



# FELIX

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## SOUTHSIDE MOVE LATEST





## Letters to the Editor

Dear Mark

Will you please convey my thanks to Mary Freeman for her letter in FELIX. I'm afraid it wasn't particularly informative for me personally, but that is because I too was at the meeting, so I knew it all already.

I didn't really feel Miss Freeman's account was comprehensive enough, it failed to point out the juicy bits, such as: why is the National Deaf Children's Society Rag's main charity? Because the Rag Committee enjoy the kiddies party and they know they can get collection licences if it's for the NDCS (that's how I understood the argument). Frankly, I find those reasons secondary in the argument; more important, I think, is where the money goes, and yes I did suggest the money go to a charity in the Third World, where the same money can have a far greater effect. The meting thought that the NDCS was worthwhile, because for a mere £200 someone can have his hearing restored; but for about £10 someone in India can have his sight restored!

Other important issues discussed were: should the Rag Mag have a glossy cover? (This is because it drastically increases the cost of printing.) The two reasons given for not changing it were that they would keep better, so we could show our grandchildren! (chuckle, chuckle). Secondly, people are more likely to buy a copy if it looks good; but because the Rag

Mag has made a loss (for two years running?) the price may have to be raised to 50p. If the content is not going to be improved. Then it doesn't deserve a glossy cover, and if it's 50p, it won't sell as easily.

I no longer feel it necessary to put forward constructive ideas, such as suggestions for charities, because Rag receives enough letters from charities, pleading for money: all they have to do is read through them!

I hope that this information will have been of some use to Mary Freeman and others.

Yours sincerely  
Graeme Shaw

Dear Mark

I see from Nick Morton's letter (FELIX 617) that he is acting true to form. As soon as he had doled out a couple of insults he promptly passed the buck; truly the height of inspired leadership.

Of course the Halls are not keen to be involved in a central laundry. They are perfectly happy with the present system; indeed, many residents find it hard to understand how anyone could come up with such a short-sighted idea as scrapping the linen service.

It is not so much myself who is concerned about those other, lazy students; the cleaners in Southside have expressed their concern about the deterioration in hygiene which would result from the removal of the linen service. I am reliably informed that as many as ten percent of residents cannot even be bothered to strip their beds and leave the dirty sheets to be collected for the sake of having clean linen, how the supposedly knowledgeable Mr Morton can expect them to actually wash and iron their own sheets every week is a matter of pure conjecture.

If Nick can't lick the Rector's boots enough to get a job as a member of College staff, he ought to apply to the Treasury, where his apparent total lack of accounting knowledge would be well received. If the Halls upgrade their present laundry facilities, considerable capital expense will be incurred; Mr Morton obviously cannot understand

that this will come out of resident's pockets. A further charge which he has conveniently "forgotten" (if he ever thought of it in the first place) is the cost of residents supplying their own sheets, either by hiring them at suitably commerial rates, or capital outlay of purchasing them. He will no doubt claim that students living elsewhere have to provide there own sheets, but so what? Some students live in bedsits infested with cockroaches, but is Nick suggesting that vermin be introduced to Southside just so that everyone is equal?

Apart from the extra costs mentioned above, there is the very important consideration of time and inconvenience. We are supposedly here to get an education, not to wash sheets. No one in their right mind (this clearly doesn't include Mr Morton) can honestly believe that washing and ironing a pair of sheets a week takes no time at all. There are more important things in a student's life than money, Mr Morton, and the extra effort and inconvenience are not worth the cost of a pint of shandy each week.

In answer to his final point: representatives of the residents of Southside were waiting to challenge the President's report at the UGM and AGM when those whimps from Soc Soc, who seem to care little for the Union that funds them, brought the meeting to a close.

Jasper  
PS: I hope that you were concerned about student opinion during your "holiday" in Ireland.

Dear Mark

Everyone's always writing to you about Morton's cock-ups. Well, after much in-depth research I can now reveal to your readership that this is just the area where he has failed, this year. My suspicions were first aroused at the time of the attack of german measles. Ms Lindsay was across from Ireland at the time, being seemingly wound around Mr Morton at all possible times. Yet she failed to contract the dread disease. Perhaps the proximity was not so great?

Being thus sorrowed in love Mr Morton turns to pastures new. I must admit it was a stroke of genius persuading Mr McCabe to resign simply so that she'd always be where Mr Morton could easily reach her (Ms Teller of course), and all seemed to be going well until the startling truth was revealed within the pages of this very newspaper. In FELIX 616 the two stated they were "not opposed to sex in principle", suggesting that in practice it was just not going on!

In desperation we see Mr Morton running back to his old love. But even after a week in Belfast he returns rosy cheeked and wide awake! Bad luck Nick!

Yours, hoping for improvement  
next year  
Nick Pyne

Dear Sir

As this academic year draws to a close I would like to pay tribute to someone who has done so much to enrich all our lives here and in doing so has become one of the best loved College personalities. I refer, of course, to the FELIX Editor Mark Smith.

His journalistic talent is such that he has been able to move us to tears of laughter or of outrage with a single apposite sentence. His pen has become a mighty sword scything the self-important down to size and puncturing the pompous. His quicksilver wit has made Friday mornings a time of laughter and happiness with staff and students joining together in shedding tears of mirth. Yet between the lines we can glimpse the massive intellect which lies behind the print, the man whose editorials make Bernard Levin seem amateurish and confused. Mark Smith and first class journalism, the two are synonymous.

On this occasion I feel it only right that I should now reveal my true identity to the world. It is:

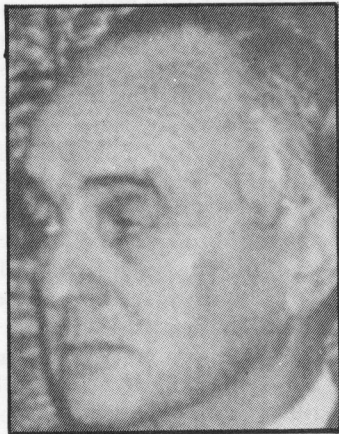
Her Royal Highness  
Queen Victoria  
Buckingham Palace.  
London  
Galactic Sector 7

Yours  
Cossar

# Lindley weighs anchor

**Captain John William Garbutt Lindley RN is to voluntarily retire at Christmas.**

The Captain boarded HMS Sherfield on Monday, November 24, 1975 to take on the newly created post of Domestic Secretary, who is in overall charge of Bookings, Refectories, Halls of Residence and Security. He previously had a long and distinguished career with the Royal Navy—he rose to the rank of Captain and was a Naval Aide-de-camp to the Queen. He was Commander of HMS Cochran, usually known as the Fleet Accommodation Centre of Rosyth Naval Base.



His activities at IC went virtually unnoticed by FELIX until the summer of 1980 when he suddenly came into the limelight. Throughout that year he made numerous appearances and it became clear that the Captain was not the model of efficiency and diplomacy we had expected.

The Captain was well-known for his numeracy, but when asked how many times he had appeared in FELIX he said "I don't know, I don't stand and count 'em, and it's not up to me to count them either...but there were quite a lot."

Captain Lindley is not 65.

## ASTMS Dispute

Laboratory Technicians have been picketing entrances to IC since last Thursday in support of a national pay and conditions claim.

Last week some gates were manned from 9:00am to 5:00pm in an attempt to stop supplies reaching College. This week pickets have been on duty from 7:00am to 6:00pm at more entrances.

The IC dispute is part of a national campaign. The technicians want a 12% wage increase, a reduction of 2½ hours in the week to 35 hours, and three days more annual leave.

They have been offered 4% for those over 21 and 0% for trainees.

The national negotiating body recommended selective strike action of not less than 3 hours per week and this has been given a "guerilla" interpretation here by the Association of Scientific Technical and Managerial Staff (ASTMS) who represent the IC lab technicians. This action will continue until the dispute is settled.

Mr Ian French, IC ASTMS Branch Chairman, said that the picket had been "incredibly successful" with 75% of goods turned back. After a deputation went to the post office workers they agreed not to cross picket lines or make deliveries of mail outside their normal hours.

ASTMS members who are not lab technicians can choose whether or not to take part in the action.

Mr French added that the aim of the action was to influence College administrators to support their claim at national level. However the College have said that they do not believe it is in their interest to make their views known publicly as it might compromise their side of the negotiating committee.

If the dispute dragged on, he said, then unfortunately it would be hard not to effect students, along with the refectories and general deliveries. ASTMS realised that their strongest weapon against College was to disrupt examinations, but have refrained from doing so.

Effects of the dispute have already been felt. Deliveries of beer to the Holland Club were stopped on the first morning. Liquid nitrogen supplies were drying up. This might adversely affect chemical plant, which would be inclined to blow up if not kept cool. Last Thursday technicians picketed a meeting of French University Principals at 170 Queensgate.

Mr French told FELIX that the dispute might last until at least July 1. That date was chosen by the employers to discuss conciliation with ACAS.

Mr Davidson, Personnel Secretary, was unavailable for comment.

# Piggy brings the house down!

Dr Brian Levitt, the new Mayor of Kensington and Chelsea, has soon landed in hot water following the demolition of the old Kensington Town Hall last Friday.

The Greater London Council are furious that his Tory council decided to demolish the 105 year-old building and intend to take legal action if possible. Kensington and Chelsea Council say that the redevelopment of the site will bring in revenue of four to five million pounds, but according to *The Times Diary* (Monday, June 16) the Council seem to have forgotten that they had already given planning permission for a conversion of the old building. The present development will result in a loss of 11,000 square feet of floor space—worth about three million pounds at present prices.

So the old scheme would have been more profitable without knocking the building down!

## Jasper collapses in heroic record smash bid!

IC Radio disc-jockey Jeremy 'Jasper' Nunns collapsed on Sunday, June 6, while attempting to set a new record for a single continuous professional radio show.

Jasper started his programme at 4:00pm on Friday, June 4, at the IC Radio Studio below

Southside and lasted almost forty-three hours; the record still stands at forty-eight and a half hours. Fortunately for Jasper former Station Manager Dave Fuller was present to rush him to St. Stephens Hospital but he was released later that evening.

The collapse is thought to have been caused by Jasper drinking too much coffee and not eating enough solid food.

The present Station Manager Neil Sykes would like to thank all those students from the Halls of Residence who helped during the record attempt.

## METROPOLITAN POLICE Appeal for Assistance



# MURDER

On Tuesday, June 1, about 1pm, Lady EDITH ROBERTSON was attacked at ERESBY HOUSE, RUTLAND GATE. She died later. Lady Robertson was 80, 5ft 3ins and plump with grey hair. She was wearing a blue two-piece suit, blue shoes, and carried a large blue handbag. She walked very slowly with stooped shoulders.

Shortly after the attack a lady was seen comforting the victim at the rear entrance to ERESBY HOUSE at MONTPELIER WALK. This lady was middle-aged, wearing a lightweight summer dress and carrying shopping bags.



**ARE YOU THAT LADY?  
DO YOU KNOW HER?**

It is essential Police speak to her. She may have vital information.

Please contact  
**ROCHESTER ROW POLICE STATION**  
Tel: 01-434 6155/6/7/8

All information treated as strictly confidential



## Letters to the Editor

Dear Sir

I was flabbergasted with the two letters published last week concerning the Falklands. I could take their pathetic and unconsidered arguments apart, one by one. However, I will not waste your time or mine in doing so as, unlike Mr Shaw, I do not underestimate the intelligence of IC students and know that they will see the straight through the left wing shit that pours from his mouth without a moment's thought.

Yours sincerely  
Paul Simion

Dear Mark

Or should I say "Dear Fiona and Graeme" as I am addressing this mainly to them, re their letters of issue 617. Both obviously disagree with our *liberation* of the Falkland Islands. I won't go into the history yet again, but would like to make a few points.

I must assume that both letters were written before Goose Green and Darwin had been liberated but, even so, I must take exception to Graeme Shaw's questions.

"Couldn't the Falklanders have suffered the presence of the Argentinian troops for a couple of months while negotiations were in progress? Surely it would be less inconvenient for them than a war?"

I suggest he puts those same two questions to the inhabitants of the above settlements, who had been locked up for over a month, one of them in shackles, while their homes

were ransacked and their village filled with leaky napalm bombs and unstable ammo dumps. Their reception of the Paras clearly shows which option they preferred. Not forgetting the people who are incarcerated in the detention camp at Fox Bay.

