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## NEWSPAPER OF IMPERIAL COLLEGE UNION

### SMITH: U-TURN?

There is a chance that the Southside Penthouse flats may still be used for student accommodation following a change of heart by College Secretary John Smith. The Student Residence Committee will now take a decision on the matter at its next meeting in May. Mr Smith has also dropped the idea that wardens living in Southside could be in charge of other residences some distance away.

It seems that pressure on Mr Smith following his controversial policy statement, reported in FELIX last week, has resulted in him re-thinking his approach to these issues.

However, the central policies in the statement are to go ahead. The post of Managing Surveyor (Residences) has been created and additional costs are to be charged to the residence accounts.

In the next academic session the wages of the messengers and security employees in the Halls, and the salary of the Managing Surveyor will be a direct charge on the residence account. These potential costs are hoped to be offset by an increase in vacation lettings income. However the future implications of the policy with regard to the financial burden on residences is uncertain, and could result in an increase in students' rents and less money being spent on

residences.

College still plans to go ahead with the appointment of a staff 'superwarden' to oversee the Evelyn Gardens residences. It is felt that this will help the College maintain a good relationship with neighbours and provide a focal point of security and authority, particularly if the College acquires additional houses. There is no intention to change the status of the student wardens in Evelyn Gardens.

Also, the meeting heard that a decision not to renew the lease on the Gerrard Mansions head tenancy in the heart of Soho taken two years ago is to be reviewed. Following protests by present residents who consider the five flats for two offer perfectly good accommodation in a unique location the College is to attempt to renegotiate the lease.

See page 4 and editorial for comment.

### RCS Beaver away

#### LSE Mascot Captured

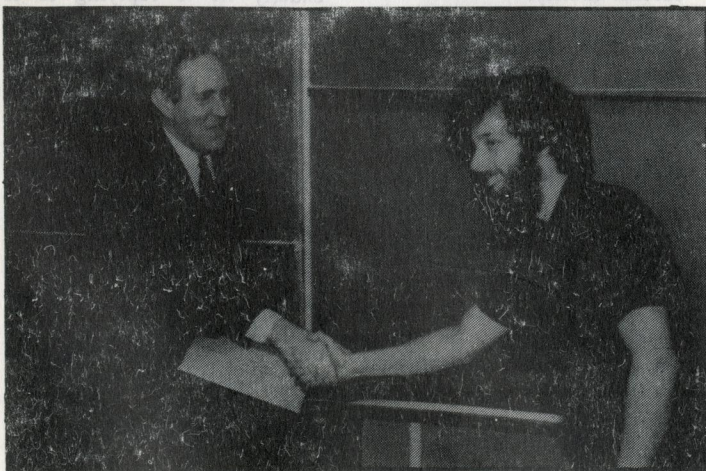


In a dramatic dawn raid on Tuesday morning, RCSU captured LSE's mascot, five foot tall Bruce the Beaver. Posing as a group of LSE students meeting for a trip to Edinburgh, the RCS mascoteers entered the foyer, and distracted the security guard while two members of their team made their way to the room where Bruce was secreted to kidnap the mascot. All five foot of Bruce was hastily stuffed into the back of the getaway car (see photo).

A triumphant Kangela attracted the attention of the police, but the team were allowed to leave after they had explained their mission.

LSE students union have asked RCSU to make sure Bruce is fed regularly, and have expressed interest in paying the ransom (100 pints of blood and £50 for Rag).

Bruce was too homesick to comment.



Cuts campaigner Hugh Stiles handing a petition of over 1400 signatures to Peter Brooke MP.

### Brooke Shields Policy

The parental means test was described as 'illogical' by Peter Brooke MP, Under Secretary of State for Higher Education whilst speaking in College yesterday. Mr Brooke was addressing a well-attended meeting, organised by the Conservative Society, on Higher Education.

In his speech he outlined the factors to be considered in the future of higher education. He claimed the Government was still adhering to the 'Robbins principle' of access to higher education for all those suitably qualified regardless of means. The value of the full grant, paid to those whose parents' income is below a threshold, had been maintained last year. But he admitted that those whose parents earned between £12,000 and £18,000 had had a substantial reduction.

In answering questions after his speech Mr Brooke agreed with a member of the audience who said that the parental means test on grants was totally unjustifiable. Several searching questions were asked, including some by members of the academic staff present. Mr Brooke was able to offer sympathy but very little in the way of practical help.



## Lock Bullshit

Dear Pallab

With response to Mr Lock's letter in last week's FELIX (Issue 666). I fail to see just what is either 'ranting' or 'hilarious' about my factual correction to a completely unbalanced and inaccurate report in *London Student*. To my knowledge, I have never met the gentleman in question; either formally or socially, and cannot imagine what I have done to annoy him. I can only suggest that he either objects to my slaying off of the general apathy in RCS or dislikes me personally. In either case, I would appreciate his opinions on these matters face-to-face as opposed to from a distance.

Mr Lock seems to regard the word 'hack' as an insult. In my experience at IC, this expression is used by apathetic non-entities to describe people who can actually be *bothered* to get involved with the Unions. I feel proud to regard myself as an active member of the Union and if he feels this is a bad thing, then that's his loss!

Yours sincerely  
Simon Banton

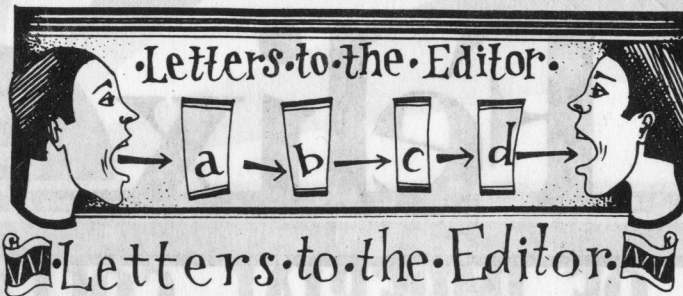
Broadsheet Editor 1983/4

Dear Pallab

Having just read a quite unwarranted personal attack by Dave Lock on Simon Banton and the CCUs (FELIX 666), I feel obliged to make some sort of reply.

Simon's letter to *London Student* was nothing more than an attempt to set the record straight after a remarkably inaccurate report on the hand-over of Mary. He does not 'rant', but clearly states facts; and far from suggesting that he is a 'moron', the letter shows that he cares about factual reporting—an ethic of journalism. I would suggest that, had Mr Lock's letter, for instance, been rewritten by the FELIX staff to misrepresent him, he may have had something to say about it.

On the more general points of Mr Lock's letter: he refers to 'CCU hacks'. As I understand it, the word 'hack' is quite simply an insult hurled by people who are not prepared to contribute anything themselves. I should like to know whether Mr Lock ever reads *Broadsheet*. In my three years



experience of RCSU, I would say without doubt, that *Broadsheet* has never been better than at present under Simon's editorship, and that its popularity has not been higher. To achieve this, Simon must work for hours and hours every fortnight to prepare each issue.

The CCU structure exists at Imperial College, to provide informal, social student groups. It will only work (and work well) if people take part in the Rag stunts and Ents trips which are organised. Presumably, Mr Lock believes that these are also a waste of time—and it is *this* attitude which make Imperial College such a boring place. If he isn't satisfied with the way the CCUs are run, why doesn't he come to a UGM to express his opinions. He is a member of RCS Union whether he likes it or not!

Finally, mascotry is in fact a *Rag* event—Rag involves students raising money for charity. A violated mascot is ransomed to the owners, the money being paid to charity. Over the last few years, successful mascotry raids by RCSU have resulted in over £1,000 (one thousand pounds!) being paid to various charities.

Does Mr Lock agree with money-raising for charity—or does he regard this also as 'the epitome of mindlessness'?

Yours sincerely  
Ian Thomas  
Physics 2

Dear Pallab

I was appalled by last week's letter from Mr Lock concerning mascotry. He strikes me as being just another frustrated freshman who has been rejected by his peers and retaliates in the only way he knows how, through his vitriolic pen.

What Mr Lock regards as a 'ranting letter on mascotry', appears to me to be a succinct letter itemising objectively recent RCS mascotry activities. I suggest that if Mr Lock has to resort to such delightful phrases as 'kissing each others arses' and tired old clichés like 'CCU hacks', then he is the only 'moron' in the neighbourhood.

Yours sincerely  
Mike Munroe

## £5 increase in rents

Dear Pallab

I was somewhat dismayed to see in FELIX 666 that the Lauwerys residence report is raising its ugly head again, in the form of the appointment of a Residential Services Manager (albeit under another name). As this was extensively discussed last year, I would like to bring up a few points raised then:

The Residential Services Manager was intended to streamline the running of residences by, for instance, inserting an extra administrative layer between residents and Estates (making repairs prospectively even *less* efficient?), reducing even further the work specification of the housekeepers (who are already overqualified and doing tasks much more mundane than their skills merit) and reducing the rôle of wardens to a purely pastoral one (though what would happen if you have a problem outside the hours 9-5 I can't imagine).

All this was (rather tenuously) justified as self-financing if two further wardens were shed and their flats let to students, and that reduced inefficiency would save further money.

May I, perhaps, suggest what I consider to be the *real* reasons behind the appointment of a Residential Services Manager. Part of the job description is to identify direct costs of residence. This suggests that a huge burden of costs are shortly to be dumped on hall bills (a back of envelope calculation last year suggested at least £5 per room per week), pricing residence rooms so far above the means of the students that we'll surely see increased hardship.

It seems College is bent on producing another monolith like refectories where students have to pay for a system which

does not offer what they want, but over which they have no control.

I could also mention the 'jobs for the boys' aspect, but I think that's so obvious that it hardly merits space!

In closing I can only say: 'WHAT THE HELL IS IC UNION DOING ABOUT IT?' Are we going to see *more* crawling to College by ever-so-pretty but totally ineffectual Ms Lewis? This problem is *important* and its up to *your* readers to get up and complain before it's too late.

Yours sincerely

N S Pyne B Eng ACGI  
ICU Welfare Officer 1981-2

## Cow Racks

Dear Sir

Regarding the red cycle racks and the Southside fridges (FELIX 665).

Since the racks are non-inflammable, can I suggest that the racks are placed on the Southside landings. Residents can then tether cows to them, removing the need for refrigerated milk.

The redundant fridges can then be placed on the Sheffield Walkway, for use as cycle 'moorings'.

This will also give passing UCL students somewhere to cool off.

Yours laterally  
Glyn Garside

## No Newman

Dear Pallab

I was dismayed to see that last week you again devoted a page to the immature rantings of the by now infamous Michael Newman. The article is headed 'Write of Reply', but what exactly he is replying to is unclear. In fact he has simply been allowed further space to promulgate his views, whilst those who disagree with his opinions and/or methods have not had their views featured at all, and certainly not in FELIX.

Mr Newman claims he is a potential rapist so perhaps he should be locked up for the safety of women at IC. If he has sexual hang-ups after an all boys school education that's too bad, what makes him (and you) think the rest of us want to read about them nearly every week in FELIX?

