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Sudden Reshuffle At Student Services

Former Welfare Adviser Lesley Gillingham has been promoted to the position of Student Accommodation Officer, replacing Don Ferguson, who was previously Student Services Officer, and has taken up a position in the College's Finance Section. The changes were made in a sudden reshuffle in the last few days of the Christmas term. The Student Services Office has ceased to exist, as has the position of Student Services Officer. Ms Gillingham's new post gives her responsibility for the allocation of College accommodation. Invoicing for residences will be passed to the College Finance Section. College administration is intending to appoint a new Welfare Adviser shortly, though this will not be dealt with as part of the Student Accommodation Office.

The long term plans for Student Accommodation Office are uncertain. College Assistant Secretary Michael Arthur, formally Student Services Officer himself, will have a "watching brief" over student accommodation in the early stages. Mr Arthur told FELIX that the restructured service may be absorbed as part of the Conference Office, which has control of student residences during the vacations at the moment. The welfare service is also to be reorganised.

There has been pressure from IC Union for some time for the welfare service to become separate from Student Services. The reorganisation was introduced when Mr Ferguson expressed an interest in a position in the Finance Section. He is now working in personnel and administrative services. Mr Arthur denied that the reorganisation had been precipitated by Ms Gillingham applying for posts elsewhere.

Ms Gillingham will continue to act as Welfare Advisor until a new appointment is made. The bulk of the work as Student Accommodation Officer will not be directly welfare-related, however. Financial Assistant Dave Parry, a former Deputy President of IC Union, will be transferring from Student Services to the Finance Section as part of the reorganisation.

Don Ferguson was interviewed by FELIX on Wednesday. Reviewing the progress that the Student Services Office had made under his leadership, he said that the

introduction of computers had been the major step forward. The Student Services Office, he said, had become one of the major users of the College's data base and processing facilities. There had also been certain problems with the computing facilities, though, particularly on the communications side.

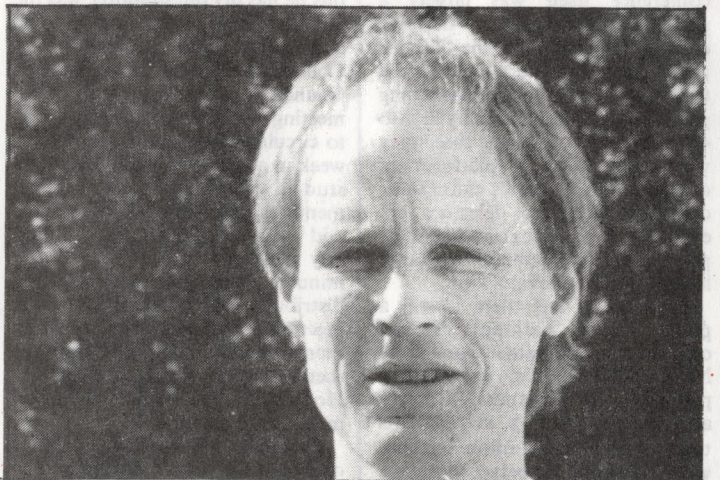
Mr Ferguson said that the College's accommodation was "no better, no worse" than it was 18 months ago. IC is about to lose a fairly high proportion of the Head Tenancies in Hamlet Gardens, though College will be trying to replace this elsewhere. The stage had been reached, he explained, where rents near to College were so far above what students can be charged that "no reasonable amount of subsidy would make them viable". Efforts are now being made to locate accommodation further away from IC, where rents would, hopefully, be sufficiently cheap to offset the additional transport costs.

Mr Ferguson said that he thought the Student Services staff had got on pretty well in the last six months, and had worked together well as a team. He added, though, that the staff were under great pressure, particularly at "peak times". He thought that the average student's opinion of Student Services has been fairly high.

When questioned about whether the College would in future have difficulty providing rooms for all



Lesley Gillingham



Don Ferguson

students who were guaranteed places, particularly in light of the problems at the beginning of the academic year, Mr Ferguson said that the situation would be difficult but not impossible. Urgent

consideration was now being given to finding new accommodation. He concluded that Ms Gillingham will do "as well as she is allowed to" in her new post.

University Sector Should Go Alone

Dear FELIX,

As an undergraduate at IC I voted for the reaffiliation to NUS in the last referendum. However my experiences with NUS as a postgraduate at Sussex University (including being a delegate to the annual conference and a member of the local NUS area council), leave me with some sympathies for Alastair Seymour's views (FELIX 757).

One point he missed is that many of NUS's members are not from universities, but from polytechnics, further education colleges and even sixth form colleges. The level of student involvement in union affairs is much less at these institutions, thus they form an easy way for unrepresentative groups to infiltrate the NUS. This was quite obvious in the conference I attended where the far left was much more dominant at full sessions than at the separate university sessions. In my local area, apathy, the naivety of many young students, and the difficulty of organising over a dozen or so small Colleges, meant that the full-time post of area organiser was used by a member of the militant tendency to pursue his own political ambitions.

Even at the university, NUS delegation elections were treated merely as political beauty contests. Most candidates used them just to promote their own views which had little to do with NUS or to make a name for themselves before internal sabbatical elections. NUS conference itself was largely a slanging match between the two competing groups in the Labour party. Since delegations are forced to vote for Union Policy (ie anything passed at a UGM perhaps by 51% to 49%) even if, as in my case, they were elected on a platform of opposition to it, NUS's claim to be democratic because delegates are elected on a cross-campus proportional representation ballot looks a little hollow.

However, I feel there is still a place for a national student organisation, and rather than ignore NUS, ICU should be making positive criticisms. Firstly attempting to bring all students together in a single union does not work. It would be better to have a separate university students organisation which could decide whether or not to cooperate with other sectors. Secondly, the unwieldy bureaucratic structure should be completely broken down. The emphasis should be on the

national organisation providing information and resources for its members, rather than on campaigning and 'making policy' for itself. Thirdly, a complete review of all democratic procedures should be made, with a particular emphasis on ensuring that all members have a fair chance and not just those with the backing of well-organised but unrepresented political groups.

Yours Sincerely,
Matthew Huntbach,
Life Member, ICU.

Council Report Slated

Dear Dave,

With reference to the article titled "Stick of Rock" in the FELIX Christmas issue (FELIX 757), I would like to correct the author of the said article on several misrepresentations of fact which were made. Most of the inaccuracies centre about Mr Ian Howgate and his behaviour at the IC Union Council meeting of Monday December 8; as FELIX articles do not carry 'by-lines' I do not know who wrote the article, but I sincerely hope that these errors were not included simply because the author happens to dislike Mr Howgate.

