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Union gains control of £3m nest egg

Harlington uncovered

Imperial College Union is set to gain control of the profits from the gravel extraction at Harlington sports ground—a move which will net the Union an estimated £3m. The money will be held by an independent trust which will invest the money on the Union's behalf, yielding a possible return of £400,000 per annum. The proceeds will be used to finance a new sports complex at South Kensington.

The decision was taken at a meeting of the College Finance and Executive Committee on September 15th, when the Union presented historical evidence demonstrating that the profits from Harlington belong to the Union not the College. Until recently the College investments Committee had been holding the money in a bank account, the interest from which had been siphoned off to ease the College's cash flow problems.

After three months of Union research it was revealed that the proceeds from the gravel should have been invested by the Investments Committee for "the improvement of student facilities in South Kensington". It also became apparent that the income should have been controlled by the College Athletics Committee on which the Union has majority representation, and not the College's Finance and Executive Committee.

These findings were accepted by the Finance and Executive meeting in September and the ICU President is currently negotiating with College Secretary John Smith to decide how the money should best be invested. Because of the Union's charitable status, half of the money can be placed in low risk speculative investments, whilst the remainder must be spent on steady growth investments such as unit trust share holdings.



A panoramic view of Ian Bull

A body of former students and members of the Governing Body will be placed in charge of the trust to invest the funds on behalf of the Union. The Union hope that the trust will be chaired by former ICU President Ian Bull, now an engineering project manager, who has already expressed a strong interest in the proposal. Under the terms of the trust, the Union will be able to spend the returns from the investments, and will also withdraw lump sums for the

Robbed!

The penthouse flat of the Tizard and Selkirk warden was broken onto last Sunday. This was the first of three burglaries in Southside so far this term. Two handbags containing credit cards were stolen from Dr Hutchinson's flat, which was entered by the window.

About £60 was also taken from Falmouth Keogh Assistant Subwarden Al Birch's room later in the week. Mr Birch had complained in January about a broken window catch, but no action had been taken. When asked about the incident, Mr Birch commented "I hope it will provide the impetus to improve security in Southside". His window is now screwed shut.

A lock had recently been fitted in the inner entrance doors of the building, but it was found to be disabled each night before the burglaries. Security guards denied turning off the lock.

purchases such as the sports hall, with the proviso the cash is later repaid back into the trust.

In an interview with FELIX yesterday President Ian Howgate praised John Smith for his cooperation in the affair. He explained that he had been unwilling to tell FELIX details of the proceedings without the go-ahead from Mr Smith as he felt this would prejudice the negotiations.



editorial

Due to production problems I have found myself in the Imperial College Union General Meeting having to write an editorial. The meeting is about to start and there are 112 people. For those of you who don't know, the quorum of our UGMs is 300. I find the lack of interest in the Union pathetic. Each year I have watched the attendance diminish. Eons ago, when I was a mere first year, the first UGM I attended was well publicised and quorate. If you are a first year and didn't attend I would be interested to receive a letter on why you had something better to do. Did you know there was a UGM yesterday? Why aren't you interested in your Union?

Flanning

In this edition we have an opinion article from Nigel Baker, Rag Chairman and a letter from Dave Tyler, C&GU President, about the Hitsquad flanning at the Freshers' Reception on Monday. Nobody, however, seems to have mentioned the damage done to ICU due to the violent behaviour of the Deputy President and Honorary Secretary. This violence was inexcusable and unnecessary. No wonder Freshers don't want to attend the General Meetings.

Censorship

A motion was brought to the Imperial

College UGM yesterday which aimed to give Editorial freedom to the Handbook Editor. After a quarter of an hours re-hashing an amended version was presented which was eventually referred back to the next UGM. As the present policy stands, an 'external' publication must be censored by the sabbaticals, publications board chairman and its editor and 'external' publication is defined not in terms of its intended readership, but where it is printed! This is plainly stupid. Clearly the present policy needs to be changed—if only to redefine an external publication.

Entertainments

I'd just like to take advantage of this space to congratulate John Noble, ICU Entertainments Chairman, on the great events he's organised this week and for the coming term. Despite Mr Howgate's comments last week, I think John's done an excellent job and the bands he booked are much more exciting live than any maga-band.

Michael Arthur

Mr Arthur would like me to make it clear that he did not forget to add VAT on to summer letting bills and that certain Summer Accommodation people must have read his figures

wrongly in order to come to that conclusion.

FELIX

I believe that the last issue was well-received but I can never be sure as I seem to receive very little feed-back. I welcome *constructive* criticism from *all* FELIX readers, not only those mentioned in these pages. I'm very flexible. If you don't like a particular feature or want to see something new; again, please tell me. The main point given about the last issue was that most of you thought it was too big! I can only say that there is no pleasing some people.

Sport

When I stood for the post of FELIX Editor, one of my main aims was to revive the FELIX sports page. I now have two Sports Editors and photographers keen to take sporting pictures. All I need now is the cooperation of all the sports clubs and submitted results every Wednesday night. I cannot provide a proper sports service otherwise.

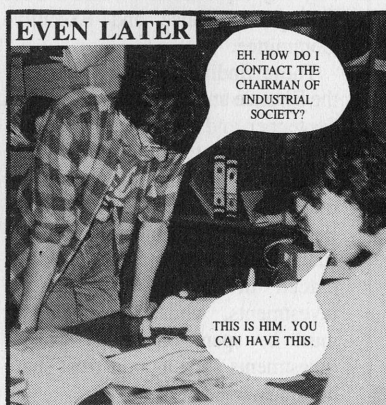
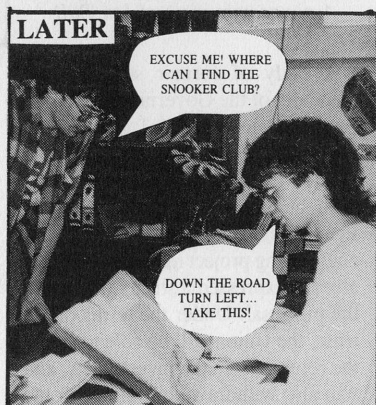
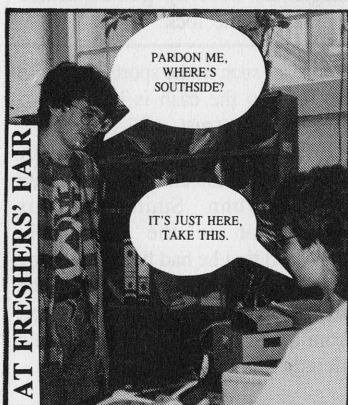
FELIX STAFF MEETING

There will be a meeting today for all FELIX staff or those interested in joining our team at 1.00pm in the FELIX Office, Beit Quadrangle. Everybody is welcome to attend. Free coffee on offer to the first twenty lucky recipients

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THE WESTENDERS

Episode One The Jerk



Don't ask

Due to printing problems, the new ULU Welfare Handbook was not distributed at the Rector's Reception this year. The Handbook was ordered by Imperial College Union to replace a booklet entitled *But were afraid to ask* which has been issued to Freshers in previous years.

ICU Welfare Officer Pippa Salmon admitted that the ULU Welfare Handbook did not cover material to as greater depth as *But were afraid to ask*, but added that it did cover more ground including a section on accommodation written by ex-IC Welfare Councillor Lesley Gillingham.

Film fracas

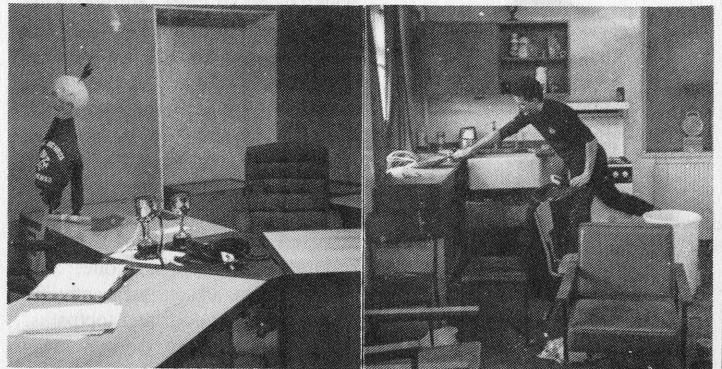
THE newly formed Film Society has come into conflict with IC Science Fiction Society over plans to show Science Fiction films.

STOIC to return to airwaves

STOIC, Imperial College's student television service has begun broadcasting regularly this term after an absence of nine months.

Since STOIC transferred from the College's TV studio to the Union Building last year, the Club has been building up its own suite of broadcasting equipment. The equipment, installed over the summer includes a £6,000 digital effects machine and a vision mixer which enables operations such as colour changing, freeze framing and picture folding to be performed. A teletext service has also been introduced offering free advertising for clubs and societies between 9.30am and 5pm each day. STOIC can be received in the Union Snack Bar, Southside TV Lounge and in Halls of Residence.

Parsons charms IBM



Major industrial sponsors, including computer giant IBM, have funded the refurbishment of a new office for the Royal School of Mines Union. RSMU President, Geoff Parsons, approached several companies and won financial support for refitting the ground floor coffee room to make a new office. In addition, RSMU Officers are hoping that IBM will provide a personal computer for their Union Office.

The new office has been decorated and furnished to a very high standard and is already in use. The old rooms are also being refurbished to provide a leisure area for students. RSMU is intending to hire a pool table for student recreation, and it is hoped that one of the industrial sponsors will donate a television.

In return for their support, IBM will be invited to the RSM to give a series of lectures, and the company will be taking an advertisement in the RSM Journal. Representatives from IBM, and other patrons of RSMU, will be attending the annual Mines Ball.

A spokesman for RSMU said that the Union was planning to raise more money from the Mines Ball to help maintain the new facilities and for Foreign Students Week.

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C&G Willie Lock shock

City and Guilds Union have booked Willy Rushton to speak at the Mechanical Engineering Freshers' Buffet on Tuesday night. Mr Rushton, who has a relative on the Board of Governors will present an after dinner talk on the role of comedy in engineering.

Come on down

No one has yet claimed the prize in the *Spanner* draw, which took place at the Guilds UGM on Monday. The winning numbers are as follows: 364, 900, 352, 007, 032 and 781.

