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## IC rents rocket through the roof

**Rents are set to rise drastically again next year following a meeting of the Students Residence Committee on Wednesday. The latest increase is equivalent to a rise of 5% plus an additional £2.50 across the board on all College accommodation. In an attempt to reduce a deficit of around £100,000 from the College Residence Account, College will also be charging students for one extra week in accommodation over the Christmas vacation.**

College Assistant Finance Officer Malcolm Aldridge explained to FELIX yesterday that next year's rents were increased by the smallest amount possible and that the College Finance Sub-committee would have liked to have made the rises bigger. The only thing which kept the increase at 5% plus £2.50 was that it had been agreed to with last year's ICU President Christine Taig and they didn't want to breach faith with the students' union. Rents are set to rise by inflation plus £1.83 in the 1989/90 as part of this agreement.

The new rents are shown in the table, although these figures are still subject to rounding and, in a few cases, to further up-rating if improvements have been carried out on the property over the Summer.

The Residence Account currently has a deficit of £165,000 but Mr Aldridge believes that the real deficit is currently running at £100,000 p.a. for the next two or three years. Most of the debt was built up when the new hall in Evelyn Gardens was not completed in time and £120,000 was lost in rent revenue because of this.

The College Finance Sub-group came up with several ways to save £100,000 a year which it put forward

to the Students Residence Committee for consideration. Of the suggestions put forward, it was decided that students should have to pay one week's rent over the Christmas period

rather than letting out rooms for conferences during that time.

Mr Aldridge said that charging students over the Christmas vacation would correspond with the normal practice in the private sector. Although this means around an extra £35 per year per student, the extra income generated will only be in the region of £20,000.

A further saving that the Student Residence Committee has agreed to is the charge of a greater rent to students who live in College accommodation over the long vacations for reasons other than academic ones. The increased rents will be calculated as two-thirds of the difference between the term-time weekly rent and the conference weekly rate.

It was suggested by College administration that either the number of sub-wardens should be reduced or they should be made to pay half-rent

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Hall/House	Weekly Rent (£)		
	Single	Double	Triple
Beit New Hostel	37.05		
Beit Old Hostel	34.11		
Falmouth-Keogh Hall	39.99		
Garden Hall	33.37	24.55	20.88
Linstead Hall	39.99	29.70	
Montpelier (Upgraded)	37.05		
Montpelier (non-upgraded)	30.30	24.50	
Selkirk Hall	39.99		
Tizard Hall	39.99		
Weeks Hall	39.99		
Bernard Sunley House	31.17	23.28	19.41
Holbein House	33.37	24.55	
Mining (non-upgraded)	31.17	23.08	
Mining (upgraded)	33.37	24.55	
Fisher Hall	39.99	28.70	20.88
Robert Pryor House	37.05	29.70	
Southwell House	33.37	24.55	
Willis Jackson House	33.37	24.55	





## editorial

Yet another nail in Imperial's coffin as they raise the College rents even higher than we could have ever imagined. College don't seem to do any sort of long-term thinking when they think of short-term solutions to their financial problems. To any moron with half an iota of intelligence it is clear that IC has priced itself out of the market. How many potential students will not consider going to a London College because they have no money left to spend after paying their rent bill? And they wonder why the applications are falling!

### Welfare Adviser

There's a movement growing in the Union which would like to see a new Welfare Adviser appointed and placed in the Union Building as a Union service. This would be the best news

of the year if it actually happened, especially as I'm told that College don't plan to appoint a Welfare Adviser again.

### Motor Rally

Due to circumstances beyond my control, I've had to cancel the Annual FELIX Motor Rally this year, sorry to everybody who had got together a team for this event.

### Staff Photo

Is today at 1.15pm on the steps of the Royal Albert Hall. All contributors are welcome. A photographer is equally welcome!

Only one more issue left, see you then!

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# Racing

by Martin Peck

The Oaks on Saturday saw a class horse win in style. The favourite *Dimimendo* came home by six lengths to defeat the late run of *Sudden Love* to give the Epsom crowds a treat. He was always in the front crowd and on turning Tattenham Corner, left the crowd and headed for home. No other horse had a chance from this point. *Sudden Love* went with him but couldn't find the pace of the champion and was clear second in front of the well finishing French filly *Anamasce*.

The other big news in racing was the announcement that champion jockey Lester Piggot is to be stripped of his OBE. Piggot, who is serving a three year sentence for tax evasion, was awarded the honour in 1975 after riding his twentieth classic winner. Downing Street said of the incident: 'It is quite usual in cases where an honoured person is jailed.' Piggot is said to be very upset at the news.

On a brighter note, the first rounds of the greyhound derby have now been run, and among the highlights were the impressive victories of *Sam Bridge*, *Carrinberry* and *Stake Whisper*. I am, however, sticking with *Killoughreigh Chris*, who, despite badly bruising a toe in his heat on Saturday, still ran to gain third place and an entry into round two. This only goes to show his class. He is now 50-1 and this is a great chance for a big win.

Other highlights of the week

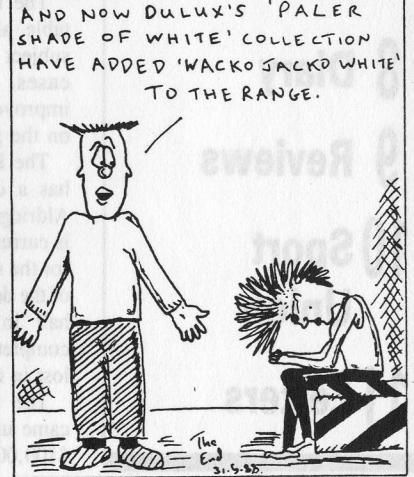
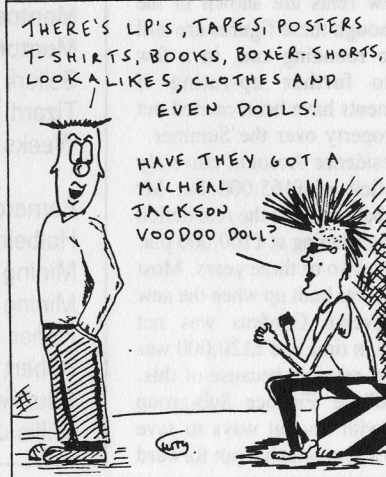
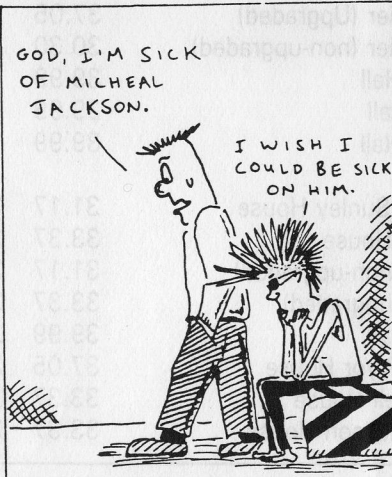
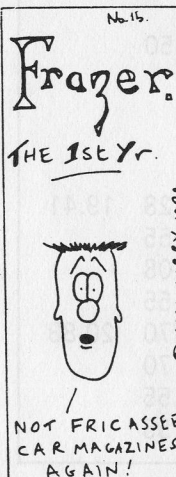
include the five length victory of *Samhaan* at Yarmouth on Tuesday, and he looks set to run in the Bessborough Handicap at Royal Ascot next week. There he will meet *Qannaas*, one of Tom Jones' horses, who won recently at Sandown. Jones will also run *Inaad* in the Royal Hunt Cup, *Habub* in the King George and *Al Mych* in the Sussex Stakes. The latter ran poorly in the Derby but is expected to run well in this race.

