

# Moonie Blues

Members of the Unification Church, the Moonies, have been canvassing in the College area this week. Calling themselves the 'Collegiate Association for the Research of Principles' (CARP), followers of the cult were seen trying to recruit students outside the Mechanical Engineering Building on Tuesday and Wednesday. They have now been banned from College premises by security.

The Unification Church is an umbrella organisation funded by the Korean millionaire Sun Myung Moon, and operates under at least 60 different names throughout the world. The movement has been widely criticised for using brainwashing indoctrination techniques and exploiting young people. The headquarters of the Unification Church are at Lancaster Gate, on the other side of Hyde Park. CARP also has premises near Gower Street.

No other London College contacted by FELIX reported seeing the Moonies in recent years, although IC security confirmed that they were sighted regularly in South Kensington at this time of year.

ICU President Carl Burgess described the Moonies as 'bad news' when he spoke to FELIX on Wednesday. He said that



*Moonies outside Mech Eng*

they were a highly dangerous organisation who professed to offer students a release from the drudgery of work, but in fact only brainwashed them. He warned that people who joined the cult were separated from their family, deprived of their belongings, and frequently ended up 'psychologically damaged'. Mr Burgess said that the leader of the Moonies was a conman who was feeding on

the insecurities of various people to fill his own pockets. He added that they were very adept at brainwashing techniques.

Mr Burgess had spoken with people who had attended meetings, and said that they had received a severe psychological battering. 'It is in our best interest to remove the moonies from our property' he concluded.

## FELIX Move Latest

College administration have still not reached a final decision over the plans to move the FELIX Office to the north side of Beit Quad. FELIX Editor Hugh Southey, Business Manager J Martin Taylor and Union President Carl Burgess had further discussions with College Secretary John Smith last Friday. Mr Smith accepted the arguments against the move, as presented in the paper submitted by Mr Southey two weeks ago. He was still concerned, however, that to use the kitchen area behind the Lounge to accommodate the space needs of the Biology department, instead of moving the FELIX office, would put the Union in a vulnerable position.

Mr Burgess later confirmed that Mr Smith had agreed that

to move the FELIX office might be an 'expensive usage of money which would be better spent elsewhere'. Mr Smith is still investigating the cost of the move.

Professor Anderson, Head of the Biology Department, spoke to FELIX about the move on Wednesday. He said that he had applied to College for more space for Biology, but added that how this space should be allocated was not directly his concern. He said that his department was receiving external funding for research into molecular parasitology and specifically into developing new diagnostic techniques and vaccines to help combat infectious diseases in the third world. He explained that these diseases are still the major

cause of mortality in developing countries.

To accommodate the new research program it will be necessary to expand the existing laboratory facilities. Professor Anderson stressed the importance of this research work, and added that it would be best to keep facilities together to avoid any need of duplication. He did not feel that for Biology to takeover the Lounge kitchen area instead of the FELIX office and Beit Hall TV Lounge would be very satisfactory. Professor Anderson added that in his own view the proposed move of the FELIX Office seemed like a good deal for the Union.

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## Editorial

### Moonies

Members of the Unification Church (Moonies) are standing outside Mech Eng trying to get the names of students. **Don't get involved.** The people who you will come in contact with are sincere. They feel they have something to offer. Unfortunately the people who run the Unification Church seem less sincere. They seem to want to make a lot of money persuading lonely young people to give all their valuables away. They do this by brainwashing you. An IC Student who had had contact with Moonies wrote in FELIX

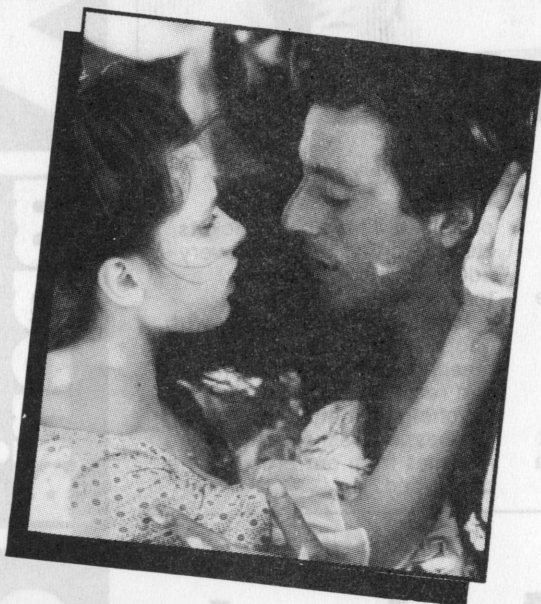
of the College is to 'teach and research at the highest level'. The teaching standards at the College are so low that College can not claim to teach at 'the highest level'. This has little to do with UGC funding. It is the result of numerous old academics being too concerned with research to care about students.

### Geoff Parsons

FELIX would like to congratulate Geoff Parsons for breaking the British high jump record.

### Rhino's Willies

As requested last term FELIX has an article on Rhino's willies. If you like it or dislike it or even read it,



*Send A Valentine's Message to the love of your life.*

'You no longer think for yourself as your mind becomes trapped and the Moonies milk you dry'. Moonies are not like Hare Khrisna who seem to most to be people to be harmless eccentrics. Contact with Moonies can ruin your life.

### Harrods Protest

IC Union's protest outside Harrod's last week was an amazing success. Members of the public using Harrods were made aware of the problems facing student. The protest also attracted some press coverage. IC Union has a duty to organise more protests of this kind. It is essential that people are made aware of the need for better funding for universities.

### Green Paper

Imperial College's response to the Government's green paper on further education states that the primary aim

please come and tell what you think of it so that I know whether to include similar articles in future.

### St Valentine's FELIX

Remember to get those small ads in for Valentines Day. Also send in your problems for our special Valentines Day problems page.

### Small Ads

Anyone can submit small ads for free providing they get them into the FELIX Office before 1.30pm Monday.

### Back To Basics

Unfortunately the article on page 9 entitled 'Back To Basics' appears to be a review. It is actually an opinion article by Chris Murray.

### Credits

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## LETTERS

### Banana Split

Dear Hugh,  
I'd just like to say I think that Mr Seymour has, to say the least, over-reacted to the abuse he received from the 'Bananas' bouncers. It may have made him a bit unhappy at the time, but writing to all the powers that be is going a bit far.

In fact, I sympathise with the bouncer's sentiments in that I, having met Mr Seymour six years ago, quickly came to the same conclusion that they did. Nevertheless I agree that he did not deserve to be spat on, however much of a nasty piece of work he really is.

Yours Sincerely,  
Spock

### What's A Hallworth

Dear Sir,  
I am grateful to Mike Stone for his critical report on Student Houses at Evelyn Gardens (Ref. 24 January issue of FELIX). His remarks afford me the welcome opportunity of underlining the general difficulties facing this office over the maintenance and improvement of College Residence Stock.

The unavailability of public funds, the dearth of competent contractors and skilled tradesmen, the high density usage of the accommodation coupled with the mis-use of property and equipment by the residents are the main sources of the dilemma. An additional problem at Evelyn Gardens has been the absence of the Housekeeper through illness which severely affected the on-site communication, co-ordination and supervisory qualities. Given that this list is only partial, the question of priorities is in some

ways the most vital one of all. The prime reason for concentration on the external maintenance repairs and redecorations of the Student Houses at Evelyn Gardens was to prevent further deterioration of the crumbling fabric. The suggestion that external appearance is the priority for expenditure is therefore substantially inaccurate.

May I also point out that the observations made by Mike Stone are typical, standard criticisms which I am happy to counter from expenditure on Residence maintenance and improvements. In 1984/85, £436,000 was spent on Houses as against £159,000 spent on the Halls. The total spent on external works was £130,000 (Houses-Evelyn Gardens) and £35,000 (Halls - Southside). The remaining sum was wholly expended on internal maintenance and improvements.

Concerning the problems with contractual labour, there is little point in increasing College supervision when we are surrounded by so many self-appointed Clerks of Works who appear to be experts in just about every trade in the building profession. It is little wonder that the workmen themselves are so often confused and bemused or should I say amused by it all.

I hope these few comments, hurriedly written, will at least serve to encourage Mr Stone to speak to his Warden, read my reports on expenditure and improvements and also to follow the example of FELIX and visit this office to find out more thoroughly and fairly what constructive steps are being taken to alleviate the concerns that clearly are so close to his own heart.

Yours faithfully  
Peter Hallworth



## Faith

Dear Sir,  
I send my thanks to Mark Alderton for co-ordinating an excellent Features page in last weeks FELIX. I should state now, however that I am an atheist. Like Andrew Pettman I was raised by my parents and school to be a christian, but when, at thirteen I rejected my teachings I did not set about to refind God.

My faith was shaken by becoming aware of the other religions to be found throughout the world and history. Why follow christianity when I have not even tried or thought about any of the rest? Obviously this is because I was born and raised in a christian country and a baby is not capable of freedom of choice. So now that I can choose shouldn't I search for and follow the 'best' religion. The christian would say that it does not matter, that all religions believe in the same God and that it is only in the practise of worship and specific beliefs that they

differ. This is true. There is a common thread running through nearly all religions, which is:-

Don't kill, don't rape, don't steal etc. These are ideals useful to maintaining a stable society and come more from man than from God as I think Mark Alderton recognises. So far therefore, I should be happy as a pantheist.

However, christianity and in fact any religion does far more than uphold the rules of society. For any individual everyday life can be difficult to handle. There are times when everything goes wrong and you have no friends at hand to help. It is then that God, as a figurehead, provides the island of stability to keep you going, he is always there to look after you and love you. In a way this is an extension of the way religion is used to explain the inexplicable. The world is a complex and possibly hostile place, but it all becomes quite acceptable if a benign god is there to make sure you don't come to harm.

A regular place of worship is also

characteristic. This not only reaffirms an individual belief, but provides a focus and meeting place for the community. Seeing the other people around you in church gives a sense of belonging, particularly if you recognise that the church extends to millions of other people. A friend of mine enjoys going to mass not only for spiritual fulfilment, but also because she gets to meet her friends and have a chat afterwards.

