

Rents Up 5.35%

Rents in College halls and houses for the 1986/87 session are to go up by an average of 5.35%, compared with a rise of only 2% in student grants. The increase was decided at the Student Residence Committee (SRC) on Wednesday, and was not opposed by Union representatives at the meeting.

The rise also brings a restructuring in the relative prices of halls and houses. The more popular halls in Princes

Gardens receive large increases of upto £5 per week, whilst houses have in certain cases been reduced. Bernard Sunley and Mining Houses are to receive rent cuts of between £1 and £2 per week, however the upgraded houses like Willis Jackson and Holbein receive small increases.

The committee report claimed that even the highest rent of £32.66 is lower than the average private sector rent paid by IC

students of £35 per week from data supplied by Student Services.

Weeks and Linstead Halls are to become the most expensive accommodation with single rooms costing £32.66 and £31.61 respectively, increased from £27.30. However a triple in Mining House goes from £13.65 to £11.59.

Carl Must Wait

ICU President Carl Burgess will have to wait until the end of term before Council decides if he is to be awarded a Union General Award (UGA). Monday's meeting of Council ended controversially when quorum was successfully challenged during the

discussion of the award.

The UGA is the highest award which the Union can give and is normally awarded by the retiring President to students who have made an outstanding contribution to the Union during their time at College. ICU Council decide whether an

award should be made to the President but there were insufficient officers present to continue the discussion after some members of Council had questioned whether the award should be made. The decision will now be postponed until joint Council on Monday June 16.

Earlier Council had voted to award final colours to External Affairs Officer Grenville Manuel and Welfare Officer Pete Wilson. The Social Colours Committee had originally not recommended either for an award.

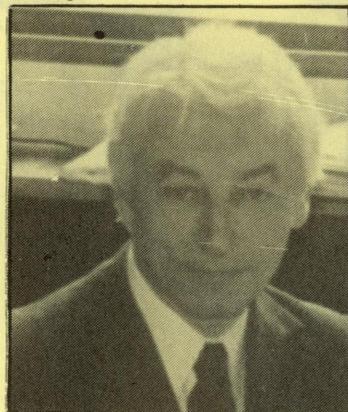
10% Cut For IC

A cut in Government funding of 10% over the next five years is expected by the Rector, equivalent to the loss of 50 academic staff unless alternative funding can be found. This assumes that the College will do no better than average in the present round of cuts now being planned by the University Grants Committee (UGC).

The Rector, Professor Ash, made this prediction whilst addressing the AGM of the Academic Staff Assembly, the body of academic staff at IC, on Wednesday. About 120 lecturers heard the Rector speak and answer questions for about 45 minutes.

The Government has told the UGC to cut the universities by 2% per annum for five years in real terms. The UGC is presently assessing how to distribute this cut amongst the universities, and it is expected to hit some institutions harder than others. The two criteria being used are the quality of research and the staff/student ratio at each institution, with the latter having twice the

weighting of the former. Whilst IC scores well on the first criteria, research, it suffers from having a staff:student ratio of



Prof Ash: worried about cuts
only 1:8, compared with 1:10 average nationally. It seems likely therefore that the College cannot expect to do better than average according to the Rector. The special treatment the college received in the past will not, he believes, continue. The only consolation is that the damage to IC is expected to be 'containable'.

What this means in practice, said the Rector, is that the College must fund about 50 lectureships from industry if it is to avoid losing posts. The alternative would be to allow for natural wastage to cut 10% off the number of staff, which would happen in an unplanned way, and result in a static, demoralised staff. He thought that industry would find it more financially attractive to pay for a lecturer post than to employ someone directly, and that it was possible for the necessary number of posts to be funded over the five year period.

Earlier in his speech the Rector described recruitment of students as IC's biggest problem. Whereas the College had not had to worry in the past it was now under pressure because of the fall in the number of 18 year olds and increasing competition from other universities. The College has only recruited 900 home students this year against a target of 1000. The UGC would penalise consistent shortfalls financially, he thought, making it essential to meet the target. Departments should put more effort into attracting students, for example by producing glossy brochures, he said.

The numbers of overseas students are now back to the level when full-cost fees
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Editorial

I'm fed up. I'm more fed up than I've been since I took over as FELIX Editor. I've spent most of this week reading the annual reports of the Union officers. I've never read such a load of rubbish. Try and read the 9 pages of reports included in this week's FELIX. In these reports almost every officer attempts to bitch about the people they don't like and praise their friends. There are some which are extremely unpleasant personal attacks on people who've put a lot of time into the Union. Perhaps people should remember their own faults before they start attacking other people. This year has been a poor one for the Union. People should be trying to

find out what went wrong. They shouldn't be attempting to put the blame on others. I wish certain Union Officers would grow up and stop acting like spoilt children

FELIX has been attacked by Union President Carl Burgess. He accuses me of filling FELIX with 'esoteric and incomprehensible articles' and ignoring the ordinary student. He has accused me of factual inaccuracies. (*Read the section of the report on FELIX, it's on page 2 of the reports under Pub Board*). If the report is passed by the AGM I will have to consider my position and may well resign.

You've read FELIX this year. I think its reported

facts and reflected your interests fully. You've read FELIX so you know if I'm right or wrong. If you want to defend FELIX's right to criticise the Union come to the UGM and oppose Carl's report before the end of term. If you agree with Carl and think FELIX has been a waste of money this year come and support the report so that I resign and save the Union some money.

Hall Rents
The College has decided to raise rents in halls and houses by an average of 5.35%. The undergraduate grant next year will be 2% higher than the grant this year. This means that students living in hall will yet again have less to spend in real terms on food, books etc then they had the year before. The Government is making life difficult for students. There is no need for the college to help them. When the Conservative government came to power, it was still true that most people could afford to come to College.

Now you generally need parental support. The class of 86 are being supported by their middle class parents. Imperial is trying to attract the best students by offering the best courses. There's no point having the best courses in the country if there's nowhere for your students to live. The most alarming thing is the fact that the Union didn't oppose these price increases.

Credits
Normally I use this section of FELIX to thank the people who've helped on the issue. As this may be my last issue I'd like to thank **all** the people who've helped on FELIX this year. I think that together we've produced some good FELIXs and I'd like to thank you all for your efforts. You've all worked far too hard and I disagree with everything Carl and others have said about you. I don't really know how to express my appreciation sufficiently but I hope thanks will do. Thanks.

**ICU AGM
Thursday 1pm**

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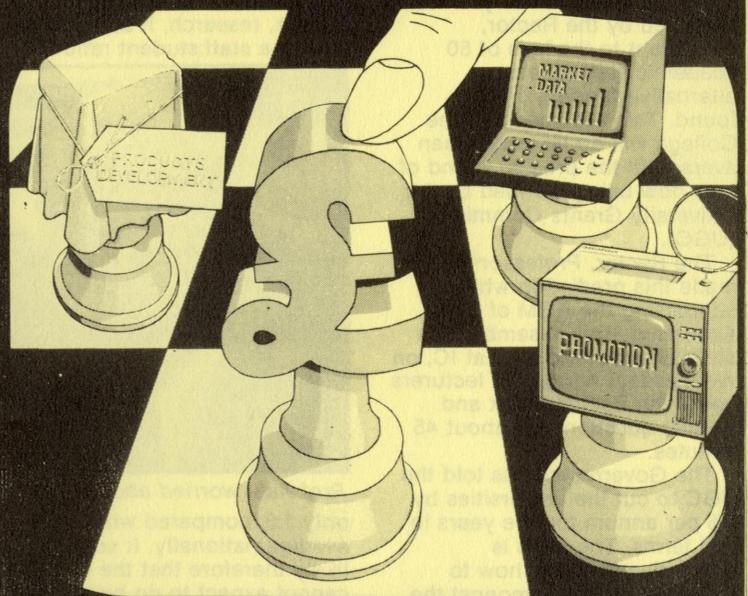
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LETTERS

Waitrose Again....

Dear Hugh

Please find enclosed a copy of a letter I have sent to the Manager of the Waitrose supermarket in Gloucester Rd. In the wake of the letter which appeared in the FELIX issue number 738

Dear Sir or Madam

You will shortly receive, or perhaps have already received, a letter-petition signed by the staff and students of Imperial College requesting you to cease selling South African produce. As a student at Imperial College and a regular customer of your supermarket, I would ask and advise you to ignore the aforementioned letter. It is written by a very small group of well-intentioned but extremely naive and misguided people who claim to represent the eight thousand students and staff at Imperial College but in fact represent a totally insignificant proportion of them.

It must be very clear to you that by stocking South African produce you are in fact helping the black population of South Africa by providing them with an export market. As a large amount of South Africa's black population is employed in agriculture, this can only be to their advantage. In addition, people in general and students in particular tend to buy whatever food is cheapest, best value for money or has the best taste. If any of your South African goods fall into one of these categories and you cease to stock them, then we shall be obliged to shop elsewhere. And let me assure you that we represent the vast majority of your customers.

Yours faithfully,

Alastair J Seymour

Charity: Right Or Wrong

Dear Hugh,

I was very glad to read your editorial on charity. Indeed, if charity stops people from facing the real issues, nothing could be worse. Therefore, two questions arise: First, is this what charity actually does? and second, is there a place for it here and now?

Large charities such as Oxfam have gone a long way towards becoming political pressure groups. Most charities involved in the Third World do now look at the root of the



Rag activities are 'attended because of the fun involved'

problems rather than try to cover them up or quieten some middle class consciences. There has been a time when charities, especially those supporting (or having their roots in) the Church treated suffering people as the favourite pastime of their members. Even our Rag activities are mostly attended because of the fun involved rather than because of the cause they serve.

However, many charities play a major role in the solution of problems. The case of charities for disabled people which contributed towards major achievements in terms of legalisation by forming nuclei around which groups were formed and say was given to the people involved is one example. VSO, which asks for much more than a few pennies, is another. Every charity must have as its target the final solution of the problems but this does not mean that it shouldn't treat them as best as possible in the meanwhile.

There are issues, like world hunger, where charity as such is inadequate. This is not always the case. The RNLI is a charity supported organisation which deals effectively with its object. Charity doesn't HAVE to be ineffective, neither has it got to turn people away from the real problems. Furthermore, there is a place in the world for them. Not everything can be dealt with directly by the state, and services that can effectively rely directly on the public should stay clear from the muddy waters of party interests. People often support or oppose a certain cause just because it is 'their' party's general policy. Charities can often unite people from different ideologies on big issues whereas parties can divide them on the same issues. Hence the value of charities as fairly objective pressure groups.

Finally, let me point out that we should attach a great value to the human individual. Saving a single child from hunger or disease is not comparable to painting one square foot of the wall of a hundred-foot-tall building whose facade is worn and blackened. It makes no difference to the building but it makes a world of difference to the child. As long as charities do save lives, even a few, we have to keep them. Therefore let us give as much as possible: Not only our pennies but also our time, our thought, our effort for those in need. (A very good opportunity comes this week, Christian Aid week. CA works on agricultural development, health education and, above all, to empower people to win their own fight against poverty and suffering. So dig deep into your pockets, think hard and take action!)

Yours,

Michael Moutoussis

ICCU Social Action Rep.

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Aids: The Search For A Cure

The fight goes on to try to find a cure or vaccine for acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS). A cure cannot come too soon—by March this year 10,000 people had died from AIDS, and 8,000 are dying now. The AIDS death toll in Britain alone will be 3,000 by 1989 according to the public health laboratory in London. More than 160 people have already died from AIDS in the UK since it was discovered in 1981.

AIDS is caused by a virus—a roughly spherical bundle of protein containing a single strand of the nucleic acid RNA. Viruses work by invading host cells' and they are usually specific to quite a narrow range of hosts. The AIDS virus is specific to T-lymphocyte cells. The virus binds to the surface of the cell, and the viral RNA and protein are injected. An enzyme in the virus called reverse transcriptase, transcribes the viral RNA into DNA which can then be incorporated into the host cell's genes. The viral genes stage a takeover of the cell's machinery, and instruct it to produce replicas of the infecting virus particles are produced that the cell simply bursts. Alternatively the virus particles can be released one at a time, while the host cell continues to live, grow, and reproduce. Either way, the new viruses can then go off in search of more cells to infect and kill. Another theory is that the virus causes the T-lymphocyte cells to produce lymphotoxins which kill the cells.

The cells that AIDS destroys—T-lymphocyte cells—are special white blood cells produced to the thymus (a gland in the neck). They are vital to the body's defence mechanism, which in a healthy person produces antibodies to ward off invading cells or viruses. In a patient suffering from AIDS, the lymphocytes are killed and the defence mechanism breaks down. Patients do not die from AIDS—they die from one of many different ailments that the defence mechanism would ordinarily deal with.

As soon as scientists discovered that AIDS was caused by a virus, they began to look for a vaccine to use against it. Vaccines work by initiating the production of antibodies specific for the virus. The antibodies bind to the virus and render it unable to invade the host cell. But unfortunately it has been impossible, so far, to produce a vaccine specific for AIDS, because the virus responsible for AIDS keeps changing its configuration. And it is difficult to be specific for something that keeps changing.

The approach to the problem being adopted by some scientists is to find some part of the virus that does not change. The most likely candidate so far seems to be a component of the virus coat, a protein called GP-120. GP-120 has been purified from cultured AIDS virus and injected into animals. The animals produce antibodies which, in the test tube, kill the AIDS virus.

Aids: Name The Virus

A lot of controversy over AIDS centres on the name used for its virus. Two of the main protagonists in AIDS research are embroiled in a bitter row over the name, and a committee, chaired by Professor Harold Varmus, has been deliberating on the subject for more than a year.

The evidence that the AIDS-causing agent is a virus came from Dr Luc Montagnier at the Institut Pasteur, Paris. He produced an electron micrograph showing virus-like particles which he calls *lymphadenopathy associated virus (LAV)*.

Soon afterwards Dr Robert Gallo at the US National Institutes of Health showed that virus-like particles isolated from AIDS patients were able to infect lymphocytes in culture. Gallo calls his virus *human T-cell lymphotropic virus (HTLV-III)*. Further research has since shown these two viruses to be essentially the same.

Last year techniques for the diagnosis of AIDS were developed separately by the two groups. The Pasteur Institute has filed a law suit against the US group, which has patented the

The next stage in testing this, or any other vaccine, will be to "challenge" vaccinated animals with AIDS virus, and see if it affords protection: tests could then begin on humans. One researcher has expressed the gene for GP-120 in *vaccinia* the virus from which the smallpox vaccine is made. *Vaccinia* is extremely good at transferring foreign genes into host cells. Meanwhile other researchers are busy looking for other antigen sites on the AIDS virus—sites that will elicit the production of antibodies.

It is clear, however, that any AIDS vaccine is some years away. In the short term the quest is for a drug that will cure AIDS victims, rather than a vaccine that will prevent the disease taking hold. A drug developed by the Wellcome Laboratories, azidothymidine, is showing promise in early trials. After using the drug for six weeks, 15 out of 19 patients showed increases in the number of T-lymphocyte cells in their blood. Five other drugs are in the first stages of human testing, but anti-viral drugs in AIDS therapy must be able to cross the blood-brain barrier, and so far only azidothymidine seems able to do this and them only in some patients.

The best treatment at present is a drug to attack the virus, combined with antibiotics, and interferon to try to repair the immune system. But the most that can be done at present is to prolong the victims.

The anti-viral drugs are designed to attack reverse transcriptase, the viral enzyme described above that is essential to the virus's deadly function. Researchers in the US have succeeded in determining the amino acid sequence of the enzyme: this should make it possible to design a better anti-enzyme drug.

A completely different concept of AIDS recovery is to remove the bone marrow of patients and replace it with healthy marrow from their identical twins: this has been attempted with three male patients, but the results are not yet available.

Aids: Governments React

Governments all over the world are waking up to the dangers, real and imagined, of AIDS. In Britain, the Department of Health has put full-page advertisements in the national press, advising of the dangers of rectal intercourse and using dirty needles for injections. In California a law has been proposed that would allow compulsory AIDS checks when there is a 'compelling public health need'.

