Keep The Cat Free

IC Union is supporting FELIX Editor Hugh Southey in an effort to disuade College administration from implementing plans to move the FELIX office. Mr Southey presented a paper detailing problems associated with the proposed move at a meeting with College Secretary John Smith and Union President Carl Burgess last Friday. A motion expressing support for Mr Southey's response to the College authorities was passed without objection at Monday's meeting of IC Union Council.

Mr Burgess was first informed of the plans for a FELIX move in a meeting with Mr Smith and the Rector two weeks ago. Mr Smith intends to give the Biology Department control of the present FELIX Office and the Beit Hall TV Lounge. In a letter to Mr Burgess three days after the meeting Mr Smith said that College was planning to refurbish the derelict kitchen area behind the Lounge to provide new offices for FELIX. and an additional double room and a new TV Lounge for Beit Hall. Before meeting Mr Burgess and Mr Southey on Friday, Mr Smith admitted that



Hugh Southey and J Martin Taylor: Alarmed about the move

there was insufficent space available for all these needs.

Mr Southey's paper listed several major difficulties associated with the move of the FELIX office. Significant structual alterations would be needed to the north side of Beit Quad in order to move and house the larger and more delicate pieces of FELIX equipment. In addition there would be a great deal of work required in order to make the derelict area suitable for the production of FELIX. Mr Southey also stressed that the position of the FELIX office was of prime importance since student involvement was 'the

life blood of a student newspaper'. He felt that to move the office to such a remote position would be to the unavoidable detriment of FELIX and everyone in College. A further problem was that the area available could not be utilised so as to provide adequate office space.

Mr Southey's paper suggested that it would be more sensible for the Biology Department to make use of the kitchen areas for the office space which they required. Mr Smith was sympathetic towards Mr Southey's comments, but felt that, if Biology took over the kitchen area, they might at a future date attempt to gain control of more of the north side of Beith Quad. He agreed that there would be significcant problems if a move of the FELIX office were attempted, and said that he would look into the costs involved in greater detail. He added that he was prepared to put resources into the development of the west staircase of the Union Building.

When Council met on Monday there was some support for a move of the FELIX office although Mr Southey and FELIX Business Manager J Martin Taylor confirmed the inadequacies of the schemes proposed. Deputy President Dave Kingston adhered to the view that to move the office would strengthen the Union's position by securing control of the whole of the north side of the Union Building. Civil Engineering Dep Rep Victor Freeney argued that it was unecessary to move the FELIX office and that the kitchen areas would be more sensibly used as offices for the Biology Department. He did not feel that having full Union control of one side of the Quad would prevent Biology from trying to takover Union rooms in future.

Mr Burgess and Mr Southey will be meeting the College Secretary later today to discuss the matter further.

London Student Attacked

A motion which would have closed London Student, the London-wide newspaper for students, was defeated by only two votes at the meeting of the University of London General Union Council on Tuesday. IC Union buys 250 copies of London Student which are distributed free from outside the FELIX Office.

The delegation from the London School of Economics, who proposed the motion, complained that an issue last term headlined 'School for Drugs' gave the false impression that LSE had a major drugs problem and that hard and soft drugs were freely available. They said that since the publication of the article, LSE had received several visits by the Drugs Squad. The LSE Delegation wanted a front page right-of-reply, and felt that if this was not forthcoming ULU should withhold funds from the

paper until the Editor, Miss Joanne Toch, either resigned or finished her term of office.

Miss Toch had offered LSE a space for reply but reserved the right to decide where to print it. She also pointed out that the paper was for students at London's Polytechnics and Further Education Colleges and that it was 'elitist' for ULU to attempt to force its policy onto the paper. During the meeting the LSE delegation were threatened with expulsion for unruly behaviour. At one point the chairperson, Duane Passman, walked out.

Of the ICU delegation eight voted against the LSE motion and one abstained. After the meeting Miss Joanne Toch said that although she resented the allegations made by LSE about her professionalism made by LSE she was still prepared to print a reply to 'School for Drugs' in the next issue.

Editorial

Union

There seems to be some feeling among departments that academic needs are more important than the welfare and social needs of students. Many College administrators know that the welfare and social needs of students are as important as those of the departments. They know that if sixth formers think that the College has no clubs and societies etc, applications will drop. The departments, though, seem to be only interested in expanding their research work. I know that the UGC cuts have made it difficult for departments. This doesn't mean, though, that they should try to take student union resources. For example the FELIX Office and Beit TV Lounge being asked to move. One of the things that they want to do with the area is build a seminar room. There is an excess of seminar rooms. Does it seem excessive for the College to ask biology students to use seminar rooms in other departments?

FELIX As you can see from the letters page there has been a certain amount of criticism of my decision to publish the 'Strike FELIX'. I decided that education cuts are not a party political issue and so could be covered as a feature. When I came to College almost 31/2 years ago it was only 'lefties' who went on demos and joined protests against education cuts. Since then it seems to me that Mrs Thatcher has united student unions against the cuts. Several of my friends vote Conservative. Since they came to College they have decided that they must join protests against their party's education policies. This is because they see the harm that these policies are doing to Britain's economy. When I went to lobby MPs I discovered that many back bench Conservative MPs oppose the present Government's education policy (unfortunately, they haven't got the guts to oppose it in the House). For this reason I decided that the article on cuts was

a feature, not an opinion. I am, though, a great believer in the right of reply, so if John Martin or the Conservative Society would like to produce two pages (approx 1700 words) defending the Government's education policy, I'll print it. I find it difficult to believe its possible to defend the Government, but I'm prepared to listen to Mr Martin's arguments.

While on the subject of articles for future FELIXs, I'd like to challenge the people who wrote to FELIX last term saying that FELIX is boring, to write 400 words on rhino's willies (as promised) so that I can print it. Generally, I'm running out of ideas for features so if you have any ideas for opinions or features contact me and either you or someone else can write the article.

FELIX Office

FELIX is your newspaper. This is why I am replying to recent criticism. If the proposed move of the FELIX Office (as reported in FELIX last week and this week) goes ahead, this may no longer be the case. FELIX may become the Newspaper of Imperial College Union Hacks. This is because the proposed site is out of the way. The present site is passed by large numbers of students. Students see FELIX staff at work. They know where the office is. This means that feel they can contribute. A student newspaper must be in contact with students. This means that it must be in a prominent position. You're lucky to have one of the best student newspapers in the country. Defend it by preventing the move (campaign details in a future FELIX).

Editorial

John Martin has attacked my editorial comments on Nicaraguan coffee. He has, in my view every right to attack my views. However, he has no reason to attack the fact that I express them in the editorial. The editorial is meant to be intelligent comment. It is meant to be my views. That means that it is meant to provoke thought. Hopefully, it will also attract a

response in the letters page. The editorial is not meant to be facts that every student will agree with. It is meant to provoke debate.

Valentine's Day

FELIX is planning a Valentine's Day special. We're going to print the Small Ads over a pink heart. If you want to send a message to the love of your life, then drop them into FELIX by 1.30pm on Monday February 10. If you have any ideas for features in FELIX in the Valentine's issue, contact me in the Office.

Credits

It's been an odd week. Thanks to the following for putting up with me and still contributing to FELIX: Dave

Jones, J Martin Taylor, Jim Clayden, Sarah Kirk, Mark Cottle, Mark Hunter, Bill Goodwin, Richard Smith, Pete Hobbis, Richard Ellis, Rosemary Hosking, Rob Dwyer-Joyce, Kamala Sen, Jane Spiegel, Chris Stapleton, Nige Atkinson, Aaron Kotcheff (Sorry I forgot to add to your article), Chris Edwards. Chris Dodge, Pete Wilson Alan Rose, Pete Klemperer, Mike Stone, Gaynor Whyles, Jelly, Dave Kingston, Nick Shackley, Andy Vickers, Eugene Zhog and Sunny Bains. Megabrain

The answer to last weeks problem and the winner will be published in the next FELIX.

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Bouncers Go Bananas

Dear Mr Southey I wish to inform all the readers of this newspaper of a particularly unpleasant experience which I had recently, in the hope that it will not happen to them.

Last Monday I went to the discotheque 'Bananas' in Wardour St. WI, to attend the much publicised 'Krazy Tie and Loony Sunglasses' party. When I got there, I was told by one of the 'bouncers' that he would not allow me in. It was not because of my dress, as I was wearing a decent jacket and tie, and I was certainly not drunk. When I asked him why he would not let me in, his immediate answer was 'because you're a f-cking cnt', said in those words. He and the other 'bouncer' then proceeded to spit on

Today I rang the manager of the night club, and he stood by his bouncers' actions one hundred per cent. He told me that, had he been in their shoes, he would have done exactly the same. He finished by saying he had better things to do than talk

I am not objecting to the fact that I was denied entry in spite of there being no apparent reason to do so,

every night club has and should have the right to refuse admission. I do, however, object to being spat on and insulted in the manner which I have just described. I see no reason why people like myself or indeed any reader of this newspaper should be humiliated in this way for no apparent reason, so I would ask and advise all the students of Imperial College not to visit this night club..the same or worse things may happen to them. Yours sincerely, Alastair Seymour

Party Political FELIX

Elec Eng 1.

Dear Sir, I write to express my anger and disappointment at the way in which under your editorship the Newspaper of ICU has degraded into a Party Political publication. I do not object to your reporting current political events which affect students, but feel strongly that the coverage given to, for example, the recent AUT strike has been excessive and biased, and I believe, judging by your editorial remarks, tainted by your own politics.

This in itself would not be a complaint if you had declared your intentions in the election manifesto last year. Instead, you promised to relieve us from the boredom of last year's

FELIX. I would also like to remind you of your criticism of Mr Rowe's efforts: FELIX hasn't been lively and innovative,' 'This year FELIX has reported on

boring news.

Your last three issues incorporate anti- government propaganda in articles covering ninety per cent of the front and back covers. You do not, however give any mention of the struggle at Kings College to remain outside the NUS closed shop union, with which cause many students, at Imperial have great sympathy. Neither do you resist the chance to quash any moderate opinion which does appear with your own, often unjustifiable comment. Here I refer particularly to your comments on Nicaraguan coffee: 'It may not make commercial sense but if you want a commercial meal you go to Macdonalds. Dave Kingston should not have opposed the motion'. Obviously your opinion is that every morsel we eat must be on our behalf, a political statement. As a sabbatical Mr Kingston has a duty to represent students like myself, which he did, in a way in which he thought fit.