These then, are some of the benefits of being a christian. Above all they make you happy. So what is the problem? Why am I an atheist? Christianity is not designed to be questioned. Originally only the priests could read the holy teachings and they told the people what was right and wrong, heretics were silenced. Even now there is the mysticism of experiencing God, an event which we are told cannot be described but which you will know when you've had it. So today, in trying to analyse God, he appears consistent in himself. However in analysing the evolution of religion from the worship of inanimate objects, God appears a

logical creation of civilised man. This is a stark contrast to man being the creation of God. With this knowledge I cannot believe without worshipping a false God. In recognising the purpose of God as a pillar to support me in times of difficulty, the pillar crumbles. A placebo will not work if the patient knows he is eating chalk. I can believe in God as the voice of my conscience (itself the result of my upbringing and hence society), but then I am only believing in my own strength of character, not an external, all pervasive, all powerful being.

Personally I think life would be happier with God, but I cannot choose to believe. In the light of this I had to answer an important question before writing this letter. Is it morally right to try and spread atheism? This is not my intention. However if I do not voice my ideas, they could not be questioned and criticised, and so would stagnate. What I do think is important is that you do not just ignore God, whether he exists or not.  
Yours (faithfully?)  
Andrew M Dunn  
Physics 2

## Paranoia?

Dear FELIX Editor,  
It's not that I'm paranoid but there are men in orange jackets carrying brushes following me about.

It appears that during last term the Physics Blackett laboratory was quietly invaded by RBK and C road sweepers. There was a time when students would arrive each morning to check the letter rack, drink coffee and generally socialise. Nowadays they nervously tiptoe about, leered at by hoardes of roadsweepers-smoking coughing their guts up and pondering on the finer points of 'shovellin' dirt'.

Nobody ever objected to an occasional outsider coming in for a quick cup of coffee and the use of the toilets. However, I believe the situation is getting out of hand now that the Physics building has become a regular meeting place. The sight of up to nine or ten roadsweepers is not something I or many other students wish to be greeted by each morning. I urge College Security to rectify this situation immediately.

O Smith  
Physics 3

## Propaganda?

Dear Esteemed Comrade Southey,  
I write in disgust at the state of our decadent imperialist radio station.

I strongly believe that the ideologically sound body that was IC Radio is being taken over by scheming, capitalist colonialists, lackeys of insidious Ronald MacDonald worshipping rotters from America. The station plays nothing but decadent, boring and morally corrupting, so-called 'middle-of-the-road' filth such as R.E.O Speedwagon. And as for the presenters, they are either cheeseburger eating cousins of emperor Reagan or wimpering stooges of the bourgeoisie like Mr So-called 'Automatic Barrier' whose show is a carefully calculated blow to our free and democratic cultural development. If matters do not improve rapidly (ie more of that wonderfully progressive and revolutionary group 'Hawkwind') I shall be forced to listen to the more culturally sound but distinctly less funky radio Tirane.

Yours sincerely  
Eugene Zhog  
(Albanian Mountain cycling champion 1962)

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## Academic Affairs

Professor Blow of the Physics Department will be the special guest at an Academic Affairs open meeting next Wednesday. As chairman of the newly formed Undergraduate Studies Committee, he is closely involved in the College's current review of teaching methods.

'The meeting should be a valuable opportunity for student representatives from all departments to find out what this important new committee is up to, and to put forward their own views', said the event's organiser, IC Union Academic Affairs Officer J Martin Taylor. The meeting will also consist of a training exercise for Student Reps and a general discussion on academic affairs and the Union's work in this field. Mr Taylor hopes the event will become an annual one if this first attempt is a success.

The meeting will be held in Civ Eng 201 from 1.45pm until about 5pm, with Professor Blow being present for the first hour. All Academic Reps are particularly encouraged to attend, although the meeting will be open to any interested student.

## Facts And Figures

The Undergraduate Studies Committee is sending questionnaires to various groups in College as part of its review of teaching methods. IC Union has undertaken to survey students on its behalf to find out how much time they spend doing academic work, both timetabled and private study, and on social activities. The questionnaires are being sent out to Academic Reps for a pilot survey, and a general survey of all students will be carried out within the next few weeks. It is hoped the information gained will enable student workloads to be moderated since some departments are felt to overwork their students.

## Slow Response

Liverpool University Guild (the students' union) are still awaiting a definite reaction from NUS to their refusal to pay their affiliation fees. They have collected over 2000 signatures supporting their action. Mr Andy Wilkinson, the Deputy President of the Guild, spoke to the NUS Regional Convenor on Wednesday last week. He later told FELIX that he was expecting to receive a final invoice and felt there was a possibility that Liverpool's delegates might be refused admission to the next NUS conference in April. Mr Wilkinson thought the decision to withhold half their fees may become an issue in the forthcoming election for union sabbaticals.

## SWAPO Talks

Shapua Kaukungua, UK representative of the South-West African People's Organisation (SWAPO) addressed an IC Anti-Apartheid Society meeting in the UDH on Tuesday.

It was in 1966 that the United Nations terminated the South African mandate to govern Namibia, said Mr Kaukungua, and this decision was confirmed by the International Court of Justice in the Hague, which declared the continued presence of South African forces in Namibia illegal. He stressed the importance of the Western support in the continued occupation of his country, pointing out that Britain obtains about half of its uranium from Rio-Tinto Zinc's Rossing mine in Namibia.

## Gossip

Observer diarist, Peter Hillmore, gave a talk for WellSoc on Monday. Mr Hillmore spoke for half an hour on the rôle of the gossip columnist, on journalism and on the newspaper industry. Regarding the morality of the gossip column, he said that only people in the public eye should be mentioned and ended with the phrase 'never shoot a pigmy with a howitzer'.



## Eight Of The Best

IC Rector Eric Ash launched boat club's new eight on Friday. The boat, surprisingly also called Eric Ash, has already won competitive races since its controversial purchase at the start of the academic year. In a short speech the Rector told a small audience that he had done some sculling during his time as a student at Imperial.

Boat club coach Bill Mason also announced plans to run rowing courses for sixth formers in the summer vacation. It is hoped that this will attract good rowers to the college and help with the club's attempts to attract sponsorship.

## In On The Act

Students living in private accommodation under a licence may be able to get their rents reduced by up to 50% following a ruling by a Sheffield judge last week. Pete Mardon, a law student at Sheffield University, argued that he and his two flatmates enjoy the protection of the Rent Act even though a licence they signed with their landlord seemed to strip them of protection against excessive rents, unfair eviction and bad housing conditions. The students applied to their local rent

officer, hoping that a 'fair rent' would be set below the £17 per week they had agreed to pay. Taking his cue from a House of Lords judgement last year, Judge Cottle ruled in favour of the student's claim.

Students living in London who currently hold licences are encouraged to apply for a fair rent to be set at the Rent Office of their local council. Further details are available from Student Services, and legal advice is available from Nucleus, telephone 373 4005.

Applications are invited for

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Contact Mr R W Loveday, Departmental Superintendent, Department of Civil Engineering, either by letter or on Ext 4749.





# RAG

In Britain students traditionally help raise money for charity. As well as being great fun it also helps to create a better image for IC. Last year IC Rag raised just under £10,000 and it looks like we're well on the way to beating this figure by the end of the academic year.

Most students content themselves with supporting one or two events in Rag Week and forget about it for the rest of the year but as Rag Chairman, Jon Ingham, writes, there is still lots more you can do for Rag.

## Rag Committee

Since those lazy, hazy days of Rag Week last term, the Rag Committee have been recouping their energies for the coming months. Behind the scenes, one of our many enthusiastic first years has been to the National Rag Conference in Aberystwyth over Christmas and has come back with loads of ideas for us to play with. So, to get back into the swing of things this year, the following events have already been planned:

## Parachuting

Mencap are offering you the opportunity to experience the thrill of a

life time. A 2,000 foot parachute jump under expert supervision and it won't cost you a penny! At the same time you'll be raising money which will go towards the largest group of disabled people in the country-those who are mentally handicapped. A chance that you really jump at! (Excuse the pun). What's the catch, I can hear you asking? Firstly you must obtain an application form from a member of the Rag Committee. Then sign a declaration of fitness and obtain a doctor's certificate. (Sorry all of you sufferers from epilepsy, diabetics (mellitus), psychiatric disorder, drug abuse and



schizophrenia but you're not acceptable). Then you give £60 bond money plus the application form to the Rag Chairman, Jon Ingham (The Rag Pigeonhole is in the IC Union Office in Beit Quadrangle). When your booking has been

confirmed then you've got to raise a minimum of £125 in pledged sponsorship to make a first parachute jump. You can choose the date of your jump so that it doesn't clash with other events in your calendar and once you've completed the basic training and made the jump you can claim your £60 bond back on handing your sponsor money in. Don't miss the chance of a lifetime. Either come to today's Rag Committee Meeting or see Jon Ingham before 7 February.

## RCS Rag Trip

RCSU are planning a Rag Mag Selling tour in March (probably Friday 7 to Monday 10 March) which involves twenty people and about 5,000 Rag Mags travelling around Britain in two vans. You need a great selling technique and a strong stomach. Likely universities to be subjected to the onslaught are Manchester, Leicester, Loughborough, Nottingham, Bradford, Salford, Aston, Birmingham, Keele and Warwick. If you think you can sell 250 mags in four days then all it will cost is your food and missing 2 days in college. Don't be put off by the idea that this is just a 'hacks' tour. It won't be if you come along with a few friends. It's open to every student in College but priority will go to RCSU Members.

**Valentine's Day Message** or Hit Squad with a difference. Are you madly in love with the brunette in the third row of the lecture theatre? Are you too shy to make your feelings known? Well we've got just the thing for you! For only £3 you can have a special message and a box of Milk Tray delivered to your loved one by a dashing, debonair, young enonymous parachuting-skier! (All because the lady loves Milk Tray) All profits go to Rag.

Please book this 'never to be repeated' offer with Kathy in the IC Union office by Tuesday 11 February.

## Rag Fête

This year the annual Rag Fete will be held on Saturday 26 April and will be opened by Anne Diamond-so make a note of it in your diary. It's not too early to start thinking about this one and we will be especially happy to hear from clubs, societies and hall committees who wish to take part.

## Rag Meeting

If you're interested in any of the above events or in helping us to organise much more-or you're a Soc Rep, then there's a meeting of the Rag Committee today at 12.30pm in the SCR, Union Building.

Jon Ingham, Rag Chairman

RAG



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

●**Australian Wine tasting**-Tuesday 4th Feb 6.00pm SCR Beit. Come along and taste some smashers from Down under. At an unbelievable bargain price of only £3.00 for members, non-members are very welcome at £4.00.

●**Audiosoc**: Return from the dead Alive and Kicking see diary.

●**Feminist postgrad**. Wanted to help in hunt for shared squat or maybe flat. Phone Ann 6779.

