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More beer money for students?

Many of you will possibly have read in the Sunday papers about the possibility of obtaining rent rebates if you live in Hall. Very few people seem to have any ideas of the situation as the people who do know are not keen to let on about a possible loophole in the 1980 Housing Act. The following article is by Sue Telling of Student Services and outlines the position up-to-date.

The national press, via publicity by the NUS, have drawn the attention of many people to a clause in the 1980 Housing Act which appears to enable students living in Halls of Residence to apply for rent allowances. This sounds like a great way of bolstering grants against rising residence fees. But unfortunately there is still a lot of confusion about how different boroughs will respond to claims; how colleges will react to inquiries regarding a breakdown of Hall bills for assessment purposes; how, if any test cases are taken to court, lawyers will interpret the relevant clause with regard to individual cases; and finally, if students are granted this allowance, whether or not the amount of money involved will be worth applying for.

A Department of the Environment spokesman is reported to have confirmed that students could claim allowances for rent paid in hostel type accommodation. However, the Housing Officer for Kensington and Chelsea seems to have spoken to a different official at the D of E. His information was that people in Halls of Residence would be unlikely to qualify since although they fulfill the first part of the relevant clause in the new Housing Act there are aspects of the second part of the clause that could be construed against them. People living in hostels can indeed claim, but the official interpretation of a hostel is one in which people are living in dormitories. The original intent of the 1980 Housing Act was not apparently to allow students in college residences this opportunity to supplement their grant. The D of E does admit that the whole thing is very woolly and finds it difficult to predict just what the final outcome will be. Our local Housing Officer seems to think that this borough would turn down such a claim.

Meanwhile, some boroughs have been actively encouraging students to apply. For instance, the Welfare Rights Officer of Greenwich Borough Council wrote to Thames Polytechnic Students' Union. However when students did apply the rent allowance office wanted a breakdown from the Polytechnic on what exactly the students were paying for, since the residence fees are heavily subsidised. The accounts department at first estimated that about £1.25 of the normal £24.60 was rent. The union contested this finding and it was subsequently admitted that a student's Hall bill could not be itemised. This would also seem to apply to any IC Residence bill. The Kensington and Chelsea Housing Department meanwhile, take the view that the it is not within their jurisdiction to approach the landlord for a breakdown of a bill but take it at face value then apply their own analysis of the figures.

Thames Polytechnic Union are still waiting to hear from Greenwich Borough Council on their final decision. There is apparently a government directive for boroughs to delay making any payments until the wording of the Housing Act has been more closely scrutinised. If the Union does get a negative reply they intend taking the Borough to Court to fulfill its obligations under the 1980 Housing Act as long as the NUS are prepared to supply the necessary funds. It would seem that a successful test case will be the only way of ultimately getting any

payments through since boroughs are under great financial pressure at present to abide by central directives.

If all this hasn't been enough to dampen anyone's enthusiasm perhaps it would be as well to also recall some information given in a previous FELIX article on who can apply for rent allowances and how they are calculated.

Agreements with a landlord that are described as 'holiday' or 'company' lets and accommodation that is shared with the landlord are all still outside the range of rent allowances. People with 'licenced' agreements do now qualify under the new 1980 Housing Act and it is always possible to take a 'holiday let' to the County Court for reclassification when it is obvious that the tenants are not on holiday.....

Most boroughs have a different way of working out these allowances since quite a lot of discretion is allowed. The following is a description of this Borough's method:

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 (approx 25%) is also removed, but this will be subject to its own rebate. The basic rebate will be between 20% and 30% of the remaining figure. The percentage varies according to the rent payable, shrinking as the rent increases. However, if your income is less than £34.90 (the single person's housing benefit needs allowance), as it normally will be during the vacation then 25% of the difference between the income and the needs allowance is added to the basic figure. If your income is more than the needs allowance then the basic rate is reduced by 17% of the difference between the income and the needs allowance.

If a rate rebate is applicable this part is not subject to any initial reductions, but the calculations tend to be even more tortuous without providing a very clear indication of the final outcome.

If you apply during term-time however £10 of your rent is ignored in these calculations since this figure is the weekly rent already allocated in the grant. For most IC students this will mean that term-time allowances just won't be worth applying for. During the short vacations however there could be an allowance of between £2 and £6 a week. People living in the College head tenancies are getting around £4 a week. In the past the Student Services Office has recommended this allowance for those who have to pay rent during the Christmas and Easter holidays. Unfortunately the Housing Department will not consider any claims made during the summer vacation since living in College at this time is not regarded by at least one official as being a permanent place of residence.

If you do decide to apply for a rent allowance this is how to go about it:

It's best to phone your Town Hall first to discover their interview procedure and establish just where the relevant office is since it may not be in the main building. Have all the necessary identification, proof of rent and bank statement with you for anything missing will mean another visit and possibly lost rebate since it only begins when they have established the relevant facts.

If in the end you are refused payment, contact the Student Services Office, 15 Princes Gardens, since they may have news of developments in other boroughs which could possibly be used in negotiations with Kensington and Chelsea.

Letters to the Editor



Dear Sir

I wish to complain about your editorial in last week's issue of FELIX (no 586).

The vast majority of the people that I have met on ICU Council are quiet, unassuming, polite people who are solely interested in serving the interest of their fellow students.

To refer to these people as "ego-centric, pseudo-politico, nancy-boy, pettyfogging twats" is indeed an insult, and besides which, it is grossly untrue.

Instead of casting aspersions on many good people, may I suggest that you either give credit where credit is due, or shut up.

Yours faithfully
C J Batchelor
Mech Eng 3

Ed's Note

You were one of the people on Council I referred to as "with only a few exceptions". Well done Colin! Keep up the good work!

Sir

I was appalled when I read your editorial in the last issue of FELIX. Many other members of Council to whom I have spoken were also appalled. We were appalled that you could so misconstrue the facts on which, at the end of the day, your case must rest. It is right and proper that you should point out that a few members of Council do not have the same deep regard for the Union as the rest of us. I, myself a member of PWP this year, have striven to get people around the table to establish a meaningful dialogue on many areas relevant to student life.

As for your charge of egocentricity what piffle! I often talk to ordinary students and sometimes allow them to buy me a drink. In

addition to accuse members of Council of pomposity merits the ridicule it so fully and justly deserves.

You raise the case of Social Colours awards as a prime example of back-slapping among hacks. This is an award, which I note you were not deemed worthy of receiving. I can only speak for myself in stating that I am proud to wear the tie that I know I fully deserve. Also Mr Editor Marshall (I hope that engenders enough respect) who put forward the Social Colour nominations for FELIX staff, surely not yourself, a man of towering moral principle.

