



# FELIX

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The Newspaper of Imperial College Union

## HEADLINE CAUSES CONTROVERSY

**LAST WEEK'S FELIX headline "New Years Honours Shock", the whole front page, and the leading news story, has resulted in severe criticism being levelled at Mr S J Marshall, the Editor; this criticism coming from the Rector, the President, and Executive of ICU, Dr Schroter, Chairman of the Refectory Committee, ICU Publications Board and various others.**

### I Gave to Shave Dave



Before



After

Dave Gayer:

If at least £250 is paid to Imperial College Charity Rag for the purpose of shaving my head completely, I promise to either shave my head or have my head shaved completely, if the money is paid by 25th February, 1981.

Signed

*Dave Gayer*

Witnesses

- 1) Alan Griffiths
- 2) Andrew J. Dixon
- 3) MARK HINEY
- 4) Martin Symonds (Director of the ICU)
- 5) G.B. Bates

**ON TUESDAY evening in Stan's Bar, Dave Gayer, the president of Guilds, was heard to exclaim: "I'd shave my head for £200 to Rag". When asked to put this in writing, he increased the amount to £250 and then signed a statement (left).**

**If the £250 is collected by January 25th, Dave will have his head shaved at the Guilds Bar Games night in the Union Bar.**

**Dave is perfectly serious; if enough money is not collected by the specified time all the donations will be refunded.**

**Already, over £45 has been collected by asking around but we at FELIX are confident that what Dave really needs is widespread publicity.**

**Badges bearing the inscription "I Gave to Shave Dave" will be available to contributors of £1 or more.**

**To make a donation, see Andy Dixon in the Guilds Office.**

Growing dissatisfaction with Mr Marshall's editorial style reached a peak towards the end of last term when a UGM motion denouncing his unjustifiable attacks on certain groups of students was passed.

In the first issue of this term, however, Mr Marshall launched a completely unreasonable onslaught against Victor Mooney, Refectory Manager, against the College catering system and against Miss Rachel Snee, ICU Deputy President.

The article started with a banner headline "Mooney shocked 'I went rigid when I heard the news'", giving the impression that Mr Mooney had made that remark, one would have to read to the bottom of the page to see that remark attributed to Mr Marshall.

The article continued by suggesting that Mr Mooney had been expecting a knighthood and that he was disappointed not to receive one. It went on by suggesting that Mr Mooney had "stored up the best food for outside visitors" implying that only by underhand methods was Mr Mooney capable of being congratulated as a superb caterer.

The article then quoted, totally out of context, a comment made last term in FELIX by Mr Mooney suggesting he was expecting an award, before stating that students were "emaciated, sick and undernourished" and "suffering" from eating at IC. This statement is widely regarded as true, if a little overstated. The report then put forward the idea that profits from the refectories should go to the funds of a major political party.

FELIX then moved into Spanish, asking Mr Mooney if he "had much food poisoning lately?" and the staff "why don't you try employing a chef instead of a washer-up to do the cooking?" to be answered by "Why don't you spit over somebody else?" These are fabrications.

The report went on to present a partly false picture of Mr Mooney's catering ability, mainly that his career had started on the Mile End Road and that he had won an award for his catering. To the best of available knowledge, both these suggestions are false. Next, it was alleged that IC's catering has disintegrated into a disgusting state since Mr Mooney came here, and that he was a buffoon. Whilst Mr Mooney is not a buffoon, the previous allegation cannot be so easily dismissed.

The article went on to say that College kitchens broke large parts of a Public Health Act, before setting off on a vicious condemnation of the way outside customers are treated.

The reference to Buckingham Palace is utterly without substance. In the last paragraph, it was suggested that Miss Snee had bribed College for her exam passes and attributed to her a statement which she did not make, and wishes to be disassociated from.

Hence the story only raised one valid point, that the catering service does turn out good food, when specially ordered, usually for people outside College, whilst it made defamatory allegations about prominent people.

Due to FELIX not appearing until Friday afternoon, there was limited reaction last week.

This Monday, however, disdain started to pour in to the IC Union Office, as a reply to the torrent of criticism Mr Marshall unleashed. Towards the end of the afternoon, Mr Passmore visited the FELIX Office to speak to Mr Marshall. He said that both the Rector, Lord Flowers, and the Chairman of the Refectory Committee, Dr Schroter, had objected to the previous week's issue. Mr Passmore also said that he would bring the matter up at the evening's ICU Publications Board Meeting.

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# Letters to the Editor



Sir

I feel prompted to write to you to bring to your attention several observations I have made over the past term. That publication of yours, arbitrarily called 'FELIX — The Newspaper of Imperial College Union', seems to have changed beyond all recognition.

Let me start by quoting the Concise Oxford Dictionary, Fifth Edition, Page 812: "NEWS-PAPER — printed publication, usually daily or weekly, containing the news, advertisements and literary matter."

Now allow me to apply that to the FELIX we see now. Yes, it is a printed publication, usually daily or weekly. Yes, it does contain advertisements. Yes, I suppose you could say it contains literary matter, it depends on your literary standards I would think. But the news? No, not any news. Well, not that you would recognise as such.

Maybe your father is Richard Ingrams (of *Private Eye*), or possibly Paul Foot (the 'crusading' journalist of the *Daily Mirror*), or maybe both, I don't know, and don't particularly care. But it is a bit much to convert that "Newspaper of Imperial College Union" into a cross between *Private Eye* and Paul Foot's column, and that's what it looks like at the moment. If it wanted to be a magazine it would be called a bloody magazine, not a Newspaper.

Let's take a few random examples:

## 1. FELIX 572

Page 3: 50% of the page (and the whole front cover) devoted to the fact that Mr Mooney wasn't in the Honours List. Page 5: 50% of the page taken up by a report on the Rag Conference, which I still don't know whether took place here.

## 2. FELIX 569

Pages 4 and 7: 20% of the TOTAL space in the issue taken up with an interview with Mr Mooney which was a little random to say the least.

## 3. FELIX 568

Page 1: The whole front page containing a frivolous report about a Folk Club concert. Was it well attended or not, did anyone work it out from the report?

Need I go on? I think the above examples are sufficient to illustrate the confusion your sarcastic type of reporting creates among those very people you are meant to be informing, namely those who did not attend or witness the event in question.

By all means have a sarcastic look at something each week, but for God's sake keep it tucked away inside somewhere, in a column of its own (e.g. Keith Waterhouse in the *Daily Mirror* on Mondays and Thursdays), so that we all know that it's tongue in cheek, and not to be taken seriously.

By all means campaign for things, but again give this a column of its own, and don't go on so, you do get tiresome (see your FELIX Editorial 567). And please try and keep your own views where they belong, in your column, the Editorial, not all over the letters page, the front page and the rest. You don't do yourself justice having to have the last word in every argument either. If people slate you in your own pages, read, note, think and swallow. If you don't get on with someone over a particular issue (e.g. Mr Mooney, Daré Afolabi) then don't turn the affair into a rival to *Dallas*, it doesn't improve your paper at all.

Report the news straight, publish club reports when you have them (that is the College news too), have a giggle in one column, a campaign in another and a bitch in your own and I think you'll improve your paper.

Sorry I've gone on so, but the above needed to be said, I've spoken to several people who agree with one or more of my observations, and who still don't know if Bob Pegg was a sellout, so I think a lot of people in College are thinking what I've just said. I wouldn't have said it if I didn't.

Pete Kirkham  
Biochem 3

Sir

One section of the Rag Conference report in last week's FELIX thoroughly shocked and appalled me. How a person can make such an untimely and disgustingly bad taste joke over the recent demise of our late beloved Rag Chairman repulses me.

His motorcycling encounter

with the sheep shocked and saddened us all. But not it seems you. Despite his awful deformities of mind and body, he always tried to serve us all to the best of his restricted ability.

Melancholily Yours

G S Motley  
EE2

Dear Mr Marshall

We refer to the letter in FELIX 571 concerning the Maths Department, in particular the PS regarding the pre-requisite of a PhD for an academic career.

