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NEWSPAPER OF IMPERIAL COLLEGE UNION

## ALL TALK, NO PROMISES

John Smith, College Secretary, yesterday refused to give any guarantee that student rent increases would not exceed grant increases. He was speaking at an open meeting called to discuss the policy laid out in his recently issued notice on the management of student residence. It was also revealed at the meeting that whilst Mr Smith had had some reservations about putting staff wardens back in the Southside penthouse flats (as reported in last week's FELIX), he has now been overruled by the Rector who has decided the extra wardens will definitely be appointed.

Mr Smith in his opening remarks laid great emphasis on the College's commitment to increase the number of places in residence. He pointed out that the total number of places had nearly doubled whilst he had been College Secretary, and he wished to see further increases.

A large number of questions were asked by the audience, which included many people involved in residence such as wardens, sub-wardens, head tenancy managers, finance personnel and the entire Student Services Office staff. Union President Gaynor Lewis asked about the implications for student rents of the new policies, and asked for assurances from Mr Smith. He was unable to give any guarantee about rents, but he said he did not think the policies

would necessarily lead to large rent increases.

Several questioners referred to the security patrols in Princes Gardens, the cost of which is to be transferred to the residence account. Mr Smith believed the cost of this would effectively be covered by an increase in vacation lettings income, and that anyway it should be for the residence community to decide the level of security they require and to pay for it. He claimed that any future reduction in the subsidies would be dependant upon the improved performance of the summer lettings scheme, and would not occur if the vacation income did not increase to cover their withdrawal.

He was questioned about the need for a Managing Surveyor (Residences) to oversee

maintenance and cleaning of residences. In the most forceful of his answers he emphasised that residence was 'big business' with a £2m turnover, and that it was essential to have a proper management structure rather than the present ad hoc situation. He felt that the appointment would also enable wardens to concentrate more on the social and pastoral aspects of their job which he saw as particularly desirable because of the low level of social intercourse between staff and students compared with ten to twenty years ago.

The proposed appointment of a staff warden in Evelyn Gardens was also mentioned. Mr Smith said the College's policy was to appoint such a warden if more houses were acquired in the area. It was felt that the appointment would be necessary to provide continuity in relations with the neighbours as the student wardens usually remain in the job for only two years.

He was able to answer all questions about the new residence policy in a reassuring



John Smith

manner without giving any guarantees or closing any of his options for the futures. Clearly, as an exercise in allaying anxieties without restricting his room for manoeuvre the meeting could be considered as something of a success for Mr Smith. However, senior Union officers present at the meeting still appeared sceptical about Mr Smith's good intentions when interviewed after the meeting by FELIX. The reality of the matter will perhaps be revealed in a clearer light after the announcement of next year's rent increases, expected in May.



Ian Thomas

## Beauty and the Beast

The RCS Hustings UGM took place yesterday amid controversy surrounding the presidential election. One of the candidates, Ann Collins, has complained that she was not notified of the deadline for submission of manifestos for inclusion in RCS Broadsheet. However, the Broadsheet Editor, Simon Banton, claims that he personally informed Miss Collins of the deadline, and that the deadline was well publicised. There is one other candidate for RCS President, Ian Thomas.

The meeting heard hustings speeches from Miss Collins, presently the Chemistry Dep Rep and Mr Thomas, RCS Transport Officer. Miss Collins criticised RCS for failing to provide for more than a small minority of its members. Mr Thomas was confident that with a wide experience of RCSU over three years he was the best candidate.

Hustings were also held for the post of Vice-President. The candidates were Sean Davis, presently ICU Hon Sec, and Simon Banton, Broadsheet Editor. The Hon Sec post was unopposed with the election of Paul Bloomfield being ratified by the meeting.

Election for the two contested posts will take place by paper ballot in all RCS departments on Monday. Ballot boxes will be open from 9:30am to 5:30pm and you will need a Unioncard to vote.



Ann Collins

## Lock Again

Dear Pallab

With reference to my letter of two weeks ago and the subsequent replies, I believe the public nature of my criticisms of Simon Banton were justified since as an RCSU official he holds a public position and since his letter appeared in *London Student* it was a public event.

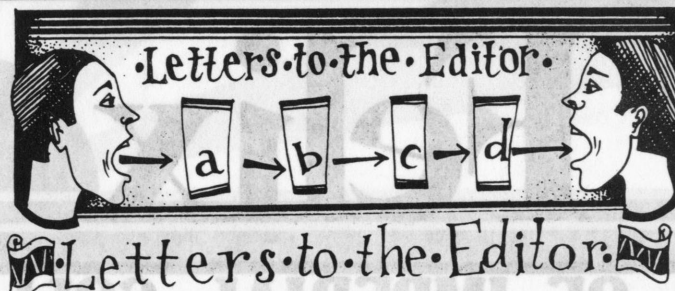
Simon was not actually being mis-represented and if the article was full of mistakes a letter complaining at the abundance of mistakes would have made more sense to the readers than one simply listing the errors.

I think the letter was an example of what has often struck me about the mascoteers—that is, that they take the whole business much too seriously. They begin to think that details, like the consistency of Mary, actually matter and forget to treat the whole thing as a joke—it is this mentality which smacks of mindlessness (like football hooligans who forget that it is just a game). I have no objection to mascotry in principle, as a combination of fun and money-raising for charity. Incidentally, I hope all IC students will have as much time for charities when they are earning large salaries and also will give politics the attention it deserves as they become rather influential members of society.

As a member of Ents and entertainments organiser in my hall of residence, I am fairly well acquainted with the problems of laying on events in Imperial. As for being rejected by my peers, I am not aware that this is the case. Actually, I get the impression RCSU has been rejected by most of my peers. I don't think that this is a happy situation but I think the explanation that this is down purely to the apathy of RCS students, while leaving RCSU conveniently blameless, is incorrect. They have been positively turned off by what they have seen by RCSU.

I went to the first RCS UGM and discovered it was primarily a dart throwing event—spontaneous lunacy is funny, but organised lunacy is a bore, and so are its participants. As for *Broadsheet*, I read through the first two editions of in-jokes before giving up—it just wasn't worth the effort to read through it.

However, I will admit that Simon may well be as much an



obnoxious hack as I am an 'apathetic non-entity', although I wasn't the only one around him who cringed as he discovered his letter in *London Student*.

Yours sincerely  
Dave 'Bullshit' Lock  
Physics 1

## Broadsheet Conspiracy

Dear Pallab

Just a note to everybody who read last Monday's edition of *Broadsheet* and might be wondering why I did not submit a manifesto for RCSU President.

I have never at any time received notification of anything to do with manifestos. I have never even been told that I was able to submit one, let alone told the closing date. On Sunday evening (the papers came down the previous Friday) I went to the RCSU Office to ask about this and was told that *Broadsheet* had already been printed and I was too late. Most of the RCSU officers present found it difficult to hide their smirks.

Considering that RCSU's frequent answer to criticism is 'get involved and change things' I find it incredible that they make it so difficult for 'outsiders' to do just that.

My manifesto has been distributed separately for anyone who is interested.

Yours  
Ann Collins

Candidate for RCSU President  
Dear Sir

I would like to take this opportunity to explain my apparent indifference and apathy concerning my proposal of Ann Collins for RCSU President.

The reason that I didn't submit a proposal manifesto for this week's *Broadsheet* is that it was never mentioned to me, neither written nor verbally. When I made enquiries about it last Monday morning I was told that it had been mentioned in the 'What's On' section in last week's edition of *FELIX*. As I was away for the entire weekend, not returning until after the copy deadline on Sunday evening, I

was unable to submit an article.

Anyone who has missed the Hustings (held yesterday), please see Ann or myself for any questions concerning her manifesto.

Yours  
Lee Evans

PS: Whoever writes the *Broadsheet* 'Vicious Rumours' department may like to apply for a post as a reporter with *London Student*: Ann lived in Falmouth-Keogh last year and has never been out with Karl Schmidt!

## Ann Collins Conspiracy

Dear Pallab

As a point of information, I should like to explain that all candidates for the RCSU elections were notified personally of the copy deadline for the manifestos edition of *Broadsheet*.

In addition to this, it was printed in 'What's On' in last week's *FELIX* (no 667) that all manifestos had to be submitted, at the latest on Saturday 18 Feb.

It seems to me that any serious candidate would have made the effort to find this out well in advance instead of leaving it too late and then whining about a supposed conspiracy.

Yours sincerely  
Ian Thomas

## The Letter College Wouldn't Publish

Dear Pallab

Enclosed is a letter to all the staff of Imperial that administration thought unfit to publish in the *Gazette*.

Would you do us the service of publishing it in *FELIX*. Show *FIDO* that you do provide news and comments in a responsible and objective manner.

The College's budget for wages and salaries is a fixed amount.

Any additional money requested by us can only be met by reducing the money available for claims made by ASTEMS, AUT and NALGO. Therefore we are asking you if NUPE could have the first bite of the cake.

In the past, we have been the last section of employees to settle our wage claims. We have been unable to negotiate from a position of strength because only the crumbs of the cake were left—and what was left was simply too small an amount to support our 469 workers.

Since our wages are so low, members of NUPE have left College employment, or would not fill vacant posts leaving 385 of us (as at 1/7/83) to do their duties as well as our own. The result has been prowlers on the College premises, loss of personal belongings and disagreements over duties. If you help us now, we in turn would be more alert, caring and able to help you when you needed our support.

In the financial year 1982/3, the total cost of staff (1,713) in ASTEMS, AUT and NALGO was £25,097,562 (£14,651.23 per head). In the same period the cost of the Cleaning, Manual and Ancillary workers (385) was £2,120,856 (£5,508.71 per head). For this money our members had to work long, arduous hours throughout the whole seven days and nights of the week.

This year more than any other, NUPE is fighting for a substantial increase in pay as a measure towards the abolition of low pay and the establishment of a basic rate equivalent to two-thirds the national average, currently £99.47 per week (source NES April 1983, updated by index of average earnings October 1983, published 14 December 1983).

Would you please respond to our call by inundating Mr Mellor (Asst Personnel Secretary), Sherfield Building, with your support for our cause.

E A Wheeler  
NUPE Branch Treasurer

## Thanks!

Dear Pallab

This is just a short note from the SF Soc committee thanking you for the help you and *FELIX* gave our society during the organisation of our Picocon event. It was a great help to us and the con wouldn't have worked without it. The event was a great success overall and people enjoyed themselves. Thanks to everyone else who helped, you're all pan-galactic hyperbeings.

Eoin McConnell  
on behalf of SF Soc

## Ladies Rugby reveal all on TV tonight!



IC's Ladies Rugby team are once more making the national media. Their form both on the field and in the after-match bath can be seen this week on the *Six O'Clock Show* on LWT.

IC's girls beat QMC Ladies team 8 points to 4 in a match played last week at Harlington. Then they played a seven-a-side match against a team of IC men, the B2s, drawing four all. The action was recorded by cameras from the light-hearted magazine programme, who were invited along by IC Ladies' captain Maribell Anderson.

After the games the thirty ladies retired to the extremely large bath in the changing rooms. Their modesty suitably protected by large quantities of foam the TV cameras were allowed in to interview them. A few of the men present were invited to join them in the bath, but for some reason they all declined the offer!

## Estates Cock up Pipe in Refectory Fiasco

The Estates Office at IC received criticism from the Refectories Section this week after installing a new pipe in the kitchen in Southside Refectory, running from floor to ceiling.

When plans for the pipe were first drawn up, Mr Mooney insisted that a three-sided wooden shield be placed around the pipe to prevent contamination of the kitchen area. Estates agreed and installed the large wooden duct taking up more

than thirty square feet of floor space.

They then put in the nine inch red pipe—some distance outside the wooden duct!

There are, at present, no plans to remove the redundant wooden duct. The siting of the pipe is such that refectory staff are obliged to ram it with their trolleys as they pass.

