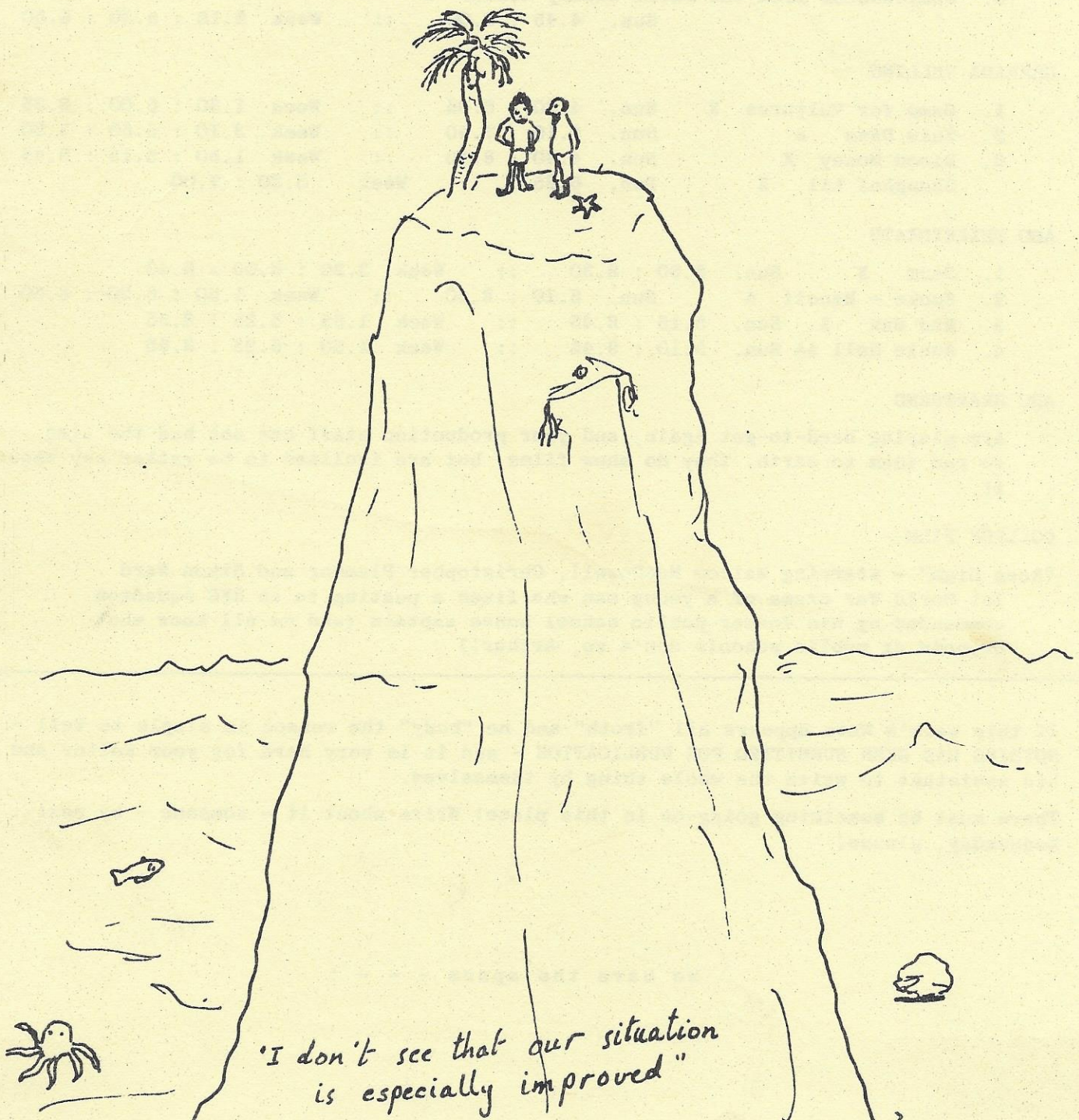


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'I don't see that our situation  
is especially improved'



## WHAT'S ON

### CINEMAS

#### ABC CHATHAM

1. Scum X Sun. 3.00 : 5.40 : 8.20 :: Week. 3.15 : 6.00 : 8.45
2. Moment by Moment AA Sun. 4.10 : 8.15 :: Week. 4.40 : 8.50
3. Mad Max X Sun. 4.40 : 8.20 :: Week. 1.35 : 5.15 : 8.50

