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HURRICANE FORCE WINDS LASH UKC

U.K.C. on the night of 16th, was hit by the worst storm in its history. This storm or should I say "hurricane", was so intense that it left Parkwood looking like a battleground. Trees lay strown through numerous Parkwood houses, and tiles were missing from every roof. Once where bicycle sheds had stood, lay crumbled rubble. Thankfully there was no loss of life in U.K.C.'s first "hurricane"! On Friday night the Southern region was hit by immense winds. At 4.00 in the morning



Cars which were crushed in Bishopden court Parkwood



the power cables were torn to the ground by the winds. Campus, and the entire area were blacked out, students in Parkwood were forced to abandon their homes as trees fell on them. A tree fell onto 6 & 7 Bishopden destroying an Escort, a Lada, and a Vauxhall. It left a scene resembling an Irving Allen disaster movie. A tree fell through the Bishopden bicycle sheds and into the roof of 9 Bishopden, another huge tree had blown over in Farthings and been caught by another tree. By the morning light, Parkwood houses' tiles had embedded in the grass, and Parkwood path looked like a giant had pushed the trees aside. A lamp had bent through 90°, and a library window and frame were blown from their beams. A mere journalist's words cannot describe the scenes which remained on Friday morning, photographs tell a better story. Richard Winton

UNION LIFT BARCLAYS CHEQUE BAN

In a complete turn around last week the Students' Union finally repealed its ban on Barclays Bank.

In a heated debate the boycott, on accepting Barclays cheques, was lifted.

Why was there any need for debate when Barclays claim to have withdrawn investments.

Arguments centred around a number of points. Why should we forgive Barclays so quickly when they had investments in South Africa for years and years?

Have Barclays really withdrawn from South Africa? What is the position of Anti-Apartheid on this issue? Nationally and locally there is some disagreement.

Amongst allegations of "Terminological Inexactitudes" Rohan Kariyawasam, Students' Union President, and Sean Bovingdon, Union Treasurer,

spoke in favour of the motion.

Their arguments were mainly concerned with the effectiveness of other boycotts if the Barclays one was not lifted.

Lucy Kilkenny and Kevin McGill from the Anti-Apartheid group on campus doubted the authenticity of Barclays withdrawal. They expressed concern at the arguments put forward as well as their factual accuracy.

Summing up, James Nicholls General Secretary of the Students' Union reiterated arguments in favour. Summing up to oppose the motion, Bob Smale made a superb speech that received much applause.

A vote revealed 91 in favour, 63 against so the motion was carried. As far as the Students' Union is concerned Barclays is now clean. Do you have any feelings about this?