Yours etc

J Martin Taylor



## Ents off Freebies on

Council got off to a flying start on Monday when Union Administrator Mrs Hardy-Smith had the misfortune to fall under a blackboard. Christine Teller rushed to her aid and was just able to make out a hoarse whisper giving the combination for the Union Sherry Safe. Medicinal *Tio Pepe* was administered and the real business of the day could begin.

Concern was expressed that the Ents Committee lost £1,500 on the Christmas party at the end of last term. The party featured several bands, a bar extension, disco, etc, but was badly publicised resulting in a disastrously low turn-out for the event. Some Council members expressed dissatisfaction about the general running of Ents and the type of events organised. It was decided that Ents should not book any further events until their affairs had been investigated by Steve Bishop, an Ordinary Member of Council.

Council also considered the Rodgers Report on Conferences. The motion on the NUS con-

ference passed at a UGM last term set up a committee to investigate expenditure on conferences by ICU. Only three members of the eight member committee bothered to turn up, probably because the proposers of the UGM motion had not checked that they were actually prepared to take part. In the event the committee recommended that ICU should continue to send people to ten conferences connected with student union affairs, and should send observers to the next NUS conference. In considering INCOST, the International Conference of Students in Science and Technology, to be held this year in Helsinki from 1 to 7 April, the committee made no recommendation due to 'insufficient information'. Council decided to send two delegates this year to the conference, Guilds academic affairs officer Jim Boucher, and Steve Bishop. The return air fare to Helsinki (economy ticket) is £155 per person.

## New Pro for IC

Imperial College is to have a new Pro Rector, External Development. Professor Charles Phelps, currently Principal of Chelsea College, has accepted the new appointment.

His main responsibility will be liaison between IC and industry, and the promotion of research capabilities.

Prof Phelps became top man at Chelsea in 1981, straight from a career in Academia. He set up the department of Biochemistry at Lancaster in 1975 where he was responsible for research grants worth nearly £100 000.

Born in Buenos Aires in 1934, Phelps graduated with a first in Biochemistry from Oxford in 1957. He went on to gain a DPhil from the same University



and then moved to Bristol as a lecturer until 1975.

His job as principal of Chelsea College is to disappear when the controversial amalgamation with Kings and QEC takes place, later this year. Prof Phelps, who is married with two children, expects to take up his new appointment towards the end of 1984.

## Election loophole plugged

*Find another way to cheat!*

Elections committee have decided that printing of all publicity for the forthcoming sabbatical elections is to be restricted to the FELIX Office and that Gestetnering may only be done in the Union Office. The FELIX Editor and the Hon Sec must be informed if Sheffield facilities are to be used. Any other printing facility, within or outside College may not be used, since it is felt that access to such facilities often depends on personal contact and may give an unfair advantage to a candidate.

It is understood that one of the candidates has appealed against the ruling and that elections committee will be meeting to reconsider their decision.

Following the recent elections for departmental representatives the following people were elected:

Those elected unopposed were:  
Aero Eng: Duncan Moore  
Elec Eng: Roger Preece  
Geology: Rebecca Dazeley  
Maths: Roy Hepper  
Mech Eng: Mark A Harris

Those elected who were opposed:  
Chem Eng: Juliet Varley  
Chemistry: Nina Hallows  
Civ Eng: B Guillaume  
DoC: Robert Shiels  
Life Science: M Ibba  
Met & Mat Sci: R J Weaver  
MRE: Charlie Peachy  
Physics: A Belk

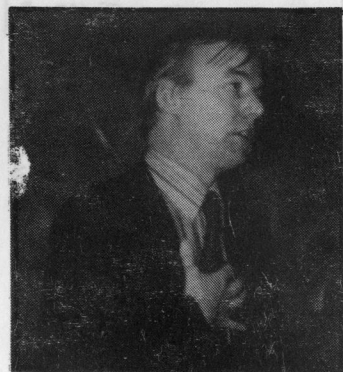
## Southside Security

It was revealed this week that electronic locks will be fitted to the entrances of the Southside Halls of Residence by the start of next term. All residents will be issued with magnetic cards and a code number to allow them access to the Halls during the night when the doors are locked. It is hoped that this will tighten up security in the building in the light of recent thefts in Southside.

## Profs Pledge

A number of academic staff have signed a 'peace pledge' stating that they will never directly use their technical and scientific skills for the furtherance of the nuclear arms race. At a meeting in College last Thursday eight members of staff including Prof Kibble, head of the Physics department, signed the pledge and explained their reasons for doing so in front of an audience of about fifty students.

# 'A United Ireland is the only solution'



Clive Soley

At Debsoc's Tuesday debate on Northern Ireland the motion 'This house believes that a United Ireland is the only solution' was carried by sixteen votes. This result surprised many as it contrasts with the largely right wing political outlook of many IC students.

Proposing the motion, Mr Clive Soley Labour MP spoke of the 'illegally drawn' border between Northern and Southern Ireland, and of its disastrous failure economically and politically. Created to preserve a Unionist majority, the boundary

had produced a split community in Northern Ireland. Most of the population considered themselves to be linked with Britain, but a third of them claimed allegiance with Eire, he said.

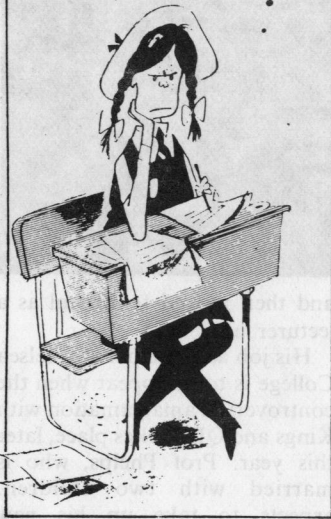
The motion was opposed by Sir John Biggs-Davison, Conservative MP, who argued that the division of Ireland was more than a matter of religious or national allegiance. Ulster, he said, was historically separate, and a distinct community had arisen there which had always had close links with Scotland and Northern England.



Sir John Biggs-Davison



Gaynor's Bit



The general information on page 3 is the current situation as far as the recent policy statement issued by John Smith the College Secretary, with regard to the management of student residences. A number of queries have already been raised by the Union and other interested parties, and the new policy docu-

ment featured predominantly in FELIX last week.

I feel the College concern with student staff relations is a valid point and indeed an attempt to rectify the situation is occurring through a number of different means. I do not feel the situation would be dramatically improved by the introduction of academic staff into the penthouse flats in Southside. Neither can I see this causing a vast improvement in the relationship the College has with the Southside Mews residents. The idea of Wardens of other residences residing in Southside is ludicrous, especially if the new roles are implemented. How can a warden exercise pastoral care over students if s/he resides possibly a mile from the residence under their care! The present system of only two wardens in Southside means a high level of responsibility is imposed on the Southside wardens but I believe a more efficient use of the subwardens and assistant subwardens in Southside Halls and even Linstead would alleviate much of the pressure and responsibility,

and thus make the increase in the number of Wardens a futile exercise.

The Staff Warden at Evelyn Gardens may have many advantages though the reasoning behind the introduction of the post is pressures from neighbours, departmental tutors and others, is dubious.

An improved control of the maintenance and quality of all residences is welcomed, although whether the proposed relationship between the new Manager, Housekeepers and Wardens will function in practice is yet to be established. I feel a number of problems are likely to arise in this area, but this is probably true of any new system in its initial stages.

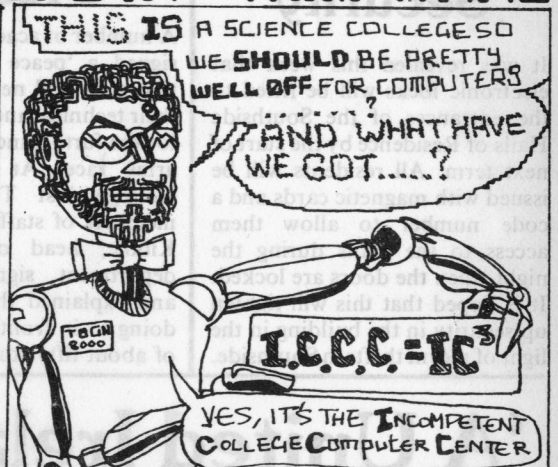
A major concern for students in future years must obviously be the financial undertakings in the policy. The objective of achieving a rent income which will completely support the maintenance of the basic stock of residence, including loan servicing and management costs, leaves the future rent levels in a very uncertain situation,

although certain subsidies may be permitted from time to time under the University Grants Committee rules.

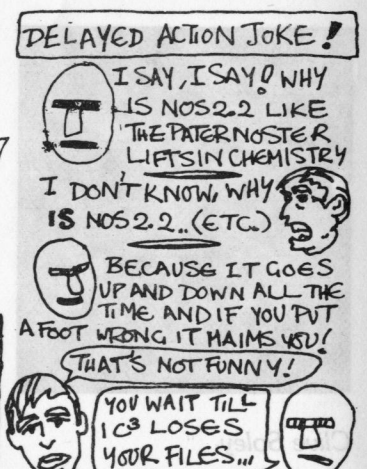
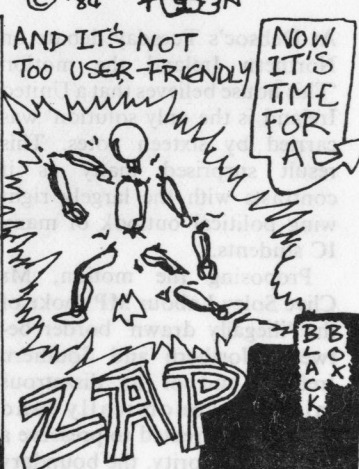
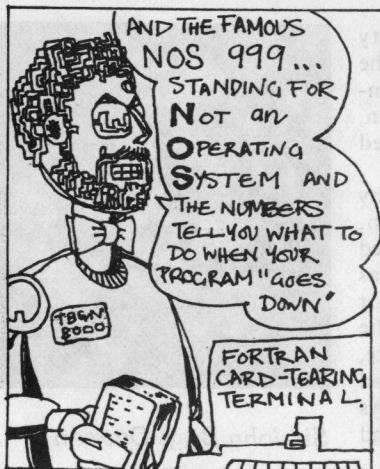
It is extremely unlikely that the increased financial burden on the residence account will enable College to maintain an increase in student rents in line with the increase in the student grants; the final implication being that students will suffer from the re-organisation of the 'Management of student residence' if such policies are implemented. The recent statement issued by College will be under discussion at an Open Meeting with John Smith, the College Secretary, in the Read Lecture Theatre, Sheffield Building at 1:30pm on Thursday 23 February 1984. Do you care about the rent you pay? Do you care about the standard of your residence? Then come to the meeting—make your views known and speak on behalf of the students! Anyone wishing to read the policy document before Thursday is welcome to read the copy in the Union Office.

