



# FELIX

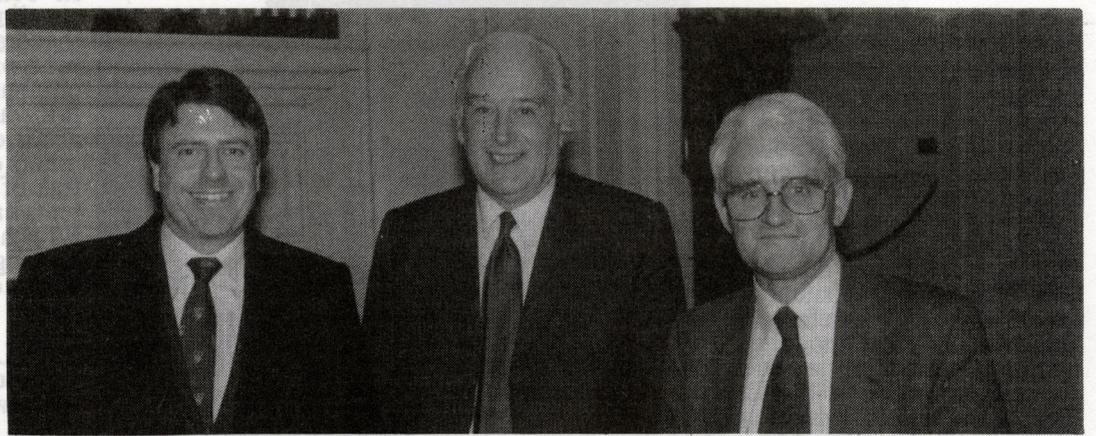
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## A Very Select Committee

Members of the House of Commons Education, Science and Arts Committee visited Imperial College on Wednesday to look into student poverty. The acting chairman, Sir Gerard Vaughan MP, said that allegations of hardship amongst students last summer had caused concern and needed examination.

The Committee, comprised of seven Conservative MPs and five Labour MPs, had a brief to look into whether some groups of students were affected by low incomes more than others; whether the maintenance grant and loan system provide adequate finance; whether the access fund was adequate and properly administered and whether vacation or part time work should play a part in student support.

After talks with the College administration, the Commons Committee met with members of the IC student Union Hardship committee, who gave numerical evidence of average student income and expenditure. Zoë Hellinger, IC Union president asked why the Commons Committee was only visiting Imperial College and no



David Evenett, Sir Gerard Vaughan and Patrick Thompson, MPs of the Committee.

other University. Mr Martin Flannery MP responded by saying that the report of the committee had to be produced quickly - preferably before Easter. Mr Gerry Steinberg MP later told Felix that this was because the findings of the Committee would be wasted if a general election was called after the Easter recess.

Ms Hellinger and Graham Lawton presented the preliminary findings of the survey conducted over Monday and Tuesday, which received just under 5% response

from IC students. A number of IC students were asked to attend, and amongst the issues raised was the time taken for student loans to come through. Mr Steinberg expressed surprise as he said his 'daughter had got it within 24 hours of application' in Nottingham. It was suggested that the delay was due to College processes.

One member of the Commons Committee reported that previously a College administrator had said that students should rely on their

parents until 21 years of age. This notion was refuted by the assembled students, who added that bringing back housing benefit for students would be the single most important piece of financial help the Government could bring. Most students said that it was very difficult to cope financially and vacation work never paid enough to make a significant dent in the overdraft. They said that overdrafts of a hundred pounds or more were considered a fact of life.

## Security Staff Roundup

The fate of the College security and messenger staff will soon be decided. The College's Governing body will take the decision on whether or not to implement proposals to sack 88 security staff at its next meeting on 22 January.

Negotiations are still continuing even though the College administration and the manufacturing unions officially ended negotiations last Wednesday 8th January. The Rector, Sir Eric Ash, met Trade Union representatives on the morning of Wednesday 15th January, and gave

them a 'sympathetic' hearing, said Ian French, of the Manufacturing, Science and Finance Union, and Mick Saul of the National Union of Public Employees. They both added that the Rector said he would prefer an in-house security system but financial considerations had to be taken into account.

The Rector will be also receiving a report from Gordon Marshall, director of Estates, through Caroline Fox, Personnel director. Mr Marshall described this report as factual, covering the negotiation process and containing

recommendations that were 'too complex to describe in detail'. Mr Steve Newbold, Management Spokesperson, emphasised that the report from Gordon Marshall was 'advisory' but that it would contain the original proposals to sack security and messenger staff.

The situation has not been helped by the release of the new college telephone directory, which does not include any departmental messenger staff. Although this was described by Gordon Marshall as 'clearly a mistake' and Steve Newbold expressed surprise that 'anyone

would do something as provocative as that deliberately'. Mick Saul.(NUPE), commented that those staff at risk had also been left out of a statement of wages of College staff which was released recently, and they had not been measured for new uniforms which usually occurs at this time of year.

The Rector met heads of all Departments yesterday and it is expected that this meeting will form the basis for any proposal recommended to the Governing body.

## IN THE LIGHT OF TRUTH THE GRAIL MESSAGE by ABD-RU-SHIN

The Grail Message "In the Light of Truth" which was proclaimed by Abd-ru-shin mediates the knowledge of the upbuilding of Creation; it explains the connections without a gap, and gives a survey of all events in Creation. It is addressed solely to the individual human being, because he alone has to bear the responsibility for everything he thinks and does. If he turns to what is good, all else will likewise turn out well. It has immediate effect upon marriage, the family and finally the entire nation!

An important statement in the Grail Message is the explanation of the Laws of Creation. They work unitedly, in the whole of Creation, in the earthly sphere as well as in the non-visible parts of Creation. A few of them shall be dealt with here.

### The Law of Reciprocal Action

or the Law of Cause and Effect, which is aptly mentioned in the Bible (Gal. 6,7) as follows: "Be not deceived, God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that he shall also reap." This Law applies not only to the earthly but also to the spiritual seed and harvest! Therefore, if a man holds good thoughts, intuitive perceptions and deeds he will, according to this Law, reap a multiple of good in due course; on the other hand, if his volition is evil, dark retroactions will come to him to a greater extent. The choice between good and evil volition lies in his free will, in which the responsibility of the human being is also founded.

In this Law is fulfilled the fate or karma of man. Hence if at some time he encounters a harsh fate for which he would even blame God, then he, through his own fault, has given cause for it, which may often have been long ago in former earth-lives. However, it lies again with man to turn everything to the good if he earnestly strives to observe the Laws and Commandments of God.

In the Law of Sowing and Reaping, the Law of Reciprocal Action, lies also the solution to the frightful fates of the masses and of individuals among earthly mankind which we witness today, and which arouse compassion within us!

Through the World Judgement there comes in addition into Creation an increased Spiritual Power, pressing all the good and bad deeds which have grown up over thousands of years to a quicker final release, and accelerating also the natural catastrophes! It is the time of the "end of this world", which Jesus foretold, in Chapter 24 of Matthew's Gospel. But only the end of this old, bad world, which after the World Judgement is to be followed by a new, good world, with the Kingdom of Peace of a Thousand Years on Earth! Also in the Revelation of John the old world and the new are described in spiritually portrayed pictures.

### The Law of Gravity

can be observed when, for example, a piece of iron sinks to the bottom in a glass of water, whereas a piece of cork will not go down but remains at the top. The effect in the life of human beings is exactly the same. According to either its good or its evil volition, the human soul had made itself lighter or heavier. As a result, either it rises up to lighter regions, or it sinks down to lower, dark regions after its physical death.

### The Law of Attraction of Homogeneous Species

is aptly expressed by the popular sayings "Birds of a feather flock together" and "Like attracts like". Even the whole social life of mankind on earth is influenced by it. Whether it concerns a union of peoples, races, or one from religious, social, professional, economic and political motives, human beings who in some way are suited to each other will always come together. The ancient peoples had some idea of the effect of this important Law, and followed it unconsciously, in that they separated into occupational and educational classes. In these each had the opportunity to live and develop on homogeneous soil. The gradually emerging division into upper, middle and lower classes, however, was wrong! On the one hand it produced envy and hatred, and on the other conceit, arrogance, as well as sloth, and finally, as a result, class-conflict. In reality, however, only the standing side by side and working together of all classes can henceforth produce a harmonious development. For then every class is of full value in its own way; it has abilities and merits which the others do not have; it is a necessary link of the whole. All social problems can be solved later, once this Law has been recognised aright. Lasting social peace and ascent will then be guaranteed.