The first person to contact Dave Tyler, bearing a copy of *Spanner* containing one of these numbers, will win £10 worth of drinks in the Union Bar. Bill Goodwin, *Spanner* 1987 Editor, commented yesterday: "The important thing at the moment is for someone to come and claim the prize. Otherwise I'm afraid I'll have to spend the money myself."

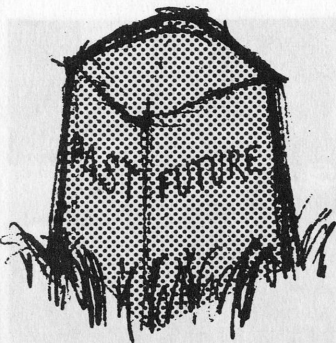
Many Imperial students risk having their cycles stolen because they are using the wrong sort of lock.

College Security Chief Mr Geoffrey Reeves told FÉLIX, "If you use a chain or a cable it will be cut. You must use a solid steel U-bend type lock to secure your cycle to something solid, preferably the 'toast racks'. No one using this type of lock has ever had a cycle stolen from College."

College Security (Sherfield Room 150) sells these locks for £16.25. Mr Reeves also advises students to have their postcodes stamped on their cycles. The Metropolitan Police will be visiting the College Security Office this morning and later in the term to do this for free.

It is also essential to remove accessories such as lights and pump when you leave your cycle. If you have quick release hubs then you should remove the front wheel and lock it to the back wheel and frame. If you have any questions about protecting your cycle then the College Security Office will be pleased to advise you.

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Milestones

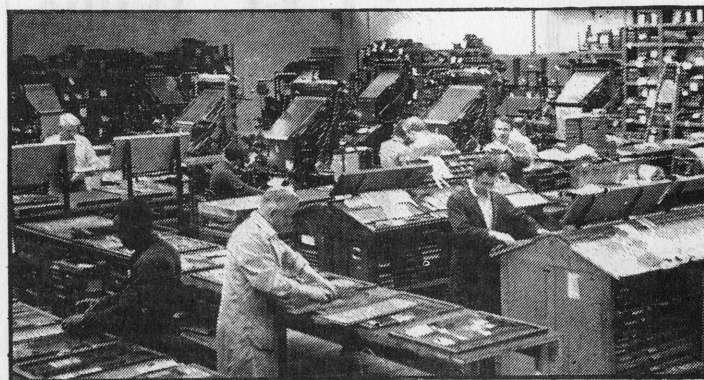
This week in past years, FELIX has been filled with the same old stories about Fresher's Week (or whatever the equivalent at the time was) and assorted introductions to College. Mixed in with these: stories of new buildings (the "new main entrance to City and Guilds", 1964), shoddy workmanship (the Union gymnasium), and lack of accommodation. Speaking of accommodation, how do you like this little gem, regarding the acquisition of the leases of eight flats in Hamlet Gardens in 1971: "The flats are in excellent condition and are generally better than those that students would normally find." See last week's FELIX for developments since then...

The edition in which this is reported, was incidentally, the first one to be issued free. Before this, the fortnightly copy of FELIX had cost the princely sum of 6d, or 2½p. It was an interesting edition in other respects too; Piers Corbyn (a latter day Trotsky?) was then a post graduate student at IC, and making big news. This week the story is of

how he fended off the College's attempts to get rid of him, presumably because of his political activities, by withdrawing his grant. Turning to the back page for the rest of this gruesome tale, you see the headline "Corbyn Busted". During the summer the flat of the much harassed Corbyn had been raided by the drugs squad, who found £2 worth of hash. The luckless student was promptly arrested, and for good measure accused of handling stolen property—one traffic cone, one roadside lamp, and one local authority sign concerning dogs and footpaths.

But enough about Corbyn. This was not the only excursion into crime on the pages of FELIX. In 1958 we find the case of the missing MG Magnette in which, for once, an IC student welcomed the intervention of the police. The car, borrowed from his father, disappeared when the student was sitting for an exam. Suspecting a student prank, he made a painstaking search of the area before informing the police. But the car was used for the getaway after two men stole £7000 in a violent robbery. Weeks later the car was found, damaged and abandoned, and the culprits were found. The student appeared as a witness at the preliminary trial, at which, he complained, he was treated with less respect than the prisoners.

Exploration and climbing occupied



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FELIX GOES FREE

P. G. GRANTS

Following the announcement, in late spring, of a rise in the value of undergraduate grants comes the news that a similar rise in value of Post-Graduate Science Research Council studentships will be effected from 1st October 1971. The grants will rise in three steps yearly from that date as follows:

	1970/71	1971/72	1972/73	1973/74
Students living away from home	£550	£630	£650	£675
Students living at home	£425	£485	£500	£520

In addition to this P.G.'s will in future be able to obtain an enhancement of travelling expenses incurred over a total of £15 in any year, and the limit of other income earned by not graduates which falls into the non-deductible category has been raised from £100 to £175.

These are all items that N.U.S. have been campaigning for the past and items on which Imperial College Union has sought great pressure, the introduction of the travel allowance proving the value of such pressure. The outstanding issue being followed at the moment is that of disparity between G. demonstrating fees, and the Union fee. Discrepancies between one institution and another, as in the case of the 'b' league, are still not to be moved.

Following these recent successes whilst stressing the fact that they are still insufficient. The major point which still needs stressing is the need for a re-evaluation of the method of calculating the S.R.C. grant. The method used at present has the following structure, the amounts shown being those for 1970-71—£200 basic for the period of undergraduate attendance with an addition of 17 weeks at £1 a day and a general £50 allowance on top of this, which all rounds up nicely to the present £550.

Post-graduates still do not get a London allowance and most important is the fact that the expenses incurred in the production of their theses have to be taken from their maintenance grant which has no specific allowance for this. As in some cases this can amount to £100, an additional allowance in the final year's grant or a separate money allocation for this purpose is imperative.

The whole method of evaluating P.G. grants at present does not take into account the fact that undergraduates have 20 weeks of holiday in which to supplement their income, a privilege not open to P.G.'s.

I.C.U. will be trying to highlight these deficiencies at Manchester and support will be needed to carry these proposals to the system of the

PIERS ...

College Political victimisation fails

Felix is pleased to report that the physics department have not succeeded in throwing out Piers Corbyn, left wing former president and editor of SENNET.

During the summer a battle has been raging between Piers and the physics department over the possible withdrawal of his grant, for the coming session. The struggle began in July, and has involved in addition to Piers and college, the Science Research Council, for whom Piers obtains his grant, I.C.A.S.T.A.S., Imperial College Union, N.U.S. and a few others, all of whom took up Piers' case. The battle has involved rounds of communication between the various participants and all concerned must be pleased for the result in which Piers was so amical.

Piers appealed against the decision and on July 15th gave assurances to college that he would finish the work in his Ph.D. by October 72, which P.G.'s were not for three years.

more space in FELIX in early days. Indeed in 1958 one of the front page stories is a call for a report in full by the 1957 Karakoram expedition. Six students under the leadership of Eric Shipton spent three months examining glaciers, and completed surveying, geological and general exploratory work. However, fifteen months later the Mount Everest Foundation and College's Exploration Board had seen only a 700-word report for the £1000 and £3052 they had, respectively, donated.

On a more tragic note, FELIX in 1964 announces the death in a climbing accident of a member of IC Mountaineering Club. John Phillips fell a short distance from the summit

of the Matterhorn, and his two companions needed treatment for exposure.

This event makes the article next to it pale into triviality: two out of the three newly elected Union sabbaticals resigning before even starting their jobs, leaving the posts unfilled for the new year. Other stories filling out the pages included the College refectories making the biggest loss in their history, and the sending out to first year students of questionnaires about their consumption of alcohol (by the London University's Institute of Psychiatry, not IC's Welfare Committee). Perhaps one of the clearest reminders of the passing of time is the feature in 1971 showing the production of FELIX—at a time when it was still printed outside College.

FilmSoc Results

Winners of film competition:

1. Damon Fries, Flat 8, 6 Collingham Road, Kensington, SW5.

2. S F Soulie, Robotics

Both scored 19 out of 29.

The correct answers were:

A. Charlie Chaplin, *Gold Rush*, 1925.

B. Marlon Brando, *Wild One*, 1954.

C. Humphrey Bogart, Dooley Wilson, *Casablanca*, 1943.

D. Cary Grant, Jean Adair, Priscilla Lane, Josephine Hull, Raymond Massey, Peter Lorre, *Arsenic And Old Lace*, 1942.

E. Orson Welles, Joseph Cotton, *Citizen Kane*, 1941.

F. Jimmy Stewart, *Rear Window*, 1954.

G. John Belushi, Dan Aykroyd, *The Blues Brothers*.

Both D Fries and S F Soulie win free entrance to IC Film Soc's programme of films.

DEADLINES FOR ARTICLES

Small Ads, Features, Diary entries, Clubs articles and letters must all be submitted by Monday lunchtime prior to Friday's publication.