Come on Hugh, toe the line and keep your promises. Be controversial, but fair and get the other half of the story then, as before, you'll get my vote and support. Yours faithfully, John Martin.

Born Again...

Dear Hugh I thought that this week's centre pages on the faces of Christianity were very interesting. The opening lines expressed some common criticisms of Christianity that are usually voiced by non-religious people. The article clearly showed there are many types of Christians, but I should like to say that there are many types of nonreligious people as well, and not all are as antagonistic towards Christians as the opening comments suggest. Certainly, there are

people who often attack

Christians, trying to show their creed as a fraud, and

and discredit it. As an alternative such people usually offer science and logic, but I would venture to suggest that such people are more narrow-minded than Christians. There are few things which cannot be explained logically but such people are, in my opinion, taking current scientific thought as gospel, and see Christianity as a threat to their own religion. These are the people who treat lecture notes as infallible documents

scrutinising the Bible to try

Also, there are cynical sceptics who seem unable to believe in anything, possibly because they do not believe in themselves. Such people are often depressed, and attack religion because they are jealous of the happiness and contentment that religious people have, and they are the most insecure.

However, there are nonreligious people who are not dismissive about religion. I am always interested in what religious people believe, not as a joke or a curiosity, but because I think that there isn't one true and right way to live your life, and that by listening to everyone around you, you'll end up moving in approximately the right direction. A Buddist said on television that most people see life as a long and narrow road, from which any deviation is wrong, but that he saw it as a circle, with many possible ways of reaching the centre. Although I'm not a Buddist, I remember thinking how much I agreed with that part of what he said. Richard G Fincher Chem 1

Porn Again...

Dear Sir First, I apologise to those who found it illiterate and 'non-sensical'-next time I shall tone down my article to avoid inflaming the FELIX typists and so hopefully their fingers will not slip so much.

Back to the replies: As a point of information none of our films portray violence, and especially not

The question of morals

reappears-I think we shall have to agree to differ as neither of us is immoral yet we always reach different conclusions. I still believe watching this event for 2 hours a year, can no way dominate our behaviour for the other 8758.

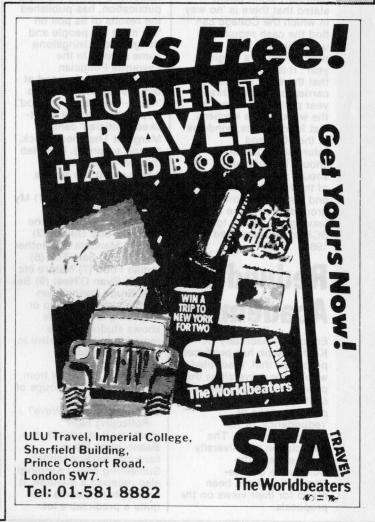
It was said that 'Hon Porn...degrades and humiliates men and women, portraying them as objects to be used and abused'. This is a very low opinion of mankind-if either party don't want sex, then that's where they use the word 'No'.

Yet again, the critics try to ridicule and humiliate supporters of the event. I'd like to turn Mr Harman's point around-I was not trying to portray opponents as 'self-righteous purists'. but rather condemn the portrait of supporters as dirty perverts. Respect our opinion as we respect yours.

Let's take a different view, supposing Hon Porn's Night was banned, what will it achieve? Will the sexist, chauvinist attitudes at IC disappear? Or even diminish? I think not, infrequent pornography is not the problem.

Always our critics want to ban the event. This is a negative attitude, changing nothing. If they want to see sexism at IC eradicated, try positive solutions, getting to the root of the problem. I'm sure a lot of you will say 'fine words, where's the beef?'. Last year RSMU made a point of holding all parties first with one or two female colleges. At some parties the women outnumbered the men. This year, RSMU has initiated a Ladies Sports team for those who want to play for their CCU. Both these decisions are aimed at removing the sexual pressure resulting from IC's poor ratio, and encouraging social intercourse from a base of equality.

Finally, Mr Preece asked why RSMU has to place such importance on this event'. We don't but we do believe people have the right to chose if they want to see it or not. I remain yours etc David Pearce



Barclays Boycott

London University General Union Council have passed a motion asking GUC Finance Committee to consider the financial implications of refusing to accept Barclay's Bank cheques at ULU because of Barclay's links with South Africa. If the move goes through students will no longer be able to use Barclay's cheques for room bookings or in the ULU shop, bar or café. The opticians and the travel agency are not managed by ULU and so will be unaffected.

Switch Delayed

The proposed change-over of the JCR and the Sherfield refectory is likely to be delayed because of a shortage of money. In a letter to Union President Carl Burgess, College Secretary John Smith stated that there is 'no way in which the College can find the cash required to undertake the full programme in a single year'. It is now proposed that the work should be carried out over a three year period. This year all the work on the kitchens, fast food service, windows in the JCR, and refurnishing the SCR should be completed. 1987 should see the completion of the food hall on level 2 and the conversion of the ground floor to the JCR, leaving alterations to the SCR to be completed in 1988

Redundant Academics

Education Secretary Sir Keith Joseph has produced proposals that, if adopted, would give universities the power to dismiss academic staff appointed to new posts because of 'redundancy, or for financial reasons'. The Association of University Teachers and the Committee of Vice-Chancellors have been asked for their views on the proposals.

All Four Won



A team from Imperial College has won a place in the world finals of the Association of Computing Machinery students programming contest, to be held in Cincinnati, Ohio on February 5. The 'Solve and Prosper' team, made up of postgraduates Kevin O'Connor, Barry Sherlock, Peter Ruffhead and Henry Yong fought off competiton

from Switzerland, Belgium, Finland, France and West Germany in the European finals in November when they completed four problems in five hours.

Mr O'Connor and Mr Sherlock were part of the team which came eleventh in last year's world final. The present team first got together in May when they entered and won a programming competition at British Aerospace's Preston works. Since they have perfected a 'secret strategy' and feel 'reasonably confident' of their chances in this year's competition. They have written several hundred letters in order to raise the necessary £5000 sponsorship for the trip.

Mum Is Fab

National Student, the NUS publication, has published the results of its poll on the most fab people and things'. Ken Livingstone came second in the Favourite Politician category, being pipped at the post by the infamous 'none-they're all no good'. Top of the pops of 'least-liked politician' came Margaret Thatcher (shock, horror, surprise). Most fab thing or person in the whole world has such a mixture that it is worth listing the whole lot: (1) My boyfriend/girlfriend/ mum/dad etc (what's the etc?) (2) Bob Geldof (3) Nelson Mandela (4) Mother Theresa (5) Sam Fox (6) Indian Food (7) Nature etc (?!) (8) Ryan O'Neal (9) Sex (10) Bruce Springsteen

The favourite group or recording artiste table shows students to be remarkably conservative in their musical tastes, consisting nearly exclusively of bands from the 70s and rock groups of the 80s. Whatever happened to New Wave?

Reflecting high intellectual standards, the Beano came 6th in favourite reading matter. Something called Kerrang! also received a mention. It seems that students are quite a predictable lot.

Best Wishes Alf

Mr Alf Daniels, the superintendent of the male cleaners, is retiring at the end of the month. He has worked for IC for thirty years and in the past he has run boxing classes for students. Mr Daniels told FELIX that he would miss Imperial College, but was hoping to get his golf handicap down now that he will have more spare time. He and his wife are planing to move out of London to the country, but 'cannot

make up their minds where

Mr George Targett, who has known him for 26 years, said that Mr Daniels had always been an easy person to work with and had given a lot of thought to students' needs. He added that Mr Daniels would be sorely missed.

There is to be a farewell presentation for Mr Daniels next Wednesday. FELIX would like to wish him well for his retirement.

Articles still required for the Phoenix. Drop them into the FELIX Office anytime.

Union Bar Promotion Sunday 26th January Budweiser 50p/Bottle Fosters and Swan 50p/Can

Southside Bar Promotion Sunday 26th January 50p/pint



Below the Belt

Whenever I start writing this column, I momentarily put my pen down in disgust. Who am I to say nasty things about people? Who am I to corrupt the minds of the innocent with my tales of the wanton behaviour of the immoral few. Luckily this seizure never lasts very long... I very quickly remember why it is so important. Bitching is almost as good as food and men!

So, here we go folks..but remember, you mustn't try any of this at home.

Firstly, here is a story that illustrates what I've always as said - you can't seduce a drunken man! A well known chemist tried to have her wicked way with a certain sporty

mathematician... in the middle of a party... while he was drunk. Needless to say all she got out of him was a pathetic droop and profuse apologies. Men!

Field Marshall Roger Preece has a lot to answer for in this respect. What a shock it was to hear him advertising the Field Cup (consisting of lots of boorish young men running around Beit Quad, destroying it as well and as quickly as they can, and killing off their brain cells, with lots of lovely ethanol). Surely this is not the kind of 'action' that the girls of Imperial College want to see! The following day all the pretty ones will be absolutely useless (including Golden Boy

Preece himself). Some people have no consideration.

Ben 'mini-vamp' Sidle was out cold in the Physics Waveguide last Friday afternoon... again alcohol was to blame (oh, the horrors of the evil drink). He, of course, remembers nothing of this, neither does he remember anything about the personage who was placed on top of him (but then he did seem a little unresponsive at the time). Former superwimp J Martin Taylor seems to have been looking rather trendy of late. This may (or may not) have something to do with the fact that he seems to have been missing from both his department and the FELIX office preferring the home comforts of Weeks Hall (residence coincidentally, of course -

of Sunny 'ain't I loud' Bains. Rumour has it that they will be trying out together for the new TV show 'Dreary and Makenoise. Lastly, a seafaring tale about Jolly Roger, captain of the Holbein House booze cruise, and his trip to France. Three men ended up having to hold him down after too much of the ferry's fire water caused him to throw a fit. Luckily no plank-walking was called for, but as far as I can see he's still none too popular among the shipmates.

Well, lots of love kids...and remember: nothing is more boring than a wet January afternoon.

by Felicity the Catty



ANNOUNCEMENTS

•Stocksoc for all those interested or who signed their names, meet above Stans Monday, 12.30pm.

•So, this is the estate of Opsoc, what? Yes, Opsoc presents Princess IDA by G&S, 18-22 Frebruary, in the Union Concert Hall.