Gaynor Lewis

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# THE BARON OF CHEAPSKATE



Breakfast time was always a difficult time for the Baron. As he sipped his strong, black coffee, with his head buried in one of the many newspapers he read as an excuse not to listen to Lady Marigold's perpetual chatter, his face darkened. For Lady Marigold's prattling was nothing compared to what stared him in the face: 'SKATE SEX SCANDAL. 'Oh damn—this is just what I could do without,' he moaned.

Gormless Layon, President of the Citizens Association, had also seen something she could well do without: Michael Missile, the sex-crazed egomaniac and self-publicist and the cause of the Baron's displeasure. For it was he who revealed details of some of the lude entertainments provided for Cheapskate's citizens in order to keep them happy despite the unusual conditions which prevailed in the kingdom. Michael had entered the Citizens Office, sporting his now permanent blush and carrying a few tatty posters advertising his latest crack-pot ideas.

'Have any more newspapers telephoned?' he asked.

'No,' replied Gormless as she sulkily retreated to her office, slamming the door behind her.

Somewhat disappointed, Michael announced to the now empty room:

'I do like The Daily Smut—it gives really fair coverage that is always so balanced.' And having checked that there was no fan mail for him, he strode out of the office and nearly knocked over

## By Juvenal

Jo Claybrain, an obscure citizen's representative who spent so much time in the office. Pushing Michael aside with the physique for which she was noted she strode into the office. She, too, was upset by Michael's activities.

'What right has he got to go around upsetting the status quo like that?' she thought. 'Poor Gormless must be so upset by all those calls—I had better go and console her.'

Armed with an excuse, Jo bounced into Gormless' office only to find it empty with Gormless talking to Pristine next door.

'Oh goodie,' she cried. 'Since she's not here I can get in some practise.' So Jo sat down in the chair, whose ability to rotate was a source of so much delight to her, and began to play with the telephones.

'I'll soon have all this to myself,' she thought, planning her campaign for some years hence. But 'I'll have to stay in with the self-appointed President-elect. though. Maybe I'll give him the odd cuddle—that'll keep him happy.' However upon hearing Gormless' voice, she thought better of the idea.

'Jo, I am VERY busy today,' said Gormless firmly. 'There are so many problems and I'm not feeling too well so can you PLEASE get out of my chair.' Jo sheepishly left the office, sulking and went to sit in her namesake's—Jo Henawhatshername's—chair which swivelled too. And hardly had she sat down when the office door burst open revealing Sawnoff Levis and the citizens chief transvestite, Mike Dress. Panting heavily, Sawnoff shouted:

'Der konhim's boin invaded.'

Everyone stared. 'Pardon,' said Gormless.

'Cheapskate's been invaded by Jerkskate. Buildings have been attacked, treasure stolen...rape, pillage and plunder,' cried Mike Dress, as if happy at such a prospect.

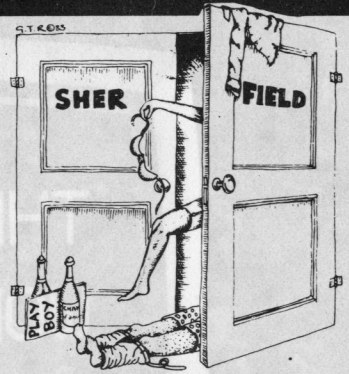
Jo Claybrain was only just quick enough to grab Gormless before she fell on the floor.

'Get some smelling salts...and a stiff sherry!'

Is there anyone who Michael Missile hasn't telephoned?

Will the Baron negotiate on sovereignty?

The answers to this and more in the next Baron of Cheapskate.



## BEHIND CLOSED DOORS



### 7. Mrs Jen Hardy-Smith, Union Administrator

Jen is head of the Union permanent staff and responsible to the Union Executive. Thus her position is analagous to another JHS, John Hilary Smith, who is responsible to Governing Body for College Admin. Her previous jobs have included spells as an assistant to a society photographer, at the Iraqi Embassy, and as a departmental secretary at Ealing College. She began work at IC in what is now the FELIX print room sometime in 1973. She has given the Union continuity and a means by which past and present sabbaticals can exchange intelligence. She is recognised as one of the formidable woman of IC once telling John Smith 'If you are going to behave like that you're not going to get a cup of coffee', in a rare moment of pique. Her image is as one of the staff of St Trinians ever shouting 'Jolly hockey-sticks' as she 'bullies orf'.

She has worked with 34 sabbatical officers and ten of 'those FELIX boys'. But, stiffened by chilled dry sherry (her only weakness apart from good living) she has endured numerous crackpot schemes and financial disasters.

A sketch of Jen would be incomplete without mentioning Pat Baker, the Union Typist, who is the ideal foil for Jen with her more abrupt Scottish wit.

All in all, I raise my glass with palsied hand in salute with the cry *semper bibendum sherry* to this true heiress of Amelia Fritten.

The Mole



# THE GAS PEOPLE WORKING FOR TOMORROW'S WORLD TODAY.



If your home uses gas — and the chances are it will, since British Gas is the largest single supplier of heat in Britain — then you are benefiting from yesterday's planning and investment in advanced technology by the gas people.

Yesterday's research anticipated the needs of today's customers, and some of the developments produced by the gas people were revolutionary.

Did you know, for instance, that the gas people helped to pioneer the technology for transporting gas across the world's oceans — gas which would otherwise be wastefully flared-off? This was done by cooling the gas into liquid form at minus 160°C and carrying it in specially designed tankers. The transportation of LNG is now a major world trade.

The gas people also saw opportunities in newly available gas-making feedstocks and developed the Catalytic Rich Gas process for making gas from oil, rather than coal. Advances like these underpinned the transformation of an ageing industry into a highly competitive and rapidly expanding modern business.

The gas people went on to exploit the natural gas which they had helped to discover around our shores. To achieve this they constructed a network of underground high pressure steel pipelines to the highest standards. A great deal of money and technical expertise were expended in devising a means of inspecting these pipelines, and a sophisticated electronic and mechanical device called an 'intelligent pig' was developed. It works inside the pipeline while the gas is still flowing.

## TOMORROW'S WORLD

Yesterday, the gas people solved what would have been today's problems, and we've given you just a few examples. But you may be more interested in the work we're doing today to solve tomorrow's.

For instance, in readiness for the time when Britain's indigenous supplies of natural gas begin to decline, and nobody knows when that will be, the gas people have already developed the technology for producing substitute natural gas from coal. The results of this pioneering work are being viewed with great interest in many parts of the world. Whichever feedstock is available at a competitive price, however, the gas people intend to have the technology to produce a substitute natural gas from it.

And because gas will still be there for tomorrow's customers, the gas people are helping to develop a new generation of appliances for tomorrow's low-energy homes. They are starting to apply ways of recuperating waste heat in industrial and commercial applications by using gas engine-driven heat pumps. These reverse the normal process by which heat flows from a high temperature to a lower and so can consume less energy than they deliver! The gas people are even looking at new ways to avoid traffic congestion — by replacing underground gas pipes without the need for digging up the road!

Much more is going on besides, so if you'd like to find out about today's high-tech gas industry, write to the Public Relations Department, British Gas, Rivermill House, 152 Grosvenor Road, London SW1V 3JL.

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WORKING FOR TOMORROW'S WORLD TODAY**



# Rent & Rate Rebates

## To those who missed the recent FELIX article on Rent & Rate Rebates

If you are paying more than £19.45pw on rent and rates then you are probably entitled to a rent and rate rebate. Call into Student Services NOW to find out more about the scheme and how to apply.

To those who read the article but haven't yet applied for any benefit Remember claims cannot be backdated so you are losing money by not applying. Amongst those who applied last term are students now receiving rebates of up to £5pw so it is worth making the effort. Student Services have application forms for Kensington & Chelsea, Hammersmith and Fulham & Westminster. For all other boroughs collect forms from your local Town Hall.

To those who have already applied Many of you will still have a long

wait before you hear the result of your applications but please remember that Student Services are trying to monitor the operation of the scheme and we need your help so please let us know the eventual outcome of your application.

If you have having any difficulties with your claim or you think you have been incorrectly assessed then Student Services should be able to help sort things out for you. If you want to check your assessment you should first write to your housing benefit office and ask for a written breakdown of your assessment. Then call into Student Services and check the figures against our Housing Benefit chart. If the figures don't seem to tally then appeal against the decision, Student Services can help you with this. The most important point is not to delay—you have 6wks in which to appeal against a

housing benefit decision. If you do not do so in writing within that period then you lose your right of appeal. Appealing costs you very little time and a number of decisions have been changed on appeal so don't just assume that your benefit has been correctly assessed.

### Gas & Electricity Charges

If your rent includes any gas or electricity you would do well to agree with your landlord the charges in the rent for these. Otherwise the Housing Benefit Office may discount up to £7.95pw from your rent thus significantly lowering your chances of any benefit. Figures have recently been submitted to Kensington & Chelsea concerning gas and electricity figures for 6 Earls Court Square and the Fremantle, and residents at these addresses should write to Kensington & Chelsea NOW asking for a re-assessment.

### 'Fair Rented' Properties

If you live in a property which has been 'fair rented', the housing benefit office will only consider

any rebate on the fair rent even if your landlord is charging you more. To find out if you live in a 'fair rented' property call into your local Rent Office (under 'R' in the phone book) and check your address. If your property does have a fixed 'fair rent' you may be able to claim some money back from your landlord but this is a tricky business so seek advice from Student Services first.

### College Accommodation

A limited number of vacancies have arisen in College. Residences in both single and shared rooms. All residences are within walking distance of College and rents are from only £12.50pw. Anyone interested should contact Student Services.

### College Accommodation for Next Session

Application forms are now available from Student Services for those wanting to apply to College Halls, House and Head Tenancy flats for next session.

Closing date: Friday 9 March.

# S M A L L A D S

## VALENTINES

- Happy Valentine, Francesca from a fellow Art Lover.
- OK boss, Happy Valentine, love 'n' hugs, Pig face.
- Be mine Miranda darling—Signed the Redheaded git with an interminable line in scathing wit.
- To Wardrobe—Happy Valentine. Love and kisses, Mumsey.
- SNC of DoC 3 This may rhyme but it ain't no grauniad valentine—next week the full defamation.
- How the Hell, do you send an anonymous valentine to a flatmate. Please tell Tania and Aurora. The adder.
- L-thanks for keeping me going—love S.
- O H Proj loves A J Lodge.
- K A — you're certainly something different—CK.
- CLR: You're smashing—your life comrade.
- Someone out there, who smiled and hugged me is one of the most beautiful people in the world. Why not join her. Happy valentines.
- All the girls in Life Sci 2. Happy Valentines. I think you're all beautiful.
- I met her outside Miss World, she helped me to understand. Thanks and love to the stunning and powerful oboe player.
- To the girl who said I was human, I wish I could love you. Some of us just do not learn how to.
- Be mine Justice—Cathy, the horny nurse!
- J—Love and mounds of kisses—HF (well....)
- Pussycat says widemouthed frogs are best.
- Balding adolescent says 'will you be mine' to skinny blond female, over the top of loud 'music'.
- HV to a geriatric from JJ.