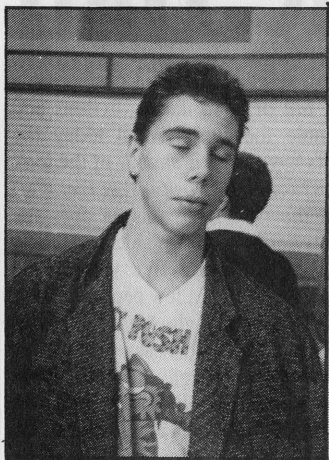
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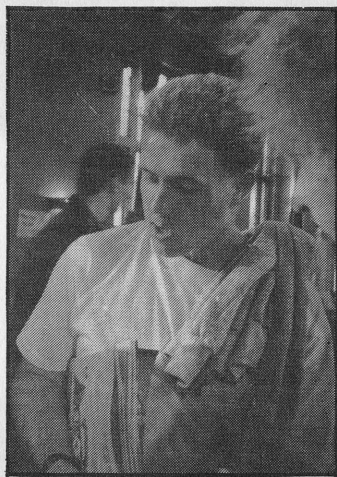
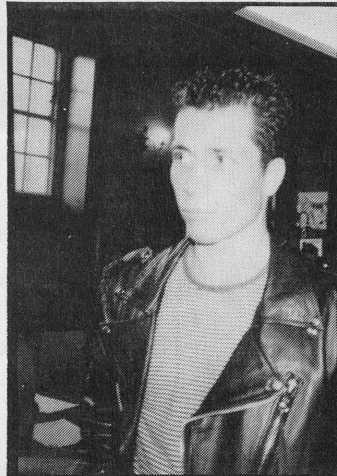
at Freshers' Fair

1. Which clubs have you joined and why?

"Dramsoc, because I've done lighting at school productions"—*Bill*



"I don't think I'm going to tell you! Orchestra, the new London Club and Socialist Society, Dance Club"—*Ruth*



"I've joined Rag because I've got an 'adopted dad' at Hughes Parry and he was heavily involved in that last year. He's got me into that and into reading Rag Mags."—*Kate*

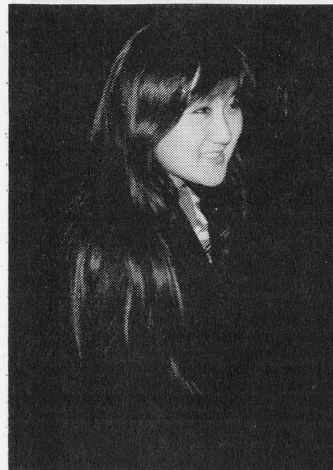
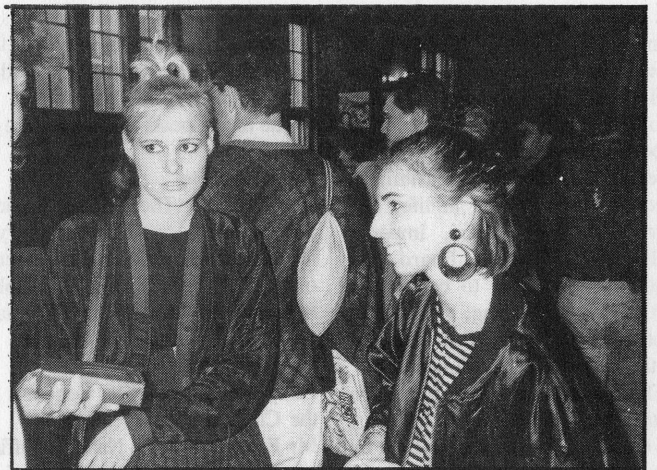
"I want to join the Chainsaw Society"—*Tim*



"I have joined one but it's not definite at the moment, because I don't know whether I'll be brave enough to do it...it's caving. I've been caving before but I think I might have lost my bottle—I haven't done it for a long time. Also Environmental Society because I'm doing an MSc in Environmental Technology.

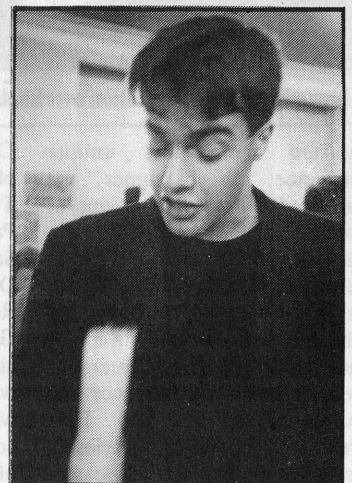
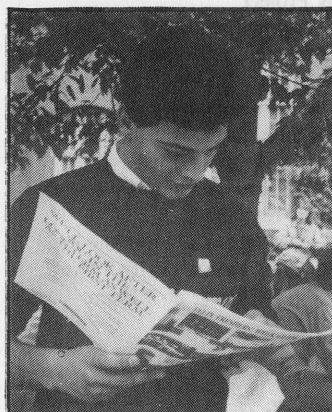
I wish there was an Anarchist Club.

I could start one but can you see 20 anarchists in this room?"—*Sean*



"We've joined Arts Appreciation and Film Society. Those are the ones we were in at UC. We haven't really got the time (to do something completely different)—that's the main thing—if we had the time then yes, definitely, but there's no way we've got the time"—*Bettine and Zilla*

"I'm joining the Rowing Club because I thought it would be a good way to get fit."—*Paul*



"Just about everything! I went to the RCS UGM and they told me to join absolutely anything I'm vaguely interested in"

More than a holiday

It's very easy to forget that the long summer vacation—a clear three months of freedom to do what you will—is a highly finite resource. Few people ever again have such opportunities once the demands of a career and of family responsibilities become major factors in life. For more than thirty years, Imperial College Exploration Board has encouraged students to consider a particularly rewarding, not to say exotic, way of using this time—by participation in expedition activity.

There is scarcely a region on the earth's surface which has not been traversed by one means or another by Imperial College expeditions and many hundreds of students have

effort, we have organised a series of three illustrated lectures as part of the Humanities Department's Tuesday Lunchtime Lecture Programme.

The three speakers this year are as follows:

Tues 13th Oct

Rob Palmer—'The Andros Project' Mr Palmer is one of the country's leading cave divers and he is Director of the 1987 International Blue Holes Research Project in the Bahamas, which is the subject of his talk.

Tuesday 20th Oct

Andy Fanshawe—'The Conquest of the Chogolisa Peaks' Mr Fanshawe is the National Office of the British Mountaineering Council. He is a former student of the



An Imperial College expedition overhauls its transport in the Omani Desert

benefited from this unique experience. This summer, for example, we have five groups of students in the field—climbing Alaska's highest mountain, making an extensive road survey across Africa, making an underwater pollution study in the Red Sea, carrying out a bird fauna study in the Cameroon, surveying land-slide incidence and mountaineering in the East Karakoram. Those of us closely involved in the Exploration Board's work are totally convinced that this sort of activity is in the best sense of the word educational since it invariably deepens people's understanding of the world, and of themselves. It is also terrific fun.

For some years now, as an important aspect of our publicity

College and is widely regarded as one of Britain's top climbers.

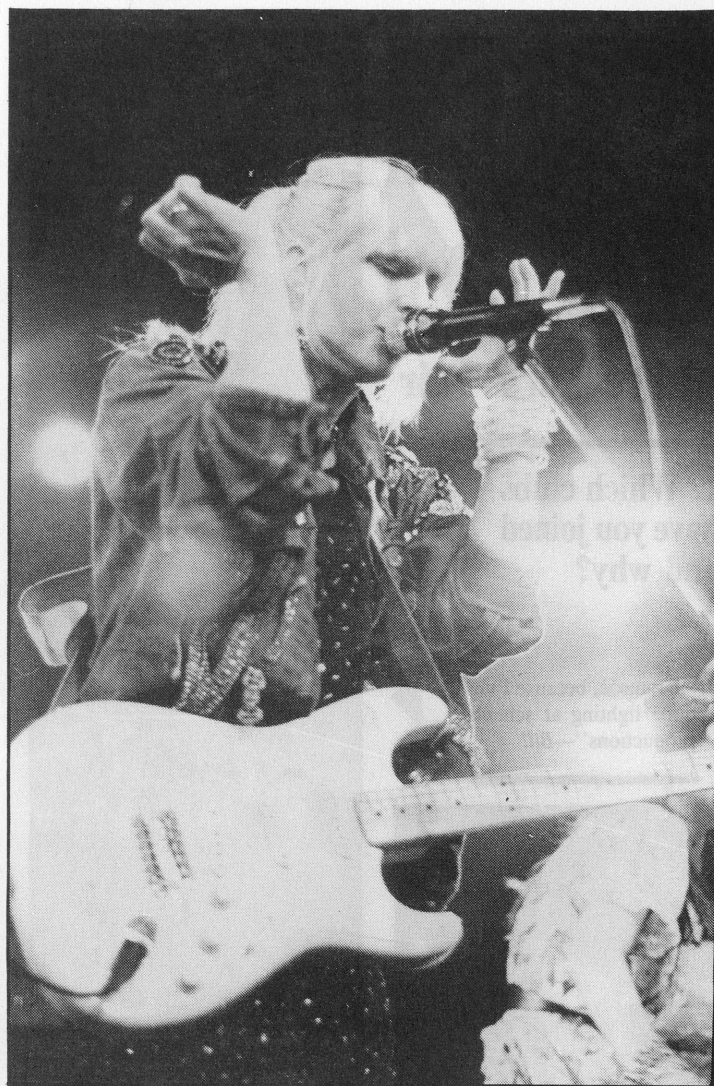
Tues 27th Oct

Paul Munton—'The Oman Wahiba Sands Project'

Dr Munton was the Biological Resources Director of the Royal Geographical Society's prestigious and multi-disciplinary expedition which took place in 1985/86 and which is widely regarded as a major contribution to the systematic study of desert regions.

All these talks will be in the Read Lecture Theatre, Fifth Floor, Sherfield Building, at 1.15pm

Don Adlington is the Student Councillor. He is also Secretary to the Exploration Board.



Voice of the Beehive performing at College on Monday night

After the Ball

Thanks to all of you who attended Monday night: I hope you enjoyed yourselves. Don't forget to turn up to tonight's event which should be a stormer of a party. You would need to be suffering from severe sensory deprivation not to know what was happening, so I'm not going to tell you about *Rent Party*, *Salvation Sunday*, *Crash*, *Tom McEwan* the two discos, jazz, late bar and films (*Mad Max* and a whole lot more) that you can catch for a mere £4.50. Instead I'm going to tell you all about an excellent band by the name of *Circus Circus Circus* (or *Circus x 3* if you prefer) who you can see in the Lounge on Friday 16th October. Those of you with good memories may well remember the band from two years back at the Guilds Carnival. They

wore suits and ties and performed a set full of band dance rhythms and nimble foot-work. Well today the suits have gone in favour of the look of 87 (circa *Curiosity*, *Wet Wet Wet*) but the music remains as does the foot-work. With two slots in *Melody Maker* in the last five weeks, one senses they have a few people on their side, the last single *Magic Girl* was coined "an effortless stroll of a genuine pop single...". No doubt more acclaim will follow with two more singles and an album in the next few months so why not come along and see for yourself. Doors open at 9pm for £1 in advance. There is a late bar and a disco until 1am.