### The Law of the Necessary Balance between Giving and Receiving

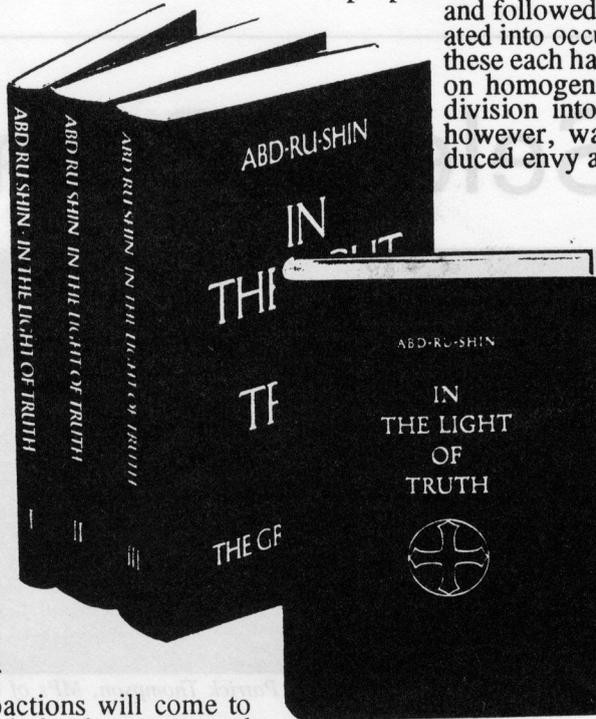
When Jesus said "It is more blessed to give than to receive" (Acts 20,35), He had in mind this

Law. All processes in Creation are subject to this Law, whether it be the interplay of forces between the celestial bodies, or the sense of balance of the physical body. Day in, day out we observe it, though for the most part unconsciously, be it in breathing in and out, or when we endeavour to "redress the balance" in something. On the other hand, we may come to harm when something "throws us out of balance", in great things and in small, for non-observance of this Law causes stagnation and disturbance, even decline and decay if the disregard continues.

Thus this Law of Balance between Giving and Receiving will one day play a fundamental part in a true international understanding. The time has come for the peoples and races to stand side by side, mutually respecting, helping and furthering one another, in the recognition that every people, every race possesses earthly and spiritual values which are indispensable to complete the whole, and which in turn other peoples and races do not have. That then stipulates a vital exchange of these values, an exchange that must hold the right balance in accordance with the Law of Balance between Giving and Receiving!

On 6th December 1991, it was 50 years since the death of Abd-ru-shin (Oskar Ernst Bernhardt). The author chose the name "Abd-ru-shin" in fulfilment of a former earth-life, which was the preparation for his present working. May these few references to the content of the Grail Message be enough to bring to mind the Work of Abd-ru-shin, who 50 years ago followed the Call of the Eternal One. With that was fulfilled his high task of bringing inner peace to the human beings and showing them the way to the luminous heights.

The Grail Message "In the Light of Truth" by Abd-ru-shin is available in the Imperial College Union Bookshop or through your local bookshop.





In Tuesday's Guardian there was a feature concerning the possible break-up of the federated University of London. Defederalisation seems to be very fashionable nowadays, though I expect the process would be slightly more gentlemanly here than in ex-Yugoslavia. There are a lot of arguments for and against defederalisation which I am not going to repeat here - mainly because I don't know them - but I will repeat a quote from Dr Derek Roberts, provost of University College.

'It sounds elitist, and it is. If anyone believes that to get a first class degree in one of the not-so-good polytechnics produces the same quality of education and the same quality of people as, say, Imperial, they are either stupid or barking.'

In my experience, admittedly limited to two summer vacation jobs and a year or two trying to find a real job (as a number of people somehow don't consider working 80 hours a week a real job), the fact that I have an 'Imperial' degree is completely irrelevant. Unless you intend to follow the exact specifications of your degree for the rest of your life in your career, an 'Imperial' degree may be a positive handicap. This may in part be due to the intensive method of teaching, but also in part to the type of student this place attracts. I really don't know.

#### Sabbatical Elections.

Our own, home-grown leaders of the future will be exalted to high office soon. You too can watch their innocence corrupted to a vile morass of self interested power cravings and cynical manipulations, machiavellian in their subtlety, until their over inflated egos explode in a shower of nepotism and self-congratulatory sycophancy.

Unfortunately due to IC Union election rules, I am not allowed to release all the information I might know about any one of the candidates. Apart from making the campaign tedious, it means that you, the electorate, don't have all the information required to elect a suitable candidate. Since I don't have much respect for rules or accepted conduct, I would just ignore them, but this might mean an annulment of the election, a re-run and generally a difficult life for

all involved.

Anybody wishing to stand for the post of ICU President, Deputy President, Honorary Secretary (Events) or Felix editor should see their respective predecessors and despair. Papers go up on February 17, hustings will be held at St Mary's on March 2 and at Imperial on March 5. Voting will occur on 9 and 10 March.

#### Credits

Poddy, Rose, Mario, Andy T for last week, the Hungarian Railway station abbreviation massive sylvian furry mammals, Toby, Steve N, Stef, Simon, James, Matt, Damayanti, Scott, Declan Curry, Troy Tempest, Penguin, Khurram, Sumit, Ian, Jonty, Beccy, Nina, Marge Areen, Steve F, David L, Ali, Sam, Jeremy (Honk) Banal and Mus musculus albinus.

## Pissing Off Important People

Dear Adam,

After the recent industrial problems with the messengers/security staff at Imperial I have a minor rant that I would if possible like to see published on the matter in general as I think that the real issue has been grossly clouded. I hope you will bear with me:

Imperial College is in desperate financial straits. It has no money at all. It needs to make some savings if it is to remain a viable concern.

I don't think that too many people would disagree with the essence of the above but the worrying trend at the moment is to make the place into a money making body without any thought for what this place actually stands for. This is an educational institute first and foremost and the welfare of the students should be its paramount concern. On campus we now have a conference centre occupying a large section of a student residence building when we are short of housing, the sports centre is being turned into a general London facility and large areas of the campus that could be used as teaching areas are rented out to outside companies.

On top of all this it seems that every service that we have in college from our security service to our catering outlets are being forced along the road to outside tender, a solution that provides a short term cash prize but jeopardizes the very

fabric of the institution by providing us with permanent staff who have no loyalty to the college, who cannot be vetted by college and who are ultimately beyond the control of the college. Moreover I suspect that a few years down the line college will find itself in a very poor negotiating position and the cost of this little exercise will prove to be a rather bigger bite than it intended to chew.

There is a bit of a problem however, security is crap.

Some attempts are being made to improve it, for example the wipe card system being installed, but this is approaching the problem from the ass end. The real problem is in the staff. I can think of at least two members of the daytime security force who spend most of the day in one bar or another in a state of partial inebriation...ON OVERTIME! There is no daytime security as such anyway, in the daytime they are messengers and if they are the night time staff they are on overtime.

The solution to this problem lies straight at the feet of the college management. It is a reorganisation of security, which ought to include the firing of the incompetent members of the staff, the promotion of the good members and if necessary the hiring of new staff to fill any gaps. I don't think the union would object to firing a member of security for being pissed on duty! A taut system would be more

efficient, cheaper and would not have the effect of alienating and angering a large number of the college's staff apart from those (in many cases very competent and loyal) who would have their lives totally turned upside down in the middle of a period of recession where jobs are scarce.

The way I see it college management are taking a problem that they are not competent to handle and throwing it into a someone else's problem field for a short term hump on the balance

sheet. Thought for the day, perhaps they are the people that should be fired and replaced by outside tender since they seem incapable of performing, perhaps they are a useless money drain on the college's account?

N.B. Before people start complaining that I have not signed this I would like to point out that I am a student and I have just pissed off some very important people.

Thankyou for bearing with me.  
Name withheld by request.

## Getting Fed Up

Dear Adam,

I'm getting fed up with people using your letters page to argue about whether Christianity is true or not, and trying to prove or disprove it. I don't believe this can be done. Christianity is about a relationship, and as such is a matter for experience. Let me illustrate with a story...

I have a friend called Jim. You have never met Jim, and only have my word that he exists. I cannot prove his existence to you, nor can you disprove it. I can present evidence; so can you. We can each explain away or disregard the evidence put forward by the other, and it is unlikely that this exercise will change anyone's viewpoint. Only when you meet Jim for

yourself (assuming he is happy to meet you) will my claim be substantiated. But I won't have proved it, Jim will have proved his own existence.

...So let's have no more of this proof and disproof, claim and counterclaim—it's all so much hot air. Christians, please don't push Jesus down people's throats. Atheists/agnostics/people of other faiths, please stop trying so hard to prove us wrong—it can't be done.

Can we all just respect each other's personal integrity and let it drop? Do people have no other concerns to write about?

Yours,

Judith Robson, Centre for Composite Materials.

Labour leader, Neil Kinnock, and his shadow economic team have announced their plans to pull Britain out of recession, and to keep Britain out of recession.

The 'Made in Britain' package builds on the earlier success of Gordon Brown's 'Industry 2000' campaign. To develop plans for technology and training, Shadow Trade Secretary, Brown, published a discussion document which was the basis of a year long consultation with industry.

build a strong economy is to make the goods and services that people at home and abroad want to buy.

This is how to secure jobs that last, the way to create wealth to pay for a first class National Health Service, higher living standards, and a better quality of life.

What are the plans, and how will they work? Labour Shadow Chancellor, John Smith, has the answer.

'Britain needs a real recovery, a recovery based on investment in

goods. We will solve both sides of the equation. Like our partners in Europe, we will create a prudent financial system, with sensible credit management to prevent a credit explosion driving up inflation. Labour will end Conservative policy of driving up inflation through excessive price rises for water, electricity, transport fares, and prescriptions. Under Labour, inflation will not be made in Downing Street.

#### Investment.

Producing the goods is just as important as controlling the money. Investment is a crucial ingredient in a successful counter-inflationary policy. This is the real lesson of Germany and Japan, where high levels of investment in industry and in people have created economies with the capacity to grow faster for longer and with less inflation than anywhere else.

As John Smith said at the 'Made in Britain' launch:

'Recovery in Britain must be investment led. We must encourage innovation and invest in new technology, and in the skills of the workforce.'

To bridge the investment gap with our competitors, Labour are proposing a new investment incentive, an enhanced capital allowance to enable industry to expand its investment out of recession.