*(If anyone knows of any good Estates fiascos please send them to me via the FELIX Office—Ed.)*

## God Exists—Official

IC students decided, by only a small majority, that God exists. At a Debsoc debate on Tuesday an attentive audience heard Andrew Pettman propose that there was enough evidence to believe that God exists. Chris Barton vigorously opposed the motion, suggesting that belief in

God was merely the result of some people's insecurity, he did not however include himself in this group. After a series of questions, and several interruptions in Chris Barton's summing-up, the motion was narrowly carried.

## Elections—the Writing is on the Wall

The Union elections committee has withdrawn its ban on outside printing of publicity for the sabbatical elections. The committee had decided that all printing had to be done on FELIX or Union Office equipment, as reported in last week's FELIX. After complaints from a number of candidates that they had been given insufficient notice of this decision, the committee withdrew the ruling.

The ruling was designed to prevent the recurrence of the situation last year when a candidate had high quality posters printed at an outside printers but produced only an

extremely modest receipt (*disgraceful!—Ed*). The elections committee still intends to be strict in its enforcement of election expenses, which it has set at £50.

The committee has also decided that votes marked with an X will not be counted, only those with the regulation 1 by the candidate of first choice will count.

Nominations for the four sabbatical posts close at 5:30pm today. At the time of going to press candidates had been nominated for all posts, but one post was still uncontested. The names of candidates and their manifestos will appear in next week's FELIX.

## Guilds still without Shield

The Guilds UGM on Tuesday was a rather low-key affair. There had been a rumour that visitors from University College were expected, but none of them appeared, which from their point of view was probably just as well, since Spanner and Bolt were nowhere in sight. Guilds excuse was that the car bringing the mascot to the meeting had broken down. However, it is widely believed that, fearing a mascotry raid at the sparsely attended UGM they decided not

to bring the mascot. As it turned out, the only minor disturbance was caused by a few inquisitive individuals from RCS.

Meanwhile, Guilds are still without one of their shields following the raid by UC students three weeks ago. UC Union is apparently still searching for the shield, which is believed to be in the possession of an individual student who is refusing to return it. They have agreed to pay for damage caused by the raid.

## Black Day at IC



Dramsoc's *Black Comedy*, directed by Raj Singh went down very well with enthusiastic audiences on Wednesday and Thursday night in the Union Concert Hall. *Black Comedy* is a contemporary farce by Peter Schaffer about a young sculptor who has invited a rich German millionaire to see his work, not knowing that his fiancée has invited her awful father to meet him on the same day. To complicate the plot further the lights blow and the characters are in darkness. The play was well performed by a small and talented cast and serves as an aperitif to Dramsoc's major production of *Galileo* later this term.

# LAUWERYS: TWELVE MONTHS ON

Just twelve months after the publication of the *Report on Student Residence at the College* by John Lauwerys, a number of decisions arising from its recommendations have been implemented by College Secretary John Smith in his *College Notice on the Management of Student Residence*. This seems like an appropriate time therefore to consider the background to the Lauwerys Report, the major recommendations of the Report itself, and the decisions which have been, or may soon be, taken arising from them.

## The Background to the Report

The report was commissioned by John Smith in July 1982 in the light of the financial constraints on the College caused by education cuts. At present the College effectively subsidises the residence accounts by not charging it for certain services the College provides to residence buildings, principally maintenance. This it is allowed to do under University Grants Committee (UGC) rules, which although they forbid any direct subsidy of residence do allow certain expenditure on residences, known as the 'UGC dispensations'. Despite allowing the dispensations to continue the UGC has asked universities to calculate their costs and include these as a footnote to their residence accounts. In addition it is the College's stated policy to phase out the use of the dispensations over a period of several years, so that IC calculating their cost for inclusion as footnotes is also a precursor to them being a direct charge to the residence account.

This was the starting point from which Mr Lauwerys, Senior Assistant Secretary, took up the task of writing his report, which runs to 75 pages plus appendices. It considers all aspects of residence management but is principally concerned with how the College can end the use of the UGC dispensations by making economies in expenditure from and increases in income to the residence account.

## More Residence Places

However, the first of the report's 58 recommendations is unconnected with finance, or at least with economies. He concludes that in order to maintain the ability to offer all first years who apply a place in residence the College will require an additional 125 places in College owned accommodation by October 1985. This need is principally due to the loss of places with the ending of the lease on the Fremantle Hotel next year. John Smith has accepted

this recommendation in his recent notice on student residences and the College is presently considering a number of properties for purchase. Such a purchase will, however, place additional strain on the residence account because it will have to service the loan required to buy the new property.

Much of the rest of the report is devoted to examining every aspect of residence management and making recommendations on everything from space invaders machines to the price of washing in hall laundries. These recommendations fall into two categories: the blatantly obvious and the completely crack-pot. However, this article will concentrate on the report's findings on residence finance as these are the only ones of much consequence.

## Ending the Subsidies

The report correctly identifies the competing calls on the residence account over the next few years as being: the decision to end subsidies; the need to increase the stock of accommodation; the maintenance and improvement of existing residence; and the need to keep rent increases in line with increases in student grants. The resulting recommendation gives top priority to the first two of these with a lesser priority to maintenance and no importance being attached to limiting rent increases. Lauwerys states that 'student rents will have to be increased above the levels that would be necessary merely to cover any increase in the running costs of residences.'

John Smith in his notice on student residence makes no comment other than the need to achieve a rent income to cover costs, although he does not rule out subsidies. The policy of identifying all the costs of residence and including them as footnotes to the accounts is to be implemented, and as a first step the cost of the security and messenger staff in Princes Gardens will be charged to the residence account from next year.

Mr Smith denies that decisions have already been taken on the ending of further subsidies, but it is widely believed the College will end them as soon as it feels able to.

## Making up the loss

With the increased drain on the residence account as a result of the ending of subsidies it will obviously be necessary to increase income. Over 80% of income to the residence account is from student rents during term time, the remainder being vacation rent income. The Lauwerys Report takes much space considering possible economies in residence management such as reducing the number of wardens, but besides the measures being mainly undesirable in themselves the savings which could be achieved from them are small beer indeed compared with the extent of the subsidies which are to be phased out. The value of those subsidies which are presently identified as footnotes to the accounts is about half a million pounds. The scale of the proposed savings from the Report's recommendations for economies is that of a few tens of thousands at most even if there are drastic cuts in the levels of maintenance. Ironically, some of the recommendations in the Report would actually involve new expenditure as Mr Lauwerys discovered that there are areas of residence, notably the student houses, which are already unsatisfactory.

Clearly then there will have to be a large increase in rent income if the subsidies are ended. Lauwerys pins his hopes on an increase in the vacation lettings income. He suggests an increase of 50% should be possible by better marketing of the College's residences as tourist and conference accommodation.

## Vacation Lettings

In 1982 the residence accounts benefitted by about £250,000 from vacation lettings. In 1983 this was increased to around £360,000. But there is a definite ceiling on vacation income since there are only so many rooms to be let, and the rent can only be increased above a certain level at the expense of less custom. Last year a high occupancy rate was achieved during the summer, partly due to more IC students staying in residence. At times there were literally no rooms left anywhere in College accommodation. Clearly then the scope for further increases in vacation income are limited, although something could be achieved if conference trade was increased. But the scope for extra income from vacations would only cover a fraction of the subsidies to residence that it is proposed to remove. And of course vacation income can vary greatly from year to year with the vagaries of the tourist and conference trades.

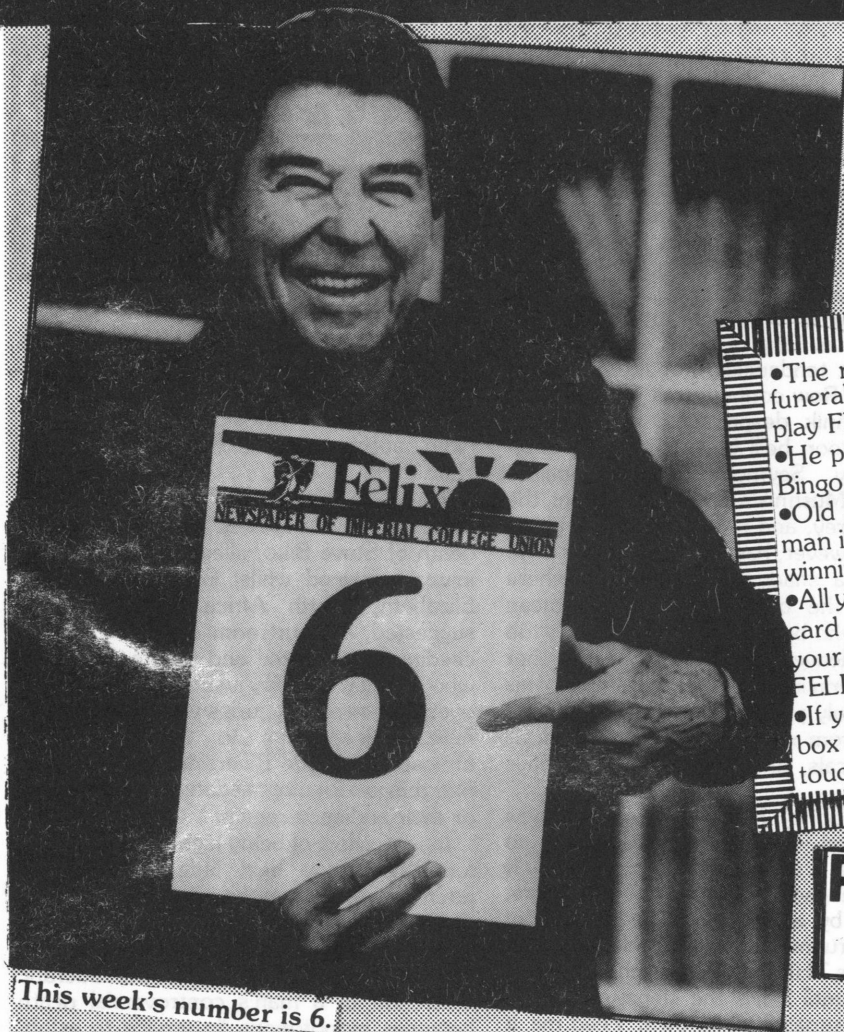
## Rent Increases

Although it is not stated explicitly, there is therefore a tacit assumption in the Lauwerys Report that student rents will have to go up faster than grants in order to phase out the present subsidies. Even if the vacation income achieved in 1982 is ultimately doubled in real terms, which seems unlikely, there would still be shortfall of around a quarter of a million pounds even if one just includes those subsidies which have already been costed. This works out as a rent increase of nearly six pounds per week for each resident in halls and houses. The College hopes to introduce such an increase slowly over a number of years, but if subsidies are to be removed then an increase of this magnitude is ultimately inevitable.

## Comment

The consequences of the College's policy of ending the subsidies to the residence account will, it seems, be very grave indeed for IC students. Accommodation is to be seen purely as a service to students which must be completely self-financing, rather than an integral and essential part of academic life. It is right that teaching and research should receive the highest priority in times of financial pressure, but this cannot be at the expense of giving other areas a zero priority. It is in the academic interest of the College to keep student rents at affordable levels—if not IC will have difficulty attracting the best students.

There is a clear need for a re-think of College priorities towards residence. We already have some of the most expensive halls anywhere, and rents have increased well ahead of grants over the past five or six years.



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## GUINNESS Living On The Edge

IN THE BEGINNING MR. SMITH SAID:

OK YOU'VE BUMS THIS IS THE LAUNDRY REPORT AND YOU ARE GOING TO OBEY IT!

AND

OF COURSE WE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW YOUR OPINIONS ON IT...

HANG ON....

LET'S SEE WHAT THIS IS ALL ABOUT

RENTS GO UP

WARDENS DO EVEN LESS

MAINTENANCE & SERVICES GO DOWN THE DRAIN

SHIT!

THE STUDENTS ARE NOT PLEASED AND MAKE SOME COMMENTS.

CHRIST! MORON! WALLY! WANKER!

ERRM... ACTION WILL BE TAKEN TO ERRM...