John Noble
ICU Entertainments Chairman

Will 'e Winkie?



Saturday sees the first Rag event of the year, the notorious tiddlywinking down Oxford Street. Last year this event raised £3,500 and got the year off to a flying start and I hope this will be true this Saturday. Anyone who wishes to take part should go to their CCU Office at 9am. There you will

swift half in the 'Cockney Pride'. As always prizes will be given to the top collectors, this year we have a magnum and two bottles of Moët et Chandon Champagne. Last year's top collector raised £76 which can easily be beaten with little effort. Also this year IC Rag are offering incentives



be given tiddles (or are they winks), licences and collecting cans. We then walk across to Marble Arch, stopping off to wake up Southside who'll still be trying to recover from tonight's New Year's Ball. Once at Marble Arch RCS will head off to their start at Tottenham Court Road. All 3 CCUs then head towards Oxford Circus where they turn down Regent Street and everyone arrives at Eros in Piccadilly Circus at about 12.30pm. The cans will then be collected before everyone goes for a

to individual collectors. Anyone who personally raises £100, throughout the year, will be given a 'Lemmings Fete '88' t-shirt and for any mega-collectors who raise £250 there will be some limited edition 'Club 250' sweatshirts or jumpers made at the end of the year.

Have a good time at the party tonight and remember to set your alarm clock.

*Keep Winking,
Nigel D Baker, Rag Chairman.*

COURSE ANNOUNCEMENT Science and Religion—the Great Divorce?

A series of talks and discussions addressing underlying questions of reality in a reflective way. The aim is to help participants understand the significance of these questions for their own lives

This term the talks will be on:

- Oct 12** Introduction to the dialogue
- Oct 26** Evolution, humanity and God—Dr A Peacocke
- Nov 9** The anthropic principle—Dr B Carr
- Nov 23** Space Time and Creation—Prof C Isham
- Dec 7** Scientific models in theology—Dr J Soskice

On the alternate weeks a discussion group will meet for those who wish to pursue the topics in greater depth.
Mondays at 8pm

Physics Dept, Level 8 Common Room
Organised by the West London Chaplaincies

Episode One

The Baron



"Dank Gott das ist geover" thought Derek Dash, the Baron, forgetting for a moment exactly where and when he was. Derek was sitting in his office at the top of the Surefield fortress, and for once he was feeling very pleased with himself. Only an hour ago he had had to welcome another group of citizens who had just arrived in the land of Cheapskate. When the time came for Derek to make his speech he had managed to read the words from the large boards at the back of the hall without stopping once. He had not even had to ask John Secretary, the chief typist, to tell him what any of the words were. Derek did not see why he had to read from the boards at the back of the hall; he really wanted to copy it out and read it from a piece of paper, but John Secretary had assured him that it was traditional to use the same boards that were made when the speech was first written many generations ago.

The more Derek thought about it, the more he realised that there was really no point in making the speech at all. Though he agreed that it was very nice for all the new citizens to be told what a wonderful place Cheapskate was, and how it was so good that they really ought to be very proud that they were allowed even to pay a short visit, he did not see a lot of point in saying things that had been printed in the Cheapskate Circumspectus for years and years.

Meanwhile, in another part of Cheapskate, there was still lots happening in the Citizens' office. Ian Whygate, the head Citizen, his Deputy, Alan Ego, and Charles Takeiteasy, the citizen-in-charge-of-nothing-very-much, were all working at their jobs. As usual Whygate had his mouth in top gear but had forgotten to engage his brain and his ears (not that it would have made much difference). He was talking to John Chivalrous, the Citizens' Parties Chairman, who had dared to tell Judith Largeamounts, the PHALIX editor, that Whygate was a complete prat. Whygate was very cross about this; he was always upset when PHALIX printed anything other than "Ian Howgate is a 100% nice person". Whygate had decided that it was a very bad thing for PHALIX not to be under his control. He wanted to be able to tell Judith Largeamounts exactly what she should put in PHALIX. Recently he had made up his mind that, as top citizen, he should be making all the decisions and leaving all the hard work to ordinary citizens. Earlier that day he had told Custard Johnson, the citizen in charge of beer, that he was going to rule the world. Custard's only reaction was to ask where Whygate bought his dope.

Ego, the Deputy Head Citizen, was trying to calm down Lesley Tantrum, the former rent collector. Tantrum had been replaced by Arthur Michael, the good-but-good-for-nothing fairy, after she had forgotten to send messages to all the new citizens to tell them which of Cheapskate's dormitories they were supposed to live in. Arthur Michael had been rent collector many years ago, but nowadays he spent most of his time plotting to take over from the all-powerful John Secretary. None of the dormitories in Yorrick Gardens had been cleaned up for the new citizens, so Arthur Michael was preparing his "you should be grateful for this very cheap dormitory we are letting you live in" routine. This normally worked very well, and none of the important people in the Baron's castle ever complained about him.

Charles Takeiteasy was having a more difficult time than usual. Earlier in the day one of the citizens from very far away had come in to complain that he had not received a copy of the "Citizens' Guide to Cheapskate" book. Takeiteasy had not known what to do and was about to go and ask Mrs Jolly Hockey Sticks for advice when the three clowns, Clare MacUseless, Dave Braincell and Jumping Jehosofat stumbled into the citizens' office. "Hello dearies", said Mrs Jolly Hockey Sticks, pleased to have some more interesting company. "let's have a glass of sherry". With a gleam in her eye, she grasped the keys and advanced towards the sherry cupboard.

Will the sherry bottle be empty?

Will Whygate be allowed to have any?

Will PHALIX ever say anything nice about Arthur Michael?

Find out in the next installment of "The Baron".

News Feature

The University of London Union (ULU) is much more than a swimming pool and a shop in Malet Street. It has three full time sabbatical officers responsible for running the building, and co-ordinating the campaigning and representation side of ULU's activities. In charge for this year is John Tilsead, student at St. Mary's Hospital Medical School and President of ULU.

John was elected to his year-long sabbatical in March, with a manifesto that began "Riot, Rebellion and Revolution". This was a play on the "3 Rs" campaign that ULU was fighting at the time. The University Grants Commission (UGC) had proposed a 50% cut in the funding of all the central services of the University, including ULU, and ULU was lobbying both the University and the UGC to change their minds.

The 3 Rs stood for Recreation, Resources and Representation, three words which neatly sum up the role of ULU in the Federal University. The fight was eventually won, and the threat of cuts withdrawn. It was, John admits, ULU's first on-the-streets successful campaign; "it got ULU away from just representing students on committees, and got students out on the streets. It triggered an awareness of ULU as a campaigning body. A lot of people put a lot of time and energy into the 3Rs campaign; I want to see that energy used to steer ULU on a path of perhaps greater relevance to its members."

The follow-up to the campaign is a document produced by ULU called "The Future of Student Amenities in the Federal University". It shows that spending per student on Student Activities in London is considerably lower than other Universities throughout the country, even taking into account the combined services of ULU and the individual Colleges. "The report has been submitted to all the University Committees, and it has not been questioned; we will be using that to continue the 3Rs campaign, coming off the defensive, and going onto the attack. We will use the information in the report to campaign for better student facilities, better accommodation, better sports facilities, not just centrally but throughout the University."

John is optimistic that the report will have an effect: "I doubt whether we will solve all the problems that have accrued over years of diverting funding away from student services, but I think we can realistically expect to start the ball rolling."

One of ULU's main roles is representing students on the Central Committees that decide policy for the whole University, on such issues as



ULU PRESIDENT

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examinations policy, postgraduate appeals, mergers and so on. It is only through ULU that students have a voice in these decisions. These committees are made up from academics from throughout the University, as well as lay members from Local Authorities and the Privy Council. "It is not unusual for the student representation on a Committee to be greater than any individual College, but", he adds, "we can no longer afford to argue from ideals and beliefs, but we have to argue on facts. What we very often find now is that we end up arguing the same thing, but it takes longer to do. By doing this we strengthen our argument, and the other members of the committee will respect it."

Clearly, with ULU based in the

Central Precinct, there is a danger that other Colleges smaller and further out will be left out. "Over the past year we have had a lot of support from Wye and Royal Holloway and Bedford, the two Colleges furthest away; very often what we find is that because the Student Union hacks from some Colleges don't use ULU they assume that nobody, from their College does; a generalisation that cannot afford to make". It is true however that through sheer numbers, more students use ULU from the larger Colleges than the smaller ones, especially those living in the intercollegiate halls based nearby.

John is realistic about some services, like the swimming pool, that ULU provides; "there is no point in trying to kid ourselves that it's there

for students from Egham; those are the sort of people however, that ULU should be providing campaigning resources and co-ordination for; passing on experience from other Colleges and generally providing back-up."

One criticism ULU has had in the past is that it has been too remote from the actual students of the University; there are no students who have lectures at ULU; none who are based there full time. ULU officers are elected indirectly by delegates from each Constituent College. "One of the problems we have to get over is that we are at least one tier away. Very often individual College Student Unions are out of touch with their membership; it's even more difficult to be in touch with the average student. There is no way I can know every student in the University. We rely very much on individual Student Unions to get over this problem; if Student Union officers are in touch with their students, and we are in touch with them, then the problem is alleviated somewhat, but it really is a problem"

The ULU Governing Body, General Union Council (GUC) has student delegates from every College in the University. Imperial, as one of the largest, has 9 representatives. This is the body which sets policy for ULU, and elects its Officers. It has often been criticised for discussion of issues that are not immediately relevant to students; recent motions on Cyprus and South Africa for example. John defends such discussions: "the motions that come to GUC have come from some group of students who think the issue is particularly relevant. The problem over Cyprus is something that is very particular to Cypriot, Greek and Turkish students, it means a great deal to them and I think it is something that should be debated."

"GUC has two functions: to determine things concerning the University, but it also has an education role by bringing subjects, such as Cyprus, into a forum for debate and increasing awareness amongst student Union officers that they might not have thought about."

John stood for the post because, he says, he wants to steer ULU towards greater relevance for its students. As head of one of the largest Student Unions in Europe, representing over 50,000 students, he certainly has a heavy weight on his shoulders; only time will tell if he can succeed.