## FOR SALE

- Dinner Suit 38" chest, 32" waist; not exactly haute couture but still wearable. Martin S Taylor I4518 or 223 1105.
- Fiat 128, N, MoT Dec 84, vgc, £320. O Loukes 937 3898.

- Excellent ten speed bike, alloy chain set, quick release, mud guards, plus U Lock, only £75. Contact Jacob 904 8936.
- Icelandic (Down) sleeping bag, hardly used, just cleaned, £25ono. Please see E A Parfitt, Rm 57 Weeks Hall (int 4240).
- Alfa Romeo GTV, S reg, good runner, year's MoT, stereo, £750ono. 748 6337 eves.

## WANTED

- Bike. 26in wheel, straight handlebars, £20-30 range. Jane Ryder, Physics 1.
- Girl wanted to share with another girl in a mixed flat of 6 in Hamlet Gdns next year. Contact via J Wilson, Chem UG.

## PERSONAL

- Anonymous small ads will not be published.
- Steve of ICRPC shoots his load on away matches in Hampstead.
- A giggle in the hand is worth two in the Bush. Geddit?!? She did!
- R J Horne, alias Ray the Gay, alias Mr Sidney—look son, don't threaten me with the West Ham skins, they're no match for the SAS.
- Structure and Virus Geodesic Domes: Thurs 23, 1pm, Physics LT1. Nobel winner, Aaron Klug.
- SCC Full: Attendance compulsory for all SCC clubs, 6pm, Senior Common Room.
- Found on Mon 6 Feb in JCR: 1 blue scarf. Contact I Morgan, Maths 2.
- SCC Exec: Mon 20th, Green Comm Rm 1pm. Attendance compulsory for release of supplementaries.
- Helpers wanted for Carnival on March 2, free entry, drink. Names to Horace in the Union Office asap.
- Big Dong ME3 Happy 21st.
- Advance warning: New improved Carnival with extra Horace. March 2nd (fortnight today). Don't be away that weekend.
- Jo: are you also a horny nurse; if not how much alcohol does it take?
- FELIX needs spacefillers!
- Here's a spacefiller. JJ.
- Whatever happened to the banana custard!

- Are you finding this mechanics lecture a positive plane brain-stain?
- Avoid another St Valentine's Day Massacre. Vote Mike 'Scarface' Ibbas for Life Sciences Dep Rep if you value your knee caps. See you in the Bot Zoo on Tues or else.
- Ann—which 'side' do you prefer—'South' or 'White'.
- To the person wearing a Guildscarf with 'GAB' in green pen on the label. You have been warned. Return peacefully to Gabby EE3.
- The Four Horsemen are back with a vengeance, Python of Hamlet beware!
- Will the pervert(s) who deprived a teddy-bear of his black suspender belt during Field Cup, please return it asap, c/o EE 'S' letter-racks. Thanks.
- Gary. You were frog fantastic!
- Greetings; Dear Onion, from Rat.
- 11 pints?? Mmm Hmmm!
- Tired of religious week—come and practice ritual sacrifice of plastic cups with Civ Eng.
- Wanted: Dead or Very Dead Andy Priestly—Reward from Civ Eng 1—For crimes involving alcohol.
- Steve (Physics 3)—Sorry if you were a bit Harrised—Capt L.
- Wanted: Articles for the next Spanner—write or run for it, the press gang is out.
- To NMS: Watch me swim. EML.
- Warning Cigarettes can cause pneumonia!
- Caution—Cigarette smoking can seriously dampen your hair.
- Ely: 'Fly me phelgm' Flemish Nose: 'OK Ja!'
- If anyone catches Aidon Jennery smoking they should pour 1/2pt of water over him. By his order. He's trying to give up smoking. (Signed Phestersoc)
- Kate: will you be my armpit tonight?
- Sarah: bleach will clean your lab coat, but not your desires; Tricky-Dicky.
- Laurence! You ARE the last of the red hot lovers.
- Willis Wallies' Ladies XV, prepare to meet Death, Holbein Animal's XV.
- J invites naked ape to an orgy; any horny nurses also invited.

- Budding Philippino artist requires nude model for extra-curricular activities. Phone FJ on int 3245 or apply in person to Ci/ Eng Rm 301. Salary negotiable.
- Bassmobiles beware: once again komrads the WDC controls the transmitting device.
- What have Putney CND and 2 Selwood Place got in common?
- Roland the Rat says Hello to Rentokil, and wishes to deny any connection with the death of Kevin the Mouse.
- Fremantle darts team wishes to thank Linstead for the game and would the next victims please contact Mike Grimshaw, Mining letter-racks.
- Carpet tiles fixed to floors expertly. Top quality Evostick used. Apply Linstead D6.
- Q: Why are aeronautical engineers grass? A: They both grow in Battersea Park.

## UROP

The members of staff below are currently able to take students on the Undergraduate Research Opportunities Programme; students interested should contact them direct.

**Prof P Bradshaw FRS, E459 Aero**  
Experimental and computational work on turbulent flow and development of instrumentation for wind tunnel measurements; includes use of microcomputers for calculations and data acquisition.

**Dr M J Lee, 704 Elec Eng**  
Thin film deposition and measurement for electronic applications.

**Prof W J Albery, 545 Chem**  
Electro-chemical sensors including work on enzyme, membrane and packed-bed electrodes.

**Dr S H Perry, 325 Civ Eng**  
Concrete technology research; model work (bridges, floating breakwaters, etc). North Sea technology, loading of concrete, computer applications.

**Dr J O Dolly, 404 Biochem**  
Molecular neurobiology; elucidation of the molecular mechanism for release of neurotransmitters from nerve terminals.



# SCIENCE FICTION 101

## THE SCIENCE FICTION SOCIETY STRIKES BACK

*'David stepped back, afraid. He put his hand to his mouth and felt the slippery wetness of blood. She laughed and said 'Do you want to kiss me again?' She smiled and he saw the glint of steel. He stepped back away from the naked girl and vomited. Her body, a moment ago so smooth in the act of love, remoulded itself subtly and changed in colour so that when he looked up he screamed...'* People's introduction to Science Fiction often follows such lines late on Saturday evenings in front of the TV as the horror double bill plays itself out. Others would identify such serials as *Dr Who* and *Star Trek* as their childhood indoctrination into the field. While not many people would consider themselves as SF buffs there are few people who have not come into contact with this most misrepresented field of art, writing and social comment.

Science Fiction has returned to the cinema in a big way recently. *Star Wars* came as a welcome relief from the violent bloodthirsty films that were the vogue in the late 70s. However, many true SF fans feel that George Lucas has done more to plunge SF back to the dark ages of the so called Golden Age than any other man on earth. They feel that the *Star Wars* trilogy is space opera at its worst, and the only thing which redeems it from the old *Buck Rodgers* serials is the spectacular special effects. It seems that audiences welcome naiveté as a relief from this so complex of worlds, when SF should be exploring our degradation, exposing it, presenting a mirror disguised as fiction to make the pill easier to swallow. Reality for some is *Eraserhead* or *Slaughterhouse Five*. The fiction of these films is closer to the world we live in than the superficial science fiction like *Buck Rodgers in the 21st Century* or *Battlestar Galactica*. Even so science fiction still has a niche for gadgets and hardware used to support and enhance a film, as achieved in *Brainstorm*. Here the plight of an individual pitted against the corporation is explored to excellent effect, and made all the more enjoyable by the subtle use of special effects. Perhaps one of the most exciting areas of the SF film industry is the graduation of computer graphics to the cinema screen. *Tron*, unfortunately suffered from the Disney Corporation's wooden plot handling. Rumours of Cal Tech's *The Works* have been knocking around for years though when this mammoth computer animation film will be released remains unknown.

While celluloid SF is in the limelight at the moment, the written word has always been more important to SF buffs. The mind is easier and cheaper to manipulate than Hollywood. Unfortunately the literature has suffered due to the misconception in the good old days that to write science fiction you needed to be a scientist rather than a writer. As a result SF books used to contain one or two 'interesting ideas' (like robots or space travel or something equally as crass), a semblance of a plot and some kind of message (like communism is a very bad thing really). Their contribution to the literary field however was absolutely zero.

A valiant attempt to break out of the confines of the traditional structure of the 'novel' was made by a group of young 'avant-garde' SF authors during the 60s. Most notable among them was Sam Delaney, Michael Moorcock and Harlan Ellison. Much of the writing was based on the drug counter culture flourishing at the time. Unfortunately the experiment was less than successful, and most powerfully exemplified by Aldiss's almost unreadable *Barefoot in the Head*. Thus it comes to pass that only one in ten SF novels are worth reading, which is sad.

But every so often writers will emerge who decide to write science fiction. Such as Chris Priest, one of the new generation of authors fascinated by the distortion of perception of the human mind as illustrated in *A Dream of Wessex*. Then there is Brian Aldiss, famous for his cheap sexual novels (call £1.50 cheap?—Ed) set during the

second world war, but who is really a SF author. The man is completely inconsistent as any good artist should be. Read *Equator* and then *Helliconia Spring*, the only book with a planet as the major protagonist and Aldiss' first venture onto the trilogy bandwagon.

Then there is that worst prostitution of all, the sequel. What could follow *2001* or *Dune* or *Ringworld*—only poor substitutes, and each is—much as I found *Lord of the Rings* an over-long and pretentiously boring sequel to that most charming of first books, the *Hobbit*.

Even so, something which saves SF from ever reaching the depths of the *Penguin Classics Series* is its sense of humour and its ability to make fun of itself. And this is, I believe, where the power of the genre lies. *Bill, the Galactic Hero*, by Aldiss, is hilarious, but at the same time makes a powerful point. It is reality by deception and Douglas Adams is probably having hysterics at our expense. Anyone who has seen *Darkstar* knows insanity can be fun, and the *Rocky Horror Show* exemplifies the role of the transvestite in modern society.....

## ΨΦ

SF Soc is one of the biggest in College mainly due to the popularity of the films shown at that hallowed venue, Mech Eng 220. For example next week we are showing *Flesh Gordon* on Tuesday at 6:30pm. Perhaps less well known is the SF Soc library, where books are available on indefinite loan to any member and all the books mentioned on this page can (probably) be found. The society produces an annual magazine, *NME*, now in its fifth issue. This magazine has seen the downfall of many an up and coming writer and artist (myself included), whereas *Section 10*, the unofficial magazine of the Soc, is a decidedly more serious production.

### PICO-CON (Saturday 18 February)

Pico-con is an attempt by IC Science Fiction Society to pull together some of the more disparate threads of the most diverse field of art and literature into one place for a short time. It will span the profound and the ridiculous, include that which is both serious and silly, and should be very entertaining. As with all cons we have an author or two who will present a formal talk and be around to chat to those interested. There are video games and videos, the staple diet of modern man, apparently. Various other diversions will be available and members of the committee will be around to tell you why this is just the very best society in College, and why I tend to get a bit pretentious when given the opportunity to write on the subject of Science Fiction.