•Hall Soccer we are hoping to organise an inter-hall football competition. Will captains of prospective teams contact S Dunkley Physics 3 via the letter racks.

•Hockey From this Saturday all hockey is back to normal, we still need aggressive players. Hockey Annual Dinner is on Sat 15 March, so you better start training now.

 Vacancy position of great power-control the destiny of major nations. Applications should if possible, bear a passing ressemblence to Adolf Hitler, Mussolini or Emp Hirohito. References will be required (those from deposed ex-patrons are not acceptable). Applications to IC Wargames Club. Note: Second Year Chemical Engineers need not apply.

•For Hire fabulous mega-disco with hundreds of your favourite records and an expert talented DJ. Yours for only £35 per night. Contact: D Wallace-Warden, Willis Jackson House

•Keep Fit Club Annual Dinner is at LUBAS Restaurant, Knightsbridge on Friday 7 February. Contact Carolyn Dyson (Physics 2) or any of the Committee for details.

•A-Level Electronics tutor required by private local tutoring college. Up to six hours per week. £8 per hour. This is money for old rope especially if you're Elec Eng. If interested please contact Lynton Appel Elec Eng PG for details.

•Rhone wine tastingTuesday 6.00pm SCR (Beit) £2.50 members £3.00 non-members. Chateau neul de pape, Hermitage etc there'll be ample of these big butch reds and winsome white to sample. At a price you can afford

•Somo alla tasta mucho Samplo di vino Rhono. Bella Chateau-nove di papa, santa giuseppe, la hermitago. Confuso? Come to Tuesday's tasting, all will be revealed 6.00, Piazza usual, SCR £2.50, 5,000l.

ACCOMMODATION

•Single room immediately available in flat in Streatham. Rent £130 per month. No rent to pay until 14 February. Gas central heating. Contact Rufus Short, Elec Eng UG Pigeon Holes.

●To let single room in well equipped flat for 4, 2 minutes from College, £35 Contact A Qurban Physics (UG)

•Anybody interested in making a flat share group for 4 persons? Two more buddies required. If interested, please contact Lynton Appel EE PG.

•BBC B Micro with wordwise rom £250 ono. Contact Clive Standley Room 1012 Physics Tel 6679.

•4ch stereo mixer with MIC/LINE panned inputs battery/mains £60 ono. **B&W Oboe** working order, case and reeds £180 ono. Contact R G Fincher. Chem 1.

•Reel-to-reel tape deck, Sony 4-track, recently serviced in excellent condition. £300 ono. Martin S Taylor

harpsichord effect. Ideal for flats for room in hall too small for a real piano. £250 ono Martin S Taylor 4996

be used as an ordinary piano. £500 Martin S Taylor in 4996.

PERSONAL

Christine-had any good tips lately?

•F-Double figures are pretty cool-J •The cards are packed with fun. The playing cards are after you. Oh no, not NIGEL

•First the good news: Skydiving is not an anagram of Die skiving now the best news: You wouldn't believe how much fun it is.

•Ventilation installed in sleeping bags free-while you sleep: Contact R Col du coq.

els Kath in 211 safe from Dave's

•A Chilli up the bottom is worth two in the hand

•Be a bottomberp-stick a chilli up your bum today.

•Winter routes do need ice to qualify, JJ therefore minus IV points.

 New routes: Big Eyes, VS, (A Williams, Solo) small stomach E3 (D Idenden, unseconded), Big Gut, VD, (M Dixon, top roped). Mixed Grill E6, 6b (A Williams-frigged).

•Join the all new break-away Cowboy caving club. Get the beers in and if there is time descend the most ardous of routes-South Kensington Subway. If interested contact Simon Seward Chem Eng 3 for Inaugural Sess.

•Attention all Willy-watchers! Join Willsoc-contact the man with the small one Simon Seawed Chem Eng

•How was it that you come to be wearing xx's underpants, Simon Seaweed?

•Hi, I'm Dan-Flobbalobalob

•Skydivers do 0-60 in 3.4 seconds. •ICe-Reincarnate at the Igloo club

(the lounge sucks). Friday 25 care of your loving ents. Melt the house down xxx

•Picocon 4 coming soon to save the world.

•Picocon 4 will anything ever by the

•Picocon 4 featuring Dave Langford.

- Picocon 4 no one is safe.
- Picocon 4 the night nobody comes home.

•Sex Survey 50% of the 152 sleep with sisters, 25% with little girls and 25% with little Dave.

•Heading for Hughes Parry.

•Asiatic haters-join IC Wargames club-the infiltration is underway

•Second Front in March 1942-what

•Dieppe raid a success as Germans capitulate.

•Chem Eng 2-Wot, no Garrison? Ha-Ha!

●I get by..., I get high..., I'm gonna try (for Joanne)...Iain.

•Carlene 1 Daniel 0.

 What are you doing next Sunday Maria?

•Willis Jackson Sex Shop-experts in every field, Adult literature, Dave T and Tony H, gentlemen' visual entetainment, Tony B, Appliances, Dave T and Paul G. All enquiries welcome!

•Blah, blah, blah,..Do...blah blah blah bhal.

•HJS you are driving me backwards but how about another 2 inches. Iwed.

•Announcement Cindergogerella will go to the ball he hopes the rash goes down. Aunty advises see a physio.

 Adolf I'm sorry, kisses from Pisshead when was the party Paterson

●Calling all CB lovers-don't forget your muscley mountaineer.

olf you knew what Wilf knows you wouldnt even consider wearing wellington boots.

•Charlie's Diplomatic removal services speciality-number plates competitive rates. Enquire Garden

•Cinderella can't go to the ball, but she has already found her Prince Charming.

•Should I bring my red wellies and join you in the shower?

•What doesn't fit? Rodger after he's passed out.

•Fancy a glass of wine, Rodger? No thanks, I'll have the bottle.

•Tony, you will be hearing from my Solicitor-Maria •Goose and screwdriver leads to free

breakfast, but who from Charles? ●Don't risk your licence. Play safe!

•Bulgarian Secret Service invite their true love to a screwdriver party? ●Watch out Colin-M&T seek revenge

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The AUT Strike

Wednesday saw the AUT strike, in protest at the falling funds for higher education. This affects us, the students, as well as the staff. They have their gripes-and you should know what they are-but we too have more. Next year Sir Keith plans to increase grants by 2% whilst inflation is 7%. Furthermore we will not be able to claim housing benefit over the Christmas and Easter vacations nor will we be able to claim Social Security over the summer. This represents a drastic cut in our financingof about a quarter if you claim housing benefit (ie rent a private place to live)obviously very severe in any case. Already most of us are very poor. This drop in funding will severely bias the opportunity for higher education towards those with more of their own money. Why do they do this? There are 2 reason (i) these people vote tory, and (ii) it seems likely they are trying to force industry to support higher education. Very good idea, you may say, but if industry pays then how many art courses do you think will survive?



Rogue's Gallery

In the education cuts last year, Salford suffered the worst of all. They found alternative funds from industry alright, but now they're strongly biased towards Science and Technology. Why is it so much harder for science students than engineers to get sponsorships from industry? Because their courses are less vocational and they are liable not to end up working for their sponsors. Clearly, industry isn't going to waste money on courses that don't make money. The reason why they don't make money is because they have no direct power to influence

the lives of masses of people; if you design a more efficient machine that offers ever more luxury, people-being ultimately lazy-will buy it. Science and Technology is the basis of your whole society. But this doesn't mean it's the only thing worth studying, money should have nothing to do with education. The freedom of opportunity for a wide variety of courses for everyone willing and intellectually able to do should be defended as a political right. It is highly regrettable that the word 'politics' should every be mentioned in an

educational context, but this is no ordinary situation. You may be under the blissful delusion that the Government has less money to spend and that we must all work together to pull through the 'World Economic Recession' as a nation. This is rubbish. our country is getting richer all the time continually the amount of money available for the Government to invest is increasing. It just seems less because it is biased into a smaller and smaller section of society, business and companies, people who work hard to make more money out of money the rest of us don't get to see it! This is part of the meaning of the word 'conservatism'. They spend it on helping people to set up their own companies and take it from those who have no jobs, biasing the money continuously towards those who already have it. If you support the point of view that this is unfair and should be resisted, then you (and I) should support the AUT.

You may ask 'but how does their day of action affect the government?' The answer to this is simple. It gets publicity, which is liable to lose votes for them, and that is all they're worried about. Pete Klemperer RCS AAO

Student Houses

Much concern has been voiced over the sometimes appalling state of repair of Evelyn Gardens, not least in FELIX. This seems to have drifted towards complacency perhaps partly due to a reassuring profile of Pete Hallworth Managing Surveyor (Residences). This man was portrayed as a genial, conscientious administrator and little attention in the article was give to Evelyn Gardens with most criticisms pre-emptively glossed-over with the promise of a grandiose schemes for the student houses.

However, all is not rosymuch of the 'vital repair work' seems to be concerned with the external appearence of the houses (well, how many members of the general public do you know that see the inside of a student residence? Few

improvements were made inside the houses and those which were often poor and slapdash. For example, in Bernard Sunley eggshell paint was used in a bathroom which duly cracked due to the steam.

One of the biggest problems with the contractual labour is that it is not systematically checked by a College representative or administrator and even if complaints are made to the contractors, the workmen are moved on from site to site, under College direction so few shoddy jobs are made good. This last point assumed that administrative powers-thatbe will actually deal with complaints from wardens:sadly this rarely seems to be true-examples of this Laissez-Faire attitude are legion. For example defective water heaters in Bernard Sunley House have not been repaired or replaced and there is also only one functional shower, between over one hundred residents, with hot water-all the rest are leaky, unfinished or have very erratic hot water supplies-all these defects have been reported by wardens to Peter Hallworth.

Instructions have been given that Wardens are to report workmen that lack security passes-this comes as a geat relief since window locks are in such a poor state of repair that any paint-splattered man could infiltrate a worksite under the guise of a repair man and help himself to the students' goodies, and student mail since only two Evelyn Gardens Houses possess locks on the pigeon holes. Several large thefts have occured from houses and while they may be entirely due to doors being left open by busy workmen and not bogus labourers the situation must be improved and action taken.

Perhaps one of the arguments against an

intensive programme of internal re-furbishments is purely one of cost. Whilst this is valid, the organisation of works is such that contractual labour is employed, indeed at the time of writing Willis Jackson is still in the hands of the contractors. At least a term overdue.