Whilst I agree with both of them, and the Pope, that armed conflict is no way to settle disputes, I must remind them that it takes *two* to negotiate, but only *one* to start fighting (and they started). We have been negotiating with Argentina for many years, which is hardly "always refusing" is it Fiona? We have also been trying to negotiate (plus the imposition of sanctions) since before the Argentinian invasion took place (Resolution "502" was passed before April 2) to ask them to leave. Have they left? No they haven't, and have continued to build up in the mean time: flouting "502" for the past two months.

Both cite the case of Northern Ireland and the people who wish to be part of the Republic, they both forget that the majority of Ulster's population, as do all (but one) of the Falklanders, wish to remain British. They should not be ignored either.

Just because the UK may have been less than perfect in past doesn't give Argentina the right to walk into any territory they desire (including parts of Chile and Antarctica). But, while on the subject of empires, many of the Commonwealth of Nations are backing our sanctions, whilst others remain neutral. So whilst our empire may have not been perfect, many who were part of it do not wish to dissociate from us, so we can't be all bad.

It is not hypocrisy to feel sorry for those, and their relatives who have died. Nobody in their right mind *wants* a war, but there are cases where it may be the lesser of many evils. If blatant annexation of territory and oppression of people, is allowed to proceed unresisted, there is no knowing where it will end up. The Second World War started by Hitler getting away with

Austria, Czechoslovakia and Poland.

Finally, it is worth noting that the Falklands prior to April 2 were comparatively undefended. Argentina marched in with 10,000 troops as opposed to 30 marines and 1,800 inhabitants. This must surely explode the myth that just because a place is undefended then nobody will attack it. This, as has WW2, and many other conflicts throughout history, shows that the opposite is true: If you're undefended, and someone wants to invade, they will do so. History has also shown that you can talk till you're blue in the face, but the invader will not leave. This does not mean, however, that you mustn't try, there is always hope. But in the end if they will not leave after being "spoken to nicely" they must be "shown the door", and in no uncertain terms if necessary.

Phil Merryman

Dear Sir

Has Margaret Thatcher not yet realised that she would have saved a lot of time by "nuking" the "Falvinas" off the bloody map in the first place?

This would have resolved the tricky problem of handing the Falklands over to Argentina without popular uproar a problem that has baffled successive British governments over the years. It would also, I understand, have saved the lives of many more "first class" British citizens than what has now ensued.

Of course she would still have to think of a way of hiding her disastrous home and economic policy but I'm sure John Nott or Lady Di can come up with another brilliant plan.

To finish, had she done this I'm sure we all realise the world would have been a much safer place with people living in mutant harmony.

Anyway the French discovered the stupid things so "rendaere Caesare quae sunt Caesaris", (mispelt), what?

Yours

B Durodie  
Physics 2

PS: Maybe Paul Holt could sit on a cruise and shout "Rule Brittania" as it lands.

## Small Ads

- **Pentax KM SLR camera** with f1.4 standard lens and case, as new, £85. Contact S: Marshall, c/o FELIX Office.
- **Sam Smith's beers** at 50p per pint first hour of Tuesday and Thursday evening sessions.
- **Freshers Fair forms** are due in TODAY. Failure to produce your form may result in your club not getting a place. See Union Office for details.
- **Stones:** Anyone want to swap Friday tickets for Saturday ones. Three available. Thomas Anderson, Rm 96 Beit Hall, internal 2799, ext 589-5111 ext 2156.
- **There was a young student of fame** Miss Deborah Cooper by name She was fond of her drink Not scared of a wink In fact totally lacking in shame
- **There was an old pustule called Zit** Who was totally lacking in wit His face, so repulsive Caused retching convulsive In anyone looking at it.
- **Good luck** for the future, Steve, Annegret, Graham, Chris and everyone who's leaving from WLC—thanks for everything you've done—82/3 committee.
- **Futile Hurling & Hothouse Species**, Sunday, July 4, 101 Club, Clapham, 8pm. Half-price tickets available from IC Union Office.
- **Voluntary work** in visiting a home for the elderly disabled if you are staying in London in summer. Contact Mike See, Chem Eng PG, int 2027.
- **All students** hoping to have parking spaces during the summer vacation should go to Sherfield Security and obtain a temporary parking space allocation.
- **Medic-Alert bracelet** for diabetes, serial no. GB97290, has been found and is now in the Lost Property Office, Sherfield.
- **Watch pens:** date, time, seconds, parker refill. Ideal presents. Only £5. Apply Dave Thrower, Mech Eng letter-racks or 215 Hamlet Gdns, 741-7095.
- **Squash rackets:** Classic 003, £12ea. Contact D V Molesworth, 370-1817 via RSM letter-racks or sportscentre squash club noticeboard.
- **Technics SU8022K amplifier**, 35w, tape-to-tape, etc., £75 or nearest. Sansui T60 tuner FM/AM £40 or nearest. Both in very good condition and boxed. Dave Poley, ME3.
- **Wharfedale Linton XP2 loudspeakers**, good condition, can demonstrate. £45ono. K. Langridge. Physics UG letter-racks.
- **Help wanted:** £1.70 per hour negotiable, decorating, mostly painting: evenings and weekends. Contact internal 2884, or Sherfield 546b. Ms M. Evers.
- **Your last chance:** The Rag Mag sets sail next week. Copy, etc. to FELIX Office.
- **23rd June**, S.J.H. happy birthday, E.S.K.
- **Weeks Hall** are proud to announce that the Sub-Warden is functioning at time of writing: but normal service is expected to be resumed before going to press.
- **Experienced washer-up** requires summer job. Apply Tim Wilkins, Physics 1.
- **Landing occupant for sale** (house trained), £10ono complete with red trousers and interpreter. Apply Linstead Hall.
- **Grey morning suit for hire**, suitable large gentleman, small family or entire North Korean World Cup squad. (Includes hideous gloves). Contact Roger on 358-9960.
- **Wanted:** large quantity of penicillin. Write to M, Mech Eng UG.
- **Available now:** life insurance for yetis. Competitive rates. C. Fuller, RCSU.
- **Dog found** (presumably a pet): large, ugly, lazy and unpleasant. Answers to name of "Nismo". Would owner please collect. Phone 385-9609.

# News Update

**FELIX gets through a great deal of news in a year but rarely follows any of it up as "what happened then" is seldom newsworthy. "Bull terrier goes missing!" will always be more interesting than "Bull terrier found!" (Mind you, it depends where you find the bull terrier and who it belongs to!)**

**However, on this occasion, just to abate your insatiable curiosity, FELIX will break with tradition to follow up some of this year's stories that actually have a follow-up. Taken chronologically.....**

## From FELIX August 7

Clem, a yellow and black commercial lorry, the Mines motorised mascot, is still in bits in the garage, despite optimistic reports that it would be back on the road by Christmas.

## From FELIX August 7

The Westfield College penguin mascot stolen by Barney McCabe has not yet been returned to its rightful owners. Shortly after its theft, it "went missing" from the IC Union Office. Westfield College have not requested its return. Mystery surrounds the whereabouts of the mascot.

## From FELIX October 5

The partition erected over the summer vacation by the then Deputy President, Barney McCabe, which caused raised eyebrows due to its £2,000 price-tag, is to be demolished over the coming summer vacation. Proof that what goes up must come down.

## From FELIX October 5

The wooden platform and scaffolding erected outside Weeks Hall to protect passers-by from falling masonry is still evident. No action has been taken or is planned by the College Estates section responsible for the upkeep of Halls of Residence. Tiles and concrete are still falling from the higher parts of Weeks Hall, which was evacuated for a long period several years ago as the high-alumina cement of which it is constructed was passing through its most dangerous phase. However, despite the falling tiles, Weeks Hall is thought to be safe.

## From FELIX October 9

The antique lamps stolen from the City & Guilds motorised mascot Bo have never been found. Insurance has been claimed but the lamps are unfortunately irreplaceable.

## From FELIX October 23

The Rag Committee's proposal to change the constitution to require proofs of the Rag Mag to be approved by members of the Union Executive has been passed. This is in order to avoid motions to ban the Rag Mag's distribution proposed by some sections of the student community who strongly disapprove of the magazine's contents, as happened this year resulting in only one third of the 10,000 Rag Mags being sold. Rag Committee's incompetence in selling it when the ban was lifted is also a major contributing factor to the poor sales. The Rag Committee are taking the defeatist attitude of considering printing only 5,000 Rag Mags next year as opposed to attempting to improve their own sales efficiency.

## From FELIX Nov 13 & Feb 12

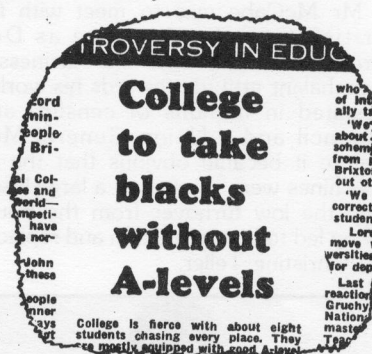
That "awfully embarrassing refectory flat" has not been converted to Union showers or accommodation, as proposed by John Smith CBE, the College Secretary. Mr Smith has swept the matter under the carpet and the flat is still as empty as it has been for the past six years.

## From FELIX Nov 20, Dec 4 & Jan 22

The proposed merger between IC and Queen Elizabeth College is now most definitely off. It was learnt last week that in fact Kings College is to merge with QEC.

## From FELIX November 27

The decision to ban all Rag collections for fear of prosecution as ICU do not have any street collection licences still holds. The Rag Committee have still not managed to obtain any licences and it seems unlikely any will be available for next year.



From the Daily Mail, Monday November 30 1981.

## From FELIX December 4

Imperial College is not going "to take blacks without A Levels" any more. The Daily Mail devoted considerable space to the decision of the College to show positive discrimination towards underprivileged ethnic minorities as called for in the Scarman Report. The College has recently quietly shelved the scheme. Peter Mee, the College Registrar, has pointed out the obvious difficulties that would be faced by such students who lacked a good grounding in science. The scheme might have worked for Arts students, he added, but science and engineering is too demanding.

This begs the question as to why the College ever decided to take students without A Levels in the first place. Token support for the Scarman Report for cheap publicity, later to be abandoned when Scarman was forgotten, perhaps?

## From FELIX, January 15

"For God's sake grow up," Dr Paul Jowitt was urged by FELIX for his pettiness in requesting his student Southside Penthouse neighbours to use the stairs instead of the awfully noisy lift. Dr Jowitt has still not grown up.

## From FELIX January 22

The lunchtime lecture program organised by the Humanities Department has been saved from the axe. Lectures will continue as normal next session; the H.G. Wells Society will be presenting three of the lectures after a kind invitation from John Thole, the lecture program organiser. The three Union lectures are entitled: (1) Sex; (2) Drugs; (3) Rock'n'Roll.

## From FELIX January 22

The College has taken over control of the University of London nuclear reactor, situated at Silwood Park. This was a recommendation of the Swinnerton-Dyer Report on the reorganisation of the University of London.

## From FELIX February 5

The thief who stole money from gas meters in several College flats in Lexham Gardens has never been apprehended.

## From FELIX February 12

The "Supplies to Poland" organisation formed in College has become the non-event of the year. After initial enthusiasm from many people including the Rector Lord Flowers, the project eventually fizzled out. Perhaps a mite too ambitious.

## From FELIX February 19

It will come as no surprise to learn that STOIC Cameraman Glyn Garside of Elec Eng 2 failed by mammoth proportions to be elected as Labour candidate for the Knightsbridge ward in the London Borough elections on May 6.

## From FELIX April 30

The scheme to add £10 to every Hall resident's bill in order to support the Sick Bay has floundered. No method of raising the £17,000 per annum required to keep the Sick Bay open has been agreed upon. The Sick Bay looks to remain in a healthy state next year but faces an uncertain future the year after.

## From FELIX May 7

No word has been heard of the IC Union mascot, Mike, a large 170lb micrometer, since its theft on May 6. No ransom demands from other colleges have been received. If Mike is not found by the end of this term the incident will be reported to the Police as a theft, even though the mascot is "violated", meaning it is intended to be stolen. But who would want a large micrometer?

## From FELIX May 21

The controversial scheme to house two students in what are presently Weeks Hall single rooms has been scrapped.

That's all, folks! Perhaps you can see why most stories are never followed up.