The US government proposes to close its borders to anyone with AIDS which will join leprosy, TB and syphilis on the list of dangerous contagious diseases.

Saudi Arabia has banned imports of blood, in an attempt to stem the spread of AIDS. Saudi Arabian citizens are being offered new incentives to donate blood so that the country can become self-sufficient. Kuwait has set up the Middle East's first AIDS research centre following a conference on the disease held there in March.

In Britain, the blood transfusion service now checks routinely for AIDS virus, hepatitis B and syphilis.

Meanwhile, the popularity of 'dips' at Hollywood parties has declined enormously.

discovery, on the grounds that the US technique was developed using material supplied by Montagnier. Matters were made even worse when it was discovered that Gallo had inadvertently used an electron micrograph of the French virus in his first paper on the subject.

The compromise name used so far has been HTLV-III/LAV, but the Varmus committee has tentatively suggested *human immunodeficiency virus* as the new name.

Gallo has said that he will not go along with *HIV*; he was incensed when Montagnier used the term at a lecture before it had appeared in a learned journal, against Varmus's strict instructions.

The argument over the name seems somewhat trivial, and almost childish. It is worrying, though, that two of the leading research teams in the subject should appear to be at loggerheads.

*Two new AIDS viruses have recently been discovered, one by the Paris group and another by the US group. The names given to them are *LAV-II* and *HTLV-IV* respectively. *LAV-II* has so far only been found in two Senegal men. *HTLV-IV* seems to be related to the AIDS virus, without actually causing AIDS symptoms.

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●**Fuckin' hell**, its Martin Belle!

●**Does Andy Major** smell, or is it just bullshit?

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The Annual Report of the ICU President

Introduction

This has been year of many changes ranging from a new Rector in the driving seat to a new Refectory Manager and all the ensuing events caused by this. This report is an account of the year and includes my opinions on the Union and the College.

With only a year to achieve anything it is very difficult to promote change yet I feel that this year we managed to keep the Union dynamic and on its toes. This has led to severe criticism of myself and my fellow sabbatical officers by people who would rather see the union remain unchanged.

Many people have also commented on and criticised my behaviour as President, thinking that I should act in a holier-than-thou manner to the everyday student. To those I say that I do not agree with them and refuse to pretend to be someone I am not. The Handbook said 'This is your President, what have you let yourself in for?' Those who elected me knew what to expect, those who didn't bother to vote have only got themselves to blame.

The Union and its Committees

UGMs

This year again there has only been one quorate UGM, the first one. This is very disappointing as it is supposed to be the sovereign body of IC Union and hence creates policy which affects all students at this college. Many people who did turn up were not interested in what the sabbaticals were doing but only in motions pertaining to the Rag Mag, Women's Officer, Barclay's Bank, Nicaraguan Coffee etc and leaving once their motion had been heard. The meetings were ably chaired by Chris Hendy who had to deal with a particularly obnoxious rabble on some occasions. I am particularly sorry for Michael Newman, who put forward a motion on Union Organisation which was never heard. He had put forward radical proposals to change the face of ICU but nobody appeared to be interested, it seems that people are quite content to take part in the club or society activity but not in the decision making process that governs their facilities, money or even existence. I sometimes wonder whether they think that their club funds and equipment magically appear for their use.

Whatever the reasons for non-attendance, be it alternative events arranged by societies clashing, be it lack of publicity, be it general disinterest, the UGM is not just a practical for budding Aeronautical engineering students.

Council

Council almost went very smoothly under the cool control of Pub Board Chairman Hugh Stiles but unfortunately certain officers with a love of seeing their names in the minutes were unnecessarily verbose and downright obstructive. They have yet to realise that a little incorrect knowledge is far worse than absolutely no knowledge at all. They need to take their heads out of the ground and see that the world is never black or white but just a rather unattractive shade of grey.

Nevertheless, although many hours were spent in pointless debate, all that we wanted to happen has occurred.

The absence of the Departmental Representatives is as usual as it is mysterious. I cannot work out whether they either do not know what their jobs entail or whether they can't find the Union office or haven't discovered that it exists yet.

It is typical of such a body to produce a patent report measurer to enable reports to be referred back if they are not long enough.

The Executive

In direct contrast to Council the Executive was a very pleasant affair. It was very nice to work with intelligent, objective and helpful officers such as Dave Pearce, Roger Preece, Simon Redlich, Dave Kingston and Quentin Fontana who helped formulate the policies we undertook to carry out this year.

We have had to have twice as many meetings this year than last year, a lot to do with the major changes in the running of the Union but also to deal with an incredibly large number of disciplinary matters. I hope that the number of discipline cases drops next year as it is getting quite out of hand.

Major Sub-committees

I have not been to as many of these as I would have liked for a variety of reasons including timetable clashes with other meetings, not receiving the notification of the meetings and various other unanticipated occurrences that merited my attention.

However those that I did attend were very competently run and were quite painless affairs and so I must thank the MSC Chairman for all their time and effort in administering their clubs and societies. Ian Bull had asked for all outgoing MSC Chairman to write a job description and all salient details

pertaining to the job which would be given to the incoming MSC chairman so that they would know more fully what was necessary to be done. I can only reiterate this request as it can only help the smooth running of the Union.

ACC

There have been a few hiccoughs with ACC this year mainly due to Simon Errington, who started out as ACC chairman not being able to decide at the start of session whether he was going to do his PhD or not. He eventually did not and so had to resign without leaving the necessary information behind for his successor Paul Dubenski. This led to a lack of communication between Paul and myself, since I had assumed that, Simon had briefed him on all the relevant details of the Harlington gravel extraction which will be later in the report. Having said this the clubs have performed very well this year winning many cups but I shall leave the details of that to the ACC Annual report. **RCC** Again this year, faced with a cut in funding, subscriptions had to be increased in line with the cost of the activity and the tour subsidy had to be reduced. Tim Palmer achieved this with the minimum of fuss or complaints.

Nevertheless the participation in most clubs was not affected and a high level of activity was maintained. It would however be very helpful if clubs would notify the chairman if they are not going to continue their activities in the following year so that their funds and resources can be reallocated.

SCAB

Under the able guiding hand of Nick Shackley SCAB has continued to excel in all areas. Unfortunately problems arose with the Choir and Orchestra budgets. They attempted to oust Nick from the College Music Committee as they felt he couldn't properly represent them as he was in neither society. Fortunately this was defeated. Also the College Music Society refused to increase its allocation to these societies expecting the Union to foot the bill which due to our Financial intransigence we are unable to do.

SCC

Yet again we have had the hardy perennial problem of Industrial Society and their 'secret' bank accounts, lack of accountability and inability to answer phone messages thus cluttering up our receptionist with unnecessary repeated calls. Richard Eccleston drew up a proposal to sort this out in a mutually acceptable fashion but Finance Committee, in their infinite wisdom, decided that they should be able to spend 'their' money how they liked. I wish next years sabbaticals luck dealing with this problem, because its not going to go away by itself.

Another perennial problem is Ultra Vires which we have had to look at especially in respect to affiliations to political groups and campaigns. A close scrutiny will have to be kept next year.

Another problem is political societies inviting potentially hazardous speakers to talk at their meetings. Infiltration by pressure groups from other colleges to incite trouble has been known to happen. This has now to be kept under even greater control since the Freedom of Speech and Lawful Assembly document from the Committee of Vice-Chancellors and Principals has been brought out.

Correction

The following lines were missed from the Hon Sec's report they should be inserted between columns 2 and 3.

this committee is that the chairman has been dealing with items and campaigns behind the back of the committee with almost no reference to it.

4a Welfare Committee: This has been similar in many ways to the External Affairs Committee in that there hasn't been much discussed. The first meeting of this committee was in January meaning that there were no meetings in the whole of the first term. The January meeting was only held due to the Welfare Officer being instructed to by Council so that constitutional changes could be discussed. In the event the Welfare Officer's proposals were greatly altered. The problems at this committee, were unlike External Affairs, more due to the incompetence of the chairman than a malicious intent to deceive for personal political reasons.

4h House, Catering and Bar Committees: These have all performed adequately within their own spheres of influence, any problems that have been encountered have been due to individual bungling outside the committee rather than any inherent problem. The meetings were somewhat lacking in frequency however.

4i Executive Committee: As a committee this has worked very well this year, mainly due to a genuine concern for the good of the IC Union. Council hasn't always agreed the Executive but the Exec has normally been proved right in the end.

4j Transport Committee: This is the main committee which I chair and as such my comments may be somewhat biased. The main problem with this committee is that it is mainly composed of people who have little to do with the direct running of the transport system except as users so their input cannot be expected to be extensive. As such the committee has been almost a rubber stamp and a means of recording what has been going on. I have been the major speaker with Jerry, the Transport Officer, being the only other regular contributor. A major change that I have made with this committee is to dispense with bookings, apart from tours, and concentrate on the practical side of the system such as the administrative system, pricing structure and vehicle policy. It may sound as if the committee has been run as a

Nevertheless the societies have continued to be active and provide a valuable outlet for the political, religious and miscellaneous societies and their role in broadening the life in this college.

OSC

As more overseas students arrive new societies need to be set up to cater for them. Alexis Paspapiridis has ably coped with this and has also managed to get their spending more under control.

Alexis has ably represented the overseas students on the College Committees he has attended especially in the areas of accommodation, welfare, and recruitment practices.

Pub Board

FELIX, the supposed newspaper of Imperial College Union has been a great disappointment to me. I was under the misapprehension that Hugh Southey having held several Union posts would be the ideal position to publicise the Union. Unfortunately he chose to ignore his duty to the Union which employs him and decided to go on a campaign to remove a sabbatical. It seems incredible to me that he can continually fail to seek the truth but will rely on rumour and hearsay. The newspaper of Imperial College Union should be the voice of the students and not just the voice of the editor. I have received many complaints from clubs and societies that their articles have not been put in. Even the sabbatical notices have been relegated to the editorial as footnotes. The space is filled with esoteric and incomprehensible articles and reviews which are seldom read. Although FELIX is the best produced publication in the University system I feel that more input from the student body is necessary.

As for the other written publications the Handbook came under fire especially for the cover which was meant to create an immediate bad impression of the Union in general and myself in particular. Is it any wonder that people do not get involved in the Union when their first impression is that it is run by a bunch of incompetent idiots who by the vagaries of the democratic process elected to represent them.

There was no Alternative Prospectus this year as it was decided last year to produce one biannually. This decision was taken because as there is little or no change in the departments each year, the money could be spent on far more deserving causes. Unfortunately J Martin Taylor and Sunny Bains took it upon themselves to campaign for the reinstatement of the AP knowing full well that no money had been allocated for it. Ms Bains not to be outdone then went for an AP supplement, how else could she possibly gain the editorial experience for her campaign to be the first female FELIX editor. However this has not come to pass and so we'll just have to wait until next year.

Having not seen the Phoenix I cannot comment upon its artistic merit, but having seen the vast quantities of previous issues lying about cluttering up various offices I am forced to ask myself 'Is it really worth it?'

In contrast to FELIX, IC Radio and Stoic have actually personally come to see me and ask for my comments on a regular basis. They still continue to produce very good quality programmes but they felt that the increased membership fee decreased their levels of membership.

Post Graduate Affairs

Gareth Fish has done very well in organising events for the sizeable post-graduate contingent in this college. This work was started last year and has been built up admirably this year with a very good turn out at all their functions.

Unfortunately nobody volunteered to produce the post-graduate handbook which was a great success last year, I can only hope somebody produces one next year.

External Affairs

This year we have decided to adopt a far more sensible and realistic attitude to the University of London General Union Council and our input managed to quieten down the more radical loony left element which tends to frequent such bodies. I feel we made a valuable contribution to the debates and to the response to the green paper, which would have made us out to be absolutely cretins if they had set it out in its original form.

We have also been involved with the AUT strike, passing a motion to support the pickets and boycott the lectures. This solidarity against the governments educational policy showed the depth of feeling of both staff and students on this matter.

The leaflet campaign outside Harrods was fairly successful but there were complaints that it was not publicised sufficiently and so many people who would have gone did not know about it. This is something to consider for the future if we are to continue our role as an effective campaigning body.

Next year will see the emergence of the great NUS debate. We are a thorn in the side of the NUS at present because they cannot claim that they represent the total student body. It is a shame that they base their leadership upon party political lines and hence refuse to hear a significant minority of students that disagree with them. Hence the National Executive is completely made up of NOLS people with no representation for anybody else and hence no desire to change their structure or policies. I think it is necessary to send visitors to the conference to observe the events and see what it is really like. Unfortunately nobody went this year and so cannot report on if the proceedings have improved since I last went.

ENTS

Ents have been very difficult this year with a complete lack of communication between their officers. The state of the Ents 'Office' was so appalling that the College Secretary and the Rector decided that those areas should be put to better use. Unless Ents get their collective acts together there will be more problems next year.

Academic Affairs

The major thing to happen this year was the setting up of an Undergraduate Studies Committee by the College which had originally only had the three CCU AAOs on it but included me when I expressed an interest. It seemed reasonable to have somebody who had just finished their undergraduate life and hence had a complete view of what was wrong with the teaching methods in all 3 or 4 years. Unfortunately we found out very early that there were a lot of things we didn't know concerning workloads, contact hours or whether students were satisfied with their courses there fore we drew up several questionnaires and obtained answers from each departments students and staff. Each head of department was also interviewed once all this information had been collated we were then able to draw conclusions and make recommendations which will be going to the board of studies in the Summer. It is very important that we do not lose momentum on these issues and so I hope the AAOs plus whoever takes over from me (it can be any sabbatical officer) keep on hammering on the doors of bureaucracy. I would like to thank Luke Walker for all the work he has put in this year and wish that all AAOs were as keen.

The Academic Affairs Committee organised its very first Training day for Ac Reps. JMT finally had a good idea here. It worked very well and I would hope that this can continue but much earlier in the year than this one was.

It seems that nobody knows what the Union is doing when it comes to the field of academic affairs. Although staff-student committees are fine for dealing with immediate problems which crop up now and again in departments, the Union represents the students on the Board of Studies which formulates the educational policy of the college. All Dep Reps should attend the Academic Affairs Committee in order to formulate the Unions view as to what this policy should be.

There was no alternative Prospectus this year, neither is there a supplement. This was decided last year, in an attempt to save money. The question is whether we should pay for it at all as it takes money from the current students to attract potential students? I suppose though it could be used as a weapon to cause the college to change, after all Victor Mooney retired after a really vicious attack in the AP about the state of the refectories.

House Committee

It never ceases to amaze me how furniture moves all over the building or just disappears never to be seen again. People just don't seem to understand that if we place tables and chairs in a room that is where they are supposed to be, if they are borrowed they should be returned. Anyway the building hasn't fallen down yet and the redecoration program is still under way. STOIC are having a studio built on the top floor, the lounge bar is going to be refurbished during the summer and the IC Union Office is being transferred to the tea room next to John Smiths office.

College Committee

Governing Body, Finance and Executive

These are the two top college committees, each meeting once per term with three student observers. I felt that it was very important that we were able to contribute direct knowledge of student problems to the Governors, and the Chairman took every opportunity to ask our opinions on matters directly concerning students for example the Harlington Gravel Extraction, the accommodation problems, discipline in the college etc. It is very important to keep on the ball as many issues have been sidestepped for years but have now been finally resolved. They are also very important for disseminating information since much much of the College Internal Business is discussed.

College's House Committee

This committee controls all aspects of Residence, Refectories (including Bars), Estates (now called Maintenance Services) and Conference. This year it has formulated policy on the aims of its sections so that effective monitoring of the success or failure can be done. It can often by very useful way to bypass the lower-level committees who can not or will not respond to continued complaints and criticism.

Catering and Conference Services Management Committee

This is a new committee set up at the investigation of Lord Flowers, the previous Rector. It is chaired by the College Secretary. Its aims were to unify the Refectory system with the conference office who in the past had to work together but had only done so with considerable friction.

There was much criticism of this as its resulted in the disbanding of the Refectory Committee and a shift of control from the users of the system, ie the Academics, students and staff to the administrators who are there to run these facilities for our benefit. This situation has led to the administrators being answerable to themselves which many Academics find unacceptable. I think it will change in the foreseeable future.

