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Tie Clubs Beat UGM Ban by 23 Votes

Imperial College tie clubs, Chaps, Links and 22, will be able to continue using Union Rooms, after a motion to ban them at Tuesday's Union General Meeting was narrowly defeated. On a paper ballot 128 students were in favour of a ban on the three CCU-based clubs, and 151 were against.

The UGM was one of the best attended for several months, and early speculation that quorum would be challenged before two major motions were debated was not realised. The "motion on improving the Image of Imperial", which concerned the three tie clubs, had been submitted as an emergency motion late last week (See FELIX 752). The chief objection to the clubs' use of ICU facilities was that no women had been admitted to any of them since they were founded over fifty years ago. The 22 club constitution specifically denies women entry, though Chaps and Links clubs do not have formalised entry requirements. Each of the clubs has an elected membership.

Proposing the motion, Jane Spiegel of Geology II argued that the three clubs were detrimental to the image of Imperial College, and that they were a discouragement to prospective women students from coming to Imperial. She said that she did not consider elected membership clubs to be unacceptable, but stressed that there was no reason excluding women from such clubs.



Speaking against the motion, ICU Hon Sec David Colley, a member of Chaps Club, said that the clubs put a large amount of work into the running of IC Union, describing the members as "doing the donkey work". He added that the members of the clubs were an important source of income for the Union, and that "money had to be taken into consideration". He said that the clubs had been placed in an impossible position, since it would appear to be a token gesture.

ICU President Christine Taig then spoke seconding the motion. She said that she had not intended to speak, but wished to present the other point of view from within the ICU Executive. Miss Taig described the existence of the clubs as an anachronism and said that ICU

ought to come into the 80's. She took particular exception to Mr. Colley's remark that Links, Chaps and 22 "ran the Union", and cited several examples of women students who also had contributed enormously to ICU.

Links Hon Sec Roger Wilson said that it would do more harm than good to ban the clubs from Union Rooms, and that Links had done an immense amount for Guilds Union and for ICU. He said that women had been proposed recently for membership of Links, adding that a ban of one of Union rooms was not going to promote the case of women within the clubs.

During questions from the floor External Affairs Officer Mr. Mark Cottle described much of Mr. Colley's arguments as "bollocks",

and thought that the recognised "old boy" institutions RCSA, RSMA and the Old Centralians provided more support for ICU and the constituent College Unions. Postgraduate Affairs Officer Gareth Fish felt it was significant that the LSE, well known as a college with more left-wing students, supported both all-male and all-female clubs. Grenville Manuel pointed out that the clubs would be good targets for a national newspaper interested in writing about "institutionalised sexism within British Universities."

The debate moved directly to a paper ballot after a procedural motion to move straight to the vote. The motion was defeated by 23 votes.

Fire Engine Runs Out Of Steam

Boanerges, the motorised mascot of City and Guilds College, successfully made it to Brighton last Sunday in the annual Brighton run. Jezebel, RCSU's veteran fire engine was less fortunate, however, and broke down less than two hours after leaving South Kensington, when the magneto developed a fault. Whilst Jez was under repair in a car park in Hooley, it was struck by a car towing a caravan, and sustained damage to the ladder supports, though the ladder itself was undamaged. Remonstrations ensued with the driver of the car, during which some senior members of RCSU Motor Club are understood to have sworn vehemently. As this occurred in front of his wife and children, the driver reported the incident to the



police. Shortly afterwards the RCSU members were questioned briefly by police, but later allowed to move on, when the driver of the car was persuaded that the perpetrator of the foul language had already left

on the accompanying van.

In total the outward journey took 7 and a half hours, due chiefly to severe traffic jams. The return journey was a comparatively swift 4 and a half hours.

GUC Stupidity

Dear Sir,

I could hardly believe the degree of stupidity and sheer lack of intelligence displayed by the ULU General Union Council as reported in FELIX last week. Their criticism of the Government's "Freedom of Speech" clause leads me to conclude that they would perhaps quite like to live under a totalitarian dictatorship, in which some Big Brother decides who is allowed to air their views and who isn't.

The only way in which the clause will "affect their (the Unions') rights to represent the views of a great deal of their members" will be to IMPROVE that representation. If more students are free to air their views to the Union, then the representation can only become more accurate. Of course it will jeopardise "no platform" policies—that is exactly what it is meant to do. Many student unions prevent large numbers of their members (including Conservatives, Jews and anyone deemed by the Union to be "sexist") from speaking at union meetings and writing in union publications. The sooner this is stopped the better.

There is no reason why students should be subjected to the incessant flow of extreme left-wing propaganda which most unions pour out, and from which we at Imperial are, thankfully, relatively insulated. I have no objection to left-wing propaganda as long as there is an equal volume of right-wing propaganda, and students are left to make up their own minds. This is what the "Freedom of Speech" clause in the Education Bill is for.

Yours sincerely,

John Ranson

Mechanical Engineering 2

Public Order Bill

Dear Sir,

Your report of the recent ULU GUC meeting (Felix 752) left me concerned about the thinking within the council. You report that the Public Order Bill was criticised as being a breach of democratic freedom. Leaving aside the accuracy or otherwise of this belief, the GUC'S support for democracy is encouraging; in the next paragraph, however, we are told that the 'freedom of speech' claim in the Education Bill was also criticised, as the council "felt that this would jeopardise Student Unions' 'no platform' policies." Yet surely these policies are a breach of the democratic freedom the GUC is so keen to uphold? Obviously the

GUC is in favour of democratic freedom only as long as it is in its own interest—a strange kind of democracy!

This hypocritical attitude is also rife within the NUS, which some members of College think we should rejoin. Hopefully the vast majority of IC students are sensible enough to realise that we have no need to be part of this undemocratic organisation or its discriminate policies.

Yours faithfully,

Peter Clark

Electrical Engineering 2

Senseless Policy

Dear Sir,

It seems as though ULU has done it again: agreed on a senseless policy against the best interests of students for totally illogical reasons. I speak of the decision, made at the GUC meeting reported in FELIX last week, to oppose the introduction of student loans on the grounds that they would jeopardise students from low income brackets.

The whole point of loans is to put everyone on an equal footing. Those from low income backgrounds who have already shown the determination and ability to continue their education in their desire for a better career would be in the same position as those whose LEA has, under the present system decreed that their parents can afford £300, £500, or £700 a term, but do not actually receive the full parental contribution.

At the moment these students end up even poorer than a student on a "Full Grant", (the value of which has fallen to an intolerably low level, thanks to the inability of the NUS to represent students' interests effectively.)

One understandable reservation people have about loans is the threat of "a black cloud of debt." This, too, is unfounded. The proposals are for a government supported loan to be paid off at very low interest rates as the graduate's career develops. Why should this black cloud hang over the heads of the predominantly low income, working class tax-payers, while the typical middle-class student indulges itself (I'm not sexist) in copious quantities of beer?

If you are not convinced by the direct benefits of grants, consider the more frequent criticisms of Universities. Far too many students from an all-too-easy middle-class background fall into a university education purely as a continuation of school. Given a degree of financial responsibility, they might think a little harder about what is right for them, and how best to achieve it, avoiding a potential college drop-out in the process. We all know that degree courses often

have little relevance to the real world. A loan system would increase the pressure on Universities to develop the right courses for industry and commerce, and to create a market for their invaluable arts and classics qualifications.

Colin Trotman,

Mechanical Engineering 2.

Outdated and sexist

Dear Editor,

I read with interest the article in last week's FELIX regarding Jane Spiegel's proposal for a UGM emergency motion. The motion urges the banning of CCU drinking clubs from using college facilities on the grounds that they are "outdated and sexist".

My attention was then drawn to another article regarding Women in Science and Technology (WIST), a society, and I quote the article, "run by women for women students". Is Ms. Spiegel a member of this society or does she consider that it too should be banned for being sexist?

I have no personal interest in either the CCU drinking clubs or WIST, but I do feel that this motion is yet another example of the hypocrisy that we have come to expect from feminists.

As a final thought, might it not be reasonable to suggest that Women in Science and Technology (WIST) change its name to Persons in Science and Technology!!

Yours sincerely,

Jonathan Turner

Mechanical Engineering 3

Correction

The date of the 150th anniversary celebration referred to in Mrs. Ash's article (FELIX 752, page 4) should have read July 10th and not July 12th.

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Editorial

Having waited so long for the motion on Barclays Bank to get a hearing, it was something of a disappointment for the motion to be defeated. It is encouraging, however, to have a UGM where banal humour gives way to serious debate. Though the voting figures show the attendance at that stage to be slightly below the quorum of 300, all interested parties seemed keen to take advantage of an acceptably representative forum.

The Barclays issue will, I suspect, reappear sometime in the future in amended form. I am not in a position to dispute any of the information presented by John Martin, or for that matter Shaun Dunlop, but I still contest much of John's argument. He went to significant lengths on Tuesday to stress Barclay's concern for the non-whites in South Africa, including the donation of a significant percentage of their profits to oppressed groups. Praiseworthy action, I agree, but it is misleading to think that Barclays has any concern for the people of South Africa. Like any of the banks, or any large business concern, their primary goal is profit, and South Africa with its massive mineral wealth is a profitable country for bankers. Barclays may have been 'generous' to blacks, and may have broken South African laws to employ them but this is window-dressing; to pretend that it is anything else is naive in the extreme. The issue is straightforward; Barclays is a significant financial organisation in a country with a racist government, and as such is a supporter of the regime. The other high street banks, I know, also have interests in South Africa, and the reason is the same: financial gain. Their involvement does nothing to absolve Barclays, which is simply the bank with the heaviest commitment, and as such deserves the attention of organisations keen to see the destruction of the apartheid system. John also said at the UGM that Barclays (in Britain) was not directly connected with Barclays National (in South Africa). This argument implies that he does not condone Barclays involvement.

I appreciate the philosophy that apartheid can be changed from within, but Barclays Bank are not interested in leading the way, only in the protection of their financial interests.