## REVIEW OF THE YEAR

# FAIRLY EVENTFUL YEAR

## IC UNION CAUGHT NAPPING!

*If the powers that be intended 1981/2 to be a good year at IC they certainly made a very poor start. Union officers and College employees alike made a series of errors in the romantic, patriotic and riot-torn summer that created extra work for themselves, hardship for some, and a source of amusement or indignation for many others.*

### Hall Hell

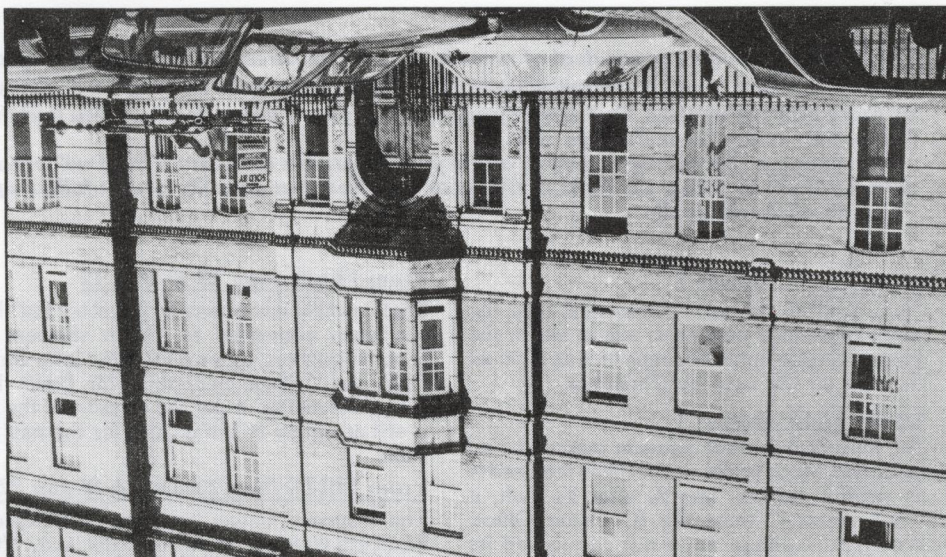
One of the most trouble-ridden aspects of College life this year has been the postgraduate Hall of Residence in Montpellier Street. Purchased last August the Hall suffered from poor heating and lack of cooking facilities and communal areas. The latter was particularly important in view of the small size of the rooms.

Although residents received a rent rebate of £20, they were paying the highest rents (£23pw) for College residence at the time and since then a serious case of dry rot has set in, which will cost at least £16,000 to repair, in addition to the discomfort the repair will cause. The residents were also shabbily treated by the Union President Nick Morton who on two separate occasions was reticent to support their complaints after they had written to Student Services.

### Personal Attacks

Two publications edited over the summer put the Union in a lot of trouble when Nick Morton read the paste-ups but "failed to notice" some of the more controversial articles. The ICU Handbook had originally contained vicious personal attacks on Victor Mooney and Captain Lindley, but these were removed at the printers. However the Rag Mag was published in its original form and dominated Union General Meetings in the autumn term (and kept them quorate). Originally City & Guilds Union refused to sell the magazine because they objected to some of the jokes. ICU Council then passed a motion restricting its sale to IC students, who later voted to totally ban the magazine. Unfortunately when this decision was reversed in December, street collecting licences had not been obtained, the Rag Chairman resigned, and with the exception of the Rag Fête, Rag activity stopped for the year.

The notorious partition in the Lower Lounge was built during the summer and was part of a £2,500 redecoration scheme which included recarpeting the Lounge. The partition was the idea of former Deputy President Barney McCabe and met with widespread opposition for a number of reasons. These included the cost, the reduced floor space, the lack of consultation with the appropriate Union committees and



*Guess what, folks? Yes, it's that Hall! Photo: Jane Williams.*

the increased opportunities for vandalising the games machines, which were to be kept behind the partition.

### Resignation

Mr McCabe was to meet with further criticism during his time as Deputy President because of his "laziness" and nonchalant attitude towards his work. This resulted in motions of censure at both Council and a Union General Meeting before it became obvious that the games machines were running at a large loss. This and the low turnover from the Southside Shop led to his resignation and replacement by Christine Teller.



*Rag Mag Editor Patrick Coll passes a motion of his own.*

### Violation

In the first week of the session four brass lamps, worth £500 were stolen from Guilds inviolate mascot Bo. In March Guilds had to retrieve their violate mascots Spanner and Bolt, after they had been stolen by RCS seven weeks previously. RCS also violated Reggie (Kings College) and Mary (Queen Mary College) while their motorised mascot Jez appeared on *Blue Peter* and on German television.

Mike, the mascot of ICU, was stolen from the Union Office in May after being left there by Nick Morton and Honorary Secretary Marco Ledwold in an alcoholic daze. Since a ransom note has not been received the matter may be reported to the Police.

### Celebration

1981 was also the centenary of the Royal College of Science. The fortnight of events in November included lectures by Nobel Laureate Lord Todd (Chemistry Past and Present), Prof G.J. Whitrow (Personalities and Achievements in RCS) and Prof B.S. Hartley (RCS leading into Biotechnology). The guest at the Centenary Dinner and Ball was Prof Sir Andrew Huxley, President of the Royal Society and Nobel Laureate. There was also an exhibition of College archives material organised by Mrs Pingree, the College archivist.

Soon after the centenary celebrations had ended a working party examining the possibility of a merger between IC and Queen Elizabeth College reported that the colleges should form "an association with the intent of a merger at a later date".

However the draft proposals proved unacceptable to IC's Board of Studies so the merger was called off.

Just before Christmas the Imperial College University Challenge team travelled to Manchester where they beat New Hall, Cambridge. They followed this with a comfortable victory over Aberdeen and just defeated Reading before falling to St. Andrews in the quarterfinals. The team's success was one of the most unexpected and pleasing aspects of the past year.

### Television

In addition to appearing on Blue Peter and University Challenge, the Union also made an Open Door programme for BBC2. The programme highlighted the difficulties encountered by overseas students when forced to pay full economic fees.

Several well-known television personalities appeared at college this year, including Prof. Heinz Wolffe and Jim Francis (who created the special effects for *The Hitchhiker's Guide To The Galaxy*), both of whom spoke to the newly reformed HG Wells Society. STOIC interviewed a number of film celebrities, including Timothy Hutton, star of *Taps and Ordinary People*, and Jean-Jacques Annaud, director of *Quest For Fire*.

Several leading politicians spoke at College this year. Most were from the Conservative Party including William Whitelaw, Norman Tebbit and Sir Keith Joseph. Dr David Owen (SDP) and Neil Kinnock (Labour) also spoke.

All of these speakers stressed that universities cannot depend entirely on the government for their finance and suggested closer collaboration with industry.

College had already realised this in March when they set up Imperial Biotechnology Ltd. The company was set up to exploit the commercial potential of the biotechnology pilot plant in the Biochemistry department.



*Shut that door!*

### Residence

Although the penthouse flats in Southside were finally let out to students in January a number of other College-owned flats, notably the refectory flat in the Union Building which had been vacant for years, remained unoccupied. Hall rents were also increased by £1.50 in January, an increase agreed with "in principle" in November by Nick Morton, despite the Union's policy against mid-session rent increases.

In March a system of electronic bolts were installed in the Southside Basement but were vandalised within an hour. This caused an understandable outburst by Nick Morton at the UGM the following day. There were also proposals to house two students in single rooms in Weeks Hall but these have been shelved for this year.

### Decisions

Although six of the nine Union General Meetings were quorate this year, very little

policy was passed. Motions were only passed in the first term and these included motions on government cuts, Iranian students and Princess Anne, as well as the Rag Mag motions. A motion proposing a referendum on re-affiliation to the National Union of Students was defeated.

The Results UGM in March was the most confusing, and at times farcical, meeting of the year. The vociferous meeting refused to ratify Steve Goulder's election as President and voted to re-run all four sabbatical elections. However after the meeting Returning Officer Marco Ledwold decided that the grounds of the objections were invalid under the constitution and he refused to re-run the election. An Emergency General Meeting two weeks later ratified all the elections.

The other successful candidates were Phil Greenstreet (Deputy President), Mary Freeman (Hon Sec) and Martin S. Taylor (FELIX Editor).

There were two general meetings, including the annual one, scheduled for the summer term but quorum was successfully challenged at the start of each meeting.

The most important development concerning the Union this year was undoubtedly the announcement of a possible move to the Southside basement. This issue is covered at length overleaf.

### FELIX

As ever, FELIX provided a focal point for the discussion of relevant issues. Old campaigners like Dr Frank James have found new enemies to fight it out with on the letters page. The Soapbox articles have also been fairly lively and have provided a means for expressing an opinion on topics as varied as South Africa and the state of RCS Union.

FELIX has maintained a critical role, focussing attention on both the College and the Union. There have been few things which have slipped by without comment and yet the College still seems to carry on making slip-ups which are potentially embarrassing.

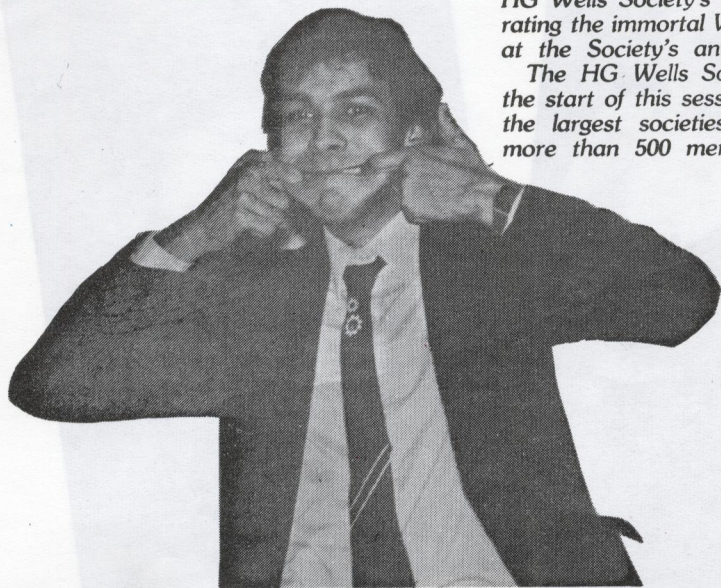
The reluctance of Union President Nick Morton to be totally open with information has led to some friction between himself and FELIX Editor Mark Smith. However, Mr Morton has often responded well to criticism with some fine letters on one or two occasions.

Mark Smith's decision to allow free comment during the sabbatical election campaign was undoubtedly a major change of direction for FELIX, and it is ironic that it was a simple error in interpretation of the voting procedure which led to such confusion at the time. None of the election Soapbox articles resulted in a challenge to the conduct of the elections.

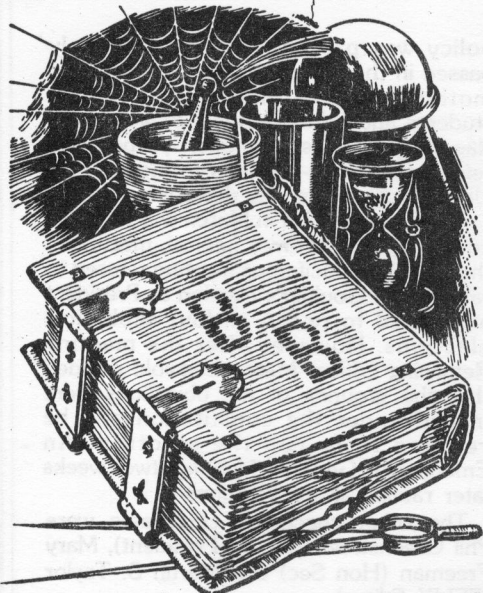
**1981-82 started with a series of mistakes which are catalogued at the start of this review. As 1982-3 approaches the stakes are even higher. Decisions will not be made about the Union Lower Lounge but the entire Union building. The new and future executives must ensure these mistakes are not repeated.**

*HG Wells Society's Pallab Ghosh demonstrating the immortal Wide-Mouthed Frog joke at the Society's annual dinner.*

*The HG Wells Society was reformed at the start of this session and became one of the largest societies at college, attracting more than 500 members.*



## B.B. Wolfe's



### Big Black Book

*Hi everybody, I'm back again with a few juicy items for you all. There's been a bit of a vacuum on the scandals and exposés front this term, as I've been busy looking for Lord Lucan again in the tunnels under IC. But never fear, B.B. is back!*

### Itinerant Drunk

I'm told that revolting JCR bartender Alan Larson is a native of North America. Last term this glutinous mountain of a man was taking part in one of his customary alcoholic binges and was soon completely unable to stay upright. A few friends, who had been playing "spot the amorphous mass", offered him a hand and returned him to the Sherfield Building. The jolly barman claimed that he'd left all his money in his jacket, which was still in the JCR Bar.