Labour will introduce a Manufacturing Investment Expansion Scheme, offering a new tax allowance for investment in technology and equipment. There will be an enhanced first year capital allowance for certain categories of plant and machinery, and for investment in innovation and design. Capital allowances will be available for capital expenditure involved in product development. These enhanced allowances will run for a fixed term to stimulate rapid increase in investment at a time when it is most urgently needed.

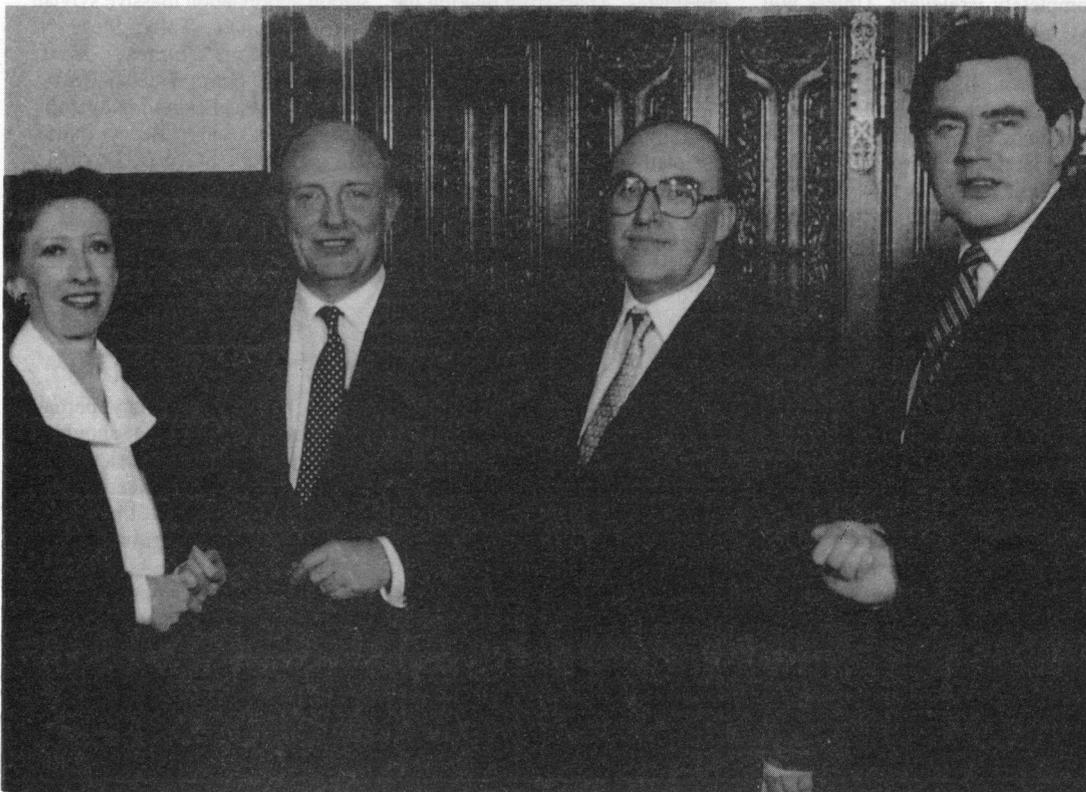
Labour will also offer new tax incentives for individuals to invest in new and growing manufacturing firms. Investments will be set against tax, and the scheme will run for five years.

#### Science in Britain.

To bridge the technology gap, Labour will implement a new 'Scientists in Britain' research and development (R&D) incentive that will offer the best incentives in Europe and provide a direct stimulus to high technology companies to build strength into the economy.

This new tax break will encourage additional research

# Made in Britain



*Declan Curry,  
IC Labour  
Society Press  
Officer, starts  
the election  
campaign. Oh  
God, it's started  
already.*

As a direct result of this, Gordon Brown announced at the 'Made in Britain' launch last week that Labour is making industrial policy the central dividing line between Labour and the Tories.

'A Labour government is prepared to work with industry to address the training, technology, investment and regional challenges that face Britain', said Mr. Brown.

Neil Kinnock told the conference at the Queen Elizabeth II Conference Centre that Labour's Made in Britain strategy 'combines strong commitment to economic stability with positive policies to build industrial strength'.

#### Common Sense.

The Labour policy, to be implemented on day one of government, starts from one simple commonsense fact: the only way to

industry and in people, not another candy floss consumption boom.

'Labour believes that the first responsibility of government is to create a stable economic framework so that business can plan and invest for the future.'

#### A Stable Economy.

Labour is to combine sustained and balanced growth with stable exchange rates, steady and competitive interest rates, and low inflation.

Labour will maintain the value of sterling within the European Exchange Rate Mechanism (ERM). Devaluation is not an option. Sterling went into ERM at the value it has averaged over the last twenty years, and there it will stay.

Labour will tackle inflation head on, and beat it. Inflation means too much money chasing too few

investment by firms. Strict rules will ensure that the investment is genuinely additional. On top of the current 100% allowances for R&D, companies will be awarded additional 25% tax credit for investment made over and above that made in a base year.

The policy will be progressively revised to incorporate all investment in innovation including design and technology transfer.

The 'Scientists in Britain' policy will have a considerable impact. It will create a genuine incentive for new investment, and bring Britain into line with the USA, Japan and France, whilst meeting European Community requirements which limit research grants to 25% of cost.

To complement the 'Scientists in Britain' scheme, technology trusts will be established throughout the country during the course of the next Labour government. These technology trusts will be run by technologists and business people, and will bring together universities, industrialists, financiers and government.

The technology trusts will have three main aims.

1. To improve the quality of technology transfer to smaller firms, ensuring that they have ready access to the best of the world's new technologies.

2. To open up laboratories and their technicians to help small and medium sized firms turn their ideas into commercial products.

3. To help in the commercial utilisation of ideas developed by universities and polytechnics in their area.

Again, the technology trusts will build strength into the economy.

**Skills and Training.**

Bridging the skills gap is a crucial factor in recovery, and Labour's 'Skills in the 90s' programme will bring together the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) and the Department of Employment to do this. A Labour government will create a coherent national training policy. Labour will introduce a minimum training contribution to prevent the bad employer riding free on the back of the good. Companies should not be able to get a competitive edge by poaching the workers other companies have trained. We will therefore ensure that those employers who do not pay their fair share contribute instead to local training funds.

Young people will have a right to learn under Labour. We will give a much higher priority to the development of National Training Qualifications, and prevent employers taking on 16 to 19 year

olds without a proper training contract.

In addition to these measures to improve training, Labour is working on proposals to create a University for Industry, building on Labour's expertise and success in setting up the Open University. Plans are being drawn up in close collaboration with industry, higher education, training and broadcasting institutions to create a modern high tech university to deliver a wide range of courses. Watch this space!

**Backing British Exports.**

Britain has always been a trading nation. Our prosperity has rested on our ability to sell goods to the world. Export led growth is the only guarantee of sustainable growth.

A Labour government will introduce four measures to provide the basis for export led growth in the 1990s.

1. We will create a revitalised and integrated export service combining the trade functions of the DTI, Foreign Office, and the British Overseas Trade Board.

2. We will ensure through our one stop advisory network that small firms wanting to export have a single point of access to market information, advice and assistance.

3. Labour will launch regional export drives in Britain in collaboration with Chambers of Commerce and regional development agencies.

4. We will encourage Ambassadors and other UK representatives abroad to deepen their knowledge of British export industries and become more active in their support.

**Greening Industry.**

The great challenge of the 1990s is to modernise industry to make it environmentally friendly. A Labour government will announce urgent measures.

New national and European research programmes will encourage the development of new environmental technologies, including application of information and biotechnology. Technology trusts will be encouraged to play a leading role in helping small and medium sized firms adopt more energy efficient and waste reducing processes. New labelling procedures will also be introduced to provide consumers with full information about the environmental and energy implications of products.

To provide maximum public focus for the Greening of Industry, Labour will launch a Great

Environment Exhibition in year three of the first Kinnock government. This will provide a platform and showcase for the new environmental technologies and give British industry an incentive to become a world leader in the environment.

**Backing British Industry.**

Labour is the only party which recognises the central part that manufacturing must play in our future prosperity. Labour believes that Britain is at its best when we use our people's inventive genius to make goods and sell them to the world. And we know that government has a positive role in helping industry to make it happen.

Only a Labour government would be fit and able to do this. Labour has listened to British business and industry. We have looked at the best examples of what our competitors are doing. Labour has worked out a real programme for recovery.

**On the Road.**

Labour's campaign has hit the road. Next Monday, we will be in Yorkshire, and in the East Midlands on Friday. On Monday 27 January, Labour will be back in London and the South East.

Labour is now telling the country about its policies for sustainable recovery and stable growth. All we need now is for John Major to go to the country.



No opinion or feature article published in Felix necessarily reflects the opinions of the editor or staff of Felix.

Opposing viewpoints are welcome, and I look forward to

a Conservative article or two in the future. But I will cease to publish such opinions as soon as they bore me, and this may be soon  
—Adam.

