



# FELIX

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## "No Places" Policy

Student Services have been forced to adopt a "no places for home postgraduates" policy owing to the high demand for a reduced number of rooms in College accommodation. Since the beginning of September it has been clear that some of the students who are normally allocated places would have to look to the private sector. In addition, an increased number of first year undergraduates have been given places in head tenancy flats this year.

In total there are 1,400 spaces available in College Halls and Houses. This figure represents a drop of about 30 from last year. Student Services will expect to gain a small number of places as accommodation becomes available during the next few months. All undergraduate Freshers who qualify as "away from home" are awarded a single, double or triple room. In addition, all overseas postgraduate Freshers are guaranteed places if they apply when invited to do so. In previous years, 40 of places available to postgraduates have been given to home students, and 160 to students from overseas. Because of the fierce demand, only 3 of the 100-150 home postgraduates who applied and who were eligible for places have received them; the remainder of the 200 have been taken up by overseas students who have priority.



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The squeeze on College Halls and Houses is certain to create more pressure for more College accommodation to be found. There are plans to build a new Hall above the IC Sports Centre in Princes Gardens, though the source of funds for this has yet to be agreed.

Those who are having difficulty in finding a place to stay are advised to see Student Services today.

## Second Time Around

For the second year running, frantic work was carried out in the last week of the Summer Vacation in an effort to get two of the Houses in Evelyn Gardens ready for the arrival of students. Both Holbein and Southwell Houses have been undergoing alteration and decoration work similar to that carried out on Willis Jackson House twelve months ago, as part of a rolling programme of work to bring Evelyn Gardens into line with housing regulations.

Peter Hallworth, Managing Surveyor of Residences, said on Friday that the work was only 'substantially complete', though, he was confident that no student would be asked to accept sub-standard accommodation. He said that the programme of work exceeded the statutory alterations and had included extensive redecoration as well as some reflooring. He added that there were lessons to be learnt from the situation and that the scale of the work had been over-

ambitious.

Mr Hallworth explained that it was impossible to carry out the necessary alterations other than at Easter and during the long vacation and hence the time available was limited. It had been decided, however, to raise the standard of the accommodation and include the extra work. Mr Hallworth said that he had a good working relationship with the contractors, Solebrook

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Rowan Atkinson practicing at Imperial College.

## Concerned

Dear Dave,

As one of the people who signed the Barclays Bank Anti-Apartheid leaflet in this year's handbook I am slightly concerned about a couple of issues it has raised. Several people have suggested to me that officers of the union have abused their positions of responsibility by distributing their own propaganda through union resources. I wonder whether this insert would have been allowed if it had not been espousing a political cause supported by the President.

I have happily associated my name with the Anti-Apartheid campaign as I believe that the time when our elected representatives should have unequivocally done the same is long past. To those who say that Barclays are an innocent bystander in the Apartheid regime I would reply that even if there were some truth in this it is far less unfortunate than the mounting death toll in the black townships. As the British government has resolutely resisted proper sanctions in its attempts to protect investments in South Africa it is becoming more and more necessary for independent groups to make whatever gestures they can to protect our long term standing with the Southern African nations.

Unfortunately IC Union has no clear policy on the South African issue. In this case it is inevitable that commercial pressures on such enterprises as the handbook will take priority in deciding what advertising to carry. However purely commercial criteria would have suggested that the drought victims in northern Africa should have been left to die - to their credit millions of people decided these were not the only criteria and flocked to support the 'Band Aid' appeals. It is time Imperial students decided where they stand one way or another on this issue at a Union meeting so that the decisions are not delegated to individuals by default. Similarly, maybe there should be a clear policy on who is allowed to send out material via the freshers mailing.

I do not really believe there should be any conflict over this issue but perhaps matters should be clarified. I wonder what sort of fuss might have arisen had the Conservative Society asked to be able to distribute counter-propaganda in reply to the Barclay's leaflet. I hope they would have got a fair hearing. I hope Executives will avoid getting confused between their rights as members of IC Union and their obligation to impartiality as paid staff, I believe they have just about managed so far.

*Yours looking concerned as ever*  
Mark Cottle

## Bigoted Re-Apps

Dear Dave,

As a resident of Beit Hall I have just received a copy of "Otto", the Beit Hall newsletter. I am disappointed to see the sort of impression it gives to Freshers. It contains what purports to be a timetable of Freshers' Week. If Freshers take any notice of this at all they will be stupid if they attend any of the Freshers' events. I was also saddened to read a revue of the Union Bar that was full of dated clichés. Imperial College Union has invested, on behalf of its members, a significant amount of money in developing the bar, as part of an effort to make the Union Building the centre of social life at College.

Everyone involved in this process expects to meet with a great deal of difficulty in removing the stigma attached to "The Union" amongst returning students. However the job will be impossible if their bigoted views are imposed on Freshers, especially in such a forceful way by re-apps in an official newsletter.

If it is not sufficient reason that the profits of the bar belong to the Students' Union, then the editors, from a point of view of accuracy, should have taken time to walk 50 yards across Beit Quad to find if there was anything better they could tell the new residents of Beit Hall about the Union. May I make a plea to all Freshers; there are more than enough people willing to give you their opinion, but please reserve judgement until you have seen for yourself.

*Yours sincerely,*  
Jackie Pierce,  
IC Union Deputy President.

## Dep Reps Defended

Dear Dave,

I feel I must reply to a point raised by Hugh Stiles in his recent opinion article (FELIX, Sept 7).

He suggested that CCUs manipulate the Dep Rep vote on Council by threatening to cut departmental society funds, hence securing a CCU majority on Council. The idea is totally unrealistic and slanderous. Dep Reps are intelligent people with minds of their own and may vote as they see fit. Furthermore, if a CCU did threaten Departmental society funds, the Dep Rep concerned need only publicise the fact and untold unpopularity and damage would result for the CCU concerned (especially if ICU were to find out). This, coupled with the fact that most Dep Reps, unfortunately, don't attend Council, makes Hugh's idea of a CCU conspiracy to take over ICU seem laughable.

A chairman of Council must be impartial. I wouldn't like to think that there is any bias which will show through in the coming year.

Finally, I would like to say I appreciate the work of the Major Sub Committees (MSCs) and feel we mustn't always think in terms of MSC/CCU conflict. I bare Hugh no malice, I merely wish to clear up a piece of Anti-CCU story telling.

*Yours Sincerely*  
Duncan Royle  
President City and Guilds Union

## Sexist?

Dear Dave,

Again and again I am appalled by the attitudes of some of the people I meet, and nothing disturbs me more than some of the sexist and racist views I hear from people who should know better.

If you ask one of these people if they are racist/sexist their reply is an alarmed "Of course not". What they mean is that they are not consciously discriminatory. Anybody who has been brought up with the attitudes around today, I contend, cannot help but discriminate against certain groups. It is this unconscious discrimination that is the greatest danger to the multicultural society that exists in Britain today, not the ravings of the National Front and the occasional Tory MP.

What do I mean by unconscious discrimination? I mean the assumption that certain jobs are carried out by a certain sex, that certain races have certain characteristics and so on, that we do without thinking. The exact nature of these opinions is unimportant; what is important is that they exist but we are extremely reluctant to admit that they do.

What is a society so ridden with discrimination doing to improve the situation? Unfortunately, by its very nature, it is the minorities that are discriminated against, and unless the ruling majority decide to do something about it, it is the nature of our society that nothing does happen. All the media are in the control of the majority; they are very slow to change, and, without any pressure, why should they?

Only the ordinary person can do anything about it. I support any idea that makes you think about discrimination, instead of reinforcing it. One minor point is the use of the word 'Chairman'. It, however slightly, reinforces the sexual stereotype. 'Chairperson' or just 'Chair' is better, if only because it makes you stop and think that the majority of 'Chairmen' ARE men. I am concerned about the number of people who think that this whole thing is a 'lefty' idea and rubbish the whole thing. If being against discrimination is a 'lefty' idea, then I hope that you are all 'leftys'.

Bringing the issue closer to home, just because there has never been a woman in charge of a Major Subcommittee of IC Union does not mean there never will, and to deal tiny blow against discrimination myself, I am announcing that I prefer to be called the 'Chair' of Publications Board. You can call me whatever you like; I'll be happy if you just think about what you are saying when you say it.

*Yours,*  
Chris Martin,  
Chair, Publications Board.

## An Appeal *Reprinted from FELIX 745*

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to you as I believe that in your capacity as President of the Students' Union you may well be able to be of assistance to me and my family.

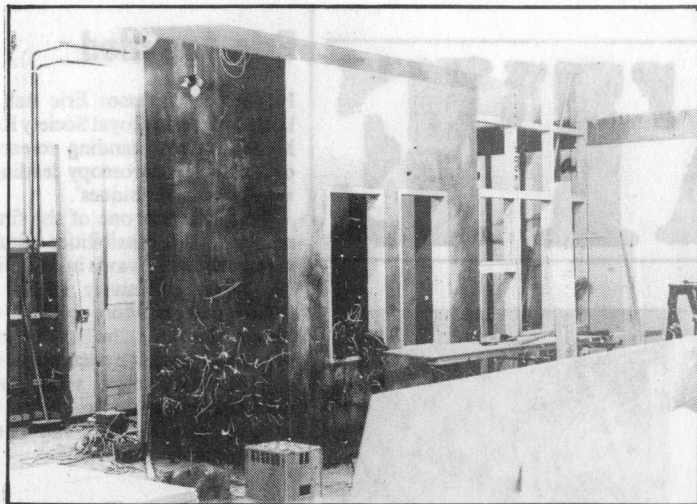
To put you in the picture, my daughter has been in hospital for several months and is to return home shortly to recuperate. Her illness is in no way infectious but the doctors believe that she will need about a year to recover, before she can return to work. Initially, I shall be able to stay with her but after that I wish to make arrangements for someone to come to our home every day so that she is not left entirely alone every day. I therefore thought it might be possible that a student would be willing to come in for a few hours once or twice a week during the afternoon. I would point out that my daughter does not need a nurse but merely wishes to have

somebody else present in the flat. The student would not be expected to keep her company and would be free to read or pursue their studies as they wish.

If you think it would be at all possible that you could put us in touch with a student who could help us out in the way described above I should be most grateful. I should add that we live in South Kensington, near the Gloucester Road tube and that, if required, we would be happy to provide you with references. I can be reached during the day at the address and telephone number given above.

*With kind regards,*  
*Yours faithfully,*  
Maria Gani-Senger.

*(Editor's note: Anyone interested should contact Christine Taig in the Union Office).*



## FELIX Office Move

The FELIX Office move has been delayed once again, though the new premises are expected to be available from the beginning of this week. The original date of completion agreed with the contractors was August 31st, and the building work has been rescheduled several times during September. The move of the office is now likely to last for a number of weeks, in order to allow the production of FELIX to proceed. The majority of this issue has been

printed outside the Union Print Unit, because of technical difficulties imposed by the impending move. The new FELIX Office has been converted from the derelict kitchens behind the Lounge, previously the Union Lower Refectory. FELIX has been situated in Beit archway, in rooms which were formally the IC Union Office, since the acquisition of the Print Unit in 1974. The FELIX editorship has been a full sabbatical since that date.

## RCS Office Move

The Royal College of Science Union office, currently situated in Southside, may be moving. After major building work, which made access impossible unless students possessed keys to Southside Halls of residence, College offered a new site in Chemistry. The proposed room is the timberstore which is located directly over the Motor Club garage and which is twice as large as the present site. It also

offers 24 hour access. RCSU officers, however, are concerned about the old Chemistry block being demolished in the near future. They hope to have the issue discussed at the next UGM.

The timberstore is being cleared to give RCSU officers the opportunity of inspecting the proposed site. Students are advised not to park their cars in the vicinity of the store. (See pages 1 and 24).

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## DES Course

The Government has announced a study to evaluate and develop leadership courses for senior university staff. The study, for which the DES is providing £37,126 over two years, will take place at Surrey University. Its purpose is to evaluate the programme of leadership courses already being run at Surrey and to research how they may be extended. It will also develop new courses in finance, marketing and staff development.

# Felix

### Accommodation

Once again term has begun with a mad rush to get Houses in Evelyn Gardens ready for first year students to move into. At the same time the staff of the Student Services Office have had to work exceptionally hard in order to accommodate all those students who are guaranteed places in College Halls, Houses and Head Tenancies. If only a handful more 'entitled' students had applied, Student Services would have had little option but to turn them down.

I accept that the College is, to a certain extent, at the mercy of the contractors where the alteration work is concerned, but that the same situation should arise two years running is indicative of the administration's unconcerned attitude. It is intolerable that the Evelyn Gardens Wardens and re-apps should be landed with the job of clearing up the Houses overnight, so as to make them habitable for Freshers, and, more significantly perhaps, to avoid distressing parents. By the same token, the Student Services office should not be continually expected to cope with the increasingly impossible task of finding enough places.

I suggest to College once more that, until such issues as the inadequate provision of student accommodation are resolved, no amount of professional publicity will prevent a deterioration in the quality and quantity of applicants to the College.

### Barclays Issue

Those of you who are first year students will have received a copy of this year's ICU Handbook, including an insert by Christine Taig (ICU President), Jackie Peirce (Deputy President), Hugh Southey (UGM Chairman) and Mark Cottle (External Affairs Officer). At the time of the last FELIX I was unaware that the decision to include this handout was not one made by the ICU Executive. I repeat my unequivocal support for the sentiment of this insert, and for the UGM motion on Barclays, but I am extremely unhappy over the manner in which this decision was taken. Had Christine and Jackie chosen to execute the Exec's power of veto at the correct time, they would have acted entirely correctly, albeit in anticipation (I hope) of Union Policy. Even at the late stage when the insert was included they would have been able to give the leaflet more force by backing it with an official Exec decision, a majority one if necessary. As it stands a Union publication has been used as a vehicle for a political

leaflet produced by four prominent students, with no formal Union approval.

I concede that this is a procedural argument only, but I would recommend that such decisions are formalised in future. I look forward to a year of enlightened debate within IC Union.

### FELIX

FELIX is one of the very few student newspapers to be produced and printed entirely 'in-house'. The content, layout and design are exclusively the responsibility of the student staff and sabbatical editor.

For FELIX to flourish, and it is imperative to a prosperous Union that it does, we need a large student staff who are interested in contributing to their newspaper. We shall be opening the Office on Tuesday afternoon during Freshers' Fair, so visit FELIX and we'll show you a little of how the paper works.

