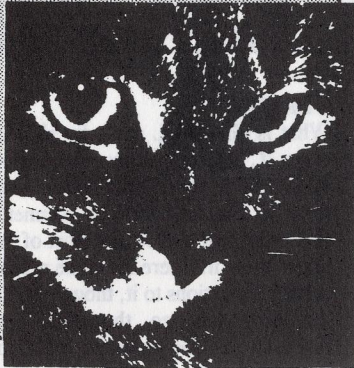


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# Moonie-rakers!

Members of the Unification Church, the Moonies, have been canvassing in the College area this week. Several posters have been spotted announcing that the 'Collegiate Association for the Research of Principles (CARP)' will be meeting students between 15th and 21st February. Following this, members of the cult were seen trying to recruit students coming into College along Exhibition Road and yesterday they had set up a recruitment base outside the Mechanical Engineering Department.

Followers of the cult have been banned from College premises by College Security. Security Officer Mr Terry Briley told FELIX that he was only able to escort members of CARP off College premises and that he could do little if they set up a base on the pavement outside College. It was only in the power of the police to move them on if they were causing an obstruction or nuisance. He also said that Moonies regularly try to recruit students in South Kensington at this time of year.

The Unification Church is an umbrella organisation funded by the Korean millionaire Sun Myung Moon and operates under at least sixty different names throughout the world. The movement has been widely criticised for using brainwashing indoctrination techniques and



A CARPie trying to persuade an IC student outside the Mech Eng Dept

exploiting young people. They are giving out pamphlets to passing students which make no mention that CARP is linked with the Moonies. CARP say that they 'are trying to demonstrate that is realistic to be idealistic' and that its members 'passionately believe that the world can change for the better.' The invitations to 'come and join us for an evening of international songs, entertainment—and snacks' all seem innocent enough but students are warned that CARP is a sinister organisation which feeds on the loneliness and unhappiness of people.

Honorary Secretary Chas Jackson said yesterday 'I don't like the idea of religious fanatics running around

my campus without revealing their true identity'. He has added his backing to College Security and believes that they are completely right in denying access to the cult.

## STOP PRESS

St Mary's students have voted that their student union should become the fourth Constituent College Union of Imperial College Union when the two colleges merge in August this year. The votes cast were 223 for the move and 61 against.



## editorial

Happy New Year to all our Chinese students at Imperial. May the Year of the Dragon be as good as the last.

I hear that the weather's been good all this week. Could the Union please put a sunlamp in my basement?

### Rag—who gives the money?

Something has been concerning me recently. Imperial's Rag Committee has been the strongest and keenest for several years and is going to raise the largest amount for charity ever this year. This is excellent and deserves the highest praise in the world. Charity work gives students a good name, yes, but should we be collecting amongst ourselves or out in the community? There have been an abundance of sponsored events this year: the Piano Marathon, the Firkin Runs, the Bed Push, etc, etc. All the money raised from such sponsored events comes from Imperial students, who can ill-afford it and are probably getting a little sick of being accosted by their friends who want their signatures and, eventually, their money. I think, as an ex-Vice President of the Rag Committee, that it is time to put aside sponsored events in favour of events which raise money whilst entertaining. Alternatively, arranging more public collections. Of course, this would require much more work than organising sponsored events, but with the new Honorary Secretary (Events) this shouldn't be

a problem, should it?

### Letters

Why did the MOPSOC and AstroSoc committees demand that their letter be printed in this week's FELIX and why did I print it? Normally I wouldn't print a letter like theirs as I feel that such letters should only be written if all verbal reasoning has failed. I printed it because I would have been open to all sorts of criticisms about censorship of embarrassing letters if I hadn't. I don't invite criticism. I invite constructive debate. I would prefer any clubs who do have gripes against the Print Unit to come and talk to me, in my capacity as Print Unit Manager, and if you don't feel happy with my explanations, then write to FELIX.

On the other hand, if you have criticisms about the content of FELIX, please write in straight away. Don't write articles for CCU magazines, especially if you're going to get your facts wrong.

### Is FELIX the SUN of student newspapers?

Try comparing the news story we ran on Ian Howgate's name change last week to the one in *The Sun* on Monday. Nuff said.

### CARP

CARP is a branch of the Moonies and they have been approaching Imperial

College students once more this year. It happens every year. If you are approached by CARP on College premises, please inform security so that they can throw them off.

### Who cares

I find the Union Council's I attend more and more disheartening. I think that most of the members are more like those nodding dogs that you see in the back of cars rather than Union officers. The only people who ask questions at these meetings are, coincidentally (?), those who are standing in this year's sabbatical elections, and even these people ask drily questions.

The Council on Monday was a prime example of this phenomenon. One person asked the recurring question: 'When is Ian Howgate going to write a report for FELIX?' Ian replied 'I'm not' and not a single person asked him to justify why he wasn't, given that all past presidents have written a regular report. Is no one concerned? Does anybody want to know what Mr Howgate does with his 8 hours Monday to Friday? If you do then I would urge you to ask him at Tuesday extraordinary Union General Meeting in the JCR.

### GERBILL

What is GERBILL and why should every IC student be concerned about it. GERBILL is the Great Educational Reform Bill proposed by Kenneth Baker but that's about all most of us know about it. There are some pretty scary implications to it, though, if all the proposals go through. For instance, the Government want to completely restructure the way universities receive their funding. They want to fund departments individually. But who will fund the Union? There are so many other points to be considered, and possibly, opposed. Please read page 4 to find out more and turn up to the UGM next Tuesday to discuss the Bill and its implications.

### Finally...

We still have a few sweatshirts and t-shirts left!

P.S. Where have all the features gone to?

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**FRASER THE 1ST YEAR.**  
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I'M NOT AT ALL HAPPY!  
THIS WEEK FRASER FUMES ABOUT COLLEGE ACCOMODATION!

SO COLLEGE HAVE DROPPED THEIR ONE YEAR GUARANTEE! WE WERE ALL 'MINING' OUR OWN BUSINESS AND HOWGATE 'LEX HAM' GET AWAY WITH IT! THAT 'HAMLET' THEM GET RID OF A RESIDENCE WITH HIS APPROVAL AND WITHOUT LISTENING TO ITS RESIDENTS!

AND WHAT WITH THE RENT REBATES GOING IT'S GOING TO TAKE QUITE A 'BEIT' OUT OF GRANTS, JUST 'COS WE LIVE IN THE 'SOUTH! WELL I GUESS WE'VE KNOWN ABOUT FOR 'WEEKS.'

IT'S A PITY 'RAYLEIGH' BUT I SUPPOSE WE SHOULD LOOK ON THE 'SUNLEY' SIDE..

.... THERE'LL BE ONE LESS THING THAT MICHEAL ARTHUR CAN COCK UP ON!

The End  
30.1.88



## For better or worse?

Martin Cole reviews the new-look Guardian

Hailed in the publicity literature as the latest in a long history of *Guardian* newspaper innovations, the new-look *Guardian* was launched on Friday, 12th February. The aim behind such a radical change was to produce a 'clean, organised and thoroughly user-friendly' newspaper, predictably

the letters page reveals a mixed reaction.

With readership currently at 1.5 million and an increase of 65% recorded in the last ten years, the question of why was the new design necessary must be asked. Editor, Peter Preston, reasons that since both

the writers and readers change so should the paper change to accommodate this. New technology offers the possibility of reducing those 'endearing typographical garbles' and 'grey mists of pictures', even at the cost of upsetting readers for whom such idiosyncrocies all go to form a 'flawed and fudgy friend'. More cynically, however, the redesign is seen by some as a rearguard action against the loss of student readers to the *Independent*. Though the *Guardian* still boasts more readers aged under 35 than any other quality daily newspaper and perhaps, conceitedly, the best educated readership in the national press.

Before discussing the changes perhaps I should, at this point, confess that I am not infact a *Guardian* reader. More by an accident of history than choice it was always, whisper it low, the *Telegraph* that lay in the range of my young inquisitive eyes. At school in general studies, the *Guardian* was branded as slightly left of centre and thus to be read with some degree of care. As a result it received only the occasional curious glance, at the risk of facing some imagined ideological assault/indoctrination. To this background of pre-conceived thoughts, I was very disappointed to finally read the newspaper in earnest.

Visually the *Guardian* has all the appearance of a Sunday newspaper. The title appears in two modern-looking though different typefaces, no

hopefully realise without such clues! Nonetheless these methods make the page much more organised and uncluttered than previously, giving the overall effect of a European newspaper. The lines, however, have not had a favourable representation in the trial-by-letters page currently in progress.

Also under attack is the tendency of the layout design to incorporate white spaces rather than the more common practice of packing every page full of print. Though a deliberate attempt to promote clarity, this does sometimes give the impression that the headline does not fit. As a similar



measure, the number of stories on the front page has been reduced.

Other changes include the introduction of a second section which in contrast to the *Times*' equivalent is not of a set format, having a daily topic such as Review, Education and Computing. While increasingly cumbersome to read on the train, this move may well serve to alleviate those breakfast table squabbles for the paper. The TV page finds a more accessible location on the back page of this section, though the sports pages are still uniquely concealed in the depths of the main section. While the crossword is again given pride of place on the back page.

Although the letters page reveals a fairly mixed response, there would seem to be a general feeling of acceptance (provided those letters printed can be considered to be a representation of those received). By introducing such varied changes there is bound to be something to irritate and impress everyone. And, finally having the leader page at the back is a real innovation!

*Sun Reader, aged 21 3/4.*

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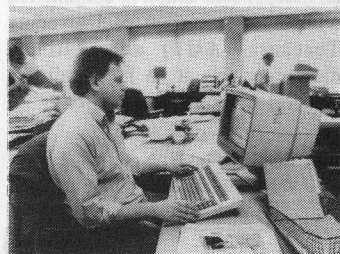
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doubt this has some aesthetic appeal but it looks out of place. In the articles the use of dropped capitals and lines underneath stories 'give the reader a clear indication of where to start and finish a story'—a fact a reader would

## The Great Education Reform Bill (GERBill—geddit?)

GERBill is a huge piece of legislation the Government have put forward for consultation to be revised then passed and implemented by 1990. It's aim is a large scale reform and re-organisation of the entire education system in this country. It is being opposed by the opposition parties, the NUS, ULU, and Imperial College Union Council on several grounds.

The Bill generally removes the independence of the universities and institutions and places control over funding and policy into the hands of central government and industry. Whilst not specifically mentioning student unions, there are grave implications in the way universities will be funded as to our survival.

