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Out into the wilderness?

The Christian Union (CU) is to be thrown out of Imperial College Union next year if a decision taken at a recent Union Finance Committee is upheld by ICU Council next Monday. The committee 'refused to fund' the CU, as it felt their constitution contravened the ICU by-laws, the rules that Union is run by.

The by-law in question is one that says that 'ICU facilities must be open to all its members', and this has been interpreted to mean that any student may join any club or society. The CU constitution states that members must hold certain beliefs and sign a

declaration to this effect before they are able to join.

The CU claim that they need this restriction on membership to be a member of the Universities and Colleges Christian Fellowship (UCCF), the national body which

gives them substantial support.

The matter is due to be brought up at Union Council on Monday, which will make the final decision on the status of the CU. If the CU is thrown out it will be unable to book rooms, have any funding from ICU and have adverts in FELIX. They may still be able to book rooms in the College through their contacts within the departments. CU are due to discuss the matter at a committee meeting next week and also at a forthcoming Extraordinary General Meeting.

Union President Sydney Harbour-Bridge (formerly Ian Howgate) said that if the CU were to get away with this, it would be carte blanche for all the tie clubs, with self-elected membership, to become part of ICU.

Jackie Scott, Secretary of CU, told FELIX that, as far as she was concerned, CU would 'fight this all the way', possibly even to a Union General Meeting. She feels that exceptions should be made to the rules for religious societies and it is reasonable to expect at least committee members to hold the belief the society is promoting.



Steph Snell beat Dave Smedley and Daniel Shiu to become RCSU President with a majority of 30 votes. Gail Turner took the position of Honorary Secretary with a convincing 114 vote majority over Julian Moore and Steve Mitchell. The position of Honorary Junior Treasurer was won with a margin of 100 votes by Carol Luscombe over fellow first year physicist Sarah Porter and Vijay Thakur. Dave Williams, and Andrew Meredith were returned unopposed as VP and AAO respectively.

DO NOT
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!

MANIFESTOS
ISSUE





editorial

So election time is upon us once again—as if the world and his wife hadn't noticed already with the number of posters that have gone up this week. And where do little posters come from mummy?

I can't wait for Tuesday evening when the results are released and we can all breathe a sigh of relief or a cry of horror, and the FELIX Office can return to its normal happy self.

I know all the candidates for the sabbatical elections and, as such, I know who I'm going to vote for and who I would recommend but I am bound by a code of honour not to reveal my favorites in FELIX so you'll just have to read the leaflets, judge the posters and vote wisely next week.

Also remember that you can ABSTAIN in an election if you think that neither candidate is suitable for the job. Read Chas Jackson's article on the Single Transferable Vote system on page 7 to find out more.

Results special!

FELIX comes out twice next week. There will be a special two (or four) page results issue on Wednesday and a normal issue next Friday. FELIX brings you the results even before they are officially announced at next Thursday's UGM. Anything vaguely election result-ish should be handed to me by 8pm on Tuesday evening.

Lobbies, Lecturers and Life Sciences

As far as I understand it, this week's strike was called by ICU to enable members of the Association of University Teachers to lobby Parliament instead of having to lecture. I don't agree with the way certain Life Science lecturers have threatened students but I do feel that it was their right to say No to lobbying and Yes to teaching on Tuesday. It is for their consciences. This is a totally different issue from their decision to having an assessed lab on Thursday afternoon. No department should have any course timetabled on a Hustings Thursday afternoon. It is something that has been agreed between College and the Union for several years. Any department that ignores this agreement deserves to have nasty things done to it.

What does an ex-FELIX Editor do when she has to go back to being a student?

Answers on a small postcard please.

Office Hours

Believe it or not, the FELIX Office does have office hours. It is open from Monday to Friday between 9.30am and midday and then 12.30pm to 5.30pm. This is when I am available to help anybody with

publicity or answer general enquiries. Occasionally I may ask you to come back at a more convenient time if it is a Wednesday or Thursday and I am struggling to get a FELIX paste-up ready. The best times to come in are Mondays and Fridays. Outside these hours the Office is always open but the evenings and early mornings are *only* for FELIX or Print Unit preparation work. I may commit GBH the next time somebody comes in at 11.30pm on a Wednesday asking me to do ten dot-screened photographs for their thesis or newsletter (or election publicity, Chas). Be nice to me and I will be nice to you. Treat me with contempt and that's all you'll get back.

Thanks

...to Ian/Syd Howgate/Harbour-Bridge for collating FELIX last week. It was appreciated.

Sorry

...to Ian/Syd Howgate/Harbour-Bridge for the error in our front page news story last week. It was infact the great man himself who proposed the 'strike' motion.

Puzzles

Is there anyone out there who is mad-keen on puzzles/crosswords/IQ tests? If you are, how would you like to make up some for the last FELIX of the Spring Term (Wednesday 23rd March)? All puzzles must be originals and the best puzzle sent in will gain its author a FELIX t-shirt!

Wow!

Finally

Please vote next Monday or Tuesday. It won't take up much of your time as there will be ballot boxes in each department. All you will need is your Union Card as proof of identity. Don't be shy, it's your vote so use it. Cliché, cliché!

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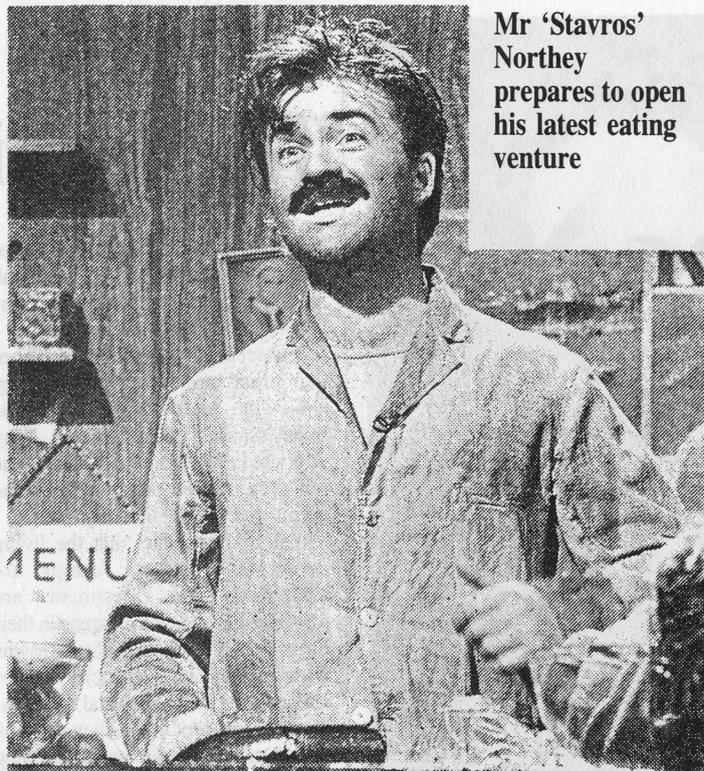
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What a lot of shish, innit peeps!

College Refectories Manager Rob Northey has revealed exclusively to FELIX that he is building a kebab house in Southside. He scotched rumours that he was also planning to serve curry because he believes that such a venture would only attract drunkards on Friday and Saturday nights. He said that his new kebab venture was forced on him due to pressures being put on his highly successful pizza bar and QT burger joint. The kebab house will be placed in the room above the Southside Bar adjacent to the Upper Lounge. It will be open during the usual bar hours and will be better value than local kebab house, Mr Northey promises.

Southside residents, meanwhile, are suffering from noise and dust as the workmen work up to eight o'clock in



Mr 'Stavros' Northey prepares to open his latest eating venture

the evening.

Mr Northey has promised the new service for the summer term.

Lab stocktake

The Advisory Board for the Research Councils has begun its national stocktake of research equipment in British universities. It has sponsored a survey, to be carried out by a group from Manchester University, which will note all laboratory equipment in science and engineering departments.

The survey will assess the age, state of repair, cost and adequacy of the tools used. Questionnaires will be sent to all heads of departments asking them about needs and priorities for equipment. Other forms will be sent to individual operators who have equipment worth more than £10,000.

Physics hit

The Science and Engineering Research Council (SERC) has decided to reduce its grants to astronomy and high energy physics research next year.

Mary's demo

St Mary's Students' Union is taking part in a demonstration against the Government's Health Service plans this Saturday. They are welcoming all IC* students who wish to take part. The protest will take place from 12.30pm outside the main hospital entrance.

Competition

If you're aged between 16 and 28 and fancy a week in the USA, then the Daily Telegraph's Young Science Writer competition could be your chance.

Entrants are invited to write up to 1,000 words on any exciting scientific discovery or original topic of research. There are two categories; one for the 16-21 age group and the other for the 22-28 age group. Entries will be judged by a panel, including science correspondents and whacky 'German' Professor Heinz Wolff.

Shan's Dodgy Sporting Tips

NAP: **Pukka Major**
Haydock, 3.45 Friday
NB: **No One To Blame**
Newbury, 1.45 Saturday
E/W: **Knockbrack**
Newbury, 3.00 Friday
Ten of Spades
Haydock, 1.00 Saturday

Grants

Students on approved international degree programmes will qualify automatically for grants next academic year. All degrees run in conjunction with overseas institutions will qualify as long as they are validated by a university or the Council for National Academic Awards.

Awards

The Government is planning to bring degree and postgraduate professional awards to a national framework underneath the new National Council for Vocational Qualifications.

Slammed!

The rector of Kuwait University has slammed his students as being lazy and work-shy and has blamed them for the University's bad academic record. Ahmed Bishara, the vice-rector, said that his students had few real interests and lacked creativity and initiative. He said 'Most students have an ambition merely to pass an examination and are prepared to use their potential only if a tangible reward is in sight'.

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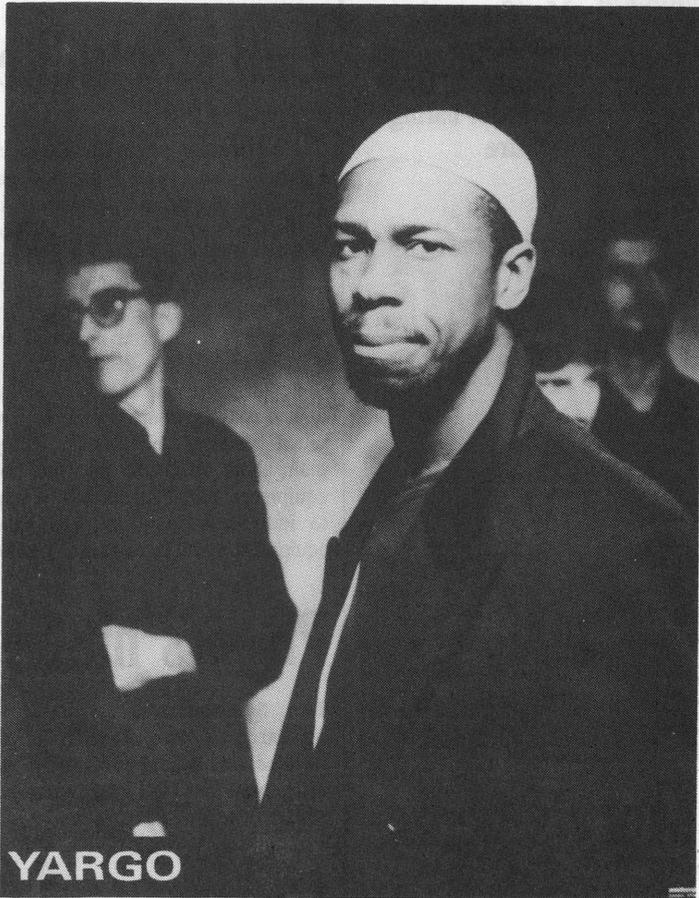
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It's very hard to describe *YARGO* almost all the people I asked said they have a strange but exciting new sound, nearly jazzy but not quite, nearly funky but not quite. Anyway the best thing to do is come along and see for yourself, the band have had more hype than most in the last few months and are well worth £1.50.

They will be playing in the Lounge on Friday March 4th and the doors open at 9pm, the band will be on stage at 10pm and the disco will go on until 12.30pm. Tickets as usual can be bought from the Snack Bar for £1 in advance or on the door at £1.50.

John Noble

WOMEN'S OFFICER

Self-defence et al

Just a few things to tell you about:

There will be a Self-Defence course next term—it is in the process of being organised. Any women who are interested should sign up in the Union Office.

Also next term, on Tuesday May 10, there will be a video on Cervical Cancer in the Union Concert Hall at lunchtime. This is a WIST (Women in Science and Technology) event and is open to all women. The video is fairly short, so it can be shown more than once if there is enough interest. There will also be time for discussion and questions—I have information sheets from WHIC (Women's Health Information Centre).

On Tuesday March 8, I will be joining the Jewish Society in a sponsored fast to raise money for the

Student and Academic Campaign for Soviet Jews. Galina Pilmenstein, a 20 year-old refusenik in Moscow, will be hunger striking on the 8th (International Women's Day) to draw attention to the plight of Soviet Jews.

Finally, look out for posters announcing an IC Ladies Lunch open to all female students and staff as well. This should be in the last week of term—if I get organised in time. Please don't hesitate to contact me with any complaints, comments and suggestions. Anyone who wants to stand for the post of Women's Officer next year is more than welcome to talk to me about it anytime—the biggest requirement is probably enthusiasm!

Linzi Wishart.

OPINION

The Palestine situation

The recent events in the occupied territories of Gaza and the West Bank have forced me to speak out for these unfortunate oppressed people.

The scenes being shown on TV of their protest are all too familiar. They show the utter desperation and hopelessness of their situation. Why else would women and youths, some not even in their teens, take on the might of the Israeli Army?

It is a known fact that the living conditions in these camps are subhuman. The Palestinians are treated as second class citizens in their birthplace. They live in shanty towns with usually no electricity, water supplies or waste disposal systems. To make matters worse they see new luxurious Israeli settlements springing up all over the occupied territories showing that Israel has no intention of leaving these territories.

It should come as no shock that the Palestinians protest. It should be remembered that these protests started because an Israeli Army truck overran four Palestinian youths. What is surprising though is the excessive amount of force being used in the Israeli Army in putting down these protests. It seems that all this world criticism has had no effect on their tactics. They were already using live ammunition and now they have resorted to dum-dum bullets, indiscriminate beatings and the use of a special tear gas which causes abortion to install fear into the Palestinian people. Not to mention cases such as the burying alive of three Palestinians with a bulldozer and the pounding with rocks of certain protesters by soldiers. As if that weren't enough even Israeli civilians who are freely allowed to carry firearms join in the shooting down of

these protesters. So far 72 Palestinians have died and hundreds have been seriously injured in this uprising.

The Israeli Knesset says it has no choice. It wants to solve the problem but first these protests must be put down. What was preventing them from solving the problems in the last 30 years? They say they don't know who to talk to. When the PLO is mentioned they say it is just a terrorist organisation. They forget that they themselves were regarded as terrorists not too long ago. It seems that they want to avoid the issue. They even say that the soldiers only shoot when their life is in danger and that they don't use force unless it is necessary but the TV pictures show the contrary.

The Israeli Knesset is supposed to be the representative of the Israeli people, people who have suffered great atrocities during the Second World War. They of all people should understand the sufferings of the Palestinian people.

I couldn't but help notice that in *FELIX* (26.2.88) the Jewish Soc has asked for support on humanitarian grounds for Alex Paberezchensky who has been asked to join the Russian military which will cause the Russians to refuse him an exit visa for 20 years. They on the other hand were very active in opposing the motion put out on the same humanitarian grounds for condemning by the Union the heavy-handedness of the Israeli Army in putting down these protests.

Undoubtedly the Palestinians are suffering under the present situation but it is not only a Palestinian problem. It is a problem for all humanitarian and conscience bearing people to solve.

Syed Irshad Akhtar, Elec Eng II.

TODAY! JUMBLE SALE

Consort Gallery,
Level 1, Sherfield Building

FRIDAY 4th MARCH
10am—1pm

KENSINGTON GORE SW7

CITY OF WESTMINSTER

● **FIRST AN APOLOGY** to Naughty Nigel Whitfield. Due to an unreliable source I thought that it was Nigel who reported the Mercury phone fiasco and was threatened with blackmail. It was not. It was in fact our very own Internal Services Officer Al Birch!

● **CAUGHT!** two sabbatical candidates putting posters up for one another. £5 to me by midday or I'll publish.

● **MY SPIES AT** the Old Centralians Dinner tell me that Dr Bob, the Union Bar licensee, was very indiscrete in his advances to City and Guilds Vice President Tanya Maule. My spies used the words 'very obvious' but they are undecided as to whether he got anywhere. Perhaps he'd been studying our very own 'Body Language' guide in last week's FELIX!

● **SHOCKING REVELATIONS** have been coming out from Michael Arthur's office recently. Michael has told the Student Accommodation Office that they should allocate 110% of rooms available for next academic year and that rooms will be given out on a 'first-come-first-served' basis. Wardens throughout Imperial have thrown their arms up in horror. Southside, in particular, has always prided itself on putting like-minded students on the same landing. This will no longer happen as students are piled high on the first weekend of term. And horror of horrors, what happens if all the students should turn up this year? Well, Michael is confident that this will not happen, and if it does I suppose the unfortunate late-comers will get pushed down to Hamlet Gardens like this year's poor unfortunates did.

● **SOUTHSIDE DOESN'T** seem to be the safest of places to eat nowadays. Several people have gone down with mild food poisoning recently after eating tuna pizzas in Belushis. Meanwhile there was another case of FP after City & Guilds mega-successful trip to Eat Fatsos Bare. Obviously student guts aren't what they used to be!

Judith Largeamounts sat in her chair in the corner of the Phallix Office as the day's post arrived with lots of letters. She opened the first one and read:

*Dear Largeamounts,
Last term we had some membership cards printed by you. When we got them back they were a load of rubbish: too small and all smudged. Not being the normal arrogant type of Cheapskate citizens we didn't complain, but we didn't pay either.*

However, we now find that you have nicked the money direct from the Fundamentallawsofnature-testers and we don't like this. Give us our money back!

*Yours scroogingly,
Dan Bignose, Flopsoc President,
Dan's roommate, Stargazzysoc Chairman.*

PS. This really does need to go in the Phallix letters page because everyone is interested in it.

'Oh dear', thought largeamounts 'I hope the others are nice fan letters, Let's try this one'.

*Dear Largeamounts,
Why are there no photos in Phallix and where have all the staff gone?
Yours ghost-writingly,
A random (1st year who just happens to share a flat in Yorrick Gardens with two ex-Phallix photographers).*

'This is terrible, if I publish these then people will realise what's really going on here, if I don't then I will be accused of censorship. What can I do!'

While Largeamounts was thinking she opened another letter and read:

*Dear Miss Largeamounts,
Congratulations! Your name has been selected from a list of literally thousands by our computer and you have been awarded six lucky numbers in the Readers' Digestivebiscuit £100,000 draw. Yes, you, Miss Judith Largeamounts of Selspock Dormitory, Cheapskate, could win £100,000. All you have to do is buy a six album set of Des O'Condom records and a vegetarian cookery book...*

'What a load of rubbish, how on earth did they get my name—it's worse than being on the Chi-Rho mailing list!

Judith returned to the next fan letter:

*Dear Largeamounts,
You are useless and Phallix is even worse, you always slag off Sydney Spanker when in fact he is jolly nice really. Why don't you stop trying to be like the Stun and aim for the Grauniad instead.*

*Yours lovingly,
Tony, ex-Fundamentallawsofnaturetesters hack.*

'Phew, hot stuff' gasped Largeamounts. 'I need someone to write me a nice fan letter.' She looked around the office, but couldn't see anyone so she called to her two loyal slaves in the print room, 'hey, you two, stop snogging and come and write me some fan mail'.

After a few minutes thinking, an acceptable letter had been conceived:

*Dear Judith,
You are great and so is Phallix and the print shop. If people want smiling, jovial staff then they shouldn't come here 'cos we'll just tell them to piss off and leave us alone.*

*Yours obediently,
A Slave.*

'That's better—a lovely fan letter—we'll publish that'. Largeamounts breathed a sign of relief and threw the nasty letters in the bin.

Just then Mr P K Spin-drive-crash-burn of the Mayfair Club arrived to place his usual quota of silly small ads. He also had a fan letter for Largeamounts:

*Dear Largeamounts,
We, the Mayfair Club, had some cards printed by you and they were great. Yours lustfully,
The Mayfair Club.*

PS. Will you be our page 3 girl next week?

Will Largeamounts be a page 3 girl?

Will Mr P K Spin-dive-crash-burn get the girls (or will they get him first)?

What has happened to the Cheapskate elections?



BARON

● **THE TIMES** got it wrong again this week when they reported on Monday's Old Centralians dinner held at Fishmongers' Hall. They stated that the dinner was attended by the Dean of Imperial College of Science and Technology. It was in fact

Old Centralians

The Hon Peter Brooke, Chairman of the Conservative Party, was the principal guest and speaker at the annual dinner of the Old Centralians held last night at Fishmongers' Hall. Professor Peter Grootenhuis, president, was in the chair. Among those present were:

Sir Matthew Farrer, the Master of the Engineers' Company, the Director-General of the City and Guilds of London Institute and the Dean of Imperial College of Science and Technology.

Bruce McA Sayers, Dean of City and Guilds College who attended. Sources say that Bruce would welcome the new appointment.

● **IT'S BEEN** fascinating to see all the bitching that has gone on about FELIX in the letters page. I found a little gem from a few years back which is now sellotaped to the Editor's wall:

Dear Martin,

Thank you very much for your recent reminder for invoice P259, of 27.1.86.

The Social Cultural and Amusement Board always appreciates its mail; I look forward to the mornings and lunchtimes when I can dash up to the Union Office and see what exciting bits of paper have arrived which demand my immediate attention. Regrettably, all too often, I find that it's another circular or minutes of a committee meeting. I am therefore always pleased to see an invoice from FELIX; the excitement can be almost too much to bear! This year, you have excelled yourself—so many bills, so much paperwork! You deserve Social Colours for such dedication!

However, on this occasion, I fear your desire to please has led to a desperate situation where this invoice has already been paid. I appreciate the thought, a kind one that it is, but only letters and bills I have not seen before provide that extra special thrill.

Nice try though.

With kindest regards,

Nicholas Shackley,
Chairman, Social Cultural & Amusement Board, 13.6.86.

PS: Invoice P259, of 27.1.86 paid on 6.3.86, SCAB Cheque Number 651. Bank Statements indicate the cheque for £280.16 has been cashed by ICU Publications Board.

Chris Jones

Creationism: science or superstition?

Just over a week ago (Thursday 25th February) a creationist gave a talk at Imperial College. Creationists reject the theory of evolution and many also reject the idea that the earth is billions of years old. Usually the scientific establishment rejects such ideas outright by abusing them as anti-science and refusing them a hearing. Such an attitude is wrong.

Creationists are convinced that there is a conspiracy to prevent them airing their views in public. They are indignant about this, because they are also convinced that their views can be defended scientifically. Any response that refuses them a forum for debate only confirms their suspicions.

I will come back to a few of the details of their ideas later, but first it is worth examining their conspiracy theory. The creationist movement is big in the American Bible Belt. But, rather than countering its popularity in open debate, the scientific establishment there has tried to suppress it. Over here, mainstream biologists and geologists tend to prefer the path of ignoring creationists in the hope they will go away. This is not so much conspiracy as complacency.

On the other hand, scientists *can* be notoriously bigoted in defending established views. The most clear-cut case of this concerns the way Immanuel Velikovsky was treated when he wanted to publish his eccentric views on Earth history and various catastrophes therein (he was not actually a creationist, just a run of the mill weirdo). Instead of allowing him to publish his ideas and then subjecting them to critical appraisal, the establishment suppressed them (publishers pulled out of deals at the last minute, and so on). The ideas gained considerable appeal just because they had been suppressed: nothing convinces a believer more than an apparent conspiracy against his ideas. The same applies to the creationist movement: the more they are ignored, the more the supporters become convinced of their own rightness.

Both complacency and establishment bigotry do immense

UNDER THE MICROSCOPE



by Steve Black

damage to the cause of science. The best way to deal with silly ideas is to hold them up for critical examination. Creationists and the like should be allowed to publish their views (if they can express them scientifically) and those who disagree can then point out, quietly, rationally and without emotion, where they went wrong. Other people can then make up their own minds on the basis of the evidence. One of the reasons for the success of creationism is that its adherents are not exposed to calm and rational rebuttals of their beliefs. Giving them a platform to express their view in the context of open debate is one way to get those supporters out of the ghetto.

In science the establishment is often wrong, and attempts to keep out contrary opinions can often result in important new ideas being wastefully ignored. Branches of science advance

quickest when they are open to new ideas: lots of silly new ideas will get published, but the process of criticism then provokes new insights that advance the whole field.