Old School Ties

The motion on "the Image of Imperial College Union" was partially successful from the point of

view of those who drafted it. I find it rather depressing, however, that any student union should support "institutionalised sexism". I am sure, as has been said several times recently, that the three "CCU tie clubs" command immense loyalty, and are justly proud of their histories. When you remember that it was only fifteen years ago that women students were allowed in the Union Bar, it is difficult to regard IC as anything but way behind the times. If you have stood in Beit Quad when 22 Club are pissing out of the Union Dining Hall windows during their annual dinner you would have little doubt of the effect that these clubs have on IC Union.

Credits

"It's been a strange week". Many thanks to Chris Edwards, Bill Goodwin, Pippa Salmon, Gail, Judith Hackney, Kamala Sen, Jane Spiegel, Chris Martin, Dave Williams, Dave Burns, Liz Holford, Mole, Nigel Whitfield, Jim Clayden, Steve Nuttall, Chris Taig, Roger Wilson, Simon Singh, Grenville Manuel, Peter Wilson, Man Tai Tseung, Ian Thomas, Tony Spencer, Laura Dain and Steve Shackell.

David Jones

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Food Glorious Food

Southside Refectory will be converted into a "mini food hall" during the Easter vacation, at a cost of £80,000. The new outlet, described by Refectories Manager Mr. Rob Northey as 'a new concept in food halls' will specialise in a variety of home-made pies, salads and alternative main courses.

Consumers will be able to use the Instead Hall Services whilst the refectory is being refurbished.

The move follows complaints from Summer Accommodation Centre clients that the decoration was 'grubby', the food quality low, and the range of choice poor.

Grants Too Low

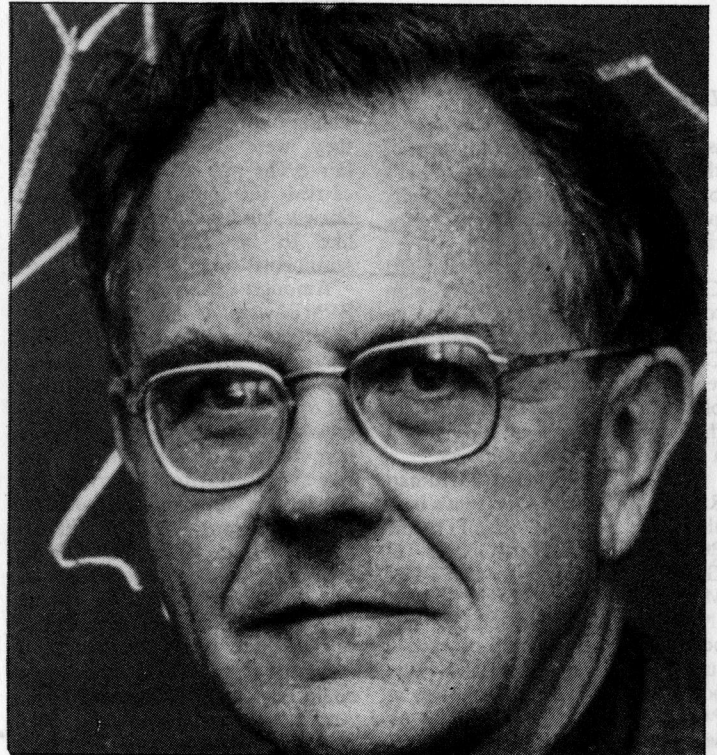
Cuts in the value of the student grant are having worrying effects on students welfare, according to NUS President Vickly Phillips in her address to the House of Commons Education, Science and Arts Select Committee last year.

Since 1978 the grant has been reduced by 20% in real terms and, say the NUS, spend students now 38% less on food than is necessary to keep to the DHSS recommended diet.

The Government's policy on grants has been strongly criticised by the Labour Party which plans to restore grants to the pre 1979 level.

In a recent statement, however the party announced that it will be unable to fulfill its promise to restore the grant immediately but plan to increase the grant gradually.

Wilkinson's Sword



Professor Sir Geoffry Wilkinson head of the chemistry department and Nobel Laureate has written to the Government calling for the closure of many of the country's chemistry departments. Following the publication of University results this summer, Sir Geoffrey argues that the smaller departments are not cost effective and produce very few graduates. He believes that they cannot afford essential equipment such as Raman and Nuclear Magnetic Resonance Spectrometers, and that they are unable to

provide journal libraries. He is also concerned that full use cannot be made of equipment in departments with fewer than one-hundred research staff.

In an interview in the Times Higher Education Supplement, Sir Geoffrey expressed his concern with the funding given to Universities for chemistry "my department which was the only one in London given a star rating in the recent University Grant Committee exercise will have a deficit of £150,000 this year" he said.

Henry The News Story

Sixty marchers arrived in Hyde Park on Sunday at the end of a month long march from Tyneside. Eight thousand people turned up to support the march, which re-enacted the 1936 march for jobs by the people of Jarrow.

The organisers said that a lot of interest had been shown despite inadequate publicity. Dick Muskett, one of the march officials commented "we don't expect the Government to take much notice, but then the Government doesn't take much notice of anything."

The marchers moved to Trafalgar Square in the afternoon to listen to speeches by the general secretary of the TUC and members of the Labour Party. They handed over a petition of protest to Neil Kinnock

on Tuesday and laid a commemorative stone on Westminster Bridge on Thursday.

Billet With A Bullet

On Thursday 13th November 1986 Ementus Professor H. Billett is giving a lecture on "Engineering in the University of London, Theory Practice and Politics". This is a special faculty lecture in Engineering to celebrate the University's sesquicentenary and will take place in Mech. Eng. 220.

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FELIX: Bashing Careers Fair

Dear Sir,

It would appear that silly season is once again upon us, with some of the comment in last week's 'Let's bash the Careers Fair' Felix progressing from the sublime to the ridiculous.

Page 1. "Also criticised (at ULU GUC) was the Governments' plan to include a Freedom of Speech clause in the Education Bill. The Council felt that this would jeopardise Student Unions' 'no platform' policies and would affect their rights to represent the views of a great deal of their members."

FELIX 752 included a Human Rights supplement. Don't let's beat about the bush: NO-PLATFORM POLICIES ARE DESIGNED TO GAG PEOPLE—OFTEN MINORITY GROUPS OR INDIVIDUALS. Sometimes this occurs on the grounds of race—such as Jews at Sunderland Poly; politics—such as Conservatives at PCL; sexuality—such as heterosexuals at NUS conferences.

Freedom of Speech is dirty talk at NUS, ULU etc. and every time they open their mouths, they confirm this. They claim they have the right to represent you. It is a Human Right to be able to represent yourself.

Page 2: "A 'small group of students' organised a leaflet appeal asking students to consider the implications of a career with military connections. At one stage they were asked to leave the fair.....The publicity may not have carried the name of any ICU Society, but I (Editor) for one would like to be associated with its sentiments".

Amongst other organisations, REME were at the Careers Fair providing a service to students who may wish to pursue that career. They may, in future, abstain from the opportunity of attending: it was grossly arrogant to use the Careers Fair for political purposes. The cowardly pathos shown by distributing anonymous literature contrasts strongly with the heroic people who are willing to lay down their lives in defence of freedom. This week we honour those people who died that children whose organs had been removed and replaced elsewhere in the body could be relieved from Auschwitz. And those who died to relieve those women at Ravensbruck who had

been injected with petrol to induce osteomyelitis. We honour the dead by making a contribution to the injured and not by deriding their successors.

Page 6: ".....as President of a Union like this I am often called upon to make a decision or state an opinion on an issue of a "wider" importance." May I suggest three alternatives to letting political extremists in UGMs decide, when they are usually a tiny minority of student opinion:

i) Describe several points of view, for example "some oppose Barclays in South Africa; the majority think that Barclays are doing a good job. It is split 40:60"

ii) Referendum on the issue when it is of major importance.

iii) Go out on the walkway/RSM foyer/Huxley entrance at 9.15 and ask Jo student what he/she thinks.

Page 6: "Imperial would still appear to be hearing a pile of shit as far as Lesbian and Gay liberation goes..." To a large extent I would agree with him. Imperial has no gay society and anyone hoping to form one might expect considerable resistance, even harassment." And from where, the foul mouthed Mr. Beeston, does this pile emanate? Is it that renowned ex-IC student, the Pope? There is nothing in FELIX in over two years which even suggests anti-homosexual sentiment. Has

anyone been harassed? Is there a heterosexual society? Why push 'sexual liberation' down our throats? Many of us like to develop our sexuality privately and at our own time. Those who don't maintain the right to do as they wish providing you don't gag them with another one of your Stalinist 'no platform' policies. But most of all, what gave you the idea, Mr. Beeston, that you were sent, like a Messiah, to lead others?

Finally, by the time you read this you should have had access to a Barclays leaflet giving you some firm comment on Barclays' involvement in South Africa. It is in response to the insert you may have seen in the ICU handbook which was discourteously and hypocritically placed opposite a Barclays advert. Like the insert in your handbook this is not funded by ICU and it has not been subject to ICU editorial control. The distributors were, due in some cases to their working class status, unable to print their own literature (as I am informed the distributors of the first leaflet were). Please use it to make a considered decision about your involvement with the bank. It has been distributed by S. Jarvis, P. Chapman, J. Ransom and myself,

Yours faithfully,
John Martin,
Met and Mat 3

Rent Structure Apology

Last year, the Students Residence Committee decided to adjust the College's residence rent structure. This meant that some rents went down, but the best and most popular residences' rents went up by nearly 20%. The most popular of all, Weeks Hall, rose to £32.10 per week from £27.30.

The rents quoted on residence application information did not reflect this large rise since it was printed in Summer 1985.

The SRC has agreed to apologise officially to the residents of Weeks Hall for any misapprehensions they may have been under when they applied about the cost of a place in that hall. As you can see, the situation arose due to circumstances beyond our control and we are sorry that you were the inevitable victims of those circumstances.

May you be consoled by the fact that you are living in the best-equipped hall in IC.

I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to Peter Hallworth for the excellent improvements he has made in Southside and Evelyn Gardens, even if they are a little behind schedule.