Board of Studies

This is the top Academic Board of the College and is chaired by the Rector. It deals with the academic policy of the College including creating professors, changing courses structures and generally creates reams of statistics on pass/failure/drop out/ application and various other rates they can think of. There was a serious drop in the number of applicants to the College this year which coincided with a general drop in Science and Technology throughout the country. This led to great worry about teaching standards and all associated phenomena and the setting up of the Undergraduate Studies Committee. The Data Protection Act caused a lot of concern because of examination results are all on computers files. This led them to decide that they would only release them if them to decide that they would only release them if they were individually asked for as they believe that most students believe that the grades they are given are correct and so won't bother asking. It seems to me that a few academics are completely out of touch with reality.

Graduate Studies

This year as last year there was much discussion on the nature of a PhD. There doesn't seem to be a consensus at all of what a PhD should consist of. Nevertheless they came to a conclusion that most PhD theses are completely incomprehensible to even the most intelligent layman and hence decided that each PhD student should write a Scientific American type of report for submission as part of the degree. It is surprising that even though they are worried about PhD submission rates (a significant percentage submit after 4.5, even 8 years) they still give the student more work to do

Undergraduate Studies Committee

This committee was set up to replace the Education Technology Committee which was felt to be just a talking shop that achieved nothing at all.

A great deal of work has been done by all the members of the committee and I must highly commend their efforts. We have had a very short time scale to work in since our conception but the recommendations that we have arrived at will have far reaching effects if it is accepted by the Board of Studies-These recommendations include continual re-examination of curriculum; limitation of student workload, the introduction of formal instruction in learning skills; september resits; course unit systems; teacher training and assessment and various esoteric practises connected with these.

I sincerely hope tht the Board seriously considers the document that we have drawn up and implements all the recommendations that we have made.

Athletics Committee

This committee oversees the running of Boathouse, Harlington and the South Kensington Sports Centre.

It is surprising that even though we have many representatives on this committee hardly any of them turn up. Its unsurprising that the Chairman was annoyed when he had flown over from the continent just to attend the meeting.

Athletic Ground Committee

This committee looks after Harlington our sports ground near Heathrow. The major business this year was the upkeep of the playing pitches while the extraction was occurring. I shall write a full version of the Harlington Gravel Extraction later in this report

Welfare Committee

This committee consists of the College Senior Tutor, The Senior Tutor for Women, Nightline Director, Students Councillor and representatives from the Day Nursery, Health Centre Students Services and the Union. It does not appear to be able to do anything but allows many problems from each area to be aired so that a coordinated approach can be made to alleviate the most serious problems and to enable a better approach to be made of problems that reoccur.

Central Libraries Committee

A lot of space in the College is taken up by libraries and it was initially thought that there was a great duplications of texts and expensive periodicals and so some libraries could be merged. Eventually it was decided that the libraries could not be merged but only; specialist texts should be placed in the departmental libraries and multiple copies of undergraduate texts should be kept centrally. The library space in each department from my experience are used a great deal by students to work in and it would be a mistake to lose this space.

Refectory Users Committee.

This has effectively replaced the suggestions and Complaints Committee, having absolutely no power at all. It allows the users (staff, students) to questions the Refectory Manager on what is happening and to bring up complaints from the little used complaints boxes and can suggest a proposal for courses of action but at least we do find out what is actually happening.

Committee on Overseas Students

Although my predecessor had criticised the need to spend vast sums on recruitment visits to South East Asia the committee is still sending people on 'holiday' to gain just a few people. Criticisms again were made a revamped booklet explaining why it was inadvisable for prospective students to bring their families over here has been produced.

It was decided that a certain percentage of the money which overseas students pay to the College should be given over to their welfare as it seems only reasonable that if we bring them over here we should look after them. Unfortunately this money was again mostly allocated to recruitment visits under the auspices of the Pro Rector (External Development). Although they have been pushing for overseas married accommodation there is little that this committee can do about anything.

Student Residences Committee

There have been many problems this year both with the Southside and Evelyn Gardens Remedial work. There were many worries that the work would not be completed in time and that there was no consultation with the residents as to how their halls should be reworked. This was eventually sorted out. Several Working parties were formed to deal with aspects of Southside Security, Evelyn Gardens Wardens appointment procedure, and the procedure for re-applicants which to my mind came to satisfactory conclusions. Southside has gained two security booths at both entrances, the House Wardens have been upgraded in status so that they are now equivalent to Hall Wardens, Evelyn Gardens remedial work over the summer will be far better co-ordinated with the summer letting scheme.

Peter Hallworth has done a great job in creating several new overseas married flats by converting disused basements in Princes Gardens. He has also succeeded in making Southside look quite nice while still keeping in with the GLC fire regulations. He has had a difficult job to do and has had many people having a go at him, but I think within the financial constraints that he has had to work with he has done admirably well.

Telephones have been a major problem in the residences this year with vast amounts of money being lost, for reasons of security I cannot say why, which has led to the installation of new blue phones. Evelyn Gardens will finally be getting internal phones connected to the college system, but how many has not yet been decided. Remedial works have been carried out in Montpelier Hall but the entry phone still is yet to be operational.

The rents for next year are still to be decided but the SRC reserve will be preserved in case new accommodation comes on the market.

Wardens Sub Committee

This has been a busy year for this committee with problems about the remedial work in Evelyn Gardens, security in general, new Wardens procedure and various problems dealing with the nitty gritty of residences in particular as opposed to the general policy decided by SRC. It is very useful as only each Warden knows the ins and outs of the particular residences.

Snack Bar

This has had another successful year for the Snack Bar. It seems the college have taken the hint as they have changed their style completely to emulate us. It only goes to show that giving people what they actually want is the only way to succeed. The problems encountered are getting enough staff for the correct hours. Part time staff are extremely difficult to find for the morning period. Student casuals are also very hard to find for the lunch time rush. Fortunately we gained a resting student to become a full time staff member and this arrangement has proven very satisfactory. The operation will become more mechanised with the introduction of a food processor and hopefully in the future the catering operation will be expanded. Many thanks to Norman, Julie, Peter and all the casuals for their hard work.

Union Bar

Having only taken over this operation on Jan 1st it is significant that we should show a profit in the quiet terms of the year. There has been a lot of work to do just to satisfy the health inspectors but now that we are in control we are able to devote time and effort to see that everything is brought up to scratch and eventually refurbished to our specifications. I must thank everybody who helped in the infancy of this operation especially Moore Lyttle for all his hard work to sort out the existing problems.

Bookshop

After making a loss the previous year the Bookshop was back to its feet again and returned £5k to the Unions. This year it is set to make an even greater profit. The bookshop should be fully computerised by the end of session which will help the stock control and auditing process. Much thanks must go to Roy Hicks and Jason Gold for the work that they have put in.

Sportshop

For the first time the sports shop looks like making a profit. This is mainly due to finally getting rid of the dead stock and cutting staff costs by reducing the hours of opening. I think that it is a valuable service and we should not think of closing it.

STA Travel Office

This has continued to provide a good service (not only to Dave and Myself) but due to the JCR/SDH changeover it will have to move although not until the summer 1987.

Items and Events

Computer

Although my predecessor reported last year that the computer would be installed at the start of this session he was unable to do this. Many problems developed with the person who had been contracted to report on the subject therefore it was left to me to pick up the pieces. After much consultation with various experts I finally decided on a workable system to deal with the Union accounts and wordprocessing but at the time of writing having all the software and printers, I am suffering from the vagaries of IBM who have not delivered the goods. Hopefully, if IBM get their collective arses into gear the system should be installed by the summer.

Harlington Gravel Extraction

This had been an ongoing situation since 1978 when a PhD student discovered that there was gravel underneath the playing fields. Much argument and debate went on as to how the money should be spent and how the extraction would affect the sports teams. For the last two years plans had been drawn up on how many pitches were needed and how they could be fitted around the extraction works. The area that would be dug up would be refilled and resurfaced so that it would be playable upon in 3 years time. This was worked out by experts in soil mechanics and restoration. Unfortunately nobody had considered the quality of the pitches necessary for certain types of sports such as hockey and cricket therefore a big hoo-ha developed which led Mick Reynolds to redesign the entire area to accommodate the needs of these various clubs. The planning permission has finally been obtained and a tender from Streeters, who own the land next door has been verified.

The Governing Body has agreed that the money obtained from the extractions should not disappear into the general College coffers but go towards a capital project such as a new Sports Hall at South Kensington. This will be necessary when the Old Chemistry building is knocked down and we lose the volleyball court.

Bar Takeover

It has always seemed very strange to me that a student Union should not control its own building. Most modern Student Unions run all their facilities employ hundreds of staff and do it very well. It was my considered opinion, seeing that we had turned a loss making refectory into a profit making snack bar that we could run our services in a better way than they were when the management showed little interest. To this end a boycott of the bars was organised, a concept that was previously thought conceptually difficult if not impossible. Suffice it to say it worked and we are now in control. The turmoil and strife that occurred up to the time of our takeover has now thankfully been eradicated from memory and we now again have peace in our time. Next year with the refurbishment of the Lounge Bar we shall be able to produce a proper social centre within the Union Building and perhaps make the Union more relevant to its members.

Rag Mag

Once again the Rag Mag has caused controversy. There have been several articles in the national press as well as the Bradford Argus. Understandably several people in Bradford were upset about the inclusion of certain Bradford City fire jokes. Having tried to have them removed it was quite unfortunate to be censured at the first meeting of the year but that's life. Nevertheless they seemed to have sold quite well but I hope that next years Rag Committee will act in a more sensible way now that a censorship committee has been set up.

Womens Officer

This year saw the introduction of the first IC Womens Officer. This was not just to replace the ICWA President who had a completely different function. The Womens Officer is supposed to identify certain problems pertaining to women such as sexual harassment, sexist publicity, the attitude of many men including lecturers to women and other areas of which I had no knowledge but a woman would directly experience. The election had necessarily to have only women involved in the voting procedure to avoid the election being taken over by unthinking jokers. I felt that it was time for a Womens Officer since now we are actively campaigning to get more women at this College.

New Disciplinary Procedure

The situation had arisen that the present College disciplinary regulations drawn up 17 years ago were unsatisfactory. The process of implementation was unnecessarily cumbersome and hence so unwieldy as to be unusable. Unfortunately there were many occasions that merited the implementation of this process and so a new policy was drawn up after many months of consultation, amendment and a lot of wrangling. It is a shame that this procedure is necessary as so much unnecessary violence and vandalism has occurred this year. I can only hope that people syphon off their energy in more constructive pursuits next year.

INCOST

Having written at length about this elsewhere I shall not attempt to paraphrase this at all but instead shall strongly recommend that ICU continues to send delegate to it. It serves as a useful forum for the exchange of views between students of different nationalities. Many English people tend to neglect the importance of other countries as to what we do here, especially as a lot of IC graduates eventually go to work abroad. A specialist conference for technology students is a very useful forum, since co-operation between nations in industrial, economic and technological development is becoming increasingly common.

FELIX, Bot Zoo and Union Building

The Botany Zoology Common Room has been a target for the expansion of the biology department for a great many years. Since then the Biology Department have gotten more ambitious with the advent of several lucrative research projects for which they need extra space. The Rector decided that it was a good idea to centralise the Biology department in S Ken, Ashurst lodge at Silwood being sold to raise funds, and so the Bot-Zoo Common Room and initially the Lounge party room were to be used as extra lecture space for when the Biology Lecture theatres were converted into laboratories and offices. However there was a mighty uproar that we could not possibly lose the lounge as it was the only party room in the Union that did not disturb the neighbours who always sent the police in to break up the 'riots' that were occurring the Union Building.

Subsequently the Rector and the College Secretary had a quiet stroll around the Union Building and took note of the large amount of disused space in the building and appalling state that it was left in, especially the 'Ents Office'. They then decided that this was an unacceptable situation and something had to be done about it. Hence the plan to move the FELIX office from its present location to the disused kitchen area behind the lounge. As an incentive for the move £25,000 was been offered to re-equip the FELIX office. The effect of all these upheavals is to centralise all the Unions activities in the one building and hence prevent further takeover bids by the expansion orientated Biology Department, with whom we have had the highly unsatisfactory arrangement of sharing the Beit Quad with. Suffice it to say we

do not actually own anything, certain areas of the building were granted to us for our use by the Governing body and what the Governing Body gives it can take away just as easily. The Union has no separate legal identity and derives its status from the Governing Body so as a consequence can not own anything.

JCR Refectory Changeover

After much debate by my predecessor it was decided that to improve the Refectory System in Sheffield Building the Refectories all had to be on the same level because of the problems entailed in food transferal. To this end it was agreed that the JCR and the Lower Dining Hall would be interchanged. This work has now been started but due to delays and the plans of the Sheffield Building being incorrect the program has had to be revised so that it will be completed in segments over a period of three years. This year they have removed the JCR bar and are building a fast food outlet to replace the Buttery and have knocked a few holes in the wall for windows and a resetment of the door. The JCR will still be in operation at the start of the next session so do not panic. It all seems to be going very smoothly and after 24 years it is absolutely necessary to modernise.

Impossible without: Union Permanent Staff

It is so easy to take for granted the people who make life more easier for you but although they have eased my way I greatly appreciate the amount of time and effort that they have put in to ease my way. It has been a difficult year not only for us but for all of them and I cannot thank them enough. It is fortunate for IC Union that we have such people as Jen, Pat, Kathy, Norman, Julie, Tony, Rosemary and Moore in our employ.

Quentin and Dave

Although much criticism has been hurled upon them, it would not have been possible for me to achieve anything if they had not been there to support me at the times when it really counted.

Experience is not the be all and end all of a sabbatical what is most important is the willingness to learn, listen and communicate. It was rather unfortunate that nobody was willing to communicate with us, perhaps we smell a bit, and this led to a lot of unnecessary and undesirable friction that everybody could have done better without.

Finally

Never before in the annals of IC Union has so much been done in so short a time by so few. The good that men do is oft interred with their bones but nevertheless I can only wish Christine, Jackie, Gutman and Dave the best of luck next year and hope that the good points more than compensate the bad. May the Force be with you.

Carl Burgess

Deputy President

Dave Kingston

This report is an attempt to summarise the work that I have done the events and activities that I have been involved with this year. It is of necessity in many places a personal view. I hope that those that I have criticised will think about what I have to say and act on it if they agree with me.

UGM's

I wonder from time to time whether they serve a useful function. They are rarely quorate and despite being a forum for the public questioning of the sabbatical officers, they rarely provide anything but trivial questions. I am convinced that an unscrupulous sabbatical could commit the Union to extremely damaging policies by hiding recommendations in a long winded report. Why are meetings so rarely quorate? Not enough interesting motions is one answer, but who's fault is that? Procedural wrangling is another. It amazes me that the cream of the country's scientists and engineers cannot concentrate on something as simple as standing orders, besides which there have been very few of these wrangles this year anyway. One answer that is not often promulgated is the fact that our quorum of 300 is one of the highest that I have come across, and in fact our UGM attendance is better than most other London colleges.

COUNCIL

Council has been dominated by a bunch of loud mouthed egomaniacs who appear to discuss and decide issues with virtually no facts to work on, and attempt to destroy and diminish anything that the sabbaticals and even UGMs do. Constructive discussion only occurs when someone outside of this clique has a chance to get a word in edgeways (this is not Hugh Stiles' fault). I have a very low opinion of a body that judges an officer's report on the basis of it's length, and not its content or the amount of work done by that officer. Why is it that Council prefers long winded reports by officers who have done bugger all but put ill considered and ill discussed thoughts on paper and at length?

EXEC

This is the converse of Council Roger, Dave, and Simon are a constant source of fresh ideas and are among the most dedicated of officers. This has been the most enjoyable of all committees despite most of the meetings being at some ungodly hour of the morning.

