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30,000 MARCH ON WHITEHALL

ICU at NUS demo

The National Union of Students claim that Wednesday's 'Going For Broke' rally was their largest protest since 1974. Although the police say that 8000 were present, the NUS claim 30,000 with 1400 from Leeds University alone. About 20 students from Imperial College attended including President Ian Bull, Deputy President Dave Parry, Honorary Secretary Eric Darbyshire, and External Affairs Officer Jo Claydon. Ian Bull described the turn out as 'good by Imperial College standards'.

The mass rally started in Jubilee Gardens, South Bank, with messages of support from Clement Freud MP and Peter Heathfield, General Secretary of the NUM. After Phil Woolas, NUS president, arrived the crowd started to cross Westminster Bridge in small groups, to take 28,000 letters of protest to 10 Downing Street and to lobby MPs at Westminster. Several hundred demonstrators tried to break through the crowd control barriers. This led the police to close the bridge entirely, cutting off the students who had crossed the bridge from the main body. This smaller group then split, some lobbying MPs, some led by Ian Bull and Dave Parry marching to Whitehall.

On the South bank of the Thames the main body split, and tried to cross the river by other routes. As the demonstration crossed the other bridges they blocked them, and at one stage Westminster, Lambeth and Waterloo Bridges were blocked, throwing Central London into chaos during the afternoon rush hour. This was worsened when a few hundred students tried to block Parliament Square, but this was prevented by effective police action.

On the South side of Westminster Bridge about 1000 students were faced by 20 mounted police and 200

uniformed officers. Many of them held flares to provide light.

They were addressed by Phil Woolas standing on the roof of a bus shelter, and he claimed that the NUS had gained a victory by causing such chaos. During his speech he was barracked and called a 'scab' by the significant proportion of demonstrators who wanted to force confrontation with the police by storming the bridge, and a few stones were thrown at him. At one stage some students from Coventry Polytechnic climbed 60 feet up the side of County Hall and erected a banner, to the applause of the GLC staff inside.

After consultation with the police Mr Woolas asked the crowd to disperse. Rumours of mass arrests sparked-off a sit-down by about 100 students, but by this time the steady stream of police reinforcements meant that the police were able to clear the bridge by sheer weight of numbers, and there were no arrests. Westminster Bridge had been closed for over three hours.

Reports of arrests vary from 50 to 180, but only a few were charged, mostly with obstruction or public order offences. One policeman was slightly bruised.

Speaking that night in Bristol, Sir Keith Joseph, the Secretary of State for Education, called the protest 'futile', and accused the demonstrators of 'going on the rampage'.

Carnival success



Last Friday's Carnival was a success, and for the first time for several years made a profit, said the organisers.

Pictured above are Mud, the main attraction.

One of the few casualties was Kathy, the Union Office receptionist, who was detained overnight at St Stephens hospital after sustaining concussion.



ICU contingent in high spirits

LETTERS



LAS appeal

Dear Sir

Following recent actions taken by the Union Executive (UE) which have resulted in a temporary banning of the Latin American Society (LAS), a few remarks are in order:

1. As stated in a letter to LAS from Mr I Bull dated November 13 1984 (copy enclosed) and confirmed by the Appeals Committee today, the decision to ban LAS was taken on the grounds of running an 'unauthorised' bar and not clearing union premises on Saturday November 10 after a event organised by the Latin American Culture Centre (LACC) — and sponsored by LAS.

2. An 'unauthorised' bar is any sale within union premises of alcoholic drinks not bought from the union and sold without union permission. It is widely known that 'unauthorised' bars are nothing new in union premises, not even in parties attended by members of the Union Executive.

Although not knowing the regulations is not an excuse for not complying to them, it is surprising such a sudden change in union 'policies' on this matter. This topic of 'policies' takes me to the next point.

3. It is clear from a letter sent by Mr I Bull to the Chairman of LAS on October 22 (enclosed) that actions taken against LAS are *influenced* by events which occurred in previous sessions under different union executives! Events which, by the way, were positively solved for LAS

It is indeed very easy to prejudge this kind of situation when second hand information from unknown sources is available.

4. The event of Saturday November 10 was booked under a £150 deposit and £100 for hiring of union premises and £40 for additional security. The deposit has been kept by the union as part of the action against LAS.

Although union premises were returned in quite a good condition on November 10, it seems to me that £250 for residual cleaning is enough to do the job at the new quality level required by the union officials.

On the other hand, the mere fact of charging £100 for hiring union premises in any event *implies* that it is *not* an IC Club or Society event. It would otherwise be against the very much called for Union regulations.

The LAS acted solely as an intermediary, happy to see the event taking place at IC, and

LACC acted as a private user of union facilities and therefore paid for it, although this was not a profitable event the LACC being a charity. Such was the agreement.

If the Union Executive does not welcome such events, why was it given the green light in the first place? Why charge a £100 and come to an agreement? This was the mistake. And taking action *a posteriori* against LAS seems a very dubious way of setting a new precedent and correcting an error.

The Appeals Committee has ruled out that the ban imposed on LAS is to remain for several weeks and the £150 deposit to be kept by the Union. It appears that the committee just did not appreciate the previous remarks.

It might be relevant to point out here that 95% of the members of LAS are adults doing post-graduate research at IC who run the society at a very limited budget. It might be a mistake to expect to deal like adults with people in the union.

If this ban is to remain as it is, I expect to see the £100 fee for hiring union premises given back to LAS in order to be *consistent* with union constitutional regulations. Or is the union going to profit from its own societies?

I would very much like to see the Union Executive reconsidering their position.

Yours sincerely

L A Zenteno

Member of LAS

Carnival Chaos

Dear Sir

Last Fridays Guilds Carnival, despite, or perhaps because of its being run entirely by IC Entertainments Committee, with remarkably little help or encouragement from Guilds, was an outstanding success. Although the admission price, was, at £3.50, remarkably cheap for such an event, the Carnival managed to make a small profit, a considerable improvement on recent years.

The highlight of the evening was undoubtedly Mud's performance, which was ecstatically received by all those present. What most people didn't realise, however, was that Les Gray, Mud's lead singer and the only original member of the group, was almost not allowed into the Carnival at all. When he arrived at the front door at 9.30pm, rather later than expected, the people on the door, thinking he was having them on, refused to believe that he was in fact Les Gray, and wouldn't let him in without paying. The rest of the evening, however, passed without any further hitches, and so congratulations are due to all those who took part — in particular Charlie Troup, the Guilds Ents Chairman, who had the awesome responsibility of running the whole event.

The questions that must be asked, however, is why Guilds should take any of the credit for an event to which they contributed absolutely nothing, with the

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Next Friday there is no FELIX, but there will be an extra-special, bumper Christmas issue on the following Wednesday, December 12.

Anybody with cartoons, jokes, humorous articles, letters and so on, should drop them in to the FELIX Office.

The deadline for the last issue (small ads, diary entries, clubs, letters) is Wednesday 5 December.

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notable exception of Mr Troup, who is, significantly, also a member of IC Ents. Of those Guilds people who came along on Friday afternoon as helpers, so gaining free entry, only a fraction turned up later in the evening to move the band's equipment out, and none stayed to clear up afterwards (contrary to the claims made in Guildsheet this week), both these jobs being ones that Guilds were specifically asked to do. The barbeque, the single biggest money spinner at any carnival (and remembering that the profits from this carnival are donated to Rag) was also meant to be run by Guilds, and as a result failed to take place. A representative at IC Ents commented afterwards that the Guilds Exec seemed to think it enough to turn up late on in the evening, getting in free because of their union position, and then bask in the success of an event at which they had not even once offered to help.

Yours faithfully,

Disgruntled

(real name withheld by request)

Dear Sir

Having read the letters, features, opinions etc, etc, of the last few weeks I have decided to urge anyone with an IQ greater than that of a carrot to join the Society for the elimination of Peurile Twats from Imperial College. Anyone who thinks I'm taking the piss need not apply.

Yours in utter contempt of all semi-evolved life forms

Tony Wildish

Physics PG

Iceland expedition

An IC graduate is to lead an expedition to cross Iceland's largest ice mass, the Vatnajökull, on skis.

Anthony Hall, now a member of staff in the Centre for Biotechnology at IC, and Andrew Cummings, a third year geology student at Goldsmiths, are planning the small, lightweight expedition to Iceland.

The Vatnajökull is not only Iceland's largest ice mass but, at over 8,400 km² it is the largest ice cap outside the polar regions.

Mr Cummings and Mr Hall intend to explore the mountaineering potential of the Vatnajökull as well as Iceland's other ice caps and mountain ranges.

As expedition leader Mr Hall is currently applying to the Imperial College Exploration Board for approval and support. He is also looking for sponsors to help fund this challenging venture.

Award for Biochemistry team

The College award scheme for non-academic staff has been won by a team from the Biochemistry department.

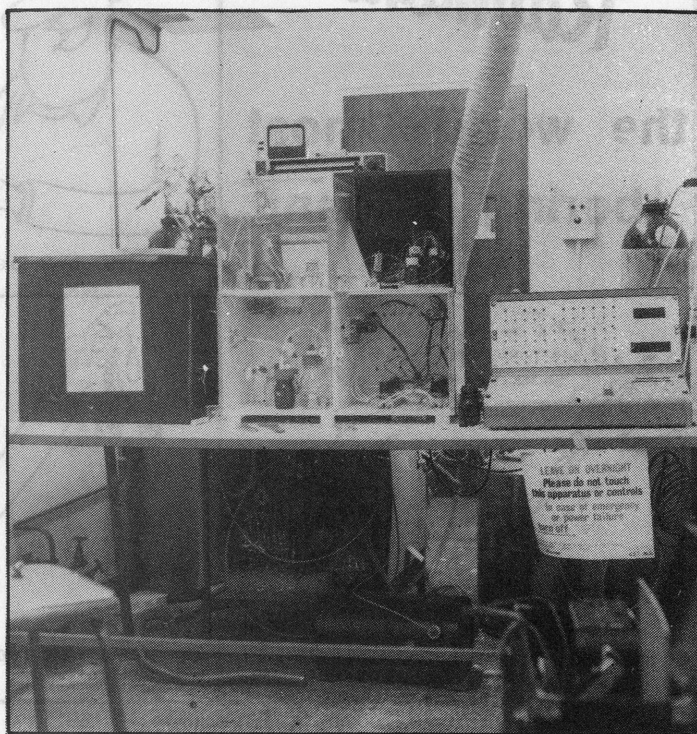
Ian Blench (team leader), Bernard Keene (engineer) and Andrew Rawkins (electronics) have designed and made the winning entry, a microcomputer-controlled gas-phase sequencer for analysis of proteins.

The device, pictured, takes a peptide chain, chops of one amino acid at a time, and converts it into a stable, easily characterizable derivative.

The machine is fully automated; a sample is put in and a series of derivatives come out at the other end after several hours.

Together with the Fast Atom Bombardment technique already practised in the department, this machine is an extremely powerful tool. Samples for analysis are already being received from universities throughout the world.

The award citation noted the 'outstanding craftsmanship' of the winning team.



The winning machine with the microcomputer (right), the reaction vessels and solutions (centre) and the sample collector (left).