On Thursday evening we will be holding our first "Social Event" of the year, which includes the Editor buying drinks for everyone who turns up to collate. This should start at about 8pm, so give the frantic rush of Freshers' Week a miss and come along. There will be a staff meeting for anyone who is interested in working on the paper at 12.30pm on Friday, October 3. If you would like to write, draw, take photographs, design pages or mind the folding machine, please try to be there.

### Credits

If this issue comes out at all it will be due to the incredible hard work and tolerance of a group of people who have yet to tire of my unprofessionalism. Particular thanks to Chris Edwards, Judith Hackney and Mark Cottle who have been largely responsible for the publication of this FELIX as well as both the previous ones. My just about expressible thanks also to Mark Hunter and Fourth Avenue, Chris Martin, Pete Higgs, Simon Lewis, Chris Hall, Sunny Bains, Colin Palmer, Hugh Southey, Jackie Southey, Man Tai, Jane Spiegel, Christine Taig, Dave Colley, Rosemary Hosking, and Steve Shackell, and to anyone who turns up to collate.

### David Jones

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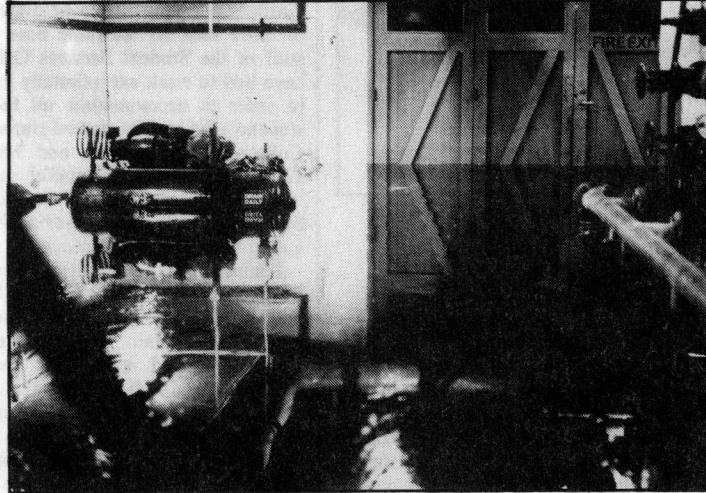
# UPDATE

## Biochemistry Flooded

The Biochemistry building was flooded on the night of 31st July. The water was discovered in the boiler room just after 10.00pm, but the Chelsea Fire Brigade was not called until 11.00pm, after maintenance engineers had tried to pump out the building with their own pumps.

The clear up operation lasted most of the night while technicians and firemen attempted to seal the valves in the boiler room.

The flood is estimated to have caused between £7,000 and £10,000 worth of damage.



The Biochemistry Basement during the flood.

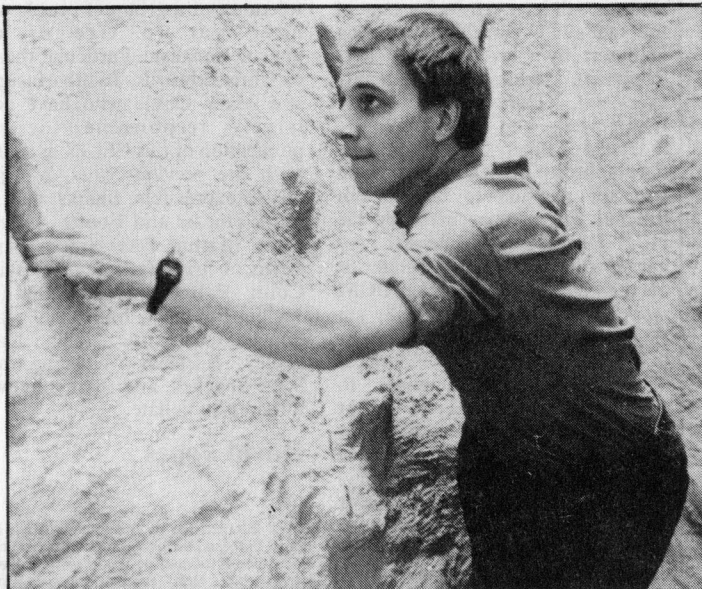
## More Funding For Higher Education

Education Secretary Kenneth Baker announced an increase of £54m in funds for polytechnics and colleges of higher education in 1987/8 which brings total funding in the tertiary sector to £715m. This figure has exceeded most expectations and represents an 8% increase. Of the

£54m, £39m will be added directly to the total available for the public sector of higher education and £15m will be 'applied selectively' in areas such as science & technology.

The surprise announcement comes after the National Advisory Body had proposed drastic reductions in the number of students admitted to colleges and polytechnics, anticipating that cuts would be essential.

Mr Baker stressed his commitment to maintain access to higher education and said that the money that he was making available should allow for expansion at institutes of further education.



A climbing wall has been installed in a corridor off of the JCR Walkway over Summer. Anybody is welcome to come and try it out.

## NUS Pledge

The London Regional Secretary of the National Union of Students Mr Vaughn West has pledged to get Imperial College Union into the NUS by the end of the year. Mr West announced this during a ULU training week for sabbatical officers at Wye College at the end of July. The 'pledge' follows the success NUS had in persuading Kings College (KQC) to affiliate.

## Squat Ends

The squatters who occupied the former Libyan Consulate in Princes Gate were finally evicted in the early hours of 29th July when police were called in after a disturbance at a party being held there. The squatters were due to be moved out after an eviction order was granted in the High Court and most had already gone by that time. Those remaining organised a party during which severe damage was done to the building and 30 people were arrested. It was estimated that the cost of the damage to the Consulate was between £1 million and £2 million.

## Union Licenced

The takeover of the Union Bar was completed earlier this month when Union Administrator Jen Hardy-Smith and Dr Bob Schroter took over as licencees.

## Eric Awarded

IC Rector Professor Eric Ash has been awarded a Royal Society Royal Medal for 'outstanding researches on acoustic microscopy leading to wholly new techniques'.

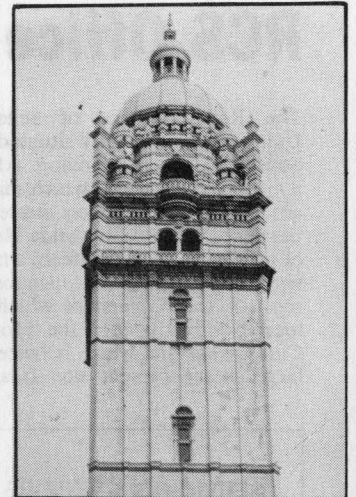
Prof Ash was one of the first to recognise the possibilities of using surface acoustic waves in delay lines, now used extensively in TV and radio receivers. More recently, with his group at UCL, he has developed a scanning acoustic microscope with a greater resolution than optical microscopes, and also shown how surface acoustic waves can be used to characterise materials.

## Silver For Parsons

Imperial College high jumper Geoff Parsons from the Min Res Eng Department won a silver medal in the Commonwealth Games at Edinburgh when he cleared a height of 2.28m.

## Queen's Tower

The Queen's Tower was opened to the general public for the first time this summer. College Assistant Secretary Michael Arthur organised the scheme and £15,000 was spent on remedial and safety work to the Tower. Eight students were employed to act as guides, though this was reduced to two when the number of visitors did not meet expectations.



## Buried Treasure

Mining excavations at Harlington, IC's sports ground, have uncovered a site of some archeological interest. In the area where the subsoil has been removed two wells have been found each around 4m in diameter. Fragments of pottery, dated at around 1000BC have been recovered from the first of these.

The site will be available for archeological study until the gravel is mined in December/January.

# Merger Moves A New Constituent College for IC?

In May FELIX revealed that discussions were underway about a merger with St Marys Medical School. Imperial has been the possible subject of mergers before. But this time it looks as if there is a real chance of students entering the College this year witnessing the greatest change in its history for over 70 years.



So what is St Marys actually like, and how do they view a merger with Imperial College? In basic factual terms St Marys is a college of approximately 500 students who are all taking a 5 year course in Medicine. It is situated in Praed Street, fairly near to Edgware Road tube station. Students are divided roughly fifty-fifty between male and female, and about half find accommodation in the School's own hall of residence. The School was founded in 1854 and finally became separate from St Mary's Hospital under the 1948 National Health Service Act. During its long and distinguished history it has seen considerable changes in its buildings which are continuing today with the construction of a new wing, and in 1928 Sir Alexander Fleming discovered penicillin there.

Day to day administration is in the hands of Secretary Keith Lockyer who is very much the equivalent of the IC College Secretary John Smith. A jovial Mr



Lockyer interrupted a busy schedule to give me a guided tour of some of the school's facilities. He is extremely enthusiastic about the possibilities of academic links and also about the benefits for students. He explained the background to the merger proposals over a mug of milk and a biscuit. In 1969 a document called the Todd Report

recommended that the London Medical Schools would benefit from links with multi-disciplinary colleges. The Todd proposals themselves have been abandoned but the problems recognised by that report are still relevant and were very much in the mind of Prof Peter Richards, the Dean of St Mary's when he approached the Rector of IC. It is not insignificant that Prof Ash has come from UCL, which is linked to UCH medical school, and it is believed that the experience of this has led the Rector to view a merger as a possibility.

A working party has been set up to produce detailed proposals for a merger and is due to report by next summer. There are four sub-groups with detailed briefs to investigate, among other things, Student Unions and Services. If a merger is to take place it will have to occur at the beginning of a financial year and because an act of parliament will be required to dissolve St Mary's and incorporate it into IC the likely target date is 1st August 1988.

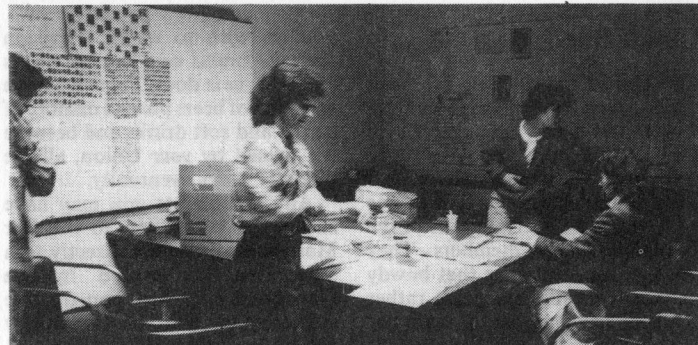
It is impossible to draw accurate parallels at this stage, but the current proposals seem to envisage St Marys becoming essentially a fourth constituent college. The department at Imperial to be most affected by a merger would be Life Sciences. Indeed a merger has been described as a way of enlarging Life Sci while circumventing the problems of space and money. From St Marys' point of view they believe a large institution such as Imperial with a similar standing to themselves in its respective disciplines will enable them to exploit their research better. Potential multi-disciplinary fields include the development of surgical technology and biochemical technology. There are unlikely to be vast changes to undergraduate courses at first.



On the non-academic side a merger could cause some more interesting changes. The size of St Marys means that it cannot afford to run Student Services on the scale of IC and its Union does not have any sabbatical officers. I spoke to Jo Osborne (Treasurer) and Ruth Charlton (Assisant Social Secretary) in the Union Office who were both cautiously optimistic but said they had not yet seen any proposals on which they could comment. They described the course they follow and the way it affects student life. The

in to IC or indeed whether they will want to is a question which is sure to see considerable discussion. It is interesting to note that like most Medical Schools, St Mary's are not affiliated to the NUS; they are however members of ULU and the National Student Services Organisation.

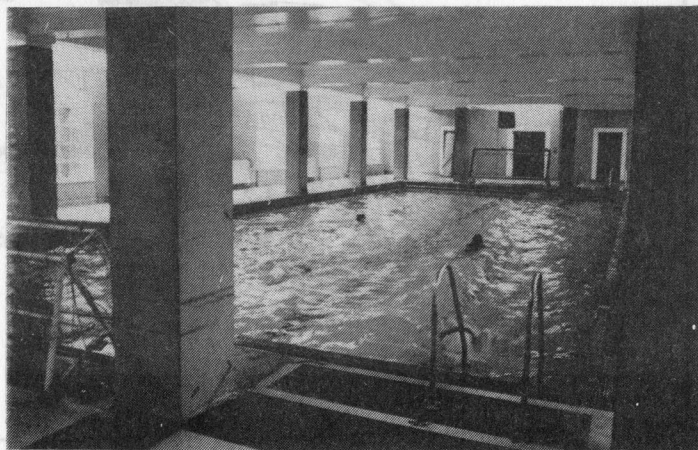
The proximity of St Mary's means it would be quite feasible for IC students to live in St Mary's Wilson House residences and medical students to live here. The split location is similar in some ways



first two years follow fairly normal university terms after which there are three years clinical training which can often take students to other hospitals such as the Central Middlesex or the Royal Berkshire and involves a heavy workload. This means that union events which culminate with the May Ball and Rag Week at the beginning of March are mostly supported by first and second years. St Marys are particularly proud of their Rugby club which has a formidable reputation and has produced stars such as J P R Williams and Kevin Sims. How St Mary's Union will fit

to Southampton University Medical School. Keith Lockyer seemed impressed by IC Student Services and Welfare facilities but was keen to emphasise that St Mary's don't expect to generate a heavy net burden. The first meeting of the Student and Services Sub-group is expected to be in the next few weeks and proposals will hopefully become clearer then. The timetable and the enthusiasm shown by the academics will mean that the student unions could have a substantial task on their hands in the very near future.

Mark Cottle



# MEGABRAIN

For those of you who weren't here last year, 'Megabrain' is FELIX's regular puzzle column. Each week there's a £5 prize for a randomly selected winner picked after 1.00pm Wednesday, although this deadline changes occasionally. The puzzles vary in difficulty and type so don't give up if you find any particular problem too hard. I always need puzzles, so if you know any kind of problem that would be suitable write it down with your name and hand it in. All solutions and new puzzles should be given in at the FELIX office.

### Room Roulette

Ian Visible, the subwarden of

Newt Hall, Priceless Gardens, is having more than his fair share of Beginning-of-year hassles. Eight freshers: Stuart, Tina, Ursula, Vanessa, William, Xavier, Yvonne, and Zack; checking the hall picture board, have discovered that they're in the wrong rooms. Instead of sorting it out by themselves, they've left Ian this set of rather cryptic notes.

'I'm in the room of the person who's in the room of the person who's in the room of the person who's in the room of the person in my room. Please sort this out. Stuart'

'I'm in the room of the person who's in the room of the person in

Xavier's room. What should I do? Yvonne.'

'I'm in the room of the person who's in the room of the person in my room. Are you going to do anything about it? Tina.'

There were also three other unsigned notes, no two from the same person (judging by the handwriting) which all said 'I am in the room next to the room I'm meant to be in.' But Ursula, who was a friend of Ian's, said that she had not written any of the notes.

