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NEWSPAPER OF IMPERIAL COLLEGE UNION

REFECTORY TAKEOVER

College Secretary Mr John Smith has given his support, in principle, for the Union to run the Union Lower Refectory next year. The refectory will be run by a newly appointed Catering Manager who will be answerable to the Deputy President and a catering committee consisting of student representatives and a staff treasurer.

For the past two years the Union Refectory has been generally acknowledged to be the worst of all the College's refectories. More complaints about the quality of food have been received from the Union Refectory than any other, and it has been making a loss for some time. Until the Union's proposal had been put forward, it had been suggested that the Union Refectory should be closed and the Lounge Bar would be extended to cope with the extra demand for food.

The plans were revealed to Mr Smith yesterday morning by IC Union President Gaynor Lewis and Deputy President Christine Teller. In an interview with FELIX, Mr Smith described the Union's proposal as 'well thought out and well documented'. He also said that the success of the bookshop and refectories in other Student Unions showed that there was no reason why IC Union should not run a refectory successfully. However, he said that he had reservations about the fact that sabbaticals would change each year and that this would be a weakness.

The plans will now be considered at the next refectory committee meeting. If the idea is approved at the

meeting it will then be referred to the Rector's Policy Committee for final approval.

Plans to take over had been drawn up as early as August last year by Miss Teller and Miss Lewis. Lack of adequate financial data about the individual refectory outlets prevented a proper case being prepared and the plan was shelved. However there was little improvement in the quality of food and it was decided to press ahead with the takeover early this term.

Christine Teller, Gaynor Lewis and Hugh Southey, Internal Services Chairman drafted a revised document for a takeover. This was then approved at a recent ISC meeting by all the sabbaticals.

If the refectory is to be under Union control next year it will be run as a fast food snack bar, serving pies, pasties, beef burgers and a wide range of sandwiches. However plans have not been finalised. If College gives permission, a wide sample of student views will be sought about type of food that should be served.

The proposed date for the handover is 31st July. This is designed to coincide with the end of the college's trading year. The Union will aim to start serving at the start of September.

DIAL M FOR PRESIDENT



Maribel Anderson, Ladies Rugby captain, was elected Guilds President at yesterday's Guilds UGM. Miss Anderson, who is pictured above, says her main policy for Guilds is to involve more people in the union's activities. Last night she showed that she was not just a pretty face by finishing off a yard of beer in the Union Bar.

The election result was somewhat of a surprise as it had been widely believed that Steve Nixon would be elected. Ian Joesbury was the other candidate for President.

Guilds Union had 28 people standing for seven posts on their executive. As a result, the elections went on late into the afternoon.

In the other elections, Ian Joesbury was elected Vice-President and Simon Chamberlain was elected Hon Sec.

Eric's not a Sloth!

Dear Pallab,

Having read your editorial in the sabbatical elections results flysheet we take exception to your comments about Eric Darbyshire. As RSCU President he has coped with the resignation of our Hon Sec (Sue Humphrey) at the beginning of the Christmas Term, both persuading her to carry on with the organisation of Fresher's Dinners and getting the rest of her duties done while a new Hon Sec was elected.

He has run the RSCU elections this year properly and fairly with the highest number of votes in living memory. This is indicative that people both know and care about RSCU and should be ascribed not only to the candidates but also to his leadership over the past year. Eric has also recovered £600 from ICU to support two societies which were to be killed off, but have made a strong comeback.

All in all, we do not believe, as do you, that he will be a sloth in the office, merely adhering to his job description and doing bugger all else. We think he will make a good Hon Sec with his other interests such as Rag and finance occupying him usefully. If you remember, Martin Taylor expressed similar sentiments this time last year and he has been proved wrong; we believe you will also be proved wrong.

Yours faithfully

Dave Parry RSCU VP

Jane Howe RCSU Hon Sec

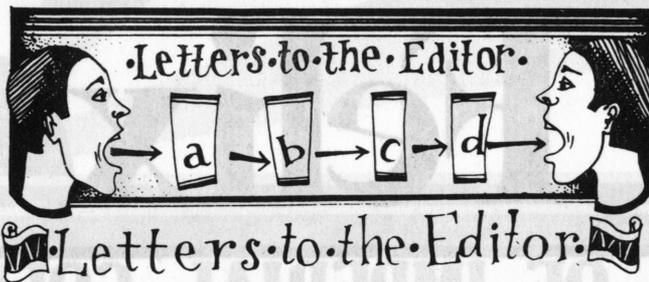
Simon Banton Broadsheet Ed

M E Stuart C&GU President

Student Apathy

Dear Pallab,

The 'New Deal' Grants march on Saturday 12th March was a resounding success - an estimated 30 000 people turned up. From colleges all over the country, students arrived by the coach-load to demonstrate against the planned cuts to further education spending by the government. Some students even arrived from Ireland to take part. The only blot on the proceedings was that fewer than 30 IC students managed



to drag themselves all the way from South Kensington to take a stand. More to the point, where were our elected representatives? Not suprisingly, not one sabbatical turned up; nor did any of the recently elected people (so much for their promises to 'fight' for this and that...) with the exception, I am told, of Ann Collins of RCS. The only union official present was Peter Burt, our External Affairs Officer who, thankfully, is really committed to his job.

So maybe this event was organised by the NUS, to whom we refuse to reaffiliate. The issue, however, affects us *all*. How would *you* manage without a real grant? It's about time students and their supposed representatives at IC realised that apathy is not enough. Our rift with the NUS is particularly hypocritical seen in this light - we survive in their wake; if it was left to IC students to fight for their own living and working conditions, this college would fade away altogether.

Higher education in this country is in real danger. Here was a chance for us to say something about it; here was a chance for those who are *paid* to represent us - yet are so remote from us - to show they are actually concerned; and what happens? Nothing. Such overwhelming apathy is both sickening and saddening.

Christine Toing
Mech Eng 1

Cut the Fascist Jibes

Dear Pallab

I was disgusted to see that the fairly sensible and objective news item in FELIX two weeks ago about UGC cuts was given such an irresponsible and extremely offensive heading. By printing that item under the heading 'More Fascist Tory Cuts' you insult the democratic system of British Government,

you deny the rights of people to have a different view from yours without being given an unpleasant label, and you decrease the likelihood of FELIX being taken seriously by anyone.

Giving you the benefit of the doubt, you are merely guilty of unethical journalism because of your gross inaccuracy. The Shorter Oxford Dictionary defines a *Fascist* as 'one of a body of Italian nationalists organised in 1919 under Benito Mussolini to oppose Bolshevism'. Anyone with the slightest knowledge of politics will know that (as well as there being a distinct lack of Italian nationalists in the Conservative party), there is no similarity between modern Tory philosophy (based on freedom of the individual) and Fascism (based on state regulation of the economy and people's lives).

If one were to be slightly less kind, one might extrapolate from the usual frivolous style of FELIX, and assume that 'Fascist' was meant to be taken in the colloquial sense, ie Nazi. In that case you would be comparing (in a subtle and insidious way) the cutting of a particular aspect of public expenditure with genocide, mass torture and the complete extermination of all possible opposition. Such an implication would be immoral journalism, and would cast grave doubts on your editorial competence and scrupulousness.

To add insult to injury, you included a caricature of me in last week's 'Sucker' cartoon about education cuts. I am not ashamed of taking a broader view of the situation than people like you and Peter Burt do. There are many interest groups, all crying for a larger handout from the 'bottomless pit of government financial resources,' and students are only one of them. Students at IC are the same people who in a few years time will be complaining that personal taxation is too high. I consider your actions in printing that cartoon a form of intimidation,

ie 'If you dare to dissent from the left-wing views of FELIX hacks and Union hacks, we shall use the Union publication to portray you in a ridiculous manner'. I hope that this editorial thuggery will cease, and FELIX will at least attempt to take an objective stance on political issues.

Yours sincerely
Jonathan Gerson

Mines Porn Night

Dear Pallab,

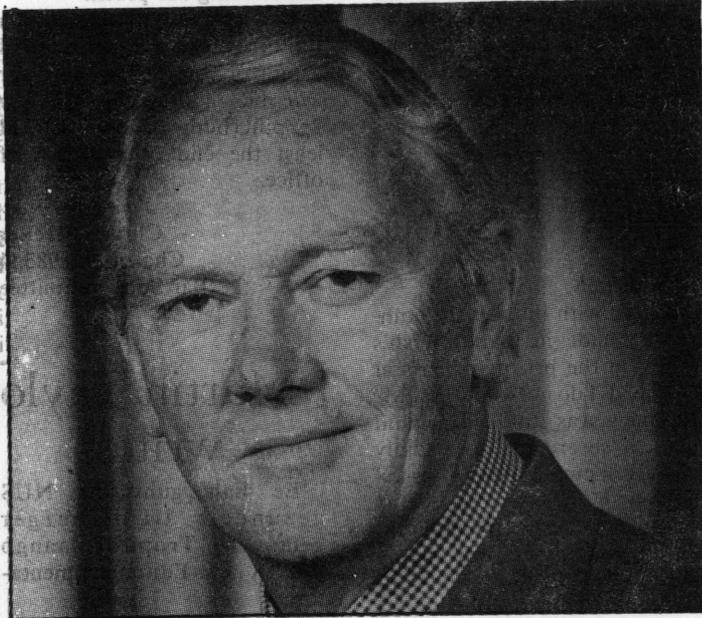
Last Friday, another pornographic event was organised by the Royal School of Mines Union. We do not question the legality of such an event, as the results of several UGMs show sympathy to such happenings, but now set out some of our objections to pornography, which stem from our commitment to God as Christians, leaving aside many of the moral, humanistic arguments which have already been presented.

There are many forms of idolatry, and pornographic obsession is one, because a gift of God - our human sexuality - which is intended to be a joyful self-giving act within the sanctity of marriage, is removed from that environment and placed above its proper position.