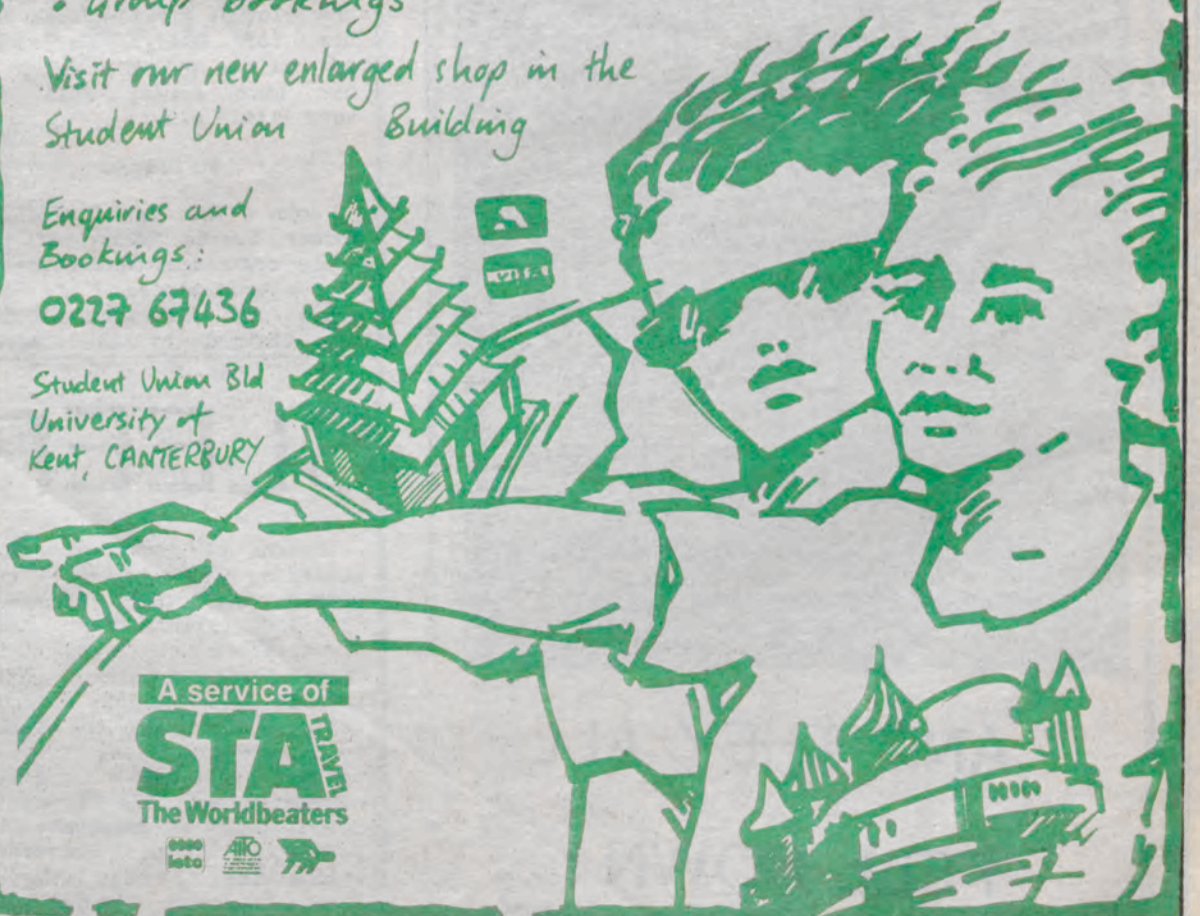
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ASSAULT & ROBBERY STUDENT TRAVEL

On 1st October, 1987 at 12:30 pm, Angela Simmonds, an employee at the Student Travel Agency (STA) on campus was walking to the campus bank to deposit £3000. In broad daylight, a tall man wearing a purple anorak and a disguise over his head attacked Angela, punched her in the stomach and grabbed her money bag. A male witness at the scene chased the bag snatcher towards Rutherford College. Unfortunately, the robber quickly rode away on a bicycle with a yellow-brown frame. Soon after the incident, the Police arrived. As of now, there are no further leads to the robber's whereabouts, and the money

has not been recovered. The University is not financially affected by the robbery; the travel agency suffers this loss. Luckily only £1300 of the £3000 was in cash, and the rest consisted of access fees which are useless to the thief. According to Nicola Willis, another employee at STA, this is the first incident of its kind. After such a scare, the employees at STA are more cautious and must now walk in pairs when carrying money to the bank. "You can't have a guard dog with you all the time" stated Ms. Willis.
Wendy Noah (E)
Maria Bonneville (E)

HOT GOSSIP STREET -KRED



Welcome all you Dirt-lovers to another episode of slime, sleaze and scandal with, what else this week, but a feature on those Freshers' Week stories that no one else dare print!

Dollop

Phil 'Old Etonian' Learoyd was under the marvellously mistaken impression that he was talking to this column's author when he was pleading for a story about himself not to be printed. In fact, he was talking to a mere lackey which he should have realised, because whereas I have never washed in all my life, being so in love with dirt, my treacherous lackey had only omitted to wash his hair because he hardly possesses any. Smarmy Phil's fear was that the appearance of his name in this column might endanger the success of planned 'conquests'. Presumably, he is also concerned that his notorious photoalbum might not be as wellendowed as otherwise might be the case. Well, KRED says 'tough'! We see ourselves as having a moral responsibility to prevent this sort of thing happening.