The Bill abolishes the University Grants Committee (UGC) which presently distributes all funding to the university sector, and replaces it with a body consisting of half industrialists and half academics called the University Funding Council (UFC). The Government will have the power to appoint members of the UFC thus making such positions political. The UFC will only have the power to advise the Secretary of State on funding.

Polytechnics will be taken out of the control of local education authorities and placed under the UFC and central government. Each department in the universities will, each year, have to submit a bid for the limited funds available based on student numbers, useful research done, and success rate in the department.

The implications of this are frightening. Universities will be forced to push their 'best' departments and courses forward in the bid for funding. The role of industry in the decision-making process could lead to a neglect of the arts and humanities and also the less applied side of science and mathematics. The bill takes away nearly all the autonomy previously enjoyed by the universities, placing control over courses in the hands of central government.

Student unions are not mentioned anywhere in the entire document. It is assumed that SU funding will be placed by the colleges into their central administration budget in the bid for resources. Colleges are more likely to cut spending on student unions than their own administration. After all, student unions produce no useful research, no industry contracts, and attract no foreign students.

The NUS are opposing this bill with petitions, postcards, a one day strike and a large rally in Hyde Park on February 27. ULU have voted to support this campaign so we are invited to attend the rally under the ULU banner (12 noon, assemble Embankment). IC Union is planning an independent action in conjunction with the Association of University Teachers (AUT) and will be discussing this at an Extraordinary General Meeting next Tuesday.

Neil Motteram,  
ICU External Affairs Officer.

## IC Ents present: Basil who?

Well I guess you're all wondering why there are loads of bright pink posters all over the place, so I'm going to tell you straight. On Friday 19th February we have a rather spectacular line-up in the Lounge. At 9.15pm *Loves Young Nightmare* take the stage, they are a new pop band who just signed a mega deal with IRS records. Then at 10.15pm *John Shuttleworth* will be on stage, some of you might remember his earlier stage name of *Jilted John* ('Gordon is a Moron' etc...). Finally at about 11pm we have the amazing *Bass Dance* performing, they are an excellent reggae band featuring *Basil Gabbidon*, the ex-*Steel Pulse* lead guitarist. All this will be interspersed with a disco and drinks, so at £1 a ticket (£1.50 on the door) you can't go wrong. The doors open at 9pm and please be prompt or you'll miss the fun. See you there.

## Free holiday!

No joke...A week in Grenoble, with a party every night.

'Eh! Where's the catch?'

Well there isn't one, except that of the thousands of applications expected, only two can go.

'What do they do in the daytime?'

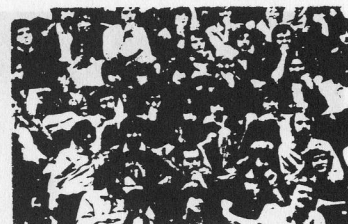
Meet students from other countries, look at industry and meet some of the people who run the industries individually.

'What—every day?'

Well, no. Wednesday is skiing and Saturday is free for sports or sightseeing...or recovering ready for the all night party on Saturday evening...about 2000 people will be there!

The 1988 International Week is being held at the INPG in Grenoble very soon! All it will cost you is getting to Paris and a bottle of Scotch to thank your host; INPG will pay for everything else!

If you are interested in representing IC, contact Mark Taylor DoC2 as soon as possible for more details.



## Letter from St Mary's

On Saturday 13th February the Medical School let its hair down for the first ball of the calendar year. Run by the Football Club and billed inevitably as the Valentines Ball, the event offering value for money.

A main element of any ball is the live entertainment. This year the clientel were spoilt for choice. Opening the ball were *Just 4 Kicks*, a Mary's band singing Smiths' numbers and the like. With a good following in the establishment, this proved a popular group. Followed by a burst of Psychotherapy in the form of the *Viva Beavers*, the main band were on stage by about half past twelve.

*Heavens Above* are a rising band with many London club gigs and a strong following in the Medical School. This stems from the fact that their old bass player left the group to commence a course in Medicine at Mary's, thus a group of people have been exposed to the band and its popularity has spread.

Mr Ian Howgate and Chas Brereton made guest appearances at the Ball. Apparently, Chas had to be taxied back to IC completely out of his skull. A little bird tells me that on his four visits here, each time he has been incapacitated and had to be escorted home. Ian had swapped his pink bow tie for a pre-made black leather bow tie which I suppose is an improvement. They did seem to enjoy the Ball which can only bode well for the future, as the future must lie through integration to remove all the malicious rumours.

A wine bar with a large range of wines and waiter service appeared at this ball and was a most welcome addition to the usual Pimms, cocktail and standard bars. The disco was full until 3.30am with revellers dancing the night away, and by 4.30am the final party-goers had left leaving the mammoth task of clearing up all the glasses, bottles and, not least, removing all the decorations that transform the building quite magnificently.



**Extraordinary Union General Meeting**  
to discuss the proposed Education Reform Bill, its consequences and the Union's action  
**Tuesday 23rd February**  
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CITY OF WESTMINSTER

● **NAUGHTY** Nigel Whitfield's reputation is spreading. At a recent National Student Radio Association meeting, the Chairperson Clare Kellet turned to him and quite without prompting said 'Do you like my breasts?'. Nigel immediately gave his shocked reply 'I could give you a much better opinion if you took all your clothes off'.

● **IAN FRITH** is losing his car tomorrow. Not content with terrorising Falmouth Keogh residents by driving at 70mph on the wrong side of the road to the local food wholesalers, he has lately taken to driving to random towns in Britain. His latest trip was to Peterborough, covering the 100 miles in slightly more than an hour. The last straw was when his match-making parents sent down a Beccles beauty to see the sights of London with Ian. The terrified girl spent most of the trip cowering on the floor and now they are to give the car to Ian's younger brother.

● **WHAT A SHAME** it is that more people haven't put their names up yet for the three Union Sabbaticals. However, candidates for FELIX Editor come ten-a-penny these days. It is easy to spot these creatures. They are often seen parading around College in their designer FELIX sweatshirts and silly grins. Normal students are advised to avoid them at all costs!

● **CHAS JACKSON**, our illustrious and terribly hard-working Honorary Secretary, told me a wonderful bit of gossip the other day. Last Saturday his predecessor, David 'Gutman' Colley went to a service station to use the Esso Charge Card which had been given to him by his employers, Majestic Wine. Despite having been driving the van for several months, he put 32 litres of petrol into it. What's wrong with that? Unfortunately, it has a diesel engine. Funniest thing is, though, that Gutman always claimed that it was the transport side of his job that he really knew well!

BY THIS DEED I the undersigned SIDNEY SPANKER of Thinbread Dormitory, Princes Flowerbed, Cheapskate, DO HEREBY absolutely renounce and abandon the use of my former first names and surnames of IAN ROBERT MALCOLM WHYGATE and in lieu thereof do assume as from the date hereof the first name and surname of SIDNEY SPANKER and in pursuance of such change of such first name and surname as aforesaid. I HEREBY DECLARE that I shall at all times hereafter in all records, deeds and instruments in writing and in all actions and proceedings and in all dealings and transactions and upon all occasions whatsoever use and sign the said name of SIDNEY SPANKER as my first and surname in lieu of the said first name and surname of IAN ROBERT MALCOLM WHYGATE so renounced as aforesaid.

AND I HEREBY AUTHORISE AND REQUEST all persons to designate and address me by such assumed first name and surname of SIDNEY SPANKER.

IN WITNESS whereof I have hereunto signed my assumed first name and surname of SIDNEY SPANKER and my relinquished first name and surname of IAN ROBERT MALCOLM WHYGATE and have set my seal this 12<sup>th</sup> day of

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Spanker looked at the deed he had just signed and had a good giggle. This would be just what he needed to get himself some publicity, and maybe some for the Cheapskate citizens of which Ian had been elected leader. But who should he contact first. Oh, of course, the gutter press. He picked up the phone, three-five-one-five. 'Hello, is that the Phallix Office, this is Ian Whygate, I've changed my name to Sidney Spanker.'

'How interesting', said Largeamounts, thinking 'what a plonker Whygate is'.

Whygate knew Largeamounts wasn't interested so he hung up and tried someone else.

'Hello, is that the Stun, I've got a story for you... What do you mean 'has it got sex in it?', well, sort of, you see I've changed my name to Sidney Spanker... Great, on page 3 as well, thanks a lot.'

Spanker had done it, fame at last, page 3 of the Stun.

Over in the Surefield Fortress the Baron picked up his copy of the Stun and turned to page 3. He was shocked to see the leader of his citizens there. He called over John Secretary.

'John, read me this story. I'm sure its about Cheapskate—that's Ian Whygate's picture.'

John read Derek the story.

'What a brilliant idea', exclaimed Derek. Just what I need to enhance my public standing and get me my knighthood or peerage. Lord Derek of Cheapskate has a certain ring to it, don't you think, John.'

'Yes, brilliant', said John, who was equally determined to get an award before Derek.

Meanwhile, election fever had hit Cheapskate. Papers hadn't been up more than a few microseconds before Nige D Butcher had put his name up for citizen's leader and Cwis Media for Phallix Editor. Nige had been suggested by John Chivalrous, who many people had thought would stand for Honorary Slave (Parties); but the only candidate for this so far was Austin Morris, John's understudy on the Parties Committee.

A few days later Wilhebe Goodforacolumninch had also put his name up for Phallix Editor.

The first set of elections for the new clowns would also soon be here. Standing for the leader of the Fundamentallowsofnaturetesters were Stephalump Snell and Muddly Williamslaughter (who just happened to be a lumpsofmetalworshipper).

*Will anyone notice that Muddly is a lumpsofmetalworshipper?*

*Will any fundamentallowsofnaturetesters stand in the lumpsofmetalworshippers elections?*

*Why am I sitting in Normal's (the citizen's snack bar) writing this crap?*

*Find out the next episode the the Baron of Cheapskate.*

● **MORE SCANDAL** from the new Union Housing Committee. At a recent thinly-attended meeting, the Selkirk and Tizard reps ganged together to force through a vote that the Keogh part of Falmouth Keogh be the hall to become postgraduate only. Falmouth Keogh retaliated by making one of their subwardens secretary to the committee, which in addition to the Falmouth Keogh Hall Rep, Chairperson and Hon Sec made an untouchable block vote of four in their favour. Surprise, surprise at the next meeting the decision was reversed, nominating Selkirk as the PG Hall-to-be. The College-run Student Residents Committee had the last laugh, however, when it picked on Weeks Hall. The most recent message from my spy is that Selkirk and Falmouth Keogh were not speaking and running competing pancake day sessions—Selkirk at £1 for as much as you can eat, but FKH free!