### Schedule

time	event
12:00	Registration
12:30	Video No 1: <i>Thunderbirds Six</i>
2:00	Charades: <i>The Beccon committee are acknowledged masters of this game but have yet to beat Imperial.</i>
3:00	John Cowrie: <i>Renowned SF personality and witty speaker.</i>
4:00	<i>Star Wars: the movie (video).</i>
5:30-7:00	Dinner
7:00	David Langford: <i>Author of several books; Laser Beam Weapons (non-fiction) and the SF novel Space Eaters. A veteran of many conventions—having got a first from Oxford what else could he do.</i>
8:00	<i>Young Frankenstein (video).</i>
9:30	<i>Call My Bluff: We make up the clues so we should win this one.</i>
10:30	<i>Poltergeist (video).</i>

The bar is open throughout the convention!



# SCARFACE



**Scarface (Empire, Leicester Sq)** is one of those rare films that will attract both film buffs and the average punter. It is similar to the original 1930's *Scarface*, but now concerns drug-dealers in sunny Florida and not the molls and gangsters like Al Capone of gloomy Chicago. On the surface the film tells the traditional story of the rise and fall of a man blasting his way into his share of the American Dream. Beneath, however, there is a subtle examination of the mobster's personality and the society that permits his type to flourish.

The prevailing mood of *Scarface* is cynicism. Everyone is out for themselves, as President Carter grins inanely on. In 1979 Castro released many of the worst criminals in his jails and mixed them up with the 125,000 Cuban refugees then being allowed by a liberal US regime to sail to Florida and join their relatives. Tony Montana (Al Pacino) is one of these criminals. He is soon involved in drug-trafficking, proving his worth in a horrific scene when he and his best friend are captured by a rival gang. Montana refuses to reveal where his consignment of cocaine is stored, even as the friend is being sliced up with a chain saw, like the Sunday roast.

This scene sets the tone of the film—it is violent, explicit and apocalyptic in its vision of a totally corrupt society in which Montana excels. 'All I have in this life is my balls and my word, and I don't break them for anyone.'

*Scarface* is extraordinarily violent, but it is a quality film in its skilful unravelling of several themes in parallel through the plot's steady progression in extremes. The film studies the disintegration of a man, and the motivations beneath his fragile and vicious personality. Throughout the action Montana strives for a 'normal' family life. He wants his mother and sister with him, he wants a wife, he wants children, in a kind of sentimental Latino manner reminiscent of 'The Godfather'. It is this spark of humanity, his love for children, that is his undoing. It also destroys his sister, for whom Montana's

incestuous protective love is as pathological as his need for power and success.

Al Pacino is a small output, high quality actor, and it shows. He is superb—dynamic and full of menace. The Cuban-American dialect is sometimes rather hard to understand and the film is long at 2½ hours, but *Scarface* is still the best film I've seen in a long time. The seats at the Empire are excellent and in 120mm the final orgy of destruction and Montana's spectacular downfall leave you stunned. When you finally stagger out into the grey daylight of Leicester Square, the machine gun fire still ringing in your ears, reality can seem a let-down at first. But then you feel relieved that real life isn't like *Scarface*. At least, not yet.

**Star 80 (Warner West End)** is worth seeing for one main reason: Mariel Hemingway. As her murderer says in one of his first lines: 'She is beautiful.' It was love at first sight for me. Unfortunately I can't say the same about the film.

Dorothy Stratten, Playboy's Playmate of the Year 1980, was murdered by her insanely possessive husband. The plot is based on their story, and is reasonably attractive, with a variation on the theme of Hollywood Sex-Symbol destroyed by the 'Tinsel Town'.

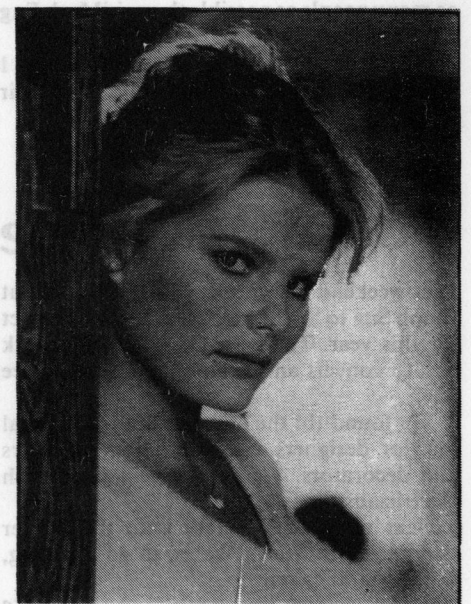
Dorothy is 'discovered' by a seedy character called Paul. At first she is incredibly naive, but she learns to cope with all the pressures of the glamour world and becomes an actress. Paul is terrified of being left behind, and remaining the loser he was before he met Dorothy. He persuades Dorothy to marry him, when she doesn't know any better. 'The guy has the personality of a pimp,' advises Dorothy's father figure Playboy boss, 'Get rid of him.' 'But he's changed those awful clothes he used to wear!' cries Dorothy. 'He dresses smartly now!'

*Star 80* is spoiled by its documentary format (similar to that in *Zelig*). We are told from the first that Dorothy has been murdered and that her husband did it. The interest therefore focuses on why he did it. Then

throughout the plot are splattered a series of 'interviews' with people who knew Dorothy—these invariably reveal what is going to happen next. The whole film therefore becomes just a case-study, crippled by interruptions for talk and analysis. It lacks emotional punch or many moments of tension, because for long periods your concern for the fate of the characters isn't stimulated, whatever else is stimulated by all the naked flesh spread liberally throughout the film to get the '18' rating. If we could have followed the slow cracking-up of Dorothy's husband by sticking to the skill of actor, as in *Scarface* and leaving out the analysis, this film might have been good. I suspect *Star 80's* main attraction, like *Cat People* with Natassia Kinski, will be Mariel Hemingway, who looks good and acts well. The film itself was a shambles.

**Lianna (Screen on the Hill; Screen, Baker St)** is another rare film—one that strikes a balance between the ghetto of 'gay' cinema (whose supporters are often as limited and prejudiced as those they complain about) and the superficial sex-ploiting Hollywood efforts like *Personal Best* that merely titillate and pretend to be daring. *Lianna* is partly about the development of a lesbian relationship and the various responses of one woman's friends, husband and children. More importantly, it is about self-discovery. Lianna is a 'normal' housewife, caring for her self-satisfied husband and her children, living in a day-to-day dream. Her affair with Ruth destroys all this, and Lianna has to learn to face up to herself and cope with being alone, no longer emotionally paralysed and dependent on her family. Gay cinema would move into slogans and pretentious philosophies, but the director John Sayles keeps the story in real life. Lianna has a hard time of it, but she copes. The film is attractive because of its calmness and the feeling it puts over that this sort of thing could happen to any of us, that is, how people respond to drastic changes in their lives; without self-pity and a surprising amount of humour.

Tony Atkins



Mariel Hemingway





All this weekend we are overhauling Jez. The main work to be done is on the pump—turn up outside the garage in old clothes if you want a diploma in advanced fire engine maintenance.

Also this weekend, after the papers for the top five posts come down is the production of the manifesto issue of *Broadsheet* in the office on Sunday.

Next Thursday is the Hustings UGM at 1:00pm in Chem LTB. This is important because you will be electing those people on Monday week to spend £10,000 of the Union's money. So, if you are interested in the survival of RCSU and *all* its clubs come along and ask nasty questions to see how much megalomaniacs know!

Also coming up in the new future is the Rag Race—see me about what that involves and the Swimming Gala, which this year we intend to stuff the others. So, if you are at all capable of keeping your head above water for fifteen seconds or more do not waste any time in chasing down the chief coach—Eric Darbyshire to persuade him to let you race—one restriction: you must not be in Swimming Club!

Finally, I should mention the Rag Week (Pt 2) which is crawling closer and closer. Keep your eyes open for this one; it's a biggie!

Don't forget: Chem LTB, 1:00pm Thurs 23.

Dave P the VP



Tonight, Friday, we have the event for those of you who are of a more lazy disposition—yes a Tap Crawl in the Three Kings, near West Kensington tube. You sit in a nice warm pub all evening and work your way from one end of the bar to the other.

Tomorrow, Sat 18, we are all going to Cambridge to, amongst other things, sell Rag Mags. We are leaving from the Guilds Office at 9:00am.

On Tuesday, 21, there is a UGM so we need as many people as possible there, ie Mech Eng 220, by 1:00pm.

Don't forget the CCU swimming gala on 1 March. Anyone interested should send their names to the Guilds Union Office.

## Scout & Guide

Last weekend we went to Silwell Park Scout Camp Site to 'do our bit': our Service Project for this year. This year our voluntary work was to convert an old storehouse to a coffee bar.

We found tht the club has many potential interior designers and some good painters and decorators. We even have several Irish electricians.

Next weekend (17 Feb) is to the Gower Peninsula of South Wales, to go climbing, walking and caving.

Spike

## Iolanthe—not to be missed!

It is very easy to produce a Gilbert and Sullivan opera if you are content to let it conform to the same old formula that has been used for the last hundred years. The result is a staid, lacklustre production that would be dull if it weren't for the brilliance of Gilbert's words and Sullivan's music.

But from the very start of Opsoc's production of *Iolanthe*, it was obvious that they have *not* been content to conform. Their performance is highly original, innovative and has a polished sparkle rarely seen in amateur companies.

The key to this success is enthusiasm. The cast obviously enjoy themselves very much; the male chorus playing upper-class twits sipping champagne; the female chorus scantily clad fawning over the male chorus.

All the male principals sang very well—

deserving of particular mention were Richard Cartmale who sang Tolloller, and Lord Chancellor Paget for his notoriously difficult patter song. Amongst the ladies, Jenny Foster shone as Phyllis.

The choral singing was always good and well supported by the orchestra. Singers and orchestra were skilfully conducted by Robin Fountain.

The performance was marred by two groups. The audience (who didn't start to respond to the humour of the show until the last half hour) and the front of house lighting crew (whose comments were audible).

In short I recommend *Iolanthe* unreservedly to anyone. The last two performances are tonight and tomorrow, 7:30pm in the Concert Hall, Union Building. Tickets £1.50 (students).

David Rowe

## OSC

The Overseas Students Committee will be holding its elections on Thursday 23 Feb. A nominations list has been put up on the Union noticeboard in the Union Building. All posts are open for nomination. It is vital that all overseas students take part in the elections since the OSC represents the overseas students at the Union, and looks after their affairs.

## JSoc

Well, there are a number of interesting speakers appearing here this week, starting with Ephraim Potash, who will be speaking tonight at the fortnightly Friday Night Meal on 'A System of Psychology in Judaism'. (See 'What's On').