#### ODEON ROCHESTER

1. Love at First Bite AA Sun. 4.30 : 7.45 :: Week. 2.15 : 5.35 : 8.50
2. Eagle's Wing A Sun. 4.50 : 7.05 :: Week. 3.15 : 5.35 : 7.50
3. Confessions from the David Galaxy Affair X  
Sun. 4.45 : 8.00 :: Week. 2.15 : 5.30 : 8.50

#### GRANADA WELLING

1. Game for Vultures X Sun. 4.30 : 8.05 :: Week. 1.30 : 5.00 : 8.35
2. Zulu Dawn A Sun. 5.10 : 7.50 :: Week. 3.10 : 5.50 : 8.20
3. Blood Money X Sun. 4.40 : 8.10 :: Week. 1.50 : 5.15 : 8.45
- Shanghai Lil X Sun. 6.25 :: Week. 3.30 : 7.00

#### ABC BEXLEYHEATH

1. Scum X Sun. 5.50 : 8.30 :: Week. 3.20 : 6.00 : 8.40
2. Smoke + Bandit A Sun. 5.10 : 8.40 :: Week. 1.50 : 5.20 : 8.50
3. Mad Max X Sun. 5.15 : 8.45 :: Week. 1.55 : 5.25 : 8.55
4. Annie Hall AA Sun. 5.10 : 8.45 :: Week. 1.50 : 5.25 : 8.55

#### ABC GRAVESEND

Are playing hard-to-get again, and your production staff has not had the time to run them to earth. They do show films, but are inclined to be rather coy about it.

#### COLLEGE FILM

"Aces High" - starring Malcom MacDowell, Christopher Plummer and Simon Ward  
1st World War drama of a young man who fixes a posting to an RFC squadron  
commanded by his former public school house captain (and we all know what  
happens at public schools don't we, Arthur!)

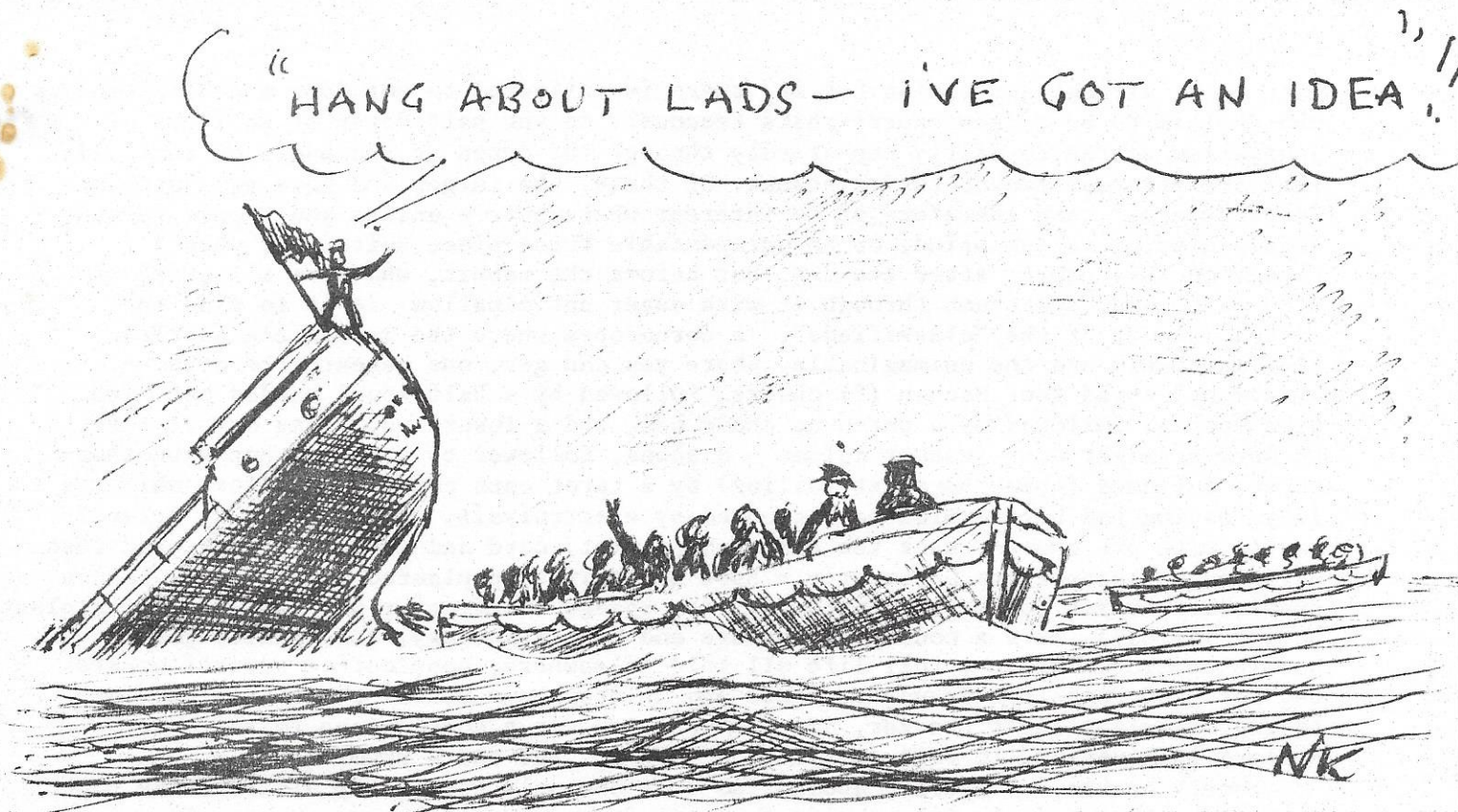
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If this week's News appears all "froth" and no "body" the reason is simple to tell -  
NOTHING HAS BEEN SUBMITTED FOR PUBLICATION - and it is very hard for your Editor and  
his assistant to write the whole thing by themselves.