FINANCE

The year started controversially with incidents concerning the Boat Club and Industrial Society. Last year's Exec decided that a new racing eight should be bought for the Boat Club after Simon Errington had reported a massive underspend on the part of ACC. After their win at Henley, the new boat was ordered, only for Simon to report that ACC had spent more than he had thought due to two large bills he had forgotten about. Fortunately, just as we were about to cancel the order for the boat, College were persuaded to provide £3000. Whilst I agree that expenditure of this sort of money should be decided by UFC, this was an exception. The decision had to be made when it was, and that is one of the reasons that you have executive officers of a student's Union. Industrial society were a different problem. When we took office, Industrial society were continuing to refuse to close down two outside bank accounts. They refused to talk constructively, so Carl and I suspended them from the Union. Negotiations commenced and after early intransigence on their part, Richard Eccleston and I reached a provisional agreement but UFC refused to

tighten up the agreement, and so our provisional agreement became final. At the end of last June we were budgeting for a £5000 deficit. Fortunately all of the major sub-committees underspent and then deficit was covered even after the cost of half a boat was taken into account. Bookshop income has helped ease any worries for this year.

Next year's estimates are proving to be source of difficulty with a number of people out to screw the Union for all it's worth. I would like to thank all of those who have helped weed these ludicrous claims out. At the time of writing I am trying to leave a balanced budget for next year.

One problem for next year has been the five year plans for capital expenditure system. It appears that a number of clubs who have failed to obtain as much equipment as they would have like through their MSC or CCU have claimed for this under five year plans over the last two or three years. I have moved some of these claims back to where they belong thus creating some of the problems with the recurrent expenditure estimates. However, this has been necessary so as to alleviate some of the pressure that the equipment fund under for next year.

Another real pain in the arse, has been the take over battle for the Distillers company in which we held shares. After bid and counter bid by the Argyll Group and Guinness, I accepted the final Guinness offer.

MAJOR SUB COMMITTEES

I have tended to regard my role on these more as observing them participate. This is largely because they have all been very well run and not needed control from above.

MINOR SUB-COMMITTEES

These have varied enormously from being useful to useless. This is largely dependant on the performance and quality of their relevant chairmen.

TRANSPORT

I am secretary to this. It meets more for the sake of meeting since Q, Kathy and Jenny do all the work on a day to day basis and are the only ones who know what's happening anyway.

INTERNAL SERVICES

Excellently run by Alan Rose. Alan has been a model chairman. Not only has held regular meetings and developed the role of the committee as the Union has developed this year, but has also put in a lot of work outside of the committee. It is unbelievable that this is the same committee that J Martin Taylor spent little time at bodging up last year. As a forum for discussing trading services it has been useful/ Alan has made a valuable contribution to the running of the Bar, Snack Bar, bookshop and sportshop.

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

Gren fails to see what his relationship to this committee is, or indeed what the role of the committee is. All too often EAC's have been just a discussion of the next GUC yet at the following Council meeting, a report is presented suggesting an incredible amount of discussion on many and varied topics. Sub-committees are supposed to carry out work at a level that Council does not have time for, and council assumes that a chairman is reporting the views of his committee and not himself. What is even more interesting is what has not been reported either to his committee or council. How many people have heard about his discussions about NUS reaffiliation contrary to Council policy? Gren has in my view abused his own position so as to achieve his own aims. One wonders if it is any coincidence that a large proportion of EAC meetings have been at 12.15 on a Monday when he has had a lecture to be at 1.30 thus preventing any discussion on non-GUC material from taking place. Furthermore, I am still intrigued as to why he took ICU's copy of the University's accommodation survey from the Union Office without asking anyone.

WELFARE

Pete Wilson has been largely useless as a welfare officer, although this is not a reflection on his enthusiasm. Only two meetings have taken place, although this is two better than his three predecessors. His ideas are as ill thought out as Gren's and are frequently expensive with no realistic idea of a source of funds. This is a problem faced by finance officers everywhere and is not specifically a criticism of Pete.

ENTS

After arranging a good Freshers's week programme all we have been treated to is a bloody shambles. There has been a committee (of sorts) largely populated by people more concerned with freeloading than organising events. See Welfare for comments about money.

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

Another year and another committee for J Martin Taylor. His talking shop style is much better suited to this than last year's Internal Services. It's a shame that the rabble collectively known as Dep Reps have not taken advantage of this.

ICCG

Do you know that the ICCAG chairman is an officer of the Union and sits on Council? I find it difficult to see why this is not an SCC club.

RAG

Rag has been it's usual roguish self and in doing so has rained more money than in previous years. The Rag Mag was again a source of trouble. It need not have been had Tony Spencer listened to the sabbaticals. Nevertheless the enthusiasm of people like Tony is one of the reasons for Rag's success and not the uninspiring performance of the Chairman. The resurgence of interest in Rag in C&GU and RSMU provides one of the best reasons for the continued existence of the CCUs.

CAMPAIGNING

ICU has not been involved in much campaigning whilst I have been here, but this has improved this year, campaigns that I have been involved in have varied from the small turn out to the NUS 'Fowler' demonstration to the Harrods leafletting and the widespread support by students for the AUT strike.

BAR BOYCOTT

The biggest campaign by far was within the college, and was of course, the Bars Boycott. When we called it we were by no means convinced that it would be a success. The support of the students was amazing with College losing over £12000 in takings that week, I arranged special promotions during the week at the Norfolk Tavern and the Merrie-go-Downe. A rep from Arkelts told me that their sales to the Marrie-go-Down increased six-fold that week. If students support was excellent, the opposite could be said for the officers with only Alan Rose, Tim Palmer and Hugh Stiles helping the Exec enforce the boycott. The boycott was a success in getting College to concede the principle. What was far more difficult was convincing the officers who had done bugger all in the boycott to work towards the take over. Indeed it seemed that these people were determined to block the transfer to Union control by imposing negotiating conditions upon us and creating an inflexible stance from which we could not negotiate. Carl and I ignored the conditions that the one and only meeting of the Union Planning Group tried to impose and effected a good agreement with college and in time with out original plans. One does not ordinarily ignore a committee decision, but in this case we were in a far better position to judge the facts that anyone else. I think that so far we have been proved right.

TRADING SERVICES

There have all done well this year even the sportshop.

BOOKSHOP

After a £1000 loss in 1983-84, a £27000 profit was made last year with £5000 being paid to the four Unions. This year a better return is being expected. Accounts and stock control aren't in the process of being computerised.

SPORTSHOP

After two bad loss making years the Sportshop may well show a small surplus this year. The losses were in many ways due to large amounts of old opening stock from when the running of the shop was transferred to Union control from the Southside Shop nearly three years ago. Roy Hicks and Jason Gold are largely responsible for these improvements and should be thanked for their efforts.

SNACK BAR

This has progressed well this year, with much improved takings, but unfortunately this has meant longer queues. Ways of alleviating this must be considered as part of a general refurbishment of the room. Norman and Julie have worked hard and remained cheerful, despite a high turnover of regular assistants. Yet again they deserve the highest praise. The part of Senior treasurer has been filled this year by the appointment of Dr Bob Schroter, a former chairman of the College Refectory Committee. His input has been significant already.

UNION BAR

Without a doubt this has been the more time consuming aspect of my job as well as being the most enjoyable. When we took over the Bar, often a lot of background work, it was partly due to the commitment of Martin Parsons and the College appointing Moore Lyttle as manager whilst they were in charge that the changeover was smooth and largely problem free. We have been extremely lucky in finding two such diligent Barmen as Moore and Kevin Buckley. Complaints about the toning down of excesses have been outweighed by the drifting back of more non-hacks. Moore's approach has been vital in this aspect.

UNION BUILDING

In a rapid period of change and expansion such as we have experienced this year, it is inevitable that some parts of an already full job description will have to take a back seat. Sadly this year, the Union Building has not received the attention that it deserves. Hopefully, Jackie can do better at this next year.

NIGHTLINE

Nightline has been threatened with extinction this year, despite the work of Anne Cox. This has been largely due to a loss of revenue was precipitated by the KQC merger, Pete Wilson has been liaising between Anne and College and ULU. However he has recently not been able to spare the time to keep this up, and I have taken over. At present I am still trying to secure financing for next year. There is a possibility that Nightline may move to ULU.

WOMEN'S OFFICER

I was delighted to see this post created, and indeed play a small part in its creation. Whilst this post may smack of tokenism, this is an important addition to the list of officers, especially in a college with so few women students. For it to succeed, a good first holder of the post was needed. None better than Christine Taig could have been found. I raised the same issue for the first time this year at GUC in my ULU presidential campaign. ULU is now set to follow ICU and this is something that we should be proud of.

COLLEGE COMMITTEES

By and large decisions are made at College level before these committees meet. More of these decisions are outlined in other areas of my report or Carl's.

GOVERNING BODY, AND FINANCE AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Governing Body is the ultimate decision making body in College. It is an extremely polite and very stuffy meeting. Quentin and I seriously considered doing the unthinkable of voicing complete opposition to a paper that had been presented as if it had ICU agreement. This was the new College disciplinary procedures, but on arrival at the meeting an extra paper was tabled which agreed to our proposed final amendments. F&E is effectively an interim Governing Body. All three of us have spoken up when necessary at both bodies, equipping ourselves pretty well in my view.

SAFETY COUNCIL

Very early on in my first meeting of this, I began to wonder what on earth I was there. I am a Maths Graduate who has hardly set forth in a lab since leaving school. The question of the Deputy President being ex/officio safety officer must seriously be recommended when s/he comes from a non-lab orientated discipline.

Accident reports have been dominated as usual by Chemists who either stab themselves when their pipettes break whilst a filler is being attached or obtain a mouthful of acid otherwise. Accident reports from Chemists are so common because of their diligence in reporting them and the nature of their subject or is it because Chemists are chumps?

HOUSE COMMITTEE

This is now claimed by a Governor, Peter Foster, and no longer by the Rector. It has been an effective forum for free discussion. I have quite enjoyed it. This has been the only effective yet not stuffy, high powered College committee.

CATERING AND CONFERENCE SERVICES MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

This is almost totally useless. All too often it is just a forum for Rob Northey and Gill Davies to bitch at each other in public. John Smith uses it as a way of formally approving his decisions.

BAR COMMITTEE

I chair this. Basically, with the advent of the CCSMC it has no power, I am trying to find a new direction for it.

REFECTORY USER COMMITTEE

Has as much power as the Bar Committee. Simon Perry promotes his views as those of the committee even when it is united against him. Northey just waffles on for ages about nothing.

OUTSIDE BODIES

ICU has a habit of trying to be belligerently independent and ignorant of many of these. I have tried to get to know about a few of the most relevant.

ULU

Imperial College has had a bad reputation within ULU reaching the pits last year due to Michael Newman and a Hit Squad. This has changed this year Carl, Quentin and I get on well with a larger number of officers from other colleges and the ULU Exec. I have been actively involved at ULU and enjoyed it. As a result I believe that I have helped make ICU one of its most influential constituent unions. Sabbaticals from all over the University phone me up to ask for advice or help. This has to reflect well on ICU. The most obvious example of this was a request by a number of ULU hacks that I stand for President. After a lot of thought I did stand. One of the reasons that I lost was a lack of campaigning as I was not prepared to abandon my job, or studies, for two weeks like most other candidates.

NUS

It never ceases to amaze me how many people around this college pontificate forth on this subject without knowing what the hell they are on about. Very few people will

deny the need for a national representative body for students. For some people this justifies open ended subservience. For others the left-wing domination of this organisation condemns it as a complete waste of time. When I arrived here nearly five years ago I knew nothing about the arguments for or against NUS, yet whenever NUS is discussed people who know bugger all about nothing believe they are experts. After a year in office I know a lot more about NUS than I realised there was to know, yet I remain to be convinced either way. If there is to be a referendum about this next year I hope that it will be the culmination of a well informed debate. Don't be fooled by arguments like; "These left-wing loonies want to rip you off" or "We must join because otherwise we are getting the benefits of the NUS without paying our money".

NSSO

The NUS set up the National Student Services Organisation as a way of taking over the various student bulk purchasing organisations for their own political ends. NUS disaffiliates are not allowed to join, but may enjoy the benefits of NSSO on payment of three times the normal membership. Phil Woolas stated to Jackie and me that this is to prevent disaffiliation. I believe that this is also intended to force reaffiliation. To maintain this position, NUS have injected £50,000 into NSSO and created company with virtually unchangeable rules. So far we have not lost out on any deals. It would also appear at the moment that ULU is prepared to continue to support us if NSSO are able to bring pressure upon suppliers to remove or reduce discounts.

Colleagues

Jen, Pat and Kathy; they have coped admirably with our eccentricities and failings. There is no point in saying any more as I would only end up repeating the praise in previous reports.

Carl and Quentin; we are still friends after a year. I could not have done my job without the sheer hard work of Quentin or the eccentric brilliance of Carl, I cannot think of one plan or objective taken on by ICU this year which has been achieved - usually because of Carl.

Conclusions

Despite all the hard work and frustration, I have to admit to a sense of achievement and enjoyment. It's difficult to see why this is, especially when being Deputy President is such a thankless job. I wish Jackie all the best for next year.

Hon Secretary

Quentin Fontana

It is not my intention that this report be confined to just what I have done but to give some idea about my views of this union whilst speaking from experience derived from other Universities I have spent time at.

1 Transport

1a Administration This year I have introduced a new booking system for weekend minibus hire with a form being used which is intended to provide more information than was previously available on random slips of paper. They seem to have worked fairly well in allowing me to make more efficient use of our own busses, along with outside hire ones. There have been some quite considerable problems though with cancellations and I feel that the general attitude of clubs is very poor, particularly when they try to get me to change the system to give their own club priority even when they don't really need a minibus.

1b The Union Crewbus Fleet (Italian Minibusses Inc) I have tried to keep all the busses in reasonable running order and in particular the oldest one (HLO yellow) on which I have spent quite a bit of money to keep it going as it is cheaper to do so than to keep selling and replacing with new vehicles. I don't believe that having a somewhat scrappy bus is any problem as the whole idea of the fleet is to provide a cheap and basic service without frills. I must however complain about the level of misuse by students which is a major contribution factor to the short life on the busses. The fleet will be shortly be increased to five busses which I believe will be well worthwhile, being three thirteen seaters and two seventeen seaters, this is something I am doing with an election promise. I must express my thanks to transport officer Jerry Hasnip for all the help this year in keeping the fleet in reasonable order.

1c Outside Hire Buses In general I have managed with just Budget and Translocation, with Swan National supplying some early on. There seem to be problems for next year as Budget Earl's Court are stopping supplying minibusses, which may result in greatly increased costs so the whole concept may require looking into. Some of the late cancellations have resulted in a great deal of bad feeling with the hire companies.

1d Accidents There has been a general attitude that the Union should be responsible for all accidents rather than the drivers

2 Insurance

2a Club Equipment At the start of the year there were three different files containing various inventories of equipment owned by clubs and societies, many of which were well out of date and bore very little resemblance to what was actually insured. I have now reduced them to one file of up-to-date inventories and adjusted our policies accordingly. I have had major problems all year with clubs not supplying me with inventories or giving updates, so it is very possible that there is much valuable equipment which is uninsured. Some people are, however, very good at updating inventories, particularly DramSoc and IC Radio. As I write there are quite a few outstanding claims, many of which I am waiting for documentation from clubs which most are very slow to provide.

2b Halls of Residence At the start of the year some negotiation, by Carl and myself resulted in a reduction of the premium from £15 to £7.50 but this is unlikely to be repeated next year due to an increase in claims and it is possible that the premium may be increased sharply. At the time of writing I am looking at a new type of policy.