We feel an unbalanced view of the requirements necessary to continue higher education has been given. Indeed, a PhD is neither sufficient nor even necessary to guarantee an academic career. Higher recognition and respect may be gained by personal achievement alone i.e. through the production of quality work.

Yours sincerely

S Bennett, Maths 3  
C Tripp, Maths 2

Dear Sir

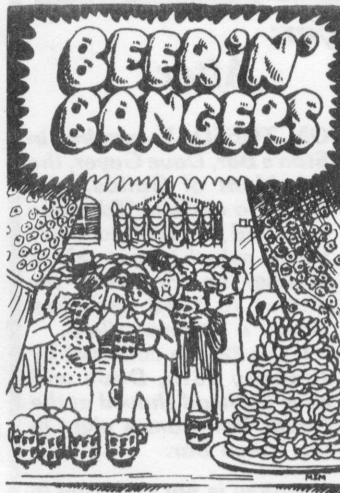
Following the response to my last letter in FELIX, there will be meeting in Chem Eng E450 at 1:30pm on Tuesday, January 20 for all those interested in forming a fishing club.

Particularly welcome would be anglers from London and the Home Counties who have experience of fishing in and around London.

Even if you have little experience or no tackle in London, still come along to see what ideas we have.

Yours sincerely

Dave Kelsall  
Chem Eng PG



LADY FLOWERS and the IC Wives Club are throwing a FREE Beer and Bangers nosh-up on Thursday, January 29 in the Rector's Pad (170 Queensgate). Starts 5:30pm.

Anyone who would like to go should give their names to Jen in the IC Union Office by 1:00pm on Tuesday, January 27.

# Small Ads

●**Linguaphone (cassette)** Spanish (Latin American) with all books and notes in case, unused, £55 ono. Phone 940 8296 evenings.

●**Praktica Super TL3** with pentacon f1.8/50mm lens and case, £45. Contact Keith Rossiter, Mech Eng 2.

●**Honda 125 Twin**, May '79, top-box, low mileage, excellent commuter bike (80mpg), £440 or offers. A Kimber, Chem Eng 2 or 385 7425.

●**Practica LTL3 Camera**, £45; Hoya 135mm telelens, £25. Both hardly used. Rm 421, Mining House, 373 0429.

●**Anyone using bulk loading film?** The Photoshop has a 100ft roll of Extachrome 64, selling at the very low price of £25!

●**Honda 650**, black, V Reg, 6500 miles, VGC, Seeley 1/4 fairing and bars, Dresda SW/ARM quartz clock, Michelin M45s, Mastermann Alarm, £999. Contact Barney Haye, Aero 1, 116 Falmouth Hall.

●**Honda 250N**, blue, V Reg, 8000 miles, VGC, commuterbike special, £800. Barney Haye, Aero 1, 116 Falmouth Hall.

●**Superscope Stereo Cassette Player**, front loading, recessed deck, Dolby Nr, twin VU meters, autostop, two years old, new price £135, yours for £30 ono. Barney Haye, Aero 1, 116 Falmouth Hall.

●**Wanted:** Secretary for Social, Cultural and Amusements Board. Papers are up in the Union Lower Lounge.

●**Wanted Urgently:** Help to deliver leaflets about Samaritans Centre opening in Kensington. See ICCAG article in this FELIX.

●**Two people** to share room in spacious flat. Flat includes very large lounge, two twin bedrooms, bathroom kitchen, WC, etc. Excellent location (just off High Street Kensington). For further details contact N J Mutton, ME2 or phone 602 2265.

●**Anyone interested** in a geological holiday in Shropshire? Contact S Taylor, Chem 1.

●**Ken.** Are you squared up with the Lord? Have you rounded off your affairs? Have you got your triangle? The WM.

●**Inaugural Meeting:** Fishing Club, Chem Eng E450, 1:30pm, Tuesday, 20 January. See letters page.

●**Feeling lonely**, repressed, gay? Meet others who are at least one of these. Gaysoc meets at ULU, Malet Street, every Thursday or write to Peter Bond, c/o ULU Gaysoc, Malet Street.

●**Transport:** Do you live in the Swiss Cottage/Hampstead area? Save on expensive fares and travel in comfort. Contact N R I Daud, Mining 1

●**One large female** able to communicate in Finnish, needing ties in London area, wanted. Apply L Bottomley, c/o RSMU.

We would like to take this opportunity to announce the engagement and forthcoming wedding of Paul and Ceiwen of Southside. Lots of luck and happiness for the future.

# Notice

National Westminster Bank announce that the Cash Dispenser will be withdrawn from service on January 29. A 24hr Service Till is now fully operational on Level 1, Sheffield Building, adjacent to the walkway and all customers of the Bank are invited to apply for cards. Application forms are available from the Sub Branch in Sheffield. Cash Dispenser Cards can still be used at other branches with this facility although the dispensers are gradually being phased out and replaced with service tills.



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At the meeting, the earlier part of the agenda was swiftly dealt with, so as to fully consider the FELIX situation.

Liz Lindsey said that the Executive disapproved of FELIX being used as a slanging organ. They thought it did not represent the views of the whole Union. Others at the meeting suggested that the article had gone beyond a joke and asked for a reason for the article, to be told by Mr Marshall that it was entertainment. When Mr Marshall was asked why he misquoted Rae Snee in that manner, he said that he thought that the entire article was written in such a style that even a dimwit would realise that she had not said that. When asked to justify the personal attack on Mr Mooney, Mr Marshall said he did not wish to do so then, but later in term through FELIX.

Other matters raised included whether any feedback had been received from other students (none had); whether Pub Board was responsible for FELIX; if the newspaper should represent the views of the student body or Lord Flowers; and whether any change would occur in Mr Marshall's editorial style as a result of the complaints made, which was thought unlikely. The Board decided that (i) it does not agree with the vindictive nature of many articles in FELIX and asked Mr Marshall to take the views of Pub Board into account in future, (ii) he should apologise both publicly and privately to Mr Mooney, and (iii) he should not print any further personal attacks on Mr Mooney. These decisions were passed 4-1, 5-0, 2-0, from eleven voting members present. Jon Firth, Chairman, expressed the Board's dissatisfaction with Mr Marshall's article.

Mr Firth told FELIX later that he did not expect Mr Marshall to take any notice of the criticisms made, but he was glad the matter had been discussed to such an extent.

On Tuesday, John Passmore returned to the FELIX Office to tell Mr Marshall that he had seen the Rector who said that FELIX last week was disgusting, as it had been throughout the year. Mr Passmore asked Mr Marshall, once again, to apologise privately and on the front page of FELIX, otherwise he would initiate disciplinary action against him at Union Council, or elsewhere. This might involve one or any combination of:

- a) A reprimand
- b) Temporary withdrawal of privilege
- c) Temporary/permanent suspension from some or all of Union facilities and amenities
- d) A fine not exceeding the cost of replacing any damaged property or equipment
- e) A fine not exceeding £10, to be donated to the Union charity of the current year.

These punishments can only be imposed by the Executive and not by Council, however there is provision for an appeal to a Committee of five persons and a non-voting chairman, all randomly chosen by Council.

If the Executive Committee wish to remove the FELIX Editor from office, he would be deemed dismissed, and have all his responsibilities and privileges accorded to him as Editor removed if, and only if, his dismissal is approved by a two-thirds majority at two General Meetings held not less than twenty-eight College days, but not more than forty College days, apart.

Assuming he was dismissed, the Honorary Secretary, Liz Lindsey, it seems likely, would take over as newspaper Editor, ensuring the production of the newspaper and the day to day running of the litho printing facilities as well as her own job.

The next move in this matter may well be at the Union Council meeting on Monday, January 19, but it seems unlikely that the opinion of the whole student body will be canvassed fully for some time.