●**G'day cobbbers** if yer billabong is parched like a wombat's armpit, git on down to a fair dinkum tasting of Aussie jumbuck's sweat. Usual barn, no vomiting £3.00 A\$7.00.

●**Unbeaten Linstead** challenge Evelyn Gardens Champs Bernard Sunley to football match. Contact M Phillips Linstead etc-83 or via Computing letter racks.

●**OPSOC** presents Princess IDA 18-22 February, Union Concert Hall.

## FOR SALE

●**Hockey Stick** (L). Good condition. Contact LEH Doc 2 Pigeon holes.

●**Wooden B6 Clarinet** Boosey and Hawkes Edgware with case £110 ono, Roy Harrison EE1.

## WANTED

●**Anyone with a synth** can play it. Apply Dan Salmons, Physics 1.

## LOST

●**Whoever borrowed** my DRX-1 drum pad from the lounge on Wednesday 22 Jan. Please return it to me. John Noble Chem Eng 2.

●**To whoever stole** my brown leather wallet on 17 Jan from Lyon Plafair Library. I Don't care about the money, but please return the photograph that was in it-only copy and of immense sentimental value. Send to Surust Mahal Chem 2 Letter Racks-Please.

●**One parker fountain pen**. Brushed metal cage and gap, gold nib. Lost somewhere in Physics Dept. Contact D Clements Physics 3.

## PERSONAL

●**Blah, blah, blah, blah, blah...** do lemons..blah blah, blah, blah, .

●**If something small** and yellow taps you on the ankle, bend down and hear it serenade you.

●**What is shaped** like a small rugby ball and whistles?

●**Problem**: if you lie on the pavement curled up as small as possible, try to look bitter and purse your lips, what do you look like?

●**Picocon-a convention** beyond your dreams, beyond your imagination. Picocon-coming soon to a Union Building near you. Picocon will life ever be the same? Picocon-better than an craneally administered slice of lemon wrapped round a large gold brick. Picocon-more fun than buggering your gerbil-uses less sellotape too.

●**May the creator** send camel shit and fleas upon the makers of the pipe flow experiment-Group 13.

●**Linstead and Disco**. £35 a night for good sound and incredible record selections. Contact A Tamdsidi Aero 1 pidgeon holes.

●**Maria, I demand** a blood test-Tony.

●**We put Duracell batteries** in Helen and ordinary zinc-carbon batteries in S other girls and Helen kept buzzing longer!

●**Mighty Mickey**, huge Scrooge and enormous Ebenezer-Brian Blessed??

●**Some people** are so tedious, they affect one's bowel movements, but your logorrhoea is quite the opposite.

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# BELOW the BELT

Ah me, the bracing wind and refreshing rain that this January has brought are beginning to lose their appeal, the enthusiasm with which I approached the new term is beginning to fade, and my grant is, to put it mildly, dwindling. Nevertheless, other people do not seem to have lost heart. Instead of apathetically accepting the dregs of the January blues some (true IC students all) have decided to make a little excitement for themselves, by making even more excitement for their (no doubt temporary) friends.

Rose, Wilson and Melliar-Smith seem to be the names to watch if you want to see some tomfoolery (yes, the pun **was** intended). Within two weeks they have managed to bamboozle ICU President Carl Burgess, RCS Transport Officer Pascale Carr and IC Radio Station Manager Cwis Martin.

Pete (I want some Durex, and I want it **now**) Wilson and Alan (you know I'm right really) Rose managed, after hearing about a similar offer from the American Embassy, to convince Mr Burgess that the Russian Cultural Attaché wanted a group of IC Students to turn up for an informal interrogation. What's worse, with the intelligence that made him president, Carl readily accepted this offer from the mysterious Mr Dublyokin, not finding it strange that he should receive two such offers in the same day. Not only that, but the cold war hotted up as accusations flew from the Union Office that the Soviet Embassy had bugged the Americans, inviting IC only because they thought the Yanks know something they didn't. Luckily, an international incident and Third World War were avoided when some kind soul explained to Carl that he had been (shock, horror) deceived.

Unfortunately, Msrs Rose and Wilson still did not feel that they were really fulfilled where practical jokes were concerned so, to remedy this, they teamed up with Tom (sweetness and light) Melliar-Smith in upsetting Mr Carr. Claiming that they were from QMC and that they had abducted Salty Tom, they phoned the RCS office demanding Mary (QMC's mascot) from Mr Carr. By bringing his



Simon Banton: Always the good loser!

sweetheart (Jez) into the discussion however, they managed to offend him deeply and like any gentlemen who has heard the honour of his true love questioned, he sought to punish those responsible. Indeed, after a particularly unenjoyable (sober) Firkin Run (yes, a Carr ouch!) was driving) Pascale went into the Union Bar and threatened the aforementioned perpetrators of this dastardly crime with GBH (and we are not talking beer). Undeterred, they proceeded to play the same trick on Mr Martin, convincing him this time the Guilds Hon Sec Dave Page had been kidnapped. After the usual thorough IC Radio investigation, Cwis used this piece of information as a news story on Newsline. Rumour had it that he turned up at the appointed drop off point,

but this could not (like the Newsline story) be verified.

Perhaps a nicer practical joke was played on a personage by the dubious label of Alkey. With compliments of this friends, he opened the door to his room to find it had been wallpapered with pictures of the round wobbly things. A passing innocent bystander heard him ask (in astonishment rather than anger, we think), 'Who was the tit who put tits on my wall?' But it is known that (in order to catch the criminals, of course) he has decided not to destroy the evidence.

Also softened by womanly wiles, Mines VP Chris Griffin was seen slobbering over an older woman last Friday night. After meeting Kathy Tait's mother at the party to celebrate Kathy and John Inghams's engagement, Chris was heard to whisper sweet-nothings in her ear. Personally, I have always

Fortunately for FELIX, IC students voted for someone who had seen a typesetter before and who knew the difference between a paste up board and a scalpel. It does amuse me, however to think of Mr Banton fixing a folding machine, changing camera chemicals, or even working the FELIX editor's obligatory 70 hour week. Never in a month of Sundays dear, never in a month of Sundays! John Sharp has apparently been letting things **slip** at QT. On hearing about Adam Jeffries (QT Chairman) being attacked by Stoic's Sarah Alsop with a bottle of vegetable oil his girlfriend was heard to remark that the slippery stuff was getting **everywhere**. With a knowing look he said simply 'Mmm, yes it does dear, doesn't it.' We can only assume that the oil in question was virgin olive oil or else something was **up**.

A snippet from student services now. Mr Christian, warden of Hamlet Gardens, has pissed off one of his managers to such an extent that the poor man has resorted to becoming sub-warden of Holbein House. Of course it may just be that he wanted a change...

The 'sporty mathematician' mentioned in last weeks column has failed to recognise himself while a Holbein resident has redfacedly been denying that **he** was the culprit ever since FELIX was published. The real 'droopy' was very sympathetic about the 'unknown' mathematician, exclaiming that he had found someone else who had his problem. Such innocence in a man is rarely found.

Well, I'll have to say ta ta now as I have a pressing engagement (yes, it's the ironing again)...sorry about all the pun-ishment you've received, I guess I was just in the mood this week (for puns, dear, for puns).

Anyway, lots of love kids: and remember...no one likes a smart ass.

*Felicity  
the  
Catty XX*

thought that the older woman/ younger man relationship was a good idea (as long as it doesn't consist of my mother and my boyfriend), but surely thirty years is a bit excessive even for a sex-starved IC Student!

An old 'friend' of FELIX has reared his head in college again. An unsuccessful candidate for the FELIX editorship last year (who was so well acquainted with the post he was standing for that he had to ask a member of the FELIX staff, 'How much work do you have to do for one page?') was, while watching the Superbowl in the Union Concert Hall on Sunday, helping an assortment of boorish males to condemn FELIX as 'communist' propaganda. At the same time, he proceeded to extoll the virtues of FELIX as **he** would have edited it.



# Karate

Karate-Do is increasing in popularity throughout the world. However with this increase in popularity, certain misconceptions about the principles of Karate have arisen.

Most people if asked about karate, will think of the breaking of bricks and tiles, or of simple competitions where two people appear to attack each other savagely. Karate is none of these things in essence, and to practice it solely as a fighting technique loses the fundamental discipline and self-control that must play the predominant role. The training therefore encompasses etiquette and the spirit of humility, as well as development of the fitness of both mind and body. The essence of karate techniques is 'Kime', meaning an explosive attack to an appropriate target, using maximum power, and originally comes from the Japanese expression meaning to 'Kill with one blow'. Due to obvious danger though competition rules make contact with an opponent illegal. How can this be reconciled? The target point is established in front of the opponents vital points, and hence the development of self control of forms a fundamental basis for Karate.

The history of Karate is a development from an art known as 'Tote', meaning 'the hand', which was a fighting technique developed in Japan around 1429. The Japanese Empire covered many of the islands in the South China Sea at this time Karate originated on the island of Okinawa. As no weapons were allowed by Japanese overlords, the Okinawans used 'open hand' techniques as a method of self defence.

There are many styles of Karate. The Shotokan style emphasizes 'power and speed'. Within the style there are three major aspects: 'Kata', 'Kumite' and 'basics'.

Katu are 'formal exercises' which consist of logical arrangements of blocking and striking in pre-set sequences. The 'Kata' promote physical development of bone and

muscle. Additional benefits are fast reflexes and the ability to move quickly. 'Kumite' is the art of controlled free-fighting. 'Basics' are the fundamental techniques, punches, kicks and blocks which form the basics of the sport.

Progression and standard in the sport is measured by the colour of the belt worn. There are nine belts or 'kyn' prior to Black Belt (1st Dan). The changing of belts is called 'grading', which is a formal examination of an individuals ability. Ability is measured by performance in a predetermined Katu, sequence of basic techniques and fighting, the exercises vary with the 'Kyu' standard aimed for.

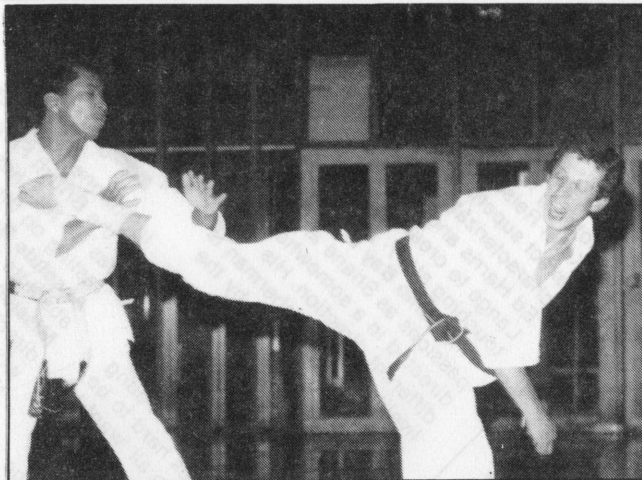
IC Karate club has been running successfully for several years; training on Monday, Wednesday and Saturday in Southside Gym.