In attempting to fill one's sexual desires, whether in fornication or being stimulated by any pornographic medium, the motive is rooted selfish ambition or greed, which is in exact opposition to the attitude God wishes us to have in all things, not least in our personal sexuality. Our sexuality is given to us for affirmation, sustenance and healing, one partner to another; pornography removes the life and real humanity from this, and instead leads into a *cul-de-sac* of fettered fantasies. St Paul writes "there are no forbidden things; maybe, but not everything does good."

Pornography is also a destroyer of our sexual growth: while one's physical maturity may be fully developed, engagement in pornography leaves one's mind in an extended adolescence, which limits sexual fulfilment to genital stimulation and masturbatory experiences. This transformation of God's sexual

Facelift for Computing



Professor Sayers new head of DoC.

Professor Bruce Sayers, current head of the Electrical Engineering Department has been appointed as the new head of the Computing Department, to take office from 1 September. His brief is to build a full scale department of Computing and Information Technology and to increase the departments range of activities. In addition a new Chair in the Management of Information Technology will be created within the department.

The Computing Department has an international reputation in the field of Software Engineering. However the Rector believes that the department 'has surrounded itself in a brick wall', and that it is missing many of the opp-

ortunities that exist in other fields. Professor Sayers has specialised in the applications of computers, to medicine, and is expected to widen the scope of the department.

The new Chair in the Department of Computing is to be the Kobbler Chair in the Management of Information. Professor Igor Alexander from Brunel University will be the first holder of this post. His aim will be to improve the performance of British Industry in turning developments in high technology into products.

Professor Lehman is to take up the currently vacant position of Professor of Software Engineering.

God Against Porn

Twenty-seven students picketed Mines Review on Friday night. The picket was organised by the Catholic Society, the Methodist Society and the West London Chaplaincy as a protest against what they saw as the exploitation of women.

People taking part in the picket met first in the Civil Engineering building at 7:30pm. There they made placards and discussed tactics for the protest. The protestors then moved to the walkway, where they lined up against the JCR wall.

Many of the people entering the JCR talked with the pickets. Most of the exchanges were light hearted and cordial. Unfortunately two of the people

entering the review exposed themselves to the picket.

In comparison with last year the picket was a low key event. There was no sign of the large police presence of last year. In addition to this, none of the union sabbaticals were present. However all were within easy reach of the picket.

An RSMU spokesman stated afterwards that five hundred people had attended the review. He suggested that the reason for this high attendance was the publicity generated by the picket. However several of the pickets said that they had seen people turn back when they saw the picket.

Refectory Prices Up

Refectory prices will rise by 3% next term, despite protests by student representatives. The decision was announced by Dr Simon Perry, refectory committee chairman, during last Thursday's refectory committee meeting.

In recent years, refectory prices have been linked to the Financial Times shopping basket index, an indication of the amount of money an average housewife spends on food each week. Over the last twelve months the index has risen by about 7%. Since food costs account for about 45% of the price of a refectory meal, College officials have decided that a 3% price rise is required.

Earlier this year the Union agreed to a price rise of 2½% and a formal dinner price rise of 5¼% as a result of wage rises. The aim of this was that prices for students should not go up by more than 4%, the student grant increase. College now say that a further 3% rise for one term will mean that students will have payed less in total than had they been faced with a 4% rise at the start of the year.

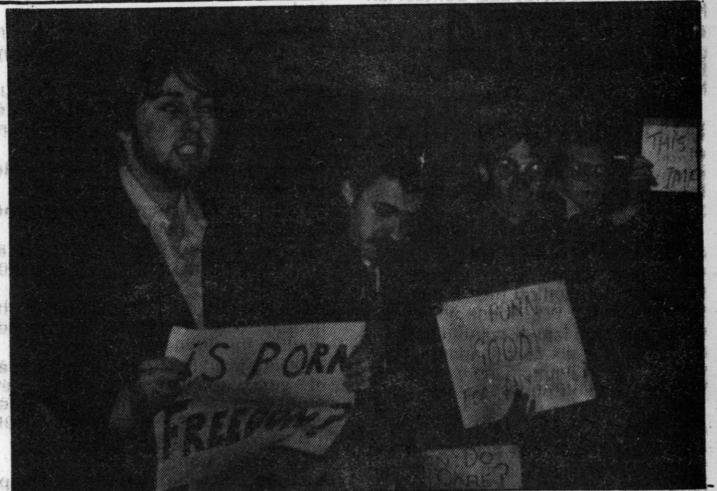
The Union feel, though, that the current system for assessing when price rises are needed is irrelevant and illogical. In their view the price of food purchased for a university catering operation cannot be linked directly to the price an average housewife pays for her shopping.

The Union believe that a better system, based on the new computerised accounting system that Mr Mooney is trying to install, could be used.

The index used to gauge inflation is not the only thing that the Union objects to, though. In their view the price rise is not necessary because of improvements in efficiency that have taken place. The Union believes that the savings made over the last few years have not been passed on to consumers.

One example of such savings is a large purchase of pre-cooked meals made recently. These meals were sold to College cheaply, to dispose of a discontinued range. However the only price cut that has been promised by Mr Mooney, so far, is 15p off the price of chicken curry in the Union Bar.

The most recent argument about refectory prices is part of a broader argument about the financing of refectories. The Refectory Subcommittee chairmen, including Union sabbatical officers and a member of the academic staff have been continually pressing the College refectory system to produce more useful financial information. In past years no information relevant to individual bar and refectory outlets has been available. Without such information it is difficult to imagine how College have been able to make informed management decisions with the refectory system. In the most recent argumentative discussion, ICU Deputy President, Christine Teller asked what the objectives of the refectory system were. At present, College appear to be uncertain as to whether each refectory and bar outlet should function on a breakeven basis, whether the overall college catering should break even or whether the bars should subsidise the refectories. A decision about this is still to be taken.



Anti-porn demonstrators outside the JCR.

A Star Performance

Dramsoc's major production of this term *The Life and Times of Galileo* proved a resounding success last week. A total of 320 people watched one of the most professional pieces of drama to be seen in College for some years. There were strong performances from all of the large cast, especially Michael Bridgeland as the lead who was rarely off stage. The problems caused by the large number of scenes of short length, and also the large number of characters, were convincingly overcome. This allowed the humour and irony of the excellent script to be portrayed to the full by the clear delivery of all members of the cast, even those in small roles.

The quality of the acting was complemented by the specially constructed set. The monolithic concert hall was transformed with the stage being extended by a series of distinct levels, to the floor. By enclosing the theatre with black curtains, the atmosphere created by the play was perfectly enhanced.

Considerable credit must go to all involved in such a complex production, especially director Matthew Chevassut and the producer Mark Priestley. This was a most appropriate way to end a successful year for the society.



Michael Bridgeland as Galileo

NEWS IN BRIEF

ICU COUNCIL approved the formation of two new societies, the Nigerian Society and the Winnie the Pooh Society, on Monday night.

AT THE SAME meeting David Rowe, FELIX Editor-elect, and Simon Nield were elected to be ICU's observers at NUS conference.

PROF B R COLE, head of the Solid State Physics group, is to be the new Dean of RCS. He will take over the post from 1 September 1984.

LORD FLOWERS has indicated broad acceptance of plans for I Levels, I Levels will be the equivalent of half A Levels and will allow students to avoid specialisation too early.

DAVE BRENNAN, Life Sci 1, fell from a drain pipe on to railings outside Holbein House last week. He is already out of hospital.

IC UNION may face legal action over the disappearance of lighting equipment at the Carnival. The equipment had been used by band, Cook da Books, but belonged to a firm of lighting suppliers.

THE H G WELLS SOCIETY 20th Anniversary celebrations failed to live up to expectations. Less than one hundred people turned up to the series of talks that had been organised.

RAG raised over £250 from Rag stunts at the end of the mini Rag Week.

ATHLETICS COMMITTEE has decided not to raise Sports Centre charges for the third year running. This is the result of pressure from ICU President, Gaynor Lewis and ACC Chairman, Ian Bull.

Anchors Aweigh

RCS Union stole Chelsea College's mascot, a large heavy anchor, early yesterday morning. At present there is no indication as to what the ransom for the mascot is likely to be. However Chelsea College do not seem keen to have it back. In an interview with FELIX the Chelsea College President said "I hate the bloody thing". It appears that they will make no effort to get it returned until next term.

Last week RCS received information about the location of the mascot. The mascot was taken from a deserted Chelsea College Union by about 35 mascoteers.

The mascoteers entered the union by telling a cleaner that they had come to take the anchor for cleaning. They then rushed the anchor passed an annoyed security guard to a waiting van.

Cruising for a Bruising



Raunchy ICU President Gaynor Lewis was able to take time off from her busy schedule yesterday - in a whacky bid to christen ICU's very own cruise missile!

'It seemed just like an ordinary day - until the nuclear warhead exploded, that is!', joked jovial Gaynor.

Pictured above are the incredible duo - Ms Lewis is on the left.

MID-SUMMER DINNER AND DANCE
Thursday 17 May
in College

Including one glass of wine on arrival. Other wines may be ordered in advance and there will be a bar for spirits, beer and wine.

COST: £10 per double ticket.

Names to Pat, Union Office by 5.00pm, Wednesday 9 May.

Big Geoff is Watching You

Work has started on a new electronic surveillance and security system for the Southside Halls of Residence. The present system is felt to be inadequate since unauthorised people are still able to get in the Halls late at night when they are allowed access by residents entering the building. Chief Security Officer Geoffrey Reeves said that the new system

will have the current outer lock to the building with a magnetic key card lock for the inner doors. A TV surveillance system will also be introduced to enable guards in Southside and Sherfield to monitor or the area between the two doors and the area around the lift.

An internal phone will be placed at the main entrance to enable visitors to call residents to allow them access.

Passmore Passed Over

UGM chairman and former IC President John Passmore failed in his bid to become University of London President last Saturday. Mr Passmore was beaten by Bedford College President, Del Morgan.