When he'd eventually woken the security guard he was refused entrance because he was far too drunk. In desperation he rolled over to the Union Bar and borrowed £5 from Bar Manager Jimmy Carrol for a taxi.

Later in the week when equally rotund Catering Manager Victor Mooney heard about Jimmy's generosity, he commented "You should have given him £127—so he could buy a single ticket back to New York!"

### Mooney's Mobile Home

Talking about our bumbling catering manager, Victor is known as a bit of a slave driver. In fact I can reveal that he even keeps a camel driver's whip in his desk, the handle of which screws out to reveal a dagger.

Jovial Victor got married again at Christmas and he's now living happily somewhere in London. My spies tell me that if you're up at the right time you can even see him lumbering into College on his newly acquired bicycle. What a sight that must be!

But hang on! Doesn't Victor have a luxury flat in Princes Gardens, supplied free of charge by the College? The same flat which was decorated at great expense a few years ago?

Indeed he does. A few years back, witnesses in the RCSU Office even saw Victor clambering through the front window in the

early hours, when his previous spouse locked him out after alcoholic outings of his own.

So if Victor's new home is within easy cycling distance, does he really still need a College flat?

When I next hear the traffic report on the radio say there's an obstruction in Exhibition Road, I'll rush over and bend his ear!

### Rank Rankle

I must admit the announcement of Captain Lindley's retirement brought a tear (of laughter) to my eye, and there has to be one more story for old times sake.

Petty Officer Lindley seems to have been having a bit of trouble with the sign on his office door. About a year ago his original, bearing name rank and room number, disappeared. To replace it a typed piece of card was erected (using standard colour drawing pins of course), but this too went absent without leave. Of course I know nothing about the whereabouts of these wandering items, but it did make me laugh to hear that a sign saying "Private" has now appeared on his door.

I bet the old salt didn't expect to be demoted and transferred before being put out to grass!

### Capitalist Pig

IC Choir hanger-on and retiring Dean of Guilds "Professor" Eric Brown seems to have a healthy eye for business.

According to sources in the Civil Engineering department, the good professor "recommends" students on his course to buy a wonderful little textbook written \*by—guess who?—Eric Brown. Not that this is so unusual,

but my moles also reveal that the book is long out of print and that he has the only stock from which his wretched students can get their copy in his office.

To really clean up our snobbish little salesman also pressurises people into not taking notes during his lectures, which means they have to buy his book. If they do take notes he apparently stops lecturing to take the piss!

Well done Eric, that's setting a fine example for British businessmen! If only they were all like you the country would be back on its feet in no time.

### Goulder's gown

Incoming Rector's doormat Steve Goulder has had one or two strange adventures. None more so than his transvestite wanderings following the Rag and Drag Disco in 1980.

Our hirsute sabbatical-to-be had been doing his best to impersonate the then Deputy President Rae Snee by shoving two enormous balloons up the front of a slinky red dress. He foolishly left his clothes in the RCSU Office and had to sleep in the FELIX Office without recovering them, after he lost his partner Miss Caroline Godin.

In the morning Caroline unwisely took all his clothes to the Falmouth Hall room of FELIX. Editor Steve Marshall. When Mr Goulder phoned to ask him to bring them over, Mr Marshall wickedly said "It's starting to rain and I don't fancy going out—why don't you come over here for tea?" and promptly put the phone down.

Rather than argue our President-elect strode over to Falmouth and was quite a sight coming across Princes Gardens resplendent with beard, red umbrella and a beautifully matching dress!

### Ferkin in the Bin

Whilst the Editor is selective about photographs for FELIX, I have found the following in the Photosoc bins. If anyone would like to claim them.....





# We shall not be moved?

## The proposed move of the Union to Southside

**The announcement of a proposal to move the Student Union from its current building in Beit Quad to the Southside Halls was undoubtedly the most startling news of the year. Coming, as it did, late in May, there has been enough time to form an initial view of the project.**

Union President Nick Morton first hinted at a possible major change for the Union in his annual report. Under a section entitled "Morton's Mystery" he said:

### Morton's Mystery

I thought I would put this in here to check how many people really read the whole report. There is a scheme of major importance to the Union under discussion in College. It may come to light during my term of office or it may be left to next year's executive.

From the tone of this paragraph it is obvious that the scheme had originated in College and Mr Morton gave the impression that he was not a party to the discussions.

Subsequent to the announcement it was discovered that the Union President was first approached by College Secretary John Smith in *March of this year* for his views on the idea. Mr Morton gave an enthusiastic response and also promised not to reveal the idea to anybody until more details were available, including plans for the conversion.

This he did and it was not until May 21 that word of the move first leaked, only four days before the ICU Annual General Meeting. This effectively meant that the student union could not hope to take any form of decision on the matter and would have to wait until October before responding.

In the meantime ICU Council have mandated the Executive to investigate the plans further and the College authorities have a few months to arrange more detailed proposals.

### The Plans

At present the move would be initiated in July 1983 when conversion work on the lower levels of Southside would begin. This work would continue over a two year period and gradually the Union would be moved out of its Beit Quad building and over to the new site.

The current Union Building would be partly taken over by the Life Sciences Division to expand first year laboratory facilities and the upper floors would almost certainly be used as a post-experience centre. This facility would include conference rooms and luxury accommodation for visiting industrial managers on short courses. It would supposedly run at a profit and is part of a push for closer cooperation with industry.

### Centre point

College Secretary John Smith is the moving force behind the whole idea. He has been considering the possibility of a post-experience centre for some time; possible sites have included a new building above the sports centre and the space beneath the Southside Halls.

When interviewed by FELIX Mr Smith explained that he had been concerned about the large, under-utilised space below Southside for a long time. He said that the areas were so large that the obvious use for them was as facilities for the student union. The vacation of the current Union Building was an "added bonus" in his view and he was at pains to express that the possibility for increased space for the Union was the motive for his proposal. Other advantages were that a "focal point of student activity" would be formed in Princes Gardens and that more people from Halls would make better use of the Union.

Reliable sources in the Sherfield Building give a different view. Most of the College administration were surprised by the proposal, as it was well-known that the Southside basement was a probable site for the post-experience centre. Indeed, the areas had been inspected and detailed estimate for conversion prepared. These turned out to be far more expensive than expected and it is *this* which may have prompted Mr Smith's unexpected generosity.

### Funding the Move

When asked about the cost of the move Mr Smith commented "I'm not talking about chickenfeed. Something in the region of a quarter of a million pounds."

It was not made clear whether this is the cost of converting *both* buildings for their intended use or just Southside, but in either case the source of such a sum is uncertain. Mr Smith could not (or *would not*) tell FELIX who would pay for the move. He simply said "the College has ways and means of raising such amounts".

An allocation would have to be made in the 1983/4 College budget, which means that the Union would have to make a decision by January of next year. However, it is almost certain that under the present economic climate the Universities Grants Committee (UGC) would not fund such a move. It is more likely that the College would be forced to take out an expensive loan, the interest on which would undoubtedly affect the Union's allocation for quite a few years.

### A Realistic Estimate?

A more interesting point is the accuracy of the cost estimate. Assuming that a full



College Secretary John Smith CBE, the man behind the Union relocation plan.

conversion of Southside is planned, with something more substantial than plasterboard partitions and some fairly major structural work, the cost will undoubtedly be much higher. FELIX consulted an architect for his opinion. He said that he could not give a concrete estimate for such work, but commented that £250,000 was "unlikely" to cover a conversion of this type. He added that the present plans looked like they'd been "knocked up overnight" and gave little indication of the extent of work necessary. As well as this we must consider that building work invariably costs more and takes longer than expected.

Thus it seems likely that corners would have to be cut to save money.

### Whose decision?

The summer months will be used to look more closely at the scheme, and we will have to wait until next term to voice our opinion as a body. Already it is clear that a large section of the student body are in opposition. Many life members who have been approached about the scheme are furious that the Union could consider moving from familiar surroundings. More importantly, many current students are unconvinced that the move will result in an improvement of facilities - indeed, the majority think the reverse may well happen.

The extent to which student opinion will influence the College is uncertain. Whilst John Smith maintains that he would not continue in the face of widespread student opposition, there is really very little time for this to be expressed. A UGM could not realistically discuss the hazy plans which are currently available, and full proposals could be held just out of our reach until it is too late.

### Our move

What is clear is that the student union should make a firm decision at the earliest possible opportunity, even if the college does not give further details. Nick Morton may agree 'in principle' with the idea, but we must show whether students do too.



## Sporting Review of the Year

As the sporting year draws to a close, time for a few reminiscences on how all our wonderful clubs have been faring this year.

Starting with Association Football: they had a very good season, winning the UL Cup and the Upper Reserves Cup, also doing well in the UL Leagues, the Fifts winning Division 2R and the Sixths winning 4R. They were unbeaten on tour in Holland. They have consolidated their successes of last season which won them the Links Memorial Trophy for outstanding all-round performance. This year I have decided to award them the Lesley Horrocks memorial pot for outstanding sports reports, including memorable lines such as "Mummy + Unknown Daddy = Referee" I hope that Frank Bogey Rolla's rash is better soon.

Badminton Club have also had a successful season being runners-up in the UL Knock-out Cup and winning three out of five leagues contested. (Stage management and tactical coordination by club captain Ian Bull).

Boat Club have had a string of successes winning most of the pots at the Allom Cup (UL regatta) also numerous wins at Reading, Hammersmith, Metropolitan Amateur, Putney Town and Southern University Championships. They were unfortunate to be outclassed by French and German national teams on tour in Ghent, Belgium. Happy pot hunting at Henley in summer, folks!

Cricket have won most of their matches so far and are going on tour to Devon this summer.



*Hockey: Folkestone International Tournament team.*

Cross Country have had a fruitful season with a ladies team participating for the first time. Their star runner Tasso Asterades won the London Colleges' race. The Hyde Park relay was successful as ever with many foreign teams competing.

Hockey Club won UL Division I and UL mens and ladies sixes. We hope that Caroline Brown's successor achieves Janet and John Book II standard in report writing. Andy Streamer also wrote some stormers and was runner-up for the Big Les memorial pot.

Kung Fu get the 'Dustpan and Brush' award for their brick smashing capabilities in the Union Gym.

The Rifle and Pistol Club supplied the UL team which won their division in the National short range championship.

Rugby Club had a moderate start to the season but have won almost all of their matches since Christmas including a triumphant victory against QMC in the final of the Gutteridge cup. Their season culminated in a highly eventful tour of Portugal where they won three

out of four matches. Thanks to Miles Thompson for the French letter, it kept me busy for days (correcting the grammar).

Sailing Club have won the Castaways Cup (raced between UL colleges and hospitals) again, this year taking first and second place. Several members of the club have sailed in UL teams and gave a good performance in the national championships. Jim Redman gets the DEL Disservice to the English Language medal for his dreadful grammar and although his weekly reports were always in on time they took twice as long to edit as anyone elses.

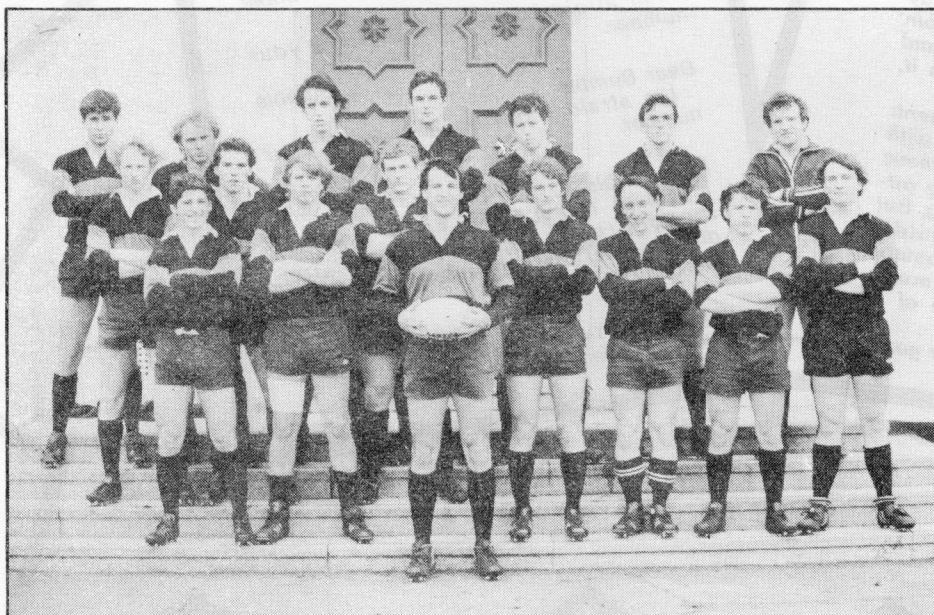
The Squash Club have entered several London leagues in the season which ended in the third and fourth teams being promoted. The ladies section has been particularly strong compared with recent seasons and the ladies captain is now a member of the club executive. The club has also been infamous in the Athletics Clubs Committee meetings due to the exploits of last year's treasurer (now in South Africa: Swiss bank account rumours have *not* been confirmed).