Mr Howgate was not upset by the amount of mundane business on the agenda. All Council members, Mr Howgate included, realise that Council must deal with a certain amount of mundane matters if the Union is to function properly. What he did object to, however (and in this he has my full support), was the fact that some of the minutes to be considered and approved by Council had only been available to Council members at the start of the meeting. Normal Council policy is to circulate these minutes at least a week in advance so that they can be studied carefully, and Council members can prepare an effective and well thought-out case should any matters arise from those minutes. With the minutes being distributed only at the start of the meeting, it was impossible to study them properly in order to approve them, and it was this that Mr Howgate and other Council members objected to.

Secondly, Mr Howgate did not object to Mr Fish's report on the grounds of his absence. Mr Howgate correctly pointed out that there was little point in discussing Mr Fish's report if Mr Fish was not there to answer questions on it. Another Council member put forward the ridiculous idea of

putting those questions to Mr Chris Martin, simply because he too was a PG and happened to be at the meeting. Mr Martin naturally could not answer the questions, so Mr Howgate suggested deferring consideration of Mr Fish's report until such time as Mr Fish was present. It was at this point that the ICU Deputy President told Mr Howgate not to be so "babyish"; this was, in my view, not a very constructive or substantiated accusation.

Mr Howgate suggested that since the Academic Affairs Officer was absent, his report too should be deferred for later consideration; it is a giant leap from the truth to say that "Mr Howgate also proposed that all of the minutes of Council Committees such as Internal Services and Academic Affairs be rejected as well", as stated in the aforementioned article.

Lastly, I would like to say that at no time did Mr Howgate blame Union publicity for "the failing of most events this year including Guilds Carnival and Rag Carnival". This is a ludicrous suggestion because:

- i) Most events this year have not failed.
- ii) City and Guilds College Union is responsible for the Guilds Carnival publicity.
- iii) There has been no such thing called Rag Carnival.

What Mr Howgate did suggest was that the running of IC Union Publicity could possibly be improved by making more use of Soc. Reps.

I hope this sets the record straight as to what happened at the last Council Meeting.

Yours sincerely,
Alastair J Seymour,
Elec Eng Dep Rep

Shallow Policy Of Electioneers

Dear Dave,

Once again it is the time of the academic year when potential Union Sabbatical candidates start to corner innocent bystanders and bore them to death with tales of Southside Security and College policy. This is to be expected. What is not to be expected is personal attacks on other students, who, out of goodwill, put a lot of time and effort into the smooth running of the Union.

I refer, of course, to Ian Howgate's attack on Chas Jackson, the Union's publicity officer. Chas spends a lot of time making and distributing the posters you see

around College advertising events in the Union Bar/Lounge and in the Union Building. Despite all his hard work, Chas could not escape the ruthlessly efficient Howgate election campaign. At ICU Council at the end of last term, he blamed the poor turn out to Union events on bad publicity, and, suprise suprise, suggested setting up a committee to look after this side of things. I can see it now—"Vote Howgate for President—the man who sets up committees". Pass the bucket.

It is sad that the dog-eat-dog style of electioneering seems to have permeated down to ICU. Let us hope those who vote in the next sabbatical elections can see through this shallow policy.

Yours in self publicity,
Pete Wilson,
DoC III.

FELIX News Misleading

Dear Dave,

I must strongly object to an article that appeared in FELIX 757 (page 5) on the grounds that it was neither objective nor genuine news. I was present with Mr Howgate at the meeting concerned as a deputy from the AAO, Dave Lowrie, and apart from myself, only one other independent observer was present who was not a FELIX journalist. Therefore, the article must have been written by a member of the Union, hardly objective journalism as the vindictive tone of the article went on to prove. The article was more of a personal opinion, and as such should have appeared in the letters section, and not in the news section, and it should have been signed. For these reasons the article was rendered misleading to the full.

May I explain further. Firstly, the article said that "Mr Howgate objected to Mr Fish's report on the grounds of his absence". This is totally misleading, and deliberately so. Secondly, Mr Howgate did say that he was "upset the paper for Council members were circulated late", but he did not "criticise Union publicity as being responsible for the failing of most events this year, including Guilds Carnival and Rag Carnival". Most people, Mr Howgate included, know that several factors account for the failure of events and so it would be a ridiculous statement to make. The author of the article very cleverly runs the two previous quotes together, attempting to lend a certain absurdity to the former of

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ULU Day Of Action

The University of London Union has called a day of action for Tuesday the 27th of January, as a protest against the proposed 50% cut in funding. ULU President Jane Cannon said that she hoped that there would be University-wide support in various forms, such as work-ins, token occupations, or even a "50% cuts" fancy dress party.

The day of action is to be

discussed at a meeting of the ICU External Affairs Committee on Monday, when a decision will be made on the proposal of an emergency motion for Thursday's UGM. ICU President Christine Taig said that she will consult the College trade unions if the motion is proposed and accepted, though it is not clear what form any action at IC will take.



Welfare Handbook

A centrally produced welfare handbook should be ready for next year's freshers, according to ULU VP Nick Wilkins. The handbook will be produced in association with the NUS, with possible funding from ILEA. Many smaller colleges, and some of those outside London, are unable to produce their own handbooks. A questionnaire is being sent to colleges who produce a handbook to see if they would be willing to fund a centrally produced one.

Ex-ICU Welfare Officer Peter Wilson, who suggested the idea to last year's ULU sabbaticals, said that it is a shame that it takes so long for ULU to act and that he would be glad to see the handbook when it finally arrives.

Print Shop

A new print shop has opened in the ULU building, opposite the National Westminster bank. "Sir Speedy" offer a wide range of printing and finishing services. Of special interest to students are the text composition and binding services.

High speed photocopying is available for 6 pence per A4 copy, with stapling and collating included. This will replace the two coin-operated machines currently in the ULU foyer. A 24 hour turnaround is provided for printing jobs, using equipment at other Sir Speedy sites throughout London. Peter Newsham, ULU Deputy Administrator, said "We see this as a major extension of the services that we can offer our membership."

For information about the full range of services, call in to ULU in Malet Street, and talk to Kathy Parker, the manageress.