For several years, Mr Passmore has been one of the most active members of ULU General Union Council. Two years ago, he would have been favourite to become President had he stood for election. However since then Mr Passmore has become disillusioned with the union. He has also lost the

support of the left wing grouping at ULU. To quote Mr Passmore 'They've discovered I'm a fascist really'.

Mr Passmore's campaign for president lacked conviction. His manifesto was not circulated in advance of the meeting and he did not attend the election meeting of GUC.

The only other IC candidate to stand in the ULU elections is Jo Claydon who is running for Senator for Science and Engineering. The result of this election will be announced today.

New Deal Do You Care?

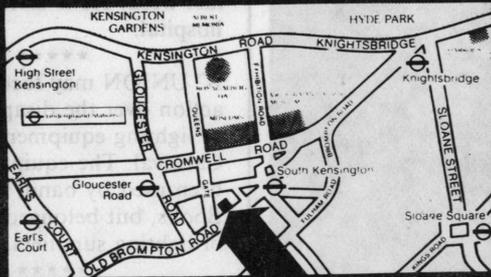


30,000 young people from all over Britain took part in the recent 'New Deal for Youth' march, however the contingent from Imperial College numbered only 30.

The march was organised by the National Union of Students and the London student organisation to protest about recent government cuts in the education budget. Ken Livingstone, leader of the GLC, and Neil Stewart, NUS President, both spoke at the rally that followed the march.

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and the
Bloodsuckers**

BENEFITS OVER EASTER

1. Unemployment Benefit

To qualify for this you must have paid National Insurance contributions on earnings of at least £1,350 between April 1981 and March 1982 or on earnings of at least £1,475 between April 1982 and March 1983 (ie any money you earned last summer doesn't count).

PLUS

2. Certified Housing Benefit and Housing Benefit Supplement

If you don't mind 'signing on' in London, this is the quickest way to get the highest proportion of your rent back.

OR

3. Standard Housing Benefit

The slower but simpler way of claiming rent back particularly useful if you are already claiming Housing Benefit or you don't want to have to 'sign on' in London during the vacation.

1. Unemployment Benefit

The calculations behind this benefit are long and complicated but a rough guide is given below.

NB: These conditions of eligibility change in January each year so some of you who were not eligible in the Christmas vacation may be eligible now.

If you think you may be eligible for unemployment benefit it is well worth applying since it does provide a weekly rate of £27.05 throughout the vacation. It can also be claimed irrespective of whether you are staying in London or going elsewhere for the vacation since unemployment benefit can be claimed from any Unemployment Benefit Office in whose area you happen to be staying when you become eligible. If you are claiming unemployment benefit you may also be entitled to Housing Benefit Supplement and/or Standard Housing Benefit (see below).

2. Certified Housing Benefit and Housing Benefit Supplement

These benefits are best considered together since they are inter-related and the methods for initiating a claim for both benefits are the same. Both benefits are only available to those able to 'sign on' as unemployed and available for work in the area in which they are paying rent.

Claims for Certified Housing Benefit and Housing Benefit Supplement are initiated through

Every Easter Vacation hundreds of students lose an awful lot of money simply because they are not aware of the benefits they are entitled to. The three main benefits students are entitled to are unemployment benefit, certified housing benefit and standard housing benefit. Check each of the sections and decide which benefit applies to you.

Nearest Benefit Offices for College Residences

Evelyn Gardens, Earls Court Square, Fremantle and Cale Street

Unemployment Benefit Wyfold Road
Fulham SW6
385 2241

Supplementary Benefit Waterford House
Waterford Road SW6
736 3399

Housing Authority Kensington & Chelsea Town Hall
Hornton Street W8
937 5464

Halls of Residence

Unemployment Benefit See above

Supplementary Benefit See above

Housing Authority City of Westminster
83 Victoria Street
SW1
828 8070

Hamlet Gardens & Sinclair Gdns

Unemployment Benefit 200 Shepherds Bush Road W6
603 3456

Supplementary Benefit Charles House
375 Kensington High St, W14
603 4633

Housing Authority Hammersmith & Fulham
Housing Benefit Section
77 Glenthorne Road W6
748 3020

Lexham Gardens

Unemployment Benefit Same as Hamlet Gardens
Supplementary Benefit Same as Hamlet Gardens
Housing Authority Same as Evelyn Gdns

Cambridge Gardens

Unemployment Benefit Same as Hamlet Gardens
Supplementary Benefit Grove House
88-94 Westbourne Grove W2
221 7980

Housing Authority Same as Evelyn Gardens

Gerrard Mansions

Unemployment Benefit Chadwick Street SW1
222 8060

Supplementary Benefit 4-10 Regency Street SW1
834 8433

Housing Authority Same as Halls of Residence

the DHSS (see 'To Claim' below) and are dependent on that department making an assessment of the claimant's eligibility for Supplementary Benefit. Certified Housing Benefit is available only to those receiving Supplementary Benefit whilst Housing Benefit Supplement is available to those who narrowly miss qualifying for Supple-

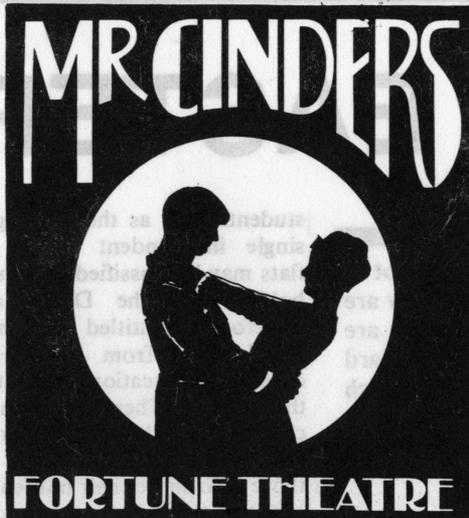
mentary Benefit.

The vacation element in the undergraduate grant (currently £24.55) is designed to be roughly equivalent to the single persons 'non-householder' rate of Supplementary Benefit thereby preventing the majority of students from being eligible for Supplementary Benefit in the short vacations. However, some

students such as those living in single independent bedsits or flats may be classified as 'householders' by the DHSS and therefore be entitled to a small weekly sum from the DHSS despite the vacation element in the grant. There is also a classification known as 'joint householder' which applies to those who share their household expenses with others eg, a group sharing a flat. In practical terms, for the short vacations, those who share their 'household' with no more than one other person may be entitled to a small weekly sum from the DHSS.

To claim: Go down to your local Unemployment Benefit Office on the first weekday of the vacation and 'sign on' as unemployed and available for work. If you are not eligible for Unemployment Benefit (see above) then your papers will automatically be passed on to the local Supplementary Benefit Office (DHSS). The Unemployment Benefit Office will tell you if and when they want you to 'sign on' again and will give you a form B1 to send to your local DHSS. The DHSS may call you for an interview and they will need to see proof of identity and proof of your financial situation ie recent bank statements, building society accounts etc. The DHSS will assess your claim to see if you are entitled to any Supplementary Benefit and they will inform you in writing of their decision. Always make it clear to the DHSS that you want to claim your housing costs back.

If you are entitled to Supplementary Benefit this should be paid by fortnightly giro cheques. Entitlement to Supplementary Benefit carries with it entitlement to Certified Housing Benefit. This means that the DHSS will send 'certificate' on your behalf to the Local Housing Authority authorising them to pay your housing costs. The Housing Authority will then send you more forms which need to be completed and returned to the relevant Town Hall together with proof of your rent and rates. Although this is a long and tedious process, Certified Housing Benefit claims are considered urgent payments and are therefore prioritised over Standard Housing Benefit claims. Certified claims should be (although in



Set in those halcyon days of the late 1920s where for the upper-crust, life was a heady mixture of tennis, and bright young things, *Mr Cinders* is a light-hearted musical comedy. The Cinders of the piece is Jim, the despised 'poor relative' of the Lancasters, who drudges for them in return for his keep. His luck changes when he falls in love with a millionaire's daughter, disguised as a housemaid in the establishment. Meanwhile he has to contend with the Lancasters: Aunt Agatha, stout snobbish termagant who henpecks her pleasant, but ineffectual, husband, and Jim's cousins—the odiously smug Lumley, and the twittish Guy. There are several twists and turns in the plot, including a fancy-dress ball, a jewel robbery and various thwarted romances; but in the time-honoured manner, all ends happily.

The period atmosphere is one of this musical's more engaging features. It was revived last year at the Kings Head Theatre and is now enjoying a successful run at the Fortune. The play was first performed in 1929, however some of the humour has not aged well, but otherwise its setting is welcome escapism. Touches of the 20s include the ensemble number 'On With Dance' where the cast perform a brisk Charleston, with nice precision. The songs are generally good with the snappy rhythms of the period, though are sometimes inadequately supported by weak singing. Perhaps the best, if certainly the best-known, is 'Spread a Little Happiness' which has been popularised by the rock artist Sting in recent years.

Lonnie Donegan makes a splendid Mr Cinders, if somewhat over-mature at first sight (is love this blind?), bringing a finely-judged warmth and humour to the part. Christina Mathews as his partner, has a pert charm and a clear true voice.

In conclusion *Mr Cinders* is worth seeing if you like this type of show, and can bear the odd old joke and occasionally uneven pace.

Point to note: Don't go to matinées, unless either you like children or are prepared to put up with the sound of little mouths munching peanuts and singing along with Lonnie Donegan, during the performance.

•**Loving Couples?—It takes all sorts.**

Christina Mathews and Dennis Lawson in 'Mr Cinders' (right) Tom Bell and Lynn Farleigh in 'The Man Who Fell in Love with his Wife' (far right).

THEATRE

Rents by Michael Wilcox at the Lyric Theatre, Hammersmith.

A play of raw wit and humour, *Rents* provides a sympathetic insight into the lives and loves of a homosexual couple in Edinburgh. Phil, the elder of the pair and the dominant partner is a drama student; while Robert, a support-seeking 18 year old who works as an assistant in a local boutique. To supplement their meagre income, they resort to pilfering goods and acting as part-time 'rent-boys' or male prostitutes.