Caesar Andrew is a permanent instructor for the Budokwai Judo/Karate club on the Fulham Road. This was the first club outside Japan to teach Judo. It was founded in 1918 and has produced a selection of Olympic, European and World Champions; for example, Neil Adams and Brian Jacks. Caesar has recently been appointed instructor to Eton College; where a new Martial Arts centre has been built.

The club regularly participates in competition. In the National Student Championships, held at Keele University, the club took 2nd and 3rd place in the Mens Team Katu competition.

Gradings are held at the end of each term, examined by a top instructor. He is the chief Instructor for Shotokan in Great Britain and Europe, Mr K Enoda (8 Dan); one of the highest ranking Karateka in the world and one time champion of Japan.

The club is fortunate enough to receive top class instruction and sponsorship for its Karate activities. Presently arrangements are being made for Geoff Thompson, four times World Champion, to visit the club.



*Last Wednesday Mr Hazard visited IC to give instruction to IC Karate club. The training session saw Mr Hazard running the class through some basic techniques, placing a strong emphasis on good control, technique and especially 'Kime'.*

*When performing basic techniques the body should remain relaxed and tense only at the end of a movement, when contact is made. This tension is known as 'kime' or focus.*

*Towards the end, the techniques were put together into combinations, with Dave Hazard demonstrating how fluid and easy the movements can be. To finish off, a truly spectacular display was produced by Dave and Caesar Andrews (3rd Dan), IC's regular instructor. Starting with static kicks and punches, both quick, free-sparing ('Kumite'). This explosive aggression of their kicks and punches made you wonder if they were still friends!*

*Dave Hazard commented that: 'IC Karate club is one of the better clubs I've seen, and has an excellent display of discipline and attitude.'*

*Dave, 33, first achieved his Black Belt at the age of 20. Since then he has won many titles and medals as well as gaining overall third place in the World Championships in Japan (1977). He is now concentrating on teaching and sharing his experiences with his pupils not only in the UK, but all over the World; in places such as Germany, Holland and Turkey.*

**Union Bar  
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Featuring 'The Millar Family'  
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Tickets from Gareth Fish  
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# Film

The story as such is nothing very special but Korei Reize manages to exact superb characterization from both Ed Harris and Jessica Lange to create a rather touching story. In **Alamo Bay** Ed Harris passions as Shane are directed in a somewhat different direction. His livelihood as a fisherman is threatened, he feels by the Vietnamese immigrants who are forcing him to lose his only real love, his boat. The Vietnamese are personified by the Young American who tries hard to get rich. The local community is, in contrast, largely populated by members of Ku Klux Klan who drive out the Vietnamese except for Din, whose ferocity is poignantly explained by his experiences in Vietnam. This survival instinct is greatly admired by Shane's girlfriend, and indirectly as a fisherman's catches. Shane's employer, Her fondness for Din does not ease the tension between the locals and the Vietnamese and apart from this is well handled by the director Louis Malle. Though not one of his best films it is nevertheless worth the visit to the ICA. Goldcrest, the well known producer, has directed a new film, **Chorus Line**, which is both 'Gaudy' (far too far American for a start). The 'Story' concerns 16 people who line up on a stage and take turns to offer trite autobiographical snippets to a choreographer who will choose only 8 for a new show. Sad to say all the lucky eight then have the film ends with 5 minutes of spectacular dance and 15 minutes of credits. If you like drum majorettes you'll love this... The problems seem to arise more from the conception of the film than its execution. People able to dance to the required level are unlikely to also be able to act well and the performances (with the occasional hint of formica) are short-coming in a way that is almost all over the place. But poor acting is a disastrous short-coming in a film with no action aside from dancing and script that is too transatlantic to be wholly accessible (why should a 17 year old high school boy from Missouri give a wry smile to a 28 year old gay from the Bronx who is recounting how he came out? and so on ad nauseum). 90 minutes into the film one begins to hope desperately that a European consortium of dancers will make an alternative bid on stage to grasp the rules of cricket as a child. The one star is the lead dancer!

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There are some actors who in spite of their good works fail to get noticed, then suddenly they start appearing in everything. Ed Harris is such an actor. He has so far appeared in **The Right Stuff** and **Under Fire**. One of those faces you know but cannot name and who hasn't yet received all the attention he should have. With luck the two new films that he stars in change open this week should characters he plays in **Alamo Bay** and **Sweet Dreams** have something in common. As Charlie Dick in **Alamo Bay** (ICA) he is a passionate man who acts, often with regret, not strictly to offer trite autobiographical snippets to a choreographer who will choose only 8 for a new show. Sad to say all the lucky eight then have the film ends with 5 minutes of spectacular dance and 15 minutes of credits. If you like drum majorettes you'll love this... The problems seem to arise more from the conception of the film than its execution. People able to dance to the required level are unlikely to also be able to act well and the performances (with the occasional hint of formica) are short-coming in a way that is almost all over the place. But poor acting is a disastrous short-coming in a film with no action aside from dancing and script that is too transatlantic to be wholly accessible (why should a 17 year old high school boy from Missouri give a wry smile to a 28 year old gay from the Bronx who is recounting how he came out? and so on ad nauseum). 90 minutes into the film one begins to hope desperately that a European consortium of dancers will make an alternative bid on stage to grasp the rules of cricket as a child. The one star is the lead dancer!

## BOOKS & RECORDS

### Art from South Africa

For the last few months the TV News had been dominated by news of riots, killings and imprisonments. By now, virtually everyone must have formed some views on Apartheid. This means that your views on any book, film or record about apartheid is likely to be coloured by one's political beliefs. **Sun City** is unlike most of the recent charity records made recently by groups like Band Aid. The Crowd etc. It has pretensions to being a piece of art rather than a piece of trashy commercialism in aid of a good cause. Little Steven and Arthur Baker have set out to make a record that you'll want to listen to in the future when (hopefully) Apartheid is a thing of the past. To be honest, I'm not sure they've achieved it. The record is basically rap/funk and unfortunately after three or four plays only the title track isn't boring. Don't let this review stop you buying the record (all proceeds go to a good cause). Don't expect, though, something you'll want to listen to repeatedly. **Part of My Soul** is a series of letters, speeches and interviews either with or about Winnie Mandela. It seems to be a surprisingly good portrait of the woman who has become a symbol of black resistance to Apartheid. She comes across as a surprisingly fragile and human, an ordinary woman who suddenly found herself the leader of a massive protest movement. This book will probably only be read by supporters of the Anti-Apartheid Movement. That's a pity. I would have thought most people would be interested in this biography because of her obvious strength of character, even if they didn't agree with what she said.



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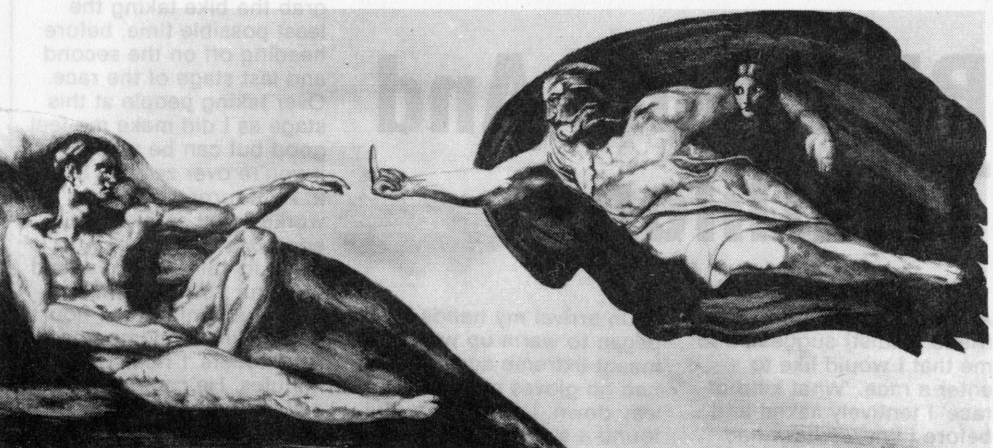
Recent issues of **FELIX** have devoted many column inches to the 'Great Porn Debate'; their contents have not only been tedious in the extreme, but they have also missed the point. Mine's Hon Porn Night is not the central issue, it is merely an epitome of the problem that is a sexist institution. One only has to consider the sexist-macho attitudes that are prevalent in many of social and recreational clubs to appreciate how decadent, in this respect, Imperial has become. In particular, I would cite the Guild's Motor Club of a prime example of a club which is penally orientated. It is certainly not a coincidence that so-called 'Supercars' have long, sleek bonnets with nobbly bits attached on apparently for 'aerodynamic' reasons. Quite obviously, the designers of such machines have based them on their own sexual fantasies and I for one feel degraded whenever I am forced to drive one. The Motor Club is supporting this insulting

fervour into adolescence and beyond. It is not only pathetic that fully grown men do not have accordingly developed egos to be able to restrain the ids, but this 'macho thing' is also very repugnant. The attitude prevalent in this society is not dissimilar to that found in Ernest Hemingway's adventure stories for big boys, which generally take the form: 'Captain Bertie 'Big Nob' Bulldog pushed forward alone, machine gun blazing, he had no fear, his courage lay in his enormous cock...It was inevitable that he would die: his penis was so large that the enemy could not have missed. The captain died knowing that he had taken out at least fifty of the swine with him.'

Literature is not the only art-form that has been affected by the scourge: Music is contaminated too. I refer principally to Heavy Metal: it is an insidious form of music that relies very heavily on sexist attitudes. One could dismiss the lyrics as

In spite of this blatant sexism, IC radio continues to provide air time to this pornography. Thus subconsciously we are being indoctrinated and conditioned into believing that it is perfectly acceptable to molest cute, furry, little creatures.

The gross turpitude of music is not exclusively continued to modern day artists, in fact, most of the heavy classics are genitally orientated. For example, it is rumoured that the orchestra and choir, both of who seem to be innocent organizations, were 'coming in their pants' during their renditions of the 'Carmina Burana'. It is not good enough to say that 'because it is written in Latin then the lyrics are meaningless'. To sing about the rape of virgins in a different manner makes it more grotesque by turning it into some sort of fetish. This example emphasizes my concern that sexism is prevalent throughout the whole college since it has penetrated even the seemingly innocent societies.