## Bookshop takeover

THE IMPERIAL COLLEGE Bookshop has a new manager, Mr Roy Hicks, who took up his appointment last week. He told FELIX that amongst his future plans were to invite publishers to present exhibitions, approximately once a month, which would not just contain academic books. He intends to have books on non-academic College activities, such as the series of forthcoming ~~tasks~~ on the Brandt

Commission's Report. He wishes to publicise the Bookshop more, by having more signs put up, by a noticeboard in the Shop, and in FELIX by giving a list of popular books throughout the country, more book reviews and notice of any special offers available to customers. He hopes to cooperate more with local libraries and colleges, to ensure a better service for students and full use of facilities.

## UGM Farce

### Barney McCabe a goat

**THE FIRST UGM of the term was held in the unfamiliar surroundings of Mech Eng 220, last Thursday lunchtime.**

**The meeting opened to less than 150 people with the Exec complaining about their hard seats. John Passmore, ICU President, took the chair in the absence of Jon Firth, who had sent his apologies.**

Mr Passmore was jokingly objected to as Chairman on the grounds that he was "not qualified". However, the meeting rapidly accepted the minutes of the last meeting and heard the President's business, for which Rae Snee took the chair. Amid continuous heckling, Mr Passmore told the UGM about the Governing Body meeting and the decision to continue with the Nuclear Fuel Technology course. He said that the Rector had agreed to meet a small number of interested students to discuss the course, and people are asked to contact the President by today (January 16). On Residence, Mr Passmore said that from next year everyone who wishes will receive one year in Hall. Referring to WUS, he said it was ironic that most of its grant came from the Government. Liz Lindsey announced that the INCOST Conference was now definitely going on and nearly sixty delegates were coming. Rae Snee, the DP, who has just recovered from an illness, said that 'Mike', the IC mascot, was heavily guarded owing to telephone calls enquiring about it, which led them to think it might be "violated" soon.

She continued by saying that the loose furniture had arrived for Stan's and added that another beer promotion night would be held soon — the John Bull having been successful. All three reports were accepted, Liz Lindsey, as returning officer, asked the meeting to ratify Barney McCabe as PWP ordinary member. The meeting said "No". The President asked "Why not?" and was told "Because he's a goat". After more muttering and joking at Mr McCabe's expense, he was grudgingly accepted.

Rich Archer announced the RCSU End of The World Party, to mark the beginning of Reagan's Presidency, on January 20, and Dave Gayer announced the Guilds Dinner and Dance (tickets from the Guilds Union Office) and mentioned that they would have cheap rates for Dinner Suits and overnight accommodation at the Hotel.

When the meeting moved on to consider motions, Mr Passmore said that three of the four had been withdrawn. Matthew Huntbach offered to propose the Student Loans motion. The motion on Bicycles was called, but no one at the meeting wished to propose it, the original sponsors not having turned up.

However, the motion was tokenly proposed, tokenly objected to, "I oppose this motion, I think I've said enough," and the debate tokenly summed up, "If we're going to be silly, we may as well pass it," before the motion was accepted on the vote.

As Matthew Huntbach rose to speak on the Student Loans motion, a procedural motion was moved, that the question be not put, because the Union did not presently know enough on the subject. This was accepted on the vote.

The meeting then discussed other business, Owen Greene asking those present not to forget about the Nuclear Arms Campaign. During this, the STOIC film crew arrived at 1:25pm. The President said he expected the motion on Multilateral Disarmament to be considered at the next UGM. The meeting closed at 1:30pm with less than 200 people present throughout.

Mr Passmore told FELIX later that he thought the low turnout was due mainly to exams at this time. He said he was annoyed at those who put forward motions and then withdrew them.

*Patrick Coll*

## Shack Shock

IC HAMSOC members returned for the term to find that their transmitting shack, on the top of the Union Building, had been removed. The Estates department "pulled it down to repair the roof," and Rae Snee told last week's UGM that it might cost the Union as much as £1,500 to replace.

## Phones hooked up

LAST WEEK the phone system in the Southside Halls of Residence were eventually connected to the internal phone system. Subscribers may now dial from the internal system to a Southside landing, or in the other direction, by prefixing the required number with a zero. Residents will now be able to contact IC Radio directly from their landings.



# Mooney Monopoly Challenged?

AT THE Holland Club AGM on Wednesday, Holland Club members decided unanimously to "discuss with the College authorities the feasibility of transferring responsibility for the Holland Club bar and refectory to the Holland Club management committee". This in effect would be reverting to the situation which existed prior to the movement of the Holland Club to its present location in October 1976, when the Holland Club was responsible for its own affairs. If the Holland Club is successful in its negotiations, the Refectory Committee's control of all catering and bars in College (the Mooney Monopoly) will be broken.

Holland Club members have never been content with the prices or the standards of the College-run catering. They feel that despite numerous protests, there has been little or no

attempt by the College to improve the service offered. Also, having managed their own affairs in the past, independent of the Mooney Monopoly, they are confident that they could offer a cheaper, better service themselves.

Barry Holt, the Chairman of the Holland Club Management Committee, recently raised the question of independence of the Holland Club facilities with John Smith, College Secretary (incidentally, a member of the Holland Club). Mr Smith indicated that if the general membership expressed strong feeling on the matter, then the College would consider any proposals the Management Committee made.

The Holland Club has a membership of around a thousand non-academic staff, of which just over 100 members attended the AGM on Wednesday. Their policy decision will be discussed at the next Holland Club Man-

agement Committee meeting on Monday.

Prior to their move to the new facilities adjacent to the Huxley Building four years ago, the Holland Club had been "homeless" for about five years. In their old quarters they had run their own catering, mostly by voluntary labour of workers.

Holland Club officials are reluctant to speculate on the nature of any alternative catering arrangements they may be considering, as negotiations with the College into the exact form of independence from the Mooney Monopoly are only beginning. However, if the College does agree to let the Holland Club run their own affairs again, the possibility exists of outside catering being contracted in to the Holland Club. This would at long last provide some comparative figures on the efficiency, pricing and standards of Mooney food and drink.

## Sex Scandal

A RETIRED Ambassador, Sir Peter Hayman, KCMG, CVO, MBE, has been "revealed" in *Private Eye* as a Paedophile, and a possessor of pornographic photos, articles of female clothing indicating the regular entertainment of prostitutes, and 46 quarto diaries of 80 pages cataloging six years of deviant sexual activity. He has been cautioned by the police not to send obscene material through the post as he has done. (See below.)

*The Eye* suggested that charges had been dropped, and the matter hushed up as an establishment "fix".

What makes this all relevant to IC is that he is a Governor of the International Student House where a number of IC students reside.

Hayman was questioned by Obscene Publications Squad Officers after pornographic literature was left on a bus.

## SRC Grants Threatened

University science departments may have their 'quota' places for PhD student awards reduced or abolished if they fail to achieve an acceptable standard of PhD completion rates, Sir Geoffrey Allen, Chairman of the Science Research Council said on Tuesday.

A recent study by the Council showed that about 60% of Council-funded students completed their PhDs within four years, but Sir Geoffrey would prefer this figure to be 90%. He suggested that new awards would be made to departments only if its previous students had finished their work quickly enough.

The SRC has drawn up a list of institutions ranged in order to PhD completion rates of SRC funded students. Birmingham comes top of the list, but Imperial College is surprisingly thirty-first out of thirty-five, being followed only by Exeter, the Polytechnics, Sussex and Bradford.

A working party of the Government's Advisory Board for the Research Council describes the discrepancy between institutions as startling and says there is no obvious explanation. It has to be assumed that it represents a difference in the ethos of institutions, it says.

"If this is so then to reform what is wrong one needs to twist the arms of the institutions rather than those of the students," it adds.

Meanwhile, the Board of Studies has noted that a "significant proportion of research students had not submitted for their degree/diploma some four years after commencing their research." This may be due to the difficulty or obscurity of the subject matter in IC PhD subjects.

