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# UNION BUILDING TO CLOSE?

## **Editorial**

The possible motives for agreeing to move the student union facilities to the Southside Halls basement are not immediately obvious to me. We should all look very closely at these proposals and decide whether we are really getting a "good deal", as the College claims.

At a first impression I don't think we are, although we should all be willing to listen to arguments to the contrary. The immediate advantages are: firstly, the possibility of increased space (with new facilities) and secondly, improved use of the Union by Southside residents.

But the great danger is that we will end up exchanging the current Union Building for a converted aircraft hanger (the main refectory) and a dinghy basement. We would also be breaking links with the tradition of many years and the move would certainly result in great changes for those pieces of the Union Building we retain (and possibly also alienate former Union members).

There are several questions which remain to be answered. How can we be certain that the facilities in Southside would be an improvement on what we have already? Why is the College willing to spend such large amounts of money to move us? How will the Union Building be used and could these things be done elsewhere?

Until all these points and many others can be cleared up completely it is perhaps unwise to discard the idea out of hand. But I feel that we should tread very carefully, especially considering the ICU President Nick Morton thinks it is "a cracking good idea" and may well continue with these plans without telling us.

So far he has taken the staggering attitude of "Nanny knows best" and has discussed these proposals without any reference to student opinion. Now that the plans are known, we should be given all the details and be allowed to make the decision for ourselves.

# Southside bargain basement offered by College

A surprise plan to move the Student Union to the basement of the Southside Halls of Residence was revealed by ICU President Mr Nick Morton last Friday. The plan would involve abandoning the current Union Building for use by the College and could cost in excess of £250,000.

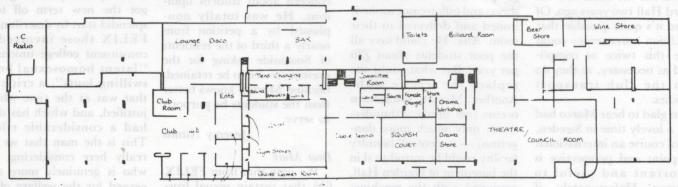
College Secretary Mr John Smith suggested the idea to the President in March and it was only last week tht the first plans were completed by the Estates Department. For this reason Mr Morton decided not to inform ICU Council until Monday or include the plans in Exec News for last Tuesday's AGM.

The proposals are, at present, in the very early stages of preparation and would need to be generally approved before any large amount of money was committed to further investigation. John Smith told FELIX that there was no intention of "pulling off a coup" and that the idea had only been revealed to assess the level of support.

Mr Smith commented that he had been concerned with the lack of use of the lower three levels of Southside, following the closure of most of the Refectory facilities there. This, he said, had prompted the idea of making Southside a "focal point of student activity".

By moving the Union to the Southside basement there would be what he called "the added advantage" of having space available in Beit Quad. Mr Smith suggested three possible uses for the current Union building. Firstly the top floor could be easily converted for extra student accommodation. Secondly he admitted that the College has been under pressure from the Life Sciences Division to expand their facilities. The University Grants Committee (UGC) have also instructed the College to increase the Life Sciences intake and this

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Above: the current plan for the ground floor of Southside which now contains the empty main refectory which was described by Mr Mooney as "an aircraft hanger". The staircase by the main entrance would have

to bue removed for the club area (left) and the refectory and kitchens partitioned for the sports facilities (right). The other main floor is shown on page 3.



Dear Mark

As usual, there are a whole bunch of points in the last issue of FELIX which deserve comment, but the pompous ramblings of that selfopinionated ass Morton really clinch it. He obviously appreciates that information is power, and appears to be clinging tightly to bothcome on Daddy Nicholas, what is Morton's Mystery? With his total lack of action, and his neglecting to inform us of plans to close the Union refectory and waste more money on the Lower Lounge, it's hardly surprising there's such disinterest in the Union. There is precious little to be interested in.

Our illustrious President's report is chock-a-block with the wonderful things he has done for us. I would just like to add that the high-sounding threeway negotiation over the games machines involved a single phone-call, when I carried out the same task for Tizard Hall two years ago. Of course it's quite possible that the Union bureaucracy could make this twice as complicated as necessary, as they do with the club transport subsidies.

I'm glad to hear Marco had such a lovely time in Sweden, and of course an international viewpoint and perspective is important and useful to everyone. Unfortunately, if the rest of us only get to learn that there were discussions on "technical development with specific reference to...the effects on society both positive and negative", perhaps the

£200 was not well-spent. Some specific information would be a better justification for the trip than the news that Marco made a load of pals and didn't want to come back to London.

Finally, I appreciate that with the peril of exams approaching, first years are inclined to let their minds wander to the meaning of life, as their past experiences flash before their eyes. Next time some boring muddled burk like Tim Larcombe writes a logically incoherent soapbox article, I would neverthless be grateful if you would just flush it down the appropriate receptacle.

Thanks for a year's interesting reading.

Tours
Jeff Fowler

Dear Mark

I was fascinated by your insight into Nick Morton's depth of knowledge of student opinions expressed in your editorial last week. You omitted to mention his escapades involving residence. He himself admits (in his annual report) that he has made himself unpopular on this subject, a comment which is more true than many that he has made. Our illustrious President's major folly in this area has been the affair of the linen service. He started out with a supposedly wonderful idea that he could save students a lot of money by scrapping this useful feature of Hall life. He commissioned a costing of it, which indicated that students pay about £1 per week to have their sheets and pillowcases washed, ironed and delivered to their room. Aha! He could save all the poor students about £30 per year! But what could one replace the service with? Another Morton brainstorm occurs (not unlike a thunderstorm only much more dangerous) - a 'central' laundry facility could be introduced in the basement of Garden Hall, equipped with the machines from all the Halls' laundries. Now Garden Hall has many fewer residents than either Southside or Linstead, so I can only conclude that this is a new use of the word 'central'

that I had not previously been aware of.

