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College plans Nightline eviction

Imperial College plans to oust West London Nightline from its present IC site to provide more student accommodation. The counselling service run by students is currently in Princes Gardens.

The decision to change the college's support from provision of accommodation to a cash grant, like those provided by other London colleges, was taken at a meeting of the College Management and Planning Group over the summer. The proposal was approved by last year's Union President, Nigel Baker, and by Don Adlington, the College Student Counsellor. Nightline have been offered one year in which to find alternative accommodation.

The Chairman of the Nightline Steering Committee, Ann Conlan of Kings College, who received notification of the decision last week, said that she was 'very disturbed' by it. She said that the committee had discussed the accommodation arrangements at its last meeting in April and were very happy that IC provided accommodation. She felt this should continue as it provided continuity and added

that she would be calling an emergency meeting of the committee to discuss the matter.

College Assistant Finance Officer, Malcolm Aldridge, said that as Imperial had provided the accommodation for the past 8 or 9 years, it was felt that it was 'time someone else took a turn'. He pointed out that the rooms involved would be released into the college accommodation system and that there was 'no intention to precipitate the demise of Nightline'.

The Rector, Professor Eric Ash, admitted that there might be some problems with the upheaval but said that since IC had been 'taking the major load it seems reasonable for the load to be taken by someone else'. Professor Ash added that he felt it was 'worthwhile continuing to support Nightline' since he felt 'it's the sort of thing where one phone call could be critical'. The level of financial support from each college is approximately 30 pence per student.

College Tutor David Goodgame said he would be raising the matter at the next Union Welfare

Committee and said that his concern was whether students would suffer from the move. He felt that as the service was used by students they should be involved in the decision.

Union President, Neil McCluskey, quoted the average cost of a call to Nightline as £5 and said that he felt this was rather on the expensive side if the call was merely for information. He pointed out that in addition to the colleges' contributions, each student union also contributed to the service's running costs. The current contribution from Imperial College Union is £700 per year.

Mr McCluskey went on to say that he 'really didn't know enough about the situation to comment' and said that 'I've been here five years and I've never used Nightline. Maybe that's an indicator in itself'. He felt the question of Nightline's existence should be discussed in the light of the fact that organisations such as the Samaritans existed and that perhaps the money would be better spent supporting a student service within the Samaritans.

Chinese students still suffering

Chinese students at Imperial have found themselves out of pocket following their efforts to keep in touch with friends and relatives in mainland China during last June's student uprisings.

The students spent over £2000 pounds on faxes and gestures of support. Last year's IC Union President, Nigel Baker, verbally agreed to help with some of the costs and the Chinese Students Scholars' Association has presented a claim for £470 to the Union.

This year's Union President, Neil McCluskey, has received an offer of £200 from the Rector's Personal Allowance, which is granted by College to dispose at his own discretion. The Rector has also suggested that an appeal be launched and will be making a personal donation.

Mr McCluskey said that he was 'pretty disappointed' and that he 'did expect the Rector to contribute the whole sum'. He said that as the sum had been borne by one student, he would be taking a claim to the first Council of term to ask for the release of the remaining money. This would then be reimbursed by any money raised from an appeal. He



pointed out that the Union had already made a contribution to the students in the form of free transport and publicity.

He welcomed the idea of an appeal to help raise money to assist Chinese students who were experiencing hardship and also to publicise the plight

of the students and the progress of events in China. Suggestions for the appeal include collecting whilst Union Cards were issued, publishing features in FELIX on the background to the situation and the special difficulties being faced by Chinese students and organising a fund-raising event of some kind.

Students may pay £50,000 fees

University heads are to consider charging students full fees after a meeting last week. The new scheme could mean a fees bill of up to £50,000 to a five year medical student.

The Committee of Vice Chancellors and Principals (CVCP) decided to consider the option of full fees at a meeting last Thursday after a reinforcement of the Government's aim to double the number of students in higher education in 25 years. A spokesman from the CVCP told FELIX that they were 'looking at all the possible options that there were.' Thursday's meeting, which passed the motion to consider full fees in further discussions, was a non-decision making one.

The idea of charging full fees is to be considered with a scheme of scholarships from the Government's funding of higher education, which the CVCP hopes would meet all or part of the cost.

As a member of the CVCP, the Rector, Professor Eric Ash, told FELIX that the meeting was 'divided.' He added that the majority in favour of the move was 'not very big.' Professor Ash voted against the motion, which he felt did not gain much enthusiasm from the Department of Education and Science and the Secretary of State for Education, John MacGregor.

Universities are currently able to charge students

for fees above their local education authority grant since there is no provision in the law to prevent them. The Royal College of Art in South Kensington is charging incoming postgraduate students £110 per year for fees. A spokesman told FELIX that the CVCP's decision was 'of interest' to the RCA, but added that the proposal was 'vague.'

If the CVCP decide to charge full fees for courses, science students could be faced with a bill of £6000 per year of study, with no guarantee of funding from the Government.

Southside phone thefts

A spate of theft over the Summer cleared Southside Hall of almost half its newly installed telephones. Ten out of the 24 telephones in Selkirk and Tizard Halls were stolen the day after they were fitted. Each of the telephones is worth about £30.

Warden John Hassard said that he did not know who the culprits were and said they could have been Summer Accommodation Centre residents, students or outsiders. He said that there had been no thefts of telephones during 88-89 when the old system was in place.

The stolen phones were all replaced within a day and the cost of the new phones will be borne by the College Telephone Account. The cost of any further stolen phones will be met by the hall.

The new phones replaced the old system, which Dr Hassard described as 'appalling and dangerous'. He pointed out that if the phones were damaged it was not only inconvenient but also dangerous in the event of a fire. The phones have now been secured.

Birdathon

Silwood Park Natural History Society are taking part in a Birdathon against Oxford University on October 28. The 24 hour competition will raise money for the International Council for Bird Preservation.

Teams in the contest will be required to list the species of birds they spot over a 24 hour period in Norfolk, Suffolk and Cambridgeshire. Anybody wishing to sponsor competitors should contact Mark Johnson at Silwood Park (cheques payable to ICBP.)

College appoints new Secretary

Imperial College has appointed a successor to College Secretary, John Smith. The newly formed post of Managing Director, which replaces Mr Smith has been filled by Mr Angus Fraser

Mr Fraser is a Cambridge graduate who has worked in a number of areas in industry including Mercantile Credit Company Ltd and Chloride Group Plc. He will take office on November 1, with the assistance of Mr Smith until the end of the calendar year.

Poll tax goes to UGM

A motion on Poll Tax has been submitted for Thursday's Freshers' UGM. The motion, proposed by Edgar Denny and seconded by R. Banmerjee, instructs the IC Union executive to write a letter to the College demanding that they do not hand over names and addresses to the Poll Tax register.

The motion notes that the College Registrar has stated that he can be required to provide a full list of students' names and addresses to any poll tax registration officer who requests it. It goes on to claim that 'to defeat this tax we must be prepared to break the law.'

The Freshers' UGM will be held in the Junior Common Room, Sherfield at 1pm on Thursday.

Scholarships

Final year undergraduates should hurry if they wish to study cheaply in the USA next year. The Kennedy Scholarship at Harvard and MIT and the Frank Knox Fellowship for Harvard have a closing date of October 18 and 23 respectively.

The Kennedy Scholarship covers tuition, travel and health service fees as well as an allowance of \$10,000 for the year. Further details and application forms are available from room 314 Sherfield.

Social careers

Community Care and Insight magazines are holding a Careers Convention on October 17 and 18 at the Kensington Exhibition Centre.

The fair will play host to employers from various aspects of social work including childcare and work with the elderly and disabled. A free CV service will be available with further information on social work. The fair will be open 9-6.30 each day.

Early health

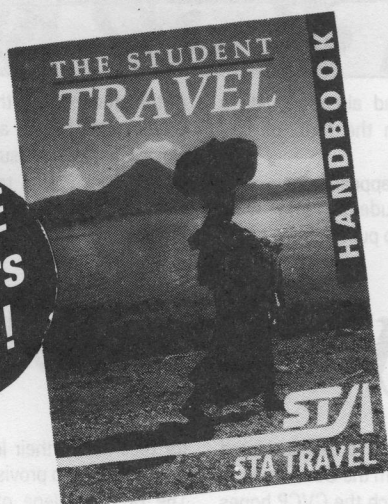
Imperial College's Health Centre is to hold earlier open clinics for a trial period this year. The clinic will be open from 8.30-10am for people without an appointment, with a few appointments available each day from 1-2pm.

The standard length of appointments has been reduced from 15 to ten minutes, although patients may ask for double appointments if they wish. Health Centre Director, Dr Raanan Gillon told FELIX 'Our objective is to try and reduce waiting times.'

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PIMLICO CONNECTION TUTORING SCHEME

(Oct. 18th 1989-Feb. 14th 1990)

Like a chance to communicate scientific ideas and help teachers of Science and Maths in local ILEA Primary and Secondary schools?

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Details from the Humanities Department

Room 313C, Mech Eng

Room 439/440 Mech Eng

and at FRESHERS' FAIR

In a last desperate bid to unscramble the government's higher education policy FELIX asked Kenneth Bryliantine, Minister of State for Quoting Statistics and Blaming the Last Labour Government at the Department of Education and Science, to explain.

Minister Speaks Out

'Firstly let me say this, I personally did myself go to University. Well do I remember my five happy years studying Applied Mediterranean Studies at Oxford—the balls, sailing every weekend and, of course, regular meals at high table. Let it not be said that I, Ken Bryliantine, do not understand the plight of the modern student.

'The Prime Minister, and I, of course, agree with her completely and wholeheartedly, feel that now the government has solved all the country's ills, it is time to pass on our knowledge to the next generation whether they like it or not.

'The foremost, fundamental, principle aim of our education policy is to bring education into the really-real world of 1989.