**PREMIER DIVISION**

KC	9	7	1	1	34	8	16
Golds	9	5	2	2	28	11	12
<b>IC</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>12</b>
RH&BNC	9	5	1	3	24	17	11
UC	9	5	1	3	21	20	11
LSE	8	4	0	4	20	22	8
St Georges	9	2	2	5	12	24	5
QMWC	8	1	1	6	10	25	3
SoP	7	0	0	7	7	32	0

**DIVISION ONE**

RH&BNC 2nd	10	7	1	2	29	20	15
<b>IC 2nd</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>12</b>
UC 2nd	7	4	2	1	17	12	10
St M	7	4	1	2	22	15	9
MxUCH	8	3	1	4	11	23	7
KC 2nd	8	2	2	4	15	16	6
KCH	7	3	0	4	12	13	6
Royal Free	7	2	1	4	19	16	5
UMDS	4	2	0	2	6	11	4
QMWC 2nd	7	1	0	6	6	20	2

**DIVISION TWO**

ChXW	8	6	2	0	28	8	14
KC 3rd	10	4	4	2	27	14	12
St Barts	7	4	2	1	11	5	10
RSM	8	4	1	3	15	13	9
<b>IC 3rd</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>7</b>
RLHMC	7	3	1	4	20	19	7
Golds 2nd	8	2	1	5	13	11	5
LSE 2nd	6	2	1	3	10	15	5
UMDS 2nd	6	2	0	4	11	31	4
UC 3rd	8	0	3	5	9	24	3

# ULU Football

The following tables show the relative positions (up till 23rd December) of the Imperial College football teams in the University of London Intercollegiate Leagues 1991-1992. As can be seen all the teams are doing reasonably well,

except for the 5ths who are languishing near the bottom of the Fourth Division. The 2nds and the 4ths have both got good chances of promotion if they can sustain their form till the end of the season.

## Four Little Dragons

Many of you Imperial College students think of places like Singapore, Taiwan, Hong Kong and Korea as mysterious, far-eastern countries to which you will never travel. Certainly the cost of travel is high and the distances large, but they are well worth the investigation and make good holiday destinations.

As a person from that region of the world, I can tell you that the variety of the cuisine would overwhelm a gourmet. The shopping makes a mockery of the sales currently on in this country, because prices are so low.

Furthermore, the economic success of these countries makes

them no less comfortable to live in than any other western country. Not more than forty years ago these places were backward and underdeveloped. Today, they have caught up with the West and have economic growth rates far faster than any western country. Hence their collective name of the 'Four Little Dragons'.

I write this article to attract you to an exhibition, held by the Chinese, Singaporean, Taiwanese and Korean societies. A lot of effort has been put into this exhibition, which will have food and show culture, including calligraphy. Do take a look. The exhibition will take place in the JCR on 24th January.

## IC Radio 999khz

Time	Sun 19	Mon 20	Tue 21	Wed 22	Thu 23	Fri 24	Sat 25
9pm	IMPERIAL COLLEGE RADIO MORNING MUSIC JAM						
12pm	Matt	Chris Holgate		Dan The			Robin
1pm	Smith	Dave	Gareth Mitchell	Man	Gareth Mitchell		Griffith
2pm	Howard Gossington						Tom
4.30pm	IMPERIAL COLLEGE RADIO AFTERNOON MUSIC JAM				Catherine Low	The Globe Trotter	C
5pm	National Top 40	Randy	Alex	Spev & Dave		Jim & Liz	DJ
6pm	Radio 1	Ali	W	Jon B	Katherine (Arts)		F.A.
7pm	Taz &	Kwai	Stan & Cath	Gavin	Richard Collins	Abi & Alun	
8pm	Dave	Mat	Steena	Amran	Neil Jackson	Newsdesk	
9pm	Sporadic	Ben	Flage	Rob	Marcus	Karl	David
10pm	Staircase Six	& Mike	James	Barney	Marcus	Me Mark Page	Mac
11pm	Request Show	RADIO LUXEMBOURG THROUGH THE NIGHT					

# League Tables 1991/92

## DIVISION FOUR

KC 4th	9	7	0	2	27	8	14
<b>IC 4th</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>13</b>
UC 5th	11	6	1	4	23	25	13
KC 5th	11	2	1	8	9	26	5
St Geo 2nd	10	4	1	5	21	15	9
KCH 2nd	8	4	1	3	23	19	9
<b>IC 5th</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>9</b>
QMWC 4th	7	4	0	3	15	17	8
UC 6th	9	4	0	5	26	30	8
UMDS 3rd	9	3	0	6	14	25	6

## DIVISION FIVE

RSM 2nd	11	8	2	1	46	20	18
ChXW 2nd	10	9	0	1	35	9	18
QMWC 5th	13	8	1	4	56	26	17
RH&BNC4th	9	7	1	1	37	13	15
LSE 4th	10	5	2	3	24	16	12
KC 6th	12	4	1	7	40	52	9
MxUCH 2nd	9	3	2	4	18	21	8
<b>IC 6th</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>7</b>
UC 7th	8	0	0	8	16	37	0
RLHMC 2nd	11	0	0	11	10	62	0

## Tenpin Bowling

Last Saturday the IC Tenpin Bowling team defeated Portsmouth Poly 7-3 in a friendly. The A team lost 3-1 and thoroughly deserved the score line. Captain Flood tried in vain to lead the team to victory with a 513 series but to no avail.

The B team bowled superbly to record a 4-0 win. Sam Cher bowled a brilliant 529 series with Haf Al-Qasaab bowling a 487 series. The C team drew a close game 2-2 with Dave Wilkins leading the way with a 427 series. The ladies team, with two guests, came out on top with a 3-1 win. In a very tight encounter Liz Scorey bowled a 429 series while Jane Striebig got a 403 series.

On Sunday IC beat Kent

University 8-2 to qualify for the UCTBA quarter finals. The A team produced an abysmal performance and lost 3-1. Again Captain Flood top scored with a 461 series.

The B team bowled well to recorded a 4-0 victory. Sam Cher rounded off a great weekend with a 497 series. Haf Al-Qasaab and Doug Gardner backed up well with 455 series. The C team stormed to a 4-0 victory winning by 324 pins. Gary Ma bowled a stupendous 525 series.

The ladies team won the closest match of the year so far 2.5-1.5 with the second game tied on 424 pins. Jane Striebig bowled well with a solid 409 series.

## Dance

Welcome back! The dance club wishes to thank all the dance club members for the enthusiasm they showed last term, especially the beginners who helped to make the beginners classes so successful. For all those who didn't make it in the

first term and would like to learn to dance, there will be a new beginners ballroom/latin class on Thursdays at 7pm beginning on 16th January. So come along and try it out!

## Chess

17.01.92  
Away match against Fulham II.  
Meet 6.30pm—security Beit Hall.

Result IC 5—Kings Head II 3

## Broomball

Imperial Broomball Tournament.  
Friday 24th January. Come along to a meeting in Southside Upper Lounge on Monday at 12.30pm to sign up—everyone welcome (with or without a team).

## Stage Hands Wanted

This is a cry for crew and a shout for set builders! Yes, the time has come: this is a call all you back-stage people have been waiting for. Opsoc & Dramsoc require an army of people to be back-stage crew and/or set builders for their forthcoming production of Grease (tickets on sale now in the Union Office, Dramsoc Storeroom, Sherfield Building and from cast and crew members).

The show will be happening in

less than two weeks and the set is huge - so there are loads of things to done. Experience is not necessary; we are looking for willing and enthusiastic people.

Set building is happening most lunchtimes in the Concert Hall in the Union Building. Please turn up as often as you can. For any further information contact Richard Harrison or Derek Hirst in Mech Eng or the Dramsoc Storeroom - up the stairs by the Union Bar.

## Russian Scientist

On Friday January 24th Konstantin Gringauz, a senior Russian Space Scientist at the IKI (Institute of Space Research, Moscow), will be visiting Imperial College. That evening at 6.30pm in Elec Eng room 408, he will be presenting a talk which has been coordinated by the Space and Atmospheric Physics Department and ICU Students for the Exploration and Development of Space (SEDS).

Since Sputnik-1, which sparked off the space age in the late 1950's, the Soviet Union has been sending probes to investigate the inner planets and the interplanetary environment. Throughout these 35 years of 'in-the-field' space science research Konstantin Gringauz has played a major role, from Sputnik to missions to Mars, Venus and

Comet Halley.

Konstantin Gringauz's expertise lies in plasma - charged particle-detectors. Through his involvement with instruments flown in Soviet spacecraft he has made a number of discoveries. He made some of the earliest measurements of the solar wind and hence discovered the plasmopause boundary, which marks the end of the purely terrestrial plasma regime in space. Many of his detectors flew on vehicles in the Soviet planetary programme. Through these instruments he and his associates discovered the cometpause at Halley's Comet (the Vega mission) and very large unexpected fluxes of material drawn from Mars by the Solar Wind (the Phobos mission).

# Senseless Things- Easy to Smile Mega City 4 - Stop EP

## 12 Inch

This 12" comes with a Jamie Hewlett print from the back cover. It's a lovely print. £3.50 for an art print. Admit it, you pay more than that from the guy down the South

Kensington subway, don't you? And this isn't just a boring black and white picture of someone on a railway platform. No, it's in colour. Record? What record. Oh, got it. Another cut from the First Of Too Many album. Just your average indie sound. Nothing particularly outstanding. Nothing particularly obnoxious. Lovely print though.

Lise Yates.

What is the world coming to? There used to be things you could rely on, that a British summer is when the rain gets two degrees warmer, that the Conservatives will cock up the economy and that *Mega City Four* records will do serious, and I mean serious, damage to you ears. Well, one of these is no longer true. On the back cover is a little comment that they are against hard drugs, does this mean they condone soft

ones? Probably. They have certainly mellowed out a lot since the last time I saw them when one particularly energetic member of the audience decided that climbing up on the speaker stack and throwing himself off the top was fun. He got about as far as the Wright brothers' early efforts. Why is this? I hear you ask. Well, you can answer that one yourself.

