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Felix

All the President's men

Nigel Baker will be next year's President of Imperial College Union. The results of the 1988 sabbatical elections were released last night two and a half hours after the polls closed in all departments. Mr Baker will be joined in the Union Office by Chas Brereton who was returned as Deputy President and Ian Morris as Honorary Secretary (Events). Bill Goodwin was elected as FELIX Editor. All winners passed quota on the first count.

The number of people voting in the election was slightly higher than last year with 1157 people voting in the Presidential election. Students in all departments and from Silwood took part in the ballot, although no ballot box was sent to St. Mary's.

Chas Brereton, next year's Deputy President, expressed his relief that the election was finally over, in view of the fact that he had missed 'so many lectures' and had a large amount of work to catch up on.

Ian Morris, who was the first successful candidate to be informed, said that he was pleased that the contest for Honorary Secretary (Events) had been so amicable. 'It could have been nasty', he said.

Nigel Baker was unavailable for comment.

Next year's FELIX Editor, Bill Goodwin, seemed staggered by his large majority. When asked to comment he replied: 'Let me have a drink first!'

Chris Martin admitted to being 'relieved' when he was told of the result. He said: 'The best way to get from A to B is not necessarily a straight line.' This has been quoted completely out of context.

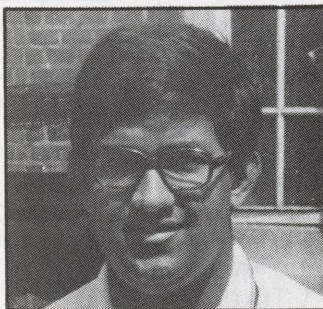
Martyn Peck, the other unsuccessful candidate for Editor, exclaimed: 'I've been robbed, guv!'

The results will be taken to tomorrow's Results Union General Meeting for ratification.

PRESIDENT	Nigel Baker	885
	Brendan O'Brien	156
	Abstentions	120
DEPUTY PRESIDENT	Chas Brereton	575
	Steve Mercer	441
	Abstentions	132
HON SEC (EVENTS)	Rodger Houghton	231
	Ian Morris	771
	Abstentions	117
FELIX EDITOR	Bill Goodwin	759
	Chris Martin	271
	Martyn Peck	62
	Abstentions	47



Nigel Baker



Chas Brereton



Ian Morris



Bill Goodwin



editorial

So Nigel Baker is next year's President. As he was the only serious candidate to stand, this is not at all surprising. I think Nigel will be a good President if he learns to listen to himself and not others. He is keen, well-organised and keeps a cool head in difficult situations.

Chas Brereton just beat Steve Mercer for the post of Deputy President. This was the most interesting election of them all. For a nearly unknown candidate to come so close to the union officer, most known for his verbose reports to Council, must surely say something.

Ian Morris won Honorary Secretary (Events) comfortably. Rodger had some good ideas but Ian had the experience and the trendy haircut. I think Ian has the potential to do this job really well and, as a simple student of Physics next year, I am looking forward to all the new events that are going to come out of the creation of the new job.

Congratulations to all those who won and sobs to all those who didn't.

St Mary's?

Why were there no ballot boxes at

St Mary's? Don't they have a right to vote too? Does anybody care?

FELIX

This has been one of the saddest days of my term as FELIX Editor. One of the reasons I stood for the post was to continue the FELIX 'spirit', not to further any journalistic career. It's very hard for me to describe this 'spirit' to any person who hasn't been a staff member. It is the 'getting-FELIX-out-on-a-Friday-whatever-happens' spirit. It's all about caring for the Paper and its future. It's when you may have more interesting things to do, like drink in the bar with your mates, but the Paper needs folding and collating, so you stay and help. It's about defending editorial freedom. Next year this spirit will be gone.

FELIX is dead. Long live Felix.

RIP
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Shan's election fiasco

Paul Shanley, FELIX tipster and man-of-the-moment, ran a book on this year's sabbatical elections. Due to election rules we were unable to print the odds until after the voting! So here is the way the odds went and how wrong our man-of-the-moment was...

The book opened Wednesday lunchtime. Opening show of betting was:

DP

Steve Mercer	10-11
Chas Brereton	Evens

President: No win bet

Percentage win by Nigel Baker of votes cast for any one candidate:

90-100%	1-3
80-90%	Evens
70-80%	3-1
60-70%	10-1

FELIX:

Bill Goodwin	2-5
Chris Martin	15-8
	3-1 Bar

Sydney Harbour-Bridge getting arrested for importuning 10-1.

Deputy President

Steve Mercer	8-11
Chas Brereton	5-4

Others unchanged.

Mr Shanley went into hiding last night. Several people are known to be looking for him and the money he owes them.

