

Unpopular Press

An alternative Guildsheet appeared in the departments of City and Guilds College on Monday. The magazine was produced in the old format of stapled, duplicated sheets, rather than the new lithographed version. It featured articles satirising the Guilds Exec as well as Motor Club and the Mascotry Team.

Production involved the removal of the Union Office Gestetner, which was followed by a retaliatory action of taking the STOIC Video-recorder.

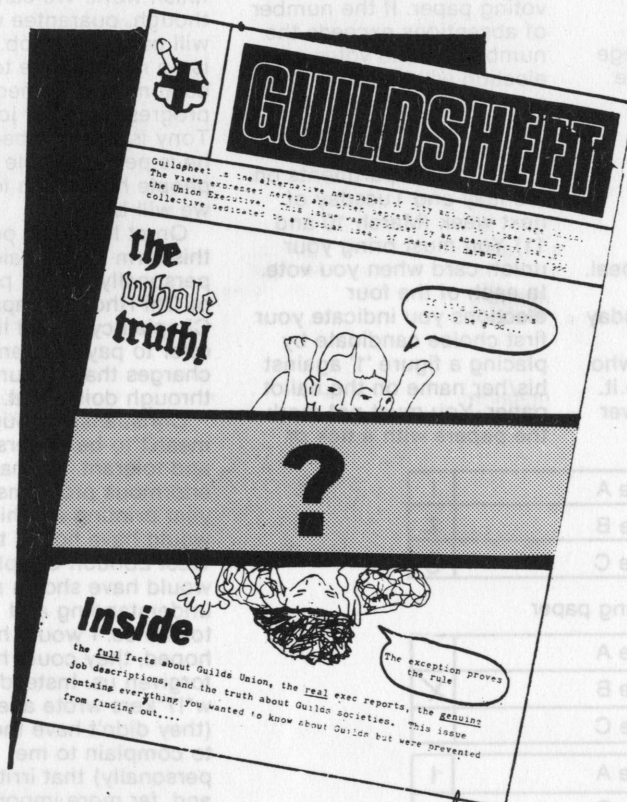
After the theft of the Gestetner. A note was left saying the machine would be returned before it would next be needed, signed by the 'Fluffy Rabbit Mascotry Team'.

When IC Union Honorary Secretary Quentin Fontana was taking Sabbatical election papers at 5:30pm, he noticed a member of STOIC leaving the Union Building lift at the ground floor, at a time which caused Mr Fontana to become suspicious. He went up to the STOIC room on the top floor, and found the missing Gestetner there. However, unable to repossessing the machine alone, he took the STOIC video-recorder as a means of retaliation.

On Monday, the Gestetner was returned wrapped in Christmas paper, however it was found later that the paper tray no longer worked properly. In Mr Fontana's absence on Monday, Dave Kingston returned the video-recorder to STOIC intact.

The Guildsheets produced were distributed at the entrances to departments.

After the initial storm over the paper, FELIX received a letter from the editors apologising for any offence caused by the publication. They added that the pseudo-Guildsheet was never meant to be attributed to Guilds Union or to dissuade people from getting involved in the Union.



Death In Chemistry

A man was killed while using the 'pater-noster' lift system in the Chemistry-Biochemistry link at 9:00am on Tuesday. The accident happened between Levels 5 and 6 of the building while the man was trying to take a plank of wood down one floor in the lift. The wood, measuring approximately 6' by 3', became jammed between his compartment and the platform. It is thought that the wood bent and snapped, causing serious wounds to the man's neck and head.

Shelly Fuller, a member of Biochemistry staff, heard the noise on the 6th floor and rushed to the scene of the accident. She found the man

bleeding profusely from the head, on level 5, having managed to get out of the lift. She rushed down to level 4 to get help, and found that the lift had finally stopped. Biochemistry Departmental Safety Officer Eric Matthews and Kevin Cope arrived promptly, to administer first aid to the man, and an ambulance was called. The ambulance arrived after 20 minutes, and he was rushed to hospital. He died from his wounds later.

The man was a member of a firm of subcontractors carrying out maintenance work for the Biochemistry department. It is not clear as to why he used the pater-noster to carry such a

large piece of wood down one floor, as there are notices warning against transporting large objects by it.

Miss Fuller, Mr Matthews and Mr Cope were commended by College Safety Officer Dr Gordon Hargreaves and Security Officer Geoffrey Reeves for their extremely prompt action. The ambulancemen were also commended for arriving rapidly in heavy rush hour traffic.

The pater-noster is thought to have stopped automatically, although Mr Reeves is appealing for witnesses to come forward, and to ascertain whether someone did push the emergency stop button.

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Editorial

College want to introduce a new disciplinary procedure. They intend to allow the appeals committee to increase the sentence. The Union has pointed out that this is against all sense of natural justice. It discourages students from appealing.

College has ignored Union protests. If College pass this procedure, the Union should refuse to cooperate. This would make the procedure unworkable. If this procedure is adopted without opposition, students might as well forget their right of appeal.

Sabbatical Elections

Next Monday and Tuesday you will have the opportunity to decide who runs **your** Union. Take it. The Union has a turnover of £250,000. The Union

candidate has more votes than all the remaining candidates put together. Only the candidate with the lowest number of votes is eliminated at each stage.

If you wish to abstain in any election, write 'ABSTAIN' across the voting paper. If the number of absentions exceeds the number of valid votes an election will be run in the summer term, except in the case of the election for FELIX editor. Voting takes place in all departments on Monday and Tuesday of next week (March 10 and 11) You must bring your union card when you vote. In each of the four elections you indicate your first choice candidate by placing a figure '1' against his/her name on the ballot paper. You must **not** mark the papers with a tick or

Candidate A	1
Candidate B	2
Candidate C	3

Valid voting paper

Candidate A	
Candidate B	X
Candidate C	

Candidate A	1
Candidate B	1
Candidate C	

Invalid voting papers

present **your** views to College. If you want **your** lectures, libraries, residences or halls to improve next year, make an effort to find out who are the best candidates. There are manifestos on pages 8, 9, and 10 of this weeks FELIX. Read them and try and decide who to vote for. Make the effort to vote—a bad President can ruin your clubs, societies and halls.

Sabbatical Voting

ICU sabbatical elections are run on a single transferable vote (STV) system. This permits voters to indicate an order of preference amongst the candidates. If your first choice candidate is eliminated after the initial count, your vote will be transfered to your second choice. This reallocation of votes continues until one

cross,; this makes you vote invalid. To indicate a second choice place a '2' against your coandidate of next preference to show a third choice write a '3', and so on You need not put a number against every name. Do not mark the same number against two candidates.

Chi-Rho

If you look at page 4, you will see a letter from the editors of Chi-Rho, the newsletter of West London Chaplaincy. They complain about the way I have looked after the printing of their newsletter. Last Friday I went home at 6pm because I was ill, Tony warned the Chaplaincy that Chi-Rho was late and said that he would tell them how things were going. Unfortunately election publicity held up the

production. So Tony agreed with the Chaplaincy to print Chi-Rho on **Saturday**. All evening I was in hall, near my phone, feeling ill and unaware there was any problem. Had Chi Rho been disatisfied they should have phoned me.

The Print Unit has only one litho and one printer. This means that if one job causes problems, the following jobs are held up. We attempt to give customers accurate estimates of when we will finish work. We can not, though, guarantee when we will complete a job. There is no need for me to keep customers informed of our progress on their job if Tony is working because he is perfectly able to tell people how much longer we will be.

On at least two occasions this term I have paid personally for the printing of Chi-Rho. Perhaps the Chaplaincy would like to offer to pay the bank charges that I incurred through doing that.

Christians, I thought, are meant to be understanding and tolerant. We have had enormous problems this year printing anything. I would have hoped that West London Chaplaincy would have shown some understanding and tolerance. I would have hoped, they could have forgiven us. Instead the w*!?*kers wrote a letter (they didn't have the guts to complain to me personally) that irritated me and, far more importantly, a very loyal and dedicated

member of permanent staff—Tony. I doubt that Tony will work for them on a Saturday in future.

Most of the student members of FELIX staff, who give their valuable time to help the Print Unit, have also been irritated by this letter. I think Chi-Rho might have problems getting them to help in future.

The Editors of Chi-Rho have shown themselves to be thoughtless, gutless and selfish. They are about as bad an advert for their religion as could imagine. I am sorry if I have offended other members of West London Chaplaincy. Its just that letters offending the permanent staff are **not** on.

Permanent Staff

The Union staff in the Union Office, the FELIX Office, the Snack Bar and the Union Bar are some of the most loyal and dedicated people I've ever had the pleasure of meeting. Certain clubs, societies and individuals treat them like morons. The Chi-Rho letter to FELIX is only of one numerous examples of thoughtlessness I could give you. Please be polite when dealing with the permanent staff. They do work hard for you.

Credits

Thanks to Tony Churchill, Rosemary Hosking, Chris Edwards, Dave Jones, Richard Smith, Bill Goodwin, Mark Cottle, Charlie Troup, Sunny Bains, Tracey Spalding, Mike Stone, Judith Hackney and the millions I seem to have forgotten.

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LETTERS

Guildsheet Apologies

We would like to make the following points about the publication entitled 'Guildsheet' which appeared on Monday morning we feel that most of the content was reasonable satire and fulfilled it's aim of making people think about Guilds.

However we realise that in our haste we may have

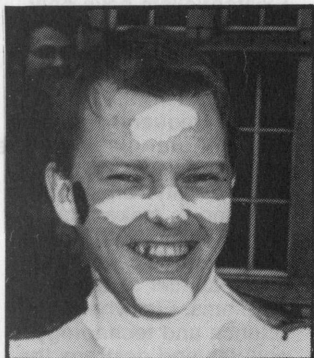
made decisions given time we might have made differently and some people may have been deeply offended in a **personal** way. Not to apologise would be very wrong and in the spirit of that which we attempted to satire we wish to re-state that the publication was never mean to be attributed to C&G or to dissuade people from getting involved in Guilds, and we deeply regret any personal offence taken or inconvenience caused.

The Editors

A Figment Of RCS's Imagination

Dear Ed,
I read with interest your report of Tom Melliar-Smith's resignation, especially the discovery that he is not registered at IC. This certainly leads credence to my theory that Tom Melliar-Smith does not exist.