Pebbles



The Senseless Things, on a roof.



Mega City 4, on a roof.

## The Magic Box 2

So what do we have in the magic box for you this week. *The Fat Lady Sings* are an Irish rock group, who more prestigious publications than this have described as 'Ireland's finest band' (NME). I'll be there and I'll be looking out for you. There's a disco at the union if you don't want to exert yourself, but just want to be pathetic.

Nothing on Saturday, I'm afraid.

I'd stay in and watch Brazil if I were you. Oh no, home alone.

As for Harlesden, I doubt that any of the RSM rugby team would go there alone, so I suggest that you go with a friend.

Poddy Music Ed.

### TONIGHT

**The Fat Lady Sings, etc. Clapham Grand, £7**

British Rail from Victoria or Waterloo to Clapham Junction. It's on St. John's Hill outside the station entrance.

### MONDAY

**Wendy Page Mean Fiddler Acoustic Room, £4**

Turn right out of Willesden Junction tube (Bakerloo). Right again, and carry on along this road until you get to a bank. Turn left along High St. Harlesden, and it's on your left.

### THURSDAY

**Kingmaker, Sensitize, etc. U.L.U., £6**

See last week's Felix.

## Ents Rave

### City

As I was upstairs all night with all the hyper cool and trendy people I can't comment on *Flood*, or the two other groups that supposedly played that nobody know about. The crap 'hardcore' dance music that is somehow making it in the charts was nowhere to be heard. It was pure techno, rave, heavy house here. The sort of beats that measure 8.9 on the Richter scale and if you feet didn't move here you have no soul. What more can I say, I had a great and groovy time and my legs have only just recovered.

Pebbles

### STUDENT LOANS SPRING TERM 1992

Appointments can be booked, in person, in Room 344 of the Sherfield Building. At present, interviews are available from 11am - 1pm and 2pm - 3.40pm at 20 minute intervals, Monday to Wednesday inclusive. Very shortly, I will be able to offer interview slots on all days of the working week and, hopefully, before 1am and after 4pm as well.

As soon as the arrangements for this are finalised I shall confirm them as widely as possible around the College.

**Tony Cullen, Assistant Registrar.**

*Flood* performed during the New Year's Carnival last Friday night.

The dictionary defines 'flood' as: 'inundate, irrigate, deluge with water, fill to overflowing, come in great quantities.'

Taking these definitions in the ever traditional reverse order—they were a four-piece band, so they didn't come in great quantities. The Ents lounge certainly wasn't filled to overflowing, but they did have an audience of over thirty for the whole performance. No one was deluged with water, though it may have crossed the minds of some of the audience. Irrigate, er, I'll pass on that one. And finally inundate. Well, I can't see them being inundated with offers, especially not from us again.

Bland

**Where did you get the name for the band from, I know it has something to do with the Kenneth Anger film?**

It was on a long list of other names, and we picked that because of the imagery of the film you know, Scorpio Rising we'd sort of associate ourselves with that, you know, that sort of imagery. And that's why basically, it's quite simple. Well, umm, anyone got a light, sorry.

**I thought you sounded like Primal Scream, on the album. Is that intentional?**

Na, Na it's just that you know, the thing with that is that it's just a direction, you can see that that's...you know it's a change not to hear Ned's Atomic Dustbin.

**Do you intend to follow Primal Scream, into the Loaded thing?**

No, they follow us...no we do our own things...yeah I suppose just like they have their bit... that's their mentality. They've got their own bit we've got ours, whether we do two things that are the same I mean, well they won't be. They went through that relief thing where they changed a lot of things hopefully we'll be able to do that in the future. **Is techno really the only interesting thing around?**

It's not the only interesting thing, I prefer the guitar sound, it sounds very nice, you know... Theoretically though it's the only new thing that had happened musically, truly you know, new. That's all we meant... you know, Techno is totally new like, well like guitar playing was new in '66. Well it can be taken two ways really you can look at it as something new which therefore is good or you can look at it as something new which is shit whichever is the way you look at it. The trouble with techno is that it pushes people down you know it's not, it's music for people who are dead heads...it's used by so many people you know... some of it's really bad, especially the E culture inside especially with all the opiated E that's going into it, it's getting everyone into smack... It makes people be ordinary, it's like muzak. Sometimes when you hear it and one minute it's brilliant and makes your hair stand on end/then that all...what was it country and western for the red- necks. It's like err E generation C & W, but it is new. Well you know all forms of guitar music have been done, apart from ours

**Well what is your influence?**

I'm rather more influenced by the effect a group's had rather than what they sound like. You know, there is only so much you can do with guitar and a set of drums, but

the singing really should make people think. It should sound brilliant and aggressive and get inside people because you listen to the words of the song, it means something to you after a couple of times of listening to the words. You know what they're singing about and if you don't get it right you make up your own meaning for it. You've then got something personal with the song, you can listen to that indie stuff and you can't understand the words, as they're aren't any really. Or the words that there are are just pop blab. It's all quirky little catchphrases.

**What is your message then?**

Think for yourself, you know and listen to this, it's really loud and really cool, yeah. That's about it really. You know the way I write songs is to try and use words that people wouldn't normally use. Well we want to be exciting and dangerous and sound wise and well mentally stimulating. We don't write songs for other people you know we just do it ourselves. We

don't say like lets sound like the Charlatans this week and just record like I'm sure many other bands do. We're not in any scene really you know.

**Did George Bush's collapse scare you at all?**

No not at all really. I think Dan Quayle would make a fine president.

**Would you like to see a punk revival?**

Na, it's a pile of shit, pub rock, played by kids you know. I mean when it was in its time it was brilliant but musically it's nothing it's shit. It used to be good but it's gone, it's totally gone you know. It was more important than disco but personally you know I don't like the sound of it. I'm more a Genesis, Police sort of fan.

**What's the worst gig you've played?**

Milton Keynes, no, no that was good that was the best one. Derby, Derby that was a horrible gig. We did the Charlton gig the day after we'd played ULU, we went down

there like as stars it was brilliant there were people all over the stage you know we went down as well as anything and that was our 99th gig and we thought that our next gig was going to be even better and then we played at this youth club yeah it was like a labour club and there was kids in the audience... needless to say that we've not got the same agent now.

**When is the next time you're coming to London.**

We're playing the Marquee in early March, so that's about a month and a bit away.

**What do you want the last line to be of your interview?**

Marijuana, fuck, Satan, kill, dogs and err what's the other one? We are coming to eat your children. The end.

*The Lise Yates  
interview.*

# Scorpio Rising



*Scorpio Rising, not on a roof.*

If

## Album

Do you remember when *Primal Scream* were good?

**Eeeeeek, Loaded!**

No before that, do you remember the first album?

**Eeeeeek, Screamadonica.**

No, Primal Scream. When *Primal Scream* were a group with guitars. They were good then, you know.

**Eeeeeek, Higher Than The Sun, that's good.**

No it's not. Now sod off, and stop interrupting. I'm trying to review this. This sounds like the *Primal Scream* of that era, the *Primal Scream* we, I, knew and love. With guitars, and melodies, and lyrics, and I'm beginning to sound like my Dad. What's more, it has become the new resident on my record deck, forcing *Carter* back into its sleeve. The A side's very good, but I can't tell you the titles, as no-one's told me. All the songs on it are great, and I think two of them are called Freedom. So there. It's a lot better than Screamadonica.

**Eeeeeek, No it's not.**

**SOD OFF.**

**Lise Yates, and Magenta.**

# Bill & Ted's Bogus Journey

Film

Did you know that *Bill & Ted's Bogus Journey* is yenuoJ sugoB s'deT & lliB backwards? What's more, did you know that this film should really be called *Good Bill & Good Ted's* (as opposed to *Bad Robot Double Bill and Bad.... Bogus Journey*?)

Well, that's the plot out of the way. Now I can get on with discussing the small print. Oh, okay, this is how it runs: in a completely gratuitous plot twist, the producers decide to resuscitate Bill n Ted for a new adventure. This involves an incomprehensible scheme from the future which for some reason means that the princess babes (if you haven't seen the first movie, the chances are you won't understand this one) are whisked away into time and space. For a



further, and still more incomprehensible reason, this means Bill (n Ted) have to go to Hell, Heaven and back in order to save them. Don't worry, you won't mind all this confusion during the

movie.

Anyway, the baddie then goes on to send back some Evil Robot Doubles whose sole aim is to confuse the issue still further. Yes, even more. We're talking murky

motivations and unclear issues here. Everything pootles along cheerfully, and in the most part entertainingly as Ted (n Bill) dice (and Twister) with Death, hob-nob with the Easter Bunny and Einstein. Oh, Joss Ackland plays Death. This everyone in the Felix Office has mentioned so far, so I guess it must be important. Oh, sorry, Joss Ackland isn't Death, he's the baddie. Hope that's clear.

Look, you'll enjoy it, okay? It stars Keanu Reeves (watch out for him as a homeless rent boy in the future. No, I'm not kidding) and Alex Winter (the other one. He was one of the Lost Boys). They're too old. But they're okay anyway. And no, it's not as good as the first one. That's what you wanted to know, wasn't it? All you ever bloody want, isn't it? Work my bloody fingers to the bone, cuh ..

Oh yeah, the music is complete shite.