All in all, residents are getting a very raw deal from an adminstration which cannot be bothered to repair houses adequately, which does not check the finished work and usually fails to have bad work rectified. All you have to do is to look around Evelyn Gardens and compare external and internal conditions to see where the College Residence Adminstrations real interests lie.

Is it any wonder that when you come for your interview at IC you only ever see Halls of Residence?

Mike Stone

As the internal Services Committee Chairman I am often asked the following questions:

i) Although it is unnecessary for the union bar to restore its position as the most used bar in college it is evident that it must compete successfully with Southside Bar in order to ensure that it is both a financially viable enterprise and a service used by a wide cross section of the students population. ii) The major factor underpinning the success of Southside (figures from last year show that Southside's takings are almost double the Union Bar's takings) is the better facilities which it enjoys by virtue of its situation. It has a spacious bar with space to seat a reasonably large number of customers in some degree of comfort. It has the majority of the halls of residence situated around it.

iii) To ensure (i) in the face of (ii) the union will be required to make a large capital investment in its bar

iv) The timing of c will undoubtedly be affected by the fact that although the union is at present financially responsible for the union bar, it is not the licence holder. The licence will remain in the Sherfieild building until after the end of the current academic

2 What kind of alterations should be make to the bar?

Firstly, it would not be sensible to seek to turn the union bar itself into some kind of 'mini southside'. Although its share of the market has decreased in recent years the bar has always made a profit with that one room alone. There is quite simply not enough room to accomodate large numbers of people who wish to sit down with groups of friends to enjoy a quiet social drink. In any case there is no doubt in my mind that even if we were to install better furnishings there would still be elements from the CCU/Rugby Club barnite set who would deem it necessary to vomit on them simply because they would set this as a 'Tradition'.

We do, however, have the potential to create a 'lounge bar' atmosphere in the room which currently houses the union Snack Bar. In the evenings this room is, at present, underused. If we could install better furniture here and spend some money improving the appearance

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of the room we would have an area suited to the more casual bar user. It has the space to accommodate a reasonably large number of people and it already has a food outlet which could, given sufficent demand, serve snacks and coffee to those who appreciate that drinking ad nauseam is not the last word in social intercourse. There would also exist the possibility of holding cabaret evenings along the lines of the excellent but sadly under publicised comedy evenings that were organised by IC Ents at the beginning of last term. Television is already on its

3 When Can This Improvement Programme

Start? The glib answer to this is when we have the money', but in addition it would be reckless for the union to dive into such a major programme immediately after taking over the bar. Time must clearly be taken sorting out the administrative implications of the takeover. A logical time to start is when the union takes over the licence. This gives us a much freer hand in what we intend to do (would the college engage in programme of blocking tactics to black a move that would clearly be designed to take money away from their own outlets?). It also gives us time firstly to plan the changes and secondly to prove to a potential investor that the bar is

when run by the union.

This means that we have to work with the bar as it is for some months, during a period which is traditionaly quiet and thus have to encourage traditional users of the bar to support it 4Does it not seem a little paradoxical that in order to change the face of the bar we seem to be encouraging the traditional 'bar drinking' elements?

Yes it does. However it is a logical move in so far as we need to make money during this crucial period so we must use the bar to its best affect and it is designed as a hard drinking bar. Over and above this disgracefully capitalistic attitude I would contend that due to the chaos of the last term the bar has discouraged many people who joined the college this year, we may never win them back but I would say to anyone who feels this way, please go and take another look, the bar is visibly improving and even as it is it can still provide a pleasant setting for the casual drinker. Another thing to point out is that both the union and the bar manager both seek to curb the intimidating nature of some of the acts performed under the influence of alcohol in the name of having a bit of a laugh with the boys.

In particular, the union can in no way condone any kind of sexist abuse of female customers. This sort of behaviour has occurred in the past and it is of the utmost importance that any recurrence of this sort of

behaviour is reported to the union so that the offenders can be dealt with.

5Why did internal services committee give approval to the employment of members of Links 22 and chaps in preference to other students?

It didn't, and I personally would oppose any such move. The meeting of 13 January was attended by Moore Lyttle, the union bar manager at my invitation. He was not a member of the committee and as such it would be improper for the committee to make any kind of policy dictating the manner in which he should employ bar staff. In any case, Mr Lyttle made no such suggestion and would not support such a moveyou can ask him if you like, that's more than FELIX did). Mr Lyttle did however, point out that there were several students already engaged to work as casual staff who happen to be members of the organisations in question. He suggested that rather than giving these people a free hand in the nights that they work, that some of them be asked on a specific night in order that there would be a point of contact for other members of the club in the union as well as Southside (the Southside bar manager is a member of all three 'tie clubs'). It was simply a move to encourage one group of people to support the union of which they are or have been members by using a bar around which many of their official functions are based. 6 To employ any member

of staff for any reason other than their ability to perform the function required of bar staff is not only unacceptably discriminatory it is no way to run a business.

It would have been nice if the FELIX staff members concerned had bothered to ask eigther myself or the bar manager about the issues in question before printing the rather misleading article 'Bar staff FELIX 17.1.86) especially at a time when it is of paramount importance that FELIX and the union pull together to stem the relentless onslaught of the Biology department. We wouldn't want to end up with the union office and the lounge moved into the bar cellers and a FELIX office half way up the Queens tower. Alan Rose

Internal Services Committee Chairman 85/86



few new blues records to the collection, I'm no afficionado and even if I was I would hesitate to bore you with an in depth Lemon Brickface et al. But at the same time the influence of the great original blues players on modern popular music. especially rock, can't be over estimated. Artists like Freddie King invented many of the licks and riffs cribbed by modern rock guitarists. And groups like the Rolling Stones might Muddy Waters, while Dire Straits Mega guitar-hero

B B King is the man they sometimes call the 'King of the Blues Guitar' and is certainly one of the better known and more commercially successful bluesmen. His album 'Live at the Regal' is often listed as a classic and is among recent library additions. King claims he can't sing and play at the same time, an almost open contradiction to this faultless playing. His music is characterised by a soulful 'talking guitar' style.

. Most of us know something about John Lennon. We know that he was one of two leading members of the Beatles, we know he was rather controversial in his words and actions both during and after the Beatles, and we know he was involved with, and then married, a Japanese woman called Yoko Ono.

Lennon, a documentary/play/musical by Bob Eaton, tries to fill



A review of some recent additions to the Haldane record library, from Mark Cottle, Haldane Record Buyer.

If you want to hear more rocking blues then Hound Dog Taylor and Elmore James are worth a listen And I can't finish without mentioning a personal favourite of mine Lightin' Hopkin's who featured in the BBC2 blues special last



year, and some of who's best material is included on volume 12 of the Sonet label's 'Legacy of the blues'

Finaly bastions of the current alternative scene 'Here and Now' and Roy Harper are both playing live at present. For 'Here and Now' it is sadly their farewell tour. Formed from the remnants of the hippy group Gong, their music took on a quite different and surprisingly commercial sound remeniscent at times of such diverse influences as the Police in terms of rhythms and Pink Floyd in terms of floating, atmospheric guitar and synth. Their last album 'Theatre' is well worth listening to and should be available once I get around

the gaps in our knowledge

the words of his friends.

Vanables was quite

by using John's own words,

and the lyrics of his songs.

The direction by Clare

extraordinary, in the sense

that while the cast of nine

took several parts each

(except for those who

hard as they could to

comprehensible

played Lennon), shared

parts, and generally tried as

confuse the audience, the

whole thing turned out to

Alison Chitty was faced

musical instruments

with the problem that the

needed for John Lennon's

be guite credible, and even

The set was also unusual.

to dropping it off to the librarian

Roy Harper is one of anachronisms of the music world, and the space here is not nearly sufficient to sum him up. Harper will be know to most people through his association with Led Zepplin (eg 'Hats off to Roy-Led' Zep 3) and his friendship with Jimmy Page who plays on his album Jugula. But Roy Harper is at his best as a live entertainer playing his own individualistic brand of folk guitar to a small audience, often playing pubs and charity or free festivals. Harper appears to have scant regard to commercial consideration and hence much of his



material is very difficult to find. But hopefully I can dig up enough to keep the dedicated bunch of Harper fans out there, who travel miles to see the man play at the oddest times and places, happy. 'Jugula' should already have been added to the tape collection and 'Stormcock'

songs could not be moved

at all during the show. Even

so, she managed to design

a stunning (and very

necessary

clever) back wall which

changed spectacularly as

John Lennon is played

by both Mark McGann and

Jonathan Barlow, Perhaps

younger and older Lennon

development. One minute

we see John young and

their likeness to him, for

fiery, and the next minute,

older and cooler. Otherwise

one who had never met him

at least, was quite startling.

the only fault in their

interpretations of the

was the slight lack of

overlap in character

'Folkjokeopus' and 'Return of the Sophisticated Beggar' should be around in record soon

The tape collection is woeful in comparson to that for records and one of my major priorities is increasing it. However because of the enormity of the task this will be the work of several years. It is, incidentally, surprising that despite the fact that the tape collection is lacking, the vast majority of requests are for records.

The legacy of the early psychedelic bands is apparent all over the place, not least in terms of those still playing. The Deviants are an outfit literally stuffed full of ageing famous hippies who still occasionally come together to play some punchy R'n'B. Main members Mick Farren and Larry Wallis (both ex-Pink Fairies and Wallis also original guitarist for Motorhead) are joined by ex MC5 quitarist Wayne Kramer on their live album 'Human Garbage' which is a recording of their 1984 reunion at Dingwalls. The recording manages to compensates for some, but unfortunately not all, of Dingwalls rather poor sound and is an excellent compilation.

I hope that at some time this year I'll buy something to interest most people. The records I have mentioned are just odd preferences of my own. But please remember the famous quote about pleasing all the people all

Mr McGann's voice especially was uncannily like Lennon's own.

Other notable performances were given by Martyn Ellis and Mia Soteriou who played Paul McCartney and Yoko Ono respectively. Though physically totally different from the original (except for his hair) Mr Ellis managed to create Paul just as we all know and love him, using his face, and to a lesser extent his voice. Ms Soteriou, while addressing her audience using one of Yoko's speeches from after Lennon's death, managed to make Yoko seem more sympathetic than many people had thought Yoko to be at the time!