Given that the students should be in the rooms, which are side-by-side in a line, in alphabetical order, can you tell who's in whose room?

### Union Bar

The Union Bar in Beit has been taken over by Imperial College Union and a new manager Kevin Buckley has been appointed. The three permanent members of staff were all students at one time and as such know the special needs of the Imperial College members. They are keen to emphasise that bawdy barnights are the exception rather than the rule and that the main bar is a great place to meet for a beer. If

you do wish to watch television then the brand new Lounge Bar is available next door. There is a large selection of beers plus all manner of spirits and soft drinks and because it's owned by *your* Union, all the profit is yours eventually.

Any complaints you may have should be taken first to the Bar Manager rather than directly to a Sabbatical as stated in the Handbook and any constructive suggestions will be gratefully received.



## backSTROKE

### FILOFAX

The creators of the illustrious FILOFAX, the invaluable accessory for every businessman, accountant and professional poseur, have announced the latest addition to their range of products. The makers have been swamped by letters from people who don't have enough addresses to fill their new acquisitions and have to cope with the spectacle of showing off embarrassing white spaces when they open it up to look for a phone number. To cope with this problem they have brought out packets of specially created false addresses. The packages are available in a range of handwriting styles to match your own. Choose from styles like 'Neat Capitals', 'Secondary School', 'Spidery' and 'Doctor'. Each package is individually hand crafted by specialists, and comes complete with instructions explaining exactly who each person is, and the size of their expense account.

At £30 per 20 pages the package is a real snip for the image conscious eighties.

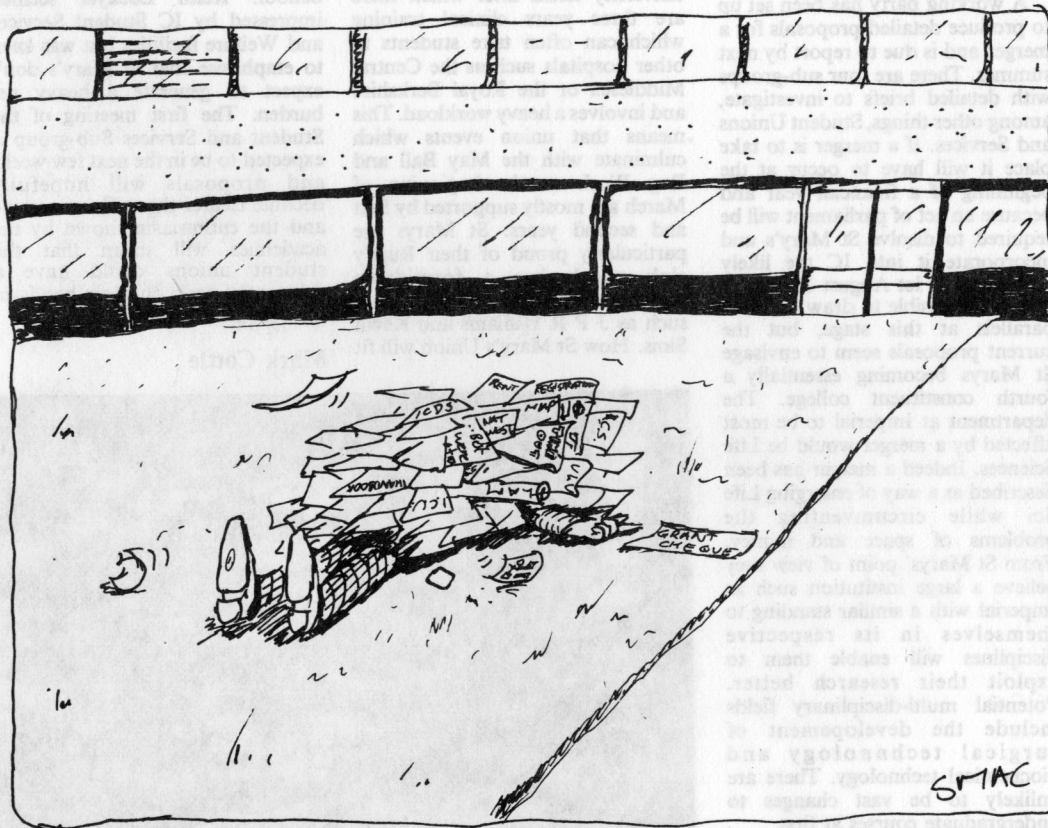
### SONO Walkman

SONO have recently lauched the latest in a range of Walkmans, specially designed for all those people on the tube who have to really strain to listen to the Level 42 album being played by the person in the next seat.

A spokesman from SONO told us. "The problem lies with the speakers of a Walkman being fitted into the ears of the person wearing it. This means that the public all around can only hear a tinny sort of tish-pop-tush sound all the time, which for a generation raised on compact discs and 10 inch woofers just isn't good enough. Even adding a graphic equalizer doesn't alleviate the problem."

SONO have neatly circumvented the quality problem by making the speakers 10 times larger and taking the unprecedented step of fixing them to the cassette recorder itself, rather than to the owner's head. To cope with the much larger bulk of the new Walkman, SONO have also had to devise a totally new system of carrying the unit. They have so far failed to come up with a proper name for this, and are currently experimenting with the term 'handle'.

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# IC or not IC

Chris Hall on Imperial's neighbour and namesake—Ithaca College

It wouldn't be unreasonable to assume that most students at Imperial could readily identify that centre of education known informally as IC. But then why not, for that has been the nickname for Imperial for years, but then how many people know of the IC in upstate New York? Further more, why should it concern them?

For a group of 140 students residing in the around the Gloucester Road area, IC means ITHACA College, again the name the College has been known by for years. Ithaca College is a private college of 5000 students in upstate New York. In many ways very similar to Imperial, it has a strong Science and Technology program, publishes its own newspaper, and runs a television studio and a radio station. Unlike Imperial it lies in the small college town of Ithaca NY, overlooking the finger lakes and across the hill from Cornell University. Originally a music conservatory, today Ithaca has an excellent communications program and a branch in London. This is where IC and IC come together.

Ithaca London Centre, one of the five American Universities to be a part of Imperial, is situated in Harrington Gardens, about a mile from Imperial. While many of the students who attend the London Centre come from Ithaca (NY), some come from other institutions across the country. The London Centre is one of the only American Universities to teach in the 'English' system, thought by many to be stronger and more concise than the 'American' system.

The Freshman programme at Ithaca London is almost unique. It is unusual for most college students to take a semester or a year abroad until at earliest the sophomore (2nd) year. The Freshman programme serves a double purpose, a unique program for American freshmen and a preparation ground for those foreign students who might wish to make the adjustment to an American University. For while almost all of the teachers at the Centre are English, the courses are similar to those that might be taken back on the home campus in New York, only here they are taught in the English method.

From the exposure to Imperial, students can still see the many differences between the American and English Universities and colleges. Sports are far more important to American Colleges, and weekends are reserved for athletic competition which many in the colleges will turn out to watch.

Football (American), Soccer (English football), hockey (ice, not usually field), basket ball, and lacrosse are just some examples of popular American sports. The debate still rages between Americans and English; 'is rugby tougher than football?' Even most Americans will concede this, for it is probably the largest sport the two different systems have in common. It is interesting to note that the drinking age in England is only 18, whereas in most States in the country it is 21 and strictly enforced. Probably it is why alcohol is not looked at in this country as it is in the States, for now many college bars are being forced to close down because of the business that is lost due to the drinking age.

If there is truly anything that all students love it is the pub, which is really non-existent in the United States. A pub is a place for socializing as well as for drinking, a

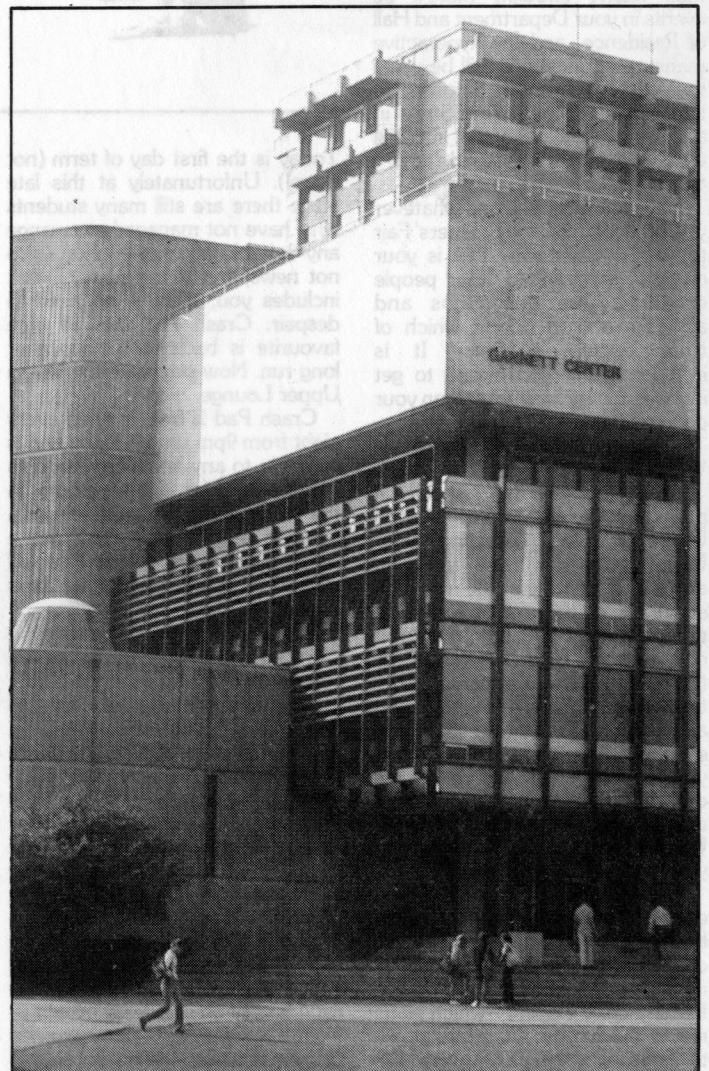
place to strike up conversations with the person sitting next to you. It has the social aura to it that makes a bar (in the States) seem impersonal and cold. It always seems that everybody knows everyone, in whatever pub you go to. Bars are usually quieter (unless it is a college bar) for people tend to stick to themselves.

Adjusting to the great British sense of humour is also a challenge. While most colleges have a prank squad, it seems the Rag Fete, and the Rag Mag are unrivalled. (except at MIT where they put cars on top of buildings.)

With the help of Dave Colley ICU Hon Sec it seems that the overseas students are finally getting the hang of things at Imperial. The different clubs, activities and sports (not to mention the Union Bar are presenting challenges. For Ithaca students, IC is no further away than a mile!

Tuesday September 23 saw IC's five American Associate Colleges come together for an American fest in the Union Bar. About 100 students from Florida State, Michigan, Texas, Missouri and Ithaca gathered to drink Budweiser and attempt to play darts while getting to know some IC students. The fest, organised by ICU Honorary Secretary Dave Colley and Union Bar Manager Kev Buckley was a resounding success. Much of the success Imperial has enjoyed with its American counterparts is due to the efforts of Dave Colley who spent a good deal of time during the summer communicating with the Americans and getting them linked together.

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# LIFE IN THE FAST LANE!

It's difficult to write this without repeating what I've said before in the Handbook or telling non-Freshers what they already know. However, bear with me and I'll do my best.

Firstly, hello to all new students and welcome back to all 2nd, 3rd, 4th, ...nth years. If your summer was half as good as mine you'll be feeling tired, confused and totally unprepared for the year of hard work ahead of you. Even if that's not the case, there's the best Freshers' Week ever to finish you off completely.

Get down to the Union Building tonight for an evening of jive, skiffle and blues; allow your Constituent College Union to entertain you in inimitable style(?), Tuesday to Thursday; laugh yourself silly at Wednesday's comedy night; and on Friday, back to the Union for the amazing Freshers' Carnival; pop, reggae and rock bands (plus Norman and the Nutburgers, who defy description!), films, discos, and a late bar...see you there. As if all that wasn't enough, there'll be events in your Department and Hall of Residence...and the hyperactive maniacs amongst you will be up at the crack of dawn on Saturday to tiddley-wink down Oxford Street in aid of rag charities—one of Imperial College's more endearing traditions.

Have fun this week and whatever you do don't miss the Freshers' Fair tomorrow afternoon. This is your chance to talk to the people organising various clubs and activities and to decide which of them appeal to you. It is indispensable if you intend to get involved in anything other than your degree course.

Lectures? I believe they begin on Wednesday.

And now for the last bit of preaching...while you're in the Union Building collecting your Union Cards, have a look around—especially at the new-look snack bar on the ground floor. Old-timers amongst you may notice a bit of a change...Norman's (he of the Nutburgers—this is a man of many talents) will now be open, with food and a bar, at lunchtimes and in the evenings. Don't forget that when you eat and drink in the Union, not only do you pay very low prices but also any profits go back into the Union to provide facilities for you...OK end of sermon.

This summer has certainly been eventful. It seems we're lucky to have a full complement of sabbatical officers—What with Dave Colley nearly being lost at sea and Jackie Peirce nearly eloping—which leads me to the fun bit. Congratulations to Jackie and Hugh (although I'm

still stunned by your recklessness!) *Just don't let it interfere with your work...*and if anyone wants to bring me flowers and champagne (no strings attached of course) you know where the office is.

## Christine Taig



Today is the first day of term (not news!). Unfortunately at this late stage there are still many students who have not managed to arrange any suitable accommodation (also not news) but (good news) if that includes you, there is no need to despair. Crash Pad that all time favourite is back for yet another long run. Now playing in the Union Upper Lounge.

Crash Pad is free, is open every night from 9pm until 9.30am, and is available to any homeless students who book in for it, before 6pm, in the Union Office. All you need is a sleeping bag, or equivalent, and a sense of humour. Crash Pad will remain in operation as long as is needed.

For any women students who won't be at the Freshers' Reception today, here's a reminder that I.C. Union has a policy to issue free, to any female student who wants one, a personal rape alarm. These are pocket-sized, high-pitched shrill alarms which can be collected from the Deputy President, in the Union Office, on production of a Union Card. Members of staff may purchase them at cost price (about £1.50).

Also self-defence courses will be run by the Police during the year, with the first one hopefully running for 4 weeks on Thursday evenings, from October 16th. Any women wishing to attend this type of course

Hello all you people.

I have just arrived back from my holiday at sea in a 36 foot yacht, most of which was spent bouncing about in a force 8 gale gusting 10. Now I am in the midst of organised chaos. The new term is upon us and the time has arrived to answer the same questions 5 thousand times and still stay smiling. The people have been saving up problems all over the summer and will with the

best timing possible choose now to smack us with them.

