

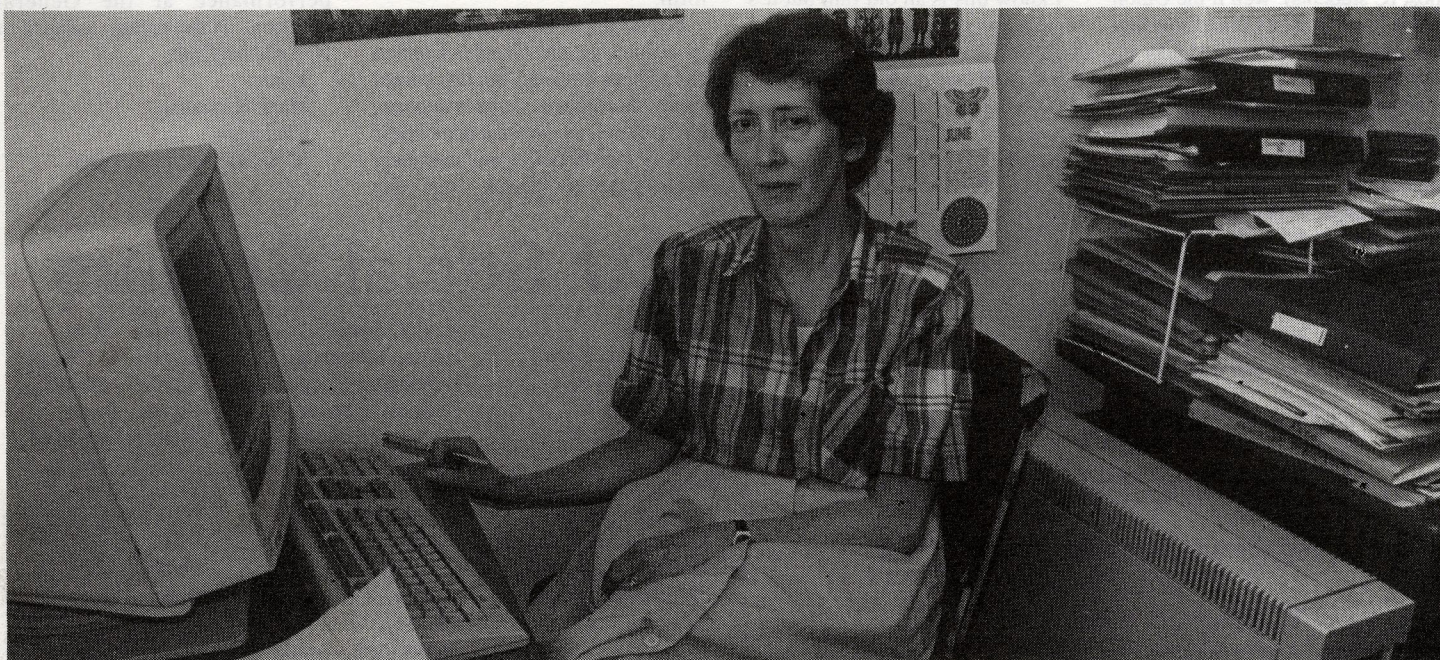


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Putting Women back into Physics



Dr Elizabeth Johnson, a physicist at Imperial College and Co-ordinator of the 'Daphne Jackson Memorial Fellowships Trust' told Felix this week that women were poorly represented on academic staff at IC. 'The percentage of women goes down as one goes up in rank' she said. The Daphne Jackson Trust assists female scientists return to work after a career break.

Car Park Privatised without Consultation

Imperial College trade unions have reacted with fury to plans to privatise the College car parking service. Mick Saul, of the National Union of Public Employees (NUPE), said that the unions had not been consulted on the plans. Ian French, of the Manufacturing Science and Finance Union (MSF), said that he thought the College would have learned how to conduct industrial relations after the 'trauma' of the Messenger, Security and Car Parking dispute earlier this year.

The proposal is detailed in a paper produced by the College Management and Planning Group (MPG) meeting of 14 May. Headed 'Contracting Out of South Kensington Car Park Management,' it recommends the privatisation of the service on the basis of the arguments presented in two papers submitted to MPG meetings on 11 July 1991 and 9 April 1992. The paper also announces that a tender has been

awarded to Axess Management Ltd, who will take up management of the car park on 29 June.

Speaking to *iCNN*, Val Straw, IC Facilities Manager, said that car parking staff will return to normal security duties when the new management team takes over. She added that she didn't think that there would be any major problems in installing the regime. The proposal has yet to be passed by Sir Eric Ash, IC Rector, and the College Governing Body.

When asked if any consultations had taken place on the privatisation, Ms Straw demanded to know who should be consulted. Sir Eric said that as far as he knew, the trade unions had already been consulted at this stage, something Ms Straw did not deny. Last night, trade union spokesmen completely contradicted this.

Mr French said that he would be very angry if these proposals were to be implemented without consultation. He said that as the

matter had been considered by the College Parking Committee, on which both Ms Straw and the trade unions sit, then Ms Straw had ample opportunity to inform unions of any awarding of tenders. He added that the unions had been relying on rumour and guesswork up to this point.

The proposal to privatise the car park has been under consideration since the resolution of the Messenger, Security and Car Parking dispute. At the time, the Governing Body decided that the car park should be considered separately from the rest of the security and messenger system. The Parking Committee was set up to enable this to occur.

The car park discussions have been based on a report produced by independent consultants. The report was apparently exploring ways to maximise the £80,000 annual profit the car park currently makes. At the time of the dispute, Estates Director, Gordon Marshall, is

reported to have said that the car park just broke even. Mr Marshall was unavailable for comment yesterday, and was apparently not in the college. Mr French wanted to know why the consultants' report has not been openly circulated. He also asked for the brief for the consultants to be released.

Ms Straw confirmed the appointment of a college fire officer last week. She said that the officer, as yet unnamed, had a wide background in the field of fire safety and is a former fire brigade officer. The officer will oversee the drafting and implementation of a new fire safety policy and the impending upgrade of fire alarms. Ms Straw refused to deny that the contract for the fire alarm upgrade would be awarded to the company contracted by London Weekend Television for the same work. The fire company 'may well have done work' for LWT, she said.

A Total Farce

Dear Adam,

After today's EGM someone turned to me (knowing I take an interest in our CCU and therefore am tarred with the brush of ICU) saying 'by the way I liked your EGM today' his statement implying that although held in the JCR with microphones it probably had the attention of about 40 people and was a total farce.

I replied that UGM's are only what the students make of them, to this he answered (as is typical of most IC students) 'well if the Union elects itself to all its posts how can you expect the students to take an interest?'

When will the average IC student realise, that the student unions (ICU and CCU's alike) do not 'elect themselves' they elect people who are interested in running them and bother to stand for the posts.

If this means tht only a small selection of people go from post to

post then its the students who are to blame. Posts must be filled otherwise those selfsame students who criticise the Union and deride all involved will compalin when things aren't done.

Anyone can stand for a post but they have to know what's involved to do it properly—to know requires taking an interest in *your* Union, if this means only those who have been branded ICU/CCU hacks stand it's because they've bothered to take an interest.

I know this is an old rant but it's obviously still valid. Either get involved and improve what you think is wrong or shut up.

Criticism for criticism's sake is pointless.

Sarah E Welsh.

P.S. ISE Dep Rep, Publicity Officer (C&GU), Hon Sec Elect (C&GU), therefore a CCU 'hack' to most people and derided for it.

Curried Prunes

Dear Adam,

Poor old Declan, he's got it wrong again! Clearly he is allowing his socialist beliefs to cloud his objectivity in his analysis of 'Voluntary Student Unions' (Felix 935).

I have no objections to him publishing his opinions, but his inaccurate comments about IC ConSoc need to be corrected.

No Union money whatsoever is paid by IC ConSoc to affiliate to the Conservative Party in any shape or form.

We do pay a nominal fee of £10 to affiliate to the Greater London Area Conservatives, but this comes from members subscriptions, furthermore, as we are a democratic society we do ballot our members each year to check that our

affiliation is in accordance to their wishes. No one has ever voted against this affiliation. As a student organisation we do not pay any money to affiliate to Conservative Students (which happens to be the same as Conservative Collegiate Forum).

So any money received from the union is not used to stimulate greater student interest in centre right politics.

Clearly Declan has not got over his party's disappointing performance, at the General Election, or the recent collapse of IC Labour Club!

Yours,

Mark Richards,

Chairman,

IC Conservative Society.

ICU Social Colours

Students

Adamson, Hilary

Alam, Zayeed

Bathe, Colin

Boland, Peter

Boon, Carl

Burke, Doug

Burnell, Jeremy

Butterworth, Jonathan

Chadha, Gaurang

Clipstone, Lucia

Cotton, Tim

Creissen, Angie

Curry, Declan

Ellis, Marc

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Evans, Lisa

Eyers, Richard

Fernley, Joe

Fischer, Emma

Fox, Nikki

Hay, Graeme

Heino, Flemming

Henderson-Begg, David

Holmes, Darren

Horton, Elizabeth

Isaacs, Rufus

Jones, Andrew C

Jones, Demi

Kerr, Andy

Landon, Mark

Lawton, Graham

Mortley, Gina

Mountford, Rachel

Newhouse, Steven

Nield, John

Nothrop, Paul

Payne, Mark

Randall, Mark

Rao, S. K.

Rushbrooke, Kevin

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Please note:

Interviews will now be held on Tuesday 9th June (not 10th as previously stated)

City & Guilds Union in Dispute

Dear Adam,

I would like to point out certain inaccuracies in the C&G Union article (P4 Felix 936).

Currently, the C&G Union has a hovercraft which hasn't run on a proper trip this year because the engine needs a rebuild and won't run for more than 30 seconds. The other 'hovercraft' consists of cut out pieces of plywood waiting to be bonded together, then fibreglassed, have a new skirt made and fitted an engine and drivegear installed.