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the two. Creative journalism, perhaps! Misleading and totally subjective, yes. The very fact that an article entitled 'Stick of Rock', supposedly reporting on an ICU meeting concerns itself almost entirely with one man (Mr Howgate), who was present for less than half the meeting, proves my point for me.

Perhaps Mr Bob Kinghorn, head of safety in the Geology department should have the last word on the matter. In an article entitled 'Slingshot The Shit' (page 4), Mr Kinghorn retracted what he had said because he did not "trust FELIX to quote him accurately".

Sincerely Yours,
Thomas Daniel Brandon.

Slanderous Material

Dear Dave,

I feel it is outrageous to allow someone deeply involved in a piece of news to write the news article on that event. If Mark Cottle wishes to write slanderous material about me, I suggest he put it as a letter or opinion article with his name at the bottom of it and come out of hiding from behind the skirt of FELIX.

Yours,
Ian Howgate.

Dear FELIX,

Several people have commented to me in emotional terms upon the article in the Christmas FELIX about Ian Howgate's behaviour at IC Council. I feel, in the light of the tirade being planned against me by the Howgate publicity machine, that I must defend myself.

Normally it would be up to the editor to defend the news content of FELIX, but as Mr. Howgate and friends appear to be mounting a personal campaign against me, I feel compelled to stand up for myself.

Firstly, I would like to say that I stand by what I wrote as a representation of what went on; the only bits of the article I am not responsible for are the headline and a couple of small editorial cuts which may change details but do not affect the gist of the item. I do not pretend to understand Ian Howgate, and I cannot say what the real reasons for his actions are. What I did was write what he appeared to say and do. He certainly made a scathing attack on Union publicity which showed little understanding of the problems involved and later, when I challenged him, took back some of his attacks on specific people.

On the matter of Mr. Howgate's objections to reports and minutes, it was very difficult to determine

exactly what his arguments were, as he seemed to have a new one every time he opened his mouth. I would accept that it is bad that all the bits of paper were not circulated in advance, and it is unfortunate that every single member of Council was not present to be quizzed on their activities. But honestly, this is the real world; at least if someone takes the trouble to write about what they have been doing, Council should have the decency to acknowledge it. It seemed to me that Ian was arguing that the meeting should be simpler and more relevant, whilst at the same time arguing that everything should be referred back and creating a lot of pointless wrangling.

If Ian had really wanted to object, he could have asked for a vote; he didn't. My suspicion is that Ian stormed out because he knew that he was not going to get his own way. Furthermore, I believe his actions have all been largely in the cause of promoting Ian Howgate.

I first encountered Ian in Southside last year, when he was in conflict with Carl Burgess, and on this occasion I strongly supported him. The difference between then and now is that last year's Executive were entirely incompetent, while this year's are trying to pick up the pieces. At the very least I would accuse Ian of being over-ambitious and naive in his attempts to become involved in every aspect of the Union. I support Mr. Howgate's gut feelings, but I think the way that he goes about some of his campaigns is incompetent, especially his dealing with committees where he faces opposition.

This, then, is my view of Ian Howgate in order to clear up the position of my bias. As for other people's bias and objectivity, I would suggest that every one of us is biased in his own views. I do not believe that any of us is an objective observer; take heed Howgate lackeys.

I must defend FELIX in the current circumstances. This last term has seen Dave under extreme pressure while setting up the new office, especially as the contractors finished late. FELIX news requires students to write it. These are by definition involved to some extent in what they are reporting. I wrote the Council report at short notice, as someone who was present, and several other Council members backed up the gist of what I wrote when I discussed it with them. Dave Jones took our collective word. The single quote that I used was entirely authentic.

If Ian Howgate and friends wish to find convenient targets for their self-publicity campaigns, they should look elsewhere. For myself, I am entirely disillusioned with student politics and am no longer a Council member. I will thus not have to suffer any more endless committees full of self-publicists. We live in a dreamworld here, and the sooner I leave it, the happier I will be.

Mark Cottle

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Student Services Reshuffle

The Student Services Office in Princes Gardens existed for a relatively short period, and in that time neither of the men who have run the service have been particularly popular. There has always been a conflict of interests between the organisation of College accommodation and the welfare service. As Student Services Officer Michael Arthur, now College Assistant Secretary, put a lot of work into the accommodation side, but was heavily criticised for being offhand to students when they used the office. Don Ferguson did not approach his job as diligently, and there has been a lack of harmony between Student Services staff for some months. It is a sensible move to pass the responsibility for invoicing and collecting rents to the Finance Section, but as yet the welfare service is without a permanent home. I would suggest that the welfare section be transferred to the Health Centre, and perhaps amalgamated with the Student Counsellor's office. I wish Lesley Gillingham the best of luck with her new job, but she may struggle to keep up her work on welfare; the situation needs to be resolved swiftly. College administration did not take the opportunity to re-structure Student Services when Don Ferguson took over; this time there must be a little more foresight.

are still a few production difficulties but, with luck, they should be resolved within the next two weeks once the new typesetter is fully installed.

There will be meeting in the FELIX office today at 12.30pm for anyone who would like to join the FELIX staff this term; I appreciate that many students will already be involved with other clubs and societies, but there is no need to make a heavy commitment. I will be making particular efforts to ensure that the production runs to schedule this term, and so we should be collating at a civilised hour. If anyone is not doing anything next Thursday at 9.00pm, you know where to go.

Credits

More deeds of heroism from several people this week because the Print Unit was without a typesetter operator. Many thanks to Chris Martin for setting most of this issue, and to Chris Edwards, Pippa Salmon and Nigel Whitfield for yet more late nights. Also to Jane Spiegel, Aaron Kotcheff, Pete Higgs, Gail Turner, Kamala Sen, Liz Holford, Judith Hackney, Sarah Kirk, Chas Jackson, Pete Wilson, Mark Cottle, David Williams, Ian Thomas, Hugh Southey, Dave Colley, Jackie Peirce, Christine Taig and a convalescing Steve Shackell.