3 Duplicating Service

3a Duplicating The Union duplicating service basically consists of a photocopier, a Gestetner and a typewriter, all of which are available for use by clubs and societies. The photocopier has given the most problems this year, particularly due to a complete failure of the auto-paperfeed mechanism, only working when manually fed. It took ages to get Canon to come and fix it but they did eventually and, at the time of writing, it is running well. It was during the period of inaction that the office acquired the second photocopier for office use which I believe Jen and Pat are finding very useful in that they can use at any time, without waiting for students to finish with it, this being a major problem with just having the one. The Gestetner is working reasonably well when in capable hands but has been causing a few problems for the less experienced. It is not easy to say why. I have unfortunately been very lax in cleaning it but I hope to be able to hand over a clean

Gestetner at the end of June. As far as the typewriters go we have had a somewhat unsuccessful year as they have proved to be reliable despite replacing them. At the time of writing the club's one is working although my recent fixing of it lends me to have grave doubts about its reliability. A major change I have made to the duplicating service has been to move the photocopier from my office into the main office. I did this for two main reasons. First to get it out of my office so that I would be able to work easier without interruptions which are very damaging to a train of thought and hence make working much more difficult, and also to put it in a position where it can be supervised better. I feel that the move has been worthwhile.

3b Disposal of junk I have cleaned out a large amount of junk from my office and the Queen Mum's Powder room (my store room) so that there is now much more room to accumulate new junk and useful artifacts. I have also taken quite a few old minute books down to the college archives, apparently the first time for many years that this has been done.

3c Stationary Maintaining the Union stacks of stationary basically consists of taking a Sainsbury's trolley down to central stores a couple of times a week. This is a job which takes up a remarkable amount of time, particularly due to opening hours. I have endeavored to keep a reasonable amount of usable items for various items, but this has not always been possible.

4 Union Committees

There are many of these that I sit on and a significant number for which I take minutes. Minute taking and writing up takes a remarkably large amount of time and I find it very difficult to see the justification in having a paid sabbatical to do this when it could be easier for each committee to appoint its own secretary viz MSCs and the Academic Affairs Committee, this releasing the Hon Sec to do more important jobs as the Union expands its sphere of influence and trading, and changes its set up and organisation over the years. I will admit that this may be a problem for only this year being due to Council's desire for expanded minutes, something that has caused Pat and myself a lot of work. I have attempted to keep the minutes accurate and I feel that I have achieved this, the lack of apparent corrections being fairly indicative, but I have included the odd joke or personal comment to try and make them more interesting.

4a UGMs and Exec News This year UGMs appear to have resulted in reasoned argument for the most part on several issues of direct relevance to IC students. One thing that I have found somewhat worrying is the way in which, when I put fairly flippant comments in my report along with serious reports, the only parts which get questions are the flippant ones. It has as ever been as disappointing to find that UGMs are inquisitorial. The challenging of quorum has led to a great deal of debate about quorum as a concept in that many people don't appreciate the reason for its existence. Quorum exists to protect the Union from having contentious policies passed by an unrepresentative number of people, any reduction in the level of quorum would lessen the power of any UGM decision as well as making UGMs much more vulnerable to the 'block vote' type of tactic from any pressure group. For the past four years Exec News has been printed in the FELIX PPrint Unit to provide a better quality publication. I found problems with it this year due to the rapidly moving events in the first term and also the problems with Tony, the printer, being off sick so I reverted to the previous system of Gestetner printing which resulted in greater flexibility but poorer quality. The change was for reason of circumstance rather than being a move to change the system permanently so I don't know what Dave will do next year nor shall I advise him which way to go.

4b Council: Council this year has been very fractionated with a very obvious divide between the FELIX clique and the rest which has led to a very unhealthy atmosphere and a great deal of bickering. I have had the general impression this year that Council has been working against the Union rather than for it with a general opinion that it has tended to concentrate on a couple of major items of business to the almost complete exclusion of other, lesser but still important items. It was for this reason that, on my recommendation, the Executive decided to split the January meeting into two halves so that the issue of the proposed FELIX move would not cloud the other items on the agenda. I feel that this was a success but I very upset when, at the second meeting, a line was deleted from the minutes of the first which succinctly summed up the situation at that moment. Another of the major problems with Council this year has been the officers not submitting reports in time for them to be typed, duplicated and circulated so that other members of Council have been unable to read them properly and consider the implications of the items mentioned. It was this point that led to the cancellation of the March meeting due to there being an apparent lack of business. Subsequent information has indicated that I was correct to do so.

4c GUC: Over the year I have come to the conclusion that ULU GUC is a complete and utter waste of time except to visit ULU Bar and meet students from other colleges. It tends to concern itself with far too much petty party political wranglings with very little actual interest in the direct affairs of students. One thing that I have found very disturbing is the total lack of respect that the majority of delegates have for the views and opinions of others when they differ even slightly from their own extreme left wing politics. There have been times when I have been very amused by the complete lack of suss that some delegates have and the way they make claims without any information to back them up. LSE have been the worst offenders in this respect but they are not alone.

4d MSCs: Whilst the three sabbatical officers are full members of the MSCs, their role is little more than to observe and make sure that they don't act unconstitutionally. Unfortunately I haven't been able to attend as many of these meetings as I would have liked, mainly due to the timings of the meetings, but I have been reasonably impressed by the professional manner in which they have been run, credit for this must go to the chairmen.

4e Internal Services: This I feel has probably been the best and most effective of the minor sub committees this year and was largely responsible for much of the early work with respect to the Union Bar. Meetings have tended to be long and fairly verbal but unlike some other committees this verbosity hasn't been confined to one or two individuals and most of the discussion has been useful and objective. Much of the credit must go to chairman Alan Rose for making this a very useful committee.

4f External Affairs: This is a total contrast to Internal Services in that it has done very little as a committee apart from discuss what is on the GUC agenda. This includes motions which are frequently about issues on which we have no policy as a Union so voting has to be done at the discretion of the delegate. The EAO has however tried to force a party line which almost defeats the object of having elected delegates to GUC. I have rarely bothered to take minutes for this committee due to there being nothing but GUC discussed and as such make no apology for not doing so. The worst thing about this committee is that the Chairman has been dealing with items and campaigns behind the back of the committee with almost no reference to it.

dictatorship, in many ways it has but I make no apology for it as I feel that it is inevitable when only a couple of people actually know what is going on.

4h Union Finance Committee: This showed the usual CCU/MSC divide but I got the impression that there wasn't the same antagonism as there has been in previous years with a general air of realism. I am writing this before the May UFC so my opinion may change greatly then. The permitted expenditure policy statements were a useful exercise.

5 College Committees: I only sit on a couple of these which is something that I am extremely grateful for as they are generally very tedious and don't seem to do much of any consequence.

5a Refectory Users: This is a committee which combines the rantings of Chairram Simon Perry with the smooth bullshit of Refectory Manager Rob Northey. It was notable that the most constructive meeting that this committee had was the one when Northey was out of the country.

5b Health Service Users: This is extremely boring and I really don't know why the Hon Sec sits on it, it was probably due to a bit of delegation a few years ago. I don't think that most of the members really know what the committee is trying to do and much of the discussion appears to have been on items which seem irrelevant or should be dealt with by other committees such as Safety Council.

5c Parking and Traffic: This is a complete and utter waste of time as Security Chief Geoff Reeves tends to take over and run the meetings despite officially being the secretary. The most that I can say in its favour is that this committee doesn't meet very often.

5d Governing Body and F and E: These committees are a complete contrast to the other College Committees in that they tend to result in reasoned argument and discussion of many of the issues which are of major interest to the College rather than being rubber stamp committees. Although it is not easy to make a major contribution during the meetings, the post meeting lunches are a very useful way of getting the students views known to some very influential people such as politicians.

6 Parking Permits: I seem to have managed the allocation of these with the minimum of fuss mainly due to not advertising the appeals procedure meaning that it was those who really deserved and actually wanted them who got them. Once the appeals allocation had been made I only had one person complain and they were first on the short list for reallocation of returned permits anyway, although when one became available he didn't bother to pick it up. The introduction of the £5 deposit resulted in some being returned which is at least an improvement on previous years.

7 Elections. The sabbatical elections went off fairly smoothly, although I had a great deal of difficulty in getting an elections committee together. In the event it didn't matter, but a couple of decisions which should have been committee decisions I had to take myself. A major problem occurred with the election rules in that a major change was proposed last year and went before the elections sub committee but as there is no record of them being passed, I had to work with the old rule, which are woefully inadequate. The problem only came to light after the sabbatical papers had gone up, so there was nothing that I could do about it. The dep rep elections didn't go off as smoothly, mainly due to incompetent returning officers, illustrating that there are times when it may be a good idea to delegate responsibilities. Other elections seem to have been performed with the minimum of fuss.

8 Union Bar. The bar has been a prime target for a Union take over for years, and now we have it. This has caused me a few problems in a social sense as I feel guilty about drinking in Southside when I could be increasing the Union bar takings. The main problem is that the bars are a very good place for officers to meet non 'hack' students, and that limiting oneself to the Union tends to reduce the contact one has with the general student body thus limiting the feedback one gets from them, hence making the job of representation more difficult. It has been a problem I have found very difficult to overcome.

8a Bar Boycott. I was very impressed with the response to the boycott call, and I feel that it reflected well on IC students that when something is worthwhile and attainable, yet requires a personal sacrifice, they are prepared to make that sacrifice and fight for it. What I was less impressed with was the response of the Union officers. The Union bylaws state 'the officers of the Union shall be responsible for carrying out the policy of the Union as determined by a General Meeting,' yet when it came to the picket to enforce the boycott, apart from the six members of the Executive committee I can only think of three council members who regularly attended being Alan Rose, Hugh Stiles and Tim Palmer. In my opinion this lack of commitment to the Union was deplorable. I write this six months after the event so I apologise to anyone whom I have forgotten.

CONCLUSION

So that in my view of my year is the year broken up into sections but the question I must now ask is whether the whole is the sum of the parts. I don't think that it is exactly and I leave the job with an impression of the whole year rather than a lot of impressions of various parts. So why did I do it? And would I do it again? Over the year I have frequently been asked why I took on the job and the usual reply that I have given has been 'I got drunk one night'.

Before the start of the evening of the Guilds Centenary Barnight it hadn't occurred to me to stand but for some reason, whilst under the influence of a couple of halves of shandy, I let Chris Mason persuade me to stand just for the sake of having an election. I spent nothing on my campaign, considerably less than Dave who was unopposed, yet I was elected despite being beaten by A B Stain by 22 votes. I had always intended to resign immediately if elected but Roger Preece persuaded me to do it so I did. Despite this somewhat unencouraging start I have no regrets about doing the job apart from taking up a year of my life in an activity that will in all probability have little to do with my future career, at my age every year counts. As far as achievements go, the answer to that question must be that as I originally only intended to force an election I achieved that admirably yet I still work on the job so I suppose that any general achievement over the year must still be considered. I haven't really done anything more than what is required in the Hon Sec job description yet a simple job description only identifies areas of responsibility and the incumbent man can expand or contract their activities within those areas almost at will. It is very difficult to assess how well one has performed as it is easily possible to convince oneself that one is doing the work of two people whilst not actually fulfilling one's own responsibilities so I will have to leave performances as an open ended question for others to decide on. The question of whether I would do it again is probably the most difficult to answer as I am now writing with hindsight and feel that I have some idea as to what the job entails. Again I must leave this as an open ended answer as my reply would usually depend on my state of mind at the time but I would like to state categorically that my move to a provincial university is in no way intended to qualify me for a second sabbatical year nor do I intend doing one. When it comes to fulfilment of election promises I can only think of two positive points that I raised both during the Hustings questions, the first was that I would like to see an increase in the size of the minibus fleet something which is currently in the process of happening, the second was to improve the quality of paper darts at UGMs. I have made absolutely no effort in this direction apart from supplying more paper for practise, I humbly grovel and beg forgiveness.

I apologise for the length of this report and also for areas which overlap with Carl and Dave's reports but I have tried to give my overall impressions of my year as Hon Sec along with my philosophy of work and professional interactions with colleagues. I also apologise if large parts of this report seem like one long complaint, much of it was written in a somewhat pissed off mood, I can't really hate students that much as I still want to spend another three years amongst them pushing my university career to over a decade in length.

CREDITS

There are far too many people to thank by name but particularly thanks must go to Jen, Pat, and Kathy for keeping me sane and putting up with me for a year and to all those whom I have served on committees who have had to put up with my minutes and appalling sense of humour.

It just remains for me to wish the Union (that means all its members not just the officers) a fond farewell and that I hope that Dave and Christine and Jackie has a good a year as I have just remember the words attributed to a famous black student leader: 'Bloody students, they give me so much grief, they really piss me off.'

Academic Affairs

J Martin Taylor

This year has seen the beginning of a process which may (or may not) lead to real changes in teaching methods at the College. With the arrival of a new Rector, along with evidence that the College's reputation for teaching is becoming tarnished (as evidenced by the dramatic fall in the number of applicants), the College set up an Undergraduate Studies Committee to produce proposals designed to revitalise teaching. This committee, with its large student membership (which does not include myself), has spent all year in intense deliberations, and has addressed itself to all the age-old student complaints about lecturers who can't lecture, too heavy work-loads, etc. Unfortunately it has not yet produced its first set of proposals, and although in draft form they look quite radical, I think the present delay is because they are being watered-down in order to stand any chance of being accepted by Board of Studies.

It's the same old story - there is always a perfectly good reason why any particular change shouldn't be made. Everyone agrees on the need for some change, but whatever is proposed, whilst always a 'good idea in principle', cannot be put into action because of some over-riding reason. My feeling is that what will eventually be approved will be token window dressing designed to justify having gone through the entire process, with the real problems and their potential solutions remaining unaddressed. Academics are still too stuck in their comfortable ways to make any hard decisions about the future of higher education, something which I find profoundly depressing.

COLLEGE COMMITTEES

The most useful committee I attend as AAO is Admissions Policy. The members are Admissions Tutors who are all interested in students and they are deeply worried about falling applications. It is unfortunate that their concern has not permeated to all parts of the College, although I believe it is shared by the Rector.

Board of Studies is a fascinating body. It consists of a very large number of people, all the professors and many lecturers, and is chaired by the Rector. It is the highest academic body in College. It makes decisions by consensus, which means in practice that if what is suggested meets with the Rector's approval it is the consensus, and if it doesn't it isn't. Occasionally the Rector can't make up his mind and must judge what the mood of the meeting is. I will treasure the moment when the Rector, after explaining that votes are never taken at BoS, asked for a show of hands to 'indicate the feeling of the Board'. BoS is basically a conservative body which makes any radical change difficult to achieve. Occasionally this works to our advantage, but more often than not it is a major obstacle to reform.

Other College committees I sit on include Vacation Training which has at last realised why student reps didn't turn up - they never sent any notifications to the Union. We are now playing a part in this again. Most discussion is hampered by a lack of statistics on how many students actually get vacation work through the College scheme. Careers Advisory has only met once and unfortunately I wasn't able to attend.

I have also been a member of the Rector's Working Party on increasing the number of women students. This he set up after setting the ambitious target in his Commemoration Day speech of doubling the proportion of women at IC by 1992. This working party, after some initial discussions, has arranged a series of two day courses for sixth form girls in the summer. This is laudable, but offers little hope of meeting the Rector's target given the limited numbers involved. Unfortunately the wider problem is largely outside the College's control, for example only 20% of Physics A-level entrants are female.

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS DAY

This took place for the first time in February, and I believe it was very successful. It consisted of a speech and discussion with the chairman of the UG Studies Committee, Prof. Blow, training exercises and discussion of Academic Affairs policy. I am glad that I have been able to start up what I hope will be a regular annual event which should improve the Union's Academic Affairs work. Ideally the event will be held early in the session, and I believe my successor is already arranging it for the autumn term.

ALTERNATIVE PROSPECTUS

The AAC decided in the autumn term that it was unhappy with the decision not to produce an AP this year. The decision was bad for a number of reasons - the previous AP was seriously out of date, and was never intended when it was produced to cover two years; the idea that schools will keep the old editions for another year is unrealistic. In addition there is the argument that it is an important function of a student union to provide a student view to potential applicants to the College. Unfortunately the Union took a narrow financial view of the AP. I decided therefore to get the College to pay for the AP, since it is after all part of the College's overall recruitment effort, and a good AP is likely to encourage the right people to choose IC. I won the support of the Admissions Policy Committee and the Rector's Working Party on Women Students, but unfortunately time ran out before the matter could be raised at a high enough level. I feel that we would have been successful in obtaining the £2500 we needed if there had been any support from the President, with his access to the Rector. Unfortunately, for convoluted reasons, various people including Carl Burgess decided they didn't want an AP this year and remained resolutely opposed to the idea even if College agreed to pay for it. It seems there are people prepared to oppose any idea simply because I'm in favour of it - but then that's student politics.