The last I heard, there had been no costing of the new laundry, which will certainly be very expensive, or any indication of where the capital will come from. When asked about payment of running costs (currently subsidised from Hall funds), Nick proposed charging "semi-commercial" rates, "say 50p per wash" instead of 20p. One should also note that if students have to wash sheets as well, it is likely to take two loads coasting £1; the savings to students are beginning to diminish. Other supposed advantages of the proposed scheme include the way that Southside and Linstead residents will have to walk across the gardens to do their washing and that there will be no security, so people will have to sit and watch their washing, rather than returning to their rooms to work, etc.

Morton's folly must have other points to commend it, like the subtle aroma which will come from rooms of students who can't be bothered to wash their sheets, and of course the minimal amount of each student's money easily outweighs the extra inconvenience and time wasted; doesn't it? The withdrawal of the linen service is apparently dependent upon the provision of the new laundry; however, knowing how fast Estates work, I very much doubt that this could be achieved before the end of September.

The most interesting aspect of the whole affair is Nick's concern about student opinions. He was totally nonplussed by a petition from nearly a third of the residents of Southside asking for the present service to be retained, because Morton knows better than the students he purports to serve.

Jeremy Nunns

Dear Mark

We note that from FELIX 615 that certain sexual frustrations have become apparent in Weeks Hall. We also note with pleasure that you have reported the speed with which the Union is rectifying this situation by provision of

brothel facilities in the Southside Bar.

The Union has been actively investigating sex in this College. Indeed, the Honorary Secretary has only recently returned from a highly successful fact-finding tour of Sweden. The success of his research is clearly demonstrated by his complete lack of energy since arriving back in England. We will probably ask PWP to carry out a further in-depth analysis of the affair before we disband them (bilaterally!).

Clearly, we must act quickly to eradicate sexual deviancy amongst IC students. This reached new heights when activities involving three postgraduates, a bunk-bed and an oversized micrometer led to the collapse of a floor at 14 Montpelier Street.

Finally, there is no truth in the rumour that a special Sports Day medal will be awarded for sexual prowess at the AGM to J. Martin Taylor (or was it Martin S. Taylor?).

Bilaterally yours
Nick and Christine
PS: We are not against sex in
principle.

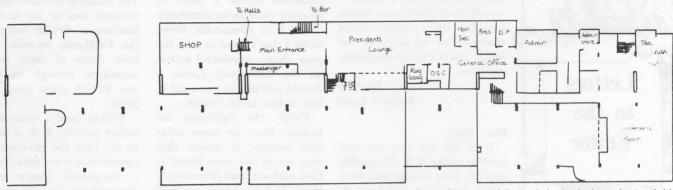
Sirup laravas ara aran'i

It is with increasing dismay that I read in your columns the thoughts of those who seem to belittle the contribution to College life made by that most eminent among your correspondents, Dr Frank James. They surely cannot realise that Dr James' writings are those of the most consistently perceptive and informed persons currently in College.

In my first year Dr James got the new term off to a splendid start by describing in FELIX those involved in constituent college unions as "latent homosexual beerswilling louts", a criticism that was at the time wholly justified, and which has since had a considerable effect. This is the man that we are really here considering, one who is genuinely more concerned for the welfare of his chosen College than his own popularity or sabbatical credibility. In the same year Dr James, in his indisputed role as the closest thing

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## The Southside Plan



Above: the proposed look of the level above the Southside Bar.

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would necessitate an expansion of first year laboratory facilities.

Finally, and perhaps most significantly, he feels that there is a probable use of some areas as a "post experience centre". This facility would consist of a number of small conference rooms (and fairly luxurious accommodation) which would be hired out to senior managers in industry attending short courses to improve their knowledge and use of modern technology.

Mr Smith assured FELIX that the present Union Bar and Lower Lounge would remain as student areas (and perhaps even some other parts of the building). When asked about possible sources of finance in the face of the current economic situation he felt that an optimistic approach was needed and thought that if the idea was given approval the College could find the money necessary.

The move would take place over a two year period beginning in July 1983 at the earliest, and would hence need to be included in the College budget for 1983/4. This would mean that the student union would have to show considerable interest before next October andf would need to approve more detailed plans by January 1983. Monday's ICU Council instructed the Executive to investigate the matter further and the summer months will undoubtably prove vital as further details emerge.

It seems likely that a College-wide ballot may be called for as a measure of approval.

# Sick Bay takes students to the cleaners

ICU Council mandated future Union Executives to "discuss further on the proposed move to Southside and report back" (to Council) at a meeting last Monday.

Although the majority of Council did not share Nick Morton's enthusiasm for the proposed move (see front page), they requested more detailed proposals before making a final decision.

Similar motions were also passed on the future financing of the Health Centre sickbay and a central laundry facility available to all students. However, it was pointed out that in the event of IC students having to make a compulsory £10 payment for the sickbay, Royal College of Music students, who also use the sickbay, would be required to pay also.

The meeting approved the conversion of the Union Lower Lounge into a refectory-type area with bar and the conversion should be completed during the summer. Most of the work will be financed by College although the Union will have to pay for the modification of the current kitchen to the Ents Room.