Creationists are very good at spotting anomalies in theories they don't like. For example, Evolution suggests that all life evolved from a common ancestor, but the fossil record stubbornly refuses to yield important transitional forms. Even the classic demonstrations of continuous evolution (such as the evolution of the modern horse) are open to severe criticism. However, there is little point in defending over-simplistic presentations of the evidence for evolution. A lot of the text-book case studies are rubbish and are used more for their persuasive power than their accuracy. It may well be that we should never have expected any degree of completeness in the fossil

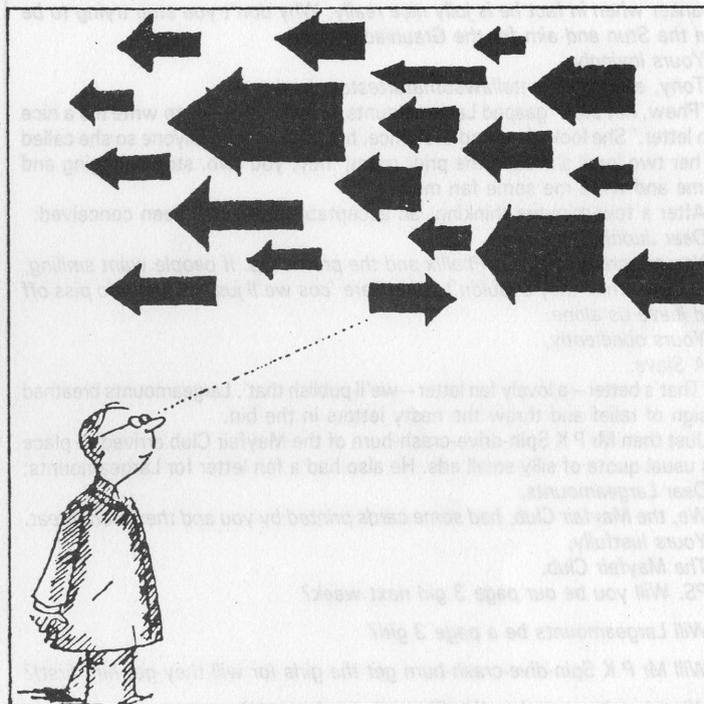
record, but popular books are unwilling to admit this and often tend to iron over the gaps and make the record look better than it is. Creationists have been quick to point out such dubious practices. We should not be too embarrassed when these straw men are knocked down: they only get in the way of good science.

Good scientists should be capable of making up their own minds on the basis of actual evidence. An attitude of constructive criticism of the conventional wisdom should be encouraged, otherwise their branch of science will fossilize. Listening to what the creationists say can be a helpful part of this process: they are capable of spotting an anomaly in conventional science a mile off. Trying to face their criticisms (rather than just ignoring them) would do some areas of science a lot of good, and would create the sort of critical but constructive minds that all areas of science need.

Where creationists go seriously wrong is in their attempt to build an alternative theory of earth history on the basis of the holes in the conventional one. No theory is perfect. Indeed, it is the holes that keep science in business. Serious doubt is only worthwhile when a lot of big holes stubbornly resist being filled in. Evolution has been extremely successful at filling in the big holes in the history of life, but there are still a lot of smaller holes waiting to be looked at. We should not be frightened of looking at them ourselves, nor should we exclude those who point them out.

The major argument for refusing to debate with creationists (their beliefs are religious and hence beyond the realm of science) is actually a bit of a red herring. Many establishment scientists have pretty funny religious views, but we don't exclude them from mainstream science. Anyway, many scientists get far too 'religious' about their science. They act as though science could solve the world's problems (as though the world is in a mess just because people refuse to think rationally about it). They defend their beliefs in a wholly irrational manner. They refuse to consider alternative theories and do their best to exclude awkward facts. These are all signs of the sort of religious insecurity creationists are supposed to be guilty of. But they are typical human traits, and appear whenever anyone gets too committed to any set of beliefs, religious or not.

We all prefer to see just what we want to see. Beating this urge is an important part of being a good scientist.



starring Andrew and Liz



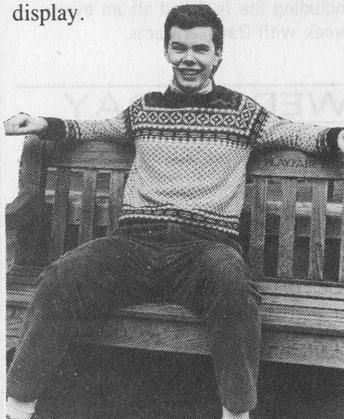
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Have you ever noticed that when a person enters the company of a member of the opposite sex, certain changes take place in the appearance of both people? Men no longer slouch but pull their stomachs in, their chests protrude and their eyes begin to sparkle. Women assume an erect posture and push their breasts out. Both people lose the bagging around their faces and to the casual observer, they both become more youthful in appearance.

While these movements are studied and deliberate, others are completely unconsciously done. Again these movements indicate that man is just another animal. Just like a male bird, a man can preen and make sexually aggressive signals while the female looks on, apparently uninterested in the whole display. Research into animal courtship behaviour has shown that male and female animals use a series of intricate courtship gestures. The success that people have in sexual encounters is directly related to their ability to send these courtship signals and recognise those that are being sent back. As with most body signals, women are far better at picking up and giving out these messages. Men, however, are often totally blind to them. Because of this factor, women have a greater range of courtship gestures than men.

Men

Most men tend to start 'preening' themselves when a woman approaches. A man will sit up and throw his shoulders back, while reaching for his throat and straightening his tie, or brushing imaginary particles off his trousers and sleeves. He may also smooth his hair. Men are not very good at appearing 'sexy'. The most sexually aggressive display a man can make is the thumbs-in-the-top-of-pockets gesture, which we mentioned last week, in order to highlight his genital region. Alternatively, if he is seated, he may spread his legs to give a crotch display.

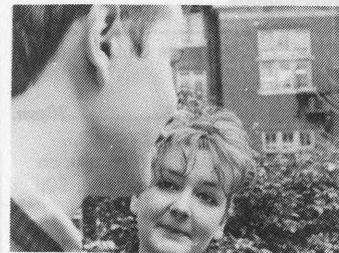


Courtship Gestures

If he is really going for it, he will use his eyes to get the message across. He can use an intimate gaze for just a split second longer than is normal and moisten his lips. Should he be aroused, his pupils will dilate, which should be a clear message to the female that he is ready for action.

Women

Women will also use preening gestures to attract a man. These include playing with their hair, smoothing clothing, using the



extended intimate gaze and increasing eye contact. As well as pupil dilation, they will also gain a flushed appearance to the cheeks, indicating wild sexual desire.

Hair is very important in female courtship gestures. This is why many women who are interested will toss their hair away from the face by a flick of the head. Even women with very short hair use this head flick motion. The woman's wrist area is a highly erotic area of her body which is why women wear bracelets to accentuate the region. An interested female will gradually expose her wrists as she is talking to the male. This also explains why so many women like to smoke in party situations: smoking makes this tantalising wrist exposure very easy to perform. These wrist and head flick gestures are also used by homosexual males who want to take on a feminine appearance. This is why many women can tell if a man is gay just by spending a few minutes with him.

Research has shown that sexually aggressive women will open their legs wider when a man enters the room. This will happen whether the woman is sitting or standing. However, the sexually defensive woman will

usually cross her legs or keep them together at all times.

Some of the more subtle of courtship gestures have been used to sell goods for centuries. Take a look at all the advertising in Sunday magazines and in the tube stations which contains women with wet lips, making sideways glances and pouting gestures. With partially dropped eyelids, the model holds a fixed gaze and parts her lips, inviting the man to buy whatever she may be holding. Dr Desmond Morris described the mouth slightly open, wet-lipped look as a self mimicry as it is intended to symbolise the female genital region. Women can either wet their lips naturally or use glossy cosmetics to create a more long-lasting effect. Whichever method is used, they are intended to give the woman the appearance of sexual invitation.

When a woman is sexually aroused her lips grow larger and redden as they fill with blood. This is the idea behind the use of lipstick.

There are many ways to spot if a woman is aroused. As well as those we have already mentioned, a fondled



cigarette, the stem of a wine glass or a finger, is an unconscious indication of what may be in the mind. Other signals include crossing and uncrossing the legs slowly in front of the man and gently stroking the thighs with her hand, indicating a desire to be touched.

So next time you play the casual observer at a party, watch for the signals that are unconsciously thrown across the room. Even better, use what you have learnt to better predict your chances when you meet someone you fancy.

Diary

What's On

FRIDAY

Jumble Sale10.00am.
Consort Gallery. Organised by IC Day Nursery. FREE.

Rag Meeting12.35pm.
Every second Friday. Union Lounge. All Welcome.

Conservative Soc Meeting12.30pm.
ME 569.

Circuit Training12.30pm.
Union Gym with Cross Country and Athletics Club. Everyone welcome. Free.

Orienteering12.30pm.
Brown/Green Committee Room (top floor of Union Building). Arrangements for following Sunday's event.

Islamic Prayer1.00pm.
The Union Building. See Islamic Society.

Christian Union Meeting6.00pm.
308 OHC. 'Christians and Sexuality'. See Union Building noticeboards for directions. Starts with buffet.

Into the Night7.00pm.
STOIC. Films, videos, chat, 'Countdown'. On all the televisions in the Halls of Residence.

The Beatles Revolution7.00pm.
IC Radio (999 kHz).

Guild's Motor Club7.00pm.
Kart Garage. Scrutineering for tonight's rally.

YARGO9.00pm.
In the Lounge. £1.50 on the door.

SATURDAY

Imperial College Radio9.00am.
999 kHz Medium Wave. To celebrate ten years of programmes on IC Radio, famous stars from the past present an extra special day of broadcasting.

Shotokan Karate10.00am.
Southside Gym. Beginners welcome. £1.

Tang Soo Do4.00pm.
Union Gym. Beginners welcome. £1 members.

SUNDAY

Guilds Motor Club
Scatter Rally—see our noticeboard for details. No rally insurance needed.

Wargames Meeting1.00pm.
Senior Common Room.

MONDAY

Rock Soc Meeting12.30pm.
Southside Upper Lounge. Interested in any form of rock? Come along!

Curry Soc12.30pm.
Weekly meeting. Southside Upper Lounge.

Parachute Club Meeting12.30pm.
Union Lower Lounge. See Max Hunt von Herbing (Chairman).

Artsoc Meeting12.30pm.
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).

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

Golf Practice5.30pm.
Union Gym. See Golf Club.

Union Bar5.30pm.
Stella Artois only 70p per pint.

Intermediate Ballroom7.00pm.
JCR. 80p. See Dance Club.

Wellsoc Speaker Meeting7.30pm.
Physics LT1. Dr Hans Eysenck, famous inventor of IQ test talks on psychoanalysis. Members free, 50p otherwise.

Beginners Ballroom8.00pm.
JCR. 80p. See Dance Club.

Tang Soo Do9.00pm.
Southside Gym. Beginners welcome. £1.00 members.

TUESDAY

Christian Union8.15am.
Chemistry 231. See Steve Clark, Christian Union.

Guinness & Gossip12.30pm.
Sailing Club meeting above Stan's.

IC CathSoc Mass12.30pm.
Chemistry 231. Quiet and contemplation between lectures or exams. Food provided (50p). All welcome.

Boardsailing12.30pm.
Regular meeting in Southside Lounge to organise trips.

Folk Club12.30pm.
Huxley 140. Music practice. FREE. See Penny Gamble, Maths 2.

Ski Club12.45pm.
Above Southside Bar, sign up for lessons and recreational skiing.

QT Soc Meeting1.00pm.
Southside Upper Lounge (or Pizza Bar). Plot-hatching extravaganza! New members welcome.

Lunchtime Concert1.00pm.
Ante-Room, Ground Floor, Sherfield. 'Monty Python' theme. FREE.

Sci-Tech Film Show1.15pm.
Read Theatre, Sherfield Building. Excerpts of films from around the World of Science, Technology and Medicine.

Jewish Society Meeting1.30pm.
Union SCR. 'Religious beyond the fringe of Judaism'.

Amnesty Meeting1.30pm.
Elec Eng Foyer. FREE.

Holy Qur'an Recitation1.30pm.
Prayer Room. See Islamic Society.

Islamic Circle5.30pm.
Prayer Room. See Islamic Society.

Amnesty Meeting5.30pm.
Brown Committee Room. Everyone welcome.

Loire Wine Tasting6.00pm.
Union SCR. Some of the very best wines from this popular region. Tutored by an expert. £1.50 from Wine Tasting Soc.

Canoe Club6.30pm.
Meet in Beit Quad for training session in swimming pool.

Judo6.30pm.
Union Gym. Sorry—no more beginners.

Caving Club Meeting7.00pm.
Southside Upper Lounge.

Advanced Ballroom7.00pm.
JCR. 80p. See Dance Club

IC Radio8.00pm.
Psychedelic & Indie Show.

Improvers Ballroom8.00pm.
JCR. 80p. See Dance Club.

Canoe Club Meeting8.30pm.
Above Southside Bar.

Dai Rocking9.00pm.
IC Radio (999kHz). The best in hard rock and not-so-hard rock music including the featured album every week with Dave Williams.

WEDNESDAY

Sailing12.30pm.
Meet outside Southside.

S.L.A.G.S. Meeting12.30pm.
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 Club12.30pm.
Above Southside Bar. Meet for trip to dry ski slope for lessons and

recreational skiing. Bring gloves and thick socks.

Golf Meeting1.00pm.
Sudbury. Regular weekly meeting.

Caving Club Meeting1.00pm.
Union Snack Bar.

Wargames Meeting1.00pm.
Senior Common Room.

Hamsoc Meeting1.15pm.
Meeting in 'shack' on 3rd Floor Union Building. Also last meeting for anyone wishing to register to take exam this May!

Beginners Rock n Roll2.15pm.
Union Dining Hall. 80p. See Dance Club.

Offbeat Practice3.15pm.
Union Dining Hall. 80p. See Dance Club.