For anyone who is or was interested in the 'Fab Four' going to see Lennon at the Astoria theatre will be a real treat the music, the myth and the memories

Camus the question is not whether to take the books at face value, but whether they have a face value at all. He was one of the greatest French writers of this century; versatile, hard hitting and observant, he was not only a man of words. Camus was once a professional footballer and edited a French underground new paper during the 2nd World War. In The Plague Camus

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VIEW

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Salem witchhunt, and for

writes about an Algerian Writings are especially port suffering an epidemic of bubonic plague, viewed through the eyes of a local doctor. The town is sealed off by sentries and the people left to die, escapers being shot, and subtle comparisons are made with occupied France. The winner. chronicle of increasing deaths - several hundred a day - decreasing food, terror and despair creatres an atmospher similar to a

Collections of his short

the story alone the book is

brilliant - each tiny fable encapsulating an argument or point of view on life, the universe or anything. Philosophy, death, art, religion emotions and society all come under the scrutiny of this Nobel prize

Various of his books published by Penguin include Youthful Writings and The Plague together with The Outsider and The Fall, both of which stab at the hypocracy of the French Bourgeois. These should be available from any large bookshop.



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Albert Camus

Star rating key:

- **** Masterpiece
- **** Excellent *** Good
- ** Fair
- * Poor, but has something

0 Dreadful

The Sure Thing ** (Cannon Tottenham Ct Rd. Haymarket, Chelsea)

A rather charming comedy in the Hollywood romantic tradition. Two opposites are forced together for a trip across America, one to meet the 'sure thing' that his friend has set him up with the other to meet her nascent yuppie boyfriend. Good script and natural acting from the two leads. but a shame about the

My Beautiful Laundrette **** (Cannon Charing X, Chelsea)

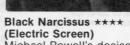
A story of the Thatcherite success of an Asian lad and his ex-NF friend as they set up a launderette business.

This excellent script and fine acting allows great insight to the motives and desires of all involved in this film directed by Stephen Frears.

Rocky IV * (Lecicester Sq

Thetare) The Italian Spaniel slurs his way through some more anti-commie trash. This time his friend is killed by the colossal Comrade Ivan Drago and therefore Rocky, out of a need for revenge, arranges a fight in the USSR. Russians seem surprisingly to have not only better technology but also better haircuts.

Stallone directed himself through an extended pop video and fails to make me understand how he manages to win over the crowd at the end



Michael Powell's decison to shoot the entire film in the studio allows him masterful control of space in this tale of flesh versus the spirit.

A group of nuns has it's faith and resolve tested by the freedom and passions of the Himalayas. Powell and Pressburger's usual high standard of story telling plus an essay in colour symbolism, well worth the revival.

Colonel Redl **** (Premiere)

An ambtious young peasant ruthlessly climbs the Austro-Hungarian Army ranks only to be betrayed by the upper classes.

A slow start builds to a masterpiece of an ending.

Once again Szabo's direction allows Klaus Maria Brandauer to perform magnificently as a man willing to sacrifice family and friends to succeed.

Death in a French Garden *** (Camden Plaza, Chelsea)

The title is an untranslatable pun and a reference to the French title of 'The Draughtsman's Contract', to which this film owes something. It is a witty and erotic pshychological thriller involving a guitar teacher who never quite manages to work out what is happening around him. Rather self-consciously stylish at times, but nevertheless more successful than

'Desperately Seeking Susan' in France

Death Wish Three 0 (Cannon Chelsea. Haymarket, Oxford St Prince Charles)

The well-known consciencious objector (well he says he was in the film) returns to waste some more creeps.

An obscene and violent film with no redeeming qualities, except that I found it quite funny in parts, but that's no excuse for you to go and see it.

Defence of the Realm **** (Odeon Haymarket) Brilliant conspiracy yarn about a journalist



uncovering the mystery behind a political scandal.

The attractive couple Gabriel Byrns and Greta Sacchi join forces against the evil authority. A good story well told.

Peppermint Freedom *** (Metro)

The aftermath of the Second World War as seen through the eyes of a young German girl.

Peter Fonda plays a local GI who fraternises with a girl from the village. A charming anti-war statement whose original title is a play on the confusion between freedom and peace



Friday 24 January



2000h

Junior Common Room **Bronze Medal Dancing Class** Lessons in Latin American and Ballroom for the Bronze Medal

1230h

Today

Union Upper Lounge
Orienteering Club. Meeting to organise travel arrangements for the weekend.

1245h

Volleyball Court

Basketball shooting practice. For all players; to teach beginners how to shoot, and help more experienced players improve their shooting.

1300h

Union Building Islamic Society congregational prayer.

Beit Gym Keep Fit Please bring suitable

clothing and jogging shoes.

Volleyball Court Badminton Club. Everyone welcome.

2030h

Southside Bar Southside Bar Disco

1300h

Saturday

9 Princes Gardens Islamic Society prayers

1000h

Sunday

Sherfield Consort Gallery Chaplaincy communion service

1130h

More House, 53 Cromwell Road Catholic Soc Mass all welcome for reflection and worship.

1300h

Senior Common Room Wargames Meeting, 10-15% of count available on game Membership £1.50.

9 Princes Gardens slamic Society prayers

1630h

Wu Shu Kwan Kick the boring Sunday habit, literally! Learn to look after yourself and enjoy fitness with IC Kung Fu Club

1900h

301 m/999kHz The Classical Show. The best music of the last 500 years and more

1230h

Monday

Southside Upper Lounge Hang-gliding meeting

Southside Upper Lounge Waterski Club. Come along and sign up for Wednesday and Saturday trips.

1300h

9 Princes Gardens Islamic Society prayers

Beit Gym Keep Fit Please bring suitable clothing and jogging shoes.

1730h

Volley ball Court

Basketball training for first and second team members

Great Hall Wind Band rehearsal

800h

Southside Gym Keep Fit Please bring suitable lothing and jogging shoes

Jazz-Funk Dance Class, Be prepared for a real work-out and wear loose clothes. It's great fun! Admission 73p

1900h

Rock 'n' Roll Dance Class. Rock away your Monday blues—join this stimulating dance now! Admission 75p

2000h

JCR

New Beginners Dance Class. Ballroom and Latin American dancing lessons with a professional teacher. Admission

1230h

Tuesday

Chem 231 Catholic Society Mass, lunch and people. Quiet after quantum theory, transistors etc. Everyone

welcome. Union Upper L Audio Society

1245h

Chinese Chess. Come and play Wei-Qi and Xiang-Qi, also known as 'Goh' in Japanese and 'Baduk' in Korean. All welcome.

Southside Lounge Boardsalling Club. Regular meeting to organise Wed afternoon trips. Membership £4.

Southside Lounge QT stunt coordination meeting

9 Princes Gardens Islamic Society prayers

1730h

Brown Committee Room **Amnesty International Meeting**

1800h

Southside Gym Imperial Workout wear something comfortable and any type of training shoe. A towel/exercise mat is also useful.

1830h

Union Gym Judo Coaching Session.
Instruction from BJA resident and guest instructors. All welcome, especially beginners. 60p mat fee.

1900h

JCR

Intermediate Dancing Class. Admission 50p

Music Room, 53 Princes Gate Opsoc rehearsal

2000h

JCR Improvers Dancing Class. Ballroom and Latin American dancing for post-beginners—Anyone who started and wishes to continue professional tuition. Admission

1230h

Wednesday

Life Sci G1L Cathsoc lunch group.

Beit Gym Keep Fit Circuits. Free to members of IC Keep Fit Club, Membership £1

1300h

Above Southside Strop Micro Club. All members have all access to our computers and word processing facilities membership £2.

Southside Gym Keep Fit Please bring suitable clothing and jugging shoes.

Wargames meeting

9 Princes Gardens Islamic Society prayers

Caving Club meeting

Brown Committee Roo Rubber/Duplicate Brid

9 Prince's Gardens (basement) Islamic leachings course series D. Muslim Beliefs.

1400h

Mech Eng Foyer
Make Kids Toys for handicapped children

1900h

Junior Common Room Silver Medal Dancing Class Admission 75p

Great Hall IC Orchestra Rehearsal

1230h

Thursday

Union Upper Lounge Audio Society collect today records ordered on Tuesday.

Mines B303 Scout and Guide slideshow

1245h

Chinese Chess. Come and play Wei-Qi and Xiang-Qi, also known as 'Geh' in Japanese and 'Baduk in Korean. All welcome

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Southside Lounge Riding Club meeting

1300h

TV Lounges
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the latest College and City

Southside Upper Loung Balloon Club meeting.

9 Princes Gardens Islamic Society prayers

Green Committee Room-Top floor of Union building SFSoc Library meeting. Access to the SFSoc library of over 1000 titles, plus discussion and organisation of future events

1330h

9 Brince's Gardens Quranic Recitation

1730h

Silding Club Meeting. Arran ifts to Lasham, videos & film

1745h

Mech Eng 342 Imperial College Choir Rehearsal

TV Lounges
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Bot Zoo Common Room Christian Union Meeting

Southside Gym Imperial Workout wear something comfortable and any type of training shoe. A towel/exercise mat is also useful.

1830h

Union Gym Judo training. An informal session

1930h

Volleyball Court Basketball beginners training.

Room 2E. ULU ULU Gay and Lesbian meeting

2115h

Weeks Hall ICCAG Soup Run, tea, soup and meeting London's down and outs

QT Soc Contest

Extract from 'The Secret Diary of Frank Oriface (Mech Eng 2) aged 19³/₄ Jan 1st

Of all the years in my life, 1986 looks to be by far the most recent. It certainly started well. On New Year's Eve I smuggled two cans of shandy up to my room and got leglessly drunk. Woke up this morning feeling really ill. I hope it isn't morning sickness. I was wearing nothing but my left sock and had a lump of concrete in my mouth. I hope I haven't defaced any famous London landmarks, as I am dead patriotic.

Jan 2nd
Today on the tube a large
hairy inebriate informed me
that he hated my guts. This
surprised me as I do not
recall showing them to him.

The man is obviously not an intellectual like me.

Jan 3

Today I felt like being kind to politically repressed minorities so I gave twenty pence to a man who looked like a liberal. He was not in the least bit grateful. No wonder the Tories run the country.

Jan 8th
Went to my first QT
meeting; it was dead
brilliant! There were lots of
REALLY ZANY people
there. We sat and
discussed plans for some
really FAB Stunts and
events. I think I will
become an anarchist when
I grow up.