**The Most Excellent Flying Gerbil**

## The People Under the Stairs

Film

The man who created Freddy (and sold the rights, daft git) puts the willies up you once again. A young black boy from the ghetto is convinced to aid his sister's boyfriend in robbing their nasty landlord's house to pay the rent and get his mother 'that vital cancer operation'. This is not as easy as it seems, as the house is very well protected with bars and locks. One burglar gains entry and doesn't come out, so the others go in. Once in, they find a Rottweiler from hell, and when the landlords come back their situation is grave. The house is tricky to get into and impossible to get out of. If the fanged fido, soundproof double glazing (Ted Moulton would be proud if he wasn't dead) (to stop outsiders hearing the shotgun wielded by the psycho husband in his all-over leather bondage suit and the odd booby trap) isn't enough to contend with, there are people under the stairs



who are so hungry they will eat anything that comes within arms' reach. In his wanderings, the boy, known as 'Fool', comes across the mad couple's daughter, a prisoner whom he must save. Faery tale stuff, if not quite Brothers Grimm. The macabre 'Tom and Jerry' chase that ensues is very compelling and holds taut suspense.

The odd couple of wedded landlords are played rather nicely by Everett McGill and Wendie Robie (the couple Big Ed and

Nadine from *Twin Peaks*) with plenty of humour and more than a pinch of sadism. The story is original and exciting even though it degenerates to a fairly predictable (but satisfactory) ending.

Great film, even if it is pure exploitation. James Farrentino says, 'Forsooth, twas a gradely swath of celluloid and did I make merry aplenty'. He's spot on.

**The Amazing Machine Under the Bed**

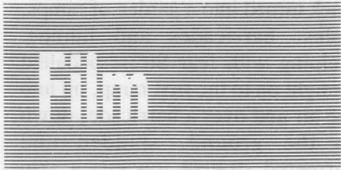
## The Ghosts From Grand Banks

Book

Arthus C Clarke's latest work, *The Ghost from the Grand Banks* fits right in with what we have come to expect from one of the oldest science fiction authors still writing. The book is his contribution to the myth of the Titanic. In this case, the novel deals with attempts to salvage the cruise ship in the early part of the next century. As is inevitable in fiction such endeavours do not go smoothly. The plot, however, is not important; rather it is an excuse for Clarke to take us on a trip through his dreams and beliefs about the next millenium. The wild ride that ensues covers all manner of subjects from Mandelbrot sets to the habits of deep-sea octopus. Along the way the reader is kept entertained and amused. If, at the end, you wonder what the novel was all about, well at least it served to pass a few hours during term. Worth looking at.

**Nicholas Farrow.**

# V.I. Warshawski



Okay, here's the story. Kathleen Turner (self-confessed 'hottest woman in Hollywood', arf arf) plays VI Warshawski, who I'm reliably informed is a 'tough-talking, fiercely independent, sexy P.I.'.

Let's take that one part at a time, shall we? First up, Ms. Turner is not the hottest woman in Hollywood; she's one of those secondary celebrities trapped in the half-way hell of mediocrity. Second, VI Warshawski isn't tough-talking (she just looks that way). Third, 'fiercely independent' means, in this context, a few lines thrown in for authenticity. Fourth, 'sexy' .. well, each to their own, I guess.

Warshawski strikes up a casual flirtation with an ex-hockey player



(would you believe it?) and hey! he gets wiped! And furthermore! he has! a young daughter! who is at risk from a sinister conspiracy for

money and land! Drug-dealers and real-estate dealers, scum of the earth, that's what I say. You can work out the rest (God, I love that

sentence. It's saved me so much drudgery over the years).

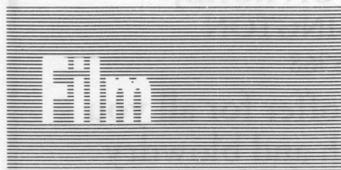
So VI goes to work, armed with only her self-righteousness and a series of annoyingly trite messages about succeeding in the man's world of the private eye biz. As she does so, she uses what might be generously termed 'feminine wiles'; if you prefer, she tarts about.

And that's really where this film falls apart. The script is pretty dreadful, reeking of every half-assed cliché in Jim McCliche's *Big Book Of Cliches*; in fact, everything hinges on the fact that VI is a woman. Not just any woman, she's supposed to be intelligent and independent, so how come this boils down to batting your eyelids in times of danger and genital-injury self-defense? Hell, I can do that, but no-one's making a movie about me.

A no-no. If you're really an intelligent and independent woman, run like hell.

**The Flying, Intelligent, Independent (and Male) Gerbil**

# Freddy's Dead



*Queen* gags aside, this film really is pretty poor. Okay, *Queen* gags included. It's set ten years from now when all but one of the Elm Street kiddies has bit the big one (ooer) and the final dude is nearly crazy. He ends up in a juvenile rehabilitation asylum and meets a few new bits of claw fodder and a couple of psychiatrists who even half believe him for a change. The kid has no memory so it's back to Springwood (Freddyville) for revelations of Freddy's past and a few stiffies (fwooar). Who is Freddy's child? How did he get his dream powers? Who gives a toss? Why is it 'Freddy's Dead' when he was dead in the first film? Why did Wile E. Coyote always fall for the 'tear through the painting' gag? Buggered if I know (save the Freddy bits)!

There are only four deaths in the movie (including Freddy), and Freddy dies in 3D!! That crap red-

green 3D that barely worked on TV a few years back, and then only the last ten minutes of the film. The plot changes from special effects a-gogo to A-team slug out between Uncle Fred and his lickle baby (plenty of gratuitous knives, baseball bats, etc. pointing out of the screen). Nice cameos by that git who's engaged to Winona Ryder (not any more - Ed. Ha ha ha) (who had scissors for fingers), a bloaty sarcastic stumpy 'comedienne', and an ageing rocker (School's Out dudes). The effects are pretty cool and the first death is very funny PLUS over the end credits all the best effects from the whole set of nightmares are shown (the poster was right, they saved the best till last).

A right poor film that's just there to grab your cash. It may be the last film for Freddy but be prepared for Freddy - the next generation.

**The Amazing Machine,  
The Final Countdown**

**Rav Bottled!**

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# Grease

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Stress came to as the pop up bouncer grabbed him in a bear hug and pulled him down underneath the nightclub floor. The opening closed above him and he was dropped on to a conveyor belt in the pitch darkness. Not yet recovered from the flight, fright and head butt Stress did not resist being carried along through the dark as the club's correcting system did its work.

'Drunken slob!'

Stress's feet signalled the approach of a truly awesome noise.

Stress whimpered and began pedalling like mad. Two voices boomed at his back.

'WE'RE COMING!' 'WE'RE STUNNING!'

'YOU'RE RUNNING!' 'WE'RE GUNNING!'

Legs a blur he glanced around and gasped. It wasn't very difficult to recognise his earlier foe, ghetto

\*\*\*Initiate anti-motorist terrain\*\*\*

In response all the inner system people moved off the track and ahead of Stress the normally flat track turned into a garden of ramps, holes, barricades and humps. Yelping with fear Stress pedalled straight on to the first ramp, up into the air and over a barricade, down to the ground, skidded and careered straight towards a skip sized hole. Behind him ghetto blaster leaped the same ramp while megaphone, his voice somehow short circuited into just percussive sounds, rolled up and sloping wall and bore down on the fugitive. The beat closed in.

# The Inner System

Chapter 10;  
Perception. Troy  
Tempest leads  
us along the  
nebulous fibrils  
of surrealism.

A robotic hand whacked him in the face.

'Animal!!'

A bucket of water poured down on his head.

'Dirty pig!'

A set of clubs pummelled his body as he passed underneath.

'All right you!'

A blinding white light shone in his face.

'Don't you EVER come in this club again!!'

The voices and the light cut out, the conveyor rolled him on to a chute and he slid down and out into a dark corridor behind the club. Stress lay there, dazed. Thoughts swam in his mind.

blasters shaking and phrases booming but with him was something new. On a motorised skateboard trailing blue smoke was a robot shorter but thicker with a massive speaker on each shoulder and a megaphone welded to its mouth. They were speaking alternate lines over the sound crashing out of the four amps.

'WE'LL GET YOU ZITS!'

'AND SCORE SOME HITS!'

'BLOW YOU TO BITS!!'

'WITH A BEAT THAT FITS!'

Pedalling like crazy Stress couldn't make the bike go any faster. Another bloody system invention! Behind him a klaxon voice spoke.

'WHILE WE STILL ROLL!'

'TSSHH T TAH T TSSHH T TAH!'

'YOU'RE OUTA CONTROL!'

'HMM BMM PAH SH BMM DM DAH!'

'HEADING FOR A HOLE!'

'KRRRH KRRRH DUM DUM DUM!'

'THAT'LL EAT YOU WHOLE!'

Unable to disagree or change the bikes course Stress rode straight into the hole, somersaulted over the bike and crashed into the far wall. The robots rolled up on the flat track, finished their rough track, stood before the prey they'd tracked and shot him.

'I've got to get out of this place. This people are crazy! Riding around on strange contraptions under UV lights, their society divided into meaningless classes. Mortally afraid of minor skin problems and different clothes! I've got to find a ship and escape.'

He pulled himself up and staggered down the corridor towards the sounds of traffic. He strode on to the main track and keeping to the far wall, began walking towards the head end of the city.

'Untanned!! He's untanned and walking!!'

People stopped in their tracks in the tracks around. Many looked at him in fear and revulsion, others began to hurl abuse and close in on him. Stress suddenly remembered his own appearance, hidden up until now by dim lighting. He backed up against the wall. His pulse raced and the military chemical factories inside him began putting in some more overtime.