"Dillip" as he was known when he was the laughing stock of Eton, has been taking advantage of 1st Years who just don't know what a bore he is. Well, I have crawled into the slime of his past and discovered that he actually once used the horrendous chat-up line 'How much are you wearing?' This was just so that he could inform his very bored listeners that the clothes on his back cost him (or Daddy) in excess of half a grand. Well, you may have money, Phil, but very little else!

so macho

John 'The Lad' Marshall, former Sports Editor of this noble organ has been repeating his performances of last year. An American student was charmed by his Geordie

guiles on her first fateful night here and disappeared with 'The Lad' outside a Canterbury restaurant. John refused subsequently to divulge to his macho mates the substance of this liaison. But it does bear remarkable similarities to last year's affair with Krista, also an American. John was so bowled over by Krista that one night he cycled two miles to Christchurch on a wild goose chase to find her, when, in fact she'd lied to him and gone home. Better luck this year John, especially with your attempt to become a Geordie General Secretary.

Sellout

Another General Secretary contender, and my hasn't the race started early this year, is Mark 'The Guevara' Sandell. But I have sad news to report. The last bastion of left-wing radicalism on campus has fallen! The hero of the oppressed and working-classes has sold out to Thatcher's Britain. Mark, who got his name mentioned more times than anyone else in the S.U. Handbook, and who single-handedly ran four worthy stalls at the Freshers' Bazaar has become a yuppie. He can now be seen driving a BMW around campus.

Make it bigger

My hoary hackles have also risen on hearing that last year's General Secretary, Tim Fox, has become a capitalist entrepreneur. The ex-public schoolboy has been making money with his wall-planner which by now should have found its way into most campus study-bedrooms. This is not an S.U. service, but a money-making enterprise for 'Mr. Nicaragua' as the credit, 'Fox and Houston Productions, Ltd.' on it indicates. No doubt this is why he and his partner could afford a holiday in the Caribbean this summer

before he disappeared for a politically-sound year abroad in East Germany and Poland.

Meat market

Yet more KUCA gossip reaches my wax-laden ears this week. Eileff, the Norwegian who talks a lot but never says anything, and who is louder than the most tasteless of 'Intro-week' T-shirts, apparently found himself in need of urinary catharsis at a recent Committee Meeting. Not being one to step outside and avail himself of the w.c. after the fashion of most civilised people, Eileff preferred simply to remain seated, flop out his meat, and relieve himself on the spot. As one would, I suppose.

Evidently, a propensity for sharing one's genital attributes with the world at large is a major qualification for 'membership' of KUCA. Another Tory luminary, not miles away from Eileff, apparently likes nothing more than to flash his tackle before disinterested females.

Revelation

That's almost all for this week, filth-lovers, save for a post-script to one of the last issue's stories. The Darwin Ents. Rep. mentioned in connection with Anthony Blackshaw was very upset about her appearance in this column. Not, though, because of the scurrilous nature of the story, but because of my tactful omission of her name. Well, in line with my policy of keeping readers happy, the lady in question was Ms. Clare Boardman. O.K.?

That's it for this week, but there will be more tales from the sewage works in the next issue. But until then keep your ears to the ground, and your nose in the gutter. Rather like me in fact.
Den Dirt



AND THEY ALL FELL DOWN

SLEEP IN WASHOUT

Dozens of concerned U.K.C. students converged on Darwin Dining Hall last Thursday to express their dissatisfaction with the University's weak policy towards the plight of many fellow students who are without decent accommodation.

The sleep-in protest, organised by the Students' Union, was a desperate bid to prompt the University authorities to take concrete steps to solve the problem, other than mere expressions

of concern, towards the students it milks dry and then leaves out in the cold literally.

The Students' Union in strongly worded leaflets distributed throughout the campus, accused the University of hoarding "tens of millions of pounds in their 'reserves' in the Stock Exchange" instead of using it to ease the accommodation crisis.

The poor response to this well-intended campaign however was a disheartening feature.

Although a crowd of up to 250 people were expected to participate, not more than 50 were present, and the sleep-in ended with its dejected organisers leaving the empty hall at 1.30 a.m.