IF HALL IS THIS EXTENSIVE I CAN'T AFFORD TO LIVE ANYWHERE NEAR COLLEGE OR SOUTH KEN.

THE HALLS WERE BUILT TO LAST 20 YEARS - 20 YEARS AGO! IF YOU DON'T MAINTAIN THEM THEY WILL FALL DOWN!

THEY SAY THEY DON'T WANT STUDENTS IN THE PENTHOUSE FLATS SO THAT WE GET MORE INTEGRATED WITH THE STAFF?

FEWER SERVICES MEANS LOTS OF MONEY GOING TO BUILD BIG NEW "SELF-HELP" FACILITIES!

AND THEY'RE ALREADY IN TROUBLE WITH THE FIRE REGS!

MR. SMITH LISTENS CAREFULLY AND WEIGHS UP ALL THE POINTS AND GIVES THEM HIS VERY BEST CONSIDERATION

BEST SILK

GOOD THING I HAD THAT FOOL LAUNDRY'S UP FRONT TO TAKE THE BLAME FOR MY PROPOSALS

HE GOES BACK TO HIS NICE OFFICE TUM-TE-TUM...

AND DOES BUGGER ALL!

ZZZZZZ

## MASTERPIECES

BY SARAH DANIELS

Sarah Daniels' new play about the sexes is little short of brilliant. Aggravating in its inconclusiveness it raises questions which are inescapable and persistently recurrent.

Rowena is a happily married woman zealously going about her job with pardonable naivety. Her mother is very happy for her and would do anything to keep her from glimpsing the troubled marriage of her inadequate middle-aged parents. Her close friend, Yvonne, also has an unhappy marriage. She cannot relate to her husband and, catalysed by a stressful career as a woman teacher in an all-male comprehensive school she establishes a frigid wall between men and herself. Under both these influences Rowena's view of man is peeled like an onion before her eyes, her hereditary neurosis begins to break through and in a fit of anger she pushes a man who harasses her into the path of an oncoming car.

Masterpieces forces its audience to be subjective. One may argue that Rowena's actions are excusable because she is latently unbalanced, that her friends are impassive and impenetrable towards men, that her husband is immature and demanding. This is what makes it so disturbing. But each of these characters have been created, indeed overcreated in order to give every member of the audience someone to whom they can and must relate, inescapably, to the play's end.

What separates feminism and femininity in a supercivilised and over permissive society is a complete inability for people to communicate at any level. This Miss Daniels makes perfectly clear. The view, partly promoted by class, that either sex can exist independently of each other presently emphasised by major advances in medicine is absurd and nihilistic, but is sustained. The gap between the sexes is filled by the media and each must view the other through it.

Masterpieces is sparsely produced and only competently acted. Some of it is remarkably funny. Alas it only runs till early February although I hope it makes an appearance again in the not distant future. The playtext (available from Methuen for about £1) is a cheaper alternative and is money well spent for any one.

John Burgess

## Little Shop of Horrors at the Comedy Theatre.

Strange things are happening on Skid Row. There's been a total eclipse of the sun, and in Mushnik's florist shop, a curious new plant is starting to grow. And then people begin disappearing mysteriously.....

The trouble begins when Seymour the pathetic unloved dogbody of Mr Mushnik, feeds his plant Audrey II with drops of blood. But Audrey II is a man-eater and only Seymour has any inkling of Audreyll's cannibalistic tendencies. For the meantime life on Skid Row continues as normal.

Mr Mushnik despairs for his decaying business—soon he'll have to shut up shop permanently. Seymour has a hopeless passion for Mushnik's beautiful assistant, the lispng Audrey, and namesake of the plant. Audrey, however, has problems of her own. She's got a shady past; and somewhere lurking in the background, a real mean boyfriend who beats her up so bad she's too afraid to leave him. Later we see her boyfriend Orin in the leather and chains of his trade—a truly professional sadist, who gets his kicks from nitrous oxide. But, as in all good musicals, all ends well as it always should.

Little Shop of Horrors is a zany new musical and warmly recommended to anyone with a sense of humour and fun. It boasts an engaging collection of characters, supported by an energetic be-bop trio of supposed truant high school girls. But, best of the lot, is THE PLANT, which just grows an' grows until it fills the stage; and has a definite personality all its own. 'Feed me' it plaintively whines to the distraught Seymour one moment, and 'FEED ME' it deafens him with the next. Who, what, can check its growth? And if you think its a pure fiction, stop, and think again. After all, as the brightly coloured souvenir brochure tells me. The show first sprung up in New York, spreading to Los Angeles a year later and now has flung a tendril across the ocean to London. New offshoots are sprouting in the form of T-shirts, records, badges and posters.....

Claire Moss

## THE BIKO INQUEST

by Jon Blair and Norman Fenton

at the Riverside.

This is the first production at Riverside from (the) United British Artists, a collection of established actors and actresses including Glenda Jackson, John Hurt, Albert Finney (who appears here) and very recently, Harold Pinter.

The Biko Inquest is an abridged reconstruction of the 30 day trial following the death of Steve Biko, allegedly from a brain injury sustained whilst in custody at Port Elizabeth, South Africa. It is not, as suggested, a 'courtroom drama'. The proceedings are relaxed and sedate and those who seek gavel-happy justices keeping order over chic swooning juries will not find them here. Indeed, due to the inescapable atmosphere inside Riverside, the cast may find things a lot more sedate than either they or their audience require.

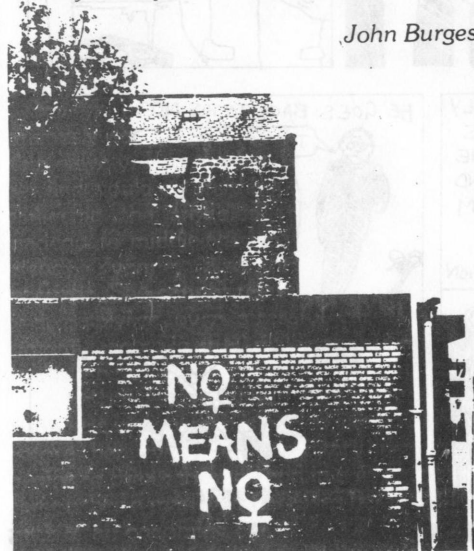
In fact, short of being highly informative, I found the play held little to keep my attention. At present the production is highly unpolished (it appears some of the cast still rely heavily on their scripts). The testaments drag and the cool-headed bureaucratic dissection of a man's controversial death becomes monotonous lip-service to established facts and frankly, a tedious bore.

The production is to be screened for Channel 4, and I dare say will improve before then, appealing more to that form of medium. In the meantime, I can only wish UBA success in this and any future drama at the Riverside.

John Burgess

(Below)

Strange goings-on in The Little Shop of Horrors.



# THEATRE



# Edinburgh Festival Fringe

During the latter part of August and early part of September artists, critics and audience flock from all over the world to take part in the Edinburgh Festival. The Festival itself consists of six components. The main international arts festival, the much publicised military tattoo, the film festival, jazz festival and book festival. However, it is the fringe festival that most people come to see. The fringe provides much freshness, innovation and originality and has become the largest and most famous aspect of this annual arts jamboree.

## Edinburgh Festival Fringe

The Fringe consists predominantly of drama, in all its forms. There are musicals, mime, children's shows, serious drama, comedy and the inevitable revues. To many, it is these revues for which the Fringe is most famous; Cambridge Footlights has been given considerable press coverage, with such famous performers as Rowan Atkinson. Other groups also do well with revues; IC Dramsoc's 1982 Tour—under the name of Artsux performed *The Wire Guided Revue* in the Fringe Club with much success. However, revues remain one of the most difficult forms of drama to perform well. After seeing London University's *Midnight Excess* one critic exclaimed '...there must be ONE funny revue on The Fringe!' Despite the difficulties and the bad reviews, half the medical schools in London can be seen, bedpans and bad jokes at the ready. Just don't fall ill during The Fringe!

While many of the revue performers are hoping to be spotted by the ubiquitous Radio 4 producers who are supposed to roam The Festival in search of script writers, others set their sights on one of *The Scotsman's* Fringe Firsts. The Scotsman is a daily newspaper printed in Edinburgh which reviews most of the Fringe shows and make 12 awards to the best productions. These awards guarantee performances outside Edinburgh, if not television coverage; many of BBC's 'Plays for Today' gained Fringe Firsts. Last year, adaptations of novels proved to be the winning formula with two different Cambridge groups gaining Firsts, one of 'Metamorphosis' based on a Kafka novel, and the other 'Circe' based on Ulysses by James Joyce. Both shows sold out very rapidly after the announcement of the awards.



With only twelve awards, the majority of groups just hope for a favourable review to boast both audiences and egos.

Most groups expect an audience of about 20 which is not many considering the effort required to produce a show.

The location of the venues is a major factor in audience attendance as well as the amount a group pay for a slot. Two major venues attract the professionals—the Assembly rooms, who boasted Shiela Steffal, Tom Robinson & Radio 4's 'Fundation', and the Circuit, which made a heavy financial loss last year. It is these venues which attract the national press (both have a number of bars open for most of the day—pure coincidence?) and hence the coverage. Yet there are a total of 130 venues, from schools, church halls to purpose built theatres used by the 494 participating groups.



## How To Get Involved

Imperial College has its own connections with The Fringe through IC Dramatic Society. Not only does Dramsoc perform regularly in College—a production of Brecht's *Galileo* is being performed in a fortnight—but, for the past three years, it has also performed at the Fringe. In 1981 Dramsoc ran its own venue and performed plays written by College members. In 1982, under the name Artsux, Dramsoc performed its own revue and two other shows. Last year, however, proved to be the most successful with the society running its own venue and performing three shows: *Between Time and Timbuktu* by Kurt Vonnegut Jr, *What do you say before you say goodbye* by Melody Shahan and a dramatic anthology of metaphysical verse.



Dramsoc's Box Office

Dramsoc's venue, which they run themselves, is situated on the west end of Princes Street and is called Theatre West End. By running their own venue, Dramsoc is able to generate sufficient funds so that its own shows can occupy prime evening slots and make use of their own, wide range of equipment. Running the venue involves much hard work by members both in attracting other groups and converting the bare church hall into a theatre.

Much of the enjoyment of going to the Fringe with Dramsoc results from the social life—from meeting other actors in the Fringe Club, drinking until 2.00am and seeing some of the other shows on the Fringe. Also, by performing alongside professional and semi-professional companies in front of an appreciative audiences is a total change from the usual college atmosphere. For both the actors and the technical people, the experience is most rewarding.

Dramsoc are now making detailed plans for their 1984 Tour and are interested in seeing anyone—whether actor, director or anyone willing to help—as soon as possible. The work for the Tour starts just after exams with rehearsals and set building taking place in London through July and August. The set-up of the venue starts mid-August with people travelling to Edinburgh by car and train. The accommodation is provided by Edinburgh University; both travel and accommodation is paid for by individuals. Dramsoc shows run for either a week or a fortnight. If you are interested in going on tour then pop up to the Dramsoc store (above ICU Office, Beit Quad) any lunchtime.

The Edinburgh Festival and Dramsoc's Tour provide a unique opportunity to see and experience the world's biggest arts festival. It is an opportunity not to be missed.

# BRUCE KENT: CHRISTIANITY AND CND

**FELIX:** Most IC students only know of your role in CND, however you were University of London chaplain at the end of the sixties. How do you think the University has changed?

**Monsignor Kent:** It's very difficult to say. The chaplaincy has definitely grown. My impression of student life as a whole is that in 1968 it was very active. Since then it has varied greatly. At the moment it seems very conservative.

**"To be involved in peace is essential if you are a Christian"**

**FELIX:** How much interest did you have in disarmament as a student at Oxford?

**Kent:** When I was a student I was totally apathetic. I did all the normal things. I didn't question the lectures I was given or challenge the structure in any way. I had no original ideas that I can remember.

**FELIX:** So when did you actually become involved in CND?

**Kent:** I was influenced by a Jesuit Archbishop, Thomas Roberts in 1963/4 and the Nigerian war of 1969/70 really made me politically aware.