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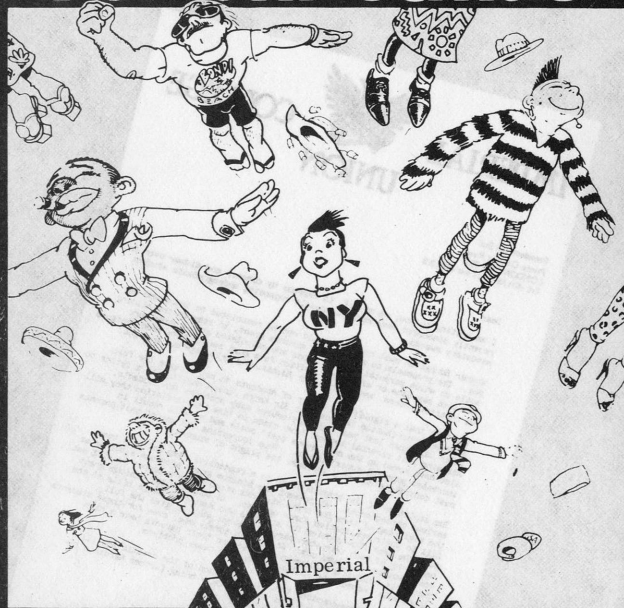
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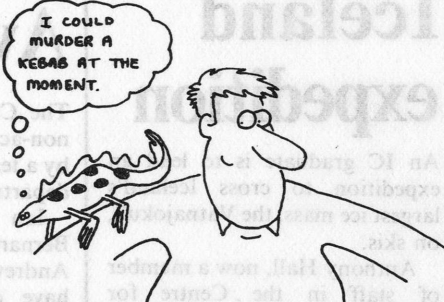
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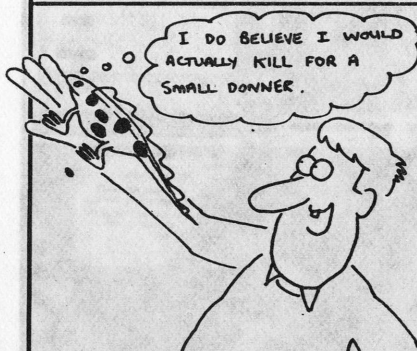
by Finian



This is my pet newt, Charles.



I've often wondered what it'd be like being a newt, swimming in the little brooks all day, eating waterweed...



all those pretty lady newts to chase, plenty of gravel to play with...

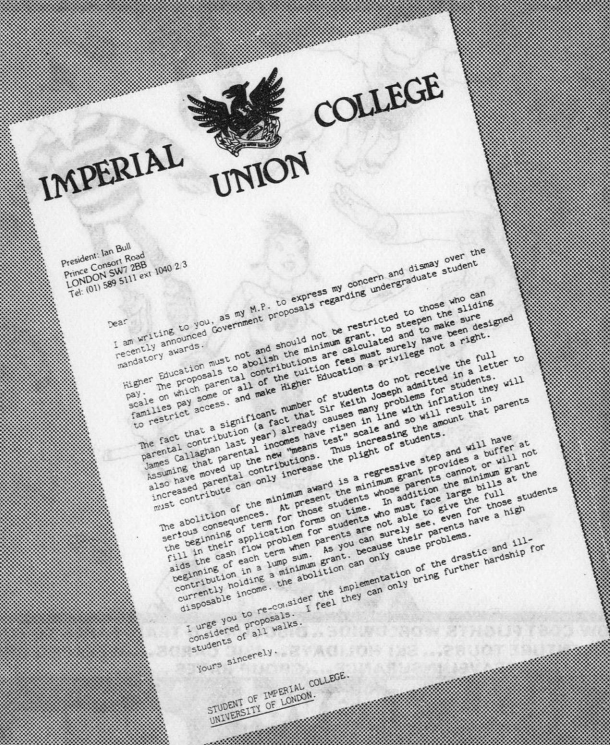


life treats newty people pretty well, eh Charles?



Too bad you're so tasty!

BULL!



YOUR GRANT FOR NEXT SESSION

Or should I say, 'Student Loan' for next session.

So you think that times are hard at the present level of the undergraduate student grant. Well, let's examine the recently announced proposals from the Government for next session:

1. Abolition of the minimum award.
2. Steepening of the sliding scale for parental contributions towards the grant. (Means Test)
3. Introduction of the payment of some or all of the tuition fees (again Means Tested) currently £520.
4. The level of the student grant will be increased by around 3% ie less than the current rate of inflation.

Should these proposals be passed, then they will come into effect from NEXT OCTOBER. Be warned; some students, currently registered on a course at Imperial today, may have to pay another £725. This will apply to an estimated 53,000 students countrywide (source: THES), roughly equivalent to the student population of the University of London.

The largest problems will be faced by those students whose parents do not make up the full amount of the parental contribution. Supposing that such a person now has no minimum grant to fall back on AND will have to pay some or all of his/her fees. This could be you, ACT NOW. WRITE TO YOUR MP.

How large will you overdraft be at the end of three or four years in London, given today's level of grant? And how large will it be if your grant doesn't even keep pace with inflation? Add to that the fact that your parents may not be in a position to increase their contribution any more. Where does that leave you?

The introduction of the payment of tuition fees on top of the grant is liable to cause problems right from the start, and can only get worse. Fees are currently set at £520 which is a somewhat arbitrary figure and it is not the true cost of, say one year of an undergraduate course in Electrical Engineering. Should the decision be made to set fees at £1,500 or higher, (which may be a more realistic estimate) and parents are expected to pay some or all of the fees as well as the grant, how many families will be able to afford higher education for even one of their children.

Higher Education must not and should not be restricted to those who can pay. The proposals to abolish the minimum grant, to steepen the sliding scale on which parental contributions are calculated and to charge tuition fees are attempts to restrict access to higher education, and to make higher education a privilege and not a right.

What Should You Do?

Write to your MP and complain, in your own words or on a standard letter that is available from the Union Office.

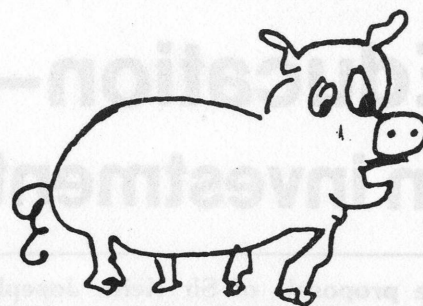
Send it to:- (Name of MP)

House of Commons,
LONDON, SW1A 0AA

If you don't, I hope you enjoy working the whole of your first year after graduation in paying off your overdraft.

The Bible, the Qur'an, Science and Pork Chops

by T Sheriff



What is the connection between religious scripture, scientific fact and your next pork chop or ham sandwich?

For fourteen centuries believing Muslims have refrained from touching pork in obedience to God's prohibition against it in the Last Revelation, The Qur'an. The prohibition against eating or even touching the swine has stood for almost 20 centuries in the Bible, but the majority of its followers, 'the christians', have ignored it.

Analysing the Biblical injunctions forbidding men from touching swine (Lev 11 v 7-8, 1s 65 v 4 and 1s 66 v 17) and the Qur'anic (Ch 2 v 173; 5 v 3; 16 v 114 and 6 v 145) one can see that the reason for the prohibition lies in the fact that the flesh of the swine is an abomination and unclean, and that the prohibition applies to the whole of the animal, including its flesh, fat and bones.

Although at the time of the revelation of these scriptures and subsequently, there was no identifiable reason for the prohibition other than that the injunction was from the All knowing and All Wise Creator of the Universe — and that was and is sufficient for Muslims. Recently, science, the new 'god' of the West has come up with concrete evidence to show that there are sound biochemical and medical reasons for not eating pork.

BIOCHEMICAL AND MEDICAL

When consumed by humans, animal fats are generally broken down into triglyceride (TG) molecules, which are then further hydrolysed by pancreatic lipase to yield glycerol and free fatty acids:

The three groups (R^1 , R^2 and R^3) can be either saturated (S) or unsaturated (U). Hydrolysis by pancreatic lipase is easy if R^2 is (U) but difficult if R^2 is (S). There are eight ways of arranging R^1 , R^2 and R^3 in the TG molecule; four have R^2 (S) and the other four R^2 (U).

Experiments^{1,2} have shown that the fat of animals described as lawful for food in Revelation eg sheep, cow, poultry, deer etc have predominantly R^2 (U) whereas pig has R^2 (S) — a characteristic it shares with carnivorous animals like the cat, dog, rat! The consequence of the inability of pancreatic lipase to break down R^2 (S) in TG fat molecules is that it is absorbed as it is, narrowing bloodvessels when it gets into the bloodstream — with the consequent risk of

Coronary Thrombosis and Arteriosclerosis — the major killer disease of the West.³ Thus, biochemically the pig is inedible, like the cat, dog and rat!

The medical dangers in consuming pig meat are perhaps not so insidious as the biochemical ones cited above, but are nonetheless alarming. The parasite, *Taniasoleum* (a species of the round worm *Trichina* which is unique to the pig) causes Trichinosis in the human being if infected pork is consumed. This disease has by no means been overcome advice to consumers to cook their meat properly or by attempts to ensure that pig farmers feed their pigs 'sterilized' garbage only.⁴ The fact is that the

dirty pig is a scavenger which eats filth, muck and rotting meat — converting this rubbish into flesh, within three hours because of its poor digestive system. It is no wonder that in America for example, one in six people are infected by Trichinosis, with 350,000⁴ new cases reported annually, and in Germany the situation is said to be even worse. Interestingly enough, trichinosis as a human infection is much less in the Tropics and the Orient!

CONCLUSION

For Muslims, this scientific evidence is welcome because in highlighting some of the empirical facts about the nature of pigs, it strengthens and confirms the faith in God. The three main reasons why the 'Christians' have ignored the order in the Bible to refrain from eating pork are 1) the belief that the coming of the Gospel cleansed all things; 2) St Peter's 'vision' of a menagerie in which he claims God asked him to slaughter for food which ever animal he wished — the pig was among the animals he saw and 3) The historical fact that the Patriarch of Constantinople at the time of Constantine said that it is not what goes into the mouth which is unclean, but what comes out. The refutation of this first reason has come from a Christian, Reverend C Leonard Vorse, who in his book⁵ said that it is 'marvellous' that the Gospel could have changed the nature of the pig when there is 'no evidence' that people have allowed it to change their own lives. With reasons 2) and 3), 'Christians' have permitted the dream of one man and the presumption of another to overrule a clear decree from God which was reiterated and reconfirmed by the Qur'an, The Last Revelation and by Jesus (on whom be peace) by implication because he said 'I come not but to confirm the Law of Moses' (Matthew).

So, would you stick your fork in pork when it has been prohibited so clearly and consistently by God, and it has been shown by science to be literally 'inedible' and unclean?

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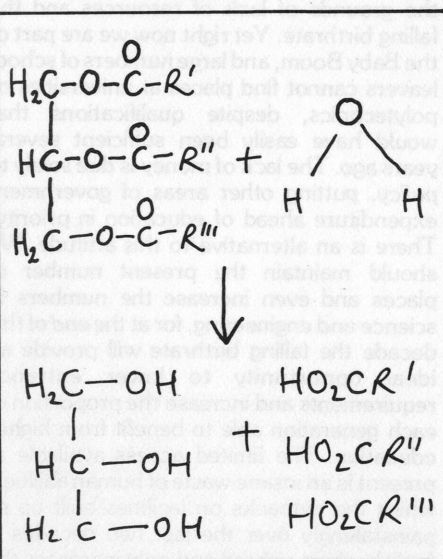
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⁴ D J SMITH ET AL, 'MICROBIOLOGY', 14th ed. See 'TRICHINELLA'.

⁵ C Leonard Vorse, 'THE HOG, SHOULD IT BE USED FOR FOOD?'



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Education— an investment in the future

The proposals of Sir Keith Joseph to alter the system of grants represent the biggest change in higher education for many years.

Here Tony Atkins and Abigail Levin of IC SDP Society consider the changes and their implications.