The big races at Ascot are the Queen Anne Stakes, the Gold Cup and the Coronation Stakes all of which look like being fantastic races. The Queen Anne has last year's Sussex winner *Soviet Star* facing the Rogers Gold Cup second, *Fair Judgement* with the French Champion *Andre Fabre* also in with a chance. Meanwhile Wednesday's Coronation Stakes will see One Thousand Guineas winner *Ravinella* back in Action, but facing tough opposition from Irish One Thousand Guineas third *Trusted Partner*. The best competition promises to be the Ascot Gold Cup on Thursday. France will hope for victory with *Royal Gait* and *Salco* looking very strong, but they are faced with the might of recent winner *El Conquistador*, who will also run with stablemate *Sadeem* as a pacemaker. All in all it promises to be a great racing week, and my tips for the event are *Ravinella*, *Royal Gait*, *Al Mych* and *Soviet Star*.

**Queen Anne**  
*Soviet Star*  
*Fair Judgment*  
*Andre Fabre*

**Gold Cup**  
*El Conquistador*  
*Sadeem*  
*Primitive Rising*  
*Royal Gait (F)*  
*Salco (F)*

**Cor Stakes**  
*Ravinella*  
*Trusted Partner*  
*Honorio*







# Rock 'n' Roll 'n' Retail

A profile of Union Manager David Peacock by Judith Hackney

I first met David Peacock in January on a late Thursday afternoon. I was eager to interview the President about the lead news story, but he had been out all day showing some guy around the College that he was trying to head-hunt from the University of London Union. I wasn't in the best of moods when the President asked me to show Mr Peacock around the Print Unit.

David was eventually persuaded away from ULU, lured to Imperial by the amazing 'potential' of IC Union, and joined the ICU staff at the beginning of this term. I finally managed to pin him down for an interview and photo session this week when I discovered that you shouldn't judge people by

your first impressions!

David is a very difficult person to photograph. Even in the informal setting of Beit Quadrangle, he still found it hard to relax in front of the camera. He was also cagey when I tried to find out about his life before ULU.

He has a strong management and catering background, having spent most of his working life in commercial services of one form or another. He took a City & Guilds cookery course at Westminster College followed up with various professional courses in catering, restaurant and store management which he studied up to teaching level. 'You can tell them I read retail at ULU,' he told me.

David was very keen to talk about his new job, however. 'Various people in student unions all over the country tend to think that student unions shouldn't operate full scale commercial services but nowadays there is pressure, both fiscally and in terms of public relations, on unions to offer these basic services,' he told me.

The Union Manager is a new position so I took the opportunity to ask David what he felt his job entailed. He explained that he was a sort of area manager for all the Union outlets with existing staff structures. It is his job to ensure that all outlets such as the Union Bar and Snack Bar are reaching a desired performance level and the services they provide are up to standard.

I asked him about plans for the Snack Bar. He told me that there had been two consultants in to look at the outlet this week. He is hoping that the ideas they come up with added to his own will mean a much improved service next year. As far as the Union Bar is concerned, David believes that 'if the right things are picked upon, the Bar could be a really great place'. He didn't want to make too many instant judgements on both the Bar and the Snack Bar as he felt that he hadn't had a chance to see both outlets used properly.

At this point I started wondering just what he was planning to do in the next year. 'I want to sort out all the basics before starting on my new ideas,' he told me. 'I want to maximise the potential of this place. That's my reason for being here!' He went on enthusiastically about the successful outlets in American universities such as MIT, Harvard and UCLA. 'They've managed to find the balance between service provision against trading surplus. Here we have to increase our market share in every field wherever it is practical, because it not only benefits the Union financially but it's also good PR. It

makes the Union seem much more efficient.'

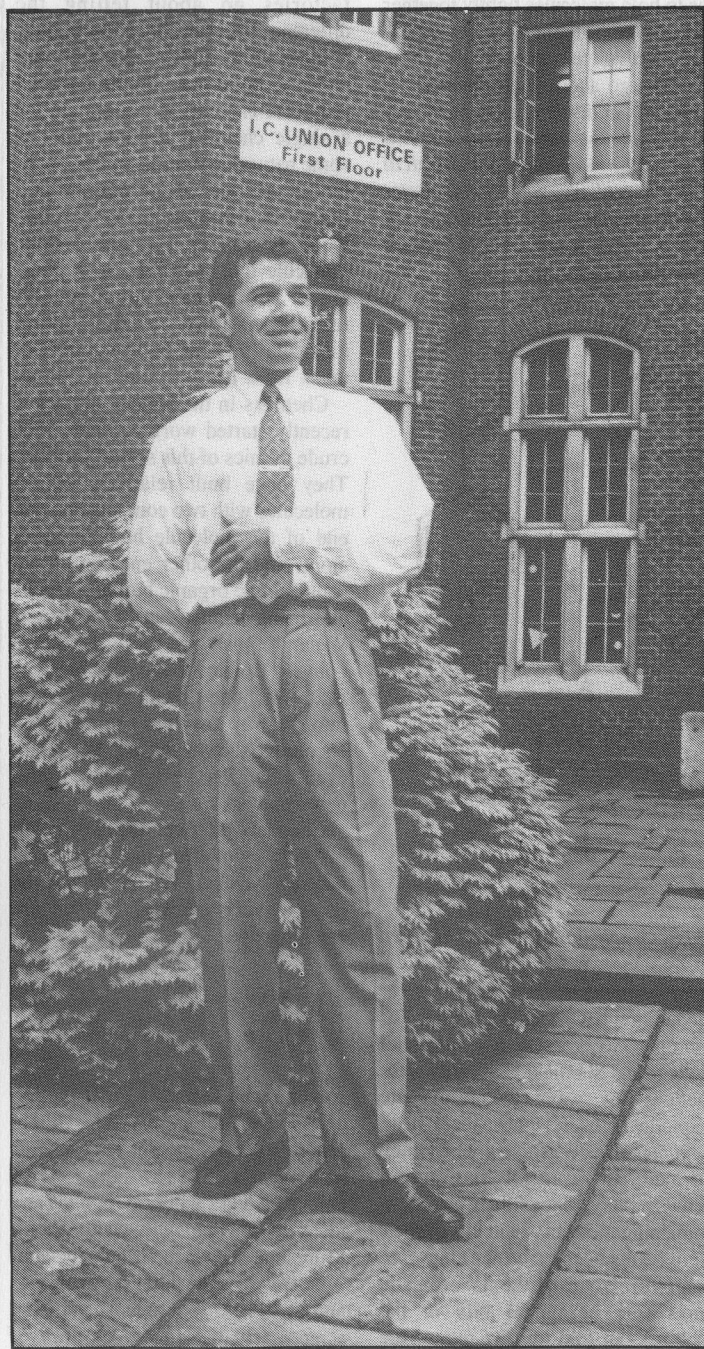
I asked him how he intended to promote the Union's facilities. 'I don't believe in large scale promotions. The best thing to do is to follow the classic marketing principles.' These principles, he went on to explain, were those of: good service leads to repeated usage and good publicity via recommendation.

He seemed slightly more at ease by this stage so I managed to find out more about the man behind the Union Manager. 'Most people talk of me as a great ideas man but I don't believe it. If I can claim any success professionally it is because of sheer hard work over the last few years.' He told me that socially he is far less 'ebullient' than he is professionally. In the office he works too hard, smokes too many cigarettes and drinks too much coffee. When he has time to unwind he enjoys the usual pastimes such as a social drink, a bit of cricket, etc.

The major revelation, though, was that David spent several years as a professional drummer in a band called *The Bell-aires*. While he was teacher training in England he would hop away over the weekends to the Continent. 'On Friday night we played Amsterdam, Brussels on Saturday and Paris on the Sunday. Then we'd take the ferry home on Monday morning.' The drumming helped him to pay for the teacher training. 'We were big in Holland,' he laughed. The group even made number 78 in the British Charts around 1982 with a cover version of *Always Something There to Remind Me*.