A questionnaire has been circulated to registered PhD students regarding the length of time it is taking for completion of their work. Students who have completed their research and are currently engaged in "writing up" have not been circulated as their names are not on the alphabetical list of students. It is important that these students should contact John Passmore at the ICU Office to be included in the survey.

## Stop Press

YESTERDAY, Shirley Williams spoke at Imperial College. The subject of her talk was the Report of the Independent Commission on International Development Issues under the Chairmanship of Willy Brandt. The report is available at the IC Bookshop priced £1.95.

Ms Williams told FELIX that she hoped that we have a group at IC, who are interested in the Brandt Report. "A real effort is needed. Imperial is a singularly appropriate

place to do something. We need a new concept of engineering. We cannot simply pick up technology and apply it to the Third World without doing immense harm," she said.

Yesterday's talk by Shirley Williams was the first of series of four Department of Humanities events discussing the Brandt Report. Ms Williams gave the viewpoint of the North. Next Thursday the High Commissioner for Tanzania will discuss the South's views of the Report.

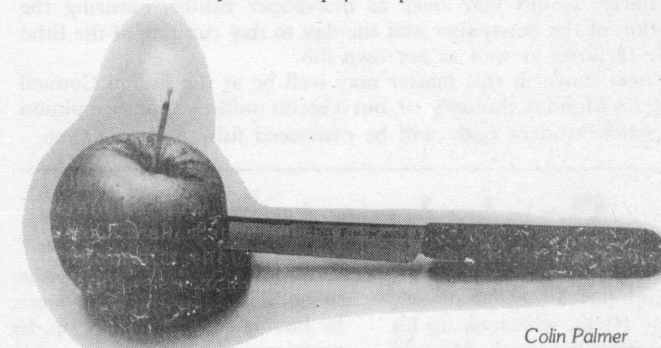
## Pipe Dream

THE PHOTOGRAPHIC Society's Black and White competition was held last Tuesday. Over two dozen prints were scrutinised by a professional judge. It was an open competition and the subjects included candid portraits, landscapes, photo journalism and still life.

The photos were displayed and each print was discussed by the judge. His advice varied from hints on how to improve picture composition, making the most of available lighting and how to select the area of the photo to be used for the final print. The judge highly commended several prints and commented that members of the society had obviously put in a lot of effort.

Tension mounted as the judge whittled the entries down to the final four. Who would win the £5 first prize, the second prize of a roll of slide film and the third £2? The judge awarded the first prize to FELIX photographer, Colin Palmer DoC III, whose winning entry was a still life, 'Apple pipe.'

The judge explained that he chose the winning print because of its impact. He commented that it was a technically difficult print because agitated masking methods were used in the final printing. The winner of the second prize entered a portrait of a child sucking its thumb and the same photographer came 3rd with a portrait of a couple in a classic pose. (If the runner up (N Hashem) or other entrants would like their prints to be considered for publication in *The Phoenix* or possibly in next week's FELIX then please drop your prints into the FELIX Office).



Colin Palmer

The winning photo (see above) was created as part of a portfolio which will be published in this year's ICU literary magazine, *The Phoenix*. The magazine will be on sale towards the end of this term.

FELIX asked Colin Palmer to comment on his winning entry, "I enjoy creating surrealistic images of everyday objects. My subjects are usually constructed out of fruit and kitchen bric-a-brac. I aim to choose materials that have a symbolic aura as well as texture. The composite structure cries out to be photographed."



# CAREERS 81

Some Do's and Don'ts by Dr. Neil Harris,  
College Careers Officer

**During the coming months many gloomy forecasts will appear in the press about graduate employment prospects this year. They will mostly be written in very general terms and you may find it difficult to fathom just what the implications are for you as a prospective graduate of Imperial College.**

Employers, generally, have a very high regard for Imperial College graduates. Some senior managers were graduates of this college themselves and naturally look to the College when they wish to recruit staff. Others have recruited graduates from here in the past and found these people to be good employees. This means that you start from a position in which the average employer, although he has fewer vacancies than last year, is keen to consider your application. From there on it is up to you to compete well in what is a more competitive situation than in previous years. Here are some simple DO'S and DON'TS to help you make a useful start.

**DO** make a start in seeking employment or a further course of study NOW, unless the demands of your studies are too acute to allow you to divert some of your energies into this activity. Unless a major change occurs in our national outlook there will be few graduate job vacancies unfilled by July. If the recession does begin to lift, more job vacancies will become available as the year progresses, but you cannot rely on this happening. **DON'T** leave job seeking until after finals.

**DO** remember that the employers visiting College represent some, but by no means all, areas of graduate employment. These are the large industrial firms, engineering consultants and contractors, banks, accountants and the scientific civil service. You will need to apply direct for work in other areas of the civil service, hospitals, water-boards, local authorities, schools and small firms, merchant banks, stock brokers, patent agents, etc. **DON'T** necessarily rely on the Graduate Recruitment Programmes in College.

**DO** gain some idea of the kind of work you would enjoy and would find satisfying before you apply. A chat with a Careers adviser, tutor or someone who already has a career in the area you are considering should prove useful.

**DON'T** make nebulous applications without any idea of the work in which you wish to start your career.

**DO** find out something about the employer. If the employer produces Graduate Recruitment Literature he will expect you to have read it.

**DON'T** make applications before you have found out all you can about the employer, and his vacancy situation.

**DO** take care in making your application. Make sure that nothing is omitted which could be of some significance. Remember that you must convince the employer that you would have something to offer in the job concerned and would adapt to the life style within his organization.

**DON'T** assume that employers are only interested in your academic qualifications. Give some indication

of your interests and talents outside your degree subject.

**DO** take the trouble to look at the latest lists of employers' requirements. Make sure that the job for which you are applying is one which is on offer.

**DON'T** waste time applying for non-existent jobs.

**DO** realise that the first interview will probably not include technical questions and the interviewer may not be a scientist or engineer. His brief is to assess whether or not you could roughly meet his firm's requirements and have the motivation and ability to eventually reach more senior positions. **DON'T** fall into the mistake of assuming that a non-technical interviewer is necessarily an unintelligent one. It has to be a success if you are to proceed to the final interview stage which could be highly technical in its nature.

For many of you the whole process of applying for a job will be a new experience. It includes a variety of skills and techniques which you will learn as you progress. **DO** assess each experience as it comes and try to learn by your mistakes. There is a useful information sheet 'Applications and Interviews' available from the Careers Advisory Service.

Fortunately, demand for engineers and scientists remains much greater than for graduates in other disciplines. There continues to be a large requirement for graduates in the electronics industry and the oil industry. Exploration for minerals and oil throughout the world is particularly active this year. The civil engineering industry in Britain is at a low ebb, but the large concerns are

finding contracts elsewhere and the new nuclear power programme will eventually provide challenging growth.

Vacancies in accounting, insurance, banking and retailing show little sign of reduction, but areas of the manufacturing industry such as the automobile manufacturers, the chemical industry and much of the heavy mechanical engineering industry are badly affected by the recession.

There remains an acute shortage of teachers in secondary schools to teach sciences.

These ups and downs in demand make it particularly important that your approach should be flexible. If the work you most wished to be involved in proves to be unattainable it will be necessary to consider other options. For those who take care to make well thought out approaches to employers at the right time, 1981 need not be such a bad year as the press would have us believe.

The facilities of the Careers Advisory Service are available to assist you with your career choice and any difficulties you may encounter during the search for suitable employment. We wish all final year students both postgraduate and undergraduate every success in these endeavours.

For further careers advice, contact the Careers Office (level 3 Sherfield) or your departmental careers advisor.



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# HAM DRAM

OF GREAT NOTE to particle physics wallahs is the current highly ionised state of atmosphere prevalent in the upper storeys of the Union East Staircase. For the general joie-de-vivre always associated with that quarter has been amplified into a veritable electrical fizz with the news that the Dramatic Society (your own, your v own) is to be host to the finals of the Home Counties Amateur Dramatic Competition (HAM DRAM 1981). The Dramsoc Storeroom has been impassable with agog stagehands and wide-eyed wardrobe mistresses ever since the news broke all over the place.