Despite their infidelities and open promiscuity, theirs is a relationship of mutual dependence if not of trust. They share their cheap bedsitter contentedly, until Phil casts his attentions on to Richard, a visiting college lecturer from Newcastle. When he is invited back to the flat, his influence, and the insecurity and suspicions of the pair, start to split the couple up.

Michael Wilcox's play never judges, but only reveals, the sometimes sordid reality of this Edinburgh sub-culture. Realism is added by a street-plan in the program, detailing the various locations, and a backdrop silhouette of Edinburgh itself.

Simply and effectively staged, the lighting is cleverly used to highlight characters, or centres of action. A few chairs make a café, then with the addition of a bed, the flat itself. Some people might feel the subject matter, or its physical and verbal explicitness in presentation, inherently distasteful; but it would be a shame to avoid this multi-faceted play for these reasons.

The Lyric Theatre Hammersmith offers excellent value for students, with tickets costing only £1.50 for Saturday matinées and bookable in advance. Highly convenient for all Hamlet Gdns dwellers too, being only a ten minute walk away.

Claire Moss



The Man Who Fell In Love With His Wife by Ted Whitehead at the Lyric Studio.

This new version of Ted Whitehead's television drama 'Sweet Nothings' stems from an original idea from about three years ago. Since then it has been 'extensively rewritten' for the small studio below the Lyric's main theatre.

The production centres around Tom Fearnon's relationship with his wife, Mary. An underloved and thereby intensely jealous man, Fearnon hounds his wife in an attempt to uncover an affair between her and a male work colleague, which he is convinced is taking place. The inevitable separation which follows drives Fearnon towards a nervous breakdown. Coupled with financial difficulties due to his inability to hold his job, he is impelled to seek psychiatric help, which in turn, leads to a reunion with his wife.



As a play adapted from the small screen to the stage it is surprisingly undynamic. Separation and divorce are two well hacked themes in television drama and it is difficult to create an impact on a screen-dulled audience unless the two parties actually come to blows. Although it has been reworked specially for the stage, the production still has its former air about it, but its intensity is lost. This is unfortunate because the well designed set and the physical size of the Lyric Studio allows a high level of intimacy between audience and actors. All the cast have much experience in TV work, and all are fairly familiar faces, although Anna Lindup's performance of the couple's daughter is perhaps a little too well acted in the light of her objective role in Whitehead's play.

The show runs until 24 March. Those who saw the original version for television three years ago are unlikely to find any differences in the reworked stage play other than cosmetic changes. But if you have not yet seen the production, then I can recommend it as an involved if perhaps uninspired look at the problems of middle aged marriage.

John Burgess

practice rarely are) resolved within 14 days of the claim being received by the Housing Authority and can provide you with 100% rebate of your rent and rates over the vacation (but not any charges included in your rent for gas or electricity).

If you are not entitled to **Supplementary Benefit** instead of authorising the Housing Authority to pay your Housing costs, the DHSS will simply send you a Standard Housing Benefit form for you to complete and send to the Housing Authority concerned. This form will however be stamped by the DHSS and have an 'excess income' figure marked on it. This figure determines how much Housing Benefit Supplement you will receive above your normal Standard Housing Benefit entitlement. Your claim will be dealt with as a Standard Housing Benefit claim (see below), but you should be given priority over other Standard Housing Benefit claims and your total rebate will be higher than if you had gone direct to the Housing Authority.

3. Standard Housing Benefits
Many of you will hopefully already have submitted claims for rent and rate rebates during term time although many of you are probably still awaiting the

result of your claim. During the short vacations your official weekly income from your grant falls to £24.55, you are also not subject to the term time student deductions from your rent and thus the rent and rate rebate calculation should leave you with a large rebate on your rent and rates over the vacation, (less any amounts for gas and electricity). Moreover, this benefit doesn't involve any 'signing on' and can be paid even if you are not staying in your term time residence.

To Claim (if you have already submitted a claim): Many of the local Housing Authorities around the College will automatically reassess students' Housing Benefit claims for the short vacations if term dates were submitted with the original claim. However, the Housing Benefit regulations do place a clear responsibility on the claimant to inform the Housing Authority of any changes in circumstances, and there are some authorities (notably Kensington and Chelsea) who will refuse to reassess your claim unless you specifically request a reassessment for the vacation. Therefore I would suggest that, whichever your authority, you write to them now, informing them of your vacation dates, reminding them that your

vacation income from your grant is only £24.55 per week, informing them that you will not be working over the vacation (if that is the case) and asking them to reassess your claim for those weeks.

To Claim (for those who haven't yet submitted claims): DO SO NOW! Forms for Westminster, Kensington & Chelsea, Hammersmith & Fulham, Ealing and Hounslow are available from Student Services, for other boroughs visit your local Town Hall. When you submit your form you will need to include proof of your grant from your Local Education Authority, proof of your rent, ie rent book/rent receipts/letter from your landlord (Student Services if you are in College accommodation) and a note of your term dates. Remember these claims cannot be backdated—if you have not applied by the beginning of the vacation you will lose your money. However, if you do apply now enclosing the term dates and making it clear you wish to apply for term time and vacation then you should be assessed for both periods.

The main disadvantage with this type of benefit is the time it can take for your money to arrive (anything from 1 to 9 months). It

is worth keeping in touch with your Housing Authority since some of them have a disconcerting habit of temporarily 'losing' claims if it can save them the trouble of processing them. If you do have particular difficulties with your claim, call into Student Services and we should be able to help coax authorities into action.

Although all the details in this article are to the best of my knowledge, correct at the time of going to press, confusion still reigns amongst the Housing Authorities and it is quite likely that individual officers at the Town Halls may give contradictory advice to students. The safest way to avoid confusion is to follow the basic rules outlined below:

1. If you are remaining in London over the vacation 'sign on' through the DHSS.
2. If you are leaving London for the vacation use the Standard Housing Benefit system.
3. Return all forms and reply to all letters from the Housing Authority promptly and clearly.
4. Conduct all communications by post with the relevant authority and keep copies of all letters sent.

SUCKER

INVASION OF THE BOYSCANNERS

1 ONCE UPON A TIME... IMPERIAL COLLEGE HAD ONE OF THE BEST COMPUTER SCIENCE DEPARTMENTS IN THE COUNTRY...

2 THEN 3 THINGS HAPPENED AND THE WHOLE LOT WENT FOR A CHOP.

1 THE DEPARTMENT'S MAINFRAME CAME TO THE END OF ITS LEASE... AND WAS REPLACED BY A NETWORK OF ZX81'S AND THE OCCASIONAL PROGRAMMABLE ABACUS.

2 NEXT WE COME TO THE GOLDEN BOY OF THE DEPARTMENT - MR IAN STINSON, A PERSON OF GREAT PRESTIGE AND THE AUTHORITY ON VM OPERATING SYSTEMS - VALUABLE ENOUGH TO BE GIVEN A TOP SINECURE TO KEEP HIM IN THE DOC!

3 WHILE HE WAS LECTURING IN AMERICA SOME WANKER PULLED A "PALACE REVOLUTION" AND EASED HIM OUT OF HIS TOP-SLOT! NOW DOC HAS LOST ONE OF ITS BEST "NAME'S" HENCE THE SHRUNKEN HEAD!

3 SO YOU SAY ALL THIS IS SURVIVABLE? YOU HAVEN'T HEARD THE BEST OF IT! NOW WE HAVE A NEW HEAD OF DEPARTMENT!

THEY REPLACED HANNIE THE COMPUTER SCIENTIST WITH "BRUCE" SAVERS - AN ELECTRICAL ENGINEER WITH A SPECIALITY IN... BODY-SCANNERS!

WE DOC ACADEMICS ARE SITTING TIGHT AND HOPEING SAVERS WILL DO THE MONEY-HUNTING AND ADMIN BUT LEAVE THE EDUCATION TO US...

IF HE'S NOT RIGHT WE COULD END UP WITH BSC'S IN MEDICAL ELECTRONICS.

ASK THIS MAN HOW HE GOT INTO THE CARTOON!

THE RECTOR HAS APPOINTED PROF. "BRUCE" SAVERS CURRENTLY HEAD OF ELEC. ENCG.

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AS USUAL NOBODY IS POLITE ENOUGH TO TELL THE STUDENTS WHAT GOES ON...

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THE BARON OF CHEAPSKATE

By
Juvenal



For Gormless had begun to worry. Ever since his election, Balls had never been quite the same to her. No longer did she find twelve red roses outside her door in the morning. Gone was the time when Balls would appear at her window, having shinned up the drainpipe waving a box of her favourite chocolates. Now Gormless had to ask him to get out of her chair, enquire if they could possibly have a 'nice, quiet night in-together' only to be told that he was off drinking again. He was even making all the decisions without telling Gormless what he had done. Gormless was depressed. 'Thesonly one think ferret (hic!)' exclaimed Mrs Hockey-sticks. She took the large rusty key hung permanently around her neck and weaved her way sinusoidally toward the sherry cabinet.

Gormless glanced out of the window and spotted Pristine, the wicked bitch—whoops, Witch of Southside, gliding across the sunlit, gleaming tower, astride her broomstick. Pristine threw back her hands in joy. Her long, black hair blowing in the wind and her teeth glinting in the sunlight, warning all of her presence, she was joyous at the prospect of what was to come. For she had obtained a rare herb, that only appeared briefly at the start of spring, which was to be the basis of one of her most powerful spells yet. Swooping down low Pristine flew through an open window and landing softly on Jo Henawhatshername. Beckoning Gormless, Pristine put her broomstick in the corner and went into her office. There, above a smouldering log fire, hung a huge steaming

One morning, as the clouds began to break and sun shone down over Cheapskate's symbolic tower, Baron Weed stepped out onto the veranda and stared across the lawns that confronted him. Taking a deep breath, trying desperately to clear his head after a most enjoyable evening with his contemporaries, the Baron noticed with pleasure all those signs of the approaching Spring which he knew so well: flowers, poking their heads through the soil, Lady Marigold's announcement of plans for forthcoming holidays—on her own—and the concerned expressions of the citizens, as the murmur of 'examinations' spread like an unstoppable cancer throughout their number.