● **THE NEXT** sneaky move was for FKH to 'give' Selkirk a computer terminal, making Selkirk seem even more suitable as a PG Hall.

● **INTERESTING FACT** of the week. Readers of the letters page may have noticed a letter entitled 'Sycophantic drivell' two weeks ago which went on and on about how great unknown entity Spencer Lane was. This was followed last week by a letter from Spencer himself wanting to know why the letter was given such a title. I can now reveal that it was in fact titled Sycophantic drivell because the original letter writer, calling himself David Leigh, Physics 1, was none other than Spencer. FELIX bods smelt a rat when the letter was first received. Further investigations revealed that there was no David Leigh in Physics. It then transpired that Spencer's middle names are, in fact, Leigh David. Interesting, eh?

● **WHAT A WALLY** Ian Howgate is! Monday saw saturation coverage in the Sun, on Radio 1 and IRN of



WACKY Ian

'wacky' Ian's change of name to Sydney Harbour Bridge. Suitably they put his picture on page 3 of the Sun. This made the Union Bar staff very happy

because it gave them the opportunity to display a photocopy of the whole of page 3 in the bar.

Chris Jones

## Books, Education and the Future of Science

Scientists neither read enough books nor write enough books; they will have to start doing both if they want British science to survive, in a healthy state, into the next century.

### Why write books?

Scientists need to write books because, unless they do, people will think that their time is spent simply enjoying themselves at tax payers' expense. Scientists can no longer afford the luxury of assuming that the value of their work is self-evident to the general public. They have to justify their existence; nobody else will do it for them.

The public's interest in science is difficult to measure, but appears to be declining. Fewer people seem to want to study sciences at school. Some subjects are much worse than others. Take Chemistry, for example. ICI reckon they will run out of qualified chemists some time in the nineties (if present trends continue).

There are two or three interlocking reasons for this. The supply of properly qualified teachers is drying up. This is exacerbated by a chronic shortage of the money needed to fund proper *practical* chemistry teaching (chemistry is uniquely demanding of experimental equipment). Also, chemistry has a terribly bad image problem with the general public. Seveso, Bhopal and food additives have done a lot of damage to the industry's image. But it is ignorance that is the biggest enemy. Call a food additive Citric Acid or E321 and the public will worry about its effects, call it natural fruit extract (which is what it is) and they will rush to buy your product.

The situation would not be so bad if chemists had explained their work to the public. But they have rushed headlong into not doing that, with only one or two recent exceptions. Compared with the screaming hordes of books on particle physics and astronomy, chemistry might as well not exist as far as the general public is concerned. Without some drastic action chemistry will soon pay the price.

It is strange that the most economically useless sciences get the most publicity. The chemical industry

## UNDER MICRO THE SCOPE

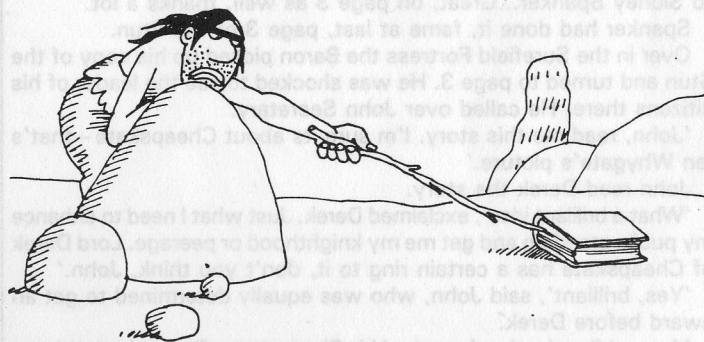


by Steve Black

is the most successful manufacturing industry this country has (and it achieved this without government support through tariff barriers, defence contracts or subsidies), but university chemistry gets much less money than either astronomy or particle physics, neither of which add anything to the nation's well being.

I am not saying that it is never right to do expensive but useless research,

and what difference it makes to the man in the street. Chemistry is just one example of where this has not been done, and the long term decline of the subject is now starting to become evident as a result. And that is not the worse thing; many people now make completely irrational decisions about chemistry (eg the food additives scare) that are based on nothing more than a complete and



### Are Scientists scared of books?

(Cartoon from *Tiny Footprints and other drawings* by B Kliban)

but such research is always a luxury. The economy (whose taxes pay for CERN and the Isaac Newton telescope) *needs* trained chemists; but it can do without astronomers (though it would be a poorer country intellectually if it didn't have any).

The point I am trying to make is this: scientists have to tell people what the point of their work is. They have to publicise how exciting research is,

utter ignorance of the subject. It could happen to your subject, too, unless somebody starts doing something about it.

### Why read books?

How can you write books, if you never read them? Many scientists have a bad habit of not being interested in books. This is probably because of the way our school system

works. We encourage people to specialise in either science or arts at A-level, thereby doing our best to stop any interest in literature or language among our future scientists. This tends to prevent them becoming even adequately literate. This is a significant barrier when they need to tell other people about their work.

However, all is not lost. Those of you who gave up reading because you thought Charles Dickens was a boring old fart when you were forced to read his books for English Literature O-level, have still got a whole world of interesting modern fiction to discover. But good books about the real world are more fun. Unfortunately, most of them are about that small portion of the world dealt with by particle physics, astronomy or David Attenborough.

Nevertheless, they are good books and they do demonstrate how best to get your message across to the general public. You have to use lots of pretty pictures and you have to avoid tedious basic theory and use simple easy-to-visualise illustrations instead.

But scientists must keep up with their reading for another important reason: they need to know what is going on in the world. The time has long since passed when we could afford to climb our ivory towers and pursue programmes of research that were of no earthly use to anyone. Pure research has its place, but all scientists have a social duty to keep an eye out for practical applications of their work. They must be aware of where it might prove useful. And they have to be able to justify to the public all the money that the government spends on them. If their work is doomed to perpetual uselessness, then why not spend the money on the health service instead?

### The future

A good science book (or article) is witty, has brilliant pictures and deals with the sort of things that everyone can appreciate. There has been probably only one book of such a calibre in chemistry during the last two decades. As a result of this, nobody understands chemistry and few want to be chemists.

The public have a right to know what scientists are up to. Scientists have a duty to tell them. Chemistry is just one example of a subject whose cause has not been argued; many other subjects will also fall by the wayside if no one cares to tell the people how interesting they are.

Next week I'm going to review some of the best popular science books as a demonstration of what there isn't enough of.

A preposterous suggestion, you may say. Quite ludicrous. But before you dismiss it as pure fiction, consider the following facts.

The rate of information growth is doubling every five years. Currently, 6000 new scientific articles are published every week.

An explosion of facts and figures shattering the dreams of anyone hoping to become a Jack-of-all-trades. Indeed, being the master of just one is now a race where the finishing line keeps moving.

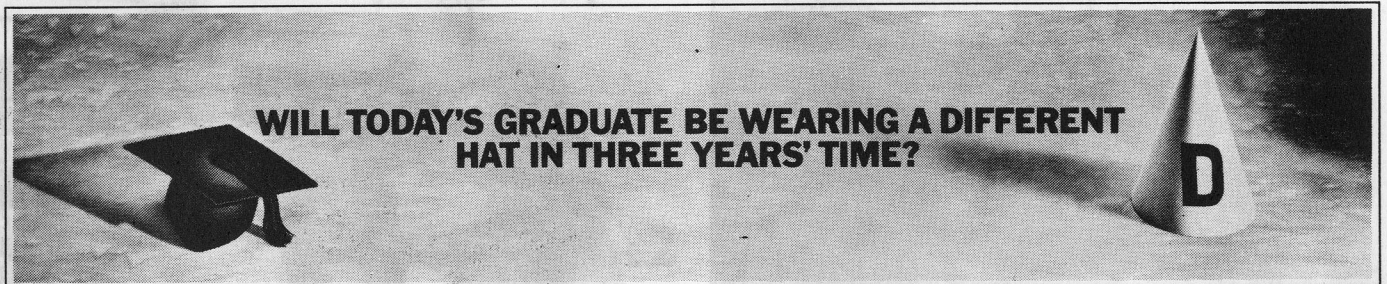
Skills and knowledge that may have taken years to acquire can be out of date almost overnight.

Think of the ship designers in the north-east who have had to turn their hand to designing oil rigs.

The plant breeders who have had their world turned upside down by the advent of genetic-engineering.

The textile designers who have had their crayons replaced by computer keys.

Formal qualifications on their C.V.'s, though important, would have given little indication of their capacity to accept and adapt to change.



**WILL TODAY'S GRADUATE BE WEARING A DIFFERENT HAT IN THREE YEARS' TIME?**

Of course, if we expect people to have a more flexible, adaptable outlook on work, we must also expect the same of their employers.

So companies must be prepared to do more than just give time off for occasional conferences. They must also allow time off to attend business schools and retraining courses. And maybe more.

Some companies do already. But should we follow the example of countries like Sweden where mid-career breaks of several years are not uncommon? In fact, is it time we reappraised our attitude towards career patterns entirely?

Traditionally, the long serving employee has been held up as the shining example. And, of course, many years of experience in a company can be invaluable.

But in today's fast changing world perhaps we should look more favourably on frequent job changes and regard them as the need to face fresh challenges.

That, in itself, is a challenge that business may soon have to face.

Indeed, in our view, training, or lack of it, is very often at the root of many companies' staffing difficulties.

Yet, sadly some firms still see training as a side issue when compared with, say, providing plant and finance.

According to the latest (1985) MSC figures, the average company spends a mere 0.15% of its turnover on training.

As for ourselves, this year training will cost us some 10% of our income. It's a sizeable sum. But it's one we would not spend unless we knew it would repay us fully in the years to come.

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# Reviews

## FILM

### *Night of the Living Dead*

The first in George Romero's now classic trilogy of zombie films. It was originally made in black and white, and has been newly colourised for its video release. The film itself is the sort that you get out just to laugh at how bad it is. The colourisation is diabolical—they've made the zombies green, for some bizarre reason.

Romero's original idea was to show the breakdown of society due to attack from the outside—in this case, the

return to life of the dead. No reason is offered for this reanimation—which makes the whole concept more frightening, because consequently nothing can be done.

All in all, unless you have some special interest in this film, don't bother getting it. Try to see *Dawn of the Living Dead* or *Day of the Living Dead* instead—they were originally shot in colour, had better budgets, and are very good indeed.