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Michelangelo's original cartoon for the roof of the Pristine Chapel, entitled 'You wanna sign Adam, How's this?'

symbolism and revels in the true meaning of the 'joys of motoring'. Moreover, all sports societies have sado-masochistic overtones and motives—especially the more 'physical' ones.

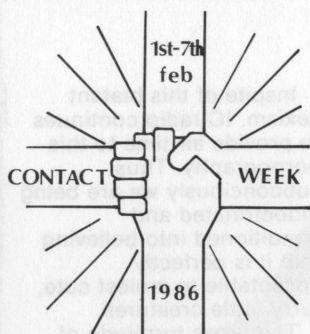
Another club which has caught my attention for their flagrant sexism is the Science Fiction Society. One can understand that little boys might experience some enjoyment from zapping bug-eyed green monsters but one must question the mentality of those who extend this

harmfully nauseating if they contain themselves to their pathetic fantasy imagery, however, they do not and are grossly objectionable. Generally, they revolve around publicising the singer's 'huge erect one' and how he lays fifty women a night. I quote the example: I was a hobbit/ she was an elf/she turned me on/ so I abused myself/I was a hobbit/And my name's Bilbo/She spread her legs/And I rammed in a dildo.

I could continue listing other clubs and their activities, however, lack of space prevents me from doing this. So, to conclude; these clubs will not change voluntarily, sexism will continue to flourish at IC when action is not taken. Boycott all social and sporting societies and picket the Haldane Library until all offensive material is removed from its shelves; then perhaps we might have a meaningful and equitable social life for all at Imperial.

# reviews





What is Contact Week? Why have those Christians gone to the trouble and expense of making badges, printing 2000 posters using a small mountain of bluetack etc? The idea is to make CONTACT! With Everybody!

With non-Christians to tell of something that Christianity has to offer and to listen to criticism with other Christians to learn from other traditions and to grow together.

To do this 20 people from a large variety of backgrounds are living and working with students in College. They will provide a source to lead discussions and reflect on their own experience to give help. They will also be available for people who wish to talk

*I sought my soul,  
but my soul I could not see,  
I sought my God,  
but my God eluded me,  
I sought my brother  
and found all three.*

to someone they will never meet again.

The hope is that as many people will benefit as possible. As with anything, you only get out of the week what you put in - there is an open invitation to you all.

This week is organised by The West London Chaplaincy (Anglican).

The WLC represents the Anglican Tradition within College and caters for anyone within the Anglican or free Church communities. They have discussion groups in most departments and have an informal service on Sunday Mornings at 10am in the Consort Gallery (ground

floor, Sherfield building). **The West London Catholic Chaplaincy** Their aim 'is to build a Catholic community for students'. Like the WLC they are open to anyone who wants to take part using the Catholic spirituality and Tradition to grow as people and in the Love of God. Meetings every Tuesday, Chemistry 231 at 12.30 and on Sundays at More House, 53 Cromwell Rd.

Also involved in Contact week is University Christian Outreach - an intercollegiate interdenominational society set up to spread Christianity. Evangelical and friendly.

## Just What You've Been Waiting For....

**Rhino's Willies...(And other things)**

Last Sunday saw the climax to the American football season with Superbowl 20. GREAT...go down the offy, spend your last pennies on a few bottles of Special Brew, sit yourself down in front of the telly and enjoy the thrills and spills of 'The Refrigerator' and the like.

Problem; its 8.30, and it doesn't start till 9.30. Well what's on now. Go for the every popular 4 button - what's this? - some bloke in a safari suit. 'Oh no - not another Natural History programme!' No in fact 'Pet Hates' in which some bloke rants on about how sordid and disgusting animals are.

Did you know that when you overfeed ducks, because they have so much time released from looking for their own food, all they do all day is copulate? It's a big problem for the female ducks to have twenty horny drakes after her - (a bit like IC women!)

Did you know that when a male preying mantis gets all keyed up and climbs on the female praying mantis, something in his head forgets what to do? Solution - female bites his head off, and the rest of his body get on with it; well the bits that aren't being eaten do anyway! (Which bit does she eat last???)

Basically the program was about this bloke who got incredibly pissed off about Natural History programmes fascination with copulating animals. Which leads me to the long awaited bit about Rhino's willies...

Well the point is, they're big. VERY, VERY BIG.

It's difficult to describe the general dimensions without being disgusting, but put it this way:- your average female Rhino must have receptive bits that run the full length of her body. You could stick your arm up there no problem. Oh this is sordid drivel - I'll never stretch it out to 400 words.

## Biathlons And Triathlons

A little before Christmas a friend (sadist) suggested to me that I would like to enter a race. 'What kind of race?' I tentatively asked and before I knew what I had rashly signed my body away to the mercies of the 'First Classic Biathlon'.

Held from a school near New Malden and consisting of a 5 mile run followed by a 22 mile cycle, it was knackered. My exhaustion not being helped by the lack of training (5-10 minutes cycle to College and back each day of this term.) and the days freezing early morning temperatures.

Held last Sunday, the day started well by getting up at 7.15am instead of a proposed 6.00am so that I had to forsake my relaxed breakfast and relaxed 10 mile cycle to the start for a quick bowl of cereal and a quick 10 miles cycle.

On arrival my hands began to warm up which meant extreme agony as I had no gloves on on the way down. Luckily though I found a sympathetic friend with a spare pair to hand that I could use during the race.

I layed my bike down with the others, in the rows, together with the gear I needed to change into during the transition period, leaving for the final briefing 10 minutes before the off. The run was an out and back route, along an A3 slip road, exactly retracing the outward journey after the half way mark. Because of this it was relatively easy to judge how far you had run and how much more effort you would afford to put into the run.

Back at the school for the transition point, it was on with another tap and

grab the bike taking the least possible time, before heading off on the second and last stage of the race. Over taking people at this stage as I did make me feel good but can be a mistake if you're over zealous about it. As it turned out all worked well and with my ego boosted to start with I came in 16th. Out of a field of about 250, the time on as yet unconfirmed 1 hour 40-50 minutes compared to the winners 1 hour 20 minutes. He came in on his own and 6 minutes ahead of his nearest rival.

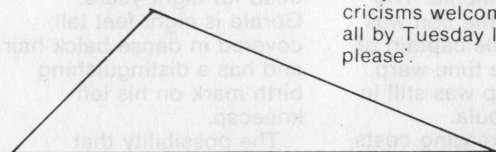
Events like this together with triathlons (swimming, cycling and running) like most sports are incredibly rewarding, especially when you cross the finish line and collect your medal. There is nothing quiet like the feeling of crossing that finish line after being such a masochist to yourself over such a time and course and it really is worth all the pain. So if you're interested, whether seriously committed or not contact me, Chris Stapleton via the FELIX office or the Aero 1 pigeon holes leaving a note if I'm not around of your name, year, course or other means of contact together with an indication of your level of interest.



# MEGABRAIN

## Tricky triangles

Consider an obtuse triangle (that is, one with an angle greater than 90%).



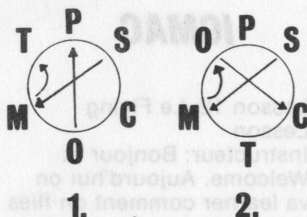
Is it possible to divide up any obtuse triangle into only acute triangles (ones with all angles **less** than 90%)? If so, how? If not, why not? £5 prize for a randomly picked correct entry. Comments and criticisms welcome too, and all by Tuesday lunchtime please.

## It's confusing, man!

Last week's committee meeting problem caused quite a lot of confusion. Most people claimed that there was no unique solution or that there were ties, casting votes etc. Well those people were all wrong, the problem was quite easy if you went about it the right way. I had two correct solutions and the winner of the £5 prize was Rachel Hill, Mech Eng 1.

What most people missed was that if rule 2 is to be exactly adhered to, then the seating arrangement must be such that the Chairman (C) and President (P) can vote for anybody except each other. Consider rule 5, the P and C cannot sit opposite each other, since one of them would then have to sit next

to the Ordinary Member (M) and would be unable to vote for him, thus contradicting rule 2. Similarly, they cannot sit next to each other (which a lot of people thought) since then one of them would have to sit two places away from the Treasurer (T) and rules 2 and 4 would contradict each other. Thus they must sit with one person inbetween them. Following the rules through, this leaves two possible arrangements.



Where O stands for Publicity officer and S for Secretary, and the arrows point from who has voted for who.

In diagram 1 it is not possible for anyone to get four votes since P can't be voted for by C and T can't vote for himself or M. This leaves diagram 2. Here P can't vote for C, and T can't vote for M. Thus the only person who can receive four votes is O. The Publicity Officer wins the election.

## Doors and Devils

The problem two weeks ago was to formulate a question to ask of a devil who may lie or tell the truth, so as to get the devil to point at the correct door out of four to go through. One of the restrictions was that the devil was only allowed to indicate **one** door. Several answers involved the devil pointing to three, and I disqualified these.

Many of my friends claimed, at first glance, that this problem was 'impossible', but it really just becomes a problem in semantics. The question must be phrased such that if the devil decides to tell the truth it asks for the correct door, but if he lies it asks for the incorrect door so that his lie will reveal the right door. The only way to do this is to have a self-referential question of some kind. Rather than go into more detail, I'll give the answers, which speak for themselves.

Mark Oram, of Chemistry 1, explained to the devil that a truthful answer has a value of 1, a lie has a value of 0, the correct door has a value of 1, and the incorrect doors have a value of 0. He then asked 'point to the door with the same value as your truthfulness.' This question shows the logic of the problem excellently and demonstrates that such a question is possible. It goes against the spirit of the problem, since it involves preliminary definitions which the devil might ignore, but these could always be made part of the question.

James Dyer, of Mech Eng 1, and Neil Thornton, of Maths 3, entered very similar questions along the lines of 'Indicate a door you would tell me not to go through, if you were the opposite in truthfulness to that which you are now'. The phrase 'opposite in truthfulness' is open to interpretation, but the devil will be merciful in this case.

The randomly selected winner was Mark Oram, who now has to devise some cleverer questions to locate who has his £5 prize in the FELIX Office.

The best question I could think up was 'if this question had been 'indicate any door not to go through' indicate any door you wouldn't have answered.' This avoids references to the 'truthfulness' and the devil has no choice but to indicate the correct door.