**FELIX:** After joining CND how did you actually become general secretary?

**Kent:** I think CND was so pleased to find a priest who was interested that I was pushed forward to various positions and finally became a member of CND general council.

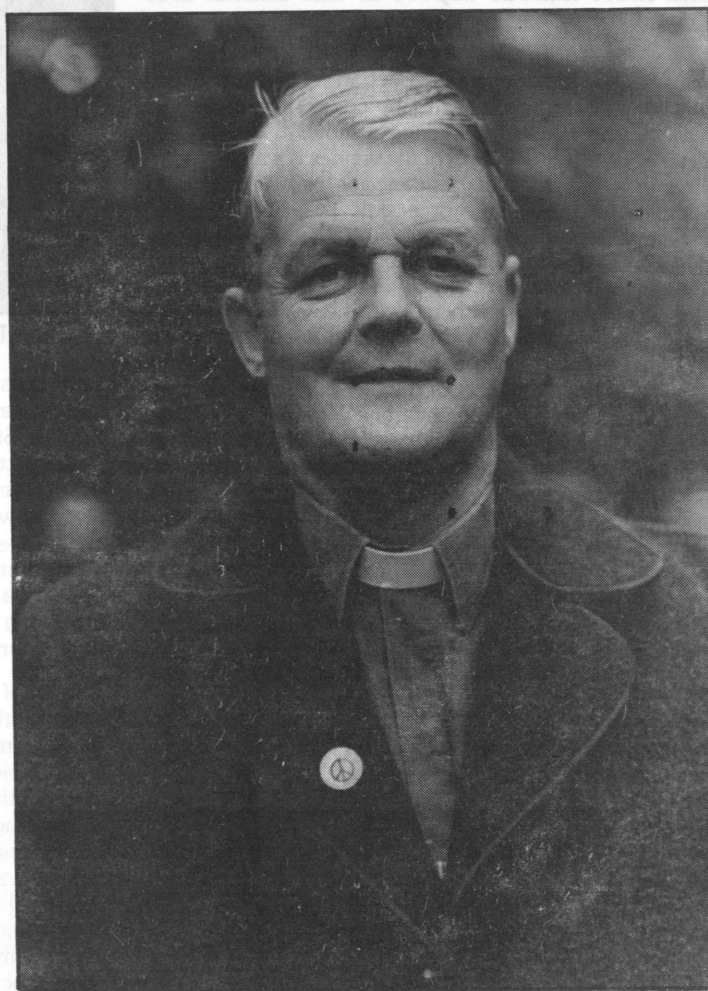
**FELIX:** Why do you think CND has regained its influence as a major national political force?

**Kent:** It was not because of me or any other member of CND, but because of outside influences such as the stupidities of the British and the American governments' new weapon systems.

**FELIX:** Do you see any conflict between being general secretary of CND and a Catholic priest?

**Kent:** Not in the slightest. I think that to be involved in peace is essential if you are a Christian. As a priest I don't think I take a party political view and I try to encourage non-violence and love.

**Monsignor Bruce Kent, General Secretary of CND has been much maligned and misrepresented by the National Press. He has been described as a subversive and a Russian agent. In a frank interview with Felix, Monsignor Kent talks about his background, how he became involved with CND and the conflicts he has faced within the Church.**



*'Don't wait for CND to do something for you. Ask yourselves what you are doing for CND.'*

**FELIX:** What actually happened last year when the papers suggested that Cardinal Hume might ask you to resign as CND General Secretary?

**Kent:** I think the Cardinal was under a lot of pressure from the Catholic Conservative groups who wanted me to go because I was upsetting things they believed in. I think he had a very difficult time. I think he behaved very generously and fairly. He has not asked me to leave CND.

**FELIX:** How long do you intend to remain involved with CND?

**Kent:** I have never thought that I would be a CND officer indefinitely. However, I hope always to be involved with CND. I have been General Secretary for almost five years and many people, both inside and outside the movement, probably think that is long enough.

**FELIX:** Do you find it a disadvantage in your work as a

priest to be a public figure?

**Kent:** It is an advantage for CND that I am well known. It is a disadvantage for me personally that I have no private life. If I go on a tube or a bus I am recognised and people talk to me. I just accept that and live with it.

**"In twenty years' time we will either have killed each other or we will have changed the structure of the world"**

**FELIX:** Looking at the world situation for the moment where do you see the world in twenty years time?

**Kent:** In twenty years time we will either have killed each other or we will have changed the structure of the world. I really mean that, because in twenty years time the new weapons will have resulted in a war.

**"Everyone must make up their own minds. I would hate to force people"**

**FELIX:** Turning to more local issues. Do you think Imperial College students should work on weapons projects?

**Kent:** That is something for the individual. Some people will decide they can't do it. I respect that very much indeed. Others have to do it because they have no other way of living. In which case they should keep on raising questions about the structure of the College, challenging MoD contracts. Everybody must make up their own minds. I would hate to force people.

**FELIX:** At Imperial, many students have signed a peace pledge. Do you think the scientists' signatures on such a pledge are an important step towards disarmament?

**Kent:** The more people of general esteem in the world who take this sort of stand the better. I would suggest that Imperial twinned with other Universities in so-called Eastern Bloc countries and got them to take the same position.



Hope you went to the Hustings UGM yesterday. Monday is voting day and you must have your IC Unioncard to vote. Results UGM is on Tuesday at 1:00pm in Chem LT B.

That night is the Results Barnight in the Union Bar from 7:00pm onwards.

Finally, the Inter-CCU swimming gala is on Thursday 1 March in the Sports Centre—so come along and watch RCSU smash the untermensch of the other CCUs.

PS: Don't forget to vote and put your deposits down for the Amsterdam Trip (postdated cheques accepted).



Well the Rag Mag trip made £257, thanks to everyone who turned out.

On Thursday 1 March there is the inter-CCU swimming gala. Anyone interested in swimming for Guilds come and sign your name in the Guilds Office. It starts at 5:30pm on Thursday so all supporters will be welcome.

On Monday 5 March we have a theatre trip to see *You Can't Take It With You* at the National Theatre. Tickets are £4.50 reduced from £10—there are only 20 tickets so hurry and sign your name in the Guilds Office—please bring a cheque as well.

Sponsors are needed, as well as people to take part, for a sponsored Firkin Pub Trip. We visit six Firkin pubs, you sponsor us per pub, and try and guess the total mileage—if you guess correct you get 5% of the takings. All proceeds go to Rag. Anyone interested in taking part should sign their name in the Guilds Office.

Finally we are still running a Table Football Competition so hurry and put your name on the chart in the Guilds Office.



After the hopefully completely zero response to the RSM 'day of inaction' yesterday, we are doing something very positive tomorrow—a street collection for Rag in the form of the 'RSM Mass Busk'. Yes, we are going to entertain all those lucky Londoners with our varied talents and collect something to boost the Rag total this year. The pewter pot in the Union Bar for the highest collector of the year is also still up for grabs. Everyone is welcome to come along and help us do our bit, meet at RSM at 9:30am tomorrow. On Sunday it is the annual mining colleges rugby sevens at Nottingham. We shall also be fielding a soccer 6 and a squash team. The usual rowdy supporters will be there yelling away and selling Rag Mags. Coaches leave RSM at 8-9am. Be there!

## Undergraduate Research Opportunities Programme

At the Education Forum meeting last week it became obvious that very few students know about the UROP scheme.

This is a College-wide scheme which allows undergraduates to participate in research either in their own or a different department. Participation is the name of the game; it is not a formal project-type activity with an examination at the end of it. You are free to join or opt out at any time—it is up to you, since you will be working in your own time.

To get into the scheme you should get hold of the UROP Directory, which is available in your departmental office, or else from Prof J C Anderson, Room 714, Elec Eng. The Directory lists the names of staff members offering to take UROP students and briefly describes their field of research. The idea is that you choose something that looks interesting and go and chat up the member of staff. If you take to each other you're in!

The amount of time you spend on your research is your affair, but the more you put in the more you get out of it. The first reaction is always 'I hardly have time to keep up with the course, never mind anything else'. Past UROP students will tell you it's surprising how much spare time you find you've got, once you get involved and interested.

Quite a few UROP research programmes lead on to a summer job and we have organised matters so that you can be paid a bursary during the summer vacation to continue working on your research. This does not attract any tax or other deductions, but won't make you rich! The money has to be found by your supervisor, but if he's keen to have you he will usually find a way of raising the necessary. There is a (very) small amount of central funding to help out and we've had a few bursaries from the Nuffield Foundation.

One thing that emerged from the discussion at the Education Forum was that UROP programme in the second year can give you a flying start for your official, formal project in the third year. But the main thing was the tremendous satisfaction and enjoyment that the active students had got out of participation.

Since our Directory is getting a little long in the tooth, we propose to run UROP small ads in FELIX each week to up-date information on the research programmes currently accepting students.

J C Anderson

This House Believes:  
**Imperial College Does Not Need**



A topical debate featuring:

**Marc-Henri Glendening**

Vice Chair, Fed. Conservative Students

And

J. Martin Taylor

Former IC External Affairs Officer



**Jane Taylor**

Nat. Sec. NUS, NUS Presidential Candidate

and Philip Nathan

Former Chairman IC Liberal Club

**Chem. Eng LT2**

**Tuesday**

**28th February**

**at 1.00pm**

**ALL WELCOME**



## Wine Tasting

Next Tuesday's tasting will be wines from the Loire Valley. This region stretches for six hundred miles westwards from Nantes, and within it there are wide variations of climate, soil and production methods. The wines are mainly white, light and have a pronounced and refreshing acidity. One of the best known Loire wines is Muscadet from Sèvre-et-Maine, a soft, very dry wine. Also from the Loire are the sparkling wines of Vouvray and Saumur, as well as the pale and piquant wines of Sancerre and Pouilly-Fumé. The tasting will be given by Oddbins, and it should be good!

## MAD MARCH II The Carnival

If you've had the courage to get within reading range of the orange posters currently lying around College you will realise that there is to be a Carnival next Friday 2 March. Rather imaginatively titled Mad March 2 this promises to be one of the best carnivals for several years.

The main attraction (no, not the late bar!) is not one, not two, but FIVE of the best new(ish) bands around at the moment. Ranging from John Peel favourites The Orson Family through to Cook da Books one of Liverpool's best new pop groups this is one of the best line-ups seen anywhere in London for quite a while. For a rather more detailed preview of the bands see the FELIX music page next week.

In addition to this there is an alternative cabaret including John Hegley and the 'Popticians' writers of some truly wonderful songs about spectacles! There is also a steel band, Jazz in the Lower Lounge and two separate discos. One of these discos will continue well into the not-so-early hours and for those feeling slightly less energetic films will be shown all night. Hopefully, the provision of toast and free coffee should enable you to keep going and stagger out into the morning. Tickets are available at £4 from the Union Office and appointed salesmen and £4.50 on the door.

Incidentally for those of you who are interested in a spot of drinking the bar will be open until 2:00 and the event is in the middle of the cheap-price promotion week.

## Sailing

vs Bristol: won 2-0  
vs Exeter: drew 1-1  
vs City: 1sts won 2-0, 2nds won 2-0

Two weeks ago the sailing team travelled to the West Country to take on teams from Bristol and Exeter at Starcross Yacht Club, Devon.

Imperial sailed Bristol first in very light conditions. Led by their skipper, Jones, the team took command of the first race from the start and finished with a convincing 1, 3, 4. In the second race, Imperial set off on the right foot giving a green to the opposition on the starting gun. Unfortunately Bristol recovered best from the mêlée at the start and at the first mark were 1st, 2nd and 3rd. Jones, obviously assisted by his thermal underwear, realised the desperation of the situation and casually roll-tacked through the entire Bristol fleet. On seeing this the Bristol team gave up and by the finish had allowed the other two Imperial boats to sail through to 3rd and 5th.

The match against Exeter was less dramatic with Imperial securing a strong 2, 3, 4 in the first race. In the second, the speed of the supposedly slower alternative helms from Exeter caught Imperial off guard and they dropped a race to the home team.