'Obviously it is unreasonable to expect all these Doctors and Professors to understand the complexities of our grand master plan but fundamentally we aim to introduce market forces. For too long Universities have been operating a closed shop: for too long they have insisted, unreasonably, on only allowing those who are good at a subject to study it. In the incredibly-real real world of 1989 this is obviously ridiculous.

'We will create new entrance requirements based not on what you know but on what you can afford! Degrees will be rewarded to the highest bidder. We will create a new utopia of equality!

'Just look at America. Where else can a man with the IQ of a tomato buy himself enough qualifications



to become Vice President? Where else can decent god-fearing religious fundamentalists dictate what is to be taught? Where else but the Unified States of America? Britain! A brave new Britain of tomorrow's Victorian values.

'We want students to become more resourceful. That is why grants are so small—it is to encourage inventiveness and entrepreneurship. Students must take on jobs, several jobs each, to make ends meet. It is an ideal opportunity to learn about the importance

of money and even if they have to drop out, they will have learnt one important fact central to our philosophy: poor people lose.

'Just think what a great advance student loans will be. What better way is there to learn about debt than to spend your student life permanently in the red? It's brilliant—Nigel Lawson told me so.

'Now, I know, and I am sincerely sincere in this, that you Imperial students have special problems. I know that we only provide £19 to cover rent and I know about the cost of housing in South Kensington—I myself personally own three blocks of flats. But just think what this little extra impossibility will do for your powers of entrepreneurship.

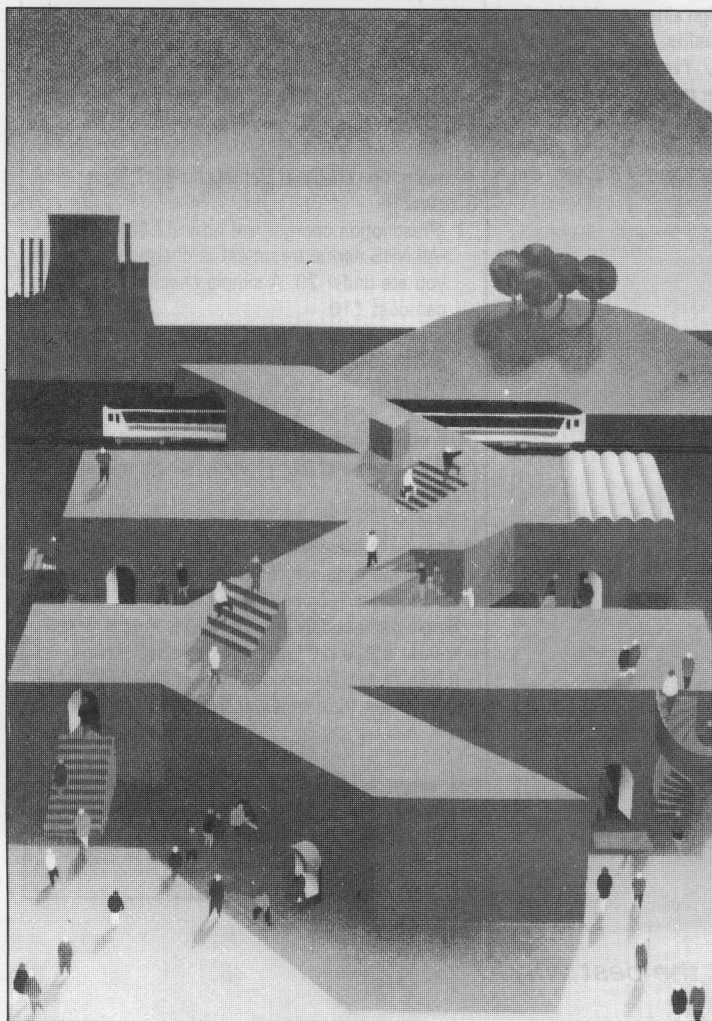
'This Government's science policy is frequently attacked by politically motivated pinkos who claim we do not provide enough cash. This is totally and utterly wrong: we have a minister for science, the Rt Hon... Thingy. A high profile job! But you must understand that in the really very real real world of not quite but coming up to 1992 we just cannot afford it.

'Science CAN do without funding: did Einstein have funding when he discovered Evolution—did he? Of course not! We propose a whole new form of sponsorship: the Rothmann's Cancer Research Fund, The Macdonald's Nutritional Study Centre, The Ronald Reagan Memorial Laser Laboratory. What a world of possibilities lies open ahead of us.

'With the assistance of sensible students like yourselves we may soon achieve our goals. And we must not forget that the majority of students are happier, more energetic and prettier—in real terms—than under the last Labour Government.

'Keep up the good work!'

Since this article was written Mr. Bryliantine has been promoted. His replacement in the post, John McNobody, has vowed to continue with his predecessor's policies 'but with a Scots accent'.



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Free money for students! Interested?.....Read on!

Get what's coming to you

Every year many people, including students, fail to claim their full entitlement to state benefits, because they do not know what they can claim or how to go about claiming it. Imperial College Union Welfare is running a 'Benefits and Rights' Information desk in the JCR, on 12th-13th October between 11.30am and 3pm. Experts on Housing and Social Security Benefits will be among the people present. Come along for information on the Benefits which you are entitled to, how to go about claiming them and how to get the maximum possible Benefit. Housing Benefit specialists will be available, with plenty of HB forms which they can help you to fill in and will probably be able to accept your claim forms then and there. If you want to hand in your forms then you will need to bring certain things with you: an official notification of your term dates (College should have sent you one of these, or you can get them from Registry in Sherfield), your Education Grant Award Certificate, a copy of your Deed of Covenant if you get one, a copy of a recent bank statement, proof of your rent, and a copy of your tenancy agreement. If you have trouble getting any of this information then come along to the JCR and find out where to get it, or what to do if you can't get it!

OVERSEAS STUDENTS:

Do you want a secure British education? If you are an Overseas Student, this may not be as simple as it sounds. Overseas Students run into all sorts of problems while studying in this country. On Friday 13th October Cathy Presland of UKCOSA (UK Council for Overseas Students Affairs) will be at the information desk in the JCR to answer questions on

benefits, accommodation problems and visas. UKCOSA is an organisation set up to promote and protect the interests of overseas students. It provides advice, training and publications concerning issues faced daily by students from abroad.

HOW TO AVOID HOMELESSNESS

Renting a flat is not as straightforward as it may at first appear. Not only do you have to find accommodation which you can afford (which isn't much fun, as anyone who has had to do it will know!), but you have to make sure of your rights to avoid eviction, raising of your rent and many other frightening possibilities. If you want to find out more about your rights as a tenant, then specialists will be in the JCR on both Benefits and Rights Days to answer all your questions, and to help you make sure that your period of tenancy is problem free.

SURVIVING!

There are many other situations which may arise when it is important for you to know your rights. What happens if your new Walkman chews up its first tape, you find a slug in your lettuce, or your next door neighbour keeps you awake all night with loud music? These are examples of some of the areas which the 'Benefits and Rights' Campaign aims to address. As well as the specialists on Benefits, Legal Rights etc. the Union Welfare Adviser, Yve Posner, will be available and is able to answer most of the questions you might come up with! If you can't make it to the JCR on the 12th or 13th, she is available in her office, above the Union office, between 12.30pm and 5.30pm weekdays.



Union Welfare Officer Jackie Scott demonstrates the best way to get your Housing Benefit

There may be some extra ££££'s in the benefit system for you

FAXFILE

● Do you know what your rights are as a tenant?
Did you know that most tenants cannot be evicted without a court order or that your landlord has a legal duty to carry out repairs whatever your contract says? Also, it is possible to get your deposit back even though your landlord is refusing to repay it—you just need to go about things the right way.

Do you know where to go to get housing advice? Every Local Authority has a Tenancy Relations Officer and a Housing Advice Department there to help you.

● Do students pay Income Tax? Well, you can earn up to £2,785 in the current tax year before you have to start paying tax.

● Legal Advice? Do you know where to get free legal advice? Do you know what the Green Card Scheme is or fixed free advice? In London there are a large number of Law Centres where it is possible to get completely free legal advice from a qualified solicitor. There are also other ways of getting reduced cost advice.

● Overseas students? Do you know what benefits you can claim? Many overseas students are unable to claim certain benefits.

Are you allowed to work in the UK? If you look in your passport you should be able to check your visa regarding this? Most overseas students are restricted from working but their wives can usually work without having to get a work permit.

● Did you know that most British and EEC students can claim Housing Benefit? An undergraduate with only a student grant and paying rent of £60 per week can get up to £27.40 per week Housing Benefit.

A postgraduate with a SERC grant can get up to £15.27 towards £60 per week rent.

● Prescription charges? Dental charges? Sight tests? Glasses?

-Prescription charges are now £2.80 per item
-All NHS dental treatment is charged for unless you are under 20. A simple check-up and clean can cost £10.

-Sight tests are now £10 unless you are under 19 and the cheapest pair of glasses can set you back £15-£20.

BUT all students are eligible to claim help towards these charges and many qualify for completely free treatment.

● Are you a student with dependant children under 18? If so then you can claim Child Benefit for them—it's currently £7.25 per week per child.

Single parents can also claim One Parent Benefit, currently £5.20 per week for the eldest child.

If your partner is working you might be able to claim Family Credit (this varies according to income).

For more information on benefits and rights contact Union Welfare Adviser, Yve Posner, via the Union Office or come to the Benefits & Rights Days on 12th-13th October.

This Week

Whatever you may have read in the press, the recent meeting of the British Association for the Advancement of Science was not all sensible lectures and serious seminars, every so often it just got very silly. This was one of those occasions, a competition to write up a scientific paper, Crick and Watson's 1953 announcement of the famous double-helix structure of DNA, in the style of particular newspapers. Below, you will find Narmada de Silva's winning entry and two of the runners up. A report on the BAAS proper will appear on Friday.