Next week is Israel Week at IC and in honour of this there will be two speakers, firstly Israel Medad on 21 Feb, who is a member of the Knesset for the Likud Party; and on 23 Feb Adele Pevlov, who will be speaking on 'Everything you ever wanted to know about Israel but were afraid to ask' which should be quite revealing and also informative. These events will both be at 1:15pm in the Union Dining Hall.

For more information contact Laurence Gergel, Maths 2 or follow the girl wearing dazzling fluorescent socks—that is I.

## UROP

If you wish to get involved in the UROP scheme then you should get hold of the UROP Directory, which is available from your department, or Prof J C Anderson, EE714. It lists the names of staff offering to take UROP students and describes their research.

Up to date information of programmes is included in the small ads each week and next week more details will be given of the scheme.

## Dramsoc

Peter Shaffer is most famous for his play 'A Man For All Seasons'. Yet he has also written some of the best, recent British comedy including 'Black Comedy'. In this play, Shaffer combines some of the best aspects of comedy—an element of farce, some witty one-lines and the ubiquitous homosexual.

Boyfriend and fiancé are preparing to meet her father-in-law for the first time together. With a flat furnished by furniture borrowed from his neighbour without his permission the evening starts faltering—and the lights fuse. The neighbour returns with hilarious results. This play is really not to be missed. It is showing on Wednesday and Thursday, February 22 and 23 at 8:00pm in the Union Concert Hall. Entrance £1, on the door.

## Debsoc

This Tuesday at 1:00pm in the Union SCR (1st floor of the Union Building), we are holding a debate on a religious theme. The Christian societies have a large number of members so we are providing an opportunity for believers and atheists to argue the point. The full motion is 'This House Believes that there is enough evidence for thinking man to believe that God exists'. Everyone is welcome, whatever your opinion.

## Jazz

The Jazz Club is back!! Can you sing or play an instrument or compose? Do you want to form any sort of group. If the answer to either of these questions is 'yes' then get in touch with me (Peter Snowdon, Physics 1) or Neil Buchingham, Chem Eng 2, or leave your name and department and instrument(s) played on the list provided in the Union Office. If you are already in a group but need somewhere to practice, joining the Jazz Club would allow you to use the Jazz Room and SCAB PA.





# Camborne Weekend

by Tim Williams

Last weekend saw the annual ritual of the Bottle Match Weekend—the most sacred event in the RSM calendar. Nearly a quarter of the student strength of RSM made the epic pilgrimage to Cornwall in a fleet of coaches, the journey of a lifetime, an event for all the family.

It is traditional for the squash team to pave the way to victory by blowing their match and our brave sacrificial lambs were duly slaughtered half an hour off the coaches. In two thrilling fourth and fifth strings (threads?) matches we gloriously snatched a single point to their fifty four. The thirds and seconds put up stiffer resistance but the tour de force was reserved for our first string (rope?) who went down in the fifth game tie break.

Now it was the turn of the ladies, in the Camborne club bar. Provoked beyond endurance by the ungentlemanly conduct of the President of Camborne School of Mines, one of our female supporters feinted with the left, ducked and weaved and went in with a powerful one two combination. At the bell RSM took the bout by a knockout and a submission; CSM could only respond with a banning order from the bar. The crowd loved it. When the news of the insult to our honour was flashed to the rugby team hotel, there were ugly scenes.

Saturday morning saw the RSM hockey club in action, continuing a match that had started the night before in the pubs of Camborne. The hangovers were largely forgotten as we took to the field with the local bookies quoting even money. The unfamiliarity of the all-weather pitch caused many problems for the RSM defence with CSM making rapid breaks to test our goalie. Even intense RSM pressure had failed to bend the



*The Bottle in the Union Bar*

rigging by half time but early in the second CSM broke away to score despite the gallant, nay heroic, efforts of the defence. RSM were robbed minutes later by the umpire's misinterpretation of the rule book when we were awarded a short corner for a penalty flick offence, and again later when their keeper blatantly sat on the ball in the D. Is there no justice—we finished second at the final whistle. The RSM soccer team were next to take the field to defend the cup we won last year. On a pitch sited on the side of a mountain, and in a howling gale, conditions were not good. We elected to play towards the summit in the second half and during the course of a gritty and hard fought game put the ball in the net twice, but, oh shit—once it was our own goal.

And then to the Bottle Match. This is the second most venerable varsity match in the calendar and it seemed that half of Cornwall turned out to watch—not an inch of touchline to spare. But RSM supporters, outnumbered and surrounded by opposition kept up a

steady roar of vocal barrage throughout the game to pound the defenders.

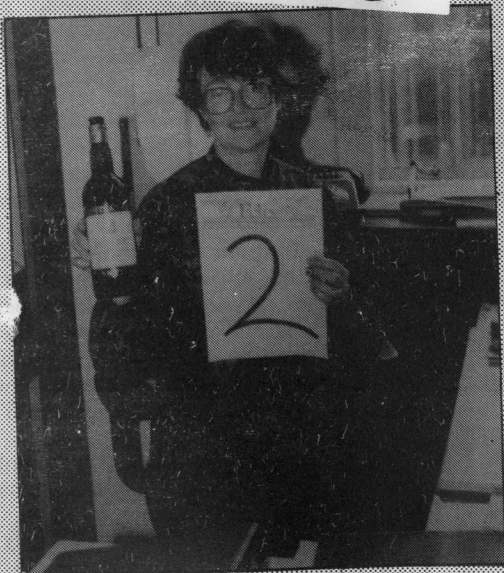
The match started at a muscle cracking pace and it was clear that this was to be the survival of the fittest. The RSM pack held together well under heavy pressure until the breakthrough came with a brilliantly intercepted pass by the RSM wing threequarter who never looked like being caught as he ran seventy metres to score by the posts. The full back Kevin Douglas had a magnificent game and converted the try with ease, only to produce a superb individual try himself before half time with a catch on the RSM 22, a wearing run, a kick a head and chase to score in the corner. Ten nil at half time and the pressure was really on CSM to fight back into the game.

They were worthy opponents and for ten minutes attacked the RSM line ruthlessly but solid defence kept them out and then a beautifully worked back row move from the pack had CSM groping as the backs went over for another try. In the final minute, the icing on the cake—a nicely worked move down the backs and back again, deft passing and solid support gave RSM a fourth try. From the touchline Douglas booted it over to leave us with a memorable twenty nil victory. CSM played well and hard but never capitalised on their penalties or made any really exciting moves.

But this was above all a team effort, with every man on the field at peak performance: the hard work and dedication of the whole club throughout the season had borne fruit. Our pack held theirs solidly under pressure and eventually dominated. They gave good clean ball to the backs who never looked stoppable. The tackling was effective and fearless—altogether an excellent team at its best. The match was televised and we hope to get a copy of the video recording for public exhibition.

So the bottle is back where it belongs in the Union Bar, and if you thought RSM have been noisy this year, you ain't seen nothing yet.

## BINGO



- Union Administrator Mrs Jen Hardy-Smith is renowned for her good taste in dry sherry and Dayvilles' ice cream.
- However, few people know about the good taste she shows in bingo.
- She only plays FELIX Bingo, because she's going for the weekend for two in Amsterdam courtesy of STA.
- Accommodation is in the Cok Hotel, an ideal base for visits to the Rijksmuseum, the red light district, the windmills and all the other world famous attractions of Holland and Amsterdam.
- Make sure that if you have the winning number on your ULU card, you come to the FELIX Office by 4pm this afternoon with your ULU card.
- In the event of more than one person winning, the winner will be drawn from a hat and the winner's name will be posted on the FELIX Office door by 5pm this evening.
- Don't give up if you haven't won this week, as the competition could run for another one or two weeks yet.

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Lots of reports this week, most of them conforming to the guideline and amusing. (Well, sort of, anyway.) So the wankers who wrote that pathetic letter can PISS OFF.

No articles have yet been chucked into the bin as I don't agree with that bit of the guideline. One or two clubs have winged about their articles being cut. They might like to notice that their reports have gone in and badminton reports haven't recently.

The ACC meeting is on Tuesday 21 February at 5:45pm in the Lower Refectory.

## Basketball



Thinks 'what the hell's the point in writing a longish report when good ol' Sports Ed will chop it?' Space for hilarious Sports Ed comment: ( -Sports Ed)

So here it is.

Dear Felixmyicecreamilllickhis

BRC potentially excellent stop Burks only bring three good players stop IC drafts in yet more yanks to boast team stop even scoring till juice time stop 39-48 up stop start second burst away stop 7 mins 26 up stop blow it when those (of us) who've been pulling bench splinters out of arses get a go stop Arnest decline stop near ton stop Robert Jones 30 stop (American star) stop El big return match vs QMC last Wednesday stop full stop stop Unstop where the bending moments are all the British players anyway? Stop really full stop stop

Luv n Dunks Super Splintered Hog (er...don't sports matches very occasionally have things called results attached to the end of them? -Sports Ed)

## Judo



London 1 Lesser Universities 0  
Last weekend at Crystal Palace, in the British Universities competitions, London convincingly crushed all 'opposition', ending with a 4-0 victory against Manchester in the final. A particularly impressive performance was given by our own Mark Smith, who won all his contests, and picked up 30 points towards his black belt into the bargain. This leaves him with only 1 more point to get!

Perhaps the best performance of the weekend was that of Tim Binding, in the individual competition. He beat many opponents, most of whom were graded higher than he was (including several black belts) and it took a British young international to rob him of gold.

In the area competition, it took the might of Scotland, a sprained shoulder, a fractured fibular and a dubious referee's decision to stop London taking the double.

On the whole, an impressive weekend's Judo.

## Coarse Rugby

Willis Jackson 26 Southwell 0

The date: Sunday 29 Feb. The place: Harlington. Thirty students, mostly still suffering from Saturday night, take the field. They are watched by a crowd estimated at almost twelve. An hour and a half later they collapse on the ground, looking considerably worse for wear and gasping for cigarettes. What passed inbetween is less easy to describe.

Willis Jackson, fielding a substantially more experienced side, started as favourites, and this was reflected in the final score. They had much more possession, and dominated more of the forward play, particularly in the scrums. Southwell, however, were probably the fitter side and were unlucky not to score several times as they were always dangerous on the beak. The Southwell forwards are rucked well, and their strong front now managed to disrupt the otherwise dominant Willy-J scrummaging on a couple of occasions, causing problems for one inexperienced prop.

Both sets of backs put together some promising moves, more of which could have resulted in tries, but for a lack of match practice.

Consistent Willis Jackson pressure paid off, however, and five tries were run in, three of which were converted. Try-scorers were Ian Pennington (2), Lee Morton (2), and Mark Turnbull.

Speculation is now rising as to who Willis Jackson are to play next: Holbein? IC 1st XV? London Scottish? France? (At the time of writing most of the side are in Paris to arrange the game. The rest of us are waiting for our invitations to tour with the British Lions.)

To finish, I should like to pass on our thanks to Southwell House for a very hard, clean and sporting match.