## Cave Canoe Football

'This is the second least-known sport played in Britain' said the President of IC cave canoe football club (ICCCFC) when he invited me to join them for a weekend's activities. 'What's the least-known?' was the obvious question. 'Don't know.' He replied. 'Nobody appears to have heard of it'.

So it was that early one Friday evening in January I found myself squashed into a rather rundown Vauxhall Viva heading along the M4 towards South Wales. It was on this journey that I picked up gist of the rules of this curious sport.

Basically, two teams of five players carry canoes into a cave system to find a suitable underground lake or pool. They then mark out goals and compete with each other trying to propel a light plastic football through the goals using the blades of their paddles. Light is provided by traditional caving head-

torches. The sport was originated in South Wales by a pot-holing club from Brian who were becoming rather bored with simply crawling around in the local caves. They founded the Brecon Seals, easily the biggest and most dominating club in the sport's short history. Our destination that evening was Swansea University, home of the only other student's team. It appeared that this weekend was to see the very fast UAU (unofficial) CCF Championship final. As our cars parked on the university campus we were greeted by gales of laughter from our hosts/opponents.

BAT Canoes (it stands for Baths Advanced Trainers) are used by people learning to canoe in swimming pools. They are only half the length of 'normal' canoes and look extremely silly. I hadn't noticed!

Carrying the small and lightweight BATS was easier than I had

anticipated. 'First advantage' grinned Tony Payton-the man responsible. After we arrived at the lakeside, a couple of miner's lamps were lit. Only because you're a beginner' was the reason offered. On my first attempt I lasted five seconds in the highly unstable BAT before I was hauled from the freezing liquid by Ian Pennington (President) and Andy Mason (Transport Officer).

After five dips I decided to sit on the rock shelf and leave it to the 'experts', whose minds are about as stable as their canoes. When Swansea arrived for the match, bringing the referee (a Brecon Seal) I looked forward to some entertainment. Alas no. Just prior to the 'flick off' somebody turned off all the lights except those strapped to the heads of the combatants (ref). Mike (Morris) Colclough, the IC substitute tried to commutate for 20 mins until he was forced to replace Mark Turnbull (mild

concussion following a collision with a stalecrite).

Ten minutes later came half-time when I discovered we were losing 3-2 our goals from Ian Pennington, who was trying to impress the ref a selector for the Welsh national squad). A series of test matches is due to be played against the touring Canadians this summer.

The second half was less successful. Ian scored another but Morris was sent-off for dirty play (smashing an opponents head torch). Meanwhile Swansea scored five times giving a final score of 8-3. IC were jubilant however, they expected to lose by ten or twelve. The BATS were acclaimed as a great innovation (by Tony), and Mark recovered in time to organise the ritual ducking of Ian in the water.

As we arrived back in London I found myself considering the minds of fellow human beings. Some people can find excitement in the strangest of ways.

It'll never catch on!....



## Cycling

10.00am last Sunday saw 12 cyclists gathered at Beit Arch in preparation for the weekly Imperial College Cycling Club Sunday Run. Where were we going? Nobody knew, so we just assumed that Martin, our wonderful Captain, would lead the way. The weather was perfect-well almost. The sun shone brightly with no clouds in the sky, but it was a little cold. However, by the time we got to the A3, a favourite Cycling club venue, we had all warmed up and were starting to enjoy ourselves.

So on along the A3-was it to be Guildford? Dorking? No-we turned off a few miles before Guildford and sped off towards Woking. By now, the traffic and carbon monoxide normally associated with London had given way to fields and trees-lots of beautiful scenery. After Woking it was off to Cobham where we paused briefly to view a cyclo-cross course, declining the invitations to ride around the course. Then onto Chertsey, where a friendly little newsagents shop was cleaned out of Mars Bars and Coke in our quest to refresh ourselves. Soon we were off again-through Sunbury and Kingston, arriving back home at about 2.00pm.

Overall, the ride was enjoyed by all, and we all now eagerly await news of where we are going next Sunday-if anybody decides before we set off! In the meantime, Wednesday sees us meeting at Beit Arch at 2.00pm for a short afternoon ride.

## Dramsoc

I normally try to do the laundry every two or three weeks; I find it more convenient to wash everything after I've worn the same pair of socks twice, though occasionally I have to use the same pair three times.

Washing by hand is something of a chore, but it is the only satisfactory solution for washing delicate clothing such as woollens. For the majority of us laundry time means another encounter with the washing machine down the road.

Washing machines are either top or front loading...oh by the way there's an Acting Workshop on Wednesday at 2.30pm in the Storeroom.

## Wellsoc

This week's Wellsoc meeting sees Prof I Craft bringing us up to date with the latest developments in the world of In-vitro fertilisation (Test Tube Babies to you and me). Prof Craft is a world pioneer in this field and will be exploring many of the highly controversial aspects of IVF. Later in the term, more events to enliven your Monday evenings including TV megastar, scientist and aged author James Burke and Astronomer Prof Fred Hayle. For more details wait with baited breath for the Wellsoc newsletter-distributed free to all members and also available at Monday meetings.

Finally, calling all 1st and 2nd year students. Elections for the new Wellsoc committee will take place near the end of this term so if you want to become part of the new dynamic, challenging, enterprising H G Wells Society Committee, see the Chairman or Vice-Chairman at Monday meetings.

PS what's three inches long, yellow and whistles?

## Guilds

Tonight is the 35th Engineers Dinner and Dance at the Park Lane Hotel.

The Ballroom will be filled to capacity with over 370 members of college and guests. Our guests of honour are Professor E Ash CBE PhD DSc FCGI DIC F ENG FRS Rector of the College and his wife. The guest speaker is being kept a closely guarded secret by Hon Sec Dave Page so we will have to wait and see. Music for the evening includes background piano accompaniment before dinner, light jazz during the meal and raunchy dance band music as everyone takes to the dance floor. For those who really have got what it takes the party continues back on home ground with a disco into the early hours.

The dinner is formal so dinner suits must be worn and one main rule to observe ie no smoking, leaving the table or removing of jackets until after the loyal toast. Diners may order port during the meal to be used during the toast.

We look forward to seeing you there.

## SFSoc

As Piconon 4 rapidly approaches, great wheels are turning. The local hyper council have granted us a licence to serve H2O in all its forms to those attending the Con. An unconfirmed source states that a colony ship has been on its way to this con for a considerable number of millenia. The existence of the con was revealed to the captain of the ship via a time warp, when the ship was still in the Crab Nebula.

Due to increasing costs, any being with more than three heads, or six eyes (excluding compound eyes) will have to pay an entrance fee for each head or part of head thereafter.

However, as the entrance fee is at the bargain price of £2.50 or 3.3 galactic credits (inflation) this should not present too much of a problem. Picocon 4 is on February 15th.

For further up-dates on Picocon 4 watch this four-space!

## ICMAC

Lesson 12: Le Flying Lesson

Instructeur: Bonjour et Welcome. Aujourd'hui on va learner comment on flies un model aircraft, avec le radio control. Voilà le nouveau Fleet Transmitter aux quatre channels. Learner: Ah oui-je vois. Et si on pousse cette twiddley stick ici?

Instructeur: Ça c'est pour le rudder. Le model aircraft pitches et yaws. Pour tourner l'aircraft, on ne doit pas oublier un peu d'elevator.

Learneur: L'elevator? Instructeur: Oui-on doit pousser cette twiddley stick là.

Learneur: Bon. Et qu'est que c'est, cette knob? Instructeur: C'est L'aireron et rudder couplé-c'est pour tourner mieux.

Learneur: ....et cette ratchet thing ici?

Instructeur: C'est pour le moteur. L'aircraft tourne et fait un plunge par terre, en heurtant la terre avec un g-force de 10g. Et puis explose.

Learneur: Dommage. Je m'excuse.

Instructeur: Ce n'est rien.

Bon-je vais te voir a Southside, a 1pm, Jeudi.

Learneur: D'accord. Au revoir.

Instructeur: Au revoir.

## QT

There was a great deal of consternation at this week's QT meeting over the disappearance of our gorilla, Gerald. I would like to inform readers at this point that Gerald represents no danger to the general public, mainly due to the fact that he has been dead for eight years. Gerald is eight feet tall, covered in dense black hair and has a distinguishing birth mark on his left kneecap.

The possibility that Gerald has been kidnapped has not been ruled out. In fact QT 'sent a couple of the boys round' to visit college gangland boss Harold 'Sideboards' McKenzie. Mr McKenzie has had several previous convictions, including 'Loitering with intent to buy grapefruit'. A self confessed fruitophile, sideboards has just been released from a charge of 'making improper advances to an apricot under the age of consent' Mr McKenzie denied all knowledge of the theft, and proudly displayed the unusually large and extremely rare 'Black Canary' given to him by his Aunt Agatha. The canary, which was munching a banana and growling at the time, declined to comment.

Our major fear is that somehow Gerald has penetrated the Royal School of Mines building, where he will be completely indistinguishable from the indigenous savages.

## Barn Dancing

Although conceived, the Barn Dancing Society is still lacking material existence. Don't panic! The Guilds Valentines Barn Dance is lined up and there are a limited number of tickets lurking in the Guilds Office and Roger Preece's pocket. When was such value-for-money offered in the 100 years of City and Guilds? A live band, bar extension, and oddments of food will support the entertainment which will essentially be created by the dancers (ie you). And the price? £2.00 peanuts included.

Event: The Valentines Barn Dance.

Venue: The Holland Ant.

Date: 14th February (Surprise, surprise)

Time: 7.30pm

Tickets: From the Guilds Office.



## Football

### St Thomas 1 IC 1sts 7

Imperial's second game of this term showed the difference in standards between the top, and bottom, of the premier division. With only ten men, and yet to win in the league this season, St Thomas looked to be an easy win for a slightly weakened IC team. However, it was 15 minutes before a twenty yard cross come shot from Martin Bradley dipped under the cross bar, taking the lead for IC.

IC's second goal came from a free kick taken by Guy Poppy and expertly nodded past the St Thomas keeper by Mike Houseby on the near post.

Despite several attempts by the St Thomas defence to keep the ball out of their net (including a hand ball, conveniently ignored by the ref) Mike Houseby scored his second and IC's third with a flick past the keeper from one yard after a shot by Dave Lynne bounced across the face of the goal.

It was this combination that saw IC go 4-0 up just before half time with Mike Houseby putting Dave 'go for goal' Lynne through and Dave pushing the ball past the advancing keeper.