Finally I wanted to know if he had any ambitions left. He thought for a bit, then told me that he didn't like to think any further than the end of his current job.

It's extremely difficult to sum up the man after a few hours of conversation but he seems an excellent choice for such a demanding job. He knows exactly what needs to be done and how to go about it. I'm convinced that, despite my initial misgivings about the need for a Union Manager, David Peacock will help turn our Union into the kind of Union which balances providing advice and representation with obtaining financial success and efficient services.





# Catching up with nature

Bacteria are just about the simplest things there are, but the simplest bug can do thousands of things that humble the combined might of the world's chemical industry. This makes chemists very very jealous. It also makes them put a lot of effort into catching up.

The things that make chemists jealous are the selectivity and speed of enzymes (nature's chemical factories). Take nitrogen fixation: bugs can turn molecules of Nitrogen ( $N_2$ , a notoriously inert molecule) into ammonia ( $NH_3$ , a reactive molecule easily converted into fertilizer for the plants they live on) at room temperature and pressure. When chemists want to make ammonia (and they do, as more molecules of ammonia are made than any other chemical) they have to heat nitrogen and hydrogen to 700 degrees at hundreds of atmospheres pressure over a metallic catalyst. Chemists can therefore get very annoyed watching a lawn grow.

However, we have started to understand how nature does this clever trick. Chemists at the Agriculture and Food Research Council's Institute for Nitrogen Fixation at Sussex University, have been exploring the structure of the nitrogenase enzyme (where nitrogen fixation actually happens) and they know quite a lot about it. The active centre, buried deep in a large protein, contains an atom of molybdenum (a fairly rare second row transition metal, and the least abundant element known to be important for any natural process: fans of *The Hitchhiker's Guide* may want to know that its atomic number is 42; this may or may not be significant).

Some of the other chemists at Sussex have been trying to second-guess nature by building simple molybdenum compounds and looking at their reactions with atmospheric nitrogen. They have been able to do some temptingly interesting chemical reactions, but have not yet produced a useful room-temperature source of ammonia.

As well as doing simple chemistry under mild conditions, enzymes are good at doing very complicated chemistry extremely selectively. All living things are, ultimately, built up from the building bricks present in air (oxygen, nitrogen, carbon dioxide) and water plus a few other elements

# UNDER THE MICROSCOPE



by Steve Black

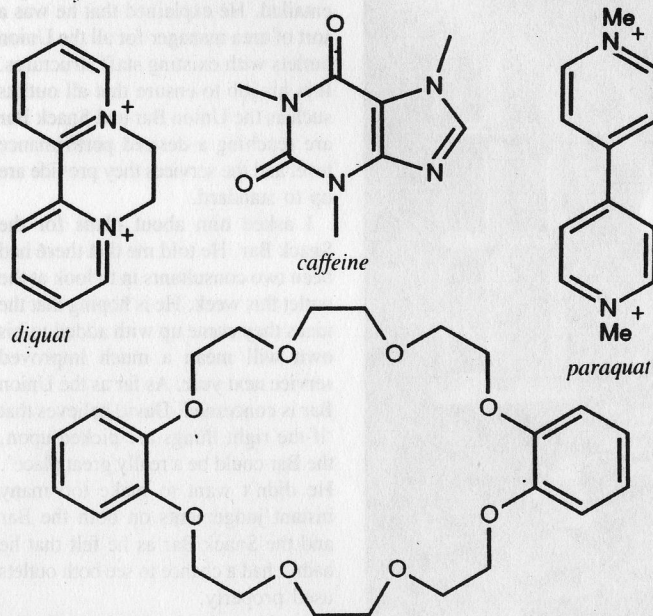
in smaller quantities. The complexity of living things is a reflection of the complexity of the chemistry done by their enzymes.

Consider how much chemical jiggery-pokery must be required by the enzymes of the plant *Coffea Arabica* to assemble bits taken from air and water into that molecule without which student life as we know it would be impossible, caffeine.

Enzymes presumably work because they are very good at recognising other molecules. An enzyme must pick specific molecules from complex mixtures and put them together in a well-orchestrated way. To do this it has to hold molecules tightly together and encourage them to react. We are just starting to uncover just how enzymes go about such business.

Not all our discoveries in molecular

*These diagrams show the molecular structure of the molecules in a chemical shorthand. Carbons and hydrogens are not shown explicitly so as not to clutter up the skeletal picture. So, each vertex in the diagram is a carbon with enough attached hydrogens to make its total number of bonds equal four. Me stands for  $-CH_3$ .*



*dibenzo (24) crown (8): molecules like this can tell the difference between diquat and paraquat.*

Caffeine is  $C_8H_{10}O_2N_4$  organised as shown in the picture. If the plant had left out just one  $-CH_2$  then the molecule would have been theobromine (the much milder stimulant in chocolate) and student life would be impossible. And caffeine is just a throwaway molecule apparently used by the plants as an insecticide. The molecules we are built from are much more complex than that (and enzymes themselves work well because they are extremely complex molecules).

recognition have been deliberate. For example, workers at ICI, Imperial College and Sheffield University were looking for ways to encapsulate cisplatin (a useful anti-cancer drug with nasty side effects) when they noticed an unusual interaction between bits of one of their platinum-containing molecules and bits of their complexing agent, a crown ether (see diagram). Basically the flat aromatic rings (the hexagonal bits in the picture) can fold up (the rest of the molecule is very flexible) to produce

a sort of sandwich with bits from the other molecule as the filling.

Dr Williams (IC Chemistry) and his colleagues realised that they might be able to exploit this effect to make sandwiches with nasty molecules such as diquat and paraquat (see diagram). So they made a range of different crown-ethers until they found ones that would form the right sort of sandwich. Their compounds can distinguish between diquat and paraquat even though they are very similar chemically. Unfortunately they have not yet found a compound that can cure paraquat poisoning, but their compounds can be exploited as very sensitive detectors of paraquat. Studies like this are starting to help chemists understand how nature's factories go about telling the difference between similar molecules.

Meanwhile, other chemists are trying to build very simple artificial enzymes. These try to incorporate just a single chemical feature found in some natural system in an attempt to model one part of the enzyme at a time. For example, many enzymes work by pulling a simple organic molecule into proximity to a metal atom which can cause useful transformations in the bound molecule (bits can be added to it or taken from it).

Chemists in the Netherlands have recently started work on some very crude mimics of this sort of process. They have built relatively simple molecules with two components: one end of the molecule holds a metal atom, and the other end can attract some simple organic building blocks and bring them close to the metal. When I finish my thesis I will be going to Holland to see what happens next. We hope to gain some insight into the way enzymes use metals to encourage their reactions. We might even be able to design some useful new catalysts.

Chemists all over the world are putting a lot of effort into uncovering nature's tricks. We may not be moving very quickly, but we are catching up.

## P.S.

Anyone who fancies a go at the job of Science Editor next year should probably contact me (int 4642) and/or next year's FELIX Editor. I've enjoyed it and I will pass on hints and ideas to anyone who wants them. More than one person can do this job.

Next week is the last of my columns and I will be trying to work out what science actually is (can you think of a good definition?).



## Tired! Jaded! Exams just too much! Time out! Relax

Share and enjoy the Imperial College and Science Museum Summer Fair Extravaganza 1988. Easily identified by the huge striped pagodas, wafting smells of hamburgers cooking, steam engines steaming(!), popcorn being popped and relish being relished on the Queen's Lawn on Father's Day Sunday 19, June.