There must be something going-on in this place! Write about it - someone - by next  
Wednesday, please!

We have the space - - - !





From a recent newspaper report -

A man walking along Eastcoate Road, Ruislip, with a red and white traffic cone in his hand told a police constable that he was "wearing it home", Middlesex Crown Court was told. David Yuill, 19, of Middleton Drive, Pinner, was cleared of stealing the cone, worth £3, after it was submitted that the prosecution had failed to prove that Yuill, of good character, had the intention of keeping it.

Yuill was discharged on the direction of Judge Nina Lowry, who said there were many cases of this kind. As Yuill had brought blame on himself by his stupid behaviour he would pay a sum to be assessed, but not to exceed £75, towards his legal aid.

"Why am I so mizzerable?" asked a scrawl on a poster in the Fulham Road, to which someone had added, "You are going through a bad spell."

#### NAVIGATORS AT SEA

A body will cross the observer's prime vertical either before or after the time it passes the Greenwich whether it is either East or West. If it is East it will be before the allotted time and if it is west it will be later. That is of course in relation to the sun.

Magnetic variation is always measured east or west of Greenwich.

First place the compass on a flat surface bearing north.

The meridional parts of a latitude is the number of longitude units measured westward from the meridian.

The compass binnacle is bolted to the fore and aft line.

The Mercator Chart causes distraction at the poles.

Barometers are constructed on the equator.

All these corrections are read off the golden rule on the aneroid barometer.

The Moon can never be circumpolar as it waxes and wanes and is sometimes not even visible.

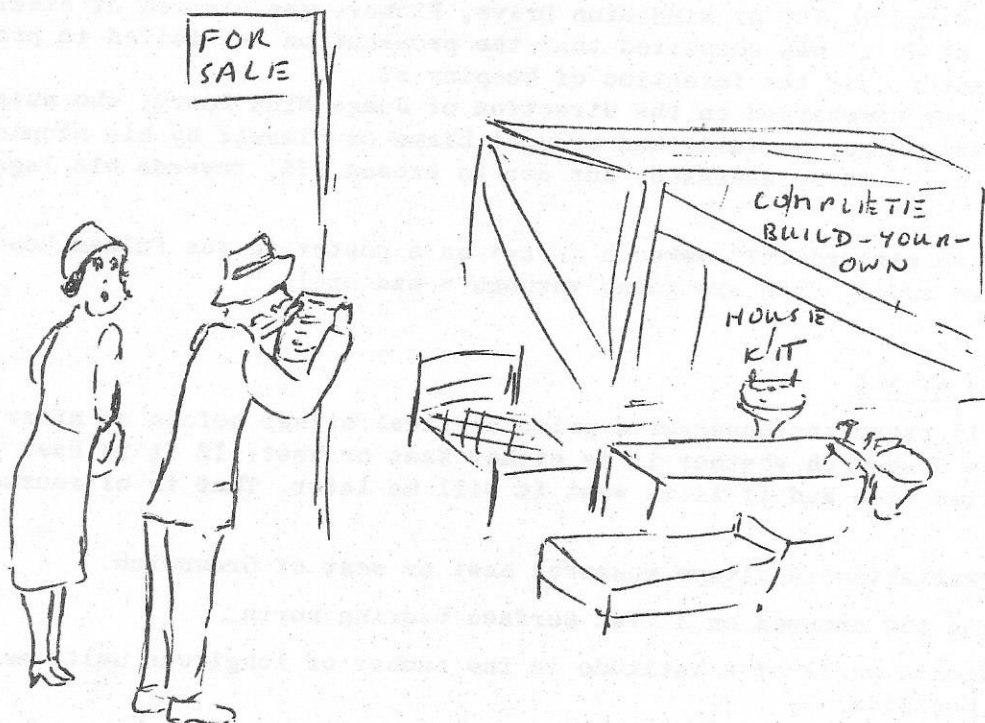
It has all the signs of an amplitude, but 40 degrees altitude would to my knowledge be