The indifference of the majority of the students to their homeless friends, illustrated by the hopeless response, no doubt will leave many with a bitter taste in their mouths.

Azra Jafferjee

NEWS NEWS

DARWIN MASTER

KUCA SETTLE DIFFERENCES

KUCA Crack Up

An amazing split has occurred within the ranks of that seemingly solid body of campus conservatism, KUCA. The political squabbles and internal divisions normally associated with the left wing of the political spectrum have now manifested themselves in the Conservative right. A rival Conservative group the 'Canterbury University Conservative Collegiate Forum' was set up over the Summer vacation under the chairmanship of Jamie Begg (K) and David Boyd (K). The CUCCF aimed to challenge KUCA's hegemony and official backing. The CUCCF derided KUCA as being a 'permanent cheese and wine party' and the 'loony right' (sentiments which would no doubt find sympathy among many on campus!). But before you all rush out to join the CUCCF (!) don't bother as it has already been disbanded.

And who was it that brought about the downfall of these new Conservatives? Militant perhaps? The Labour Party? The Union? No, none other than our old friends, KUCA. The CUCCF's claim to be the official Conservative body on campus brought a storm of protest and threatened law suit from their former buddies at KUCA - so much for the united Conservatives! Rumour has it that KUCA were desperately trading favours with the Union executive and stooges at Conservative Central Office in order to crush the fledgling CUCCF.

Anyway, by fair means or foul, KUCA managed to

secure official sanction from the S.E. Area Conservatives and also a prominent place in this year's Freshers' Bazaar. (Amazing what money can buy!) KUCA, however, intend to continue their policy of independence from the Union. KUCA's secretary, Chris Lakeman, commented upon the CUCCF split as being damaging to the cause of campus Conservatism and that "a rational debate is preferable to an internicine and public conflict". Mr. Lakeman vigorously rejected any claims that KUCA was merely a "permanent cheese and wine party" and stated that KUCA had an active political programme as well as social. When queried about KUCA's plans for the forthcoming year, and in particular, whether last year's scenes of protest against KUCA's invited speakers would be foreseeably repeated, Mr. Lakeman firmly denied that KUCA had any policy of deliberate probation and replied that "we don't go out looking for controversy". Mr. Boyd of the now defunct CUCCF declined to comment on the split and whether his membership of KUCA would be renewed. He was however seen handling out leaflets on 'The Day of Judgement' at the Freshers' Bazaar which suggests his next project will have a higher official sanction than the one which they previously failed to secure!

D. Reynolds (R)

On October 1st, Dr Peter Brown became the new Master of Darwin. After the frenzied excitement and rampant behaviour of Freshers' Week, where he was no doubt found to be shaking a leg or two at the Freshers' Dinner, Kred grilled him on his views on the new term and plans for the future.

Dr Brown regards his role as "keeping everyone happy", placing emphasis on the social element of his post (perhaps we are dealing with a secret party animal). His plans include placing more emphasis on Charles Darwin, involving a Darwin Week with events and films revolving around Darwinian themes, culminating in the Darwin Feast (right royal piss up for those of you who can't handle the theory of evolution).

The new Master aims to broaden the range of events offered by the college, to make it socially and culturally more stimulating, with a range of concerts from classical to folk to supplement the bands put on by the S.U. He would also like to strengthen links between the college and the community in Canterbury, with plans for a Charity Week benefitting a local charity, including events such as a cycle race between junior & senior members of staff (control your hilarity).

His views regarding the rumoured plans to concentrate faculties in separate colleges are mixed - for smaller boards, he feels it is appropriate (the film board is centred in Rutheford), but the larger ones would not benefit from such a system, and it would be detrimental to



inter-reaction between students of different disciplines. He believes that UKC's strength lies in its interdisciplinary collegiate system, and to undermine this would ultimately lead to the breakdown of the tutorial system. Dr Brown has taken up his post at a healthy time - UKC was placed fifth in a national list recently, in terms of the three yearly

grant allotted to it by the University Grants Committee (lets see it being put to good use).

Finally then, Dr Brown regards Darwin College as akin to the News of the World "it contains all forms of life", but how directly he will be able to influence these suspect life forms remains to be seen.

Stephanie Parnell



ACCOMODATION SHORTAGE

THE STUDENT HOMELESS

Every student goes through it, every student dreads it. Although the exact figures are not known, around 10% of students have major problems in finding accommodation. Most students end up living in sub-standard accommodation with high rents. The consequences of not finding somewhere to live can have a serious affect on a student's work, especially if like Phil Marney, you have outstanding academic work to be done.

The accommodation problem is not helped by the extreme shortage of places in Canterbury. The fact is that students at Kent pay some of the highest accommodation fees in the country and many students

are asking what the University is doing to alleviate the problem?

Last year, the University gained building permission to build another 50 houses in Parkwood. However, there were a mass of complaints by residents about the level of noise in Parkwood, residents as far as Blean and Tyler Hill have complained about being able to hear late-night parties. Hence Canterbury City Council found in favour of the residents; the University appealed and lost.

Since then the University has looked at several alternatives including building on the west side of Keynes or on the soccer pitch on Giles Lane. Although several ideas have been talked about none have actually

materialised. Many would accuse the University authorities of not grasping the urgency of the problem. Last week saw the University set up a Working Party to look into some new propositions, like building onto Darwin College by Giles Lane.

Some people maintain students should take more responsibility for their actions, pointing out that having late-night parties with speakers outside houses blaring into Parkwood does not help matters and many Christchurch College students are preferred to University students. However, such criticism still only touches on the problem which is at a critical point and needs to be resolved now!

M. D. Simons

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Saturday 24th:

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FILM STUDIES

Friday 23rd: The F.J. Holden Story, 1.00 p.m. COLT1.

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FILM STUDIES

All members of UKC are welcome to attend any of these films:

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HOW DID YOU SPEND YOUR INTRO WEEK???

UPWARDLY MOBILE COMEDIAN

"GOOD GOTH"

OVER THE WALL

Two people dancing to a Madonna record with ten other people looking on did not appear an auspicious start to the evening's entertainment. As the first comedian, Ron Brown, came on there seemed little chance of improvement, however, people gradually started to enjoy Ron's jokes much in the same way that everybody still smiles at Ben Elton's act on the repeats of Saturday Live. Yes we'd all heard the jokes about privatisation and Britain's subservience to the U.S. before but it still raised laughs in some quarters. Ron seemed unable to adjust his act to the audience and resorted to rather feeble jokes about his sexual performance. He amused people but lacked the originality to get the audience on his side, however, Guy Jackson was a totally different matter. He came on forcefully, not letting up on the audience until they were in such a state that even 'Terry & June'

would have amused them. His material, a mixture of songs and poems on such everyday subjects as Radio 1, the Beastie Boys and Yuppies, was both relevant and funny and seemed to reflect the feelings of the audience perfectly. Best of all he didn't try to give himself "street-cred" by going on incessantly about 'Thatcher' and 'The Pigs', and when he did do the odd topical joke it was with his tongue tucked firmly in his cheek. At last someone has proved that comedy doesn't have to be the sexist, racist type or left-wing propaganda. Guy entertained us with nothing more than his astute observations on life. The reaction to him was superb - he could have continued for hours without boring people and he deserves the success which I am sure will come.

Vicky Brookes
Eliot College



A drunken bar crawl ended in Rutherford J.C.R. with the prospect of seeing POP ICONS a group with a good reputation in the music press. A late start ensured an enthusiastic crowd and the Pop Icons proved instantly exciting young bands around today. With the unusual set up, using a saxophone in most songs, they managed to sound vibrant, maintaining an original and enjoyable sound unmatched by their contemporaries, such as Pop Will Eat Itself.

The debut single "Boy Leaves City" was as good as any of the set but it is hard to pick highlights in such a great performance. The Pop Icons revealed a political edge to their songs with the press and the U.S. bases in Britain attacked. The angry sound paralleling the undoubted anger in the words. The Pop Icons are one of the best bands to have come to UKC ever, if you missed them this time see them if they return. Enjoyment is guaranteed.

Ian Wood (K)

"There is no wall" read the board triumphantly held aloft by Tina at the end of her one-act play. But through a series of short sketches she had shown how a wall is constructed between the individual and the free creative self by parents, lovers and society.

It's a wall made of fear built by repression and sustained in the mind by a sense of self worthlessness induced from without.

The only light is the creativity and Tina's play in content and performance - celebrate this.

Its structure is episodic and each episode varies in tone - one minute Tina is a comedian the next she is plunged into agony: she demands much of herself and the audience but it works; its powerful, thought provoking and a fine achievement by writer/actor and director.

Tina is planning a two women play with Annie - look out for it.

"A ONE WOMAN PLAY IN WHITE AND BLACK" Took place in ELT1 at Lunchtime on Tuesday 6th October. It was written and performed by Tina Papoulis and directed by Annie Knight. Tim Dilnutt (E)

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BASIL GABBIDON

THE DAMNED



Ten years ago in those hurly burly days, when nobody could actually play their instruments, many bands came and went. Punk simply could not stand the test of time as the "wide boys" moved in to turn it into the same commercial sham as the rest of the music industry. Punk was very much a case of the time, Tune in Turn on sell out.

Gothic Monstrosities Out of all this very few bands survived, "The Damned" probably being the most successful and continually dynamic of all. Over the past few years "The Damned" have developed their own unique image, Gothic Monstrosities from a Hammer movie.

"The Damned" give one of the most exciting stage shows around, with epic orchestrations and eerie theatrics.

If you have ever seen "The Damned" before, then you'll know that this is going to be one gig at U.K.C. that you should not miss. If you have not then it is still going to be worth every penny as you are treated to delights as diverse as "Smash it up" right through to the chart success of "ELOISE".

So sweat the night away on Bonfire Night in the Sports Hall, tickets are £5.50 in advance, £6.00 on the door and are available from the Union shop and Richards' Records.

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FEATURES

CAMPUSIAN TRIANGLE

TRAVEL SERVICES

My Contribution to Mankind
THE "CAMPUSIAN TRIANGLE"

The University of Kent nestled in the very crux of the garden of England. A seemingly quiet, staid, secure environment - or is it? Amid the glorious technicolour Intro Week, the new students stand perplexed, intrigued and bemused - in awe of the strange phenomena known as - the "Campusian Triangle". Throughout the week objects, people and events have mysteriously disappeared - transported into another dimension. Startling and frightening evidence has baffled not only the students but also the experts. An old man with a large multi-coloured umbrella has been investigating the facts of the phenomena.

Fact: Sunday 4.00 p.m. Students report the disappearance of cider at an advertised wine and cider party at Eliot college.

Fact: Monday 6.00 p.m. Again at Eliot; Masters disappear as the sherry flows freely. Monday 8.00 p.m.;

This time the strange phenomena moved to Keynes. At an event entitled "Nostalgia Disco" onlookers were subjected to nostalgia in the shape of "The Police" Message in a Bottle c. 1979 but the disco had vanished leaving two lone survivors dancing alone totally unaware of the mystery that surrounded them.

Fact: Tuesday 8.00 p.m. This time Rutherford is encompassed by the "Campusian Triangle". The Pop Icons disappear leaving four unattended microphone stands and a bemused audience.

Mr. A. C. Clarke concludes "Maybe we have accidentally stumbled onto the doorway to another dimension. If we find the key to this door I believe we will discover not only the cider and Masters but also other long lost dissidents such as Glenn Miller, Lord Lucan and Terry Waite."

R. Reilly (E)

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For more details pick up a copy of the STA handbook available free from STA. There is a competition to enter in it for two tickets to Hong Kong on Cathay Pacific airlines. It would be great for a UKC student to win these!

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NEO-FASCIST?

- 1) I did not vote Labour at the General Election.
- 2) I was educated at a public school in deepest stockbroker belt.
- 3) I have worked for Rupert Murdoch.
- 4) I am not gay.
- 5) I am not hip and trendy.
- 6) I am a Christian.
- 7) I bought and sold shares in British Gas.
- 8) I don't smoke or get drunk.
- 9) I am a bewildered Fresher who wonders what he has committed his next three years to.

MILITANT ACTIVIST?

- 1) I did not vote Tory (or Alliance) at the General Election.
- 2) I was educated at a comprehensive.
- 3) I disapprove of Murdoch's handling of the Wapping dispute.
- 4) I value every person as equal.
- 5) I play guitar in a rock band.
- 6) I sin.
- 7) I have done voluntary work.
- 8) I like beer, wine and brandy.
- 9) I'm determined to enjoy myself here.

The above is a description of one person - me. I hope your opinion of me is not more a result of what opinions you hold than of the person you are evaluating. As a Fresher, I hope you will not be blinded by prejudice when you evaluate all the new faces you are meeting.

Andy Stehrenberger (D)

TOP TEN FRESHER OPENING LINES:

1. "Are you a first year?"
2. "Where are you from?"
3. "Was Kent your first choice?"
4. "What course are you doing?"
5. "Which college are you from?"
6. "What was your offer?"
7. "Do you know the way to"?
8. "Excuse me," (points to empty chair) "is anyone sitting here?"
9. "Gosh, this bar's packed isn't it?"
10. "This campus is like a maze, I don't think I'll ever get to know my way around".

Phil Whelan (D)

CHRISTIAN UNION

DAYOUT

If you thought that Christians had to be dull and entirely predictable, not to mention sane, you would have been lost, surprised on Saturday morning to see a group of thirty and or so of us, complete with walking boots, jeans and a motley assortment of hopefully waterproof coats, setting out towards the wilds of the Canterbury countryside. by so many!

Yes, despite the ominous clouds gathering over the horizon, this valiant group was going on a ramble under the directions of Alan, an ex-student who had two benefits. One, he knew the way and could read a map, the other, two, he wouldn't be around to be complained at afterwards.

The way was long and not surprisingly muddy, but we scrambled across the various tracts of forest and farmland and balanced precariously on tree-filled banks in a hopeless attempt to avoid the muddier paths, the sky remained a debatable shade of blue.

Now mankind is fallible, and Alan returned to his instructions to bring lunch had fallen (if at all) on deaf ears. We had mistakenly assumed that would be back in College for lunch.

Stephanie Tice

TROUBLE AT REGISTRY

K. A Gilchrist, (D)

A STUDENT WRITES

- Er... Um... I seem to have temporarily mislaid my Student Identity Card. Oh well, you can just register me anyway, can't you?
- You need an I.D. card to register.
- Er well, my I.D. card seems to be about a hundred miles away, but never mind. I'll have it back by Friday .. it's just a trifle mislaid ... anyway, it doesn't matter, does it?
- You can't register without a Student Identity Card.
- But I can still prove I'm me, even without it. "I think therefore I am ..."
no, that won't do. Ah my passport. Look, this is my passport and this is me, well, that's how I looked three years ago, I'm much better looking now ...
- It's no good to me.
- My birth certificate? My driving licence? My student rail & coach cards? My long-lost chewing gum ... sorry, it will come off the desk. Honest.
- Sorry. I can't register you without an I.D. card. You'll have to buy a new one.
- My blood donor card? You could even test my blood group to guarantee I'm not an imposter.
- No!
- Here is my National Health Card, and my National Insurance Card. Wow, I've even got last year's NUS Card, come on, that's a dead giveaway. It proves I'm who I say I am, and that I'm a student here.
- Sorry. You need a new I.D. card. Give me 50p and go and get one over there.
- 50p! That's a lot of money, you know. I could buy 2.380952 packets of Maltesers for 50p, or 0.505 packets of joss-sticks including free ceramic holder ...
- Or one student identity card. It's not my fault. It's just the rules.
- Ah. The light is dawning. These wouldn't be any relation to the rules that were going to charge me 8 quid for a new room key when I lived in and thought I'd lost my key 'cept it was in my handbag all the time. 'Cos by an amazing co-incidence, my mum got me a new housekey at the same time and that only cost her £1.80. And I suppose this is entirely unrelated to the University having 8 million quid invested heaven-knows-where whilst 99% of the students have gi-normous overdrafts?
- Perish the thought.
- All right, here's 50p. But you have not heard the last of me. I fully intend to write to the fearless, campaigning, crusading, soaraway KRED (guaranteed totally free of all known I-numbers) about this matter ...

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DAILY MAIL IN UKC GAY OUTRAGE.

On the 6th October the Daily Mail printed an article criticising the distribution of a Gay Soc leaflet to freshers at UKC. The leaflet, sent with an S.U. Handbook and much Intro-week bumpf, invited any new students who are gay, lesbian or bisexual to join the society where support and advice is offered. However the Mail talked about the "alarm" and "fears" of parents over these leaflets being distributed at all. One student was quoted, giving the impression that Gay Soc is a dominating force at UKC, with posters "everywhere". The rest of the article adds to this distorting impression.

But what do other Freshers think about this leaflet arriving on their doorsteps? The majority of those I spoke to thought the leaflet was unobjectionable and were neither offended or concerned by its presence. Many praised it, like this Darwin student: "I think its a very good idea. There are people here

who are gay and this is helping them as they settle in at University".

Others had their reservations. One said he thought it "a bit much to send through the post" and added "I didn't read it through, well you wouldn't if you weren't interested would you".

Nobody I spoke to thought it would influence any impressionable 18 year olds in any adverse way - as the Mail journalist would have us believe. As one student observed, most acutely, "We're not children".

So the Daily Mail is causing quite unnecessary fuss over nothing, providing alarmist, narrow minded parents and politicians with a distated view of University life, which could fuel moves to curb the operations of campus societies which, like Gay Soc serve merely to help and support the students.

Rachel Simnett

The Daily Mail caused a storm in Freshers' Week in an article criticising UKC's Lesbian and Gay Society and the Students' Union. The Mail reported on Tuesday that the Gay Society had outraged parents, students and a Conservative M.P. from Essex alike, with its leaflet offering "support, friendship and advice" to gay students. The article implied that the S.U. gives preferential treatment to the Gay Society, as impressionable freshers were given only two handouts - a union handbook and a Gay Soc leaflet.

The Mail contacted David Boyd, a second year Politics student and a member of Canterbury University Conservative Collegiate Forum. Boyd, a devout Presbyterian, was asked if homosexuals were given such preferential treatment. Boyd replied that the society has a high profile here but was concerned because he believes that homosexuality, like all sins, is contrary to the will of God and the laws of human nature. Furthermore, he says it is related to the decline in moral standards

and the spread of disease.

Smale said that most Boyd feels that the University Authorities should take a quite late, normally in their tougher line against such third year and there is a society as the legal age nucleus of around a dozen of consent for homosexual people - a very small activity is 21, and most students, being below that age, would be breaking the law. Boyd believes that he is not alone in his view as many students are offended by the Gay Society's profile and activities on campus.

The President of the Gay Society post-graduate Bob Smale finds the Daily Mail article grossly misleading. There was a bundle of information posted to freshers before the start of term, not just a Union of handbook and a Gay Soc. leaflet. The Society has never encouraged anyone to 'become' gay, he said it exists to provide a friendly environment for gays and bisexuals to meet and talk. Many people experience much isolation and unhappiness while discovering their true sexuality and the leaflet was to make people aware in their first days at UKC that there is someone to talk to.

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"I find the implication of the article outrageous" said Smale on Tuesday, "The Mail suggests that we are corrupting youth. In fact it is attitudes like those displayed in the article which do most to repress lesbians, gays and bisexuals". Whatever your views, The Mail's article was misleading and did nothing to enhance the reputation of UKC as an academic centre or the status of students generally.

It is unfortunate that UKC was singled out for such an attack by the Daily Mail, next year, no doubt, another university will receive the same treatment.

But in a perverse way we should be grateful that the story wasn't seized upon by the very powerful and damaging sensationalism of some of the muckier tabloids. Sue Holness

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