The Volleyball Club won the Southern Eastern Technical Colleges Tournament by a wide margin and are hoping to take part in a weekend tournament in Holland soon. They take the 'most complicated team surnames' award for such gems as Adebajo and Dias-Laleaca.

Heroine of the year award goes to Maz Fellows for her wonderful typesetting and infinite patience with the results section (typesetting error par excellence was "John Poultney scored one of his two tries off the back of a rock" Ruck, Maz, ruck!)

Thanks also to Mark Smith for endless support and listening to my moaning (I was enjoying myself really). Mary Harrington for invaluable (?) assistance and good luck to Chris Mallaband who has the honour of this esteemed position next year. Keep 'em up to scratch!

*Lesley xx*



*Rugby: Gutteridge Cup winning team.*

# Reviews

## Theatre

**The Taming of the Shrew** by William Shakespeare. Presented by the New Shakespeare Company and directed by Richard Digby Day. Open Air Theatre, Regents Park.

The production of *The Taming of the Shrew* which opens the season at the Open Air Theatre in Regents Park is almost too colourful and too comic to describe in words. It just simply has to be seen. The action takes place in Padua and Verona but the director, Richard Digby Day, has set the play in newly liberated Italy at the end of the last war, with very minor alterations in the text.

Among the hilarious assortment of characters therefore, are various American army chaps and a superbly comic gum-chewing helmeted GI played by Paul Raffield (as Biondello).

The amorous passions of several of these characters are brought to the boil by two very beautiful women: Katherine, a haughty Italian goddess played by Kate O'Mara, and her more approachable sister, Bianca, played by Janet Spencer-Turner (the sight of whom alone justifies the cost of the ticket). The ill-tempered Katherine is pursued by the almost mad dandy, Petruchio, played by Christopher Neame, and it is the strange alchemy that allows Petruchio to transform Katherine from a prickly unwanted woman to an obedient and noble wife that essentially provides the quintessence of the play. The delicious comedy of *The Taming of the Shrew* exposes great streaks of violence and roughness, however.

The outstanding characteristic of apparently all productions at the Open Air Theatre is the almost perfect choice of players to fit the parts; in many cases this could not possibly be bettered. The theatre is a vastly underestimated establishment both from the artistic



Petruchio (Christopher Neame) taming "The Shrew" (Kate O'Mara) at Regent's Park Open Air Theatre.

point of view and from the sheer enjoyment value obtained, and it is indeed a very lucky thing that the theatre was saved from closure at the end of last summer. (The Arts Council withdrew its grant but subsequently replaced it after bowing to public pressure. This contrasts with the GLC who doubled their contribution in the last two years and are now the theatre's major supporter.)

This year is the theatre's Golden Jubilee Season and as with past season, two Shakespeare plays and works by Bernard Shaw are on offer. This summer sees *The Taming of Shrew* and *A Midsummer Night's Dream* by Shakespeare, interspersed with a Shaw double

bill consisting of *The Dark Lady of the Sonnets* and *The Admirable Bashville*.

The usual refreshments and gastronomic delights are available this summer: soups, hot dogs, salads, cakes, hamburgers, Bratwurst sausages, strawberries, raspberries and ice-cream. The wine bar serves the traditional Regent's Park specialities including mulled wine (delicious) and Puck's Fizz, joined this year by 'Shrewdriver' and 'Petruchio Punch'. The bar, barbecue and buffet open two hours before the performance and the bars remain open till midnight. This, and the magnificent setting of the theatre in a leafy green hollow in the park and an enchanting classical building at the rear of the natural stage which is gradually lit up as the evening sun sets behind, makes virtually any trip to this theatre a superb evening out.

## Dance

**The Australian Dance Theatre, Sadlers Wells Theatre, Roseberry Avenue (nearest tube: Angel).**

The Australian Dance Theatre began their two week season at Sadlers Wells on Tuesday with a programme of four works.

Beginning with *Labyrinth*, a disturbing work based on Greek myth, they continued with *Broken Head*, an equally disturbing but ingenious work, with music by Brian Eno. *Flibbertigibbet*, an enchantingly quirky ballet was followed by the evocative and beautifully choreographed *Transfigured Night*.


The season, which is well worth seeing, continues at Sadlers Wells as follows:

**June 15, 19, 26:** *Labyrinth*, *Broken Head*, *Flibbertigibbet*, *Transfigured Night*.

**June 16, 21, 22, 23:** *Winter by Spring*, *Paradigm*, *Impromptu*, *Stars End*.

**June 17, 18, 24, 25:** *While We Watched*.

## Felix Free Ticket Offer

**Porky's**   
a boisterous new comedy about young people growing up!

**FELIX** in association with **Twentieth Century Fox** invites you to a special preview screening of *Porky's* at the Odeon Marble Arch at 11:00pm on Friday, July 2. To obtain your ticket apply in person at the **FELIX** Office, Beit Arch. There are a limited number so come early to avoid disappointment.

In *Porky's* we follow the amorous adventures of six young Americans in the fifties and their attempts to get even with the proprietor of the local nightclub (*Porky's*).

## The Phoenix 1982~83

Contributions for next year's Phoenix are now required.

The Phoenix is the magazine of Imperial College Union and material needed includes short stories, poems, photographs, in fact anything you care to submit. Help will also be needed next term with designing, editing and pasting-up the magazine, ready for publication early in the spring term.

Articles, etc., comments and offers of help should be directed to the Phoenix Editor, c/o **FELIX** Office.

# NEWS QUIZ *by Scaramouche*

A lighthearted quiz, not for pondering over individually (you'll probably find it too difficult for that) but more for a social after-dinner argument where guesswork is likely to count for just as much as memory. All the questions except 'Surnames' are based on information reported in the media this academic year, but all the answers are printed together on the inside back cover for when you give up.

## In Disguise

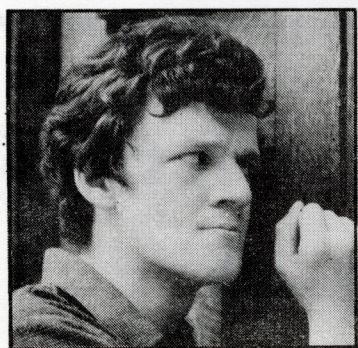
How many well-known personalities can you identify in the montage below?

## Quotes

Interspersed with the rest of the questions are photographs of ten well-known people, together with ten quotes made by them in FELIX over the year. Each quote has been matched to a wrong face. Name the faces, and reallocate the correct quotes.

## The Year's Personalities

1. Who, drunk and concussed, questioned the Health Centre's competence in stitching him back together?
2. Which ex-policeman told how he destroyed evidence of a secret rendezvous?
3. Whose conversation left Boanerges delighted?
4. Who 'correctly took athletic action' because he knew more about Boanerges than the others?
5. Who chased Boanerges to Brighton and collapsed six months later?
6. Who gave over forty students the opportunity to be taken for a ride, and was later taken for a ride herself?
7. Who did Nick Morton try to force to wear a silly red nose at UGMs?
8. Who told Jen they were 'prepared to, make fools of themselves' in October, but had been victorious three times over by February?
9. Who was 'Action Man'?
10. Who claimed 'never to have been a member of the National Front Overseas Committee'?



1. 'May I...protest most strongly about...the most vicious attacks on Captain Lindley, Victor Mooney and Lord Flowers I have seen to date.'

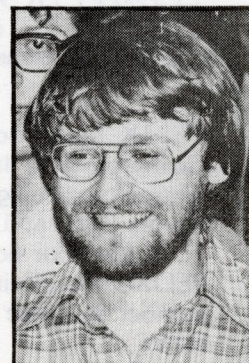
## Surnames

Can you complete the full names of these College personalities?

1. John William Garbutt \_\_\_\_\_
2. Michael John \_\_\_\_\_
3. Guido Erich Karl \_\_\_\_\_
4. Joasia Yvonna \_\_\_\_\_
5. Mary Frances \_\_\_\_\_
6. Jeannette Elizabeth \_\_\_\_\_



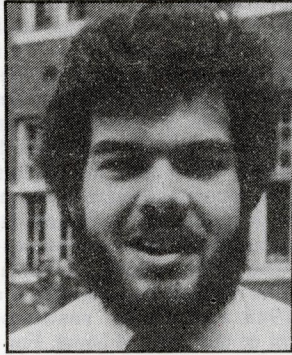
2. 'I consider myself thoroughly inadequately educated.'



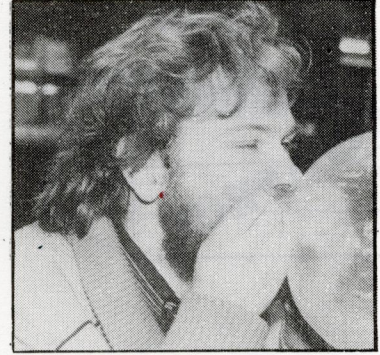
3. 'There are going to be drastic changes in the refectories before Christmas.'

**One to Six**

1. Who was at the centre of a squabble over who was 'the first'?
2. Two men have appeared on the cover of FELIX in drag during this year. Who are they?
3. Which three posts confer on their holders the right to 'observe' but not to vote at Union Council?
4. What four fictitious names were given to the University Challenge team in FEELSICK?
5. What are the five major subcommittees of Union Council?
6. Name the six departments at IC which have the word 'Engineering' as part of their title.



6. 'A UGM is not democratic-it has nothing to do with democracy.'



8. 'I will do my best to prevent freshers being intimidated at UGMs.'



4. 'I always thought that one drink did nothing to me and that two or three had little effect-but I found I was wrong.'

**Animals**

1. How was a new lion made possible by the weather?
2. Who is in the dog-house because of a tiger and a buffalo?
3. And who was embarrassed by cows where there should have been sheep?
4. Who was not warned about poisonous snakes?
5. Which animal was stolen twice?
6. Who said 'I'm quite handsome and certainly not goat-like'?



5. 'I never want to retire. Anyone who is a true academic will never retire.'

**Insults & Praises**

Who said of whom (or what)

1. 'He's even more boring than I am.'
2. 'The worst loser in the history of Imperial College.'
3. 'Lazy, inefficient and stupid.'
4. 'A terribly nice person.'
5. 'Tolerant and charming with many admirers.'
6. 'It was not built overnight, but took seven days of careful craftsmanship to emerge, solid, yet sympathetic to its surroundings, a monument to (Stephen Goulder's) year serving on the Union House Committee.'

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7. 'I am quite willing to admit that any lack of interest in my events is totally my fault.'



9. 'There is nothing wrong in being a wet tory.'

**Goodbye**

The following all left College for one reason or another during the year

1. Whose 'resonant, nay divinely graceful voice was heard booming over the Union tannoy'?
2. Who was 'skuppered' from Bookings Office?
3. Who was the only male on the Union's permanent staff?
4. Who had 'ideas about bar staff wearing pretty bow ties'?
5. Who died under suspicious circumstances after a disagreement with Don Monro?

**Also known as.....**

Who or what are

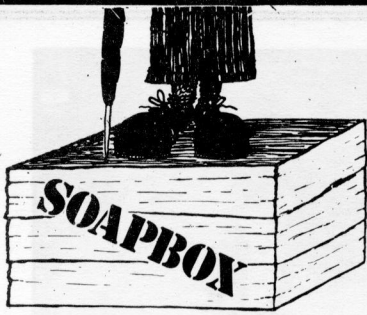
1. 'The Titanic'?
2. 'Gormless of Grimsby'?
3. 'Mr. Nice Guy'?
4. 'McCabe's Folly'?
5. 'Goulder's Importunity'?