Consider the evidence:- in any picture of hypothetical RCS hack, you will notice that he has two arms, each with a forearm, making a total of ten. Ten arms is an odd number for any human being. Ten is an even number. The only



Tom Melliar-Smith or Sean Davis

number which is both odd and even is infinity. Therefore if Tom Melliar-Smith exists, he has an infinite number of arms. As this is plainly impossible we have proved that Tom Melliar-Smith does not exist, and so it is not surprising that registry has no record of him.

We now come to the worrying question: why have the pages of FELIX and Broadsheet been peppered with references to the activities of this mythical character for over a year? The answer is simple. RCS, that haven of ageing, wrinkled, and degenerate hacks, faced with increasing unpopularity and budgets plummeting every year, made a last desperate attempt to gain some credibility. Their idea was simple, yet elegant. They needed a short-haired fresh-faced youngster, preferably with a double-barrelled name, to stand for Hon Sec. With modern disguise techniques being developed at IC for M15, it was quite easy for even the moth-eaten Tony Spencer to take his turn at being Tom Melliar-Smith for the day, never mind a selection of other hacks like Sean

Davis, Sarah Kirk and Hairy Bob.

Now that the RCS elections have come around again, there is no longer any need to keep up the pretence.

Only one question remains. What do they have in store for us next year?
Yours concernedly
Diane Love
Ex Physics PG

Penny Ottway Is Wrong

Dear Sir,
How easy it is for Penny Ottway (FELIX 733) to dismiss talk of the ratio—and how selfish.

As an academic rep I have been at many committee meetings where males present have suggested the ratio is equally unsatisfactory for their female counterparts, only to be answered by a shaking of heads and grinning from approximately 1 in 6 of those present.

There is little doubt that although the ratio has some disadvantages for women, the vast majority find they have a very active social life in spite of, or perhaps because of, the ratio. So it is just too easy for Miss Ottway to dismiss talk of ratio on the grounds that she does 'not notice the lack of women' in her year. She may not, but what of the majority? The males.

Thank you Miss Ottway for rising once again the question of the ratio in the pages of FELIX—it has provoked more discussion which may eventually lead to changes for the better. And for most of the people at IC that means a more equal ratio.
Yours sincerely,
Dan Salmons,
Physics 1

Penny Ottway Is Right

Dear Hugh,
I could not agree more with the views expressed in Penny's letter in last week's issue of FELIX.

I can understand that the men at IC are worried by the lack of females. In fact I can appreciate that some of them are downright desperate, but why is the only argument ever raised when discussing 'The Ratio' is that it is 'Bad for the women'. We don't

mind!! A few women exploit the situation, a few, I suppose, must dislike it, but for the most part we simply do not notice. Or at least we would not notice if



Men at IC: downright desperate.

we did not get questionnaires and discussions thrown at us from the minute we walk through the door.

When discussing admissions it seems that it is always 'The Ratio' that is cited as putting women off. This is not so. IC has a slightly higher ratio of females to males than the Science departments of other Universities. I can only assume from this that 'The Ratio' puts off more men than women, which doesn't surprise me!

On positive discrimination, I think it

should be stressed that no-one has suggested this should be used as a means of getting more women into IC. What the College is set on doing is attracting more than its fair share of the intelligent women already going into science. It is also considering plans of action to encourage more females to consider science at a school level.

Yours sincerely
Alice Williams,
Ac Rep Physics 2

Correction

Dear Hugh,
Your report on the plan to rehouse the Holland Club is accurate in all respects except one. There is no plan to incorporate the space presently used as the post room, where mail is delivered and sorted, into the new Holland Club. The space available elsewhere in the basement of Sherfield Building is adequate for the adaptations planned.

Yours sincerely
John Davidson
Administrative Secretary

Letters

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Print Unit Moans

Dear Editor,
IC Print Unit is supposed to provide a service for students. In a year as editors of the Chaplaincy's weekly magazine 'Chi-Rho' we have tried to make use of the service and are very impressed with the high standard of workmanship and dedication provided by Tony the printer.

However over the past two terms since Hugh Southey succeeded Dave Rowe we have been dissatisfied with the service provided and have found Hugh to be unreliable and totally lacking in his regard for his customers. We have repeatedly been promised a deadline for production of Chi-Rho by Hugh which is then not met. As the magazine is weekly this means that the material we have spent many hours assembling would be out of date by the time it is printed.

We realise that for several weeks FELIX have had an enormous amount of trouble both with the printing equipment and with Tony being ill, because of this we have not been surprised in the past that Chi-Rho could not be printed in FELIX and have tried to make alternative arrangements which on two occasions involved spending more than 20 man hours photocopying it. What we do object most strongly to is promises of a

deadline not being met when the Print Unit is running smoothly. On Wednesday 26 at 1.00pm we discussed the state of the printer with Hugh and he agreed to print the magazine for 6.00pm Friday. This deadline and two later ones passed before the magazine was eventually printed at 8.00pm Saturday. On each occasion we brought along several people to help fold and collate. At no time during Friday or Saturday did Hugh contact us or even leave a message in the office explaining the delay and all communication was, as usual, coming out through a third party.

Last week's FELIX contained a letter complaining about the apathetic students of IC. Is it any wonder we are apathetic if we have such incompetent organisations.
Derek Hill
Physics 2
Christine Spears
Physics 2

Hooliganism Moans

Dear Sir,
I would like to draw your attention to an incident which took place on Tuesday the 18th of February.

Members of the Friends of Palestine Society were putting up some posters

on the Sheffield walkway inviting fellow students to come and see a film about Palestine when a student was spotted removing the posters just as soon as they were put up. When approached by our president and asked to explain his action he retorted 'It is my privilege to remove these posters'.

This student has since been identified and a complaint against him was lodged with the security officer Mr Reeves' as well as the union.

We as a society believe it disgraceful for a mature student of Imperial College to behave in this juvenile manner. Our policy has always been to encourage anyone who is in disagreement with us, rather than resort to actions that can only be described as deliberate hooliganism, we hope that this incident will never be repeated.

Yours etc...
The Committee of the
Friends of Palestine

Engineering Moans

Dear Sir,
So, yet again we see repeated the old clichés about science and engineering being able to solve all the world's problems: 'If you are a thoroughbred Engineer, you are destined to make

the world a better place'. (Mark Field, last week's FELIX). Why then, with our unprecedented levels of technical achievement, are there so many people still starving? And if, or perhaps more to the point when, the nuclear holocaust occurs then it will prove beyond doubt that technology is a bad thing.

On a more everyday level, our engineering knowledge has made possible the construction of new machines which deprive millions of their jobs and make their lives purposeless. Those still in work are alienated by the vast systems and power structures that it has been possible to create, it is no coincidence that the horror and violence of modern art and philosophies like Existentialism have only emerged in a technically advanced culture. Medical progress may give us longer lives, but our old people frequently become senile or are unable to take part in society in any meaningful way. Chemicals invented to make food last longer or more attractive have been discovered to cause cancer or other problems. Elsewhere, science and technology pollutes and destroys the environment, kills people and causes other nefarious effects.

It is certainly not science and engineering which will create a better society, as our civilisation's abysmal record shows, though perhaps they may make interesting careers.
Peter Heap
Elec Eng 4

Undergraduate Research Opportunities Programme

The Undergraduate Research Opportunities Programme exists to enable undergraduate students to participate in research either in or outside their own departments. It is entirely voluntary and is open to all undergraduate students.

The scheme has been going since 1980 and over 200 undergraduates have spent time in research laboratories throughout the College as UROP students. Typical comments have been '...a really interesting experience', '...gave me a chance really to get to know my supervisor personally', '...gave me a flying start with my third year project', '...made me realise what research is all about'. The staff members involved have been equally enthusiastic and the current Directory

contains offers from 120 staff spread over all departments.

Since the major UROP activity has turned out to be paid work during the summer, we have adopted a new organisation this year. The member of staff responsible for vacation training in each department is acting as the UROP agent. He holds copies of the UROP Directory and is available to advise on the scheme. He will also be aware of staff looking for UROP students in his department and of any offer additional to those in the directory. If you are interested contact him or else apply direct to Professor JC Anderson, Electrical Engineering, Room 713.

The idea is that you identify research topics that look interesting in the directory and

go to see the member of staff concerned. If you sign up, you should let either the Vacation Training Rep. or Prof Anderson know. If the research involves a summer job, the member of staff concerned is responsible for finding the funds. Usually, 10 weeks' work would be expected and the salary is a matter of negotiation between you and your supervisor. The only rule we lay down is that it should not exceed £70 per week. (Well, you wouldn't expect to be paid more than a postgrad. Would you?) The great point is that the payment is a bursary for study during the vacation and as such does not have NHI or tax deducted—you get the lot! Last summer we had 42 UROP students working; this year we

hope to do better.

The names of the Vacation Training Representatives are given below.

Aeronautics: Mr D Hitchings
Biochemistry: Dr J O Dolly
Biology: Dr D Kermack
Chemical Engineering: Dr P G Clay
Chemistry: Dr J A Barrie
Civil Engineering: Mr F H Potter
Computing: Dr D Gillies
Electrical Engineering: Dr K D Leaver
Geology: Dr M Rosenbaum
Mathematics: Mr H Fairbrother
Mechanical Engineering: Mr N P W Moore
Metallurgy/Materials Science: Mr M G Hocking
Mineral Resources Engineering: Dr A W Dudeney
Physics: Dr G K Rochester

Physics Takeover RCS

Simon Singh (Physics 2) has been elected as RCSU President for the next session. He polled a total of 217 votes against 111 for Guy Perry and 89 for Teresa Sykes, out of a total of 435 votes, thus being elected on the first count. Judith Hackney (Physics 1) was elected as Vice-President, beating Matthew Bridgewater by 261 to 90. Mark Mockett (Physics 2) became Honorary Secretary, gaining 200 votes to Gary Monaghan's 88.

There were more abstentions than votes cast for the winning candidate in the election for Honorary Junior Treasurer. Dave Jones was made HJT with 132 votes, however there were 186 abstentions.

Pete Hartley (Life Sci 2) was returned unopposed as Academic Affairs Officer.



(L to R) Mark Mockett, Simon Singh, Judith Hackney

Moore Phones

Union Bar Manager Moore Lyttle has been unable to get an extension for the Bar's telephone. Mr Lyttle first tried to contact communications manager Peter Buridge at the start of term to arrange installation. Since then he has left several messages on Mr Buridge's answering machine but has not yet been able to speak to him personally. Mr Buridge has not replied to any of the messages.