The Motor Club, whilst maybe being the largest of its type, has 200 members of which about 80 are active. This is known because the Club has a championship and anybody who participates in any

events such as club nights or rallies gets points in this championship. To claim it is the best is disputable, when it never enters the National Student Motorsport Championships, though it did some years ago, but the crews didn't get into the top 5 placings. Incidentally, Leeds University Motor Club does best, a small but active club.

Of course, these are just two clubs, so now to an event or two. How about the Cocktail Party. The organiser of this went through the guest list with the President of Guilds so a good representation of people in industry would be there. From this one would deduce that whilst the organiser organised the venue, the drinks etc, both were

happy with the invites. Wrong!!! The organiser in fact received an incredible ear bashing when many of the guests turned out to be from ICU, local authorities, etc, i.e. not industry. In fact, the Major Captains of Industry were notable in their absence!

Then there's the May Ball. An Evelyn Gardens Hall of Residence organised a May Ball with 95 people attending. The food was better and it didn't have a guest speaker with all the wit, charm and charisma of a sack of potatoes.

Then there's the finance. Did you know that the Guild's President gets two free terms in Southside? Not bad is it? It gets better. Because at the C&G General Committee

Meeting a spreadsheet of Union expenditure was shown and the Honoraria of the Executive Committee was overspent by £120. This was due to the president spending two weeks of his summer holiday in South Ken and charging it to the Union. Not very responsible is it? Particularly when he could have stayed with 'friends'.

I would therefore conclude that the article was blatantly biased bullshit and I'd like to see the author of this article reply to my criticisms. If they know their stuff they'll be vindicated. I suspect not however...

Yours sincerely,

Name withheld by request.

'Pistol Anno Domini' is an event which attracts 20,000 people, no police, loads of blasters and no crime. It is a sanctuary for the civilised society. You can leave your car open, your bag lying around without the fear of anything being stolen. The National Pistol Associations Pistol AD, that is Pistol '92 this year, held at Bisley Camp in Surrey, is the largest pistol meeting in the world attracting 1000 competitors shooting over five days. Since shooting is the second largest participatory sport in the country (after fishing) one wonders why there was little or no mention of it in the media.

Amongst other things, Pistol AD provides the impetus for a band of mole like creatures to crawl out of their dim, dusty, subterranean home and expose their cannons to the elements. The main objective of the moles, known as the Imperial B Team, was to defend the Howe Cup. This task should have fallen to the A Team, though due to

300 yards. The 100 yard stage is two strings of five shots, each done in 30 seconds. It is a test of nerve. At the extended ranges the ammunition (all home brewed) and its interaction with the wind becomes more significant. To give one more time to puzzle over the nature of the distribution, imagine the area around the central black target to be the size of doughnut which you have hit with 10 shots in 10 minutes.

The pistols used (actually revolvers) must be 'out of the box' from a mass producer. The calibre of choice is a .357 Magnum, using a heavy bullet spat with a 8 inch barrel. The Imperial team were supposed to be equipped with at least one such revolver. However, due to a snarl up in the equipment procurement programme, attributable to the current executive, aka the A Team, the B Team were limited to 6 inch barrels. In shooting, size is everything. Those extra two inches offered increased

at 300 yards, together with his earlier scores of 41/50 and 43/50, to finish on 130/150. This was enough to give him fourth place in the Allcomers B section - no glass, but a medallion plus a gold hat badge thingy. PG Deeks, the third and final member of Imperial B, started with solid scores of 40/50 and 40/50 only to fall victim of the wind later in the day with a 25/50 score at 300 yards. However, DeekUs 105/150 was sufficient to clearly beat Oxford's highest individual score.

Oxford's final scores only highlight the dominance which IC now enjoy, with final placings in the region of 17, 48 and 82. We are not sure about the scores and names, so we shall not include the names for fear of libel.

Hurr also shot Sport Pistol - finishing 8th overall, and received a little bronze badge to add to his gold one. He also wanted even more space dedicated to him because he provided transport -



bizarre team tactics, they decided not to turn up. To adequately describe them would necessitate a digression from the Queen's English. For the purposes of this report they could be described by a four letter word that described the brown dog that was jumped over by the quick fox - followed by gits.

The Howe Cup is an inter-university cup for long range pistol shooting. The university used to mean Oxford - who were the only ones to know of the cup's existence. But since the IC Rifle & Pistol Club found out about it, the cup reads 'Imperial, Imperial, Imperial, Imperial.'

Long range pistol is shot over distances of 100, 200 and finally

muzzle velocity, reduced recoil, and increased sight radius.

AC Jones shooting for IC had plenty of nerve for the 100 yard stage scoring 44/50, followed by a 200 yard score of 48/50 which put him within three points of the overall lead. Thinking of lunch and glory (in that order) he suffered from severe wind and inferior ballistics at 300 yards finishing with a 34/50 for a total score of 126/150. This was sufficient for him to take first place in the Allcomers C section and get some glass wear - plus a little gold thingy and a medallion. CJ Hurr, who stayed well clear of the beef burgers at lunch, took advantage of a lull in the wind to score an excellent 46/50

which was invaluable both for the big event and the warm up London & Middlesex Rifle Association Open, where Jones won another cup, and also for the practise sessions. Hurr also made the 'flying machine' (a combined seat and pistol rest) that is an absolute must for serious posing and shooting.

Our treasurer, Robert Hambleton (the only member of the executive who actually does anything), must also be thanked. This years long range escapade cost about £500. Rob is forever greeted with a 'Oh Rob, here's another receipt, can you do something with it?' The answer to this question usually results in a yes, which fortunately means that some cash comes back.

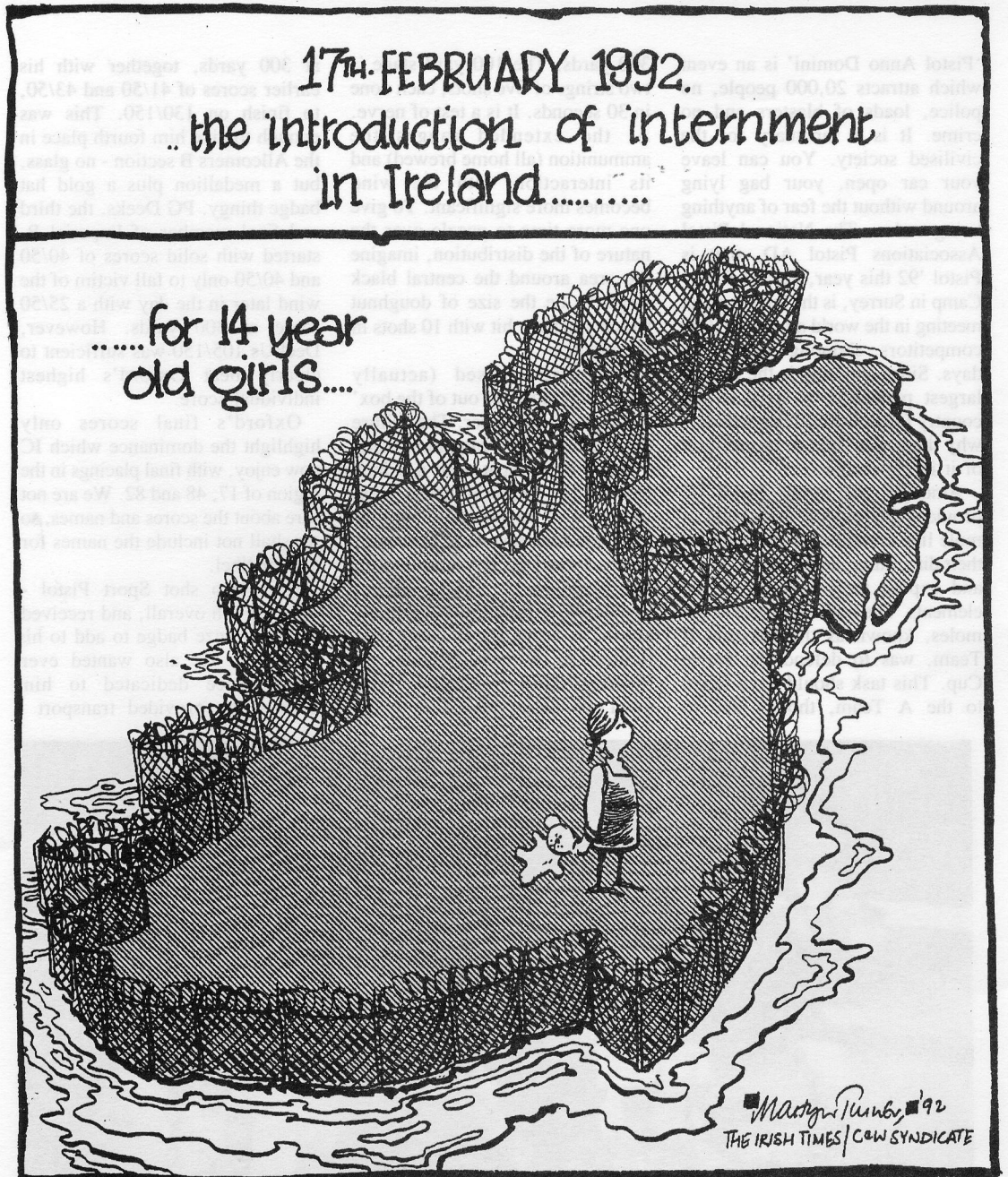
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Declan, the Stefs, Steve, Poddy, Catherine, Sam, Rose, Jonty, Ian, Simon, Marge, the Davids, Khurrun, Martyn Turner, James, Zoe, Toby, John Simpson, Scott, Andy, the airborne aquarius and the aesthetic myth.

*The Irish
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Ireland's Prophylactic

'If a nun is raped, she must have the child.' This is the voice of Irish Catholic values, as articulated by Mary Lucey, of the pro-life, anti-abortion Society for the Protection of the Unborn Child (SPUC). It is also the voice of what has become Ireland's hypocrisy, for Mary Lucey adds, 'if a woman is raped, she is entitled to the morning after pill.'