Submitted by Stephen
Johnstone Physics 1.
Runner up in QT writing
competition '85-86'

MEGABRAIN

It's greeyut, man!

The prestigious leaders of Teetotal Soc are trying to find a name for their new mascot-a can of Barbican lager. They decide that this should bear the name of one of the committee members, and that they should have an election to see which one of them will be remembered by this great honour.

There are six committee members seated around a circular table: the President, the Chairman, the Secretary, the Treasurer, the Publicity Officer, and an Ordinary Committee Member. Ancient club tradition insisits that voting take place according to a strict set of rules that must all be

the freshers' dinners this is

exactly adhered to. The rules are:-

1 No member may vote for themselves.

2 The President and Chairman can vote for anybody except each other. 3 The member sitting opposite the Secretary must vote for the peson sitting on their left. 4 Any member sitting two

Places away from the Treasurer must vote for the person sitting opposite them.

5 No member may vote for the Ordinary Committee Member if they are sitting next to him.

If none of the above rules contradicts each other, and the winner got four votes, who won? Solutions to me at the FELIX office by 1.00pm Tuesday for the usual fivepound prize. Please feel free to hand in comments, criticisms, and any interesting problems you come across.

Wargames

Just when you thought peace had broken outbeware, wargames are coming. With weekly meetings continuing their massive attendance (don't say you joined for the prestige!) there is little to report, despite a weekly casualty rate in the millions.

We can however reveal why the Axis lost World War 2-they were beaten by Chemical Engineers-their own.

Repeated incompetence on a scale unparalled since an Egyptian army launched a (doomed) amphibious assault across the Red Sea has resulted in near hysteria amonast wargamers as catastrophe follows catastrophe. To sum the major points: Japan has lost the war 3 times inside a year, going down virtually without a fight, and best of all Germany has been invaded and defeated by a British army (no Americans involved) in 1942 - I thought there was something wrong with the D-Day celebrations. So if you're out there,

So if you're out there, wondering if you're good enough-come along-from now on, things can only get better (surely!)

RCSU

Do you realise its nine weeks since Rag Week staggered to an end. That's 63 days you've had to rekindle your enthusiam for charitable activities. So when you're told that your participation in forthcoming attractions is requested you're all going to leap at the chance, aren't you?

The first rag tour is about to take place, around the Midland and Northern universities for which we need at least 20 willing bodies to go Rag Mag selling for a long weekend (Friday-Monday). The date will be fixed at Tuesdays Carnival Committe meeting (1pm Upper Lounge) and further details are in this weeks Broadsheet (but you don't have to be RCS to go). Names to RCSU.

Next we want to encourage as many people as possible to give **Blood**. There will probably be two donation session at least, one of which will be a Wednesday afternoon for the-sporting. So if you're a lapsed ex-doner or you've never quite got round to it before sign up in RCSU, ICU or on a union notice board, and it really doesn't hurt!

One final word; tickets for the RCSU Annual Dinner are now on sale, at £16. Held at the Forum Hotel, with Willy Rushton speaking; if you enjoyed going to be even better.

Sci Fi

As Picocon 4 approaches, it brings to me happy memories of Picocon 1. I've never quite been sure just what made Picocon 1 so special, maybe it was the way Mike Morcock just dropped in, or Christopher Tolkein sent us an original one of his father's doodles by way of an apology for his absence. It did look, though, as if there was a large dirty rain cloud in our silver lining, but Harry Harrison didn't turn up in the end (he was too busy ripping Stanislav Leon off at the time, I suppose, in his soon to be published The Stainless Steel Kat saves a Hack writer from bankruptcy yet again'), but he did send a games book of what would have happened if he did. The talks were a sheer pleasure from George Lucas's 'A Switch in Time and I'll make Nine (Episodes)' and '101 Depraved Things to do with an Ewok or the Seamier Side of Star Wars'. I've always wondered about certain names-Hans Solo, Leia Organa-well now I know. IC SF won the Science Fiction charades despite getting 'XLYSBRHJCLLY The Unpronouncable' as one

title. Their opponents were

stumped by '-' a little know work by the Swedish 17th century proto-sf writer Otto Bold. Live roleplaying was much in evidence but due to the failure of TTALT (Treasure Trap Arms Limitation Talks) several more headless bodies were transported to the bowels of Life Sci, were hoards of gibbering failed doctors were unleashed to practice their art. However wholesale slaughter was stopped by the banning of Thanganive the Inscrutable's fireball when Chemistry refused to let him sign for twenty litres of napalm. Arthur C Clark sent us a telegram of congratulations which he then denied he ever sent (see his forthcoming series of 'Arthur C Clark's Mysterious Messages'). So with fond memories of Piconon 1 I am completely confident that Picocon onevee will surpass even its greatest heights.

PS Picocon one-vee will take place on Saturday 15th Feb and will start at 10am (it will be repeated via a time-warp in 1857)

Sailing

The team gathered at dawn. The atmosphere was tense, the sense of determination showed on the sailor's faces. The drama was about to unfold.

Upon arrival at Bristol, the team prepared to do

battle. The captain spoke.

'Bad news.. one of the team didn't make it'.

It was true, Ape was not there, taken out before the race even started. Just as gloom was descending on the team Andrea took control

'Ape would not want us to be like this. Let's win this for him!

Motivation now reached new heights. Our mission was simple-win.

Battle commenced and IC set off with an impressive start. However, this was to be no walk over-Bristol were out for blood. Pete and Helen showed some impressive boathandling, but this match was going to require more than simply good sailing. Phil had the answer.

'Pschological warfare is needed; we must remove their confidence.

The team looked puzzled, but they had learnt to have respect for the Commodore's ideas. When the plan was revealed though, it was stunning both in its ingenuity and simplicity. We would get Bristol to carry out their own destruction.

The next race Caroline, with brilliant judgement, manouvered one of the Bristol men to the position we wanted so that he ensured the opposition's defeat in a crucial race.

As the day turned to dusk, the team came ashore-exhausted but satisfied that a good job had been done. Sam summed it up.

'This has been a tough day but by good team work and a sense of purpose, we did what we came here for.

The team nodded their heads; they had done it for Ape.

Cycling

What better way to shake off the effects of Saturday night than a nice, gentle bike ride? This Sunday we went to Staines. Due to a strong headwind and a small amount of rain, we sheltered in MacDonalds in Staines. Suitably (?) refreshed, we wound our way back, greatly aided by the wind, arriving in South Kensington shortly before

Sunday rides start from Beit Arch at 10am. Bring some money for food and a railcard (if you've got one) in case we attempt something too ambitious! On Wednesday

afternoons we go for a shorter ride starting from Beit Arch at 2pm.

All cyclists (commuters, tourists, road-racers, timetrialist, etc) are catered for Members take part in races and weekend tours as well as the rides on Wednesdays and Sundays.

We meet in Southside Upper Lounge at 12.30pm on Thursdays to decide where to ride to the following Sunday.

BUNAC

Spend the summer in America

Have your air fare paid in advance and get a wage. You could spend the entire summer in the States by applying for one of the flowing two schemes.

Bunacamp If you are good or proficient in any one of the following areas, sports, watersports, music, arts, and crafts, science, pioneering, entertainments or dance. Even you could be a counsellor on an American Summer camp. You get your airfare paid in advance for you and \$250 to spend at the end. After camp you can spend up to 5 weeks touring America. Camp

If you would like to be involved in general camp maintenance and running then you could apply for this scheme. This way you get to spend the summer on camp without being directly involved with the kids.

Work American

By applying for this scheme you could earn up to £2000 during the summer in pizza bars, department stores etc.

If you would like to find out more about any of these schemes then contact.

Steve Cain Chem Eng 3, ICNAC Chairmen, Andrew Palmer Maths 3 ICNAC Secretary. Or come to the BUNAC stall in the JCR every Thursday at 12.45pm.

Model Aircraft

Commander Jameson looked over the control of the newly-equipped ICMAC ARTF. He had spent the last of the RCC Budget on a new Fleet radio system, enough nitro to get home, a military laser and there was a tonne of arcturian megaweed in the cargo bay. He pressed the launch button and sat back as the

ARTF accelerated out of the escape tube.

The Galcop Vipers had amassed around the exit of the Coriolis space station-a dangerous drugs trafficker was hiding inside and was expected to escape at any time. The distinctive hum of the 0525 became louder over the world data link. Banks of pulse lasers glowed in anticipation as missiles slowly lowered from the bellies of the Vipers, primed and fixed on a target.

Jameson looked up alarmed, at the row upon row of vipers. Instinctively he accelerated and pulled up, away from the space station. Catching his breath, he primed the beam laser, turned tightly on the horde of Galcop ships, and opened fire.

Jameson plunged again into the Galcop fleet, now crowded with debris from exploded space ships. He wasted a few more Vipers with short bursts from his laser, and as he turned back on the fleet he glanced at his watch: 10 to 1, Thursday. He only had ten minutes to get to the ICMAC meeting. Calling up the local chart on the NavComp, he set the cursor on Southside bar, Earth and hyperspaced.

Would he get there before the Thorgoids?

Dramsoc

It gets to Wednesday, and you're sitting in your room chewing on the remains of the family Christmas Cake from 1966, just thinking about trying the Black Forest Concrete Cake of 1967 when you stop and think, 'What's it all for?'

Why does marzipan taste like carpet underlay? Why isn't biting cherries all its cracked up to be. And what would it be like to be a Christmas cake?

At least part of the answer may be found at a Dramsoc Acting Workshop, on Wednesday at 2.30 Then you can learn all about the strange world of acting and if you want to improvise being a Christmas cake, that's up to you. All you have to do is meet in the storeoom.

Parachuting

Zero hour. The twin lycomings bragised relentlessly in the old dawn air as the first team came in fast and low, out of the

rising sun. A thousand feet below, the Kent countryside slept on, blissfully unaware of the invasion to follow. Six thousand feet above, the second team bundled in an identical machine struggling for altitude before one final run in.

'Good morning Headcorn, golf Alpha Xray Bravo, run in for parachuting four passes. Two zero'

'Roger uniform Bravo. Foxy Sierra, stand off ten minutes.

Final check of static lines, helmets, goggles, then the Jump master squints out the open door at the ground below.