As you are probably aware, Sir Keith Joseph has recently proposed the abolition of the minimum grant, a significant steepening in the rates of parental contribution and the dangerous precedent of parents having to pay college fees. This follows a 45% increase in the rates of parental contribution (for those earning over £13,000) and the introduction of a measly £110 travel allowance this summer. These latest changes were announced without any consultation with NUS, the only available national voice for students, or indeed with any group representing parents or colleges. The British Higher Education system is under increasing attack. We feel now is the time to show the dangers of the present trends in Government policy, and that a restatement of the principles on which our education system is based is vitally important.

In 1943 the Beveridge Report summarised the ideals to which our present Welfare State aspires. The aim of welfare is to fight ignorance, poverty, unemployment and disease. The role of the State is to help create a modern and efficient economy whose wealth is used to create a fair and just society. This society should educate its people independently of their background, and education should be free at the time it is required. Funds for education should come from a national fund raised by taxation and administered by Government, contribution to the fund being based on one's ability to pay and the recognition that education benefits everyone eventually. Education is a long-term investment in the individual's and hence the nation's future. For a higher quality of life we need a stronger economy and culture, for which we need a higher and more broadly-based overall level of education.

The bulk of funds in the 1960's and 50s were channelled into primary and secondary education, so not until the influential Robbins Report in 1963 did the Higher Education system start to expand vigorously. Despite the economic difficulties of the 1970s this trend was continued, recognizing that economic health is fuelled by an increasing level of education both in quantity and quality. Even so, Britain still has the lowest level of participation in Higher Education amongst all our competitors. In the US over 45% of young people take a degree of some sort and a far wider range of courses are

available. In Britain, Higher Education remains the privilege of an elite. If we are to maintain and improve our current standard of living, we must have an expanding and healthy education system, working with a broader range of student and courses. We are in the midst of an industrial revolution and we cannot afford to restrict the number of people being educated to cope with the times ahead of us.

The Government, however, continues to cut places and resources and imposes increasing financial burdens on students and parents. This is bound to discourage participation in Higher Education. Apparently there 'must' be cutbacks now on the grounds of lack of resources and the falling birthrate. Yet right now we are part of the Baby Boom, and large numbers of school leavers cannot find places at universities or polytechnics, despite qualifications that would have easily been sufficient several years ago. The lack of money is due solely to policy, putting other areas of government expenditure ahead of education in priority. There is an alternative to this attitude. We should maintain the present number of places and even increase the numbers in science and engineering, for at the end of this decade the falling birthrate will provide an ideal opportunity to lower entrance requirements and increase the proportion of each generation able to benefit from higher education. The limited access available at present is an insane waste of human abilities, whilst the cutbacks on facilities built up so painstakingly over the last two decades is foolish, short-sighted and only increases the privilege and elitism in our society.

Sir Keith Joseph, by advocating that parents whose collective earnings are over £12,000 should contribute to their children's tuition fees is violating the principle of 'free education for all'. At present those pupils who chose to leave education at sixteen and who are unable to find employment can claim unemployment benefit or social security independently of their parents' income. Those of us (and that includes every British student at IC) who chose to continue our education to the age of eighteen do so through our parent's good will and hospitality. But how far will this hospitality or the finances of our parents stretch? There is no reason why parents/guardians should support any child over the age of eighteen

when that person is classed as having reached the age of majority and is recognised as an adult by society at large. This problem is not just one of parents' duty though, if one considers the many inactive students who will now have to pay for their maintenance or fees whilst their net income is zero. One can foresee a tremendous saving for the Government at a vast expense for the individual who no longer has the right for free education. This right has not always been there though. It was only in 1977 when Shirley Williams, then Minister of Education for the Labour Party, abolished the necessity for the payment of tuition fees by parents. The present system has worked successfully for the past seven years and even though cut-backs have taken place the country is producing thousands of graduates who control the future of the country. By altering the education system the Government will suddenly have several million pounds to 'play with' and, no doubt, will congratulate themselves on their mass saving.

This means saving by the Government on education will be done at your expense, your brothers' and sisters' expense and that of your parents. Although most students to whom this applies will not agree with the proposals, many will let apathy rule, enabling the present proposals to become an act. This is why we are urging you to write to your local MP, to get your parents to write to their MP and to support the motion concerning the above which is being raised at the UGM on the 4 December. It is after all directly affecting you and if passed it will be implemented as soon as next October. Furthermore these changes are only the thin end of the wedge. Having found that Parliament will not accept a formal loans scheme, Sir Keith is trying to introduce loans by underhand means. Due to the increasing hardship suffered by parents and students, he supposes, students will be forced to go to banks and mortgage their future for a loan. Parents who have been paying considerable taxes for 20 years will now find they have to pay tuition as well, as if higher education were comparable with a private school. Education may no longer be free in this country. Unless we act now, the student of the future will look back on 1984 as the disastrous year in which the principle of free education began to be reversed. Once we allow it to start, who knows where it will end?

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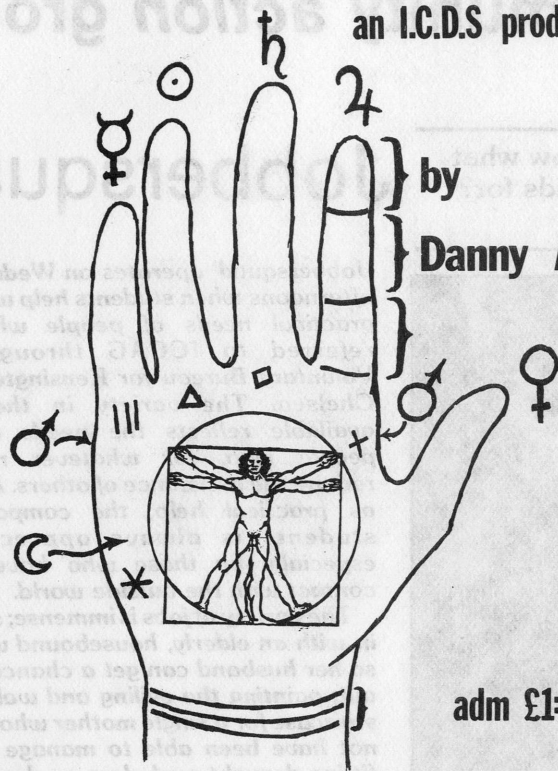
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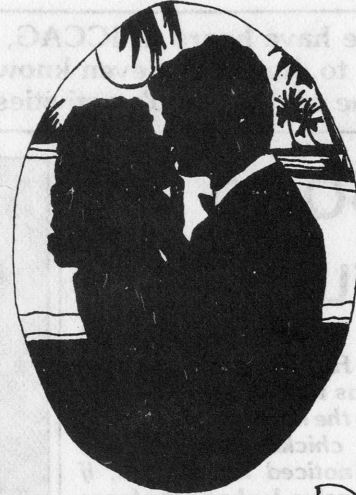


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ICCAG —the community action group

Most people have heard of ICCAG, but how many know what they get up to, how many even know what ICCAG stands for? Here some of the group's activities are described.

Soup run

It was a cold October evening as I entered Weeks Hall, contemplating the experience I was to have that evening. As I walked into the kitchens the smell of hot, steaming, chicken soup hit my nostrils and I noticed the excited, if slightly apprehensive, looks on the faces of students sitting around wrapped up in coats, woolly scarves and gloves. In no time at all we were all huddled together in the minibus amid the swilling soup, paper cups and loaves of bread shaking about on the floor.

Our first port of call was Lincoln's Inn Fields. It felt a bit eerie as we drove into a pitch-black park, devoid of any sign of life. But suddenly I noticed movement from behind the bandstand and gradually, one by one, men started to appear from nowhere. As we got all the food and drink out they queued up in an orderly manner to get their ration of sustenance to help them last the night. They were all so grateful and polite that I was quite taken aback. Down and out, destitute, tramps; call them what you will, they're just as human as you or me. They seemed to long for people to talk to, people to listen to, people to listen to their problems, people who would treat them with some respect rather than as second-class citizens; people to offer them a little love.

When all the food was gone we drove off to Embankment Station where people were huddled under blankets, sleeping bags, even cardboard boxes, against a cold, corrugated-iron frame. I spoke to one young lad in his twenties who hadn't eaten for three days. His face was pale and thin, he looked desperate. They all looked so pathetic in one way, but such a strong little community in another. It was so different from what I had expected. I'm sure that the night left me with a unique experience which I shall never forget.□

•The soup run leaves Weeks Hall each Thursday evening at 9.15pm, returning home by midnight. If you don't live close to College you can catch the tube home from Embankment or Charing Cross stations.



Eager 'Jobber squadders' carpet laying.

Jobbersquad

'Jobbersquad' operates on Wednesday afternoons when students help with the practical needs of people who are referred to ICCAG through the Voluntary Bureau for Kensington and Chelsea. The variety in the jobs available reflects the needs of the people who, for whatever reason, require the assistance of others. As well as practical help, the company of students is always appreciated, especially by those who have little contact with the outside world.

The variety of jobs is immense; sitting-in with an elderly, housebound woman so her husband can get a chance to go out; painting the ceiling and walls of a staircase for a single mother who would not have been able to manage alone; fitting draught excluders on doors and windows; helping an elderly man taking his first bath; fitting a new carpet for a man who had just moved into new accommodation. Most of these involve about three people each a week.

Jobbersquad does not require a weekly commitment from those involved. Helping out, even just once in a while, is very rewarding and is always greatly appreciated by those concerned.□



Loading up the van for the Soup Run. Bread, biscuits, tea, cups and soup.

Crisis at Christmas

Christmas is hard for the homeless. Many who usually go to stations, cheap cafés and day centres find these closed at Christmas. There is nowhere to keep warm, and nothing to do. CRISIS aims to improve the lot of the homeless and lonely. One of the ways it goes about doing this, and the one that is most publicised, is to open up a centre over Christmas to provide shelter, warmth, plenty of food and a touch of the festive spirit for anyone who drops in.

The 1983 'Open Christmas' was held in a vacant warehouse supplied by the GLC. Two weeks earlier it had been a gaunt, bare place. Then coconut matting and coloured lights were installed, balloons and paper chains hung, and the place began to look more homely. Over 400 volunteers were directly involved and many more in the preceding national campaign. Volunteers were employed in the kitchens preparing food, in the clothes store sizing garments, as well as in cleaning and providing company for the guests. All this happened 24 hours a day during the Open period.

The 'Open' lasts for about a week, providing basic care and friendship at a time when others are sharing Christmas with their families. Although some accuse it of being a 'seven-day wonder' it does fill a gap. It is not attempting to take over the work of projects that are open all year round and, because it is short-lived, it can operate without all the rules and restrictions that permanent places require. This means that homeless people who would normally avoid hostels will come along for somewhere to sleep, something to eat and some new clothes. No questions are asked, no names are taken.

But crisis does not just operate at Christmas. With the money they raise in the Christmas campaign they support over 50 projects nationally ranging from night shelters providing the most basic accommodation, to rehabilitation schemes and day centres.□

•If you would like to be involved in CRISIS at Christmas either directly (by lending a hand in the preparation, the actual 'Open' or the clean-up operation) or indirectly (taking part in the collection that will be in College on December 4, or attending the CRISIS carol concert at Southwark Cathedral December 9) please drop into the ICCAG Office next Monday lunchtime.

Visiting St Pancras



The thought of a spell in hospital is something which few people relish, and the realisation that it might become home permanently can be a tremendous blow to many patients. To soften this blow, and break the monotony of hospital routine, our volunteers descend on the wards of St Pancras on Wednesday afternoons and then... Well it's pretty much up to you. Chatting (or more often listening), doing shopping, playing cards or chess with the patients are all week-to-week activities. Christmas is great fun; mammoth shopping expeditions to Oxford Street stores are organised, and last year there were several lively trips to the V&A. The tea-table had to be seen to be believed!