## Hyde Park Relay

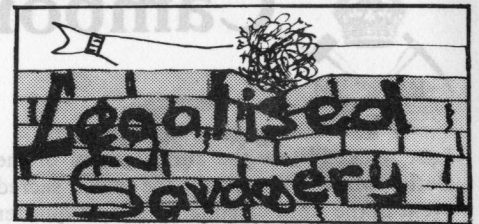
2:30pm Rotten Row

Saturday 25 February

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Just, after the war Cross Country Club held its first middle distance relay in Hyde Park. Today the 6 x 3 mile course around the Serpentine forms the most prestigious student relay event in the country with all the top athletic universities and colleges competing. Dave Moorcroft Sebastian Coe and Hugh Jones have all competed in past years and have all held the course record in their time. (Current record: Hugh Jones 13:06). This year the man to look out for is undoubtedly Steve Harris from Borough Rd who has already earned himself an international vest at 5000m. So if you want to see some talent (over 40 womens teams) and over 100men's teams (ladies) be there next Saturday.

Nigel Fenwick  
Organiser



## Inter-Residence Football Cup

An Inter-Residence football knock-out cup has been organised. Sixteen teams representing nearly all of Imperial's halls of residence and students' houses entered the cup and although some teams had some difficulties in getting 11 players on the pitch and others in getting a pitch once they had the players because of the bad weather the first round matches were completed on Sunday 12 Feb.

All matches were played in friendly atmosphere and the results are given below. Doug with the quarter-finals draw.

We hope that the final will be played early in the summer term and that this competition will become an annual event as it is evident that all participating teams are enjoying themselves so far.

Ron Wiggins & Christos Christou  
Organisers

All the matches in the first round of the knock out cup have now been played and the results are as follows:

Garden Hall 3 Linstead 2nd XI 4

Selkirk Hall BYE

Tizard Hall BYE

Hamlet Gdns 1st XI 7 Southwell Hse 1

Willis Jackson 6 Hamlet Gdns 2nd XI 0

Linstead 1st XI 7 Beit Hall 1

Fremantle Hotel 5 Mining House 9

Falmouth/Keogh 3 Holbein Hse 1

The draw for the quarter final is:

Selkirk vs Linstead 2nd XI

Tizard vs Hamlet Gdns 1st XI

Willis Jackson vs Linstead 1st XI

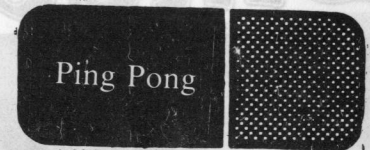
Mining Hse vs Falmouth/Keogh

Matches to be played by Sun 4 March.

Good luck.

Ron Wiggins

## Ping Pong



Pretty quiet week. Team 1 didn't play. Team 3 won again. Team 4 almost played (one of them did) and I don't know about Team 5.

Seriously, the only reportable game was Team 3's. They played at 1 Mech E and beat them, despite Geoff Parsons turning up late (for valid reasons) and having to play all his games in a row. The recent league table shows that the present run of wins has put team 3 second in Division 4.

Team 4 should have played but since only one team member turned up (sorry Steve) there is nothing to report.

PS: What are these guidelines everybody's raving about?



## Badminton



Badminton reports return at last after two weeks of me leaving them out in fairness to other clubs. What a hero. A lot of things have happened since then. Our Knockout Cup team trampled all over QEC and are now in the final against Kings.

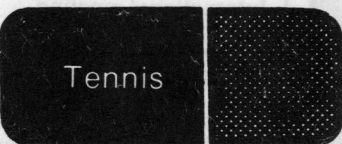
Mens 1 need to win all their remaining matches to win the league as do Mens 2 and Mens 3. This should be no great task, however.

The Ladies are destined to finish near the bottom of their league, despite having the strongest team on paper. The trouble is it's totally impossible to get them in the same place at the same time unless the place sells alcohol.

Mixed 1 have lost twice to Kings, but should finish second and might win if Kings slip up.

Mixed 2 had to beat Kings and Guys to win the league. Guys chickened out of playing us, but Kings beat our out of form team 5-4. We should finish second in the league barring the unlikely possibility of us not beating RHC 9-0 in our final game.

## Tennis



## IC2nds 0 Loughborough 2nds 9

After last year's comprehensive 9-0 victory over Loughborough the IC team were pretty confident about this return crunch game.

It wasn't long before the lack of organisation became apparent only five out of our six players were present so Christian and John Sierris went to get Sean Weir out of bed.

There's no need for any real comments on the game itself as I think the score is a fair indication of the incompetence shown by the IC team. One thing to note is that at least John, Pete, Sean and myself managed to keep our horrific performances and embarrassment confined to the grounds of IC. Mike Shepherd saw fit to book a court on Hyde Park and partnered by Mark McBride managed to give disappointing (although that's not really the word I'm looking for) performances to the whole of central London.

The only satisfaction gained out of this game was the thought that the Loughborough team must have been up at 8:00am on a Sunday morning to be here for 11:30.

If you think you can do better and have the qualifications required to be in the IC 2nd team ie you can recognise a racket (but don't necessarily know which end to hold) then your presence would be welcomed on a Wednesday afternoon at 1:00pm on Linstead tennis courts.

My apologies to Christian for mentioning his name in this report as he played no part in this pathetic performance, he and the first team should have been playing up at Loughborough but that's another story.

## Football



## Cup Semi-Final IC III 2 UC IV 1

—Now UC them, then you stuff them!

The combined delights of a good pitch, a fair ref and the welcome return of Anton Milner inspired IC to cup victory at Colliers Wood on Saturday.

Understandably, nerves dominated the first hectic twenty minutes during which UC were unlucky not to score as Paul Simpson lived up to his reputation as the most improved keeper in IC with several spectacular saves.

However, having cleverly allowed UC to run themselves stupid and get depressive about their finishing, the IC midfield machine of Snedker, Milner, Wadsworth and Whitehead then began to get to grips with the game. Shortly after the break IC finally unlocked the UC defence with their secret weapon. Captain Chris Gordon stormed up field from his usual sedentary position in central defence, exchanged a 'one-two' with Milner and laid on the chance for Dave Wadsworth who converted effortlessly with a cunningly disguised short (miskick).

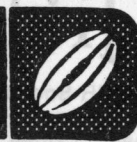
An intense period of IC pressure followed, during which Torsten's goal was disallowed. The pressure finally paid off when Steve Coussens, about to squander his second good chance of the game had the ball clumsily handballed away from him. Tension mounted again but Anton, cool as a cucumber, aimed his penalty low, hard, left and scored in the top right-hand corner. Further conversational structuralism from Mark within earshot of the ref all but earned him his second booking of the week but further drama ensued as both Wadsworth (scythed) and Milner (seizing up with old age) became substitution candidates.

Substitute Horse in fact came on three minutes into injury time and saw UC score the obligatory consolation goal. In the absence of a team list I would like to praise the solid defensive work of Bryce Goldsbrough, Dave Kellend, John Barden and also Dave Keene who came along to watch and ended up running the line.

PS: I'm sorry the report's a bit vague but I was still pissed when I wrote it.

—Flash

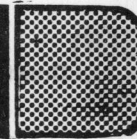
## Rugby



IC ran onto the pitch full of energy and will to win, but after realising how big the opposition was, they soon realised that a difficult match was ahead. Sidcup had a well drilled pack of forwards (most about 16 stones) and in the first half, breaks by their backs led to two tries. Although the game was played in a friendly atmosphere the second half saw the departure of four players due to injury (two persons each side), but although they never looked like overhauling the opposition IC remained persistent and after some good work in the forwards followed by some penetrating running in the backs, they were unlucky not to salvage some points from the game.

After the match, due to Capital buses keeping up their usual standards IC had to leave just as the opposition were buying them a jug, so James Rymer was left to polish it off on his own—hope you enjoyed it James.

## Rifle and Pistol



## - IC 660 Kings 703

Once upon a time there were 4 IC pistol shooters were ventured up to Oxford with 4 Kings' pistol shooters. Their aims? To destroy the wicked Oxford University team (for a second time).

But behold there was a new member on the Oxford team. A wicked witch, who wore a short leather dress and fish net tights. She cast a spell over most of the London team (the male part). We were powerless, and lost (by 13 points).

Once upon another time (Wed 8) 4 IC pistol shooters battled with 4 Kings pistol shooters at IC's range. Careful pre-match analysis and strategy suggested a close contest. It wasn't. We were wiped.

Our star shooter (from Physics 3) shot like a Wally. We now believe the Kings team must have nobbled him (ar.d the rest of our team for that matter!).

Top score from IC was by Miss N J Hallows, the rest of the team wish to remain anonymous.





## friday

**1230h JCR Socialist Soc bookstall.** Books, info and Campaign Coffee.

**1230h** JCR **BUNAC.** Info on your summer vacation in the USA and Canada. Air fares paid!

**1245h** meet Beit Arch **Vegsoc Lunch** at RCA.

**1255h** Union Concert Hall **Islamic Society Friday prayers.**

**1800h** 60 Albert Ct Prince Consort Rd **Jewish Society Friday Meal** with speaker Ephraim Potash.

**1815h** 53 Princes Gate Opp Mech Eng **ICCU:** Beresford Job speaking on 'The Apologetics of St Paul'.

**1830h** Three Kings West Ken **Guilds Tap Crawl.** Meet Union Bar 1830h.

**2000h** IC Radio **Pete Coleman** presents an in-depth look at what's on around College and South Ken in 'Viewpoint'.

## saturday

**0900h** Guilds Office **Guilds Rag Mag trip** to Cambridge. Meet Guilds Office 0900h with railcard.

**1030h** Jez Garage **RCS Motor Club** fire engine maintenance. Major overhaul on pump.

**1230h** The Log Cabin (next door to Northfields tube station) **Acton Venture Club** for physically and mentally handicapped and deprived children. Travelling expenses paid by ICCAG.

**2000h** Lounge Lizards **Ents gig: Jazawaki.** People - have remarked lately on Ents Chairman Andy Owens tendency for booking bands with a female singer. To show that he is neither sexist nor instrumentalist this week he has booked with a band with 6 woman instrumentalists as well. Jazawaki are their name and jazz/swing is their game.

**0900h** Meet Beit Arch **IC Nigeria Soc** Visit to Cambridge. £3 per head.

## tuesday

**1230h** Room 231 Chemistry **Catholic mass and lunch.** All welcome.

**1230h** Union Upper Lounge **Audio Soc Record Club.**

**T1230h** Rm 606 Elec Eng **Pimlico Connection 'Pay As You Eat' lunch.**

**1245h** Grem Comm Rm **WIST & Anti-Apartheid joint meeting** with speaker and slideshow on South African Women's Year.

**1300h** Upper Lounge Southside **Riding Club** meeting.

**1300h** Southside Upper Lounge **Boardsailing Club** meeting.

**1300h** Union SCR **Debsoc:** 'There is enough evidence for thinking man to believe God exists'. All welcome—believers and atheists.