"CLASSIFIED"

Each week, without our asking for it, there is delivered to our door a publication whose claim to be a 'newspaper' rests tenuously on the half dozen or so items of journalism scattered fairly haphazardly through the dozen or two pages of small ads that are its real reason for existence. Of these, the larger and more prominent are 'professional', and therefore of no interest whatsoever - unless you happen to want double glazing, a sun blind, or an unrepeatable three-piece suite. No, when I pounce on this paper, after the dog, but before the rabbit, who eats all paper as soon as he can, and thumb through it with eager anticipation. it is to find the packed columns of the "classifieds", a cornucopia where the impossible jostles the improbable and the unimaginable, where you can get, one beneath the other - two armchairs and four Nathan (?) chairs, followed by a half round padded bar with five optics, followed by a put-u-up chair bed, and a luxury wool shag carpet - or, to work straight down another column - a sauna, followed by a consultant hypnotherapist, followed (hypnotherapist failing) by a tarot card consultant. After which, a lady, having had her surplus hair removed by electrolysis. can help a busy friendly family with its chores, seek the aid of a palmist, card and crystal reader, and then - too much electrolysis apparently - have her hair transplanted by a leading London specialist, visit two more hypnotherapists, engage an exterior painter (hair transplant having failed?), have a course of massage and beauty therapy, and finally join a badminton club - quite a full life all told! Elsewhere, consecutive advertisements beg for good homes for French students and an overgrown rubber plant, someone is trying to sell a chest freezer, and someone else, in a combination to stir the duldest imagination, 10 railway sleepers, a 4 ft. bed and a pram.

Lonely hearts, of course, abound, so that one only hopes they all read the paper as well as advertise in it - or if any are left unsuited, perhaps they could calm their troubled hearts with the chest freezer?



"2 bed, lux bath. suite, full fit. kit, -"

A cry of despair from a cadet -

"I am unable to find the displacement tonnage of the ship or even its overall dimensions as the shipmates are very busy in this ship and have no time to answer questions, and in the evening all go ashore."



Since the Pier Hotel seems to be largely supported on College patronage (Slander!) we thought a potted history of the place might be not without interest - or entirely uninteresting if your thoughts never go beyond the bar, if so, read NO FURTHER.

Until the building of the Greenhithe Pier in 1842, the Pier Hotel was called "Admiral Keppel". Why it was named so is not clear, although the probability that it was a political gesture should not be discounted. Keppel was an opponent of the Tories and a very popular figure with the Whigs.

The establishment was still called Admiral Keppel when at a meeting held there on April 19th 1842, the management committee of the proposed new pier to be built at Greenhithe was formed. Permission had been obtained from the Corporation of London to build and Mr. Birch, the engineer responsible for Margate Pier, was commissioned to design it.

Erected at a cost of £5,000, the capital being raised by the sale of £5 shares, the pier was used as a passenger landing stage as well as a commercial undertaking for the landing and loading of goods. It was 350 feet long and 28 feet high at low tide.

At about this time the landlord of the Admiral Keppel obviously realised that the construction of the pier would bring in a great many customers, and with this in mind had the premises enlarged and the principal entrances to the bars and accommodation moved to the rear of the building. It was at that period, 1843, that the name was changed to "Pier Hotel".