'The pursuit cops are coming!'

The crowds' heads turned to the source of the rising quadrophonic sound. Their distraction gave Stress the chance to run out into the track and grab a BMX bike off a surprised schmuck. In the distance he could make out two tall figures moving through the other motorists at twice normal speed, strange boxes attached to them. The vibrating of the ground beneath



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**The Daily Telegraph**

Just when you thought it was safe to go to a rag meeting .... a term full of madness, chaos and general frolicking all around the country has emerged. This term looks set to follow the successes of last term and maybe even exceed the amounts collected so far. (*Of course it's going to exceed the amounts collected so far - it's a mathematical inevitability - Ed.*)

So, what have we got lined up for you? To ensure that you have absolutely no time free in between the lectures and the bar nights, it all starts on Sunday 26th January, with a **raid** on all the halls around college. We are hoping to storm the halls and ensure that everyone has a rag mag, a tee-shirt and a generally lousy Sunday. See your hall rep if you want to get involved on that one.

Following that is the major rag event for the term. You've had **Tiddlywinks**, you've had **Monopoly** now **Cluedo**. Your chance to raid the whole of London in an attempt to solve the crime, collect loadsa dosh for Winged Fellowship and generally run riot. There will be lots of other rags there, a huge party afterwards and prizes for the team with the highest points (details will be given on the day on how to score). Watch this space for further information on how you could be part of the biggest thing since the last big thing that came along.

On Saturday 15th February, yes the day after the Guilds Ball so most of us will be hung over, there is the **'Back in Time' collection** for BIBIC (the British Institute for Brain Injured Children), more details to follow.

The next weekend, 22nd February, there's a **rag raid** to Bath. Generally a good place to

collect as it's full of mindless tourists who are foolish enough to spend 'at least 50p' on a rag mag.

The weekend after that is the **Oxfam 'leap'**. Suggestions include taking part in the Firkin pub leap or even 'Leap Draughts'. Any more ideas please bring them to the Rag meeting on Friday lunch time.

On March 4th we have a City of London licence to 'collect as we know best'. This includes stations, the stock-market, the underground and anywhere else we can possibly cause a fire hazard.

Some time later in March there is the **Mencap Parachute Jump**. If you are interested in taking part please pop up to the rag office (ask directions from the Union Office in Beit Quad) and get a sponsorship form and further details. Also, on March 15th, the **Fun Run for Oxfam**. An annual event, held in Birmingham, which loads of other people will be taking part in. The run is about three miles but is generally done for fun rather than competition. Sponsorship forms available from the usual places!

Just a final note, anyone wishing to vote in the forthcoming elections for the post of Rag Chair should attend the Extraordinary General Meeting or EGM on February 6th in the Junior JCR at one o'clock. Remember the office is now open every day at lunch time so if you have any questions, suggestions or need some where to sit and chat feel free to pop in.

Be young, be foolish and be part of it!

**Penguin**

# Rag Update

*Penguin, acting Rag Chair, with a multitude of ideas to ruin a weekend.*



*Marge blunders on.*

## Dear Marge

*Dear Marge,*

I'm a budding young physicist and I've fallen in love with my relativity lecturer.

I try to ask really clever questions but he just doesn't seem to notice me.

I borrowed my sister's special, non-drip, waterproof royal blue mascara; but all in vain.

What next?

*Yours Mr. P.H.I.*

*Dear Mr. P.H.I.,*

There are four solutions to ensure that no-one will ever find out about your problem;

1. Kill him.
2. Kill yourself.
3. Kill everyone else in the world.
4. Stop writing to Felix!

*Yours Marge. The Wise Woman.*

Hmmm, well it seems as though I caused a little friction in last weeks issue. Apologies go to Melanie, I know that you don't fancy Trigger and I don't blame you either as he snores in bed!

Did you know that Thames Television seem to be migrating into college staff? Steve Newbold (marketing director), Valerie Straw (estates), Keith Reynolds (head of security) and Simon Westerman (catering manager) are all part of this weird breed of personnel. A document leaked to Felix reveals certain other facts regarding these people. It seems that everything going on in college is in some way connected with Thames. This list includes the fire alarm experts, new card entry systems and the mess up in relation to the sports facilities. The document also reads:

*'Call G.M. The Destroyer. If you*

have a flood, as in mechanical engineering, the chances are that he would have got rid of experts who could have prevented it. He is as much use as an earache.'

If you ask me the person who released this document is treading on exceedingly thin ice and really ought to watch his/her back just in case someone concerned stabs back. Another interesting fact is the number of new personnel who weren't included on this list. It makes you wonder what the intention of the document was.

Just to end, a small note to the two people caught bonking under the snooker table on the third floor on Saturday night. We would just like to say that you have no style, if you're going to do it in the snooker rooms why not on top of the table. I won't mention any names but we know who you are...

An up-to-the-minute guide to events in and around Imperial College. The deadline for entries for this page is the Monday prior to publication.

**FRIDAY**

- Hang Gliding.....12.30pm**  
Southside Upper Lounge.
- PicoCon Helpers.....12.30pm**  
ICSF Library for helpers of this ICSF organised event.
- Conservative Soc.....12.30pm**  
Physics 737.
- Rag Meeting.....12.40pm**  
Union Lounge. Everyone welcome.
- Labour Club Meeting.....1.00pm**  
Maths 408. Club members welcome.
- Friday Prayers.....1.00pm**  
Southside Gym. See Islamic Society.
- Kung Fu.....4.30pm**  
Union Gym.
- C.U. Prayer Meeting.....5.00pm**  
413 Maths.
- Christian Union Meeting.....6.00pm**  
308 Computing.
- Swimming.....6.30pm**  
Sports Centre.
- Fencing Club Training.....6.40pm**  
Club training.
- Shaolin System Nam Pai Chuan.....7.30pm**  
Southside Gym.
- Water Polo.....7.30pm**  
Sports Centre.
- Southside Disco.....8.30pm**  
Southside Bar.

**SATURDAY**

- Kung Fu Club.....4.30pm**  
Wu Shu Kwan in Southside Gym.
- IC Shotokan Karate.....10.00am**  
Southside Gym.
- Ladies Tennis.....12.00pm**  
At college courts. Membership £6. All new members welcome.
- Cycling Club.....10.30am**  
Meet at Beit Arch.

**SUNDAY**

- West London Chaplaincy Sunday Service.....10.30am**  
Anteroom Sheffield Building.
- Men's Tennis Team Practise.....11.00am**  
College Courts. Players of any ability. Annual membership £6. New members welcome.
- Catholic Chaplaincy Mass.....11.00am**  
53 Cromwell Road.
- Wargames.....1.00pm**  
UDH.
- Fitness Club.....2.00pm**  
Intermediate.
- Kung Fu Club.....4.30pm**  
Wu Shu Kwan in the Union Gym.
- Catholic Mass.....6.00pm**  
53 Cromwell Road.

**MONDAY**

- RockSoc Meeting.....12.30pm**

- Southside Upper Lounge.
- Parachute Club.....12.30pm**  
Brown Committee Room.
- Yacht Club Meeting.....12.45pm**  
253 Aeronautics. New members most welcome. Sailing most weekends!
- Basketball Club.....5.30pm**  
Volleyball court. Men's Team.
- Fitness Club.....5.30pm**  
Southside Gym. Beginners.
- Dance Club.....6.00pm**  
JCR. R'n'R/Latin. Adv/Medals.
- Afro-Carib Meeting.....6.00pm**  
Concert Hall.
- Swimming.....6.30pm**  
Sports Centre.
- Dance Club.....7.30pm**  
JCR. Beginners' Rock 'n' Roll.
- IC Shotokan Karate.....7.30pm**  
Southside Gym.
- Water Polo.....7.30pm**  
Sports Centre.
- Dance Club.....8.30pm**  
JCR. Latin Beginners.

**JEWISH SOCIETY**

Annual General Meeting

**1.30pm**

**Tuesday 21st January**  
**in the S.C.R.**

*come along and support your J.Soc*

**TUESDAY**

- C.U. Prayer Meeting.....8.30pm**  
Chaplain's Office
- Riding Club Meeting.....12.30pm**  
Southside Upper Lounge.
- Boardsailing.....12.30pm**  
Southside Upper Lounge.
- AudioSoc Meeting.....12.30pm**  
Southside Upper Lounge. Cheap records and equipment hire.
- Radio Modellers.....12.30pm**  
Southside Lounge.
- Cathsoc Mass.....12.30pm**  
Mech Eng 702. Followed by lunch.
- Ski Club Meeting.....12.30pm**  
Southside Lounge. Put your name down for this year's ski trip.
- Sailing Club.....12.30pm**  
Southside Lounge.
- Environmental and Appropriate Tech.....12.45pm**  
See club for details.
- PhotoSoc.....1.00pm**  
Southside Lounge.
- Ents Meeting.....1.00pm**  
Ents/Rag Office. Up two flights on the East Staircase. first office on the left.
- Legs, Bums, Tums.....1.00pm**  
Southside Gym. Organised by Fitness Club.
- Radio Modellers.....5.30pm**  
Mech Eng.
- Fitness Club.....5.45pm**  
Southside Gym. Intermediate.