For further information about ULU, John can be contacted either by calling in at his office on the ground floor of the ULU building, or by phoning ULU on 580 9551.

ULU SERVICES

The University of London Union Building offers many services and facilities, including some not available around IC. ULU is situated in Malet Street, near Tottenham Court Road; see your ULU card for a map, opening times and phone numbers to ring for further information. ULU clubs, societies and services are open to any student in the University, you can use your IC Union Card to get in the building, but will need a ULU card to book facilities like the badminton and squash courts.



Mergers

The ULU Bar, open 12.00—2.30pm and 5.30—11.00pm Monday to Saturday, and 12.00—2.00pm 7.00—10.30pm Sunday. As well as a wide range of real ales, lagers, wines and soft drinks (including incredibly good value orange juice), hot and cold snacks are

also available. In the evening there is often a cabaret, disco or band on as well. Get there early, however, as it tends to get very crowded.

The Palms

Restaurant and Wine Bar. During the Day Palms Restaurant offers a wide range of food, from salads and snacks to burgers and omelettes, and

a 'dish of the day'. Open Monday to Friday 9.30am—7.00pm, with full English Breakfast 9.30am—10.30am, call order service 11.30am—7.00pm, and hot main meals, dish of the day 12.00-2.00pm and 5.30—7.00pm.

At night, Palms Wine Bar offers a quiet alternative to Mergers, with affordable wines, lagers or draught Budweiser, as well as specially prepared food dishes like Chicken Kiev and Beef Wellington. Also free live entertainment on selected nights. Palms can be hired for private parties.

Unimart

The ULU shop, selling everything from paper to sports equipment and ULU regalia. Open 9.40am—7.00pm weekdays and 10.00am—2.00pm Saturdays during term time.

University Vision

A full optician service, offering eye examination, fashion frames, hard and soft contact lenses at competitive prices. Recommended by the Central University Health Service.

Entertainments

The Mergers bar has a free night-time programme of bands, discos, cabaret etc. Events are publicised at ULU, around College and in London Student.

Friday nights see a series of major London Concerts. Bands featured in recent years have included the Housemartins, Simply Red, Sandi Shaw and others. Watch out for details.

Jazz will be available in the Palms Wine Bar in the evening

Sports Facilities

Badminton Court

Available at £1.00 per hour, Monday to Sunday 12.00noon—10.00pm, and can be booked up to four days in advance.

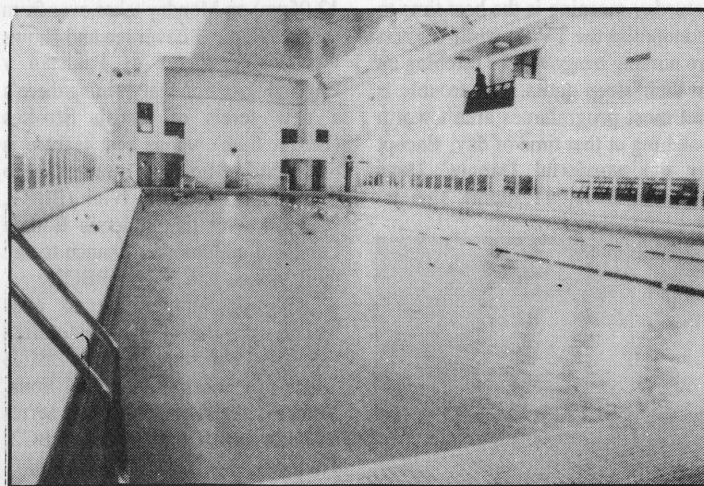
Squash Court

Available at 70 pence per half hour, Monday to Saturday 10.00am—10.00pm, and also on Sundays, bookable up to four days in advance.

Gymnasium

The Gymnasium may be used for Basketball, volleyball, gymnastics and trampolining (under direction) from 10.00am—10.00pm daily. As it is used by ULU clubs, contact reception for times when it will be free.

The ULU building also contains a branch of ULU Travel, a launderette (ULU Clean), a 'Sir Speedy' printing centre, a branch of the National Westminster Bank, and the ULU Nursery. For more details on any of these services, consult the ULU handbook, or contact ULU directly.



Swimming Pool

The pool is open for general use 11.00am—6.30pm Monday to Friday, and 11.00am—4.00pm weekends, at a cost of 50 pence. Lessons are also available. Women only session: 1pm—5pm Sundays.

Waves

Waves is the ULU Health

Complex, with a sauna, sunbeds, steam baths, jacuzzi, massage service, relaxation area and offers free access to the pool during normal hours. Waves allows students to sample the facilities of a commercial health complex at prices they can afford. There are male, female and mixed sessions, and they run for 2 hours. Costs £2.20 for Waves entry, and £1.30 for a sunbed.

ULU Clubs and Societies

The following Societies exist at ULU:

Anglican, Ballroom and Latin American Dancing, Brazilian, Bridge, Catholic, Chess, Chinese, Chorus, Christian Outreach, Debating, Democratic Rights (Middle East), Drama Society, East European Folk Dancing, Gay, Hellenic, India, Intercollegiate Jewish Association of Medically Oriented Students, Islamic, Israel, Jewish, Labour, Life Saving, Media, Meditation, Methodist, Middle East Cultural, Mountaineering, Natural History, Opera, Orchestra, Pakistan, Pakistani Law Students Society, Palestine Solidarity, Playwrights, Rock 'n' Roll, Sikh, Sri Lanka, Sub Aqua,

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5 PM-11 PM

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10 AM-6 PM

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ULU's Sports Clubs and Societies will be on show for you to vet and join, if the urge takes you.

Outside Organisations show what they have to offer Students

Sudanese, Tap Dancing, War Games, Youth Hostelling.

The Following Sports Clubs exist at ULU:

Association Football, Athletics, Badminton, Basketball, Boat Club, Womens Boat Club, Canoe Club, Cricket Club, Croquet, Cross Country, Fencing, Golf, Gymnastics, Men's Hockey, Women's Hockey, Judo, Korfball, Men's Lawn Tennis, Women's Lawn Tennis, Men's Lacross, Women's Lacross, Netball, Orienteering, Pistol, Riding, Rifle Club, Rugby Football, Sailing, Ski, Men's Squash, LUST (London University Swimming Team), Table Tennis, Volleyball, Water Polo.

For more information on any ULU Club or Society consult the ULU handbook, or contact the club directly through their pigeonhole at ULU (ask at reception for details).

Previews

Upbeat

TV & RADIO GUIDE

RADIO

●I doubt if I can stand much more of those inane *Capital* DJs telling me that they've turned 'the power up' since their format changed last week. *LBC* have also changed their programming in the last month to include less talk and more music. My spies tell me that this may have something to do with a new advertising war between the two London-based independent radio stations. *LBC* have brought in such names as *Michael Aspel* and *Henry Kelly* to do weekend shows and have moved *Steve Allen* from his popular *Weekend Night Extra* to an earlier time of 7-9pm Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays to host *The Night is Young*. Personally, I find *LBC*'s new arrangement a bit of a disappointment. The late night programmes lack any sort of depth after the demise of *Night Extra* making way for more tedious phone-ins. The only advantage is that I now find it a lot easier to get to sleep at nights.

●The BBC radio stations always have a few programmes worth listening to. On Saturday *John Peel* talks to his producer *John Walters* about his listening life (Radio One, 2pm) in *Peeling Back the Years*. This week is the third of a series concentrating on the pre-punk years. Where have

special consumer report on 'You Together with Your House and Possessions and other Things as Well'.

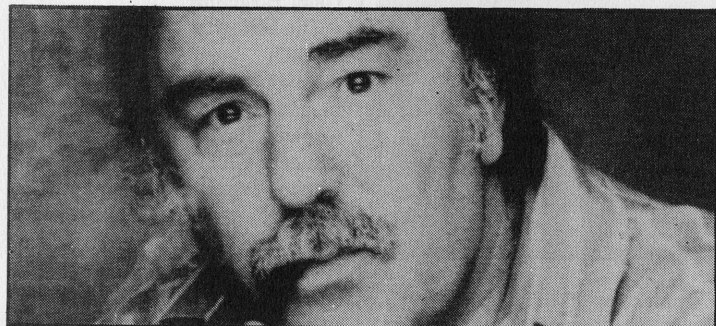
●**World Cup Cricket Special** starts next Monday on Radio Three (5.00pm on 1215kHz only). The first match is England v Pakistan with live commentary from Rawalpindi. I wonder if they'll be eating cakes from Mrs Brown, Sheffield, in Pakistan as well?

●Radio Three repeats its look at Einstein's most radical predictions about the existence of gravity waves in **One Billionth of an Atom** (Monday, 9.15pm). This programme may be slightly elementary for the physicists amongst you but most will be able to sympathise with Professors Ron Drever, James Hough and Bernard Schutz in their attempts to measure the distance of one billionth of an atom.

●Imperial College Radio can be very good or very bad depending on who's broadcasting. There are a few regular shows but most tend to be very 'spontaneous'. **Another City** (Wednesday, 11pm) appeals to the College hippy element and **Nigel on the Wireless** (Tuesday, 9pm) to the sloppy ones. These are both seasoned shows so they'll be no crashing the IRN news.

TELEVISION

●Living in hall, you will probably find, is incredibly frustrating if you want to watch a particular programme. Invariably the majority will want to watch the other side. Saturday morning is the best time to monopolise the TV set while the rest are nursing hangovers or catching up on their sleep quota. The trouble is that most programmes aren't worth watching at that time of day. Except for the wonderful **Dancin' Days** (Channel Four, 11.30pm), that is.



all the punks gone? These programmes are always spontaneous and *Peely* obviously enjoys talking to *John Walters* so it's always fun.

●Also on Saturday, Radio Four broadcasts **Radio Active**: its highly successful radio parody (12.25pm). This week the radio station carries a

Probably one of the worst soaps I have ever watched but compulsive watching due to the bad dubbing—it was made in Brazil—and bad acting. The pace is incredibly slow but it's a scream!

●'Football's a funny old game' and other such gems from the mouth of

Jimmy Greaves, ex-football and ex-alcoholic, can be heard when he partners *Ian St John* on Saturday for **Saint & Greavsie** (ITV, 1.05pm). It's mostly football talk but it's worth watching just for Greavsie's one liners!