### *The Bee Keeper*

Spyros, a retired schoolteacher, meets up with a young girl hitch hiker, and they travel on together, sharing both accommodation and food, and nothing happens between them; they enjoy a platonic relationship. But one night she flaunts her indifference to him by bringing a casual pick-up back to their room and making love in Spyros' presence. They separate without farewells, but once again run into each other. Spyros initiates their reunion by driving his van through the front window of the restaurant where she is having dinner, and she willingly leaves with him. They have a brief but passionate affair, which seems to liberate Spyros. But the next night she tells him that their relationship is over, and in the day Spyros goes to one of his beehive sites and in impotent despair scatters his hives, and falls to the ground in grief.

'You have to begin to lose your memory . . . to realise that memory is what makes our lives. Our memory is our coherence, our reason, our feeling, even our action. Without it, we are nothing.'

The quote is from Bunuels, but it fits Greek film maker Thodoros Angelopoulos' new work perfectly. It charts a doomed encounter between

two generations for whom the past means everything and nothing. The film is filled with images of bleakness and isolation: it starts with a winter wedding, moves on to a long, brooding tracking shot of Spyros walking by a river, and so on. Spyros goes on a trip inspecting the bee hives he inherited from his father; it is a journey into his past, punctuated by a soundtrack of extracts from the diary of a previous journey, and hopes for the future. Except that for Spyros there is no future, because the present makes no connections with the past he knows.

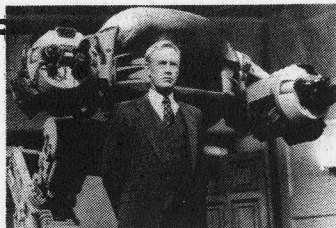
In the world of 'The Bee Keeper' the past can only be a memory for people of a fading generation. But memory cannot itself sustain a future. The beehives need periodically to be renewed, or moved to a better position.

'The Bee Keeper' is a good film — Marcello Mastroianni is excellent as Spyros, as is Nadia Mourouzi as the girl. The story does fumble around a little bit in the middle, but otherwise is excellent entertainment for the meaningful film buffs. If you're still not sure about it, it'll probably crop up on Channel 4 sometime next year.





## VIDEO SINGLES STILL PLAYING



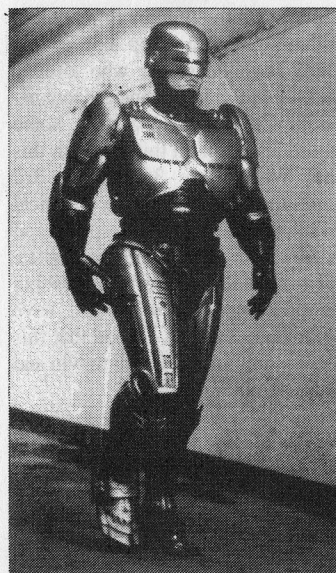
### Hellraiser

The British equivalent to 'The Evil Dead', but much better. This film is gory - very gory - but the ideas within it are excellent. It's the most original horror film to come out in years. Hire it if you can!



### The Fly

Jeff Goldblum plays Seth Brundle, a scientist whose matter transporter splices his genes with those of a common house fly, initiating a slow, terrifying metamorphosis, still loved by his faithful girlfriend. The video release of 'The Fly' is reputedly going to contain some scenes that were edited from the cinema version of the film. But it's not the gore that's important - it's the tragic love story that makes this film so haunting and sad.



### Bulletproof

Gary Busey, so good as the principle bad guy Mr Joshua in 'Lethal Weapon', stars in this pretty ridiculous set-piece action mayhem movie. It really stretches the imagination, requiring you to believe that the PLO, a Soviet commando unit and a helicopter gunship are moving freely in a large wilderness slice of the Mexican countryside. The plot is bare to say the least, and wholly implausible, existing simply to support various badly executed action scenes. Give 'Bulletproof' a miss. See 'Robocop' instead for action and adventure.



### Crime Story

From the director of couple of episodes of 'Miami Vice' and the recently released 'West Side Story' rip off 'China Girl' comes a two hour saga of slickly put together violence and 'Godfather'-like wheeling and dealing and sub-plot. This work attempts to do what most American crime series don't: have violence, but try to actually incorporate some characterisation and plot development. It isn't as good as 'The Godfather', but is alright nevertheless, and is good entertainment if you're really hard up for something to hire.



### 'Suede Head'-Morrissey

If you are still in a state of despair after the demise of 'The Smiths', grieve no more.

Radio One DJ and general good egg John Peel has been previewing Morrissey's new single, and what an absolute gem it is.

The A side, 'Suede Head', and one of the B side tracks, curiously titled 'Hairdresser on Fire', are not a million miles away from 'Queen is Dead' from 'The Smiths'. The other B side track, 'I Know Very Well How I Got My Name' is the most charming track on the disc, and bears more than a passing resemblance to 'I Won't Share You' off the last 'Smiths' album 'Strangeways Here We Come'.

The combination of Steven Street, Vini Reilly and Morrissey promises to be equally good as 'The Smiths'. Fingers crossed, the album should follow soon. Watch this space!

### 'Cold Sweat'-The Sugarcubes

Iceland? Iceland! Well, 'ABBA' were from Sweden, afterall, so is this a revival in the fortunes of the Scandinavian rock industry? (Has Scandinavia got a rock industry?)

Anyway, that apart, the winners of the prestigious Number One spot in John Peel's Festive Fifty follow up the brilliant 'Birthday' with the equally brilliant 'Cold Sweat'.

Not as Cocteau-esque (What? - Charlie) as 'Birthday', 'Cold Sweat' is more direct, with a guitar sound layered over a firm bass/drum beat, and that voice, so frail and yet so powerful.

With Gary Davis giving it a good airing on the National Number One radio station, this could be a chart-bound-sound soon.

So you see, there's more to Iceland than Magnus Magnusson and volcanoes!

Brad Blundell

### Hamburger Hill

The film that rivalled with 'Platoon' and 'Full Metal Jacket' to be THE movie about Vietnam. It's a shocker, all about a completely insignificant hill that became the site of one of the biggest blood baths in Vietnam, simply because the kill ratio of American to Vietnamese soldiers was good.

### 'Predator' (Cert.18)

The blurb says something about 'it' hunting for sport and killing for pleasure. What's the problem? Doesn't man do exactly the same thing?

### 'Robocop' (Cert.18)

If you haven't seen this, you're missing out on a hundred minutes of sheer great entertainment. GO AND SEE IT!

### 'Cry Freedom' (Cert.PG)

Richard Attenborough's film on Stephen Biko, set in South Africa. Good, admirably-intentioned, but ends up by being more about whites than blacks.

### 'The Dead' (Cert.U)

John Huston's last film, based on the short story by James Joyce.

### 'Maurice' (Cert.15)

Based on E M Forster's suppressed novel about a homosexual affair. Well directed and acted.

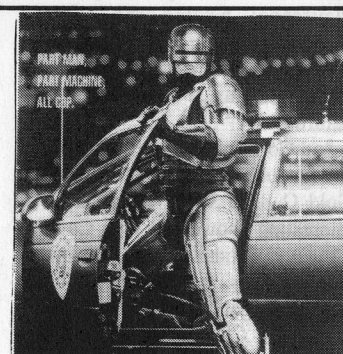
### 'Sammy and Rosie Get Laid' (Cert.18)

A film about the disintegration of Britain under the current Government, with a lot of internal anger, yet doesn't quite make it.

### Help!

FELIX need a dedicated, hard-nosed movie buff to run the Reviews Page! You get free tickets to film previews, sometimes free food, and a warm reception in the FELIX office. Anyone interested please contact Judith Hackney, FELIX Editor.

Charlie Robin



# Previews

## MUSIC

by Phil Young

This looks like a big week for the indie/thrash/shambling/garage/call-it-what-you-like scene. Kicking off are the *Bodeans*, proving that the Americans can do it just as well as us (thrash and shamble, that is), at ULU tonight, plugging their album *Outside Looking In* and their debut UK single *Dreams*. Along the same line are the *Wedding Present*, playing London for the first time since their album *George Best* hit the big time. Supporting them at the Town and Country Club, tonight, are the *Close Lobsters* and the *Flatmates*—yes, more of the same, but the *Close Lobsters* are about the best of their ilk, and manage to keep their musical influences hidden, with more variety than most. Finally tonight *Alien Sex Fiend* provide a welcome break with punky rock sounds, at the Astoria's *Apocalypse Club*, which opens at 11pm

On Sunday the *Woodentops* play Brixton Academy. Emerging from yet more shambling indie thrash, they now inject much more variety into their sound, incorporating some pleasant surprises. Adding to the variety are the support—*Yargo*

playing hard, jazzy soul, and *African Headcharge* with hip-hoppish reggae.

### Album Review

*The Godfathers: Birth, School, Work, Death*

*Hit by Hit*, the compilation of their first four singles on Corporate Image, took the indie charts by storm this time last year. This album, released on Epic, promises to do the same to the mainstream charts. The opening number—the title track—is the good old no-nonsense rock we expect from the *Godfathers* with bitter lyrics which encompass politics, drugs, sex and the futility of it all. Then there come some surprises; the next songs sound more like the harder *Rolling Stones* with twenty years' worth of evolution. The music and lyrics are abrupt, with such tried and tested rock themes as drugs and love, with a humorous arrogance. Totally out of character is *When am I coming down*, which is purely psychedelic and brilliant. The second side resorts to what the *Godfathers* are best at, pure, arrogant, protesting hard rock, with vocalist Peter Coyne asserting his personal rebellion. A possible reference to the arms race is followed by more good old rock lyrics about love. This album is a masterpiece of uncompromising *Clash*-style hard rock with none of the pretentious machismo of heavy metal. Undiluted, earthy and with a damn good rhythm.

## RACING

by Paul Shanley

The observant amongst you will have noticed racing tips appearing in this august journal in the past few weeks. The only problem with this is that FELIX deadlines are such that the weekend selections have to be made on a Thursday morning. Inevitably, this means that some non-runners are bound to slip through the net.

Last week's batch produced three non-runners. However, the other selection came up trumps with Playschool beating the odds-on favourite Forgive 'n' Forget by a commanding eight lengths to win the Irish Gold Cup at Leopardstown on Saturday.

Joe Coral now makes Playschool 4-1 favourite to take the Cheltenham Gold Cup on St Patrick's Day. An interesting showdown with Cavvies Clown is promised here subject to clearance by the Jockey Club on doping allegations. Watch this space nearer the Cheltenham Festival for

more news.

Looking further ahead, the weights are now available for the Grand National on April 9th. The handicapper has been a bit tough on last year's third placed Lean Ar Aghaidh who starts a stone heavier than his '87 trip.

Last year's runner-up The Tsarevich looks to be the best bet at the weights. The 12-year old is 9lb better than Lean Ar Aghaidh and will take some beating. 25-1 is being offered ante-post at Corals and Mecca.

It doesn't look like there will be any major upsets this year but the best outsider seems to be The Tsarevich's stable-mate Galway Blaze—Hennesy winner of '85. Latest word from Nick Henderson's yard is that he has a 50-50 chance of making it to Aintree. One to watch.

This week's tips appear in the news pages.

## FOOTBALL

by Adrian Grainger

### Arsenal vs Manchester Utd.

*Highbury (Arsenal tube)*

This is billed as the game of the day and along with the all Merseyside clash, the Cup will lose two of its favourites. The equivalent league meeting produced a victory for the Reds of Old Trafford, so the Gunners will be eager for revenge. The two clubs have good Cup records (6 final appearances in the last 10 years between them) and 11 Cup victories in their histories. (33 semi-finals as well!) If a football fan is asked which final he remembers most, then the mind flashes back to 1979. Arsenal at 2-0 looked invincible with five minutes to go, but United pulled it back to 2-2 only for Sunderland to poke the ball home for an Arsenal victory, real Roy of the Rovers stuff. Those days are gone but Rocastle, Groves, Adams et al should repeat the '79 triumph over Fergie's men to give London a strong chance of another Cup victory. Arsenal to win in a thriller.

### QPR vs Luton Town

*Loftus Road (White City tube)*

This is a pseudo derby game, putting two of the top sides of Division One in a Cup game, with a place in the last 8 to fight for. Rangers disposed of West Ham in the previous round and are feeling confident that this will be their year again to reach the final. They were defeated at Everton last week with my tip for the top Paul Parker putting through his own net. The Hatters are used to playing on plastic fantastic (I really mean that it's crap) and they must fancy their chances with Mark Stein playing so well. This will be a close game but QPR should sneak it by the odd goal in three.

### Charlton vs Sheffield Wed.

*Selhurst Park (Norwood Jtn tube)*

Charlton still hold up Division One and I wouldn't bet against them from doing this come May-time. Wednesday have been playing well lately but were surprisingly hammered 3-0 at Coventry last week. This league meeting is more important for the home team but Wednesday will be eager to maintain a top half placing. Charlton led Wimbledon last week but had to settle for a point. Sheffield have a good side

with Martin Hodge, Mark Chamberlain and Lee Chapman coming to mind. A draw is the most probable result but look out for a home win with a little bit of luck.

### Millwall vs Oldham

*The Den (New Cross tube)*

The Lions are pushing for promotion in a league where any of the top 11 must fancy their chances with a good run in at the end of the season. A good, close win from behind at Reading last week kept Millwall in the hunt with Sheringham notching up a couple of goals. Joe Royle and his Oldham side were never out of the top 3 in the league last year and were a victim of the play-offs. This season they have languished near the bottom of the table, but a respectable mid-table position looks likely. They lost 5-3 at Bradford last week with Andy Ritchie grabbing two. Millwall to take maximum points.

### Fulham vs Walsall

*Craven Cottage (Putney Bridge tube)*

Fulham entertain a top side in this Third Division game, who already have 7 away victories and are looking for 8. Fulham have a poor home record and look on thin ice with this one. Walsall are 3rd in the 3rd (confused?) and have a poetical midfielder in Craig Shakespeare and ex-Man City striker Trevor Christie upfront. Walsall have been pushing for promotion for years and have never quite made it. I hope that this will be their year. Walsall to win and gain promotion later on!

### Leyton Orient vs Cardiff City

*Brisbane Road (Leyton tube)*

This is a real top of the table clash for Division Four fans. Orient have fallen a little recently with a close defeat at Scunthorpe last week not helping Frank Clark and his men at all. Cardiff, a recent 4-1 away winner at top of the table Wolves, are having a great season and lie second at the moment. The Welshmen have ex-Southampton star Alan Curtis and ex-Brummie Nicky Platnaver in their squad and should prove strong opposition. Cardiff to take at least a point.

**Game of the day:** Arsenal vs Man Utd.

**My Cup last 8:** Birmingham, Wimbledon, QPR, Arsenal, Man City, Port Vale, Portsmouth and Liverpool.

A special mention for my hero Eddie Edwards, jumping in the 90m ski-jump at Calgary on Saturday. What a star, what a competitor, what a prat!

## What's On

### FRIDAY

**Conservative Soc Meeting** .....12.30pm.  
ME 569.

**Circuit Training** .....12.30pm.  
Union Gym with Cross Country and Athletics Club. Everyone welcome. Free.

**Orienteering** .....12.30pm.  
Brown/Green Committee Room (top floor of Union Building). Arrangements for following Sunday's event.

**Anti-Apartheid Meeting** .....12.45pm.  
Lower Union Lounge.

**Debating Society** .....1.00pm.  
Physics UG Common Room, Level 2.

**Friday Prayers** .....1.00pm.  
The Union Building. See Islamic Society.

**Christian Union** .....6.00pm.  
OHC 308. Title: 'The church—united or untied. For directions see noticeboard.

**IC Radio** .....7.00pm.  
999kHz. 'The Soft Cell Saga'.

**Into the Night** .....7.00pm.  
STOIC. Films, videos, chat, 'Countdown'. On all the televisions in the Halls of Residence.

**The Gondoliers** .....7.30pm.  
Union Concert Hall. Come and brighten up that dull Friday evening. £2 and £2.50. See OpSoc.

### SATURDAY

**Shotokan Karate** .....10.00am.  
Southside Gym. Beginners welcome. £1.

**Tang Soodo** .....4.00pm.  
Union Gym. Beginners welcome. £1 members.

**The Gondoliers** .....7.30pm.  
Union Concert Hall. Last chance to see the show of the year. £2.50 and £3.

### SUNDAY

**Tennis Practice** .....1.00pm.  
Prince's Gardens Courts. Team practice.

### MONDAY

**Rock Soc Meeting** .....12.30pm.  
Southside Upper Lounge. Interested in any form of rock? Come along!

**Curry Soc** .....12.30pm.  
Weekly meeting. Southside Upper Lounge.

**Parachute Club Meeting** .....12.30pm.  
Union Lower Lounge. See Max Hunt von Herbing (Chairman).

**Artsoc Meeting** .....12.30pm.  
SCR Union. Come to sign up and pay your money for tickets for forthcoming events, eat biscuits and drink coffee. Free to members (membership £1.50).

**ICCAG Meeting** .....12.45pm.  
Rag Office.

**Recitation of Holy Qur'an** .....1.00pm.  
9 Prince's Gardens. See Islamic Society.

**Golf Practice** .....5.30pm.  
Union Gym. See Golf Club.

**Intermediate Ballroom** .....7.00pm.  
JCR. 80p. See Dance Club.

**Shotokan Karate** .....7.00pm.  
Southside Gym. Beginners welcome. £1.

**Beetle Soc Meeting** .....7.30pm.  
Southside Bar.

**Beginners Ballroom** .....8.00pm.  
JCR. 80p. See Dance Club.

**Tang Soo Do** .....9.00pm.  
Southside Gym. Beginners welcome. £1.00 members.

### TUESDAY

**Christian Union** .....8.15am.  
Chemistry 231. See Steve Clark, Christian Union.

**Guinness & Gossip** .....12.30pm.  
Sailing Club meeting above Stan's.

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

**BUNAC Meeting** .....12.30pm.  
JCR. Come and talk to representatives if you would like to work in USA or Canada this summer.

**Boardsailing** .....12.30pm.  
Regular meeting in Southside Lounge to organise trips.

**For Your Information** .....12.45pm.  
STOIC's event guide.

**Ski Club** .....12.45pm.  
Above Southside Bar, sign up for lessons and recreational skiing.

**QT Soc Meeting** .....1.00pm.  
Southside Upper Lounge (or Pizza Bar). Plot-hatching extravaganza! New members welcome.

**Speaker Meeting** .....1.15pm.  
Read Theatre, Sherfield Building. 'Verification of arms-control treaties:

the role for science and scientists' — Dr Jeremy Leggett.

**Jewish Society Meeting** .....1.30pm.

Union SCR. A video 'The Wave' makes Hitler look almost reasonable.

**Holy Qur'an Recitation** .....1.30pm.  
Prayer Room. See Islamic Society.

**Amnesty Meeting** .....5.30pm.  
Brown Committee Room. Everyone welcome.

**Wine Tasting** .....6.00pm.  
Union SCR. A tasting of wines from the Loire. Tutored by a master of wine.

**STOIC** .....6.00pm.  
'In and Around'. A preview of the week's events in and around IC.

**Canoe Club** .....6.30pm.  
Meet in Beit Quad for training session in swimming pool.

**Judo** .....6.30pm.  
Union Gym. Sorry—no more beginners.

**AudioSoc** .....7.00pm.  
RSM Room 1.02. The cornflake shop presents the battle of turntables.

**Caving Club Meeting** .....7.00pm.  
Southside Upper Lounge.

**Advanced Ballroom** .....7.00pm.  
JCR. 80p. See Dance Club

**Improvers Ballroom** .....8.00pm.  
JCR. 80p. See Dance Club.

**Canoe Club Meeting** .....8.30pm.  
Above Southside Bar.

**Dai Rocking** .....9.00pm.  
IC Radio (999kHz). The best in hard rock and not-so-hard rock music including the featured album every week with David Williams.

### WEDNESDAY

**Sailing** .....12.30pm.  
Meet outside Southside.

**S.L.A.G.S. Meeting** .....12.30pm.  
Society for Lesbian and Gay Students meets in the Green Committee Room (top floor Union Building). Come along for a chat if you don't mind people thinking you're going to a Wargames Society meeting!

**Ski Club** .....12.30pm.  
Above Southside Bar. Meet for trip to dry ski slope for lessons and recreational skiing. Bring gloves and thick socks.

**Golf Meeting** .....1.00pm.  
Sudbury. Regular weekly meeting.

**Caving Club Meeting** .....1.00pm.  
Union Snack Bar.

**Wargames Meeting** .....1.00pm.  
Senior Common Room.

**Beginners Rock n Roll** .....2.15m.  
Union Dining Hall. 80p.

**Offbeat Practice** .....3.15pm.  
Union Dining Hall. 80p.

**Guilds Motor Club** .....7.30pm.  
Southside. Clubnight including another round of the Scalextric Championship.

**Rock Soc Disco** .....8.00pm.  
Union Lower Lounge. Bop until you drop. 50p members, £1 otherwise.

### THURSDAY

**ICYHA Meeting** .....12.30pm.  
Southside Upper Lounge.

**MethSoc** .....12.30pm.  
Huxley 413. Malcolm Bowden of the Creation Science movement, will be speaking on 'The evidence against evolution and for Genesis'.