It is a pity that Dramsoc itself will not be producing a contribution to the festival, but the disappointment of not reaching these finals is more than outweighed by the eager anticipation of a feast and variety of the very cream of the country's amateur theatre. Some small insight of the wide scope of this event might be gleaned from a retrospective look at some of the past winners.

1980 saw a triumph for the excellent if controversial feminist theatre group, TITS (Totally Integrated Theatre of Socialism), with their viciously satirical, though often warmly charming, musical depiction of East End life, "A Bun In The Oven, But Sod All Sausages For Tea". Whereas, in stark contrast, 1979's winner was "The Shakespeare Story", a dramatised documentary of the life of the Swan of Avon, from the humble beginnings in Stratford, through all the tribulations of the middle years, to the triumphs at the Globe Theatre with the great tragedies.

The roll of honour has been filled with thrillers, experimental minimalist mime, classics; in fact, all branches of the art have been represented. Dramsoc are fortunate to have secured a limited allocation of tickets which will become available in the next two weeks.

The festival will run over four nights on 11-14 March.

## Gliding Club

OVER THE CHRISTMAS vacation the Gliding Club again mounted an expedition to the Northern wastes. The Club's Astir and Libelle, both high performance sailplanes, were taken to the Scottish Gliding Union's site at Portmank, about thirty miles north of Edinburgh. This site is renowned for its 'waves' — huge stationary waves of air caused by upwind mountains. By flying the regions where the air is rising gliders can be carried to great heights, often climbing at rates of 800 feet per minute.

The four pilots who ventured north over the Christmas week were greeted with the sight of a very wet airfield which looked like it had just been bombed by the Luftwaffe. However, reasonable weather prevailed — only two days were not flyable and Club Captain Rob Green reached 8000 feet on one of the two wave days.

Over the New Year a new batch of pilots took over and were joined by staff members Mr Paul Minton of Civ Eng and Club President Mr Frank Irving. Only two days were flyable but both produced exceptional conditions. Two Gold Heights (height gains over 3000m) were obtained by Martin Judkins and Alan Reeves, who reached 14000 feet and 13400 feet respectively. The remaining time was spent in an alcoholic daze watching the club house being demolished around us by gales and trying to relieve the boredom by abortive attempts at scaling the local peaks and a daring excursion to the tenpin bowling alley in Glenrothes, possibly the third most exciting event on the whole expedition.

MJ

## SF Sock

ONLY THREE YEARS LEFT to 1984 and already it's raining. The outlook is as black as Mark Jeffcock's lapels, but are we down-hearted? Are we depressed? Are we despondent? Are we dismal, desolate, dismayed, despairing or even dandruff ridden? The answer is yes, and desperate too. Next week on Sesame Street, the letter E and how to evade it.

Well, what's new in the SF world? The answer is — nothing. All the news I have is old news, which you would have already if the last bulletin had not had certain vital words edited out — all of them in fact. Here is a newflash (ah-ah saviour of the universe). On Friday (i.e. today, or if this is not printed, Tuesday) the 16th (i.e. today) of January (i.e. this month) we (i.e. us) are going to a meeting of the BSFA, that is (i.e. i.e.) the British Science Fiction Association (i.e. nothing to do with cassettes (i.e. little boxes))). The time — 7:30pm; the place — Hammersmith Tube Station.

Next piece of news — the regular meetings of some of the keenest minds of our generation will now start quarter of an hour earlier. By this I mean 12:45pm on Fridays. So, if you want to read our new (old) books (see the un-printed bulletin for titles) come to Southside Upper Lounge and be amazed at our good taste.

And now a personal message for Steve Higgins. Steve — whatever it is that we've done, or not done, which has offended you enough to stop you talking to us, we apologise most abjectly and sincerely. And if that's not good enough for you, we'll take the print of "Santa Claus Conquers The Martians", tie you to a chair with it, and forcefeed you with copies of the 'Batchwork Girl' by Larry Niven, which you can then review pretentiously and be patted on the head by Brian Aldiss in an attempt to get you to go away. However, we trust our apology is sufficient. I trust you now have enough information to survive the next crisis. Belligerently yours.

Carlos Zibblie (no relation)

## SCC

The following societies have failed to send a representative to the last two full SCC meetings, on October 16 and December 4, 1980: Amnesty, Buddhist, French, Gay.

I am thus investigating whether these societies are still active. Unless a representative from each of the societies contacts me before the next SCC Executive Meeting, I shall propose that these societies be abolished, and the matter may then be considered at the next full SCC Meeting.

The dates of the next SCC meetings are: SCC Executive: Tuesday, January 20, 1981; SCC Full Meeting: Thursday, January 22, 1981.

Bryan Steele  
Hon Sec SCC

## ICCAG

THE SAMARITANS are opening a new centre in Kensington this month, and would like your help with publicity. They are holding a concert at the Commonwealth Institute to raise funds, and need volunteers to go to some local record shops, laundrettes, etc., and ask those in charge to:

- Take leaflets advertising the concert and place them where customers can see them;
- Place a display card about the new Samaritan Centre in his window or on a noticeboard;
- Possibly offer some financial support.

If you can spare any time at all for this, they would be extremely grateful. Please contact either of the following as soon as possible for more details and to arrange which establishments you will visit, etc: Peter Assinder (Samaritans' Appeal Director) on 223-1893 by day, or Fred Bradley (Samaritan Task Force) on 352-4274 (evenings).

NEXT WEEK, on Saturday, January 24, there will be an outing to Holly Street to have another crack at the Adventure Playground. Please make an effort to come along. More details next week.

## Ski Club

THE IC SKI CLUB is organising a weekend trip to Scotland (Aviemore) from February 6 to 8. Cost is about £55 (all inclusive). Deposits of £10 are needed immediately (payable to Weekend Ski Club Ltd), first come, first served. Details from Ski Club noticeboard or at a meeting on Monday, January 19 in the Union Upper Lounge at 1:00pm (also last chance for deposits).

Phillip Smith



Friday, January 16  
Disco, JCR  
Wed, Jan 28 to Wed, Mar 4  
Year Rag Collections  
Wednesday, March 4  
Barnite, Union Bar

HELLO AGAIN, just a few words to bring to your notice the Disco in the JCR tonight, come along and get drunk. There will be Rag collections for a week at the above dates on a departmental basis. The prize for the most collected will be a barrel, the Social Reps should organise a stunt each and then see me. Finally, there will be a Barnite on the 4th March — we haven't decided on a theme yet — if you have any ideas please let us know.

That's all for now folks.

TTFN.

Crispin



Sunday, January 25  
Soccer Sixes and Bar Games Night  
Friday, January 30  
Dinner and Dance

Teams for Soccer Sixes should be given to Ruth in the Guilds Office or Phil Niccolls in Mech Eng 211. Prizes for this event and Rugby Sevens will be awarded at the Bar Games Night.

Tickets for Dinner & Dance are selling so buy yours now to avoid disappointment.

Andy Dixon

## Dinners in Hall

Dinners-in-Hall will be held on the following dates during the Spring Term:

20 January 1981 (Inaugural)  
17 February 1981 (Probably Inaugural)  
17 March 1981

Members of the Senior Common Room wishing to attend any of the above dinners should book places through Miss K Dailly, Room 354, Sheffield Building (internal 2231) using a booking form which can be obtained, from the beginning of the spring term, either from Miss Dailly, or from the box located in the Senior Common Room in the Sheffield Building. Students should book through the Student Union. The latest time for booking as 12-noon on the Friday preceding the Dinner.

### Charges

£6.00 for staff and £4.50 for students.

### Dress

Except for the final dinner of term (17 March 1981) when evening dress (black tie) should be worn, the correct dress for men for Hall dinners is a lounge suit.