●Saturday evening contains the dilemma of whether to oggle at *Jerry*

Downtown

MUSIC



SNAP THEM UP!

Jim Jiminee

Mean Fiddler, Sun 27th Sept

Thrown into action by several good reviews in the press and the knowledge that the band were playing in College fairly soon I set off to see *Jim Jiminee* (what a simply awful name) at my favourite London Venue *The Mean Fiddler*. Things did not go quite to plan as the man on the door tried to make me pay. Lost for words, I reached deep into my pocket and pulled out my **FELIX** Press Card. 'That will do nicely, Sir' was the cry as I strolled into the venue. I was not quite sure what to expect but, from the moment this band hit the stage, one could see they were very special. They started at a speed which left most of us standing, jumping and jiving as they waved their rhythmic way through the first few numbers to the delight of the audience and themselves. People have compared them to the *House Martins* but they looked better, danced better and laughed better. In fact there is little cause for comparison, bar the tongue in cheek acapella song during which the drummer terrorised the audience with his tamborine. The set ended all too soon with a gem of a single *Thursday* (if you can't dance to it then your feet must be nailed to the floor). They made me jump, they made me swing but most of all they made me smile. Snap them up!

Chris Jones

Hall on the Dame Edna Experience (ITV, 10.30pm), watch vintage **Monty Python** (BBC, 10.45pm), or **St Elsewhere** (Channel Four, 10.00pm) followed by **Saturday Almost Live** (Channel Four, 11.00pm).

Sunday's highlight is a brand new **Clive James on Television** (ITV, 9pm) and is probably the only thing worth watching that day, apart from **Eastenders** (BBC1, 2pm) and the Peter Seller's film **Battle of the Sexes** (BBC1, 3pm).

●**World Cup Cricket** (BBC1, 12.05pm) on Monday takes over from the live Radio 3 coverage and shows the closing stages of Pakistan v England. Later on that evening there's a new series of **Brush Strokes** (BBC1, 8pm) whose best feature is the Dexy's Midnight Runners intro music. Also **Doctor Who** (BBC1, 7.35pm) with that hideous Bonnie Langford and another chance to see the **Cricket** at 6.35pm (BBC2).

●Other programmes not to miss include the latest in **Eastenders** (Tuesday, Thursday, 7.30pm BBC1) **American Football** (Channel Four, Tuesday, 10pm), and the new series of **Alas Smith and Jones** (BBC2, Thursday, 9pm).

HIGHLIGHT OF THE WEEK

●**Elton John in Australia** (1.00am—2.00am Monday morning, Night Network ITV). Elton plays the concert of a life-time with the Melbourne Symphony Orchestra in Sydney. I've got the record and I can't wait to see the concert. It should be utterly spectacular if you don't mind missing a few more hours sleep.

Chris Jones

FILM

The Untouchables

The puritan ideal of banning all alcoholic liquor in the American 1920s also gave rise to one of the world's more famous ganglords; Al Capone. Charismatic in public and in private utterly ruthless, 'Scarface' Capone (Robert De Niro) owned Chicago, from his lucrative monopoly on illicit booze to the chief of police; everyone had their price. Until, that is, the arrival of one Eliot Ness (Kevin Costner) a federal agent who swore to 'get' Capone. Ness, together with a small number of hand-picked officers earned their title by being incorruptible and therefore out of Capone's control. Here the story departs from truth—the only thing Brian De Palma's version has in common with Ness' own account of events is the name. This however, should not prevent enjoyment of this high-budget action-filled version of the famous story; which incidentally launched another film and television series of the same name that is currently being repeated.

Despite the reworking of the true Capone story, many of the major

features are there; notably the lavish meal where Capone graphically demonstrates the finer points of baseball, and the consequences of failure. Where the story departs from fact is in the henchmen that Ness recruits; Malone (Sean Connery) is a wisened cop of the old guard, George Stone (Andy Garcia) as the prodigy rookie and the unlikely accountant looking into Capone's plentiful income played by Charles Martin Smith.

De Niro is masterful in his portrayal of Capone; the explosive character learned from *Raging Bull* combined with the charisma from *Once Upon a Time in America* form an imposing portrayal of the villain. Connery's Malone has a problem with his Irish accent which quickly reverts to his native Scottish, but this should not be allowed to spoil a dynamic supporting role which almost steals the show.

In the end De Palma's production brings new life to a popular story giving it a superior finish with lavish settings for an often violent subject.

A.N.



Hellraiser

A small aesthetically pleasing cube of oriental origin finds its way into the possession of Frank (Andrew Robinson), a man with a rather sadistic nature. Along with the cube Frank gains access to the pleasures of heaven or hell (his preference being the latter) accompanied by a brigade of very odd beings, 'The Cenobites', to keep an eye on him.

Frank's passion for the more painful and tortuous ways of having fun leads him to a thoroughly bloody and sticky end until a few drops of his brother Larry's (Ashley Laurence) blood revitalises his decaying body and he forces himself up through the gaps in the floorboards of the spare bedroom a mere skeleton (and slimy bits) of his former self. In the search for human flesh, which he needs to make his body whole again, he enlists

his sister-in-law Julia, who seems to find compatible but slightly uncooperative donors for Frank's interesting style of body-building. When Kirsty (Clare Higgins), Larry's Daughter, discovers what's been going on in her dad's house she too becomes pursued by the Cenobites.

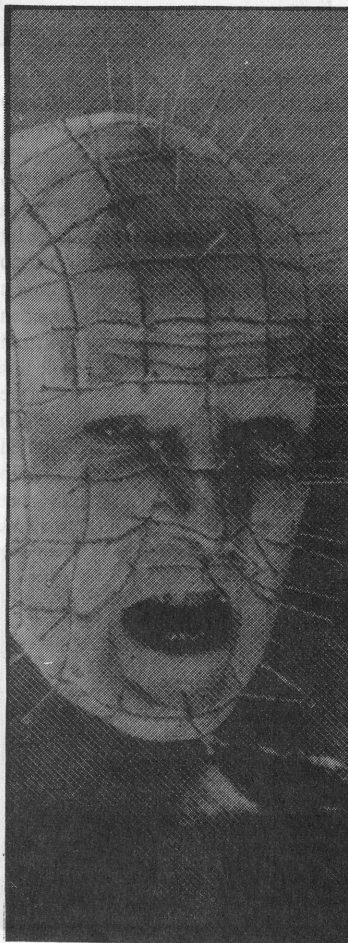
This film took me slightly by surprise when I went to the preview expecting a teen-movie, fortunately it was shown during the morning as this is the sort of film that makes me check under my bed at night and has me looking over my shoulder when driving home from the cinema. The Cenobites are pretty ghastly but I think the award for best make-up has to go to the half skin-clad Frank the earlier animated Frank is pretty damned clever too. The best horror film I've seen outranking *The Thing*.
R.A.

The Night is Young

The Tragic and complex life of Alex (Denis Lavant), a young man who becomes involved with the Parisian underworld after the death of his father, is seen against the harsh and depressing streets of Paris. Alex had previously made his living as a street gambler but decides to take the place of his father in a plot to steal a life-saving serum (similar to a cure for AIDS) from a chemical company. His two accomplices are seen as tired old men one of whom Marc (Michel Piccoli) has a young lover, Anna (Juliette Binoche). Alex falls in love with Anna and this is where Leos Carax's moody direction comes into its own with some sensitive and amusing scenes. An exciting car chase leads to a very appropriate if somewhat violent climax.

Don't be put off by the fact that this film is subtitled as very little of the appeal is in the spoken word but more in the atmosphere captured by the Director

R.A.



Rose Atkins
Alex Noble

Cookery Club

ROSE ATKINS

Typesetter Operator

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Curry of curries

It should be easy for most of you to purchase the ingredients for this recipe and if you have trouble, it's tough, but my advice to you is move to somewhere where you can. I got all my ingredients from Tooting Market where it is possible to buy both dried and fresh versions of most spices, I'm sure there are similar Pakistani grocers throughout West London. If you still don't fancy the minimal amount effort involved in creating a superb authentic dish I can only suggest you get on a bus to Southall or Brick Lane to see and taste what you're missing—these places are definitely worth a visit anyway and there is an abundance of Asian groceries in Southall especially where you can pick up some unusual pickles and chutneys—beware though as these aren't to everyone's taste—you won't know until you've tried them. Live dangerously!

INGREDIENTS:

¼ inch of oil in pan
8 cardamum pods
5 bits cinnamon stick
2oz coriander (fresh green leaf)
6 cloves
2 green chillies
2 red chillies
2 tsp cayenne powder
3 tsp ready mixed masala powder
Small tin tomato puree
Large tin plum tomatoes
Level tsp salt
2 large onion
4 cloves garlic
Small piece of root ginger
1½ lbs chicken
½ lb basmati rice

METHOD:

Heat oil in a deep saucepan until very hot and add the cardamums, cinnamon stick, cloves, green and red chillies (both chopped up small). Fry this for 5 minutes. While all these spices are cracking and popping (a bit similar to Rice Crispies really) chop the onions, garlic and ginger until you get a pulp. Put this pulp into the pan and leave for at least 10 minutes until all the onion has dissolved. While this is happening make a paste from the masala powder, cayenne (chili) powder and a few drops of boiled water and open the cans of tomato puree and plum tomatoes (tricky!) put these in with the rest of the ingredients

along with some salt and the washed and skinned chicken (chicken is the easiest but you can use other meats if you like, you may have to lightly fry it first and cook it for longer). STIR, STIR, STIR! Now turn the heat right down, in fact the lowest setting possible, and leave to cook thoroughly for 45 minutes. Half-way through the cooking time throw in the fresh coriander leaves.

Rinse the rice several times in water and sort out all the hard, gritty bits—a good guide for cooking this type of rice is twice as much water as rice and taste to see when it's cooked.

Easy isn't it?



How fresh is your food?

Meats and poultry

Bacon and cooked meats should never be hard and dry looking; it is advisable to buy bacon in polythene bags to keep it moist.

Fresh meat should be moist-looking, if dry and hard it has been exposed to the air for too long a period.