On the Sunday, Kennedy notched up a further three capsizes in the club race to take his total this term to seven.

Last weekend Imperial took two teams to Queen Mary SC to sail City University. City conceded even before the first race, and after the formality of sailing around the course in front of them had taken place, Imperial raced amongst themselves for the rest of the afternoon. Many thanks to Brunel University for lending City a rudder and tiller at such short notice so that the match could take place.

Castaways Cup (the London College's sailing championship) is being held this weekend at the Welsh Harp, where Imperial are entering two teams. Any supporters will be most welcome.

*Astrix and the ferret*

## Football

This year's ICAFC annual dinner will be held on Tuesday 13 March in the trophy room at Chelsea FC, Stamford Bridge. Subsidised price will be £9.50, including three course roast beef dinner, silver service, etc. There will be a bar extension until 1:00am. Guest speaker to be arranged. Cheques made payable to ICU ACC should be given to team captains before Wednesday 7 March.

To give us a better idea of numbers could you please add your name to the list if you intend coming to the dinner. Anybody wishing to go on the tour to Gloucester on the weekend 23-25 March please sign the list on the noticeboard, as soon as possible.

## Orienteering

On Sunday the Orienteering Club attended a classy event in Aldershot. The event had attracted many of the South's top orienteers, so the standard of competition was high.

The terrain, a military training area, was of mixed rough open land and woodland. As expected trenches, pits and earthbanks were in abundance to provide an interestingly detailed map.

Most of the men ran the premier course, with impressive overall results. The planner had provided 11.6km of mentally challenging navigation, covering the most physically demanding terrain. An added twist was a bushfire at one of the controls to be visited!

Several of the club's novices successfully completed Wayfarers courses—less demanding but still containing the essence of orienteering; challenging navigation under competition conditions.

Watch out for the red, white and blue of the Orienteering Club as a guest team at the Hyde Park Relay tomorrow!

*Punchdrunk*

## Waterskiing

The thing to remember, we found out this week, is that the important bits are the extremities. Keep those warm and the problem is cracked. By this week we hope to have arranged a discount on wetsuit socks and gloves, and there should be enough around for new members to borrow. When you're all toggled up, it's warm—*honest!*—

After tense negotiations with Moscow, Washington, oh, and ICU too, we've got the price of skiing down from £4.00 to £2.90. Not only that, but the boat has been fitted with a training bar that almost guarantees that beginners get up first go.

If you don't believe that warmth is possible at this time of year in the water, or that ten minutes behind a 240bhp boat isn't tiring, allow us to convince you otherwise. Even if you'd just like to get up first time or are into kinky rubber wetsuits, we can help!

You can arrange to come waterskiing on Wednesday by finding us above Southside Bar on Monday at 12:45pm.

## Hockey

IC Hockey 2nd XI  
IC 2nd XI hockey team sailed into the second division of the Middlesex League on Saturday. A crushing 6-0 victory for the home side ensured the team has an opportunity to enjoy a different standard of hockey next season.

Despite fielding an understrength side, positive play and accurate passing, allowed a two goal lead at half time. After the interval, concerted pressure led to three goals in as

many minutes and an excellent goal from the left wing put the icing on the cake.

Special mention should be made of centre

## Boat

### Henley Fours Head

Henley Fours Head of River proved to be a happy hunting ground for IC crews again in 1984. Having won three events there in 1983 the College crews picked up the tankards for three out of the five events entered.

The Senior Squad entered an elite coxed four as its first boat. This performed a long way below potential and striking a laboured 30 strokes per minute over the 2¼ mile course, took 11.31. It lost the section by 1 second and came fifth overall.

The senior A coxless four, hastily put together towards the end of last week, performed well to win their section. With dynamic stokerman Greg Harding striking a steady 32spm the four took 11.33 coming in sixth overall.

The Senior B coxless four won their section by a convincing ten second margin, despite Kevin Steinlechner steering the boat into the bank near the finish.

The novice also won their section by one second, whilst the women's novice four came fifth in their event, rowing well below their best.

## Rifle and Pistol

In another action-packed week down at the range, Guilds came second closely behind RCS in the inter-CCU pistol competition. Despite heroic performances by Messrs Bowser (club captain, contact via Elec Eng letter-racks), Harrison, Stewart, Williams and Ashford, the massive skill of Miss Hollows, assisted by Constantinople, Huggs, Fudge, and Marvin (the Android) Baguettes proved slightly too much. In an exclusive interview with the Rifle Club editorial board, Gluids captain Steve Harrison commented 'Sick as a pawrot, Briain.'

Ed Asford and Gareth Fones were selected to shoot for the London Counties Junior Team by accident, and demonstrated their remarkable skills by shooting well below their capabilities. However this is clearly another step up the ladder to an international shooting career.

As promised in our FELIX article some weeks ago, the 'Down the Dogs' evening has now been fully planned by our ents committee, and is scheduled for Thursday 1 March. Meet at the range at 6:30pm.

The prone rifle handicap competition is now reaching a climactic conclusion after club hotshots Fuggs and Bowser were knocked out in the semi-final. Harrison and Baguettes now meet in the final in what will be a hard fought match of nerves for these wimps. Steve is already in training for this event (or is it something else you're training for?)

# BAR PROMOTION WEEK

Next week is Bar Promotion Week. That means from Sunday 26 February to Saturday 3 March, Bitter will cost just 50p a pint, cider and lager 54p and Guinness 60p. There will be two Guest Ales—Ruddles in the Union Bar and Greene King Abbott in the Southside Bar. Also, there will be videos every night in Southside.

Bitter 50p  
Cider 54p  
Lager 54p  
Guinness 60p

Videos every night

Sunday 26

Tuesday 28

Wednesday 29

Thursday 1

Friday 2

## UNION

lunchtime free ploughmans

RCS Results Barnight  
Sports/RSM Night

Carnival

## SOUTHSIDE

eve free chilli con carne

Live Jazz'  
Pete Bignalls Big Band  
Sabbatical candidates on show  
Disco

GUEST ALES & VIDEOS every night in Southside

Union—Ruddles; Southside—Greene King Abbott

# S M A L L A D S

## FOR SALE

●Man's full length leather coat, size large, good condition. £400.00. Contact D Rashid, Civ Eng 3.

●Small free-standing washing machine (non-automatic) £400.00. Contact M Watson, Maths 2 or phone 743 1452 (eves).

●Panasonic tower system with double cassette, turntable and radio, excellent condition £1700.00. Contact A Lodi, Met 2.

●2 cheap 1st class tickets to see National Champ basketball final on Sat 17 March at Wembley. Originally £12 now only £9! Contact Sue Glover (Life Sci) at Linstead or Roberto at training.

●1 ladies cycle 'Traveller' £20. Mrs B Brady, 50 Lancaster Ct, Fulham SW6 or 736 1914 (eves).

●Buffet Evetee clarinet (black leather/plastic!) low mileage, good performance, £1000.00. Contact N J Maxwell, maths pigeons or 373 9214.

●Secondhand books, inc Mathematical Methods by G Stephenson £4.45; Elements of Pulse Circuits by Farley 30p. Come to the Mopsoc Bookstall (Physics level 2) 1:00pm Mondays or contact Leann Jones, Maths 3.

●Gents Peugeot ten speed racer bike. Includes full mudguards and lights and reflectors. Price £180 new, offered for only £75. Phone Harry 904 8936.

●Sharp VZ-3000E, a 'both sides play, linear tracking disc compo' hi-fi, with Sharp speakers. It's in wonderful condition (1yo), and has a record repeat facility—leaving your hands free for more important tasks of an evening. Only £250. Contact J Kowszun via Chem 2 letter-racks.

## LOST AND FOUND

●After the Mines barnite last Wednesday a drunken brawl developed over the Ladies Rugby Ball, which was last seen in the hands of some thug heading towards Southside. The ladies would like their ball back. Please give any details of its whereabouts to Maribel Anderson, Civ Eng 2.

●Lost: one desire, dropped (?) in Civ Eng building, if found contact Cedric.  
●2 scarves left at 71 Cromwell Rd two weeks ago—1 blue check, 1 brown for return contact M Viney, Life Sci 2.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

●Vidal Sassoon free haircut vouchers available from Jo in the Union Office.

●Willi-J challenge anyone to any sport. See Ian Pennington, Phys 1.

●Do you want your club publicising on IC Radio? If you do, contact Pete Hands, Chem Eng 1, via the letter-racks or at the station on int 3440.

●Helpers still wanted to work for part of Carnival on 2 March. Free entry, drinks. Names to Horace in the Union Office.

## WANTED

Cloakroom attendants for Easter Vac 1984. Please contact the Conference Office. Casual hours only, times varied, pay approx £1.90 per hour.

●Students Required for cleaning in Linstead and Southside Halls during the Easter vacation 26 March-18 April 1984 9am-1pm, 6 days a week. Rate of pay: £1.70 per hour (£2.55 Sat/Sun). Application forms available from: Christine O'Sullivan, Conference Office, Sheffield (on corridor to NatWest Bank). Interviews to be held during the afternoon of Wednesday 7 March 1984.

## PERSONAL

●Just when you thought it was safe to go back into the Union Building comes Mad March 2 a Horace B Limey production.

●The derliere of Kevin the Mouse requests the return of his head by Roland the Rat because he is feeling disorientated, lonely and hungry.

●The Silly Planet Gong Loony Alliance warn the Short Fat Git oppressors to watch this space.

●Latest Flash! Tree-pee does it from windowsill.

●Recipe for home: Take IN & AM simmer gently for a few weeks and then

let boil (but don't get your fingers burnt Ian or is it too late?)

●Now JM really knows effect excessive vibration has on chimney pots. But does MC?

●Is Tog's favourite game now 'Tiggy off-around' or 'Tiggy anywhere'?

●I want Miranda to know that I love her all over. NRTJ.

●Have you had any hairy experiences? Has Nige?

●Kevin, alors c'est toi le Nez Flamand (mais ton petit nez est adorable) I.

●Simon Neild—was it you or Clement Freud's dog in the picture three weeks ago?

●Begley, Binder and Hamlyn—the experts in pond accounting. Congratulations from Joe.

●Pallab—thanks very much. Jane Ryder.

●Willi-J announced their first annual Womble Hunt. Anyone interested in organising a team see Dave Willis Chem 2 or come and see us at 65 Evelyn Gdns.

●Drop the bomb; destroy us all now!—For details see the Star Captain.

●Come and practice the ancient Bradford martial art of cup smashing—details A Priestly (Civ Eng 1).

●There is a little known clause in the ICU constitution which bans hypocrisy in election publicity—the forthcoming elections are henceforth cancelled until this is removed. (Signed Hack Soc).

●Starting soon: lessons in modern plastic cup sculpture—contact Sue Peacock (Civ Eng 1).

●The Lemming is IC's first dissident hack the system won't get me (nor will the alcohol).

●Dear Enigmatic Hero oodles of cuddles. Love pomme frité.

●Dear Knick you were fabulous on Friday night. Love cheesecake.

●Dear Cheesecake: I'm stuck on you, but are you set on me? Love, Knick xx.

●P J Bradley alias Bumflap alias Josh alias Ipso aliaso Pierro the Poofter—the West Ham skins could shit on the sas.

●The contour integral around the creme egg = happy birthday uncle Barney.

●Q. When do you get more than just grapes in the Bunch? A. Field Cup night.

●The deterring file has been re-opened.

●Nice try Miranda—you'd better watch it or I will start putting in ads about you.

●Roland is dying—and the spectre of the centaur bard cooperative stalks the land once more!! AA.

## 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 L Pratt, B607 Met & Mat Sci  
Cement composites and Ceramics: the relationship between microstructure and the physical and mechanical properties of non-metallic materials especially ceramics, cements and concrete.

Dr H P Wynn & Prof A C Atkinson, 537 and 553, Maths Dept  
Research topics in applied statistics.