### General

Staff and students attending Hall Dinners should forgather in the Senior Common Room or the Ante-Room in the Sheffield Building — depending on whether the dinner is being held in the Staff or Main Dining Hall — at 7:00pm for dinner at 7:30pm. (The location of each dinner — which will depend on the number of people attending — will be displayed on noticeboards on the level 1 and level 2 lift concourses of the Sheffield Building.)

Sherry or other drinks will be available for purchase in the Senior Common Room or Ante-Room before dinner. The wine and port served during dinner will be included in the overall charge.



# SCARAMOUCHE

## SPORT

Compiled by Phil Webb

### Results and Reports 7th January

<b>Rugby</b>		
1st XV	v Barts	0-28
<b>Football</b>		
4th XI	v Barts	6-3
<b>Hockey</b>		
1st XI	v RCS	6-0

### Table-Tennis

THE TABLE TENNIS CLUB had its annual handicap tournaments the last two Wednesday afternoons of last term. Though not many people turned up, due to lack of publicity, a good time was had by all.

As hoped the majority of games were unpredictable. The final of the Singles Tournament was a tense and exciting match between Chris Nicolaides and Chat Eimsin, but finally Chris won the final game and won 3-2.

The doubles also was a lively event, with partners chosen by the draw, table tennis abilities came second to partner compatibility. The final, arranged by the finalists themselves to be out of three games, was more to see which team was the steadier with the team of Andy Tye and Olivatosin Osikoya beating Chirs Nicolaides and Kumar Singaragah 2-0.

Many thanks to Andy Cowling for arranging the tournaments.

### Results and Reports 10th January

<b>Rugby</b>		
1st XV	v WHMS	4-22
2nd XV	v Wasps	0-22
<b>Football</b>		
1st XI	v Kings	1-3
2nd XI	v Kings	2-1
3rd XI	v LH	5-2
<b>Hockey</b>		
1st XI	v Harlow	2-1
2nd XI	v Harlow	0-5
3rd XI	v Harlow	1-0

### Football Seconds

IC Seconds gained a valuable victory on a day when the wind and assorted hail showers combined with a low sun to make good football very difficult.

Predictably enough the early part of the game was slow. During this period, Niccolls, Rickard and Beer all saw their shots go narrowly wide. It was then that Williams, playing his first game for the seconds made an important save as he dived low to his left to turn a shot wide. Soon after this, IC went ahead when Rickard flicked the ball across the penalty area for Niccolls to shoot his half volley just inside the post.

After half-time, Kings were allowed far too much of the ball, though rarely encroached on the IC penalty area. IC always looked dangerous on the break though it was certainly not Malcolm Carr's day. He slipped one shot neatly past the keeper, only, for it to be blown away from the goal by the wind, and had another goal disallowed for offside. IC's second goal came when Saunders was put clear and blasted his shot inside the near post. In the closing minutes Kings scored a consolation goal through it was not enough to stop IC Second's successful league run.

TEAM: Williams, Curran, Beer, Armstrong, Griffiths, Lakin, Wiggins, Niccolls, Carr, Saunders, Rickard.

### Football Thirds

IN ATROCIOUS CONDITIONS on Saturday the Thirds made a good start to the term. Healy scored the first goal and a few minutes later Dhillon made it 2-0.

Early in the second half, Flanagan scored IC's third goal when a back-heel by Healy left him with only the keeper to beat. Hatton was unlucky to have a cose range shot save on the line, but produced further evidence of his return to form by viciously kicking an opponent. IC were unlucky to have their lead reduced when the Hospital was awarded a controversial penalty, but soon recovered from this setback and Flanagan scored the fourth goal from close range. Gilbert in goal was grateful for a few defensive errors to help him keep warm. He made some excellent saves, but was unable to prevent a rebound from an opponent giving the Hospital a second goal. IC sealed up the match when Sims sent healy clar to slot in IC's fifth.

TEAM: Gilbert, Dunhill, Redmayne, Hatton, Berns, Dhillon, Archer, Sims, Rimmer, Flanagan, Healy.

### Hockey Thirds

IN A MATCH played in appalling conditions IC thirds managed to beat Harlow by the odd goal.

The conditions and temperature were not suitable for hockey yet early in the match IC played good hockey culminating in a goal by Chris Pound. Hughes was unlucky on several occasions not to score (better luck next Saturday evening Petel) and only some diabolical efforts by Harlow prevented further IC goals.

IC's solid defence of Rampton and Sawers combined well with new goalkeeper Hopkins in what was otherwise a cold, dour second half — with the only highlight being the IC short corner defence routine of having three goalkeepers on the goal-line.

TEAM: Hopkins, Rampton, Sawers, Webb, Hughes, Clift, Mitchell (Capt), Mahers, Wylie, Taylor, Pound, Woollard.

### Swimming

ON WEDNESDAY, December 10, Imperial College met University College in an inter-college swimming gala. In a close run battle, IC managed to beat UC 86 points to 77. The UC women's team were very strong, but IC pulled the match back with their excellent relay teams. The IC team was Susan Wilton, Nicola Hammond, Jane Hiller, Neeran Al-Sarraf, Katy Woolley, Nick Last, Jim Boucher, Mike Casey, Rich Leach, John Heffernan, Barry Ashwin, Bob Bradley, Bill Fahey, and Chris Garton.

I would like to give a big thank you to Mr Casey who came all the way from Boreham Wood to officiate, and also to Cliff Spooner the pool manager.

### Guilds Sixes

ARE YOU man (or woman) enough to compete in

THE GUILDS SIXES

If so, please submit teams (preferably same dept, same year, 1 guest, but I am flexible) (? - Ed) to Guilds Union Office.

If you don't have enough for a complete team, just give a list of names, there's always enough for a few extra teams.

Phil Niccolls  
Mech Eng Rm 211

In my kitchen I have an old-fashioned apothecary's balance which I use for weighing flour and sugar and things. A great big handsome thing it is, all made of oak with the scale pans and moving parts in solid brass.

When I bought it, it had four brass weights and I found that by putting the right weights on one or both sides of the scales, I could weigh any whole number of ounces from one to ten (and also a few amounts greater than ten).

Typically, the day came when the one ounce weight slipped into the flour, was baked into a fruit cake, and came off second best against granny's dentures. So now I manage without a one ounce weight. But this isn't much of a handicap, as I have found that although the three remaining weights cannot be used to measure five ounces, I can still use them to weigh any other whole number of ounces from one to ten inclusive.

How heavy are they?

Solutions, comments and criticisms to me c/o FELIX Office. There is a £5 prize (donated by Mend-a-Bike) for the correct entry randomly chosen at 1:00pm on Wednesday.

#### Last Week's Solution

McBagpipe is wearing the sporan of McPorridge.

McPorridge is wearing the sporan of McBagpipe.

McThistle is wearing the sporan of McOchaye.

McOchaye is wearing the sporan of McLochnessmonster.

McLochnessmonster is wearing the sporan of McThistle.

The third recollection is false.

This week's prize was won by Katharine Herbert, Maths 2 who can collect her prize from the FELIX Office. Congratulations to her and everyone else who solved the puzzle.

We've found a sponsor! Mend-a-Bike have agreed to give a weekly prize of £5 for the next six weeks, and if they start getting lots of custom from FELIX readers, they will extend their sponsorship. Moral: visit them, wave a copy of FELIX around, and claim your discount. Incidentally Mend-a-Bike are about the only cycle repair firm in Central London who give a same day repair service. They also offer exceptional value for money, and are within easy pushing distance of College.

Thanks to Mark Hipsey for suggesting to Mend-a-Bike that they advertise in FELIX.

Thanks to Steve for the new logo. And thanks to everyone whose stomach turned at the name 'Angus McOatup' for a Scottish cloakroom attendant. Naturally Angus is a close friend of the Indian cloakroom attendant, Mahatma Jacket.