Still I am the optimist, relishing the prospect of the new term after the lee of the summer and looking forward to meeting most if not all of my old friends and the first years.

The first Question to answer will be about Parking Permits. Obtain an application form from me on Monday September 29 and hand the completed form in by 4.00pm Friday 3 October.

At the weekend a committee shall sit to determine the most deserving cases, so if you fail in your application then an appeals form can be completed in the week following. Please don't hassle Kathy for forms, just take one and put the completed form back in the tray provided.

A leaflet explaining the Houses of residence policy for insurance will be circulated to all residents, if you don't get one, please come and see me in the office.

After that, all that is left for me to say is—be careful of your property and anybody else's and enjoy your year here. If you can, play a sport or join a recreational or social club—and get more out of your stay here than just a degree. If there are any problems, than come and see us, that's what we're here for.

List of as yet unclaimed Insurance cheques;  
Alice Vrieling  
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Peter Wallace

please sign up in the Union Office. They are limited to 20 places but more courses will be run according to demand.

This isn't meant to sound like scare-mongering, but there is a need for women to be prepared against assault.

## Jackie Peirce

## Dave Colley

Imperial College Charity Rag will be staging the very popular annual event of Tiddleywinks down Oxford Street on Saturday October 4. It's an event not to be missed and there are major prizes for the 3 top collectors. Meet at your CCU office at **9.00am** to collect your badges and cans, and look out for posters throughout the week.

Our second major collection will be happening on Saturday October 18th, when we will be playing human monopoly. This is basically a treasure hunt throughout London with your travelcard paid for by us. Clues will need to be solved, and a prize of an Olympus camera will be presented to whoever wins. In the evening of Monopoly, there is also a

disco/concert being staged with Tri-60 and our very own 'Blue Blue Ice' performing (previously known as Duo) at the Hammersmith Town Hall. Tickets are 50p to IC Students and there's a bar at the hall.

Watch out for Rag week coming soon too, starting on November 12th. I hope you have fun participating in these events, and the money raised goes to a worthy cause.

## Man Tai Tseung Rag Chairman

# Freshers week

*Old man of FELIX Hugh Southey takes time off from buying wedding rings to look at the traumas of Freshers Week*

Freshers' Week is different things to different people: 'The most frightening experience of your life'; 'A chance to make new friends'; 'A drunken orgy'; 'Tremendous fun'; 'A lonely time when nobody seems to be your friend'; 'An exhilarating experience'. As a result it is difficult to write about. You may well find that you have a great time and ignore everything in this article. Just remember, however strange the College may seem at present, within a week you will probably have made the place home.

Freshers' Week starts on Monday morning with the Rector's Reception, an event that everyone goes to and wishes they hadn't. In the afternoon the Constituent College Unions hold General

Meetings. These are very light-hearted affairs, so if you want to get involved in student politics you'll have to wait until the IC UGM which is a week Tuesday (October 7). At the CCUGMs you'll find out about the chants and mascots of the CCUs. Make sure you go to the New Year's Party (featuring Buddy Curtis and the Grasshoppers). Find some people from your Hall or House to go with and by the end of the evening they'll be firm friends.

During Freshers' Week don't be afraid to walk up to strangers and talk to them. They'll probably be Freshers like you and so looking for people to talk to.

Tuesday afternoon is Freshers' Fair. **Don't miss this.**

It is your chance to see all the Union Clubs. Whatever interests you have you'll find there is someone with similar interests. Take the plan or guide to Freshers' Fair which is on this page and the next two pages. And decide which clubs might possibly interest you and go and visit them all. Freshers' Fair is followed by a fancy dress party in the evening.

Unfortunately lectures start on Wednesday morning, but don't worry; you get the afternoon free so that you can play in the sports trials at Harlington. Details of the trials will be available from the sports clubs at Freshers' Fair.

On Wednesday evening Mines have organised a barnight, RCS have organised a pub crawl, Guilds have organised a trip ice skating and Ents have organised an alternative comedy night. This is all changed round on Thursday with Mines going on a pub crawl and RCS going ice

skating.

Freshers' Ball is on Friday. It is the party of the week. The whole of the Union Building is taken over by Ents who have organised bands, discos and films. Furniture, who had a chart hit recently with 'Brilliant Mind', headline.

After you have been up until the early hours of the morning at Freshers' Ball try and get up to go tiddlywinking. The Rag article (on the page opposite) tells you about this.

One event that is worth mentioning, even though it isn't really part of Freshers' Week, is the first IC UGM which is a week on Tuesday (7 October). It is your chance to debate real student issues and change the way your Union is run. Don't miss it!

Anyway, enjoy Freshers' Week and hopefully by the end of it College won't seem such a strange place.

## Union Clubs

See over for locations at Freshers Fair.

Afro-Caribbean	Sherfield	Fencing	Lounge	Midland bank	Sherfield	Rifle & Pistol	Sherfield
Amnesty International	Snack Bar	Football	Sherfield	Mountaineering	Union Beit Quad	RCSU Rugby	Sherfield
Anti-Apartheid	Snack Bar	General	<b>Sherfield, SCR</b>	Nat West bank	Union Dining Hall	RSM Rugby	Sherfield
AP Tech	Union Dining Hall	Gliding	Queen's Lawn	Netball	Sherfield	RCSU	Sherfield
Art Appreciation	Union Dining Hall	<b>God Squad</b>	<b>Concert Hall</b>	Nigerian	Sherfield	RSMU	Sherfield
Astronomical	Senior Common Room	Golf	Sherfield	Nighttime	Union main Entrance	Rugby	Union Snack Bar
Audio	Union Upper Lounge	Graffiti	Senior Common Room	North America	Union Dining Hall	Ladies Rugby	Sherfield
Badminton	Sherfield	Ham Radio	Union Third Floor	NUS	Union Dining Hall	STA	Sherfield
Baha'i	Union Concert Hall	Hang gliding	Queen's Lawn	Officer Training Course	SCR	STOIC	Union 3rd Floor
Basketball	Sherfield	Hellenic	Sherfield	Old Centralians	SCR	Sailing	Sherfield
Balloon	Queen's Lawn	H G Wells	Snack Bar	Operatic	Union Concert Hall	Science Fiction	Union Dining Room
Boardsailing	Queen's Lawn	Hockey	Sherfield	Orchestra	Union Concert Hall	Scout & Guide	Union Beit Quad
Boat	Queen's Lawn	IC Radio	Sherfield	Orienteering	Sherfield	Singapore	Sherfield
Bowling	Sherfield	Indian	Sherfield	<b>Outdoor</b>	<b>Beit Quad, Queen's Lawn</b>	Ski	Sherfield
Bridge	Union Third Floor	Industrial	Snack Bar	<b>Overseas Clubs</b>	<b>Union Dining Hall</b>	Snooker	Union Third Floor
British Rail	Union Dining Hall					Socialist	Union Dining Hall
CND	Union Dining Hall					<b>Sporting Clubs</b>	<b>Sherfield</b>
Canoe	Union Beit Quad					Sporting Motorcycle	Queen's Lawn
Catholic	Union Concert Hall					Squash	Sherfield
Caving	Union Beit Quad					Surfing	Union Beit Quad
Chamber Music	Union Concert Hall					Swimming & Water Polo	Sherfield
Chaplaincy	Union Concert Hall					Table Tennis	Sherfield
Chess	Union Third Floor					Tennis	Sherfield
Chinese	Sherfield					Third World First	Lounge
Chinese Chess	Union Dining Hall					Underwater	Union Beit Quad
Choir	Union Concert Hall					ULU	Senior Common Room
Christian Union	Concert Hall					University Air Squadron	SCR
City & Guilds Union	Union Snack Bar					University RN Reserve	SCR
Community Action	Union Entrance					University Christian Outreach	CH
Conservative	Union Dining Hall					Volleyball	Sherfield
CSSA	Sherfield					War Games	Union Third Floor
Cricket	Sherfield					Water Skiing	Sherfield
Cross Country	Sherfield					<b>Welfare</b>	<b>Union Entrance</b>
<b>Culture Clubs</b>	<b>Concert Hall</b>					Wine Tasting	Senior Common Room
Cycling	Sherfield					Weights	Sherfield
Cypriot	Sherfield					Wing Chun Kung Fu	Gym
Dancing	Concert Hall					WIST	Snack Bar
Debating	Union Concert Hall					The Lounge	
Dramatic	Union Concert Hall					Yacht	Sherfield
Ents	The Lounge					YHA	Senior Common Room
FELIX	FELIX Office						

*Owing to the delayed move of the FELIX office you can find us at Freshers' Fair in our old office in Beit Arch, not behind the Lounge as shown overleaf and in the Handbook*

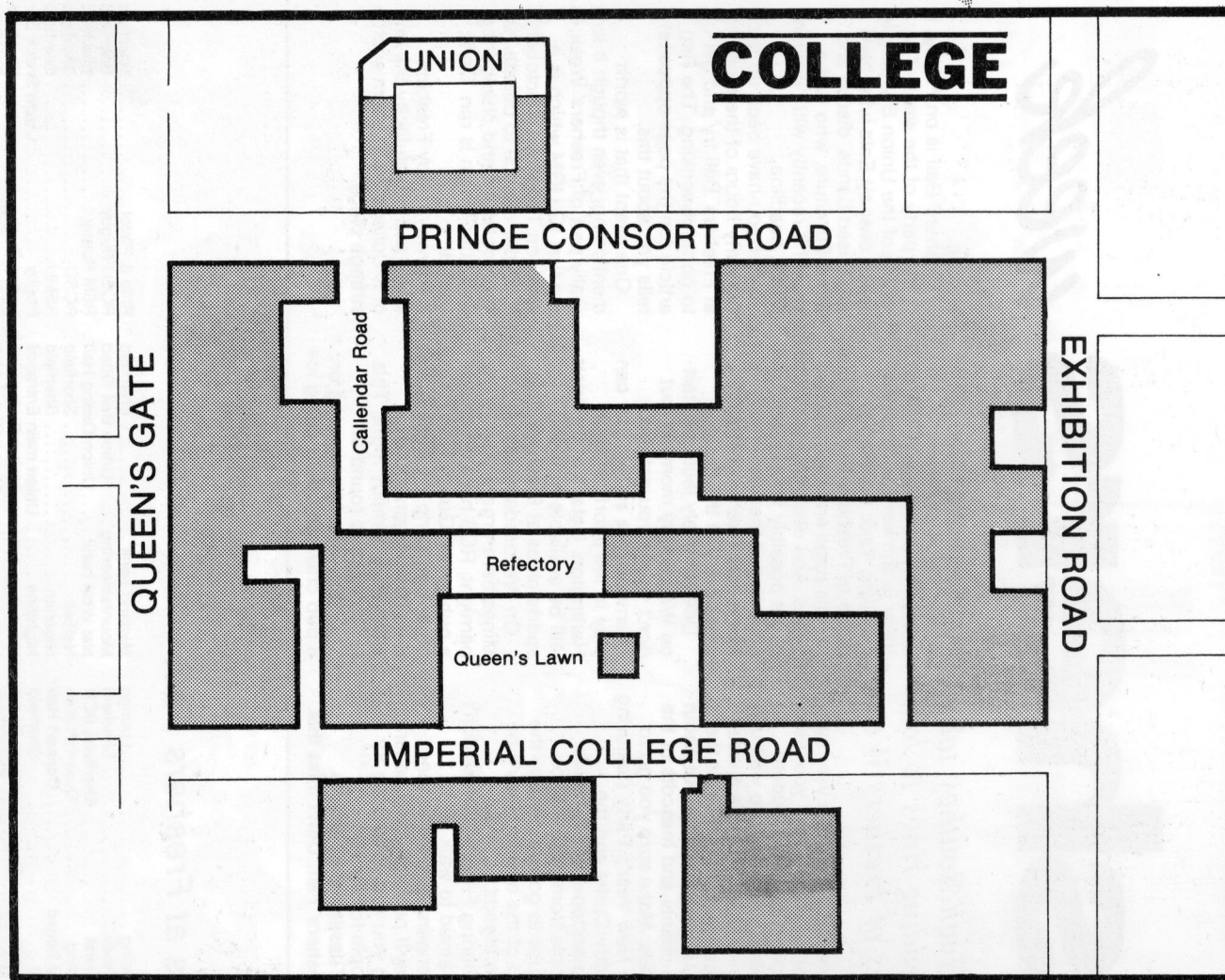
Iraq	Sherfield	Pakistan	Sherfield
Iranian	Sherfield	Palestine	Sherfield
Islamic	Union Concert Hall	PATA	Union Concert Hall
Jazz	Union Concert Hall	Parachuting	Sherfield
Jewish	Union Dining Hall	Phoenix	Senior Common Room
Judo	Union Gym	<b>Physical Clubs</b>	<b>Gym</b>
Karate	Queen's Lawn	Pimlico	Union Dining Room
Keep Fit	Sherfield	Polish	Union Dining Hall
Korfball	Sherfield	<b>Political Clubs</b>	<b>Union Dining Hall</b>
Kung Fu	Sherfield	Posters	Sherfield
Latin American	Sherfield	<b>Pressure Groups</b>	<b>Snack Bar, UDH</b>
Lloyds bank	Senior Common Room	QT	Queen's Lawn
Malaysian	Sherfield	Rag	Sherfield
Methodist	Union Concert Hall	Real Ale	Senior Common Room
Micro	Senior Common Room	Riding	Queens Lawn

# Freshers FAIR

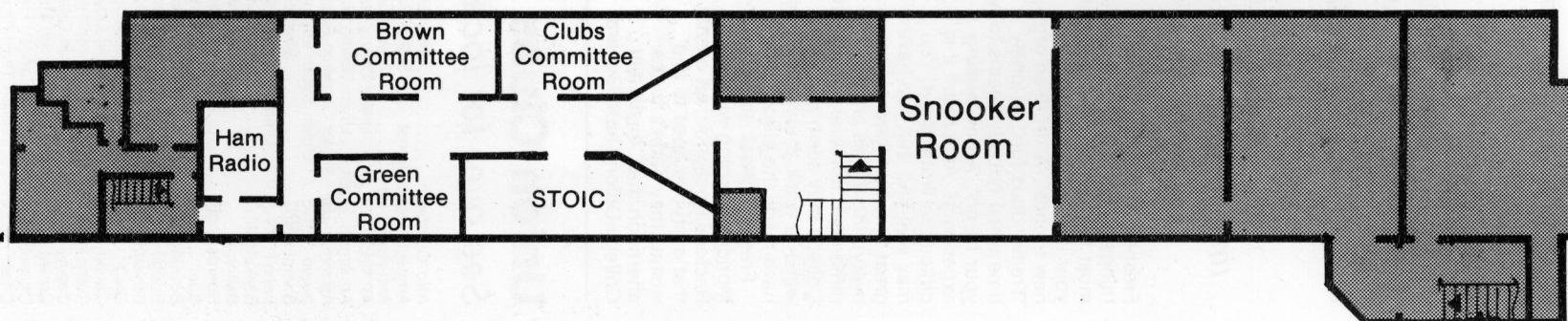
□ All of the IC clubs will be at the Fair, and this is your opportunity to see what they have to offer.

The Fair is split between the Union Building (Beit), the Sherfield Refectory and the Queen's Lawn.

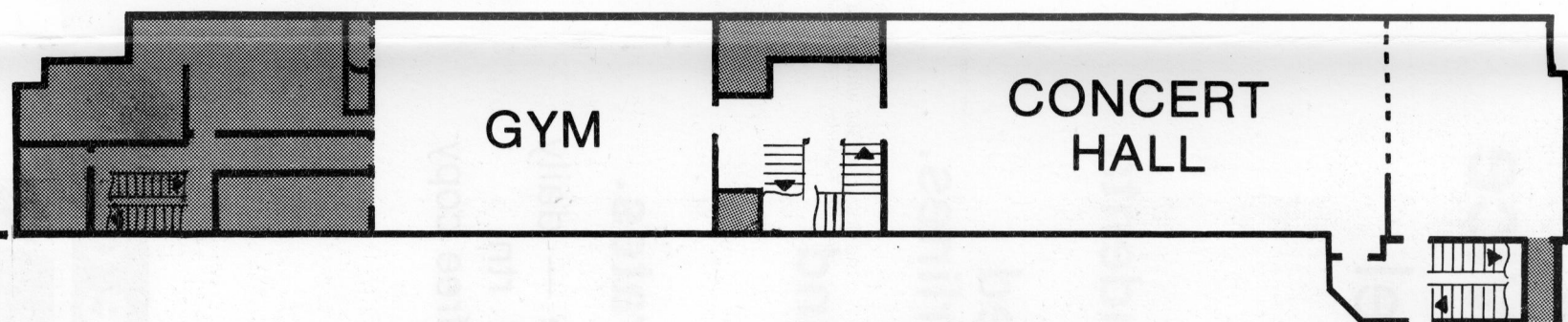
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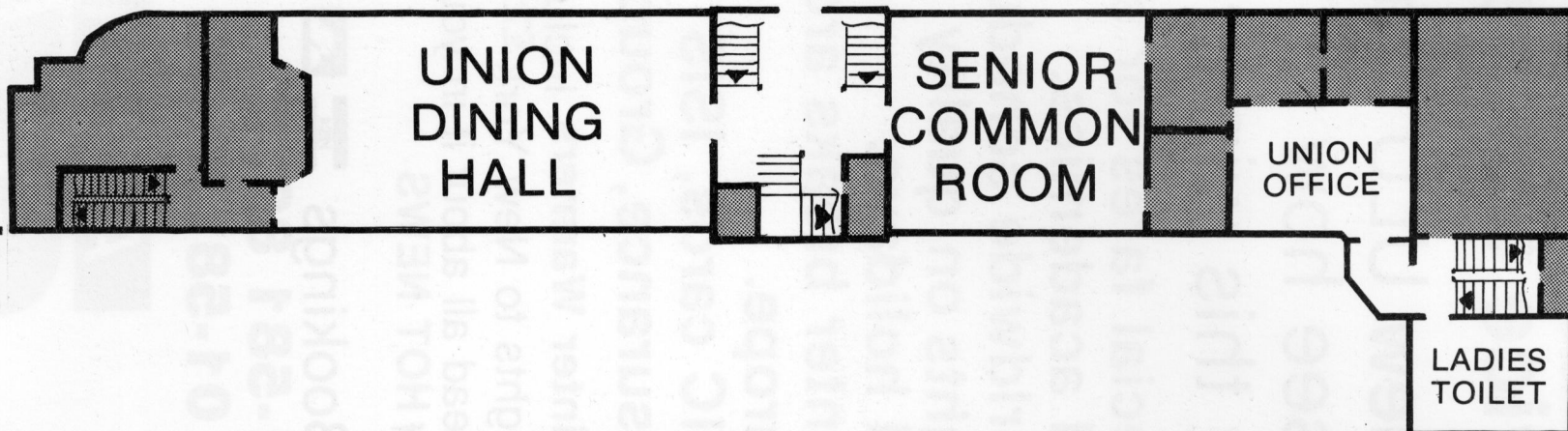
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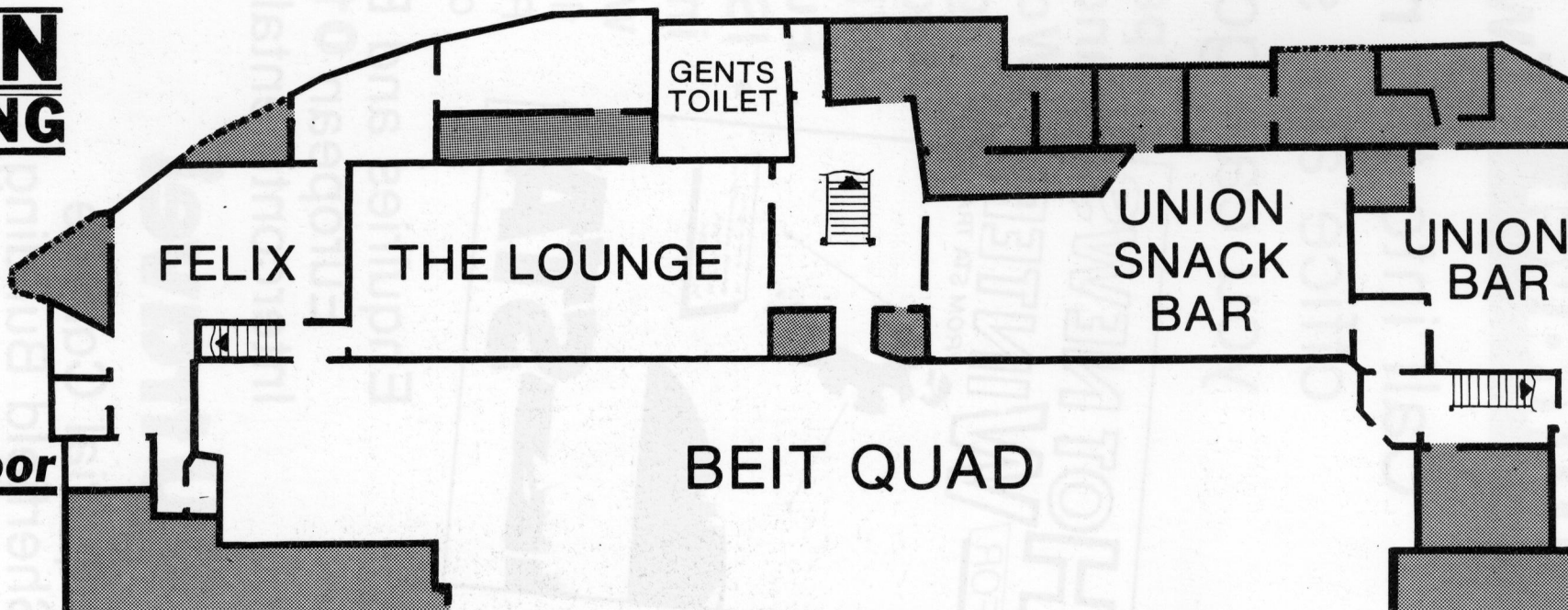


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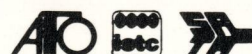
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This year's sabbaticals, I guess, want to make sure you are having

### Week 2

Save money, cos I haven't booked anything. Or use your newly procured Ents card to sample events at other colleges in London, and meet some other bunch of idiots there.

### Week 3

I guess the term-time blues should be setting in by now. But forget work on Thursday evening and pop down to the Union. We've organised an especially cheap evening with videos, food, bar promotions and a fantastic Virgin band called 'Fruits of Passion' who have released three 12 inch singles already and are promoting their new album which should make them megastores—um stars, sorry.

### Week 4

On Thursday in the concert hall you can see the greatest live band you'll ever have the opportunity to lay your eyes on and dance yourself mad to—The Larks. Nuts from all over the place will be clamouring at the doors to get in and with the reviews they have been getting don't be surprised if half the music journalists in town aren't knocking around amongst the common folk too. A night of zany goings on which will keep you away from work, your bed and the floor for a little while longer. Bar promotions et al.

### Week 5

The witching day is Friday. The venue is very new. Don't be frightened by the Godsend. Halloween sets the scene

Venture down to the Lounge on Friday 31 to see the best all girl band since the 'The Shangrilas'. 'His latest Flame' are from the north of the border and have come down to bonnie London for a only a couple of dates.

What else to do? Well, the ICA in the Mall is great for all sorts of modern art from punk to poetry. The club scene stinks of funk at the moment and seems to be full of very shallow superficial people but that's only my opinion, and probably applies to me too. Scala cinema late-

nighters in Kings Cross are great fun. Impress your loved one by taking them to the Hilton Rooftop restaurant for Sunday brunch but take out a third mortgage! The Rhythm Room in Swiss Cottage is a cheap place to see good Latin and jazz bands in a pub atmosphere. All the museums and art galleries in London have something doing that's well worth seeing. Or take a walk by the river in Richmond or through the myriads of parks. Well, that should keep you going for a few weeks. Have fun, don't do too much work and see you in November! So far lined up ex-orange Juicer Zeke Manyika and....

**Dan Phillips**  
Ents Chairman

## ENJOY YOURSELF

— Entertainment at Imperial this term —

fun. And they have made the first step: Your building, the students Union Building, has had a great deal of time and money spend on it. It's up to you to use it and I can't say this for sure, something reasonably exciting will happen at least once a week on Thursday, Friday, or Saturday depending on this and that, but mainly on whether I can book a band or something similar. Anyhow I'll keep you informed.

So for starters—information Sheet 1

### Week 1

Freshers Week; need I say more



□Fruits of Passion – one of the many groups appearing at IC.

## AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL

— Help free IC Group's adopted prisoner —

'When the first two hundred letters came the guards gave me back my clothes. Then the next two hundred letters came and the prison director came to see me. When the next pile of letters arrived the director got in touch with his superior. The letters kept coming and coming: three thousand of them. The President was informed. The letters kept arriving and the President called the prison and told them to let me go.

After I was released the President called me to his office for a man-to-man talk. He said: 'How is it that a trade union leader like you has so many friends all over the world?' He showed me an enormous box of letters he had received and when we parted he gave them to me. I still have them.'

Letter from a former prisoner to Amnesty International (Dominican Republic, 1975)

The Imperial College group of the human rights organisation Amnesty International is an adoption group; in return for a special subscription of £550 per year it is allocated at all times its own carefully researched case on which to work. Each case involves someone who, without having used or advocated violence,

is imprisoned for his or her opinions. As well as ensuring that all prisoners conform to this description, the organisation has to show a political balance in selecting them; for example it tries to choose equal numbers from 'Western', Communist and non-aligned counties. The group's previous

cases have involved prisoners, now released, from Sri Lanka, Zaire, Benin, Uruguay and South Africa.

The prisoner adopted at present is Ivan Yakovlevich Starovoit of the USSR, who was sentenced with four others to five years' imprisonment with hard labour for practising his religion as a Jehovah's Witness in an unregistered congregation. Denial of permission to register and official interference in the conduction of services following registration leaves many religious groups in the USSR no alternative but to disregard the legal requirement of registration. Four years after his arrest (which took place in summer 1982) Starovoit will qualify for early release if, like most Jehovah's Witnesses, he has behaved well in prison. You can help Starovoit by politely asking the Department of Internal Affairs of the Donetsk region to order his early release on the grounds of good behaviour.

### Advice on writing to foreign governments

- 1 Never be rude or offensive.
- 2 Never advance any political or religious views. Remember that you are writing purely on humanitarian grounds.

3 Stress that your concern is only for the prisoner's human rights; write as if you believe that the government is open to reason.

4 Write in simple clear English unless you are fluent in Russian.

We are asking you to write one letter. If you take your letter to your College Constituent union or to Imperial College Union they will pay for the postage. It needs only twenty minutes and you might be helping to release someone who has been unjustly imprisoned. Please address your letter to;

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USSR.

If you attend Freshers' Reception in the Great Hall on September 29, please pick up a copy of the petition which you will find there, get it signed by as many people as you can and return it by 31 October to Charles Penman (Internal Telephone 5777), Simon Boshier (Physics 2) or Oliver Smart (Physics 3), any of whom can give you further information if you need it.

## BOAT CLUB

- Gold for Britain -



Six members of Imperial College Boat Club represented Great Britain at World Championships this summer. At the under-23 World Championships in Hamburg, the GB quadruple scull, including IC men Nicholas Burfitt and Leon Fletcher, crossed the line level with the French quad in the final, and were awarded joint gold medals. A third IC Oarsman, Guy Pooley, was also in the GB U-23 Team.

At the Senior World Championships in Nottingham the U-23 quad also competed but were outclassed by much older and more experienced opposition. A further three IC oarsmen, John Griffiths, Bill Downing and Chas Nelson, were selected in the GB lightweight eight which came eighth.

Earlier in the Summer, at Henley

Royal Regatta, the club's VIII missed winning the Thames Cup by a whisker. Having had the harder of the two semi-finals on the Sunday morning of the 5-day Regatta, they met Canada's Ridley College, the previous years' winner, in the final. Unrecovered from the morning's exertion IC lost by one and half lengths. In the Visitors' Cup, which IC won in 1985, both the club's Vllls got through to the semi-finals on Saturday but progressed no further.

The club had a total of sixty-four wins last year, beating the record set the previous year and making a total of more than two hundred wins over the last four years. This year several members of the club are likely to be called up to the national squad.

## Freshers' Sports Trails

The Freshers' trials will take place on Wednesday 1st October at Harlington. Coaches will be leaving from Beit Arch at 1pm and all those who are interested should sign up with the relevant club at Freshers' Fair on Tuesday.

## Sports Facilities

Anybody wishing to book the Union Sports facilities should collect a booking form from the Union office. The closing date for their return is 5pm Friday 10th October 1986. After this the timetable will be drawn up. During the first two weeks of term last years times will be in use.

## Union Gym Bookings

Anyone wanting to book the Volleyball Court, Union Gym, Southside Gym and Weights room, please collect an application form from Kathy, IC Union Office, before 5pm, Friday 3rd October.

## IC CHOIR

- Long Weekends -

Since its formation Imperial College Choir has flourished under the expert and indefatigable guidance of Professor Eric Brown. It now enjoys a reputation for performances of a consistently high standard. To maintain this reputation the Choir needs new members, and encourages them to join as soon as possible. No auditions are held, although each individual should be able to keep in tune with the rest of the Choir! Girls are particularly welcomed to bolster the ranks of the Sopranos and Altos.

Rehearsals are held every Thursday at 5.45pm in Mech Eng room 342. Care is taken to ensure a varied selection of music to suit all

tastes; last year composers varied from Bach to Bernstein. Afterwards coffee is served and new members have the opportunity to socialise and get to know everyone. For those who are particularly keen there is a Chamber Choir which rehearses additional works later on in the evening. Performances are given once a term.

Long weekends are arranged in the Christmas and Easter vacations during which the Choir travels outside London for rehearsals in a different atmosphere.

Further details are available at Freshers' Fair, or come to the first rehearsal on Thursday October 2 at 5.45pm in Mech Eng 342.

## SCOUT & GUIDE

- Butties -

Lunchtime Butties is held every day at 12.30 above Southside bar by IC Scout and Guides. The club's main activities are mountaineering, rock climbing and caving. Frequent weekend trips to various parts of Britain are organised during the year which offer an ideal opportunity to get out of London and away from it all.

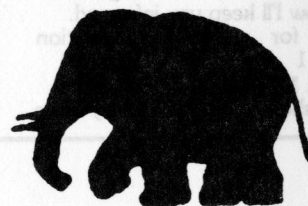
Vacation tours, which last one week are also arranged. This year we plan to visit Fort William and the Glencoe region at Christmas, and Torridon at Easter. During the summer there is a three week tour

abroad. The venue last year was the Pyrenees.

S&G Club welcomes new members of any year especially Freshers. The club is an ideal introduction to the activities mentioned above, but if you are already an experienced climber, so much the better. Butties is a valued social occasion, as well as a convenient means of having lunch, which enables members to keep in touch easily.

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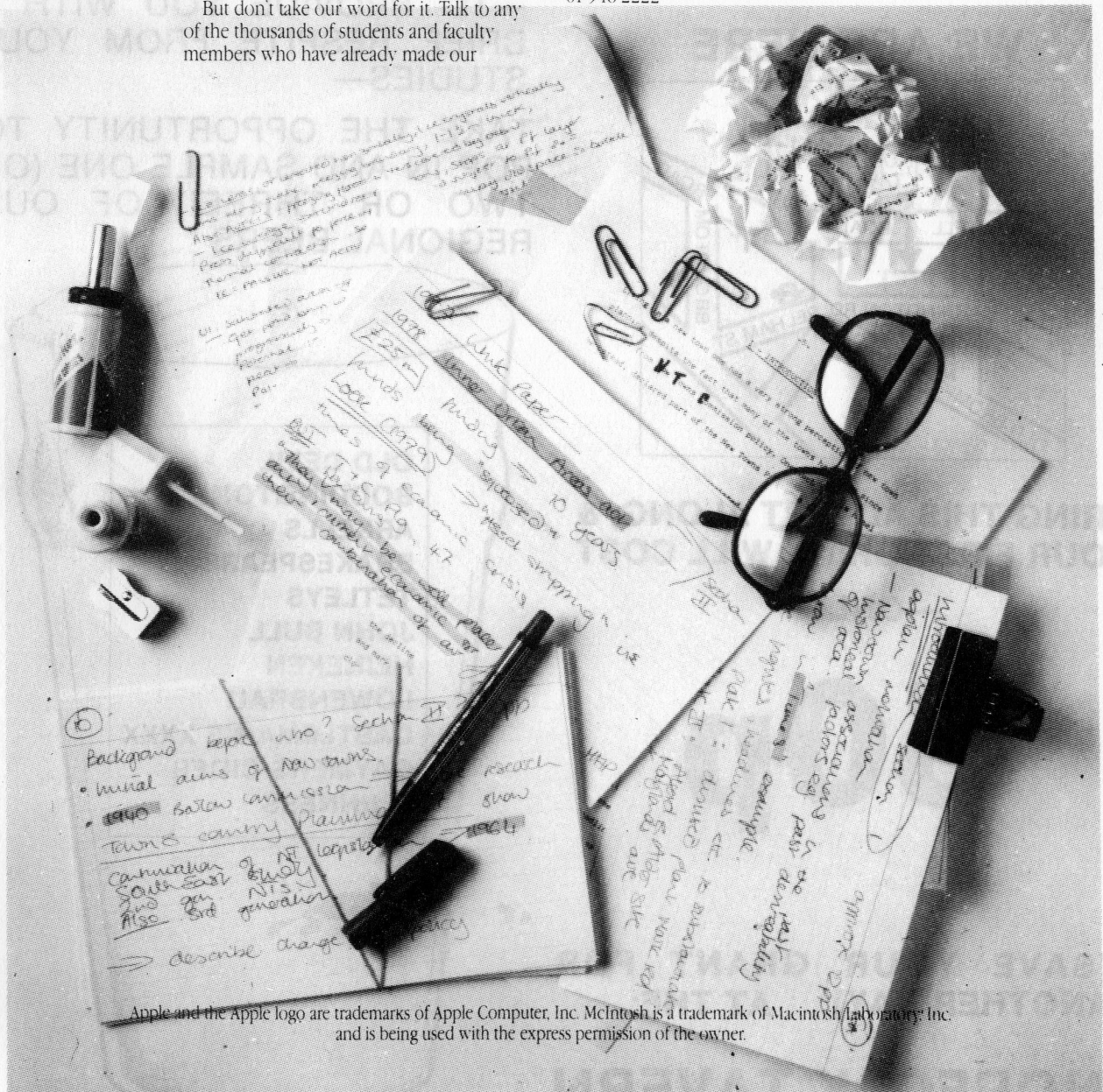
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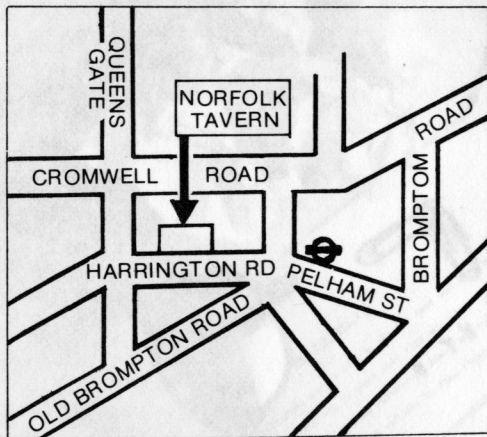
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Because film making is such a collaborative activity their are many occasion when some compromise is required between the unions of the various contributors. According to writer Nicholas Kazan and producer Elliot Lewitt their original intention for **At Close Range** is very different from director James Foley, and actor Sean Penn's final product. It is obviously impossible to judge the film that has never made so I can only comment on the version now on release and it does not appear to be as bad as Kazan and Lewitt would have it.

The film is another example of the incredible behaviour of one individual. It tells the tale of a young man's attempt to emulate his criminal father by forming his own gang and committing fairly petty crimes. However, when the son's incompetence and knowledge becomes dangerous to the father he sets about eliminating the boy's gang and finally, puts a \$15,000

contract out on his son's life.

What is particularly remarkable about the story is that all the important plot elements are based on the real life exploits of Bruce Johnson Sr.

Although the 'Greek tragedy' nature has been played down, which results in a rather superficial film. It is nevertheless a powerful story with some wonderful photography in which both Sean Penn and Christopher Walke are allowed to exploit their considerable talents. It is a shame however that the most interesting character played by Walke, is not allowed sufficient time to develop and that this part is sacrificed in order that Sean Penn remains the star. As Nicholas Kazan pointed out when he asked the distributors if he could re-edit the film at his own expense: 'Would you rather have a bad film which Sean Penn likes or a good film which he doesn't'. Such is the power of young actors.

## AT CLOSE RANGE



## TROUBLE IN MIND

One way of avoiding clashes between writer and director is for one person to do both and this is Alan Rudolph's preferred way of working. In order to achieve this his tendency is to make budget films, often independently. However, his latest film, **Trouble in Mind** is a studio production, albeit a relatively cheap one as Hollywood films go. It is set a short time in the future and is an essay in the corrupting nature of the 'City' as Coop (Keith Carradine) says before he even goes to 'Rain City', 'I've been to plenty of cities and they aren't nothing but trouble.' Sure enough when he gets there with his partner and child he is slowly drawn into the sleazy underworld. Alan Rudolph's greatest achievement is creating a fantasy world full of exotic characters and bizarre occurrences and yet at the same time manages to keep the whole story credible and involving. He also had a nice way with words saving most of the best lines for the sometime hero Hawk, Kris Kristofferson, who gives a marvellous performance as an ex-cop, ex-convict and a man destined to clash with Rain City's King of Crime, Billy Blue.

The script also allows for some interesting and independent female characters. Wanda, a cafe owner excellently played by Genevieve Bujold and Lori Singer slightly less well played as Keith Carradine's partner. An entertaining film, and any film with a song that contains the line, 'one love is only found down in your pants', can't be all bad.



## ....BRIEFLY

**The Legend of Swan Fortress** is a Russian film directed by Paradjanor, who also directed the acclaimed **The Colour of Pomegranates**. Because Russia rarely has many Western films to compare it's film industry with, it has developed along poetic and sculptural lines independent of American narrative style film. As a result Russian films are very difficult to watch and appear very slow. This one concerns the folk tale of Swan Fortress which would only remain standing when someone was walled up in the foundations is unfortunately no exception, and it certainly isn't helped by some poor photography.

**The Decline of the American Empire** is a French-Canadian adult comedy. It concerns the activities of a group of well educated middle-aged men and women discussing their sexual hangups, and as such is a fairly annoying and unfunny exercise, particularly because all the characters are wholly unsympathetic.

**Girl in a Boot** is a rather sweet tale of a E.German girl who falls in love with a chef who works at the Swiss Embassy and follows their adventure when they decide to take day trips over to the West. A nice little story with a not sufficiently powerful sad ending.

**Invaders from Mars** is a remake of the 1953 version and as such is a good insight into the way in which society and science has moved on since that period. Although attempts are made to modernise the story, by suggesting that the Martian probes launched in the 70's actually found something but that this was hushed up. The film is really weak and it is apparent from a couple of moments that it fails to generate the laughter intended. The story concerns the attempts of a young boy to alert the world to the evil activities of a spaceship that lands near his house, these effort are thwarted by the fact that the Martians keep 'hypnotising' the locals. The original film was very much a product of it's age and should never have been remade.

**Poltergeist 2**, Oh dear. Once again the Freeling family are troubled by bumps in the night and manic preachers. Apart from some good lines by the father, Craig T Nelson, this is an embarrassing and appalling film with one of the least credible monsters I have ever seen. Still it did good business in the States so what do I know.

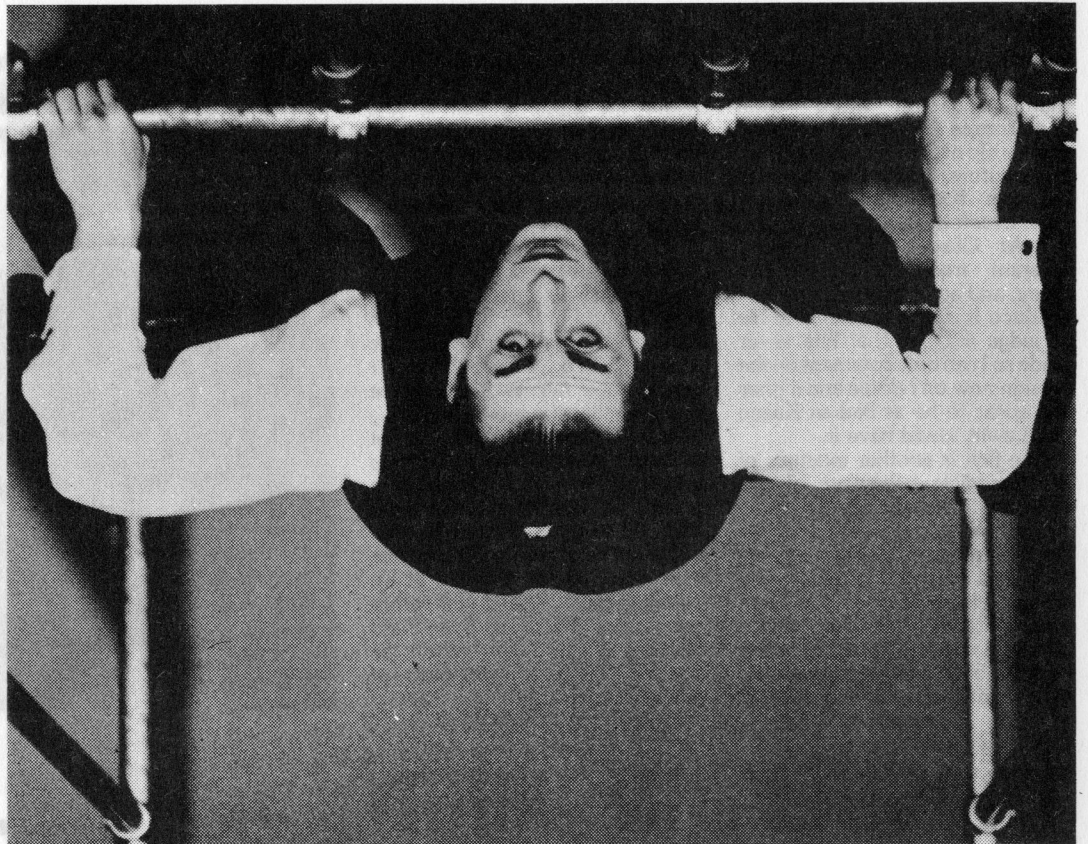
Jim Clayden

The Mermaid Theatre until October 18th.

This adaption by Steven Berkoff of Kafka's classic story of mans' self-debasement is near perfect. The alienation and divorcement from reality of characters and plot allow Kafka/Berkoff to strike with purity at the centre of mans' soul; revealing all.

The unfortunate Gregor awakes early one morning to find that he can not leave for work in order to earn for his needy parents and sister, since he has started to metamorphose into a Dung Beetle. Gregor's transformation is soon discovered by his family and the effect this has on them is explored as their feelings change from pain and anguish to disgust and disinterest. Finally, rejected and wounded by his father, Gregor is left to die.

On a climbing frame set which radiates from his bedroom Tim Roth as Gregor shows an agility and intensity of performance that soak his supporting characters in a 'light' that burns very bright. Similarly, Berkoff's direction and control over the action is masterful and precise. The fine detail of all the performers is beautifully simple and understated.



Simon Lewis

## METAMORPHOSIS



## BOUNCERS....

(Congratulations Hugh and Jackie...Simon et al.)

Have you noticed how stale comedy seems to be at present. The other night I sat at home and watched TV for the first time in ages. Britains 'radical' Channel 4 was showing a comedy called 'A Fairly Secret Army'. I have rarely been more bored. The programme was meant to be 'Guardian credible' as it was about a bunch of fascist buffoons who form an army. I'd be surprised if anyone found it believable. It was flat, dry and unimaginative. The problem with comedy seems to be that there is little new material that is original that people can relate too. This is why a trip to **Bouncers** (Arts Theatre) is so worthwhile.

**Bouncers** is about a small town nightclub and anyone who has been to Bentley's in Stockton or Bogart's in Harrow or any other small town nightclub will relate to the play. All types of people are portrayed: The underaged girls 'on the pill'; the 'pissed up lads'; the college rugby players and the smoothies with cars. Although Hull Truck's production makes you laugh at all these characters, it is also sympathetic and warm to them. It's very easy to laugh at stereotypes because the images presented make you feel superior and safe, but Hull Truck avoid this. When you think about the characters you find yourself identifying with them.

**Bouncers** is a great night out.  
Hugh Southey

*The Half Moon Theatre until October 11th.*

The handout for this new Berkoff play, which examines the events surrounding the fateful sinking of the Argentine cruiser General Belgrano, asks what is funny about the death of 368 young men and replies: 'Steven Berkoff's SINK THE BELGRANO, that's what...' Unfortunately, despite some clever lyrical words and generally good acting, **Sink the Belgrano!** is neither funny nor particularly moving.

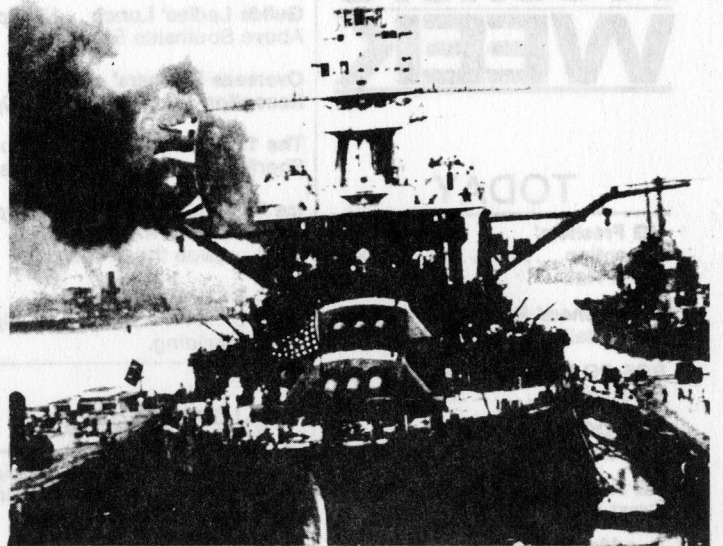
Set in April and May 1982 the action revolves around: The Prime Minister (Maggot); The Secretary of State for Defence (Nit); and Foreign Secretary (Pimp). Their stupidity and one-sided presentation attempts to provoke laughter; but, despite a strong performance from Maggie Steed as

Maggot, the feeling is that Berkoff's combination of verse, horror at the events that occurred, and humorous disbelief of political machinery lacks direction. Rather than being dragged from one emotional extreme to the other the audience are left unaffected.

More effective are the rhythmic chorus. Six-Bash the Argies, 'Tits like Melons'-working men who double up as Soldiers, Sailors writing to their loved ones, Harrier jets and finally the dead.

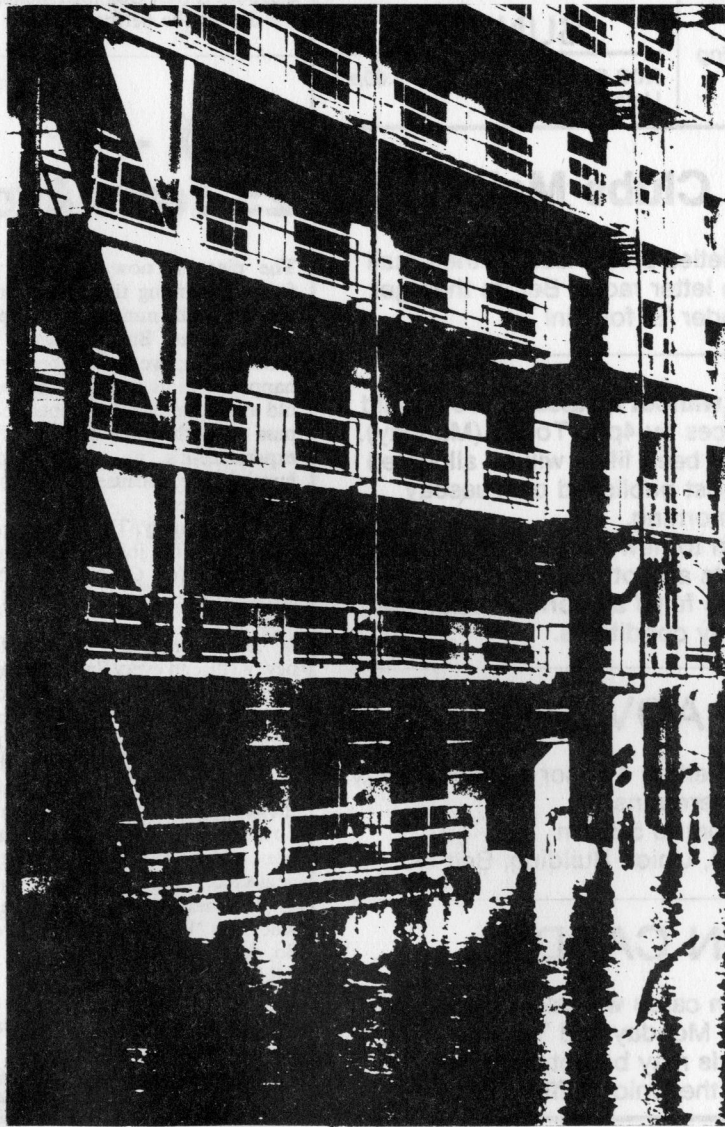
Maggot's ratings at the polls, (27% before the Malvinas/Falklands conflict, 45% after) conclude a play that seems self-defeating and confused in terms of what it desires to achieve. However, the closing line leaves little doubt as to the Governments' wish: 'I would do it again' Maggot/Margaret Thatcher.

Simon Lewis



## SINK THE BELGRANO!

# LITERATURE



When you were young and innocent and choosing a university, the Imperial College Prospectus 86/87 promised you that the Haldane Library 'contains in pleasantly informal surroundings some 34,000 books on a very wide range of subjects including a collection of fiction'

The Haldane Library does, to its credit have pleasantly informal surroundings with comfy seats and a fine selection of the newspapers and periodicals that you live to read, but cannot afford to buy (Punch, Private Eye, The Financial Times etc.) It also has a good record and tape library, with something for all tastes, and a friendly and helpful staff. ...Books....Who said books ...What Books?

The selection of fiction in the Haldane is the worst I have ever seen even in a small branch library. Imperial College's well deserved reputation for illiteracy does not excuse a collection of books which appear to be derived from the rejects of Edwardian Boarding School libraries. There are some exceptions, like the *Emma Lathen* books, American detective writing at its best; also *Sartre* and *Isaac Bashevis Singer*. In an effort to do justice to the Haldane I have picked out a few books in fairly new dust jackets:

*How Green Was My Valley* by Richard Llewellyn is the best book I found, and probably the best book in the library. It is the story of a Welsh mining family and their valley seen through the eyes of Huw Morgan, who grows up there

around the turn of the century. It comes as a shock to find that strikers' children starved to death in our grandparents time. The tale of the life and loves of Huw Morgan may help us English to discover why the Welsh hate us so much; after all, we were not beaten for speaking our native language at school.

*Fire from Heaven* by Mary Renault is also set in a foreign country only this time it is Greece around 330 years BC. This work is part of a series on Alexander the Great. Here his childhood and youth are displayed, making a very readable tale that also has great historical accuracy. The farming methods, eating habits, warfare, and culture are all dealt with.

Alexander is found in the middle of an ancient 'Kramer vs Kramer' — his parents, King Philip the Great and Queen Olympas witch and priestess of Bacchus, fight over him and ultimately over the Kingdom; the story ends with King Philip's murder. Alexander is portrayed as perfect which cannot be true, but the richness of detail contained within *Fire from Heaven* left me with a yen to read the other books of Ms. Renault; *Funeral Games*, *The Last of the Wine*, and *The Mask of Apollo*.

The last book, *The Crucified City* by Peter Van Greenaway does not measure up to the others. The 'Bomb' drops on London one Maundy Thursday, and a bunch of survivors walk to Aldermaston before they die. Badly over-written and full of stereotypes I wouldn't recommend this book to anyone.

Sarah Kirk

# Freshers WEEK

## TODAY

- UG Freshers' Reception** ..... 10.00am  
Great Hall
- PG Freshers' Reception** 11.30am  
Great Hall
- RCS PG Departmental Introduction** ..... Morning
- RCS UG Departmental Introduction** ..... Morning
- PG Freshers' Reception** 11.30am  
Great Hall
- Rag Meeting for Tiddlywinks** ..... 12.45pm  
Senior Common Room in the Union Building. Please come along.
- CCU Freshers' Union General Meetings** ..... 2.30pm  
RCS: Great Hall  
Gullds: Mech Eng 220  
RSM: Mines
- New Year's Party** ..... 8.00pm  
Union Building. Come and see Buddy Curtess and the Grasshoppers, Terry and Gerry & Jivin' Instructors.

## TUESDAY

- Gullds Ladies' Lunch** . . . 12.45pm  
Above Southside Bar
- Overseas Freshers' Reception** ..... 1.30pm
- The 1986 Freshers' Fair** . 2.00pm  
Sherfield and Union Buildings.
- Ice Skating—RSM** ..... 6.00pm  
At the Queensway Ice Rink.  
Meet outside the Union Bar.
- Joint CCU 'Funeral' Party** ..... 8.00pm  
Union Building.

## WEDNESDAY

- Sports Trials** ..... 12.45pm  
Harlington. Meet in Union Bar.  
No Drinking! Coaches leave 12.45pm prompt.
- Ice Skating—Gullds** ..... 6.00pm  
Southside
- The World Famous Mines Barnight!** ..... 6.00pm  
Sing, eat, drink, and be merry.  
Union Bar. Be there!!
- RCS Pub Crawl** ..... 6.00pm  
Meet Southside Bar.
- Alternative Comedy Night** ..... Evening  
With Kit Hollerbach, Eddie Zibbin and Otis Canneloni.

## THURSDAY

- Gilding Club** ..... 5.30pm  
Aero 254. Book your air-experience flight.
- Mines Pub Crawl** ..... 6.00pm  
Start at Union Bar and pick up your maps. Lost in London? Courtesy of RSM Orienteering Club we present the unparalleled 'where's the best place for a pint round College?' Find out by visiting them all!
- Ice Skating—RCS** ..... 6.00pm  
Meet Southside Bar.

## FRIDAY

- Freshers' Carnival** ..... 8.00pm  
Union Building. Furniture, Hondo and Menticide.

## SATURDAY

- Tiddlywinking down Oxford Street** ..... 9.00am  
Meet CCU offices to pick up licences and tins. Street collection down Oxford Street to raise money for the National Society for Deaf Children. You must attend!!!
- Gullds Pub Crawl** ..... 6.00pm

## SUNDAY

- RCS Barnight** ..... 7.00pm  
Union Bar

# Bouncers Competition

FELIX, in association with Armand Gerrard Management, are proud to present the **Bouncers Competition**. All you have to do is see the show (review page 20) and send the title or performer of eight pieces of music in the show together with a ticket stub to the FELIX Office by 1.30pm October 21. Winners will be drawn from a hat and their names published in the issue of October 24.

**1st Prize:**  
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Posters

Bouncers is at the Arts Theatre, Great Newport Street (Nearest tube Leicester Square). The show starts at 8pm on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday and 7.30pm and 10.00pm on Friday and Saturday. Students get a £1.50 discount if they buy their ticket on the day of the performance.

# FELIX - 25 Years Ago

The place is now crawling with freshers. Among this horrid horde are a small number of hopeful young ladies. But disillusion will soon set in; we know, because it happened to us and now that we're old and battered inhabitants we will pass on to them the benefits of our experience-it's no use husband-hunting here, because the only types available are:-

- 1 **The Majority.** They work; make feeble scientific jokes and to home to Putney (or Chiswick) at 5pm sharp. If they notice you at all see item 4.
- 2 **The Hop Pickers** These look for a new girlfriend every Saturday night. They don't like us; they only appreciate girls from training colleges. (What do they train for?)
- 3 **The Athletes.** Superficially these may appear attractive. But beware-they're either out 'drinking with the boys' or else 'rowing in the head tomorrow'. Either way, you get neglected.
- 4 **The Inexperienced** This is the lad who says 'What would you like to do, dear?' and doesn't like what you tell him.
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Preference will be given to new home postgraduates, London-based students and other Post Graduates. Applicants will have to fulfill all normal residence eligibility conditions.

## NEED ADVICE?

Come and talk to the Welfare Advisor on Wednesday afternoons.  
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Students Union Office, Union Building, Beit Quad

## UNION CARDS

The issue of all Union cards will take place in the Union Dining Hall on Monday and Tuesday. After these dates, Union cards may be obtained from Dave Colley in the Union Office



# Down & Out in London

**Down and Out in London** is a column which looks at forthcoming events and activities outside College with an occasional dose of social conscience. It's precursor 'Capital Ideas' managed to spot the likes of Half Man, Half Biscuit and Zodiac Mindwarp before they were even a glimmer in the Indie charts, and celebrated Valentines day with an apocalyptic massacre. Hopefully we can be as perceptive this year - although some would say noticing Zodiac Mindwarp scores very low on perception points. We also promise regular readers from last year some changes for the better and especially that our itinerant Albanian mountain cyclist is on Holiday on K2.

If you're new to London and have an IQ of 25 or more you will probably be struck by the plethora of just about everything in the indoor leisure field. If you haven't, and you've just come out of hyperspace deep-sleep on the M1 for the last million years, then a look in one of the listings



mags is worthwhile. The free ones such as LAM are good for films but **Time Out** and the more radical **City Limits** are more comprehensive. After a short acclimatisation you will begin to suss the economic facts of life faster than any lecturer could drum them home. You may well conclude that the government do not actually intend you to enjoy yourself while you are here. Unless you're the sort of weirdo whose daddy is a shipping magnate then forever nightclubbing the hours of darkness away is a big non-starter except for special occasions.

Nevertheless, most students who come to London see

entertainment as a good reason for doing so. There are probably still a lot of you out there who haven't yet lost your copy of the Handbook under a ton of 'bumph', so I will try to avoid duplicating all the good advice in that ubiquitous volume. Eventually most of us will stray away from the fabulous delights of Imperial and some may even help to dispel the myth of technology students as insular philistines.

Most people will see reviews of mainstream films and theatre elsewhere, added to which these things are not exactly free. So **Down and Out** is being sent on a one year mission to seek out and explore radical entertainment, to meet cheap alternatives and to sink below standards of writing where not even SF Soc articles have gone before. The cheapest entertainment is free, and yet cost is no measure of the quality of some of the busking acts who populate strategic nooks in the realm of LRT a.k.a London Transport. Now, standing around

in tunnels is not the best way to listen to music although South Ken subway does have great reverb. Venues such as the Albert Hall and the omnipresent Hammersmith Odeon are beginning to get expensive, added to which the Odeon is completely

lacking in atmosphere. Two rather better venues which attract 'name' bands are the **Hammersmith Palais** and the **Town and Country Club** in Kentish Town. October 10 at the Town and Country, which has both dance space and seating, sees Andy Kershaw favourite **Robin Hitchcock** with his band



**The Egyptians**. Then on October 28 the Hammersmith Palais features a concert by cult American band **The Residents**. The Residents, although not widely known in the mainstream music world, seem to propagate their enigmatic influence to the most curious of quarters. Instance a characteristic 'eyeball head' T-shirt displayed by Half Man, Half Biscuit at Glastonbury. They experiment considerably with surrealism and their rare and virtually unadvertised live show can best be expected to be very strange indeed.

If you are curious about surrealism and interested in going to see gallery type exhibitions then **L'Amour Fou: Photography and Surrealism** at the Hayward Gallery on the South Bank could

be worth a look. There are concessions between 6-8pm Monday to Wednesday.

Closer to home the V&A have a photography exhibition showing a general history of some of the best work of the top names entitled **Masterpieces of Photography**. Remember you don't HAVE to pay to get in to the V&A and just because it is an art museum its not only for tourists. The Boilerhouse section which specialises in design should be of special interest to commercially minded engineers.

Well, for once I've reached the end of an article without plugging the Autumn Hawkwind tour, which, incidentally, visits Hammersmith Odeon on November 27 and 28. Once again I suppose your humble scribe and Eugene, and the rest of the Albania chapter of the Hells Angels will roll along to prove some things never change. And finally, Uncle Dan the Ent's man has just pointed out to me that the NME gig guide actually highlights the tours of all the bands he has booked for this week, so maybe I won't have to look so far afield in future. See you next week, and remember, don't do anything I wouldn't do, and if you do, do it well...

Mark C



# Loans On The Way

Education Secretary Kenneth Baker hinted in his speech to the Committee of Vice-Chancellors and Principals in Edinburgh last week that he was still considering the introduction of student loans. His predecessor, Sir Keith Joseph, strongly advocated that students should make a contribution to their support by repaying some of the cost after leaving higher education, and Mr Baker reiterated this by telling the Committee of Vice-Chancellors and Principals that students "will benefit materially as well as intellectually from their studies, and it seems paradoxical that they should be so highly subsidised by the average taxpayer, whose earnings they will soon overtake and leave behind". However he was quick to stress that any Government seeking to introduce loans would have to be convinced that it would not have any disincentive effect on entry into higher education. He also suggested that employers should enter into a combined grant/loan scheme of student support by paying off loans that students took out to finance their education.

As well as discussing loans, he also stressed that the present Conservative Government will allow no university to close under its administration, instead he wanted "to see a higher proportion of our young people and more older students going into higher education of all kinds". Mr Baker also wants to see greater selectivity in research funding and the rationalisation of some departments.

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Ltd., who had been working exceptionally hard to get the Houses ready for the arrival of the students. During the Summer, the site foreman had left Solebrooks and this had delayed the work significantly; it had been necessary to restrict the improvements to Southwell House.

Union President Christine Taig commented that the delay was about 'par for the course' and that more forward planning would have alleviated the problem.

The parents of an incoming first year student made a direct complaint to College Secretary John Smith about the condition of the Evelyn Gardens accommodation. Mr Smith gave his assurance that the situation would be remedied at once.

Mr Hallworth has written a letter to all residents of Holbein and Southwell Houses apologising for the non-completion of the improvement works.

University leaders have reluctantly decided to support the principle of introducing a mixed system of student grants and loans. The Committee of Vice-Chancellors and Principals (CVCP) felt that such a scheme was unavoidable if the number of students in higher education is to be substantially increased. The committee feared that, if grants were to be restored to a reasonable level, this would be so expensive that it would result in cuts in student numbers.

Professor Fred Holliday, Vice-Chancellor of Durham University and chairman of the CVCP's awards sub-committee, said of the meeting last Wednesday: "Our top priority is to get more students into higher education. In our judgement inadequate grants are blocking that. We do not think that grants will be restored to a proper level. Since students can't study if they haven't

enough to live on, we are looking for the most certain way of getting that money for them."

Earlier this month, an education minister claimed that a plan to look at the viability of student loans will not reduce the opportunities for students from poorer backgrounds to enter higher education. Mr George Walden, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Education, speaking at a Federation of Conservative Students conference said: "There is almost a conspiracy of misinformation about the Government's achievements in higher education. We are educating 80,000 more students than in 1979 to the same or better standards and the same costs as before.

"Inevitably there is a point where expansion costs money. That is one reason we are taking a new look at students' support, including the possibility of loans."



*Union number two Jackie Peirce and UGM Chairman Hugh Southey have announced their engagement. The couple made their decision after a holiday in Paris which former FELIX editor Hugh won in the raffle at last summer's Rag Fete. FELIX can confirm that the proposal occurred at 1am on Tuesday morning whilst Miss Peirce was recovering from a back injury.*

*Hugh looks set to make a FELIX first; no editor since 1974, when the post first became a sabbatical, has ever got married.*

*Both Mr Southey and Miss Peirce denied ever having appeared on 'Eastenders'.*

## Pool Award

The swimming pool in the IC Sports Centre is the first to receive a prestigious award for energy efficiency from the London Electricity Board. The 'Beta' award is given for major energy savings in buildings measuring up to 1,000 square metres. The designer of the pool's ventilation scheme, Graham Manning, accepted the award during a celebratory lunch at the Savoy Hotel on September 9th.

## Tower Open

The Queens Tower will be open to visitors on Tuesday September 30, the price of admission will be 60 pence. There is an excellent view of London from the top of the Tower, which is normally open to students and the public on the day of Rag Fete, but has been launched as a tourist attraction over the summer. The Tower is one of the tallest buildings in London without a lift.

## Vehicle Flattened

A students' motor car was destroyed last week when a large quantity of wood was dumped on top of it. The car, an R-registered mini belonging to Mech. Eng. postgraduate David Nicholson, had been parked at the back of the chemistry building. A firm of contactors, R. Bennet and Sons, who were clearing out a storeroom in Chemistry, threw out the wood from a first floor balcony which was directly above the car. The front section of the roof of the car was flattened to the level of the seats.

Mr Nicholson said that the value of the car was approximately £350. Though not in a running condition, there was a note in the car explaining that it was under repair.

R. Bennet and Sons were hired by Mr Peter Hallworth, managing surveyor of Residences. Mr Hallworth said that the contactors must have thought that the car was of no value since it was parked in the vicinity of the RCS motor club, where there is a selection of defunct vehicles. He has advised Mr Nicholson to contact his insurers, as it is a matter between them and the insurers for R. Bennet and Sons.

## Transcendental Society

A Transcendental Meditation Society is being re-formed at IC this term by members of RCS. Any student who is interested in joining should contact Paul Newman, an astrophysics postgraduate, on internal 6659. Mr Newman described Transcendental Meditation as a "simple, natural means of allowing body and mind deep rest and relaxation".

## Bar Manager

Kevin Buckley has been appointed as Union Bar Manager. Mr Buckley, a former IC student, had been employed as a manager in a temporary capacity since the start of July. Former ICU Hon Sec, Sean Davis, has been appointed as Barman.

## Women's Tutor

Mrs Sandra Dawson, of the Department of Social and Economic Studies, has been appointed as the new Senior Tutor for Women Students. She replaces Mrs Margaret Cunningham of the Department of Computing.



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Autumn  
Term 1986

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
<b>1</b>	29 September Freshers' Reception CCU General Meetings New Year Party	30 Freshers' Fair Funeral Party	1 October Alternative Comedy Night RCSU Pub Crawl Mines Barnite Guilds go Ice Skating	2 RCSU go Ice Skating Mines Pub Crawl	3 Freshers' Ball	4 Tiddlywinks	5 RCSU Freshers' Barnite
<b>2</b>	6 Maths Freshers' Dinner	7 ICUGM — Great Hall Mech Eng Freshers' Buffet	8 Chem Eng Freshers' Buffet	9 Aero Freshers' Buffet	10	11	12
<b>3</b>	13 ICU Council	14 Guilds Freshers' Barnite	15	16 Ents — Fruits of Passion	17	18	19
<b>4</b>	20 Computing Freshers' Buffet	21 Civ Eng Freshers' Buffet	22 Elec Eng Freshers' Buffet	23 Ents — The Larks Commemoration Day Comm. Day Ball	24	25 Guilds Barn Dance	26
<b>5</b>	27	28 Physics Freshers' Dinner	29 Chemistry Freshers' Dinner Careers Fair	30	31 Ents — His Latest Flame RCSU Motor Club Dinner	1 November	2
<b>6</b>	3 Human Rights Week Begins	4 ICUGM — Great Hall	5 Human Rights Exhibition	6 RCSU Cabaret Human Rights Exhibition	7 Life Science Freshers' Dinner Life Sci Party Ents — Zeke Manijika	8	9
<b>7</b>	10 ICU Council	11	12 Morphy Day Drink-a-Pub Dry	13 Hypnosis	14 Guilds Carnival	15	16 Raft Race Tug Of War Barnite
<b>8</b>	17 Dirty Disco	18	19 Beer Festival	20 Smoking Concert	21 1,000,000 Down Darts Rag & Drag	22 SCAB Nite	23 Cocktails
<b>9</b>	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
<b>10</b>	1 December	2 ICUGM — Great Hall	3	4	5 FELIX Dinner	6	7
<b>11</b>	8 ICU Council	9	10	11 RCSU Xmas Party	12 End of Term Mines Ball	13	14

### Lyon Playfair Library Opening Times

#### Term Time

Monday to Friday  
Saturday

9.30am to 9.00pm  
9.30am to 5.30pm

#### Vacations

Monday to Friday  
Saturday

9.30am to 5.30pm  
Closed

### Union Snack Bar

Monday-Friday

10am to 3pm  
5.30pm to 9pm

### Union Bar

Lunchtimes  
Mon, Tues, Thurs & Sat  
Wed & Fri  
Sun

12pm to 2pm  
6pm to 11pm  
5.30pm to 11pm  
7pm to 10.30pm

### Sainsburys

Monday-Wednesday  
Thursday & Friday  
Saturday

9am to 9pm  
9am to 10pm  
8.30am to 5.30pm

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**(b) and Your Personal & Occupiers Liability at Common Law up to £500,000**

giving protection for accidental injury to person or damage to property caused by your negligence as a private individual occurring during any period of insurance in the United Kingdom, Republic of Ireland, the Channel Islands or the Isle of Man and in the remainder of Europe in respect of temporary visits. Exclusions are the normal ones for this type of policy: e.g. claims arising from use of possession of vehicles, aircraft, caravans, watercraft; claims by servants or claims arising out of your business activities other than your activities as a student; claims over the ownership of land or buildings.

**(c) and Personal Accident Insurance of £1,500.**

covers bodily injury caused by (i) fire or thieves at your rooms, (ii) an accident whilst travelling by motor vehicle, railway train, passenger ship, ferry, aircraft or hovercraft as a farepaying passenger, (iii) an accident as pedestrian involving a motor vehicle, and resulting within 12 months of the injury in death or total loss of or complete and irrecoverable loss of use of one or more eyes or limbs. Main exclusions: war; wilful self-inflicted injury; accidents occurring whilst the insured is under the influence of intoxicating liquor or drugs, or suffering from any physical defect or infirmity (unless it has been declared to and accepted by the insurers); racing competitions, rallies, or trials, pregnancy, childbirth, miscarriage or abortion or any consequence thereof.

**(d) College/Landlords Property in your room. Cover £1,000 See (a) above for main exclusions.****II. OPTIONAL EXTRAS****1. HIGHER COVER**

you may increase the sum insured on your property (indeed you should, if it totals more than £2,000 in value apart from such specified items you may decide to cover separately against 'All Risks' below). Remember that a heavy claim might be under-compensated if you have under-stated the full value of your belongings. (max. cover £3500 in all).

**2. ALL RISKS COVER (valuable items)**

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1. To increase the basic cover pay extra £1 per £200 excess

(total value assessed at £ ..... : excess over £2,000 = £ .....) £ .....

(Premium at £1 per £200 or part)

£ .....

2. **ALL RISKS COVER:** The list overleaf totals £ ..... value.

(Premium at £4 per £200 or part (min. £4)

£ .....

3. **CYCLE:** make & frame no: .....

Year of make ..... Year purchased ..... present value .....

(maximum accepted value £300)

(Premium at 15% of value min £17.50) .....

£ .....

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£ .....

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(underline you surname please)

day/month/year of birth

**Home Address** (for next year's renewal):

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(house name/number, and road/street)

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(village and/or town)

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(county and post-code)

**Tel:** .....

**Term-time Address:**

.....  
(with room number if applicable)

**Tel:** .....

**Items to be insured against 'All Risks'; continue on separate paper if necessary.**

*N.B. -Max. under this Section is £1,500; max. one item £500, if over consult the Brokers.*

*-Describe jewellery etc. clearly. Give maker's name of HI-FI, CAMERAS etc.*

*-Main exclusions: theft from vehicles; damage to sports equipment whilst in use; contact lenses;*

*-spectacles; records & tapes; the first £15 or £25 of any claim as detailed in (a) on page 2.*

**ITEM**

**ESTIMATED VALUE**

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(Now calculate the premium £4 per £200 or part, and enter at II.2 on page 3). **TOTAL VALUE £** .....

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