**Fun & Games**

1. What is the oldest inter-collegiate sports fixture (after the Varsity match) dating back to 1902?
2. Which sabbatical traditionally referees the pancake race around Beit Quad?
3. Whose solo endeavour in the aquatic side of things made headline news in FELIX last February?
4. What took fourteen thousand throws in the Lounge bar last March?
5. What did RCS win despite Dave Thompson's shorts?
6. Which event was furtively transferred to IC after demonstrators made it impossible to continue at its original venue?



10. 'From the security of my office it is sometimes difficult to gauge feelings at College.'



## "Peace for Galilee"

### The utmost Israeli hyprocrisy

*By a Palestinian student*

The Middle East, over the past two weeks, has been experiencing another outbreak of death and destruction in what seems to be a never ending struggle between Arab and Israeli. The Israeli invasion of Lebanon has so far resulted in an estimated 10,000 people killed, mainly civilians, and more than 600,000 people have been made homeless. At a time when Israel claims to be a missionary of peace, it has attacked another country's integrity by bombing Iraq's nuclear reactor at Osirak, has defied world opinion by annexing the Golan Heights, has breached international law by building even more settlements on the occupied West Bank (enhousing as many as 35,000 Jewish settlers), has opposed the basic fundamentals of human rights by denying the Palestinians the right to return to their homeland (when the Israeli Law of Return gives any Jew in the world the immediate facilities to settle), has enraged human sentiments by using live ammunition on Palestinian demonstrators in Jerusalem and in the West Bank (when foam was used to evict Israeli settlers from the Sinai settlement of Yamit), and has invited worldwide criticism and disapproval by committing yet another act of aggression against the Lebanon. (In March 1978, 30,000 Israeli soldiers crossed the border into Lebanon, seized a six mile border strip and installed puppet Lebanese major Saad Haddad as its ruler.) At a time when the victims of the Israeli assault (mainly Lebanese and Palestinian civilians) face certain death due to the lack or insufficiency of medical supplies, the United States vetoed the United Nations Security Council's draft resolution calling on Israel to withdraw its forces from the Lebanon. The resolution would not have made any difference any way (since over 300 resolutions have been passed against Israel since 1948 none of which have been implemented) but such an action is irrisponsible, the US being Israel's main supplier of aid and military equipment. As for the unfounded Israeli claim that their military offensive is directed towards preventing the Palestinian shelling of the Israeli settlements, it should be noted that the ceasefire proclaimed in the area, and which lasted for almost ten months, was only breached by the Israeli continuous bombardment of Lebanese villages and Palestinian positions prior to the invasion (*the Guardian* and *The Times*, June 10 1982) and was met by retaliating moves on the part of the armed forces of the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO).

The recent outbreak of war in the Lebanon is only a development of the state of affairs which has in the past been responsible for three major wars which have claimed hundreds and thousands of lives. At the crux of the whole Middle East problem lies the inescapable question of Palestinian identity. The Palestinians, a friendly and peace loving people in nature, have been the victims of a series of tragic historical incidents which have left them in an insecure and defenseless position. Many of them became refugees living mainly in the West Bank, Jordan and Lebanon. The Palestinian diaspora came about in 1948 as a direct result of the establishment of the state of Israel. For years and years, the question of a Palestinian homeland was left in the hands of the United Nations and the Super Powers who only exploited the situation to gain interests in the area.

Meanwhile, Palestinian national consciousness grew to a high level and their national identity was a dominant theme of their everyday life. All their daily problems of survival—finding work, food or shelter, arose from the fact that they were exiled by the Israelis from their homeland. Political organisation was initially difficult due to the fact that the Palestinians dispersed, but the PLO was later established to embody political, national, social, cultural and educational as well as military organisations (such as commando groups, trade unions, professional associations, etc....). The PLO took as its duty, the right of confirming the Palestinian identity and of ending the degradation and sufferings to which the Palestinians have been exposed. The PLO has right from the start gained popular support from the whole of the Palestinian people who saw in it the means of regaining their lost but not forgotten identity. The PLO has representative offices in over 60 countries including Britain. The PLO has always sought towards finding a political solution to the problem and in 1974, the chairman of the executive council of the PLO, Yassar Arafat, called for an establishment of a secular democratic state in Palestine (Israel) where Arabs and Jews could live in peace side by side. Most of the Palestinians accepted the idea of a secular state, but sadly the Israelis rejected it. By this time, the PLO had become a strong political force in the area.

There has been an observed moderation in the policies of the PLO over the past few years. This moderate trend has now been destroyed by the Israeli aggression. The PLO leadership was contemplating a peaceful solution to the conflict and the establishment of a Palestinian state in the West Bank and the Gaza strip, but Begin has recently referred to the West Bank as "Western Eretz Israel" thus reviving the revisionist notion that the "historical land of Israel also included the east bank of the river Jordan". These Zionist beliefs of expansion have presented a major stumbling block whenever attempts for reconciliation were made. The invasion of Lebanon and the pounding of refugee camps will undoubtedly radicalise the policies of the PLO, and Palestinian feeling is that armed struggle might prove to be the only way to liberate the Palestinian homeland from a vicious and uncompromising enemy. It is difficult to see how Israel, in its widely publicised search for peace, could resort to such means of death and destruction unless their idea of peace is that of constant war and of oppression against the Palestinian people as a whole.

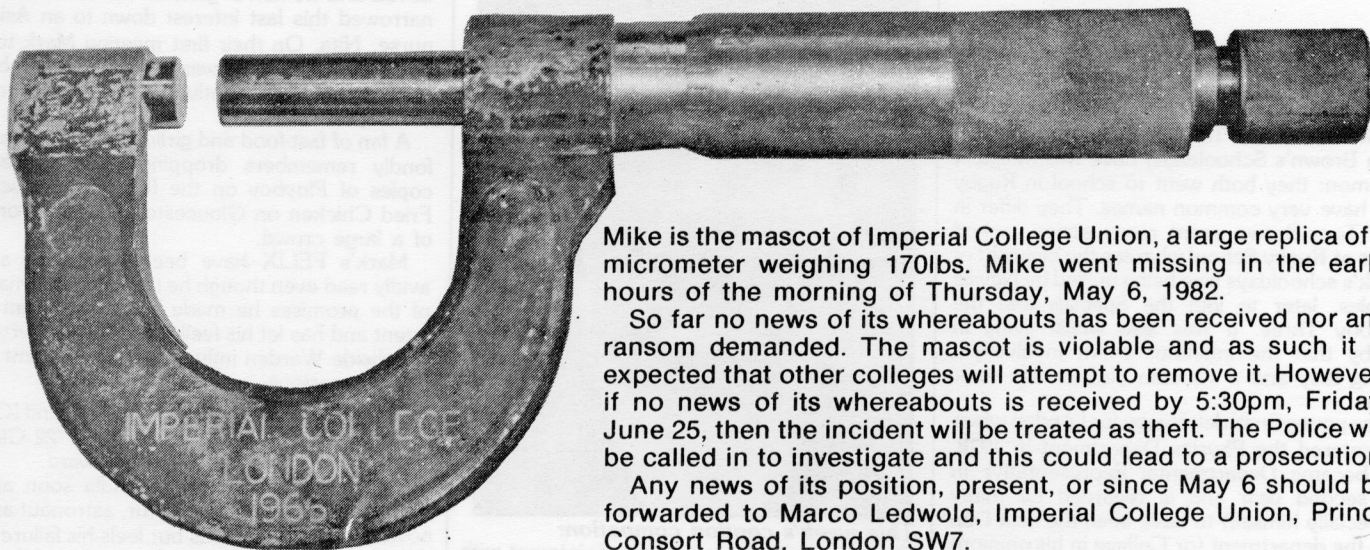
The Israelies claim to have launched their "Peace for Galilee" attack on the Lebanon in order to prevent guerilla attacks on Israel. It is now obvious that this has been used as a pretext in order to deliver yet another blow to the independent and free presence of the

Palestinian people as formulated through the PLO. The underlying objective of Israel is to impose the autonomy rule on the Palestinian inhabitants of the West Bank by creating an alternative leadership other than the PLO. Israel has been "losing the grip" over the occupied territories and its 1.1m Palestinian inhabitants, as demonstrated by the recent uprisings in Jerusalem and many other West Bank towns and villages. On top of this, a recent poll carried out in the West Bank by an Israeli public opinion research organisation (PORI) for *Time* magazine concluded that 98.2% of the Palestinians on the West Bank favour an independent Palestinian state and 86% of the population said that they wanted the state run solely by the PLO (*Time*, May 24, 1982). So, the Israelis invaded the Lebanon in order to destroy the PLO as a political and military force in the area in an attempt to frustrate the Palestinian people in the West Bank into finding alternative representation. Previous attempts to do so (such as deposing pro PLO mayors) proved unsuccessful.

Heavy civilian casualties have been the direct result of Israeli shelling of the Lebanese towns and villages. In their venture the Israelis have increased the grievances of the Palestinian people and this in turn will lead to more violent outbreaks and to guerilla attacks by the Palestinians on Israeli interests within and perhaps outside the boundaries of Israel. (The PLO in its desperation might be pushed to revert to its early tactics of hijacking, political assassinations, etc...) The Israelis are not destroying a "few terrorist pockets" that endangered their daily livelihood but they are trying to put an end to a national movement of a people who are struggling for self-determination within a political situation that is driving them into desperation. Ironically, the Jews have in the past faced that same situation yet they refuse to identify with the aspirations of the Palestinian people. The persecution of the Jews in Europe has ended but that of the Palestinians has started. Israel has proved to be a large concentration camp for the Palestinian Arabs who are continually harassed, imprisoned and tortured for expressing "unfavourable" political views. Collective punishment has been directed against Palestinian nationalists and their families, books have been banned, houses were demolished, land has been seized, newspapers are subjected to heavy censorship, demonstrators have been shot, all of which characterise the Zionist aspect of the State of Israel. The Palestinian struggle has been directed towards ending this oppression and to those who are fighting for the realisation of this aim the following tribute is presented:

*A word to those who died  
For the twins Lebanon and Palestine  
A word to those mutilated by the war  
And to those renewing the title of refugee  
Once more and with no end  
To the people who take suffering  
With their daily bread  
To the people that stood  
Against terror and oppression  
To you all I say these words:  
You are the new Gods  
And with your blood  
You shall write a new testament  
In the history of mankind  
You are a consolation  
To the oppressed of every nation  
You are a curse on tyrants everywhere  
And if I were to worship any Gods  
I will worship you  
For you are the real Gods of Justice  
And I beg forgiveness  
Since my biggest sin is living  
When thousands of you are dead.*

# Have you seen our mascot?



Mike is the mascot of Imperial College Union, a large replica of a micrometer weighing 170lbs. Mike went missing in the early hours of the morning of Thursday, May 6, 1982.

So far no news of its whereabouts has been received nor any ransom demanded. The mascot is violable and as such it is expected that other colleges will attempt to remove it. However, if no news of its whereabouts is received by 5:30pm, Friday, June 25, then the incident will be treated as theft. The Police will be called in to investigate and this could lead to a prosecution.

Any news of its position, present, or since May 6 should be forwarded to Marco Ledwold, Imperial College Union, Prince Consort Road, London SW7.

## A cautionary tale

# Beware of Moonies

by Linda Pearce

I arrived at the bus station in Denver after seven weeks working and travelling in the USA. Dishevelled, tired and a little fed up with American and Americans, I booked a room at the YWCA intending to find a job to see me through the next two weeks before travelling on to California.

As I gathered my bits and pieces together and worked out the route, a young guy walked up to me and asked if I needed any help. His name was Ross and we chatted for a while about my travels and life back in England. He then explained that he was from an International Community in Denver called UNICAP (Unification Community Action Programme). They had an English lecturer working with them and would I like to come back for dinner and meet them all. I said "You are not those dreaded Moonies, are you?" whereupon he smiled and said no, just a Christian community doing voluntary work. I went back in the transport provided to an ordinary looking house where I was greeted enthusiastically and made to feel very welcome. The programme commenced with us standing in a circle, singing a song, introducing ourselves one-by-one and a moment of prayer or silent meditation before breaking for dinner. After dinner the members put on a little entertainment before the leader of the "family" as they called themselves, spoke about the ills of the world and invited us all (about seven new recruits) up to their house in the mountains to hear how they were trying to change them. We were shown some slides and during the refreshments that followed, they all tried to persuade us individually to go up. I refused but they put me up that night (a sleeping bag on the floor as they always slept), took me to the employment agency the next morning, showed me around the city and invited me back for the same programme only this time I decided to go up to the mountains with them. "Not much happens in Denver,"

they said, "you might just as well come up to our house for the weekend and see something of the Rockies."