FELIX

Bill Goodwin	1-2
Chris Martin	6-4
	5-1 Bar

Geoff Reeves becoming the next pope 250-1

Initial bets were taken from a DP candidate at 50-100 and a notably unsobber RCS VP-elect at 300-100

After reading of manifestos on Friday morning, odds were changed to:

FELIX

Bill Goodwin	1-3
Chris Martin	13-8
	9-2 Bar

DP:

Chas Brereton	4-5
Steve Mercer	Evens

After some varied betting, the book closed on Monday at 9.30pm at:

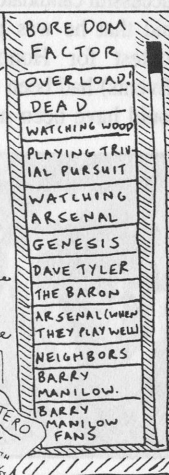
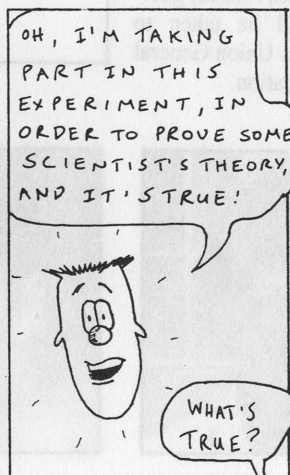
Shan's Dodgy Sporting Tips

All selections run today

NAP: **Mystic Music**
Catterick, 3.45

-NB: **Whistling Edge**
Bangor, 5.30

E/W: **Puncle Creak**
Catterick, 2.15



THE BARON

Derek hurried along the walkway, huddling to protect himself from the biting wind. It was just past midnight and Derek was returning from the Cheapskate dormitories after checking that all the Citizen's were safely tucked into bed (their own beds!) and that lights were out.

As he went along Derek looked at all the rubbish stuck to all the walls and said to his wife Mad Dash, 'thank goodness super-Tuesday is over and the citizens have elected their new leaders. I don't think I can stand any more of these posters. They are such rubbish, I mean, take this one here'. Derek pointed at a poster and read it out.

'Uninformed, smudgy, faint, inaccurate. 'Cwis Media, no bollocks—just a great Phallix.'

And look at this crap: 'Willhebe Goodforacolumninch—give the cat something to eat.'

Meanwhile Mad had walked on a bit and found a poster for the last candidate for Phallix Editor.

'Look at this one, Derek, it's quite funny.'

Derek read it.

'Martin Prick—I've got someone else's briefcase.'

'She thinks that's funny', thought Derek, 'oh well, little things please little minds.' (But Derek knew that already.)

Further along the walkway Derek found some posters for Citizen's Leader. The very, very serious candidate had very, very boring posters with a very, very silly red slogan; 'Nige D Butcher—hit me with your rhythm stick'. The very, very silly candidate had very, very good posters. 'Brendan O'Spud—vote potato.'

The only other poster Derek found was for the new post of Honorary Slave (Parties), it read: 'Austin Morris—wrapped around a lamppost' near you.'

All these posters had given Derek an excellent idea. Why not make John Secretary and Arthur Michael stand for re-election every year?

He started to imagine the sort of posters and slogans they would produce.

'Arthur Michael—about as useful as a solar powered torch.'

'John Secretary—about as sincere as a TV evangelist.'

'This was good fun', thought Derek. 'But what would he do for his own posters? This would be difficult. Which of his many qualities should he emphasise? Gosh, this would be difficult.'

How about: 'Citizens shall not live by McNorthey kebabs alone but by every memo that proceeds from Derek's desk.' No, too wordy. He needed a sharp, punchy slogan. Let's try. 'Derek, The Baron'. Nope, too short. It needed a little more content. Derek went home and rang up his chief yes man, Iain Bore.

'Iain', he said, 'I need a slogan', 'Yes, Baron', said Bore grovellingly. 'What sort?'

'A clever, witty one, not too short, not too long, just the right length.'

Iain thought for a split second, then came out with: 'Derek Dash: the citizens wouldn't give a XXXX for any other Baron.'

'That's brilliant, just what I want, thanks Iain. Goodnight.'

Meanwhile, in the citizen's building, Chas Takeiteasy was getting dressed up into his dinner suit for the big event of the year—the Cheapskate awards. He left his office and went into the citizen's theatre. After the applause died down he stepped up to the microphone.

'Ladies, gentlemen and those who aren't quite sure, welcome to the 1988 Cheapskate awards. The first presentation is for Citizen's Leader, and to present this prize here is last year's winner, Mr Sidney Spanker.'

Spanker took the stage and Takeiteasy handed him the little gold envelope. He slit it open, took out the card, and began to speak: 'And the results, in reverse order, are as follows. The runner up in the election for Citizen's Leader is....'