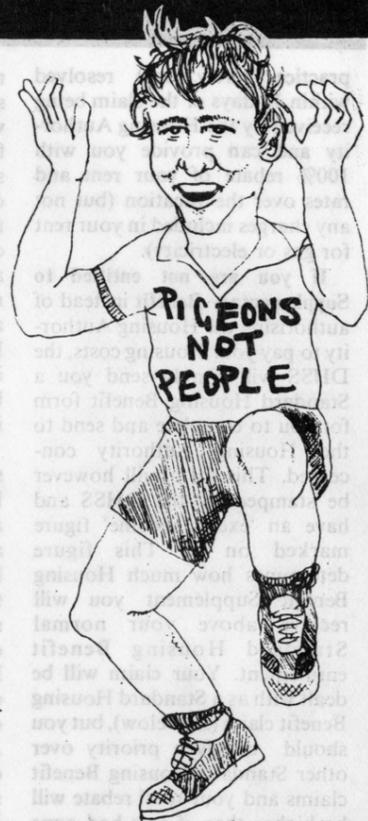
'And no committee meetings for a whole fortnight,' thought the Baron. 'And with any luck the newspapers will stop criticising me. The cuts are too bad—and I am preserving the status quo. What more do they want?' Reminded of his failed attempts to control FALIX the Baron concluded that the media would always be a thorn in his side and returned to his study to sulk.

The thoughts of spring were concerning others that day. Gormless Layon, President of the Citizens Association, was sitting in the Citizen's Office talking to Mrs Jolly Hockey-Sticks about the behaviour of her suitor, Ian Balls. Her agonising was to little avail since Mrs Hockey-Sticks was in the usual drunken stupor she was to be found in at that time of the morning.

'Spring—when a young man's thoughts turn to love!' Gormless announced forlornly, recalling how her suitor Ian Balls had spent the previous evening drinking and playing cards with his new-found friends Eric Sloth and Dave Paralytic.



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cauldron. At its side, Huge Pigeon—the citizens' representative in charge of pleading for better gruel—was jumping up and down incessantly, unable to contain his excitement.

'Ooo, Pristine are we actually going to do something? What do you want me to do? Shall I call a committee meeting? Oh, just think I'll be able to put my face all over the front cover of FALIX again! Oh goodie.' His boy-scout eagerness and endless willingness to oblige those in power merely irritated his idol and mentor Pristine who found him an unnecessary interference in her plans.

'Stop jumping around and close the door,' she cackled, adding the final ingredients. Such remarks merely washed over the irrepressible Huge who, obliging as ever, hopped up to the door, nearly slamming it in the face of the recently elected Dave Paralytic.

Paralytic was a man born long after his time. Bearded, of almost tramp-like appearance, he shuffled from one post to the next, merely trying to find somewhere to sit down and have an easy time. And like so many other people with that ambition, the citizens' office was his final port of call.

'Have you seen Eric?' he enquired of Jo Henherwhatshername who had barely recovered from Pristine's unexpected arrival.

'I think he's in Sawnoff's office,' she replied, rubbing herself where the sharp end of the broom had found itself.

Paralytic peeped round the door and found his colleague and playmate Eric Sloth, curled up by the printing machine fast asleep. 'Practising for next year I suppose,' Paralytic shrugged.

Later that morning the door to Pristine's office flew open and Huge leapt out shouting 'I've got it, I've got it. All the other citizens representatives have failed but I've achieved the impossible.' Unable to contain his excitement, Huge jumped around for joy and promptly knocked a couple of glasses and kicked the already suffering Jo in the shins. Pristine, however, emerged and having told Huge to shut up, proceeded to explain her achievement.

'I put all the figures I had into the pot and with a little encouragement and a touch of the magic formula I discovered when I was doing someone else's job a few years ago I produced these results.'

Quite literally by magic Pristine had produced out of thin air a most important set of figures—numbers which revealed that the Citizens could run one of Victor Munchey's gruel outlets at a profit.

'I'll go down as the most important President, er, Vice-President for years' announced Pristine proudly.

'And I'm bound to get President's job,' said Huge, who had by this time managed to hop his way into Pristine's cauldron.

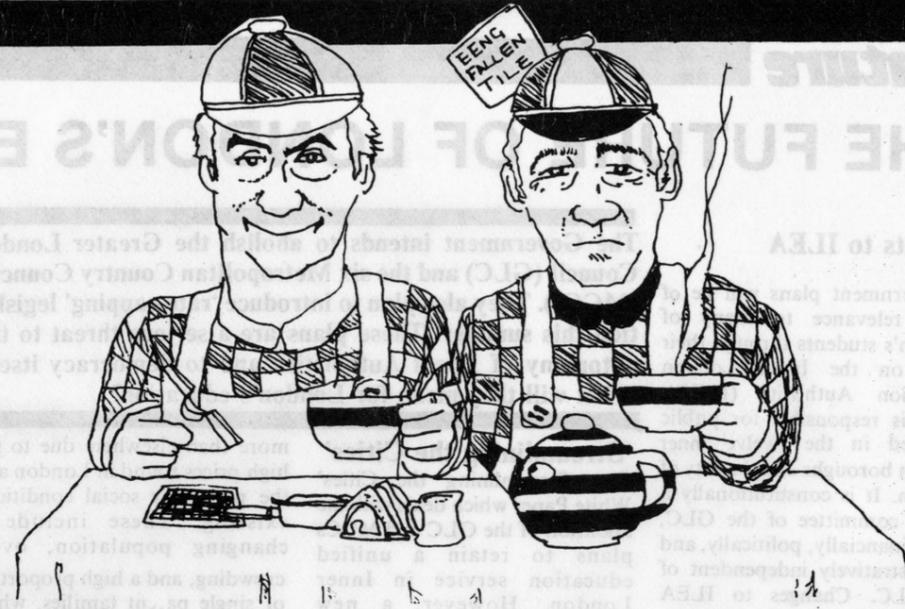
'All we now need to do is get Simon Perrier's approval and we're home and dry,' said Huge. But his complacency was unjustified for Pristine had foolishly left one of the windows of her office open out of which had blown a sheet of paper containing details of the plans. And later the same day, that very piece of paper was upon the desk of Dong Lark, the Baron's Secretary of Estates.

'We're going to have something proper to do again!' said Dong, most pleased at the prospect. 'Do you remember all the fun we had when we refurbished the Citizens' Refectory last time?'

As ever, Dong was addressing his twin and deputy Headbang Cameroon Lark.

'Oh, yes,' replied Headbang looking up from his crossword puzzle. 'All that knocking things down and ripping things up—and we didn't have to take any notice of anyone else.'

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two of them, taking up the majority of the afternoon. Together, they began to discuss what they were going to do to the refectory. 'Well,' said Dong having tasted the tea which had been so dutifully prepared for him and found it satisfactory 'I think that we need a new door in the place—and some more lights.'

'Oh yes, replied Headbang nibbling at his toast 'and let's get rid of all those awful chairs and tables—they do get in the way. Perhaps we ought to put a partition down the middle, to separate off the bar?'

'Now that's a very good idea—I'll get someone to draw up the plans. And we can use up some of that scaffolding that's lying around the place—perhaps build a climbing frame....'

'Oh, don't be silly,' replied Headbang distressed at the thought of citizens crawling all over the scaffolding of which he was so proud.

'Although we could get rid of a few tiles here and there. Why don't I get someone to stand at the bottom and catch them from the Electrical building. It'll be rather like a game of cricket.'

'Oh, now you're just being silly. If you're going to be like that I'll walk out. Don't you know it's your turn to pour the tea, I'm always doing it....'

While Headbang and Dong sat arguing, the news reached John Secretary of Pristine's plans through his network of spies and informers. He had been out-manoeuvred and was not amused.

'Gormless really ought to know her place. The only possible solution to these matters is to close the refectory—it's always worked in the past,' he announced. The only thing listening was a small rat which had been scratching around John Secretary's dungeon desperately trying in vain to find a few crumbs. The rat departed, leaving John alone. But solitude was a most agreeable state for him—especially when scheming. He concluded that he did not wish to bloody his hands further and decided to arrange for others to stop the plans before they even got off the ground. One telephone call was enough for John Secretary to depart for

home with his conscience satisfied.

Later that same evening, long after Southside Tavern had closed and the citizens had departed to their rooms, two shadowy figures appeared from nowhere and merged in the darkness of the adjacent gardens. After whispering one word they contorted their arms and shook each others hands in a most unusual fashion. The larger of the two handed over a small document containing the most delicate of secrets. As the recipient walked away, disappearing quickly into the night, the other stood a short while watching the other depart. Drawing items from his pocket he lit a cigarette. The brief burst of light revealed the grotesque features of Victor Munchey, the chieftan of all the Baron's kitchens. For he knew how to stop Pristine's plans.

To be continued.....



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THE FUTURE OF LONDON'S EDUCATION

Threats to ILEA

Government plans will be of direct relevance to many of London's students through their effect on the Inner London Education Authority (ILEA). ILEA is responsible for public education in the twelve inner London boroughs and the City of London. It is constitutionally a special committee of the GLC, but is financially, politically, and administratively independent of the GLC. Changes to ILEA planned by the Government would quite simply wreck London's education service and have been opposed by all parties on ILEA.

ILEA is threatened by two White Papers currently before Parliament.

Rates

The 'Rates' bill under consideration will, if passed, allow Central Government to single out a handful of 'over-spending' local authorities and determine the maximum rate they can legally raise. Informed sources do not doubt that ILEA would appear on the Government's 'hit list'. The consequence of this would be a reduction of £120m—almost 13%—in ILEA spending, resulting in a catalogue of disasters; redundancies, cuts in equipment spending in schools, closure of courses and colleges, bigger classes and, of course, a general drop in standards.

draconian powers

Few IC students would suffer as a result of this. However, ILEA administers five polytechnics and 29 other colleges. These could face, for instance, a doubling of hostel and catering charges and early closure in winter to save fuel. Cuts in ILEA discretionary awards could mean no grant for 1,500 students.

The 'Rates' Bill has received particularly harsh criticism. Edward Heath, a former Prime Minister, described it as conferring 'draconian powers'.

Mr Heath has said that central government has not needed these powers previously—even during two world wars. However, the scheme is set to be implemented this summer.

The Government intends to abolish the Greater London Council (GLC) and the six Metropolitan Country Councils (MCCs). They also plan to introduce 'rate capping' legislation this summer. These plans are a serious threat to the autonomy of Local Authorities and to democracy itself. What will they mean for London's education?

'Streamlining the Cities'

The 'Streamlining the Cities' White Paper which deals with the abolition of the GLC and MCCs plans to retain a unified education service in Inner London. However, a new authority would be set up to administer this service, thus replacing ILEA. This would be a joint board, consisting of about fifty councillors nominated by the Inner London boroughs and the City of London. Londoners would therefore no longer directly elect an education authority, and borough councillors would take on an additional heavy workload to which they were not particularly suited.

All political parties on ILEA have expressed their reservations to the plans. The White Paper gives only a mere outline of proposed changes and has clearly been rushed and poorly prepared.

Unfortunately this reorganisation and the transitional arrangements will lead to a costly bureaucratic turmoil which will in no way help tackle Inner London's pressing problems with education.

Why is this legislation needed?

Two principal reasons are given for these reforms. The GLC and MCCs are seen as an unnecessary tier of government, but this clearly cannot apply to ILEA since, as we have seen, an overall joint board for the whole of Inner

urban deprivation

London is to be set up. The major reason is the Government's desire to limit local authority spending, despite the fact that over the last five years ILEA's budgeted gross expenditure overall has dropped by about 3½% in real terms.

There are good reasons why services should not be cut to provide greater savings. Education in Inner London costs

more than elsewhere due to the high prices found in London and the particular social conditions existing. These include a changing population, overcrowding, and a high proportion of single parent families, which all contribute to a high level of urban deprivation. Schools in London are particularly old and therefore require more maintenance.

dangerous centralisation

Furthermore, claims that abolition of the GLC and MCC's would lead to a significant annual saving have been dismissed by Coopers and Lybrand, a highly respected private firm of management consultants.

Why this legislation is NOT needed

The two sets of proposals raise fundamental issues of principle. They limit the right of the local community, through its elected authority, to determine rates and levels of services. They remove direct accountability from the electorate and bring about dangerous centralisation. They are also unpopular, and should so serve as a warning to those opportunists who wish to tamper with the nature of our democratic system.

'Conservative ministers who during the Government's first term of office were preaching enhanced accountability and stronger links in local government between the payers and providers are now proposing to create a string of bodies whose decisions, financial and political, cannot be adjudicated through the ballot box. Instead, they will be subject to yet more control and interference from the centre.'

—The Financial Times (leading article) 11 October 1983

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WELLSOC—20 Years on

HG Wells



'The acquisitive fool with his money bags, the priest with his prayers and incantations, the straining girl in the factory, even the lad in the stoke hole of the labouring ship or behind the Tommy gun, can do nothing against our supreme enemy, Ignorance. Knowledge or extinction. There is no other choice for man.'

HG Wells (1866—1946), novelist and social reformer, gained a free studentship to the Normal School of Science, later to become the Royal School of Science. He studied biology under Thomas Henry Huxley, who had a great influence on much of his work and ideas. He attended Imperial for four years. During this time his work, originally brilliant, became steadily worse, until, disillusioned with his Professor, he failed his geology finals. He became a strong critic of Imperial College.

Wells believed in social and scientific interests being catered for inside the College system, he wrote:

'There is an ineradicable tendency in sound technology to go on to purely scientific interest and breadth of social thought, the higher centres will keep on breaking through, and South Kensington, in spite of itself, does a great deal of read University work and makes men of many of its technicians. But so far the recognition of this tendency in any organised form has been successfully resisted.'

In the Beginning

In January 1963 the first move to form a society based on this

Many students at Imperial College have no idea of what Wellsoc is, and why it exists. The HG Wells Society of Imperial College was founded twenty years ago this session, to conquer ignorance, broaden people's horizons and release them from the narrow confines of academic life.

idea, was made; Sinclair Goodlad MA wrote to the president of the National H G Wells Society asking their permission to use Wells' name for the new society.

H G Wells was chosen as the 'patron saint' of the society because of all Imperial College alumni, his interests most nearly coincided with those of the society but '...he is our excuse rather than our motive.'

Aims

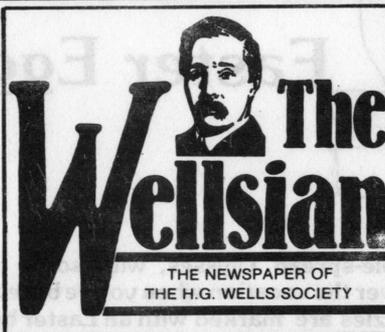
Broadly speaking the H G Wells Society—Wellsoc for short—has three main aims. Firstly, it aims to give students in the various departments an opportunity to hear about interesting work being undertaken in the fields of science and technology other than their own.

Secondly, it explores the interaction between the discoveries of science and the life of the community, and hence the 'shape of things to come'.

Thirdly, it will examine subjects which are on the borderline between science fiction and science fact.

After the Beginning

Membership of the society grew from 1963 onwards under the presidency of first Sinclair Goodlad MA (now Dr Goodlad EE), then Lord Jackson of



*You W. Speer,
p. excuse hate Thanks for your letter
a lecture tour of the U.S. which will
finish until late May '68 Also I'm
still working on 2001 which will be
released here soon Enter
at C Club*

An extract from a letter received from Arthur C Clarke.

Burnley. Sir Barnes Wallis CBE FRS gave the opening lecture of the session 1968-69 on 'The Strength of England' which packed out the Great Hall. He was invited to become president in 1970, after the death of Lord Jackson; he accepted and returned in October to lecture on 'The General Trend in Transport'.

This lecture was the peak in the society's history with

attendances of 950 and membership reaching 1,150, making it the largest society in the University of London.

For four years membership remained high (900 in 1974), however in 1979 membership had fallen into single figures and under the unenthusiastic chairmanship of Frank James, the society collapsed.

In 1981 the society was relaunched, with Prof Eric Laithwaite (EE) as president, by a hard core, including Pallab Ghosh (Chairman). The first issue of the 'Wellsian'—paper of Wellsoc—appeared soon after. Membership increased to approximately 550.

Lectures have always been held on Monday evenings at 7:30pm hence the society slogan 'Monday Night is Wellsoc Night'. Lectures were varied, ranging

from 'Relativity', 'Science for Crime' to 'Gambling' and 'An Anatomy of Laughter', many by well known people. Dr Magnus Pyke, Yuhudi Menuhin, Michael Bentine and Prof Sir Herman Bondi. The lectures were supplemented by film showings including 'Freaks' a film banned from England for thirty years, and 'Village of the Damned' a film based on John Windham's 'Midwich Cuckoos'.

Study Groups

Many specialised groups were set up in the society, such as UFOs, ghosts, and the electronic music group, to study in detail their own subjects. Some of these groups formed into societies when Wellsoc collapsed in 1979—Graffiti, and Science Fiction Society which are still in existence today.

The Future

Next year the society has once again an enthusiastic committee, if a little inexperienced, and lectures have started on Monday evenings, on a regular basis.

Perhaps the society will again become 'THE' society in Imperial College.

HYPNOTISM



“YOU WILL BE THERE!”

MARTIN S. TAYLOR

Mech. Eng. 220

7:30 p.m. Monday Feb. 14th

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A poster advertising a forthcoming event. The event was expected to have a large attendance and was held in Mech Eng 220 to cope.

ULYSSES



Easter Eggstravaganza



Welcome to the double-spread Ulysses, with some brain-twisters for you to try over the vacation when you're bored with revision. The prize puzzles are marked with an Easter bunny, and are worth £5 each, for which I am once again grateful to Mend-a-Bike of Park Walk. My thanks for this term to Perola, Anatoly, Sharpshooter, Omar, Scaramouche and anyone else who has given me a puzzle, and thanks to anyone who has attempted any of the puzzles.

Good luck, everyone, for the last time this term, and happy Easter to you all.

I shall be retiring as Puzzles Editor at the end of next term. If anyone would like to take over, could they please contribute a couple of puzzles next term, and drop in to the FELIX Office some time next term to see myself or Dave Rowe.

C P Simpson of Physics 2 was the randomly selected winner of the last puzzle, and can collect his £5 cheque, courtesy of Mend-a-Bike, from the FELIX Office any time. Solutions for the prize puzzles to the FELIX Office by 1:00pm on the first Wednesday of next term please.