Scaramouche

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### Apology

I am pleased to point out that remarks attributed to Rae Snee in last week's issue, concerning Mr Mooney, are completely false. I wish to apologise to Miss Snee for any inconvenience and difficulty caused to her by this untruthful reference. Anyone knowing Miss Snee would have realised that such an utterance is totally uncharacteristic of someone of her maturity.

### Mooney

It is interesting to note the Holland Club's decision to ask College if they can manage their own catering facilities instead of relying on the services of the College Catering Service. Prior to this, Guilds Union decided to hold their Dinner & Dance outside College at the Royal Garden Hotel. RCS Union have for many years employed outside caterers for the Silwood Ball.

I wonder, is some kind of message filtering through?

I think not, College Catering Manager, Mr Mooney, is as thick-skinned as his baked mince-beef rolls. The College catering service seems oblivious to the views of the students. The College catering service thrives only on its monopoly; it does not have to compete for business, for if it did it would have to improve or surely fold. Last year, refectory boycotts had little effect, except to make known the student feeling. This year, John Passmore plans no refectory boycotts and has even told me that he considers the food to have dramatically improved since he has been here. Mr Passmore seems to prefer to clown about as an ineffectual organ of the Rector's opinion without regard for the students' views that he was elected to represent to Lord Flowers and the Governing Body.

The facts are clear: The standard of College catering is disgusting. Mr Mooney, as Refectory Manager, is responsible for "providing the Refectory Service or maintaining it, subject to economic considerations, to the satisfaction of the College authorities" (Direct Quote — emphasis mine). I suspect he performs this task admirably. Now, it is about time he started to satisfy the students of Imperial College, without whom there would be no "College authorities".

The readers' views are invited, as are Mr. Mooney's, for publication in the letters page.

### Thanks to

Patrick, Caroline, Mark, Dave, Phil, Steve, Scaramouche, Shanne, Colin, Paul, Andy, D.G., W.M., Ian, and Maz.

# Reviews

## The Traveller in the Forest A film by Roger Stotesbury

Wednesday marked the opening of former ICU Hon Sec, Roger Stotesbury's latest film. Shot over a two year period it is an adventurous and interesting attempt at producing a short length feature with limited resources and equipment. The result is pleasantly surprising.

The film opens with a domestic scene in the home of the central figure, a nameless man played by Suki Kalirai. His daily routine begins; friction at home, a train journey, the crowds pouring to work over London Bridge and the office. But this day turns out to be different. He is dismissed and in his fear and confusion wanders the streets of London, gradually becoming more aware of the aspects and potential of his life which were disguised by his boring existence.

His reaction is one of sorrow and bewilderment. In search of change, he travels out of the city, but still finds that the forest (symbolically) encloses him. Now, however, he is not shielded by the ignorance of his previous mediocrity and he runs in confusion, trying to find a means of escape.

As the above description shows, the film is laced with symbolism to which any number of different meanings can be attached. The "hero" wears a blank white mask, which could be indicative of his uniformity or that he is masked from the truth of his existence. Either way it adds to the visual impact of the film, which is packed with many shots of the sterile and featureless city. If anything, there is a succession of cuts which are too rapid, giving a feeling of frustration at having so little time to dwell on the more interesting shots. The photography is generally good, especially considering that it was all shot with a small Super-8 camera.

The soundtrack proves to be very unusual, mainly consisting of radio broadcasts and noise, which build to a quite frightening climax at the end of the film.

As an amateur effort this is certainly a good attempt and is of particular interest as it was written and filmed by an IC student and includes scenes in and around College. There are four showings today at 5:30, 7:00, 8:30 and 10:00pm in the Southside Penthouse Dining Room (Tizard/Falmouth lifts). Tickets are on sale, price 75p from the Haldane Library or on the door if available.

## Rattle of a Simple Man

ONCE AGAIN the old firm of Pauline Collins and John Alderton are in action on the London stage. Pauline Collins prefers interpreting modern playwrights, but the "Rattle" was written nearly thirty years ago, and it is a play both have long wished to perform.

Ron is down for the weekend to watch his favourite team play in London, it is also an excuse for a night on the town. While he is somewhat the worse for drink, his extrovert friend "Guige" dares him to spend the night with a whore they picked up at a nightclub.

So the scene is set, the gauche northerner, shy, naive, and lonely and the whore,

provocative, offhand, attractive. Ron suddenly realises what he has done. Going to bed is out of the question, but the £50 bet! So the scene is set for a touching, revealing insight into two apparently very different people.

After years of working together on TV and on the stage these two fine actors complement each other perfectly. The result is an entertaining night out, although lacking any punch or message, a typical West End production. "Rattle" is playing at the Savoy Theatre in the Strand.

Lee Paddon

# What's On

## Friday, January 16

• **Socialist Society Bookstall**, lunchtime, JCR.

## Sunday, January 18

• **Talk by Lord Flowers** on issues of Nuclear Power, 7:30pm, More House, 53 Cromwell Road.

## Monday, January 19

• **Sailing Club Cheese, Wine and Disco**, 7:30pm, SCR, £1.20 (includes food and wine).

## Tuesday, January 20

• **MOPSOC Lecture: Clouds, Thunder and Lightening**, 1:00pm, Physics LT2.

• **STOIC Transmission**, 1:00pm, JCR and Halls.

• **Riding Club Meeting**, 1:00pm, Elec Eng 1110.

• **Fishing Club Inaugural Meeting**, 1:30pm, Chem Eng E450.

• **IC Labour Club**, Andy Bevan, Labour Party Youth Officer on *Youth For Socialism*, 1:00pm, Maths 341. Free.

• **Discussion** on the Way to Socialism (based on 'The Communist Manifesto' by Marx and Engels), 6:30pm, Brown Cttee Rm, 3rd floor, Union Building. This is intended for people (not necessarily Socialists) who want to discuss the 'basics' of socialism.

## Wednesday, January 21

• **MOPSOC visit** to London Weekend Television.

• **Ski Club Trip** to Uxbridge, 12:30pm, Beit Arch.

• **Radio Amateurs Exam course** for transmitting licence qualification, 1:00pm, Elec Eng 1207. Free to all.

• **Industrial Society Visit** to the London Stock Exchange, 1:30pm, Beit Arch. £1 towards tube fare. Send name and money to Mary Whittam, Physics 3. Members get preference.

• **Trampolining Soc**, 5:00pm, Coutauld Hall, QEC.

## Thursday, January 22

• **ICCND Group Talk** by Christine Kings of National CND, and general discussion, 1:00pm, Upper Lounge, Union.

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

• **STOIC Transmission**, 1:00pm and 6:00pm, JCR and Halls. With News-Break.

• **Amon Nsekela**, High Commissioner for Tanzania on *The New International Economic Order and the Process of Development*. Proposals of the Brandt Report, seen from the viewpoint of the 'South', 1:30pm, Reed Lecture Theatre.

• **Conservative Society Meeting**, with Giles Shaw, MP, Junior Minister speaking on *The Last 18 Months in Northern Ireland*, 1:00pm, Chem Eng LT.

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

• **MOPSOC Lecture: Physics In Medicine**, 5:45pm, LT3, Physics.

• **Real Ale Society Meeting**, 7:30pm, Crush Bar, 2nd Floor, Union Building. Beers: Brakspear's PA, Ridley's PA and Robinson's Mild.

• **ULU Gaysoc**, Room 2D, ULU Malet Street.