I have looked these facilities over and am genuinely impressed; may the good work continue rapidly.

Ian Howgate

Security Ignored

Dear Editor,

I would like to reply to the letter about security in Hamlet from last week.

Perhaps I could take this opportunity to explain the appalling state of the security across Imperial College. At present there are people wandering around College with master keys that can open almost any door in College Halls. No one knows how many of these are missing; only the people who have lost valuable items from their room can estimate. At present it appears that these keys are only being used to steal things; this is done in an ordered way where the people know what to take. No one seems to have realised that these keys could also be used for rape and that no one is safe in their own rooms at night. Last year the College was warned (by an article in FELIX), that security in halls was appalling, in which it was stated "will it take another rape or

worse, before action is taken?" (Thanks for that warning, B. Morrison and A. Barister). It would appear this was all but completely ignored, and now the Rector has the nerve to say "It is easy to be wise after the event".

The key system in Halls should have been replaced years ago. College know that but have put no money aside to deal with it and have no plans to do so. At the last IC council it was decided to force the Student Residence Committee to do something about this fact. Unfortunately by the time this was raised at SRC the rape at Hamlet had already occurred. SRC has agreed to set up a working party to look into security (I am on it and any information is appreciated) but so far nearly two weeks have passed and I have not even had notification of a meeting.

I completely agree with the fact that nothing has been done, but the only way we can force College to do something is to have hard facts. So please send Christine or me any opinions you have or information on break-ins etc. We need your help to help you.

Ian Howgate
72, Beit Hall

Civilisation Explained

Dear Dave,

Perhaps you can help me as I am having trouble finding a satisfactory explanation of "civilisation". Last Wednesday I was honoured with an invitation to the RCS Chemistry department dinner. The following evening I drove a van for the ICCAG Soup Run. I must say that, by all the definitions of the word that I have found so far, the second occasion was more civilised. I am puzzled why some people attach so much formality to an excuse for getting mindlessly ill and posing around in front of a few first years. It puzzled me too why people should pay so much for the privilege of doing all this while consuming fairly average college food which would be better distributed to the, frankly more civilised, down-and-out population of London.

Am I just posing around and trying to start an argument or what?
Mark Cottle

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The State Of The Union

RCS President Simon Singh discusses how IC has changed in recent years and looks at the current state of the Union



I was a pre-punk kid. All of final year students at I.C. are a result of the naff macho glam-rock era of the early and mid-seventies. We lack style and sophistication, and yet we possess all the qualities that our childhood heroes preached.

This year's Freshers are derived from a different cultural source. They grew up under the influence of the New Romantics, the Gender Benders, and the post-punk politicians. Male rock stars no longer conformed to the masculine norms but were rather more diminutive in stature and less aggressive in attitude. Posturing and gesturing was replaced by postulation and gesticulation.

What's all this got to do with the state of the Unions? Let's take our illustrious college back to the halcyon days of 1975. The college

and the RSM were perfect for keeping the students happy. There is nothing like the atmosphere when a dozen guys have worked all morning to get Jez into a fit state and then go on a trip out. The air is thick with bravado and the unity and the comradeship evoked is something special.

Let's go back to today. It's November 1986, Monday 24th and the male:female ratio is now finite. Women are here in much greater numbers than ever before and their role within this college is significant. The temperament of the average male is somewhat milder. Social attitudes have meant that the masculine image is now less well defined and the necessity to be big, and butch is now no longer a necessity. The CCUs, however, appear to have failed in registering

and the hamsters they a reproducin'.

In my opinion RCS and Guilds have begun to metamorphose. I was elected on the grounds that things would change and indeed I believe that this year's first years see the RCS as being a worthwhile organisation with activities ranging from Rocky Horror to Jez and the Brighton Run, and from Broadsheet to the clubs and societies. Life's wonderful and sun's shining....and the hamsters are still rapidly multiplying....but there is one flaw. The first years are an unbiased group viewing the CCUs from afresh, the rest of college has built up one or two years of prejudice and a belief that the CCUs have changed is rare. Unless the rest of college

gives the CCUs a chance this year the enthusiasm of the Freshers will be quenched. Things are developing and the first year's are providing the impetus but there will have to be a time when a college-wide backing is going to be required.

If you are a keen first year stay keen and back the CCU events, if you are despondent second/third year give us a fair chance.

Just in case you think that the traditional CCU activities are going to suffer under this new camp regime then once again fear ye not. Jez, mascotry, rag etc. are all being supported to an extent far greater than in recent years-in fact its probably true to say that they are thriving.



"The air is thick with bravado, and the comradeship is something special"

was predominantly male to a much greater extent than it is today and those gentlemen who studied here looked to their CCUs for entertainment. Men were men, and CCUs were CCUs. Activities such as mascotry, Jez, Rag and drinking did much to develop a spirit of camaraderie. Men participated in events which conjured up an atmosphere of the army life: "we're all in this together lads." RCS, C&G

this shift in character. Recent years have seen the CCUs continue to cater for the pre-punk brigade, with the majority of events intended to please the masculine element. This is why resentment of the Unions by some students has grown, and recruitment of new blood has become so difficult.

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President's Piece

UGM

This piece of prose will probably be completely incoherent and unintelligible. Why? Because I am still in a state of shock after a quorate and successful UGM. The shock probably accounts for the fact that I was Rather Nasty to all the people who left before the reports. I was enjoying myself so much I didn't realise it was 2.30 and people had lectures and labs to go to. Please accept my grovelling apologies; and if anyone wants to ask me about my report, feel free to come and do so.

Generally, it was very encouraging to see that we can have a reasonable debate and a close vote on issues both inside and "outside" College. I hope the rest of this year's UGM's are as good.

Union Office

If you've tried to visit the office in the morning this week you'll have found that the door was locked. Unfortunately we've had to keep the office shut until 11am due to the amount of administrative work to get through. This is partially due to the backlog caused by Jen and Pat having to take weeks off unexpectedly. However we may have to carry on with this arrangement because of the increased workload on the staff and sabbaticals since the Union took on the bar. Please bear with us while we get things sorted out.

It appears that the time has come to consider re-organising the Union; redistributing the work between the officers and possibly taking on a new sabbatical or member of staff. Anyone who wants to join in

discussions about the re-organisations options, let me know. I'd like to get a firm proposal together by the end of January.

Union Bar and Lounge Bar

By the time you read this the new music system will be installed in the Lounge Bar. Bring your own compilation tapes along and listen while you eat and drink.

There are now "happy hours", with a beer at reduced price, between 7.00 and 8.30 every Tuesday and Thursday in the Union Bar.

There's a band—'Reynard's Gauntlet'—playing in the Lounge Bar tomorrow night; and there's still time to enter a team from your departmental year for the Darts Contest (eight people including at least one woman). See Kevin in the Union bar for details.

Human Rights Week

Thanks to everyone who organised or took part in Human Rights week events, especially Simon Boshier and Mark Cottle. HRW is a wonderful idea; I hope it will continue to expand over the coming years. By the way, the collection for Amnesty International at Tuesday's UGM raised about £50.

Complaint

Whoever damaged the TV in the Lounge Bar I hope you're proud of yourself. Next time maybe you'll electrocute yourself in the process.

Christine



Phoenix Centenary Dinner

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Thursday 11 December 1986
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Bookings open in Union Office at 12 noon, Friday 14 November
Closing date: 12 noon Friday 5th December
See Pat

UGM Sketch

Surprise followed surprise at Tuesday's UGM, with the first major one being the turnout of 300 plus — a quorate meeting. The audience may have dared to be different, but they only seemed to want to dare until 2.30 when the labs opened again with the first procedural motion from Douglas Earl who wanted to get the motions over with because he wanted to leave early. And so the reports were shuffled back out of sight as the circus rolled onto its first confrontation.

Afraid that Simon Boshier might have to make a speech, the first motion of the day on adopting Ivan

Starovoit as IC's own prisoner was passed without discussion. A sigh of relief was breathed until the infamous 'Tie Clubs Motion' brought out a rash of extreme hyperbole. Hon Sec Dave Colley made the first gaff of the day as he defended 22, *Links* and *Chaps* with the surprising revelation that these clubs ran the Union contrary to the general impression that it is in fact run by the Exec. The unfortunate Gutman was sent to bed without supper by Christine and Jackie for that one. Gareth Fish seemed to be under the impression that because the somewhat 'left of centre' LSE had single sex tie-clubs, it was

alright for IC. In the meantime the proponents of the motion seemed to be more concerned with how the system would look in the *Guardian* than in the real merits of enforcing the admission of women into the clubs.

With the defeat of that motion, came that old chestnut, the Barclays Motion. Nervous eyes surveyed the territory, making sure that the magic 300 was still there, as Shaun Dunlop launched into reiterating the content of the motion at great length. A curious time dilation effect came into play at this point, causing the supposed two-minute long speeches to be stretched out to five or more. It was fortunate that the motion was not written with a impenetrable Newcastle accent itself. The motion was countered at equal length by John Martin, trying to score social awareness points by wearing a Solidarnosc tee-shirt but his awareness failed significantly with the line "Barclays National has

no financial connection with Barclays Bank."

Once that motion had been defeated the audience suddenly realised that it was time for lectures to begin again. The various members of the front table tried to shout out that there were still exciting things like the reports and ratifying some elections. Somehow that did not seem to compete with problem sheets and they all filed out, to leave a few diehards behind. Christine had a moan at people who didn't care what she did in a fit of subtlety then apologised after realising what time it was. And so with the shattered remains of an audience the second UGM finally faded away with the vow to do all the elections properly next time, when there were a few more people left.

The most raucous twelve days of the College year. It's.....