FELIX rang Mr Buridge several times earlier this week but could not contact him.

Free

Dr Haluk Tosun, who obtained his PhD at IC, has been released from prison in Turkey. Dr Tosun was imprisoned in 1983 because of his membership of the executive of the Turkish Peace Association.

It is believed that Dr Tosun was released because of Turkish Prime Minister Turgut Ozal who worried that Mrs Thatcher would take him to task over the many reports of torture in Turkey.

Guilds Elections

The Guilds Union election papers came down on Monday. There are four candidates for the post of President: Dave Briscoe (Mech Eng 2), Jon Ingham (Chem Eng 3), Duncan Royle (Elec Eng 3), and Matthew Turner (Aero 2). At present the posts of Vice President and Honorary Secretary are uncontested, although unsuccessful

Presidential candidates may stand for these posts at the elections UGM. Simon Childs (Aero 1) is standing for VP, whilst Anne Driver (Elec Eng 2) is the only candidate for Hon Sec.

Guilds President Roger Preece told FELIX that he was happy with the calibre of the candidates. He added that next year looks to be a good year for Guilds Union.

Star Wars Latest

Mr Norman Lamont MP has replied to questions raised in the House of Commons last week over SDI. He has assured Labour MP Tam Dalyell that no request has been made for Paul Hoper of the Pentagon to visit the UK with a view to classifying likely SDI technology. However, depending on arrangements made with the companies concerned, research may be subject to either British or American law. IC Computing Professors Robert Kowalski, John Darlington and Igor Alexanders were mentioned by Mr Dalyell amongst the academics he wished to be

consulted on the value of SDI. Mr Lamont said he would not take steps to seek their advice, although they would be free to offer suggestions.

As speculated in last week's FELIX, Westland Research has shown interest in obtaining work from the United States SDI organisation. Richard Ennals, the ex-IC Computing Department employee, who first suggested their involvement, is giving a lecture on SDI and the corruption of British science's at QMC on Wednesday March 12.

BRIEFS

Banned

●Dave Brennan, the former Union Bar manager, has been banned from all College bars by the licensees, following his conduct at the RSM Valentines Party (FELIX, February 21). College Security Officer, Geoff Reeves, has submitted a report on the incident to the College Disciplinary Committee, who have yet to decide on what action to take.

Smashed

●College Security Officer, Geoffrey Reeves is taking no action against the people who smashed the Southside shop window two weeks ago. After speaking to the culprits, Mr Reeves said he could find no proof that they had smashed the window deliberately.

Fall Out

●A program to replace the windows in the Huxley Building is about to begin. Structural defects in the building had caused the present windows to become a potential danger to passers-by below, as it was feared they might fall out.

Coming Soon

●Nicholas Courtney, who played the Brigadier in charge of UNIT in the TV show, Dr Who, will be paying a visit to IC on Saturday as part of 'Who Day' organised by SF Soc. It is also anticipated that Patrick Troughton, who played the Doctor in the late sixties, will also turn up. The event starts at 10am in the Union SCR.

Booze

●Imperial College is hosting a heat of the Peter Dominic Inter-University Wine Tasting next Wednesday. The competition will start at 3pm in the Union Building. Team from IC, Sussex, UCL, Essex, Oxford, Cambridge, Loughborough and UEA will be competing to reach the final.

MEGABRAIN

Relative relatives solution

Claudia was the mother of Henrietta. Henrietta was married to Humphrey Ignatious was Humphrey's brother. The unnamed person was Ignatious' child.

Who made which statement is obvious from the above.

Ok, so it wasn't that difficult

It seems that it was possible to guess the solution without actually working it out completely logically (and thus showing that the solution is unique). Nobody actually provided a proof although everybody got the same answer (several people actually admitted that they couldn't find a way to prove

their solution). The full solution is quite long and since there's not much space this week I'll just say that I'll provide it for anybody who's interested. The winner was Andrew Palmer Maths 3. You can collect your prize after Monday lunchtime. Beware everybody, the next permutation type problem really will be difficult!

No new problem this week, since there will be a double page of puzzles in the Easter issue. We do need some good puzzles to put in it though, so if you know (hand them in) any, could you drop them into the FELIX Office, you'll get a credit if they're used, promise!

March 15th 7.30pm Holland Club
£11. Tickets from team captains.

ACCOMMODATION

●Available all or part Summer term—place for one girl in 79/81 Lexham Gardens. For details contact Liz Clark, Life Sci UG Pigeonholes, or ring 373 1968 evgs and ask for Flat 8.

FOR SALE

●East German 'Artia' Bassoon, complete with hard case, sling and reed box. in superb condition—beautiful tone. Unbeatable value £400. Also Boosey and Hawkes 'Regent' Oboe, complete with case, cleaners and reed box. In excellent condition, hardly used unbeatable value £350. Contact 01 542 2374

●Gul Ladies' Long-john wet suit and wet boots (size 5) as new only worn 4 times. Contact Don Int 4528

WANTED

●Information about a navy blue double-breasted winter coat which was taken from a locker on the sixth floor in the Department of Management Science on Thursday, 27 February, 1986. It contained 6 credit cards and cash. If you have any information on the above please contact DC Webber Dept of Management Science.

PERSONAL

●Many thanks to Chris, Pete H, Jane, Ciaran, Pete W, Nick, JB, Sunny, Pallab, Diane, Dave, Bill, and everyone who seconded me. Love and best wishes, David.

●What the BBC cancel, ICSF resurrect—All the Dr Who episodes you wanted to see again.

●Who day—materialising in an SCR near you.

●Exterminate, Exterminate—go to WHO DAY or we let the daleks out.

●Groupe Simon must be used.

●Kirsten is Pac-buy now a Pac-man.

●What is the difference between a pinhead and Don's Willie? Answer: About 2mm

●I know willies don't grow on trees—but they don't grow on Danial either!

●Is it really a good idea to test how hot the chip fat is with your fingers?

●Why go to Soho when you can go over the Park! Just contact V&K personal services Ltd.

●Eugene Zhog is alive and well and playing drums for Hawkwind.

●What is it that causes Greeks to spend all night in the lift pouring water over each other?

●Rob of Group E is a prize crawler hunter. Bullshit SPEEDUP the BTG funded package is being bebugged by Chem Eng 4.

●PROCESS produces results only centuries after extraordinary sleepy slog. SPEEDUP silly package evaluates Equations dumps, unhelpful erro messages produces.

●Who has the prettiest xedit?

●Living with GJ and MM is just like living with two KS's Solid strop. From the third man at 39B.....

●Ticklish toad I still reckon we can embarrass the rampant duo. See you tonight for some practice!!!LCD

●To 'Athletic' Ann and Simon 'Squid'—we know that Summer is coming, but could you please close the door!!

●BHAS VI. C reunion. Monday 10-2-86, 8.30pm Victoria tube station. Pass it on!! What do you want to do? Let me know asap see you there. A Martirossian Physics 2.

●The Russians are coming—Tuesday 1pm Huxley 144.

●Kathryn the Komodo Queen.

●What a physique!

●Verily did Gibbo burn his toast—again!

●To my Raven-haired Beauty Your Veranda or my patio?

●I say, Mark, where did you get those black eyes? Love Cathy, I say.

●Incredible, but True! The amazing 3 legged man!

●Have you had a puncture yet, Martin?

●They call him Martin 'Johnny' Farrow—cos he leaves them all over the kitchen.

●M 'Legs' T we love you E&S

●Martin turn the music down so we can hear the groaning.

●KGB at IC? 1pm Tuesday QT Cabaret.

●National Union Royal Institute Associates seeks Boy See 618.

●What is soft, red, used in chilli con carne and is over 21? Mark Mincento.

●What is hard, white used in building and is over 21? Mark cemento.

●Gewur Z Traminer, Sylvaner, Pinot Gris, Riesling, Muscat 6.00pm Tuesday

●Last week's Swiss wine-makers have been nuked. Sweet revenge.

●Flack's law of energy consumption say there is 500 killer Jules to the penny.

●23 down: Nathaniel tells truth, join us training point without sin!

●29 Across: Boy travelled on warm red plane?

●Maths 2 Log IC drew man's arse

●Maths 2 (1) Clue: artist getting behind half the population (4,4,4.)

●Maths 2(3) Answer (Anagram)

●When can I service la car call in or phone luv B

●How many hands in 38?

●Is Chem Eng 3 just a state of mind that leads ultimately to Monaco

●Is Mech Eng 1 a state of mind at all that withstands bare botty skiing in Aviemore.

●KGB Cabaret Tuesday. question and question session afterwards.

●Today's lesson: definition of 'Flopsy' adj; (also known as Curtius Davius—Welsh (git) unable to get it up, floppy (as in tits), un stiff; cf flaccid droup (brewers) etc.

●Tomorrow's lesson: what to do when an attack of 'Flopsytitis' occurs while you are trying to impress the hell out of a 16 year old simic wrestler lying in your bed.

●News flash—the foundation for lame organs with no poke (Flopp) have recently discovered that the best way to get it up is to give it a servere beating with a hammer. This may not cause a sexual excitement but the resulting swelling should fool her (for a while at least).

Alternatively spray starch can always be used.

●PPSoc trip to Harrods, or is it Claridges? Find out on Wednesday 12 March. Bring your own money.

●PPSoc do it with water pistols.

●Dr Bob! Dr Bob! Right? Wrong!!

●How many QT Soc members does it take to change a light bulb? What's a light bulb?

●Thought No 13 from the Book of Zed: Students are like milk—if left alone under the right conditions, the cream rises to the top where it can be skimmed off, the vast bulk is left behind for normal consumption, and the little grotty bits settle down to the bottom and get left behind.

●He has his room very hot so women take off all their clothes when they go in.

●Have you been putting your head in a wind tunnel recently or just going to fast on your bike?

●To the man with the red head and the sticky knob if you go slower it lasts longer!

●To Steve T: Tyger is out on the prowl hungry for your blood...To Steve T Take me if you want me! Tyger To Steve, the male model in G15, I'm tryin to boost some ACTION I'm sick of sittin' round here tryin' to write this book I need a little REACTION...Come on will you, baby, give me just one look? Tyger.

●To Steve T, How do you FEEL? Horrified? Amused? Interested? Why don't you COMMUNICATE with me? Don't you know how to GET IN TOUCH? Tyger.

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Academic Affairs

In FELIX last week, RCS AAO Pete Klemperer attacked the recent survey organised by ICU President Carl Burgess and Guilds AAO Luke Walker. This week Luke replies.....