Dr W A Wakeham, 417 Chem Eng  
Fluids: the study of the thermophysical properties of gases and liquids provides not only valuable data for engineering design purposes, but also fundamental information about the fluids at a molecular level. Current work in the laboratory involves measurement of thermal conductivity and diffusivity of gases and liquids using methods recently developed here, and the interpretation data in terms of molecular theories, including the kinetic theory of gases.

Dr S Williamson, 105B Elec Eng  
Design and analysis of virtually any form of induction device, including linear motors, single phase motors and electromagnetic levitators.

Dr A G Dickerson, 605 Biochemistry  
Plant pathology and biochemistry: Investigation of the structure and function of phytopathogenic elicitors and associated studies, including the role of receptors.

# WHATS ON

## saturday

Rotten Row

**1430h**

**Hyde Park Relay.** Organised by IC Cross-Country Club.

## sunday

**1800h**

More Hse 53 Cromwell Rd  
**Catholic Mass** followed by bar supper and talk. All welcome.

**1830h**

Southside Upper Lounge  
**Vegsoc Restaurant Trip.** Meet in Southside to come out for a meal at Ravi Shankars—one of the most terrific (and cheap) restaurants in London, situated near Euston Station. For £3.50 you can buy a 'thali' that you will find difficult to finish—starters are all delicious at 80p, other main courses are under £2.

## monday

**1245h**

Above Stan's Bar  
**Waterski Club** meeting. Sign up for Wednesday's trip.

**1245h**

Bot/Zoo Common Rm  
**Yacht Club** meeting. Places available for weekend 2-4 Feb.

**1930h**

Mech Eng 220  
**Wellsoc** *The Man Who Fell To Earth*—A film starring David Bowie. Bowie is an alien who must save his own planet. Will he destroy the earth for his own ends? Who saw him land? What do the scientists want from him? A haunting and beautiful story. Come along, membership £1.

# What's On



As you may have noticed the What's On format has been changed slightly. All regular club meetings have been listed together in alphabetical order in a separate column. STOIC, IC Radio and Lounge Lizards also have separate sections. Any comments about the new format are welcome.

## tuesday

**1245h**

Rm 408 Elec Eng  
**IC Friends of Palestine** speaker meeting. The talk will be about 'Where the Palestinians stand amidst the present events of the Middle East'.

**1300h**

Chem Eng LT2  
**Debsoc** 'This House believes that Imperial College does not need NUS' featuring Jane Taylor, Secretary NUS and Marc Henri-Glendering, Vice Chairman FCS. All welcome.

**1300h**

Botany Basement LT  
**Natural History Society** lecture on 'Administration of London Zoo' by J Griffin.

**1330h**

Read Lecture Theatre  
**The Case of Chemical Weapons** with Julian Perry Robinson. Organised by Dept of Humanities with Science Policy Research Unit, Sussex.

**1800h**

SCR  
**Loire Tasting** with Wine Tasting Society. Here's your chance to sample popular Loire wines by Oddbins wine merchants.

**1800h**

IC Radio  
**Chris Storch** with Live from Six. Featuring Simple Minds and In Embrace plus usual cinema and gig guides. (From 1800h to 2000h.)

## wednesday

**1245h**

Union Upper Lounge  
**Anti-Apartheid meeting** Speaker from Angola Committee and speaker from Mozambique talking about South Africa's economic destabilising effects and military attacks on these countries.

## thursday

**1230h**

Mines 303  
**S&G** talk by a representative of the Canoe Club on their summer trip.

**1245h**

Mech Eng 342  
**Amnesty International Film** *Torture and War*. Part of a survey by Granada TV looking at the use of torture throughout the world.

**1330h**

Music Rm 53 Princes Gate  
**Lunch hour concert:** La Raphaelae (baroque ensemble).

## coming soon

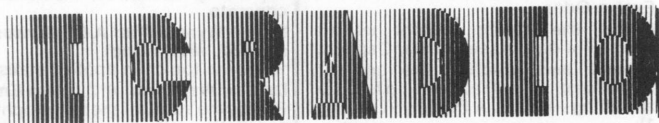
**Fri 2 March 1730h** Meet Beit Arch **S&G weekend in the Wye Valley**. Please put your name down soon.

**Fri 2 March 1930h** The event that's bigger than Errol Flynn's Wanger—the **MAD MARCH CARNIVAL**—featuring bands New Model Army, Serious Drinking, Orson Family, Skeletal Family and Cook Da Books, an alternative showcase with Popticians, 2 discos. All night films, bar till 2am (with cheap beer promotion) and coffee and toast. Tickets available at £4 in advance from ICU Office.  
**Tues 6 March 1300h** Union Gym Tai Chi Club training. 50p. Everybody welcome—wear some loose clothing.

**Thurs 8 March 1930h** for **2000h** Big Apple Restaurant, near to the Norfolk, S Ken **Civ Eng Soc Annual Dinner**. Tickets (£10.50) available from soc reps include 3 course meal, wine, coffee, cheese-board etc. Bar extension!!

## Lounge Lizards Nightclub

**Saturdays 2000h** Lower Refec **IC Ents Lounge Lizards Night Club** with cocktails, bar and disco. 50p members, £1 guests.



## Programme Schedules

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

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

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

**Mondays 2000-2100h** Beatles Hour with Pete Coleman.

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

**Wednesdays 2300h-0100h.** One Man Bay of Pigs with Martin Smith.

**Thursdays 2000-2100h** Aidan Kirkpatrick's Old Record Club.



**Tuesday 1300h** (repeated at 1800h) JCR and Hall TV sets Star Chat with Cliff Richard.  
**Thursday 1300h Newsbreak** JCR and Hall TV sets. IC Hustings UGM live. All the latest reports live from the Great Hall. Also other news and entertainment around College including a look at Risky Business, a new film release in Film Review.

**Thursday 1800h Newsbreak** JCR and Hall TV sets. A summary of the highlights of the hustings UGM plus all the regular news and features.

## Clubs

### (Regular Meetings)

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

**Audio Soc record club**  
Tuesdays and Thursdays  
1230h Union Upper Lounge.  
**Balloon Club meeting**  
Thursdays 1300h Southside  
Upper Lounge.

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

**BUNAC Fridays** 1230h JCR.  
Info on summer working  
vacations in the USA—air  
fares paid, and it looks good  
on your CV!

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

**Cycling Club.** Sundays 1000h  
meet Beit Arch for 40 mile ride  
out of London—bring lunch  
money. Tuesdays 1400h meet  
Beit Arch for serious training  
ride of approx 40 miles.

Wednesdays 1330h meet Beit  
Arch for 40 mile training ride.

**Dance Club:** Intermediate  
classes Mondays 1930h JCR,  
and Beginners classes

Tuesdays and Wednesdays  
1930h JCR.

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

**Gliding Club meeting**  
Thursdays 1730h Aero 254.  
**Hang Gliding Club meeting**  
Mondays 1230h above  
Southside Bar.

**ICCAG. Acton Venture Club**  
Saturdays 1230h The Log  
Cabin (next door to  
Northfields tube station)  
**Jobbersquad** Wednesdays  
1235h ICCAG Office (top of  
Union Building).

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

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

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

**Judo Practice** Tuesdays 1830h  
and Thursdays 1900h Union  
Gym.

**Microcomputer club**  
Wednesdays 1400h Rm 401  
RSM.

**Pimlico Connection 'Pay As  
You Eat' lunch** Tuesdays  
1230h Rm 606 Elec Eng.

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

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

**SF Soc library meeting**



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Thursdays 1300h Green  
Committee Room.

**Socialist Society bookstall**  
Fridays 1230h JCR.

**Vegsoc lunch at the RCA**  
Fridays and Mondays 1245h

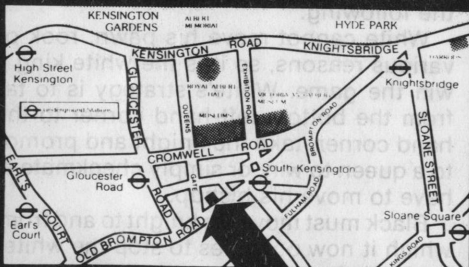
meet Beit Arch.

**Wargames Club meeting**  
Sundays and Wednesdays  
1300h SCR.

**WLC communion service**  
Sundays 1000h Consort  
Gallery, Sherfield.

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## Residence: What next?

John Smith demonstrated his training in the diplomatic service to good effect yesterday afternoon at the open meeting on residence. He spent a great deal of time not saying very much, sidestepping questions and being deliberately vague on specific points. He outlined the policy and explained the reasons for its implementation but refused to say anything concrete on important issues. He refused to guarantee that the increase in student rents would not be above the grant increase or that residence services like security and maintenance would not suffer. These things he said 'would have to be discussed' College work very slowly and deliberately. The Rector's policy committee has already decided that it is going to remove subsidies on residences whether it is practical or not. Most objections to the new policy have been over-ruled and all the students union and Students Residence Committee can do now is reiterate its dissatisfaction.

What must be made quite clear is that the students union will not accept increases in rents above the student grant increase, even if it means going on a rent strike.

## Elections

Elections are upon us once again and after 5:30pm today be prepared for an onslaught of posters, leaflets and canvassers.

This year we have the usual selection of wimps, self-publicists and crack-pots standing for posts. You can read their works of fiction (ie what they are going to do to improve the Union next year if elected, etc) in next week's FELIX. There will be a special elections supplement in FELIX next week containing the election manifestos of all the sabbatical candidates. Manifestos must be no more than 300 words and should be submitted with a photo or line drawing by Monday 1:00pm.

Make sure you go to the Hustings UGM next Thursday where you can hear the candidates for the four sabbatical posts make speeches, and answer questions in an attempt to persuade you they are the best people for the job. The Hustings speech and particularly the questions from the floor afterwards are a very good test of the quality of a candidate and whether they know what they are talking about.

## Ballot Boxes

If anyone would like to earn £1.75 an hour sitting on ballot boxes on March 5 and 6 they should hand their names in at the Union Office by next Tuesday.

## Credits

Hugh Southey, Jon Jones, Lynne James, J Martin Taylor, Nick Shackley, John Burgess, David Jones, Steve Bishop, Dave Parry, Matt Fawcett, Malcom Gray, Ulysses, John Scott, Simon Nield, Pete Coleman, Paul Griffiths, Nigel Atkinson, Jonathan Gerson, Michael Newman, Maz and Pete.

A special thanks to Ronald Reagan for holding up this week's bingo number.

**Pallab Ghosh**



# ULYSSES

## Sharpshooter's Puzzle

One Saturday, as the football results were coming in, the teleprinter broke down and six results didn't come through. The matches involved Arsenal, Chelsea, Tottenham, Liverpool, Everton, Man Utd, Sunderland, Middlesbrough, Newcastle, Birmingham, Coventry and Wolves.

Four of the matches were between teams from the same area. David Coleman, with typical fluency, summed up the six results as follows:

1. There were 13 goals scored altogether.
2. No match was goalless.
3. Wolves didn't score.
4. Sunderland won.
5. Only one scoreline occurred twice, the rest occurred once each.
6. Tottenham achieved the best result.
7. No team scored more than two goals.
8. Arsenal played Everton.
9. If Newcastle has scored one less, and Liverpool had scored one more than they did, they would each have achieved the same result as Arsenal.

What were the matches played and the results?  
Good luck, everyone.

*Solution, 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

Since the requests for chess puzzles came from chess players, the problem did not state which way White was playing. Those who do not play much chess will not know the convention that White always plays up the page, and will find the straightforward solution that Rook takes Knight, checkmate. Those of you who do know that White must play up the page, or suspected that there must be something more to it, will have been looking for the following:

White cannot move his pawn, rook or queen for various reasons, so it is the white king which must win the game. White's strategy is to take his king from the bottom left-hand corner to the top right-hand corner, take the knight and promote his pawn to a queen to win, or simply checkmate as Black will have to move his bishop.

Black must move his knight to and from the square which it now occupies to stop the white pawn from promoting, as he cannot move any of his other pieces. If White tries to move his king across the board on the black squares, he will arrive at the wrong time, ie when the black knight is covering the squares, so White must arrive at either one move sooner or one move later. He may only move on the black squares to avoid the black bishop, as the black bishop can move out and put him in check, then queen his pawn, but there is one white square on which he is safe; the one in top left-hand corner. So he moves on black squares to that corner white square, back onto the black squares, and will now arrive at the correct time to capture the knight, promote to a queen, and win.

Of four, mostly correct, answers Richard Fox of Chem Eng 3 was the randomly selected winner and can collect the prize from the FELIX Office after 1:30pm on Monday.

# EXEC NEWS

## IC HUSTINGS UGM Thursday March 1st 1:00pm Great Hall

### A G E N D A

1. Minutes of the meeting of 6th December
2. Minutes of the meeting of 24th January
3. Matters Arising.
4. President's Report.
5. Deputy President's Report.
6. Honorary Secretary's Report.
7. Returning Officer's Report.
8. Other Officers' Reports.
9. Motions.
10. Any Other Business.

### President's Report

#### 1. UGC Response

At the end of last term a small group of Union Officers discussed the issues of the UGC letter concerning the financial restrictions that are likely to be imposed on institutions of higher education. Over the Christmas period both Peter Burt, External Affairs Officer, and I drafted separate responses based on the discussion. We found it difficult to combine the two replies although both agreed on essential issues, they expressed these views differently. As such both responses were submitted to College. We are expected to reply to the College draft later this month. Professor A. Swanson, Pro-Rector, will be outlining the College's response on March 6th, at a meeting which everyone is welcome to attend.

#### 2. £4,000

At the end of last term I discussed with the College Secretary the possibility of College financing the installation of showers in the Volleyball Court area. John Smith agreed that College would finance this project to the degree of £4,000.

#### 3. Southside Disco

After various communications with regard to the noise level on a Friday night and College concern for neighbours, I met with various College representatives to discuss the issue. After a lengthy discussion they agreed that there was no cause for concern at present. However, if different, i.e. noisier, events were held in the area, certain provisions would have to be made. College accepted the responsibility of improving the sound proofing of the area.

#### 4. Suggestions and Complaints

I was asked by College to chair this sub-committee for the remainder of my term of office. Although an extra College commitment, I feel this can only benefit the Union as, in theory, we now have an increased ability to attempt to convince College of the numerous improvements necessary in the refectory system - an immense task when dealing with the present people and circumstances. Please make your views of the food known to me.

### PRESIDENT'S REPORT

#### 5. Felix

The appearance of a new magazine earlier this term started a debate within ICU. The magazine was produced by members of the College administration without my knowledge. Throughout last term the sabbaticals were approached on several occasions about the editorial style of Felix. We consistently maintained that editorial freedom was an established right for Felix within IC Union and that we were not prepared to attempt to curb that freedom. At the beginning of session several queries were received in the Union Office from members of the College administration about the running of Felix. Expecting some sort of problem from College we began to consider the implications if College persisted. We were not expecting to see the publication of a rival.

I discussed with the Rector why this magazine had been published. There appeared to be two primary reasons:

- (i) It was to be used to increase communication between College staff.
- (ii) College felt that as the sabbaticals were unwilling to attempt to change the style of Felix, then they had to produce a magazine making their dissatisfaction known.

This issue has been discussed at length in Council with Pallab present. There is no indication at present whether any further issues of Fido will be produced. Several members of College have commented on the improved attitude in recent issues of Felix. (Soon fix that Felix-Ed)

#### 6. College Dinners

I discussed this issue with the College Secretary - we established that the price of College Dinners for students was too high to be considered as subsidised and as such agreed that the student rate would now be £5. It was also decided that certain dinners warrant a bar extension and a jazz or swing band. The first of these Dinner and Dances will be in May at £10 a double ticket!

#### 7. Student Residence Policy

I was asked at fairly short notice to reply to the College response to the Lauwerys Report on the Management of Student Residence. The College policy document was at the third draft stage when I was first asked for the Union's comments. There were a number of points I was unhappy with in the document. It advocates the appointment of the Managing Surveyor for Residences, whose salary would be a direct cost to the Residence account, as would the wages of the present messenger and security personnel. This increased cost is hoped to be offset by an increase in the Vacation Lettings income - however, the implications of further costs being attributed to the Residence account could have a severe effect on student rents in the future.

I have questioned these points and others, including academic staff warden occupation of the Southside penthouse flats, at various committee levels but continue to get the unusual noncommittal replies. There is an Open Meeting with the College Secretary to discuss the recent policy which I hope will be well attended. I will report the outcome of further discussions verbally at the UGM.

#### 8. Southside Fire Alarm and Security

I have continually raised these issues with the Estates Secretary and am extremely dissatisfied with the answers Don Clark has given. The latest "official waffle" to the Union's queries is that nothing can be done without the GLC representatives approval (security) - they visited the Halls two weeks ago. The new automatic fire alarm system was commissioned yet again last week and once more failed dismally. It appears to me that Estates get more and more incompetent as the weeks go by! The only apparent reasons for their ineptness seem to be stupidity or gross mismanagement (see the continuing saga of the central launderette below!).

## 9. 199th Episode of the Central Launderette and Southside Saga

The central launderette and gym facilities are due to be completed on 5th March, 1984, i.e. very soon. As accustomed as I am to the incompetence and total ineptness of the Estates section, even I find it hard to believe that for a project originally intended to begin in Easter 1983, they could have mismanaged the project as effectively as to be an estimated 5 weeks behind the third schedule! The original deadline was mid-September 1983 - a mere 6 months ago!

It appears the Martial Arts Clubs that have been waiting over six months for the new Southside gym will now have to wait at least another two months before they are able to use the facility. As the project is the responsibility of the Estates section perhaps Martial Arts would care to do their training in Room 527, Sheffield,\* until the gym is available.

\*presently inhabited by the ever-industrious Mr. Don Clark

## 10. Harlington Gravel

I have discussed this project with Dr. J. Stocks, the Union's advisor on this issue. The project is long term. Test bore holes will be driven over the Easter period and tenders invited over the summer. ACC are satisfied that no disruption to sporting activities will occur during the test bore hole development. Obtaining planning permission could take anything between two and six years, and the exploration is estimated to take a minimum of ten years after that.

## 11. Harlington Bar

Due to the profit being made on the bar this year, the student representatives suggested the possibility of lowering the prices. I made a rough financial assessment of the bar at Harlington and then, with the ACC Chairman, approached Peter Mee, (Chairman, Athletic Ground Committee) with the Union's recommendations. The end result being a decrease in the prices of between 6 and 10p per pint. Discussions about reducing the prices even further are continuing at present.

## 12. Sports Centre Charges

Last term College suggested the possibility of raising the admission charges in the Sports Centre. The Union was obviously against such a move and undertook to compile information regarding charges at other universities. 40 questionnaires were sent out and I have received 23 replies. The student representatives on South Kensington Sports Committee will have presented the results of the questionnaire to College by the time of the UGM, thus I will report verbally on the outcome at the meeting.

## 13. Job Descriptions

The Executive Job Descriptions have been updated and were approved at Council on February 13th. The 1984/85 Sabbaticals will be elected on the updated versions.

## 14. Conference Committee Report

As mandated by the UGM of 6th December, Peter Rodgers attempted to call a meeting of the designated individuals responsible for investigating the nature of, and representatives attending, conferences. Unfortunately, only three representatives were able to attend. The committee's recommendations are outlined below:

- ICU should continue to send delegates to worthwhile conferences.
- Insufficient information was available to discuss INCOST.
- Two delegates should be sent to NUS Conference if the opportunity arose in the future.

Council discussed the relevant issues of the report, including the fact that to send delegates to NUS Conference required a change in UGM policy. Council decided to send Jim Boucher and Steve Bishop to the 1984 INCOST Conference in April.

## Deputy President's Report

### STA

I have had several meetings with STA to consider possible sites for a student travel centre at Imperial College to replace the old London Student Travel Office. I am now discussing with College the possibility of using the seldom used Bar Counter in the north-west corner of the Junior Common Room. STA has provided plans of the proposed office which is similar to their offices at QMC and ULU. We hope to have the travel office installed and open by Easter but at present progress depends on the College so it is anyone's guess as to whether anything will have happened by this meeting.

### Bars and Refectory

On Friday, 24th February, I shall be attending the third meeting between the Finance Section and Refectories to discuss Bars Pricing Policy. Over the past few months I have been working to get the prices in the bars reduced to those of other Student Union Bars in Colleges in London. I have shown College that it is possible to reduce prices without affecting the profitability of the bars by managing purchasing better. Despite the fact that I have identified several areas where College could make great savings they have remained sceptical. The meeting on Friday should be the last and I hope to be able to report the outcome at this meeting. There has been a lot of discussion and rather more criticism about the availability and accuracy of information on the management of the refectories, particularly with regard to trading figures. Eventually I am receiving useful figures for the bars (by force of personal persuasion) but there is still very little useful information about Refectories. What information there is points towards several problems in the Refectories of which managers cannot help but be aware. Whether they will act on this information is a matter of concern. Despite the fact that College has never repudiated the criticisms I made of Refectories last December, absolutely nothing has happened since. Discussions about the appointment of a new manager seem to be the usual hot air and the attitude of administrators seems to be one of condoning gross mismanagement rather than having to introduce change.

## Estimates

I shall be seeing the Financial Secretary in the first week of March to discuss the estimates of income and expenditure for 85/85. I have now discussed claims with most of the officers and am producing a first draft of the estimates for College.

## Self-Defence

College has made an application to the Metropolitan Police for the provision of a Self Defence course at Imperial. These courses, which consist of four 2-hour lectures/demonstrations, are run by the Special Constabulary and are much in demand in London. I am collecting names of students interested and shall be informing them as soon as we have set up dates for the course. If successful, I hope we can run the course regularly at Imperial, particularly when the new intake arrives next October.

## Carnival

The biggest event of this term will take place tomorrow in the Union Building - Carnival. Featuring bands, bar extensions, etc., this event will cost £4.00 (or £4.50 on the door). Tickets are available from the Union Office and CCUs.

## Transport

Steve Lane and Bruce Bricknell are now sharing the responsibilities of Transport Officer after the resignation of Frazer Wigley, due to academic pressure.

We are presently looking at the demand for vans by priority and non-priority clubs, with a view to making the vans more widely available. A questionnaire has been sent out to all clubs and by the time of this meeting we should have discussed the replies. We are in the process of replacing OBW, our oldest van, and are considering buying a 17-seater van rather than the normal 13-seater van.

## Volleyball Court, Union Building, JCR

Netting has now been placed over the shutters and in the roof of the Volleyball Court, and benches provided in the changingrooms. College has agreed to pay for the installation of showers in the mens and ladies changing rooms. I had hoped that this work would have started by now but a lack of communication between one end of Level 5 and the other seems to be holding this up.

The East Staircase has now been painted and we hope to have the Concert Hall painted at Easter. Other changes in the Concert Hall include the installation of a permanent control box at the back of the Hall and, hopefully, a change in the lighting control.

Several improvements are being made to the JCR. The orange chairs are being recovered and several chairs repaired, new tables are being acquired and lighting bars are to be installed in the ceiling, Estates willing. Hooks are also being provided in the buttery ceiling for party decorations, obviating the need to remove the ceiling tiles.

## Honorary Secretary's Report

### 1. Insurance

#### a. Union Equipment

Inventories are still coming in from Union Clubs (very late) - there now only being about ten clubs which have not yet filled one in.

At present some clubs are under the impression that if they borrow a piece of equipment from outside College it is automatically insured. However, this is not so - the borrowed equipment is only insured if I am told beforehand (so I can inform Commercial Union Assurance). This present situation will continue until C.U. have completely drawn up the new "Block" policy which they are presently doing.

#### b. Vans

Having negotiated with Commercial Union Assurance for some months about the premium paid for the four Union vans, they came back to me with a new estimate of approximately £2,750 for the coming year - this being a 10% increase on this year's premium.