Ireland's organised hypocrisy. The hypocrisy of a celibate church where a senior cleric fathers and disowns a child. The hypocrisy of a people which apparently ban abortion in a constitutional referendum, yet ignore the plight of 40,000 Irish women who travel to Britain each year for termination. The hypocrisy of a nation which

frames and jails the mother of a still born baby for murder, and which this year barred a fourteen year old rape victim from travelling to Britain for an abortion.

For many years, abortion was one of many subjects that Ireland did not, dare not discuss. Abortion was illegal both in moral and civil law. The Catholic Church decreed that abortion was mortal sin. The 1861 Offences Against The Person Act ensured that the church's will was done. When Eamonn de Valera drew up the new constitution for the fledgling state of Eire in 1937, he had sufficient consultation with the bishops to ensure that what was not on the church's agenda was off the constitutional agenda. Marital separation, divorce, contraception,

abortion were all banned in the new, free, pluralistic society.

Cracks in the moral veneer appeared in 1973, when the ban on the use of contraceptives was breached. In the McGee case, the Irish Supreme Court decided that under the constitutional right to privacy, a married couple was able to import contraceptives for their own personal use. What alarmed Irish pro-life, anti-abortion campaigners was that this was the same reasoning used that year by the United States Supreme Court in the Roe V Wade case, which led to the federal legalisation of abortion in the United States.

With a trickle of liberalisation permeating through the Irish psyche, pro-life, anti-abortion

With acknowledgements and thanks to Martyn Turner for the cartoon, which first appeared in 'The Irish Times.'

campaigners increasing feared that the legislature might allow abortion in limited circumstances. To resolve the issue for once and for all, they decided to act to constitutionally ban abortion in Ireland. Des Hanafin, a senator for Ireland's largest political party, Fianna Fail, and a trustee of the pro-life, anti-abortion campaign, said 'henceforth, abortion cannot be introduced into Ireland by court, or legislature, but only if the majority of Irish people choose to do so in a referendum. This is pure democracy.'

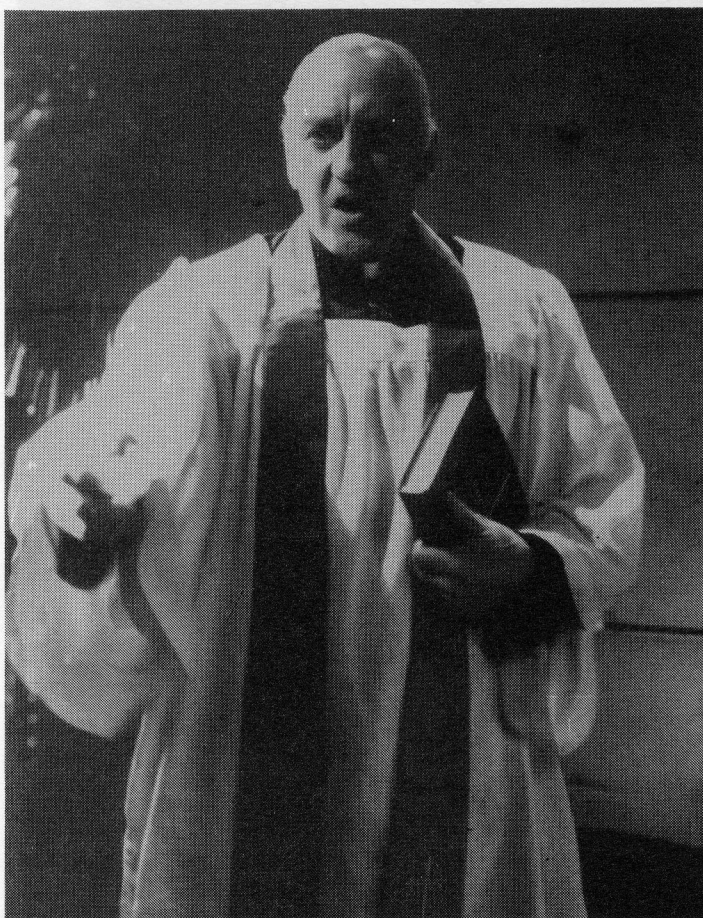
During the campaign, the Catholic church in Ireland flagrantly abused its position of responsibility. Sunday after Sunday priests and bishops told the congregation from the pulpit how to vote. The Fianna Fail party, then in opposition, played electoral silly beggars with the wording of the referendum, acting purely out of party political expediency. A debate which had begun to start on abortion was stifled, then repressed by the din, and the lies, and the black propaganda of the pro-life, anti-abortion lobby.

The 1983 anti abortion constitutional amendment was passed by 67% of the population, and created a suffocating and retarding shame as its consequences slithered from under the carpet. The reactionary, conservative, repressive elements that had formed an savage alliance in 1983 now became a predatory presence, sweeping and demolishing any possibility of reform, of intelligent thought, of freedom. Marital reform, rights to abortion information, rights to travel were summarily executed by ideological thuggery.

Relief began to be personified in Mary Robinson, a liberal lawyer who had fought in the European court for Irish women to at least have the right to information on abortion. In October 1990, Mary Robinson was elected Irish President in the biggest electoral upset since the foundation of the state. Her election was seen as a maturing experience, an exorcising of guilt, of the women of Ireland, *mná na hÉireann*, not rocking the cradle, but rocking the system. In the last month of the campaign, she was told by two bible-clutching elderly women outside a Catholic church in Ballina, 'we voted against abortion and divorce, and we're ashamed we did. We're going to vote for you.'

The new liberalism was short lived. The largest party in Ireland's coalition government, Fianna Fail, tried a brief courtship with the post Robinson agenda. In March 1991, the then Irish Prime Minister

(*Taoiseach*), Charles Haughey, casually announced that condoms would be made available from places other than chemists, and that they could be available to those over 16. Some of Haughey's party members, the bedrock of Irish Conservatism, were shocked. Haughey supporters were dismissive of their concern. 'Fuck them. They have nowhere else to go,' said one. Then Ireland's bishops waded in. 'No political party in this country is prepared to defend fundamental values of family life,' thundered the Archbishop of Dublin. The plan was dropped.



Eleven months later, the obscenity of Ireland's national hypocrisy on morality reemerged. The Irish Attorney General, acting under the 1983 amendment to the Irish constitution, sought an injunction in the district court against a woman travelling to Britain for an abortion. What distinguished this woman from the 40,000 others who travel freely a year was that she went to the Irish police (*Gardaí*) to provide a sample of the foetal tissue. X was a rape victim, and she was fourteen years of age.

The case of X traumatised the population, and the upholding of the original injunction, including the ban on travel, in the Irish High court caused outrage in sections of public opinion. The day after the

decision, the *Irish Times* led with Martyn Turner's cartoon captioned, '17 February 1992. The introduction of internment in Ireland for 14 year old girls.'

The X case had several immediate implications. The most human was the suffering of the 14 year old, and the possibility of her committing suicide. A death in these circumstances would not have been unusual. In 1984, 14 year old Ann Lovett bled to death beside the statue of the Virgin Mary as she gave birth to her baby. The dead baby was still attached by its umbilical cord when its mother's body was eventually found in the

how European law had been altered to accommodate Ireland's abortion laws. Under the Maastricht treaty, signed by all European countries in December 1991, abortion was considered as a 'service'. Thus, under European law, Irish women would be able to avail of abortions in other countries, completely legally and above board. Despite the fact that thousands of Irish women go abroad for abortions anyway, this Maastricht provision flatly contradicted the Irish constitutional position. Under Irish law, travelling abroad for an abortion is illegal. But, as Ireland had already approved the Single European Act in a referendum in 1987, European law took precedence over Irish law, so once Maastricht was ratified, overseas abortions would be legal for Irish women. This would have caused severe political difficulties when the time came for Maastricht to be ratified by Ireland. (Maastricht had to be ratified by referendum as it affected Ireland's sovereignty.) Pro-life, anti-abortion campaigners

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would have claimed that Maastricht equalled back door abortions for Ireland.

This particular problem was apparently circumvented by the insertion of a clause in the protocol to the Maastricht agreement. The clause, negotiated by Irish premier Haughey after being approached by Des Hanafin, was to serve as an electric fence around the Irish constitutional ban on abortion. The clause said simply that European law would not affect the Irish constitutional position on abortion, as amended in 1983 or in subsequent amendments. Thus, the Irish constitutional position was beyond impeachment. The case of X brought this rather inconsequential clause in the protocol into stunning focus. At that time, if the right to the abortion had been refused to the girl by Ireland's highest courts, then she would have had recourse to the European court. Had her case occurred after ratification of Maastricht, then she could not have appealed to Europe, as the constitutional position could no longer be affected by European law.

The situation was made even more complex when the Irish Supreme Court delivered its verdict on the X case. Initially, it appeared that the Supreme Court had gone bananas, but on closer inspection their judgement accurately reflected the constitutional amendment. The amendment reads, 'The state acknowledges the right to life of the unborn and, with due regard to the right to life of the mother, guarantees in its laws to respect, and, as far as practicable, by its laws to defend and vindicate that

in Ireland, but this was an irrelevancy, as she had already gone to Britain for the termination by the time the Supreme Court judgement had been announced.

The judgement, in conjunction with the Maastricht protocol, caused heat, fury, and very little light. Pro-life, anti-abortion campaigners claimed that ratification of Maastricht would lead to the imposition of abortions in Ireland, and demanded a new referendum to completely outlaw abortion without any confusion.

and the child, would a new referendum give more importance to the life of the child as opposed to the life of the mother? Would precedence of citizenship be given to a foetus that is not even a citizen?

Pro-choice, pro-abortion campaigners were far from happy, as Maastricht and the Supreme Court ruling would lead to a ban on the right to travel for pregnant women, and a continuation of the ban on the right to information. They also wanted a referendum, to place rights to travel and

Reynolds was loath to do. He desperately wanted to avoid a divisive referendum either about or before Maastricht, and wanted to carry the majority of the population with him on Maastricht. This he would not be able to do if the Maastricht issue became seriously clouded with the abortion issue.