Who has won?

Who cares?

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

What's On

WEDNESDAY

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.

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

IC Radio.....6.00pm.
Susan and her new stupendous, unfeasible, all-new uncelebrity packed Ripvanwinklepickers show.

ULU Meditation Group7.00pm.
Room 3A, University of London Union, Malet Street. Traditional breathing meditation. Everyone welcome. No charge.

THURSDAY

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

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

Newsbreak.....1.00pm.
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.

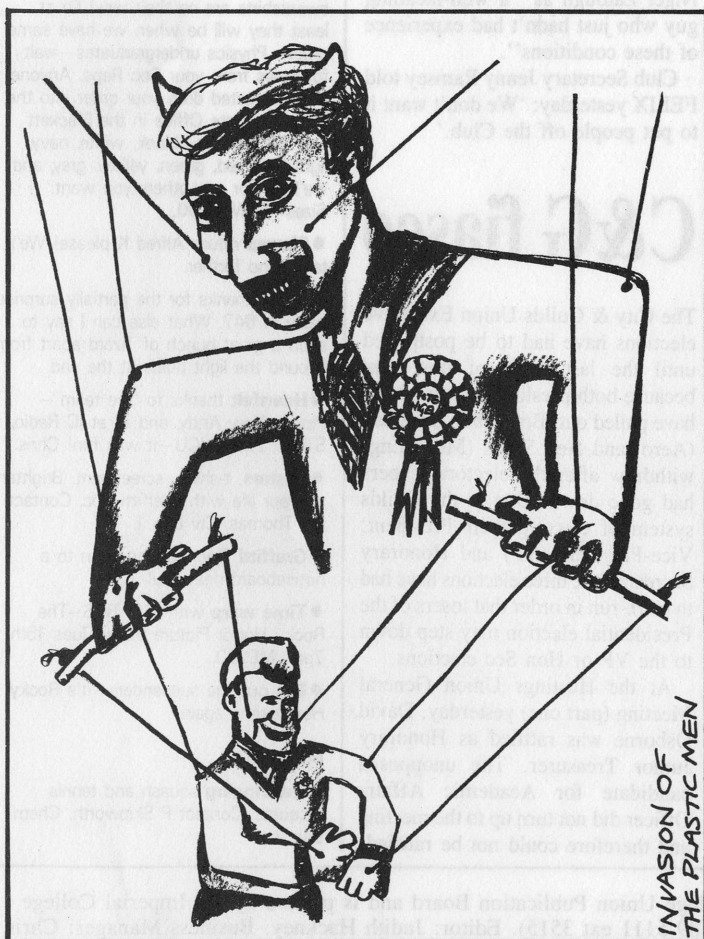
Lunch-Hour Concert1.30pm.
The Music Room, 53 Princes Gate. Sally Burgess (mezzo) and Julius Drake (piano).

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.

Newsbreak.....6.00pm.
STOIC.

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



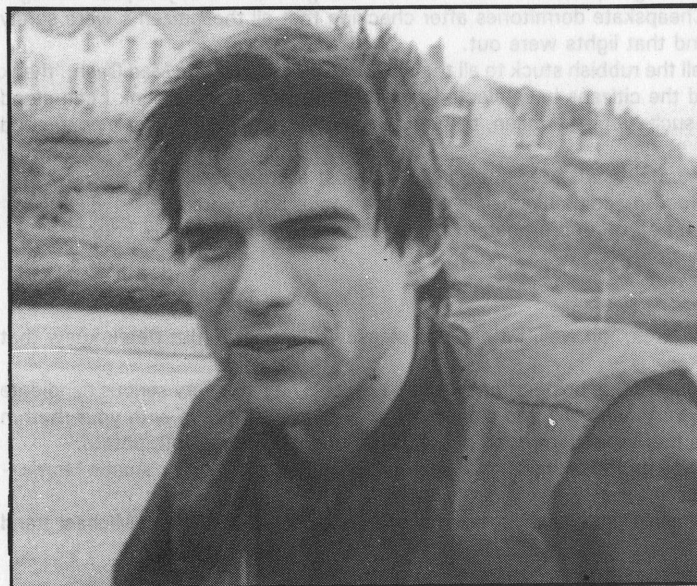
Heroic Mark saves lives in Wales

Several members of Canoe Club would have nearly drowned off the Gower Peninsula last weekend, had it not been for the quick thinking of Mark Jones, one of the more experienced members of the Club.