IC UNION

This has been the worst year for the Union in the seven years I have been a student here. We have undoubtedly the most incompetent, lazy and inexperienced 'leadership' that I have ever seen. They have succeeded in dividing the few active members of the Union as never before, and reducing interest in and respect for the Union amongst its members to a new low. Fortunately, the College realise that this is a one year problem and it hasn't affected their view of the Union too badly. But it is impossible for the Union to expect to take on more responsibility when there is always the threat of another year like this one. The lesson to all members of the Union is clear - if you elect joke candidates to top jobs in the Union, then you will get a Union which is itself a joke.

J Martin Taylor

Internal Services

Alan Rose

Section A: Trading Outlets

1. The Union Snack Bar

This outlet has consolidated its position after a very good first year and should return a larger surplus this year.

Space has continued to be the root of most problems, the main two being the large slow moving queues at peak periods and the lack of space to sit down and eat at these times. To streamline the point of sale it is hoped that an additional microwave oven and an extra till will be introduced by the start of the new year.

Expansion into the area of externally sold food production (eg providing rolls for the bar) has increased productivity without a POS bottleneck overhead but has necessitated the introduction of an additional employee. As the associated preparation work takes place in the morning, student casuals are generally unavailable. Suitable external candidates proved difficult to attract, eventually resulting in the arrival of an ex-IC student who had time on his hands. Whilst Pete Hartley has done a great job, he may be resuming his "studies" at some stage and so we will be stuck with the same problem again.

Although the Wednesday evening opening was hardly a howling success, it did not lose any money and is indicative of future bar/snack bar policy which will hopefully involve both outlets working together.

2. The Book Shop

After the £1000 deficit of 1984, the 1985 surplus of £27000 showed that the problems were temporary, a fact born out by the recent half-yearly accounts which indicate that the shop should show an improved performance this year.

The bookstalls organised by Mr Hicks, the shop manager, for the various conferences that have taken place at college this year have continued to be successful.

Because of the fact that much of the shop's stock is dictated by the booklists submitted by members of academic staff, the stock levels and hence the shop's financial fluidity can often be adversely affected by thoughtlessly cobbled together lists. This will always be a problem but it appears to have caused less damage this year than last.

Like IC Union itself, the Book Shop is poised to move into the computer age. An accounting package is in the process of being introduced and hopefully a stock control package will be implemented before the start of the next academic year.

Jason Gold of the finance section has produced much invaluable work to aid this project as well as all of the new technology will be to liberate the shop's management staff from a lot of tedious paperwork, enabling them to explore such areas as sales to outside organisations like technically based firms and other colleges which is the only way forward as internal sales reach saturation point.

3. The Sports Shop

Contrary to some of the ill-informed piffle in sabbatical election publicity last term, the Sports Shop looks set to return a small profit this year after last year's small loss.

It is true to say that the shop still has outstanding debts from some time ago and it will certainly need some form of re-vamp in the not too distant future.

At the beginning of the year, one of the shops main suppliers went out of business.

The fact that this company was NUS recommended is entirely consistent with that organisation's attitude towards trading which has always been little short of cretinous. The shop has pulled through well and new suppliers have been found. The business has undergone a certain amount of streamlining this year with stock levels being reduced and opening hours being adjusted to meet demand.

4. The Union Bar

The January takeover of the Bar was brought about by a quite excellent popular response to the boycott and a great deal of discussion and haggling both within the Union and between the Union and College.

Although the end result was inevitably imperfect the financial and administrative implications of the takeover were moulded into a workable format. This was greatly aided by:

a) A lot of hard work and investigation by Sabbatical officers. (particularly from Dave Kingston)

b) Co-operation and advice from the Refectory system. (particularly from Martin Parsons).

c) Informed and constructive criticism from Union Officers. (particularly from Nick Shackley).

d) Help and advice from other student bars (particularly from ULU).

And was hindered by:

a) Ill-informed destructive criticism from Union Officers (particularly from Gren Manuel)

b) ill-conceived badly worded takeover agreements.

Since the takeover the bar's takings have shown a steady increase up to a point where they are now on a par with last year's performance. A few minor administrative hassles have come to light but should soon be ironed out.

This has been greatly aided by:

a) The hard work and patience of Union staff (particularly Jen, Moore and Kevin)

b) Most of the bar's customers.

And has been hindered by:

a) Very bad attitudes from some 'customers' (most of whom have been from rugby clubs but I'm sure this is a coincidence)

SECTION B NEW DEVELOPMENTS

1. Machinery

Pete Wilson decided that the Southside Bar toilets needed a Durex dispenser. This was installed last term and appears to be doing good business. Whether he thinks it is still a good idea after all peurile jokes he has had to endure over the last few months is another matter.

I investigated the possibility of installing a stamp machine and to this day I am waiting for Automated Postage Services Ltd to iron out problems with their machinery.

The idea of asking one of the High Street banks to install a Cash Point on campus was mooted. Lloyds were originally interested but after prolonged discussions with their development department, the College Secretary, the Finance Section and the Mech Eng Departmental Superintendent, Lloyds finally pulled out.

2. Refurbishment

In order to attract more students into the Union Building, it was decided that the room which now houses both the Union Snack Bar and the Union Lounge Bar should have a major facelift. This should make the room much more functional as a snack bar and make it somewhere where people can come for a quiet drink in the evenings. Over the last couple of months Dave Kingston and I have a good idea of

what is required, and how much the Union can afford to spend. The most important thing is to get the work done in time for the start of the new year.

Sector C non Union Services

1 Haldane Library

The record librarian refused to put a record bought by the Union's buyer into the collection as she considered that the title of the artist was offensive. This precipitated along discussion at ISC about moral responsibility and the librarians right of veto on records purchased by the Union's buyer with the Unions money which are intended for predominantly student ears. At the time of writing this position has not been resolved.

2. Southside Bar

The new Food Bar has been a great success. It has not harmed the Union's food trade and provides good quality food at reasonable prices (but you knew that didn't you). I hope that I speak for everyone when I express IC Unions appreciation of Roger Pownall's achievement.

3 Refectories

The quality of the food on offer showed some improvement immediately after the new Refectory manger took over but seems to have done little since. There is still a long way to go.

SECTOR D THE COMMITTEE

At the start of the year the committee seemed to be suffering from a lack of direction and purpose. Although it obviously became very preoccupied with the bar issue, I feel that it now has the correct structure for the future; divorcing itself from the nitty gritty of management and setting itself up with the responsibility for the development, publication and interaction of Union Services.

Alan Rose

PG Affairs

Gareth Fish

Since being cajoled into this job by Carl and Chris in July I must say that I have enjoyed myself although at times I have felt dispondent about the lack of involvement of PGs in anything other than work or section/laboratory socialising. Small amounts of within departmental socialising has been organised. The lot of the PG at IC is a strange one and varies from section to section, department to department. Workload varies social life is different. I would like to thank Gareth Edward-Jones for his work at Silwood and to thank Chris Martin (Treasurer) and Helena Bramwell for their contributions this year.

1 Council: I have attended all meetings this year and felt that I have some contribution to make to the general well being of the students that I represent and also adding to the discussions giving the benefit of my 4.5 years at College.

2 Bored Of Studies: Although I have missed the last two meetings due to being elsewhere in the first instance and representing the College at cricket in the second, I feel that I have learned a great deal about who runs College and I have raised a couple of important points about things in general at College. The next important thing is to make sure that representatives attend the BOS on 25/6/86 as it is at the final BOS of the year that the College always puts through devious course changes etc with the Union being unable to stop them.

3 Graduate Studies These meetings tend to last for 2.5 hours and are sometimes rather tedious. Lots of things of importance to both MScs and PhDs come up and I have always got my oar in on any matter that affects Postgrads. Ted Brown and the other academics as well as Messers Mee and Wheatly are friendly and I always get more than my fair share of biccies.

4 Bar Committee I am the Council representative on this and for the last 15 months I have been secretary. Unfortunately this committee does not meet as often as it ought and subsequently things that need doing and decisions by the committee, except price decisions, take several months to implement. One of the problems with BC is that the refectory manager does not turn up so it almost impossible to get him to answer to any of his misdeeds. Hopefully my two recommendations of 9/12/85 will go some way towards preventing the farce of the price increases of last

October/November. If Council agrees then I would like to continue to represent the Union on this committee as I feel I have plenty to offer the Union on the bar front.

5 UGMs I have been to the start of all the UGMs and think that I have continued to contribute useful things to all those UGMs I have stayed to the end of. The last one ended on a very sour note with there almost being a fight between the left and the right over the Barclays motion. The problems here lies in the apathy of the ordinary student who fails to attend and the meetings only become a political football after the sabbatical elections. The vast majority of students at IC don't care about World Politics, Nicaragua, Barclays Bank, or if they do they are too apathetic to do anything about it. Until IC UGMs contain material of relevance to ordinary students they won't bother coming.

6 Internal Services Committee I have attended most of these (when notified) and have hence contributed usefully to the running of the Union Bar (see Union Bar).

7. Beer Festival This is an important Rag Event and should continue to be sponsored by the Union as the potential of raising £1k is there. All that is required is someone will a passion for beer (good real ale) to step forward and run the festival next year. There is some doubt about the siting of next year's Beer Festival on account of the work in the JCR and MDH. It may well have to take place in the Union Building. As ever I will contribute as much as I can to the running of this event.

8 Union Bar I was involved in the Boycott. I did attend/man the picket lines and actively discouraged others from using the bars. I was involved in the takeover of the bar at all stages and enjoyed the battle with college. Mr Northey ought to be castigated for his employment of Mr McVee. It left the bar in poor state for the Union's subsequent takeover. For the first two weeks before Kevin Buckley's employment I was quite happy to be the cellarman and enjoyed the work. Since then I have been watching the progress of the bar and am pleased with the progress.

9 PG Group this has not been very successful due to the failure of the PG's to turn up to the ploughman's lunch and the Valentine's party. On a college wide scale the group is doomed to failure but organised departmentally could be and is more successful depending on departments.

10 PG women Sam Chittendan has been co-opted as the Women's PG rep and hopefully will not have had much to do as PG Womens Officer.

11 PG Appeals for several weeks I was pursued by an MSc student who failed his degree, appealed, was deemed to have failed again, and spent three months seeing everybody he could repeatedly so as to try and get his degree. The Civ Eng department, the registry, Prof Sayers, and myself have gone out of our way to to help him and we hope in the end he will resit and get his degree.

12 IC Cricket Club I have been Hon Sec of this club and have put a lot of time into organising things and hopefully we should (weather permitting), be rewarded with a good season.

13 Summary On the whole I have enjoyed my time as PG AAO and if anyone of you PGs out there is thinking of doing the job please come and see me. Of the above all that needs to be done is 1,2,3 and 9. Overall I have enjoyed my time, as ever, and will still be here til September 1987.

Pub Board Chairman

Hugh Stiles

To take the publications in turn:

FELIX; This year has seen a very bold move by the editor in totally revamping FELIX and attempting to drag it into the mid 1980's. Although not universally popular, the successes (and failures) of the new look FELIX should give next year's editor a firm base from which to work.

After last year when the student staff level fell to an all-time low, the student effort on FELIX has increased substantially with an almost completely new set of staff having been trained up over the year. Many of these people will be around next year and so a higher standard of production from early on may be expected.

Finally of course, there is the FELIX move; arguments for and against it abound, and I believe that only time will tell whether the move is a good thing or not.

IC Radio; Beset initially by internal divisions, the radio station has settled down into a smooth running rythem, with almost too many erstwhile presenters to be accommodated.

The refurbishment of the Southside studio has moved very much further on this year with the new mixer desk fast approaching completion. Attention is now being turned towards making Northside into a viable studio. The idea of 'Community Radio' still skirts the fringes of the IC Radio consciousness but as yet nothing can be done.

STOIC; This has run very smoothly indeed and, certainly from my position, appears to run with a calm professionalism that gets the job done and still leaves time to look to the future.

That future has started to take shape this year with the first steps on the way to making the studio in RATT a viable alternative to the College studio. Plans have been proposed for the necessary partitioning and soundproofing and an edit suite has been obtained at a favourable price from the College TV studio.

Handbook; Generally well received this year although subjected to perhaps unfair criticism from certain parts of the Union for too great a use of editorial freedom.

The question of how to distribute to overseas freshers is still an unresolved problem as the bags of unclaimed Handbooks in Quentin's office testify. Sorting this out before next October must be a priority for the new Hon. Sec.

Phoenix; At one stage going through editors like they were going out of fashion, the Phoenix has ended up in the lap of Chris Edwards who, I am sure, will do a very capable job.

This year the magazine is being printed 'in-house' and is now targetted for its main sales in October rather than the late part of the Summer term.

It is regrettable that the changes in editorship nothing something special could not have been arranged for this, the 100th year of the Phoenix.

AP; At the end of last year it was decided to extend the print run on the AP in order to save money this year by not printing one.

As this year wore on, more and more dissatisfaction with that decision came to the surface until attempts were made to find the funding for a new AP for this year.

It was suggested to College that they should fund the AP since it was essentially a part of the recruitment propaganda rather than a publication for consumption by Union members.

In spite of the fact that an editor was elected to oversee the AP (be it a full issue or just a supplement) over a very foreshortened timetable, College were unable to come up with the money.

It is unfortunate that the very best efforts of the two keen people involved, should have come to naught in this manner.

PG Handbook; To my sorrow this did not appear. Not one postgraduate felt they could edit it for the benefit of future and potential postgraduates.

Sometimes I wonder why the Union bothers doing anything for postgraduates.

On a more general level I have been very tied up in my research this year and to a certain extent I have been a 'caretaker' chairman rather than the 'new broom' I set out to be.

However, to my surprise, with the exception of placing orders, I have found that Pub Board operates very well with just gentle guidance required from the top, and credit must go to the constituent parts for the responsible attitudes they adopt.

Financially things are not looking too bad, this being the first year without carryover the guesseed at 15% contingency could have been too low. However, it seems as if the matter was judged just right.

My thanks to Steve, Pete, Judith and to all the members of Pub Board all of whose maturity in discharging their responsibilities took a lot of potential pressure away from me when I could least have coped with any difficulties.

Thanks Pub Board-I wish all MSC's were like you.

H.N.S.

Rag Chairman

John Ingham

Monopoly and tiddlywinks at the start of the year both went very well and I recommend the same form again next year. The two collections in Rag Week and the Leapfrogging last term were lets successful. I have obtained a list of licences for the whole of next year so at least we can now plan which licences to use in advance. Rag Week

This generally went well but publicity on both our part and that of the CCUs was bad and we suffered from a lack of attendance at a lot of events. I wish I could have had a publicity officer as keen as Nick Shackley. The only new event was the Hypnosis lecture which went very well despite poor publicity. Apart from this all the events other than the street collections and carnival were better organised than before and raised more money. On a personal note I thought that Morphy Day was great fun and was the highlight of rag week.

Rag Mags

I hope that Jelly produces something that is not as sick as this year and I wish him lots of luck. We only ran a couple of tours to other London colleges (which I did not go on) and most of the rag mags were sold at the beginning of term and on the RCS trip. One reason for this being that the printer only let us have a couple of hundred at a time. Next year's committee should think about producing more which could be sold with a few trips in the first term.

Parachuting

A good idea of Judith Hackney's which unfortunately suffered from lots of cock-ups. We should still have raised about £2000 from it. Our Valentine's Day Milk Tray message idea didn't go so well, Hugh Southey's mum being the only person to take advantage of it. All the rest of my ideas such as Beit pancake races were conveniently forgotten about.

Rag Fete

This was organised very well by Man Tai with a little bit of help from myself. The party worked out very well and most people got extremely pissed. Carl was already pissed at 9.00am on the same morning and was extremely obnoxious to Anne Diamond. Anne Diamond did not wear Tony Spencer's jumper on TV-AM.