Reynolds was assuming that, with abortion shoved under the mat for a while, he could bank on the extensive pro-Europe outlook of Ireland to get Maastricht through. He was well aware of the consequences if he failed in this, something now clearly evident by the Danish decision to reject ratification. Indeed, the Danish vote could now make the Irish debate entirely superfluous.

It did not take long for the interested parties to line up on either side of the Maastricht debate. In

the Catholic Church may be saving its ammunition for the abortion debate

favour of ratification were all of the major political parties; Fianna Fail, Fine Gael, Labour (bar two MPs) and the Progressive Democrats, all for different reasons. Trade Unions, Farmers' Groups and the Federation of Irish Employers are also in favour. Against ratification are the fledgling Democratic Left, and what remains of the (Stalinist) Workers' Party. Both these groups are on the left of the political spectrum. Also against are the pro-life, anti-abortion group, and women's rights groups, for the reasons explained above. A significant addition to the 'nays' is Senator Des Hanafin, who has now had the Fianna Fail whip withdrawn from him. Senator Hanafin spearheaded the 1983 referendum, and played a major role in the insertion of the Maastricht protocol clause.

The group of interest to everyone was the Catholic Church. Which way would the prelates jump? An interesting straw in the wind was the decision by the Irish farmers' groups to support Maastricht ratification. Even though it was their support for Europe, and indeed the financial benefits they derive from the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP), that allowed the ratification of the 1987 Single European Act to romp home with a 70% vote, it was also the rural vote that swung the 1983 anti-



right.' Using the phrase 'with due regard to the right to life of the mother', the judges argued that as there was a strong possibility of the girl committing suicide, then the right to life of the child was threatened by both having and not having an abortion, but the right to life of the mother was threatened only by not having the abortion. On these grounds, the girl could have the abortion in Ireland. This opened the way to abortion in Ireland under limited conditions.

The second section of the judgement stated that the right to life of the child under the Irish constitution was greater than the right to travel. Thus, the girl could not travel to Britain for her abortion, and she already could not be told that abortion services were available, or what these services entailed. She could, of course, be told all this about abortion services

They completely missed the double irony that abortion in Ireland was now legal under the very amendment that they constructed to ban abortion, and that the legality of abortions was to be copper-fastened by the Maastricht protocol clause that they insisted be inserted to prevent the European community from 'imposing' abortion on 'poor, sweet, innocent Ireland'. The salt was firmly rubbed as the whole controversy, and undermining of the pro-life, anti-abortion position, had started with the type of case that pro-life, anti-abortion campaigners smoothly and smugly said could never happen, when the appalling spectre of abortion after rape was raised in 1983.

Anti-abortionists have also failed to draft a text for a new anti-abortion referendum. Given that the previous form of words gave equality to the lives of the mother

information in the constitution. This left Ireland facing two, possibly three separate referenda. One or two abortion based ones, either completely outlawing abortion in however draconian a manner, or establishing travel/information rights, and another on Maastricht ratification. The question was, which referendum was to come first.

The Irish government, now led by Albert Reynolds, who became Taoiseach after the resignation of Charles Haughey at the end of January 92, said that the Maastricht debate was to come first. This decision was arrived at after a botched attempt to change the protocol, and not without considerable confusion. The junior partner in the Irish coalition government, the Progressive Democrats, favoured having an abortion referendum first. This

abortion referendum in favour of the pro-life groups with a 67% vote. Did their support for Maastricht indicate that the influence of the Church on matters of state was on the wane? Thanks to Bishop Casey, the answer can only be guessed at, though his case shows that the Church's influence on moral matters is now being treated with a bit more cynicism than before.

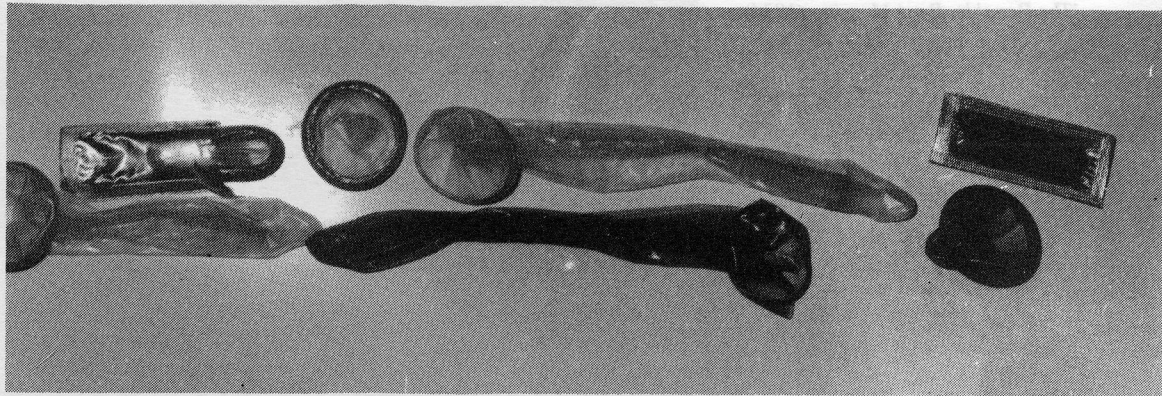
The Casey factor may indeed have affected the eventual Church decision, though senior correspondents suggest that the Church position is more due to genuine confusion. They were caught between supporting Maastricht, and in effect supporting limited abortion in Ireland, or rejecting Maastricht, and sabotaging the financial state of the nation, considering that Ireland hugely depends on the CAP and on the regional and social funding (ERDF, ESDF) it receives from the EC.

In the event, the Church advised to neither accept or reject, ignored the substance of Maastricht entirely, and called for an abortion referendum. Showing a slight inclination to the extremists in the pro-life anti-abortion parties, their soul mates from 1983, the Church spokesman, Bishop Joseph Duffy said in reference to the holding an

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abortion referendum, 'this would be one of Ireland's most distinctive contributions to the soul of Europe.'

The pro-Maastricht parties now forged ahead with their yes campaign. The Church was effectively neutralised, and Reynolds went full hog to isolate what he regarded as the remaining extremists. He played strongly on the financial gains Ireland has made from the European Community. As Ireland is on the periphery of Europe, a large claim will be available from the 'Cohesion Fund,' set up to counter the effects of the 'Golden Triangle' of the financial centres of London, Frankfurt and Milan. While no cash is on the table for the fund, the carrot waved by Reynolds is in the order of magnitude of six billion pounds over five years. This money is in addition to the money already



promised under the agricultural policy, the social fund, and the regional development fund. In the debate on the Maastricht referendum, Reynolds told the Irish parliament, 'Any suggestion that Ireland will not be a full member in future of the Single Market and of the Union would cause a major loss in investment confidence with devastating consequences for jobs.'

Now all has changed. The decision by the Danish people to reject the Maastricht treaty has evened the scales, and both the Maastricht and the abortion battlegrounds have been redrawn. The anti-Maastricht parties are claiming not so much victory, rather that the referendum is over before it even began. 'It's a dead duck,' said one spokesman just hours after the result of the Denmark vote was announced. The Irish government were described by a reporter on the *Irish Press* as 'headless chickens', and officially, the Taoiseach's office would only say that they were 'making consultations.'

The Danish decision has opened up several interesting possibilities. As the treaty looks certain to be renegotiated, there is the option of the removal of the clause in the protocol. This would leave Irish women able to travel abroad to avail of the abortion 'service', as well as being able to have abortions in Ireland so long as there is a threat to the life of the mother. Whatever happens, the debate will have to return to a referendum on abortion. A referendum had been planned on the right to information in November. This may be added to by a total review of the abortion law.

Before this is to be considered, the Government must also clear three pieces of legislation already promised, and the progress to date does not bode well for abortion reform. A White Paper on marital breakdown and divorce was due to be debated in the Irish parliament before the summer, but has now apparently been 'shelved'. Taoiseach Reynolds had promised legislation this year to decriminalise

homosexuality, after being instructed to do so by the European community. This is now unlikely to happen until 1993. The new family planning bill, following on from the 1991 Haughey proposals, has now sunk, apparently without trace.

That the Government's timetable for piecemeal reform has been scuppered by the Danish vote is beyond doubt. It will now have to contend with a renegotiation of Maastricht, under a more constant public gaze than existed before. It will also have to deal with the abortion issues post Maastricht. A lot will depend on how much Albert Reynolds thinks he needs the liberal vote to give him the overall majority that has escaped his party for the past five elections.

A minor worry is that, should attempts be made to constitutionalise abortion, the anti-abortion, pro-life campaign may stand in parliamentary constituencies against Fianna Fail. Of more immediate concern, the Irish government believes that the Catholic Church is saving its heavy ammunition for the upcoming abortion debate, post Maastricht. The church is already preparing its agenda, its plans to turn back the clock, to be dogmatic, oppressive, insensitive. On line is complete prohibition of abortion, restrictions in the right to travel, and the complete abolition of the right to information. Nothing would be a clearer signal that the church, and its militant, fundamental extremists in the pro-life group, have learned nothing. They have not learned respect, tolerance or pluralism. As such, they should accept that they have been, and remain a significant retarding factor in the development of a modern Irish society, that their agenda will keep the Irish people in an infantile morality, and that they will continue to foster a culture of stupidity. But whatever the weight of the church's artillery, they may learn painfully that the public mood has changed, that their reputation has been damaged, and that there is a possibility that the power to decide the nation's policy may finally be wrested from them.

14 year old Ann Lovett bled to death beside a statue of the Virgin Mary. The dead baby was still attached by its umbilical cord when its mother's body was found - her schoolbag close by

'The Rape' by René Magritte (1934)

Sexual Harassment

Sexual Harassment in the Union - what should be done about it? The Union plans to implement a policy on the subject at the AGM this month.

Sexual harassment is a phenomenon which has been around as long as the instinct that drives it. The Neanderthal of old used to club his wife with a bone and rape his neighbour's daughter - nowadays the Neanderthal barfly leches through a drunken stupor at anything in a skirt, even if it is merely a picture of a hovercraft. And you should not be so complacent as to think such serious injustices only took place in the dim and distant past - it was only recently that an English court ruled that rape within marriage could actually legally occur.

Sexual harassment causes suffering; the victims may endure anything from embarrassment to anger, from fear to depression. They may be driven to leave their job or course; their mental health may be damaged and they may feel demeaned or isolated. It is not anybody's position to judge the rectitude of the victim's response - it is the prerogative of any citizen of a civilised country to try to help somebody in pain and to attempt to

avoid such situations occurring in future. To this end Imperial College Union (ICU) has formulated a policy on sexual harassment, the complete wording of which can be obtained from the Union or Felix Offices. The final proposal is to be put to the Unions Annual General Meeting on 23 June this year - any suggestions concerning the policy should be made to Zoë Hellinger (Union President, on 3501) by Wednesday 17 June.

The Union takes the issue of sexual harassment very seriously and believes that it can be grounds for disciplinary action. Ms Hellinger has also noted that 'it would also be beneficial if the policy could be incorporated into the College regulations.' Many other Student Unions around the country already have a standing on this issue - to various effects. Perhaps it is time that ICU should recognise and deal with this issue.

The Working Definition of Sexual Harassment

Any doubt as to what defines sexual harassment should not deter

anybody from complaining about behaviour that causes them distress. Likewise, any intimation that complaint will cause embarrassment should not be entertained - the Union respects the sensitivity of the issue and respects the necessity for complete confidentiality.

Harassment can take many forms and can be directed against women, ethnic minorities, those of physical or mental disabilities and those of different sexual orientations or ages. ICU defines sexual harassment as 'repeated and unwanted verbal or sexual

What can be harmless fun for one can be perceived as hostile and intimidating by the other.

advances,' or in fact any action which causes distress to a person through physical contact, sexually explicit remarks or the display of sexually explicit material. It should be made clear that any behaviour that can make an individual feel 'unjustifiably' viewed as a sex object may cause offence, even if this is not intended. Differences in culture or attitude - or even alcohol consumption - can result in the misinterpretation of social signals such that what is perceived as harmless fun by one party can result in a hostile and intimidating environment for the other.

Although it is conceded that sexual harassment can be experienced by both sexes, in the vast majority of cases it is inflicted on women through the deliberate and unwelcome attentions of men. Such behaviour can, under some circumstances, be illegal under the Sex Discrimination Act or the Race Relations Act.

The Aims of the Policy

In order that the College's students and staff can enjoy the Union in a harassment-free environment, where the dignity of individuals is respected, the Union seeks to prohibit sexual harassment on its premises.

What Should Harassment Victims Do?

The first step is to attempt to make it clear to the offender that such behaviour is unwelcome, but if you feel you cannot do this, this constitutes neither consent to

harassment nor does it prejudice future complaints. Nobody has to tolerate sexual harassment and if this method fails you should talk the problem over with a friend or anyone on the list at the end of this article.

If an incident worries you, even if it seems trivial, then contact somebody about it. Any discussions with the relevant ICU staff will be confidential and no further action will be taken without your express permission. If harassment continues then you could see Mandy Hurford - Union General Manager - or Stefano Ruis - Union Welfare Advisor - who will discuss the situation with you. If you felt more comfortable with a friend, then bring them along.

The appropriate disciplinary procedures will only be instigated if you, or your proxy, want to continue. It may be useful if you could keep a note of the details of the relevant incidents in case you want to take this option.

The ICU Guidelines on Sexual Harassment

The cardinal rule is that complete confidentiality will be maintained if the complainant wishes it so, and no

action will be taken without the complainant's consent.

Because harassment is a difficult subject, ICU recognises that the normal channels for handling grievances may be hard to use. Because of this, the Union offers confidential guidance and support, with the non-obligatory option of taking the complaint further. Such Union guidance can be discussed with nominated members of ICU staff, at least one of whom will be a woman.

Any investigation of a complaint will be handled with sensitivity and respect for the rights of both interested parties. The complainant has the right to be supported by whomsoever they choose. Reports of harassment will be dealt with in all possible speed and appropriate action will only be taken in consultation with the complainant. Although some cases can be dealt with informally, such action may provide grounds for disciplinary measures under existing Union or College regulations. If the complainant does not wish to undertake a lengthy disciplinary procedure, the Union understands that there is a need for immediate and effective action.



Naturally, all records of allegations of harassment will be treated confidentially, and the Union will ensure that the alleged harasser has access to impartial representation and is allowed to state their case. The Union also accepts that there is the possibility that some individuals may bring spurious, frivolous or malicious allegations of harassment which may be dealt with through disciplinary proceedings.

If a person is subjected to harassment in the Union Building or environs, particularly in the Union bar, and makes an specific complaint to a member of Union staff, that member of staff has the duty to warn the offender that their actions could result in the closure of the Union Bar and the cessation of alcohol sales until they leave. The offender should be given two clear warnings and if this is not enough then the bar will be closed, not to be re-opened until the offender has left Union grounds.

Who to Ask for Help

Mandy Hurford, Union Manager (8676), Stefano Ruis, Union Welfare Advisor (3507), Zoë Hellinger, Union President (3501), the Union Welfare Officer or Donna Sibley, Union Women's Officer.

You could try the College Tutors - Prof J S Higgins (8308) or Dr D M L Goodgame (4549), your personal tutor, your department's senior tutor, your hall warden or sub-warden, the Student Counsellor - Don Adlington (3041), the Health Centre (3099), the College Chaplains (8633) or Nightline (071 436 5561).

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Right Said Fred -Equinox

Manatee

They knew we were coming tonight. There was red carpet rolled out onto Leicester Square, and limos, and crowd control barriers. All for me. I'm a star. The VIP re-opening of the Empire Ballroom, as a new club, competing directly on a level with the hippodrome. No contest. This place kicks the living daylight out of that place, leaves it struggling for breath. The Hippodrome is crap. Equinox is not.

Of course, being a premium club, in a prime site can lead to certain prestigious prices. Lager at £2.80

a pint is not really good for the student pocket. And at anything up to twelve quid to get in, it begins to look like a very expensive evening. But fear not. Tuesdays is student night, and it comes back into the realm of the living. £1.50 to get in, and £1.50 a pint. And it's open until 3.30. Not the thing for those with exams the next day, but for the rest.

Right Said Fred, incidentally, were absolutely storming during their three song set (Can you guess what those three songs were, readers?).

Lise Yates
●Equinox, at the Empire, Leicester Square (north side). Open Tuesday to Saturday, from 9pm.

The Real People -Underworld

Gig

It was the first time I'd actually gone to the Underworld and I was pleasantly surprised. The drinks weren't too expensive! We stood around patiently waiting when the *Tambourines* came on. I wasn't expecting much (as they were support at a small venue), but I was wrong, they were pretty good. For a while I thought it would be one of those rare occasions when a support band outshone the

headlining band, but on came *The Real People* and showed me why they were the main act. Their set was much better than the *Tambourines*, even though their style was similar. Their fans, however, were fans of both bands, so both got good support from the audience.

The best thing for me was that both bands were scouse, as were a lot of the fans following them, so I felt right at home.

Bov.
●'Believer' is out now on Columbia.

Machine Gun

Feedback



Machine Gun Feedback: Hey, I'm a Rockstar

Hey I'm a Spaceman

12 Inch

They say first impressions last, in the case of this 12" there are four first impressions—it would appear that *The Machine Gun Feedback* don't really know what kind of music they're trying to make. The A-side is a couple of wonderful early *Wonderstuff* sound-a-likes. The B-side however goes off at a tangent. Having said that the 12" is inspiringly different and impressingly good.

Purple Velvet.
Out now on Sacred Heart.

-Camden Falcon

Gig

On Wednesday last week a certain music editor asked me what I was doing that night (no he hasn't extended his tastes to blokes); a chance to go and listen to *Machine Gun Feedback* live, whom I had reviewed the week before.

Anyway back to the present (well sort of). Having enjoyed their new ep I thought 'what the hell', and come 9pm I was stood outside the Camden Falcon thinking 'I'm going in there?'. I had already been forewarned that the gig room was a real pit—and were they right?

Back to the music. *Machine Gun*

Feedback were on first with no introduction and they didn't ever bother either. What can I say? Better live than on a recording. It has to be said that the cartoons playing in the background were more interesting than the act but the music was on top form. A sort of primitive psychedelic rock.

Godlike Bass came on shortly after with some heavy duty crosses between metal and goth—totally mindblowing and worth moving to. Getting too near the platform (stage is too grand a term) was positively dangerous with flying hair and microphone stands on the loose.

A most excellent night out with some good grooves that I can see turning big time in the future.

Purple Velvet

This Picture -Borderline

Gig

The lead singer of *This Picture* starts this concert fully dressed, and proceeds through varying stages of undress throughout the evening, from 'Step Up' through '5.30' to 'Death's Sweet Religion', avoiding, as ever, 'The Great Tree', and showcasing some new tracks, most of which remain sadly nameless, at least to us, the audience. But the swelling rush encapsulated in 'A Violent Impression', remains, if slightly watered down, with a slightly unfinished feel to them. *This Picture* stun, delight, and confuse all at once.

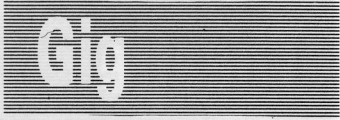
Lise Yates
The Orb
-Blue Room

12 Inch

The Orb return with a brand new slice of ambience, drifting in and out of consciousness like a bleary eyed dream, which apparently clocks in at just under forty minutes in its full version. Fortunately for us we have been furbished with a four minute edit. This is an amazing piece of music, and the fact that it sounds almost the same as everything else *The Orb* have ever done is irrelevant.

Lise Yates
●*Blue Room* is out on Monday. *The Orb* play Brixton Academy tonight, 9pm-6am.

Carter USM, Frank & Walters -Academy



The Frank & Walters are better than *The Sultans Of Ping FC*. There is no doubt about it. There line in inter-song banter would probably be very amusing, were it comprehensible. At least the songs were recognisable, including covers of 'Funky Cold Medina' and *The Monkees*' 'Believer', thrown in amongst their own songs, their anthem, 'We Are The Frank & Walters', and assorted other selections from ep1, ep2 and ep3.

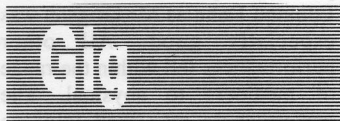
Carter are also better than *The Sultans Of Ping FC*. But it's their fans that puzzle me. Tonight the Academy is a sea of white, the white of Carter shirts, with the odd floating jetsam of new blue Carter shirts, and black shark fins in black Carter shirts. Anyone would think they we didn't know that they liked

Carter. Do they only have one T-shirt, and if so, how do they keep it so white. No one would think that simply because they didn't wear a Carter T-shirt that they didn't like Carter. Not after moshing through an hour and half of Carter, their own songs and everyone else's - *The Smiths*, *The Jam*, *Pink Floyd*. And the loss of John Beast has deeply affected their show, not as if the Carter fans have noticed. They still scream his war cry, 'You Fat Bastard', as if nothing had changed, but it has changed. No more stages vanishing in a wall of light. No. It was not in the least bit painful to see the band all the way through, apart from the inherent pain involved in seeing them. Carter played all the songs you'd expect and finished with 'GI Blues', as you'd expect.

Lise Yates

● Carter release a new single, 'Do Re Me So Far So Good', on 22nd June, through Chrysalis.

Kingmaker, Suede -T&C



Call me old fashioned if you like, call me a git if it pleases you more, but in the days when I bought a T-shirt at every gig I went to, things used to be done differently. Why on earth is it that nobody wants to be a pop star anymore? In the good ole days (about two years ago) bands actually seemed to give a toss about whether 'the kids' were enjoying themselves, but in the era of the anonymous shoegazer that seems old hat. Tonight, *Kingmaker* are abysmal. If any of their songs were vaguely memorable I might have forgiven them for being so completely miserable but this band are going nowhere fast. Admittedly, for all of their five minute intro I thought I was going to enjoy them, but then they ruined everything by coming on in a blaze of glory unrivalled since John Major last had peas for dinner. I can't put my finger on what it is I don't like about *Kingmaker*, maybe because my finger is not big enough to cover all their faults, but at a push I'd sum things up by saying that they take themselves too damn seriously! Not

once during their whole 'performance' does anybody in the band say anything more than the obligatory 'Cheers, Ta, that was called...', hardly the stuff that mega-stars are made of. Okay, so I'm being a bit harsh on *Kingmaker*, after all it's not as if they're the only ones at fault.

For all the hype about *Suede* they too have a long way to go before the quality of their live show matches that of their songs. However, the very fact that *Suede* have some songs has endeared them to me already, *Suede* could be big, very big and very soon. They have what *Kingmaker* don't, a sense of humour and a sense of theatre and that puts them way ahead of much of the current pack of angry but gutless bands. I could be wrong about *Kingmaker*, maybe the future of rock 'n' roll lies with singers that can't sing, tunes you can't remember three minutes after you hear them and awkward silences between songs in a live set, but I hope not...if only for the sake of *Suede* who appear to have a lot more to offer the world.

McCarter.

● *Kingmaker*'s 'Killjoy was Here' ep is out now on Chrysalis. *Suede*'s 'The Drowners' is out on Nude.



Frank and Walters: burble burble burble

Live -Operation Spirit



Previously living its life as the weakest cut on the '4 songs' ep, now released as a single in it's own right, apparently due to public demand. *Live* sound like a cross between *Simply Red* and *REM*, taking the best of both worlds and coming up with nothing.

Lise Yates

● Released on Radioactive records.

The Pale -Dogs with no Tails

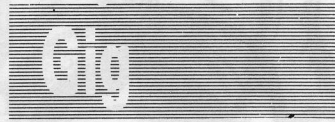


Yet another band from Ireland but this time they're using fairly classical Irish folk sounds—and doing a fair job of it. Slightly catchy perhaps even slightly more-ish, but, I'm afraid to say, not the best thing since sliced bread or even sliced butter for that matter!

Purple Velvet.

● Out now on A&M.

Power of Dreams -Marquee



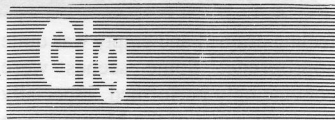
The Marquee is usually warm inside. Tonight it's unbearable. The temperature is absolutely sensational. The combination of 800 sweaty bodies and 80 degree temperatures is too much for a consistent review. I can't tell you all the songs they played, as I kept having to retire to cooler climes. What I did see, though, convinced

me of two things, one, that *Power Of Dreams* are used to tropical climates; throughout their set, they play with energy and conviction, and two, that *Power Of Dreams* fans are used to similar environments. They found it easy to mosh until the steam rose from their heads. They sound, incidentally, like an Irish *Kingmaker*.

Lise Yates.

● '2 Hell With Common Sense' is out now on Polydor.

Rain-Marquee



Rain used to be crap. There's no denying it. Perhaps they still are. That, dear heart, is what we're about to find out.

Rain's old songs are still crap. I'm glad we found that out. They

have some new stuff now, and I thought I spotted a tune in there somewhere. My X-ray eyes espied it, and I'm sure with a little nurturing, and tender loving care, they might grow into something a little tree with sweet, rosy fruit. But like an apple tree, this is going to take a long time to grow into a flourishing orchard.

Lise Yates

Turtle Beach



Set in the height of the political crisis surrounding the boat people, *Turtle Beach* stars Greta Scacchi as journalist Judith Wilkes trying to expose the squalor of the refugee camps in Malaysia. Finding herself barred from entering the camps Judith befriends Minou Hobday (Joan Chen), wife of the Australian High Commissioner and ex-bar girl, and in the process meets the charismatic Kanan (Arf Malik). Once she witnesses the horrors of the camp and the attacks by Malay villagers on newly arrived refugees, she finds herself drawn into a web of political machinations.

The story's location, *Turtle Beach* is a clever one. It is the only nesting site for Greenback Turtles, and their struggle for survival is analogous of the refugees'. They have to brave the heat, predators and make it to the freedom of the seas.



The portrayal of the clash of cultures works extremely well. West bludgeoning East with civilisation whilst East seduces West with sensuality. In a way, it is about how we in the West attempt to apply morals to situations where they are totally unfitting.

Despite the excellent atmosphere, the acting, for me, was wooden at the beginning only becoming average towards the end. Essentially everything was there but it didn't come together to do justice to such a topic. Quite a let down.

Snark

Ghost Sonata



Arkenholtz is a student with a strange talent. Born on a Sunday, he has the power of second sight. He can see ghosts, but treats them as normal people since he is only vaguely aware of what they really are.

He is also unaware of the true identity of Hummel, an old man who wraps Arkenholtz in a web, twisting the boy's life to his own ends. Hummel invites Arkenholtz to the 'Ghost Supper' and introduces him to a world of sophisticated opulence. Slowly, however, Arkenholtz discovers that the house he so admires hides a world of delusion, mental torture and vampiric shackles.

The first part of the play is mimed to classical music and the same themes from Beethoven, Greig, Rachmaninov and Des de Moor reoccur throughout. The theme of the play is one person's hold over another so leaving the theatre



feeling drained and empty was quite appropriate. Some scenes were convincingly performed, especially the emergence of the Mummy as a woman in mental agony which left me feeling revolted.

The play, by August Strindberg, has been put on by the Sturdy Beggars Theatre Company as a neglected classic. The theatre is

quite small, so you must book 24 hours in advance.

Toby Jones

● If you like scary, challenging theatre, *The Ghost Sonata* runs until June 21st at the New End Theatre, New End (off Heath Street), Hampstead Tube (walk up the hill). Box Office 071 794 0022, £6.75 (students £4.25)

Shadow



Lights on to a room in a tenement block in Dublin, 1920. A poet at work and his room-mate, Seumas Shields, sleeping the morning away. This is a day in the life of the residents of the tenement in the times of the troubles. Donal Davoran, the poet, is suspected by his neighbours as being an IRA gunman, and revered for being so and Mr Shields is a pedlar. Somehow they are landed with a bag full of explosives, and that night the Tans raid the house. Disaster looms. I remember reading this play and liking it a lot. It gives a powerful insight into the effect of the 'troubles' on the Irish. It was this work that brought Sean O'Casey into recognition as one of the major playwrights of the 20th century.

It was hard to see past the awful accents and bad acting of a few members of the cast, and this production leaves one feeling a little disappointed. Richard Kates as the pretentious poet was excellent and Edmund Dehn as Mr Grigson was especially good. All other performances fell within the range of mediocre to abysmal. The performances may well improve and somehow O'Casey's brilliance seeps through.

Darwen

● *The Shadow of a Gunman* runs until 13th June at the Rose Theatre Club, Fulham Road. Tickets £6.50, £4.50 (conc) + 50p membership. Tuesday-Sunday 8pm. Box Office 071 823 9360.

Pond Life by Richard Cameron opened at the Bush Theatre this week. Mon-Sat 8pm. There is a signed performance for deaf people on 16th June.

The Man Outside by Wolfgang Borchert is playing at the Chelsea Centre, Worlds End. Tue-Sat 8pm. Tickets £6.50-£4.50 (conc).

The Man in the Moon Theatre, above the pub on the Kings Road is currently running two shows. **Traffic Hearts** starts at 7pm and tickets are £5-4. **Mermaid's Sandwich** shows after this at 8.30pm, with tickets costing £6-5. If you see both then there is one pound off the price of each ticket.

In the Midnight Hour

Theatre

In the Midnight Hour is now on at the Young Vic. It's a show about soul and clubbing in the sixties. It follows the fate of various mods and the events of their Saturday night. We have Cliff (Anthony Barclay) and Dunny (Jeremy Brook). Dunny's a bit thick but rates himself as a smoothy and Cliff is a mildly tormented, love stricken, soulboy. They're out on the town, so are Roxy (Gillian Bevan) and Rita (Amanda Symonds). Rita's a good, plump, catholic girl and her mate Roxy is a bitter, hardened, soulgirl. Everyone (virtually) is out on the pull. Everyone (virtually) goes home disappointed, but that's what Saturday night is all about. I like Roxy, she's a woman after my own heart: Rita—"ere, Roxy, look at them blokes". Roxy—"Rita, most o' them blokes are taking a *How to be a bastard* correspondence course". Yep, thought I. The script is full of



those elegant phrases that get bantered around the dance floor; I'd give 'er one, Shut it mouth, Drop dead creep, Beat it Bollock brain. Luverly, as they say up north. Their accents were so northern it was scary. Lots of slick deliveries of funny lines, lots of great songs sung really well, lots of talented musicians. The choreography was good. Great costumes as well; where did they get those suits? Authenticity was helped by them being worn in that awkward way that defines sixties mods.

Dancin' in the Street, Respect, Do Right Woman, Grapevine,

Knock on Wood, Try a Little Tenderness, Under the Board Walk. The list of classic soul songs is long, a little bit too long I'd say. It's so jam packed that the story and events are a bit slow in being revealed. I also felt that it was lacking a little pazzazz, but you can't fault their commitment to the music. I like the fact that the scriptwriter avoided the pull into 'significance' and 'conclusiveness'.

It's a fun night at the theatre and you are given the opportunity to get up and dance. Neil and Glynnis Kinnock took the chance to jive. It was a bit tough for the performers as it took a while for the audience to settle down again. But they dealt with it well.

Darwen

● *In the Midnight Hour* runs until 4th July at The Young Vic. Tickets are £13 (£7.50 concessions). The performance starts at 7.30 with a matinee at 2.30pm on a Saturday. Groups of 10 or more get tickets at £6.50. Box Office: 071-928 6363. Stop Press: Throughout June, if you turn up in authentic 60's gear you'll get two tickets for the price of one.

The Celebrated City

Exhibition

'The Corporation of London is older than parliament itself' and it is this corporation that governs the square mile that is the City of London. The Celebrated City is an exhibition in two parts, on the one hand there is a display of historical documents and memorabilia from over eight centuries of the City's past. On the other hand the exhibition looks at some of the works of art that the City has collected over the years, including eighty-three 17th century Dutch paintings recently bequeathed to the City.

The first half will appeal to anyone with a sense of history. The displays start at the birth of the Corporation with charters from ancient monarchs complete with original seals and progress through to the current day. Along the way there are rare maps of London, exquisite gold and silverware,



ceremonial treasures such as the Crystal Sceptre and full size paintings of past Lord Mayors. The theme of the exhibition is the role of the Lord Mayor and the Government of the City.

The display of art is diverse, ranging from traditional impressionist paintings to modern

pastels and watercolours. There is a staggering selection and anyone interested in art should find something of interest.

Throughout the exhibition I felt that presentation could have been enhanced to make the displays more interesting to a wider audience. As it is, those interested in history or

art should find some parts fascinating.

Sean Templar.

● The exhibition is on until 19 July, Mon, Wed-Sat 10am-6.45pm, Tues 10am-5.45pm, Sun/Public Holidays 12 noon-6.45pm. Admission costs £4 or £2 concessionary.

As usual, this column is an attempt to immortalise individuals by ascribing them completely fictitious behaviour, revealed to Marge by totally untrustworthy sources.

Firstly a brief rundown of the odds and ends around College. The purity test has once again hit the floor resulting in another change in the betting stakes in this week's instalment of Summer Leg Over 92. Marge is no longer the clear leader, being knocked out by new entry *S de G*. Things have been getting fraught in IC choir, resulting in the loss of their conductor - and the

does not have access to the relevant names, but there are two of them, and what's the betting that the cavorting in the cellar is continuing unbeknownst to the relevant authorities?

The resident *grocer* was also a used car salesman in his time. Would you buy a used union (ICU) from this sabbatical? Certainly, his neighbours want nothing to do with it, or indeed him, complaining as they are about loud noises from his room in the dead of night. There's even the mysterious appearance of scantily clad figures of indeterminate gender at ungodly

such behaviour is taken notice of by otherwise bored Southside residents.

Moving away from *Jonathan Griffiths*, where did all the Beit Quad antiques come from recently? I'm sure *the aforementioned* has seen them, not in the mirror, but from his window overlooking the Biology department. If he had been about in the Quad on Tuesday, he would have seen a possessed Harrington leading the annual Felix scavenger hunt. The latter is now the proud owner of a very old chest, and also a chest of drawers. Apparently, a sheet feeder was

mags down the air shafts in Falmouth Keogh? Who picks them up afterwards? Which former Pub Board chair with a double-barrelled surname has been ringing 0898 numbers recently? Who is the Phantom Orgasm in Linstead Hall? Which sabbatical has been 'fridge fairying' with Martin Heighway? And who is Marge? And where is she?

Marge's Massive Column



Nicky Fox is unwell. She is tired of trying to excite her OAP, and has sought refuge in her new 'toy-boy' Simon de Goviere, whom she described as 'cute.' Simon is reported to be ignorant of the whole episode.

choirboy element pokes up in those spankingly clean discussions between Harvey Proctor and a be-antlered Arctic ungulant whose usual habitat is the Union Office. Something about the preservation of the moose species in Uganda, I'm told (the explanation of the phrase 'Uganda' can be found in that establishment organ, *Private Eye*). Of course, we have to be very selective, as do her suitors. We are told by completely disreputable sources that the discovery of a condom wrapper in a Union room to which only a few have access resulted in the admission that this particular arctic ungulant only uses ribbed, coloured or flavoured trade barriers.

The moose has been busy this week. Not just with Harvey, but I hear that she faces no danger of being 'refused entry' to the Union Bar. Staff (noun, a stick with some special use, such as a walking stick or an emblem of authority). Marge

hours, and I don't think it's the VAT men checking up on his past cucumbers, old as he is (31). After all, they don't wear his brown dressing gown. (Brown??)

Boss Hogg, according to reports, has been keeping his landing awake, not just with his frenzied yelping. As for the numerous ciggy packets left scattered about the landing, toilet and even the shower, someone should call Health and Safety. His taste in music seems confined to Deacon Blue and 'smoke gets in his eyes'.

Who was it that made the ... erm... 'rash' complaint on May 26 about the coarseness of the paper, and got luscious green *Andrex?* Soft, strong and not very long in the establishment, as it was promptly stolen, only to reappear in little segments in *Boss Hogg's* rubbish bin. The relevance of this tale is not so much what the aforementioned Union employee was up to, but that

purloined for the latest run of card checking by the good Doktor. To round off an abysmal skip hit, *DramSoc* rescued a printer (no, not Andy) about as bad as one of their own productions. It was fairly old, but not the oldest thing in the quad, not while *you know who* is here.

Unfortunately, there were no curtains there in the pile, as a pair is desperately needed by Sarah in Tizard. One fond of preening, and indeed cleaning, herself, she has yet to learn the niceties of privacy. Auntie Marge says, do it in front of the bathroom mirror next time, preferably with the door closed.

The door is closed this week on Angus Frazer's office. Angus joins Gordon Marshall on the great holiday trail. Who next? Sheelagh Crampton? Angus apparently does a nice line in cricket, appearing as he does in the latest Guinness promotional brochure. Could this be his next career move?

Who is it that drops the porno

PodBox

TONIGHT

Swervedriver,
New Cross Venue, £5
New Cross (Gate)
The Orb, etc
Academy, £15
Brixton

SATURDAY

PWEI, Scorpio Rising
Marquee, £7
Leicester Square
Passiondales, Coming Up
For Air, The Clangers
ULU, £3
Godge St, Russell Square
The Cult, Neds Atomic
Dustbin, Mega City 4, PJ
Harvey, Frank &
Walters, A House,
Scorpio Rising, etc.
Finsbury Park, £17.50
Pele, etc Middlesex Poly
Oakwood

MONDAY

Eat, Some Have Fins.
Windsor Old Trout, £5.50
(0753)869897

TUESDAY

Sultans Of Ping FC.
Camden Palace, £2/£4
Mornington Crescent

WEDNESDAY

Adventure Babies, Kinky
Machine
Underworld, £5.
Camden Town.
Rain, etc
Goldsmiths College,
New Cross
Popinjays, L. Kage,
Ludicrous Lollipops.
Marquee, FREE before
8/£3.
Leicester Square.

THURSDAY

Bjorn Again, etc.
Clapham Grand, £10
Clapham Junction

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.
- Conservative Soc**.....12.30pm
Physics 737.
- Rag Meeting**.....12.40pm
Union Lounge. Everyone welcome.
- 3rd World First**.....12.45pm
Upper Southside Lounge.
- 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.
- Stoic on Air**.....7.00pm
- Shaolin Kungfu System Nam-Pai-Chuan**.....7.30pm
Southside Gym. All welcome.
- Water Polo**.....7.30pm
Sports Centre.
- Southside Disco**.....8.30pm
Southside Bar.
- LIBIDO**.....9.30pm
Union Lounge.

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.
- UK Seds Speaker Meeting**.....7.00pm
The Search for Extra-Terrestrial Intelligence in Elec Eng 912. Enrico Coffey will be speaking about the subject. Everybody is welcome.

SUNDAY

- West London Chaplaincy Sunday Service**.....10.30am
Anteroom Sherfield Building.
- Live Role Playing**.....10.30pm
Victoria Station. Gates to platforms 11-12.
- 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.
- Broomball Soc**.....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.
- Stoic on Air**.....7.00pm
- 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.