**Socialist Society Meeting** .....12.45pm.  
Brown Committee Room. All welcome. Contact Adrian Grainger (Maths 3).

**Ski Club** .....12.45pm.  
Above Southside Bar. Sign up for lessons, racing team.

**Newsbreak** .....1.00pm.  
STOIC. IC's own news programme.

**SFSOC Library Meeting** .....1.00pm.  
Green Committee Room, Union Building. Borrow books from our vast library, help plan future events. Members only.

**Lunch-Hour Concert** .....1.30pm.  
The Music Room 53 Prince's Gate. Auriol String Quartet.

**Arabic Classes** .....1.30pm.  
Prayer Room. See Islamic Society.

**Gliding Club Meeting** .....5.30pm.  
Aero 254. Arrange trial flights, lifts to Lasham, talks and then to the bar.

**Orienteering Training** .....5.30pm.  
Union Gym. Social meeting held from 6.30pm onwards.

**Newsbreak** .....6.00pm.  
STOIC.

**Judo** .....6.30pm.  
Union Gym. Sorry—no more beginners.

**BUNAC Meeting** .....6.45pm.  
UCL Engineering Lecture Theatre, Torrington Place, WC1. Work America or Canada.

**IC FilmSoc Film** .....7.00pm.  
'Platoon'. 50p members, £1 non-members. New members welcome.

**Martyn with a 'y' Special** .....9.00pm.  
IC Radio. All your favourite records for two spectacular hours.

**ICCAG Soup Run** .....9.15pm.  
Weeks Basement Hall. Contact Liz Warren (Chem Eng 2).

## TENNIS

IC 2nds VI—1  
Queen's Club 2nds VI—5  
The first 'friendly' tennis match for the IC 2nds took place on Sunday against Queen's Club. Conditions were perfect, mild, a little sun and most importantly no rain. Unfortunately the scores show the standard of play was far from perfect with out first pair, Mark Lavelle and Ken Cheung, winning the only rubber against Queen's third pair. Queen's first pair was strong but our lack of match practice prevented more success against the other two pairs.  
Next weekend sees the match of IC 1sts VI against Queen's 1st VI. So, with favourable weather, sweet revenge is called for.

## RUGBY

RCS A Team—16  
Queen Mary College 2nds—14  
Due to recent problems in raising a second side, RCS Rugby has now formed a temporary A side which draws from the full RCS squad.  
Once the visitors had arrived the A team began to get in the mood, helped by a rousing display by captain Pertbucks. Such was the enthusiasm that Bardiver-Dobson taped back his vulcan ears. The game started off at a fast pace and it took a while for RCS to settle. Playing with the wind, much ground was made with Bryn's boot which spurred on the forwards who dominated the loose ball.

Ten minutes into the game, out of the blue, Queen Mary's scored and converted a try. Not deterred by this RCS put the pressure on and halfway through the half their hard work paid off when Spike Boyce went over. This try was magnificently converted by Stickman Magee.

The second half began badly—the half-time lead of 12-6 was soon whittled down to a 12-14 deficit after two quick tries by Mary's. To add injury to insult, halfway into the second period, O'Donut had to leave the field with a cream cake problem. Luckily we had super-sub J Clayton to come on.

As the match entered the closing stages blood began to boil. Under the influence of debut boy Bob Coutes in tandem with Mouth Manning the pack went from strength to strength and were repeatedly within a few feet of the line. The game climaxed 7 minutes into injury time when M Fanshawe collected a poorly cleared ball and touched down in the corner. Seconds later the whistle went and RCS recorded a memorable victory.

## CYCLING



The racing season is here at last. Serious training runs will set off from Beit Arch at 2pm on Wednesday afternoons starting this week; note however that the Sunday morning runs shall remain largely touringorientated as usual. Riders of all abilities are welcome to come along and try their hand.

A busy season of BSSF Championships begins on March 10

with the ten-mile time trial in Nottingham. It is hoped that we will be able to field a strong team not only in this event, but also in the subsequent trial. Full details of all events will follow shortly. In the meantime, anyone interested should contact me (Andy Major) through the Physics pigeonholes, or come and see me in B501, the Bessemer Building.  
*Andy Major, Physics 3.*

## TEN-PIN BOWLING

### Bowling frenzy

Last Wednesday, IC set out in confident mood to tackle the mighty Kent in their last UCTBA match. Knowing that a good result could put the team into contention for the national finals, captain Paul Gaines whipped his side into a bowling frenzy.

Unfortunately by the time we had arrived, after a 3½ hour 'bum-numbing' journey, much of this fervour had disappeared. The match started and soon the A, B and Ladies squads were in deep trouble, dramatically losing their first games with only the C squad maintaining some pride by destroying their Kent counterparts (fine performances from Ben Surtees, Cott Waye, Simon Phillips and Martin Morris). Although the B team shaded their second game and the C squad carried on with their impressive form, the A and Ladies teams continued to flounder and by the start of the third games, IC faced the devastating prospect of a humiliating defeat.

It was at this point that the true

spirit of IC shone through. Instead of heads dropping, the squad captains spurred their team-mates on for one last super-human effort. The C squad finished their campaign the way they had started by white-washing their opponents and, with the 'B Boys' rallying superbly to clinch their contest (excellent scores from Paul Young, Chi Chan and Steve Russell—whose 197 contained eight strikes!), four match points were in the bag for IC.

Unfortunately, the A and Ladies squads were by now in so much trouble that four points were guaranteed for Kent. This left the remaining two match points resting on the result of the A squad's final game. Rising to the challenge Garman Wong, Roger Hollamby and new boy Bruce Nichols all fired in scores of 150+, leaving the skipper to heroically secure the game (and a 5-5 match result) in a nail-biting last frame 'bowl off' with his opposite number. A fine IC Performance.

## HOCKEY

### Eric's difficult balls

IC 3rds XI—0  
Old Creightonians 3rds XI—0  
The first half was a very exciting 45 minutes with everyone slipping over in the mud. Steve Burton got very close to scoring. He was directly in front of the goal and missed. He blamed it on the ball dropping into a divit. Spencer stood about on the wing, hitting the ball about, and occasionally giving the ball away. Eric stopped some difficult balls. The end of the second half was marked by Shaun saving the ball with his box—Ow! The second half was just as eventful, Vish played with himself most of the time, dribbling only a short distance before losing the ball.  
NB. The 2nds also drew 0-0.

## IC Ladies—1 Kings—1

This is the first ladies hockey match to be played for three weeks due to the weather. Both teams attacked, defended and stick tackled well. The breakthrough came twenty minutes into the first half when Kings struck a short corner well, good reflex action was however seen by Emma Pownall as she got out of the way of the ball before it hit the backboard. Not to be out-done IC replied when Sarah Hodgson took advantage of the free hit to put the ball across the goal mouth, Penny Otway stopped the ball, drew the goalkeeper towards her before deftly flicking the ball left where Suzanne Astington made no mistake as she scored the equalising goal. After this the game returned to mediocracy.

Many thanks to Mark Rayfield for umpiring.

## IC Ladies—1 Wye College—0

This was a quarter-final match of the University of London Colleges plate competition. IC with an understrength side again had a very positive attitude. The game again saw play at both ends of the pitch. However good defensive play by Emma Pownall and midfield play by Mary Faldon ensured Wye did not score. A flash of brilliance by Sandra Rofe produced the only goal of the match.

Thanks to Deb's friend Sarah, for playing.

## FOOTBALL

### Domination

IC 1st—4

Goldsmiths 1st—4

IC started well and began to dominate the game. IC were unlucky not to score twice early on in the game. Simon Cole made a run to the edge of the box, beating two or three players, and then shot, the ball hit the underside of the crossbar and bounced out. The other chance was a goalmouth scramble but the goalie managed to smother the ball.

IC's first goal came when Nigel Collier tried to put a pass through to Adam Thomas, but a Goldsmith's defender intercepted it and inadvertently passed it back to Collier who struck it with his left foot into the back of the net. The second goal came from new boy Pip Peel who ran on to a long cross field pass from M Bradley and put the ball wide of the goalie to make it 2-0.

The lead was strengthened when N Collier received the ball and skillfully beat the defender but before shooting he waited for the beaten defender to recover and then beat him again. Still

not feeling ready to shoot he gave the same defender yet another chance to relieve himself, but Collier turned himself once more and mustered up the confidence to shoot.

The second half did not have so much to offer from IC's point of view. Goldsmiths started to re-capture some of their form which has put them at the top of the league. It was not long before the score was 3-2. Goldsmiths were going from strength to strength but IC hit back with a far post leader from Collier. But unfortunately this did not turn the game around. With IC looking increasingly more tired Goldsmiths made the final score 4-4.

IC 3rd XI—2

LSE 2nd XI—1

This game saw IC 3rds needing a result, both for their own league ambitions and to help the 2nds who were worried about second placed LSE's challenge to their championship hopes. The game began in the worse possible way for IC, playing into a strong wind they conceded a goal from LSE's very first attack. Most teams would have believed that it wasn't going to be their day, but the IC team gritted their teeth and began to play their best football of the season. Paul Olden and

Darren Bolland were superb in midfield and IC really began to attack. The equaliser came after twenty minutes—a great ball out to the right wing from Paul Olden saw Darren Bolland cross perfectly to Chris Morris who rifled home a powerful left foot shot. IC carried on playing well, but were downhearted to see Mark Radley carried off ten minutes before half-time after a nasty challenge. With no sub IC were down to 10 men and LSE fancied their chances, even though IC hung on until half-time with the scores level. The second half started with the wind against IC's backs and for the first twenty minutes keeper Dave Martin hardly had a touch as IC mounted attack after attack. Eventually the pressure had to pay, Paul Neville worked the ball across the LSE box to Neil Leonard, who's first time pass put Darren Bolland through and a perfect finish put IC 2-1 up. IC relaxed a bit after gaining the lead and LSE mounted some pressure, Ivan Parkin was superb (marking 2 men most of the time due to Mark Radley's injury), and Chris Budgen, Kevin Graves and Mark Woodgate all defended so well that LSE never really caused any problems. The final whistle gave IC the win they deserved and an invaluable 2 points.