- Amenesty International.....5.30pm**  
Clubs Committee Room.
- Wine Tasting Soc.....6.00pm**  
Union Dining Hall.
- Dance Club.....6.00pm**  
JCR. Improvers Ballroom and Latin.
- Canoe Club.....6.15pm**  
Beit Quad store or 8.30pm in Southside Upper Lounge.
- Judo.....6.30pm**  
Union Gym.
- Dance Club.....7.00pm**  
JCR. Adv/Medals Ballroom & Latin.
- Grease Rehearsals.....7.30pm**  
Room 308. Huxley Building (terminal room A).
- Yoga.....8.00pm**  
Southside Gym.
- Caving Club Meeting.....8.00pm**  
Southside Upper Lounge.

**WEDNESDAY**

- Fitness Club.....12.45pm**  
Southside Gym. Intermediate.
- Bike Club.....12.45pm**  
Southside Lounge.
- Cycling Training.....1.30pm**  
Meet at Beit Arch.
- Wargames.....1.00pm**  
UDH. All welcome.
- Micro Club Meeting.....1.15pm**  
Top floor NW corner Union Building.
- Kung Fu.....1.30pm**  
Union Gym.
- DramSoc Improv Class.....2.30pm**  
Union SCR (old Union Office). Professional tuition.
- Diving.....6.30pm**  
Swimming Pool.
- Shaolin System Nam Pai Chuan.....7.00pm**  
Southside Gym.
- Basketball Club.....7.30pm**  
Volleyball court.
- Kung Fu Club.....7.30pm**  
Union Gym. Wu Shu Kwan.
- Libido.....9.30pm**  
Ents Club Night in Union Lounge.

**THURSDAY**

- Fencing Training.....11.30am**  
Intermediate & advanced coaching.
- Balloon Club Meeting.....12.30pm**  
Southside Upper Lounge.
- YHA Meeting.....12.30pm**  
Southside Upper Lounge.
- Postgrad Lunch.....12.30pm**  
Chaplains Office (10 Princes Gardens).
- Fencing Training.....12.30pm**  
Beginners Training.
- Fencing Training.....1.30pm**  
General.
- Gliding Club Meeting.....1.00pm**  
Aero 266.
- Fitness Club.....5.30pm**  
Southside Gym. Advanced.
- Midweek Event.....5.30pm**  
Chaplains Office (10 Prince's Gardens).
- Dance Club.....6.00pm**  
JCR. Intermediate/Advanced Ballroom & Latin.

- Judo Club.....6.30pm**  
Gym.
- Dance Club.....7.00pm**  
JCR. Beginners Ballroom & Latin.
- Real Ale Society Meeting.....7.30pm**  
Union Lounge. Lots of good booze.
- IC Shotokan Karate.....7.30pm**  
Southside Gym.
- Dance Club.....8.00pm**  
JCR. Improvers Ballroom & Latin.
- Southside Disco.....8.30pm**  
Southside Bar.
- ICCAG Soup Run.....9.15pm**  
Meet Weeks Hall Basement.

**Small Ads**

- **SHOTOKAN KARATE Club.** There will be three lessons for beginners on Monday 20 and Monday 27. All abilities welcome.
- **WANTED—Opus Challenger** disc drive 5¼" or any other disc drive with DFS for BBC computer. M.K.H. Kim, Aero 2.
- **FOR SALE—BBC B+** Microcomputer, Monitor, Dual disk drive, discs etc £200. Ring Rex on Int 3518 or 071-731 2526.
- **ANY PERSON** who believes they had parts stolen from their bikes on or about Wednesday 8th January 1992. Please contact PC124AB Dunlop or PC860AB Wilcox at Rochester Row Police Station, 63 Rochester Row SW1, Tel 071-821 1212.
- **PLEASE COULD** everybody who sponsored me in Rag Week, pay up—thanks, Sam.
- **WANTED—VW Camper** or similar wanted for around £500. Must be a reliable runner. Contract Chris on 071-225 8672 or ext 8672 days or 071-228 5325 weekends.
- **ACCOMMODATION—Large** double room in Battersea, 2 mins Clapham Junction BR and buses. Share flat with two female students. £80 for one person, £45 each for two (exclusive). Ring 071-228 5325 evenings.
- **YOU Bastards, I'm still paying** rent on that flat! Stef.
- **CRICKET NETS—Lords** 8.00pm-9.00pm. Meet South Ken tube 7.00pm.

**TO ALL STUDENT HALL & HOUSE REPRESENTATIVES**

PLEASE attend the 1st ICU Accommodation Committee meeting

**at 12.45pm**  
**Union Dining Hall**  
**Students' Union Building**  
**Beit Quad**  
**TUESDAY 28th JANUARY**

*For more info. contact J.D. Griffiths on ext 3502*

# Prizes

Mercury Communication and Texas Instruments are sponsoring this year's 'Young Electronic Designer Awards.' Prizes up to £2500 can be won.

University students can win up to £1000 in course sponsorship for designing a device to perform an everyday task. The project will be judged on environmental and social awareness, as well as commercial viability and usefulness. The entries can be part of course work and joint entries are also allowed.

Entry forms can be obtained from YEDA Trust, 24 London Road, West Sussex. The closing date for entries is 31st December 1992.

# Open Book

The opening hours of the Lyon Playfair library could change when the merger with the Science Museum Library is complete. Proposals made by Mrs Magda Czigány, the College librarian, include opening the library at 10.00am, one hour after College opening.

The College day is due to change from 9.30am - 5.30pm to 9.00am - 6.00pm from 1 October this year. The student representative on the Library committee, Mr G Franklin, is due to research the acceptability of the proposals amongst the student body.

There is due to be another meeting at the start of February to continue discussions into this matter.

## **FELIX TRAVEL SPECIAL**

**Friday 31st January**

*Any articles and photographs concerning any journey large or small, at home or abroad are welcome.*

*Please submit them to the*

*Felix Office by Monday*

*27th January at 12.30pm*

# Let Off Boring Grub

The driver of the car that broke the leg of Stephen Dorman during a mascotry kidnap attempt last term will not be charged by the police.

The police were considering pressing charges of 'reckless driving' and 'driving without due care' against the driver, who received a letter on Saturday stating that 'after consideration' no action would be taken.

The police are believed to have taken into account that Mr Dorman did not wish to see charges pressed, and that other witnesses to the accident gave favourable statements to the police.

# EGM

There will be an Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) of the Student Union on Thursday 6th February in the Junior Common Room (JCR) at 1.00pm. The deadline for the submission of motions is Thursday 30th January. The main purpose of the EGM will be the election of a Rag chairman.

# Crime Roundup

Over 20 thefts have occurred on and around campus since the beginning of the year.

Stolen items include wallets, cash, cheque books and two fax machines. One of the fax machines was stolen from the Civil Engineering department and the other from the Chemistry building. Other items stolen from that department include a stereo hi-fi system and a compact disc player.

The Sherfield building has also suffered a spate of attacks since the start of the year, with the theft of

The ex-members of the Royal College of Science Union (RCSU) who removed the RCSU mascot, Theta, last November in protest against the new mascotry rules will face no disciplinary action, although the incident almost caused a fight in the bar.

A Union disciplinary committee held last week decided that as there was no actual violence as a result of the incident, and as the ownership of Theta could not be proved by the RCSU, no action could be taken.

For this latter reason the 'theft' cannot be reported to the police.

# Ed Job

The Midland bank are looking for four first year students to act as an editorial advisory team on a new magazine they intend to produce. The work will not be paid. Contact Sophie Woodford at 'Rasp' on 071 376 8494.

a miniature television and the attempted robbery of an office wall-safe.

A visitor to the Science Museum library lost their mountain bike, worth over £600, when the cycle rack to which it was locked was stolen.

Terry Briley, Security Officer, has urged everyone around college to be more vigilant and to ensure that offices are locked when empty as the majority of the recent thefts were from unlocked, unattended rooms.

# Milk Round

The number of companies attending the 'milk round', which puts many students in contact with employers, has halved in the past two years.

An article published in New Scientist on the 4th February claims that the number of employers participating in the 'milk round' at Imperial College has dropped due to excessive charges to participating companies.

Mr John Simpson, Director of the Careers Advisory Service, said that the article had created adverse publicity for potential students, and that the charging policy had been in

place before he became director of the Careers Service. Mr Simpson commented that this year's drop in numbers was much less than other universities were experiencing. He emphasised the importance of the 'milk round' in providing jobs to graduates, and said that a change in the pricing system was being considered.

Zoë Hellinger, Union President, said that she would be pressing several points about the operation of the careers service with Mr Simpson in the very near future.

# Free Access

Students and staff at Silwood Park, part of Imperial College near Heathrow Airport, are said to be concerned about the price increases in their refectory.

The last price rise was implemented at the start of the new term and is the third increase in three months. College management have received complaints from members of staff at Silwood, and have noticed that many students are boycotting the refectory.

Silwood's accommodation and catering manager, Mr. Parsons, refused to comment on the recent increases and the affected students have yet to decide whether to take formal action.

Only 288 students at Imperial College have applied for access funds, which contain about £200,000 of government money allocated to help relieve student financial difficulties.

The students who have applied so far may receive £700 each unless more students apply. The College has to allocate all the funds available or face cutbacks in the money available for the fund next year.

British and European Community students who have been resident in the British Isles for three years before the start of their course are normally eligible.

Application forms and further information can be obtained from the Student Finance Office, room 344 Sherfield. The closing date for applications is 8th February.

## **CARRY YOUR UNION CARD**

For the safety of the valid users of the building you will be required to show a current IC Union card, life membership card or staff pass to gain entry to the Union Building. IC students are allowed to sign in two guests per night; guest ID may also be required. Regular door checks are now in force on Wednesday and Friday evenings.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION**