to me c/o FELIX Office, by Wednesday noon, please.

Last Week's Solution

Bach and Handel.

If the conductor tells the committee he has adopted two suggestions, he might have chosen Haydn and Bach or he might have

chosen just Bach. As the committee do not know which, the game is not given away completely.

Similarly if three suggestions are adopted, the committee cannot distinguish just Mozart from just Haydn.

Now if four suggestions are adopted, it appears that Mozart, Haydn, Handel is the only choice. But nowhere was it said that the conductor is limited to the composers mentioned, so Beethoven, Haydn, Handel is equally valid.

So we are left to deduce that the conductor refused to say that he had adopted only one suggestion; and Bach, Handel is the only possibility.

Was it excessively sneaky to make it look as if I had set a problem without a unique solution again? I don't think so. It fooled most of the regular solvers, and the prize goes to David Pashley, BE2, who was one of the two who got it completely right.

This week's puzzle is rather hard, to get you in training for the giant puzzle page in next week's Christmas FELIX. So there is a prize of £5 which will go to the first correct entry opened on Wednesday noon, and if no entries are absolutely correct, a reduced prize (down to a minimum of £2) will go to the entry which, in my opinion, is most nearly correct.

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Free Concert

by the
Consort Chamber Orchestra

Haydn

Violin Concerto in C major

Free → Soloist: David Bogle ← Concert

Bach

Brandenburg Concerto No. 1

Tuesday 9th December
1pm in the Great Hall

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