**1300h** Mec Eng 220 **Guilds UGM.**

**1315h** Union Dining Hall **Jewish Society:** Israel Medad, of the Knesset. Part of Israel Week.

**1330h** Read Theatre **The Strangers next door: 3.** The Science Museum with Dame Margaret Weston.

**1330h** Pippard Theatre **Technology and Arms Control: 1.** Technology and Armament Process with Mary Kaldor. (Arranged by the Science Policy Research Unit, Sussex.)

**1730h** Brown Committee Room (top floor Union Building) **Amnesty International** meeting.

**1800h** SCR Beit Bldg **Wine Tasting Soc:** English Tasting. Mr Carr-Taylor will be bringing some of his own 'home brewed' wine. Will also include a taste of his 6mth old 1983 wines.

**1815h** Min Geol LT **Society of Exploration Geophysicists lecture** with Shell International Petroleum Co Ltd 'The Geophysical Development of the Cormorant Field'.

**1830h** Union Gym **Judo Practice.** Membership £2.25; Practice fee 50p. Good punch-up for anyone from beginner to black belt.

**1830h** Mech Eng 220 **Sci Fi Soc film:** Flesh Gordan. Is your sex life on a downer? Are you frustrated? And if not why not? Anyway, *come* along to the film and put everything straight. 80p non-members, 40p members.

**1900h** Sheffield SCR **Wine Tasting Soc's** annual dinner at 1930h. Limited number of tickets still available until 1730h today.

**1930h** JCR **Beginners Dance** class.

**2100-2300h** IC Radio **The 'Aids Show'** with Aidan Dye, including new Top 40 at 2130h.



## sunday

**0800-1200(noon)** IC Radio Wake up to the 'Voice of Blackburn' himself, Andy Cave.

**0930h** meet Beit Arch **Cycling Club fun run.** Pace suitable for beginners. If your bike is in good condition come along with some money for lunch.

**1000h** Consort Gallery, Sheffield **WLC Communion Service.** Coffee will be served after the service.

**1300h** SCR **Wargames Club** hack and slag meeting.

**lunch** RCSU Office **Production of Broadsheet.** Putting together manifesto issue—any articles/letters, etc welcome before Saturday (ie today) to Broadsheet, c/o RCSU Southside.

**1800h** More Hse 53 Cromwell Rd **Catholic Mass** followed by bar supper and talk on 'Nuclear Issue' by Mgr Bruce Kent, guaranteed to be a very authoritative and controversial discussion. All welcome. Talk starts at 1930h.

**2100-2300h** IC Radio **Russell Hickman** 'A unique blend of noise'.

## monday

**1230h** above Southside Bar **Hang Gliding Club** meeting.

**1245h** meet Beit Arch **Vegsoc lunch** at RCA.

**1245h** Bot/Zoo Comm Rm **Yacht Club** meeting.

**1245h** Above Stan's Bar **Waterski meeting.** sign up for Wednesday's trip. New members welcome.

**1930h** JCR **Intermediate Dance Class.** 50p.

**1930h** Union Crush Bar **Real Ale Society** meeting.

**1930h** Elec Eng Rm 408 **Wellsoc:** Parapsychology: sceptics and scientists. If you were at Wellsoc last Monday you will know about parapsychology. This week Harry Collins of Bath University argues against the existence of *telepathic powers*. He can only entertain you if you come along!

**2000-2100h** IC Radio **Beatles Hour** with Pete Coleman.



wednesday

**1235h** ICCAG Office (top of Union Building) **Jobbersquad**. Use your talent for others.

**1245h** Mech Eng Foyer **ICCAG** talking to and helping geriatric patients at St Pancras Hospital.

**1245h** Huxley 340 **UNSOC** speaker and video from Minority Rights Group-Video is called 'Dying of Shame' and is about the hundreds of Arab women who are killed in order to preserve their families' 'honour'.

**1300h** Senior Common Room **War Games** meeting.

**1310h** basement 9 Princes Gdns **Islamic Soc** Quranic Circle.

**1330h** meet Beit Arch **Cycling Club** training run (30-40 miles).

**1400h** Rm 401 RSM **Micro-computer club**. Membership £2.

**1430h** Dramsoc Storeroom **Dramsoc Workshop**.

ICDS PRESENTS

**BLACK COMEDY**  
BY PETER SHAFFER  
WED & THU 22/8 OF FEBRUARY  
UNION CONCERT HALL 8.00 PM £1

**1830h** Southside Upper Lounge **S&G trip** to Toad Hall. Names asap.

**1930h** JCR **Beginners** Dance Class

**2000h** Concert Hall **Dramsoc** present Peter Shaffer's hilarious 'Black Comedy'. Certain to tickle the ribs it involves a nervous boyfriend, his fiancé, her father and the neighbour—a Liverpoolian poof. Tickets £1. Showing again on Thurs 23 Feb.

**2300-0100h** IC Radto's own **One Man Bay of Pigs** with Martin Smith.

thursday

**1200h** JCR **Letter writing to MPs** protesting about education cuts.

**1230h** Union Upper Lounge **Audio Soc** record club.

**1300h** Elec Eng 408 **Overseas Students Committee Elections**

**1300h** Southside Upper Lounge **Balloon Club** meeting.

**1300h** Physics LT1 **Mathematical and Physical Soc** lecture 'Virus Geometry' with Aaron Klug of Cambridge (Nobel Laureate). Entrance by membership (instant membership £1 at door).

**1300h** Green Committee Room **SF Soc** library meeting.

**1330h** Music Room 53 Princes Gate **The Bochmann Quartet** in a lunch hour concert.

**1300h** Chemistry LTB **RCSU Hustings UGM**. Come and point out candidates faults—make sure they know how to run RCSU next year. (Voting 27 Feb, Results UGM 28 Feb).

**1315h** Union Dining Hall **J-Soc** talk 'Everything you ever wanted to know about Israel but were afraid to ask'. Speaker: Adele Pevlov.

**1730h** Aero 254 **Gliding Club** meeting.

**1900h** Union Gym **Judo Practice**. Practice fee 50p.

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**2000-2100h** IC Radio **Aidan Kirkpartrick's Old Record Club**.

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**Management of Student Residences**

**Sky high rents! Reduced services! No Penthouse flats!**

An open meeting on the future of student residences will be held at 1:30pm on Thursday 23 February in the Read Lecture Theatre, Sherfield Building. College Secretary John Smith will explain the background to the statement recently issued on the management of student residence and answer any questions on it.

**SOUTHSIDE BAR**

week commencing 26 February for 7 days

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Also: we require a disc jockey for our regular Friday night discos.





## Residences

As a result of pressure from the Students Union, College Secretary John Smith is holding an open meeting next Thursday in the Read Lecture Theatre, Sherfield, next week to explain College's reason for implementing the policy on *The Management of Student Residences*. The policy document is the end result of the *Report on Student Residence at the College* by John Lauwerys, published last year. At the moment student residences receive an effective subsidy from central College funds. The residence account does not have to bear the cost of external maintenance, redecoration, the messenger system and administrative costs. The aim of the policy is to identify these costs and shift them to the residence account. The College hope the residence account can bear the burden of these costs through the Summer Lettings Scheme when residences are let out to tourists during the summer. The tourist trade can fluctuate and if these costs cannot be met over the summer its going to mean large rent increases for students well above the annual grant increase or a drastic reduction in services and the maintenance of residences.

The need for efficiency is clear, however the proposals are I feel a false economy. Accommodation is one of the prime factors a prospective student considers when he decides which university to come to. The more talented students are usually able to pick and choose which university they go to. Imperial College is certainly going to lose out if students see that it offers the most expensive and inadequate accomodation around.

The importance of the meeting on Thursday cannot be over emphasised. It is not about porn, or Nicaragua, it is about an issue which affects you directly—the place you live in and the rent you pay for it. It is essential that students make their opinions felt in an attempt to effect some change in the policy.

## Elections

If election candidates want publicity in time for papers down (next Friday 5:30pm), camera-ready artwork must be submitted to the FELIX Office by Tuesday 10:00am. (This means any phototype-setting required must be submitted today.) Elections committee have decided that printing of all publicity is restricted to the FELIX Office and the Union Office (for Gestetners). This means no badges, photocopying, dyelines etc. I understand that a candidate has appealed against the decision and Elections Committee are meeting today to review that policy.

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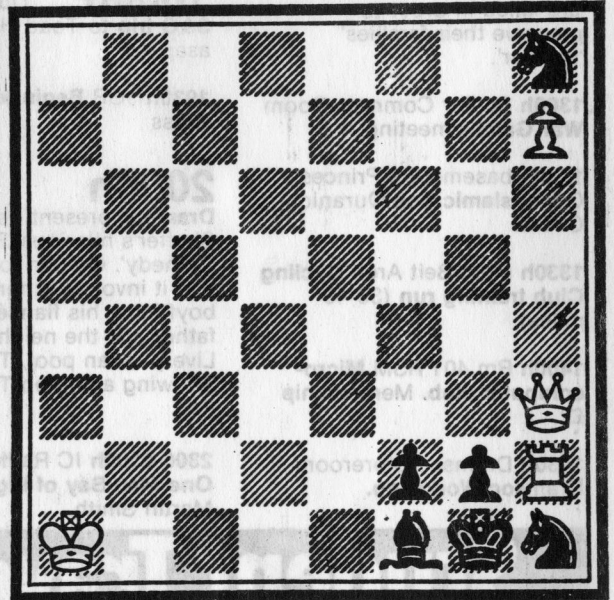


# ULYSSES

In response to several requests, this week's puzzle is a chess one for which I am once more indebted to Anatoly. It is not so difficult that only chess experts can solve it, so even if you don't know too much about chess, you may still be able to work it out.

The problem is for White to move and win.

Good luck, everyone.



Solutions, criticisms, comments to me at the FELIX Office by 1:00pm on Wednesday please. £5 from Mend-a-Bike for the randomly selected winner.

### Last week's solution

This was fairly easy. If you write out all the possible combinations, you will find that there are nine, knowing that Alan took at least one shield. With each statement you can eliminate combinations, eg you can eliminate the combination '1, 4, 5, 6' after Barry's first statement, because it is the only combination where he takes four. If you repeat this process for the whole conversation, only two combinations remain after Barry's second statement, namely 1, 3, 5, 7 and 1, 3, 4, 8. Since you are given that Chris took two more shields than Barry, the only combination which satisfies is therefore 1, 3, 5, 7.

Of twenty correct solutions, Chris Dunn of Maths 1 was the randomly selected winner and can collect his £5 cheque courtesy of Mend-a-Bike from the FELIX Office after 1:30pm on Monday.

Many thanks to whoever it was who dropped a crossword into my box during the week. Could they please give me a name or pseudonym sometime. Thanks also to Sharpshooter for the football puzzle as well; I'd be grateful if s/he could get in touch again.