I am sure many readers of FELIX will have read with some surprise and disbelief the comments Peter Klemperer made about the activities of Carl Burgess and myself in his opinion article last Friday. I hope, by writing this opinion, to reassure those students who I have the privilege and responsibility to represent, that what Peter indicated is a gross misrepresentation, and to try to persuade the student body in general that their interests are best served by competent representatives who work hard to present an accurate and co-ordinated view to the college. I feel that Pete has, perhaps unwittingly, called into question the credibility of student representation in this college in a manner which can only be to the detriment of himself and the students he tries to appear to be representing.

He claims that he is supposed to ensure that RCS students get fairly represented, and yet, by his own admission, fails (very frequently, I might add) to attend important meetings. He was absent from the meeting of Undergraduate Studies Committee at which the membership of the working groups was decided, and would not have been aware of the most recent meetings of the group concentrating on student needs (the group he is a member of) if I had not advised him when I (in the course of doing my job well) saw him that morning. I attended the meetings of this group in addition to my normal duties, and several members of the committee have indicated their respect for the time and effort I have put in.

It is because of his absence at meetings that he was not aware of what was going on. The survey of all academic representatives was prepared by Carl and myself, if he had been present at the meeting he would have been able to make useful comments on the question on it. He wasn't, and now is trying to

save face by claiming that his suggestions were not considered. If they were irrelevant to what was required, is it surprising that Carl ignored them? The working group were grateful to Carl and myself for circulating the questionnaire, and it was Martin Taylor and myself who spent many hours processing the replies. I spent about fourteen hours one weekend preparing a report on the questionnaire replies, because Pete was basically too idle to show any interest. The questionnaire confirmed certain suspicions of members of the group, who then requested us to release a questionnaire to a small number of average sized year groups, to find out how representative the ac reps' replies were. Any year groups would have done, but we were asked not to survey more than about three year groups, and not to select very large ones because of the time factor and the amount of time it would take. A questionnaire was devised, a draft circulated to most of the members of the group at the Board of Studies meeting last Wednesday (which, you've guessed it, Peter was absent from) and a final version of the questionnaire was then produced and PETER DID RECEIVE A COPY SO THAT HE COULD GIVE ME HIS COMMENTS BEFORE I PRINTED IT AND CIRCULATED IT. His statement that he was not consulted is untrue, he walked into the C&G office on Thursday lunchtime—plenty of people saw him—to discuss the questionnaire with me before I made the final modifications to it on the wordprocessor and printed the copies. He goes on to say that he is reknowned for 'morality'—blatant untruths in union publications are not what I call morality!

The questionnaire was designed to test a fairly simple hypothesis, the hypothesis is pretty clear from the questions put, because that was what was

requested by the working group. The group was prepared to rely on the data as a basis for their decisions, Pete is accusing them of gross naivety if he thinks Carl and I could mislead them. In fact, it was them, I stress not with me pressurising them, who put forward the hypothesis in the first place. I happen to agree with it, because my experience as C&G AAO for a year and a half has indicated this to me. Pete should not be surprised that my views tally with large sectors of the student population in C&G, that's what any normal person would expect. Also, the idea that what the problems are is a set of details is obviously untrue. That our courses at IC are theoretical is not a detail, it is an established and publicly-known fact of policy—it is an IC tradition, we are noted for it. Lectures being over-full of material is also not a 'detail' it is an general problem in my experience. I am prepared to accept that RCS students may feel differently, that is why we have a CCU system. I don't claim to represent scientists in this college, I have already told him several times, as I am sure has Jane Ryder (last year's rcsu AAO) that I am rather parochial in this respect. I only wish he'd do his job of representing scientists as well as I do mine.

The actual layout of the questionnaire with plus 2s on the 'discontented' ends of the scales on the left hand side was for ease of processing the results, and that layout was suggested to me by Dr Rogers, chairman of the working group, and Prof Blow, Chairman of Undergraduate Studies Committee. I am quite certain that the students who completed replies could see how it was laid out, and were not 'hoodwinked' by a 'contrived' questionnaire, as Pete tries to argue. How simple does he think students are?

It is not true that Chem Eng 4, Civ Eng 2, and Maths 2 were used to represent the whole student body. While we could have chosen other year groups, I selected the C&G ones because I felt they were fairly typical, I felt the Chem Eng 4 would be a group of student who were near the end of their course, and would be able to make intelligent comment on the 'intergratedness' of their

course. Both year groups were of reasonable size, and, most importantly, I had confidence in the Dep Reps concerned being able to circulate the questionnaires in the very tight time-scale required.

Peter comments about the value of IC degrees in the eyes of employers if our courses are radically changed. The findings of our survey are not being used to justify a major re-development of all the courses in College. He also makes the obvious error of saying that there will always be year groups of students who make the particularly comments we have put forward, and then says that the problems are localised and transient. This college has had its reputation for many years, so the problems associated with highly theoretical courses are not transient, and besides we are not arguing for a shift to highly practical courses, we are pointing out some of the problems which have no doubt been with us for years and which are now what things the USC is trying to get sorted out properly. The USC is a new committee, it is looking at issues which have been around for years, and this is the best chance undergrads have had in years to ensure that these problems are addressed properly and useful action is taken. Pete tries in his first paragraph to claim that we are not doing this, it is perfectly clear that we ARE.

My position is that of a sponsored student, and I am prepared to admit that my sponsoring company has been in favour of my being AAO. I have the benefit of regular and frequent contact with people in industry (a large number of companies are represented at one of the Boards I am on), and the feeling I have about the way in which employers see this college is not just hearsay, it is based on personal knowledge of the situation. If Pete thinks that it is the course here that employers think are so good, I would challenge this, many employers think, in my opinion, recognise the importance of the abilities of the students who are attracted here. It is the people that are at least as important as what they know. Readers may think the distinction between our views here is slight, but it is real, and I feel that my view is rather more reliable and complete.

Opinion

Candidates for the post of

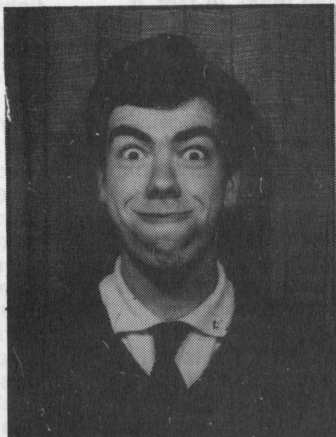
PRESIDENT

of IC Union

James O'Shea

proposed by Douglas Earl

In campaigns of this kind, it is usual for a candidate to present a long list of beliefs and promises in his or her manifesto. These are, usually largely similar, which is not surprising as everybody standing seriously for president has the students best interests at heart. With such similarity of opinion, the voter has to decide on a candidate to support not on issues but on style and personality. All presidential



candidates show evidence of being egotistical (by standing for the post in the first place), which discourages many

people from voting. Do not be discouraged by the egomania, which goes with the job, listen to the various style of the candidates, and then go out and vote (for me).

In what way, then, is my style different? Well, first of all, I have never been one of the select group which dominates ICU council decisions affecting their lives being taken, seemingly by magic, and only revealed when reported by FELIX. The union has a structure for getting information to, and receiving information from, the student body in the form of the Dep Reps. If properly used this system has tremendous potential for involving more students in the

decision-making processes of the union, but too many Dep Reps are lax in their attendance of meetings and who can blame them when the meetings are the trial they are now. The president should be kept in closer touch with the student body, to whom he is responsible but must make the effort to contact those Dep Reps who do not always contact him. As President, my main priority would be to maintain this contact.

Space prevents a more full exposition of the style of presidency I would try to pursue. If you have any questions please, ask them any time you see me. Now get out there and vote.

J M O'Shea

Chris Stapleton

proposed by Sarah Threadgold

Fight Against Silly Cuts in Science and Technology

Chris 'Papa Doc' Stapleton stands for truth, justice, the National Anthem and little old ladies on the tube. He pledges a range of policies designed to make IC great again, stop us being pestered by NUS, and have us totally disowned by ULU.

Chris, known as 'El

Presidente' to both his friends, has planned austerity measures to make student grants obsolete and replaceable with Government bonds. He will press for a reduction in Hall bills for payment in Krugerands, or by Barclays cheque. He will reward this years President, Carl Burgess with a free repatriation and plans to make the Union Bar profitable by selling it to Budweiser.

He plans to 'get tough' with typical student behaviour by arming IC Security men and promoting Geoff Reeves to Gruppenfuhrer.

Remember those who have



had a profound effect on his life, Chris will award honorary degrees to presidents Reagan, Marcos and Leon Britton.

Students failing their degree or simply not attending a lecture will, in future, be charged with 'wasting Lecturers time', be found guilty and promptly shot. Similar law and order measures will be applied to Union Bar staff, feminists and people who throw up in Southside.

Remember vote Chris Stapleton—F.A.S.C.I.S.T. We think it makes sense.

Chris Stapleton

Christine Taig

proposed by Charles Troup

In my time at college I have come to respect Christine's enthusiasm and commitment in her extensive areas of involvement. As secretary of IC Ents during its most successful year and as Women's Officer (not to mention posts held in the Orchestra, Third World First, and Appropriate Technology), she has demonstrated personality and approachability as well as a high level of competence. However, it must be stressed that she is **not** a hack in the

sherry-drinking, elitist sense—she will not shut herself away from the views of students, and she does recognise that a world exists outside Imperial College and that the image we present to that world is vitally important.

In short, I firmly believe that Christine is the right person to be your president.

Charlie Troup

A manifesto is usually a list of promises never carried out MY only promise is to try to represent **all** students, not just union office residents. Specific assurances are all very well, but the important thing when voting for president is the candidate's attitude.

Accommodation and

welfare, academic affairs and student's social life are all serious issues and should be treated as such by your representative. For instance, accommodation will become an even greater problem next year as students struggle with their meagre grants and lack of housing benefits. Imperial College **MUST** aim to provide more cheap student accommodation to counteract the problem—and the president **must** take a firm stand on this issue.

Representing all students will include publicising my actions and intentions regularly in Felix and WELCOMING feedback; and consulting those students directly involved with any matter.



OK, you've heard it before now let me prove that I mean it.

Christine Taig

Martin Taylor

proposed by John Ingham

J Martin Taylor has the unique qualifications, experience and aptitude to be ICU President next year. I have been impressed by his involvement in the Union, and by the work he has done as Academic Affairs Officer this year. He has valuable experience of College committees, such as Board of Studies and Student Residence.