Hospital visiting isn't for everyone, but it can be very rewarding for both patients and volunteers.□

Venture Club

The Acton Saturday Venture Club is run for physically and mentally handicapped children between the ages of 5 and 21, to which IC has sent volunteers for several years.

Although the club is based in Acton, excursions are frequent. Recently the children have visited Boulogne, a local fire station and Chessington Zoo.

The club has many facilities including a playground, costumes, toys and a kitchen (a strong stomach is required for sampling the delights produced there!).

Many join the club having no previous experience of working with children or the handicapped, but it is impossible not to feel welcomed and to find the time spent with the children rewarding. Volunteers just need to be energetic, willing to listen and to have an endless variety of answers to the children's favourite question, 'But why?'.□

Hopefully this has given you an insight into the activities with which ICCAG is already involved. Several new projects that the group will be starting soon include an association with Age Concern, and a link with a battered wives' hostel. If you think you might enjoy aking an elderly person out shopping (or down to their local) or if you're good at coping with kids, these might interest you.

A regular commitment to help is not always necessary (the soup run is a good example). One-offs last year included a trip to the Royal Mews for five otherwise housebound people, which went down extremely well, and of course we're always at Rag Fête.

We welcome any ideas on how to expand the group, get more people involved, look into new areas of work. Please feel free to contact the committee at any time if you'd like to know more, or get involved. It costs nothing to join ICCAG, except what is at Imperial, the most valuable commodity — time. We've found out that it's worth a few hours a week—we hope you will, too.

KARATE

Portsmouth Sunk!

Missing Mr Drinkwater, but not the coach, a combined Imperial Budokwai team took the Portsmouth invitation tournament by storm on Saturday. Fielding a slightly under strength team, good performances were put in all round. P March, M Wainwright and M Budzinski did well to get to the last sixteen of the Kumike, which was won by Sheriff Amin. C Nappura was second in the mens Kata whilst Belinda Walker just failed to take the honours in the ladies Kata, finishing second. Both A and B teams were quite outstanding, and it was a pity they had to meet in the first qualifying round. After an inspired effort only a team of Black Belts from Eastlegh snatched the trophy from the grasp of the A team. The Budokwai ladies made a clean sweep in the ladies Kumite, finishing first and second, and mention must also be made of the team members who put in sterling performances, J Rowlands, Ping Chung and Adrian Bradley. As a confidence builder for the University Championships next Saturday the tournament was a great success, and not to forget the grading and Dinner on December 5th.

SNOOKER

Cash prizes

You may not be aware that lurking on the top floor of the Union building, far from the madding throng of party goers and bar nights there lies a quiet haven. A darkened room where the green baize beckons you to enter a hitherto unknown world of colliding balls and to explore the mysteries of deep screw (of which our president lays claim to be the number one exponent).

Ignorance as to the existence of this room means that you have been missing out on probably the best value club at college. Members of IC snooker club enjoy free use of two (soon to be three), bookable, full size, tables, cues, and other accessories with membership for the year costing a pitiful one pound.

To enable you to take advantage of this opportunity the club treasurer has set aside his Monday afternoon (3 Dec) from 12.30pm when he will be in the snooker room ready to enrol you as a member.

Standard of play is unimportant, in fact you need never have picked up a cue before, although the treasurer will buy a pint for any new member able to beat him over a frame.

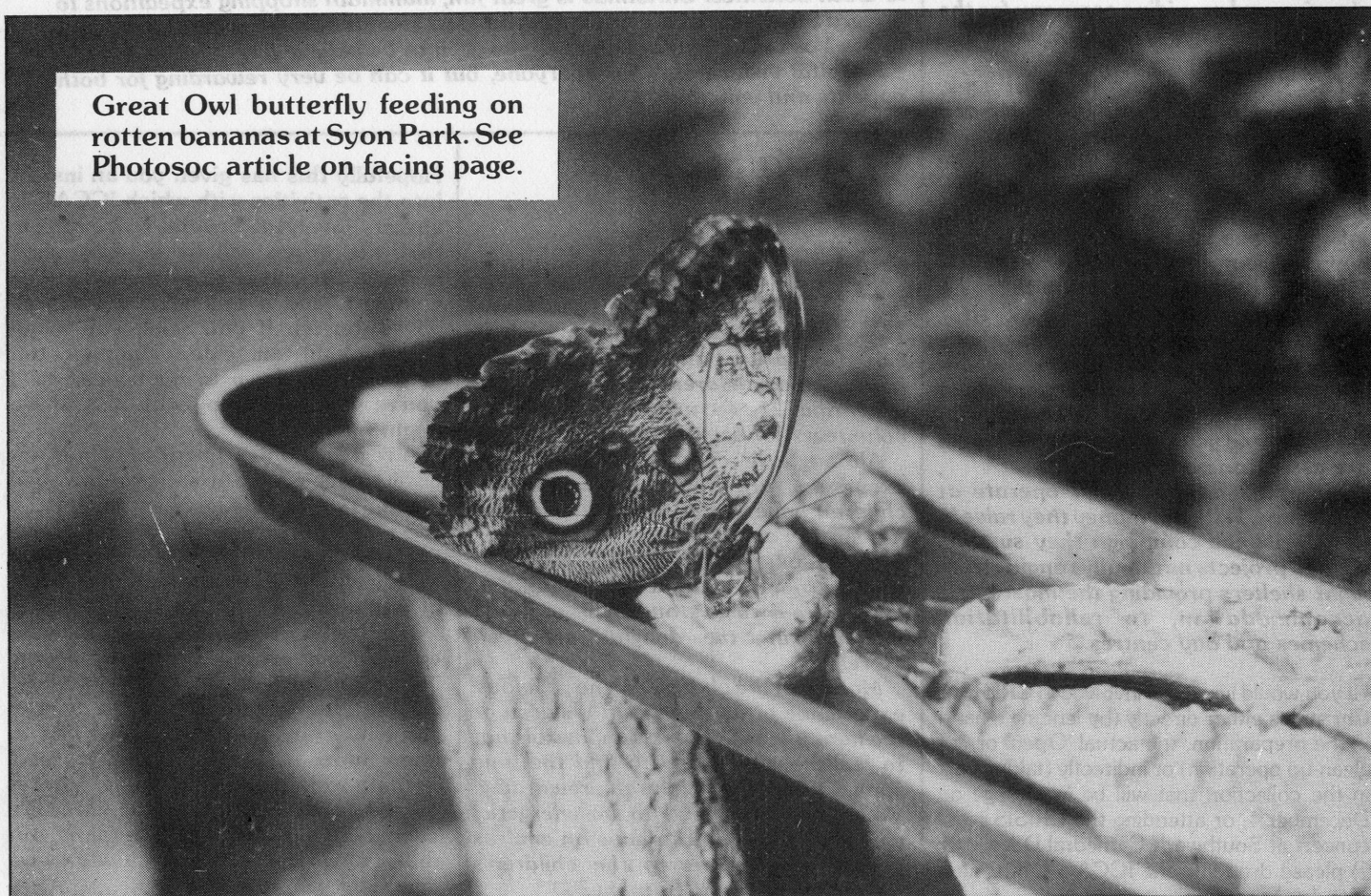
For those interested there will also be a tournament on Sunday 9 December when all non-team members will receive a 40 point start. This will not only give you the chance to humiliate the team members but also to reclaim your membership fee by winning the cash prize — full details will be available in the snooker room.

New Keep Fit Club?

We are hoping to start a keep fit club. The classes will be held by Nina in the Southside gym as at present. However, we hope to reduce the cost of lessons to considerably less than the £1.50 per hour charged at present.

If you are interested then come along to a meeting in the Bot/Zoo common room on Monday 3rd December so we can give you further details and get an idea of the response. If you can't come to the meeting then contact either Deb Bailey or Caren McCormack via Life Sci 3.

Great Owl butterfly feeding on rotten bananas at Syon Park. See Photosoc article on facing page.



PHOTO

Christmas Competition

Just a quick reminder about our slide show next Tuesday (see Diary) featuring two of the more important of Modern British Photographers. We had a great turn out last month, so let's see you all back again. Anyone can come, you can become a member at the meeting. You all missed a terrific morning out at the Syon Butterfly house (sorry about the short notice), but no bother, there'll be another trip next term, when it'll be even warmer and more fruitful than before. If some of you haven't heard of this place, it's a large green house, full of tropical greenery with many large exotic butterflies flying around. They're quite tame and accessible, so it's easy to take photographs; it's one of the most interesting ways to start close-up photography, even with the minimum of equipment.

In the meantime there'll be a couple of competitions run next term. The first, judged in the third and fourth week of term, will be for Colour/B&W, slides/prints, on the subject of Christmas (sesu lato), ie quality snaps from the coming holiday. The other will be a double competition, about midway through next term. On one hand, you can enter a portfolio of three photos that best represent your abilities, or you can enter a portrait, of whoever you like, or dislike. The portrait can be included in the portfolio, but they must all be prints. Most people join the society to use the darkrooms, so let's see the results of this use, even if you've just started. They are judged not only on technical merit, but also originality and creativity. There will possibly be prizes for this competition, and winning entries will be published in FELIX, or even The Phoenix. Incidentally, if you have any photos you think may be newsworthy or interesting in anyway, don't hesitate to take them to the Editor, as Felix Photographers can't be at every event during term.

WEIGHTS

Better body

If you would like to have a better conditioned, stronger, more attractive body or raise your athletic performance to new heights then weight training is for you. Most people think of weight training only as a way of gaining large powerful muscles. Certainly weight training is the very best way to achieve this but this narrow image of weights training prevents many people who would like to look and feel at their best from realising the potential of weight training for them. Weight training allows you to shape, tone and strengthen the entire physique,

while gaining or losing weight according to your individual requirements. By appropriate application of weight training anyone in normal health can take giant steps in a matter of months towards achieving their ideal physique and the sense of physical and mental well-being which goes with it.

Weight training achieves this through the principles known as progressive overload. Starting well within your own capacity you increase the weight used in various exercises, carefully designed to work particular muscles groups, until the level at which the muscles is just overloaded is reached. This overload causes the breakdown of muscle tissue stimulating the body to replenish and rebuild the muscle to withstand the stress imposed. As you progressively increase the load the body is constantly provoked into replenishing and renewing the tissue so that you assume a strength and vitality which previously you could only dream about. With regular training two to four times a week, a man starting weight training can readily double his strength in about a year. For a woman the increase in strength will probably not be so great but the increase in tone, physical vitality and poise will be rapid and evident.

The purpose of the weights club is to provide you with the facilities and advice needed to achieve these highly desirable results. It provides facilities to train using free weights (bar bells and dumb-bells) with advice on how to construct a training program appropriate to your particular needs. If you would like to join the weights club or find out more about its activities then come to its AGM, Union Lower Refectory, 12.45pm, Thurs Dec 6.

CHRISTIAN

Houseparty at Elm Tree Farm

Early Friday evening, an eager bunch of about 30 members of the CU departed on our mid-term houseparty. This was designed to give everybody a chance to get to know each other better, to provide a well earned (in some cases) break from work, and to try to discover something of what the Lord wants us to do in College. Elm Tree farm is near Ashford in Kent and consists of cottages set near the old farm-house. It is let out to Christian Groups throughout the year. We were accompanied by Ken Mc Greavey, who is a member of the ICTHUS Fellowship, an organisation in South London, concerned with the setting up of churches in areas where there is not evangelistic Christian witness. Ken led our meetings on the theme of 'Hearing the Voice of the Lord'.

Our coach journey took about two hours and we got to the farm at about 8.00pm. There was now a slight delay as our cooks (last year's CU president and his wife) had not arrived, and they also had our food! They arrived soon after, however, and gave us a

typical CU meal of Bread and Chesse and Pâte. We finished off the Friday evening with a time of worship and praise. The other major panic of the evening took place when our Glorious leader 2nd Lt Roger Preece REME left his rubber duck outside by the coach. Both rubber duck and 2nd Lt were happily reunited soon after, however!