You will not have seen a more wonderful site on Queen's Lawn. Heralded by a brass band the Fair will commence at 2.30pm. Glass blowing, vintage motorcars, bizarre motorcars, a real steam train and other various modes of conveyance! Not for those average cuts, grazes and contusions a London Emergency Ambulance will

be on campus, together with a vintage ambulance. Are you a Top Gun? Try out Aeronautic's Flight Simulator. How high can you jump? Geoff Parsons, poised for Seoul, will show you how to jump higher and higher and higher! Not as high as the Queen's Tower which will be open and free.

For the very first time you will be able to see **real medics** (in the flesh!) from St Mary's Hospital Medical School who will show us what they are made of, or more accurately, what we are made of, in their Rocky Horror Pathology Show. Out, Out damned spot! Blood grouping while-you-wait.

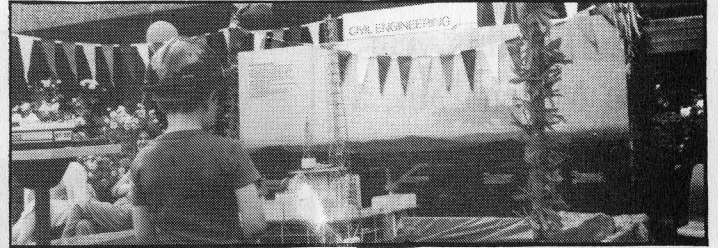
All of you who have not yet suffered the humiliation of dragging a kicking and crying child out of Launch Pad unwilling to leave can now have that chance. At 5.45pm the Science Museum have scheduled a Special Private Viewing of the hands-on exploratorium—Launch Pad.

Designed to accommodate an end-of-term dwindling grant all ice-cream, popcorn and punch are all included in the price of a natty admission badge at £2.50. Where else could you get

all this and a trendy fashion accessory too?

Children's charities will profit by our profits—ICAN (Invalid Childrens Aid Nationwide); St Mary's Open Clinic for underprivileged B&B children; the College Nursery and the Wishing Well Appeal for Great Ormond Street Childrens Hospital. So the more money you put in, the more money they get out!

Everyone gets involved! Why should you be the exception?



## Cookery Club



Lesso is made by boiling chicken or beef or cotechino (an Italian sausage) or a mixture of these and is served together with the peara, a sauce made from graded bread and marrow cooked in broth.

Valeria recommends strongly that you drink a red wine with these regional favourites.

I hope you have enjoyed reading the food column as much as I have loved writing it. A surprising amount of background consultation goes into each article. This week I would like to acknowledge the help received from Alison Metcalfe and Valeria Arrighi. I was unable to get you any hot foodie tips on eating in Rome and Florence.

If there is not enough food for thought this week you are in for a gastronomic climax when I make a mystical journey from the heights of Mughalai cuisine through to the arousing dishes of vegetarian India.

## Mama Italia

### Verona

Regional culinary specialities are worth trying in preference to anything else that might be available in the region being visited. The hardened gastronomic traveller values any knowledge about such specialities at a premium. Two culinary masterpieces from Verona which must be tried at all costs are:

**Polenta**—made from maize flower. A portion of polenta is eaten with either rabbit or hare or baccala (dried salted cod) or **soppresa** (a special Italian salami) bathed in a flavoursome tomato sauce.

**Lesso**—served together with 'Peara'.

### Rome

Foodie Rome was one of the palatable highlights of my visit to Italy last year. The food tips I received turned out to be gems. I made a brief departure from the world of trattorias. There was the novelty of going to a restaurant serving a multi-course surprise menu, still more refreshing was a visit to the 'Cul-de-Sac' an unusual establishment specialising in cold meals. The main room doubled up as a wine cellar with wine bottles lining the walls from floor to ceiling. The atmosphere was more on having a good chat with friends over several bottles of wine, the food being quite secondary, I cannot remember the area of Rome where these gems are located.

I will whole-heartedly recommend the ice-cream parlour immediately opposite the Parliament Building. Once you set foot in it you will sense that you will be treated to a wide choice of home-made icecream.

### A day out of Rome

Those of you who have a day to spare should take a train from Roma Termini to Bracciano, a town located on an inland lake. Quite apart from the scenery the food is claimed to be very good, and the wine flowing in abundance. This is supposed to be a favourite haunt of soldiers serving in the Army Barracks near by.

## Uncle Sam

I remember going for a meal in the resort island of Block Island, Rhode Island. A scallop starter, a pan blackened halibut main course, a cheesecake dessert washed down with a sea-breeze (a cocktail) cost an earth shattering £45. That was three years ago when the dollar was not so weak. This experience aside, America is not an expensive place to eat and there is plenty of opportunity for trying the unusual.

### Philadelphia

**Pat Steaks** (near Passayunk Av) is open 24 hours a day. It is well known in the city for its 'Hoagies'. A hoagie is a type of sandwich that is an institution in this city.

**The Frog/Commissary** (1710 Sansom St) has been recommended. The Frog has an informal atmosphere. A large American salad, a pumpkin cheese cake and a beer will cost about £10. A meal in the Commissary will come to about £20 a head.

**Bookbinders!!** Restaurant should be tried for good seafood.

### Washington DC

The whole of the Baltimore area is famous for its soft shell crabs. Keep a look out for the availability of this delicacy which has a very short season.

### Maine/Cape Cod

The lobsters found here are world famous. You will normally have a choice whether to try boiled or stuffed baked lobster. I have not met anyone who prefers the latter.

I had never eaten a lobster until I went to the States. The flesh of a freshly boiled lobster must figure in

my top ten gastronomic experiences. I remember picking up the live lobsters and taking them back home. The claws have rubber bands clamping the claws shut. Unfortunately, rubber bands have to be removed otherwise they give an unpleasant odour when boiled. The trick is to remove the rubber band from the larger claw first because this claw is more clumsy than its nippy smaller brother. Try not to lose a finger if you end up having to grapple with live lobsters like I did.

### California

The 'Hog's Breath Inn' in Carmel was recommended specially. There might also be the odd chance of running into Clint Eastwood who owns the inn.

### Boston

The **Oyster House** cannot be missed by anyone who enjoys eating oysters.

### Silver Springs (Maryland)

Mrs K's **Tollhouse** in Silver Springs is a must for anyone passing through this town.

### Special Points

The casinos in Las Vegas serve cheap meals as a way of attracting more people into the casinos so do not miss out under the impression that things will be expensive. The casinos in Atlantic City do not run on the same principle but the Golden Nugget casino serves cheap 'all you can eat' dinners.

It is mean not to give the waiter at least a 15% tip on the cost of a meal. The taxman always assumes that waiting personnel are tipped at that level when trying to assess taxable income.

Bye for now, Yishu.



## Battle of the Beanfield

by Don Aitken and Alex Rosenberger

Earlier this year, on March 25th, a group of people calling themselves the Stonehenge Campaign wrote to the Minister for Defence asking for a piece of land on which to hold the 1988 Stonehenge People's Free Festival. The Minister said no.



*The equinox (21st March) gathering this year*

Three years ago a similar request was made which was also turned down. Then, a few weeks later, on June 1st 1985, police attacked a group of 550 travellers who were on their way to start that year's festival. That incident has gone down in the travellers' folklore as the "Battle of the Beanfield": it has gone into the history books as the largest mass

arrest of civilians in the UK since the 1700s, and as a milestone in public order policing.

Ever since, the campaign to publicise the injustice and to re-establish a Solstice gathering at Stonehenge has grown year by year.

The actions of the police at the Battle of the Beanfield were a wholly inappropriate response to the situation

that existed. The police had assumed that they would be dealing with a bunch of thugs out for a fight, and had formulated their strategy accordingly. In fact, they were dealing with several hundred travelling families who had brought with them their possessions, their homes and their children.