Having been both a postgrad and undergrad student at IC, in two departments and two CCUs,



he has a real understanding of and interest in the problems students face. He has an enthusiastic approach to all areas of Union activity, and is

always friendly and approachable. I therefore have no hesitation in recommending that you vote J Martin Taylor for President.
Jon Ingham

The Union is in a dangerously run-down condition. Most students find it is out of touch with their needs, and incompetently run as well. I am standing for President because I want to give the Union a fresh impetus, and because I have the experience to put new ideas into action without spending six months learning the job.

●Improvements must be made to the Union Building to make it the social centre of College. Taking over the Bar was only a first step—few students have

noticed any difference.

●We must continue to press for improvements in teaching standards, with the College worried about falling applications.

●CCU activities get large numbers of students involved, and must continue to be supported. I also support efforts to broaden their appeal even further.

●Refectory profits quadrupled last term compared with last year. Mr Northey's refurbishment plans for the refectories must not be at students' expense.

●We must play our part in defending education against government cuts. Ideas such as a 24 hour work-in should be used next year.

J Martin Taylor

Paul Merckx proposed by Richard Cross did not submit a manifesto.

Candidates for the post of

DEPUTY PRESIDENT of IC Union

Jackie Peirce

proposed by Hugh Stiles

Jackie has a firm grasp of how the Union runs having attended several Councils and Union Finance Committees (not to mention being a regular visitor to the Union Office). She is familiar with CCU workings and is under no illusions as to the workload that being DP would bring. The Union needs a DP who can tackle the job without first having to learn about the Union structure. Experience

counts—vote for Jackie.
Hugh Stiles

Jackie Peirce Candidate for Deputy Pres Proposed by Hugh Stiles
During my three years at Imperial College I have maintained an involvement with the students' Union at every level, from being an ordinary member of its clubs to being Vice President of one of its Constituent College Unions. Through that involvement I feel that I have reached a position where my familiarity with, and experience of, the Union in general, how it works and the problems it faces, will allow me to make a real and effective contribution to its



running in the coming year.

The Deputy President is responsible for the Union's finances, so it is vitally

important that he/she be able to gain the confidence and support of the Union Finance Committee, so that it will always be working towards maximising the benefit, for all IC students, that we can gain from our limited resources.

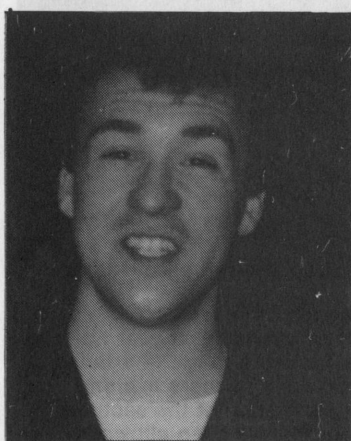
The coming year will be a highly challenging one for the DP in particular, especially with the changes taking place around the Union Building, besides which it is always essential that the DP, as a member of the executive, make whatever contribution they can in every area of the Union. This all requires a great deal of commitment and energy, both of which I hope you will give me the opportunity to provide.

Paul Shanley

proposed by Steve Blake

Shan is the sort of bloke whose mother denies all knowledge of knowing him. If he was a horse, he would have been put down by now. He was born in Hammersmith and brought up (vomitted) in Wimbledon, which accounts for his lovable cockney character and charm.

Shan's been known in the past to indulge in a pint or ten of Red Stripe although he very rarely drinks and stands up at the same time.



His enthusiasm for the college is quite simple—he hasn't got any. If elected to

the post of deputy union president his first task will be to demand a recount owing to the fact that he realises he's got about as much chance of getting in as Carl Burges has of learning what a lavatory is used for.

If Shan does get elected, he'll take all his friends out for a drink. Then the three of them will probably go on somewhere else afterwards.

He comes from a strong Irish background (who doesn't?) which accounts for his sick sense of humour and good looks.

Shan lives (occasionally) in that wellknown home of good taste, Holbein House. The place has really welcomed

Shan with open arms in much the same way as a goldfish does when it sees its first bicycle pump.

The reason for electing him is clear—He's the best man for the job. (At the time of writing, he's the only man for the job.)

His hobbies include drinking, driving half an Austin Princess, donating money to such charities as Watneys, Charringtons, Charles Welles and Whitbreads, and upsetting people.

Shan's main election pledge is to turn the Rectors house into a new hall of residence—Ash hall.

A Vote for Shan is a vote for freedom

SHAN'S YOUR MAN

Candidates for the post of

HON. SECRETARY

of IC
Union

Dave Colley

proposed by Jackie Peirce

Dave is a 3rd year undergraduate studying in RSM and has been Hon Sec and Publicity Officer there. I am proposing him for ICU Hon Sec as I believe he has the ability and commitment to do the job well.
Jackie

I feel totally that the main reason for a students' union, such as ours, is to improve conditions and life for its student members, not to assist people on an ego-trip or to adopt ineffectual external policies. But having said that there is room for union campaigns on students affairs.

I believe from experience that the CCU's have closer contact with students and their individual demands. So ICU must continue to have the three CCU's to listen and act in their own capacity and report to ICU the general feelings of the students. One

thing I shall push for is greater involvement from Post-graduates in student life and the CCU's. The fact that PG's generally don't take part in student life, for whatever reason, means that the union is wasting half its available social and academic talents.

The responsibilities affecting the post I am running for range from the organising of transport to the organising of meetings. The latter of which I have had experience at and can handle quite competently. The transport subject is one that has aroused controversy, however

I feel a certain amount of common sense and prior planning on both sides could sort this out.

These are my views on the Union and how it could be improved and are my platform on which I wish to be elected. Thank you for taking time to read it, and I hope you find it agreeable enough to vote for me.

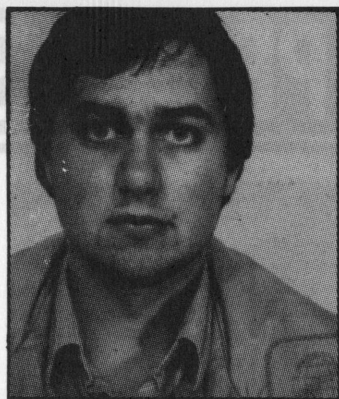
**Yours
Di Colley**

Dave Colley did not submit a photograph.

Michael Newman

proposed by Lance Holland

Every year students complain about the lack of choice in the sabbatical elections, resigning themselves to another year in which their Union is thrown away. Every year our Union has become a



joke to college, outside bodies and its own members. Every year the Union fails to get the support of its members. Every year the students blame the sabbaticals and the sabbaticals blame the students.

I am standing because after 3 years of contributing to Union clubs and of continuously criticizing the sabbaticals, students and the Union structure I believe I have gained the knowledge, experience, and above all the WILL to bring about change.

I believe sabbatical posts have far too long been treated as Youth Opportunity Training Schemes for administrators and media. It is about time we had a Union that represented its members, that informed its students, that encouraged them to contribute, that had their respect, that was willing to change.

Do not throw your Union away. Next year can be different, it is your choice. The Union mascot is the Phoenix, it is surely time for it to fly again.

Candidates for the post of

FELIX EDITOR

and Print Unit
Manager

Dave Jones, who has been returned unopposed has written a statement of intent.

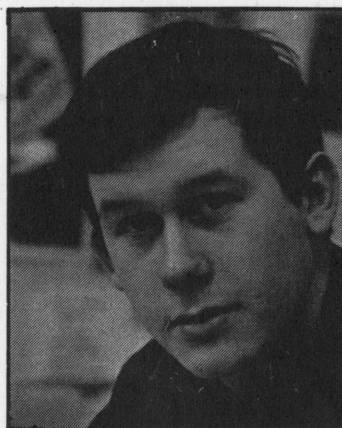
Dave Jones

Since the beginning of term I had been expecting to have to fight a hard election campaign to win the FELIX editorship. Nigel's surprise decision to withdraw left me unopposed when papers came down last Friday. This is not the way I would have wished to get the job; editor of FELIX is too important a post to be won without a struggle. Nevertheless I am confident that I have the commitment and enthusiasm to produce an exciting newspaper and to encourage students to contribute.

In two and a half years at College I have come to regard

FELIX as one of the most worthwhile aspects of life at IC. Though it is published on behalf of IC Union, the paper is widely read by staff and students alike, and is the only medium which reaches everyone in College. Because of this, FELIX provides students with a platform for discussion that is sadly lacking elsewhere in the Union structure. ICU is described as 'apolitical' and whilst this stance is laudable, it too frequently manifests itself as anarchy at UGM's. The FELIX letters and opinion pages are there for anyone in College to use to discuss issues of importance.

This year's FELIX has been generally very popular, but some parts of the paper have tended to look dull and stale because of unimaginative



layout and a lack of illustrations. Next year I aim to expand the range of articles, and adopt a more exciting presentation of the sections which have been allowed to go to waste. In addition I hope

to be able to brighten up the paper with more comic-strip cartoons, puzzles and competitions.

As this year's news editor I have been happy with the standard of news coverage in most issues, but FELIX still has room for many more reports and news features. Imperial College is a rather insular place and its newspaper sometimes reflects this. Next year's FELIX will report on more stories of student interest outside IC, both in London and on a national level.

Student involvement is the driving force behind any university newspaper. I hope that you will wish to take a part in the production of your newspaper, and that you enjoy reading FELIX next year.

Dave Jones

Sabbatical Elections: Voting 10th and 11th March. Bring your Union card.

Princess Ida By Gilbert and Sullivan

Opsoc's last few February shows have been remarkably consistent, both in the good points and the bad, and die-hard Gilbert and Sullivan fans like me have come to regard as traditional such features as clear, confident singing from the principal soloists, an extravagantly lavish set, and a strong performance from the main comic, as well as less clear, confident singing from minor soloists, a chorus with no room to move on the concert Hall stage, and very bad vocal balance.

Partly because of Gilbert's treatment of the soloists and partly because of the skill of the producer, this production was notably different.

But it was Barbara O'Neill as Lady Blanche who stole the show utterly. From her first appearance as the austere blue-stocking, through her temptation and seduction by Melissa to her eventual connivance with the plans of the transvestities, she was totally captivating. Particularly impressive was the delivery of her 'abstract philosophy' speeches. Gilbert's words need excellent diction; Miss O'Neill didn't miss a syllable, and her timing was first rate.



Not Princess Ida

Over the last few years IC Dramsoc have developed a reputation for high standard productions.

Kennedy's Children (March 12th-15th, Union Concert Hall) will enhance this reputation. The play is set in an American bar on 14th February, 1974.

Wanda is a middle aged, middle class prude. Sparger is a drag queen.

Do the Snack Bar Bop

Just when you thought it was safe to go back into the Union Building—they're back! Yes, the unthinkable has happened Norman and



Not a Leather Nun

the Nutburgers have reformed. This unprecedented step has been taken in the public interest just for you. You lucky, lucky people.

Their reunion gig (surely

one of the major milestones in rock 'n' roll history) will take place tomorrow, Saturday the 8th March. The venue? Back where it all started—the Union Snack Bar.

The momentous event, apart from being an unmissable opportunity to see in action one of the most talked-about garage (well, kitchen actually) bands on the music scene today, may well provide the answers to some burning questions. Has Charlie learnt to sing? Will Norman wear those shades? Will Duncan be sober enough to find the stage, let alone see his drum-kit? What new choreographic masterpieces have Karin and Roo dream up? Will Andy achieve his lifetime ambition to play a three-note guitar break? Will the band be able to transcend the ultimate accolade—enshrinement in legend on the walls of the Mech Eng Toilets?

MIND BENDING

Last Friday I spent the night in St Stephens Hospital with severe concussion. However I can assure you that this had nothing to do with going to see **The Leather Nun and Zodiac Mindwarp and the Love Reaction** at the Greyhound, Fulham, apart from a certain chronological relationship.

The Greyhound is not exactly the easiest pub to find if you think it is in Fulham. It is actually closest to Hammersmith tube and lies in Fulham Palace Road. Having sussed this little red herring my tubby denim clad cohort and I arrived to find an audience of distinctly wierd and varied types rolling in from the pub next door. At the same time the piped music suggested an attempt to appeal to both aging ex-punks and aging ex-hippies, while the drinks prices were a half hearted effort somewhere between pubs and dreg holes like Dingwalls.

First on were one Mr. Mindwarp and his band. One can best describe this high energy assault as a cross between Dr. & The Medics and Motorhead. Resplendent in german helmets and comic book biker gear the foursome

presented a well drilled if rather short show of heavy psychedelia. One gets the impression that Mr. Mindwarp does not intend people to take things too seriously and this fitted rather well with his 'Medics style' stage banter, not to mention doing Thin Lizzy's 'Rocker' as an encore. What I read in the press says this bunch of gonzo nutcases will be big, big, big (as people in the business are prone to saying). If they can only get a more substantial set together without blowing the whole place to pieces I would agree.

Meanwhile on to The Leather Nun who last toured this country as a support for a group called Throbbing Gristle which led to a series of riots. Well there was still a lot of throbbing around but the



Not an unwarped mind

rioting appears to have been replaced by a distinctly good natured audience. I quickly gained the distinct impression that the white haired lead singer was attempting to become Sweden's answer to Iggy Pop with his stage posturing. He also seemed to have some ambitions in the Lou Reed direction as well, adopting a style so laid back that it verged toward going to sleep on stage. However I fear that despite The Leather Nun playing some reasonable thrash along stuff, both messrs. Pop and Reed had tons more originality.

And so to hospitals which personally give me the creeps. The junior nurses were very nice to me but frankly the senior staff seemed to have a very offhand attitude. Also Norman's food is worlds above the stuff you get there (when they let you eat at all -which they didn't for a very long time). All in all a good advert for not playing snowballs on hard ice!

Cycling

Cycling Club

Despite the weather, which eventually turned out better than expected, we all went up to Essex to compete in the Lea Valley RC time trial. We rode in pairs on what could be called a 'sporting' 25 mile course. The Imperial College times were:

S Heyhoe (Brocklesby CC), P Hartigan 1 hr 9 mins 18 secs

M Bell, J Hayes 1-10-01

J Gilday, A Mason

1.11.24 (includes 4 minutes due to a puncture).

S Turlite, R Newton

1.13.42

M Farrow, K Hunter

(Lady) 1.15.24

W Morley, M Whitaker

1.17.21

SPORTS

Pistol

Inter CCU Centre-fire Pistol Competition

C&G 664 RCS 656

Last Wednesday saw the first ever Centre-fire match between the CCU's, RCS

and C&G fielded strong teams with a close result expected despite the claims of 'a piece of piss' by the RCS squad.

After the first round Guilds had a slight lead due to a score of 172 from P Deeks, which was to put him in 3rd place overall, even though he had only fired full-bore pistols twice before. The second round saw RCS edge into the lead with a score of 179 from their captain S Considine who achieved 2nd place overall. The third round put C&G back in the lead with S Brooker scoring 180 to win the individual event.

With one RCS person left to shoot the match could of gone either way but the pressure was too much, and Guilds won by the narrow margin of 8 points.

Wednesday's Results

Football				
IC	2nds 7	SOP		1
IC	3rds 1	Guys	1sts 1	
IC	4ths 4	QMC	3rds 1	
IC	6ths 14	Charing Cross	4ths 1	
Hockey				
Mens				
RSM	0	Middx Hosp	2	
Ladies				
IC	4	UCH	0	

SF Soc

Gazing up from his examination of the Keller Machine, the Doctor suddenly became aware of a thunderous roar from the distant cells—the same tumult which had preceded Barnham's treatment...and Linwood's death. Whatever had motivated the inmates of Stangmoor to such raucous behaviour, it was about to happen again...

Then the Machine started up.

Began to throb. Pulse. Whine.

And erupted into a ball of flame.

'Doctor,' screamed Jo Grant, 'what's the matter? What are you doing?' The Doctor cringed on the floor, a few feet from the steadily humming device, sweating profusely like a rabbit in a head-to-head with a Juggernaut.

'Fire,' he gasped. 'The...idiot's Video Recorder is on fire.'

'No!'

'YES! Do stop contradicting, Peri'. 'P-P-Peri?' stammered Sarah Jane.

'This is even worse than I thought, Brigadier. He's even got the tapes mixed up!'

'Is tha' nuthin' we can doo, mon?'

'Well, Jamie, we can either persuade him to attend IC SF Soc's DOCTOR WHO video day on March 8th, featuring Cybermen, Sontarans, Autons, the Delgado Master, the first

four of me, and special guest David 'Cyber-Leader' Banks.'

'Or, Grandfather?'

'Or? Or?' The Doctor snapped testily. 'It's obvious, child'.

'What is it, Doctor?'

asked Leela.

'He can reverse the polarity of the Neutron flow. Fancy a jelly baby?'

DOCTOR WHO Video

Day—10am to 12pm tomorrow, at the SCR, Union Building. 'Be there or be transdimensional'.

QT

The story so far:

Once upon a time there was a QT cabaret. This was a quiet unassuming sort of cabaret that lived in a deserted lecture theatre in Huxley. The cabaret starred two endearig young gentlemen who called themselves the Brown Paper Bag Brothers, and who did amusing things with supermarket holdalls. The two brothers were very happy because lots of people came to see their show, the people laughed loudly and threw paper bags all over the place.

But then along came a wicked caretaker and banished the cabaret to a dark, smelly dungeon in th Maths department. Undaunted the cabaret continued, and in the cold and the damp, by the light of a single candle, a nobleman by the name of Mark Steel enthralled the masses with tales of everyday life.

And now:

This is the BIG ONE, YOU WILL NOT WANT TO MISS. For I can tell you now that on Tuesday 11th March in Huxley 144 at exactly 1pm the cabaret WILL RETURN. Bigger, bouncier and packed with extra vitamins, this new cabaret will put a song in your heart, a spring in your step and a biro up your nostril. 'The Cagey Bees,' a well known comedy act, will do their best to make

life worth living for a minimal fee. If the Cagey Bees are anything like as good as the other cabarets then they are definitely worth a visit. After all, eight million crustaceous can't be wrong, can they?

Silwood Ball

RCSU and Athletics Clubs CONGRATULATIONS to the newly elected officers, and best wishes for the coming year.

Now, here's the news you've all been waiting for: the RCSU **Annual Country House Ball** takes place next term, on Friday 2nd May, at Silwood Park, Ascot. The evening promises to be one of unbridled hedonism, starting in College with the sherry reception, then by coach to Silwood for Champagne reception, sumptuous meal, croquet on the lawn, bar extension and dancing 'til 3 am. This is undoubtedly going to be the highlight of both the RCS and ICU social calenders, but unfortunately we are limited to just 90 double tickets. Applications for tickets, in the form of a cheque post-dated to next term, are open to **everyone**, and will be accepted every lunch time during the last two week of this term, in the RCSU office, Southside. And the cost: £40 per double ticket.

Athletics

On Sunday 16th March UL Athletic Club is holding its Spring Relays at Motspur Park with medals to members of each winning term. After the Spring relays, however, the real competition starts with the London University Athletic Lunatic Sports Day. The events included are.

1 Peeled Banana Medley Relay

2 Inter-Collegiate Piggy back Massacre.

3 Backward three legged Egg and Spoon race

4 Save the Baby Medley Relay

And there are prizes of bottles of wine and free padded cell to all winners: everyone is welcome and it is a possible disadvantage to be a fully fit hyped up mega athlete. If you're interested put you name up on the Cross Country Club Board NOW!

Ps There is a Bar, which will be available on site.

Choir

Hopefully you will all by now have recovered from the devastating experience of seeing and hearing IC Choir and IC Symphony Orchestra together in the Great Hall last Friday. If you haven't yet regained your senses after the stunning performance of Mahler's 2nd Symphony, then be warned! There's only a week to go before IC Choir unleash a night of passion on the unsuspecting masses! But more of this later...

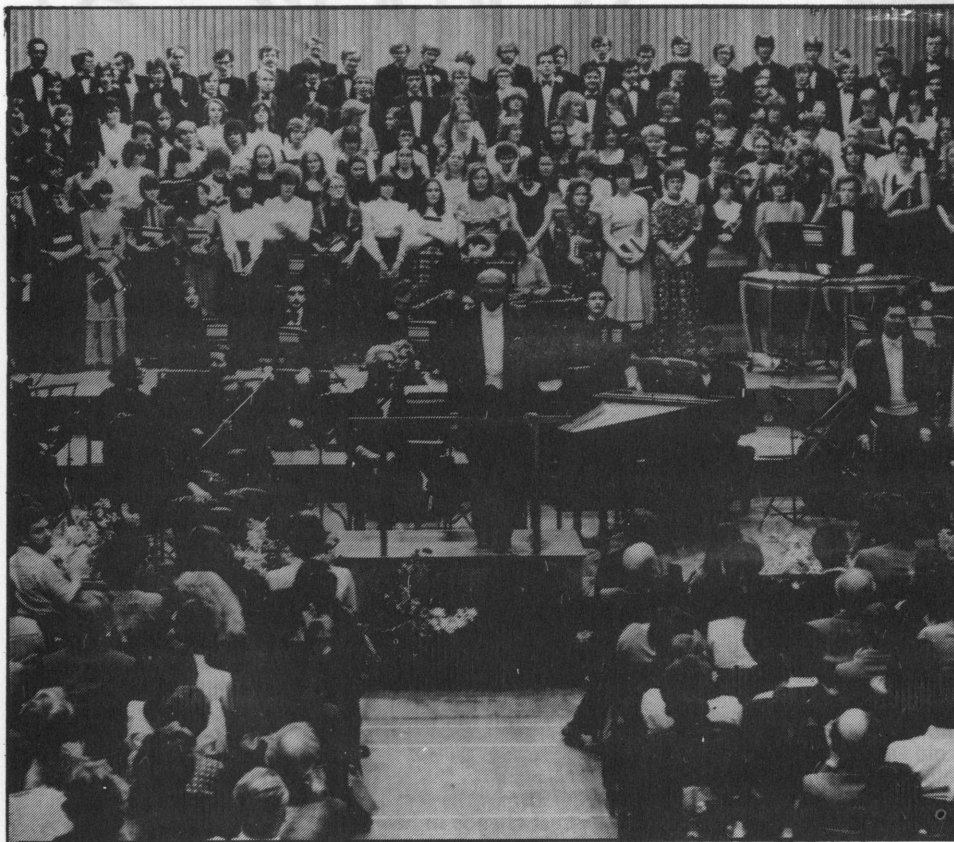
Before getting on to the interesting bits of this article, here are some boring facts. The Choir's history began in 1949, when an senior lecturer in Electrical Engineering, named David Tombs, collected together and trained a small male voice choir to sing at that year's commemoration day ceremony. In January of the following year, Imperial College Choir was founded and has since gone from strength to strength, building up an enviable reputation for high musical standards. Over the years we have performed such diverse works as Monteverdi's Vespers, Stravinsky's Symphony of Psalms and Beethoven's Mass in C to name but three.

The Choir currently consists of about 150 members who usually meet every Thursday evening in Mech Eng 342 to rehearse material for forthcoming concerts. Since 1953, the Choir has been conducted by Prof Eric Brown of the Civil Engineering department, whose enthusiasm has contributed greatly to the development of the Choir.

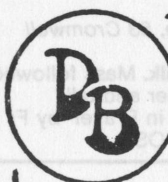
As well as holding weekly rehearsals, the Choir has two weekends away during the year. These weekends offer valuable rehearsal time in beautiful surroundings and enable the choir members to get to know each other better. The first of these was at the beginning of this term, when we spent a weekend rehearsing and relaxing in the Tudor splendour of Cobham Hall, in the Kent countryside. At the end of the Easter vacation, we shall be visiting 'Pigotts' in Buckinghamshire—a converted farm which is now more accustomed to

the sound of piccolos and tenors than pigs and tractors. However, the highlight of the year, is certain to be our forthcoming concert next Friday. For just £2.00 (students) you will be able to hear a memorable performance of J S Bach's St Matthew Passion. This is perhaps one of, if not the most famous of Bach's choral work's. It was first performed in 1729 in Leipzig; unfortunately, the first performance of this and other major works by Bach were, in the words of one modern scholar of music, presented in student performances of mediocre quality. IC Choir, however, can promise a dramatic and moving performance of excellent quality, which is certainly not to be missed. The concert will take place in the Great Hall at 8.00pm on Friday 14th Of March. Tickets are bound to be in short supply, so hurry to buy yours now from Choir members or from the Haldane Library.

If you're interested in singing with us next term, then come along to the first summer concert rehearsal on Thursday 20th March at 5.45pm in Mech Eng 342. Alternatively, you could get in touch with Jose Molina, the choir chairman (Room 626 Huxley, tel Internal 5779).



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Today

1600h

15 Princes Gdns
Close of applications for residence 1986/7. Deadline for Student Services to receive applications from current students for residence next academic session.

1900h

Union Snack Bar
Norman and the Nutburgers. Back by popular demand. Live music in the Union Bar tonight.

2000h

Lounge
But and disco. Admission £1.50.

Saturday

1000h

Union SCR
Who Day. SFSoc present lots of old Dr Who videos, featuring William Hartwell, Patrick Troughton, Jon Pertwee and Tom Baker. 60 episodes in a packed dual programme. £1.00 to members, £1.50 to non-members.

1030h

Sainsburys, Cromwell Rd.
Anti-Apartheid picket. Another picket of Sainsbury's to protest at their selling of

South African goods. Meet at car park entrance at 10.20am.

1200h

South African Embassy, Trafalgar Square.
International Women's Day. A women-only picket of the Embassy to demonstrate solidarity with the women of South Africa and Namibia.

Sunday

0830h

999KHz, 301m
Wake up with IC Radio. Start Mothers Day with Rufus Short and Chris Martin.

1400h

999KHz, 301m
Equus Last chance to hear this radio adaptation of Peter Shaffer's play.

1800h

More House, 53 Cromwell Road
Mass and talk. Mass followed by bar supper and talk 'Experience in Prayer' by Fr Peter Bowe OSR.

WHAT'S ON

Monday

0930h

All departments
Voting for next year's sabbaticals. Ballot boxes open until 5.30pm

1915h

Southside Gym
Keep Fit AGM. The club's annual meeting to elect next year's committee followed by wine and 'munchies'.

1930h

Physics LT1
Sir Fred Hoyle gives the final Wellsoc lecture of the year, a traditional highlight, followed by a sherry party (party £1.00). The talk is entitled 'Evolution by Gene Addition from Outer Space'. Come early to ensure seating.

Music Room, 53 Princes Gate
Opsoc Principals Rehearsals

Tuesday

0930h

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sabbaticals. Ballot boxes open until 5.30pm

1300h

Huxley 144
Lunchtime comedy cabaret. 'The Cagey Bees'—top club act—comic duo.

Southside Lounge
Boardsailing tour meeting to finalise names, details and deposits for our five day luxury trip to Gower.

Elec Eng 403A
Stuckey on Biogas. Dr Stuckey talks to Ap-Tech Soc about Biogas generation and use. All welcome.

Lounge
Socialist Party. A speaker from the party will explain their position in the left wing political spectrum.

Jazz Room
Big Band Practice. All welcome. Please be prompt.

1730h

Green Committee Room, top floor Union Building.
Debsoc AGM. Your chance to run Debsoc next year.

1930h

Music Room, 53 Princes Gardens
Opsoc Chorus Rehearsal. Please refer to schedules for details. Meet in bar beforehand.

Subwarden Of Willis Jackson

Application are invited for post of Subwarden of Willis Jackson House which falls vacant during the Easter vacation. There are three subwardens, whose duties are to assist the Warden in the day-to-day running of the House. Rent free accommodation is provided.

We are looking for a socialable and mature postgraduate, with at least two years more study at IC.

Application forms are available from the Students' Union and should be sent to the Warden Willis Jackson House 66, Evelyn Gdns.

The role of subwarden is to assist the Warden in the organisation of Social events within Halls and disciplinary matters. Posts are open to male or female postgraduates students at Imperial College and applications from post-doctoral staff and undergraduates will be considered for the post of subwardens. Preference will be given to applicants who expect to stay at College for at least 2 years.

Applications containing a CV and the names of two referees should be sent to the Warden at 66, Evelyn Gardens by 10 March.

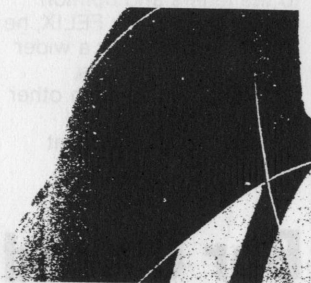
Subwarden of Selkirk Hall Assistant Subwarden Of Tizard

Applications are invited for the posts of Subwarden of Selkirk Hall and Assistant Subwarden of Tizard Hall which will be vacant from October, 1986. Both halls are mixed and situated in Southside. The role of subwardens is to assist the Warden in the organisation of social events within halls and disciplinary matters. Both posts are open to male or female postgraduate students of Imperial College, and applications from post-doctoral staff and undergraduates will be considered for the posts of subwarden and assistant subwarden respectively. Preference will be given to applicants who expect to stay at College for at least 2 years.

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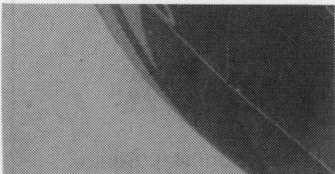
Applications close TODAY for all College Residences. Get your applications to Student Services, 15 Princes Gardens by 4pm today.

I sat in a puddle last week. I remember distinctly the mindblowing sensation of cold filthy water seeping into my underwear. It was not a pleasant experience. Yet before I had time to grok the situation fully my mind was jolted into awareness by a passing football hooligan who spat on me without warning. I became suddenly conscious of the amazing oneness of the universe. I knew instinctively the isness of existence. I found myself able to harmonise with the mind-waves of beings from different worlds, and I could feel for myself their hopes and fears, their sadness and their joys. And all of these feelings combined to form the vibrant force of love which encompasses all things.



The tranquility descending into my mind was disturbed by the inexplicable appearance of a Ten Headed Telephone Beast. I knew that would mean certain death if I allowed its right to exist. 'Be gone', I screamed 'for you are a mere figment of my imagination'. It belched as it was consumed in flames, but in its place a thought-voice resonated. 'Soup', it growled, 'thick bubbling soup...'