Rag Week



But is booze, bopping and having fun the real excuse for Rag Week? In the end, what have you as a supporter actually done? Was it just another party? Questions like these attack the very fundamental reasons for Rag Week; reasons which sometimes are taken for granted. The charities benefit from our support which this year are:-

- The British Institute for Brain Injured Children
- RADAR
- Imperial Cancer Research Fund
- The National Deaf Children's Society
- The Rectory Paddock School for the Mentally Handicapped

Each charity has its merits, but the main theme for this year is that we are supporting the more humanly related charities: charities which deal with people and children. Fundraising is difficult — indeed fundraising organisers must

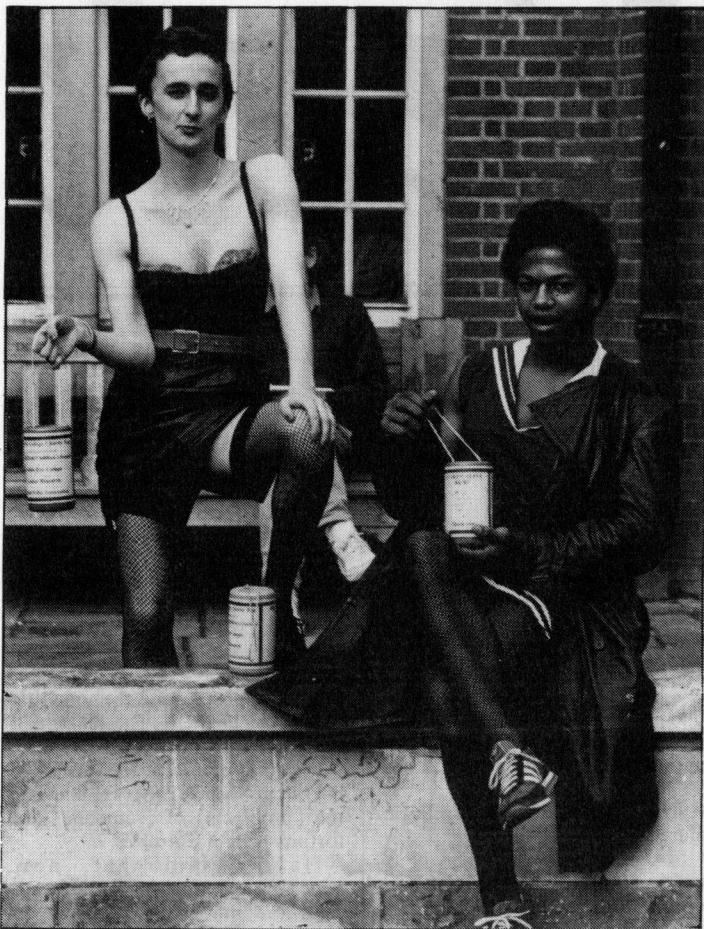
have the committment and enthusiasm to face disappointments as they occur. So, enjoy Rag Week 1986, and while you're out enjoying yourself, spare a thought to the real reason for Rag Week; the people you're supporting and the good that will come to them. The real credit ultimately lies on people like you. We cannot eradicate the nasties of life but at least we can try to alleviate the problems of someone less fortunate than ourselves.

Having said that, now concentrate on the way we intend to raise the money, and make you enjoy it too. It encompasses events as wide and varied as your own imagination: from parties to comedy acts, boat races (both kinds), street-collecting and throwing dustbin rubbish at each other. Some events involve money, some involve just plain fun and a supply of aspirins. Don't let me put you off, but ssh! Rag Week 1986 is definitely here!

Rag Drag

Pink Elephants & Marshmallow Men

Morphy Day, words which make the ICU Exec cringe with denouncement and make their toes curl up. Strange diseases might be said to be caught here, and the Exec last year obviously fell foul to it so badly that they banned the event — but why should the memorial to the Morphy in Morphy Richards cause such a rumpus? It's quite simple if you think of it — residents of Putney do too! The main event revolves round the inter CCU battle for the Morphy Oar — "battle" is not too strong a word for what ensues for this worthless piece of wood. After the boat races on the Thames, the battle starts on land, using weapons such as buckets of rotting fish, and



'An opportunity to dress up in Mummy's clothes'

refuse which everyone has happened to have brought along for the day. The winner is the CCU which manages to drive off with the oar. People then adjourn, gracefully clad in their non-too-nice-smelling clothes, to Harrods for tea. After being thrown out of there, the remaining participants clean

themselves up, take a tetanus, and meet in the Southside Bar ready to go to a pub and attempt to drink it dry — or slightly damp anyway. Locations of the victimised pub are kept secret, not even I know where it is! Like good boys and girls, everyone attends lectures the next day on Thursday, and if you like jumping up and taking your trousers down at the mention of the words "gobbledygook", then you're an obvious victim for Martin S. Taylor's hypnosis demonstration on Thursday evening at 7.30 pm. Pink Elephants and Marshmallow men appear before your very eyes — though not altogether Samantha Fox or Edwina Curry, they prove to be most amusing.

Friday heralds a rather large party in the Union Building. Based on a similar format to Ents Carnival comes Rag Guilds Carnival: bigger, better, busting with brilliant entertainment. Bands? We've got Drum Theatre, Pink Peg Slax, Brother Brother and support. Comedians? No problem! Kevin Day, and Belinda Blanchard will make you laugh yourself silly. A night to remember, but only those who aren't completely plastered will remember. Who knows? You might even know someone there.

Like good boys and girls you don't go to lectures on Saturday. The first weekend approaches, and Rag Week takes a quiet breather. On Saturday, we will be holding a Science Fiction video marathon for those bods with a fetish for Dr. Who, Jo-90, Space 1999, Men from Uncle and more besides. People are quite welcome to watch, but some people will be attempting to stay awake the full 48 hours. A quiet evening of cocktails in Southside Bar rounds off a quiet Saturday with a large range to tickle anyone's fancy.

On Sunday, you may have thought that you would be allowed to get some sleep for a change — but it is not to be. For at the very unsociable time of 10.00 am, the CCUs are holding a Tug 'o' War in Princes Gardens — not content with that, they suddenly rush off to the Serpentine to climb into strange artefacts constructed with lumps of polystyrene, bog rolls and sticky-back plastic (specified in the Blue Peter Manuals 703) and promptly try to row across the stretch of water, avoiding the ducks and fighting to stay afloat. Called the Inter CCU Raft Race, the rafts make amazing submarines after a while. In the evening is Rag Barnite with Chaps providing food in the form of their superb curries — the ones which are quite hard to get rid of — at the Mines Ragarama. And so, the weekend finally ends, ready for Rag Week Stage 2 and like good little boys and girls, we all attend lectures the next day.

At lunchtime of the new week, the Aerosoc Darts Tournament is held — taking place at the top of the

Union Building: you can fire your prototype origami warheads into Beit Quad. This is followed in the evening by the Mines Dirty Disco — three guesses what happens here. Time to dust off your dirty macs and suspender belts and to meet the mature school girls.

How much for your wife? How much for the services of your body for the day? Then come to the Slave Auction held on Tuesday lunchtime, when real flesh and bone will be auctioned for the day for every whim and fancy.

Getting into full swing now, the RCS Beer Festival hits Rag Week on Wednesday at 12.00pm where a selection of beers will be available throughout the day (and night). Amazing things happen at Beer Festivals, and they often do!

Like good boys and girls, we try to make the next day's lectures, and although unwelcome as it may seem, Thursday arrives and queues for coffee and aspirins at Waitrose suddenly form to stock up for Rag Week Stage 3. The RCS Smoking Concert rears its head on Thursday evening, best described as a cross between the Wheeltappers' and Shunters' Club and Live Aid. The patience and dedication of the performance is nothing compared to that of the patience and dedication of the audience — places are amusing, places are awful and places just are. (Ear plugs not provided).

Like good boys and girls, you attempt for the last time to make the next day's lecture. Into the final stretch now, and the Rag and Drag Disco appears on the scene on Friday night. No prizes for what you're wearing. An event which makes people realise their true inner fantasies and tendencies, it's a legitimate excuse for getting into "mummy's" clothes. On the same night in Southside commences 1000001 Darts, where people throw darts at a board to get down to 0 in the least throws before the end of Sunday.

Rag Week 1986 now ends off on Saturday, with SCAB Nite. Not related to the Bubonic Plague, SCAB Nite is where various societies of the Social, Cultural and Amusements Board show off their wares. Although a little more advanced in the professional ladder than the Smoking Concert, the night will prove to be just as entertaining.

And thus endeth Rag Week 1986, but not Rag 1986! More events will be organised for next term. Till then Rag will slowly gather its momentum again, and the Rag organisers will try to catch up on lectures, sleep and food. I really hope you will enjoy Rag Week and that the detailed descriptions have not put you off. Spare a thought for the cause and effect the means are irrelevant!

Man Tai Tseung
Rag Chairman

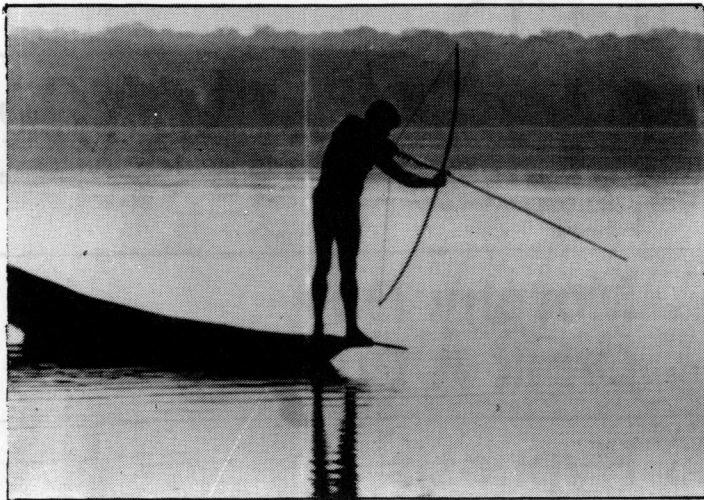
Rag Week



timetable

<i>wednesday 12th</i>	12.30pm, meet CCU Offices 6.00pm, meet Union Bar	Morphy Day Drink A Pub Dry
<i>thursday 13th</i>	7.30pm in the Great Hall	Hypnosis
<i>friday 14th</i>	8.00pm in the Union Building	Guilds Carnival
<i>saturday 15th</i>	Upper Lounge 7.00pm in Southside	Sci-Fi Marathon Cocktails
<i>sunday 16th</i>	10.00am in Princes Gardens 7.00pm in the Union Bar 7.00pm in the Lounge	Raft Race/Tug of War Barnight Chaps Ragarama
<i>monday 17th</i>	12.00pm Union Building 8.00pm in the JCR	Aerosoc Darts RSM Dirty Disco
<i>tuesday 18th</i>	12.30pm in ME 220	Guilds Slave Auction
<i>wednesday 19th</i>	12.00pm in the JCR	RCS Beer Festival
<i>thursday 20th</i>	7.00pm in the Concert Hall	RCS Smoking Concert
<i>friday 21st</i>	7.00pm in the Holland Club 6.00pm in Southside	Rag & Drag Disco RCS 1 000 001 Darts
<i>saturday 22nd</i>	7.30pm in the Concert Hall	SCAB Nite
<i>sunday 23rd</i>	Southside	RCS Darts End

The Mission



There is usually one movie each year which attracts the sort of people who rarely go to the cinema but think that they 'ought' to see it so that they can bore their friends by talking about it at dinner parties. "The Mission" is it!