However, Prudential Insurance (through NatWest) have offered the same policy for a mere £1,220. We therefore changed - on the 12th February, 1984, when the motor policy was due for renewal - from Commercial Union to Prudential as it will mean a saving of over £1,550 a year.

### 2. Key Cards for parking barriers

In spite of all my efforts in trying to get all those people who still have key cards from last year to return them, we are still about twenty down on what we should have. College have so far been unwilling to make up this deficit due to security reasons - so let's hope that for next year a new key card will be issued or College will listen with a more sympathetic ear.

### 3. Union Duplicating Service

For the first time this year, everything is working well. We have now got two gestetners, one photocopier and one typewriter available for general use (i.e. clubs and societies) in the Union office.

If you don't know how to use a gestetner and need to produce something on one - come along to the Union office and I will show you how.

## Returning Officer's Report

### Sabbatical Elections

Papers for these come down today at 5.30 p.m. The Hustings takes place in the Great Hall on Thursday, 1st March, and voting takes place in every department on Monday, 5th, and Tuesday, 6th March.

The voting is by Union card and IF YOU HAVE NOT GOT YOUR UNION CARD WITH YOU, YOU CANNOT VOTE.

It is very important that you do vote in these elections as they decide what people are in charge of your Union for the coming year.

A descriptive outline of the voting procedure will appear in next week's Felix.

### Election Committee

To clear up any confusion about Elections Committee statements, I think I had better mention:

Election Committee met on Friday, 10th February, and produced a statement which included:

"8a. Printing may only be carried out in the Felix Office or on the ICU Office Gestetners - paper must only be purchased from the ICU Hon. Secretary, who will supply it at cost price.

b. Commercial facilities are not to be used for the production of artwork."

However, after receiving some formal complaints, the Committee then decided to withdraw the above part of the statement, because of the timing with which it was introduced.

Elections Committee then produced the following statement:

### ELECTION COMMITTEE STATEMENT B.

In view of the number of complaints concerning Clause 8. (Election Committee Statement A), Elections Committee met and as a result, it was decided to withdraw Clause 8. completely.

This clause was initially drawn up in an attempt to prevent unfair advantage being gained through abuse of access to either commercial or CCU equipment.

Receipts for all publicity must be presented and must show a full breakdown of costs.

Due to the withdrawal of Clause 8., Elections Committee will now be checking receipts thoroughly.

Price lists for facilities around the College will be available from Sean Davis from Monday 20th February.

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### DEPARTMENTAL REPRESENTATIVES

Those elected unopposed were:

<u>Department</u>	<u>Candidate</u>
Aero Eng.	Duncan Moore
Elec. Eng.	Roger Preece
Geology	Rebecca Dazeley
Maths	Roy Hepper
Mech.Eng.	Mark A. Harris

Those elected who were opposed:

<u>Department</u>	<u>Candidate</u>
Chem.Eng.	Juliet Varley
Chemistry	Nina Hallows
Civ. Eng.	B. Guillaume
D.O.C.	Robert Shiels
Life Science	M. Ibba
Met. & Mat. Sci.	R.J. Weaver
M.R.E.	Charlie Peachey
Physics	A. Belk

## Motions

### MOTION ON GRENADA AND LEBANON.

Proposed by: Ian Wingfield, DSES PG.  
Seconded by: David Edgerton, DSES PG.

#### ICU Notes:

1. The current foreign policy of military intervention by the USA in Grenada and Lebanon.
2. The transgression of international law that the invasion of Grenada represents, and its similarity to the Argentine invasion of the Falkland Islands.
3. The freedom of the peoples of Grenada and Lebanon to decide their own destiny, free from foreign military occupation.
4. The doubt raised by American military intervention in Grenada over control of cruise missiles deployed in this country.

#### ICU Believes:

1. That no one country has the right to invade another and overthrow its government purely on the basis of political and ideological motives.
2. That the indigenous peoples of Grenada and Lebanon have a right to self determination free from foreign manipulation.
3. That American control over nuclear weapons based in Britain represents a threat to the security of this country.

#### ICU Instructs:

1. The President of this Union to write to President Reagan and the U.S. Ambassador to Britain condemning American military intervention in Grenada and Lebanon.
2. That a representative of the overthrown Government of Grenada be invited to address the Union by the Secretary.
3. That the Union actively campaign against the dangers of American control of cruise missiles in this country.

### MOTION ON CRUISE MISSILES.

Proposed by: Michael Newman, CND Chairman.  
Seconded by: David Parcej, CND Treasurer.

#### ICU Notes:

1. Cruise missiles are presently arriving in this country.

#### ICU Believes:

1. These weapons are a new escalation in the continuing arms race.
2. The arms race is in danger of leading to all out nuclear war which would result in the extinction of our species.

#### ICU Instructs:

1. That the Union Executive encourage all Union members to join the growing protest against the Arms Race, and for our survival.
2. That the Union President immediately inform the local M.P. and Margaret Thatcher of this Unions objections to these missiles.

### MOTION ON W.U.S

Proposed by: John Sattaur  
Seconded by: Sarah Casson.

#### ICU Notes:

1. ICU is affiliated to the World University Service.
2. The World University Service (W.U.S.) is an educational charity working for economic and social justice.
3. Over the two years 1979 to 1981, I.C.U. collected over £3,000 for W.U.S Third World Scholarship Fund.
4. The scholarship fund has provided sufficient funds to assist Third World refugees from over twenty different countries.

#### ICU Believes:

1. W.U.S. provides a necessary service in helping Third World and refugee students to gain an education in Britain.
2. ICU has shown from past collections that it has the ability to raise funds which are of use to furthering the work of W.U.S.

#### ICU Instructs:

1. That the collection at registration during Freshers' Week be re-instated on a regular basis, and the money raised be donated to the central World University Scholarship Fund.

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#### MOTION ON ILEA

Proposed by: Peter Burt  
Seconded by: Simon Neild.

##### ICU Notes:

1. Government proposals to cut the budget of the Inner London Education Authority by £120m in the coming year, and plans to remove the right of Londoners to directly elect representatives to the Authority.
2. The National Day of Action on 24th January in support of the ILEA.

##### ICU Believes:

1. Adequate state funding is essential if educational standards are to be maintained and if there is to be open access to education.
2. Cuts in the rate support grant and new "rate capping" proposals will lead to a serious underfunding of LEA's which will in turn lead to a decreased quality of education.
3. The higher costs and particular social conditions found in inner London mean that education here will be more expensive than otherwise.
4. Cuts in discretionary awards to ILEA students and underfunding of the 36 Polytechnics, Further Education and specialist Colleges assisted by the ILEA would result from Government expenditure proposals. Higher education as a service to the whole of London will therefore be wrecked.
5. The proposals outlined above would mean that it is Central Government that decides upon the level of educational provision for inner London. Abolition of the ILEA and its parent body, the GLC, is a flagrant erosion of local democracy in the face of all-party opposition.

##### ICU Condemns:

1. Direct political interference with education.
2. Plans to reorganize the ILEA and abolish the GLC.

##### ICU Supports:

1. The "Save the ILEA" campaign.

##### ICU Instructs:

1. That the President writes to Mr. Patrick Jenkin, Secretary of State for the Environment, Sir Keith Joseph, Secretary of State for Education, Mr. Peter Brooke, Local MP, and the local press stressing full support for the ILEA.
2. That the above motion be proposed on behalf of Imperial College Union at the ULU General Union Council.

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#### MOTION ON PIMPS

Proposed by: Michael Newman  
Seconded by: IAN House

##### ICU Notes:

1. Prostitution is the act of being paid for promiscuous sex.
2. A pimp is someone who solicits for and/or profits from prostitution.
3. Hard-Core pornography involves paying adults and children to have sex and therefore prostitution.
4. RSMU Rugby Club held on the last week of last term an event involving hard-core pornography in order to raise funds.

##### ICU Concludes:

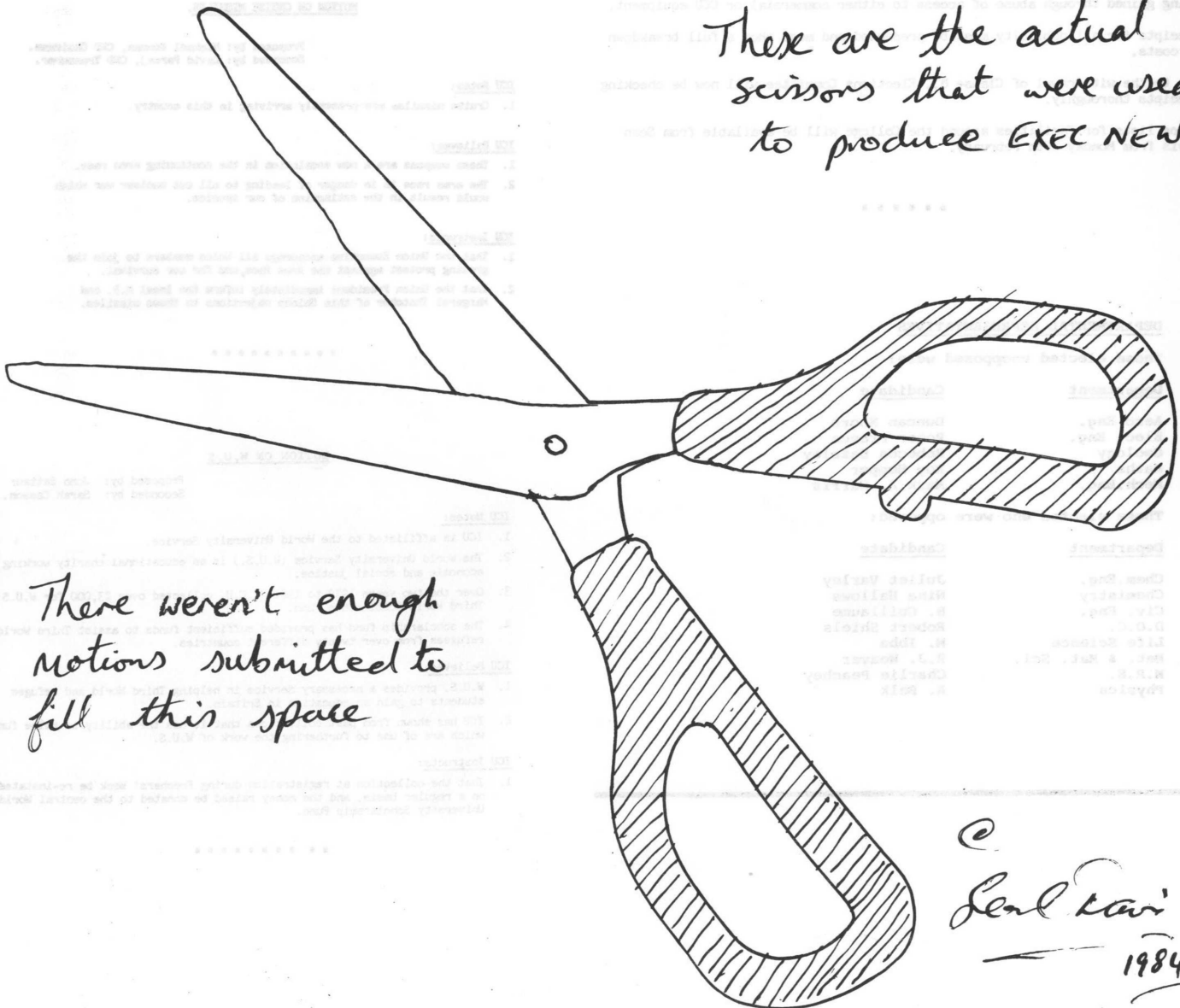
1. We can only conclude RSMU Rugby Club are pimps.
2. As RSMU Rugby Club is an integral part of RSMU, as RSMU is an integral part of ICU, all members of Imperial College Union are pimps.

##### ICU Instructs:

1. That copies of this motion be sent to all national newspapers, the local M.P., the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Prime Minister and all opposition leaders.
2. That this motion be proposed to the students' Governing Body of the University of London omitting ICU instructs part 1 and 2.

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