Unfortunately the management have confirmed that there will be no soup



available at the Albert Hall on Tuesday. Instead, however, they promise a chunky steaming session from Esposito, Curiosity Killed The Cat, and The Patatoe Five. If you are into jazz funk dance music, with the odd lentil here and there, this little do is highly recommended; if you can find a ticket. Personally I can not stand this sort of drivel which is highly reminiscent of an onion consommé. For something with a little more meat, it should be noted that beefy Maximum Effect will be playing the Kings Head Fulham on the 23rd of March. The band is composed of the remnants of Nick Turner's Inner City Unit, but without the man himself. A reliable source tells me that they can be best described as a science fiction orientated

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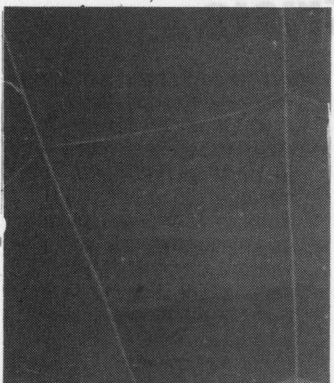
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version of the Cramps. Well boogie down there for some real out of mind experiences.

I was mildly surprised the other day to discover a tribe of eskimos living in my fridge. What shook me though was the fact that one of them was



called George Burns. I find it incredible that western civilisation has penetrated into all aspects of every single culture on Earth. Why should an Eskimo be named after a dead Scottish poet? It is obvious that Scottish nationalist infiltration is at work. My fears



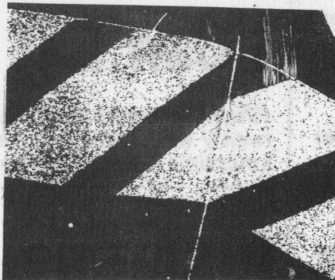
were further justified when I discovered that afore-metioned Eskimos had constructed an igloo out of a haggis I had hidden in the freezer compartment. Having said this the ski lift which they had built from fish-fingers and frozen beans was a work of engineering brilliance. I have informed college security of the eskimo's existence, so there is no longer any need to worry



about food disappearing from Southside fridges.

A mysterious letter came into my possession over the weekend. It gave details of a new campaign by the Scottish Nationalists to take over the world. Their plan is both masterly and infallible. A floatilla of thirty thousand hot air balloons will set sail against the armies of the world, armed with copies of the financial times printed in thirty

languages. These they will drop over the unsuspecting populace will be lured into investing in the Stock Market, thus creating global financial havoc. It is the that the second wave of balloons will attack, dropping signed copies of the outer London telephone book. The extra strain placed on British Telecom by civilians wishing to



call relatives in London will create explosions throughout exchanges world wide. The combined effect of ten thousand exploding telephone exchanges will, it is believed, thrust the planet into the depths of a Nuclear Winter. It is



then that the nationalists cooperation with eskimos will pay off. Without the low temperature training which the Scots have purchased it is inevitable that Scotland will become the centre of the new world republic. Watch out boys, it could happen any time...

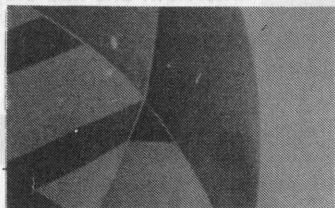
I sometimes wonder why I



bother to stay sober. In fact most of the time I wonder if I am sober. Life, I think is just one wacky game of rugby; just when you are about to score a try, only yards away from the line, some heavyweight gonzo kicks you where it hurts before running off with the ball in the opposite direction. Certainly, though, a game of good old ruga does leave you with quite a mammoth appetite. At this

point I am forced to concede that even the thickest of thick farmhouse soup is insufficient for a rugby player (boy). With this in mind, however, might I suggest a visit to the Texas Lone Star in Gloucester Road surrounded by posters of Wild Bill Hiccup, one could do little but have a really transcendental gut filling time. The Star charges about eight quid for a half pound chilli burger with chips, jacket potato, sour creme and salad, followed by a wacky ice cream.

Occasionally I become very bored with playing pinball and drinking coffee and sometimes I feel the need for something more cultural. With this in mind I trundled off to the Commonwealth Institute at yon end of Kensington High Street to peruse a substantial exhibition on the arts, science, crafts and technologies of assorted Commonwealth countries. I noted with approval the lifesize model of a stilt dancer, and a bronze buddah, during my quick tour.



(Incidentally there's a stunning gold Buddha in Battersea Park, which is worth the odd snap and for those who are interested the Victoria and Albert has quite a large stone Buddha on display.) The Institute will be staging an exhibition on the 'struggle and



survival' of the Carribean from the 6th of March. Gloria Huniford freaks can catch her there on the 26th.

The whims and fantasies of trendies never cease to amaze me. I am somewhat doubtful that the recent yuppie craze of duckfeeding will ever catch on. For those who wish to increase their street credibility getting up on Sunday morning armed with a loaf of bread seems to be the in thing to do. The nearest, and as far as I am concerned the best, duck feeding ground is the Serpentine in Hyde Park. There one can attract, amongst others Canada Geese and Coots. Whilst the Geese are excellent with roast potatoes and carrots, I find that coots are much easier to smuggle out under a coat. So there you have it. As Turgid Appfeldrink, Iberian Mouse Hunter once said, 'show me a mouse dropping and I'll show you an interesting vegetarian recipe'.

London Student Wrong

ICU President Carl Burgess denied reports in last week's London Student that he had complained to them that: 'All I've had from students is a load of grief...they piss me off so much, I really couldn't care less what they think'.

Mr Burgess told FELIX that he had been quoted out of context. He claimed that he had said that he didn't care what students thought of him.

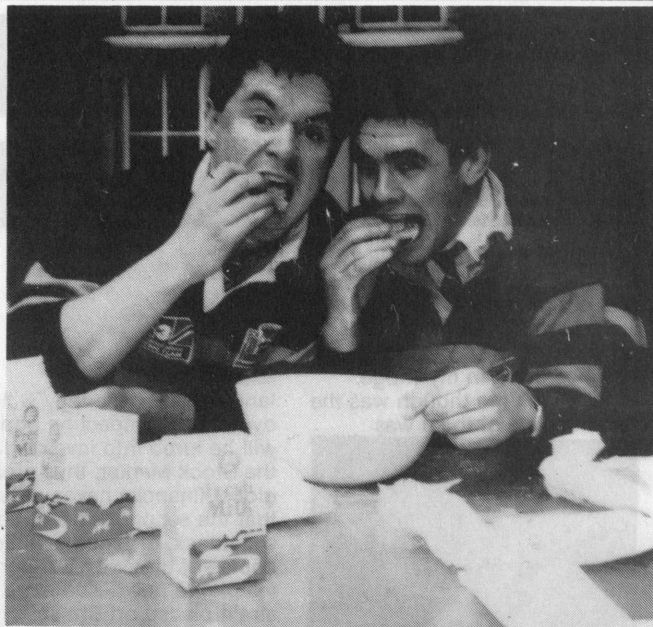
London Student reporter Saira Shah who wrote the story, told FELIX that she had interviewed Mr Burgess over the phone. She had admitted that she had made no accurate notes of the interview. She had only tried to get the gist of what Mr Burgess had said.

Brian Pulls It Off

Brian Hartley of Physics 3 was fined £25 for streaking at the England vs Ireland Rugby International last Saturday. Mr Hartley was pelted by snowballs from the crowd as he made his epic run. The sprint was ended by four policemen who escorted him away.

Computing Success

The College chapter of the Association for Computing Machinery (ACM) recently held a programming competition, with eight teams of four students taking part. They were set a series of problems to be solved in four hours, and the winning team managed to submit three correct solutions. The winning team are pictured with Prof B McA Sayers, Head of the Department of Computing, who awarded the prizes. The ACM's next event is a lecture on 'The Seeing Computer' to be given by Prof Igor Aleksander on Tuesday March 4 at 1pm in Huxley 145. Elections for next year's officers will take place the following week.



I Can Eat Three

Fifteen members of IC Rugby Club ate two hundred and twenty wheatabix in fifteen minutes on Thursday lunchtime during their sponsored wheatabix eating

Nightline Crisis

The future of the West London Nightline Service now looks uncertain. A meeting of College Secretaries from London, including John Smith from Imperial, felt that given the student orientation of the service, student unions should support it from their funds. They mentioned the example of the QMC organisation, which is itself funded by the student union there. They proposed that a fund be set up to which each college union involved

would contribute whatever money it has available.

IC Union Welfare Officer, Pete Wilson said that the Secretaries had made a mistake, since without funding Nightline will lose its sole sabbatical, and without one the entire service will fold. He added that Nightline are looking into alternative funding in order to provide a breathing space for the organisation while its eventual fate can be decided.

IC Union Hustings

The IC Union Hustings UGM took place on Thursday in the Great Hall. The candidates for President, Vice-President, Honorary Secretary, and FELIX editor each made a speech. As the post of FELIX editor is uncontested, David Jones made a statement of intent. The candidates for President are Dobbin, the Pantomime Horse's Head (alias Paul Mercx), James O'Shea, Chris Stapleton, Christine Taig, and J Martin Taylor.

Standing for Vice-President are Jackie Pierce and Paul Shanley, while the candidates for Honorary

Secretary is contested by Dave Colley and Michael Newman.

Changes to Union Bye-Laws were also voted on at the UGM. The Women's Officer was formally made a member of Council, however a motion to make the electorate female-only was defeated. Bar Committee was also made a sub-committee of ICU, owing to the Union Bar now coming under control of the Union. The last change was to the number of seconds needed for Dep Rep elections in the Department of Management Science, reducing the number required from ten.

New Editor

David Jones has been returned unopposed as next year's FELIX editor. Mr Jones was the only candidate for the post when papers came down last Friday, following the withdrawals of Nigel Atkinson and Grenville Manuel.

Mr Jones made a speech of acceptance at the IC Hustings UGM on Thursday. He said that he would like to see more students working on FELIX and contributing to the letters and opinion pages. Next year's FELIX, he added, would cover a wider range of news stories, including reports from other London Colleges and national news of student interest.

Bar Closed

The Union Bar was closed early on Friday night. The Bar had been granted an extension until 2am but Union Bar Manager Moore Lyttle closed the bar at 12:30am when people started standing on the tables, contravening one of the new rules in the bar. Mr Lyttle told FELIX that students will be held responsible for the behaviour of their guests in the Bar.

Ken OK

Union Honorary Senior Treasurer Ken Weale is recovering well after an eye operation. FELIX wishes Dr Weale a rapid recovery.

Banned

Mark Cottle was banned from the Union Building for three days starting midnight last Monday by Union President Carl Burgess for allegedly stealing a Gestetner from the Honorary Secretary's Office. Mr Cottle said he was upset about his banning and denied any involvement with the Gestetner's removal.