General Comments

This year we have raised about £13,000 (± £5000). Next year's charities are National Deaf Children, Cancer Research, RADAR, Brain injured children and a local group of Mencap. We are not supporting any African charities so go and run in Hyde Park for Sport Aid.

I would like to wish the best of luck to Man Tai and hope all the VPs get involved in Rag Committee, bring their friends along and make the chairmans job a lot easier. I have enjoyed my year but wish that people would realise there is a limit to what you can do. I would probably have done a lot more if I hadn't got pissed off half way through the first term due to excess hassles.

RCC Chairman

Tim Palmer

This year for RCC has gone well. the RCC Exec has worked well, with Peter Hill, the Vice Chairman running the accounts smoothly on and giving a helpful second opinion. Simon Seward, Jerry Hassnip and Richard Colcott have all helped keep the committee running smoothly. Frank Potter, RCC Hon Senior treasurer, has been invaluable as ever.

The clubs have had varying success this year, a lot depending on the personalities and drive of people in them. A successful club generally has a hard working chairman and committee. During the year, we lost Brewing Society due to lack of interest. Chinese Chess Society joined RCC just before Christmas, providing us with a new and different club. Astrosoc's committee have requested to be transferred back to RCSU next year and Simon Redlich, RCSU President and I have agreed on this. Therefore next year, RCC will have only 28 clubs under its control rather than the 29 I have had this year.

As for the other clubs, Keep fit have had a very successful second year with membership almost double that of last year. Dance, and Billiards and Snooker have some pleasing successes in competitions, with Dance also expanding their range of lessons. Canoe and Caving this year have produced two potentially exciting expeditions to the Karokoram and the Rockies respectively which give some indication of the high degree of expertise in these and other RCC clubs. Financially this year has been tight. With care having to be exercised throughout the whole range of RCC finance. Next year, the same is going to be true. Although if UFC gets its way we may lose certain clubs which the 'Union' believes spend too much. This I believe is a very dangerous approach to take especially as we then have to prioritise our expenditure. This is NOT possible in an organisation like the Union which provides a service. I also believe we are still living in a 'land of milk and honey' to some extent compared to the 'real' world, therefore everyone could take the cuts needed with attacking certain clubs.

I have enjoyed my year as RCC chairman and wish my successor and his Exec luck with the next year. Success will as always depend on people rather than money.

SCAB Chairman

Nick Shackley

The past year has seen a maintenance of the Board's activities with pleasing growth by a number of The Board's constituent clubs, despite continuing financial pressure. I shall briefly detail the activities of The Board's societies.

The Chamber Music Society has not been active this year and its exact role in the musical activities of students remains unclear. However, the recent appointment of Richard Dickens as 'musician in residence' by the College should aid its emergence next year. The Debating Society has held fewer debates involving outside speakers and has therefore been less visible to the general student audience but the involvement of its members in debates and the introduction of debating workshops has proved successful and popular.

The Dramatic Society has been as active as ever with three major productions and SCAB Nite being performed; two radio plays have been produced for broadcast on IC Radio, which have ensured the involvement of most members interested in

acting. The 1985 tour to the Edinburgh Festival proved successful; with no major difficulties being encountered either in the running of the theatre venue (Theatre West End), which involves considerable organisation throughout the year, or in the performance of the Society's three plays.

The reformed Jazz Club has emerged this year and the efforts of a few in getting the Club off the ground have been most successful. Bands using the Club's facilities have performed at SCAB Nite, Rag and RCS parties, as well as providing music in the Union Bar, and the Club has organised a couple of its own gigs in the Lounge. Also, a Big Band has been formed and is practising regularly. The Operatic Society enjoyed its traditional success with their February show, as well as performing at Christmas and at Easter. The tour to Devon, completely self-financing, went very smoothly with good houses for all performances. The help and cooperation of last year's Tour administrators has been most useful in sorting out the perennial VAT problems.

The Choir has maintained its activity over the previous year with well-attended concerts at Christmas and Easter, the installation of an organ in the Great Hall being a major asset to them. Some difficulties in their intensive rehearsals, essential for sufficient practise, have resulted in lower attendances. The Orchestra has seen improved attendances at its Christmas and Easter concerts, not least due to the hard work of their committee, and the joint concert at Easter with the Choir was a highlight and notable success for both parties.

All SCAB societies participated in SCAB Nite which was attended by about 200 people this year. Autumn is always a busy term for the SCAB clubs and I am most grateful to all concerned for their efforts.

The hiring out of projectors and PA by the Executive continue with usage remaining broadly the same as the previous year. These items have remained a source of hassle and the loss by Ents of the PA speakers at the beginning of the Autumn term left Jazz Club in a difficult position just when it was getting off the ground. The maintenance of this equipment is expensive and costs are barely being covered at the moment.

The Board now oversees six accounts and a degree of coordination is necessary, particularly when sorting out the end-of-year VAT and returnable balance payments. I am grateful to Malcolm Walker of Finance Section for his help in this area but it will take a couple of years for The Board to get used to this new role and the help of the individual treasurers, which has been excellent this year, will always be required. The computerisation of the SCAB account has proved successful although the lack of a computer in the Union Office has complicated matters somewhat; this will be remedied next year, I understand. The new, separate accounts for the Choir and Orchestra have proved successful, fully justifying the decision of the two committees to go ahead with the change. The existing proposals regarding next year's funding by the College of Choir and Orchestra are most unsatisfactory and this issue will continue to be pursued by The Board until a fair and appropriate allocation is made.

During the last two years, I have represented the Union on the newly formed College Music Committee. Overall, I have been impressed with the willingness of this committee to tackle the basic problems faced by the musical societies in the College. However, the committee must not be reticent in dealing with the financial situation regarding College funding to musical activities. The belligerence of any one individual must be overcome to ensure a satisfactory outcome for all parts of music at the College.

Finally I would like to thank all members of The Board for their time and help over the past year. Financial pressure, from all quarters, and the difficulties of coordinating all our financial activities is not at all easy and their interest and support has been essential and very much appreciated. In particular, I would like to thank Dr Don Munro for his work as Orchestra staff treasurer, a post he is, regrettably, giving up this year and the SCAB executive. In particular, I am indebted to The Board's senior treasurer, Professor Bill Wakeham, for a sense of humour, an adroit signature and two years of amusing Thursday luntings.

Welfare Officer

Pete Wilson

"Dave Kingston has been largely useless as a Deputy President". Recognise this phrase? It is the one which Dave Kingston used to describe my work for the Union over the last year. Neither statement is very constructive.

I think I can best report my actions as Welfare Officer this year by answering Dave's criticisms. Of course during the year, my first as a Union Officer, I have had my short comings, but then even Sabbaticals have short comings.

Dave criticises my ideas as being ill thought out, and with no realistic idea of funding. Each year the Union receives a quarter of a million pounds from College. Do you think spending an extra £200 pounds a year on a more effective rape alarm, to be given free to women students, is ill thought out. Do you think spending a few pounds a week on a minibus service to take students from the 'campus' to the head tenancies, after the bars have closed, is a waste of your money? Dave Kingston, and the other sabbaticals, refuse to even consider either of these ideas. I spent a lot of time in the second term attempting to find a solution to the 'Nightline Crisis'. The problem, simply, is that the funding has collapsed, and Imperial College (not the Union) has kept it going for the last year. I wrote to every Sabbatical of every ULU College, and to every student newspaper, pointing out the situation, and asking for money or publicity. However Colleges and Unions were, at the time, unwilling to come up with the thirty pence, per student, which would enable Nightline to survive.

Anne Cox, the Nightline director, and I approached the Rector and the College Tutor, who both agreed that the bottom line was Nightline is a valuable Service, which should not be allowed to collapse. As the solution to the problem is obviously London wide, and as I had exams looming, I left the situation in the more than capable hands of the ULU president.

Finally I would like to thank Anne Cox, Leslie Gillingham, and everyone else at Student Services, on behalf of the Union, for their hard work. I would like to wish Dave Kingston the best of luck in his career outside of college.

An afterthought; if you're interested enough to have read this far, then you will probably have read the sabbatical reports as well. You should take them all with a pinch of salt, as it seems that Carl, Dave and Quentin have indulged themselves in mutual back-slapping, and a fair degree of back stabbing. Did you really want these children running your Union. Roll on next year.....



FILM

He Died With His Eyes Open is a French film taken from the book of the same name by the English author Derek Raymond (pseudonym Robin Cook) who has found great success in France but who is virtually unknown in Britain

Michael Serrault (excellent in 'La Cage Aux Folles') plays the standard hard independant cop, Inspector Stanisland, determined to find out who

savagely killed a man found by a railway track. He quickly comes across Barbara, Charlotte Rampling, a femme fatale, who appears one day when Stanisland is listening to some tapes of the victim in the victim's flat. As may be expected from misogynistic tales of femme fatales, the woman in question gets her just deserts, punished for her sexuality.

The film too is rather predictable full of unimaginative and cliché ridden direction. I can't really recommend it on any level, inspite of the marvellous M Serrault, and

possibly because of the rather ham MS Rampling.

Finally to complete the theme of women and film, the ICA is running a series of exploitation films directed by women. Amy Jones **Love Letters** reviewed last week, is now showing at several Cannon Cinemans and **Slumber Party Masacre** and **Streetwalking** are showing as a double bill at the ICA. I've not seen the former, but the latter is a rather sad and unpleasant documentary style film about a young runaway and her life with the prostitutes in the big city.

THEATRE

Fail/safe is a story of four women and their ties to each other. By looking at their lives, Fail/Safe examines a variety of emotions, ranging from guilt and jealousy to loneliness, emotional blackmail, communication and the problems of facing old age.

There are two separate front rooms through which the audience must pass to take their 'Fly on the wall' seats. One is occupied by Gwen, her sister Ella, and daughter Jo on a Summer Saturday. The other, by Mavis, who is periodically visited by Jo during the month preceeding the action occuring in Gwen's room.

Essentially the plot in Gwen's home revolves around the 42 year old Jo, who has only recently managed to move out and returns for the weekend. Torn by feelings of anger and guilt, Jo superficially blames her mother for the inadequacy she feels, but she is fully aware that her faults lie chiefly within herself. Jo's return to the nest makes her feel ill at ease, and her ambivalence



and confusion is clear when in a moment of extreme frustration she attempts to strangle her mother; unable to, her violence becomes an embrace. Jo has attained

no independence and has never really left the comfort and protection of home. These feelings become more intense as the story of Jo's younger Hippy sister Ruth, who escaped

the emotional blanket many years previously, emerges.

Jo works as a 'rep' for a pet food firm, allowing an opening for her to meet, and subsequently visit Mavis, a lonely 80 year old with only her cat Suzi for company. Jo's visits afford her a way of offsetting the guilt she feels regarding her mother.

The performance given by Helena McCarthy, a real old lady, as Mavis, is one of the most impressive I have ever witnessed. Her manipulative qualities coupled with her very real effect a powerful and emotional response from the audience.

Inevitably it seems that Jo will return to the 'womb' never having experienced life in the way she wanted to. Much of her anger seems to be due to the fact that she is fully aware that what she is, and what she desires to be, are a world apart.

'Life is too short mum...it bloody well is...You end up a stinking lump turning to shit.'

Fail/Safe is a play about women, but equally deals with emotions that effect us all; men, sadly, seem to use fewer words. Fail/Safe should not be missed.



Fail/Safe by Ayshe Ralf
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Book Review

Homage to Catalonia
George Orwell £1.95
Penguin



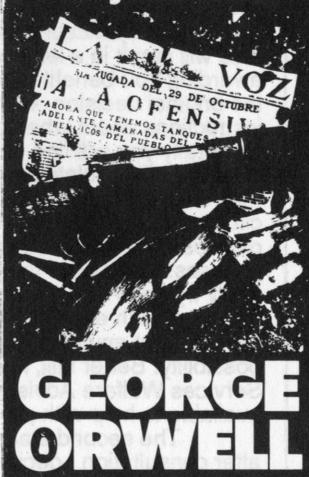
It is now two years since 1984, the Orwell bonanza year, so by now all those discarded **Animal Farms** should be making their way on to the second hand bookshelves. **Homage to Catalonia** is one of Orwell's brilliant but lesser

recognised works, describing his part in the Spanish Civil War, which was the equivalent of Korea where both US and USSR gave aid to the same side. The fighting, the lice in the trouser seams, dogs branded with revolutionary slogans and Italian fascists machine-gunning civilian refugees at Malaga are all described clearly and objectively. The early euphoric war gave way to bickering between the Communists and Anarchists, which disillusioned Orwell and left him and his comrades in the International Brigade

marked as traitors. After being wounded in the neck, he, his wife and a fellow soldier escaped over the French border, fleeing from the people that they had fought for.

The best parts of the book are the concluding discussions of the nature of propaganda, government, fascism, false and real atrocities, which are much more worthwhile than the pontifications of non-combatant English intellectuals. Orwell's humanity, humour and vision are well expressed in this book, published by Penguin for £1.95.

Homage to Catalonia



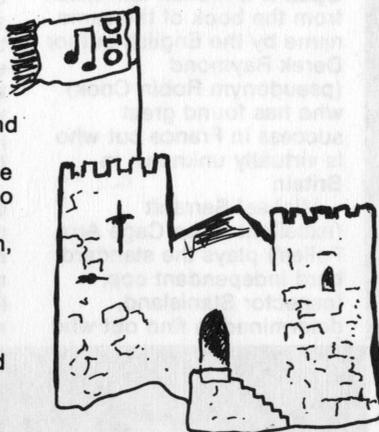
MUSIC

**Dio Hammersmith Odeon
13th May 1986**

Rainbow, Black Sabbath—all the way back to the Electric Elves in 1957, Ronnie James Dio has seen it all. But have we? Well, yes would have been my answer to this, having seen the repetitive rubbish that is paraded as 'Rock' music these days. But as Ronnie has been in the business so long and has provided me with so many hours of listening pleasure in his various guises as heavy rock's most experienced entrepreneur, I decided to give DIO a second chance, having seen them in Newcastle two years ago. The venue Hammy odeon, the time-well I thought it

was 7.30 but in fact it seemed to be anytime in 1520 once they had started KEEL. The support group, led a reasonable if pretentious start to the evening. But it was DIO that we were waiting for and what a start! Straight into the *King of Rock and Roll*, beaty and bouncy and all you'd expect from a rock and roll band. But the stage set had to be seen to be believed! A medieval castle, one roaring dragon, an awful lot of photen debauchern and we were into the most amazing stage set I've ever seen. With the drums kit hoisted high into the castle turret, and the keyboards on the other side, the lighting complimented both in a hitherto unimagined display of space production. Dio himself was powerful and seemingly unfettered by the high-on 50 years of his life

whilst the new guitarist, Craig Goldie, dazzled us by effortless fits of virtuosity. The lighting developed into lasers during 'Don't Talk to



Strangers', which itself led into an immense display of drumming talent. Accompanied by laser and strobe effects, by Jinnie

Appic, one of Rock's most experienced and competant drummers. Solid support was offered throughout by bassist Jimmy Bain, whilst keyboard player Claude Schnell seemed to make tinkling the ivories as simple as falling asleep. Which none of us were doing! The Dragon breathed fire, smoke and lasers from the eyes, and the show went from strength to strength Ronnie eventually defeating the dragon with an amazing laser work. *Heaven and hell* original by Black Sabbath, and *Long live rock and Roll*, *the Man on the Silver mountain*, originally by Rainbow (both with Duo as a member, of course, led the show to a fitting end with *We rock* which everybody seemed to be doing. We rock? We did, and if Duo sticks around, we will be for year to come!

Back In The DHSS

Most students will at some time claim some form of benefit from the DHSS. In most cases this will mean filling out some seemingly endless form, waiting a lot and then eventually recieving a giro. To many people the exact means by which the amount on the cheque is arrived at will seem mysterious, occasionally it will seem wrong. It is possible you may find yourself told you are not entitled to benefit at all. Now while there are carefully defined and arbitrary methods by which benefits are assessed mistakes are sometimes made. In which case where do you stand?