FINANCIAL TIMES—Narmada de Silva Phosphate diester groups set to claim market lead

A structure for the salt of Deoxyribose Nucleic Acid (DNA) has been proposed by J.D. Watson and F.C.H. Crick of the Medical Research Council Unit for the Study of the Molecular Structure of Biological Systems (MRCUSMSBS), the Cambridge-based Cavendish Laboratory announced yesterday.

This is based on trans-atlantic collaboration with the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis (NFIP) supporting much of the research, hence a possible take-over bid for the Wellcome Foundation cannot be ruled out.

The novel structure has two right-hand helical chains of phosphor diester groups with opposing atom sequences centered around a common axis. The structure is an open one with a high water content, but the forthcoming privatisation may result in a

stream-lining of the molecule as water becomes less freely available and the structure becomes more compact, in accordance with the prevalent market trends.

As seen from the price at the close of trading yesterday BOC shareholders have been quick to realize the importance of hydrogen-bond joints between single bases in each chain. These pairings of purine and pyrimidine are not freely determined but one chain sequence will define the other, reflecting the current restrictions in manufacturing industry.

The Dow Jones index is steady at present but the possible replication mechanisms are being keenly explored and observation of the price of Rank Xerox may give an indication of when a suitable copying process for this genetic material had been achieved.

THE SUN—Fran Tattersall Mystery chemical Our eggheads crack it

Two scientists in Britain are the WINNERS of a weird competition. This is the race to work out the design of a MYSTERIOUS CHEMICAL called DNA. DNA is part of every human body from Thatcher's to Sam Fox's but NOBODY KNEW WHAT IT WAS LIKE... 'til now!! In Cambridge, brainy Englishman Francis Crick and Yankee helper Jim Watson have beaten American Labs to it! And today we've got complicated scientific papers to PROVE it! They've even built a model of the chemical, it looks like a GIANT CORKSCREW, but this

is A LOT BIGGER than the real thing.

You and I may not understand the jargon of 'molecular biology' as the subject is called. But it's good to know that the boffins are finding out more and more about how our bodies work, and this shows BRITAIN is one of the BEST when it comes to BRAINS. What do they get as a prize for their hard work? Hearty congratulations from failed scientists elsewhere. And who knows, maybe another NOBEL PRIZE for the British?

THE SUN—Mark Weatherall British boffins' breakthrough Nature article shows the way

The scientific world was STUNNED this week by outstanding British boffins Francis Crick and James 'Jim' Watson. Whizzkids Watson and Crick, working in Cambridge's world-famous Cavendish Laboratory, CRACKED a problem that has taxed top scientists for years. In their paper in the highly respected journal Nature they solve the structure of mystery substance Deoxyribose Nucleic Acid, DNA.

• They beat American Nobel Prize winner Linus Pauling to the discovery.

• They dismiss other people's work.

• They EXPLAIN just how they found the right answer.

Scientists think DNA may be the stuff that makes us what we are. Now these courageous Cambridge workers have shown the way scientists everywhere are FRANTICALLY changing their ideas about DNA.

Odd couple, balding Crick and boyish Watson worked DAY AND NIGHT for two years. Now their results are out, they plan to step up the pace and stay ONE STEP AHEAD of the competition.

• **Has Japan gone Green?** This depends on who you believe. At a recent government inspired conference in Tokyo, the massed ranks of the great and the good including the heads of the World Bank, the United Nations Environment Programme and the World Meteorological Organisation praised the Japanese contribution to environmental protection.

Elsewhere various non governmental organisations including Friends of the Earth attacked Japanese involvement in mass deforestation. Meanwhile, the Tokyo Government has announced the provision over three years of \$2,250 million in overseas environmental aid.

• **Legislation**, just introduced by the Indian Parliament, will make AIDS an officially notifiable disease. The bill requires regional health authorities to coordinate the counseling and treatment of those infected by HIV. It also imposes criminal penalties on HIV infected people who knowingly donate blood or organs. The Delhi Government has set aside \$10 million for the scheme which could require the country's 1450 registered sufferers to be rounded up and placed in special centres: centres which have yet to be built.

In Europe, British and French health officials have differed a decision over whether to cut short a trial of the anti AIDS drug AZT despite the apparent success of US based trials. The Europeans claimed that the American evidence was insufficient.

• **Exxon**, the accident prone oil company, have officially called off cleaning up operations for the Alaska oil slick despite the fact that many miles of coastline remain badly affected. Alaskan State Governor Steve Cowper announced that the state, unlike the oil company, will continue with the work and forward at least part of the \$21 million bill to Exxon.

Exxon denies it is pulling out, saying that it has already spent \$1,000 million and is leaving behind a crew of 300 to help. According to the latest figures, since the spillage the oil slick has killed over 34,000 birds and almost 1000 otters.

• **Bones** thought to belong to the infamous Nazi doctor Josef Mengele have been taken to West Germany for DNA fingerprinting. Mengele's relatives hope that the tests will dispel doubts that he is still alive and well and hiding in Latin America. They may not be so lucky; according to state prosecutor Hans Klein, the bones are ten years old and were buried for seven, any remaining traces of DNA may be too small to detect.

• **More bones**, this time belonging to American Indians. The Smithsonian Institute have agreed to release 18,600 sets of Indian bones to their descendants. They have, however, hit a problem with redistribution: Indian tribes tended to move about and bones found in one territory may not belong to the ancestors of the current inhabitants. To try and resolve the problem the Institute has proposed a \$2.25 million research project involving anthropologists and forensic scientists to try and match tribes and bones.

Bob Speer previews Paul Davies' forthcoming lecture

The birth of the cosmos

Wednesday October 4th at 12.30pm in the Great Hall Sheffield is certainly a date to put in your diaries and serious devotees are advised to get there early!

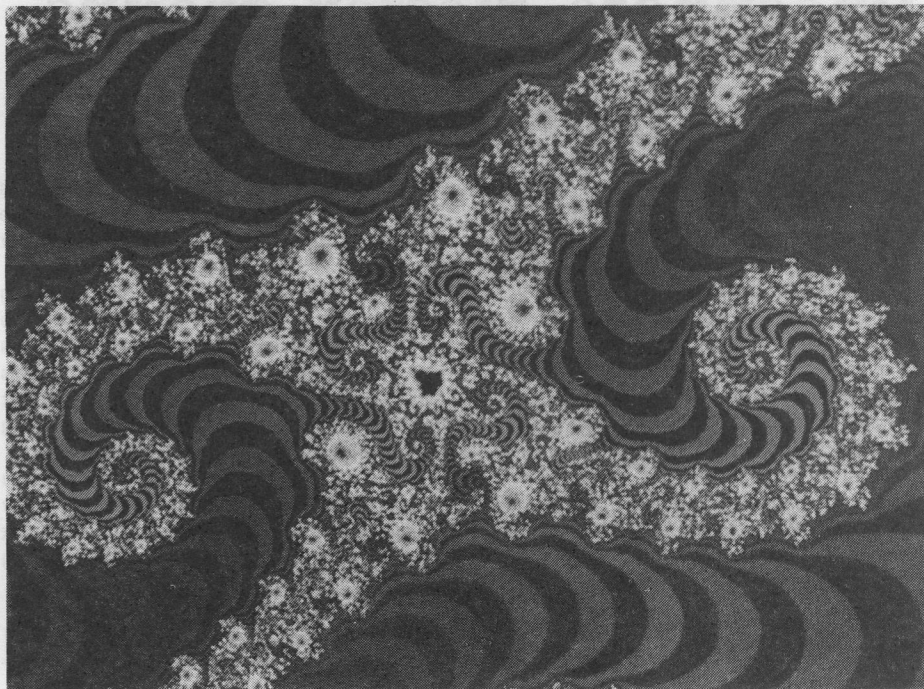
Author of 17 books and well known science populariser **Paul Davies** will be on hand lecturing and talking to all aficionados from about Noon onwards in the Great Hall. His theme will be "*The Birth of the Cosmos*".

"Like many compelling images, it may turn out to be a mirage, but for the first time in the history of science we can form a conception of what a complete scientific theory of the world will look like."

A new theory of the universe is emerging from recent discoveries in fundamental physics and cosmology. Some scientists now believe that all of nature is ultimately under the control of a single superforce, which weaves together space, time and matter into a unified field theory. Bringing together the frontiers of high energy particle physics and cosmology, the superforce explains what caused the big bang that gave birth to the universe, and how the foundations for the cosmic structures we now see were forged in the microseconds that followed. It also suggests a bizarre new idea—that space and time are in reality eleven-dimensional, with the unseen dimensions of space masquerading as nuclear and electromagnetic forces.

Speaking with clarity and elegance Paul Davies, recently described in the *New York Times* as "one of the most adept science writers on either side of the Atlantic", relates the story of these awesome new advances:

Paul Davies, himself a research scientist in this subject area, believes that we might soon realise man's age-old dream—a unified theory of all existence.



Paul Davies is Professor of Theoretical Physics at the University of Newcastle upon Tyne. He holds a doctorate from the University of London where he spent eight years as a lecturer in mathematics. His research has ranged across much of fundamental physics and cosmology, and he has acquired an international reputation as a science populariser—**Other Worlds, The Runaway Universe, The Edge of Infinity** and **God and the New Physics** received

world-wide acclaim. He also writes regularly for *The Guardian*, *The Economist* and a number of science periodicals, and frequently contributes to television and radio broadcasts.

We understand that the IC Bookshop will be arranging a display of Paul Davies' books in the Lobby of the Great Hall after the lecture and there should be plenty of opportunity for book signing.

A guide to London's secondhand music shops

Cheap Cuts by Chris Leahy

Being poor students we all love a bargain. However, for those of us who cannot exist without spending next week's rent on black vinyl or silver CD, the challenge of undercutting Virgin's Megadeal on this week's chart becomes as much a necessity as a pleasure. So where in this great metropolis, the very hub of the music 'biz', does J. Student go to get quality music at cheapo prices?