We were woken next morning at 7:30 by a song and went out onto the mountainside to do some exercises and sing a few songs. There were about five new members but we were never left alone to talk and were accompanied everywhere by a member of the group. Every mealtime each new recruit was asked to "share" something about themselves until eventually, inner-most secrets were divulged. Every evening supposedly confidential "reflections" were written and read by which method the group knew exactly what the recruit was thinking. It seemed churlish and bad manners to refuse to do as asked since the group were so enthusiastic and nice. Each day we had three, three-hour lectures, with a long hike at lunchtime and games inbetween and in the evening. Each moment was regimented and there was never a moment of privacy, not even in the bathroom. The last lecture on Sunday evening divulged their belief that the Messiah was on earth followed by an emotional testimony from the group leader and another singsong as happened before and after every meal. The leader and my spiritual parent (Ross) immediately came over to me afterwards and urged me to stay for another five days to hear more about their beliefs (after all, who wants to have missed the messiah). I agreed to stay, along with four others.

The following week (and two weeks afterwards) pursued the same pattern save we had two lectures and did housework or woodchopping in the extra time available. During the week I asked twice more who the group were and both times they denied they were Moonies. On Friday, the seventh day, it was revealed that the leader of the group, and by implication the Messiah, was Rev Sun Myung Moon. I was shocked but they justified the deception by the fact that no one would

stay if they said outright who they were because of their bad press. They called this "heavenly deception" in the belief that the ends—whether money or recruits—justifies the means.

Five weeks later, having spent two weeks picking up rubbish, fundraising or recruiting, I phoned home and told my parents that I was staying in America to work for God. They flew out the next day believing I had been kept and drugged but soon found out the brainwashing techniques employed and hired a deprogrammer on arrival. It was five days before they could locate me by getting my sister to phone from Germany to verify I was in the Moonie house and phoning them in a call box around the corner, early Monday morning. At 9:00am my father simply walked into the house as we were all standing in a circle introducing ourselves. I believed that he came for the day and left with him promising to be back at 4:00. I got into the car they said they had hired and we went for a two and a half hour drive "sightseeing", had lunch, then called into the drivers 'office'. They then announced that this was in fact a deprogramming and the two guys—"trainee drivers"—were security men. I was talked to for about six hours by the deprogrammers and an ex-Moonie. By that time I decided I did not want to return but needed to find out who was speaking the truth, the Unification Church or the deprogrammers. The next day I was whisked off to rehabilitate for a week in Virginia where I slept for three days and read all about the cult. Then I returned home to my studies which I have now, two years later, completed.

All in all it was quite a traumatic experience and not one I would wish upon anyone. It took me a long while to rid myself of the guilt and fear of turning my back on the Messiah, if in fact it was true, despite the fact that I knew it could not be so. I am now a member of a group called EMERGE to help people come to terms with coming out of a cult—adjust to the real world again and to warn others of the dangers they pose and the evil they represent. The Moonies and other cults are not only in the US but all over the world. They entrap vulnerable, idealistic, intelligent young people and turn them into mental slaves, working eighteen hours per day in the belief that it is work for God enriching the world, when in fact it is merely enriching one man—the leader of the cult in his personal quest for money and power.

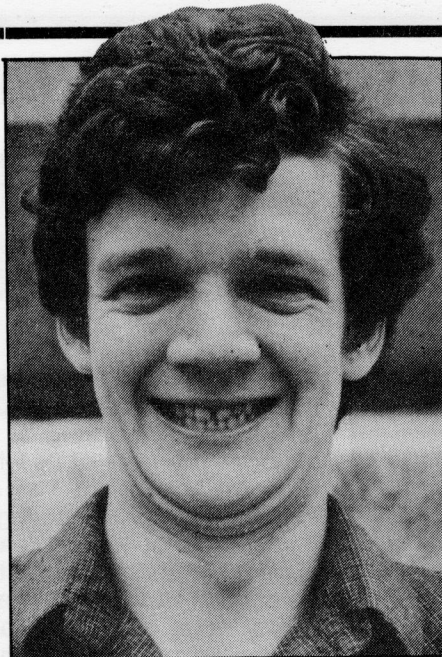


# The Editor

by the Staff

Mark Smith and Tom Brown (of the novel Tom Brown's Schooldays) have two things in common: they both went to school in Rugby and have very common names. They differ in that Tom Brown spent many action-packed years at Rugby School whereas the highlight of Mark's schooldays was being bullied by Neville Staples, later to join the Specials and the Funboy Three. It was also whilst living in Rugby that the infamous event involving a young lady and a vacuum cleaner flex took place.

The young Smith left Rugby for London when he entered the Physics Department in 1978. He became Departmental Representative in his second year and is regarded by many (especially himself) to have been the best Dep Rep the department (or College in his opinion) ever had. At the end of his second year he edited the RCSU Handbook and was FELIX Business Manager in his third year. He was



**This week's caption competition:**

The winner can have a free appointment with Mr Smith's dentist.

The staff are sorry that the photo fails to capture the red rings around Mr Smith's eyes.

returned unopposed as FELIX Editor and graduated with a lower second.

Mark's interests are films, science fiction novels and women in general. However he has narrowed this last interest down to an Asian nurse, Nita. On their first meeting Mark told Nita that his mother was a mud wrestler, but she has since apparently changed her job to a bricklayer.

A fan of fast-food and girlie magazines Mark fondly remembers dropping over a dozen copies of Playboy on the floor of Kentucky Fried Chicken on Gloucester Road, in front of a large crowd.

Mark's FELIX have been interesting and avidly read even though he failed to keep many of the promises he made in his statement of intent and has let his feelings towards a certain Southside Warden influence his judgement on many occasions.

Mark was honoured by both RCSU and ICU and this year he was elected to the '22 Club and awarded a Union General Award.

Mr Smith intends to tour India soon and would like to be a film director, astronaut and novelist when he returns but feels his failure to take up sub-aqua diving may prove to be a disadvantage.

We wish him well.

## News Quiz Answers

**In Disguise**

Starting top left and working clockwise: Nick Morton, Martin S. Taylor, Don Monro, Mary Freeman, Andy Rushton and in the centre Steve Marshall.

**Quotes**

1. Mark Smith made quote 10.
2. Barney McCabe made quote 6.
3. Steve Marshall made quote 1.
4. Phil Greenstreet made quote 7.
5. Frank James made quote 9.
6. Steve Goulder made quote 8.
7. Eric Laithwaite made quote 5.
8. Nick Pyne made quote 4.
9. Sir Keith Joseph made quote 2.
10. Nick Morton made quote 3.

**The Year's Personalities**

1. Andy Rushton (B.B. Wolfe, FELIX 596)
2. Geoffrey Reeves, College Security Officer (in *The Phoenix*)
3. Andy Rushton when Bo's lamps were stolen.
4. Martin S. Taylor when his bell failed on *University Challenge*.
5. Jasper (Jeremy Nunns) of IC Radio.
6. Ann Dziwior, Astrosoc Chairman, in her space shuttle hoax on April 1 (FELIX, No 611).
7. Stephen Goulder (Exec News, October 5)
8. The University Challenge team.

9. Nick Morton (FELIX 597)
10. Mary Freeman in her election manifesto (FELIX 608)

**Surnames**

1. Lindley (College Domestic Secretary)
2. Passmore (former ICU President)
3. Schmidt (RCS President-elect)
4. Hewanicka (Union Receptionist)
5. Flowers (the Rector's wife)
6. Hardy-Smith (Union Administrator)

**One to Six**

1. Angie of Linstead.
2. Barney McCabe and Ronan McDonald (FELIX 603).
3. Union Administrator, ULU Representative and FELIX Editor.
4. Tobacco, Leather, Isst-Pigs and Measure.
5. Athletic Clubs Committee, Recreational Clubs Committee, Social Clubs Committee, SCAB and Publications Board.
6. Chemical, Mechanical, Electrical, Civil, Petroleum and Mineral Resources.

**Animals**

1. A snow lion was sculpted at the foot of the Queens Tower (FELIX '600).
2. Princess Anne
3. Victor Mooney, in his pasties.
4. Steve Marshall, embarking for South America (FELIX 593 Editorial).
5. Reggie, King's College's lion.
6. Barney McCabe.

**Insults and Praises**

1. J. Martin Taylor of David Owen.
2. Mark Smith of J. Martin Taylor.
3. Nick Morton was quoted as saying this of Barney McCabe. Whether he actually said it is open to conjecture.
4. Mark Smith of Nick Morton
5. Nick Morton of Jo Hewanicka.
6. Barney McCabe of the Lower Lounge partition.

**Fun & Games**

1. The Mines-Camborne fixture.
2. FELIX Editor
3. James Deeney (FELIX 604).
4. 1,000,001 up darts match.
5. Raft race.
6. Chess display by grandmaster John Nunn.

**Goodbye**

1. Annie Lathaen, former Union Receptionist.
2. Tony Schaffner, Bookings Manager (BB Wolfe FELIX 606)
3. Ian Morse (FELIX printer)
4. Barney McCabe (Freshers' Handbook)
5. Monty, the Montpelier St. cat (FELIX 597)

**Also Known As.....**

1. Montpelier Street hall (FELIX 591)
2. Marco Ledwold (FEELSICK)
3. Andy Rushton (Editorial, FELIX 597)
4. The Lower Lounge partition (Letters, FELIX 590)
5. The Lower Lounge partition (Letters, FELIX 591).



## Does anyone really want Martin S. Taylor's FELIX?

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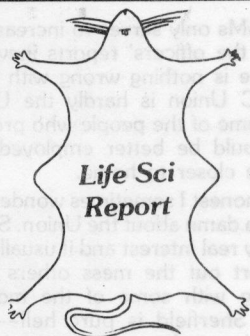
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Department .....

Address to which FELIX should be sent .....

Cheques payable to: ICU Publications Board (FELIX).



## Life Sci Report

Hi there all you fun people, we (Phil and I) thought it wouldn't be a bad idea if we tell you the rest of College what fun things we have all done and are going to do.

Remember all those terrific parties at the beginning of each term? They went just fine. The last one was a bit tricky with just a few of us to clear up, with Phil our beloved super-hack attacking a door in a moment of anger.

Of course we don't get a single penny from any union (hint) or the division, so we have to break even if not better, which we have done.

One of the events we spent money on was the Life Sciences Revue, just before Easter. Well that was an amazingly original idea and I think I should get a prize for it and pulling the whole thing off, but then, I did win a pen. We all had fun that night, hoping that Christine's daring costume wouldn't slip, but being disappointed anyway. All the same we raised a fair few quid for Rag and we're already planning another revue for Christmas. Do come out of the cupboard all you Pamela Rhys Riddihoughs!

Of course you didn't come to College just for the social life, we all need some six or eight hours of sleep a day, and I think I would be correct to say that most of us prefer to do it during lecture and lab time. The academic reps are of course concerned that this time should be as peaceful as possible. Most of their work is done in committees no one attends, so academic news is sparse and secretive, but I do hear CB is to be cut into two, and I also hear the faintest whisper that matters will improve on the degree front.

Remember the elections for dep reps? Yes you do—a load of idiots stood up during tea-break and disturbed everyone. I am ashamed to say fun people that you didn't all vote, and even more ashamed to say that most of you seemingly voted Peter Burt—if you know how this was done I'd like to know about it. But of course we love our new dep rep, just as we loved dear old Nathan (well his mother may have) and we should all give Pete's mother our support.

The new Divisional Students Committee met for the first time the other day, we argued quite a bit, which is better than previous meetings when there was no one to argue with, but we did sort out a few things.

We discussed what to do with our money or more to the point where to put it. A man called Marco, with a suspicious complexion, said he had a good property deal going in Southside, but we thought better of it. Mike is now in charge of the money and he says he'll keep it in a hole in the side of the river. Phil however says that if ever we are passing his place we can drop in for a battle of vodka and a sweatshirt anytime.