Beef should have some fat, as this shows a good quality and will give the meat a moist texture as well as being tender. The fat should always look firm and pale cream in colour, the lean meat should be bright red.

Lamb should have fairly transparent looking fat and the lean meat should be pale pink.

Pork lean meat should be pale pink and very firm, with very firm white fat.

Chicken should be white fleshed and firm looking.



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FILMSOC

Bizarre spectacular

Big Trouble in Little China

Thurs 15th Oct, 7.00pm,
Mech Eng 220. Admission to
members 50p, non-members £1.00
(membership available at door).

An action-adventure-ghost-story-comedy-kung-fu film, directed and written by John Carpenter (*Star Man*, *Assault on Precinct 13*, *Dark Star*, *The Fog*, *Halloween*, *The Thing*).

Trucker Jack Burton is swept purely by chance into the most bizarre and perilous adventure of his life. Jack thinks he's been everything—but even he couldn't have dreamed this one up!

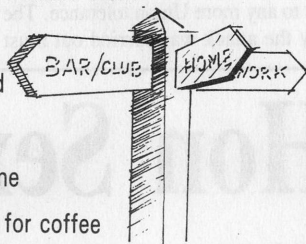
He finds himself battling supernatural martial arts warriors, subterranean monsters, and a 2000-year old magician, the evil David Lo Pan, who needs to sacrifice a woman with green eyes to free himself from an ancient curse.

Don't miss this spectacular film!



Yesterday lectures began
Today you are given your first problem sheets
You can now:

- ☐ Retire to your room and start to work
- ☐ Go back to your room and resume work
- ☐ Retire to the bar
- ☐ Go home for the week-end
- ☐ Join two more clubs
- ☐ Lament the lack of free time
- ☐ Drop in on your neighbour for coffee
- ☐ Accept the Christian Union's invitation to buffet dinner with wine, 6.00pm, 53 Princes Gate. (There will be an informal introductory talk).



A series of events in
week eight, Nov. 23-28
organised by Imperial
College Christian Union

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"Taste and see that the Lord is good" Psalm 34

AMNESTY

Unconditional release

All around the world there are people in prison for what they believe: prisoners of conscience. They are not dangerous men and women—none of them advocate violence. However the Government doesn't like their opinions and has cast them into jail.

In Prisoner of Conscience Week Amnesty International is seeking to place a special emphasis on the victims of Government repression. You can participate in this campaign by simply writing a letter.

Orlando Rodriguez, who was kidnapped by security forces in Guatemala in 1980, was illegally arrested and has not yet been brought before a court of law. His detention came about solely because of his legitimate trade union activities and therefore Amnesty is calling for his immediate unconditional release.

Please write a brief, courteous letter appealing for the release of Orlando Rodriguez to:

Presidence Vinicio Cerezo
Arevalo
Presidente de la Republica de
Guatemala
Palacio Nacional Guatemala
Guatemala

For more information on Amnesty International and how you can fight for human rights come to the IC Amnesty Group meetings on Tuesdays at 5.30pm in the Brown Committee Room (top floor of the Union Building).

GAYSOC

Coming to terms

The group regrets the loss of Andy Bannister, one of its founder members. He has now left the College for this year at least and we all greatly appreciate the groundwork he did for us last year.

Meanwhile our weekly meetings will occur on Wednesday at 12.30pm in the Green Committee Room (top floor of the Union Building). Anyone is welcome gay/straight, male/female. Please come along and discover that we don't have horns or wear dresses. I suspect we will be more a social group than campaign group this year and our principle aim is to help people come to terms with their sexuality. I think its imperative to remove the veil of lies and deceit and be open about the issue. What's more your straight friends will probably admire you a lot more especially if they suspect anyway.

For those who prefer more anonymity, the ULU group meets on Thursdays at 7.30pm in the ULU building in Malet Street. It is being run by Robert Daniels this year—a former student of this college. This group is very much bigger than our group and so has lots of speakers and larger diversity of people (not just grey-minded scientists).

Finally I can be contacted confidentially via the Department of Computing pigeonholes in room 219 of the Huxley Building. That's all for now.

Al Roberts (DOC 2)

WOMENS GROUP

Welcome Workshop

New arrivals and visiting sabbatical staff are warmly invited to a 'Welcome Workshop' on October 14th, 9.30am to 4pm in the Rector's flat at 170 Queen's Gate. Organised by the IC Women's Club, the workshop is designed to present the human face of IC as swiftly as possible to new arrivals, postgraduates, RAs, staff, visiting academics and all their parents.

Workshop small group sessions with invited speakers and slides will explore how to make optimum use of being at IC and living in London. A home-made lunch will include introduction to the sports and health centres. Afternoon sessions will cover crafty tips from the post-grads on how to live on an emaciated budget and

travel safely alone at night. The aim is that everyone should go away not only informed but with phone numbers of people living in the same neighbourhood or sharing the same interests.

Intended mainly, although not exclusively for women, the workshop hopes to open doors to both existing facilities and those that can be created in response to demand, such as exercise and language classes and other forms of continuing education.

Pre-booking is essential for catering. Register now by ringing 3021 or send a note to Sherfield Room 543. Join us for lunch, tea, coffee and as much of the day as you can manage.

Clare Ash

What's On

FRIDAY

Islamic Society

Prayer1.00pm.
Union Building.

SATURDAY

Tiddlywinks9.00am.
Meet at CCU Offices.

MONDAY

ICCAG Meeting12.30pm.
Rag Office. Food provided. See ICCAG.

Recitation of Holy Qur'an1.00pm.
9 Prince's Gardens. See Islamic Society.

Dai Rocking11.00pm.
IC Radio on 999kHz. The best in hard rock music thro' midnight including the featured album every week with David Williams. FREE!

TUESDAY

Prayer Meeting8.15am.
Union Upper Lounge. See Christian Union.

IC CathSoc Mass ..12.30pm.
Chemistry 231. Quiet and contemplation between lectures or exams. Food provided (50p). All welcome.

Holy Qur'an Recitation1.00pm.
9 Prince's Gardens. See Islamic Society.

Introductory Wine Tasting6.00pm.
Union Dining Hall. Come and learn how to taste wine with samples from around the world. £1.50. See Wine Tasting Soc.



Judo6.30pm.
Union Gym. All standards welcome.

SFSOC Film

Brazil7.00pm.
ME220. See ex-Python Terry Jones' incredible film. Free to members, membership £1.50.

OpSoc Tour

Rehearsal7.30pm.
53 Princes Gate. See OpSoc.

Nigel on the

Wireless9.00pm.
IC Radio, 301m, 999kHz. Make tea, not love. Rather a screw loose than a loose screw. Free.



WEDNESDAY

Explanation of Holy Qur'an1.00pm.
9 Prince's Gardens. Talk given by Dr Darsh. See Islamic Society.

IC Gay Okay12.30pm.
Green Committee Room, Top Floor of the Union Building. See Andrew Bannister.

THURSDAY

SFSOC Library

Meeting1.00pm.
Green Committee Room, Union Building. Borrow books from our vast library, help plan future events and generally enjoy the only democroanarchic dictatorship at IC! Members only.

Science Fiction

Things1.00pm.
Green Committee Room, Union Building. The BBC epic "Hordes of Things"—serialised at SFSoc every thursday. All this and the library too. Free to members.

RCS Ents Trip6.00pm.
Meet in Norman's for trip to the Laserium.

Judo6.30pm.
Union Gym. Beginners Welcome.

Gay/Lesbian Group ..7.30pm.
ULU Building, Malet Street. Mens group room 3a, womens group room 2e. Meet weekly for speakers and booze.

ICCAG Soup Run9.15pm.
Weeks Hall Basement. Will be running throughout the summer. FREE. See Imperial College Community Action Group (ICCAG).

OPINION

Hitsquadding

For many of you your first encounter with Rag will have been the flanning of the Union Officers at Monday's Freshers' Fair Reception. This incident has caused a lot of ill-feeling in the IC Union Office and so I'd like to put forward my view as a semi-

also be questioned. Firstly, the Hitsquad tried to hit Alan Rose, who wears glasses, secondly no enquiries were made to find out if anyone wore contact lenses and thirdly no money was raised. These tend to show that the Hitsquad is definitely lacking in



independent onlooker. Guild's Hitsquad is part of Guilds' Rag and they raise money by being contracted to 'hit' people. Just recently the control of the Hitsquad had been very lax and consequently they have overstepped the mark on a number of occasions. Monday was one such occasion. The rules by which the Hitsquad operate state that they can only flann people during Rag Week, in the past flanning has occurred at other times but this has only been tolerated by IC Union, not condoned. Monday's activities have certainly put pay to any more Union tolerance. The way the attack was carried out must

control and accountability. The Union Exec met on Wednesday and the question of the Hitsquad was raised. At the time of writing the result of that meeting is not known but the feeling in the Union Office on Monday was that the Hitsquad should be banned. I feel that this would be a shame but I do agree that the time has come for greater control. As the person who proposed Dave Tyler for the post of Guilds Union President I hope he will make this his own personal responsibility and ensure that in future all Hitsquad rules are adhered to.

Nigel D Baker, Rag Chairman

Hon Sex

Halls Insurance
Cheques are waiting in my office for the following people:

Hassan Majid

P Alwick

H Bramwell

P Nunasinghe

These can be collected now, but remember to bring identification.

Late Night Drinking

For those of you who didn't apply for student membership to *Third Street* nightclub at Freshers' Fair, I have application forms in my office. This

is a good deal, so don't miss out on it.

Transport cont

As people from surrounding American colleges seem to be taking an interest in our clubs and societies, I am willing to take round information for those people who have requested it. Any clubs or societies wishing to avail themselves to this wonderfully generous offer should bring the information (labelled by name and institute/college) to my office by close of business next Thursday.

Small Ads

ANNOUNCEMENTS

● **Your chance to sing**—Christmas Oratorio (Bach), The Four Seasons (Haydn), Requiem (Verdi). See Imperial College Choir.

● **Cyclemarking** will take place 9am to 4pm, Thursday 8th and Friday 9th Oct, outside Ante Room in Sherfield. Police from Gerald Road will do marking.