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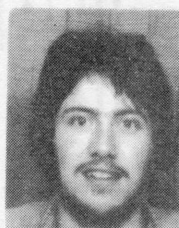


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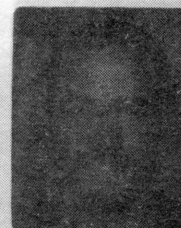
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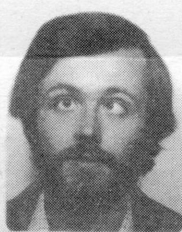
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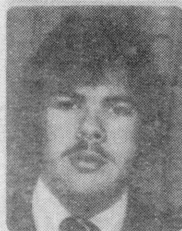


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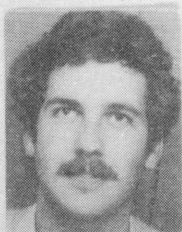
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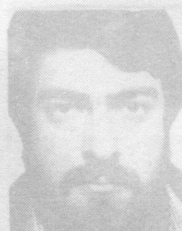
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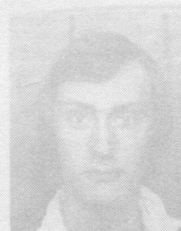
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# ISLAM

## 1. Anchor of Belief

Knowing God is the lever upon which the whole of ISLAM is pivoted, without it every action in Islam or for it loses its real value, as it becomes an action without its aim, and what use is such an action?

But, how do we get to know God, and what is the way to this knowledge? The answer to this question is vital and necessary, for failing to find the way will block the aim we seek.

Many people, past and present, have denied God's existence because they could not feel him with their senses; thinking that such was the way to God. They called the believers as unscientific, unimaginative, misled, perturbed, as well as many others in a long list of names of mockery, because they believed in a way other than the senses.

## 2. Gravity and Neutrons

The physical reality of such people clearly shows the falsehood of their accusations. They believe in gravity and its laws even though they did not see it; but only saw its effects. They believe in the mind and they have not seen it either, the same goes for magnetism, the electrons, neutrons, etc. Thus they actually believe in many things their senses could not detect; but the effects and consequences lead them to these beliefs, without any doubts.

## 3. The Mind, The Senses and Deception

Thus it was the *mind* and *not* the senses that lead them to these beliefs, even though they have used their senses as a tool to collect data and information. But without the mind, there would have been no conclusion and hence belief. In actual fact, our senses may deceive us in many ways, and the truth is disentangled using the mind alone. For example: a stick half immersed in water looks as though it is broken; white numbers appear larger than black numbers of the same size, we always feel our heads at the upper position whilst walking although we may be at the south pole or the north pole. Thus it is clear that the mind is the key to correct perception and without it, our senses can deceive us, and our knowledge would have been non-existent. (?)

## 4. Straight and Crooked Thinking

Going back to the original question; were these people right in confining knowledge to the senses? Were they rational and objective when they refused belief in God because they could not detect him with their senses; even though they have accepted many other facts they could not sense, facts which constitute some of the major discoveries man has ever made.

Thus, this is one of the major paths of crooked thinking throughout the ages, which served to alienate many people from the correct belief, even though it is obviously wrong. And even in this day and age we have heard about many who do not believe just because they cannot see God, even nations have made such declarations, I cite the example of the Soviet Union after sending the first satellite into space.

The existence of this fallacy is as old as atheism is. It is a symptom of

the illness of the soul and the heart, and not a consequence of clear thinking or a just attitude.

## 5. The Quran

In many instances in the Quran, it is explained how many have insisted on sensing God through their sight or hearing showing the illnesses leading to such claims. The Quran specifies the reasons as: ignorance, arrogance, perversion and injustice.

Regarding ignorance: "Those without knowledge say 'Why doesn't God speak to us? Or why a sign does not come?' So, the people before them have said" — We notice how the verse referred to the words of the ignorant rather than the knowledgeable and shows that the road to God lies in his effects.

Regarding arrogance: "Such as fear not the meeting with Us (for judgement) say, 'Why are not the angels sent down to us or why do we not see our Lord?' Indeed they have an arrogant conceit of themselves, and mightily is the insolence of their impiety". The day they see the angels, no joy will there be to the sinners that day. Thus here they want to see, but who do they want to see? They imagine that the present life is all there is to it, and nothing is beyond it. The verses have shown that there will be a world different from this one where they can perceive, but in this life they cannot, and God is surely more difficult to perceive than the angels!

Concerning perversion: "The Pharaoh said, 'O Haamaan, build me a lofty palace that I may attain the ways and means — the ways and means of reaching the heavens, and that I may mount up to the God of Moses, but as far as I am concerned, I think Moses is a liar! This was made alluring in Pharaoh's eye i.e. the evil of his deeds, and he was hindered from the path."

Thus the Pharaoh followed the wrong path and was perverted.

The last of the reasons is injustice: "they said — i.e. the Jews — 'Show us God in public', but they were dazed for their presumption" (or injustice).

Thus they have accused the believers of imagination, lying, and emotionalism and today we see a continuation of this trend.

## The Way to God, Its Signs

Therefore, the way mentioned earlier will lead us astray in the subject of finding about the nature of God. The way to God lies in analysing his effects, and therefore leads to him; and it is the only way — the mind, thought and knowledge being essential preconditions.

Thus without the mind the signs cannot be analysed; and without thought its creator cannot be found, and without knowledge neither cannot be done. This may seem strange to such people as atheists, for they always call themselves secular, thoughtful, free, etc. But, a statement without proof has no value.

In Chapter — Al Shoora — God says: "But those who dispute concerning God after he has been accepted — futile is their dispute in the sight of their Lord". Verse 16

Thus, for the time being, we will start the Quran. Whoever bothers to glance through it will notice how clearly the Quran sets the arguments

for the mind, the thought, and the effects of Allah. In chapter — Al Ah kaf — God says: "Say: 'Do you see what it is you invoke besides God? Show me what it is they have created on earth, or have they a share in the heavens? Bring me a book — revealed — before this, or any remnant of knowledge you may have if you are telling the truth!'" Verse 4

That is, is there an atom of knowledge verifying anyone else than God as the creator. Thus if people denied their Lord, it does not form a proof of knowledge but demonstrates ignorance. In Chapter — Al Hajj — God says, "Yet there is among men such a one that disputes about God, without knowledge, without guidance, and without a book of enlightenment". Verse 8

Unlike complete ignorance, void of any knowledge, this is a special type which God mentioned in Chapter — Al Room — by saying, "They know but the outer things in the life of this world; but of the End of things they are heedless". Verse 7, and also says, "Therefore shun those who turn away from our message and desire nothing but the life of this world. That is as far as knowledge will reach them". Chapter Najm Verse 29/30

It is purposely stressed to mention knowledge, thought and the mind in the Quran very frequently: "there are signs for those who understand" Chapter Ra'ad Verse 4. "Verily is this a sign for people of knowledge" Chapter An Naml, Verse 52. "Verily in this is a sign for those who give thought", Chapter Nahl, Verse 11. "In that are signs for those who hearken", Chapter — Ar Room — Verse 22. "Say: 'Behold all that is in the heavens and on earth'", Chapter

Yoonus, Verse 101.

Thus whoever enquires through the Quran realises that Islam assigns the Muslim the duty of thinking, and learning; and that knowledge and thought are part of the Muslim's personality. This is contrasted of the non-Muslim as a desire to amuse himself with, or as a profession to earn a living, or as a hobby to some individuals. Thus the reason for shouldering the Muslims with knowledge is that it leads them to Islam as the truth, "And those to whom knowledge has come see that the revelation sent down to you from your Lord — that is the truth", Chapter Sabaa, Verse 6.

Thus we shall see that it was not the lack of signs or the vagueness in their presentation that lead many to atheism. In fact the signs are countless, and with such clarity that they become impossible to conceal. The secret lies within the human being himself. The secret is how he manages to avoid the signs, how he becomes too arrogant to accept the truth, in avoiding the truth, in perverting from the human norms and manners and ending as a closed shell unable to perceive even when confronted by miracles.

The Quran informs us about such people saying, "Even if we opened out to them a gate from heaven, and they were to continue all day ascending therein; they would only say: 'Our eyes have been intoxicated, nay we have been bewitched by sorcery'", Chapter Hijr, Verse 14/15. "But if they see a sign, they turn away and say: 'This is but transient magic'", Chapter Qamar, Verse 2. "And how many signs in the heavens and the earth do they pass by? Yet they turn away from them!", Chapter Yusus, Verse 105.

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