David Jones

Hold The Front Page

As I promised to try and expand the content of FELIX in the last issue before Christmas, it is a little disappointing to start the spring term with such a light issue. There

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Anyone and everyone who wants to write / draw / take photographs / layout pages / do none of these, come to the **FELIX MEETING** Today at 12.30pm in the FELIX Office. We will be discussing plans for the coming term and possibly making coffee. (If you can't come today, any day will do, or ring David Jones on internal 3515)

Gutterpress

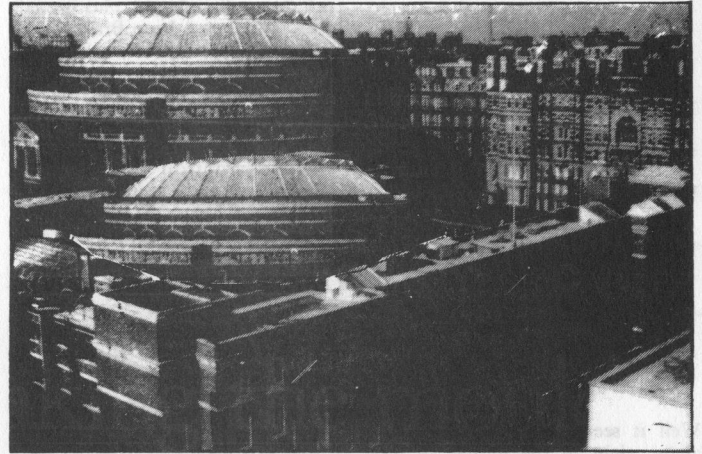
Alan "Ludovic Kennedy" Rose is regretting his choosiness at who his neighbours are. After being informed that Adrian "Jelly" Johnson was to be moving into the room directly above his in Old Beit, Alan was concerned enough to ask accommodation supremo Lesley Gillingham to have Jelly put into another room, preferably in a completely different Hall. It's not that they don't get on, just that Ludovic fears Jelly may develop some strange nocturnal habits in addition to his legendary snoring, such as stomping loudly on the floor and playing *The Residents* at three in the morning. However, Lesley could only find one other spare room, which unfortunately for Ludovic was the one next door.

Sherfield simpleton Michael Arthur is never afraid of being in the firing line. At College Secretary John Smith's Twelfth Night party earlier this week, Michael was observed in intense discussion with ICU Hon Sec "Gutman" Colley about plans for the development of

the Union building. Gutman, whose father used to work in a garage, was holding forth on his recently hatched "Beit astrodome" scheme; an architectural project dreamt up in a session of the all-powerful Union Building Working party. The first draft of plans from the Dave Colley Development Corporation includes an inner ring of perspex screens inside the quad, enclosing 1 volleyball court, 2 badminton courts and one indoor football pitch. The quad would be completely covered.

Michael was very enthusiastic about the feasibility of such a scheme. "I can see no objection to that idea" he replied, and went on to "stake his reputation on it." Michael is also very keen to see his beloved Queens Tower put to better use, and was happy with Gutman's suggestion that IC Caving club be allowed to use the interior of the Tower to practice descending into a deep shaft.

Nothing personal, Michael, but...



Artist's impression of the Beit Hall redevelopment.

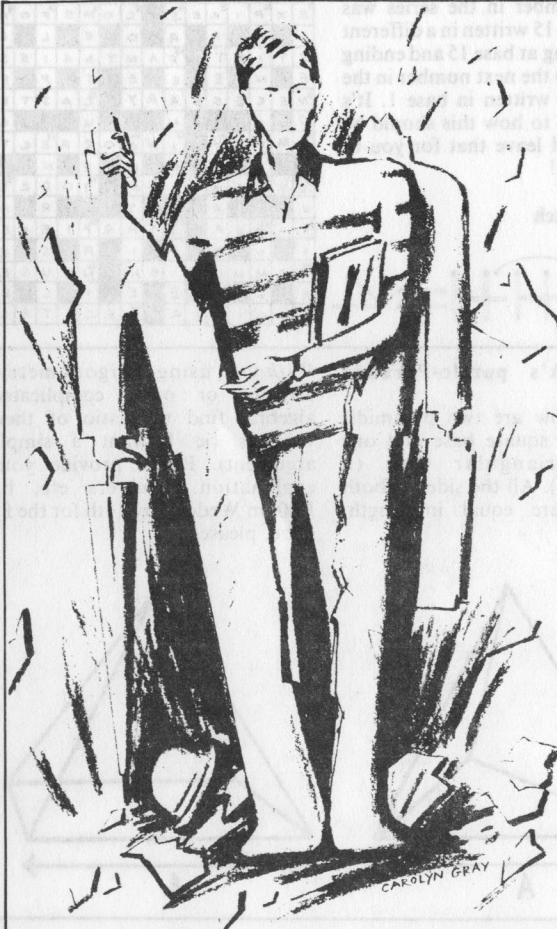


Ludovic pleads his case with Student Accommodation.

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All the Presidents Men? or Christine's bit for FELIX

Well it seems that term's started again, right in the middle of the post-festive recovery period. What with that and the Access bill, this isn't exactly my favourite time of the year...I hope you had a good holiday too. Roll on spring...

Meanwhile, there's plenty going on. The Union is running two major campaigns at the moment, one on security consciousness, the other on health matters. Please cooperate in these campaigns where possible, it's the only way anything good will come of them. Any comments/criticisms about the way they've been organised will be welcome.

On the social front, there will be free live music and disco's every Saturday evening for the next few weeks, all in the Union Lounge bar. Tomorrow we're celebrating the bar 'birthday', with Stagefright and a

rock disco till midnight, plus special offers and guest beer Brakspear's special at 84p.

The Accommodation Office

The reorganisation of the Student Services Office—now the "Accommodation Office"—is, hopefully, the first step in a major revision of the College welfare services, for which the Union has been pressing for months. I wish Lesley Gillingham the best of luck in her new role—and hope that College will continue to develop a service which is both efficient and 'user-friendly'.

UGM

The first UGM of term is next Thursday at 1.00pm in the Great Hall. Amongst other things, there'll be some discussion about the future of the Junior Common Room; and an election for External Affairs Officer. Emergency motions for the UGM should be submitted to the Union Office by Tuesday.

You don't have to be crazy, but...

Now is the time of year when students' thoughts turn to happy things like full-time employment... others start thinking about becoming Union Sabbaticals. If you fall into the latter category, my only advice is to talk to the present holder of the post—even if you think we're doing a rotten job, we might be able to tell you something useful.

Christine

Dave Writes

The Hon Sec's article is once again going to be on the whole boring to most, but to a few, very interesting indeed.

Insurance

Would the following like to come and see me:

C Keener, R Molloy, J Rhodes, C Langford, GW Hall, N Curry, C Hajek, T Koshinen, T Meliar-Smith, L McCauley, N McDonald, G Scott, T Shaw, J Thalanes, J Van der Broek, C Wye.

This doesn't mean all rush to me, but try and make it quite quickly to see me so as I can get things moving, or resolve problems.

Elections

Due to the resignation of the previous holder of the post, there is now a vacancy for a Union External Affairs Officer. This job is concerned with keeping Imperial College Students aware of events in the big wide world outside, and ensuring that students play their role

in producing a better town, country or world. This job would range from the proposed cuts of 50% in the University of London Union to, say, the occupation of Afganistan.

The papers have been up since Monday night in the main entrance to the Union building. More information on this job can be obtained from the sabbaticals. This post is for the rest of this academic year.

The time is almost upon us for the Annual Election of next year's Union officers:

Time Table

President, Deputy President, Hon Secretary, FELIX Editor (Sabbaticals): Papers go up on Wednesday February 11th (6.00pm) and come down on Thursday February 26th (9.00am). Candidates need 1 proposer and 20 seconders.

Academic Affairs Officer, External Affairs Officer, Welfare Officer, Ents Officer, Internal Services Officer, Womens Officer, Rag Chairman, UGM Chairman, ICCAG Chairman: Papers go up on Wednesday February 28th (6.00pm) and come down on Tuesday March 10th (9.00am). Candidates need 1 proposer and 10 seconders.

There are also the Departmental Representatives to Council to be elected for next year. If anybody wants more information about these posts come and see me, or ask any Union officer.

Dave Colley,
Returning Officer.

MEGABRAIN

Answers

Apologies to those of you who tried the crossword only to find there was a clue missing. Not only that, but one of the clues given was wrong—it just seems I'm cursed when it comes to crossnumbers! The incorrect clue and the missing clue were both in the *Other clues* section:

(5,14,23) Sum of digits is same as sum of digits of (10,11,12).

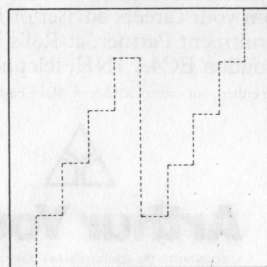
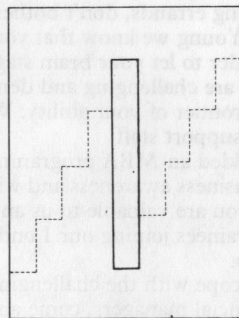
(4,14,24) Two digits the same.

If you made it this far, it shouldn't be too difficult to finish the problem, so I'll extend the deadline to next Wednesday, the 14th, 1.00pm as usual. Don't forget the £5 prize is still up for grabs.

The crossword prize goes to Ken Holroyd, Mech Eng 3. Well done. Please collect your £5 after 1.00pm Monday. Congratulations also to Simon Hall and Robert Shiels who entered correct solutions but didn't win the prize.

Carpet Caper

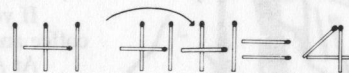
The diagrams show the cut, and how the carpets fit together. This is the only solution I know of, if any of you found another please let me know!



Next Number

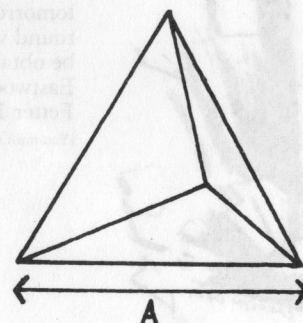
Each number in the series was the number 15 written in a different base, starting at base 15 and ending at base 2, so the next number in the series is 15 written in base 1. It's arguable as to how this should be done, so I'll leave that for you to think about!

The big match



This week's puzzle—Pyramid problems

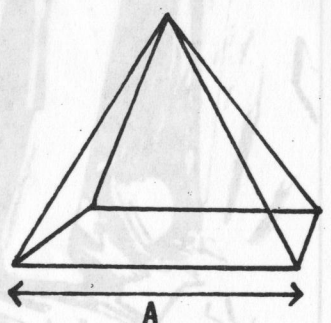
Shown below are two pyramids, one with a square base and one with a triangular base (a tetrahedron). All the sides of both pyramids are equal in length.



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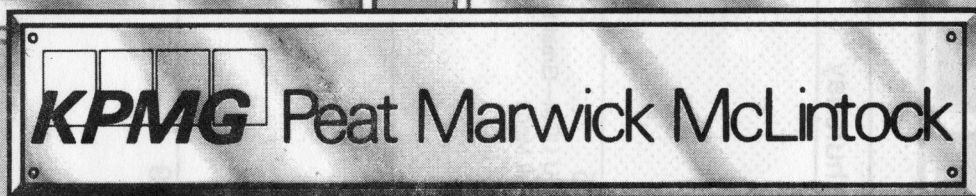
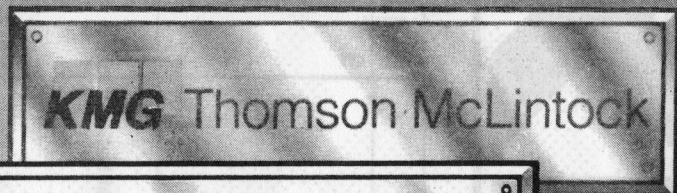
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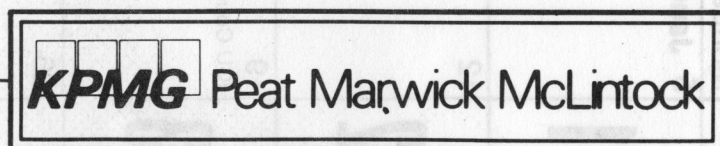


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Spring Term '87

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
1	5 January	6	7	8	9	10 Dave Jones' Birthday	11
2	12	13	14	15 ICU UGM—Great Hall Full Moon	16	17	18
3	19 ICU Council	20	21	22	23	24	25
4	26	27	28	29	30 Rag Tour	31	1 February
5	2	3	4	5	6 Guilds D&D RCS Annual Dinner	7	8
6	9	10 ICU UGM—Great Hall	11 Sabbatical election papers go up	12	13 Full Moon	14 RSMU Cambourne weekend St Valentines Day	15
7	16 ICU Council	17	18	19	20	21	22
8	23	24 C&G Field Cup	25 Papers Up (officers)	26 Sabbatical election papers down RCS Elections—Hustings RCS UGM	27	28	1 March St David's Day
9	2	3 Pancake Day RCS UGM	4	5 ICU Hustings UGM—Great Hall	6 FELIX—Election manifestos issue	7	8
10	9 ICU Council ICU sabbatical elections Voting, all departments	10 ICU sabbatical elections: Voting, all departments C&G Election Papers Down (officers)	11 FELIX—Election results issue	12 ICU Results UGM—Great Hall	13	14	15 Full Moon
11	16	17 St. Patricks Day	18	19	20 End of term John Smith's Birthday	21 RCS trip to Amsterdam	22

Opening Times....

Lyon Playfair Library

Term Time
Monday to Friday 9.30am to 9.00pm
Saturday 9.30am to 5.30pm

Vacations
Monday to Friday 9.30am to 5.30pm
Saturday Closed

Union Snack Bar

Monday to Friday 10.00pm to 3.00pm
6.00pm to 9.00pm

Union Bar

Lunchtimes 12.00pm to 2.00pm
Mon, Tues, Thurs & Sat 6.00pm to 11.00pm
Wed & Fri 5.30pm to 11.00pm
Sun 7.00pm to 10.30pm

Sainsbury's

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Thursday & Friday 9.00am to 10.00pm
Saturday 8.30pm to 8.00pm

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Monday 12.00pm to 6.00pm
Tuesday & Wednesday 9.00am to 6.00pm
Thursday & Friday 9.00am to 8.00pm
Saturday 8.30pm to 4.30pm

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The Scorsese Album

The National Film Theatre has compiled a season of films detailing the career of one of America's foremost directors, Martin Scorsese. It runs all through January and includes thirty-one films, the eleven that he has directed, many others that he has worked on and some that Scorsese requested to have included as, although he was not involved in their making, they had a great influence on him. The variety of subjects on show is huge, from musicals to documentaries, hard biting comedy, biography and westerns.

Scorsese is an American of Italian descent who grew up in the violence of the New York ghettos. One of his earliest successes, *Mean Streets*, was largely based on his boyhood and traces the lives of Hoodlums desperate to climb up the ladder of crime to Godfather status. It was a small-budget, independently made film, in a realistic style that truly broke new ground for American cinema in 1973. Scorsese was lucky to find an actor with whom he could collaborate successfully at this early stage, Robert de Niro. De Niro is the ultimate method actor, he does not imitate the character he is portraying but *becomes* him, not only on the film set but in everyday life. Their next film together, *Taxi Driver*, is the story of a psychopathic killer, obsessed with a young girl, who believes that it is his mission to clean up the streets of New York. The film has been criticised for its excessive violence, but it has now reached cult status, and is certainly a

remarkable attempt to look into the mind of a mad-man who sees himself as being above society.

New York, New York was a complete change for both director and actor. It is a pastiche of the great 40's musicals where De Niro is a stubborn, self-centred musician who marries singer Liza Minnelli. He is unable to understand that his wife wants to make decisions about her own life and so walks out of their stormy relationship. He then cannot come to terms with why his ex-wife becomes a star but in amongst the rows and hurt there are some brilliant jazz numbers and Minelli singing the original version of "New York, New York", which was written for her anyway, and when you hear it you can understand why!

Raging Bull was made three years later. It is biography of ex-world boxing champion Jake La Motta. De Niro trained for months so that he could do the fight sequences, by the end he was reckoned to be one of the best Middleweights in America and could easily have gone professional. However, he then put on 56lbs to play the boxer as he degenerated after losing his title. It is more about the boxer as a person than the sport, and was shot in black and white to add to the intensity. It was deservedly heaped with awards.

King of Comedy is, again, about the degeneration of a man as he tries to find success. De Niro plays a terrible stand-up comedian and Jerry Lewis (who really is a comedian) is a hard-nosed chat-show host. In a desperate attempt to

"New York, New York", "The Colour of Money", "Raging Bull"



get on his show, the comedian kidnaps the host and although the result is extremely funny, at the end the audience is left with a sense of tragedy rather than comedy. When released it became Scorsese's only commercial and critical flop but it is now being recognised as a brilliant example of how laughter is so often used to hide loneliness and pain.

In the early 70's there were a number of films made of rock festivals and tours and Scorsese was involved in some of the best. *Woodstock* is a recording of the festival in summer 1969, and includes footage of many of the greats of the 60's; Hendrix, Joplin, The Who, etc. *Woodstock* was the climax of the dreams of a decade where as in contrast *Medicine Ball Caravan*, made only two years later and conceived as a sequel to *Woodstock*, saw it all falling apart, but there is some great music nonetheless. *Elvis on Tour* was made at the same time as *Medicine Ball Caravan* but it shows Presley at his peak, on the road before his rapid decline. The latest film in the whole season is the recently released *Round Midnight*, set in the wonderfully seedy Paris jazz club of the 1950's. Scorsese actually acts in this, but the plot is unimportant; the gorgeously mellow jazz stands by itself.

Scorsese's latest two films as director are on show as well. *After Hours* is a hilarious yet chilling black comedy, in which a man survives a living nightmare, marooned, alone and penniless one night in Manhattan, with most of the very weird population trying to kill him! *The Colour of Money* stars Paul Newman and is a sequel to *The Hustler*, made 25 years ago. It has yet to be released in this country but when it does it is likely to be a huge hit.

Scorsese has frequently been accused of relying too much on his background of underground life in New York, and of the guilt that seems to result from the staunchly Catholic upbringings. His off-hand treatment of women in his films has also been attacked. However, with experience and maturity this has changed, and anyway it seems natural that, in order to obtain the sort of realism that Scorsese seeks, he should work from his own past experience. What is undeniable is that Scorsese's films work on every level—they provide good entertainment as they always have excellent scripts, storylines and scenery, but at the same time are original and highly intelligent. He always works on low budget and does not rely greatly on commercial success or failure, and consequently makes the films he wants to make.

He is a unique director and **The Scorsese Album** is going to be one of the major film events of 1987. If you have never seen a Scorsese film before then now is the time to, and if you can, go and see all the rest!

Liz Holford



"Round Midnight".

Balloon Club



On the first weekend in January the annual 'ICICLE Hot-Air Balloon Meet' is held near Newbury. Being one of the largest of such meetings in Britain (over one hundred balloons), it is often attended by the College Balloon Club. This year being no exception, ten of us met in drizzly London on Friday, loaded up the balloon and set off in the van, keeping our fingers crossed that the weather would improve over the weekend. Sleeping arrangements were simple; we crashed out at Tony's (a local pilot and good friend of the club).

Saturday morning and we were greeted by perfect weather—sunshine, blue sky and little wind. We arrived at the take-off field to find that the spectators had arrived early, creating quite a traffic jam—this was quickly avoided by taking a one-way the wrong way! By 9 o'clock about twenty balloons, including ours, were inflated and ready to go. Richard and Markus (trainee pilot) flew first with Mike (pilot), the rest of us chasing the balloon in the van (the infamous retrieve). After a safe landing, we went to have breakfast at lunch-time (not uncommon to balloonists) and by 2 o'clock we were ready for another flight. This time, Wayne and Jan (me!) flew, with Mike piloting again. To fly at 3,000 feet and watch the world just float by is an experience difficult to describe—exhilarating is to put it mildly.

Minor mishaps included — Mike's bobble hat, Eddie's brain (lack of), Markus's long arms, Wayne asking directions and Claire finding somebody in the bath. Apart from these, the weekend was a great success and seeing over one hundred balloons take-off together was an absolutely breathtaking sight.

To see photos from this trip, or to find out more about ballooning, come along to one of our regular Thursday meetings (Southside at 1.00pm)—all welcome!

Science Fiction

In our continuing efforts to bring you science-fictional edification and delectation from all possible sources, and our ongoing quest to render our articles increasingly obscure and erudite (*eh?-Ed*), I bring you glad tidings from the hallowed halls of ICSF. To celebrate the start of a new year and in some way signify our headlong rush to the millennium, we shall present two auspicious events in the forthcoming week.

Firstly, on Friday January 9th in the Union Building from 7.30 (check posters for details) we shall be showing the complete Hitch-Hikers Guide to the Galaxy television series, and then on Tuesday 13th January at 7.30pm in ME220, we shall show the celebrated *Videodrome* to the unsuspecting audience. Directed by Dave Cronenberg, whose latest film, *The Flag*, has received enormous praise from SF and mainstream critics alike. *Videodrome* stars Debbie Harry and shows what a world dominated by cable TV corporations might be like. Again check posters for details. See you there.

Malaclupe the Middle Aged
(ie Dave Clements)

Mines Ball

A lot of people helped make the 1986 Mines Ball a memorable event. In particular I would like to thank:— Bridgett Benfield, Kim Pickering, Amanda Stephenson, Julian Owen, Suresh Thalange, John Riding, Ewen Sim, Peter Darling, Matthew Genge, William Lock, John Chipsham, Rob Gochin and Paul Till.

I would like to pay special thanks to:— Peter Bak, Ian Howgate, Rob Perry, Martin Douglas, Shamir Salahudin, Trevor Allen and Rob Northey and his staff for a first rate job.

Last, but not least, I would like to thank everyone who attended and helped make the evening a great success.

George Lock,
RSM Ents Officer.

Trip To Paris

30 students from Imperial College are to visit Paris as guests of students at the *Ecole Supérieure de Physique et Chimie Industrielles de la Ville de Paris* on the weekend of January 29th—February 1st. In return, 30 French students will visit London on the weekend of 20-23 March.

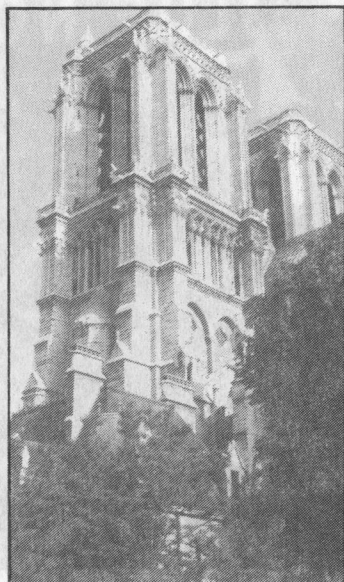
This exchange will involve visiting the French college and a French company, lots of socialising, culture and sport. It is an excellent opportunity to get to know how French students live, and to try to get addresses of where you can stay in France.

The cost of the travel is about £35, the accommodation will be free

(French students' flats) and entertainments will be extra. The Old Centralians have given us £300 towards the trip, other donations may follow.

The students who go to Paris will provide accommodation and help to entertain the French students when they visit London.

If you are interested in a cheap weekend in Paris to unwind in the middle of this term, then this is for you. Contact Richard Murray, Chem Eng letter racks by January 13th.



what's on

TUESDAY

Beginners Rock 'n' Roll 5.45pm.
JCR. Dance Club. Cost: 70p.

Wine Tasting 6.00pm.
Union SCR. A tasting of quality wines from a local supermarket — a real bargain. £1.50.

Judo 6.30pm.
Union Gym. Beginners welcome.

Dance Club Intermediate Ballroom 7.00pm.
JCR. Cost: 70p.

Videodrome 7.30pm
ME 220. SFSoc shows Dave Crowenburg's masterpiece of Video gone mad. Stars Debbie Harry. 50p members, £1.50 non-members.

Dance Club Improvers Ballroom 8.00pm.
JCR. Cost: 70p.

WEDNESDAY

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

Rock 'n' Roll Routines . 3.00pm.
UDH. Dancing Club. Cost: 70p.

Tap Dancing 5.00pm.
Lounge. Dance Club. Cost: £1.00

FRIDAY

Fencing Club 6.00pm.
Union Gym. Beginners and experienced fencers welcome.

Hitch-Hikers Guide Video 7.30pm.
The complete Hitch-Hikers Guide to the Galaxy TV Series - See posters for details.

SATURDAY

Stagefright Appearing Live 7.00pm.
Union Lounge. Celebrate the Union Bar's birthday with Stagefright, plus Disco.

MONDAY

ICCAG Meeting 12.35pm.
ICCAG Office.

Weilsoc Speaker Meeting 7.30pm.
Talk on Holistic Medicine. Membership £1.50 on the door.

Dance Club Beginners Ballroom 7.00pm.
JCR. Cost: 70p.

Dance Club Medals Class 8.00pm.
JCR. Cost: 70p.

THURSDAY

Fencing Club 12.30pm.
Union Gym. Professional coaching for beginners and experienced fencers.

IC Union General Meeting 1.00pm.
Great Hall. Take part in the running of your union.

ICSF Library Meeting ... 1.00pm.
Green Committee Room. Access to our vast library, organisation of future events and news from all over the SF world. Members only.

Judo 6.30pm.
Union Gym. Beginners welcome.

Film Show 7.30pm.
Physics LT1. See posters for details.

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ACCOMMODATION

●**Shared Rooms Available** in Halls, Houses and Head Tenancies. Contact Student Services for details.