Miss Christine Teller was also ratified as acting Deputy President and the addition of her name to the DP Honours Board and Pot authorised

The meeting remained quorate until it was closed, thus allowing matters from as long ago as 1980 to be noted.

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## Quorum!

Quorum was successfully challenged immediately after the Union Annual General Meeting opened last Tuesday.

However the crowd of over 100 remained to see President Nick Morton award Union General Awards. These are the highest awards the Union can make and are given at the discretion of the President. UGAs were presented

to Mr Arthur Loveday (who is retiring as groundsman at the Harlington sports ground after twenty years service), Lawrence Windley, Marco Ledwold, Mark Smith, Christine Teller and Nick Morton.

Social and Athletic Colours were also awarded after approval by IC Council.

### More rent increases

The following recommendations for next year's rent levels will be put to the Rector from Student Residence Committee.

Rooms	Currently Week	ly Rent Pro	posed rent for 1982/3
Singles in Weeks, L		£23.00	£24.00 (4.3%)
Singles in Montpeli		23.00	23.00 (0%)
Singles in New Beit		21.00	$22.00 \ (4.8\%)$
Singles in Old Beit,	Garden, Evelyn Gdns	20.00	20.80 (4.0%)
Doubles in Linstead	1	17.00	17.50 (2.9%)
Doubles in Montpe	lier	17.50	$17.50 \ (0\%)$
Doubles in Beit, Ga	arden, Evelyn Gdns	15.50	16.00 (3.2%)
Triples in Garden,	Evelyn Gdns	11.50	12.00 (4.3%)

The following points should be noted:

- 1. £13,000 expenditure on building insurance has been transferred from the College central account to the Student Residence Account.
- 2. Redecoration and refurnishment programmes have been reinstated after severe cutbacks due to financial problems this year.
  - 3. The Wardens entertainments allowance is to be reinstated.
- 4. Allowing for extra expenditure in points 1-3, the increase in rents for 1982/3 has been held to a reasonable level. This has been possible thanks to savings on the linen service and heating and probable stabilisation of interest rates.

A few other matters of interest were discussed at Students Residence Committee:

- A. Although SRC will continue with its own plans to upgrade laundry facilities in Halls and Houses, the College centrally is looking into the provision of a central communal laundry for all. The Union President will pursue this matter.
- B. A voluntary linen hire scheme will be run in the Halls and Houses next year. Four sheets and four pillowcases may be hired by students at a rate of £4 per annum with a £10 deposit.
- C. The residents of Montpelier Street are to be given a rebate of one week's rent for inconvenience caused by work on the dry rot. This work may continue until mid-August and includes exploratory work to check other timbers are not infected. The planned programme of work has been agreed with the residents themselves.
- D. Rents for Head Tenancies for 1982/3 have not been finally negotiated with the landlords.
- E. Negotiations for a new Head Tenancy with 140 places are in progress at present.
- F. Dr Don Monro is retiring and is not to be replaced. He will remain Chairman of the Students Residence Committee for 1982/3.

  Nick Morton

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Imperial has got to an arts student, again laid his reputation on the line for the University Challenge team. It is to be regretted that cloning was not then widely available for we would have been assured of victory.

It is true that in his time at Imperial Dr James has rested uneasily on a number of political water lillies, but he has never been slow to leap when he felt that his many talents could best be employed elsewhere.

What could motivate me to write so unashamedly of the virtues of Dr James? Certainly we once took sherry on the beach at St Lucar de Barrameidos together, but is is not out of mere personal friendship that I write. No, since that time the path of a humble engineering student has not included that most excellent ivory tower that is the Department of History of Science and Technology. Surely this is the key to the great enigma that surrounds Dr James, that whilst engineering students may come and go the spirit and the person of Dr Frank James continue to grace our most honoured college.

Yours faithfully Name supplied, but withheld on request.

Dear Sir

With reference to last week's front page article concerning certain activities that Weeks Hall residents will no longer be able to pursue in private. If you and your various hirsute cronies would refrain from pursuing these self-same activities in public it would leave both your hands free to collect interesting material to supplement the banal trivia FELIX normally contains.

> Yours etc Andrew Lyall

Dear Mark

It is far too easy for old windbags like R.S. Alexander and M. Foot to rant and rave about the cost involved in launching the Task Force and how else the money might have been spent. But the argument in this issue is moral and not monetarist. If we were, as R.S. Alexander suggests, to reward the Argentinian aggression by handing over the Islands without a fight then where will it end? Where next: Gibraltar? Belize.

The rest of the world is looking to Britain to set an example and put the aggressor firmly in his place. Alright, maybe the Islands are one of the last embarrassing outposts of Empire but remember this, these people are British citizens and we cannot and must not desert them in their hour of need. R.S. Alexander points out the junta's record on human rights—surely this is reason enough for going to the aid of our people?

There is no comparison between our military action and that of Argentina. We are acting in self-defence and we have the backing of the UN, the EEC and the USA. However, since all the diplomatic efforts have failed it is inevitable that lives will be lost. But then that's war.

When the fighting reallys starts there will be no room for the Bennites among us telling us not to kill the Argies because they certainly won't be showing us any mercy. You don't like the sound of it, do you Mr Alexander? Well, if you don't like being British then why don't you bugger off to Argentina and join Leopold in his bunker? Perhaps then you'll realise that he's not the nice guy you thought he was.

Yours patriotically Duncan Reid Dear Mark

Perusing through FELIX last week I inadvertently stumbled across a piece of moronic diatribe by somebody called R.S. Alexander. Now, while I don't want to ruin the poor chap's wonderful article on the Falkland's Crisis, I should just like to point out to him a few home truths.