IC Radio6.00pm.
Susan and her new stupendous, unfeasible, all-new uncelebrity packed Ripvanwinklepickers show. Note new time slot.

THURSDAY

Methsoc AGM and Elections12.30pm.
Huxley 413. More political posturing as the new committee is elected.

ICYHA Meeting12.30pm.
Southside Upper Lounge.

Socialist Society Meeting12.45pm.
Brown Committee Room. All welcome. Contact Adrian Grainger (Maths 3).

Ski Club12.45pm.
Above Southside Bar. Sign up for lessons, racing team.

Newsbreak1.00pm.
STOIC. IC's own news programme.

SFSOC Library Meeting1.00pm.
Green Committee Room, Union Building. Borrow books from our vast library, help plan future events. Members only.

Lunch-Hour Concert1.30pm.
The Music Room, 53 Princes Gate. Sally Burgess (mezzo) and Julius Drake (piano).

Arabic Classes1.30pm.
Prayer Room. See Islamic Society.

Gliding Club Meeting5.30pm.
Aero 254. Arrange trial flights, lifts to Lasham, talks and then to the bar.

Union Bar5.30pm.
Youngers No. 3 only 60p per pint.

Newsbreak6.00pm.
STOIC.

Judo6.30pm.
Union Gym. Sorry—no more beginners.

ICGAG Soup Run9.15pm.
Weeks Basement Hall. Contact Liz Warren (Chem Eng 2).

Playing by the rules

IC Union is more progressive and up-to-date than the British Parliament. This may come as a shock, but as far as elections are concerned it is quite true. The reason for this is the use of the Single Transferable Vote (STV) system of making and counting ballot papers. This system is slightly more complicated than the first past the post system but is thought by many to be much fairer. It allows you to express second or third preferences if you so wish.

This year's elections and how to vote

This year there are four elections. Two of these have two candidates and two of them have three candidates. In either case, your first preference will be marked with a one (1).

Candidate A	
Candidate B	1

Candidate X	
Candidate Y	1
Candidate Z	

If you don't want to express a preference for any more than one candidate, that is how to do it. If you wish to express a second preference, or second and third preferences, you are free to do so.

Candidate A	2
Candidate B	1

Candidate X	1
Candidate Y	3
Candidate Z	2

You are free to express as many levels of preference as you wish, but the numbers you put down must be in numerical sequence, ie you can't express first and third preferences without a second preference.

But what does this all mean?

The main crux of the STV system is that to win, a candidate has to pass 'quota'. In the first count, 'quota' is the number of valid ballot papers, divided by two, plus one, ie for 935 papers, quota will be 469. If a



candidate passes quota on first count, my job is made much easier as they are elected. If not, the candidate with the lowest number of first preferences will drop out. Any second preferences indicated on that candidate's first preference papers will then remain as valid papers and will be divided amongst the remaining candidates as per the second preference expressed. Any first preference papers for this candidate which do not contain a second preference will be discounted from the second count. This means that 'quota' will change if this is the case. The easiest way to explain this is by a hypothetical example.

	First count	Second count
Candidate X	402	493 (402+91) win
Candidate Y	327	387 (327+60)
Candidate Z	206	-
Total	935	880
Quota	469	441

The final preference is so that in the case of two remaining candidates

tying, the issue can be decided by the final count.

Abstentions

If you do not think that any of the candidates are of sufficient calibre, you can register an abstention. The way to do this is to write 'ABSTAIN' across the ballot paper. This is the only accepted spelling and any other spelling will be a spoilt paper. An abstention is not a wasted vote and is quite different from simply not voting. If the number of abstentions recorded is greater than the total votes cast, the election must be re-run from the very start, ie from the stage of papers up.

Summary

1. Vote in order of preference number 1, 2, 3.
2. Abstain by writing 'ABSTAIN' across the paper.
3. Do not write anything other than that explained above.
4. Remember to bring your Union card.

Valid papers

Candidate A	
Candidate B	1

Candidate X	3
Candidate Y	1
Candidate Z	2

Candidate A	
Candidate B	ABSTAIN

Spoilt papers

Candidate A	X
Candidate B	

Candidate X	3
Candidate Y	1
Candidate Z	

Candidate X	They are
Candidate Y	all so voting
Candidate Z	what I'm going to do

A letter from the Returning Officer

Dear Judith,

In view of the offensive nature of many of the words in Martyn Peck's Manifesto, I am requesting on behalf of Elections Committee that such words be replaced by a line of stars, eg '*****' as opposed to 'pussy'. This would enable the manifesto to be printed substantially unaltered, with only the offensive nature changed.

Yours sincerely,

Charles Jackson,

ICU Returning Officer.

NOTE FROM THE RETURNING OFFICER

Re: Bill Goodwin's publicity for FELIX Editor.

On Bill Goodwin's publicity, it has been stated that his proposer Dave Burns is FELIX Club President.

FELIX Club has no official relationship with FELIX and is a private club not a part of IC Union. Dave Burns is proposing Bill Goodwin in a completely personal capacity.

MANIFESTOS

PRESIDENT

Nigel D Baker, proposed by John Noble



I believe that the job of ICU President is to represent each and every student at Imperial College, not just those who choose to visit the Union Office. Therefore one of my main aims next year is to integrate the Overseas Students more into college life, especially in the area of entertainments.

Since the issue of accommodation affects all students I intend to examine the present residency system with a view to implementing any changes deemed necessary. Having lived in the Fremantle, Linstead and Hughes Parry halls I have seen a variety of accommodation and this will help in the study. I feel that a fresh, independent approach is required.

During my second year I was Bar Manager of Hughes Parry Hall and as well as dealing with a £30,000 turnover I was responsible for the employees that worked in the bar. This experience will be invaluable next year since the President has overall responsibility for the Union Permanent staff.

As this year's Rag Chairman I have sat on Union

Council and seen the way the Union works. The Union reorganisation that took place in January was absolutely necessary and it is something I wholeheartedly supported. This support is essential since it will be up to next year's Executive to ensure that the new system operates effectively.

Imperial College has always had a reputation for sportsmen of a high standard and this should be maintained. However Union funding must be for all standards of sportsmen, beginners and internationals alike, and this is something I wish to ensure next year.

Hit it with your best shot and vote for experience and dedication.

Vote Nigel D Baker for ICU President.

PRESIDENT

Brendan O'Brien, proposed by Adrian M. Bourne



He is a pleasant, 2nd year physicist with relevant work and societies experience. He has been fixtures secretary for IC Cricket Club and during last summer he worked on a building site as a navy.

Brendan's gentle Irish accent, his bald patch and his sense of humour are legendary. He has had me literally stuck to my seat on occasions!

I urge you to vote for Brendan O'Brien, the Eddie Edwards of IC!

Adrian M. Bourne.

Brendan's Dozen

As ICU President, I intend to do the following:

- 1) Fight the introduction of LECTURE VOUCHER—coz I won't get any!
- 2) Free pint of beer for everyone who says they voted for me, whether they did or not.
- 3) Kick out lecturers who display red noses without actually putting one on in the morning.
- 4) Double IC Rugby Club's budget.
- 5) Refuse Miss PG Halls the right to live in

Weeks Hall next year, whoever she is.

6) Declare South Kensington as the Peoples' Republic of Cheap skate and keep out loud Americans with fat wives and checked trousers.

7) Get me a job as a nuclear power station stoker or an astronomical rubbish collector in Astrophysics.

8) Get ICU to support all outbursts by English cricketers in Pakistan, and bring Shakoor Rana on from the City End.

9) Send relief to Ireland for the Potato Famine.

10) Annexe Ireland as a colony of Cheap skate.

11) To promote public awareness of the Irish Potato Famine by organising a College-wide strike so that the lecturers are free to go and distribute baked potatoes outside the Houses of Parliament.

12) To make FELIX sell the litho and use potato printing instead.

13) At Commemoration Day, dispense with traditional robes and wear Batman suits instead.

Brendan O'.

Brendan is the ideal candidate for ICU president.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT

Charles Brereton, proposed by Amin El-Kholy



how well he is motivated to helping students. As Academic Affairs Officer he has taken on a heavy workload. Through this he has shown his commitment to students and his ability to motivate those working with him. Chas also has a great deal of experience dealing with College administrators through committees. He is approachable, easy to get on with and I am convinced he can take on the considerable responsibility of the post of DP.

*Amin El-Kholy,
Computing Dep Rep.*

There are 3 basic parts to the new DP's job:

Finance and Administration: I want to rationalise the Union's accounting procedures in co-operation with the Union Finance Officer so that the production of Estimates can be made easier.

Services: The Union's trading outlets need rejuvenating so that they can be run profitably yet

providing a better service for students. I want to expand by taking over Southside Shop in the coming year because at present it does not provide a good, cheap service for students. The Union Building is also in desperate need of refurbishment; I support the introduction of a Union Manager with whom I will work to make the Union Building the best in College—the place that students will want to go to eat, drink or socialise. The resulting increased revenue can be used to improve facilities.

Representation: I intend to take responsibility for Academic Affairs and either or both of Postgraduate and Overseas students representation. My experience in dealing with senior academics on College committees will be useful here.

To sum up, I am standing for DP because I believe I am the only candidate with the experience and motivation to do the job properly.

So VOTE CHARLES BRERETON.

Having known Chas since last June, I have seen

MANIFESTOS

DEPUTY PRESIDENT

Steve Mercer, proposed by Max Kallios



The Candidate

My 2½ years at IC have been crammed with new experiences, exciting challenges and rewarding

achievements:

This January saw me wrestle the National Student Rock 'n' Roll title from our very own Neil McCluskey, I have trained the Ladies Rugby Team, D. J'ed professionally and for ICR flown for the first time (without landing!), experienced the tedium of ICU Council and, was the highest single-handed collector in last year's Tiddly-winks!

Externally my activities have been equally wide:

I help epileptics and handicapped children swim in safety, I am currently revitalising a National drugs education organisation in conjunction with a founding member and more recently, I am in discussion with Famine Relief over an attempt to organise an Nationwide event.

The Job

Under the new job descriptions, a lot of the Sabatical Officers work (with the exception of the Felix Editor) is still somewhat vague and so to some extent next years officers will be guinea-pigs trying

out all the various complexities and intricacies of their jobs.

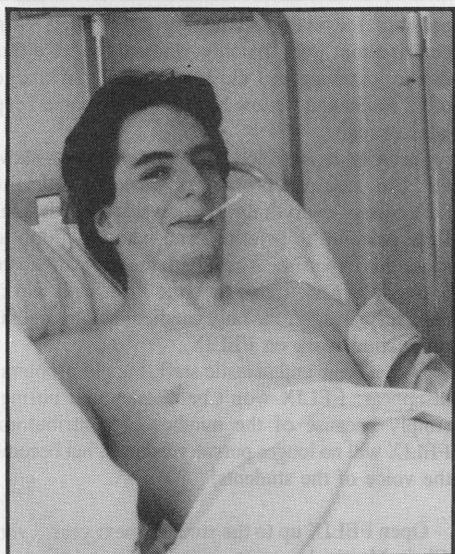
As Deputy President I would continue to be basically an Administrations Manager sitting on every committee in existence. But I would try to concentrate more time on those College based issues such as Admissions, Academic & Welfare Committees which benefit all students alike.

I would also like to see the Union bar run like an ordinary public house—for instance, when an assault is made on a publican the police are called and the assailant is usually banned for life and possibly prosecuted—for the Union Bar it would seem that a fine is quite sufficient punishment for what has been described as high spirits and not criminal intent.

In a brief 300 words I cannot begin to describe my plans for next year if elected Deputy President but I

(cut at the 300th word)

HON SECRETARY (Events) Rodger Houghton, proposed by Chris Stapleton



The new position of Hon Sec (Events) has the greatest scope to improve the profile and social image of ICU and requires imagination and a kick-ass attitude to get things done.

At the moment, the Union building is completely underused. It needs to be turned into the focal point of social activity within college. The Union snack bar should be transformed from a place akin to an aircraft hanger into a pub/cafe. This can be achieved by the use of a lowered ceiling; creative lighting and knocking the outside wall through with french windows leading onto a lawn in Beit Quad. Norman's would be made into a quality pub-style food outlet, catering for all tastes. The rest of the building needs developing either by union or private funds.

London has an abundance of small bands as any reader of the gigs guide in NME will testify. These could be attracted to IC on a regular basis.

We need more events similar to Monopoly rag more frequently. More emphasis needs to be placed

on events which get money off the public instead of underfunded students.

I intend to issue Union affiliation cards to the many local colleges so that cardholders have use of ICU entertainment facilities i.e. entrance to gigs, bars, etc. An example is Queen Alexander Hall which is literally a stones throw away from the ICU building houses students who attend many local colleges.

There needs to be close liaisons with the FELIX editor in order to promote union events, parties, UGMs etc.

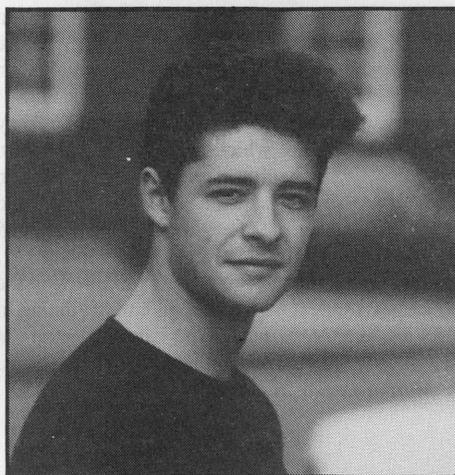
Finally, I am always approachable for a chat whether it be in the office, bars, JCR or refectories.

Rodger Houghton.

Do you want an Hon Sec who faces the issues or who issues the faeces? Bullsh*t aside, vote Houghton on March 7th/8th.

Chris Stapleton.

HON SECRETARY (Events) Ian Morris, proposed by Alan Hepper



of saying what he thinks is right. It is this skill, along with his excellent judgement and cheerfulness that has enabled Ents to be so successful and make Imperial one of the best venues for up and coming bands in London.

With the new job description for Honorary Secretary there will be changes over the forthcoming year which incorporate some of the work of Ents. With his understanding of IC Union, Ents, Rag, and CCU's and major sub-committees, I can confidently predict that Ian Morris is the best candidate for the job with determination, dedication and experience.

Alan Hepper, Guilds Hon Sec.

As a result of the job description changes, the Honorary Secretary now requires relevant experience in the organisation of people and premises, the production and distribution of publicity and in working with people outside College.

In my capacity as Entertainments Honorary Secretary this year and Guildsheet Editor in 1985/86, I have gained valuable experience in all these areas and have the ability to coordinate events at a College-wide level.

My intentions are:

1. To develop the Union Snack Bar and Lounge to an extent that will rival Southside.

2. To work closely with Union officers to create a balanced social calendar.

3. To liaise with officers at St Marys to facilitate an effective merger on a social basis and to promote interaction with other London colleges and institutes.

I am not a last minute candidate. I read the new job descriptions seven weeks ago and decided to stand when they were passed at Council. Please vote sensibly by realising that I am the only candidate with sufficient experience and enthusiasm for the post.

Ian Morris.

MANIFESTOS

FELIX EDITOR

Bill Goodwin, proposed by Dave Burns



If I didn't think Bill was the best person for the post of Felix editor, I wouldn't propose him. So, why should you vote for him? Simple; Bill has worked on Felix since his first year, being involved as news editor and in writing features. He was also the editor of the best C & G handbook 'Spanner' ever to see the light of day and has had articles published in the New Scientist. In addition he has been a regular contributor to Guildsheet and Mines newsletter.

Being a successful editor is not just a matter of technical production of Felix and the running of the Print Unit, it depends heavily on the editor's personality. Bill gets on well with people and would make everyone welcome in the office. Most importantly he takes pains to research his material properly and accurately.

Dave Burns.

News

I will establish a news and photographic team to

cover college, club, sporting and CCU events in an accurate and unbiased way. Having spent two years working on the news side of FELIX, I am the candidate best able to carry this out.

Features

There will be a regular music page, surveys, puzzles, in-depth investigations and more clubs features. I will encourage anyone with strong views on any subject to write opinion articles.

Event

There will be a "what's on" featuring events in other London colleges and ULU as well as Imperial.

Humour

Next year's FELIX will contain cartoons, satire and a humour page directed towards all students, not just cliques.

Print Unit

I will ensure that priority is given to union work and FELIX. I would like to see FELIX receiving more support from advertising.

Bill Goodwin.

FELIX EDITOR

Chris Martin, proposed by Liz Holford



A FELIX Editor has to manage as well as be creative. After seeing Chris running IC Radio, ICU Publications Board and working for two years on FELIX, I am sure he is the best candidate for FELIX Editor. I urge you to vote for him.

Liz Holford, Phoenix Editor.

Every year, candidates tell you what is going to be different about their FELIX: better news, more humour etc etc—and yet little changes. Why? Simply because the Editor finds that they cannot get together with a few friends and produce the FELIX they promised. They may not have the experience or skills needed, and can't (or won't) encourage others to help.

A good FELIX Editor needs experience in two key areas:

Firstly, as an organiser; someone who can encourage students to become involved, and then keep them interested. The ideal FELIX Editor writes nothing in the paper, they just make it

possible for every student to make their own contribution. I am the only candidate to have this kind of experience; I did it when I was in charge of IC Radio and I know how to motivate and keep interest high.

Secondly, as an expert; someone who knows how all the equipment works, knows all the techniques—everything from writing to design, from paste-up to printing, and who is willing to share this expertise. Again I am the only candidate with any experience of how the Print Unit works and, surprisingly, the only candidate to do regular production work on FELIX.

With a large enthusiastic staff, the old problems disappear: FELIX won't be cliquy and boring, simply because of the number of contributors. FELIX will no longer pursue vendettas, but become the voice of the students!

Open FELIX up to the students next year...vote Chris Martin 1.

FELIX EDITOR

Martyn Peck, proposed by Sumeet Ghaie



Martyn is a candidate that many would love to ignore. His infuriatingly optimistic attitude tends to get up everyone's left nostril. Yet in only five months he has 'hack'ed his way into IC Radio (Treasurer), Felix (Advertising Manager), Rag (Publicity Officer), Rock Soc (Chairman) and Bean's Club (General Dogsboddy). He will also be editing next year's Alternative Prospectus.

Martyn is obviously capable of giving this post the dedication it deserves.

Sumeet Ghaie

A ***** of things to ****,

Some people think I'm a ****, but that's an *** **** remark. Normally I couldn't give a ****, but it's been getting *** ** **** lately, because when it **** down to it, I've got a **** on my shoulders.

I've made a few ***** in the past, but I'm willing to make a clean ***** of it to silence my *****. On the ****, all my ***** around is ***** me.

I has been said that there is too much ***** in FELIX; this must be ***** in the ***, before people get in a **** about it, and that would mean *****. A ***** thought indeed!

Sorry, that last *** was a bit of a *****. They keep *****ing up, which is a bit of a ****. I'm ** *** ** ** now after having the ****, back in the ***** of things, with my usual ***** and *****. It's been a ***** ***** ***** and I'm ***** out. My creative **** is in full ****, and its not the **** ** **** ***** to throw in the ****. To **** ** ***** , as I'm beginning to *** **, re***** , put a No. 1 by my name—at a **** **** , a No. 2, and I won't be ***** off.

Martyn Peck.

SKI CLUB

The Ski Team were once again gorgeous and wonderful on Saturday 27th. Miracles are not a very common thing, nevertheless there was one on the dangerous, spikey slopes of Hemel Hempstead as Imperial came second in the North London racing league. Thereby reaching the National Finals!!

The Team was doing wonderfully; beating instructors, national class racers, not so national class skiers and beginners.

We reached the finals (again!) only to be beaten by a hair's breadth (again!) by University College (again!!).

We confirmed our position in the National Finals by coming second in the North London League.

HAMSOC

Imperial College ARS is now back on the HF bands following the installation of a new multi-band vertical antenna on top of the Union Building roof. This antenna seems to be working well—and has certainly reduced the interference problems that STOIC were experiencing from the old and inefficient dipole that was 'slung' across the roof. The rotor due to drive the 2m beam antenna (which will be atop Elec Eng) has also been repaired, and installation of this antennna will be the next society 'task'.

Congratulations go to the following Hamsoc members who gained DTI amateur transmission licenses in the December examinations.

Name	Dept	Callsign
K A Marlow	Mech Eng 2	G7AFQ
K Lloyd-Jones	Maths 2	G7AHM
K Krallis	Chem Eng PG	G7AHN
S Spero	DoC 1	G7ARY
G Jenkins	Chemistry 1	G7AVP
A Grange	Elec Eng PG	G7AYD

If you are interested in gaining a transmitting licence then please attend the next Hamsoc meeting (see diary page) for details.

5..4..3..2..1 Thunderbirds are go!

Anyone interested in forming a society to recognise the artistic genius of Gerry and Sylvia Anderson, as demonstrated in shows such as Thunderbirds, Captain Scarlet, Fireball XL5, Stingray and Joe 90, please contact Adrian Bourne (Physics 2) with any suggestions.

CONSOC

Last week Tim Janman, Conservative MP for Thurrock, came to College to speak about current issues in the education system.

Under the comprehensive system he claimed competition between children was being discouraged, and there has been a major decline in teaching standards, discipline and course content. He wished to see a return to the grammar school system which enabled bright children in poor neighbourhoods a means of escape. Currently, he said, parents had no choice unless they were willing to pay. Opting out would change all this.

More topically he intends to put in an amendment to the education reform bill whereby it would be illegal for a student's union to affiliate on block to the NUS. He claimed public money was going to the NUS for functions other than commercial services for students. It was not right for a few hundred people to decide for everyone how to spend the taxpayers money.

He used Glasgow University as an example of a union which de-affiliated and only 8 students wished to join the NUS after the withdrawal.

AMNESTY

With the upcoming debate on the death penalty in Parliament, you may wish to write to your MP.

In addition to the death penalty being a cruel and inhuman punishment, there is no evidence to suggest that it is effective as a deterrent. Studies have concluded that the majority of murders take place among members of the same family or friends and are crimes of passion without premeditation. The assailant gave no thought to the consequences. In connection with terrorists it is thought that the death sentence would only serve to create martyrs.

Help us oppose the re-introduction of the death penalty.



IC RADIO

First 10 years

IC Radio has been broadcasting regular daily programmes now for over 10 years. Starting, by line only, in January 1978 and then on medium wave from December of the same year, there's been all sorts of programmes both good and bad.

Over the 10 years a great many presenters have come and gone, and indeed some of them can now be heard on professional radio. This

Saturday, from 11am until 6pm, an assortment of DJs from the past are going to be presenting all of the programmes on the station. With the recent studio equipment changes it will be interesting to see how they cope, and whether they have kept up-to-date with the music. There'll probably be some reminiscing too. Keeping them in order, and attempting to explain what's going on, will be the present Station Manager, Steven Gutteridge.

The programmes should be well worth hearing, and if you want to meet an (ex) IC Radio megastar or two, call into the Southside studio during the day, autographs are free...

ICSF

Who?

Sat 5th March, 10am-10pm
Union Building, £3 ICSF, £4 others
Following, it has been said, in the wake of the hugely enjoyable PICOCON 6, ICSF attempt to outdo themselves, and everybody else, with the frabjous Who? Day 3, (aka ChaosCon), bringing you glottish quantities of classic teleSF, centred around Dr Who but including the best of the past 20 years. Survivors, Doomwatch (very good), Tomorrow People, UFO, 1999 and even Star Cops. The Dr Who will be both continuous and simultaneous with the above, including Masque of Mendragora, Shoda and Dalek

Invasion of Earth.

But the last programme is the best—the guests! The guest list includes Colin Baker, Nick Courtney, Debbie Wating and Gerry Davis and of course many many more. Furthermore, Sylvester McCoy, Terry Jones and the Star Cops cast have been invited.

In addition, we will have some cool and groovy Dr Who hardware; 2 Daleks, Ore Davros and bits of cybermen, some of which will be appearing at the charity auction—in aid of CotDeath and IC Rag—later in the day. If you've even the tiniest desire for a bit of Who? memorabilia, pick it up on Saturday.

If you have any vestigial interest in teleSF of any form, you could do a lot worse than coming to Who? Day 3. Hope to see you there!

MOTOR CLUB

Over the top

Heston services on the M4 provided the venue for this year's annual City & Guilds Motor Club autotest. Despite the killing off of his amazing Mini on a rally last term Clive Hudson, last year's champion, won in a Nissan Micra. This must have been THE car to have the top three finishers all sharing the same car only 20 seconds or the equivalent of hitting two cones separating the three. Tim Clark showing his reversing expertise, Clive and Rick showing

their general skill. Captain Stout gave a fine performance borrowing Mark Putt's Mini, Mark is now looking for some new tyres after the two of them went mad in his car. Lee Stanley was very entertaining, lifting wheels off the ground throughout the day, unfortunately he was over enthusiastic on his last run, both inside wheels came off the ground and the Honda rolled over on to its side, the strong wind on the day helping with the capsise. Dave 'handbrake' Hobbs despite organising the autotest and his reputation for the use of the handbrake came a disappointing 18th. Lesley Wilson picked up the Ladies award, 22nd overall driving an Escort.

RESULTS

1	Clive Hudson	Nissan Micra	305.2 pts
2	Rick Colman	Nissan Micra	317.0 pts
3	Tim Clark	Nissan Micra	325.2 pts
4	Ian Hamill	Metro	333.2 pts
5	Jon Stout	Mini 1000	345.2 pts
6	Lee Stanley	Honda	354.2 pts
7	Paul Dent	Escort	367.8 pts
8	Duncan Royle	Metro	369.1 pts
9	Neil McCulloch	Escort XR3i	370.1 pts
10	Simon Chamberlain	Metro	387.5 pts

Previews

Shan's Racing Column

It's the time of year when punters start rubbing their hands in anticipation for the racing feast ahead. With the Cheltenham Festival, the National, and the 1000 and 2000 Guineas coming up, it's now that trainers start testing the field with a few preliminary races before the classics start looming. Last weekend was no exception.

There was more funny business from David Elseworth's stable when Rhyme n' Reason won the Racing Post Handicap Chase. He left top weight Desert Orchid in at the overnight stage and declared him as a non-runner in the morning. This left Rhyme n' Reason only carrying 10st 11lb instead of a stone heavier had Desert Orchid run. Putting this down to an administrative cock-up, Elseworth's reaction was that his horse would have won anyway. He now has an appointment with the Jockey Club this week to explain his actions. This should prove interesting as he is already in deep water over still unresolved doping allegations surrounding Cavvies Clown. His chance of getting off with no more than a slap on the wrist? I'll lay 2-1 the field. Rhyme n' Reason is now 16-1 for the National and the same price for Cheltenham. He's quoted at 200-1 for the double.

With an excellent St Patrick's Day meeting at Leopardstown promised to rival the Gold Cup, Carvils Hill looks to be the horse to beat. Rated as the best prospect Ireland has produced since sadly-missed Dawn Run, trainer Jim Dreaper has plans for his horse with Leopardstown/Fairyhouse/British treble.

Looking to this Saturday, Midnight Count, who has not raced for some 14 months due to injury, is now set to make his comeback. Josh Gifford has declared him for the Timeform Chase at Haydock.

Romford dogs on Saturday sees the opening three heats of the Sporting Life Marathon. This is one of the major events in the greyhound year. The final is next Wednesday with an excellent programme lined up including the Sporting Life Maxi Marathon, a 1100m race—the longest allowed under National Greyhound Racing Club rules.

This week's winners appear in the news pages.



Runrig

Forget *Big Country*, forget *Simple Minds* and forget those Eddie Edwards lookalikes the *Proclaimers*, the Scottish band are *Runrig*, playing their first major London gig tonight at the Town and Country Club, Kentish Town.

The six piece band from the west

coast are absolute mega stars in Scotland and are deservedly on the edge of breaking through in England.

The mainly Gaelic lyrics on the early albums *Recovery* and *Heartland* are being replaced by English to the extent that the new album contains only two Gaelic tracks including the brilliantly rousing *Alba* (meaning 'Scotland'). *Protect and Survive*, which is normally dedicated to 'all those who think that nuclear war is remotely acceptable', is a

meditation on life, and the sheer futility of war.

The highland melodies and lyrics denouncing absentee landlords and what they see as a foreign government guarantee a rapturous reception at home. The mainly Scottish audience will undoubtedly love it, but don't be put off if, like me, you're a sassanach. *Runrig* have something for everyone. Tickets are £5 and it's probably worth checking for availability first on 267 3334.

MUSIC

by Phil Young

One of the grooviest bands around will appear at the Astoria tonight and tomorrow in the shape of *All About Eve*. Don't be put off by the single *Wild Hearted Woman* which must be their most drab yet. They play a blinder live. Support comes from *Something Happens* who have achieved some fame from supporting *The Alarm*. This week has its spattering of the usual indie sounds, most notably the *Milk Monitors* at the Clarendon, *Mighty Mighty* at the Tunnel, and finally *The Men They Couldn't Hang* at Thames Poly, all tonight. *The Flag* in North Wembley has traditionally been the centre of the universe for Numanoids, and this will be the weekend of the year as *Gary Numan* himself appears both tonight and tomorrow. For anyone feeling rich, *Heart* are delivering their pop-metal at Wembley Arena on Saturday, and on Sunday a band who need no introduction, the delightful *Zodiac Mindwarp* and *the Love Reaction*, hit Hammersmith Odeon.



MUSIC

Jazz & Rock Club Hop

If you weren't in the Union Lounge last Saturday night, you missed eight College bands playing live. For several bands, the hop was their first gig ever, in fact some had yet to think of a name for themselves! *Curmudgen* started off with a cover of *She Sells Sanctuary*, a song which really needs a shouting lead singer. Unfortunately, they were unable to oblige, however, the rest of their set was quite well done. I must confess to being impressed by *USSA* (formerly *Dark Star*). It wasn't the fact that they had two guitarists, or even the songs they played, but the stage presence and 'front-man' image projected by the vocalist, Steve Easterbrook. After starting with an instrumental, (2112), a vocalist who didn't play any instruments and knew what to do on stage was quite a surprise. They even managed to work 'Brazilian Rain Forests' into the lyrics (see last week's FELIX). After that came *Chances*, the only group to use a drum machine and to have a female vocalist, who accompanied James Papa. After starting with an *Erasure* cover version, the group managed to keep many people dancing, even during their slow song. *Schrodinger's Cat* had acquired a new guitarist since I last saw them, who pissed off all the other guitarists by out-playing them. Using the stage piano was a good idea, as it blended nicely with the rest of the band. I was disappointed with what they've done to my favourite of theirs, *War Ain't a Game*, turning it from quite a powerful song into two alternating chords with a far too mellow sound to match the 'mud and slime of France' lyrics. *Contact Point* also had a vocalist who didn't play any instruments, and although sounding a bit like Rick Astley (sorry), he used his voice to great effect in singing what I presume were original songs, of a very high standard. Definitely not your average thrash stuff. Amongst the large keyboard stack was a Moog Prodigy, which enabled them to arpeggiate amazingly fast sequences of notes in a way that has sadly gone out of fashion, save perhaps on *Incommunicado*. They were the only band to get an encore, which was good seeing as their first number was beset by technical difficulties. It was definitely worth a second hearing. The *Mock Ducks'* lead singer knew how to twiddle a mike stand, but not how to keep the audience interested.



FILM

The Last Emperor (Cert 15)

Bernardo Bertolucci's *The Last Emperor* is a triumph in cinematic art. This beautifully crafted work tells the true story of the last emperor of China. With a visual splendour and epic feel of a glitzy *Gandhi*. An epic in every sense of the word, it boasts a cast of thousands, exotic locations and colourful period costumes. This absorbing drama takes us on an historical journey through twentieth century China and although around 2¾ hours long, it never seems to drag.

They were not on stage for long. Finally, *The Gents* delivered a loud set of sixties cover versions which made up in liveliness what they lacked in originality. Everyone loved them. I managed to get recordings of all eight bands, which will no doubt find their way onto IC Radio between 7 and 8 on Tuesdays. If any of the bands want a copy, come down to the station. I'd especially like to trade a live recording for a studio session recording. We can always use our Northside studios for recording bands.

Richard Fincher.

Gigs

All About Eve—4/5th March, Astoria, £5.
The Fall—18th March, Hammersmith Odeon, £7.
The Mission—21st/27th March, Astoria, £7.

The title of the film refers to Pu Yi, who ascended to the Imperial throne of China in 1908 at the age of three. Three years later China became a republic and Pu Yi was made a prisoner within the walls of his own palace, the Forbidden City.

The film opens with Pu Yi as prisoner of Communist China in 1950. His life story unfolds in a series of flashbacks and it is in the early scenes that the real star of the film emerges—the Forbidden City. This glamorous location must be a film

The Larks & Young Blood Dingwalls, Fri 26th Feb

Support act *Young Blood* have got a lot to learn before they start pulling a regular crowd. After the second song, I watched the rest of the set from the bar. Their songs are slightly reminiscent of the early *Jam* but without that special chemistry of the *Jam*. Keep at it *Young Blood*, you can only get better.

The Larks on the other hand are a pleasure to review. From the moment they stepped on stage—WHAM! The power, energy and vitality overwhelm you as they and the audience get wilder and wilder, with non-stop dancing all through their show. Each song shows an original sound from fuzz guitar, to a tight rhythm section, pulsating with the punchy sounds of an exciting brass ensemble. They make it look so easy and they make it sound like there's a whole orchestra

director's dream, and Bertolucci revels in it. Its colour and beauty are an awesome backdrop to the lavish costumes and childhood antics of the emperor. The bland uniforms of the communist era serve as powerful contrast when switching back and forth between adult and adolescent stages of life.

The film is truly a feast for the eyes, but the performances must not be overlooked. John Lone is very good as the adult Pu Yi, showing naivety and immaturity in his character. Peter O'Toole gives a memorable performance playing the Emperor's eccentric Scottish tutor, maintaining an arrogant yet sympathetic view towards the imprisoned Emperor.

Pu Yi was a man who was imprisoned, in one form or another for most of his life, on account of his birthright. Bertolucci said of him, he was 'an Oriental Peter Pan floating like a cork on the stream of history', which seems to sum it up. It is only in his final years as a gardener that he can taste true freedom and grow up.

The script acts as a narrative rather than an analysis on character, and quite rightly so. We come away with a history lesson on twentieth century China, as well as a deeper insight into the culture and changing face of an intriguing country. But it is the outstanding imagery and camerawork that lingers most in the mind, although I also came away with the question, how can a caged cricket have survived for over 50 years? You'll know what I mean when you see the film.

Sumit Guha

on stage (in fact there are only six of them).

Their music is out on its own compared to the current trend of grebos, goths, psychedelics, hip-hop, etc, which probably means that they might have a harder time trying to get somewhere. When they do, however they are likely to be around a lot longer.

Associations with the group *Madness* immediately spring to mind, but are unfair and superficial as *The Larks* show a fresher appealing sound, with more texture and coolness to their music.

Why the floor boards of the Union Hall haven't creaked to the sound of this band remains somewhat a puzzle, but judging by the packed, happy, dancing crowd of students at Dingwalls I'm sure they'd have no problem filling it.

John Blank

FOOTBALL

Jinking good show!

IC II—4
New College II—1
The invincible 2nds march on! Another game, another two points added to their impressive total for this season. Captain Russ Dark won the toss, and IC kicked off. They didn't have to wait long before the inevitable. Alan Galss beat the New College defence with a jinking, solo run, slid the ball inside for Pip Peel to convert the first goal. A second was soon added by Alan Glass, who's cool head has enabled him to score so many this season. After the switch, New College pulled one back, after Stuart Miller was blatantly pushed off the ball. Despite this, IC continued to dominate in a game that, for the defence, was as interesting as a 1st

team match report! Mickey Plummer's probing runs, Chris Burton's shivering due to the cold, Paul Thompson's mouth and Guy Phiri's offsidings all helped to produced as many talking points as a night out with the 4th team! Eventually Pip Peel got his second and IC's third goal, to ease any worries about dropping points. This was rounded off to four when Alan Glass was on target, shortly after the final whistle went, without any mention of 'Billy the Fish' Allen, or Eddy the Eagle. A special mention to Rakesh Muthoo, who was stupid enough to take a cold shower after the game. After this win, IC can look forward to a piece of silverware at the end of the season, in the shape of the league title.

No Jon, me no speak French

IC V vs LSE IV
LSE turned up very late, and quite frankly needn't have bothered. With only eight players, LSE were always going to struggle, and if it wasn't for the fact that IC's play was abysmal, the game could quite easily have deteriorated to a one-side farce. For fifteen minutes IC made such a big deal out of getting past seven defenders that tempers became frail. Luckily Lee Roberts kept his head whilst all those around him were screaming theirs' off, and confidently stroked the opener from a tight angle. Two minutes later, John Bolger trampled all over an LSE defender, and Bas.Basma took advantage with a simple tap-in. 'We should get a dozen against this lot' commented Glenn Evans....ten seconds later, LSE pulled one back. Their centre half ran through Jon Turner, side-stepped several tackles, and slipped the ball past Steve Von Bargaen who was busy inspecting the grass at the time to notice. Everyone started

swearing at each other. All of it was unprintable. A few minutes later a cross from the right eluded everyone except Lee, who made the volley look easy. 3-1. Deja-vous two minutes later, and this time Bas made the tap-in look difficult, but luckily the goalkeeper dived out of the way. 4-1. Half-time, and Rob Kay and Alan Gelder (two newcomers) gave the rest of the team a rollicking for playing so appallingly. 'But we're always this crap' is the muttered reply. Paul Cauldwell was replaced by Francis Shupo, making his debut. More rubbish from IC led to more shouting, (except from Bah Tamanji, who's only comment was 'No, Jon, me no play sub'), until Bas hit a snap shot from twenty yards for his hattrick. 5-1. Jon actually entered the opposition's penalty area for the first time this season, but whilst the LSE defence were pooing themselves about the presence of his hunky masculine frame, Francis slid in the corner with a stupendous volley. 6-1.

LADIES RUGBY REUNION EVENING

Any ladies who were and are still interested in ladies rugby. We are having a social evening on Friday 18th March. Followed by a rugby match on Saturday 19th March. If you are interested in coming along, please contact Kathy Tait—IC Union/Fiona Nicholas—RCS Union Office.



BADMINTON

Victory over old rivals

London Colleges Knockout Cup
Imperial College reached the final of this even for the second time in three years by having straight forward wins against Mary's, St George's and Guy's Hospital. In the final IC were faced by their old rivals, UCL.

First blood went to IC in the men's doubles with a convincing win by Sean Mulshaw and Simon Hughes over the UCL second pair. This was short lived however when the UCL first pair dominated both their rubbers to give them an early edge.

In the mixed doubles UCL played very well against three strong IC combinations. Sean and Julie Goodeve to claw their way to win over three games, 4-15, 18-17, 15-9. Once more UCL fought back to defeat Julie, this time playing with Bharat Popat, again over three tight games to give them victory in the mixed, 2-1.

In the singles Trevor Kevmick had

an impressive victory. Despite losing the first end he eventually got his opponent on the run, and from then on it was just a matter of playing the steady, consistent badminton we have come to expect from him.

In the ladies doubles Julie, playing with Uta Boltse set the standard with a 15-16, 15-2 victory. This was followed by further wins, equally convincing in nature, by Uta and Sarah Threadgold, and then Sarah and Jo Cohen. The last of these made IC champions by a margin of 7-4

Three Imperial College players received honours at this year's British Universities Championships, while playing for London University. Julie Goodeve won a silver medal in the mixed doubles (playing with Paul Walden of London Vets) and Sean Mulshaw and Simon Hughes received bronze medals for reaching the semi-finals of the men's doubles.

RUGBY

Wasps stung

Imperial College 1st XV—14
Wasps 3rd XV—3

Tries: Quirk, Jenkins and Smith
Ooh no! The Boys have done it again! After a spirited performance in mid-week against the Met Police, when IC struggled through to win by 13-4, the Rugby Club continued to maintain its stranglehold on the almost 1st class rugby scene by beating Wasps 3rd XV by a goal and two tries to a penalty (14-3).

Despite having some regular second team players in their pack, Wasps were unable to dominate. As the opposition's initial pressure subsided, the IC backs showed the

way forward with a simple but effective move, leaving J Quirk to drive through a weak defense for a try by the posts.

After the break Wasps tried to attack again, but their heads soon dropped. A 20 yard break from Andy Watson, followed by a delicate chip into touch gave IC a lineout near the Wasp's try line: Greensmith palmed to Jenkins, on the burst, who drove over from a full 60 inches. Simon Smith ended a good game with a driving try in the corner and an 'almost try' by 'Roboprop' (Peter Drew) just about wound up a convincing victory.

SAILING

Loose ladies

IC vs Southampton

Last weekend, in very little wind, IC sailed against Southampton (regarded as the best university sailing team).

In the morning races, IC still tired after travelling for over two hours, were narrowly beaten by the men's team. After lunch IC sailed against the ladies team who had a rather loose interpretation of the rules. Despite this IC won the first race, and were leading the second race, until Ape proved that he is in a different class to everyone else by sailing a different course. Final score versus the ladies

was one all.

The next set of races were against the men's team again, this time IC beat them to make it a tie overall.

For the deciding race the venue was changed to Southampton Docks. After an encounter with a frigate, where Sam lost her bottle (twice!), the pace really hotted up and Sam and Bill were unable to finish. At this point there were signs of a Southampton win, but Richard stole it from them to give IC a win before the long trek home.

FOOTBALL

by Adrian Grainger

FOOTBALL

Chem Eng Soc

4.30am Monday morning and the thought of a 300 mile coach journey with Lonnie 'travel' to a northern ghost town (Teeside) was hardly the ideal start to another Frank Morton sports campaign. The journey was predictably cold and we arrived with another 22 university teams to compete for the honour of being the best Chem Eng team in the UK.

We drew Bradford in the first round and the terrible journey contributed to an even worse team performance and IC were lucky to win in the sudden death penalty shoot out (no thanks to Kev Graves and Russ Dark!).

Next round was Aston, but the pre-match beers refreshed our various parts and a good goal from Mark Radley followed by good defensive work saw us through to the quarter finals.

The draw gave us the inevitable grudge match against Cambridge, but an aggressive performance and a goal from Kev Graves put us through to the semis against Birmingham.

By now the crowd were turning against us (we were too well dressed, good looking and successful for most people's tastes) but a good goal by Jim Wilson in his first appearance took IC to the final against the favourites Strathclyde.

The pre-match talk from Dave 'The Juggler' Martin inspired the IC team to new heights and poor Strathclyde didn't stand a chance. Aggressive marking and defending from 'Chopper' Dark and two goals from Mary Pryor and one from Jim Wilson gave us a well deserved victory.

From a girlie rower

I'm sure you can imagine
It's as plain as it could be
A usual Saturday rowing
The place ICBC

Another race to row today
The crews are all afloat
Except that is, the girlies,
Well—they haven't got a boat!

After week's of practice
The women stand and moan,
The reason for our boatless
plight—
We're not all 18 stone!

Se we have no option,
To enable us to row,
We have to leave Imperial,
And off to 'King's' we go!

PREVIEW

There is yet another round of league games with a decent selection of matches for the discerning fan. All matches on Saturday 5th March, kick off 3pm unless otherwise stated.

QPR vs Liverpool

Loftus Road (White City tube)

Those undefeated lads from the North venture once more into the capital, I presume that they won't lose to Derby in mid-week, eager to equal Leeds' record of 29 league games without defeat at the start of a season. QPR beat Wimbledon last week in what was described as 'one hell of a boring game' and that man Gavin Maguire made a tackle that was so late that the game was over before he got there. Liverpool beat Portsmouth last week with a performance where they were on par with the southerners but came away with all the points. Barnes scored both goals, making him a real certainty to be made the player of the year. Who can bet against Liverpool, but I think that this will be a draw.

West Ham Utd vs Oxford Utd

Boleyn Ground (Upton Park tube)

This a game between two sides in the middle to base of the league. West Ham had a disastrous weekend last week with a defeat at Derby, a one hour home-truths talk by Manager John Lyall, a bad injury to Liam Brady and constant talk about Tony Cottee's transfer. Problems indeed that must be helped by buying a new striker!! Oxford lie in the bottom three and unless they buck up their ideas, I can't really see them staying up. Dean Saunders is proving to be a smart man up front, but you would think that Mr '£700M' Maxwell could buy them some good players. If West Ham put their act in gear then they should win.

Wimbledon vs Luton Town

Plough Lane (Wimbledon Park tube)

This game pits together two teams in the right half of the division this time with a top six place to play for.

The crowd should be dismal with neither side having what could be said to be decent support (9,000 only at Wimbledon's away game at QPR last week). The Dons are concentrating mainly on the Cup this year, but they must keep their league form together after a defeat last week. Luton have recent England man Mick Harford in their side and with the Stein brothers having good seasons, Luton are a strong side. Wimbledon should come



out on top but a draw is possible.

Arsenal vs Tottenham H

Highbury (Arsenal tube)

This is the live game on TV on Sunday. It will make a change to have these two sides on TV. I mean, we haven't had Liverpool, Everton, Man Utd, Arsenal or Spurs at all on TV this year... The annual North London derby with pride, points and positions all to play for. Arsenal are at Wembley in the Littlewoods Cup, and coupled with a 4-0 win against Charlton last week, things are going very well for them recently. Spurs won 3-0 away at Sheffield Wednesday last week, but Venebles hasn't had that much to cheer about this year (except perhaps a big pay off from Barcelona and a nice little earner from White Heart Lane. I have had good luck with my predictions of Arsenal wins this year and I think that this will be another.

Crystal Palace vs Oldham

Selhurst Park (Norwood Jct BR)

Palace let me down badly last week. A home defeat by struggling

Shrewsbury (admittedly on a good run) is not the sort of form to expect from a promotion seeking side.

Oldham are famous as being the 'nearly' side after their unlucky play-off defeat at the hand of Leeds last year. Joe Royle is a good manager and they will bounce back. I think that their best player is Scot keeper Andy Goram. Crystal Palace should win, but they don't like me so I will predict an away win and wait for a '1' on the pools coupon.

Fulham vs Wigan

Craven Cottage (Putney Brdg tube)

That old riverside ground stages a third division game. Wigan have only been in the league for ten years but already have a FA Cup quarter-final place and a fourth in division three placing to their name. They have seven players on their books who were born on Merseyside, I suppose that playing for a side like Wigan is a good way of getting into the Liverpool first team; because you have no chance of breaking through the ranks (sorry to Gary Ablett). A draw to be expected.

Letters

Tizard PervSoc in biting-the-pillow shocker

Dear Judith,

May your press turn limp and your paper supplies turn yellow in the sun.

Perhaps my insults should be directed to the awful author of Kensington Gore, who a fortnight ago seemed to confuse Tizard Surveillance Soc with some other perverts in Southside. As far as I can recall no one actually in the Soc possesses a pair of binoculars. I think this rather mops up the Gore's drivel. So are our innocent activities (innocent?) being superceded by some much more perverse people?

To accuse us of making abusive phonecalls is a load of Gore garbage. So far we haven't grasped the Neolithic internal phone system! I mean, what's this black thing with the plastic dial full of holes? Perhaps it's a spare bowling ball.

Accurate Linstead sources have it that these calls were happening before all this started. If anyone has any

knowledge of Linstead they realise Linstead residents bug each other all the time!

*Yours putting the record straightly,
N Hump, Vice Pres of Vices, SurvSoc.*

PS. Why was a small teddy parachuting off the top of Linstead with a bin-liner?

Call to the 400

Dear FELIX,

I would like to make a request to all the gay people at IC who, for whatever reason(s), still find it difficult to admit to their sexuality. Please in the next two months tell somebody about it. Because of the prevailing climate of the moment it obviously isn't an easy time to 'come out' for anyone, but it isn't impossible and will literally change your life (for the better). Whilst at College is a singularly good time to confront and accept yourself for what you are. If you cannot think of anyone who you feel you could talk to don't hesitate to contact James Papa (Mech Eng II), the Lesbian & Gay Welfare Officer.

Statistically there must be about 400 gay people at College so please stop living your life for other people but live it for yourself. Don't be straight in '88.

*Yours,
Ian Healy, Elec Eng PG II.*

Letter from St Mary's

This year, for the first time in recent years, a trip to Paris has been part of the Rag events. Teams of two attempted to travel between London and Paris in the shortest time possible. Various forms of transport were

employed by the resourceful students as means to the end.

The most daring and adventurous method is the traditional travel form, hitch-hiking. Not satisfied by merely 'thumbing a lift' the participants increased their lift chances and the potential for collecting cash in the boxes provided, by dressing up, the common themes being evening wear

(black tie etc) and theatre (?—rose) dress—eg greens. Apparently, with the weather for the weekend being very cold, evening wear is not the ideal dress for sleeping rough in France.

All those that travelled had been sponsored beforehand as one of the mechanisms for raising cash. As stated above, collecting boxes and Rag Mags were also taken by those who could, to increase revenue.

The planning of the event was commendable, with check out/check in points manned extensively. Each participant had a list of cheap accommodation in Paris, a French road map and an inter-city map of Paris. Also available were cheap fares kindly provided by Sealink UK Ltd. The most original method of travel to Paris has to be the three intrepid explorers who cycled the whole distance to Paris. This is no mean feat for those who have little experience of long distance cycling, and who had to borrow bicycles. Though they arrived later than the other competitors their contribution was essential to the event.

On Saturday evening, the Mary's contingent in Paris took over the basement of a restaurant and proceeded to have a merry evening with much eating, drinking and singing of traditional Mary's songs. Such a fine sight that must be repeated next year.

Initial projections indicate that this event alone will raise over £2,000 for the charity concerned. I don't think there can be a better way to raise money for charity. Full marks to all those involved!

Dear friends—if you're thinking of coming to see us on the above date, please cut out the dragon below and hand it in at the door, this ensures that we get some money rather than it all going to the Greyhound! Thanks.

STAGEFRAIGHT



THE GREYHOUND,
FULHAM 175 Fulham Palace Rd, W6

15 Mar. £2.00

Small Ads

ANNOUNCEMENTS

● **Muscadet**, Pouille Furé and Sancerre—they are all going to be there, are you? Union SCR, 6pm, Tuesday.

● **Surplus** small change? Why not invest in a rare book or new shirt (well, nearly new), today at the IC Nursery jumble sale, Consort Gallery, Sheffield Building, 10am-1pm.

● **Indsoc**: Visit to Shell Oil Refinery, March 9th. This is the last visit of the season. Contact C Keener (Chem Eng 3) for details.

● **Stagefright** are playing at the Greyhound, Fulham Palace Road, March 15th.

● **Members** required for 'Hassles appreciation society'. Contact Amin El-Kholy (DoC 2).

● **Interested** in providing serious hassles and not-so-serious hassles. See Amin El-Kholy (DoC 2).

● **Guild's** May Ball tickets are on sale from March 1.

● **City & Guilds** plus Fullers present the rugby seven-a-side competition. This is your last chance to sign up your team in the Guilds Office. To be held at Harlington on Sunday March 6. All teams must be signed up by March 2 if they wish to compete.

ACCOMMODATION

● **Double Room** in Herne Hill, phone Jaz on internal 4033.

PERSONAL

● **Watch out** Miss Shining Example—your feet really turn him on.