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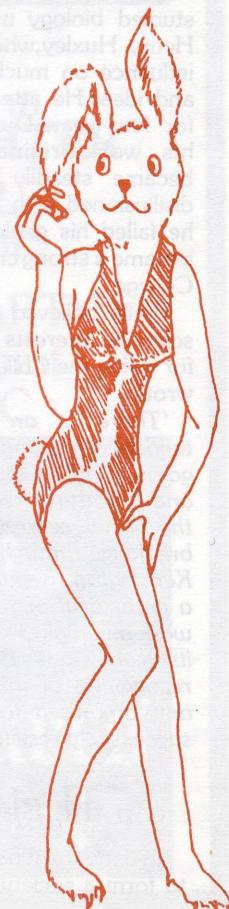
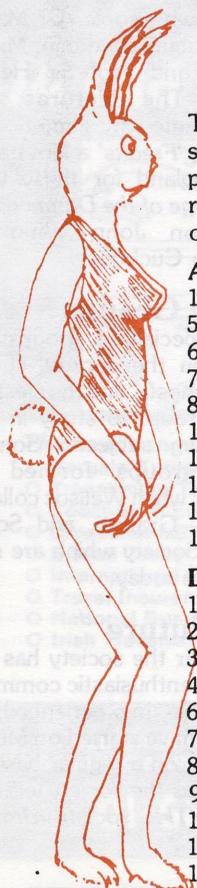
This cross-number puzzle requires logic, calculation and trial-and-error, and the numbers are so interlocked that practically every one of them must be used to get the solution to 2 down. The puzzle concerns a farm which has been in the Davis family for some years. A part of the farm is a rectangular piece of ground known as the Potato Patch. The year is 1939; 4840 square yards = one acre; 4 roods = one acre.

Across

- Area in square yards of the Potato Patch.
- Age of Martha, Father Davis's aunt.
- Difference in yards between length and breadth of the Potato Patch.
- Number of roods in the Potato Patch times 8 down.
- The year the Davises acquired the Potato Patch.
- Father Davis's age.
- Year of Mary's birth.
- Perimeter in yards of the Potato Patch.
- Cube of Father Davis's walking speed in mph.
- 15 across minus 9 down.

Down

- Value of shillings per rood of the Potato Patch.
- Square of the age of Father Davis's mother-in-law.
- Age of Mary, Father Davis's other daughter.
- Value in pounds of the Potato Patch.
- Age of Ted, Father Davis's son, who will be twice the age of his sister Mary in 1945.
- Square of the breadth of the Potato Patch.
- Time in minutes it takes Father Davis to walk $1\frac{1}{3}$ times around the Potato Patch.
- The number which, multiplied by 10 across, gives 10 down.
- See 9 down.
- Additions of the digits of 10 down plus 1.
- Number of years the Potato Patch has been in the Davis family.



Cryptarithmic

Here's a couple of puzzles from Scaramouche...



- AHG is divisible by 1 but not by 2
- BKKA is divisible by 2 but not by 3
- CJDFF is divisible by 3 but not by 4
- DHKJ is divisible by 4 but not by 5
- CBAFE is divisible by 5 but not by 6
- BGFBD is divisible by 6 but not by 7
- AJA is divisible by 7 but not by 8
- ABDDC is divisible by 8 but not by 9
- DEJFK is divisible by 9 but not by 10
- CHJHA is divisible by 11 but not by 12

A to K (with the exception of I) represents the digits 0 to 9. Each series of letters represents an integer in base 10. There are no leading zeroes. Which letter represents which digit?

Find digits for a b c d (not necessarily distinct) such that the number abcd (considered as an integer in base 10) is equal to

$$\begin{array}{r} b \\ a \cdot c \cdot d \end{array}$$

Words

1. What common English word has no rhyme?
2. What eight letter word contains only one vowel?
3. What common six letter word contains no vowel?
4. What six letter word has three y's?
5. What word contains three consecutive double letters?
6. What word has all five vowels in alphabetical order?

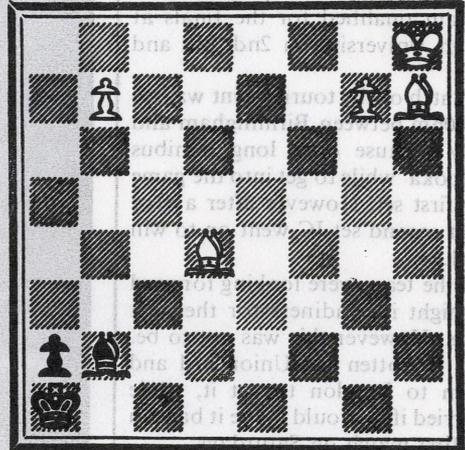


Yet another egg-celent chess puzzle from Anatoly.....

Two egg-spert chess players were playing in the Primelia College Chess Club last week, and to add some egg-citement, Egbert (White) was trying not to win, but to have his king checkmated, but Shelley (Black) tried to avoid checkmating him. The match had reached the position above; (White to play and lose and advancing up the page). How did Egbert manage to lose in three moves?

Only legitimate moves are allowed.

(Ulysses and Anatoly would like it to be known that they had nothing to do with the puns in this puzzle).



A Bridge Too Far

And another bridge puzzle from Omar.....

♠ A K Q 2
♥ K 7 3
♦ A
♣ 10 9 7 5 4

♠ J 10 9 5
♥ J 6
♦ 8 6 4 3
♣ J 8 6

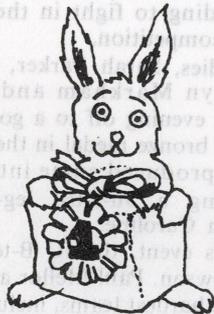
♠ 8 7 4 3
♥ Q 8 5
♦ 10 7 5 2
♣ K Q

♠ 6
♥ A 10 9 4 2
♦ K Q J 9
♣ A 3 2

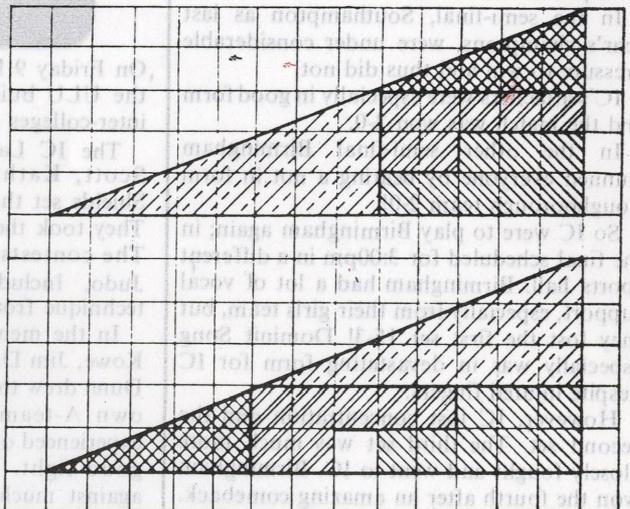
The problem is for North/South to make all thirteen tricks with hearts as trumps against the best defence by East/West.

The lead is the Jack of Spades.

In the rearranged triangle (below), where does the extra square come from?



TIM NOYCE



IC Scoop UAU Trophies!

Having won the SE regional play offs, IC Volleyball team qualified for the finals at Loughborough University on 2nd, 3rd and 4th March.

The first match of the tournament was on Friday at 6:00pm between Birmingham and IC. Probably because of a long minibus journey, IC took a while to get into the game and lost the first set. However after a very closely fought second set IC went on to win the match 2-1.

After this, the team were looking forward to an early night in readiness for the next day's matches. However this was not to be. Christos had forgotten his Unioncard and had to return to London to get it, while everyone worried if he would make it back in time for the first match on Saturdays.

On Saturday morning IC beat York fairly easily 2-0, but had a much tougher game in the afternoon against Manchester, eventually winning 2-1. Thus IC came top of their pool and were through to the semi-finals.

The tournament was organised on a pool system; there were two pools of four teams (winners of their regions), winners and runners-up of each pool go into the semi-finals. Matches were played best of three sets.

In Pool 1: IC won and Birmingham were runners-up, beating Manchester and York.

In Pool B: Nottingham, East Anglia, Loughborough and Southampton. Southampton (last year's winners) were very confident; Loughborough had a very well drilled and impressive team which included a Polish ex-international. As expected Loughborough easily won their pool, Southampton coming second. Thus, IC were to meet Southampton in the first semi-final on Sunday morning.

Saturday evening was 'quietly' spent in a local public house.

In the semi-final, Southampton as last year's champions, were under considerable pressure to win and thus did not.

IC's attackers were especially in good form and the match was won 2-0.

In the other semi-final Birmingham stunned everyone by beating a not in form Loughborough team 2-0!

So IC were to play Birmingham again; in the final scheduled for 3:00pm in a different sports hall. Birmingham had a lot of vocal support, especially from their girls team, but they lost the first set 15-3! Dominik Song especially was in devastating form for IC despite injured fingers.

However, IC lost concentration and the second set. The third set was much more closely fought and went to IC. Birmingham won the fourth after an amazing comeback. In the deciding set, IC got off to a good start—possibly inspired by the enthusiastic support offered by Speedy Stevie and Mini Mike from the bench; superior blocking and a more varied attack eventually gave IC the final set and match.

Thus IC won the title in an amazing first entry to the UAU competition, in an exciting five set final.



Hang-gliding champs: Team (L to R back) Dave Evans, Dave Thomas (front) Mel Burton, Dave Rusby, Karl Briers.

On March 3 and 4, the first inter-university hang-gliding competition was hosted by Swansea University.

Our Captain, Dave Rusby, went first for IC and was only the second person to land in the circle. Our hero, Dave Evans (The Black Baron) on his inflatable, went next and landed slap-bang in the centre of the target to get maximum points. Closely following came Dave Thomas, Mel Burton and the solid base to our team, Pete 'get on a diet'

Edwards, who, after relieving themselves of lunchtime ballast, all performed incredibly well to boost our points total. Commiserations to Karl, who was about to compete when flying was called off.

The IC Team consisted of Dave Rusby, Dave Evans, Dave Thomas, Mel Burton, Pete Edwards and Karl Briers. The final scores of the top three teams were: Imperial 180 points, Plymouth Poly 168 and Manchester Poly 138.

with in a similar fashion. The finals brought us up against QMC again, who didn't seem to have learnt their lesson from the earlier rounds. A quick past-midnight demonstration of Judo reminded them soon enough and IC collected gold for the third year running. Ian and Tim did especially well, often winning against heavier players. Terry also won all his contests in his own inimitable style.



On Friday 9 March, IC Judo Club went to the ULU building to fight in the annual inter-colleges competition.

The IC Ladies, Sarah Parker, Caroline Scott, Kathryn Markham and Gabby Shields set the evening off to a good start. They took the bronze medal in their event. The contests produced some interesting Judo, including a Ju-Jitsu leg-breaking technique from Caroline.

In the men's event, the IC B-team Ray Kowe, Jim Dawson, Paul Mellor and Chris Dunn drew the hardest teams, including our own A-team. In spite of the far more experienced opposition, the B-team put up a good fight. Ray and Jim did very well against much higher grades. Despite this, they failed to gain promotion from their pool.

The men's A-team, Ian Nevitt, Tim Stockings, Graham West, Andy Binding and Terry Corbitt moved into position. The crowd hushed. After some teething trouble with Brunel, the teams from QMC and an impressive "All stars" team were suitably dispatched. The semi-finals saw LSE dealt

ULU Athletics Championships

Univ of London Union will be staging their athletics championships on Tues and Wed 1 and 2 May (6:30pm start) at Motspur Park. Cost is 50p per person per event.

Universities Athletic Union will be staging their athletics championships on Sun and Mon 6 and 7 May (11:00am start) at Crystal Palace.

Anyone interested in taking part may inspect the timetable of events in the Union Office, and should do so as soon as possible since the entries must be in by 20 April.

Please see Ian Bull in the Union Office at lunch times for further details.



The Whole World at a flick of a Switch.

•What is HAMSOC?

HAMSOC is IC's Amateur Radio Society and is affiliated to the RSGB. It offers excellent antennae placement—and help for those wishing to become radio amateurs.

•What do Radio Amateurs do?

Amateur radio provides a universal friendship between people of like minds all over the world. Contact with places such as the Falkland Islands and Grenada is possible when no other means of communication is available. Radio Amateurs are often first with news of civil disturbance in places under communications blackout.

Radio Amateurs do not simply send Morse—they are involved in voice-transmissions, television, computer-generated data transmission, etc.

•What does HAMSOC offer its members?

The Society has a station with equipment available for use by members, at any time, under Callsign C5YC or G8EYC; one simply exchanges a current membership card for the shack

key at Beit Security. Our Chairman encourages members to make use of the log-book and to hunt around. However, note that one does need a licence in order to transmit.

•What more is there to Hamsoc?

If you wish to obtain a licence to transmit, then, through City & Guilds, the Club offers entry to the RAE examinations without charging centre-fees. We can order from the RSGB's range of books at 25% off publishers' list prices.

For those wishing to learn Morse code to PO test standard (12wpm) or better, help is at hand! Morse tuition records hide in some dusty filing cabinet and we also have a Morse tutor and key for loan to members.

We enter contests whenever members can be encouraged to participate—we hope you'll be interested—and we've organised trips to the BBC TV centre, BBC Radio London, the Faeroes—and Harrods; for afternoon tea! Suggestions for guest speakers/visits are welcomed.

•The Future

Andrew Larkins Physics 1 (G8WKS) is undertaking assembly of a new VHF/UHF station for the club. The antenna system is up at about 50m on the roof of Elec Eng. 100W, 144MHz and 430MHz power- and pre-amplifiers are to be located by the antennae, along with a 1.3GHz transverter. This system already has installed a link to the shack; 500m of Andrew Helix coaxial cable. Switching of the amplifiers, antennae and rotator is controlled from the shack, wherein resides the FT221. This system compliments the FT902DM amplifier and tribander which is used on HF at about 30m.

•Why this article?

We encourage you to consider the benefits in membership of HAMSOC; a small but thriving society.

•So what do I do about it?

For further details of membership, please contact either the club's chairman Simon Collings, Physics 2 (G4SGI) or myself Robin Morris, Physics 1, Hamsoc Hon Sec.

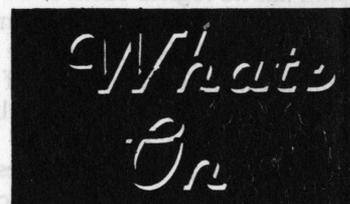
If anyone wants to come and sell Rag Mags at Royal Holloway College this afternoon then find myself (Dave Parry) or Dave Watson now, because we're leaving at 1:00pm.

Silwood tickets are now on sale from the RCSU Office so run along with a cheque book to us now.

The Amsterdam trip is leaving on Friday so if you feel like escaping to the continent for a weekend then go and see Dave Watson or Ian Thomas about the trip or drop a note (and £10 deposit) into the Ents pigeonhole in the RCSU Office.

Finally, have a sponderous Easter and don't come back without at least one idea for the Rag Fête.

Happy St Georges Day.
DP the VP



Civ Eng JSoc

I'd like to thank all who attended the annual Civ Eng Dinner last Thursday at the Big Apple Restaurant, South Kensington. The food was good and in large portions, and seemed to be enjoyed. There was plenty of wine as I managed to come away with eleven bottles I'd bought as spares, however I apologise for running out of red wine.

Although the dinner was poorly attended (33, about half students), it appeared to be a success, for those attending, and hence I would recommend the Big Apple for any club organising a dinner (please contact me if any club want me to expand on details if considering the Big Apple).

TRANSPORT

There will be yet another ICU Transport meeting on

Thurs 22 March
(note change of date)

at **5:30pm** in the

Union Upper Lounge

Please make sure that all club transport details are returned by this afternoon.

If you don't have a seder service to go to (whether progressive, orthodox or somewhere in-between), for the first and/or second nights, it should be possible to find a family for you to visit. Please contact me as soon as possible, via IC Union Office in Beit, if you are interested.

Robin Graham

Jazz

The Jazz Club is active again for any musicians who play jazz, rock, funk, soul, etc. What you gain from joining are the following: use of the jazz room for practicing, jamming or whatever; use of the Jazz Club equipment—the 100 watt mixer/PA system and our electric piano; AND the chance to meet musicians with tastes similar to your own.

There is a meeting for all interested on the second Tuesday of next term in the Jazz Room (upstairs from the Union Officers) at 1:00pm.

See you then!

Oxfam

This Friday, 16 March, Oxfam is launching its special London Easter Appeal throughout all its sixty shops in the Greater London area.

In 1984, we are looking for something a little bit special—jewellery.

Many people have a few pieces of jewellery bought years ago which today is never worn or taken out. Why not give it to Oxfam? They can then sell the item and use the money to help the millions of families, men, women and children overseas who might otherwise suffer from malnutrition or disease, or indeed starve, without this help.

Oxfam is appealing to students to have a special sort-out of their jewellery (any type) and give something to Oxfam for Easter.

Readers can give in jewellery to any Oxfam shop in London. Check the phone book for the one in your own area. Otherwise, ring Oxfam on either 876 3399 or 348 4225.

wednesday

1245h Union Upper Lounge
Anti-Apartheid Soc AGM. All welcome.

1245h Music Room
53 Princes Gate
Chamber Musical Soc AGM.

1300h Huxley 340
ConSoc talk 'Middle East Madness' with Sir John Biggs-Davison MP.

thursday

1300h Southside Upper Lounge
AstroSoc AGM.

1300h JCR and Hall TV Sets
STOIC: News-Break—The last programme this term. News, views and all the regular features—and maybe some funny bits as well. Repeated at 1800h, Hall TV sets.

1800h Brown Committee Room
IC Micro Club AGM.



Refectories

Last Thursday a 3% increase in the price of refectory meals was announced. This is to be on top of a 2½% rise implemented at the start of the season. The increase is based on the rise in price of an average person's groceries and cannot be directly compared to the requirements of a refectory system which purchases in bulk.

Until recently the refectories used to lose vast amounts of money each year, now due to increased efficiency it now makes a modest profit. These savings have not been taken into account when calculating the price increase.

The 3% price increase seems to have been conjured out of thin air and has no logical basis. It would have been sensible to base any price rise on the current performance of the refectory system. This unfortunately is not possible because it takes several months to get any useful information out of the refectory accounts. The problem is that the refectory pricing policy is based on guesswork and archaic accounting procedures.

The Union has been pressing College for years for a proper breakdown of the performance of individual refectories to little avail. Instead of brushing aside comments from the Union when College are losing the argument they should perhaps take the Union a little more seriously. If we have control of the Union Refectory next year maybe we can show College how a refectory should be run.

Handbook

Articles from clubs, societies and CCUs are required for next year's Handbook. The deadline will be the first Friday of next term (4 May). Articles should be roughly 300 words in length. In addition photographs and illustrations would be appreciated. All copy should be sent to the FELIX Office.

Credits

My thanks to the following people for their help on FELIX this term. News *J Martin Taylor, Hugh Southey, Dave Rowe, Dave Parry and Tim Noyce.*

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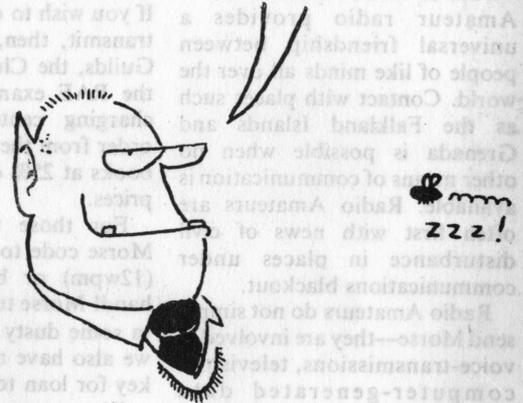
Thanks to *Maz Fellows and Peter Dawson.*

A special thanks to the Civ Eng Hydraulics lab for supplying the cruise missile.

Happy Easter!
Pallab Ghosh

MR MORON'S HAPPY EASTER

I REALLY USED TO LOVE
EASTER Y'KNOW -EASTER EGGS,
THOSE OH! SO CUTE EASTER
BUNNIES.....



A TIME OF HAPPINESS FOR THE
LITTLE KIDDIES -OOH!
IT WAS ALL SO NIICE!



WHY DID THEY HAVE TO
BRING RELIGION INTO IT!