The second half saw more attempts at the St Thomas goal, including a 25 yard curler from Alex Lunghi which hit the post, rebounded back into play, leaving IC flat footed as St Thomas ran past the bored IC defence and slotting the ball in the back of the net.

IC were quick to retaliate, and were awarded a penalty after Guy Poppy was brought down after a thirty yard run. Mike Houseby showed the first team how to take penalties and scored convincingly from the spot to put IC 5-1 up.

IC's sixth goal came from a penetrating pass from Guy Poppy to Mike Houseby (again in the six yard area) who couldn't miss from that close!

IC's seventh and Mike Houseby's 5th was excellently taken by Mike as he chipped the keeper from 18 yards after a searching pass from Chris Engberg.

Altogether a good performance from IC especially Mike Houseby (need we mention him again?) and Martin Barnes in midfield.

# SPORTS

## Football

Wed 22

KQC

1sts 0

IC

1sts 4

IC

3rds 3

RFH

4ths 4

KQC

3rds 1

IC

4ths 1

Sat 25

IC

2nds 3

RFH

1

St Mary's

1sts 5

IC

3rds 0

Guys

2nds 1

IC

4ths 0

IC

5ths 0

KQC

6ths 2

## Hockey

Wed 22

Mens

IC

1sts 1

London Hospital

0

LSE

3

Guilds

0

RSM

2

KCH

3

QEC

2

RCS

5

Sat 25

Mens

NPL

1

IC

1sts 0

IC

2nds 0

NPL

7

Mixed

IC

1

RSM

0

## Rugby

Wed 15

Guilds

1sts 20

Met Police K Div

12

Wed 22

Guilds

1sts 7

Vets

1sts 17

Guilds

2nds 12

UCL

4ths 8

## Badminton

Sat 11

Mixed

IC

1sts 8

St Georges

1

Wed 15

Mens

IC

3rds 7

Guys

2

Sat 18

Mixed

IC

2nds 6

St Georges

3

Wed 22

Mens

IC

1sts 9

St Georges

0

Sat 25

Mens Knockout Cup

IC

1sts 6

RHBNC

5

### KQC 1sts 0 IC 1sts 4

IC's impressive form continued when they won their fourth consecutive league game. In conditions not conducive to good football with a strong crossfield wind blowing IC were the first to settle playing some delightful one and two touch football. IC's first came when Alex Lunghi's free kick was played to Paul Bravery whose mis-hit shot from 10 yards was deflected past

the stranded keeper.

IC continued to put pressure on the KQC defence with the keeper performing heroics to keep the score at 1-0. IC did increase their lead when Guy Poppy shrugged off several challenges before drilling the ball home from 18 yards. The third came when Paul Bravery intercepted a back pass shooting past the advancing keeper.

IC expected KQC to come strongly in the

## Wednesday Results

## Football

IC

1sts 4

St Thomas's

1sts 1

IC

2nds 1

Mines

1sts 3

IC

4ths 2

Another College

2

## Rugby

RSM

1sts 8

RFH

10

RSM

2nds 7

RFH

22

## Hockey

IC

1sts 6

Kings

1sts 1

## Badminton

IC Ladies have reached the UAU semi-finals after Swansea conceded their quarter final against IC. This puts IC in the semi-final on 22nd February at York University.

second half but this never materialised due to a sound all round team effort with keeper Nick Tarn never tested. IC completed the scoring late in the game when Dave Lynne held off several challenges in creating an opening for himself, shooting past the stranded KQC keeper.

## Cricket

The nets lists have gone up outside the JCR. They are in the glass cabinet next to all the STA flight news (end nearest the bookshop). Anyone wishing to play cricket can sign up for not more than two sessions between Tuesday 4/2 and the end of term. The nets are at Lords from 8-9pm. Whites and training shoes must be worn.

The cricket club entertainments present a social evening in the West End on Friday 7 February. Meet in Southside between 5.30 and 7.30pm whence forth travel will be either tube or bus. The evening will comprise of a visit to a couple of local Hostellers followed by exploring the delights of Chinese Cuisine and other local entertainment. All cricket players, club members are welcome. You should all have received a note to the above effect from Roger Wilson, club captain. In case of difficulty he can be contacted on Int 6289.

## Guilds

## Rugby

These will be held at Harlington on Sunday 9 February. Teams of 7 plus 1 are required of which only one player may be a non-Guildsman. When you have a team together please can you sign up in the Guilds office. If you are short of the odd player please just let me know and I will try and find the extra. This event is meant to be fun and the standard varies enormously so do not be afraid that everyone will be too good, they generally aren't. Only the odd one or two.

There will be prizes for the winners. The bar will be open at Harlington and food will also be available. Coaches will leave from Beit at 11 o'clock so come on and get your team together.



# What's On

## Today

2130h

*The Lounge*  
**The Igloo Club:** ICE present the reincarnation party—melt down

## Sunday

1800h

*More House, 53 Cromwell Road*  
**Mass and talk.** This week Delia Smith talks about 'Prayer In Our Daily Lives'.

## Monday

1240h

*Elec Eng 403A*  
**Alternative Energy Policy** a talk by Dave Elliott of Open University Network For Alternative Technology and Technology Assessment, all welcome.

## Tuesday

1300h

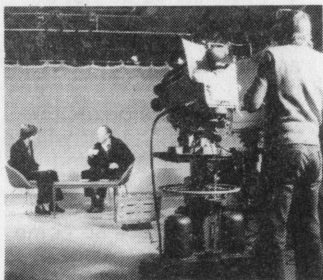
*TV Lounges*  
**STOIC** The wit and humour of Dame Edna Everage in a special guest interview

*Maths 340*  
**Nonlinear Optics** a MOPSOC lecture by Prof Geoff New.

1800h

*TV Lounges*  
**STOIC** The wit and humour of Dame Edna Everage in a special guest interview

*Union SCR*  
**Australian Wines** The 'appliance of science' helps make these wines from down under so good. Try them for yourself. Admission £3 for members and £4 for non-members.



1900h

*Sherfield Quiet Room*  
**The Cornflake Shop** All welcome to listen to music at its best. Xerxes, Linn, Naim.... Admission free.



## Wednesday

All Day

**Trip to Naim Audio**  
Come to Audio Soc meeting Tuesday lunchtime or evening for details.

1300h

*Huxley 213*  
**Bishop Of Durham** Rt Rev David Jenkins comes to IC to talk. Go and listen to one of Britain's most controversial churchmen.

1400h

*Beit Arch*  
**Cycling Club** short afternoon ride

1430h

*Storeroom*  
**Dramsoc Workshop**

1900h

*Graffiti Room*  
**Graffiti Demo** of T-shirt printing

## Thursday

1300h

*TV Lounges*  
**STOIC Newsbreak** with the latest College and City news and special features.

1800h

*TV Lounges*  
**STOIC Newsbreak** with the latest College and City news and special features.

1900h

*999KHz*  
**IC Roundtable** with Cathy Tait, Judith Hackney and Andy Cave complain about this week's latest releases.

## Regular Event Changes

### Additions

#### Sunday

1000h

*Beit Arch*  
**Cycling Club** Weekly Run

#### Tuesday

1845h

*Mech Eng Foyer*  
**Cricket Nets** Whites and training shoes required.

#### Wednesday

1245h

*JCR*  
**Chinese Chess** Wei-Qi and Xiang-Qi also known as Goh in Japanese. Beginners welcome.

#### Thursday

1230h

*Southside Upper Lounge*  
**Cycling Club Meeting** to decide where to go on Sunday.

## SOUTHSIDE BAR

Fri 31st Jan

DISCO

Sat 1st Feb

4th Birthday Party  
DISCO

Bitter from 50p/pint  
Lager from 50p/pint  
Plus food and videos  
Fancy dress optional

Mon 3rd Feb

CASTLEMAINE  
XXXX  
50p/pint

### Deletions

#### Thursday

Chinese Chess's Thursday lunchtime meeting.



## Contact Week

### IMPERIAL COLLEGE

Lunchtime events during Contact Week at Imperial College take the form of WORKSHOPS on a number of different themes. The workshops each last for **two lunchtimes**.

Workshops run on Monday/Tuesday (3rd and 4th Feb) and Thursday/Friday (6th and 7th).

The workshops each run twice, once at the beginning of the week and once at the end, so you'll be able to go to any two workshops of your choice, in any order. Lunch will be provided at a nominal charge at all workshops.

**The workshop titles and nominal themes are:-**

'How to win friends and'-Personal Relationships (Physics 737)

'All I want to know is Christ' (Chem Eng 252)

'God so loved the world'-Being a Christian in the world. (Huxley 410)

'All Scripture is given'-How do we study the Bible? (Huxley 413)

'Living from within: Prayer and meditation'. (Aero Eng E452)

'Being a Christian in the local community.' (Huxley 540)

'Who is my neighbour?' (Huxley 642)

**On Wednesday at More House**

Peace Group at 8pm with Fr Tom Cullinan.

### Sunday Services;

**Anglican/Methodist Eucharist**

10am Ground Floor Sherfield Building Imperial College.