We also discussed the next Life Sci Party. This is of course at the beginning of next term, the first Tuesday in fact. A chappie from the Union called Greenpiece or something said it wouldn't be, and also that we couldn't have our own tickets, but Peter sorted the bugger out (he waved his finger at him, behind his back).

The Division likes to give the freshers a spot of tea before the party, so they give us some loot to buy food and hire the JCR. Somehow we have to come up with a lot of butties, Neil says he'll organise this bit, and any that help him will get some tea. I have taken over the bar from Dan and I'll offer coffee to any that help me. If you're big an' ugly, and I don't believe Danka is, Pete will offer you biscuits, tea and coffee, if you help on the door. We do need your help because we still need oodles more money to do the things we'd like to do for you.

We'll be getting some T and sweatshirts next term so order your size now.

Last point; the first and second year exams both finish on Thursday 24. The Royal College of Music bar opens at 4:00pm. Need I say more?

You'll come back now  
love  
Geoff

PS: The whole College may be glad to hear, and particularly Debbie, that Matt Smith has been locked up by College authorities at Silwood. Despite a breakout during Rag Fête it is otherwise safe to say that all organised student bodies have a better chance of remaining so.

● **Polish boy scout requires** Polish girl guide, experience an advantage. Apply Chris Giza, Chem Eng 2.

● **"Uno catso duro non a consciensa"** see Paddy Andrus, ME3 for details.

● **Coach tours** to see London's greatest tourist attraction in Trafalgar Square. Bail included in price: from £50 for 30 day stay (full board). For dates, apply "Eros II", 517, Linstead Hall.

● **Lonely Hippo** seeks acquaintance—to betray?

● **Large quantities of mud** required, for early morning wallow. Apply Linstead.

● **Encyclopædia seeks dictionary** for intelligent relationship.

● **Nascom-2 microcomputer**, 32K RAM, PSU graphics chip, in Verocase with separate keyboard enclosure. Software includes Zeap, Nas-Di/Debug, Pascal etc. Offers around £350, Rm 58, Weeks Hall.

● **Morris Traveller**: 1966, new woodwork, gearbox, reconditioned engine, roofrack, MoT, taxed until August, needs paint, £450ono. Tel 455-3945.

● **Yamaha RB100**, P reg, 100,000 miles, 1yr MoT, £150. **Honda C50**, P reg, 4,000 miles, £85. **Vauxhall Viva**, H reg, 100,000 miles, 1yr MoT, taxed till Oct, £280ono. Ring Alex in Ascot 23911 ext 289 or 22063 ext 5.

## Rag

As you should have read in Mary's letter last FELIX, I am hoping to change Rag's approach to collecting next year, by collecting on charities' street licenses. The CCUs should still be able to do all the stunts they have in the past—this time without getting arrested! However, this will mean that our designated charities are bound to get less money, but I hope to cushion this by making more in Rag Week. The best way is by some sort of megastunt, for which we can be sponsored—preferably by companies as well as people, and attract media publicity.

We also need an emblem for next year: this year it was a kangaroo for Ragaroo 82, but I don't want next year to be Wallaby 83. (It doesn't have to

rhyme necessarily, or be a marsupial.)

To lure you away from any remaining revision or post-exam celebrations (?), there will be a prize for any replies which we adopt or adapt. (Subject to my discretion.)

I would also like to hear any suggestions for next year's charities, with reasons, please.

Please help relieve the strain on my tiny mind by replying to the Rag pigeonhole in ICU.

John Ferguson  
Rag Chairman 1982/3

## Community Action

The Soup Run is continuing over summer for all students staying in the big city.

The place: Falmouth Kitchens.

The time: 10:30pm every Tuesday.

Please help if you're around.

## Dancing Club

This has been another successful year for IC's thriving Dancing Club, both in terms of team results and an enthusiastic membership.

There were three major competitions during the year, the first of which was the Southern Ball hosted by Bristol University, in which the team was fourth overall. At the Inter-Varsity Ball in Southampton, IC were a disappointing eleventh, but this did not do justice to the quality of the team's dancing. The culmination of the team's success was at the Varsity Match Ball hosted by Oxford. Simon Carter and Melanie Cooper were runners-up in the Open Ballroom competition and the Latin American competition was won by Richard Williams and Sally Barton. Congratulations to them and many thanks also for the keen involvement of Vicky Welsh and Alan Logan (quickstep) and Rebecca May and Alan Edwards (jive).

Members are reminded that lessons continue until Monday, June 21, and those who are interested in summer lessons should contact committee members before the end of term. Those who would like to compete for the team next year should approach committee members soon so that the team may be organised.

On behalf of the incoming committee I would like to thank the outgoing committee for their excellent work and sustained commitment to the club throughout the year.

R. Daud  
President

## Bookshop News

Recommended Reading Lists, there are still a number of tutors/teachers/lecturers who have not let us have these lists back yet. May I stress once again how important it is for us to have this information to ensure that the books you want for your students to have are in stock at the start of term. Once we get that information, we can send out the orders. Consider though that it takes on average twenty working days from UK publishers and ninety working days from outside the UK for our orders to be processed, you can see how little time we have. If by chance you recommend a title that is not available, we have to inform you and an alternative found. This is all time consuming, so please your help in getting lists, correctly filled in, back to us is of the utmost importance.

### Holiday Reading

*The Dreamers' Dictionary*—Robinson & Corbett, Souvenir Press £6.95

*A Traveller's Life*—Eric Newby, Collins £8.95

*Listener's Guide to Jazz*—Alan Rich, Blandford £4.95

*Listener's Guide to the Blues*—Peter Guralnick, Blandford £4.95

*Light of Evening*—Pamela Street, Pavanna, £1.50

*Zig-Zag*—Richard Thronley, Picador £1.95

*Ancestral Vices*—Tom Sharpe, Pan £1.50

*F-Plan Diet*—Audrey Eyton, Penguin, £1.50

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Plus a wide range of novels, crime, science fiction, adventure, humour, etc.

Have a good holiday! Don't get bored—buy a book!

# Editorial



This year seems to have slipped by quicker than it takes to erect and demolish a partition.

At the end of a sabbatical year as FELIX Editor it seems appropriate (for some reason) to look back and assess the Union's performance. Besides that, it is my last chance to say the things I've been meaning to say all year.

## The College

It would be all too easy to fabricate stories about gross cock-ups and the waste of money at Imperial College. But I really don't have to.

I have always been surprised that one of the world's top educational institutions, can at times be run so badly. The College authorities are in theory the guardians of our welfare. Their job is to ensure that we receive an adequate education in our chosen fields and that we have reasonable facilities for living, eating and recreation. They are paid to do this and nothing else.

What do we get? After four years at IC I think that on the academic side we are treated fairly well. Most undergraduate courses are reasonable, although the workload on some (particularly engineering subjects) is a bit tough. I can't vouch for PG's but I'm sure the situation is not too bad.

Apart from this we have a mixed deal. Because of the size of the College we are afforded fairly generous Union facilities, but we suffer from having an abysmal refectory service (which sinks further into the depths every year) inadequate residence facilities and we're hampered by bumbling administrators.

## Refectories

I've not really indulged in petty personal sniping at Victor Mooney and his cronies, but the one thing in the forefront of my mind which absolutely reeks of inefficiency are the refectories. Mr Mooney takes the attitude that FELIX digs up stories about him and his work when there is nothing else to do. This is not so, but he uses this as a shield and has become hardened to criticism over the past twenty nine years.

During my four years at College I've seen the refectories go from being appalling to absolutely appalling. There are a captive clientele (in more ways than one!) of over 4,000 students, all of which want to eat reasonable food at decent prices. Mooney provides neither and instead of improving facilities he now takes the novel approach of closing them down. I realise that he has a hard job and probably attempts to work very hard, but after twenty-nine years of failure he should call it a day.

I'm not a catering manager and can't offer complete solutions, but I'm sure some young blood could. So pack your bags Vic and retire.

## Captain Lindley

Talking of which Mr Mooney's superior Captain Lindley (Domestic Secretary) is retiring at Christmas (see news page).

Those who were here last year witnessed the emergence of Captain Lindley into the limelight. My predecessor had a great deal of fun at his expense and succeeded in showing how awful senior administrators can be. All of the criticisms of old Salty are, to a certain

extent, justified and he typifies the breed of College administrator who believes that IC would run perfectly if it wasn't for the students. The Sheffield Building seems stocked up with quite a few of these characters and whilst I'm certain nobody really wishes the Captain any bad will personally, we'd all be better off if he took a few others (including Mooney) with him.

## Continuity

The great advantage which College have over the Union is, of course, continuity. Union officers are only elected for a year at a time and the College use their years of experience to full advantage.

Some years can be pretty rough for the Sheffield Building. If the President, or FELIX Editor for that matter, can shout loud enough and get the support of students, then the College can be forced into doing just about anything. *Forced* may sound bad, but believe me it is necessary when dealing with the Sheffield Building. The problem is that more often than not students are a disorganised rabble, most of which are more interested in being deadly boring or getting pissed than improving their lot.

Student Union officials often fall into this category—either that or they're so afraid of getting their fingers burnt that they allow the College to walk all over them. The best example this year must be Nick Morton and the proposed move to Southside.

Nick hasn't been a bad President, in fact on the whole (despite some major differences of opinion) he has been pretty good. His problem has been that he is far too good natured and optimistic to spot College pulling a fast one. As I've said to him on many occasions, it is no use giving a blanket approval for College schemes (like the Southside plan) because you're immediately in a weak bargaining position. What sort of concessions can you gain by agreeing outright?

At the same time College Secretary John Smith can be likened to a foot in the door encyclopædia salesman. I think it's quite obvious that the College would really like to get their hands on the Union Building to use as part of Life Sciences and a post-experience centre and hence have come up with this marvellous scheme. John Smith has successfully sold the idea to Nick Morton, claiming that it was for the Union's own good that College want to spend £250,000 on the move and that the vacation of the present building is just an added bonus for them.

If there is no firm opposition to this idea then the College will ease it through over two, three or even four years without anybody really noticing. Full plans, estimates of costs and so on will be held just out of our reach until it is too late—"The nature of the work is such that we cannot tell you *exactly* that at this time," we will be told and eventually the tide of College bureaucracy will convince the students union of two or three year hence that the idea has *already* been approved and that there is no turning back.

I hope that if **full** plans are not available next October and if we cannot be certain that the College will deliver the goods (and let's face it, on their record can we afford to take that risk?) then you will all voice your opinions and make sure we keep our facilities.

## The Union

Most students seem to take little interest in UGMs and I can't blame them. I've attempted to keep FELIX relevant to student affairs, concentrating mainly on internal matters, but the mass of irrelevant politically orientated

motions at UGMs only serves to increase the boredom that the officers' reports inevitably promote. There is nothing wrong with noble causes, but IC Union is hardly the United Nations and some of the people who propose these items could be better employed with subjects a little closer to home.

To be quite honest I sometimes wonder why anybody gives a damn about the Union. So few people take any real interest and it usually falls to them to sort out the mess others leave behind. Coping with some of the moronic officials from Sheffield is pure hell—most navvies would put them to shame in the intelligence stakes.

But despite all this there seems to be some rewards in working for the Union. The admiration of your fellow students isn't worth a tinker's cuss, but most employers recognise that it is better to take on people who have exhibited a lively character and community spirit, rather than some of the dreary individuals who can do nothing but work. That doesn't apply to many of you (thank God!) but as the employment situation has gotten worse there has been a marked decline in participation.

## Nick Morton

This year's President has his faults, but I hope people recognise that he's been a lot better than most. His strength and weakness is his good nature, which lays him open to attack from people like me and also makes him trust the College.

Nick has certainly worked hard for the Union but I believe that his approach of cooperating with College (and keeping things quiet for long periods) is fundamentally wrong. We cannot trust College to do anything without a little gentle persuasion and we have to maintain a bargaining position. They will take advantage of inexperience and misplaced trust at almost every opportunity so if you're not told about anything by your elected officials then it suits them fine. I hope that I've managed to throw a few things into light this year and also that you'll show an appropriate reaction.

Remember that a little interest from a lot of people can go a long way.

## Thanks

There is far too little space to thank all those people who have been of help to me throughout my four years.

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A special mention has to go to my predecessor Steve Marshall for a great deal of fun and to Mrs Vary for always having a smile at tea time.

I'll soon be off into the wide world of work, but my ties with Imperial College will never be fully severed.

Until next time—farewell!