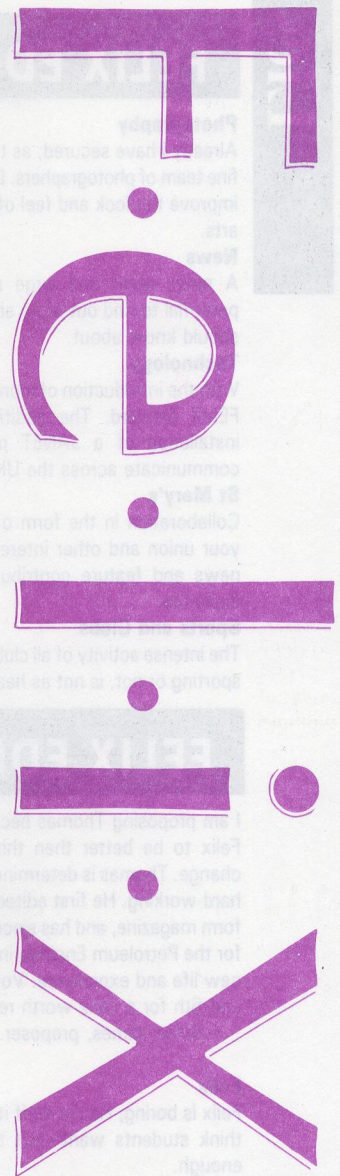


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TODAY. MAKE THEM
JUSTIFY WHAT THEY HAVE
WRITTEN.**

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FELIX EDITOR**Chris Stapleton, proposed by Jackie Scott****Photography**

Already I have secured, as this years Photo Editor, a fine team of photographers. Dedication in this area will improve the look and feel of news, features and the arts.

News

A news team and large news network has the potential to find out more about the stories that you should know about.

Technology

With the introduction of more technology I shall move FELIX forward. The addition of a FAX and the installation of a JANET pad shall enable us to communicate across the UK.

St Mary's

Collaboration in the form of weekly meetings with your union and other interested partys' will source news and feature contributions that needs to be exploited.

Sports and Clubs

The intense activity of all clubs and societys, whether sporting or not, is not as heavily reported as I would

like to see. With the cooperation of club chairpersons I would like to cultivate greater interest in this aspect of union life.

Features

Next year, Medicine and London life will mix with the already excellant general science and other articles of this year.

Opinion

Though this maybe a college with an apolitical union we are not all without opinion. Reflection on student and external life to goad your thoughts into action and off academia.

Union

The good, the bad and the ugly; all reported applauded and criticised to ensure you know what is really going on.

Lectures

Journalism in all its forms is a fascinating subject. I hope to arrange a series of lectures drawing on the vast array of contacts that can be gleaned from this the media capital of the world.

**Editorial**

Velvet, sabre-toothed, ice cold and satirical. Good for the good and bad for the bad. I shall cut and thrust with an épée for a tongue!

FELIX EDITOR**Thomas Wyatt, proposed by Dylan James**

I am proposing Thomas because I want next year's Felix to be better than this year's. Felix needs a change. Thomas is determined, enthusiastic, fair and hard-working. He first edited an award-winning 6th-form magazine, and has since worked on publications for the Petroleum Engineering industry. He will bring new life and experience. Vote for him on March 5th and 6th for a Felix worth reading.

—Dylan James, proposer.

Felix

Felix is boring, Hacks stuff its pages with what they think students want—but this is simply not good enough.

The role of Felix is to provide news and information, interest and entertainment. I feel that the news content of Felix **must** be improved. Coverage must be comprehensive and information about forthcoming events up to date.

Felix must provide what students want, and particularly what they cannot get elsewhere. Reviews, for example, are better provided by commercial

magazines.

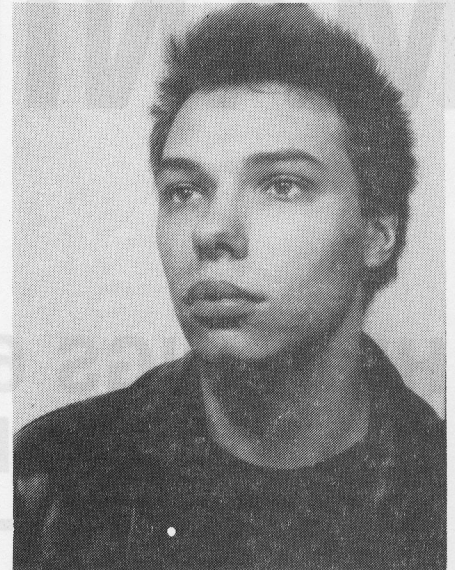
Felix must also be fun. Satire such as the 'Baron of Cheapskate' should be brought back; cartoons and light-hearted articles re-introduced.