**RC Mass**

6pm at More House, 53 Cromwell Road SW7

**Sat 1st Opening Service** Rev Tom Smail, 7.30pm Imperial College Physics 8th Floor Comrton room (or More House at 7pm)

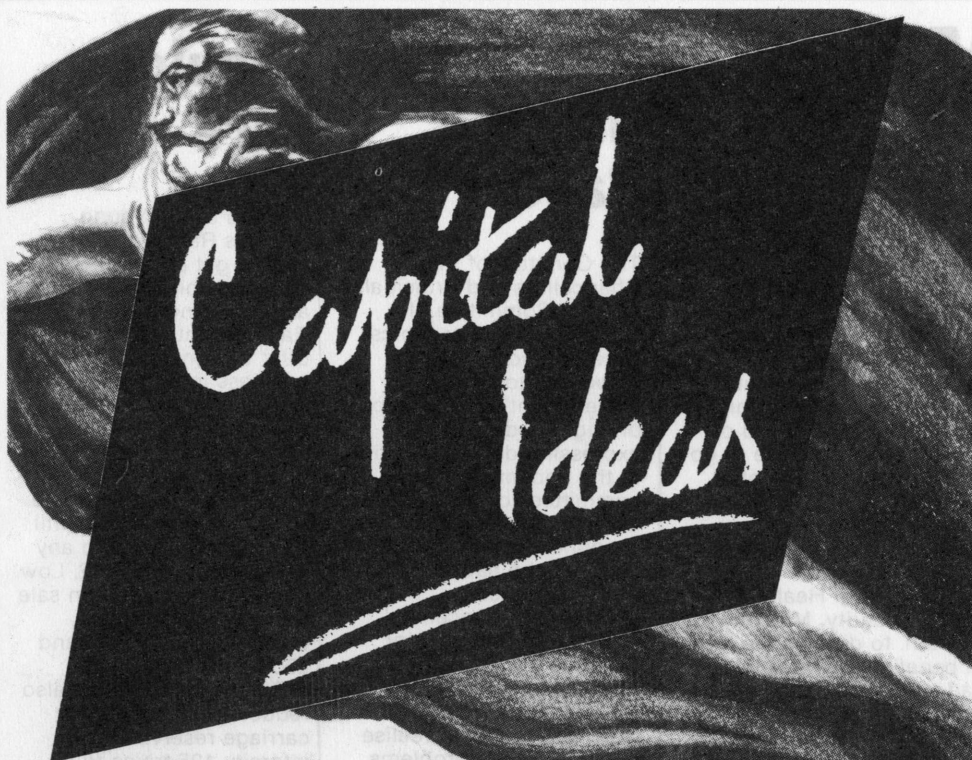
**Sun 2nd Delia Smith** 7.45pm at More House

**Tues 4th Prof John Marshall** (a Member of the Warnock Committee) Speaking on the Ethics of the Warnock Report 6pm SCR Reynolds Building Charing Cross and Westminster Medical School (or meet at More House at 5pm)

**Wed 5th Rt Rev David Jenkins** (the Bishop of Durham) Imperial College, Huxley room 213 at 1pm (or meet at More House at 12.40)

**Fri 7th Closing Service** and party at More House at 7pm





Some people's idea of the word 'alternative' is to play *Scrabble* with Chamber's 20th Century Dictionary. These inhabitants of the edge of existence occasionally score 20 with the obscure word 'Kea'; according to Chamber's, "a species of New Zealand parrot which sometimes kills sheep"—not always, just sometimes. This is just as well, since a plague of blood-crazed, myopic avians picking off anyone in a C&A sweater with reckless abandon would not be expected to boost the Antipodean tourist industry—not to mention putting a dent in C&A's share prices. But as it could be regarded as being a welcome fate for 90% of their jerseys it could catch on as a new concept in biological control. As long as Terence Conran doesn't start buying large chunks of Australasia you're safe.

Such admirable taste in clothing is probably displayed by the legendary 'Half Man, Half Biscuit' (well they don't like Nerys Hughes anyway) as they describe life 'Back In The DHSS' at the Bull & Gate in Kentish Town on Tuesday and Wednesday. They were described by John Peel as "the best thing since Viv Stanshall wrote for the Bonzo Dog Band." However he also described 'Los Butto Banditos'—the notorious gay Bolivian Country & Western Salsa band, who swapped nose flutes for tracheostomy

tubes claiming they give a fruitier sound—in much the same way. Both gigs start at 7:30pm and cost just three quid a time. The Bull & Gate itself can be found in Kentish Town Road, just 50 yards up the road from Kentish Town tube.

"Old hippies never die, they just go on tour," is one of the quotes from the Face Companion To Things Paul Morley Never Said But Might Have Given Half A Chance, published this week. Coincidentally it also describes the band Haze, made infamous by their mole fetish<sup>1</sup>, who are playing the Ruskin Arms in East Ham on Sunday at 8:30pm. The gig is entirely free.

Not a million miles away is the Mean Fiddler near Willesden Junction (alright, so it's on the other side of London, but it's not a million miles unless Mark Thatcher happens to be driving). Programmed by Mike Stock and Pete Waterman, and let loose in a sequined Big-Bin liner—Divine rolls in for a more against the wall than off it performance. It costs a blue one, starts at nine and doesn't finish until two.



<sup>1</sup> See the Sun story 'Leather Bondage Romp With Sex-Change Vicar In Cabinet Minister And Nude Mole Scandal'

With falling gates, most football clubs would give a squad's worth of arms and legs for Cabinet Ministers to resign over which foreign consortium of Sardine Trifle manufacturers buys them out—it might even start a new game by the name of headball. Chelsea, itself, has undergone something of a resurgence in form (or should that read just resurgence?). Unfortunately the gates have not quite reflected this. Perhaps it is just the possibility of having a bicycle chain become a new item of personal jewellery, or the endless stops in the play that make football not the most enticing of spectator events; being somewhere between a bit part in *Deathwish III* and watching the tide come in at Maidenhead.

Fear not. Hugh assures me that Saturday's game against Leicester will be 'shit hot'. I feel I can't comment on the thermodynamic properties of excrement—perhaps those people around college who keep on eating the stuff can tell you. All I can do is recommend you to go down and watch the match: It starts at 3:00pm, and can be found on the Fulham Road just past St Stephen's Hospital.



Remember Morph, the psychotic plasticene bloke with a pet clothesbrush? Well he's alive and well, and suffering a nervous breakdown at this moment. He seems to have poured out his entire life story to Ken Kiff who then converted it into a series of paintings on show at the Serpentine Gallery just across the road.

In fact that was all lies, but it gives you an idea of what to expect. Ken Kiff's nightmare people flood across his paintings, defecating and melting. In a sort of visual O'Casey play, the men are portrayed as warped and twisted while the women are given a rather kinder image, if a little purple around the edges.

If you're bored with the usual old galleries, fed up with re-runs of old Francis Bacon polytychs at the Tate, tired of endless scenes of Dutch people ice-skating everywhere at the National, and generally sick to death of paying two quid just to get totally lost in the Royal Academy—then it might be an idea to try the galleries dotted around the Green Park area. For some reason private art galleries seem to breed around here—it may not be long before the area is overrun by hordes of marauding art dealers mowing down IBM salemen in their Porsches.

Here's a list of some of the more representative venues:

Anne Berthoud  
1st floor, 10 Clifford St.

Anthony d'Offay  
9 Dering St.

Marlborough  
6 Albermale St.

Nigel Greenwood  
4 New Burlington St.

Waddington  
2,4 & 34 Cork St.

Nicola Jacobs (9 Cork St) is also showing works by Ken Kiff, this time illustrations for the 1977 book 'Folk Tales of the British Isles'.



# 'Much More Generous'

Britain is 'much more generous' to its students than other developed countries, Sir Keith Joseph told MPs last week.

In response to growing anger at the announced 2% rise in grants for 1986/87 and the threatened loss of welfare benefits, he quoted figures produced by UNESCO, comparing amounts given out by seven countries as grants or loans for student support. The statistics show that Britain pays significantly more (£1367 per full-time student) than any other country on the list, ranging from Holland (£281) and the USA (£104) to practically no money handed out by the Japanese government for student support. Also mentioned was the percentage of GNP spent on student support. This varied from 0.25% (Britain) to 0% (Japan). These figures, however, date from

1982 at the latest.

NUS Vice-President Welfare, Vicky Phillips, agreed that in many ways the British system was relatively generous, but made the point that 'This is something to be proud of rather than an excuse to go round chopping bits off it.'

Leaders of the NUS have for the first time been granted a meeting with a minister from the Department of Health and Social Security, Mr Tony Newton, to discuss the lack of benefits. Previous talks had been with ministers of the Department of Education and Science, and had been restricted to the issue of grants regulations. The NUS has planned protests against what it sees as Government policy changes which have not been fully debated, and warned that parents of present and prospective students are being antagonised.

## What Future



'What future can there be for a country which won't invest in tomorrow?' was the question asked of over 5000 Harrods shoppers who were given leaflets by IC demonstrators last Friday. Around 30 students, including ICU Deputy President Dave Kingston, attended the lunchtime protest, which was organised by External Affairs Officer Grenville Manuel.

The leaflets cited the cuts in lecturers pay and student

grants over the last six years and attacked the Governments' proposals to prevent students from claiming certain benefits. It was stressed that money spent on higher education is an investment, essential for the country's future prosperity.

Mr Manuel later described the demonstration as a 'general success', adding that it had been very good humoured and that there had been no trouble from the police.

## Alternative Green Paper

The Committee of Vice-Chancellors and Principals and the Committee of Directors of Polytechnics have produced formal responses to the Government's Green Paper on higher education, expressing deep opposition to the document. Both committees claim that the Green Paper takes no account whatsoever of the needs of the nation in the next fifteen years.

The Vice Chancellors' 'alternative' green paper contains a wide range of grievances, from the Government's 'blinkered view' and failure to realise the scale of the problems being faced, to the difficulty of running autonomous universities while ministerial and departmental intervention increases. The paper points out that if funding is cut below a certain level the quality of the universities' work will decline. It also criticises the Government's judgement on many issues, for example the raising of fees for foreign students. Another item of concern was the low salary level in universities which leads to problems of staffing and morale. The paper defends students' behaviour and rights, against adverse comments in the Green Paper.

## Back To The Top

The CBI is running a competition to find '21 twenty-one year olds with a strong point of view on how to put the UK back on track to the top'.

People who will be 21 this year are being asked to write 1000 words about the direction British industry should be going in. 21 regional winners will be selected and each will receive £500. An overall winner will then be selected who will win £5000. Entry forms are available from any branch of Lloyd's Bank.

## Fabulous Fare

Holders of the Young Persons Railcard will be able to get up to 80% discounts on 'Saver' fares as from tomorrow. British Rail have introduced an offer designed to increase business in a traditionally slack period.

Under the 'Fabulous February Fare' offer, 'Saver' tickets which usually cost up to £20 will be available at £4, those up to £40 will be reduced to £8 and any over £40 will cost £12. Low price tickets will be on sale every day in February, except between 1200 and 2000 on Fridays.

From Sunday, BR is also reducing the charge for carriage reservations on intercity 125 trains to £3, and making more 125's available with this facility. Extra benefits are promised in May.

## Violence Free

The National Anti-Vivisection Society has launched a 'Violence Free Science' campaign. The campaign aims to secure for students the right to choose whether they participate in dissection and vivisection. The campaign's organiser, Lorraine Walker, explained that many students were worried about the experiments they were being forced to perform. At present many students are penalised if they refuse to take part in experiments on live animals.

## Record Jump

High Jumper Geoff Parsons broke the UK outdoor record by 4cm last Saturday when he cleared 2.30 metres in the Pearl Assurance National Indoor Championships at Cosford. Mr Parsons, a second year student in Mineral Resources Engineering, went on to attempt a world record of 2.40 metres and only narrowly failed to clear the bar at this height.