Firstly the Falklands are British. Does he know what that means? It means that they are of the same blood as thee and me (and presumably him). Did his blood not boil when he heard that a few thousand uniformed Gauchos had stomped rudely into their life, their thoroughly British life, and had ordered them to get out or act like an Argentinian? A blatant attempt had been made by the "pawns in the power strategy of a contemptible fascist regime" (as he put it) to totally convert the lifestyle of the hardy islanders on this anachronistic remnant of bygone British imperialism—both phrases straight from his well-worn copy of the "Little Boys Bedside Book of Bennisms for Beginners" no doubt.

Secondly our government are not wasting exaggerated sums of money on this venture. There happens to be a considerable amount of what is called "contingency money" available which was set aside for just this purpose donkey's years ago.

Thirdly I don't call six weeks of laborious diplomatic pursuit of peace "intransigence". Maybe old R.S. would have liked to have seen overwhelming apathy about the affair. I suppose that way nobody would be killed. But, let's fact it, if the average British trooper was told now that the government was bringing him home because it was concerned about his safety, thanks would be the last thing he would proffer. I think that "emotionless zombies" (oh, most pictorial R.S., most pictorial) in the government happen to have the backbone to realise that British people-and international law don't forgetare worth fighting for. Yes, and dving for. It's called guts,

Fourthly, I don't really

think anybody can describe the role of the Task Force as a mere "national exercise". The retaking of South Georgia without loss of life and the landing of British troops on the Falklands recently were both deeds of sheer professionalism; enough to make any British chest swell with pride.

Fifthly (and I must admit rather pettily) R.S. is wrong to say that the government's course of action "puts them in a comparable league as the Argentinian junta"; on two counts. One, because he's writing tripe again and two, because one normally compares things 'with' or 'two' rather than 'as'. Mind you, translating Bennite drivel

isn't easy.

Lastly, let me remind him of that splendid mother who appeared on TV with a brave face just 24 hours after her son had been killed on HMS Sheffield and urged Britian to back the Falklanders. Prats like 'R.S. I can't remember my department or year Alexander' can gripe and wimp away all they like. The Falklanders won't want to know.

Yours sincerely Simon Pettit Life Sci 1

Sir

In reply to R.S. Alexander's anti-government, anti-Falkland Islands and pro-Argentine letter of last week (FELIX 615), I note the following:

The Falklands were invaded and occupied about seven weeks ago. The United Nations passed Resolution 502 which told the Argentines to get out. This was ignored. Article 51 of the United Nations Charter allows for self-defence when invaded, which is why the Task Force was sent.

R.S. Alexander prefers a "sensible and peaceful solution" probably running along the lines of the Task Force withdrawing, the Falklands being ceded to the Argentines and the wishes of the Islanders being ignored totally (commonly known as sell-out). He also suggests that the Islanders "should be given the chance of evacuation" which will probably end up as forceable

eviction. I do not know where R.S. Alexander lives but I am sure he will be quite happy to oblige when the Zambian Army move in, erect their flag and have him and his family evacuated with the loss of their home and possessions as he suggests. After all, the Zambians are "the rightful owners" (tribesmen camped there 327BC). He fails to realise that a sell-out on the Falklands will give licence to Spain invading Gibralter (after the World Cup!), Cuba invading the Cayman Islands, Guatemala invading Belize and France invading the Channel Islands and Isle of Wight. All of these are under British soveriegnity and wish to remain so, as do the Falkland Islanders. But then, the wishes of the residents are quite irrelevant according to R.S. Alexander.

I also note several rabid anti-government paragraphs. But when the alternatives to this government are Foot and Benn — the flower pot men, or wishy washy Woy Jenkins, then Margaret Thatcher is infinitely preferable.

Finally, most Imperial College students are far more intelligent than R.S. Alexander makes out. They probably saw through all the propaganda in his letter as I

> Tours Paul Holt Physics 2

PS: Since this letter was written about 5,000 troops from the Task Force have established a bridgehead on the Falkland Islands and are in the process of liberation. In the world now there is great danger of a nasty outbreak of respect for Britain.

With reference to FELIX 615, I think that a more 'typical Montpelier St. bathroom' would have been shown by printing the photograph the right way up. Jane Williams Life Sci 3

### IC Radio

Hello, good morning and welcome; there, that's got the corny bit over for this week, now down to business. You've probably noticed by now, despite Argentina's best efforts to provide alternative entertainment, that IC is beset by an annual disease called examitis. It is characterised by students blowing dust off their textbooks, exhuming problem sheets and asking one another where the library is. A tonic which can bring partial relief is available free to residents of Southside and Linstead, and even some people in Bernard Sunley House: the remarkable properties of IC Radio include the relaxation of your brain cell(s) and even calming your stomach after a hastily-consumed moonie (I would say "eaten", but that would imply that food was imbibed). Yes, IC Radio continues through the crisis period with the Breakfast Show every Monday, Wednesday and Friday, and programmes to make your revision a little bit easier each weekday evening, starting at 6:00pm; and, of course, lunchtime programmes to the JCR on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

### Community

Due to the Bank Holiday, next meeting will be on Tuesday, June 1, 12:30pm, Rag Committee Rm.

Soup Runs as usual. If you need a change from revision: helpers are needed for help at Acton Youth Club on Saturdays, especially Saturday, June 5.

### PG Group

The papers for the posts of chairman, treasurer and secretary of the PG Group go up this Friday, May 28, in the Union Lower Lounge.