I will use Felix to dispell alienation. It must be a window on the activities of college and a guide to the affairs of the Union. I will seek co-operation between Felix and the Union, Rag, St Mary's and other groups. I will honour responsibilities such as full publication of U.G.M. papers—although, ultimately, Felix should remain totally independent of the Union executive.

Most of all, Felix must be accessible—it is **your** newspaper. It exists for you, not just for hacks. Anybody with anything to say must feel free to use Felix as their forum.

Print Unit

Having experienced the hostile nature of the Print Unit from the 'outside', I will ensure that it is more readily accessible to all students.

**PRESIDENT****Doug King, proposed by Hal Calamvokis**

During my involvement with ICU I have known three presidents. The most important qualities for a good President are not, having grand schemes for the Union, or perfect knowledge of the constitution. They are; willingness to put in the long hours the job demands, and the ability to respond to the people who walk into the office with problems whilst you are trying to concentrate on something else.

Over the past year or so Doug has proved that he has both of these qualities.

President is no position of 'Ultimate Power'. The majority of the President's time is spent in Committees or dealing with students, this is what makes the Union run. Doug has no illusions of the job he is taking on and will do it the only way he knows how: with absolute honesty.

If these aren't good enough reasons to vote for him please do so anyway because if Doug leaves, the Bar profits will plummet.

Hal.

ICU has to be gently coaxed into doing new things, radical proposals are defeated or ignored by College. The President must make the students his priority and to do this properly he probably won't have time to pursue a vast number of projects.

I don't intend radical change, but as many people already know I am always prepared to talk with people, anytime.

There are a couple of projects I would like to undertake. I want to try and set up a welfare fund to help students who are particularly hard hit by the withdrawal of benefits, introduction of loans, poll tax etc. I would like to see more autonomy for the CCUs, which would ease future mergers.

These will be in addition to the ongoing necessities of protecting Harlington, student accomodation etc. Space limits further elaboration.

DOUGIE.

NO BULLSHIT



PRESIDENT Mark Orrow-Whiting, proposed by Edgar Denny

I am standing for ICU president so that the union fights over issues concerning students—loans, poll tax, abortion, etc.

The loans proposals will reduce students' living standards. Many working class students will be discouraged from entering higher education.

The Poll Tax represents a huge shift of wealth from the poor to rich. In Scotland there has been massive non-payment. A campaign of non-payment and demonstrations is needed.

Next year the effects of student loans, poll tax, and benefit cuts will start to bite. Students, already on the breadline, will face a desperate situation. A union which fails to tackle these issues is useless.

The Tories have allowed anti-abortion amendments to the Embryo Research Bill. Attempts to reduce the time limit for abortion represents an attack on a woman's right to choose. The loss of abortion rights would mean a return to the backstreets for women unable afford private abortions.

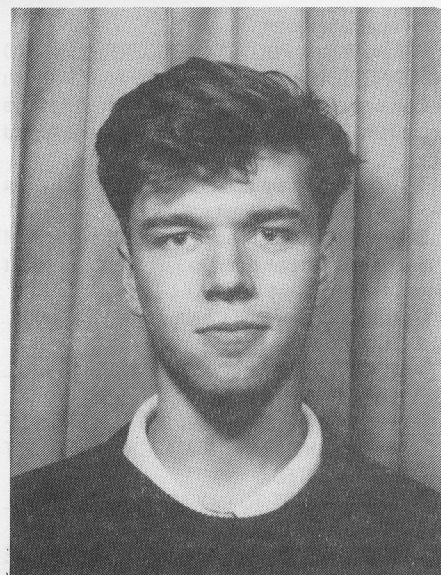
On these issues the government can be beaten. Student pressure caused the banks to withdraw from

the loans scheme. Recent opinion polls show the Tories are vulnerable.

We need a fighting union to take on these and other issues. One that organises campaigns and demonstrations rather than writing letters to MPs. Ofcourse, these campaigns would be much more effective if we were part of the national union.

The last few months have been exhilarating for socialists. Oppressive regimes in Eastern Europe have fallen. In many cases students acted as a catalyst for the revolutions. Nelson Mandela has walked free. Students here should take inspiration from these events. The best form of solidarity we can offer is to get rid of Thatcher.

I am in Physics II and a member of Socialist Worker Student Society.