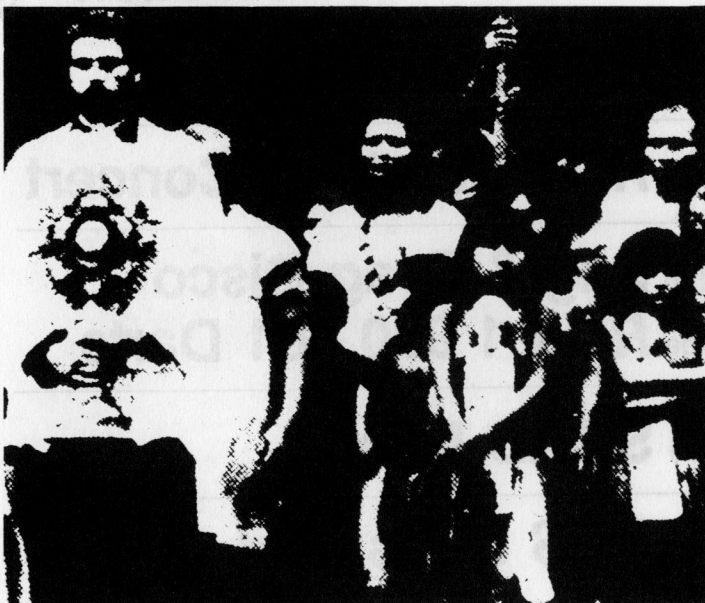
Director Roland Jaffe has attempted to make an epic film on the scale of 'El Cid' and 'Ben Hur'. Visually the film is a masterpiece, every frame would make a spectacular still photograph but unfortunately the Amazon was filmed almost as well a few years ago in "The Emerald Forest" and so looks all too familiar. The script was written by Robert Bolt whose previous works include "Dr. Zhivago" and "A Man for All Seasons", however most of the two hours were dialogueless and lots of paired expressions from Jeremy Irons and heavy music could not make up for this gaping hole. What lines there were were frequently over blown and self-conscious, completely wasting all of Robert de

Niro's phenomenal talent and removing most of the story's credibility.

Characterisation is sacrificed for spectacle, by the end I had no interest or sympathy in the protagonists, even the sight of de Niro getting blasted left me totally unmoved! I fail completely to see how anybody could find the film powerful, it is male-orientated with virtually no female characters which is perhaps why I was left cold by the end.

If the hype is to be believed, the future of the (yawn, yawn...) British Film Industry and Goldcrest depends on the "The Mission" following the failure of "Revolution" and "Absolute Beginners". Any company that finances three films, all with the same faults, deserves to go bust. However, I may be over-critical and so you ought to go and make up your own mind.

Liz Holford



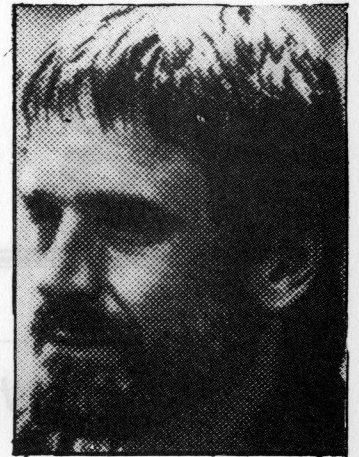
The Mission II

"The Mission" is a film made by people with very impressive pedigrees, the director Roland Joffe's previous film was "The Killing Fields", screenwriter Richard Bolt was responsible for "A Man for All Seasons" and the music is by Ennio Morricone, then there is the impressive cast consisting of Robert de Niro and Jeremy Irons amongst others. Unfortunately however the whole is less than the sum of the parts.

The mission in question is a Jesuit outpost in 18th century South America which becomes the object of a political struggle between the Spanish and Portuguese governments. A Pope's envoy (Ray McAnally) is sent to assess the situation and determine the best course of action. In charge of the mission is a dedicated pacifist, Jeremy Irons, who is determined that the surrounding area, including the mission, should not fall into the hands of the Portuguese who still practice slavery. Should the mission resist at all, the whole future of the Jesuit movement throughout Europe would be jeopardised, thus the scene is set for the sort of rural dilemma that both Joffe and Bolt revel in.

The acting is of the highest standard, Robert de Niro, in spite of being rather out of place in a historical film, being a very modern actor, is nevertheless one of the finest actors alive, and Jeremy Irons is magnificent as the gentle, caring priest. But above both of these is the scene stealing Ray McAnally who plays the Pope's envoy charged with the difficult task of conveying a decision against his own wishes as a result of distant European politics. He is brilliant at expressing both the awe he feels on sighting the unexpected splendour of the "savages" and the regret in his task.

Roland Joffe's direction is unobtrusive and, in spite of a few laboured symbolisms, virtually faultless unlike Chris Menges photography which is faultless. Joffe's self confessed aim, and an entirely defensible one at that, is to place entertainment above historical fact, the events of the period merely provide a basis for a good story. One major flaw with this film is that the Indians themselves are not given sufficient individual characteristics in order that the audience can identify more readily with their plight such that the denouement is as emotive as it should be in spite of some photojournalist composition by Menges. The film however is well worth seeing and has the added purpose of drawing attention to the plight of these people who up to ten years ago were still being traded as slaves.



WOMAG (The Women's media Action Group) is organizing a survey of the media this weekend in order to determine the scale of current advertising that could be considered sexist or offensive to women.

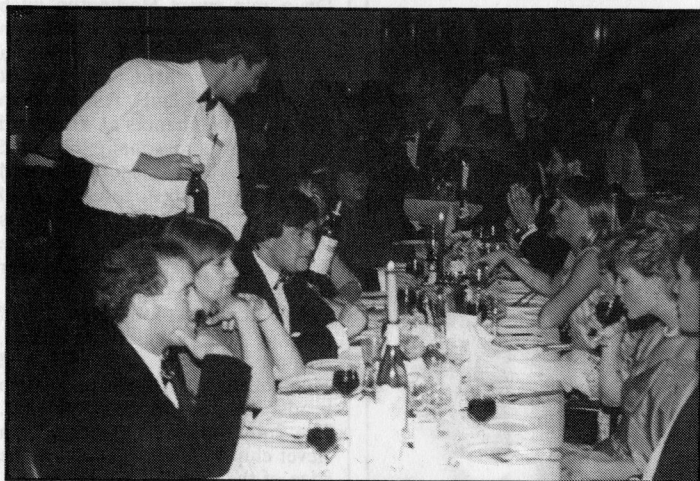
WOMAG wants women in London to scour publications, television, radio and cinema advertising for potentially degrading material and to get in touch with them, they in turn will pass complaints on to the Advertising Standards Authority.

If you wish to participate cut out the ad and record the publication, date and page number, or, if it was on television record, the channel and time of broadcast. Also please describe briefly why you consider it offensive. WOMAG can be contacted directly at 48 William IV St., London. WC2. (Tel:01-836-6081) or via Liz Holford in the 'Felix' office.

Almost every woman has complained of sexist advertising at some time or another, now is your chance to do something about it!

The Chain

An opinion article by Roger Wilson



On Saturday 1st November the Links Club held its 60th Anniversary Ball in the Main Dining Hall in the Sheffield Building.

This was the culmination of 2 years of preparations by the College members of the club, and was attended by 210 people. Links Club members and their guests representing every decade of the

Club's history came from Hong Kong, New York, Pakistan and all parts of Europe to celebrate the continued strength of the club and to toast its honourable intentions:

"The promotion of friendship and good fellowship amongst the members of the club, both at college and for years to come."

Following the dinner a toast to the club was proposed by Stephen

Bishop (C&G President 1982-83). This was then replied to by Peter Harding who spoke of his days at college during the war and his experiences of having met members of the club on his travels all over the world.

A toast to the guests was made by Roger Wilson, welcoming them on behalf of the club. This was replied to by Maria O'Donnell (C&G Hon. Sec. 1969/70) wife of past C&G President Chris O'Donnell. Maria's speech was one of the highlights of the evening, firstly satirising the marriage of a man and his pewter pot and then paying tribute to the Club for the fellowship that must exist within it to draw back so many members of all ages from all parts of the world.

At this point the formal part of the evening was over and the champagne corks popped to mark the Club's entry into its seventh decade.

The party then really began as a steel band got people up and dancing. At one point a huge conga wound its way around the Hall, through the kitchens and through the ante-room as well.

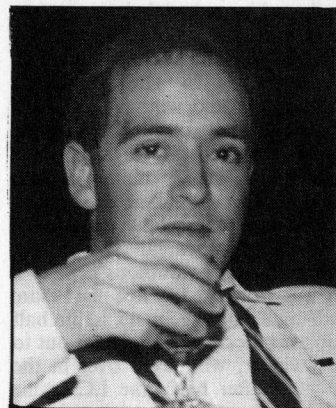
The music continued with an hours set from a traditional jazz band. Younger members were put to shame by "Bert" Grace, the oldest member present, and his wife as they quickstepped around the dancefloor in a faultless demonstration.