● **Beware** of he who goes thump in the night.

● **Does** MS shrivel in the morning sunlight? We'll never know.

● **AAOs** have feelings too! Hic.

● **Q.** Why does he hate YHA?

● **If it's** I am it must be for 82.

● **Ifran** get off your butt!

● **Visit** Alcatraz new wing in Beit Quad.

● **The wacky** phantom t-bag has struck again.

● **Beit Hall** announce the resurrection of Otto the Beit Hall magazine.

● **Otto** wants hot sex!!

● **We** want articles and illustrations, scandal and news—pigeon hole XYZ, Beit Hall.

● **A poem**: 'tis true that roses are red; stained so, when my heart bled. Woe is my heart, cruelly shattered by Cupid's arrow. Have fear you rascal, for like the Phoenix it shall rise. A virtuoso in bed I may be, but, what only Aphrodite knoweth, only she may reveal. YISHU. OK you bastard, either fuck off or match my poem with at least a limerick of your own—none of these two line small ads please.

● **Q.** Why are Tizard girls single.

● **A.** Because they are ungrateful when you send them flowers.

● **Wenkey**—come into my dreams, I have so much love to show you.

● **Seriously folks**, Amnesty is about as left-wing as my dog is!!

● **Love** the blue shoes—gotcha!

● **Dixie**, how did you enjoy your Welsh Rabbit? Ooooooeeeeer! 34 MG.

Small Ads

- **What's** Irish, green and a danger to women? 652 T.H.
- **Manage a trois**—652, Helen & Ruth.
- **Rich**, just because Tracey isn't going for RCS HJT.
- **John**, permission to land.
- **Helen**, why does Sean make fewer noises now?
- **Wanted:** Fifty people to drink forty pints and ten bowls of chilli each. Apply Mining House Beachwear Party.
- **Steve**, Liverpoolian Mech Enger, wishes big breasted chemist to sit on his face. Southside, Sat night 7pm.
- **C N Hunter**—Man can't live by glycolysis alone!
- **Thankyou** for the happiest 156 days; or 3744 hours; or 224640 minutes; or 13478400 seconds; that averages 70 bonks at 3 bonks per week.
- **Q.** What is the probability of a paper dart hitting the EE2 Maths lecturer.
- **A.** Who cares—it's statistics.
- **Q.** What's the loudest thing in College?
- **A.** 1st Floor, 18 Ongar Road.
- **No 37**—Where are you? Replies on a postcard to Box 7/14.
- **Rachel**, when is it going to be my turn?—No. 38!!
- **How many** was it this week, Rachel?—RH!!
- **When** did you last see your...trousers, Gordon?
- **PK** for LLO?
- **Is it** against election rules to mention Dai Williams' name? The Penthouse Club.
- **Dai Williams**—half vice, half haircut, all codpiece.
- **Gordon**, next time you show at our flat you will be most welcome. This time I am lying. Andy, the Penthouse Club.
- **Wanted:** Fat, greasy fascist dictator baskets. Apply G Brignall.
- **PK's** guide to driving: speed, brake, fine, fume.
- **What position** was that, Gordon?
- **Beware!** Big Brignall is watching you!
- **John**, Saturday 20th was definitely not overrated!
- **John**, if the Laura Brannigan treatment doesn't work, I'll always be around.
- **To my** favourite milkman—don't cancel my milk too often—your bored housewife.
- **Dear Admirer**, are you looking for Anon Handbag? Computing pigeonholes.
- **Mommy-kins**, it would make me the happiest man on earth (I'm sure it's really quite nice). Love, Daddy-kins.
- **To the** beautiful blonde in U213; you make my heart burn! Love from the mush-caller!
- **Keswick** too cold for you Ken? 34 Mad Gardeners.
- **Tony**, Ken, Del, don't blame it on the burgers you drunkards! 34 M G.
- **Where** do you get your grease BA. 34 MG.
- **So sad**, the way he makes love to his pool cue! 34 MG.

Don't just bitch

Dear Judith,

Just a quick letter in answer to Tony Spencer's letter in FELIX. I can't see the point in all these people moaning about how boring FELIX is, and what a tyrant you are—if they want a different sort of article why don't they turn up and write for FELIX themselves? As for staff drifting off—I thought you were doing great at encouraging people (eg me, Phil Young, etc, etc) to come and write for you.

Personally, I like FELIX this year. I do think it can be anti-Howgate (oops no! Sydney Harbour-Bridge now!! I keep forgetting) but that is your opinion and as you keep pointing out, the editorial is for you to air your opinion! My advice to everyone out there is—go to the FELIX Office, speak to Judith (she doesn't bite! Well, don't go too near her, especially if you're wearing a hat and your hair is flat underneath), and write the kind of article you would like to see in FELIX. A bit more productive than just bitching, don't you think?

Love and kisses,
James Papa, Mech Eng 2.

Shocked & surprised

Dear Judith,

As the Editor of the 1988-1989 PG Prospectus, it was with great surprise that I read the letter from Mr T Spencer in last week's edition of FELIX (No 795).

In his letter Mr Spencer states that the Print Unit had 'botched' the job of producing the cover of the prospectus. I would like to point out to all who may be interested that despite an initial hiccup, the Print Unit produced, at extremely low cost, a splendid cover, as indeed they did the rest of the booklet. I am sure anyone who reads this year's PG Prospectus will agree with me.

Alan Barnett, PG Prospectus Editor.

Pompous ***—a better title than 'Print Unit Trouble'?

Dear Judith,

We refer to our letter of last week, printed under the title 'Print Unit Trouble'. We felt it represented a legitimate complaint over a bill we received for printing which was so unsatisfactory as to be of no use.

Instead of being receptive to the complaint and attempting to redress the balance, FELIX, as usual, turned defensive in the face of a perfectly reasonable criticism. The excuses that were printed in your reply were, frankly, offensive.

Mopsoc and Astrosoc have now ceased to be sympathetic to the Print Unit's difficulties. If you could not provide the service you claimed to offer, you should not have accepted the order in the first place. The entire sob story about how pressed you were is of no interest to your dissatisfied customers.

And no wonder we are dissatisfied. How are we supposed to believe your excuses for charging us twice the estimate when, a paragraph later, you sum up by saying you would charge us double given the chance? And why?

For wasting the Print Unit's time! I think you'll find it was our time, and money, that was wasted because you took an order that you were clearly incapable of carrying out. And you also wasted the time of your own Business Manager, Chris Martin, when he went needlessly debt collecting after you had failed to inform him that the goods had not been delivered. The apology he seeks is not from us.

Indeed, why should we apologise at all? We made a perfectly reasonable request of the Print Unit and in return have received nothing but trouble. I understand, furthermore, that we are not alone in this and that is why I feel our letter is of interest to others. Others, that is, who would not dare criticise the Print Unit Manager for fear that she would withdraw those services that FELIX does have a monopoly over.

If any apology is to be made, it is to RCSU, for we have wasted its money attempting to enlist the services of an unreliable Print Unit instead of spending more and going elsewhere.

In future we will do so. You have done nothing but create bad feeling with your attitude that the customer does not matter. We remain highly unsatisfied with the treatment we have received.

Dan Salmons, Mopsoc President,
Nick Wood, Astrosoc Chairman.

Complete satisfaction

Dear Miss Hackney,

Recently, The Penthouse Club had cause to require the Print Unit to provide us with some business cards. Unfortunately, we feel quite unable to start a long-running controversy in the letter's column of that esteemed publication, FELIX, because we were entirely satisfied with the work.

Yours sincerely,
The Penthouse Club.

(names supplied, but couldn't read all of them).

RCSU Honorary Sexy shocker!

Dear Judith,

What a con these RCS Hon Secs are! Last Friday night, we had just returned from a long night's sharking and were just about to go to bed.

Imagine my surprise when I heard a loud thumping at our front door. Talk about the power of advertising! When I opened the front door, who should be standing outside but Gordon Brignall himself! Without any further prompting he launched into the classic KGB 'guess what? I'm going to search your flat' mode and stormed the stronghold of his arch-enemy Dai Rocking. We felt this was a little unwise as Dai shares a room with Mike 'insane axe-wielding psychopath' Evans who is a part-time insane axe-wielding psychopath, and doesn't really like being woken at 3am by a 'where are my trousers you bastard' type interrogation.

Apparently Gordon was so eager to converse with our alcohol sampling member that he had crossed London on a stolen three-seater bicycle, presumably also in stolen trousers.

Luckily, we saw the funny side of it and threw him out of the flat.

The Penthouse Club.

Majority support strike

In one of the biggest protests ever by ICU, some 2,250 students out of a total of 3,400 supported last Tuesday's strike. Thirty-one of the classes polled were in favour of striking. Of the exceptions, Mining Engineering stayed in because of a visit by the University Grants Committee (UGC) to the department, while Mech Eng 2 had split labs.

Some 70 ICU students also attended the AUT/TUC lobby at the Houses of Parliament and were able to speak to local MPs, Mr Peter Brooke and Sir Brandon Rhys-Williams.

Union President, Sydney Harbour-

Bridge described this as a positive contact, which he hoped could be followed up later. He has expressed all his thanks to those who supported the action, and in particular staff for re-arranging lectures and the Pro-NUS Society for putting up posters, and Neil Motteram, Amin El-Kohly and Alan Rose for carrying out the ballots.

Mr Harbour-Bridge was, however, concerned to hear that Life Sciences 1 were under the impression that they would be docked marks for an assessed lab, if they went out on strike. Though FELIX has now

received assurance from the department that this will not happen. Mr Harbour-Bridge also regretted not having time to clear up some confusion in Aero 2, where the Academic Rep considered the voting to have been carried out unsatisfactorily. In the event, however, the lecture was cancelled in accordance to the original result.

Mr Harbour-Bridge hopes to follow the strike up with a letter writing campaign by students to their local MP. The main points to be covered being; the implications of contract funding on research; the safety of non-cost effective departments, that are nonetheless valued by industry, and the future of apolitical students unions for the entertainment, social education and representation.

NUS demo

A demonstration organised by the National Union of Students against the Government's Education Reform Bill was held in London last Saturday. A handful of Imperial students attended the rally in Hyde Park to hear speeches from NUS President Vicky Phillips and TUC leader Norman Willis. Over 10,000 students were reported to have attended the protest from all over the United Kingdom. Other speakers included John Griffiths, Vice Chancellor of Manchester University and Peter Tatchell. The NUS considered the event a success.

C&G posts

The papers for the City & Guilds Union Executive came down on Monday. The only contested post is that of Vice President, where the candidates are Hilary Hughes (Civ Eng 1) proposed by Kevin MacCann (Chem Eng 1) and Max Kallios (Mech Eng 1) proposed by Nigel D Baker (Chem Eng 4).

Neil Smith (Mech Eng 2) proposed by Ken Pendlebury (Mech Eng 2) for President stands unopposed, after Chris Stapleton (Aero 2) pulled out. Also unopposed is Murray Williamson (Mech Eng 2) standing for Honorary Secretary, also proposed by Ken Pendlebury (Mech Eng 2).

The elections will take place at a City and Guilds Union General Meeting next Tuesday at 1pm.

ULU posts

Elections for the three University of London Union sabbatical posts of President, Vice President (Finance and Admin) Vice President (Services) will be held at a GUC on March 20th.

Any IC member is eligible to stand for any post for the GUC Exec posts. The deadline for nominations is Saturday March 5, and Friday March 4 for the senate posts. Information on these posts and nomination papers are available from Neil Motteram (External Affairs Officer).

Election fever grips IC

Yesterday the annual Imperial College Union Hustings General Meeting took place in the Great Hall. Candidates for the posts of ICU President, Deputy President, Honorary Secretary (Events) and FELIX Editor (Print Unit Manager) were given 3 minutes each to persuade the 300-odd people present to vote for them. After speeches, each candidate was grilled by the Elections Committee using questions provided by the audience.

During questions to the FELIX Editor, one of the candidates called quorum. Chairman Alistair Seymour ruled that the meeting was quorate and the candidate then went on to challenge his ruling. Eventually the Chair was handed to Recreational Clubs Committee Chairman Neil McCluskey who asked the candidate to withdraw his challenge, which he did. The meeting was then able to continue.

The Presidential candidates were questioned on a diverse range of subjects including that of the recent Union re-organisation. FELIX Editor candidates answered questions on their proposed content and bias of next year's FELIX.

The candidates for President are Nigel Baker proposed by John Noble and Brendan O'Brien proposed by Adrian Bourne. The candidates for Deputy President are Charles Brereton proposed by Amin El-Kholy and Steve Mercer proposed by Max Kallios. The candidates for Honorary Secretary are Rodger Houghton

proposed by Chris Stapleton and Ian Morris proposed by Alan Hepper. The candidates for FELIX Editor are

Bill Goodwin proposed by Dave Burns, Chris Martin proposed by Liz Holford and Martyn Peck proposed by Sumeet Ghaie. The elections will take place next Monday and Tuesday and each candidate's manifesto is printed in the centre pages of this FELIX.