I am sir, your obedient servant,
Stephen Goulder

PWP Hon Sec 1980/1
Int Services Cttee 1980/1
Council 1980/1
SCC Exec Cttee 1980/1
RCSU Gen Comm 1980/1
Biochem II Ac Rep 1980/1
RCS Ac Affairs Comm 1980/1
Social Clubs Comm 1980/1
FELIX Cow Gum Monitor 1980/1
UGM Chairman 1981/2
SCC Chairman 1981/2
House Committee 1981/2
Union Finance Cttee 1981/2
Bookshop Committee 1981/2
Council 1981/2
RCS Gen Comm 1981/2
Social Clubs Cttee 1981/2
Social Clubs Exec Cttee 1981/2

Dear Steve

I was most interested to read your editorial in last week's FELIX. I found it most amusing, as I believe did most students.

However, whilst I find it hard to disagree with the general theme of your remarks, I would like to take up a couple of points where I thought you were slightly wide of the mark.

Firstly, on perhaps a slightly petty note, I am interested as to where you obtain your information about Mr Passmore's time of arrival in the Union Office. I don't believe you've often been seen in your office before 2:00pm. And how you can have the gall to describe yourself as a 'serious observer of the Union' is quite beyond me.

On a more serious note, I refer to your comments on the Union Council. As a member of this prestigious body I found myself reeling from the sheer verbosity of your description of its honourable members. (I don't have the presumptuousness to assume myself one of your 'few exceptions'.) After some thought, however, I realised that not only have you misjudged the situation, but you are wrong as well. (This isn't surprising since you've only been to Council once this year.)

Far from being 'ego-centric' and 'pseudo-political' most members display the intelligence,

skill and concern for their responsibilities of a Southside Chef. Many fit the description of being boring, apathetic and largely incompetent individuals who downgrade Council to the 'rubber-stamping' body that it often becomes. They have been blind to the ineptitude and esoteric indifference of the Exec, and have aided and abetted 'cooperation' verging on acquiescence with almost everything College throws at the Union.

There are, however, a few exceptions, who could conceivably be described as 'ego-centric', 'pseudo-political' and 'pettyfogging' by a cynic such as yourself. They are the only effective voice of opposition (apart from your good self) to the Exec, the main check on their otherwise unbridled activities. I am pleased to number myself amongst them.

Yours in ego-centric, pettyfogging adversity,

Martin Taylor

External Affairs Officer

PS: I thought that all this year's sabbaticals were equally deserving of a UGA (think about it).

Dear S Marshall

If you are going to slag off John "UGA" Passmore why restrict yourself to idiotic and inaccurate backbiting. There are many concrete issues which can be justifiably cited to show his lethargy and ineffectiveness as ICU President—lack of realistic action on union policy on CND and on South African participation in nuclear technology courses; lack of sensitivity to everyday issues affecting many students in College such as refectories and overseas students financing problems—to name but a few. If you want to start a reasonable debate on the role of our glorious leader, then let's have some facts to argue about.

Yours

Simon Cox
Geology PG

Ed's Note

I don't know who you are, but you immediately strike me as a person who's not too hot upstairs, if you take my meaning. Where were you when I criticised J Passmore for exactly the things you mention? Probably screwing a few of those delectable birds from WIST, if I'm not very much mistaken.

Dear "Sir"

Your paper undulated into its lower depths last week in your particularly unpleasant remarks about Rae Snee and Ruth Hildebrand. We are not going to question as to whether your attacks were justified or not, however we strongly object to the sexist nature of your comments.

The size of breast, the supposedly "unfeminine" appearance ("fat and ugly") do not affect a person's capacity to fulfil a role in the Union or express an opinion.

If you would like to put forward positive suggestions as to work J Passmore should do, then state them and do not resort to **idiotic and inaccurate backbiting** (*haven't I heard this somewhere before?*—Ed.). We object to the use of the image of a helpless woman thing being "petted" in the Union Office as part of your attack. We do not happen to be little furry animals. Whilst these "funny" remarks were probably slipped in without any thought, we ask you to reconsider them as they present an attack not only on the persons directly concerned but on all women in College. Women will stand no chance of playing an equal role in a society which is blinded by the image of women as sexual objects.

NB We are writing in defence of women in general and not prompted by requests from the individuals concerned here.

WIST

Ed's Note

Does "WIST" stand for "Wildebeests in Science & Technology"? Most of the people in "WIST" seem to be men. Is Simon Cox in "WIST"? 'Spect he's just after a quick litch, eh, girls?

Dear Steve

As the amount of space available in FELIX for letters has apparently expanded, I thought that I might actually bother to write in this week. I shall however try to keep the prose simple, as I know that literacy is not one of your strong points. I have several unconnected points to make.

One: Why do you sometimes print letters with pseudonyms, and at other times refuse to print letters because they are signed with pseudonyms?

Two: Why do you answer criticism with insults to the critic rather than reasoned argument?

Three: Why do you think social colours are so important?

Four: Why do you like Liz Lindsay so much? (I ask this out of simple curiosity, my only exposure to her having been her shrill cries "come back this is important" at UGMs and her blatant lies about student housing at the Physics Open Day.)

Five: Swearing in print is not of itself amusing but has to be made so in context.

Six: When you ended your most recent editorial "Assume normal student boring, ineffectual lifestyles" were you addressing yourself, your readership or both, and wouldn't "resume" have fitted better?

And finally, Seven: How come

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Montezuma's Revenge

or Turkey Trots

or Delhi-Belly

By Dr Tony Haines

The Editor of *FELIX* rang me to request an article on inoculations, etc., that people may require for going abroad. I have hastened to comply with his request. Who knows, if I didn't he might send round one of his reporters to do the sort of hatchet job he's already done on Mr Mooney and our representative of the Navy.

I suspect that he only rang to ask for this article so he could tap me for information about his own trip to South America, and wanted an excuse to ring. Anyway, I thought, as I noted down details, I could always ask Dr Addenbrooke to do the "needful".

"How many words do you want?" I asked him firmly. Editors, I feel, like to be asked these questions; it fills them with a sense of importance. "As many as you like," he said flatteringly, pressing on to make further enquiries about South America.

Before taking time out to trot down the corridor to ask Dr Addenbrooke if she would write the article, or, at least, update her original one on immunisations, I wondered for a brief moment whether he was, in fact, being sent to South America by John Passmore, or even by the Rector, or was he just going on his own accord, for a jaunt?

I broached the project with Dr Addenbrooke; she eyed me with a rather baleful look, and said "You must be joking," in that inimitable way she has of dealing with what she considers to be my more futile requests.

I am desperately staring at the few notes that I wrote while contemplating the editor's trip—enforced or otherwise—to South America. (Do you think they'll allow him to interview Biggs?)

There are, I suppose, two approaches to immunisations. I always play safe with the Rector before he goes abroad, and by the time I have finished with him, he resembles a sort of rectorial pin-cushion. I feel my reputation will suffer if he comes back with any malaise, let alone a dread disease I might have been able to prevent.

Mr Smith, our secretary, on the other hand, is a seasoned traveller who has, no doubt, had his share of inoculations. He keeps me firmly at bay, allowing no nurse to get her cold hands on him to insert the dreaded needle. He just takes his anti-malarial tablets.

Malaria

I have already written about malaria and pointed out that this is becoming the scourge of our time. Attempts at control have not been successful. You must take your anti-malarial tablets. Contact the College Health Service.

Immunisations

There are, today, few immunisations, apart from yellow fever, that you must have done going abroad. The details of what you need for each country is shown in an appendix which Leo Laboratories Ltd and the medical paper 'Doctor' have very kindly allowed me to reproduce. You can also check with the airline and the embassy of any exotic country you may be visiting (Ed please note). The advice may be conflicting!

Yellow Fever: valid ten years.

Done at:

1) British Airways Victoria Air Terminal Immunisation Centre, Buckingham Palace Rd, SW1. Tel: 834-2323.

2) Hospital for Tropical Diseases, St Pancras Way, NW1. Prompt attendance 11:30am, Monday to Friday.

A charge will be made.

Cholera: valid six months only.

One injection only, and this should be given seven to ten days before departure. Very few countries require an international certificate

for cholera today, although the World Health Organisation recommend that you have this for a great many countries—and you may be asked for a certificate if an attack breaks out.

It is quite easy to buy a false certificate, although often cheaper to have the real injection, if abroad!

Monovalent Typhoid: valid three years, if you have the first two jabs at least one month apart, otherwise valid only one year.

The old TAB jab much loved in the army against typhoid and paratyphoid A & B looks like being discontinued.

The paratyphoid A & B part of the injection was not very effective and was also the component which caused people to have sore arms, temperatures, and feel generally "grotty". The monovalent typhoid is more effective, and is less likely to cause an upset, although you are advised to keep off the booze the night you've had it.

Poliomyelitis: length of protection uncertain. This is given in the form of drops—your tender skin can remain unpunctured. Most people have had adequate immunisation as a child, with a booster at twelve—if they have been wise enough to go to state schools.

If you are going outside Europe, it would be advisable to have a booster, especially if it is over five years since your last one, but *not* if you are pregnant.

Tetanus Toxoid: valid for approximately five to ten years.

Again, most people have been injected against tetanus, and require a boost every five/ten years. A primary course is three injections, the first two being six/twelve weeks apart and the third being six/twelve months later. You will be well advised to have this done, and also to keep a record in your passport when you are due for your next booster. Remember, also, that England is certainly one of the places where tetanus spores abound, as well as in Northern Europe.

Rabies

If you are going to work collecting animals that could be affected by rabies, or meet up with any rabid animal, you should be immunised against this. This is a fairly new injection and is available at: British Airways Victoria Air Terminal Immunisation Centre, Buckingham Palace Rd, SW1. Tel: 834-2323. By appointment only.

The injection is, I believe, quite expensive, and costs £5. A few of our intrepid staff may find themselves working with rabid animals as part of their jobs, in which case the College will reimburse the cost of this.

Gamma Globulin: lasts about three months only.

Not an immunisation, but a pooled porfion

from other people's serum which gives short term protection against some infections, especially infective hepatitis. If you are travelling rough—maybe taking the "hippy trail" to meet a guru in North India (I wonder why the editor isn't doing this—although I suppose that after his exchanges with Dave Afolabe, he may not feel this need to meet a guru), then it would be advisable to have an injection of gamma globulin as near to your departure date as possible. This will give you some, although not total, protection against infective hepatitis, which is an extremely nasty illness and may make you feel unwell for quite a long time. It may also give you some protection for a limited period against viral infections, although certainly not for long against a common cold.

You may think that by the time you have had all this, you will be in no fit condition to do your examinations, and you could be right! However, I'm not too keen on issuing everybody with certificates to say their work has been handicapped by pre-travel sickness. So that when the editor asked me how soon everyone should start, then the answer is, perhaps, "yesterday" or "last month". Anyway, get it done soon.

Mountain Sickness

Perhaps, as I have been given unlimited space, I should say a word about mountain sickness, in case the editor is climbing on his South American trip. There have been recent suggestions in the medical press that a drug called Diamox prevents mountain sickness.

There is no adequate research evidence to back this up.

The basic rules of mountaineering at high altitude is that one climbs slowly to 10,000ft. You can then climb up to 15,000ft the next day, but should sleep at 11,000ft. The following day you can go up to 17,000ft, but should sleep at 12,000ft, and this is called the "climb high, sleep low" policy.

If having reached 10,000ft you try to press on to fast, and sleep at 12,000ft the first night and 14,000ft the next night, a member of the group may run into mountain sickness.

This may not be the most unfit member. A doctor from Birmingham said that when their group tried to press on fast, during the night at 14,000ft, one member of their group became unconscious. His advice was that one should *always* have a yak handy, as these can run you down the mountain fairly quickly, and this is the cure.

I hope our gallant editor will not have to be run down the mountain on a yak, which sounds rather undignified, and should heed my advice to "climb high and sleep low".

At the end of this article is the map, but rather than trying to sort it out for yourself the easiest way is to come along and see one of the nurses (Jean Chapman was working at British Airways before coming here—so we are all kept in order) to get some advice, about exactly what you will need for your trip.

I do hope you are all having a lovely long summer holiday, a long way away in Peru, India or some other exotic place, and especially that you will be away for August, when doctors Addenbrooke and Gillon will both be away, and I shall be left on my own, so be warned!

Bon Voyage.

DOCTOR

THE WEEKLY NEWSPAPER FOR THE FAMILY PRACTITIONER

Where vaccinations are recommended by DHSS, but are not mandatory, this is indicated by capital R.

Smallpox vaccination is now only required for Kampuchea and Chad. It is recommended that in the UK the vaccination should be given only to staff working on smallpox virus, their families, those engaged in vaccine manufacture, and hospital staff dealing with patients suspected of having the disease, although WHO has declared the world smallpox free.

Although cholera and yellow fever vaccination is not often mandatory (except for passengers leaving or transiting an infected area) DHSS advises it for tropical areas of Africa and Asia wherever there is an outbreak.

Travellers to these areas are advised also be vaccinated against typhoid. Children under one year are generally exempt. Gamma globulin is suggested for travellers visiting countries where hepatitis is a risk.

Rabies can develop as long as two years after infection, so it is wise to remind travellers to seek advice immediately if bitten or scratched in a rabies area.

Malaria is increasing in areas where chloroquine-resistant strains of *P. falciparum* have been identified. These areas are SE Asia and the N Eastern region of the Indian sub-continent; Eastern Africa, especially coastal areas; areas of South and Central America; Western Oceania. Seek advice for alternative prophylaxis.

VACCINATION CHART

This chart is compiled to assist GPs to advise travellers beginning their journey in Britain. It is included in Doctor every week.

Reference may also be made to embassies of countries to which patients may be travelling, though sometimes

their advice may not tally with that of WHO and the DHSS.

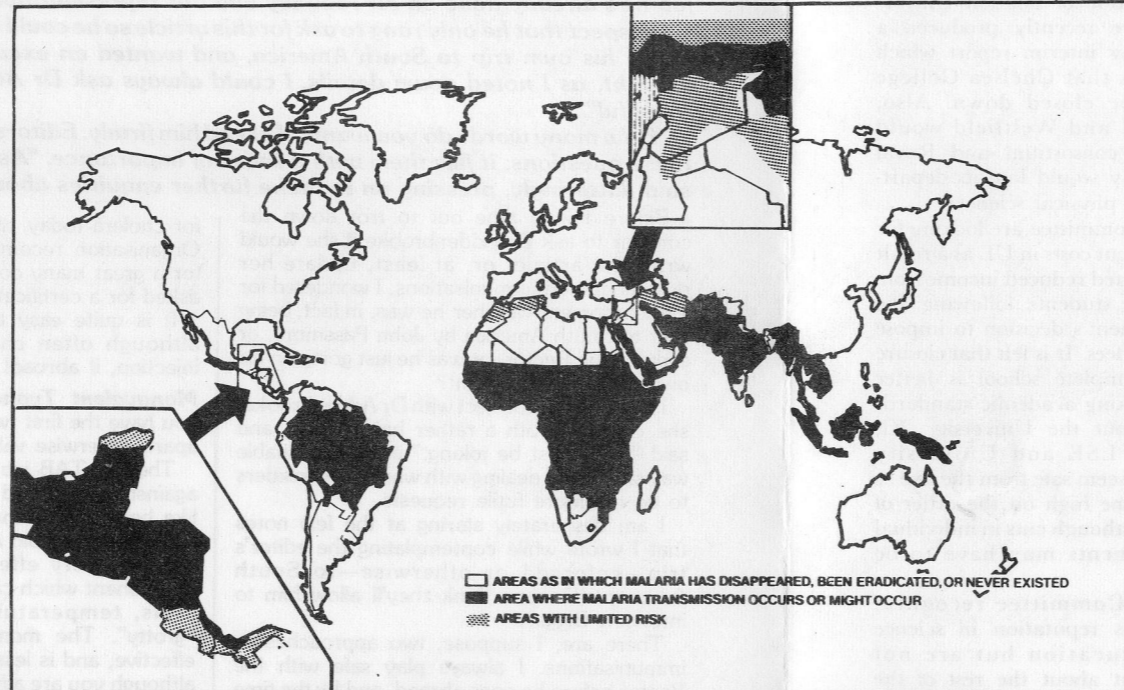
Note: While we make every effort to ensure that our information is correct at the time of going to press, DOCTOR (and FELIX) cannot accept responsibility for inaccuracy.

Montezuma's Revenge or Turkey Trots or Delhi Quickstep

Take FELIX — a good read first — a good, firm paper — a bit scratchy at times — but your fingers won't go through.

"Recommended by the Medical Profession"

Information compiled May 15 1981



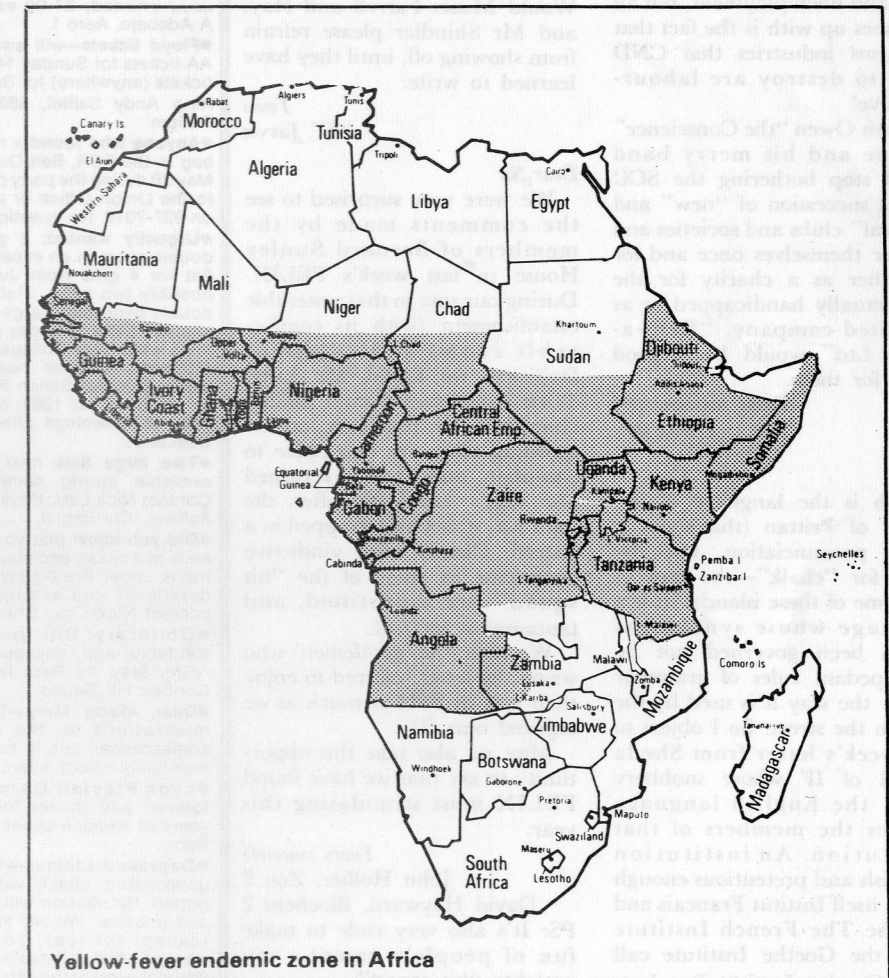
Epidemiological assessment of status of malaria



Yellow-fever endemic zone in South America

COUNTRY	C	YF	T	M	COUNTRY	C	YF	T	M	COUNTRY	C	YF	T	M	COUNTRY	C	YF	T	M
Afghanistan	R	No	R	R	El Salvador	No	No	R	R	Leeward Islands	No	No	R	No	Saudi Arabia	R	No	R	R
Albania	No	No	R	No	Ethiopia	R	Yes†	R	R	Lesotho	R	No	R	No	Senegal	R	Yes	R	R
Algeria	R	No	R	R	Fiji	No	No	R	No	Liberia	R	Yes†	R	R	Sierra Leone	R	No	R	No
Angola	R	R	R	R	Finland	No	No	No	No	Libya	R	No	R	R	Sierra Leone	R	R	R	R
Argentina	No	No	R	R	France	No	No	No	No	Luxembourg	No	No	No	No	Singapore	R	No	R	R
Australia	No	No	No	No	French Guiana	No	Yes†	R	R	Macao	No	No	R	No	Solomon Is.	No	No	R	R
Austria	No	No	No	No	French Polynesia	No	No	R	No	Malagasy	R	No	R	R	Somalia	R	R	R	R
Azores	No	No	No	No	French West Indies	No	No	R	No	Malawi	R	No	R	R	South Africa	R	No	R	R
Bahamas	No	No	R	No	Gabon	R	R	R	R	Malaysia	R	No	R	R	Spain	No	No	R	No
Bahrain	R	No	R	R	Gambia	R	Yes	R	R	Maldives	Yes	No	R	R	Sri Lanka	R	No	R	R
Bangladesh	R	No	R	R	German Dem. Rep.	No	No	No	No	Mali	R	Yes†	R	R	Sudan Dem. Rep.	R	R	R	R
Barbados	No	No	R	No	German Fed. Rep.	No	No	No	No	Malta	No	No	R	No	Suriname	No	R	R	R
Belgium	No	No	No	No	Ghana	R	R	R	R	Mauritania	R	Yes†	R	R	Swaziland	R	No	R	R
Belize	No	No	R	R	Gibraltar	No	No	R	No	Mauritius	No	No	R	R	Sweden	No	No	No	No
Benin People's Rep.	R	Yes†	R	R	Greece	No	No	R	No	Monaco	No	No	R	R	Switzerland	No	No	No	No
Bermuda	No	No	R	No	Greenland	No	No	No	No	Mexico	No	No	R	R	Syria	R	No	R	R
Bhutan	R	No	R	R	Grenada	No	No	R	No	Mongolia	No	No	R	No	Taiwan	R	No	R	R
Bolivia	No	R	R	R	Guam	No	No	R	No	Morocco	R	No	R	R	Tanzania	R	R	R	R
Botswana	R	No	R	R	Guatemala	No	No	R	R	Mozambique	Yes	No	R	R	Thailand	R	No	R	R
Brazil	No	R	R	R	Guinea (Republic)	R	Yes	R	R	Nauru	No	No	R	No	Togo	R	Yes†	R	R
Brunei	R	No	R	No	Guinea Bissau	R	Yes†	R	R	Nepal	R	No	R	R	Trinidad & Tobago	No	No	R	No
Bulgaria	No	No	R	No	Equatorial Guinea	R	R	R	R	Netherlands	No	No	No	No	Tunisia	R	No	R	R
Burma	R	No	R	R	Guyana	No	R	R	R	Neth. Antilles	No	No	R	No	Turkey	R	No	R	R
Burundi	R	R	R	R	Haiti	No	No	R	R	New Caledonia	No	No	R	No	Uganda	R	Yes	R	R
Cameroon	R	Yes†	R	R	Honduras Rep.	No	No	R	R	New Zealand	No	No	No	No	United Arab Emirates	R	No	R	R
Canada	No	No	No	No	Hong Kong	No	No	R	No	Nicaragua	No	No	R	R	U.S.A.	No	No	No	No
Canal Zone	No	No	R	R	Hungary	No	No	No	No	Niger	R	Yes†	R	R	U.S.S.R.	No	No	R	No
Cape Verde Islands	No	No	R	R	Iceland	No	No	No	No	Nigeria	R	Yes	R	R	Upper Volta	R	Yes	R	R
Cayman Islands	No	No	R	No	India	R	No	R	R	Norway	No	No	No	No	Uruguay	No	No	R	No
Central African Empire	R	Yes	R	R	Indonesia	R	No	R	R	Oman	R	No	R	R	Vanuatu	No	No	R	R
Chad	R	R	R	R	Iran	R	No	R	R	Pakistan	R	No	R	R	Venezuela	No	R	R	R
Chile	No	No	R	No	Iraq	R	No	R	R	Panama	No	R	R	R	Vietnam Socialist Rep.	R	No	R	R
Colombia	No	R	R	R	Irish Rep.	No	No	No	No	Papua New Guinea	R	No	R	R	Yemen People's Dem. Rep.	R	No	R	R
Comoros Island	No	No	R	R	Israel	R	No	R	No	Paraguay	No	No	R	R	Yugoslavia	No	No	R	No
Congo People's Rep.	R	Yes	R	R	Italy	No	No	R	No	People's Rep. of China	No	No	R	R	Zaire	R	R	R	R
Cook Islands	No	No	R	No	Ivory Coast	R	Yes	R	R	Peru	No	R	R	R	Zambia	R	R	R	R
Costa Rica	No	No	R	R	Jamaica	No	No	R	No	Philippines	R	No	R	R	Zimbabwe	R	R	R	R
Cuba	No	No	R	No	Japan	No	No	R	No	Poland	No	No	No	No	Zimbabwe	R	R	R	R
Cyprus	No	No	R	No	Jordan	R	No	R	R	Portugal	No	No	No	No	Zimbabwe	R	R	R	R
Czechoslovakia	No	No	No	No	Kampuchea Dem.	R	No	R	R	Puerto Rico	No	No	R	No	Zimbabwe	R	R	R	R
Denmark	No	No	No	No	Kenya	R	R	R	R	Qatar	R	No	R	R	Zimbabwe	R	R	R	R
Djibouti Rep.	R	No	R	R	Kiribati	No	No	R	No	Reunion	No	No	R	No	Zimbabwe	R	R	R	R
Dominican Rep.	No	No	R	R	Korea Rep.	No	No	R	No	Romania	No	No	No	No	Zimbabwe	R	R	R	R
East Timor	R	Yes†	R	R	Kuwait	R	No	R	R	Rwanda	R	R	R	R	Zimbabwe	R	R	R	R
Ecuador	No	R	R	R	Lao People's Dem. Rep.	R	No	R	R	Samoa (Western)	No	No	R	No	Zimbabwe	R	R	R	R
Egypt Arab Rep.	R	No	R	R	Lebanon	R	No	R	No	Sao Tome and Principe	R	Yes†	R	R					

Abbreviations: C = Cholera. YF = Yellow Fever. T = Typhoid. M = Malaria. R = Recommended by DHSS. t = Certificate essential before visa can be issued.
1. Except travellers arriving from non-infected areas and staying less than two weeks in the country.
2. Certificate may be required from those leaving Sudan and Sierra Leone.



Yellow-fever endemic zone in Africa

you become possessed by some mysterious demon when you pick up a pen when you're such a nice guy in private? (The Richard Ingrams Effect.)

Yours sincerely,
K C Mann

PS: I agree with all your comments about Rae Snee however.

Ed's Note

Dear Ken

Ta for the letter.

Replies as follows:

One: I print pseudonymous letters only when accompanied by real names and depts (which are withheld on request).

Two: Balls!

Three: Good question.

Four: Basic technique of wargaming, splitting the camp.

Five: Not a question.

Six: Yes—typesetting error.

Seven: In private, the only people I bother talking to are those I like, and it would serve no purpose to insult my friends.

PS: She has, hasn't she!

Dear Steve

What a disappointment for those of us who were beginning to think that IC CND was not just the latest front for the same old bunch of commies! I refer to their article in last week's FELIX, which publicises IC CND participation in the unemployment march.

The writer attempts to establish a link between nuclear disarmament and unemployment, but all he comes up with is the fact that the arms industries that CND seeks to destroy are labour-intensive!

I wish Owen "the Conscience" Greene and his merry band would stop bothering the SCC with a succession of "new" and "radical" clubs and societies and register themselves once and for all either as a charity for the intellectually handicapped or as a limited company. "Rent-a-Leftie Ltd" would be a good name for them.

Yours conservatively
J Murphy

Sir

English is the language of the people of Prittan (that's not a Welsh pronunciation, but the Latin for "chalk"—the root of the name of these islands). It is a language whose syntax has always been governed not by petty pedant rules of grammar but by the way it is used by the man in the street. So I object to last week's letter from Sheila Farrell of IF whose snobbery about the English language typifies the members of that institution. An institution snobbish and pretentious enough to call itself Institut Francais and not the The French Institute (does the Goethe Institute call itself Goethe Institüte?) whose

students at nineteen still sit up for teacher and lap up grammar from the days of The Empire.

Therefore I ask that Ms Farrell leaves Nick Cox' articles alone in future. Furthermore could she do something about the stench of garlic emanating from IF?

Yours
Brian Shindler
Chem Eng 1

Monsieur

With reference to Monsieur Shindler's missive of this issue (see above), I should like to register my concordance with Mademoiselle Farrell on the subject of the abuse of the English language.

The blatant illiteracy exhibited by "ledit bonhomme" is illustrative of the members of Imperial College, a snobbish and pretentious institution whose students spend the major proportion of their time in the "consumation" of the substance commonly known as alcohol; and merely sleep (or read FELIX) during the course of their few hours of instruction.

On the subject of garlic, I should like to assure Monsieur Shindler that we have ordered a large consignment of French onions. Oh la la!

Je vous prie d'agr er Monsieur, l'expression de mes sentiments les plus d vou s.

M Hay (IF)

Sir

Would Misses Farrell and Hay, and Mr Shindler please refrain from showing off, until they have learned to write.

Yours
"E" Jarvis

Dear Sir

We were very surprised to see the comments made by the members of Bernard Sunley House in last week's FELIX. During our stay in that venerable establishment (with its comfortable rooms and excellent facilities) we found Mr Luigi Toxic substances a most affable character. He was very understanding when we had cause to complain, and he even returned our soggy envelopes after the mail was stolen and dropped in a cistern. Clearly such vindictive comments as those of the "hit squad" are unjustified, and tantamount to libel.

We hope the 'gentlemen' who wrote the letter referred to enjoy their stay in BSH as much as we enjoyed ours (!).

May we also take this opportunity to say that we have found FELIX most stimulating this year.

Yours sincerely
John Hollier, Zoo 2

David Hayward, Biochem 2

PS: It's also very rude to make fun of people's names—you naughty "hit squad".

Sir

Your current campaign against Ruth Hildebrand is disgraceful.

Is there no limit to the scurrility and baselessness of your attacks upon her?

What will you call her next, I wonder—a gurt booby, a right nana, fat sow who most people wish the earth would open up and swallow, never to be seen again?

Pettifogger Jarnoyce BSc

Small Ads

●**Ruth Wildebeest**—just a small ad to say how much we dislike you too—prominent members of Council.

●**Paul Jowitt**—I'm coming back to get you—Olly Dowson.

●**Bill Durodie and Dave Thompson**—we ALL hate you. Hope you continue to enjoy each others company, despite the rash.

●**Morris Travelar 1968**, still running but will need attention. Spare engine and gearbox, £50. L Moulder, Chem Eng, int 3762 or 954-2136.

●**Victor Borge tickets!** £12 each. Two available. Almost unobtainable. For tonight, so phone now! Mark Canvin, 2033 or 788-1448.

●**FAL 100 watt amp and cab**, new condition, £80. Contact John Eklof, 373-4027.

●**Portable cassette recorder** with radio (228x98x352mm) for £25.00 and new **Kenwood Blender** for £10. Interested? Contact Pete, Elec Eng Rm 405.

●**Rega plana II turntable**, UMS 20E II cartridge, AR 25 speakers, A&R A60 amp. Contact Nick Last, Physics II.

●**Eight plastic one-litre collapsible bottles**, for photographic chemicals or unused, £1.00 each. Contact A Adebajo, Aero 1.

●**Floyd tickets**—will swap two block AA tickets for Sunday 14 for two £8.80 tickets (anywhere) for Sat, Tues, Wed. Ring Andy Saltiel, 883-9704/5 after 7:00pm.

●**Anyone who found a maroon handbag** in the SCR, Beit Quad on Friday, May 29 during the party please return it to the Union Office or phone Neeran on 937-7016. No questions asked.

●**Urgently wanted:** 2 girls to share double room in an excellent spacious flat for 4 girls from July 1 for one, possibly two years. Flat consists of 2 double bedrooms, large lounge/diner, kitchen, bathroom, pay phone. Only 5 mins walk from College. Rent £21 pw (£90pcm) includes heating and hot water. Contact Simon Perry, int 3255 or 589-5111 ext 1302; or, int 3332 or 589-6483 evenings after 6:00pm and weekends.

●**Two large flats** near Leicester Sq available during summer vacation. Contact Nick Last, Physics II, or Barry Ashwin, Civ Eng II.

●**Did you know** that you can "put the beds in a circle, and play underground trains under the duvets"? For further details of this exciting new sport contact Nick Cox, Chem Eng 1.

●**Obituary:** Bill the Mole. Died suddenly and unexpectedly at the AGM. May he Rest in Pieces. The ConSoc Hit Squad.

●**Dear Alison Mary**—Deepest commiserations on the loss of your adolescence, but it had to happen eventually—from a fan.

●**Lyon Playfair Carol**—Goodbye forever, and thanks for four blissful years of revision spent in you!—Mick Berry.

●**Depraved Llamas**—Your vicious, unprovoked attack will not be forgotten. Retribution will be swift, hard and unusual. We will stop at nothing (except for tea). You have been warned—the Inflatable Sharks (provisional wing of the Stranded Pandas).

Chelsea College to close?

THE SWINNERTON-DYER Committee on the academic organisation of London University have recently produced a surprising interim report which suggests that Chelsea College could be closed down. Also, Bedford and Westfield would form a consortium and Royal Holloway would lose its department of physical sciences.

The committee are looking for ways to cut costs in UL as a result of projected reduced income from overseas students following the government's decision to impose full-cost fees. It is felt that closure of a complete school is better than risking academic standards throughout the University. IC, Kings, LSE and University College seem safe from the axe as they come high on the order of merit, although cuts in individual departments may have to be made.

The Committee recognise Chelsea's reputation in science and education but are not confident about the rest of the College. It is stressed that the science section should be preserved. If the majority of the rest of the College is closed, this could mean a merger with another school, possibly IC.

Prior to the interim report, it was widely thought that QEC would be recommended for closure (it has a large overseas student population), but the committee says the college is a success. However, if further cuts were to be made, it is suggested that QEC should be eventually incorporated into IC.

Watch out etc.....

THREE STUDENTS have recently had their cheque books stolen and everyone is urged not to leave their jackets in unattended offices etc.

An inspection of the forged signatures has revealed that the thief was the same in all three cases. A technique often used by thieves specialising in cheque books is to remove a few blank cheques near the end of the book. These often go unnoticed for days enabling the thief to raid bank accounts with ease. So, to end on a good clich —Watch out, there's a thief about!

SF Soc Bulletin

HELLO and welcome to another SF Soc Bulletin, so heavily edited down through lack of space (ho ho) that there isn't even enough space to tell you about

Bookshop News

A DISPLAY OF BOOKS published by Van Nostrand Reinhold are still on show in the window. If you wish to see any of their titles, do not hesitate to ask at the counter.

Sale books, diaries, pens, etc, will be taken down at the end of the week.

New Titles

Noble House—James Clavell, Hodder & Stoughton, £8.95

Great Seasibs—David Bellamy, Hodder & Stoughton, £9.£5

Pernod Book of Pátanque—Maurice Abney-Hastings, Allen & Unwin, £4.95

New Titles (Paperback)

Hawks—Joseph Amiel, Pan, £1.50

Yawning Heights—Alexander Zinoviev, King Penguin, £4.95

The Foot of Clive—John Berger, Writers & Readers, £2.95

Success and Failure of Picasso—John Berger, Writers & Readers, £2.95

Blood of Spain—Ronald Fraser, Penguin, £4.95

Yorkshire Ripper Story—John Beattie, Quartet, £2.50

Learn How To Study—Derek Rowntree, £0.95

How To Fly The Atlantic—Peter Combes & John Tiffin, Kogan Page, £2.95

Lead Title

Death Watch—D G Compton, Magnum, £1.50

PATA

FIGURES released this week showed another big jump in the number of abortions performed in England and Wales. A total of 163,000 abortions were carried out during 1980, a rise of 11% compared to the previous year. Of these only 3 (0.002%) were carried out in emergency to save the life of the woman and a further 648 (0.4%) because of risk to the life of the woman. Six out of ten abortions were performed in profit making, private clinics.

David Steel claimed in 1967 during the debate on his Abortion Act that it would not open the way to abortion on demand. Sadly, with an abortion performed on average every 3 1/4 minutes in England and Wales even Mr Steel must admit that abortion on demand has already arrived in Britain.

Subwardenship

Applications are invited from m/f postgraduates for the post of Subwarden in Beit Hall. The duties entailed involve assisting the Warden and the female Subwarden in the organisation of the social life of the Hall and to interact with the resident community, their elected committee of representatives and the Hall Bursar to help maintain the highest level of safety, cleanliness and good order consistent with the interests of the community as a whole.

The post carries with it self-contained accommodation in the old hostel of Beit Hall.

Applications should be sent with a brief personal history to Dr C Halls, Warden, Beit Hall.

Closing date for applications June 20, 1981.

Rae's Ramblings

Estimates

At the last meeting of the College Finance and Executive Committees, the Rectors Policy Committee's proposal to cut £6,000 off our claim was endorsed. This basically means that we're going to have to have another cutting session at UFC, and money is going to be very tight next year.

Southside Security

At the first UGM this term I reported that the Estates Secretary had told me that the work would be finished by May 8. I don't know why he told me this, as it hasn't even nearly been started—he must have been talking about something else. Anyway, I managed to corner him at F&E, and apparently the current situation is that they have a costing of about £7,000, which they think is too much, and bearing in mind the proposed alterations to the lower levels of Southside, and the fact that the fire alarms will need rewiring in about twelve to eighteen months time, they want to leave the decision until the definite future of Southside lower levels is known. He then went on to talk about short-term measures—which is absolutely laughable considering we've waited a whole year already. In short, I am totally disgusted that even a rape, at knife-point and within earshot of residents, is not enough to provoke action on this security problem.

Freshers' Fair

Forms are now available from Annie in the Union Office, and any clubs and societies who have not filled one in by the end of term will not get a stall.

Keys

Please will all club and society chairman holding Union keys come and see me with their successor to pass the key (and deposit) on.

Gliding News

AS THE ACADEMIC YEAR draws to a close the soaring season is just beginning, and all over the country glider pilots are coming out of their six month hibernation. IC Gliding Club, however, has been active throughout the winter despite some atrocious weather. Over Christmas and the New Year, nine intrepid members fought their way through snow and blizzard to Portmoak in Scotland, on the club's annual expedition in search of wave lift, which resulted in one student climbing to over 14,000ft. Later in the year another member, who, incidentally, has been chosen to take part in the 'British Team Training' this year, managed a height of over 20,000ft.

Meanwhile, during the spring term, work has proceeded quickly on the club's newly acquired living quarters in Lasham, which had been uninhabited for the past two years. It has now been transformed into a very comfortable bunkhouse and workshop for the gliders. Over the Easter holidays the weather became soarable and members began to fly off across country. Two completed their first cross country flights of over 50km to gain their silver C badge, but one, having completed his journey from Lasham (near Basingstoke) to Shoreham-by-Sea, then took refuge in a bar while awaiting the arrival of his retrieve crew. By the time they did arrive he had 'lost' the glider somewhere in the now pitch black airfield. It was a

rather tired party who eventually stumbled to bed, back at Lasham, in the early hours of the morning. More experienced pilots have also been busy completing 100km and 300km triangles in our high performance aircraft.

The less experienced pilots have not been forgotten though. Three courses have been arranged for them since the New Year and a fourth is planned for the last week of this term. As a result of the Easter courses, seven pilots, most of whom had had little or no experience of flying before coming to IC, have now flown solo. By this time next year the more enthusiastic should have completed their first cross-country flight. Nearer in the future, we are entering a team in a 'University Task Week' at Cambridge in the first week of the holidays, in which they will be competing against other university gliding clubs in cross-country racing. Two other pilots will be entering the Lasham and Nympsfield regionals in open competition against non-university pilots. We wish all of them the best of luck, and, of course, plenty of good weather, and meanwhile remind you that everyone is welcome to join the Gliding Club (including members of staff!). We meet in Aero 254 at 5:30pm on Thursdays and, although meetings stop over the summer vacation, our gliding activities continue.

Ann Dziwiwior
Cathy Lowe

Maryland Chicken Centre

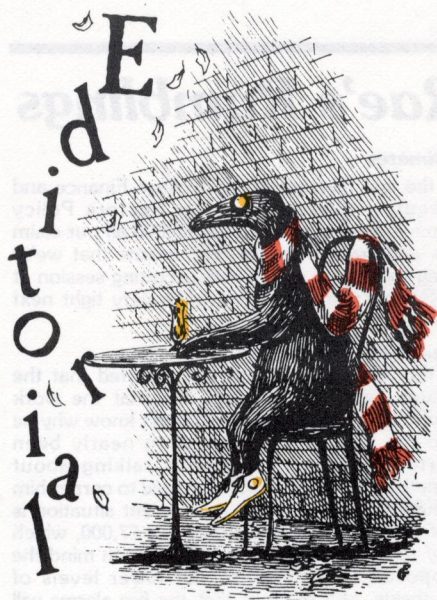
We have just opened near South Ken Station (2A Exhibition Road) and are offering a student discount on all our food (on production of Union-card).

A few sample take-away prices

1 chicken	50p
2 pieces	80p
chips	20p
curry	80p
rice	30p
apple pie	20p

etc

7:30 — midnight



The Penultimate Issue

Yes folks, this is it. There will be no issue next week, the last FELIX of this year will appear on June 19 and it promises to be a monster (fingers crossed!). Keep sending the letters, etc, in. It's nice to see such an active letters' page, despite third term exams. Perhaps you're not quite so boring as I thought you were.

Bound Editions

If you want your copies of FELIX bound in black with gold lettering with your name on it, then come and see me as soon as possible—say within a week of the last issue. It'll set you back about £11 if we get the quantity discount (likely!). If you get it in late you have to pay about £16 for an individual job. We should be able to fill most gaps in your collection, or even make up a complete set, from our files!

A Special Thanks

To Dr Haines for his great article on vaccinations. After my last issue I intend to take advantage of Brazil's curious extradition laws, so I found it very useful.

Next Year's Subscriptions

Want FELIX posted to you next year? A year's subscription to FELIX will cost £7.00 for those living in the UK (special rates will be arranged for those living abroad). For more information contact the FELIX Office, or check the next issue.

FELIX Motor Rally

On Sunday, June 21. Entries are piling in. It's first come, first served, so don't risk not being included and contact us as soon or as late as you dare leave it.

Stop Press

Students who found last month particularly cold will not be surprised to learn officially that May this year has been the sunniest in South Kensington since 1932.

Asked how many days had been sunny in May, Capt Lindley (RNR) said "I don't know, I don't stand and count 'em, and it's not up to me to count them either."

John Passmore (ICU President) said he would resign immediately, but stressed he would hang on to his UGA.

SCARAMOUCHE

To while away odd moments aboard the Star Ship *Enterprise*, there's nothing Mr Spock enjoys more than a game of dominoes. But Captain Kirk disapproves of such frivolity, and with a single blast of high-intensity cosmic energy from his ray gun he has welded Mr Spock's dominoes into a solid block. Can you help Spock by showing him where to cut the block to get his set of dominoes back?

0	5	4	1	6	1	3	4
0	6	2	1	5	1	3	0
3	4	4	2	5	6	4	4
0	0	6	0	6	6	1	1
6	3	5	4	5	2	0	3
3	4	5	2	3	2	1	3
5	2	6	5	0	1	2	2

(In a full set of dominoes, of course, there is just one of every possible pair of numbers from 0 to 6, including doubles.)

Solutions, comments, criticisms to me c/o FELIX Office. There is a prize of £5 donated by Mend-a-Bike for the correct solution randomly selected at 1:00pm next Wednesday.

Last Week's Solution

It is possible that Quirk is telling the truth.
 E.g. 1/10 is less than 2/18.
 and 2/8 is less than 1/3.
 but 3/18 is more than 3/21.

The prizewinner is Derrick Everett, Physics PG.

Many people seemed to think the answer obvious, although they had a little difficulty finding a numerical example. For my part, I neither understand nor believe the result; the figures are there, unquestionably correct, but the more I think about them, the more baffled I get.

There won't be a FELIX next week; Steve's saving his pent-up malice for one last outburst before he seeks asylum in South America, and so the next Scaramouche will be the puzzle page in the last issue of term, so write in and say what you want me to include, what sort of puzzles you enjoy, what sort you don't enjoy, whether you like them easy or difficult, and whether you want answers in the edition, or if you'd prefer them kept till October. The disadvantage of that, of course, is that three years and others who are leaving won't get the answers at all (unless they have a subscription for FELIX!—see Editorial). But on the other hand, I always feel that if the answers are included in the same issue, people who would otherwise try the puzzles are tempted to turn straight to the solution, and so I tend to be less inclined to put lots of thought into setting them.

Also, if anyone wants to set a puzzle for the summer page, they are more than welcome to do so; I'll need it as soon as possible, and definitely no later than 5:30pm, Monday, June 15.

In any event, if you've attempted any of the puzzles over the year, write to me now; my orange box in the FELIX Office is emptied regularly whether there's a puzzle current or not, so send your views even if you can't do this week's puzzle.

But do try it. I've had a lot of fun setting it, and I think you'll enjoy solving it!

What's On

Monday, June 8

•Boardsailing Club Windsurfing at Winchester (June 14—15), meet above Stan's for details.

Thursday, June 11

•STOIC featuring Newsbreak Turn It On Again. Final part of STOIC's look back over the year, including John Passmore's kidnap and the attempted takeover of IC Radio, the Exec Torture, disgusting games, a report from Crufts, the newly-bald Dave Gayer; and David Childs takes another look back at the better films of the year, including Smokey and the Bandit Ride Again.

•Hang Gliding Club Meeting, 1:00pm, Above Stan's Bar.

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

•ULU Gaysoc Meeting, 8:00pm, Room 2D, ULU, Malet St.

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First Prize: Weekend for 2 in Paris!
Saturday, June 6, 8:30pm—1:30am
 JCR

Admission £1.00

Your chance to win this and many other valuable prizes.

ACC

JOINT ACC (AGM) will be held on Tuesday, June 16 at 6:30pm in the Lower Refectory. Papers for election of next year's officers were posted on Thursday, May 28 and will come down on Thursday, June 11. Please consider standing.

Would all you Guilds hockey players with Guilds hockey shirts please return them to Graeme.

Papers are now up in the Union Lower Lounge for the two posts of Ordinary Member of ICU Publications Board. The Ordinary Members represent the views of "ordinary students" on the Board. The papers come down at 5:30pm on Wednesday, June 10 and the hustings and election will take place at the Board's AGM on Monday, June 15 at 6:30pm in the Union Dining Hall. Members of the Board are eligible to stand as Officers of the Board.