A further hour from each of the bands saw only the fittest left on their feet at the end of a memorable evening.

Writing this as I do before the outcome of Tuesdays UGM motion concerning the three tie clubs I can only say that I was proud to have had the honour of Chairing this Ball and I hope that some of the friends I met on Saturday night will be still with me for the Club's next anniversary.

My final point is that I feel sad that Imperial College Union should feel that it wants to ban any club that can retain links with college members from over the past ninety years; all of whom in their day have given good service to both City and Guilds and Imperial Colleges.

Hon. Sec. Links Club 1986/7.



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IC Rugby; Wednesday October 29th

IC Fall to Sussex

This was the third match in the U.A.U. competition for I.C., and Sussex had the reputation of being one of the better teams in the group. I.C. kicked off, and immediately started to take the game to the opposition, winning back possession in the first scrum and making good ground into Sussex's 22 metre area. The first lineout was won and the ball whipped out to flyhalf Mike Anderson by the scrum-half, Andy Watson; the ball was passed down the line, and a neck developed. Sussex won the ball, and it reached their winger in a very slick fashion, and he ran half the length of the pitch to score. I.C. retorted, with the forwards dominating and winning the lion's share of the set possession, and the game was again played in Sussex's half. After about 20 minutes of play, their line again put in some good running, to score from a Maul in the I.C. 22 metre area. The referee ordered a rather dubious penalty 5 metres from the I.C. line just before half-time, and the Sussex scrum half took it quickly and flipped it out to the winger, who went over in the corner. After half time I.C. came back with a vengeance, with the forwards working hard and winning



some good balls. Steve Parker was cleaning everything up at the back of the lineout, and Andy Martin was making life hell for the Sussex hooker in the scrums. Josh Somhon and Jason Jenkins provided a solid scrummaging base in the front row. Unfortunately for the I.C. pack,

Jason Jenkins was sent off with about 20 minutes to go, and with only seven men in the pack, I.C. could not carry on with the same domination in the scrum. Mike Anderson pulled back 3 points with a penalty kick, but full-time went with I.C. the losers.

Football

Seconds hold Thirds

On a rain swept Harlington pitch last Wednesday IC 3rds again gained an impressive draw against a lack lustre and somewhat demoralised IC 2nds. A fairly even first half saw chances at either end but the 3rds gradually obtained control. Heavy tackling and commitment almost resulted in all 22 players being sent off as tempers flared. Chris Budgen almost put the 3rds ahead with an acrobatic header just wide.

The 3rds withstood early 2nd half pressure and increased the tempo. Against the run of play Neil MacDonald thumped a superb header against the 3rds crossbar. The 2nds did take the lead with a clever chip by Phil Adams from the edge of the area. Not to be denied, the 3rds piled on the pressure, Paul Savage and Paul Thompson both going close. The deserved equaliser arrived from Hideo Takan, a fine left foot drive after a smart four man move. Firing on all cylinders, the 3rds laid siege to the 2nds goal only to be denied by excellent handling by 2nds keeper Dave Martin.

The final whistle came as a disappointment to the 3rds, but a relief to the 2nds, having clung on to a valuable point.

Ladies Rugby

Success Continues

This last week has seen the Ladies' Rugby Team maintain their one hundred percent record with two further victories against Q.M.C. on the Wednesday 24-4, and Reading on Sunday 24-6.

Strong forward play in both games ensured good possession for the backs. From this, quick passing down the line meant the two wings Vanessa Dodge and Sabrina Demello were often left with space and time to gain good ground and often score.

Tries in the two matches were scored by Vanessa Dodge (1), Sabrina Demello (2), Judith Day (1), Judy Gardener (1), Blanca Roberts (2), Anne Parsons (4), Juliet Fletcher (1). These victories provide a base to build on for our forthcoming league games which begin next Sunday against Richmond.

The ULU trials are this Wednesday. Meet 1.30 outside University of London Union, all players should attend.

Hockey

October 26th; IC 1st XI 8, Sussex 1
Saturday; IC 1st XI 2, Ashford 2

IC Win At Sussex

I.C. 1st XI continued their unbeaten run on Wednesday by scoring a resounding 8-1 victory in the UAV competition over Sussex University at Brighton. The game was played on a very heavy, wet pitch but even so, I.C. were able to use their superior skill to control the game and keep almost continual pressure on the Sussex defence. Goals were scored by Paul Hanrahan, Paul Skipworth, Brendan Farmer and Justin Smellie.

Saturday's Middlesex League game against Ashford ended in a 2-2 draw. Harry opened the scoring for I.C. against a very strong opposition. Ashford eventually forced two goals despite Phil Choudry saving a penalty flick. A spirited effort by I.C. pressurised the defence and levelled the score. Another successful week for the 1st XI.

Hockey; Motspur Park Tournament

Lost on Penalties

Last Sunday (26/10) marked the first outing this year for RSM's mixed team. The first stages of the competition consisted of ten minute games within a league system. RSM won three games against QEC, SOP and Chelsea and drew with KCH to put us top of our league despite having only 9 players. In the quarter finals we drew 0-0 with QMCI after extra time, leading to a series of

penalty flicks which sadly we lost on sudden death.

In general it was a great team effort although special mention must go to Mark Rayfield, who scored three of our five goals, as well as the ladies, Kathryn, Barbara and Sharon without whom our mixed team would not have existed.

Alastair Martin (Capt)

Hockey (again)

IC Rock Brighton

On Wednesday IC Hockey 2nd's thrashed a brilliant Sussex side. The first outstanding achievement came when Josh scored with a well placed penalty flick. Following two disallowed goals we proceeded to press home our supremacy. The umpire seemed a nice boy, in keeping with most of Brighton's population. The second goal was rather fortunate, otherwise Gary Knaresborough would have been a

eunuch by now.

The reorganised defence skillfully stifled their attack brilliantly without any difficulty. A clinical short corner involving Eunuch, Nanette and Travolta who scored, made it 3-0. Josh then completed his hat-trick. The 5th was scored by No-Name who dribbled it past the defence and slotted it into the near post.

Hockey

Thirds Storm to Victory

The 3rds stormed to their first victory of the season. The Captain, 'Dick' Ellis once again drew the short straw and attempted to guard the goal. Andrew Winterton played magnificently throughout the whole game, showing his majestic skill, (guess who wrote this) and rounded off a brilliant first half by setting up Oz, who walked the ball into the back of the goal.

After finally deciding that the star of the 1st half, Nigel Brown, had to umpire the 2nd half, IC set off to build up their lead. Craig Honeybun lived up to his name and stuck to the ball. 'Leave' Roberts left the ball alone a lot. Harry lived up to his name by harrying the opposition and scoring the second goal brilliantly. Ian Knox lived up to his name by knocking the ball around a lot. Dick lived up to his name.....

All in all it was a triumph of good over evil as the 3rds showed their true form which had been lacking during October.

Mixed win

In the second of the two mixed matches Imperial beat LSE in a close and enjoyable match played in a friendly spirit.

IC opened the scoring through Alan Cole, following a pinpoint 3 yards pass from Brendan Farmer in a well worked move. LSE equalized in the second half with a 'slightly' lifted shot which astounded goalkeeper Richard Ellis, and the rest of the team.

Imperial clinched the match with a goal from Jon Stonham, with an excellent solid effort, after picking up a throughball from the left.

Thanks to Ann Jackson for playing for the opposition (pity she had such a good game), Sally Mullen and Duncan Fitter for playing at very short notice, and Justin Brooking for umpiring.

Yet more Hockey

Scratch Team

Despite looking like a motorway maintenance crew and playing hockey like one this scratch team of geriatrics, cripples, and incompetents put up a creditable performance against an obviously well rehearsed team of Slavs.

The game got off to a slow start with most people cursing the beer from Saturday night and learning each others' names. However Dave 'Killer' Jennings soon found his old touch and was again inciting the opposition into acts of violence. He, along with the other inside forwards Gary 'No name' Knaresborough and John '49 to go' Spencer made many daring runs into the opposition's half but always seemed to run out of steam as soon as they got into the D. Thanks to some good backing up from the halves Pippa Allen, Grunt 'no. 3' Wood

and in particular Sarah Hodgson the pressure was kept up and rewarded with many short corners which posed no threat whatsoever to the opposition. However at this point the elder statesman of the team Paul 'third time lucky' Henharen stepped in and showed us how to score from a penalty corner i.e. with great perseverance.

In the second half the wingers took up the running with Lisa Funney and Sarah Wood - Perry supplying many excellent crosses. However SEES put on a late surge which was dealt with competently by backs Justin 'Bullet' Brooking and Lorna Stoodley and goalie James 'I got rythmn' Whitelaw, however, in the dying minutes they scored a fortunate goal from a short corner, which caught all of I.C. on the wrong foot.

I have been trying to present the sports reports in a more interesting format than in recent years, in order to create the impression of a proper sports page. This, I hoped, would make the reports easier to read and encourage better writing. Most submissions are still of an appalling standard. Reports should always be written in the third person, and should emphasise the most important features of the game. References to "what happened in the bar" should be kept to a minimum, and the forename-'nickname'-surname format avoided at all times. I do not wish to discourage teams from writing reports, but I am not going to print drive; anything of the standard of the hockey article immediately above this will be discarded immediately in future. I will be happy to give further advice on writing reports to anyone who is interested.

David Jones

Balloon

Flying in Oxford

Last Friday night Balloon Club went up to Oxford for a weekend's flying. Unfortunately it rained nearly all day on Saturday—specially unfortunate for those of us who were camping!—So flying was out of the question. Instead we had a days sightseeing and shopping in Oxford. In a desperate effort to get out of the rain the Club Chairman and Pilot went to see "Bambie", though we never found out if they cried in the sad bits!

Sunday was a lovely dry, clear day so after an early start we inflated the balloon and the Pilot Mike Carpenter set off with Richard Watkins and Andy Smith as passengers. They flew for about an hour and then accidentally landed in

a crop field. After placating a slightly angry farmer the balloon took off again, this time with Jenny Lewis and Andy Mears as passengers. They had a slightly more straightforward landing and then we adjourned to the pub for lunch.