PRESIDENT Athos Ritsperis, proposed by Alistair Goodall

I am proposing Athos for President because I believe he is the best person for the job.

He has proved an excellent Academic Affairs Officer, tackling the important issues that arose. As CU President he's helped build up and maintain an active and thriving College society.

I know he will run the Union well, but more importantly I know as President he will remain friendly and approachable to all.

Alistair Goodall (ICCAG Chair 89/90).

Apathy: Apathy is a real problem. If you don't understand what's going on, it's not because you aren't interested, it's because nobody tells you. I will ensure that you are kept aware of the issues.

St Mary's: St Mary's and IC Unions are required to merge within 3 years. Having talked to both Presidents I believe we have an answer that will satisfy College, without compromise.

Academic Affairs: I've seen numbers of applications

to College go down almost across the board, with workloads on the increase. I have, as Academic Affairs Officer instigated a workload survey in all departments. I will be keeping a close watch on the situation.

College: In this time of cutbacks it seems that College has turned it's attention to the student services (careers service, Nightline, and sporting facilities). I will not let College dictate on these issues. These services are necessities, not luxuries.

Welfare: I intend to expand the service, adding information on private sector rented accommodation and other housing issues, in conjunction with the existing details on Poll tax, benefits, rights, loans, etc.

Overseas: I understand the issues facing Overseas students and know a lot can be done to make them feel a more welcome part of the Union. I intend to see more social events like the very successful international night, promoting cross-cultural relations.



PRESIDENT Paul Shanley, proposed by Andrew Bannister

In terms of ability and experience, I believe that Paul Shanley has all the qualifications needed to make an excellent Union President. As well as being UGM Chair this year, he has sat on most major Union committees, including Council, Union Finance, Bar, Bookshop, Catering, Publications Board and Academic Affairs. He has also represented IC at GUC—the sovereign body of the University of London Union.

Previously, he worked full-time in College administration for fifteen months. His responsibilities included supervising twenty part-time members of staff, and working with senior College officials.

I have no hesitation in proposing Paul Shanley for the post of President of Imperial College Union.

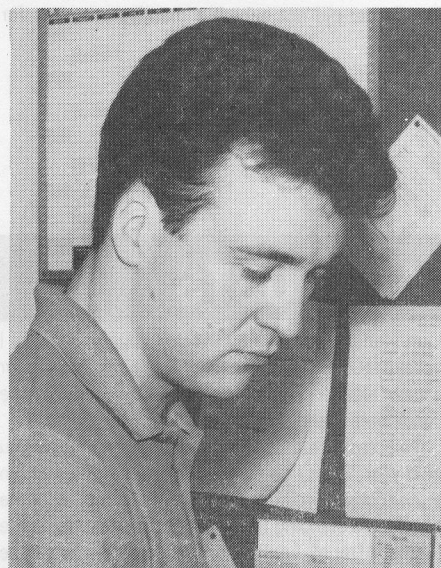
Andrew Bannister.

The Union President needs not only commitment, but also an all-round experience of both the Union and College. The President will need to negotiate firmly with College on a wide range of issues, and this can best be achieved if good relations with College officials have already been established.

Specifically next year I intend to:

- Press for improvements in College accommodation. This will be achieved by preparing a detailed report on each hall or house, for presentation to the Student Residence Committee.
- Investigate ways in which College could subsidise rents via externally generated income, such as conference letting.
- Increase the integration of postgraduate students into the Union, by improving PG representation and making better use of the postgraduate budget.
- Strongly oppose any detrimental changes to the Careers Service, such as cutbacks in funding or staffing levels.
- Try to get College to turn Harlington back into a sports ground.
- Keep students regularly informed of Union issues via a weekly piece in FELIX.

Paul Shanley.



HON SEC**Ian Thomas, proposed by Paul McNaught**

Dear Apathetic Voter,

Wakey! Wakey! POLL TAX! STUDENT LOANS! NO HOUSING BENEFIT! LONDON TUBE FARES! If you remain a student in London you are soon going to be completely FUCKED financially and living in a cardboard box.

Try asking your landlord to reduce your rent when the Poll-Tax comes:- What a laugh!

Come on get off your backsides and do something! Err...like what can I do I'm just a nobody and it doesn't matter what I do? BULL-SHIT.

Give me a chance and I'll show you what to do.

If you elect me:-

-I PROMISE TO SERIOUSLY EMBARRASS ALL GOVERNMENT MINISTERS. VISITING IC.

-I PROMISE TO SIT DOWN IN THE MIDDLE OF ROADS ON ANTI-LOANS MARCHES AND GET MYSELF ARRESTED.