●**West Ken.** 1 male and 1 female (UG or PG) to share large rooms. 3 minutes walk to Barons Court or West Ken. tube stations and 20 minutes walk to College. £35pw (less £12 housing benefit:

£23pw) plus deposit. Ring 603 9807.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

●**Stagefright:** Colleges best and loudest band, playing live in the Union Lounge, Saturday 10th January. Come on down, all you groupies.

●**The Rhyth Method** — Dixieland trad. jazz band are looking for gigs — anything considered. For terms and info. contact Don Monro, int 5044.

●**To James and Boris** — we have your letter from Jo and Sandra of Belgium, please collect it from the Student Services Office.

●**Tuesday 6.00pm** Union SCR, taste supermarket wines of the highest quality with the wine tasting society, only £1.50.

PERSONAL

●**Noise** for half your forth day, Einsturzende Neubaten, Jamc, Head de David, &c. Sat. 6-8pm. IC Radio.

●**Do you** go cross-eyed when you look at the packed shelves in the wine department of your local supermarket? Well so do we! Come along and unravel the mystery with us. Tuesday 6.00pm, Union SCR, only £1.50.

●**Fiona** good luck in your exams ... but don't forget the posters.

●**Happy Birthday Dave** from all the FELIX boys and girls. xxx

Students who have lived in Halls and Houses can now reapply for the 1987/88 session. Application forms are available from the Student Accommodation Office (ex Student Services Office)

Closing date for forms; Friday January 30th at 4pm.

IC UGM

Great Hall, 1pm. Discussion of the College's plans for the JCR. Free Beer.

Thursday January 15th

Union Cards will be given out ONLY between the hours of 2.00pm and 4.00pm on Tuesdays.

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Lots of Love, Kathy and Dave

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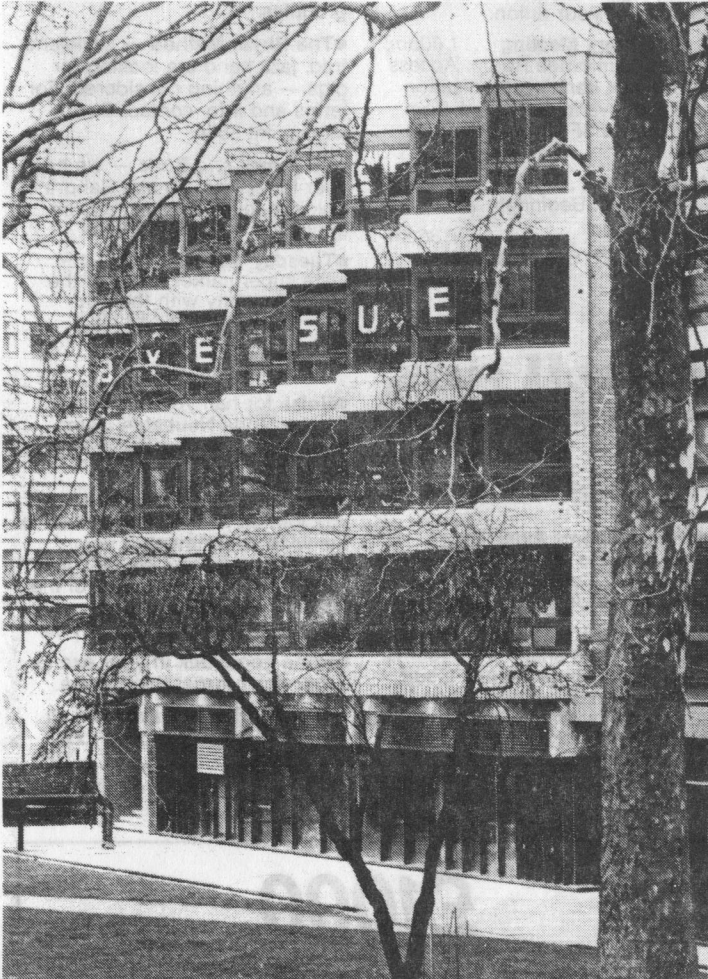
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Linstead Thefts



There were several burglaries in Linstead Hall on Saturday 13th December 1986. As with the previous thefts from Linstead Hall, it was mainly photographic and music equipment that was taken. There were no signs of forcible entry and the rooms had been locked at the time. The items were stolen between 4pm and 9pm when many students were moving out of Hall for the Christmas vacation. The

burglars took two empty suitcases, a camera, a walkman and hi-fi equipment valued at £1,100.

It is thought that the same master key was used to gain entry as in previous burglaries from Linstead Hall. This master key went missing over a year ago during the Summer period. College Security is in the process of ordering new locks for the Hall.

SCC Video

A new television and video machine have been purchased by the Social Clubs Committee and were delivered to the Union Office earlier this week. The machine will be available for clubs use as soon as the sabbaticals have finished their quality control checks.

Fellow Smith

John Smith, the College Secretary, has been made a Fellow of University College, London. The inauguration will take place at the Annual Fellows Dinner in May.

Mr. Smith was a student at the college, graduating in 1949.

Increased Funding In Polytechnics



Education Secretary Kenneth Baker announced the allocations to polytechnics and local authority colleges for 1987-88 in the House of Commons on 19 December 1986. The amount has been increased by nearly 8.5% over 1986-87, to £716.5m. This means that there will be 3000 more places at polytechnics and colleges for the coming academic year. The National Advisory Body for Public Sector Higher Education (NAB) recommended the closure of town and country planning undergraduate colleges from 1987-88. However, Mr. Baker has provisionally decided that the courses at Leeds and Coventry Polytechnics, and Essex Institute of Higher Education, should close from 1988-89. He has also increased the number of places for fine arts at

certain institutes, to moderate the overall reduction of fine arts numbers recommended by the NAB.

The capital allocations to the local authorities in England for 1987-88 are to be £297 million. Overall, there is an estimated £2.8 billion in receipts available to authorities in 1987-88. At the same time, the Government has made £200 million available for a new scheme for the in-service training of teachers and others employed in the education sector.

'New' Warden

A new warden has been appointed for Falmouth/Keogh Hall in Southside. Professor New, head of the Laser Optics Group in the Physics department, was given the job towards the end of last term, and is expected to move in during the next few weeks.

He told FELIX that he saw his role as a senior member of the College within the Hall; to act as somebody residents could talk to if they had problems, to become involved in the social life, and to generally improve the quality of life for the residents, something, he added, that was needed in any Hall.