## FENCING

### Drowning sorrows

Saturday and Sunday saw the mens epee championship and the fencing club had a team entered as well as individuals. Having decided to have an early night and not drink on Friday night, I did not manage to find form on Saturday and went out in the mens first round.

Sorrows were drowned in preparation for the team event. We had a four person team which lost narrowly to the combined services despite a good performance from our recruit Richard Jarvin. We also lost to the home team but managed to beat the Polytechnic B team quite convincingly. Part of this may have been due to us using Grolsch bottles for water and our opponents' giving us very dubious looks before each bout. Credit should go to Pete Cripwell since he managed to keep an off form team together well. We hope to do better in our next outing in the Birmingham International.

## JOBS JOBS JOBS JOBS JOBS EASTER 1988

The Vacation Letting Schemes and Summer Accommodation Centre need managers and cleaners for their schemes over the Easter vacation.

### VLS Need:

26th March to 23rd April, 5 managers at £100 per week and cleaners at £2 per hour.

### SAC Need:

28th March to 30th March, and 8th April to 22nd April cleaners at £2 per hour, and receptionist, approx 8 hours per day including weekends, 8th to 22nd April £73 per week plus discretionary bonus.

*These positions are also available over the summer.*

### Contact:

**Anna Jones, 15 Princes Gardens  
or Bridget Fairburn, Conference Office, Sherfield Building  
for application forms to be returned by Friday 26th February**

## GRAFFITTI CLUB

### More colour

Do you want an especially eye-catching poster for your club's big event? Would you like a special club t-shirt? How about snazzier than average membership cards? All this will soon be available from Graffiti Society.

Screen printing is the process of using a squeegee to force ink through a masked mesh to form a pattern onto almost any surface; paper, card, fabric, plaster (!). Hand-drawn or photographic designs can be used.

Those of you who saw the PICOCON posters will have seen what screen printing can do for your club's publicity. Soon we hope to be able to offer t-shirt and sweatshirt printing at very competitive rates.

Graffiti Soc is currently being reformed. We need members, and our suggestion is that publicity officers of clubs that want to use our facilities should join. We can then train you up (it takes just a couple of afternoons). Membership will be £1-2; if you're interested contact one of the temporary committee:

Chairman: Ian Thomas, Civ Eng 1  
Secretary: Nancy Reading,  
Chemistry 1  
Treasurer: Simon Bradshaw,  
Elec Eng 2.

Join up now—and spread your word!

## PHOTOSOC

### Competition

The primary aim of the Society is to promote all aspects of photography within the College and to help its members to achieve their full potential as photographers. One way of achieving this has been to organise a competition entitled 'Exploring London' (running from Feb 12 to April 25). In addition to a number of prizes on offer it is intended that all entries of sufficiently high standard will form the basis of a prestigious exhibition to be held towards the end of the summer term. (Students and staff are encouraged to enter).

Over the next few months we will also be holding a series of workshops ranging from how to develop and print your own films, through to more specialised subjects such as photography in science, landscape and architectural photography, etc.

Details of these activities can be obtained at the next general meeting (Feb 18, 6pm, Union Dining Hall). Anyone unable to attend can contact Phil Turner (int 7488) or Sophie

Jackson (int 4541).

Finally we would be indebted to any of the photographic staff within the College prepared to donate some of their time, to give an informal seminar/workshop on one or more of the specialities. Anyone who can help, please ring one of the above members.

## METHSOC

### I believe...

'Students have been brainwashed into accepting evolution'. So says Malcolm Bowden of the Creation Science Movement, and the guest speaker at MethSoc on Thursday February 25.

Mr Bowden will be talking on 'The Evidence Against Evolution for Genesis' and everyone will be most welcome to the talk and discussion afterwards.

The venue is the Union Concert Hall and lunch will be provided for 50p, starting at 12.30pm.

## FILMSOC

### Platoon

IC Filmsoc presents *Platoon* on Thursday 25th February. 7pm, Mech Eng 220, 50p members, £1 non-members, new members welcome.

## ALLIANCESOC

### Why not?

Anyone interested in helping to form a society to promote the newly merged Social and Liberal Democratic Party should contact Andrew Waller (Physics 1).

## JOBBER SQUAD

### Volunteers?

After at least a year in hibernation we're back! If anyone interested in any form of voluntary work either as part of our group or individually then we could put you in touch with the local volunteer bureau.

It need not be a regular commitment as many of the jobs are 'one offs' taking up an afternoon. So if you want to earn some brownie points then please get in touch with me as soon as possible.

Alistair Goodall,  
Department of Computing (1st year)

## S&G

### Go wild!

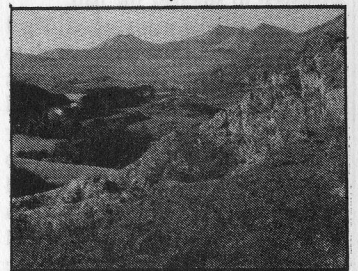
We are now half-way through our programme of weekend trips for this term, having visited Snowdonia three weeks ago and the Lakes last weekend.

The North London Mountaineers Hut in Capel Curig proved a very comfortable base for the former. The Saturday saw an onslaught on Snowdon by four different groups—a successful attempt on Great Gully, a not so successful attempt on Central Trinity Gully and two plods up the Pyg track, one returning round half of the Snowdon horseshoe. A superb ice-axe braking practise session was also enjoyed by two of the groups (ie sliding down a snow gully head first backwards!). On Sunday the weather and snow conditions were extremely good, and views were actually obtained from the top of Tryfan and the Glyders.




Unfortunately conditions were not as good for our Lakes weekend based in Santon Bridge near Wasdale. Rain

and very high winds made sure everyone got well and truly soaked the first day, although despite the weather, Great Gable was conquered via Great Hell Gate. Conditions did not look much better the following day, so although a very keen few did battle on the hills again, a visit to Sellafield appealed more to the rest of us.

Other events so far this term have included an excellent talk on winter mountaineering techniques and a wine tasting session. Lots more is planned up to the end of term (see our noticeboard in Beit Arch) leading up to the Easter Tour to Skye, which should be very interesting.

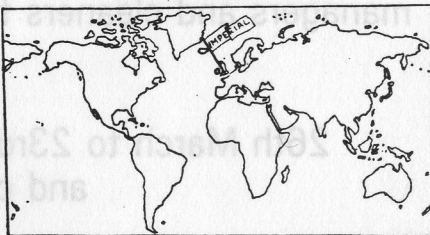


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## Small Ads

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Japanese Society.** Please contact K Yokota (Mech Eng PG) for details.
- **Jumble,** jumble, jumble, please send bric-a-brac, clothes and toys with tasty cakes to the IC Day Nursery, 8 Princes Gdns by Thursday 3rd March.
- **IC Tennis Club** now has a weekly booking sheet for courts and competitive ladder for all members. See sports club notice board for details. £4 to join. Contact Paul Skipworth (Chem Eng 2).
- **RCS Soccer** 6's. Sunday March 6, 11am, coaches will leave Beit Arch at 10am.
- **College** accommodation 1988-89 application forms for head tenancies and new applicants now available from Student Accommodation Office, 15 Princes Gardens. Closing date March 16.

### ACCOMMODATION

- **Woman** wanted for flatshare. Own room plus share of bathroom and kitchen with one other woman. Five minutes walk from College. £40 p/w. Phone 584 4508.
- **Single** room in a shared house of 5 people in London. £136 p/m. 5 minutes walk from the tube. Phone 5586 (ask for Carol or Martin) or 672 7220 after 7pm.

### LOST & FOUND

- **Found** at Picocon: Six books. If these are yours contact T Irons (Physics 3).
- **Found** on Exhibition Road: One blue bookmark. Contact T Irons (Physics 3).

### FOR SALE

- **One** pair Salomon SX90 ski boots (11/12) £20 contact J Biddle (Biochem 2) or phone 371 0249.
- **2 bikes** for sale £25 and £35. Contact Z Malik (Physics 2).

### PERSONAL

- **You** with the boyish good looks—would we both fit on your mast, sailor? Love the Dynamic Duo.
- **Yishu**—thank you for the roses. Please call me and I won't refuse this time—H.
- **Bored?** Fed up with revision? You must be in Life Sci. See you in Southside, Friday night for a session, Love Martin.
- **Andy**—following your unexplained absence from your own bed last Saturday night, you have been elected as new ladies liaison officer for the Penthouse Club.
- **The Gauntlet Club** would like to thank Mark Lee for the delivery of their new video game.
- **Could** the person who sent me the Milk Tray at the John Percy Labs urgently contact me on 5917.
- **Can** the girl who left her watch with the DJ last Saturday contact Richard Fincher at IC Radio.
- **Dave Bradley**—is it 'thump' with a 'hic' or vice versa?
- **Graham** Winsey sends apologies for tutorial cancellations—his 'dop-wopper' was sadly removed yesterday.
- **Asparagus** tips of the world unite! Wednesday's the night.
- **Will** Martin score a strike with Katie. The 200 Club.
- **For** ransom! One snoop, apply Flat C9 armed with pints of cider.
- **88+84=69?** But not before 12!

## Sour grapes

Dear Judith,

I was surprised and disappointed to read Mr Basma's letter (FELIX 12.2.88). I have the following comments to make.

I accepted the advice of the committee for four out of the five re-apps, which is hardly 'ignoring' the committee's 'choices', one of whom was Mr Basma. Fortunately, as subsequent events have shown, he withdrew his application as he wanted to share a flat with our current Ents rep next year. So it seems that out of the five re-apps chosen, I am only responsible for one of those not selected, and Mr Basma for the other. I am sorry if Mr Basma doesn't like the selection procedure for re-apps (however it is not in my power to change this); he is welcome to make a representation to the College Secretary, Level 5, Sheffield Building.

Incidentally, I do most strongly object to my quotes in the letter, which are pure fabrication on the part of Mr Basma.

This leads me to what I assume to be the centre of Mr Basma's 'sour grapes'—the Diggers Club. As with any other resident of Mining House, I welcome any social activity in the house, and as such, a social club has a valuable role to play in the life of the House, initiating and organising activities etc. However, in its present form, the Diggers Club does not cater for (or appeal to) the majority of Mining House residents, although I do not deny that it may have done so in the past.

I'm sorry if Mr Basma is unhappy with the social life of the House, but this is dependent to a large extent on the House Committee—elected by the residents. I would welcome and support any suggestions he may have, parenthetically, Mining House is still looking forward to the start of Mr Basma's project which he raised money for three months ago.

With the help of the House Committee and subwardens I have arranged a variety of events, open parties, barbecues, film, theatre and restaurant trips, an outward-bound weekend, an international cuisine evening, cocktail, coffee evenings, a Chinese New Year party, a Coming-Up Dinner and a boat trip for the summer term.

Presumably this is the 'unsociable' house which he refers to.

I have yet to hear of any constructive 'sociable' ideas emanating from Mr Basma, unless drinking ten pints of beer (as involved in the Diggers' initiation) and throwing-up over the newly decorated house is his idea of sociability. Perhaps the Subwardens and newly selected re-apps are behind me 'through thick and thin' because they view 'sociability' in slightly different terms than Mr Basma: has it occurred to him that his opinions may not be popularly held?

My appointed job as Warden is to consider the welfare and happiness of ALL Mining House residents, and to maintain the good name of Imperial College. If Mr Basma has any suggestions for improving the sociability of Mining House then perhaps he could inform the Ents rep, his house rep, or myself.

Such public exchanges in FELIX can only damage the reputation of Mining House, something I'm sure he would not wish to do.

Yours sincerely,  
Ms C Brown.

## Print Unit trouble

Dear Judith,

Early last term, MOPSOC and Astrosoc drew up designs for new membership cards, and requested FELIX print them. When they arrived, they were half the size requested, squashed up and without borders. Two-thirds of them were not usable through smudging, poor printing or, as in some cases, through having the Balloon Club logo printed over them. Understanding that FELIX was having some trouble with its print unit we returned the cards and went elsewhere for our printing, at some cost and delayed by several weeks. As a gesture of goodwill, however, we decided not to register any complaint.

It was thus with some surprise that a few weeks later a bill for materials was received, especially as it represented

considerably more than the original verbal estimate. Presuming that this was merely a tentative attempt on the part of FELIX to recoup costs on a disastrous print run, we let it pass. We didn't feel that RCSU should subsidise FELIX's printing problems.

Last week we were informed that a letter had been sent to RCSU, over our heads, labelling us as bad creditors and requesting that the money be debited forthwith from our accounts, without our authorisation.

This is not acceptable, FELIX has a monopoly over a number of services to clubs. We are legally obliged to pay for unsatisfactory goods and it is blackmail if FELIX uses withdrawal of its services to force us to do so. For FELIX to go over the heads of club presidents and to remove money from their accounts, amounts to nothing less than robbery.

I can only hope that the whole affair is an administrative oversight and that FELIX's business manager was unaware for the reason behind the refusal to pay. As such, MOPSOC and Astrosoc look forward to being refunded, not as a 'goodwill gesture', but as a matter of principle.

Dan Salmons, MOPSOC President.

N B Wood, Astrosoc Chairman.

Reply from Judith Hackney, Print Unit Manager:

The reason they were billed was attached to the invoice I sent them originally: Mr Salmons saw the artwork for both cards before the printing was completed and he said that it was fine. Mr Wood guillotined both sets of cards himself and took them away seeming satisfied with the finished job. It was only the next day that Mr Salmons returned, having changed his mind. The societies were only billed for the materials used. The price may have been more than I guessed because not all of the plate was taken up by other clubs and societies wanting a similar two colour job, hence they had to pay more for the plate they used than is usual. It was well-publicised in last year's FELIX that any clubs wanting membership cards printed for this academic year should have them booked in and printed before the start of the academic year because of this very plate space problem! However, MOPSOC and AstroSoc came to me in October. I could go on at great lengths about the complexities of this Print Unit's time, costings and availability of printing but as you know we are tight on space in FELIX.

The Print Unit does not have a monopoly: it merely offers clubs cheap, 'at cost' printing, there is no labour charge made. I can only sum up by saying that if I could, I would have charged the men concerned double purely for wasting the Print Unit's and my time at the busiest and most trouble-struck time of the year. It took nearly a day to set up and print those cards when the printer and I were working an average 18 hours a day.

Reply from Chris Martin, FELIX Business Manager: I have seen the letter you have sent to the FELIX Editor about the membership cards.

Leaving aside the issue of whether you should pay, this being an issue for the Print Unit Manager, I must explain our action of going 'over your head' to the RCSU.

This happened when I contacted the RCSU Senior Treasurer, Dr Bignall, of the Physics Department, over another matter. I mentioned in the conversation that there were some outstanding bills from the RCSU, and he then asked me to send him a copy of all the outstanding bills. This I did, and later I received a cheque for the amount. It seems that any misunderstanding over the paying of the bill has arisen within the RCSU, with the breakdown of the authorisation procedure. I don't think I have acted unreasonably in any way.

Also, since the invoice was sent, I have heard nothing at all from Mr Salmons or anyone else saying the invoice would not be paid, so naturally I assumed that it would be.

I would like to add that chasing overdue Print Unit bills takes up, on average, half a day of my (unpaid) time a week, and these are bills on which we charge only cost price, and this isn't work that I can say I enjoy.

I look forward to your apology.

PS. Does this really need to be carried out through the letter pages of FELIX? I can't imagine anyone but Mr Salmons or Mr Wood being the least bit interested.

## Record IC computer thefts

There has been a recent spate of computer thefts throughout the College. Since the third week of January more than ten pieces of computer equipment have disappeared, most of the thefts occurring in the Departments of Chemistry and Biochemistry.

The latest was an Amstrad computer and keyboard from Chemical Engineering, which was stolen sometime between 7.30pm and 10.15pm on Wednesday. The computer is believed to be holding about six months' of a student's thesis, which is not stored elsewhere.

Terry Briley of College Security said that this rate of theft is not usual and appealed for anyone who has any information to contact Security on int

3370 during office hours or 3372 out of hours. He urged computer users to 'insist that stuff is clamped down' and always to lock computer room doors when the computers are unattended. All but one of the computers were carried out through doors which were left unlocked.

The largest theft was worth about £7500 and was carried out between 8pm and 9pm one evening last week in Chemistry. When asked whether he thought it likely that the equipment would be recovered, Mr Briley was not optimistic. The computers are 'highly marketable', he explained.

The Scenes of Crimes Officer has inspected the relevant rooms but was unable to find any identifiable marks.

## Baker backs down

Mr Kenneth Baker, the Government's Education Secretary, has reiterated that the Government would never interfere in the detailed work of the new Universities Funding Council (UFC). This follows a demand made by university vice-chancellors to the standing Commons Committee which is considering the Education Reform Bill in detail. Originally Mr Baker proposed that the UFC would have control over money raised from non-government sources. He has now backed down, telling MPs that the UFC would just control government funding.

Mr Baker denied that sinister government motives lay behind his proposals. He wants the new UFC to make its own decisions on allocation of funds and advise him on the funding needs of higher education,

but without acting as a lobby for more money.

Many Vice Chancellors have expressed their fear that the Great Education Reform Bill could lead to Government abuse of their new powers. The Committee of Vice Chancellors and Principals (CVCP) believe that ministers could demand certain courses to be taught or not taught at universities. Mr Baker said that amendments would be tabled at the report stage which would make clear that the Secretary of State had no powers to impose specific conditions over flow of money.

The CVCP said later that they were reassured by Mr Baker's statement but would wait until they saw the amendments before they were willing to make a judgement.

## Herriot-Watt say No

Herriot-Watt University students have voted against reaffiliation to the National Union of Students (NUS) by more than 55% in a 53% poll. The University voted by 53% to leave the NUS in 1981, when the student association was dominated by the Federation of Conservative Students, however, it is now under the control of independents.

Only three of Scotland's eight universities are in the NUS.

## Manager at Easter now

The new Union Manager is to be appointed to start at Easter following a meeting of the Imperial College Union Council at Silwood Park on Monday.

The Union Manager is to be a permanent member of the Union staff and will oversee the running of the Union Snack Bar, Bar, transport and, possibly, Southside Shop when he/she is appointed.

## Wrist twist

Guild's President Dave Tyler broke his wrist in a rugby match against Birmingham. The game was played at Teeside Polytechnic and the competition involved Chemical Engineering departments all around the country. Dave Tyler was not the only member of the team to suffer, in the space of ten minutes one IC player had his head cut open, and another received a black eye. Mr Tyler was taken to Middlesborough General Hospital to have a cast put on, which should be taken off in about a week.

## Pot plot

The Royal College of Science Union's Three Handed Pot went missing from the Union Bar over the weekend. Several clubs were suspected but it was returned on Wednesday afternoon with a can of beans inside it. No further action is to be taken.

## Papers up

Papers went up at 9.30am on Monday morning for the sabbatical posts. Nigel D Baker (Chem Eng) and Paul Shanley (Maths) have both been nominated for President. The position of Deputy President has so far resulted in Steven Mercer (Physics) and Charles Brereton (Biochem) standing. So far only Ian Morris (Civ Eng) has put himself forward for Honorary Secretary. Three people so far have signed up for FELIX Editor Chris Martin (Computing), Bill Goodwin (Mech Eng), Martyn Peck (Chemistry).

Papers will remain up until 5.30pm on Friday 26th February. By Thursday lunchtime only Nigel D Baker, Ian Morris and Chris Martin had been fully proposed and seconded.

## ICR survey

Imperial College Radio is carrying out a survey of Princes Gardens' residents to find out if anybody is taking advantage of their service. They are keen to discover whether they are playing the right sort of music, if people can pick up their signal well in their rooms and if students would listen to IC Radio if it were allowed to broadcast on FM.

## BRIEF

### Extraordinary

An Extraordinary Union General Meeting of Imperial College Union has been called for next Tuesday to debate the Government's new Education Reform Bill. It will take place in the JCR at 1pm

### Raid raise

Over £450 was raised by ten people from IC Rag over the weekend on a 'Rag Raid' to Bedford.

### Good news

*Bass Dance* are playing College tonight in the Union Lounge. The main band features *Basil Gabbidon* and warm-ups include *John Shuttleworth* and *Loves Young Nightmare*. Tickets are available from the Union or on the door.

### Wacky

Thirty boxes of Milk Tray were delivered last Friday by wacky IC Rag romeos. This included four boxes for one woman in the Mathematics Department.

### NUS threats

The Labour Party has warned Militant students that they face expulsion if they stand against moderate Labour Party candidates in the forthcoming elections for the leadership of the NUS.

### Shan's Dodgy Sporting Tips

NAP: **Young Snugfit**  
Edinburgh, 1.45 Friday.  
NB: **Slalom**  
Chepstow, 1.30 Friday.  
E/W **Carat Stick**  
Edinburgh, 2.45 Friday.  
This week's Irish race:  
**Maid of Money**,  
Navan, 3.30 Saturday.