Let's face it, unless you really want Singaloga Max Vol V or Hooked on Classics for a bargain fiver, the sales held by the major chainstores are pretty useless for picking up real bargains. Virgin Megastore and HMV on Oxford Street and Tower Records at Piccadilly Circus all claim to be the biggest/best record store in the known universe and can on occasions be useful for information on new releases. However, for that limited edition pink vinyl EP needed to complete a cherished collection or just to obtain a few cheap records it is necessary to go and root around London's second-hand record shops.

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By far the biggest 'chain' is **Notting Hill Record, Tape and Video Exchange** which has four branches at Notting Hill Gate and can also be found in Goldhawk Road, Shepherd's Bush and Camden Town. As indicated by the name, they buy and sell records, tapes, CDs, videos (music and film, including those 'adult' movies which I've heard about but never seen) and also have branches for books and musical instruments. They will buy anything whatsoever and resell it at the going rate, periodically reducing the price until someone buys it. So you can watch your coveted item get cheaper until you can afford it, or until some bastard buys it before you. Records start at £6, CDs at £10, but there is also a department for real rarities and a bargain basement (Singaloga Max 50p).

In central London, **Reckless Records** in Berwick Street is always worth visiting, as it tends to get recent material almost on release (unwanted review copies mostly) and is a little cheaper than the

competition (LPs £5, CDs £8.50). **Runaway Records** in Neal Street, Covent Garden recently opened and is a welcome addition despite its erratic opening hours. Just by Leicester Square tube is **Steve's Sounds**, which is not exactly second-hand but the prices are and they always seem to have some reduced stock.

Further out of town are **Ruthless Records** on Putney High Street and **Honest John's** (although I'll bet he isn't) on Portobello Road. This article would be incomplete without a mention for **Camden Market** and its plethora of bootleggers. Their wares range from last night's big gig in London to the likes of Led Zeppelin's US tour of 1975. Expect to pay around £4 for a sixty minute cassette and always insist on hearing the quality first.

Other genres are also well represented. For jazz try **Dobell's** on Tower Street (WC2) and **James Asman** (New Row). He is a respected critic and his staff are always helpful and comprehensively knowledgeable.

Classical music is best sought at **Farringdon Records** on Cheapside or Holborn. The very atmosphere of the place will convert your tastes and there are so many budget price recordings that you are spoilt for choice. Also worth a visit is **Charing Cross Records** at Cambridge Circus.

So, a selection for the vinyl junkies to look for. There are many more, especially in Soho, but you can find those for yourself whilst seeking that last elusive piece of plastic.

Don't get in a rut and lock yourself in your room during Freshers' Week. Go out and make the most of your life; join a club, laugh a lot or just get pissed.

FRESHERS' GUIDE

Freshers' Week begins with a mass registration from 9 'til 4 in the Junior Common Room, Sheffield Building. You will need your registration slip to obtain your IC Union Card and, more importantly, your grant cheque (also available in the JCR). Union cards will be available from the Senior Common Room in the Union Building from 9 'til 5 each day except Tuesday. It is well worth registering as quickly as possible since registration will only be possible through room 343 from 12 O'clock Tuesday.

Once the formalities are over there is an address from the Rector, Professor Eric Ash at 10.30 on Monday, followed by CCU General Meetings in the afternoon. Monday evening's entertainment is outlined on page 12. Suffice it to say that this is the best chance for you to 'get out there and meet people.'

Tuesday is everybody's chance to find a new pastime or follow an old one by touring the vast array of clubs and societies at the Freshers' Fair. The main point of Freshers' Fair is that nobody is allowed to take money from you at the Fair—many clubs will actually let you try out their activity for free before joining; ask

if they will offer this.

Wednesday marks the beginning of most courses with a Comedy night in the evening to offer a contrast to the rest of the day, more details are on page 12 again.

Friday, if you're still conscious, sees a big party in the Union Building to allow you to meet all those people whose names you still can't remember from Monday. With the ensuing hangover you can do a good deed and have fun to boot by tiddlywinking down Oxford Street. If you've made it that far through Freshers' week, well done; maybe you'd like to see how Marlowe, the FELIX private eye found his first day last year.

It had been a hard week, the kind of week that slugged you across the face and made off with your bus pass, and I was on atough case. I had been hired to investigate Imperial College's Fresher's Week.

It started on Monday. The place was full and I tried to blend in with the crowd. It didn't work: students don't wear trenchcoats and carry loaded Colt 45s. I was in a hurry and I don't deal with small fry. I had to see the man at the top, the big cheese, the man called 'The Rector'.

For once, lady luck was on my side: the word was that The Rector would be at a joint called the Great Hall at 10am. I got there at 9. The place was empty so I went away and came back an hour later.

Now the place was packed. At the far end of the room I could just see the white haired figure of The Rector. He was speaking but it didn't make much sense. He was talking about something called 'hard work' but no-one seemed to be listening. It was then it hit me. I had been given a double dose of boredom. The world went hazy and I collapsed. No one seemed to notice.

I woke up, I looked around. The place was like Skid Row without the charm. I must have been at the New Year Party. I stood up, my legs objected. I sat down again. 'Hey,' I said to a nearby kneecap, 'where am I?' The kneecap glared at me in a kneecap sort of way and said nothing. I hit it, I was hurt so was the kneecap. It's owner bent down to look at me. He had the kind of face which made you glad to be just plain ugly.

I nose-bashed his fist and hit him on the foot with my groin. He didn't give in so I passed out. It was the only passing I was going to be doing for quite some time.

KEY TO GUIDE

SCR—Senior Common Room (Union Building), **CH**—Concert Hall (Union Building), **MDH**—Main Dining Hall (Sheffield Building), **L**—Lounge, **UDH**—Union Dining Hall (Union Building), **QL**—Queens Lawn, **BQ**—Beit Quad, **SA**—Sheffield Anteroom (Sheffield Building), **SB**—Snack Bar (Union Building)

AIASEC.....	SCR	Guilds.....	QL	QT.....	L
Arts Appreciation.....	CH	Haldane Library.....	MDH	Radio Rentals.....	MDH
Asian.....	SA	Hang Gliding.....	QL	Rag.....	L
Audio.....	L	Health Centre.....	UMF	RCS.....	QL
Badminton.....	MDH	Hellenic.....	SA	Real Ale.....	MDH
Balloon.....	QL	Hockey.....	QL	Riding.....	MDH
Barclays Bank.....	SA	IC Computer Centre.....	MDH	Rifle & Pistol.....	MDH
Basketball.....	MDH	IC Radio.....	QL	Rob Northey's Refectories Roadshow.....	MDH
Biological.....	MDH	ICCAG.....	L	Rock.....	MDH
Boardsailing.....	MDH	Indian.....	SA	Royal Air Force.....	MDH
Boat.....	QL	Industrial.....	SCR	Royal Air Force.....	MDH
British Rail.....	MDH	Iranian.....	SA	Royal Navy.....	MDH
Canoe.....	BQ	Islamic.....	SA	Rugby Clubs.....	SB
Catholic.....	UDH	Italian.....	SA	Sailing.....	MDH
Caving.....	BQ	Jazz and Rock.....	CH	Science Fiction.....	L
Chamber Music.....	CH	Judo.....	UG	Scout and Guide.....	BQ
Chess/Bridge.....	L	Karate.....	QL	Singapore.....	SA
Chinese.....	SA	Keep Fit.....	MDH	Ski.....	MDH
Choir.....	CH	Kensington and Chelsea Volunteer Bureau.....	UDH	Socialist Worker.....	SCR
Christian Union.....	UDH	Kensington Committee of Friendship for Overseas Students.....	SA	Sporting Motorcycle.....	QL
Nightline.....	UDH	Korf Ball.....	MDH	Squash.....	MDH
Computer Graphics.....	L	Kung Fu.....	UG	STOIC.....	L
Concert Band.....	CH	Latin American.....	SA	Surf.....	MDH
Conservative.....	SCR	Lawn Tennis.....	MDH	Swimming and Waterpolo.....	MDH
Cricket.....	MDH	Lloyds Bank.....	SA	Table Tennis.....	MDH
Cross Country.....	MDH	London Student.....	UMF	Tai Chi.....	UG
Cypriot.....	SA	Malaysian.....	SA	Shaolin Kung Fu.....	UG
Dance.....	QL	Methodist.....	UDH	Ten Pin Bowling.....	MDH
Day Nursery.....	MDH	Microcomputer.....	L	The Times.....	SA
Debating.....	CH	Mountaineering.....	QL	Third World First.....	SCR
Dramatic.....	CH	National Westminster Bank.....	SA	University of London Union.....	L
Ents.....	L	Netball.....	MDH	Volleyball.....	MDH
Environmental and Appropriate Technology.....	UDH	Nigerian.....	SA	Wargames.....	L
Exploration and Development of Space.....	SCR	Officers Training Corps.....	MDH	Wellsoc.....	QL
FELIX.....	BQ	Operatic.....	CH	Wine Tasting.....	MDH
Fencing.....	MDH	Orchestra.....	CH	Wing Chun.....	UG
Film.....	CH	Orienteering.....	MDH	WLC.....	UDH
Football.....	MDH	Parachute.....	MDH	Yacht.....	MDH
Gliding.....	QL	PATA.....	UDH	YHA.....	MDH
Golf.....	QL	Photographic.....	L	Youth Peace Through NATO.....	SCR
Graffiti.....	L	Pimlico Connection.....	L		
Greater London Club.....	L				

Make sure that you go to Freshers' Fair tomorrow. All the Union clubs and societies will be there to tell you about themselves. Take this plan with you so you don't miss any clubs. **DON'T GIVE ANY CLUB MONEY.** The clubs are not allowed to collect membership subscriptions at Freshers' Fair. Enjoy Freshers' Fair.

FELIX

Guide to Freshers Fair

UNION GYM

- Judo
- Kung Fu
- Tai Chi
- Shaolin Kung Fu
- Wing Chun

2nd FLOOR (Union Building)

CONCERT HALL

- Arts Appreciation
- Chamber Music
- Choir
- Concert Band
- Debating
- Dramatic Film
- Jazz and Rock
- Operatic Orchestra

UNION DINING HALL

- Catholic
- Christian Union
- Nightline
- Environmental and Appropriate Technology
- Kensington and Chelsea Volunteer Bureau
- Methodist
- PATA
- Pimlico Connection
- WLC

1st FLOOR (Union Building)

SENIOR COMMON ROOM

- AIESEC
- Conservative
- Exploration and Development of Space
- Industrial
- Socialist Worker
- Third World First
- Youth Peace Through NATO

LOUNGE

- Audio
- Chess/Bridge
- Computer Graphics
- Ents
- Graffiti
- Greater London Club
- ICCA
- Microcomputer
- Photographic
- Pimlico Connection
- QT
- Rag
- Science Fiction
- STOIC
- University of London
- Union
- Wargames

GROUND FLOOR (Union Building)

MAIN FOYER

- Health Centre
- London Student

ENTRANCE

SNACK BAR

- Rugby Clubs

QUEENS LAWN

- Balloon
- Boat
- Dance
- Gliding
- Golf
- Guilds
- Hang Gliding
- Hockey
- IC Radio
- Karate
- Mountaineering
- RCS
- Sporting
- Motorcycle
- Wellsoc

TOWER

SHERFIELD ANTEROOM

- Asian
- Barclays Bank
- Chinese
- Cypriot
- Hellenic
- Indian
- Iranian
- Islamic
- Italian
- Kensington Committee of Friendship for Overseas Students
- Latin American
- Lloyds Bank
- Malaysian
- National Westminster Bank
- Nigerian
- Singapore
- The Times

MAIN DINING HALL

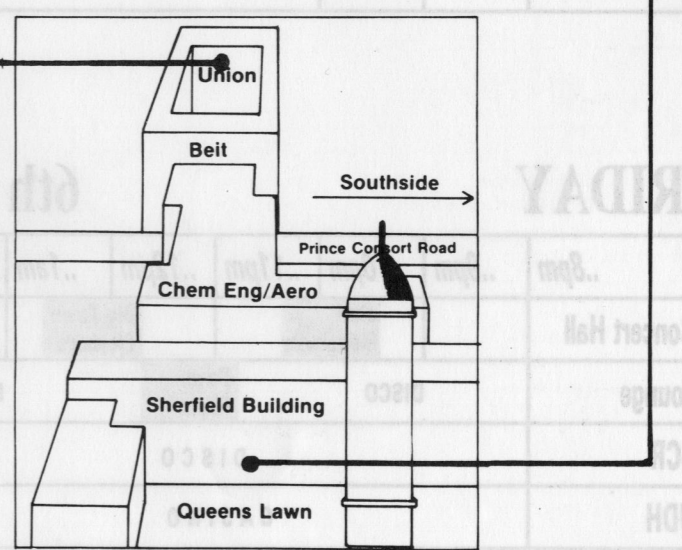
- Badminton
- Basketball
- Biological
- Boardsailing
- British Rail
- Cricket
- Cross Country
- Day Nursery
- Fencing
- Football
- Haldane Library
- IC Computer Centre
- Keep Fit
- Korf Ball
- Lawn Tennis
- Netball
- Officers Training Corps
- Orienteering
- Overseas Students
- Parachute
- Radio Rentals
- Real Ale
- Riding
- Rifle & Pistol
- Rob Northey's
- Refectories Roadshow
- Rock
- Royal Air Force
- Royal Navy
- Sailing
- Ski
- Squash
- Surf
- Swimming and Waterpolo
- Table Tennis
- Ten Pin Bowling
- Volleyball
- Wine Tasting
- Yacht
- YHA

Sherfield Building

Beit Quad and Union

BEIT QUAD

- Canoe
- Caving
- FELIX
- Scout and Guide



Just ten pounds buys you entry to all of the Freshers' Week events below. Entertainment's Chairman 'B.J.' fills in the details....

Freshers' Week Events

Firstly, I must remind anyone who has ordered Freshers' Week tickets or Ents Cards (or both) to collect them from the Union SCR Monday morning or afternoon—you will not be able to collect them on the door on Monday night. Anyone who has not bought a ticket, shame on you, the only way you can redeem yourself is to buy one from the Union Office or the Union SCR today.

What have we got lined up for you then? Only one of the best Freshers' Weeks in England. We start off on Monday 2nd October (tonight) with the New Year Party. This is headlined by *The Four Brothers*, the best band to come out of Zimbabwe. They have been getting a lot of press lately with the release of their highly acclaimed second LP 'Bros', and are one of John Peels fave bands; "The guitar playing has been known to make grown men cry"—John Peel. They are an excellent dance band.

Also in the Concert Hall is *The Woodchildren* who are four lovable mop-tops from Merseyside. With their unique dibbley guitar sound they have plucked their way into our major Freshers' Week slot after a run of major London Polytechnic dates. They replace *Syndicate* who recently split up. Check out the new album *Shopaholic*, it's great!

But that is only half of it. We have two excellent bands performing in the Lounge. One of them, *The*



Sandkings are soon to be touring with the Wonder Stuff and have a similar sound to REM. The other, *The Katydids* are an indiepop band recently signed to a major record company.

But don't take my word for it—come and see for yourself. Also on the Monday we have a crazy mix of late bars, very late discos, films and fun which all go together to provide an unbeatable night's entertainment.

Wednesday is Comedy Night when you can see some of the best alternative comedy on the circuit. We have *Wack and Zan*, a hilarious juggling act, *Felix*, an impressive stand up comedian and *Sean Hughs*, an entertaining impressario. The night is compered by *Ivor Dembina*.

The week is rounded off by the big party on Friday, the Freshers' Ball (don't bring your dinner jackets, it's not that sort of Ball). This is in a similar vein to the Monday night with late bars, late discos, food and fun. This night features some of the best party bands in town. Headlining is the *Big Town Playboys*, old favourites of Imperial College, and supporting them is the *Jivin' Instructors*, you may have seen their names on walls around London! We also have *Dave, Puppy and the Happy Dogs*—a band to miss at your peril.

So this is what's on—how much does it cost? Monday and Friday night are £5 each and Wednesday is a mere £3. You can, of course, buy a week ticket for £10 that gives you guaranteed entrance to all three nights. Tickets can be bought on the door (but please be early to avoid disappointment) or from the Union SCR or Union Office on Monday.

So when Freshers' Week is over what other events are Ents putting on?

Every Friday night (bar the first one) Ents put on a regular 'Lounge' feature. This involves a band or cabaret act along with the Lounge disco and late bar. The cost of these will be anything from £2.50 to nothing. There will also be larger Carnivals once or twice a term along the same lines as the Freshers Ball.

This brings up the subject of Ents Cards. These give you reduced admission to all the Ents events except Freshers' Week. Large savings can be made for the initial £7 it will cost for the Ents card.

If you want to get involved with the Ents crew you can see us at the Freshers' Fair where you can get some information about us. Sign up, it's great!!!

B.J. Ents Chair 89/90.

MONDAY 2nd October

	..8pm	..9pm	..10pm	..11pm	..12pm	..1am	..2am	..3am
Concert Hall				The Woodchildren		The Four Brothers		
Lounge	DISCO	The Katydids	DISCO	The Sandkings	DISCO			
SCR	DISCO							
UDH	FILMS							

FRIDAY 6th October

	..8pm	..9pm	..10pm	..11pm	..12pm	..1am	..2am	..3am
Concert Hall			Jivin' Instructors			Big Town Playboys		
Lounge	DISCO			Dave Puppy	DISCO			
SCR	DISCO							
UDH	CASINO							

Opening November 3rd

Two Moon Junction

Bye bye wimpish eighties heroes you have been forgotten. Slimy lizard Gordon Gekko of *Wall Street* and Micky Rourke's pretty boy from *9½ Weeks* heed the words: the dollar is no longer sexy and stripey shirts and bonds are a bore. Okay, so this was always true but when Zaman King, the maker of *9½ Weeks* casts a rough hunk of meat as the lead in his latest film you can bet that the New-Age Nineties are nervously starting to dawn.

Two Moon Junction takes sex back out of the city, brings it down from the penthouse heights and lays it down gently to graze (and rut) in the plains of America's South. The timeless South where another Southern Belle, April (Sherilyn Fen), is reaching the season of her life where all good girls of the oldest families must put on their grandma's wedding dress and marry the boy next door: Mr Average-Preppy 'Chad' (Martin Hewitt). But wait—the circus has come to town and I'll be darned if riding in with it, in the truck with his fightin' dog, isn't the cockiest, craziest sonofabitch straight out of April's wildest shower-room fantasy—latter-day Norse-god Perry (Richard Tyson). Stepping down from the rubber and chrome and straight out of a Levi's ad he's a rough-cut, long-haired bad boy dripping sex. Spitting out gravelling sounds through the swigs of Bourbon he's a cowboy-cum-philosopher. He's got an allergy to shirts and a gravity to women so when April takes her little sisters to the circus for a ride she starts to imagine she might quite like a ride herself.

At this point we all remember the reason we're here and the director obligingly throws reality out of the script-room window. Next scene Perry pops around uninvited (?) to April's massive mansion for a casual shower. April is somewhat surprised at this and tells him to 'Get out!'. But Perry knows and we know that what she really means is 'Get out of the shower, strip my clothes off and teach me all about sex'. This he obligingly does, even thinking to tape the whole thing



for her further study later on.

From here on in you get what you paid for—something for the ladies and something of course for the men. As an unexpected bonus some of the dead

pan love lines of bland sincerity wrinkle on the transatlantic flight (as ever) and spike some of the silliest moments with the chance for a laugh. The rest is hairy chests and pliant beasts: enjoyable smut.

The Jazz Café

Newington Green

entry £2-3, food under £5.

An evening at the Jazz Café involves being blasted off your feet or out of your seat by some of the best jazz that London can offer. The Café is intimate (that is small) with the jazz band in the front room (where conversation is impossible) and piped to the back room.

The bands change nightly, although old favourites play there regularly, and range from trios to septets (probably the maximum number of people physically possible on the stage). The jazz itself covers the whole range from modern to and fusion, so if you have any particular likes or dislikes it's worth checking their listings in Time Out. The place is uncomfortably crowded at weekends but pleasantly packed for atmosphere in the remainder of the week.

The Café is good: appetising vegetarian and vegan food with all main dishes under a fiver. You can book a table and listen to the jazz in more comfort, but you have to eat, and they won't hold the table after 8.30pm; otherwise it's unlikely you'll find somewhere to sit after about 8 o'clock. House wine is around £5

a bottle and they have about ten different bottled beers on offer, as well as more expensive named wines.

October sees the Cafés 1000th performance, so this would be a night to avoid unless you enjoy suffocating, and also a Jazz Against Apartheid evening and a photographic exhibition.

Getting there from College is relatively easy. A number 73 bus takes you to the door. Getting home may be more of a problem unless you catch the last 73, but there is a new nightbus service that will get you as far as Trafalgar Square. To get in costs £2-3, although there are student concessions (mind you, the monthly programme implied these were for NUS students only!) and there is a temptation to drink a lot of wine. It's not a cheap evening out, but it does beat sitting in the local pub listening to the juke box.

Liz W

K9

There's an old Indian saying: "Man who jogs in Hyde Park gets dogshit on trainers". By analogy with this intuitive maxim one might also venture: "Man who watches formula film gets bullshit in face". And a very appropriate analogy it would be for the latest droppings from the 'Man-and-best-friend-beast' stable K9. The unfortunate distinction remains that in public parks throughout the country people are trying, for the sake of their communities' health, to clean up these canine deposits. The film industry, in contrast, is still happily crapping away to the offence of viewers' sensibilities. So for those with an interest in the man-made environment or students of canine stools here is an analysis of the latest outbreak of this cinematic disease.

James Belushi is the unfortunate 'star' trying not to soil himself as he plays maverick narcotics cop Thomas Dooley. Dooley is too wacky and dangerous to take on a human partner but the scriptwriter soon delivers him a package deal. Dooley's ideal new partner is equally full of crap and just as unafraid to spread it around in public, coming in the form of a German Shephard dog by the name of Jerry Lee (what else?). After a shaky start together they catch the cut-out baddies and risk their futures in the films.

The moral of this story then: "In public parks and cinemas both, be careful where you tread!"

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THE DELATOR COLUMN

by Paul Shanley

Against mounting pressure from its customers, London Regional Transport is continuing with its campaign to equip all London Underground stations with automatic ticket barriers. At a time when the authority should be concentrating on more pressing matters, such as better security for its staff, more reliable services and **much** safer travel for its late-night commuters (particularly on the quieter routes such as the Northern Line), it sees fit to continue with this course of action.

Automatic barriers were introduced to combat the ever increasing problem of fare evasion. Something needed to be done. With LRT losing more and more money each year, it was left up to the fare-paying passengers to subsidise those travelling free. Unfortunately, this particular nut has been cracked with a very large and potentially dangerous sledgehammer.

To address the problem of using the machines as a tool to catch the fare-evaders is to realise that they don't perform this task adequately. A distant cousin of the ticket barrier was introduced at about the same time—the all-singing, all-dancing ticket machine. These differ greatly from their predecessors—they issue return tickets, they issue child tickets and they issue one-day travelcards. Fare evasion has never been so easy. The most common way to fiddle is to buy a child ticket and use that. There is no-one to stop you buying the ticket, because you've got it out of a machine. There is no-one to collect your ticket at the other end, because it is collected by a machine.

Okay, that leaves the third problem—ticket inspectors. There is less chance of finding one of these on the Tube than there is of spotting Lord Lucan riding Shergar. Since the introduction of the barriers, I have been asked to produce a ticket only once by an inspector. This happened a fortnight ago late at night on Victoria Station. I was just about to admit to myself that LRT had changed their ways when I was approached by a second man. He informed me that the 'inspector' was Jeremy Beadle and had I spotted the hidden camera.

There are two lesser-documented methods of not paying which I won't describe in too much detail. The first involves careful use of a one-day travelcard—

Insist on your right to pass through the manual gate at Underground Stations, says Paul Shanley

Barrier Methods



the sort you buy from newsagents. The second method requires two video recorders and a blank videotape. With these three items, you need never pay your fare again.

That is why the barriers don't work. That is why they don't justify the massive investment that London Regional Transport has placed in them. But so what; they aren't doing anyone any harm, are they? Well, the truth is, they might not have done yet, but it's only a matter of time.

A recent independent safety report carried out by an agency working for the LRT watchdog *The Passenger Complaints Authority* revealed that during certain types of power failure, the barriers close shut—not open, thereby trapping commuters within the closed confines of station exits.

Furthermore, at certain stations contained within the limits of the Circle Line, the number of barriers in use is less than is necessary to allow a rapid and safe flow of passengers through the automatic gates. In the rush hour, it is not uncommon for the queue of travellers to spill right down the stairs and onto the platform.

These two faults are more than inconvenient—they are potential death traps. If, God forbid, another Kings Cross happens, the station staff will not be able to

clear commuters away in time.

There are also a number of peripheral arguments as to why the introduction of the gates was ill-conceived. They are virtually impossible to use by blind people with guide dogs, disabled people and people carrying a lot of luggage to name but a few. LRT maintain that station staff are on hand to help wherever necessary. This isn't always true, and in any case, those mentioned above shouldn't need to seek help.

The London Evening Standard has been campaigning for the abolition of these death traps. They advocate that travellers should insist on the right to use the manual gate whenever leaving a station equipped with automatic barriers. This is a view I support. South Kensington Station—the nearest one to College that has these barriers installed—seems intent on making commuters use them. Last month I spent fifteen minutes arguing with a jobsworth at the station to let me use the manual gate. In this time, he let five other people pass through ahead of me, because their tickets were the old type that didn't fit in the new machines—why was I any different?

When you travel by Tube into College—or anywhere else for that matter—insist on your right to pass through the manual gate. It is only in this way that LRT can be brought to their senses.

Snookered

Snooker's governing body, the WPBSA, finds itself desperately in need of sponsors for two of its ranking tournaments this year, with the current season already underway. Maybe this would be a good time for the association to examine the reasons behind this instead of desperately rallying around to attract likely candidates.

The problem is the vast amount of money required to cover such an event. Unless a company's name is synonymous with the tournament—such as Embassy's endorsement of the world championships, the £1/4m or so outlay represents poor value for money.

It all stems back to the domination of the game by accountants and leisure groups in the early 80s. At one time, if a player didn't belong to Matchroom, Framework or one of the other professional management companies, then they had little chance of getting anywhere in the game.

Certainly, the continuing argument between Barry

Hearne and the WPBSA has done nothing to improve its image—an image that has been shaken by allegations of drug-taking, match-rigging and off-baize disrepute by some of the more boisterous players.

The Football League introduced a ruling a few years ago banning the ownership of more than one club by an individual. Snooker could do well to consider this proposal in their own game. Even if they don't take as radical a step as this, they could at least limit the number of full-time professionals that a manager or group can control at any one time. This would restrict the bully-boy tactics of certain managers in threatening to withdraw all their players from a tournament if their conditions were not met.

The away from the table antics of the Higgins', Whites and Stevens' of this world are not what is rapidly bringing the game into a state of disorder and chaos. The real hooligans are the men in suits who occupy the back rows of arenas with management contracts in one hand and a chequebook in the other.

Trading Places

The successor to John Smith, present College Secretary has been appointed. The new supremo, Angus Fraser, is to be known as the Managing Director of Imperial College. I look forward to any other changes that may be brought in, to accompany such an appointment.

With the apparent need for Imperial to create such a post, it will surely not be long before Imperial College Holdings plc is trading on the stock exchange floor. Who will benefit from such a share offer? Why, the students of Imperial College of course. The opportunity to participate in this flotation is one that will be regarded with dubious optimism. For a company to be unleashed onto, and sold to, the people who already own it leaves a very bitter taste. It is hard to imagine who could conceive such an idea...

President's bit

Welcome to the first edition of FELIX and to the Union page. Every week (with the consent of the Editor) there'll be news and views from the sabbaticals in the Union Office along with reports and important announcements.

During this first week you'll find me around the Union Building night and day so please come up and say hello.

Free Rides

After the events on Monday and Friday this week there will be free transport home for women in the Union minibuses. This doesn't however mean that we'll take you back home to Glasgow or Dublin! This service is provided at most major events but volunteers are always required to drive the vans. Willing volunteers with a good knowledge of London please come and see me.

Crash Pad

The Union will be operating a crash pad in the Brown and Green Committee rooms on the top floor of the Union Building from Sat 30th September through to Sun 8th October, excluding Monday and Friday nights. The rooms will be available from 9am to 9pm, girls in the Green, boys in the Brown. Bedding will not be provided so please bring a sleeping bag. This service is strictly for those people who cannot find accommodation, not for those who are too lazy or too drunk to go home.

Parking Permits

Applications for parking permits are available from the Union Office. The deadline for applications is Friday 6th October 5.30pm. Information on who has been awarded permits will be available on Monday 9th October along with the permits. A full list of those awarded permits will appear in FELIX in Friday 13th October. The permits are in short supply so don't apply unless you really need one.

Rape Alarms

These are available free of charge from the Union Office on production of your Union card.

Deputy Dai

Info

Union Cards are available all week in the SCR except Tuesday afternoon due to the Freshers Fair.

Work

If you fancy earning some extra money we always

have vacancies for people who want to work in the Snack Bar and Union Bar, also this week we need people to dispense Union Cards.

Clubs & Societies

Could all club chairpersons please supply me with access lists for their rooms, if they have not already done so, as last year's lists are now invalid. Could all keyholders please come to see me immediately.

The Great Pot Noodle Giveaway

Tomorrow at the Freshers' Fair and all week in the SCR, you can pick up your free sample Pot Noodle. Numbers are limited to strictly one per person, so be sure to get there early.

Union General Meetings

The first of these will be held on Thursday at 1pm in the JCR. Come along and find out what it's all about.

Temporary Membership

Over the summer a number of foreign colleges purchased temporary membership of the Union. This idea was passed at a Governing Body Meeting last year.

The temporary members have all been issued with a black and orange/red ID card which bears the name of the student, the name of the college, a photo of the student and the expiry date of the card.

As temporary members they are entitled to use all the facilities a full student member can apart from the library facilities. They cannot represent the clubs or societies in matches but they are entitled to join these clubs and societies. In fact you'll probably see many of them at the Freshers' Fair.

This note has been put in FELIX following problems at the Sports Centre where some students have been charged the full rate for admission. These students are now members of this college and should be treated as such.

UNION GENERAL MEETING

THE FIRST UGM OF THE YEAR
1pm

Thursday 5th October
Junior Common Room

Come along and find out what it's all about!!

—FREE— RAPE ALARMS

*For all female IC students
See Michelle in the
Union Office
Ozone friendly!
Refills also available*

Tiddlywink

Tomorrow sees the start of the Rag year with the traditional Tiddlywinking down Oxford street. Tiddlywinks is conventionally done in pairs, one person tiddling winks while the other collects. After picking up you cans and tiddlywinks from your CCU office or the snack bar everyone assembles at Marble Arch. From there we all set off along Oxford street, down Regent street ending up at Eros. After the usual feativities around Eros Everyone ends up in the Pub.

Tiddlywinks is traditionally done for Action Aid and we usually make around £2500-£3000. Action Aid run self help programmes in the third world and the money from Tiddlywinks is normally spent on an individual project. Phil Robershaw from Action Aid will be coming to the first Rag meeting to explain more as to where the money goes. If you are interested please turn up, 12:35 this lunchtime in the Union lounge.

CITY & GUILDS COLLEGE UNION WELCOMES (back) ALL THOSE IN

Mech Eng, Elec Eng, Chem Eng, Aero, Civ Eng,
Computing and the Management School
EVENTS FOR THIS AND NEXT WEEK:

MONDAY 2nd (TODAY)

Freshers' UGM 2.30pm Mech Eng 220. Your chance to meet us and be 'Entertained by' us.

TUESDAY 3rd (TOMORROW)

Afternoon: See our stands at the Freshers' Fair and come and have a chat. Queen's Lawn from 2.30pm

Night: Come to the first Christmas Party of 1989. JCR Sherfield Building from 8.00pm.

THURSDAY 5th

Come ice-skating (fall over, drink) with us at the Queen's Ice Rink. Meet in Southside Bar 6.30pm.

SATURDAY 7th

After the Tiddlywinks come for a burger at the Bar-B-Que. Princes Gardens from 5.30pm
THEN... Come on one of the toughest pub crawls around. If possible we'll do the "Guild's Baker's Dozen" (weather and time permitting).

MONDAY 9th

Guilds Freshers' Bar Night...Sing and be Merry with the accompaniment of Boat Races and Yards of Ale.

TUESDAY 10th

Mech Eng Freshers' Buffet. Great Egg Race between Aero/Elec/Civ/Staff

WEDNESDAY 11th

Chem Eng Freshers' Buffet

THURSDAY 12th

Aero Eng Freshers' Buffet. Great Egg Race between Mech/DoC/Chem/Guilds

EVERYBODY is welcome to come to the functions, irrespective of course, year or CCU. If you want to know more about any of the events don't hesitate to come into the office and ask, or give us a ring on int 3521.

Bring your copy of 'Spanner' to the meeting and win an amazing prize (possibly)

Sailing



At the end of last term a hand-picked squad of Sailing Club members gathered outside Beit Arch to be rushed away (eventually) to Coleraine (NI) for the Old Bushmills International Distillery Trip. This involved tasting whisky and then pretending to canoe the minibus back to the tents. The morning after, we found that the locals had organised a 24-hour dinghy race as well, so as we were there, we split into two teams, jumped into a couple of boats and set off into the breeze.

The first team got a good start and set off round the course only to be caught up by the seconds in a mad orgy of glory-lust that left both boats tearing

round the course at a remarkable speed. The wind soon fell away to nothing and the firsts, with Richard at the helm, gradually crawled away whilst Liam, hero of these pages, went for a swim. By morning the firsts had clawed their way up to second and were now gaining on the leader, whilst the seconds, in ninth place overall, were immediately behind both the other university teams; Edinburgh and Manchester.

In the final few hours the wind broke up and the firsts unluckily missed all the good gusts and were unable to close in on their prey, the final positions' remained unchanged.

Water Polo

We all like pleasure. Some of us even like pain! Whichever you get a kick from, come and join in with us. We've got both simultaneously in boundless quantities.

Every Monday and Friday evening, from 6.30pm, the Swimming and Water Polo Club gets together for a training session. All levels of ability are welcome to join in, from doggy-paddlers to would-be 'Matt Blondi's'. And if you think swimming to time schedules sounds painful, you'd be wrong! Great fun is had by all who come along.

If you've still got any energy left, from 7.30pm Water Polo is played. It's a fast, furious and exhilarating team sport (for those of you who don't already know) and can be played by both the ladies and the men on (comparatively) equal terms.

So don't be shy. 'Get yer kit off' and join in! There can't be any other way of keeping/getting fit that's so much fun.

Monday and Friday evenings from 6.30pm at the IC Leisure Centre.

Science Fiction

Righty-ho then, this is the welcome all! to icsf, the Imperial College Science Fiction Society.

In case you miss us at Freshers' Fair, the first film of the year is BeetleJuice, an excellent modern horror movie which frightens, when at all, through personalities rather than special effects. This will be screened on Tuesday 10th October at 7pm sharp (we really mean this dear hearts) in MechEng 220, which can be found by going to the main entrance to College in Exhibition Road, entering and then turning left. Membership is £1.50, which lets you into this film free and all the rest of this year's films for 50p, with other society events at reduced rates, or even free!

If this film is not up your street (uncultured lout) or should you be busy that night (what could be more

fun than this?), but you're still interested in icsf's events, you can get on our mailing list by seeing us at Freshers' Fair or alternatively you can contact **Amanda Baker**, Physics 2, or icsf itself through the Union Office, or come to one of the library meetings on Thursday lunchtimes at 1pm.

The library, our pride and joy, is situated down the stairs in the South West corner of Beit Quad. It really is a sight for sore eyes, to lovers of SF/F in any of its genres. Borrowing is easy and free to members, and the library functions as a nexus for many social events on and off the SF theme.

Drop in, we'd love to eat you!

The Mad Hatter.

Wing Chun

Imagine yourself walking home at night, when a stranger approaches you and asks for some money. He is keeping his right hand in his jacket pocket. What would you do?

In China, hundreds of years ago, if somebody was to mug or attack you there would have been no army or police force to protect you. You had to defend yourself. For this reason the Chinese developed Martial Arts (Kung Fu in Chinese) as a form of self-defence. Wing Chun is a style of Kung Fu from southern China. It is the only Martial Art (bar one) to have been developed by a woman—the Buddhist nun Ng Mui. She developed a system of close quarter combat that is efficient and economic in motion. Realising that a woman cannot compete with a man for strength she based her system on speed and skill to overcome an opponents strength and size. Ng Mui taught her system to a talented young female student, Yim Wing Chun, after whom the system is named.

Wing Chun is an effective self defence system that can be learnt in a relatively short period of time. It is not a sport—when you are fighting for your life it is not a game. Wing Chun can teach the weak to overcome the strong and one person can defeat many.

Wing Chun will enable you to learn many possible responses to a situation and although your response may not be perfect, you stand a much better chance if you have trained in Wing Chun Kung Fu.

News

The Club had a very active summer and while many members of the College were holidaying in the sun, a hard core of committed practitioners continued to train in night classes run by the Club.

Our annual awards were held at the end of the summer term, with trophies being awarded for skilled fighters. In April Moy Yat, one of Yip Man's disciples, visited Imperial College and gave an impromptu seminar. He was extremely impressed with the standard of Kung Fu here.

We held film shows and on August 27th we headed out to Herfordshire for the Summer Camp '89. This included an assault course complete with ambush attacks, a detailed discussion of first and second forms, a question and answer session on dummy techniques and a barbeque. All this activity was accompanied by music from Laki. The Camp's spirit continued over to the next day's training at Imperial College, where a table fighting competition was held.

Most recently we have held a reunion to allow old members of the Club to come and see how their Kung Fu family is progressing and to show that even if they had forgotten us, we hadn't forgotten them.

For those of you coming back from holiday, you will be amazed to see the progress your Kung Fu brothers and sisters have made. This progress and all the events this summer have only been possible because of the endless enthusiasm and top class instruction provided by Sifu Sid Sofos, who we are very privileged to have as our chief instructor.

Old or new members wishing to train or view training sessions you will find us in the Union Gym in Beit Quad at the following times:

Advanced

Mondays 7.30-9.30pm Thursdays 8.30-10.30pm

Beginners

Wednesdays 1.30-2.30pm Fridays 4.30-6pm



By the time you read this, if you ever get round to it during Freshers' Week, you will have been welcomed/welcomed back more times than I could possibly do justice to. I should only like to add my welcome and a few words of advice.

I know too many people who did not make the most of their Freshers' week; they all regretted it. This is your best chance to meet people before they hermetically seal themselves in their social shells. Go to the Ents events this week and go to the Freshers' Fair. If you do nothing else all week you will still have made some friends.

I can offer no better advice than to enjoy your time at Imperial. Ignore the Rector's twaddle, which he will inevitably spout at the Freshers' reception, about making the most of London as a cultural centre: most of us can't afford to attend concerts and opera. Try looking further afield than just IC however. The University of London Union offers some worthwhile clubs and events, which are very cheap.

Enough of the advice; mine is as much a pile of opinionated rubbish as anyone else's. On to more serious matters. This week's news covers a story on the possibility of fees chargeable to students. The whole idea has yet to be formally considered by the heads of Universities, but it must inevitably happen. I say this with regret because the reason for the move will not be a hard-line approach by the Committee of Vice Chancellors and Principals; it will be financial pressure brought to bear by the Government's tight-fisted funding of higher education. If Britain's Universities are not funded sufficiently they will have no choice but to increase fees and charge them to students. It should be noted that the Government has not promised to fund the fee increases fully—scholarships are usually for the few: I wonder how long it will be before corruption spreads and they are only for the wealthy with highly paid accountants and

children brought up on scholarship exams? The idea stinks but then so do the rest of this Government's 'bright ideas' on education. (Before ConSoc come wingeing, chargeable fees are an idea originated by Kenneth Baker and his sidekick Jackson; so they are Government ideas.)

Closer to home I have to admit to some amusement at the motion to be considered at Thursday's UGM. Have its authors gone mad? Even if IC Union did 'demand' that the College did not hand over names and addresses to the Poll Tax register, the College could not possibly comply. They may be open to negotiation on most matters, but when asked to break the law, the College is bound to refuse. The demand is as constructive as asking the College to ban Polish students from the College. The debate should be worthwhile, however, since it will allow the Union to formulate some policy on Poll Tax, now that we have a clearer view of what it entails.

The Rector is a conniving git. I hear he claims that he is worried for the safety of Chinese students. This is why he cannot give much from his personal allowance to help them. If he did, the logic (somehow?) goes, he would endanger the future of Chinese students at IC and their families in mainland China. More twaddle, Eric! The real logic says that if



he pays up it will make for a bad image of IC in the eyes of the Chinese Government. This would lead to a reduction in numbers or a cut-off of Chinese students coming to IC, and they are the ones who are currently paying huge fees to the College. Put another way; if the Rector coughs up, the College's income from overseas students falls. Simple when it all comes down to money isn't it?

FELIX

Having got that lot off my chest I should like to grovel humbly for people to help produce FELIX. We have a dedicated staff of enthusiastic students, but we always need help. If you fancy laying a page out or writing an article, why not pop into the FELIX office? We are in the far left hand corner of Beit Quad as you enter from the archway; the kettle is always on and we've usually got time for a chat, even if you have no real idea what you want to do.

Credits

This issue would have been impossible were it not for the help of Liz Warren. Liz has pasted up a huge amount of this issue and she has my most sincere thanks. Rose and Andrew have been fantastic as well. They've put a lot of time and patience into typesetting and printing FELIX: they've even put up with me as well! Thanks also to Jason Lander for the Science and the laughs; MAC for reviews; Chris Leahy for the music feature; Jackie Scott and Yve Posner for the Welfare feature; Pippa Salmon for helping me rip off the Fair Guide; Syd for general help; Steve for proofing; Chris Edwards for inspiration on the cover; Fiona for the ciggies and the anonymous sources, who shall remain forever so.

Deadline

Deadline for clubs and letters, small ads and what's on will be 5.30pm today. I'm sorry but it's too late for anything else this week—next issue is on Friday. Next copy deadline will be 5.30pm Monday 9th October for all submissions.

Staff Meeting

There will be a staff meeting at 1pm today to discuss Freshers' Fair and the next issue, please feel free to come along—the beers are on me.

Dave

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Is there an event your club or society would like to publicise in FELIX this term?

Please fill in the following details carefully and drop this coupon into the FELIX Office in Beit Quad.

Title of event.....

Time.....

Venue.....

Organised by.....

Entry submitted by.....

We are also trying to compile a comprehensive list of regular weekly events and also a section for forthcoming events (i.e. within the next month), please pop into the FELIX Office in Beit Quad and collect a form.

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Contact ICU Deputy President, Dave Williams in the Union Office or Snack Bar Manager Ian Richardson for more details.

What's On

AN UP-TO-THE-MINUTE GUIDE TO EVENTS AT IC

MONDAY

Undergraduate Freshers' Reception.....10.00am
Great Hall, Sherfield Building. The Rector welcomes you followed by an address by Union President and other Union Officers.

Postgraduate Intro. Arrangements.....10.00am
Departmental buildings.

Undergraduate Dept. Intro Arrangements.....11.30am

In departmental buildings.

Postgraduate Freshers' Reception.....11.30am
Great Hall, Sherfield Building. The Rector welcomes you followed by an address by Union President and other Union Officers.

CCU Intro Activities.....2.30pm
Organised by your Constituent College Union for both Postgrads and Undergrads.

Other postgraduate intro. arrangements.....3.15pm
Departmental buildings.

LIVE BAND.....11.00pm
"The Woodchildren" in the Concert Hall. Followed by "The Four Brothers" at 1.00am.

DISCO.....9.00pm
In the Lounge.

LIVE BAND.....10.00pm
"The Katyids" in the Lounge followed by a disco.

LIVE BAND.....12.00pm
"The Sandkings" in the Lounge followed by a disco.

DISCO.....11.00pm
In the SCR.

FILMS.....11.00pm
In the Union Dining Hall.

TUESDAY

Dept. Intro Arrangements.....9.30am
Departmental buildings.

Union Freshers' Fair.....2.30pm onwards
An introduction to the many activities organised by Imperial College Union. See centre pages for a detailed listing of where the different clubs and societies will be situated.

WEDNESDAY

Ten Pin Bowling.....2.20pm
Meet outside Chem Eng/Aero this Wednesday and every Wednesday.

THURSDAY

IC Radio Disco.....8.30pm
Southside. Regular Thursday & Friday disco next to Southside Bar.

FRIDAY

Rag Meeting.....12.35pm
Union Lounge. Presentation by Action Aid.

Friday Prayers (Islamic).....1.00pm
Southside Gym. All welcome. Organised by IC Islamic Society.



Garden Party.....5.00-7.00pm
Gordon Square WC1. Including food and the performance of 'El Shaddai', a mime set to music. Sponsored by ULU & University Christian Outreach.

IC Radio Disco.....8.30pm
See Thursday's entry.

LIVE BAND.....10.30pm
"Jivin' Instructors" in the Concert Hall followed by "Big Town Playboys" at 1.00am

DISCO.....9.00pm onwards
In the Lounge

LIVE BAND.....11.30pm
"Dave Puppy and the Happy Dogs" in the Lounge followed by a disco

DISCO.....9.00pm onwards
In the SCR.

CASINO.....9.00pm onwards
In the Union Dining Hall.

Small Ads

ADVERTISE IN THE FELIX SMALL ADS SECTION FREE IF YOU ARE A MEMBER OF IMPERIAL COLLEGE UNION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Congratulations** to Ralph and Cath on their engagement, hugs and kisses, Sean xxx.
- **The British Red Cross Society**, Imperial College, First Aid Course: A standard First Aid Course under the Health and Safety at Work Act will be held on Monday 9th October 1989. If you are interested come to the Holland Club at 6pm. Hope to see you then. Roger Serpell, Group Leader.
- **Student Television** of Imperial College, 3rd Floor Union Building, begins its regular transmissions to all campus halls of residence and JCR on Monday 9th October at 1pm. If you're interested in TV ring us on 3518, we're open to all ICU members.

ACCOMMODATION

- **1 bedroom** flat to let, Ealing Broadway area, £120 pw, contact Mr Curley on 5224.
- **Self-contained** flat in Islington. 5 minutes walk from Highbury and Islington tube station. From 18th Oct (or before if necessary) until 18th April '90. A longer lease would be possible. £90pw/£390 per month and one month's rent for deposit. Please contact Andrew Pennell on ext 4622.

FOR SALE & WANTED

- **For sale** Renault 19TS. Metallic blue, W reg, 1400cc, full service history, road tax and MOT, vgc, £700 ono. Call Jim on 482 4717 (evenings).

Forthcoming Events

TUESDAY 10th OCTOBER

ULU Intro Fair, 5.30-10.30pm—ULU's version of Freshers' Fair.

WEDNESDAY 11th OCTOBER

All sports facilities in ULU will be free to ULU cardholders for one day only.

FRIDAY 20th OCTOBER

ULU Unstoppable '89 all-night party.

University Christian Outreach at Imperial College

Welcomes you to a new term

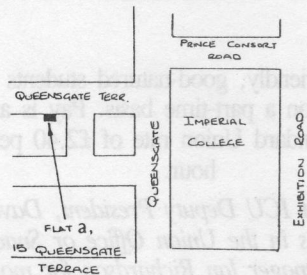
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We are Anglicans, Catholics, Orthodox & non-denominational students who stand together to express the unity Christ calls us to. We believe that if God so loves each of us, we can so love one another.

UCO believes God is alive today, and among us here. Not because we're so great, but because He is....

COME AND SEE

Freshers Fair: Tuesday October 3, Queen's Lawn
Food and Reception: Thursday October 5, 15a Queen's Gate Terrace, 584 2933. 5.30-6.00pm



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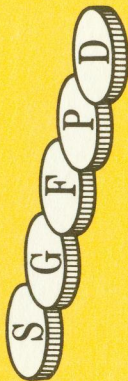
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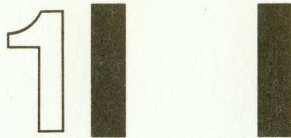
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