In the afternoon we fitted in one more flight with Markus Mueller training to pilot and Phil Strong as a passenger. Unlike one of the other balloon teams they managed to avoid landing in a field full of inquisitive cows. Finally, in the early evening we made our weary and 'muddy way back to London after a weekend in the countryside which, even for the few of us who didn't fly, was really good fun.



Rag

Guilds Rag

Rag week approaches. The time of year when pockets are emptied, stomachs filled, and problem sheets put aside.

As a special service to anyone who enjoys a good giggle (or a good gig) here are details of the first two Guilds events of Rag Week 1986—Carnival and the start of Hit Squadding.

Carnival this year Features the powerful **Drum Theatre**, in what may well be one of their last gigs played in this size of venue before they move onto bigger things. **Pink Peg Show** are for those who fancy a bop, with their blasting renditions of rockabilly songs about getting drunk and eating. **Brother Brother** offer a good mix of pop and funk, with the mighty **Swanjacks** finishing off a "something for everyone" line up.

There will also be cabaret with Kevin Day (fresh from *The Comedy Store*) and Belinda Blanchard, described by TNT magazine as "somewhere between an over-sexed Pam Ayres and John Cooper Clark" so don't complain if it's a little naughty.

There'll also be a bar-b-q, late discos, and the bar will be open until 2.00 pm. If you don't have fun at Carnival you won't have fun anywhere.

QT Custard

In Style... In Custard
QT Society held their first annual Custard Tasting at lunchtime on Thursday 30th.

Over 50 members were served pink, green, red and the more normal yellow custard, all flavoured with rum, brandy, or peppermint. All the tickets to Wogan on 28th November were given out, but do contact us if you wish to be put on the waiting list.

Our next meeting is on Thursday 11th November at 1pm in Southside Bar Upper Lounge where we will be discussing plans for the Annual Breakfast, the Smoking Concert, the Wogan trip and, of course, the coming revolution.

Address any mail to QT Soc, SCC, Union Office, Beit Quad.

MEGABRAIN

TT Soc Again

Those of you who read this column last year may remember some of the mad goings on in IC's least known club, TeeTotal Soc. I recently managed to get hold of a copy of the club rules, which have quite an interesting history. The first secretary of the club had been left alone to write the rules and unfortunately, without the moral support of his fellow members and in a rare moment of weakness, he went out and bought a bottle (or two) and proceeded to indulge in some brain numbing. The upshot of all this was that a completely nonsensical set of rules was made up, as follows:

1. All incorrect rules mean the opposite of what they say.
2. There are an even number of correct rules.
3. All self-referential rules are correct.
4. Rule 6 is incorrect.
5. There are two incorrect rules.
6. In all other rules, the words "incorrect" and "correct" should be interchanged.

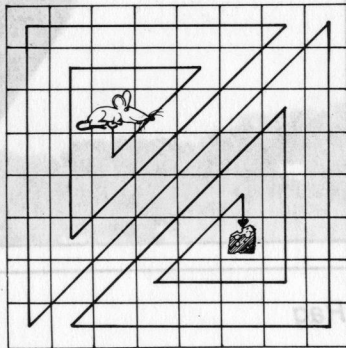
There were seven rules altogether, but my copy of them had been torn and all I could tell was that rule 7 referred to 'correct rules...'

A self referential rule is one that refers to a set of rules including itself, for example rule 2 refers to 'correct rules' and thus is self referential if it is correct. The amazing thing about these rules is that, although some of them are incorrect, they are logically self-consistent.

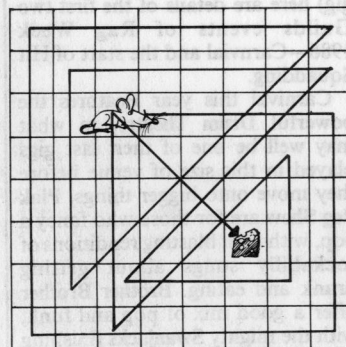
This week's problem is to determine which rules are correct, and which are incorrect. Answers to the FELIX office by 1.00pm Wednesday for the £5 prize please.

Last Week

It's rare that I am suprised by the answer to one of my own puzzles, but this week I was. The answer I had in mind, and the one that most people had on their entries was the following symmetrical path, with 14 turns:

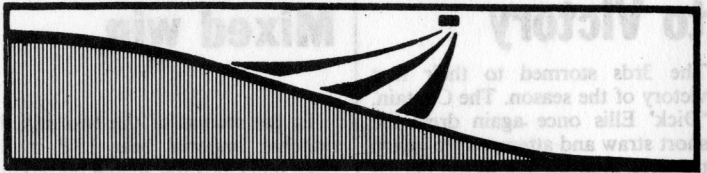


This is the minimum number of bends if the path is not to cross itself, but this was not one of the conditions of the problem, and it turns out that it is possible in 13, as follows:



I have no idea if this is the unique solution - it may be possible in even less! Two people had the correct answer, M. Robin of Chem Eng IV, and Chris Pitts of Maths III, and the randomly selected winner was Chris. Well done, you can collect your prize after 1.00pm Monday.

backSTROKE



Phone-in shows have always caused headaches for radio producers since their inception by Maurice Brown, alarmed at the rocketing costs of radio actors in 1959. Brilliant though the cost-cutting idea was, the unreliability of the public has always been a problem with the shows. However this has now been cured with a totally computerised phone-in system. A minicomputer linked to a speech synthesizer can generate upto 6 million totally different calls on any given subject simply by linking sentences together. Radio Serpentine are so pleased with their new unit that they are looking into an agony show package. Another variant is the swearing generator with a built in four second delay device, so that the computer can produce realistic bad language and then edit it out of the program.

The Trellix Theatre in Covent Garden have hatched a new concept in Christmas entertainment. Bored with the old pantomimes like *Cinderella* and *Mother Goose*, they have gone for adapting modern classics. The first to receive this treatment is George Orwell's *1984* after the success of the film. Music and songs have been specially written for the cast of 20, which include new ones like: "Ain't no fun in room 101" and "Newspeak makes the world go round".

Angela Barrié of the theatre company thinks the story is perfect: "When Smith takes Julia to his room in the city, there's plenty of opportunity to say 'behind you, behind you' as well as booring the Ministry of Love. I think it's a great family night out — social comment for Christmas."

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I.C. Students' Union

what's on

Afro-Caribbean Opening Party 7pm-1am
On Friday 7th November 1986. In the Student Union Lounge. Licensed bar from 7-11pm, free punch after. Tickets only £1.50.

Fireworks Display 7pm
At Silwood park. Attractions include display, BBQ, Disco. All included in the price of ticket. £1.50 only. Late bar til 12.30 am. Coach leaves Beit Arch 7pm. Returns 1am. Tickets from Union, Dept. Reps. and Post Grad Reps.

CU Houseparty 6pm
Meet at Beit Arch, coach leaves 6pm

Life Services Dinner Party
For all R.C.S members. Free to Freshers dinner attenders, £1.00 others. See posters for time and place.

Rag Meeting 12.45am
Meeting regarding the organisation of Rag Week. Please come along. To be held in the Union Senior Common Room.

SUNDAY

Wargames 1pm onwards
I.C. Wargames Meeting, Union S.C.R. 10% discount on games.

MONDAY

Waterski Club Meeting . 12.30pm
Above stairs Southside. Come and see us if you want any information about the club and if you want to book waterskiing for Wednesday and Saturday.

Wind Band 5.45pm
Rehearsal in Great Hall

Old Centralians 7pm
Union Lounge, cheese and wine and wine and wine evening, and an ideal opportunity to join the O.Cs.

Dance Club Beginners Ballroom 7-8pm
J.C.R. 70p
Medals Class 8-9pm
J.C.R. 70p

Wellsoc 7.30pm
Physics LT1. Ken Wallis, inventor of autogyros, talks about "the Wallbro Monoplane and Wallis autogyro"

TUESDAY

Prayer Meeting 8.15am
To be held in Union Upper Lounge.

Windsurfing Meeting ... 12.45pm
Meet above Southside Bar for trips every Wednesday and weekends.

Lecture 1.00pm
Physics LT2, "BL Lacertae - Is It A Black Hole" by Dr.J.F.James.

Indsoc Enterprise 1.00pm.
Chem Eng LT1, how to raise finance for small businesses: Nat West Bank & Indsoc.

QT Active Service Unit Meeting 1pm
Southside Bar Upper Lounge. Discussing plans for the Breakfast, Smoking Concert, "Wogan" trip and the coming revolution.

Dam Disasters Through The Ages 1.00pm
Dr. Norman Smith, reader in History of Technology, Imperial College. Read Theatre, Sherfield Building. Department of Humanities Lunch-Hour programme.

Judo 6.00pm.
Union Gym, everyone welcome.

Spanish Wine Tasting ... 6.00pm
Union S.C.R. A tasting of fine Spanish Wines tutored by Wines of Spain. £2.00 members, £3.00 non-members.

Dance Club Intermediate ballroom 7-8pm
J.C.R. 70p
Beginners ballroom 8-9pm
J.C.R. 70p

OPSOC Rehearsals 7.30pm
For "HMS Pinafore" and "The Zoo". The Music Room, 53 Princes Gardens.

WEDNESDAY

IC Wargames Meeting 1pm
Union S.C.R. 10% discount on games.

Ap-Tech Soc 2.00pm
Mech. Eng. Foyer. Help make toys for handicapped kids.

Dance Club Jazz Funk 2-3pm
U.D.H. 70p
Rock 'n' Roll(Beginners) . 3-4pm
U.D.H. 70p
Tap Dancing (Beginners) . 4-5pm
U.D.H. £1.00

10 Pin Bowling 2.20pm
Aero/Chem Eng. Foyer return 6.00pm.

Orchestra Rehearsal 7.00pm
Great Hall.

THURSDAY

Indsoc 1.00pm
Chem. Eng. LT1. Hotel, flying into the future. Speaker meeting with British Aerospace.