The Club were on a canoe-surfing trip to Rhosilli in Wales for the weekend. On Sunday the tide was going out when the club wanted to surf. There was an onshore breeze, but the waves were fairly small, suggesting safe conditions. President Nigel Eatough, who was supervising safety, left the beach but did not designate someone else to take on his responsibility. When one of the members, Martin Love, capsized, he was unable to hang on to his canoe due to the water conditions. When Mr Jones saw what had happened he managed to reach him and pull him back to shore. Near the beach Canoe Club Secretary Jenny Ramsey, who had walked into the sea to help Martin, got into difficulties herself when pushed into deeper water by waves. A group of canoeists decided to carry on surfing, again with no-one in charge. At one point all three of the canoeists on the sea (Kevin Powell in a single, Andrew Haslem and Chris Horne in a double) capsized and rapidly drifted out of reach of their craft. Fortunately Mark Jones was also in a canoe and was able to help them as well.

At first sight it appeared to the two in the double that Kevin Powell was trapped under his canoe. However, it soon became clear that the canoe was empty, as it was rolling unweighted.

Mark Jones first went to rescue the pair, pulling one of them back onto



Mark Jones

the double with difficulty due to the wind and unusual currents. Whilst pulling in the empty canoe Mark himself capsized but managed to roll back over. However, had he been in difficulty, there would not have been anyone to rescue him.

After the ordeal, everyone had put on dry clothes and sweet, milky tea was distributed to calm nerves. At least two people were suffering from mild shock.

Eventually Nigel appeared and was told of the events. Mark Jones commented later: "Nigel implied it was the groups' fault". This was despite the fact that the President had had difficulties himself in righting his canoe after capsizing.

Chris Horne, one of the students

who capsized said that it was "a group of strong canoeists caught out by unexpectedly strong currents" and that in future even more care would be taken to ensure canoeing only took place in safe conditions. He described Nigel Eatough as "a well-meaning guy who just hadn't had experience of these conditions".

Club Secretary Jenny Ramsey told FELIX yesterday: 'We don't want it to put people off the Club.'

C&G fiasco

The City & Guilds Union Executive elections have had to be postponed until the last week of this term because both presidential candidates have pulled out. Both Chris Stapleton (Aero) and Neil Smith (Mech Eng) withdrew after the electoral papers had gone down. Due to the Guilds system of electing their President, Vice-President (VP) and Honorary Secretary, the three elections have had to be re-run in order that losers of the Presidential election may step down to the VP or Hon Sec elections.

At the Hustings Union General Meeting (part one) yesterday, David Osborne was ratified as Honorary Junior Treasurer. The unopposed candidate for Academic Affairs Officer did not turn up to the meeting and therefore could not be ratified.

Small Ads

ANNOUNCEMENTS

● **Experienced**, versatile lead guitarist seeks band/other like-minded musos. Bob Taylor, Physics 1 pigeonholes.

● **Thanks** to everyone who turned up to vote in the Guilds elections on Tuesday. Hilary.

● **Silwood Ball** Calling all potential Ball-goers! There are still a few tickets left for the RCSU May Ball at Silwood Park on Friday May 6. £50 including transport from College and back. Available from RCS Office or via Steph Snell, Physics 2.

● **RCS Paris trip** There are still places left for the RCS Ents trip to Paris. We're leaving Beit at midnight on Friday March 25 and returning to London in the evening of Sunday March 27. £50 (cheques payable to Royal College of Science Union). Price includes coach and ferry travel, and one night in a hotel plus breakfast. Tickets from RCS Office or Steph Snell.

● **Closing** date for all New Applicants and Head Tenancies for 1988/89 is Wednesday March 16.

● **There** will be shared rooms and some single rooms available next term. Please contact the Accommodation Office asap.

● **Yes**, at last those cuddly physics sweatshirts are on their way! Or at least they will be when we have some orders. Physics undergraduates—wait for news from your Soc Reps. Anyone else interested drop your order into the Undergraduate Office in the Blackett Lab. £8, colours—black, white, navy, light blue, red, green, yellow, grey, and we'll try for any others you want. Sizes—S, M, L, XL.

● **Players** return Alfred K please! We'll take it no further.

● **Many** thanks for the partially surprise party in 647. What else can I say to such a great bunch of Tizard apart from I found the light bulbs at the end.

● **Heartfelt** thanks to 'the team'—Pippa, Alan, Andy, and all at IC Radio, STOIC, FELIX, ICU—it was fun! Chris.

● **Posters**, t-shirts, screenprint. Brighten up your life with Graffiti Soc. Contact Ian Thomas, Civ Eng 1.

● **Graffiti Soc**, coming soon to a noticeboard near you!

● **Time warp** with ICSF/RCS—The Rocky Horror Picture Show, Tues 15th, 7pm, ME220.

● **Dig out** the suspenders—it's Rocky Horror time again.

FOR SALE

● **Restraining** squash and tennis racquets. Contact P Skipworth, Chem Eng 2.



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the candidates, proposers, hangers-
on and nobodies

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