'Five left' A flat skidding turn, as the pilot picks up the run in

'Cut!-In the door.' The engine noise fades. A pair of legs is slung over

the edge of the door. Somewhere up front, a warning buzzer sounds. Now SMILE! OO! 'One thousand, Two..

Mixed images. Green fields, blue sky, the aircraft appearing to fall upwards. Then the billowing orange and white of my parachute, spectacular paranomic views. Directly below is the target airfield, obviously our arrival has not come as a surpise, as a small group of figures is clustered right in the middle of the dropzone waiting. The landing is softer than expected. Pick up your kit, and go to investigate the menancing group of figures in the centre of the field. Their eyes have already returnd skywards as the second aircraft runs in at eight thousand feet. Eight tiny bodies tumble out of the side, and float slowly toward each other Someone is counting.

Looked like a two way base, so that's four docked, five. who's that closing now? Funnel!'

At this last remark, the next formation which had been building seems to turn itself inside out, and becomes once more eight individual Jumpers. Second's later eight rainbow coloured canopies blossom

They turn their attention to you. 'That looked like a pretty good first jump, want a hand back with your kit?'

IC Para club is going to hold a first jump course next month. If you would like information contact Alastair Macleod, EE3. It's an experience I wouldn't want you to miss.

Ten Pin

Bowling

IC 1 Brunel 9

Having been shown up by the seven year olds playing before us we were quick to sign them up with UCCA. However hopes of a win were quickly dashed when Brunel turned up with a full team. Handicapped by the absence of 7 players and the presence of Martin Morris, IC made a good start winning the A and B teams first games, helped by good scores from P Stewart and G Wong.

The C Team tried their best not to embarass Brunel too much as they slid gallantly to a three-nil defeat with a distinguished rear guard action by R Ingram.

In the second of their games the B Team were heavily beaten and were saved from a similar fate by a good performance by N Brigham in their final game.

As IC have no women team (I wonder why?) they were now 6-0 down. The A team however prevented a complete whitewash in the last game when Chris Wheedon managed to nose us in front.

At the end of the match our star player B Kwok honoured us with his presence by turning up two hours late. Special mention also go to E Barfiedl, S Barley and A Tuss, who managed to turn up.

If you think you can do better than this you would be more than welcome to turn up on Wednesday.

Hockey

Chalfont 0 IC 3rds 8

IC dominated this game right from the start on a very soggy, sloping pitch when Per Dullforce scored from the edge of the 'D' within 5 minutes. Another 2 goals from Per from about 2 feet away bought up his hat-trick in record time. Chalfont then managed to hold on until half-time. IC subtley changed their formation from 4-3-3 to 2-2-6 and the tactics paid off. Ex-captain and minibusdriver Chris Harrison scored from a short corner.

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Rugby Wed 15					
London Hospital	1sts	25	IC	1sts	3
London Hospital Sat 18	2nds	17	IC	2nds	0
IC	1sts	23	Presidents XV		0
Football Wed 15					
Charing Cross	1sts	0	IC	1sts	4
SOP		0	IC	2nds	3
IC	3rds	1	KQC	3rds	1
IC	4ths	4	RVC	0103	4
IC	6ths	2	St Marys	2nds	5
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St Thomas	1sts	1	IC	1sts	7
IC	4ths	3	UC	5ths	1
St Thomas	2nds	5	IC	6ths	3
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Hockey					2011
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Skipper Richard Ellis scored (at last) from a good set-piece and five minutes later Mark Mueller blasted the ball in off the post. Straight from the restart a quick 1-2 between John Spencer and Richard Ellis led to a smart, and very muddy, goal from the latter. The final goal from came from Mark Mueller again, after a few

deflections, making a convincing win and a good start to the new year.

Many thanks to Hugh Southey for not driving the minibus this week.

Team: Phil Choudhury, Ian Mace, Hugh Southey, Chris Harrison, Dave Ling, Dave Heslop, Paul Chandler, Mark Mueller, Richard Ellis (Capt), Jon Spencer, Nick Baggott, Per Dullforce.



A very old photograph to fill up space

Wednesday Results

Football					
Wed 22/1					
KQC	1sts	0	IC	1sts	4
IC	3rds	3	RFH		4
KQC	3rds	1	IC	4ths	1
Hockey					
Mon 20/1					
RSM		1	St Georges		2
Wed 22/1					
IC	1sts	1	London Hospital		0
LSE		3	Guilds		0
RSM		2	KCH		3
QEC		2	RCS		5

Football

CXWM 0 IC 1sts 4

IC's first game after Christmas produced an emphatic victory, their second 4-0 win against CXWM this season.

IC spent the first half entrenched in CXWM's half and duly took the lead after 15 minutes when a Guy Poppy long throw was headed off by a defender into the path of Paul Bravery whose falling volley from the edge of the penalty box flew past the keeper.

Despite continual pressure and several long range attempts including one 20 yard drive from Alex Lunghi which hit the post, IC failed to increase their lead and reached half time leading 1-0.

ICs second came midway through the second half when Tom Dutton's cross was only half cleared allowing Alex Lunghi to head home from 6 yards.

Dave Lynne made the score 3-0 when he latched on to a through-ball from Paul Bravery and drove the ball past the advancing keeper. The CXWM keeper prevented IC from increasing their advantage with a superb save from Shaun Thomas' ferociously hit volley.

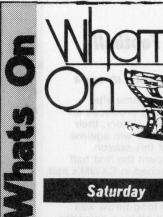
IC completed the scoring in the closing minutes when Tom Dutton's corner was headed home by Dave Lynne, for his second goal of the game, with Guy Poppy marshalling the ball of the game.

A good start after the Christmas break with IC's new central defensive pairing of Rob Clarke and Chris Engberg proving very solid.

Team: N Tarn, B Goldsbrough, R Clark, C Engberg, M Bradley, T Dutton, S Thomas, P Bravery (Capt) A Lunghi, G Poppy, D Lynne

We still need more sports write-ups for this page so if you could hand them in by 1.30pm on Monday they should get in.

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Also if you want your
Wednesday results printed
bring them to the FELIX
office on Wednesday night.



1000h

Concert Hall Opsoc Set Building. All welcome.

Sunday

1000h

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1600h

Concert Hall Opsoc Rehersal. Full cast.

1230h

Above Stan's Stocsoc. Meeting for all interested.

1930h

Physics LT1 Wellsoc talk. 'Observer' diarist Peter Hillmore talks about the backstabbing world of gossip columnists. Members free

Concert Hall **Opsoc Principal Rehearsal**

2200h

301 m/999kHz IC Yesterday Alan Barnett looks at the events and music around College in February 1979

Tuesday

1230h

Jazz Room Jazz Club Big Band rehearsal. All Saxophonists, guitarists, trumpeters etc should come along.

Holland Club

PG Group Meeting over ploughman's lunches to discuss various things incl. next years claim/estimate and the Women's officer.

1300h

Maths LT 340 Computer Algebra. A Mopsoc lecture by Dr Dan Moore. Admission by

Union SCR **Rhone Wine Tasting Wines** from the Rhone Valley (in France!) are the subject of this wine tasting. Only £2.50 for members, £3.50 for nonmembers

1930h

Concert Hall Opsoc Rehearsal Full cast

membership (£1.00) 1330h Read Theatre You don't have to be Jewish a humanities lecture by Sunday Michael Freedland. Author, journalist and broadcast takes a light-hearted look at Jewish life 1800h

> Wellsoc Talk, Monday 1930h Physics LT1 Enter the world of the newspaper gossip

columnist-parties, champagne, film-stars, sex and

Peter Hillmore, diarist for the 'Observer' with his column 'Pendennis', talks about the life of an investigative reporter

This is the new style 'What's On' page. Regular events will

New events will be published weekly along with any

ER HILLMORE

Peter Wright : Write on.

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stock defensive reply). When
the Cabinet Secretary, Sir
Robert Armstrong, tried to
stop the book in Australia, the
defence counsel rubbished my
article, even though he kney it
to be true (he later apologised
to me). And last week, Brian
Perman, the managing director
of the publishers, Heinemann,
told me how disgraceful and
'unhelpful' I was, and then
refused to talk any more.
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its contents.

Things aren't going well on the legal front, either. Heisemann has already asked for two adjournments in Austrahia while it prepares its legal case. There's a worry that perhaps it has chosen the wrong court in which to fight the Government's action, centring round whether Mr Wright has broken his MI5 contract by revealing its secrets.

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now be published in a seperate callender given free

In this way we hope the new, 'one off' events which

This terms guide to regular events is on page 10.

require more publicity, will stand out. Clubs and societies

in FELIX each term.

changes to regular events.

itrange heroes. There was a fine, not so long ago, when Peter Wright was admired by anly a select group of right-wing patriots. A former senior official of M15 and close friend of Chapman Pincher, he left this country for self-imposed exile in Australia, complaining to friends that there were 'too many blacks' in this country. Just the sort of man you'd expect any decent and right-minded liberal thinker to shun and avoid. And yet, and yet, he has suddenly become a hero to large sections of the Left

and avoid. And yet, and yet, he has suddenly become a hero to large sections of the Left because of the book he's writing about MI5, an organisation he thinks is infested with either Commie agents or dangerous liberals (I shouldn't think it has too many blacks). It's a funny old world when villains become heroes.

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villains become heroes. Ever since I first revealed Mr Wright's book I've ben attacked by the caring Left, with such accusations as: 'Which side of the barricades are you on?' (The other side from Mr Wright tends to be my

should submit their enteries as usual.



1245h

Holland Club Malaysian lunch Admission £2

1415h

Chem Eng Foyer Ten Pin Bowling

1430h

Dramsoc Storeroom Acting Workshop see clubs page

1800h

SCR

Wargames General Meeting

Thursday

1230h

Southside Upper Lounge Cycling Club decide where to go on the following Sunday's ride.

Jazz Room Jazz Club Meeting. All committee members must attend



1245h

48 Princes Gardens Jonathon Porritt Director of Friends of the Earth and the Green Party will be giving a talk on technology and the green movement

1300h

TV Lounges STOIC Newsbreak Film reviews, College news, city news, club interests.

Mopsoc Lecture on 'Symmetry, paths, groups and some higher dimensional analogues.

1330h

53 Prince's Gate Humanities Concert by Madeleine Mitchell (violin) and Klaus Zoll (piano). Sonatas by Beethoven and Saint-Saens.

1800h

TV Lounges STOIC Newsbreak Film reviews, College news, city news, club interests.