QT Annual Breakfast 1pm
Beit Quad. Come to Tuesday's meeting for more details.

Concert 1.30pm
Takashi Shimitzu (violin) and Gordon Back (piano). Fauré Sonata No.2, Ysaye solo Sonata No. 4, Sarasate Caprice Basque. The Music Room, 53 Prince's Gate.

Judo 6.00pm
Union Gym, all welcome.

Lesbian & Gay 7.30pm
Room 2E ULU, Malet St.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

●**Anyone interested in forming a Kazoo orchestra**, please contact Chris Edwards, c/o the FELIX Office.

●**Dear 85D**. We have your telephone. Student Services.

●**To all alcoholics**: ARBS Reunion is in the Goose & Firkin (anyone not know where that is?) on Tuesday 18th November. Includes BSH Wardens' Initiation, Vice Chairman's birthday (amoeba stage will be attained). If you are still confused call Hairy at 023, BSH at 310.

●**Thursdays 12.45pm** Spend the summer in America and get paid for it. See BUNAC stall—JCR

●**Organising a Party?** hire the disco with the power to satisfy (is up to 2kw enough?) lighting effects to dazzle. As seen at Commonwealth Hall, Hughes Parry Hall, Canterbury Hall, Nutford House and all over Imperial. At a price that isn't shocking. Find the answer to entertaining questions on 249 2163 with Hans Beier.

●**French language tuition** contact Dominique Rafine. 735 6620

●**Rag Week** is coming with a vengeance on Wednesday 12th November. Escape is useless.

●**Flee this cold, wet winter**. Bring a ray of sunshine to your Tuesday evening at the Costa S.C.R. - Spanish wine and sunshine. Craven rating - 5 star.

●**Hockey Players** come to the social event of the day. The annual Rib'n'Rice. Good food, good drinks, good music, good value for money. £2.50, Wednesday 12th, see Team Captains.

●**The Annual London Ball** Sat. 15th Nov. £2.50. Bar till 12. Doors open 7.00 pm.

●**Do you think** that you know more about pop music than an IC Radio producer? Do you have two friends thinking likewise? You don't do anything on Thursdays between 8 and 9? If you have three yes's then contact Simon Dillworth at IC radio or via Physics pigeonholes and take part in IC Radio's Pop Quiz.

●**Transcendental Meditation**: a simple, natural technique to improve your life. Come to our introductory talk next Wednesday 12.30pm in the Common Room, Level 8, Physics Dept.

●**Amnesty International** Tuesday 5.20pm. Brown Committee Room third floor, Union Building.

FOR SALE

●**Sheet Sleeping Bag** (suitable for YHA use)£2.00. Contact Dr.Bruce Lennox, room 446, New Chemistry. Internal tel. 4623

●**Kawasaki GPE 305**, with 250cc engine, only 15000 miles, UGC, newly taxed, very economical, £675, contact U. Beyer, Aero III (via pigeonhole).

●**Black Belstaff motorcycle jacket** excellent condition, hardly used:£35. Also 1 pair of size 10 motorcycle boots, steel toes, excellent condition:£20. Please ring Paul after 6.00pm on 603 6541.

●**Bicycle for sale** with rack £40. Contact Jane Melia 740 5424

●**Small Hairy Dwarf** contact 78 Prince's Gate Mews - any reasonable offer considered.

LOST & FOUND

●**Lost set of keys** brown octagonal key FOB with faded motif. Peter Whitehouse Chem. Eng. 4

●**Lost small black umbrella** at Physics dinner (28th October). Please return to Lost Property Sheffield. Hans Allen Physics 1.

ACCOMMODATION

●**Place for male** (NS) available in shared room, Hamlet Gardens. £29.25 per week plus bills. Contact A.Hector, Aero II letters.

●**Female** requires single room preferably in flat with other students. Contact A. Hector, Aero II letters.

PERSONAL

●**The Hippest Show** on I.C. Radio occurs between 6 & 8 pm every Saturday. The Fourth Day; 2 hours of the best music around and what's better you'll hardly here the people doing it.

●**Happy Birthday Danuta** lots of love from Landing C.

●**Scarlet Witch** your incubus is going to take you to the Walpugisnacht so that you can perform the osculum infame.

●**25 Lexham Gardens back yard** - the place for healthy, outdoor exercise.

●**To the Phantom self-abuser of Lexham**, we have some photographs you might be interested in. Contact via small ads.

●**Interested** in early-morning wildlife observation? Contact flat 7, 25 Lexham Gardens.

●**Mars Bars** have a limited shelf life, they melt in the mouth and make a mess.

●**No Mum** you weren't really interrupting anything!

No Progress Made

The Managing Surveyor of Residences, Mr. Peter Hallworth, has written to the Tizard Hall Residence Committee to explain why no progress has been made in the proposed improvements to the Tizard and Selkirk kitchens. In the letter, Mr. Hallworth said that his attempts to get things moving were "constantly frustrated" by the Tizard and Selkirk Hall Warden, Dr. Henry Hutchinson. The Tizard Hall Committee has described the letter as "childish and unprofessional".

Mr. Hallworth explained that the Warden had not supplied him with the final drafts of the Hall Committee's suggested kitchen layouts. When he did receive the layouts in February he was unable to act because the plans contained no provision for the relocation of stair-case fridges, as required by fire regulations. A proposal from Mr. Hutchinson to buy individual fridges at a cost of £50 for each room was rejected by Mr. Hallworth because of the high cost.

Since then Mr. Hallworth has been waiting for Mr. Hutchinson to submit an alternative solution to the fridge problem.

Southside house-keeper, Kate McPherson told FELIX that she



delivered a copy of Selkirk's kitchen layouts, identical to those for Tizard, to Mr. Hallworth in November, the previous year.

Mr. Hutchinson said that he was surprised that the problem had not been referred back to the Students Residence Committee, when the individual fridges were rejected.

"The Warden is responsible for the social life and welfare of residents. I would have expected the decision over the fridges to be made by the SRC", he said. The Tizard Hall Committee will be holding further discussions with Mr. Hallworth next week.

Lawson Cooks

The Chancellor, Nigel Lawson, announced a £10 billion spending increase yesterday. Education will receive an extra £2.25 billion, which is nineteen percent more than was originally planned. Mr Kenneth Baker, the Education Secretary, welcomed this "huge sum of extra money" and described it as very good news for universities, polytechnics and schools. However, the Government admitted that the increase would only be worth an extra one percent of this years expenditure when last years overspending and teachers' pay rises are taken into consideration.

Musical Chairs

The C.V.C.P. (Committee of Vice Chancellors & Principals) will change its Chairman in July. Mr. Maurice Shock the present Chairman will pass the post to the Vice Chancellor of Manchester University, Professor Sir Mark Richmon FRS. Sir Mark has been an active member of the Committee since becoming a Vice Chancellor five years ago. He has chaired a number of C.V.C.P. committees and has also served on public bodies including the Government Genetic Engineering Advisory Group.

Gold Brick

The College House Committee is considering scrapping the 'Gold Brick' fund which is presently available for the purchase of new student accommodation. If the move goes ahead the College will be unable to raise deposits to secure buildings suitable for new residences when they come on to the market.

The committee has calculated that College could save up to £40,000 a year if the £320,000 fund were used to repay the loans taken out to buy Evelyn Gardens and Montpelier Hall.

College Deputy Secretary, Mr Brian Lloyd-Davies, said that he would not like to see the 'Gold Brick' go and pointed out that there was already a shortage of accommodation at Imperial.

Sex Romp Shock

Students at Balliol College Oxford, have passed a motion banning "frolicking and other forms of pseudo affectionate activity from the College precincts." The motion also requests that anyone who wishes to indulge in "public affection" gives several days written notice to the SCR committee.

I.C. Union has no policy on public affection, however sex is to be avoided in Union Buildings unless it is "discrete and unavoidable".

Editors Ratified



Next year's Handbook Editor and Alternative Prospectus (AP) Editor were ratified at Tuesday's UGM. The Handbook Editor, Pippa Salmon who was proposed for the post by Jane Spiegel told FELIX that she was looking forward to starting work on the publication. Ms Sunny Bains, the AP Editor, proposed by Andy Vickers was unavailable for comment.

Barclays Ban Beaten

Six months after first being tabled at a Union General Meeting, Shaun Dunlop's motion on Barclay's Bank finally received a hearing on Tuesday. The motion has appeared on the agenda of a succession of UGMs since last Easter, but at each one quorum was called before a vote was taken. Quorum remained unchallenged throughout Tuesday's meeting because of widespread interest in the "tie club" motion. On a show of hands an amended version of the motion, proposing that ICU introduce publicity sanctions against Barclays, was defeated by 121 votes to 108.

The original motion called for a ban on Barclays' adverts in all ICU publications, and requested that IC students do not open accounts with Barclays. Proposing this, Mr. Dunlop quoted a series of examples of Barclays' involvement in South African banking. He said that he did not think it was possible for an institution to run a business in a country, and at the same time fight for significant change in the government of that country.

Speaking against the motion, John Martin vehemently refuted Mr. Dunlop's arguments and said that Barclays was working hard to

reform South Africa. He said that Barclays provided financial support for blacks, and stressed that there was little connection between Barclays, as in Britain, and Barclays National, as in South Africa.

After the initial speeches, Sunny Bains proposed an amendment to the motion, altering "ICU instructs" to "ICU requests" editors of Union publications not to take Barclays advertising. This amendment was upheld on a hand vote of 123 to 88, and Mr. Dunlop handed the motion over to Miss Bains. Following summing up speeches, the motion was defeated by 13 votes.

Most of the students present left the meeting after the vote and quorum was successfully challenged. The meeting continued as an informal discussion group and provisional ratification for the posts of Handbook Editor, Alternative Prospectus Editor and Welfare Officer took place, with Pippa Salmon, Sunny Bains and Tom Melliar-Smith being the only candidates for each post. David Lowrie, the only candidate for the post of Academic Affairs Officer was provisionally ratified, pending confirmation by the next meeting.