Saturday morning started off with a prayer-meeting for the keen and a lie-in for the lazy. After breakfast, Ken led the first of our meetings. One of the things that characterises the ICTHUS fellowship is a belief in the power of God and how it is still expressed today. Ken stressed this very much in all our meetings. Apart from lunch the rest of the day, until about 5.00pm was free. Some people went for a walk, but the highlight of the day was the Chem Eng end of the World football match. This titanic struggle was on the neighbouring field and involved getting as muddy as possible. The game was highlighted by the performance of Jo and Sarah. Jo, tastefully outfitted in her rainbow wellies, scored a hat-trick, which says a lot about the Chem Eng goalkeeping! Sarah tried very hard and succeeded in scoring twice, although one was through her own goal! The final score was Chem Eng 12 Rest of the World 15 which was considered to be a fair result.

The rest of the afternoon was spent preparing for our entertainment in the evening, which took place after another meeting and supper. The highlight of the show was Roger's dynamic singing of the blues. Next time, though, he should remember to write some lyrics first! Other memorable performances included Alec and Sarah's playing of some traditional folk-music on medodum and violin. One of the most noticeable things about the week-end was the amount of musical talent in the CU. Unfortunately the dancing would have been better had the dancers not burst into hysterics. Also Derek's impression of a man-eating carrot was something not to be missed. We ended Saturday night with a time of prayer to focus our attention on our role in College and how as individuals we fit into the CU.

Sunday morning began like Saturday with the lazy staying in bed till breakfast. We then packed up and had our last meeting. In this meeting Ken concluded all that he had been saying, by talking about how God uses the gifts of his Spirit to talk and minister to us. Some of us experienced His blessing in different ways and some of us were healed. I used to be very cynical about this thing and I daresay some of you who are reading this article feel the same way. All I can say is come along and have a look for yourself.

After the end of the meeting we had lunch and cleared up before getting the coach back to College. Thank you to Cheryl and Clive for organising the week-end, and I hope our next one is so enjoyable. I will leave with two un-answered questions posed by the weekend.

- 1) -where did Mark and Sarah buy their sweaters?
- 2) Where is Roger's duck?

REVIEWS

SINGLES

45 rpm

Gary Glitter: *Rock and Roll Christmas*

The ol' rocker is still churning out the same 'glitter' music he was ten years ago. Normally this would be a recipe for disaster, but as a Xmas party disc, this particular song is excellent. With lots of sleigh bells, and 'Bop Shoowop's', it rivals 'All Join Hands' as the sing along for 1984.

Echo Base: *Out Of My Reach*

The UB40 label DEP has recently signed its first new bands, and this is its first non-UB40 release. Moody, without being pretentious, Echo Base slide through 12 inches so easily you'd suspect a banality, were it not for the fact that the melody is irritatingly catchy — I like it. Give it a try yourself.

Thompson Twins: *Lay Your Hands On Me*

I suspect this will be a massive success, but I have to admit that although it is growing on me, I still find the production very odd: it seems as if the record is playing slow

the first time you hear it, and 'where's the toon?' as Paul McCartney used to say. However, it does have something... I only wish I knew what!

Captain Sensible: *One Christmas Catalogue*

How come it's only Xmas that brings out the records? Why not Easter records, or even 10 May records? Actually, the promotion girl at A&M tells me this one is fairly average for the captain. I disagree. I think so long as it's played LOUD, this could be a big hit. The AA flip is his version of 'Relax', which varies little from the original but is still interesting at least.

Human League: *Louise*

The album, 'Hysteria', wasn't all that hot, and the previous single, 'The Lebanon' was basically naff. However, 'Louise', is brilliant. Seems like everywhere you go in London, there's some wally trying to imitate Phil Oakey's 'As if we were still lovers' — very often it's me. I love it.

The Power and the Glory

You can't venture far into this subject without coming across Graham Greene. He has written dozens of books, which he classifies as either 'novels' (the serious stuff) or 'entertainments' (the stuff he wrote to make a living). It is tempting to re-classify them into 'overtly religious' and 'covertly religious'. As an example of the first type, let's look at 'The Power and the Glory'. It is about a priest trying to avoid persecution in Mexico in the 'Thirties. He hides among the population, driven to drink, trying to avoid his duties — partly out of cowardice, partly out of self-disgust. At one point he is reduced to stealing a starving dog's bone HEAVILY

SYMBOLIC! (Over the last forty years, however, Greene's writing has been purged of sledgehammer metaphor.) Eventually, the Priest's inevitable martyrdom does provide an inspiration to a child, to whom the old stories of Saints become more real. The book contains all Greene's favourite themes — Faith, Hope and Love, and why do people look for God (or why do they not) — all set out for all readers to pick up. As for style, he is in select company. Some writers seem to mistake long sentences for deep thought, or self-obsessed monologues for insight. Greene avoids both traps. Like Hemmingway his prose is so simple that his books can be read in the same way as pulp fiction.

The Quiet American

One of the covertly religious ones is 'The Quiet American' which is set in Vietnam in the days when the French, rather than the Americans, were getting the shittrain. The weakness of the book is that Greene has chosen a journalist as his main character. It could be argued that only a journalist is allowed a detached view of a war zone, but I am not the first to point out that the artist-as-hero bit occurs too often in too many media. It can only either be vanity or failure of imagination. For the rest, the book is clever. Greene has obviously realised that one writer's audience can only take so much pious sentiment, and has avoided the problem very neatly. His central character is an atheist, which allows him to smoke opium and screw around. Cunning, huh?

Smoke opium and screw around

Two stories are intertwined: the tragedy of the idealistic Quiet American, whose innocence allows terrible destruction; and the equally tragic tale of the journalist's loneliness. Although he 'defeats' the American, we know that the girl Phuong would have married the American if he were still alive. The victory is incomplete. The religious bit occurs through the desolation of the journalist's soul. For those that miss the signs, Greene keeps feeding him lines like:

'I have read of people's thoughts in the moment of fear: of God...I admire their control'.

The book ends with the journalist wishing that 'there existed someone to whom I could say I was sorry'. And if that doesn't get the message across, nothing will.

Perhaps I overstate. It is just about possible to read his books from a Humanist viewpoint, showing the difficulties but supreme freedom of breaking loose from religion, but as Greene was converted to Catholicism it is safe to say that this is not the way they were intended.

The Human Factor

If your idea of highbrow is reading Le Carre instead of Ian Fleming, have a look at 'The Human Factor', one of Greene's more recent works. Superficially, it reads like 'Tinker, Tailor Soldier, Spy', but on closer inspection you will find two big differences. Greene has something to say, and the characters he uses to say it really do have some solidity — very real.

The story is of a man who escaped from South Africa with his wife. The man was white, the woman black, and BOSS didn't approve. He escaped with the help of his friend, who was a communist. As an act of gratitude, he agreed to pass secrets to Russia. Thus the story is, at heart, one about conflicting loyalties rather than some 'chess-game' intelligence coup.

In short: cooler than George Smiley, more religious than Albert Einstein, what more could you ask?

'Not out chasing women this weekend?'

'Course not old chap, the new celibacy. God, you're passé'.

(Penguin publish lots and lots of Graham Greene's books in paperback).

BOOKS

Graham Greene

RELIGION

Well, we've done sex 'n' violence, so what's left? Many of us have had powerful religious experiences — knees on the bed, head jammed into a plastic bucket, 'Oh, God, why meeee?' as last night's over-indulgence flows into view like a drowning man's life. At such times it is easy to wish for a less painful way of spending Sunday mornings. J G Frazer ('The Golden Bough' abridged edition, 1922) opines that the major motivation in the search for religion is fear of the human dead, but we know better, don't we, buttercups? Shower of drunks.

Of course St Albert Einstein of the Textbook believed in God, and I will grant that he did know quite a few things that I don't. We do take an awful lot in faith, despite our rational upbringing. For instance, how many times have you heard the theory that the world is a statistical accident involving a few gas clouds. And I'll bet you believe it, too, credulous half-wit. It must be as easy to believe that God did the job with a chisel, four screwdrivers and a blob of Blu-tack. 'Aha!' cry the scientists; 'where did God come from, then?' 'Aha!' reply the believers, 'where did the fuckin' gas cloud come from? Out of a bunsen burner?' And they continue to explain that any bloke who can part the Red Sea, turn people into pillars of salt and come back from the dead is equally able to come from anywhere He likes. He doesn't need a railroad.

Tinker

TINKER

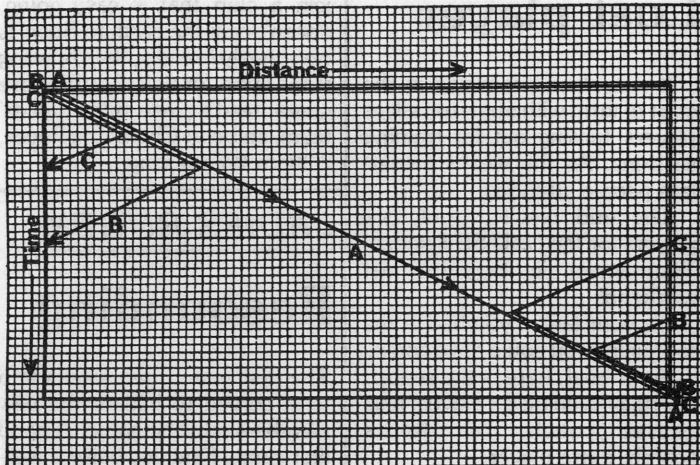
This weeks puzzle column will be delayed until the 12th — the Christmas bumper edition.

The answer to last fortnight's puzzle was that three planes were required to ensure the flight of one of their number around a great circle of the earth. There are many ways this can be achieved. The following uses the minimum amount of fuel, allows pilots B and C quite sufficient time for several cups of coffee and a sandwich and has a pleasing symmetry in the process.

Each plane leaves base with a full tank and arrives back empty. Their trajectories are plotted on the graph below.

Answers ranged from six planes (from a Mechanical Engineer) to two and three-quarter planes (from an Electrical

Engineer). Seven people solved the problem with three planes. The lucky winner was Neil Thornton, who may be pleased with himself for winning £10 in two weeks at 49:1 against!



The flight around the world.

Wines for Christmas

Christmas is for most of us a time of celebration, family reunions and happiness. It is also an opportunity to experiment with food and drinks. The College Wine Committee has arranged for a number of special-offer cases of three or six bottles which can afford the purchaser much pleasure. They are all modestly priced.

See the display cabinet, Ground Floor, Sherfield or enquire in the Refectory Office.

Some of you may want to be a little more adventurous and I would like to draw your attention to a number of expensive wines which nevertheless offer good value for money. All are ready for drinking but could, if you have the necessary will power, be kept for a few years.

The 1976 German vintage was exceptional and I can unreservedly recommend two great hocks, Winkeler Hesensprung Auslese (£7.00) and Johannisberger Holle Auslese (£7.25). Both are made from the Riesling grape and come from the banks of the sundrenched stretch of the Rhine between Mainz and Rudesheim.

For the Claret lovers I recommend Ch Cissac 1979 (£5.50) and Ch Chicane 1979 (£5.00). Both will repay keeping but their excellent balance of fruit and tannin make them a powerful challenge for the Christmas turkey. To complete the Christmas festivities nothing could be better than a Vintage Port. The Committee is particularly proud of its 1967 Cockburn's (£10.00). This should be decanted a few hours in advance but unlike many younger ports ought to be drunk within 48 hours of opening.

Most of these wines, while somewhat expensive, are undoubtedly fine wines and ought to be drunk from time to time in order to have a basis for assessing the quality of the cheaper more commercial wines.

Orders can be placed in the Refectory Office, Ground Floor, Sherfield. A seven and a half per cent discount can be obtained for orders of six or more bottles, made up as a mixed parcel but cheque or cash on collection.

Merry Christmas

P Grootenhuis

Imperial College The Wine Tasting Society



Christmas Dinner

Monday 10th December 1984

Lounge Suits

EAT DRINK AND BE MERRY

If the above takes your fancy come to the Wine Tasting Dinner, Monday 10 December. After a special tasting of sparkling wines treat yourself to a superb meal with complementing wines, chosen by the expert nose and palate of the Wine Tasting Society.

Now is your chance to taste the right wine with good food. Tickets £10 from tasting on Tuesday 4 December, or from



College Christmas Dinner

Tuesday, 11 December 1984

Price

Students: £9.00 including wines (£3.00 subsidy)

Staff: £10.00 including wines (£2.00 subsidy)

Book now to avoid disappointment. Forms are available from IC Union (Students), Mrs E.M. Finlayson, Room 508, Sherfield Building, or the Senior Common Room, Sherfield Building.

BASKETBALL

Lost player

It was all so promising at the start of term with many excellent players turning out for training sessions. As the weeks passed less people attended.

The end result is only six players for the UAU SE Regional Tournament in Brighton last weekend!

It's your fault if you had come to training you could have come.

So in brief, here is the report:

Friday evening six players plus injured coach. Two hours search, extra player.

Saturday morning frost bite on Brighton beach. Venue — eight teams, two pools of four. Ours — arch rivals Brunel and East Anglia last years UAU semifinalists.

Vs East Anglia. Uncle Nick Nitchell hits from scoring 27 points. This, strong defence and team work yield an unbelievable 61-66 victory.

Vs Brunel. Team spirit and hard defence by all kept us about level till five Brunel players had fouled out allowing us to snatch a fabulous 60-64 win!

Sunday all we have to do is beat Sussex to go through. We shoot the light out, swat their shots and generally make hamburger out of them in losing by four points.

Three way tie for first in our pool. Points difference puts us second in into a tournament third/fourth play off vs LSE

The first half saw general disarray and we were well down 41-25 at juice time.

Then we get into foul trouble and play the last five minutes with four players. We were not disgraced, however, actually outscoring LSE in the second half in losing 87-75.

10-PIN BOWLING

No competition

To begin with, the A-team, were beating their counterparts, but since megastar Chris Wheeldon didn't get a perfect score, they lost. The B-team came closest to getting any result and the C-team....well, their best player was nearly bowler number five (there wasn't one!). Also, the ladies' team lost. We didn't have any of them, either!

Final Result — Southampton 10 IC 0

So don't forget, if you want to join a club that is easy going, doesn't cost the earth to Bowl, is reasonably friendly, then bowling is the sport for you. Any girls are guaranteed a place in the Ladies' team, so be at Chem Eng Foyer, 2.30pm Wednesday.

LADIES RUGBY

Resounding

The first match two weeks into term served to initiate the new members into the game. A good first game, Finchley being a well-drilled experienced team.

Next the team travelled away to Warwick, having practised hard since the shock and inevitable pain of the first match, and experienced a resounding 20-0 win with the celebrations to follow.

With a win under their belts they next met Charing Cross and yes, won again 19-0. Away again back up the bloody M1 to meet Leicester Poly to lose only 4-0. Hindered by a sparse turn-out of eleven players but a good match all the same (should have won that one girls!)

UCL gave their usual friendly match beating IC 8-0 both tries being scored in the first few minutes and serving to wake the team up having little get up and go after the Guilds Carnival the previous night. From then on the opposition was courageously fended off.

ORIENTEERING

Churchill warm-up

With the Southern Championships next weekend, the o-club sharpened up their skills at a club event on South Ashdown.

On this large open area conditions favoured fast runners, though map-reading errors cost dearly. Eppington loped around to finish within minutes of the winner; while Foster is 'Wally of the Week' for copying down his course in 'delible' ink, and having to call on psychic powers to find the last few controls.

In two weeks we'll annihilate Oxford and Kent in the Churchill Cup, so we'll need all orienteers to be there.

BADMINTON

Nightmare

Ladies UAU Playoff 21/11/84

IC Ladies vs Brunel Ladies

We arrived safely, despite the hideous experience (which we just managed to survive) of sharing a coach with the Rugby Team.

IC first pair vs Brunels first pair

Despite the 'leaden shuttles', our first pair gave us a good start by winning 15-5, 15-8. Obviously our superbly skilled pair were too much for Brunel's feeble attempt at an opposition!

IC second pair vs Brunel second pair

Not only did the second pair have to adapt to 'bionic shuttles' (possibly even nuclear powered?), but this was their first match as partners, and naturally they took a little while to get their tactics together, resulting in us losing the first game 15-0. Unfortunately for us, their tactics were still a little uncertain in the second game; they put up a good fight, but managed to lose 15-8.

IC third pair vs Brunel third pair

As expected our third pair didn't quite manage to beat Brunel's third pair, but put up a brave show to close 15-9, 15-8. NB: It was at this point that the thought that we might not actually win began to impose itself upon us.

IC first pair vs Brunel second pair

No comment, but immense embarrassment for our first pair as they lost to Brunel's second pair in three games: 15-13, 11-15, 6-15. Shame on them.

IC second pair vs Brunel third pair

After a disappointing first game which our pair lost 10-15, a great come back started materialising as our second pair won the second game 15-8. However, due to a slight drop in our pairs' badminton standard, we lost the third game 10-15; this being yet reversed.

IC third pair vs Brunel first pair

Rather an appropriate quote for game which was lost 8-15, 0-15.

Nb: at this point the match was lost!

IC first pair vs Brunel third pair

Another successful annihilation of Brunel by our first pair (and I should bloody well think so!). The quote 'Alas poor Brunel, I them well, IC' (Hamlet ed) could well describe the opposition at the end of their slight beating by our first pair: 15-5, 15-5.

VOLLEYBALL

Initial Success

UAU Championship

The newly formed IC Ladies' Volleyball team made an excellent start in establishing itself as a respectable University team on a national level on Sunday. The event was the UAU championships for the south East and the venue was the sports' centre at Essex University.

We had to start playing our first match immediately, against Brunel University. Some lovely serving and consistent team work won us the first set 15-5. The second set contained more excitement, since the opposition decided to put up a fight, but despite all their efforts, we managed to beat them 18-16, and thus won our first match. This result helped us build up confidence, which in turn produced good results in the first set against a very good team representing Kent University. In this set, we managed to get nine points off the opposition. The second set, however, was quite disappointing in terms of results, since the experience and individual expertise of the Kent girls, meant that we were unable to launch successful attacks, and thus match to the eventual winner of the tournament 2-0.

We had, however, accumulated enough points in the first round to reach the semi-finals. where we played against the University of East Anglia.

The first set was very closely fought for, but the lack of experience on our part, led to us losing confidence at the crucial moment, and we lost it by only two points. The second set also went to the UEA, at 15-8.

Despite the fact that we did not get through to the final, as we had hoped, our girls' dedication and hard-work means that great amounts of improvement and achievement are on the way.

Friday 30

- **ICCND BOOKSHOP** 12.45pm, JCR. Buy your Christmas gifts, badges, books, posters, have a cup of tea and please join.
- **YACHT CLUB MEETING** 12.45pm, Southside Upper Lounge. Meeting to organise future trips and Christmas Dinner.
- **PRAYER MEETING** 1.00pm, Union Building (follow arrows). Friday congregational prayers. Islamic Society.
- **FRIDAY NIGHT MEAL** 6.00pm, meet Beit Arch. Jewish Society Event. Bring £1 worth of Kosher Dairy Food.
- **CHRISTIAN UNION** 6.00pm, 53 Princes Gate (opp Mech Eng). 'Behind the lines', a look at home and world mission with the Bible Society. Coffee from 6.00pm. Everyone is warmly invited.
- **IC RADIO** 6.00pm to 8.00pm, 301m 999kHz. Alan Barnett live for Six, featuring Cosmic Blue and the Piano Tuners.
- **ULU TRIP** 6.30pm Southside Upper Lounge. We will be given a guided tour of the facilities at ULU, ending up with the bar. C&G Union.
- **CONCERT** 8.00pm Great Hall, Sheffield Building. Imperial College Symphony Orchestra. £1.50 (students £1).

Saturday 1

- **JUGGLING FOR ETHIOPIA** 7.00am to 5.00pm, museums and subway in Exhibition Road. Please come and join in any time during the day. Bring any hidden or juggling talents or simply a hot drink! Further details from Robert Soley (Eng Geol 3).
- **IC RADIO** 9.00am to 12.00pm, 301m 999kHz. It's DJ's Saturday Grekky Show!
- **IC RADIO** 6.00pm to 8.00pm, 301m 999kHz. Stan and Ash on the radio. Complete lunacy on IC Radio's best show.
- **THE LOUNGE** 9.00pm to 2.00am, Union Building. 50p or 75p after 11.00pm.
- **WILLIS JACKSON KIDDIES PARTY** 9.00pm to 2.00am. Willis Jackson House, Evelyn Gardens. Entry 50p if dressed as kids, 75p otherwise.

Sunday 2

- **CHAPLAINCY SERVICE** 10.00am, Consort Gallery, Sheffield.
- **IC v SOUTHAMPTON** 11.15am Tolworth Bowl. The second game of the season for the crack IC Bowling Squad.
- **MASS** 11.30am and 6.00pm, More House, 53 Cromwell Road. Mass, bar supper and talk.
- **WARGAMES MEETING** 1.00pm, Union SCR. 10% discount on games. Membership £1.50.
- **CHINESE SOCIETY BADMINTON** 2.00pm, Sports Hall, Old Chemistry Building. All members welcome.
- **IC RADIO** 2.00pm to 5.00pm, 301m 999kHz. Dave Hearnshaw and I'll even play an entire LP!
- **IC RADIO** 5.00pm to 7.00pm, 301m 999kHz. Classical Show with Rufus Short.

Monday 3

- **WATERSKI CLUB MEETING** 12.30pm, Southside Upper Lounge. Sign up for super Saturday skiing.
- **ICCAG LUNCHTIME MEETING** 12.30pm ICCAG Office. Find out more about activities pf Community Action Group.
- **CHRISTMAS CARD STALL** 12.30pm, JCR. Amnesty International.
- **HANGGLIDING MEETING** 12.30pm Southside Upper Lounge.
- **CHRISTIAN UNION** 5.30pm Green Committee Room, Union. Meet for prayer each Monday.
- **C&G UNION GENERAL COMMITTEE** 6.00pm, Union Upper Lounge. All soc reps, academic reps, dep reps, club captains must attend.
- **DANCE CLUB** 6.30pm and 7.30pm, JCR Sheffield. 6.30pm Jazz Funk and disco, 7.30pm Advanced ballroom latin. 75p
- **WELLSOC** 7.30pm, Physics LT1. Prof Ian Kennedy, head of medical law and ethics at London University, speaks about the 15 year old girl and the pill.
- **COMEDY NIGHT** 8.00pm Union Refectory. With Ian Macpherson Podmorski and Mark Steele. £1.50.
- **IC RADIO** 9.00pm to 11.00pm, Southside Bar. Live programme, free birthday cake, cheap beer.
- **IC RADIO** 11.00pm to 1.00am, 301m 999kHz. Spontaneous incompetence (Hugh Southey).

Tuesday 4

- **AUDIO SOC** 12.30pm, Union Upper Lounge. Discount record club meeting. Buy records, cassettes, videos at trade prices. Last date for all orders for this term.
- **MASS AND LUNCH** 12.30pm Chemistry 231.
- **LIFE AFTER DEATH** 12.45pm Green Committee Room, Union. Baha'i Society.
- **HOVERCRAFT CLUB MEETING** 12.45pm, Lintead Lower Gallery.
- **INDUSTRIAL SOCIETY** 1.00pm, Chem Eng LT2. High performance electric vehicles from Lucas Chloride. Everyone most welcome.
- **STOIC BROADCAST** 1.00pm and 6.00pm. JCR, Southside TV lounge and all hall TV sets. Star chat with Geoffery Palmer.
- **RIDING CLUB** 1.00pm Southside Upper Lounge.
- **AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL MEETING** 5.30pm Brown Committee Room.
- **AUDIO SOC** 6.00pm Sound Organisation, 1 Cathedral Street, London Bridge. A Linn, Ittok, Karma, Naim 135s and Isobariks demonstration and Pub.
- **PORT TASTING** 6.00pm Senior Common Room. Port: an old man's drink? Well think again and delight your palate by sampling the best of Harvey's Port List including a delightful 1978 crusting port. Members £2.50.
- **PHOTOSOC SLIDE SHOW** 6.15pm Elec Eng 408. Work of two of Great British Photographers.
- **CANOE CLUB** 6.30pm, IC Swimming Pool. Trip every other weekend.
- **JUDO PRACTICE** 6.30pm Union Gym, Beit Quad. 50p mat fees.
- **DANCE CLUB** 7.00pm and 8.00pm, JCR. 7.00pm Intermediate ballroom latin, 8.00pm beginners ballroom latin. 50p
- **BARRY CRYER** 7.30pm Bot Zoo Common Room. Barry Cryer will talk about his interesting experiences of life. 20p. QT.
- **OPSOC REHEARSAL** 7.30pm, Music Room, 53 Princes Gate. Meet in Southside Bar before rehearsal.

Wednesday 5

- **HOSPITAL VISITING** 12.45pm meet Mech Eng Foyer, ICCAG.
- **ICCND** 1.00pm Huxley 130. Event to be announced.
- **WARGAMES MEETING** 1.00pm Union SCR. 10% discounts on games.
- **CHRISTIAN UNION PRAYER** 1.00pm Tizard Hall 625. Meet for prayer each Wednesday.
- **ISLAMIC TEACHINGS** 1.30pm, 9 Princes Gardens. What does Islam, monotheism mean?
- **MICRO CLUB MEETING** 1.30pm, Mines 401. Membership £2.
- **DRAMA WORKSHOP** 2.30pm, Dramsoc Storeroom. Come and take part in silly games and improvised drama. Everyone welcome.
- **SCALEXTRIC** 7.00pm. Southside Upper Lounge. The final round this term of this exciting competition.
- **PYTHAGORAS** 7.45pm, Union Concert Hall. ICDS presents Danny Abse's black comedy set in a mental hospital. £1.50.
- **DANCE CLUB** 8.00pm, JCR. Beginners ballroom latin. 50p.
- **IC RADIO** 9.00pm to 11.00pm, 301, 999kHz. Jam's rock show, with plenty of music for banging.
- **IC RADIO** 11.00pm to 1.00am. Diddley dum dum dee. Terry Jones featuring an album by somebody or possibly somebody else.

Thursday 6

- **METHSOC MEETING** 12.30pm Chem Eng E400. Informal meeting, lunch available.
- **AUDIO SOC** 12.30pm Union Upper Lounge. Discount record club meeting.
- **ICYHA BUTTIES** 12.30pm Southside Upper Lounge. Our weekly meeting with information on this term's coming events. All welcome.
- **STAMP CLUB** 12.45pm, Chemistry 231.
- **BALLOON CLUB MEETING** 12.45pm, Southside Upper Lounge.
- **STOIC BROADCAST** 1.00pm and 6.00pm. see Tuesday. Newsbreak.
- **Msgr BRUCE KENT** 1.00pm, ME 220. General Secretary of CND speaks about the campaign and its relevance to you. All welcome.

- **SCIENCE FICTION LIBRARY** 1.00pm Green Committee Room. Access to the society's 600 volume library. All members welcome.
- **JEWISH SOCIETY MEETING** 1.15pm Civ Eng LT207. Gad Akaroui, an IC undergrad, speaks about Everything you ever wanted to know about the Lebanese situation but were afraid to ask.
- **QURANIC CIRCLE** 1.30pm 9 Princes Gardens. Learn how to read the Quran.
- **JUDO PRACTICE** 6.30pm, Union Gym, Beit. 50p mat fees.
- **FILM GHANDI** 7.30pm, ME 220. The man who freed a nation through peace. Refreshments are served during the interval. Members 50p, non-members £1.00.
- **PYTHAGORAS** 7.45pm, Union Concert Hall. ICDS presents Danny Abse's black comedy set in a mental hospital. £1.50.
- **ICCAG SOUP RUN** 9.15pm, Weeks Hall Princes Gardens.

Friday 7

- **WOMEN AGAINST PIT CLOSURES** 12.45pm, Union Upper Lounge. WIST.
- **PYTHAGORAS** 7.45pm, Union Concert Hall. ICDS presents Danny Abse's black comedy set in a mental hospital. £1.50.

Saturday 8

- **PYTHAGORAS** 7.45pm, Union Concert Hall. ICDS presents Danny Abse's black comedy set in a mental hospital. £1.50.
- **THE LOUNGE** 9.00pm to 2.00am, Union Building. Christmas Party. Live band 'Furniture'. £1.25.

Sunday 9

- **IC RADIO** all night 301m 999kHz. Every night this week are all night shows. Tonight Rob and Aids.

Monday 10

- **SPARKLING TASTING AND DINNER** 6.00pm Senior Common Room. After a tasting of sparkling wines come to the Wine Tasting Dinner. Good food, fine wines and fun.
- **IC RADIO** all night 301m 999kHz. All night show with Chris and Ajay.

Tuesday 11

- **CHRISTMAS CAROL SINGING** 6.00pm Union Bar. Guilds carol singing all over London with everyone entwined in scarf.
- **CHRISTMAS UGM** 1.00pm Mech Eng 342. The ceremony of the bringing out of the scarf and present time.
- **IC RADIO** all night 301m 999kHz. All night show with Pete Hands and Chris Read.

WILLIS JACKSON

KIDDIES PARTY.

WAAAH!

SATURDAY
1st DECEMBER
9.00pm - 2.00am



Entrance
50p for Kiddies
75p otherwise

ICE-CREAM, JELLY AND
MINCE PIES

Whisky winner

Elec Eng PG, Victor Gembala probably can't remember much of Wednesday afternoon, because this is when he received the six bottles of Glenmorangie, he won in the FELIX whisky contest. Mr Gembala answered all seven questions correctly and came up with the slogan 'I would like to try Glenmorangie at Christmas because I don't want to wait until Easter! The other winners Martin Passingham (Chem Eng 3) and Robert Marsden (Rock Mechanics PG) received their prizes on Wednesday.

In a slight departure from normal events, the IC Wine Tasting society hosted a Malt Whisky Tasting competition last Thursday. Run jointly by the distillers Macallan and the trade magazine Decanter, the competition was a heat in the quest to find the Junior Malt Whisky Taster of the year.

Safety first

Imperial College Safety Unit has issued warnings about the dangers of placing sharp items in rubbish bins, and food, drink and cigarettes in laboratories.

'Apart from being deep and nasty, a cut inflicted by the sharp edge of a baked bean tin, if colonized by bacteria could result in blood poisoning.

'The cleaning staff are often victims of inconsiderate disposal of waste,' say the Unit.

They warned people to keep glass separate from other rubbish, and to flatten tins with sharp edges.

The Safety Unit have reported the finding of food, drink, domestic utensils and smoking materials in a laboratory.

This is forbidden by an Imperial College Code of Practice, and in a radioactive lab, by law.

The Unit reminds staff and students that food and drink should be prepared with domestic utensils and consumed in safe areas.

Six today!

IC Radio is celebrating the sixth anniversary of the first Medium Wave broadcast this Monday with a live bar programme.

The celebrations begin at 8pm when John Allen, a founder member and IC Radio's first station manager takes a retrospective look at the stations history. Between 9-11pm the bar programme will be live from the Southside Bar with competitions, free birthday cake, cheap beer and lots of good music including your requests and dedications. From 11pm onwards, Hugh Southey will be hosting a party edition of Spontaneous Incompetence. Anyone will be able to turn up at the Southside studio and take part in the fun. And beyond that an unofficial all night programme to whet your ears for the final week of term.

The first broadcast took place on 2 December 1978, after the Home Office had approved a licence for the station to broadcast on the medium waveband within the confines of the Southside and Linstead Halls.

Boo! Wooley!

It's amusing to see the antics that next year's presidential candidates are getting up to.

Jo Claydon standing on the table singing 'Bestiality's best'; J Martin Taylor wandering round Southside with his clipboard, noting who's got their door unlocked.

But Hugh 'Huge' Southey has already lost the massive 'IC Radio block vote'.

Huge has been a DJ since the start of term and gets up the nose of all the other DJs by playing records backwards and forgetting to have the news, and so on.

Indeed it is widely believed that Huge had to use his position as Pub Board Chairman to get on the air at all!

Imagine the surprise and annoyance of IC Radio members when it was announced last week that an elitist IC Radio Club was to be formed, with Huge in charge!

DJs with much more experience than Huge were furious to find that they would only be allowed to join if Huge elected them!

As for Huge's sabbatical chances, it is thought by some that the title of his radio show, 'Spontaneous Incompetence', says it all.

SMALL ADS

●**Wellsoc Christmas Party:** Only £1 with free glass of punch, and mince pies. Tickets from Union Office, committee members, and after Monday night meetings.

●**Would Nancy Gaskill** please contact Jen in the Union Office, where she may learn something to her advantage.

●**Drinkers** with strong right arms needed to hold collecting cans for CRISIS AT CHRISTMAS next Tuesday 4 December. Contact Mark Alderton Elec Eng 2.

●**Wanted:** Copy of 'The Edge of Objectivity' by Charles Gillispie. Contact I Bibby, Chem Eng Letter Racks.

●**Abandon the Xmas** lent reunion on a Thursday evening! Help urgently needed on Community Action Group 'Soup Run' to some of London's homeless. Meets Thursday nights 9.15pm Weeks Hall.

●**Elections** for the vacant posts on the Wellsoc committee will take place on Monday 3 December after the meeting.

●**JC preaching soon** in Hyde Park. Admission free. See Chi-Rho for details (Bring packed lunch).

●**Sophisticut Hair Salon** The following prices are available on presentation of IC Union Card. For Men and Women: Perm £8.50, Highlights £7.50, Lowlights £8.00, Cut £2.50 or Cut and Blow £4.00 for Men and £3.50 and £5.50 for Women. For details see Kathy in IC Union Office.

●**Silwood Park Football XI** require fixtures for the rest of the year (Departmental teams?). Any teams interested ring Andy Hamilton — Silwood extension 265.

●**Is it a bird, a plane,** or a Multiple Independent Re-entry Vehicle? No, it's Super 'Missile crunching Man!' Monsigneur Bruce Kent, this Thursday! 1.00pm in Mech Eng 220.

●**He advocated peace** against an army. He advocated peace despite the injustice and slaughter. He was imprisoned, he was eventually killed, his country torn apart. Was he right? 'Gandhi', Thursday ME 220 7.30pm.

●**One should always try** to be a little unpredictable... Be a poet at IC!! Interested? Egocentrics out of the closet and form a poetry workshop! Contact Moyra Scott BSc (nearly) Eng Geol 3 Weeks Hall Rm 27, or Shaun Larcombe Eng Geol 3, Tel 01 672 0144 (eves).

●**Interested in RCS Ten Tors '85?** Contact M Freeman or A Eatough via Physics Letter Racks. Look out for meeting in January.

●**To all hungry Students:-** Free Birthday Cake at the IC Radio Bar programme, Southside — Monday 3 — 9pm.

●**Audio Soc** Membership cards now ready. Collect them from Union Upper Lounge Tuesday and Thursday lunchtimes.

●**Pythagoras**, you've learnt the theorem now see the play. Parrots don't eat beans. Pythagoras. Come to Arthur's Marmite Party: Wed-Sat 5-8 Dec £1.50 in the Concert Hall. Pythagoras, 'Daniel Abse's picture of a modern mental hospital' Wed 5-Sat 8 Dec £1.50 in the Concert Hall.

FOR SALE

●**Air Ticket** Athens/Rhodes 12 December to 19 December cost £165.00 but open to any offers. Contact Fiona Welford Tel 584 8658 or Biochem pigeon holes (UG).

●**Computer Books:** Wirth (Algorithm and Data Structures = Programmes) £15 ono; Wilson and Addyman (A Practical Introduction to Pascal with BS6192, 2nd Ed) £3; Jensen and Wirth (Pascal — User Manual and Report, 2nd Ed) £3. All as new. Contact J M Taylor, Chem Eng PG or via Felix Office.

●**Yamaha DT 125 MX**, £325, nice enduro, red, ca 14000 miles, MOT, bought Dec 1981, Contact U Beyer, Aero 1.

●**Real hair chest** wigs. Contact S Ellacott Min Tech 3.

●**Realistic (Pioneer) Tuner-Amp** 75 Watts per channel. £65 ono. Contact Phil Sparks Elec Eng UG Letter Racks or Tizard 623 (Int 94 62)

●**Gents Racing Cycle** perfect working order, £60 only. Contact Wayne Morley Chem UG Letter Racks.

LOST

●**Have you** seen a cream/brown coat somewhere around the college if so, please contact David Wooding, Physics 1.

●**Reward** — to finder of Lady's Black woolly coat lost at carnival. Missing top button, torn inner lining, with gloves in pocket. Contact C A Forster Aero 3.

●**Please return** Wands DC Donkey jacket! (Taken from dirty disco) Clare Murphy Civil Eng 1.

PERSONAL

●**Huw** — When will you learn it's Proon — not Proone!

●**The ICAS don't do** anything: Beware the mirror users!

●**The Scarlet** Gerbil condemns Tuesday night's vandalism which was a poor imitation of his own inspired creativity.

●**The Chairman's** Brian is missing — see Old Nick for details.

●**One year**, one week, but life still goes on!!?

●**Miners** interested in starting a cuddly toy club please see G Simpson. MT 3.

●**The otter** of Geology 1 has a big green pea pod and six sweet peas.

●**The Sloane** of Geology 1 — Please don't pick your toenails in bed!

●**Roll one in Australia**, scrape two in Battersea, that's our Paul!

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●**Sly passed** dropped just inside Welsh twenty-two.

●**CMF** take that chewing gum out DT.

●**NKR: 'Sex Crime** — 1984?!

●**How Huge?**

●**It was Phil!**

●**Chris**, chuck the TV out of the window, please!

●**Do you like** plastic sheep? Have you your own whip? If yes, how about Perv Soc? For further details contact Alasdair Mining 1.

●**Christmas is coming** — watch out for strangely wrapped squirrels in the Tizard area.

IC UGM

Tuesday 4 December
1pm
Great Hall, Sherfield

AGENDA

1. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING.
2. MATTERS ARISING.
3. PRESIDENT'S REPORT.
4. DEPUTY PRESIDENT'S REPORT.
5. HONORARY SECRETARY'S REPORT.
6. OTHER OFFICERS' REPORTS.
7. RETURNING OFFICER'S REPORT & ELECTIONS.
8. MOTIONS.
9. A.O.B.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT TO UGM.

1. Undergraduate Mandatory Awards.

The Government has recently announced proposals to:-

- a) Abolish the minimum grant.
- b) Steepen the sliding scale for parental contributions.
- c) Introduce the payment of some or all of the tuition fees.

Which if passed, will take effect from the start of next session.

THOSE OF YOU CURRENTLY IN YOUR FIRST, SECOND OR THIRD (or on a Four Year Course) YEARS WILL BE AFFECTED. KID YOURSELF NOT.

If your parents have a consumable income in excess of £13,000, then they will have to pay more towards your grant and education. Don't be mistaken - this is only the first step on the way to student loans.

Recommendations.

1. Write to your MP and complain. There is a standard letter in the Union Office that you can use, as well as names and addresses of M.P.'s.
2. Write to Sir Keith Joseph, Secretary of State for Education and Science, Department of Education and Science, London.

2. Room Bookings

Over the years, the idea that rooms booked for whatever purpose may be left for "some-one else" to clear up has been dispelled, with such initiatives as the with-holding of bookings' deposits and withdrawal of facilities. THIS YEAR WILL BE NO DIFFERENT.

Union rooms and facilities are for the use of members of the Students Union and it's clubs and societies, subject to the terms and conditions of booking such rooms. Their present condition and state will only be maintainable if users refrain from treating them like rubbish tips and leaving them accordingly.

3. Haldane Library

Representations are being made to the appropriate authorities and committees regarding;

- (i) an increase in funding to purchase and maintain the stocks of fiction books, periodicals and popular records.
- (ii) to increase the present opening hours so that the reading room will be open in the evenings and on Saturdays.

I will report verbally as to any progress made to date.

4. Southside Shop.

This shop is owned and run by the College, and seems to provide quite a reasonable range of food stuffs.

However, if you do have any suggestions as to improvements or extra food stuffs that you would like to see, then please feel free to talk to the staff in the Shop. Failing this, then why not drop a line to Mr. D. Smith, the Shop Manager or to myself or any of the Sabbaticals.

RETURNING OFFICER'S REPORT.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

1. Posters & Events.

The general public are not allowed onto College/Union premises. This is of paramount importance as regards fire precautions, safety and our alcohol licences for which we (the membership of IC) are regarded as a club. Any infringement of this could lead to judicial proceedings and/or our licence to be revoked. Please do not put posters where they are visible to the passing public; i.e. facing out onto the roads surrounding us.

2. House Committee.

This year House Committee has decided to concentrate its attention on the refurbishment of the top floor of the Union Building.

3. Refectory Committee.

The Union Bar is to be painted and wood surface polished over the Christmas vacation. It will therefore be closed from Saturday 15th December - Friday 4th January. Other major refurbishment schemes for the bars are under active consideration.

4. Games Machines.

We are putting another video into the games room soon - either 'Defender' or 'Hyper-sports'. A Juke-box may well be installed in the lounge if negotiations proceed well.

5. Rape Alarms.

They are still available from me.

6. Safety/Accidents/Defects.

I am the Union Safety Officer. If you have an accident in the building or notice a defect or dangerous occurrence please come and see me before someone gets hurt.

7. Conference Office Equipment.

Gill Davies, the Conference Officer, and myself, after lengthy discussion about the use of Conference Office equipment by clubs and societies decided that it would be only fair to make a nominal charge for the use of their tables at £1 each. We also agreed to ask for a personnel cheque of £10 as a deposit against the equipment hired.

For the use of screens etc., there will be no charge but a letter from me confirming ICU's responsibility for the stuff is needed.

HONORARY SECRETARY'S REPORT.

1. Hall's Insurance.

Since the last UGM there has been a noticeable, although not staggering, increase in feedback from people making insurance claims. I could still do with more information although I am now satisfied that the new policy is effective.

2. INCOST.

I have been extremely disappointed by the complete lack of interest being shown in this conference, especially those members of last year's Council who were so enthusiastic that we should hold it. The attempt to set up a formal organising committee was a dismal failure so it will have to be done on a much more informal basis. If there is anybody who is interested in helping in any way could they please come and see me in the Union Office, there are a great variety of things which need to be done and you don't need to know anything about Biotechnology, I don't.

3. Transport.

The organisational side of booking external vans as well as our own has improved since the beginning of term although there is the inevitable occasional cock-up.

The major problem is in the parking department - people persistently park in our spaces. We have recently (two days ago at the time of writing) introduced a bollard system which should keep people out but it is too early to comment on the success of this venture.

4. Parking.

The problem is basically that an awful lot of people without permits manage to sweet-talk their way past the guy on the barrier and consequently there is insufficient room for those people with permits. If someone is in your space tell the barrier attendant before you park in someone else's. If it is a case of one person persistently using the wrong space come and see me and I will do what I can. There are NO parking permits left.

1. Ratifications.

The following vacancies have been filled since the last UGM and I ask the meeting to ratify them.

Ordinary Member of ICCAG - Kevin Yapp
GUC Delegate - Dave Kingston
INCOST organising Committee - Dave Rowe.

2. Aero Dep. Rep.

It seems to me that nobody in this department wants a representative. The last time I looked there was one candidate who had two seconders and now someone has removed the election paper. I shall be putting up a new paper on the Wednesday morning after the meeting, December 5th. I don't care if you have a Dep. Rep. or not, but I would hope that some of you do.

3. Vacancies.

The following vacancies still exist:-

One Ordinary Member of ICCAG.
Handbook Editor.
Secretary to Academic Affairs Committee.

Nominations will be taken from the floor if none are received before the meeting.

MOTION ON STUDENT GRANTS AND FEES.

Proposed by: Mike Young, Chairman,
IC SDP Society.
Seconded by: Abigail Levin, Elec.Eng.2.

ICU Notes:

1. The recent proposals by the Secretary of State for Education and Science to significantly raise the rate of parental contribution to student maintenance grants.
2. The proposed introduction of part or full payment of tuition fees by parents if their collective disposable income exceeds about £13,000.
3. The increasing financial problems of students in London, made worse by the lack of suitably priced accommodation and the recent changes in the student travel allowance.
4. 47% of students do not receive their full parental contribution.
5. The principle enshrined in the Education Act of 1944 that higher education in Britain should be free at the time it is required.
6. Demonstrations against the proposed changes are being organised by students across the country, but as yet IC Union has made no significant response.

ICU Believes:

1. Education should be free in Britain, because it is a national investment in the future and should be independent as far as possible from a student's background.
2. A large and increasing number of graduates are essential to the future prosperity and culture of Britain.
3. The proposed measures will cause students to rely too heavily on their parents' financial support and will lead to increasing financial problems amongst parents and students, discouraging and even preventing suitably qualified British people from furthering their education.
4. The proposed dangers are only the thin end of the wedge. Once the principle of free education has been isolated and an environment of increasing financial hardship created, the payment of fees could be extended to all parents and loans schemes introduced. This underhand means could lead to the establishment of a private school mentality in universities.

ICU Instructs:

1. ICU President to inform the Secretary of State for Education and Science, and Peter Brooke MP of the views of IC Union on this subject, and publish the text of his letter in Felix.
2. ICU President to report back to the next UGM on the outcome of his action.
3. ICU President to write to the Education Spokesperson of the Labour, SDP and Liberal parties urging them to oppose the proposed changes and support the beliefs of IC Union.
4. ICU delegation to ULU GUC to put forward this motion at the earliest possible opportunity.

ICU Requests:

All its members to write to their local M.P. and join in demonstrations protesting about the proposed cuts.

MOTION ON FREEDOM OF CHOICE.

Proposed by: Tim Williams.
Seconded by: Eric Darbyshire.

ICU Notes:

1. The motion on 'Freedom of Choice' passed at a UGM on December-6th 1983.
2. The reference to IC Union rooms in ICU Instructs 1. of that motion.

ICU Believes:

That this is unclear.

ICU Instructs:

That the word 'rooms' be replaced with the word 'facilities' such that the final phrase now reads 'and that CCU's may use IC Union facilities for any event'.