Sample the delights of the wines from the Rhone Valley.

capital ideas

'Life is just a boil on the big toe of the Universe' as my old mate Igor Nedovitch, sports correspondent on the Valdivostock Gazzette and Advertiser, once said to me over a bottle of anti-freeze. Always a man with a sense of perspective and an alcohol problem, I think Igor (or Neddy as he was known to the lads at the Marshall Bulganin memorial tractor plant social club and pigeon circle) would have summed up his philosophy of life in the following manner. It doesn't matter if you live under a ruthless psychopathic dictatorship as long as you've got at least one pleasure in life so sit back, relax and have another G and T (Glycol and Tonic). What a guy, pity he forgot Andropov was a Mosci Dynamo fan when he wrote up their 3-0 hammering by Red Star Omsk. I still get the odd letter from out of the Gulag though.

Well as I sit here and write this I just hope that the head of MI5 isn't heavily into jazz funk (not to mention the fact that life is too wonderful a thing to waste time getting deeply philosophical over and that if the system's screwing you, then you're a bit of a wimp if you don't try and fuck the system).

I really didn't know where to start this week (as you may have guessed) till I noticed that tonight at Chelsea Town Hall sees the only London appearance of Robert Anton Wilson. Who? you may well say. Well back in 1976 there were published three books called the illuminatus trilogy which became cult bestsellers. They are the definitive be-all-and-end-all the conspiracy paranola genre, linking CIA, freemasons, UFO's, the Kennedy assasination, the Mafia and the death of John Dillinger among Kennedy assasination, the Maria and the death of John Dillinger among others in a wacking sci-fi fantasy. Well the afore mentioned Mr Wilson was one of the authors, and it is his Illuminatus Rap that he presents alongside New York rock poet John Giorno this evening. If you've ever had the feeling there is a massive conspiricy going on then according to the reviews this will tickle your funny bone, bend your mind and chill your marrow at the same time.

The other man on the bill, John Giorno, is also worth a mention. Even if you think poetry is a bit namby this man is worth a look. Delivering some outrageous material to the accompaniment of a 'post punk' backing he blows the sh-t out of even some of the most vitriolic of the currently trendy ranting poets, in addition to his appearances at Chelsea Town Hall he is also on at the ICA Theatre this Sunday and at

the Watermans Arts Centre. Brentford on Tuesday next week. Giorno also features on an album out currently 'Diamond In The Mouth Of A Corpse' which includes Coil/Cabs/Sonic Youth, and on You're the Guy I want to Share My Money With' which also includes Laurie Anderson.

Another source of current inspiration is the Andy Kershaw show on late night Radio One on Thursdays. I recently bought the 'Rise to the Occasion' mini album from current favourites The Unholy Trinity, which is the first time in years I've really felt like buying anything I've heard first on Radio One. The Unholy Trinity formed out of the remains of the Sid Presley Experience and play heavy rock and roll which seems to be somewhere between Gream and the Sex Pistols (this record should be in the Haldane library by now). Next I come to a recent John Peel discovery. Half Man, Half Biscuit did one of the fastest ever repeat sessions on that program. Any attempt at description of their album 'Back in the DHSS' is doomed to failure. This a masterpiece of alternative humour. this is a scorching social commentary, this a group that doesn't like Nery's Hughes....Half Man, Half Biscuit are the only group I know who would introduce a song with the line 'Jesus Christ, Come On Down!', and I quite frankly creased up at their rendition of 'Time Flys By (when I'm the driver of a train)'. And there is good news, Half Man Half Biscuit are doing two gigs (their 'only ever London gigs') at the Bull and Gate, Kentish Town on Tuesday 4th and Wednesday 5th February. The Bull and Gate is 50 yards from Kentish Town tube and the cost is £3. The gig starts at 7.30pm.

Talking of records brings me on to ecord shops—somewhere I seem to and a lot of time. If you only ever spend a lot of time. If you only ever shop in Our Price and the Virgin Megastore then your musical tastes are doomed to be restricted by commercialism. There are in London a vast selection shops catering for all possible tastes and if you buy all possible tastes and if you buy records you're wasting your time if you don't browse a few of the more off beat ones sometime. Many sell secondhand records and here you may well find cheap bargains in good condition or records otherwise control of records otherwise unavailable. It is important to inspect secondhand records before you buy and the more reputable places will insist you do this to avoid complaints, certainly none should object. If a record looks dubious, even a tiny flaw, try asking to hear it played and if in doubt leave it. If you do buy records which have a cetain amount of dirt (as opposed to scratches) on you can try getting them cleaned professionally. Unilet in Bute Street, near South Ken station, will do this at 30p a record. The results can be quite good although miracles can't be worked.

Back to buying records. One place you must check out is Notting Hill Record and Tape Exchange who have several shops in the area, the best is in Notting Hill Gate near the tube station and there is another just around the corner in Permbridge Road. If you are desperate to dispose of an old Wham! album or two they also buy, but the price won't be very good (even for Wham!) although you might get more in terms of part

exchange.

The Notting Hill area is very well provided for in terms of records, especially less commercial music. The doyen of the independent record labels, Rough Trade, have their shop (the record company is elsewhere these days) in Talbot Road, just off the Portabello Road. They specialse in all independant labels, not just their own and also have a wide selection of fanzines and general record associated 'gubbins'. Just the other side of the Portabello Road in Blenheim Crescent is Plastic Passion who seem to be one of the best specialist second-hand stores in London. Be warned they know their stuff so you are unlikely to get many super cheapo bargains, but if you are looking for somewhere to find that last obscure Stranglers single to complete your collection or a deleted Frank Zappa album, this is the place. If you are just looking for a cheap bargain, then instead of going along to the rather dissappointing Tower Records, you might try Cut Price Records above Jean Machine, High Street Ken who actually seem to have quite a good selection of bargains sometimes

Record collecting seems to be the sort of casual hobby that can develop into an obsession, so be warned. I know of people rushing round searching for albums so rare they weren't even recorded. The American weren't even recorded. The American (?) group the Residents recorded an album called Not Available' which in typical style they did not release (you think I'm joking). Well this week I'll try and finish writing this before I get tired and start slagging people off. In the words of that great Albanian mountain cyclist Eugene Zhog 'running over Iguanas really chokes up your wheels'.

Disarmament Talk



On Tuesday at 1.15pm
Monsigneur Bruce Kent
spoke to about 100 people
in Mechanical Engineering
lecture theatre 220 about
CND and it's role in nuclear
disarmament. During his 20
minutes talk Mgr. Kent
condemned the use of
nuclear weapons in
deterrance, claiming that
the present government's
defence policies could be
best described as suicide.

Mgr. Kent said that the world has never been in a better position to reduce arms levels on all sides and, with the aid of modern spy satellites, to ensure that all agreements are upheld. He said that the recent arms talks in Geneva show that the Russians are more willing then ever to finalize such agreements.

When asked about President Reagan's Strategic Defense Initiative ('Star Wars'), Mgr. Kent was fast to air his views that it was a waste of time and money, saying that no such system could be 100% effective against all types of nuclear weapons. He reiterated the opinion that the money spent on Star Wars could be better spent on technical research more directly relevant to society.

Mgr. Kent was highly critical of Jane's Defense Weekly who had published a report claiming that the Greenham Common Peace camp had been infiltrated by Russian agents. He considered this a massive slur on the women's campaign at Greenham and was concerned that such unlikely rumour should be brought to the attention of the whole nation on the front pages of Tuesday morning's Press.

In summing up his talk, Mgr. Kent continued his attack on British Media by claiming that the showing of the film 'Who Dares Wins' on ITV on Boxing Day was a deliberate attempt to undermine the work of CND in this country.



Duo playing at the Jazz Club New Year's Hop on Wednesday. The Hop featured 4 College bands and was attended by about one hundred people.

Residents Revolt

Representatives from Tizard Hall have sent a letter to Peter Hallworth. Managing Surveyor of Residences, outlining the problems which have been encountered by students during the construction of staircase kitchens in Southside. Among the difficulties listed by Steve Norton, the Chairman of Tizard Hall Committee, are the daily closure of the existing kitchen between 8.30am and 4.30pm, and the lack of warning given to residents regarding areas to be closed off. Students have complained about the removal of games machines to an area where they interrupt viewers in the TV Room, and the general disturbance caused by workmen in the early morning. Mr Norton claims that the building work is behind schedule, and is concerned that the disturbances will eventually run in to the summer term, when students require quiet for exam revision.

Green Response

In their 'response to the Green Paper' College authorities state that they expect any cuts in funds for universities to affect IC less than the average, in view of the fact that Imperial has more than once expanded to meet the Government's demands for production of more qualified scientists, engineers and technologists. Imperial's 'acknowledged position as an outstanding research centre' should also protect it to some extent despite the overall cut of 10% for the country's university system envisaged in the Green Paper. The response, however, also states that any cuts whatsoever will adversely affect the functioning of IC, both in teaching and research.

Exhibition

There will be an exhibition of paintings and prints by Edna Lumb in the Consort Gallery, Sherfield Building, from January 28 until February 21.

Wardens Change

Student Residence Committee have proposed major changes to the way wardens are appointed. At present wardens of houses are postgraduates and wardens of halls are staff. SRC seeks to remove the distinction, and adverts for wardens will in future say that the posts are open to any member of College. All wardens will be appointed by a six member committee with representatives of the current wardens, College and the Union. SRC are also seeking to appoint wardens initially for three years. The new method of selecting wardens will be tried when the warden of Southwell House is chosen. Applications for this post close today.

Day Of Protest

Students all over the country will be staging protest actions today against the Government's proposals for education. Following the announcement of a 2% increase in grants, which fails to match inflation, the Government recently announced plans to remove students' eligility to claim benefits during the short vacations.

The nationwide actions have been instigated by the National Union of Students. ICU has organised its own petition, and will be leafletting outside Harrods this lunchtime. Protesters should meet in the Mechanical Engineering foyer at 12.30pm.

Cup Win

Imperial College RUFC 1st XV have reached the final of the Gutteridge Cup. IC Defeated Bedford and Royal Holloway New College by 13 points to 6 at Harlington on Wednesday. Flanker Steve Parker scored the only try of the game, and Neil Holland kicked three penalites.

The final is to be held at Motspur Park on Sunday March 2. The rugby club is hoping to arrange transport for supporters.