● **Wine Tasting**—win a bottle of champagne, Tuesday 6pm, UDH.

● **Wot** no IC Folk Club? Anyone interested in joining/forming one, get in touch with Penny Gamble, Maths III. Anyone, everyone welcome!

● **Computer**-sequenced music calls out for lead-singer. Apply R G Fincher, Chem II.

● **Earthlets!** Tharg recommends coming to see 'Brazil' on Thursday, 7pm, ME220. Borag Thungg!

● **Amazing**, magnificent, wonderful, delightful, magnificent, terrific—come and see for yourself—wine tasting, Tuesday, 6pm, UDH.

ACCOMMODATION

● **Flats** available in Hamlet and Lexham Gardens for 4, 6 & 8 IC students. Hamlet Gardens from £29 each per week, Lexham Gardens from £36 each per week. Contact Accommodation Office.

● **Accommodation** available. Single vacancy in double room at 128 Hamlet Gardens. £34/week (inclusive of gas and electricity). Contact R Khambatta, Chem Eng II.

FOR SALE & WANTED

● **Honda**, C registered, no need to pass MOT for 2 years, road tax paid, comp insurance paid until end of 1987, even helmet included. Price as new £800 now only £350. Contact SIU Elec Eng.

● **Boss** Analog Delay Pedal, £50. Runs on PP3. R G Fincher, Chem II.

● **Car** for sale—Ford Fiesta 1.1L, V reg, 40,000 miles, MOT until April 1988, Tax until Jan 1988, very good condition. £1,000 ono. Contact Bassam, ext 4848.

● **Second-hand** Gents bicycle urgently wanted. Please contact 749 0392 (home).

PERSONAL

● **It is** entirely logical to come to ICSF Library Meetings, 1pm Thursdays, Green Committee Room, Top Floor, Union Building. Live long and prosper.

● **Will Zac** & use strike again this year. Apply The Studio or Chem Eng IV.

Send all your letters to Judith Hackney, The Editor, FELIX, Beit Quadrangle, Imperial College.

Controversial Exec Attack

Dear Judith,

The attack on the ICU Exec at Monday's Freshers' Fair Reception by Guilds' Hitsquad has created a lot of discussion over the last few days. The result being that I have now put more control over the Hitsquad, hopefully preventing any further controversy and the ICU Exec have decided to 'fine' Guilds 50 donations of blood; hence the reason I'm writing this letter. If there are any Guildsmen or women out there with too much blood please come and see me on Monday lunchtime so I can arrange the payment of the fine.

Thankyou,
David Tyler,
C&G Union President.

Photo-call

As a photography student I am currently involved in a photographic project concerned with documenting the unacceptable conditions in which some students in the London area have to live.

I would like to hear from anybody who feels their living conditions are unacceptable (for whatever reason) and who is willing to be photographed in their place of residence.

Anybody who would like to participate can contact me by telephone, or by writing to the address below.

Hope to hear from you soon.
Simon Crick, Room No 18,
West Street Hotel,
23-24 West Street, Farnham,
Surrey. Tel: 0252 715372.

Disgusting dissection

Dear Madam or Sir,

I am writing a letter to your Student Union publication as I feel that many of your students, particularly first-years, will appreciate a reminder about the use of animals in Higher and Further Education.

Life Science students especially should note that at the end of the day they have the right to exercise conscientious objection to dissecting or vivisectioning animals. There are an ever-growing number of students who have profound ethical objections to acquiescing in the killing of innocent, sentient creatures, particularly when non-animal teaching methods are available, for example, models and computer graphics.

Unfortunately, it is the case that unsympathetic academic staff may try to pressurise students to dissect, or, more

likely, will mark students down for not doing practicals, even when they offer to do alternative (non-animal) work. But such students deserve the full backing of their Students' Union if victimised in this way, particularly since the National Union of Students, at its last Conference, agreed to uphold students' rights to "Violence-Free Science".

In addition, at its April AGM, the National Council for Civil Liberties agreed to campaign, where possible, to support a student's right to object on moral grounds to dissection.

Any student who is facing difficulties, and/or academic penalties, for refusing to dissect or vivisection should contact NUS, NCCL or my own organisation.

Yours faithfully,
Dominic Johnson, BUAV, Group Co-ordinator

Clubs page II

Dear Judith,

The Positive Alternatives to Abortion Society exists to tell students the truth about abortion and to promote the positive alternatives. I would like to inform the new students at Imperial about PATA and also continue the beneficial discussion about abortion which took place last year, as witnessed by FELIX's letter page.

Among PATA's events last year were several talks given at IC. They were given by prominent members of the medical profession and the 'Life Movement', including a victim of abortion. Next year's plans will be more ambitious. They need to be! At a time when the Government is at last showing a willingness to listen to Members of Parliament and members of the public on this issue, it is sad to find many people who know not only very little about the unborn child but also about abortion as it is practiced today.

Last year 172,286 abortions were performed in clinics in England and Wales, most of which fell into one category only. Of these 168,732 were due to "risk of injury to physical or mental health of women". This category does not include those cases in which the mother's life is at risk and the number of rape victims here is very low—perhaps a dozen. To put this into context, the second largest category is of abortions due to "risk of injury to physical or mental health of existing child(ren)" and numbers 16,176. Abortion has become a legitimate form of family planning. This is despite the dawn of 'Post Abortion Syndrome' which seems to undermine the object behind this type of birth control by making the mother very unhappy.

If any readers feel that they do not know enough about the subject they are welcome to attend any of our events planned for the year. Those who want to do something truly worthwhile this year might consider joining.

Our 'Cheese and Wine' is at 1.00pm, Thurs 15th, Senior Common Room, Union Building.

Yours,
Mathew Soane,
Chairman, Maths II.

It is quite right that you should try to bring attention to your club in FELIX but please do not do it in the form of a letter. The letters page is for informed opinion and debate. Such letters as yours deserve to be on the clubs page. The next letter trying to promote a club will be swiftly dispatched to my Clubs Editor. Thus spake the Editor.

No motion

The first IC Union General Meeting of the year was held yesterday in the Great Hall. The start of the meeting was delayed while ICU Honorary Secretary, Chas Jackson, brought in the papers for the meeting. In previous years the first UGM has always been well-attended but this year only 112 people attended the meeting.

The first motion, on Union policy was passed unchallenged. A motion on censorship of publications was to be proposed by Publications Board Chair, Chris Martin, but ICU President, Ian Howgate, proposed a number of amendments. Although the amendments were passed, the motion was eventually deferred to the next meeting.

Neil Motteram, ICU External Affairs Officer, proposed a motion on the right of silence. He said that the removal of the right to remain silent was a serious infringement of civil liberties. Paul Kendall opposed the motion, claiming that those suspected of terrorist offences would be more likely to be convicted if the fact that they had remained silent was admissible in court. On the vote, the motion was carried by substantial majority.

The final motion was proposed by Ian Howgate, on the subject of intercollegiate halls. He said that the halls were too extravagant in both their facilities and in the numbers of staff employed to run them. He cited the University of London Management Audit section report on the rationalisation of the halls. Opposing the motion, Paul McNeill from Hughes Parry Hall said that the motion was factually inaccurate and that the Management Audit Report had been rejected by a meeting of students from all the halls. The motion was narrowly defeated.



Monday night's New Year's Party has been described as a great success by the Ents Chairperson John Noble.

Headline band, *Voice of the Beehive* and supports, *The Brilliant Corners* and *Blue Aeroplanes* were given "excellent receptions" by the 1,140 students who attended.

Mr Noble praised the behaviour of the crowd for their lack of drunkenness and vomiting, and apologised for the blockage in the ladies toilets, which he claimed was not his fault.

Exec draw blood

Shaving foam flew and tempers flared at the Freshers' reception on Monday. True to form, the City and Guilds Hit Squad turned up during the President's address and flanned the Union Executive. Later, at Wednesday's meeting of the Exec, which includes the three CCU Presidents as well as the sabbaticals, it was decided to re-think the rules governing flanning. The Exec have imposed a 'fine' of fifty pints of blood, which the Hit Squadders must pay before they are allowed to strike again.

Freshers' reception has become a regular target for the Hit Squad, and they are not always well received. Last year the Union Exec were angered by a flanning because prior permission had not been sought.

Though this is not normally required under the unwritten rules of flanning, when students are the target, on that occasion members of Imperial College staff had also been hit.

Union Deputy President Alan Rose and Hon Sec Chas Jackson retaliated when the hit occurred and pinned one of the Guildsmen to the ground. Both officers had been expecting the Hit Squad to arrive; Mr Jackson later commented that this type of incident was very bad for the image of ICU, especially when freshers had only just arrived at College. Mr Jackson added that, as the Hit Squad had not collected any donations, no money had been raised for charity.

The reaction from Mr Rose and Mr Jackson has soured feelings within the Guilds Hit Squad. One eloquent

BRIEF

No salvation

Salvation Sunday, the support band due to perform tonight at the Freshers' Ball, have broken up, it was revealed exclusively to FELIX yesterday. A new support has been arranged by Entertainments Chairman, John Noble, who was devastated by the news. The new band, World TV, reached notoriety when their lead singer auditioned for Frankie Goes to Hollywood this Spring.

Trust gift

At Freshers' Fair last Tuesday, College secretary John Smith named a new boat for the Union boat club. The boat was partly paid for by the College's Queen's Gate trust, after which it was named. The boat was bought by the club from the winning Oxford boat race team, who were beaten by Imperial College in a match last year.

Guildsman commented that he was "pissed off". He expanded the discussion to say that "it would put people off joining the Hit Squadders and give freshers the impression that they can fight back".

ICU President Ian Howgate told FELIX that he would not have objected to being hit had he been given advance warning. In the event he was wearing an Italian suit worth £140. Mr Howgate is paid £3,300 per annum after tax and National Insurance have been deducted, plus a rent free room in Linstead Hall. He expressed concern that the Hit Squad had made a "real mess" of the stage area. Mr Jackson stated that the stage had not been properly cleaned up for the postgraduate Freshers' reception, but this was denied by Guilds President Dave Tyler. Mr Tyler claimed that he was not aware that the hit was going to take place; it was at his instigation that the Exec imposed the fine of fifty pints of blood.