TUESDAY

- C.U. Prayer Meeting**.....8.30pm
Chaplain's Office
- Jazz & Rock Club Meeting**.....12.30pm
Southside Bar TV Room.
- OXFAM Lunch**.....12.30pm
Mech Eng Foyer. Bread, cheese and pickle lunch. £1.00.
- Environmental & Appropriate Technology Society**.....12.45pm
Southside Upper Lounge. All ideas welcome.
- 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.
- AstroSoc**.....1.00pm
Upper Lounge.
- STOIC News**.....1.00pm
- 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.
- Amnesty International**.....5.30pm
Clubs Committee Room.
- 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.
- Stoic Nostalgia Night**.....7.00pm
Imperial College in the sixties, seventies and eighties.
- Dance Club**.....7.00pm
JCR. Adv/Medals Ballroom & Latin.
- 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.
- Diving**.....6.30pm
Swimming Pool.
- Yet more Stoic**.....7.00pm
- Shaolin Kungfu System Nam-Pai-Chuan**.....7.00pm
Southside Gym. All Welcome.
- Basketball Club**.....7.30pm
Volleyball court.
- Kung Fu Club**.....7.30pm
Union Gym. Wu Shu Kwan.
- Club DMS**.....9.30pm
Ents Club Night in Union Lounge.
- Dance Music Society.

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
Chaplain's Office (10 Princes Gardens).
- Fencing Training**.....12.30pm
Beginners Training.
- Legs, Bums, Tums**.....1.00pm
Southside Gym. Every week.
- Gliding Club Meeting**.....1.00pm
Aero 266.
- Fencing Training**.....1.30pm
General.
- STOIC News**.....2.00pm
- Fitness Club**.....5.30pm

- Southside Gym. Advanced.
- Midweek Event**.....5.30pm
Chaplain's Office (10 Princes Gardens).
- Dance Club**.....6.00pm
JCR. Intermediate/Advanced Ballroom & Latin.
- Step Fitness Club**.....6.30pm
Southside Gym. £1 for students. Excellent fitness training.
- Judo Club**.....6.30pm
Gym.
- STOIC. Into The Night**.....7.00pm
'Exceptional Evening Entertainment'
- 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

- HONDA CG12J, E reg, MOT and tax, red colour, top box. £590. Bicycle 24" from £40. Ring Abdul 4817.
- VACATION ACCOMMODATION: Quiet area—Lexham Gdns, Lounge (TV/Video), Bathroom, Fitted Kitchen (incl washing machine). 10 mins college, 2 mins Sainsburys, 5 mins Glou Rd, High St Ken, Earls Ct. July to end Sept. £35 p/w. Phone David (071) 373 8384.
- SINGLE ROOM: Quiet area—Lexham Gdns. Lounge (TV/Video), Bathroom, Fitted Kitchen (incl washing machine). 10 mins Glou Rd, High St Ken, Earls Ct. Available September. £65. Phone David (071) 373 8384.

Careers Info

- JOB SEEKING after the milkround: Enrol in the Careers Service for this seminar on Wednesday 10, 17 or 24 June at 2.30pm
- PENULTIMATE Years: Start thinking about your future now, especially if you have no idea what you want to do. The Careers Service is well equipped to help you with information and advice. Drop in and speak to a Careers Adviser between 1.30 and 2.30pm or phone 3251 for advice or an appointment.
- FINALISTS: Start job hunting when your exams finish. Don't rely on the Summer Fairs. Make speculative but well targetted applications. Come to the Careers Service for advice. For further information come to the Careers Service, Room 310 Sherfield—open from 10am to 5pm Monday to Friday.

Union to Fund Sports Centre

Imperial College Union (ICU) could lose up to £400,000 from the Harlington trust to fund the proposed refurbishment of the Imperial College Sports Centre.

The Harlington Trust was set up in 1989 to manage the money raised from gravel extracted from the Harlington Playing field. The Sports Centre changes will be funded by an interest free loan of £650,000 to be repaid in twelve years time. The Union will lose money on the interest raised on the fund, which was as much as £300,000 last year.

Zoë Hellinger, ICU President, said that she and the other trustees of the Harlington trust believed that the money would benefit students. They believed an improved Sports Centre would attract better students and provide improved sports facilities.

Complaints have also been raised over the closure of the whole sports

centre over the first term of the next academic year. Ms Osner said that arrangements were being made with the University of London Union and St Mary's to house some of IC's sporting facilities during the closure. She told Zoë Hellinger that a fund would be raised to help pay for any extra travelling costs incurred. Other sports centres in Kensington, Westminster, Chelsea and Wandsworth would accommodate Imperial students at reduced prices. Ms Osner expressed regret at closure but said it was 'unavoidable.'

Ms Osner continued that the changes had been agreed with the widest consultation possible and that the changes to the sports centre would be in the best interests of students now and in the future. The sports centre will close on the 16th August and reopen on 2nd January 1993 following an extensive marketing campaign.

Cash Theft from Hall

Investigations are continuing after the theft of several items, including £950 in cash, from rooms in Southside Halls over two weeks ago.

The thefts are believed to have occurred during or shortly after the hall's windows had been cleaned as afterwards it was noticed that several rooms had been left unlocked and the contents had been disturbed. The thefts are still being investigated by the Police.

Any company that is allowed into Halls is normally vetted by College security. Reports reaching Felix suggest that the company employed

to clean windows may have subcontracted the work to a third party which avoided security checks.

The student who had £950 stolen is believed to have had the money in her room for up to ten days. Zoë Hellinger, Imperial College Union President, said she was 'very angry' over this lapse of security and added that any student who took 'adequate provisions' by locking their rooms should be entitled to some help from College in this type of situation.

Sir Eric Ash, IC Rector, said the situation was difficult as the College was not responsible for all student rooms, but said he would investigate the matter personally.

Students and Sabbaticals vote for Gardens Closure

The 'Gardens' Restaurant in Southside will close completely by the end of the term if a proposal circulated by catering manager Simon Westerman is passed by College. The proposal was passed by the College Bar and Catering Committee on 21 May. It will be considered by College House Committee on 9th June, and by the College Management Planning Group (MPG) on 2nd July. The MPG will then advise the Rector and the decision making Governing Body.

The Bar and Catering Committee 'endorsed the view that there could be no justification in continuing with any form of service within the Gardens Restaurant in Southside and recommend it should cease trading at the end of the present term.' The proposal was passed on the grounds that the losses incurred by the restaurant were

unsustainable. The two sabbatical officers present at the meeting, Zoë Hellinger and Steve Farrant, were also in favour of closing the Gardens.

In addition to his papers to Bar and Catering, Mr Westerman has prepared a paper for the College House Committee meeting. He describes Gardens as always having been 'a drain on Catering's resources, with a projected deficit of £180,000 for 1992. This is a completely unsustainable situation.' Catering Department Trading Account figures for the nine months to 30th April 1992 show that Gardens made a loss of £143,402, while the Sherfield Senior Common Room and Main Dining Hall made a combined loss of £192,076. Administration cost the Catering Department £293,645 in the nine month period.

The House and Catering

Conductor Quits after Row

Professor Eric Brown has resigned as conductor of Imperial College Choir, ending a career which spanned about forty years. The resignation was announced just before the choir's concert in the Great Hall last Friday evening, and comes after a dispute between the conductor and the choir's senior treasurer, Malcolm Aldridge.

The Choir chairman, Phil Pratt, recently issued a letter withdrawing Mr Aldridge's membership of the choir, following what has been reported as an attempt by Mr Aldridge to force Professor Brown from the conductorship.

The move by Mr Pratt to withdraw Mr Aldridge's membership was unconstitutional, and has been withdrawn. Imperial College Choir is a Union society and membership must remain open

to all Union members, including Mr Aldridge who is a life member of the Union.

Speaking to iCNN, Mr Aldridge said that he was still 'nominally senior treasurer' of the Choir. He confirmed that he had received the letter from the chairman withdrawing his membership and that he was now waiting to see what the committee would decide on the matter. He added that he would concur with any decision made about his membership.

Eric Brown was a professor of Civil Engineering at Imperial until his retirement two years ago. Sir Eric Ash, IC Rector, told iCNN that Professor Brown was 'an absolutely marvellous source of strength for music in the college. He was an extraordinarily talented and devoted conductor.'

Libraries Merge

The work on merging the Imperial College central libraries and the Science Museum libraries will take place over the Summer Vacation.

The combined libraries will have one entrance, a single issue desk and a reference desk. It is also proposed to move the Haldane Library to the ground floor of the new building.

Mr Richard Hall, Reader Services Sub-Librarian, told Felix that the library would only be closed for up to 3 or 4 days during the Summer holiday while the serious work is done. He added that although some noise would be unavoidable during the merger, the effect on Postgraduates and students studying for retakes would be small.

Mr Hall said work on the libraries would continue for the next two years but the major work should be completed before the next academic year begins. Mr Hall emphasised that the company that wins the contract to meld the two libraries would have to guarantee to complete the work over the summer.

Sir Eric Ash, IC Rector, commented that the merger was something he had 'fought for, for a long time.' Sir Eric continued that any student affected by the building work should take into account the wide range of departmental Libraries that Imperial possesses which rival other Universities in the country.

Committee decision to completely close Gardens follows a consultation exercise on proposals to close Gardens at weekends and evenings only. 708 questionnaires were circulated to student users, and 121 (17%) were returned. One hundred questionnaires were burnt. The results of the survey were that 95% of the 17% would not be adversely affected if the weekend lunch service were to stop, and that 93% of the 17% would not be adversely affected by the cessation of the evening service.

Speaking to iCNN yesterday afternoon, Mr Westerman said he 'did not know' if another questionnaire on the complete closure was to be issued to students. He added in his defence that 'student representation was 100% in favour' at the Bar and Catering Committee. Following last week's Felix article on the closure of

Gardens, he said that staff had now been notified of the proposal. He added that staff would not have been notified of the proposal had the Felix article not appeared. A new consultation document on the proposal will be issued within the next 24 hours.

The House and Catering Committee also approved the closure of Southside bar in its present form and the movement of the bar to the Sherfield building. The proposed move was prompted by 'rowdiness, isolated incidents of violence, glasses and litter in Princes Gardens and noise pollution for the neighbouring community.' The paper also proposed moving Belushi's to Sherfield. Mr Westerman said that none of these proposals would be implemented until the 'Catering account moves from red to black.'