-I PROMISE NOT TO PAY MY POLL TAX UNTIL THEY TAKE ME TO COURT.

-I STRONGLY RECOMMEND THAT WE THREATEN TO OCCUPY IC REGISTRY OFFICES TO

PREVENT THEM HANDING OVER STUDENT NAMES FOR THE POLL-TAX.

-I PROMISE TO DO ALL I CAN TO GET THE MESSAGE ACROSS THAT STUDENTS WILL SOON NOT BE ABLE TO AFFORD TO STUDY IN LONDON.

-I PROMISE TO HOLD BENEFIT EVENTS FOR

1. ANTI-POLL TAX

2. ANTI-LOANS

3. ANIMAL RIGHTS.

AND TO OPEN UP IC UNION SO THAT OUTSIDERS CAN COME TO EVENTS.

-I PROMISE TO DO LOADS AND LOADS, IN FACT ANYTHING YOU WANT (ALMOST) FOR RAG.

-I PROMISE TO DO ALL THE OTHER THINGS HON. SECS ARE REALLY SUPPOSED TO DO AS NICELY AND AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE.

I HAVE A DREAM TO MAKE THE WORLD GREEN, MAKE EVERYONE HAPPY AND TO SAVE NICE LITTLE FURY ANIMALS FROM NASTY SADISTS

THANKS FOR READING!

PLEASE GIVE-US YOUR VOTE!

IAN THOMAS



P.S. VOTE FOR ACTION!
P.SS. COME EAT AT THE CATERPILLAR CAFE
LUNCHTIMES—HUGE PORTIONS

HON SEC**Murray Williamson, proposed by Ralph Greenwell****Proposal**

During his time at College Murray has proved himself to have exceptional organisational abilities.

In his second year Murray was Guilds Ents Chair, during which time he organised the first Guilds' Carnival to make a profit for three years, and organised the first Guilds May Ball, which now looks set to be a permanent fixture on the College Calendar. Last year Murray was C&GU Hon. Sec. and did a sterling job for Guilds in organising the Freshers' Buffets, Dinner and Dance and all the elections, he was also an ordinary member of ICU Council. This year he is chairman of the ICU House Committee and is a Council rep. to various committees.

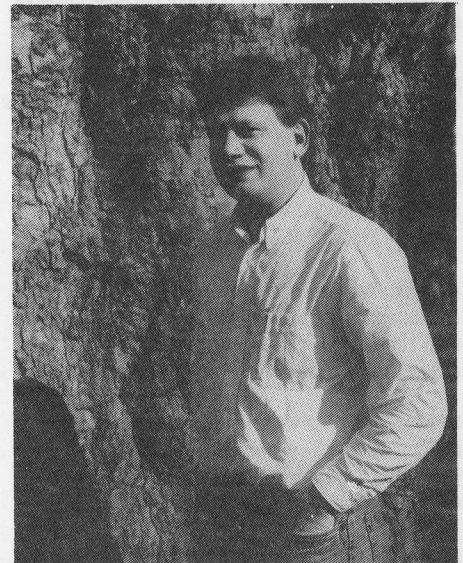
Murray's experience in College makes him the best qualified candidate for Hon. Sec. (Events)

Manifesto

I am standing for Hon. Sec. because I want to do the job and will endeavour to do it well. I am not standing on any political rostrum and did not chose the post of Hon. Sec. on the grounds that it was the sabbatical post with least opposition.

At present a great amount of the Hon. Sec.'s time is consumed by dealing with room bookings. Within the next few months a suite of PCs is being purchased for the ICU offices. With a computerised system the whole booking process should be made more efficient. This would then leave more time to organise the internal and external events of ICU.

A feeling around college is that the 'Union' runs the Union for itself. If the same people always attend the UGMs then policy brought up will reflect their views. To get other people to attend better publicity is needed, also contentious issues always get a good turn out. Don't be surprised if you see risqué motions being proposed next year!

**DEPUTY PRESIDENT Ben Turner, proposed by Dave Osborne**

Ben Turner did not submit a manifesto in time for inclusion.

ALL POSTS**New Election, proposed by anon**

I am standing for all the sabbatical posts, because I believe students should have the choice of calling for a new election if they do not believe any of the candidates standing are suitable for the posts.

If elected, I promise to do absolutely nothing for you next year. What I guarantee is a rerun of the election or elections in which I win. If you think that all of the candidates standing for a post are useless, then vote for me. After all, I am the only candidate who can be relied upon to fulfil their election promises in full.

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