What happened that day shocked many people. It shocked the journalists who were there and who tried to interfere when they realised what was going on. It shocked the Earl of Cardigan who had tagged along with the travellers because they had camped the night on his land. It shocked television viewers when film of what had happened was broadcast on national television news that evening.

Condemnation of the police action followed: from the National Council for Civil Liberties (NCCL), from the Police Complaints Authority (PCA) and from many other organisations and individuals. In March last year, the PCA report on the Beanfield said that "excessive force" was used and that prisoners at Amesbury Police Station were not treated correctly. Charges against those arrested on June 1st 1985 were subsequently dropped.

The latest development is many of the people arrested that day have issued writs against Wiltshire's Chief Constable Donald Smith claiming wrongful arrest, imprisonment, assault and damage to property.

Despite the police action on June 1st 1985, festival-goers continue to risk arrest, imprisonment and damage to their property for the sake of a Solstice gathering at Stonehenge. Why? This is not an easy question to answer. The Stonehenge Free Festival meant different things to different people. Here is one person's view:

*"People used to come from all over the country to be together; we didn't all know each other but we were all behaving as though we'd known each other for a long time.*

*There was an immediacy about the festival, an immediacy of communication that you get nowhere else—not in towns, not in cities.*

*The last few Stonehenge festivals were vast and you'd find things going on in every corner of the site—music, dance, clowns, fire-eaters, jugglers. You'd get maybe seven or eight small stages as well as the main stage.*

*And then there was 'Tibet', the Tibetan Ukrainian Mountain Troupe (nothing to do with Tibet or the Ukraine!) who were a sort of travelling circus. They used to set themselves up somewhere and do all sorts of wonderful things."*

Wally Hope



*A small festival taking place in the run-up to Stonehenge 1987*





*The Stonehenge Festival of 1984*

## Festival Eye

The festival began in 1974 when a bunch of people calling themselves the Wallies turned up at Stonehenge and camped there for a few days over the Solstice, carrying out their rituals and ceremonies. Their leader, Wally Hope, was later admitted to a mental hospital in rather suspicious circumstances and died shortly afterwards.

The next year, 1975, people came back with Wally Hope's ashes and ritually scattered them in the stones. From that time the festival grew a little each year until at its peak, in 1984, there were 30,000 people.

The original core consisted of people with mystical or religious views of what the stones and the Solstice ceremony were about. But the festival grew to take in more and more people and gradually it turned

into a music festival and eventually into a general-purpose gathering for people of all types.

Another important development was that it became a focus for the New Travellers, a new travelling culture unique to Britain, consisting of young people who had decided to escape the depressing environment of the inner cities by going on the road. Many of these people now have children and a large proportion live on the road all year. There are several thousand New Travellers on the road today.

Since 1985, attempts to re-establish the Stonehenge People's Free Festival have led to several confrontations with police.

In 1986, at Stoney Cross in the New Forest, several hundred travellers were evicted and their

vehicles impounded, for trivial faults in many cases. The travellers marched to Glastonbury, where Michael Eavis, promoter of the CND festival and owner of Worthy Farm, allowed them to stay. Two weeks later, a different group consisting of several hundred walkers from cities and towns was arrested on the eve of the Solstice as it tried to reach Stonehenge. Despite all this, several hundred people turned up at Stonehenge for the Solstice dawn.

Last year, most travellers took a year off and went to Glastonbury festival instead. There, in two fields on the edge of the CND festival, the spirit of Stonehenge was unmistakable. However, the year's major success was that several hundred walkers spent two weeks in Wiltshire on a mobile festival that became an amazing, and spiritual, travelling party.

It is the walkers who are likely to have the easiest time this year because, unlike people with trucks, they are not affected by the new anti-

hippy law: Section 39 of the Public Order Act. Already groups of walkers have left from London, Coventry, Bristol, Aberystwyth and Southampton (for details ring 0686 848835). This weekend there will be a big party at Calleva Roman Town, near Silchester.

The view of the Stonehenge Campaign is that it will be the power of the walkers that will re-establish the Stonehenge festival by convincing the authorities that it will be easier to allow the festival to happen than to spend millions of pounds each year trying to stop it.

And even if the walkers fail, they'll have a lot of fun doing it. See you there!

*A special Solstice magazine is published every Summer. Called Festival Eye (and produced in your very own IC Union Print Unit), it costs £1 (plus 25p postage) and is available from: Festival Eye, c/o 38 Stanmer Street, Battersea, London SW11 3EG.*



# Diary

## What's On

### FRIDAY

**Islamic Prayer** .....1.00pm.  
The Union Building. See Islamic Society.

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

**Friday Feature** .....7.00pm.  
IC Radio (999kHz).

**IC Radio Disco** .....9.00pm.  
Southside Bar. FREE.

### SATURDAY

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

### SUNDAY

**Chaplaincy Service 10.00am.**  
Sherfield Building. The place to be on Sunday morning.

**Champagne Breakfast**.....11.00am.  
After the service the West London Chaplaincy goes to Hyde Park with strawberries and sparking wine. Tickets in advance only £2. Meet Sherfield Building.

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

**Viewpoint** .....7.00pm.  
IC Radio (999kHz).

### MONDAY

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

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

**Street Life** .....7.00pm.  
IC Radio (999kHz).

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### TUESDAY

**Christian**

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

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

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

**Islamic Circle** .....5.30pm.  
Prayer Room. See Islamic Society.

**Biology Soc Talk**.....6.00pm.  
Beit Arch. 'Worms and

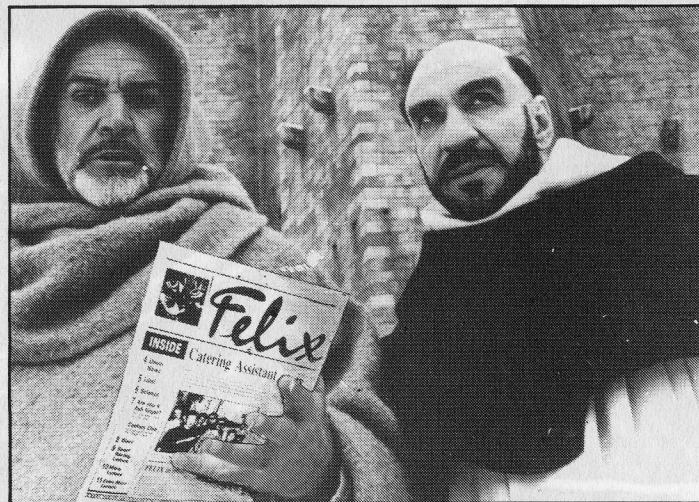
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### THURSDAY

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

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

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



neglected diseases in developing countries' — Dr Bundy.

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

**Psychedelic & Indie Show** .....8.00pm.  
IC Radio (999kHz).

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

### WEDNESDAY

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

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

**Shotokan Karate** .....3.00pm.  
Southside Gym. Beginners welcome. £1.

**ULU Meditation Group**.....7.00pm.  
Room 3A, University of London Union, Malet Street. Traditional breathing meditation. Everyone welcome. No charge.

**Carlsberg Hof Export** .....5.30pm.  
Union Bar. 65p/pint.

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

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

**Street Life** .....6.00pm.  
IC Radio (999kHz).

**ULU Lesbian Gay Group**.....7.30pm.  
ULU Building, Malet Street (Russell Sq. tube). For speakers and booze and if you're feeling adventurous a trip out to nightclub or pub afterwards.

**ICCAG Soup Run**.....9.15pm.  
Meet 16-18 Prince's Gardens.

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

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

**Dai Rocking**.....9.00pm.  
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## FILM

### Suspect (Cert 15)

Justice Lowell has blown his brains out with a shot gun. Elizabeth Quinn, a secretary in the Justice Department, is found floating in the Potomac. Are the crimes related? Who can we pin them on before Christmas comes to Washington DC?

The most likely candidate is a Vietnam veteran, Carl Anderson (Liam Neeson, *A Prayer for the Dying*), who is almost superficially charged and locked up. Enter Cher (*Moonstruck*, *Silkwood*) as public defender Kathleen Riley, appointed as the obligatory non-committal attorney. Good attorneys are not non-committal though, and Cher doesn't let us down.

Next to join in is Judge Helms, played by John Mahoney. His problem is that he has no time for this case and makes it quite obvious that he thinks Anderson is guilty and ought to be fried for the murder. Or perhaps that is Anderson's problem. It certainly isn't his only one though, because he is also deaf and dumb, which makes defending him very difficult.

There is only one thing standing in the way of a quick guilty verdict, and that is Dennis Quaid (*Innerspace*). He plays Eddie Sanger, a lobbyist from Capitol Hill, and one of the jury



members. Sanger turns detective and begins hunting out evidence to prove Anderson's innocence, passing it on to Riley, and thereby breaking the law.

Why should he do this? Well I couldn't work it out. Sanger mutters something about conscience but gives no real explanation. It makes the plot a little thicker if nothing else, and puts the tiniest amount of tension in what would otherwise be a fairly tedious affair.

The trial continues, or rather it drags a bit, but eventually we reach the end and suddenly the twist in the tale jumps out. I was certainly caught by surprise, even though it stands out like a sore thumb in retrospect.

*Suspect* is not a bad film, but it isn't quite complete in many respects. Perhaps the best way to describe it is 'an almost movie'. It tries to do a lot of things but never quite manages any of them.

As a thriller, the only element which is missing is the thrill, which is fairly essential. As a vehicle for Cher, well, *Moonstruck* is streets ahead there. As a banner for social statement—Vietnam and the homeless, the fundamental failures of the American Dream—the movie runs out of steam there, since in every case the point is briefly mentioned and quickly forgotten.

Despite this failure to fulfill its quota of movie requirements *Suspect*

does have enough addictiveness to hold attention and keep you wondering just what is actually going on. Perhaps that's what really counts.

If you just want to watch Cher, then go and see *Moonstruck*. If it's Dennis Quaid you like then *Innerspace* should be out on video by now. And if you only want to see a thriller, *No Way Out* and *Someone to Watch Over Me* are still around, and far superior.

If you've done all that and you just want to escape exams, and you don't expect too much, well *Suspect* is on in the West End now, and is just about worth seeing.

Andrew Clarke.

### Bright Lights, Big City (Cert 18)

*Bright Lights, Big City* is based on a Jay McInerney novel, and stars Michael J Fox, who acts quite well, proving he has, at last graduated from the Brat Pack 'trashy' film set.

Fox plays Jamie Conway, who works for the prestigious New York 'Gotham Magazine', in the department of Factual Verification,

under the eagle-eye of ever-accurate Clara Tillinghurst and boss Mr Vogler (excellently played by Frances Sternhagan and John Houseman).

Jamie finds himself unsettled by his mother's death from cancer (Diane Wiest) and the desertion of his beautiful wife Amanda (Phoebe Cates), neither of which he can accept.

This combination increases Jamie's dependence on drink and cocaine, and

thus begins the worst week of his life. This starts with being fired for screwing up a report in work. Things get worse from here on in. His best friend yuppie executive Tad Alagash (Keifer Sutherland), tries to help by leading Jamie around the drink and drug soaked nightlife of yuppie New York.

Things come to a head when Amanda comes to town and the anniversary of his mother's death

comes near. However there is light at the end of the tunnel, in the form of Megan (Swoozie Kurtz) and Tad's cousin Vicky (Tracy Pollen), who give him the understanding he needs.

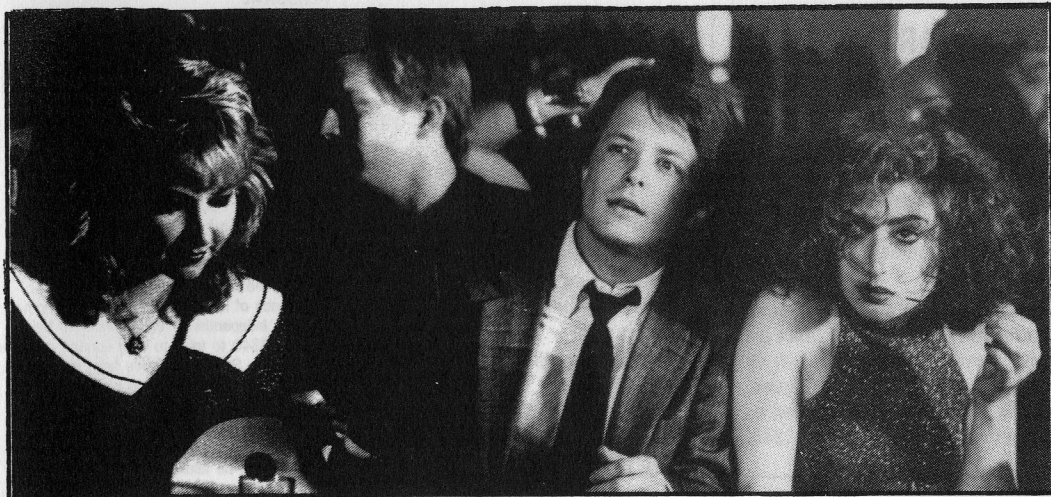
The film is very compelling and has a good plot. The whole cast act very well and help show James Bridges to be a class director. Also impressive are the scenes and locations including discos and fashion shows and lots of good music including New Order, Prince, MARRS and Konk make the film very entertaining.

The film has a bit of everything (except a car chase) from emotion to put a lump in your throat, to funny scenes to make you laugh.

After, undoubtedly Fox's best performance to date, I am left with the notion that, after a hard day at the bar and an even harder night at the club Michael J Fox might have grown even the tiniest bit of stubble! But no!! (Who am I to talk?)

Nevertheless those of you who thought he was just an annoying precocious turkey might not change your mind, but you will see some talent.

Paul Groves.





## Judo—Southern Open

Saturday June 4th was the day of the Southern Area Open Championship, and the creme of Judo talent from all over Southern England descended upon Crystal Palace Sports Centre last weekend.

London University was represented by seven men and three women: all three women and one of the men (Henry Young) were from the IC Judo Club.

It was an individuals competition, each player entering his or her own weight category. Being a National Ranking event, open to every club in the South. London University could have been forgiven for not expecting

to do very well, especially with a number of its key players unable to compete because of exams. However, after a long hard day of fighting, tension and nerves, we did come away with a total of four medals, these were:

**Gold**—Elizabeth Moore, ICJC (Women's Middleweight)

**Silver**—David Phillips, UCLJC (Men's Heavyweight)

**Bronze**—Wendy Howden, ICJC (Women's Light-Middleweight)

**Bronze**—Yoke-Foong Tan, ICJC (Women's Bantamweight)

All placed medallists from this competition are entitled to enter the

National Finals at the end of the year, though right now no one seems to want to think about another major competition.

It had been a long day for everyone, beginning with the weigh-ins at 8.45am, and not finishing until the finals at around 5.30pm. The London University contingent managed to keep their spirits high and were suitably rewarded at the presentation ceremony—and also by the unusual event of the IC Judo coach (albeit a happy one) buying a generous round at ULU that evening!

## Small Ads

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

● **Elec Eng.** A bursary is available for 10 weeks during the summer vacation in the Thin Film Laboratory. The project is fabrication and photo-conductivity measurements on CdSe thin films as part of the development of novel opto-electronic devices. EE, Physics or Mat Sci students accepted. Contact Dr M J Lee, Room 704 Elec Eng, tel 5194.

● **Civ Eng.** A summer vacation bursary is available on a project concerning damage to off-shore oil rigs. The work involves small-scale testing using data-logging equipment and analysis of results. Contact Dr Beverley Ronalds, Room 437, Civ Eng, tel 4738.

● **Min Res Eng.** A summer vacation bursary is available for work on image analysis techniques for determining particle size distributions. Students should have strong computing interests—Min Res Eng, Physics, Mat Sci, Computing or Engineering Department students accepted. Contact Dr M P Jones, Room B313, Min Res Eng, tel 6469.

● **Centre for Biotechnology.** A bursary for 10 weeks work during the summer vacation is available in the applied enzymology laboratories. This is sponsored by Biolite Ltd and involves the development of bioluminescent assays based on luciferase. The work will include enzyme purification, assay testing and calibration and could lead to ultimate employment with the company. Contact Dr Tony Cass, Room 034, Centre for Biotechnology, tel 7080.

### ACCOMMODATION

● **Post Graduate** seeks accommodation from end of September. If you know of anything that will become available please ring T Jones 0782 618215.

● **Summer by the river?** Spacious 4 bedroom house in pleasant area, 50 metres from Thames, Hammersmith, large lounge and garden, washer/dryer, would suit 4/5 people, enquiries invited from groups or individuals. Price range £36-£42 p/w. Phone anytime 381 4317.

● **Accommodation** available for next year. Single room in 2 bedroom flat, Vauxhall. Cheap rent. Contact Gill Knowles, Mech Eng 3.

● **Double room** available in spacious mixed flat in Fulham, near the Three Kings. £37 p/w. Phone 385 1797 or contact Sam Page, Elec Eng 3.

● **Spacious 2/3 person flat** by Earl's Court tube. Available June 25th—August 27th. £430 per month, excluding rent rebate. Contact A Gray or A Bedford 373 3271.

### PERSONAL

● **The people** of the book are also the people of Avodeh Zoreh—five is hell whether the Torah or Pentagon. US is Babel and will incur its fate. Thatcher and British Royal Family were deathrayed in March 1981 and replaced by doubles. On May 31, 1988 I sold my Pentax ME Super B3976260, but kept L1152185. Yesterday June 2nd I made reserve purchase of a Miranda 1N outfit from the same Dixons branch where I purchased my Olympus XA 5678462 in April 1986, distance mechanism on camera now jammed. The sales receipt 217511 did not have either body or lens number and I expect subterfuge for the emergence of my double. I requested Thomas Cook, 3 Independence Way, Princeton, New Jersey 08540 to telex to their London office at 45 Berkeley Street W1 funds from my E F Hutton Trust Fund consisting of the June check of 750 dollars and the balance of my Flagler Bank account 30106796 in Miami. Funds forwarded by latter to US Consulate in Turkey are to be telexed to London US

### PAPER RECYCLING PROJECT

The deadline for applicants for an eight-week summer research project into paper recycling is 5.30pm on Monday (13th June)

Applications to Dr R Murphy (Biochem) or S Easterbrook (Computing)

### SEX & CONTRACEPTION

The last of the Health Centre's 'seminars' will be on Tuesday 14th June, 1-2pm in the Health Centre. ALL WELCOME

ALL CLUBS & SOCS PLEASE EMPTY YOUR PIGEONHOLES IN THE UNION OFFICE. WOULD YOU ALSO SUBMIT THE INFORMATION FOR THE UNION DIRECTORY. I NEED THE NAMES OF YOUR NEXT YEAR'S OFFICERS. THANK YOU KATHY TAIT

### COME TO THE FELIX SUMMER BUFFET DINNER WEDNESDAY 22nd JUNE

Everybody welcome Only £15 Which includes a horrendous pigout and alcohol binge. Dress: Formal or Fancy!

### SUBWARDENSHIP Willis Jackson House Evelyn Gardens

Applications are invited for the post of Subwarden in Willis Jackson House. The post is available from the Summer months in order to gain experience prior to the new Session. The role of Subwarden is to assist the Warden in the day-to-day organisation and to help promote the social life of the House. Applicants are provided with rent-free accommodation. Application forms are available from the Student Accommodation Office and when completed should be sent with CV and names of referees to Dr J Bradley, Warden, Willis Jackson House or c/o Biology Department by 24 June at the latest.

### SUBWARDENSHIP Mining House, Evelyn Gardens

Applications are invited for the post of Subwarden in Mining House. The role of the Subwarden is to assist the Warden in the day-to-day organisation and to help promote the social life of the House. Applicants are provided with rent-free accommodation.

Application forms are available from the Student Accommodation Office and when completed should be sent with CV and names of referees to Miss C Brown, Warden Mining House, or c/o Geology Department by 24 June 1988.

## Ents Officer ate my parents



On Friday June 17th, IC Ents present the very last event of the year. Live in the Union Lounge we have the legendary *Dave Puppy and The Happy Dogs*.

Despite undergoing a series of line-up changes in recent years, the band have built up a large following, and following this Friday's last UK gig they are embarking on an extensive tour of Europe and the Far East.

Timed to coincide with the finish of exams (barring Life Science) it promises to be a great evening's entertainment.

Doors open at 8.30pm and it's absolutely free!

Your friendly IC Ents Officer (Elect), Pauly Waully Watkins



## Small Ads

Consulate. No telex records for above transaction will confirm that E F Hutton Trust Fund is demonic to have me framed as demonic. Zev-Green Jacket—FELIX, Newspaper of London Imperial College, June 10 1988 (my birthday).

- **Monkey's vomit.** Penthouse Club.
- **Dai Williams**—steam-driven bunny test driver. Penthouse Club.
- **Bibble**, bibble, bibble, bibble, bibble—Pentakis (bibble). Penthouse (Club).
- **Many happy returns**—Zev Green-Jacket. From all at FELIX, Newspaper of Imperial College Union, London, 10th June 1988. Mine's a double!
- **Coo** strands of a different variety? Or plan old head hair? Only you know the answer.
- **Big Bird**—come and play? Everything's A OK!
- **Monsieur** Gargett: A true wine connoisseur, sip a glass before exams to stop the shakes!
- **Mr Hobbs**—Princess Astra or Denim? Oh! The sweet smell of success!
- **Mr Deflated/Flip Top**: cheap to take out—seeing as he vomts after 3 pints.
- **To my secret admirer.** Come and get it—RW.
- **Rhinos** are a protected species—they don't need the protection of Fisher Hall to survive!
- **Take that!** Gauntlet Club—you are nothing against the strength of the Rhino Club.
- **The Gauntlet Club**—is the gauntlet a reference to your mentor—ie Michael Jackson! A fitting idol, if we may say so!—Rhino Club.
- **Looking** for that little something for the special person in your life? Come to Naeem's Fantastic Basement Sale in the basement of House 12 Garden Hall. Just stand there and let everything fall into your hands—34 Mad Gardeners.
- **Listen** up Garden Hallmen! Have you been sitting around wondering 'just who are they?'. If you come to the cocktail party you'll find out when the 34 MGs reveal all!
- **So sad** for the lad! Mourn for the De'ath of the contender for now he is Gawne!—34 Mad Gardeners.
- **On site** father wanted by little girl from Weeks Hall. Zumerzet accent required.
- **Phase one** of the demonological process is now complete Zev Blue-Jacket is operational. See my small ad in the Orpington Times, Friday 13th May 1988. The Rector has been replaced by large tin of pineapple chunks. Nuclear war is imminent. Rowntrees taken over by the Milky Bar Kid's demonological double. Only another Watergate will avert the threat of more series of Bob Says Opportunity Knocks. See my ad in the Pervert's Weekly, Monday 30th May 1988. Union Administrator has already been replaced by Medusa—The Goddess of Sherry and Quiche. Zev Blue-Jacket—FELIX, Newspaper of Imperial College, London, June 10th 1988.
- **Yesterday** June 6, 1988 I picked up from Dixons my Miranda MS-1N 71006048, 35-70 zoom lens PK7507847 with 700CD flash 1035337. The camera lacks a self-timer and I bought a mechanical accessory. Unlike my prior Pentax ME Super the Miranda MS-1N is non-automatic and the speed settings must be set. Also unlike the Pentax ME Super the Miranda MS-1N can operate at all speeds without batteries, which only serve to indicate the proper F stop. Thus as contra sophisticated technology, which could trigger the shutter giving the wrong exposure is impossible, I have inserted batteries but not the ones it came with, but number 3922178, which I purchased in Miami for my Olympus XA. Zev-Green Jacket—FELIX, Newspaper of London Imperial College June 10, 1988.

## College Finance Section gets a slugging

Dear Judith,

Last Monday (30th May) a charming letter demanding three hundred and four pounds rent for a stay in 54 Lexham Gardens over last summer arrived in my pigeonhole (actually, it could have arrived there any time in the previous week as I am on an industrial placement at the moment and only came in to College to push a piece of coursework under the relevant door). The letter stated 'In short, your final degree result will be withheld unless this matter is resolved by the 27th May'. This, you might think, was a reasonable response to non-payment of a year old bill. The problem with it was that I never actually stayed in Lexham Gardens (although I would have quite liked to). What actually happens makes an interesting story.

About this time last year I applied for a place in College residence over the summer along with a friend. Two days before the end of term, I was sent a rejection letter and, as I was supposed to be starting a vacation job the following week, I immediately went and arranged alternative accommodation. I was quite surprised then, when a bill for the accommodation arrived in my pigeonhole four days later. I sent the bill back, along with the rejection note and a snotty letter suggesting that the accommodation office got itself in order and left the matter at that.

Now, almost a year later, the said mentioned letter has arrived. On Tuesday morning, I telephoned Dave Parry (who was very helpful) and it took him five minutes to look through the relevant files and find that I had not actually stayed in Lexham Gardens.

There are several reasons why I am not at all happy with this grotty treatment by the College.

The first complaint I have is that, when the supposed bill has been unpaid for almost a year, why is it that the first communication that was made with me over the matter is a letter threatening to stop my degree.

The second is that why didn't Mr Malcolm Aldridge (in whose name the letter was written), or whoever was responsible for the letter, get off his backside and go and see Dave Parry before issuing it. It does, after all, seem to be quite a serious matter threatening to stop someone's degree. This simple action would not only have saved me hassle but saved the College a considerable amount of time and money—as the Registrar, Senior Tutor and other people have to be informed and the registry has to be instructed to withhold exam results the saving would seem to be not insignificant.

My final complaint is that Aldridge did not even bother to find out what course I was on, or for that matter to contact my personal tutor, or else he would not have written 'as this is the final part of your course' when in fact it is the industrial placement period at the end of the third year of a four year course. As a result of this, I did not even receive the letter until after the deadline for payment stated within it (a copy was sent to my home address but, as it was postmarked after the deadline, I can only assume that it must have been delayed by the Post Office—ha ha).

In conclusion, I would like to suggest to Aldridge that, before he puts his name to threatening letters in the future,

he checks the facts contained within them. Also, I would like to know how he can have the nerve to sign a letter of this sort to someone he has never even talked to 'yours sincerely'. Perhaps, he would like to reply.

Yours sincerely,  
Andrew Haisley, DoC 3

PS. Whenever I have used the FELIX Office for production of publicity for Jazz & Rock Club, I have always found you and your staff very helpful—despite what anyone else may say to the contrary.

## Bean's Club record new statement

Dear Judith,

We are writing to put the record straight regarding Bean's Club and the membership's involvement in IC Union this year.

Bean's Club is an apolitical group with no corporate views. The opinions expressed by members of Bean's Club are expressed as individuals alone and are not representative of the body of the Club as a whole.

We hope that this clears up any misunderstandings that have arisen lately.

Yours etc,  
The Bean's Club Executive Committee.

## Another stinging letter of complaint

Dear Judith,

I am writing to complain about last week's cookery column. Yishu Nanda's Rogan Josh recipe was, in fact, stolen from me. I lent it to Mr Nanda, completely unaware that he intended to print it. Unless an apology and a full retraction are both printed, I shall be forced to sue both yourself and 'Holbein House's least favourite hearthrob'.

Madam, I shall see you in court.

Yours angrily,  
Paul Shanley (Mrs).

PS. Do I get five pounds?

## This headline is bigger than the letter

Dear Judith,

I speak as someone who is sick and tired of all this petty bickering between FELIX and the Union, I think it is about time you stopped publishing anonymous letters and contributions written under pseudonyms.

Yours faithfully,  
Name withheld by request.





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for their rooms instead of receiving rent-free accommodation in order to save more money. The position of sub-wardens was heavily debated by the Students Residence Committee and it was decided that the subwarden situation would remain unchanged.

Another suggestion which was rejected by the Committee was the idea to suspend the internal redecoration programme entirely for a year which promised a saving of around £80,000.

The College Finance Section has decided to start charging students a handling charge if they wish to pay their rent in instalments rather than termly. At the moment any student can pay by instalments at no extra cost but, starting from the next session, students will be charged an extra £3 per instalment. They have also decided to charge any student who bounces a rent cheque a penalty of £5.

Currently students are charged £15 if they do not pay their rent bill within ten days. Next year, if a student fails to pay his account for whatever

reason within ten days of the bill's issue, they will be charged £1 per working day starting from the overdue date.

College Assistant Finance Officer Malcolm Aldridge told FELIX that the present system was being abused and that his staff had 'an uncomfortable amount of discretion' when dealing with hard luck stories. The new rules could be strictly adhered to and 'hard luck stories will not be listened to.'

## Health Centre charges to be scrapped

The Health Centre charge of £4 per term which is levied on College accommodation bills is to be abolished next session. This move has been made possible as the Centre has managed to secure alternative funding from the Department of Health and Social Security.

## Human Rights go

The motion on Human Rights Week, brainchild of Simon Boshier, submitted by ICU was passed by GUC on 7th June. The motion states that Imperial has started work on a high-profile Human Rights Week to be held from 6th to 12th February 1989 and mandates the GUC Executive to give its full support to the committee organising the week. Amnesty International, Anti-Apartheid, the NUS (London) and the TUC are among the groups which are to be asked to support the Human Rights Week officially.

It was agreed that Imperial should act as the major host for the 'University of London Human Rights Week'. However the item 'GUC believes...that Imperial College are very nice hard working people who are not a bunch of right-wing fascists!' was objected to and dropped from the motion.

## BRIEF Splashed!

The Union Manager, David Peacock, was drenched last Monday evening, when water was dropped on him 'from a great height'. The incident occurred at approximately 5.45pm outside Beit Arch.

Mr Peacock was particularly annoyed because he had only just had his jacket dry-cleaned. College Chief Security Officer, Geoff Reeves, is appealing for witnesses to come forward.

The attack is in a similar vein to one inflicted on Internal Services Officer, Al Birch, four weeks ago. It was thought, at the time, that The Phantom Soaker was once again prowling College. The japester scored over fifty hits at College two years ago. Mr Reeves told FELIX that he didn't feel that this is the work of the original Phantom Soaker as he'd 'probably left College by now'.

Alan Rose is 23.

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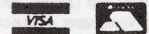
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