Until recently I was probably as much in the dark as anyone else, but last September I found myself disqualified from claiming Supplementary benefit for four weeks between finishing a temporary job and returning to college. Puzzled by the decision I decided not to let the matter rest and so wrote off to the address given for the leaflet about appealing. It now seems that the results of this may be relevant to other people this summer.

Although ultimately I still find myself with no money it was a useful experience to find how the appeal system works. The first and most important point to make is that by appealing you have nothing to lose and everything to gain. The first stage is that a DHSS employed adjudicating officer re-considers the claim. This will result in a letter within a few weeks either awarding you benefit or, more likely it seems, upholding the original decision. With this comes a further set of instructions about what to do if you still disagree. Generally you will find all sorts of obscure paragraphs from benefit regulations quoted at you. Although these may seem rather difficult to relate to your particular circumstances they will probably be fairly standard clauses which have become well used to cover all sorts of cases. If you want to find out what the DHSS are really trying to say it is best to take your case along to someone with experience of these matters. This doesn't have to cost anything, the Citizens Advice Bureau is one possibility. Better still, if you are in college, Student Services Welfare Adviser, Lesley Gillingham, is available to help with problems of exactly this nature.

The second stage of appeal is a Tribunal and after consultation I decided to go along and find out what

one is like despite the fact that my chances of success were actually rather minimal given the facts of the case. A Social Security Tribunal is not like a law court, in fact I found the whole thing to be very informal. The tribunal itself is composed of three laymen who are entirely independent from the DHSS, they have a clerk who takes care of all the paperwork and who also met me outside beforehand and explained the proceedings. There was a single representative for the adjudicating officer who basically read out the papers I had previously been sent.

Tribunal hearings can be open to the public (you are asked whether you mind about this before the date of the hearing) but from my experience this is not really a mass spectator sport. More importantly you can take along someone to advise you or speak for you. In some cases Lesley Gillingham is able to assist students at tribunals, however in my case the hearing was held in the town where I had worked and was beyond the scope of this service. You are not obliged to attend a tribunal but it can only pay you to do so. You will not be out of pocket as you are paid travelling expenses and there is also a (modest) meal allowance if you are obliged to be away from home for longer than a certain time. It is in fact possible to have a hearing transferred to a more convenient place if you have moved to another address since your claim, for instance back to college.

When it came to my turn the chairman of the tribunal was quite chatty about the whole affair and even asked me what I planned to do when I left college at the end. It transpires that the way I became caught by the system is quite common and hence worth noting if you have a job this summer. When you are paid monthly in arrears the DHSS will in fact assess your salary as covering a month after the date you are actually paid. Hence I found that despite being out of pocket between starting work and getting my first pay cheque I was not entitled to dole money for sometime after I officially stopped working. So this is a cautionary tale, but at the same time it carries an urge to never give up because it is always possible that you might be lucky and find a tribunal who look sympathetically on you.

Finally it is important to remember that the benefit system is not some hideous conspiracy against you but is staffed by perfectly average people just doing a job, it is up to you to make sure it works in your favour and not against. My case provides just one example; I was not aware until told at the tribunal that it is possible to continue claiming supplementary benefit after starting work for a period of up to 15 days or until you are first paid. This is equivalent to about £50 and is an entitlement rarely pointed out.

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Rag Chairman

Raffle for a guaranteed place in hall of any choice.

Now that the annual accommodation fever has eventually hit the College, students will now be looking for somewhere to live next year through addresses supplied by students services or through any other source they might find.

It is a frustrating, long and very tiring process, except for the very fortunate few, each student will eventually succumb and tread this path.

Student Services recognise the problems students face and try their utmost to help. The normal IC accommodation regulation only guarantees one place in hall/house for one year per student. This limits most students to one year in hall or house.

However this year, **Student Services Manager Don Ferguson has obtained one place in hall**

Saturday

20.30pm

Lounge
Heavy/hard Rock Disco. Fed up with Duran Duran, Spandau Ballet etc. Ready for some Rock'n'Roll. Rock Disco in the Lounge. Cheap Beer inside Disco. 50p (3 pints and you've covered it).

Thursday

12.45pm

JCR
North American Stall cancelled till next term (at least).

which he is offering to students of IC and who are now looking for accommodation next academic year. To be completely fair as to whom this place will go, the **guaranteed place in hall/house of any choice** will be won by a raffle which will only run for **Two weeks maximum starting Friday 9th May.** Since this was Man Tai's idea, the proceeds from the raffle shall go to Rag and their charities (MENCAP, National Society for Deaf Children, RADAR). There are certain regulations for entering this raffle:-

- 1 You must be a student of IC at the beginning of next academic year.
- 2 You must not have spent more than one year in IC hall/house.
- 3 You must not have an outstanding bill from Student Services.

If you are eligible to enter and are looking for accommodation next year, then buy some tickets. Someone **has** to be allocated the place in hall,

and the number of tickets you can buy are unlimited per person (only 1000 tickets available). The proceeds will be going to a good cause, both for Rag and for yourself.

Tickets are **50p each**, and will be on sale from **Student Services and the Union Office for two weeks.** The draw for the guaranteed place in hall will be made by a **mystery celebrity.** On **Friday 23rd May 1.00pm.** The winner will be published in FELIX and then referred to Don to 'Collect' his prize.

Financial benefits are obvious from living in hall, as is the location and proximity of other students for social life.

Accommodation is like a lottery every year, and student Services urge everyone looking for it to take any chances which arise. However, to enter this raffle, you must satisfy the 3 requirements first before you are eligible. To anyone now looking for accommodation or thinking of it, **good luck-it's hard work.**

Boat

Crews from Imperial college beat international standard opposition from France, Germany, Belgium

and Britain, to bring back a gold, silver and two bronze medals. This is a remarkable result and is unprecedented in the club's history. Full report and pictures next week.

Cycling

On an extremely windy day in Oxfordshire, Imperial College riders recorded the following times.

- Peter Hartigan 1.3.10, John Gilday 1.3.42, Scott Heyhoe 1.5.17, Andrew Major 1.7.03, Wayne Morley 1.13.38, Robert Newton 1.14.43, Matthew Whitaker 1.15.55.*

This was in the National Students Championship '25' which we won by S Rowland of Salford University.

For all you tourists out there, we're organising a ride from Land's End to John O'Groats taking nine days from 25th June. Details from Scott Heyhoe Computing 3 or any Thursday meeting (Southside 12.30pm).

Sports Day

Imperial College Sports Day was held on a warm sunny Wednesday 23rd April and saw thirty (aspiring / inspiring !!) athletes trek down to the University track at Motspur Park in Surrey. Although the turnout was somewhat disappointing everyone who took part appeared to have a really good time.

The four ladies who took part participated in virtually every event (sorry girls, you can pole vault next year) and none walked away empty handed. As for the men, the needle matches in the sprints never turned out to be with Sam 'I could run 3 seconds faster over 100 if I put down my glasses and left my getto blaster behind' Nchinda leaving an injured Roger Loughney for dust (literally if you know Motspur Park!). In the middle distance events anything that Bryan Gamblin entered he won; however he elected to miss the 800 which was won convincingly by Phil Turner. Jon Lea, defending his 3000m title failed to stem the Gamblin tide despite relaxing all afternoon in a Chem Eng Final exam. In the field events, anything that Pete Sedders threw basically went a long way and certainly further than anyone else could manage. John Pope, Athletics Sec., will certainly not be remembered for his athletic achievements at Sports Day where in the 110m Hurdles his race finished abruptly at, or rather on (ouch!), the second flight. Further, he probably won the walk partly because it would have taken 'Technical merit / Artistic Impression' judges to determine exactly who was cheating the most and partly because he was in charge!

Next year IC Sports will be on the first Wednesday of the Summer term. Please, if you are here next year and you are even only slightly interested make a note in your diary *now* ~ this goes for execs as well ~ i one afternoon is going to make the difference between pass and fail in your exams next year you will be in deep trouble : with a big crowd of people next year this fixture should be tremendous fun.

MEGABRAIN

Dumb, Dumber and Dumbest, three clever IC students managed to get themselves locked in the Queens Tower after it had been opened at the Rag Fête. Rather than call for help like any normal people they decided to get down themselves from the lower balcony. They found a piece of rope the length of which was twice their distance from the ground and a 30kg rock to use as a counterweight. By looping the rope around a pillar and lowering the rock to the ground they formed a pulley system. Dumb weighted 78kg, Dumber 66kg, and Dumbest 36kg (he was on a diet at the

time). The trouble was that, being very clever students, they realised that if the difference between the weight at the ends of the rope was more than 6kg then they would get injured while being lowered. If a maximum of two people, or one person and the rock, could hold onto one end of the rope, what is the minimum number of moves (up or down) it would take to get all three to the ground?

Answers to the FELIX office by 1.00pm Wednesday, please. The answers to Dodgy dice and the winner will appear next week.

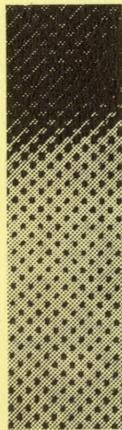
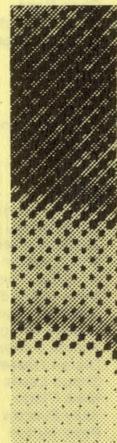
Capital IDEAS

This week the column which brings you more pretentiousness than a Time Out review of Gucci jockstraps (and which inspired not only the infamous Neasden toothbrush massacre but also several nasty lies in Carl Burgess' report) starts with a letter. It came to me by airmail (ie wrapped around a flying brick which was delivered via the window) and begins:

*Dear Short Scruffy Git,
I am an engineering student. You probably won't know what one of them is so I will explain. We are the poor hard-working bastards who are supposed to become tomorrow's Captains of Industry. I say 'supposed' because information has come into my hands that by next Tuesday 98% of British manufacturing industry will either be closed down or sold to the United States. This means that the highest I am ever likely to get is Lance Corporal in Sikorsky. Further, I have a friend who fixes the photocopier at the Ministry of Defence (or is it Love, I can never remember?). He says that he's seen a letter from Reagan saying that they can't make their space rockets work. This means they are having trouble with their plans to colonise Mars by 2015AD and are looking for somewhere a little closer to home. In fact, the number two contender (after Nicaragua) is the UK. It seems that Maggie and George Younger are flogging the place to Ronnie under the banner of privatisation for use as an aircraft carrier (it seems they're a bit nervous of using theirs at the moment 'cos they've all got nuclear reactors). What I want to know is what good is a column load*

of arty claptrap about people who carve ludicrous Indian fertility symbols out of Mk 3 Ford Cortinas to me - a penniless waif looking only for the chance of a career (or alternatively, suspended animation as a Chartered Accountant). Answer that one smart guy.....

*Yours
J Eric Ash (no relation)*

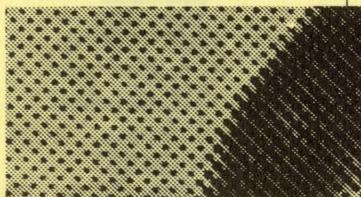
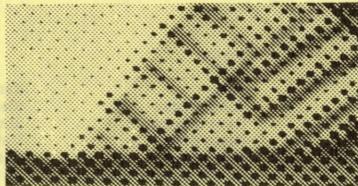


Well Eric this column is for those of you for whom college has temporarily become too much. It is perhaps the wrong time to suggest ideas for going out with most of us obsessed with exams. But I have found in the past that taking a break is still necessary in order to relax and is no problem as long as you do actually do some work.

It seems to me that now is a very good time to get out of college. The atmosphere around the union when some of the 'senior' figures are around is frankly ridiculous. The amount of flying hatchets and spiteful outbursts going on makes Eastenders look tame. The only positive thing

to do is look forward to a really beezer year next year when all the sickening backslapping awards and slugging matches are in the past.

Tonight I'm probably off to the Clarendon in Hammersmith to see revived rock poet and refugee from seventies acid heads Hawkwind, Bob Calvert. The support act are current Janice Long faves Zodiac Mindwarp who I might add featured in this column sometime back. This could be your last chance

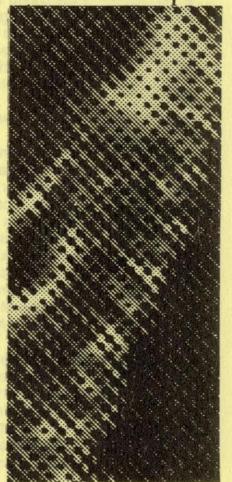
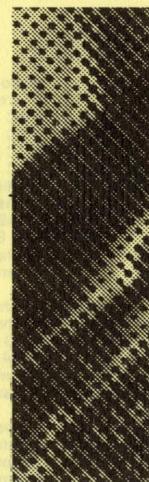


to go to one of West London's better known rock venues as the Clarendon is closing down due to redevelopment.

Tomorrow (Saturday) sees an event in college that could be a change from the usual beer promos etc. Kev Buckley is running a Rock Disco in the Union Lounge Bar. This is the sort of new idea that needs to be tried to build up our recently acquired asset, so go along and support it.

Lastly to records. The resuscitation of the Velvet Underground on the South Bank Show seems to have brought on a Pavlovian rush for everything even remotely

linked in — down to the Jesus and Mary Chain's cast off underwear. It seems almost the only way to get credibility in the rock world at the moment is to claim the influence of Messrs Reed, Morrison, Cale and Tucker. A pity then that the £25 boxed set of Velvet re-releases is such poor value. The Underground definitely had their bursts of brilliance but



all this set does is pad it out with hours of what is really very average music.

My personal favourite album at the moment is 'The World By Storm' by the Three Johns. The Johns manage to combine incisive political lyrics with a raw but danceable sound. Where the Smiths are merely miserable, the Three Johns rip along with no compromise rock which has the potential to take radical sound into the commercial charts. Fitting that their songs should have such catching titles as Atom Drum Bop. Catchier even than Eugene Zhog sings 20 great Albanian cycling songs...

10% Cut For IC

(continued from front page)

were introduced in 1979, he claimed. He thought the present proportion of 19% could be increased up to 25%, but that it shouldn't become too high or some research groups would become entirely dependant on overseas students. There is, he said, an imbalance of overseas students between departments which should be corrected.

When asked by a lecturer what he thought could be done about the shortage of accommodation, the Rector pointed out that money raised from gravel extraction at Harlington could be used to fund a new residence, and that he was making efforts to obtain additional money for residences. He said he thought that Head Tenancy schemes were a 'cracking good idea', despite the fact that the number of such schemes is in decline.

FELIX Plans

College have drawn up plans for the new FELIX office. FELIX Editor Hugh Southey and FELIX Editor Elect Dave Jones are understood to be unhappy about the plans as they feel that the office will not be big enough for the FELIX's needs.

IC Sports Aid

Students at Imperial College are contributing to the preparations for Sports Aid.

IC Radio have made the tapes for the Sports Aid phone line. Members of the station went to the Hippodrome to interview Bob Geldof and other stars. IC Keep Fit Club are organising a series of work outs for people taking part

in the runs. Students living in Falmouth Keogh were among the first to enter the charity run.

If you want to take part in the run fill in the form in last week's FELIX.

CCU AGMs

RCS And Guilds held their AGMs on Tuesday. The trouserless boat race and the initiation went ahead without any problems. Pascal Carr, though, crashed a van on his way to pick up Theta, the RCS Mascot. (Photographs next week).

Stolen

An electronic typewriter was stolen from the Union Office sometime last weekend. The theft was not discovered until the office was opened on Monday. Security have been informed, but there is as

yet no news of the typewriter's fate. The Union Office have appealed to anyone who may have borrowed the typewriter to return it. Chief Security Officer Geoff Reeves said that he was not ruling out foul play.

Correction

The following are late changes to Dave Kingston's report:

Under **Finance**: Last line of first column between 'agreement' and 'but' insert 'with Industrial Society'. Under **Transport**: 'Jenny' should read 'Jerry'. Under **Bar Boycott**: add 'Gareth Fish' to the list of officers. Under **Carl and Quentin**: The final sentence should read 'I cannot think of one plan or objective taken on by ICU this year which has not been achieved-usually by Carl'. FELIX would like to apologise for these mistakes.

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