The PG Group AGM will be on Monday, June 14, at 1:00pm in the Union Senior Common Room, where the elections for these posts and those of social secretary and welfare officer will take place.

Doug Armstrong

### Model Aircraft

The Model Aircraft Club is organising a tour of France for ten days from July 24 to August 2. We plan to visit a lot of slope soaring sites, stun the locals with our wonderous flying ability, acquire absurd froggy accents and generally live off the fat of the land a bit.

There are a couple of vacant seats in the van so if you like the sound of this wheeze please contact me. I know there are lots of people in College who fly model airplaines only during the holidays and therefore have not joined ICMAC. If you are one of these and you would like to come we could easily join you up. It would also be an ideal way for a novice to learn to fly even if you don't have your own equipment. The club has just bought a new radio and we have a suitable glider for training.

The cost of transport for the trip will be about £50 each.

If you are interested in this (or just want to come flying at the weekend) please contact: Nick Green, Botany PG (Rm 406), Int 2033, home 969-2511; Ian Shepherd, Computing 3, home

## Chaplaincy

Barrel Organ Aids Christian Aid Every year groups of students take to the streets in the first week of May to follow the barrel organ which is stricken with an annual attack of wanderlust in Christian Aid Week. This year our nomadic friend has been heard in venues from the National Theatre to Portobello Market, from Chiswick High Street to Piccadilly Circus, and in further widening his (her?) experience has joined the soup run, traversed the Hungerford Bridge at high speed, and visited the Leicester Square "Superloo". Such a VIP is bound to attract attention from the public; his innards were nearly brought up on two occasions by the same busker; he was offered a recording contract by a deranged gentleman from 'Radio Recording Services' and in the latter part of the week he was accompanied by a large gorilla who was contracted to approach small children with a collecting tin. The majority of children decided it couldn't be a real gorilla because it was too fat and had spots. A great deal of fun was had by all, including I hope, the people who contributed £860 to Christian Aid on the street and through the envelope collection in

Steve Parr

## Snooker

Wow! It's a snooker article, remember them? Not a lot has happened, just the odd item of mindless vandalism to our lights, we hope the culprits have multiple pneumothoraxes. The cue-tipping situation is not helped by people mistreating the cues. We are losing our best. Apologies to all decent honest members.

Right, moans over, onto brighter subjects. G&G will play Simpkin and Calvert in the doubles final if they can find them. White won his first round match in the billiards, and Holt proposed a vote of thanks at the committee handover meeting, which we all seconded.

### **Bookshop News**

We have a limited number of the complete Dover Science catalogues for anyone interested in their publications. These are free from the Bookshop Manager.

A slow but steady response from lecturers re Recommended Reading Lists for next term. Don't forget: If you want a list, ask at the Bookshop. We must have the information to stock the books.

New Titles

Magimix Cookery - Marika Hanbury Tenison, Robson Books Alternative London - Georganne Downes, Otherwise Press

Little Big - John Crowley, Gollancz £5.95. Even Greater Operatic Disasters - Hugh Vickers, Norman &

McBhouse £3.95 Letters From A Fainthearted Feminist - Jill Tweedie, Robson

Books £5.95. The Summer Before The Frost - Jea-Yves Potel, Pluto Press

British Government and it's Discontents - Smith & Polsby, Basic

The Club Secretary's Guide - Hestia Quinn, David & Charles

Book of First Aid - Blandford, £1.95.

Book of Riding - Blandford £1.95. Book of Salads - Blandford £1.95

Trade Wind - M M Kaye, Penguin £1.95. Bloomers - Allen & Unwin £1.50.

London Round the Clock - Canal Publications £3.50.

Rising Sons - Robert Levine, Fontana £1.95.

The House Names Book - Joyce Miles, Allen & Unwin £1.50. The Tigris Expedition - Thor Heyerdahl, Allen & Unwin £2.95. Cuisine Gourmande - Michel Guerard, PaperMac £4.95.

Nouvelle Cuisine - J & P Troisgros, PaperMac £4.95. Cuisine of the Sun - Roger Verge, PaperMac £4.95.

Lead Title

Prisoner Without a Name, Cell without a Number - Jacobo Timerman, Penguin £1.75.

# Reviews

# Film

Missing Cert AA Directed by Costa-Gavras Now showing Empire 2, ABC Fulham Rd.

On September 16, 1973, at the height of the military coup which overthrew the government of Dr Salvador Allende in Chile, American writer Charles Horman (John Shea) disappeared from his home in Santiago. This is undisputed fact.

The film traces the events following the arrival of his father Edmund Horman (Jack Lemmon) in Santiago to investigate the disappearnce. It culminates in the revelation that the American government was implicated in the overthrow of the Chilean government and the subsequent disappearance of Charles Horman because he knew too much. This is presented as fact, but is hotly disputed by the US State Department.

Edmund Horman sued Henry Kissinger and numerous other top US officials but to no avail.

The film was clandestinely filmed in Mexico City, looking not unlike Santiago, with startling realism. Chilean troops were shown every bit as menacing as when this writer had the good fortune to find himself in Santiago in more stable times last year. This, coupled with Lemmon's brilliant performance as Edmund Horman, showing him to be a man of deep determination, and a supporter of the "American Way" whose great confidence in government officials fades rapidly as he begins to see through their glossy, compassionate facade, makes Missing one of the best serious films this year. It was America's entry to the Cannes Film Festival which must be a blow to the US State Department, who in their determined efforts to find the truth, have produced a three page denial of events portrayed in the film in order that the public may be correctly informed.

It is deliberate that I have not said if Charles Horman was eventually found or not. If you don't already know the whole story then it is better to avoid other reviews and to see the film, as I.did, experiencing the same sense of uncertainty that Edmund Horman and his daughter-in-law (Sissy Spacek) must have gone through in their search for Charles in the face of total adversity. This, together with the remarkable realism, is the backbone of this excellent film.

S. Marshall (Our Man in Chile.)

## Lindsay Awerson's BRITANNIA HOSPITAL



Britannia Hospital Certificate AA Directed by Lindsay Anderson Starring Leonard Rossiter, Graham Crowden, Malcolm McDowell Now showing ABC Shaftesbury Avenue, Fulham Road.

Britannia Hospital is in trouble. Pickets stop all but the most urgent admissions and the Unions halt cooked breakfasts to the private wing. Hospital administrator Mr Potter (Leonard Rossiter) has to prepare for a royal visitor, under instruction from a dwarf and a transvestite, and a maniacal professor

prepares to reveal his ultimate creation to the world.

These are some of the scanty elements which go to produce Lindsay Anderson's latest black comedy, which makes an odd trilogy out of If and O Lucky Man. Having seen these films you would expect a strange and humorous look at British life from the inside—you certainly won't be disappointed.

Anderson draws many characters (and actors) from his previous two films including Mick Travis (the rebel schoolboy from If and ambitious coffee salesman from O Lucky Man) played by Malcolm McDowell and Professor Millar (Graham Crowden) who develops as a brilliantly funny main character. The Millar Centre is due to be opened by "HRH" so the professor, like a modern Frankenstein, pushes back the frontiers of science with scant regard for human feelings to please his roval guest.

The film has many targets: the trade unions, modern technology, royalty, the police force, and the media—in fact, most British institutions. It is for this reason that quite a stir was caused when it was chosen as one of Britain's entries in the Cannes Film Festival. The sick jokes and dark humour may not make it popular with the establishment, but it displays all the qualities of British humour at its best: cutting, introspective and well performed. Although the film is episodic (which makes it almost impossible to advertise well) continuity is just about maintained as it races towards a moving climax.

By its very nature this is a film which will divide the audience and the critics. But you shouldn't really miss the chance to see what is undoubtably a major British comedy.

Mark Smith



The Execution by Melissa Murray. Presented by Monstrous Regiment and directed by Sue Dunderdale. Institute of Contemporary Arts, The Mall.

The Execution, a play in the style of a political, historical epic, follows the true story of the women behind the killing of Tsar Alexander II, Holy Father of All Russia. Alexander II came to the throne in 1855 and proclaimed a programme of social reforms, relaxation of censorship, improvements in the educational system, trial by jury and emancipation of the serfs. But the promised 'revolution from above' failed to materialise. During these times, higher education was virtually unobtainable for women inside Russia. Those who could afford to, and who could escape their families, went to universities in France, Germany and Switzerland, where they also gained a grounding in political theory and philosophy, much of it from the writings of emigré Russian revolutionaries.

The play follows the lives of a small group of women from the time of an edict which ordered the return of all women students to Russia on the grounds that they were leading dissolute and immoral lives. The women returned, not merely in obedience to the Tsar, but to begin their active political lives. They began by merging with the common folk, adopting peasant clothes and living and working in the countryside. The government interpreted the movement as an attempted revolution and had most of them arrested. However they were soon freed and lost no



Ed (Jack Lemmon) and Beth (Sissy Spacek) look up in a stadium filled with political prisoners and think they see Charles.

time in persuing more clandestine political activity. More repressive measures followed which attempted to contain the growing activity. A feeling of frustration and impatience led the group to consider taking the life of the Tsar. The group split over this question but a section succeeded in 1881 at their eighth attempt to kill the Tsar. Six of the group were later executed.

Although an entertaining piece of narrative drama, the play's pace is furious. One has to hang onto one's seat very tightly as one is whisked past the various moral and political questions of revolutionary activity which the play purports to examine. One has no time to reflect on these issues and other interesting facets of pre-revolution Russia such as the incongruity of rich, intellectual revolutionaries attempting to mingle will the peasants, the squeezing out of the Russian God from the progressive ideas Russia's lack of an identity or a common people and its cultural

dependence on the West.

The Execution is a contribution to the feminist "Women Live" events that are currently taking place and its subject matter obviously makes a good choice with its portrayal of exemplary, determined young women intent on constructing a more just and humane society. However this is not the play's strongest message, and although it is the sort of play that induces different responses or impressions in members of the audience, its lasting impression was of the sad sight of intelligent and calculating individuals resorting to desperate almost mad efforts through frustration and impatience in not seeing the fruits of their labours. Revolutions don't happen overnight and the characters required of revolutionaries who desire to usher in a more civilised society after decades or centuries of habit and conditioning is one of almost super-human patience.

Nick Bedding

# Choir

IC Choir members' persistence in selling tickets resulted in quite a good audience for their performance of Bach's St. John Passion on May 21, but pressure of exams or fear of Pigotts (a weekend in the country to learn the work) had reduced the size of the choir itself considerably from that which performed the

Verdi Requiem before Easter.

Both choir and orchestra made a firm start on the opening chorus. The altos immediately made it obvious that they lacked both the clear tone of the sopranos and the courage of the tenors who, despite numbering only 10 (less than half the alto population), sang with conviction and worked hard to balance the larger numbers of sopranos and basses. The soprano tone did deteriorate somewhat in the second half when one or two voices, audible above the rest of the choir, became rather screeching — notably at the shouts of 'Crucify Him'. The basses were as reliable as ever but lacked some weight in the lower register.

In general the choir sang the chorales well with a controlled balanced sound. The more vigorous choruses were attacked with competence although those requiring more agile voices were marred by a great surge of

relief in the closing bars.

The orchestra showed some disagreement amongst the strings as to which ascending scale should begin one particular aria but produced some lovely woodwind solos. A fine continuo was played on harpsichord cello and organ.

The most outstanding solo performance was given by Penelope Walker (contralto) in

# SPORT



### Kings College vs IC

Having arrived at Enfield TC, in Dave Gladman's custom converted excort, the IC team and the Steve Willis appreciation society had to squeeze back inside as their courts were too wet to play on. There was a change of venue which obviously disturbed the IC side, Gladman and M. Shepherd seemed to regard the first match as a warmup and lost 6-0, 6-3 whereas Willis and Phil (not shot) Shepherd managed to take their match to three sets, but lost 2-1.

In the second matches Shepherd and Gladman turned on the form and won 7-6, 4-6, 6-1. However, the other match was left unfinished at one set each 6-6, in pouring rain, howling wind and darkness at 9:30pm. Special mention to M. Shepherd's hairless but shapely legs which gave him extra speed owing to reduced wind resistance.



#### Enfield Chase vs IC

Himners was desperate for advice after this match and a wise old cricketer offered him the following:

"Well Bill, if I were you, I would take up croquet. I mean they do play that sort of thing in Zimbabwe where you come from, don't they? After watching you bowl today, I really feel it is not worth your while carrying on. After all, your body is built more for

ballet than quick bowling, and croquet is not that energetic. OK, so you fluked two crickets but this was a limited overs game and you cannot bowl three long hops an over down the leg side. You blew it. You lost IC the game. I agree Bussey was also hit all around the park but you must take most of the responsibility yourself. Don't take it to heart, Bill old man. Croquet can be thrilling, you know."

Himners skulked into a corner where he found Bussey reflecting on being hit for six over long-off and White contemplating how he once enjoyed a game of cricket. But that was three years ago and he hasn't smiled since.

Incidentally, we were thrashed. All the front line batsmen failed again, led by a stylish golden duck from Simpkin. This really is becoming a habit of his. We slumped to 66 for 6 before Morton (45) and Bussey (21no made the score respectable. Our 40 overs were completed with us on 143 for 8.

And then Himners bowled and you can guess the rest. Kings won by six wickets with many overs to spare. Follow the advice of a wise old cricketer, Bill — take up croquet!

Rock's Revenge

## **Athletics**

On May 19 ULU held an athletics meeting at Motspur Park. UL men versus Royal Navy; Army; Kent and Thames Valley Harriers. UL women versus the Royal Navy. The IC contingent was comprised of Roger Flynn and Karen Barnett. Both were sprinting in the 100m 'B' string. Prior to the meeting, rumours had been circulating that the Navy's team were for some reason lacking in strength. This claim was further substantiated when Karen won the 100m 'B' and Roger came second in the men's 100m 'B', later running a leg in the men's 400m medley relay. Incidentally, ULU Men and women won the meeting.

'Chains of Bondage' beautifully accompanied by an oboe duet. During the bass aria 'Haste poor souls' it was debatable whether it was the soloist William Schimmel, or the choir who was performing at short notice — the choir's intermittent 'Oh where?' sounding like mass heavy breathing. Unfortunately the tenor soloist Lawrence Dale obviously thought that the conductor Eric Brown knew the answer to 'Ah my soul, what end awaiteth thee?' as he directed the whole of this aria (and his subsequent solos) towards him. A clear expressive recitative was sung by Andrew King as the Evangelist. Christus was sung by Jonathan Best and the soprano solo by Jennifer Adams.

GMR

## Orchestra

A concert given by the Imperial College Symphony Orchestra in the Great Hall, Imperial College, May 19, 1982.

Your reviewer, after getting back from a particularly shattering day, was sitting quietly waiting for the concert to begin when a very beautiful red-headed timpanist bounced up to ask if I could review the concert for FELIX; never having been known to refuse a lady anything I agreed.

The concert began with Berlioz's Roman Carnival Overture which is a highly complex piece of orchestration and is well suited to the talents of ICSO who gave it a splendid rendering. The piano concerto no. 23 K488 by Mozart followed next and illustrates further, if such illustration was required, the value of music making in this College as it allows talented musicians an opportunity to display their virtuosity which they might not otherwise have. The musician in this case was Damian Wisniewski who gave a superb rendering of the concerto both in delicacy in playing and in his sensitive interpretation. This latter was in a very romantic mode and shows that one does not have to return to 'how it must have sounded to Mozart' in order to produce a beautiful effect. It only requires for it to be played with sympathy and understanding for such an effect to be produced. My only adverse criticism of this piece was that the woodwind players sometimes let the side

Tchaikovsky's 4th Symphony provided a full outlet for the energetic conducting style of Richard Dickins (dressed in a white dinner jacket). He controlled the orchestra through some very difficult pieces especially the pizzicato. Special reference must be made to the brass section and the trumpets in particular who played exactly what was required; can there be higher praise?

Altogether it was a most enjoyable evening and I left feeling a lot less shattered than when I arrived.

Frank James



The Southside Plan

The news of Nick Morton's great mystery leaked last Friday after FELIX had been distributed. I'm a little surprised, not to say annoyed, that Morton should take such a clandestine approach to what is probably the most important decision the Union has had to make since its formation. He made no effort to inform the Union of what he and College Secretary John Smith have been discussing until it was too late. If he had revealed the plans in Exec News last Friday (which he certainly should have) then perhaps we would have had a packed AGM with people who were willing to give their opinions on the scheme. As it is, we have to trust that Nick Morton knows what he's doing and that College won't take advantage of the way he has failed to find out what people think, whilst he personally is all for the idea.

There is no reason for a great panic or overreaction to what is, after all, only a very tentative idea. But we shouldn't be lulled into trusting the Union or College leadership and everybody should try to make their opinion clear. As soon as more definite plans are available they should be published and some sort of ballot, perhaps including Union Life Members, should take place.

The whole thing could, of course, fall through if the money is not available, if academic departments object strongly (for financial reasons) or if students generally disagree with the move. We cannot rely on either of the former, and the latter is certainly the most important factor to be considered at present.

Airing Dirty Linen

Several fairly important matters have been overshadowed by The Southside Plan. It has been decided that the linen service in Halls of Residence is to be dropped. There is some disagreement about the consequences of such a move and the possible savings for students.

The main reasons for agreeing to drop the service was to save money and create a large, central laundry for use by **all** IC students.

central laundry for use by **all** IC students. Well I doubt whether it will save much money except if you don't wash the sheets at all. At present it costs about £1 a week to have clean linen delivered to your door. If you washed your sheets every week and considered the amount of time, effort and inconvenience this causes, then it would easily be valued at over £1.

Secondly the Hall Wardens are divided over increased laundry facilities. They seem to want a large laundry, but for use by Hall residents only. Some Wardens disagree with the idea completely and the indespensible Senior Warden Don Monro cooked up the whole thing in the first place.

It seems very pointless to me and may be yet another false economy.

**FELIX Rally** 

All is not dead at Imperial College! The fabulous FELIX Rally will take place on Sunday, June 20 with clues set by Scara-

mouche and myself about various places in London.

The idea of the rally is to spend a timed period on a treasure hunt around Central London with a set of clues and map references. Teams of up to four may take part and pairs on motorcycles are allowed. Points are collected for items of treasure and clues solved, and the winners will have their names engraved on the FELIX Rally pot. If you are interested in entering please contact the FELIX Office and we'll give you more details.

Credits

Thanks to Peter, David, Dave, N., Nick, Steve, Jez, Paul, all the collators, Maz and Ian.

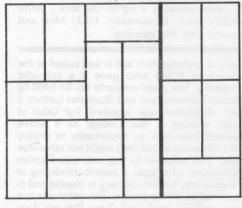
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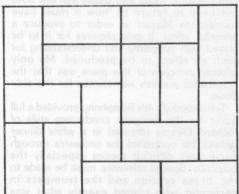
The position of Subwarden of Weeks Hall will be available from October 1982. The post provides rent-free accommodation in a small flat in return for light but continuous duties assisting the Warden mainly in running some amenities and acting as Secretary to the Hall Committee. Weeks Hall is a small Hall by College standards, housing 50 male and 16 female students all in single rooms, but as the donation of Vickers Ltd to a high standard of amenities and opened in 1959. There are, however, structural problems and special regulations have to be observed to ensure the safety of residents.

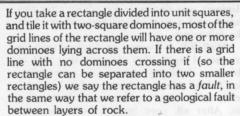
Applications are invited from responsible postgraduate students, research assistants, or young members of academic staff who expect to be able to serve for either two or three years. It is unusual for undergraduates to hold subwardenships but not impossible. Please apply in writing by June 11 1982 to the Warden, Dr D M Munro, giving full details of qualifications and experience. A short list of applicants for interview will be prepared on the

basis of these letters of application.







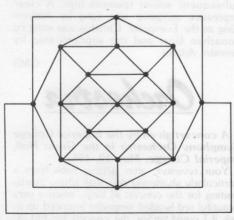


The first diagram shows a fault in a 5x6 rectangle, the second shows a fault-free tiling of the same area. For this week's puzzle, I want a fault-free tiling of a 6x8 rectangle.

Solutions, comments, criticisms to me at the FELIX Office, please. £5 (donated by Mend-a-Bike) for the best solution received by Wednesday, 1:00pm.

Last Week's Solution

17 seems to be the minimum number, and of the three who found valid solutions. C.N. Goh, Elec Eng 3, was selected as a winner (again!).



# What's On

Friday, May 28

•Soup Run, 10:30pm, Falmouth Kitchen.

Tuesday, June 1

•Wine Tasting society meeting, 6:00pm, Union SCR. Tasting a variety of interesting wines, this is the last meeting of the year.

Dancing club, mixed ability class, 7:30pm, JCR.

•Soup Run, 10:30pm, Falmouth Kitchen.

Thursday, June 3

•Turn It On Again (last of three programmes), 1:00 and 6:00pm, JCR, Southside TV Lounge, Beit, Linstead, Weeks and Garden Halls. A browse through the STOIC archives, featuring material recorded over the last academic year.

•Summer Singing, 5:45pm, Music Rm, 53 Prince's Gate. Vivaldi's 'Gloria' and Mendelssohn's 'Elijah' will be sung purely for fun. Everyone welcome.

Warden Rayleigh House

This post is suitable for a married postgraduate expecting to remain at IC for a further two years. Application forms from Union Office. Closing date for applications 5:00pm, June 1.

Further information is available from present Warden, Mike Hudson, Int 4095, (eves) 589-1329.

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T Joslin J Park

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