So now you know! Even more irrelevant to serious drinkers - Keppel Pier itself is on the Isle of Cumbrae, off Largs in the Firth of Clyde, Scotland. It is now disused, except by a Marine Research station, and presumably dates from about the same period. One of the local ferries now bears the name.

I just thought you'd like to know.

#### BOOBS FROM THE PRESS

"Queen toasted by Amin" - Daily Telegraph

"Violence - judge hits out" - Nottingham Evening Post

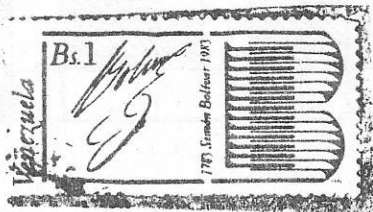
"Ford V8 Pilot 1950. £190 or swap modern car for wife, cash either way" - Exchange & Mart

"Blackpool, bed/breakfast. 17s 6d. Mrs Davenport £6." - Middlesex Advertiser & Gazette

"Passengers hit by cancelled trains" - Manchester Evening News

"The Prime Minister said it was a loose classification by the Board of Trade. 'Locomotives, ships, and aircraft' should have read, 'Wire mattresses, tacks, nails, and man-hole covers'"  
Daily Mail

I noticed this stamp on some Correspondence Course work posted in Venezuela. It commemorates the bi-centenary of the birth of the South American revolutionary hero, Simon Bolivar, someone one would expect to have remembered - but four years ahead?



From "The Pillow Book of Sei Shonagon" written in Japan, in the 10th Century.

Things that do not linger for a moment:  
A boat with hoisted sails  
People's age  
The four seasons

The game of kick-ball is interesting but it is not particularly attractive to watch.

From the "Exeter Riddle Book" (Anglo-Saxon)

On the way a miracle: water become bone.

#### ADVERTISEMENT

LOST: MPT 1208 - Performance Specification: Main radio receiver for double sideband reception for use in merchant ships - Missing from the Library.

This is a very slim booklet which could easily be mislaid in your files. Please would all TEC II students check carefully and return it to the library if found.



# 'ORRIBLE CROSSWORD

## Clues Across

1. (8,7) All agreed? No, only most.
9. (6) 'Gentleman of fortune' making fortune at others' expense.
10. (9) Meeting of forces? Could be.
11. (6,5) Equestrienne dress, customary seat, perhaps.
14. (4) Produce, cut short.
17. (4) Fence stake lacking colour.
18. (4) Work out design -
19. (6) - exactly, deny animal end.
21. (4) Soil makes store for fodder, or missile.
22. (4,3,5) Circuitous route - a large circle?
24. (8) Memory jogger concerning guardian.
26. (6) Light carriage with a hood.
27. (4) A state of mind.
28. (5) Boxed, perhaps with burglarious intent.
29. (3) Sussex town brought in at harvest.
31. (6) Buys and sells, from the bottom of the pack if he's cheating.
33. (3) Fatal tree.
34. (3) Untruth.
35. (5) Bored stiff - in the most fashionable way.
36. (10) Snacks brought to the Earl at table.

## LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

GLASTONBURYTOR P  
I I W U A FIRE  
AVALON N P FN A  
N VASA TINTAGEL  
T FAG V N S B  
STONEHENGE ADAGE  
C R N B A Y L  
AUDIT U L ESK L  
U N RELAX EWES  
SILBURY I C H  
E O R N A AO S  
WEIR FINGALSCAVE  
A NOUN I O A  
YEW BEGET BARROW  
L COL V U N A  
LYONESSE BRISKLY

## A TRELLIS PUZZLE

Four-letter words hidden in the sentence below fit into the grid, as shown:-

"h a d A B LEad the LEADing CRAB"



CRAB, ABLE, LEAD

In top gear this breed of car challenges or excels over such opposition as is offered generally, but in top allow for speed loss as the air must be altogether torn from before it



To help, one word is underlined.  
Find 8 more.

## Clues down

2. (1,3,2,1,4) Bagged swine may be a bad buy.
3. (7) Loin ape comes iridescent like precious stone.
4. (3) Summer treat makes winter hazard.
5. (5) It's a plant in South America.
6. (7) Told of family connections.
7. (8) Puts a 'p' in bugs and looks carefully.
8. (4,6) For cultivating ice fields?
12. (5,5) Red fruit of winter green.
13. (4,2) Spiffing - What? and knock into place.
15. (7,4) Track where sleepers lie.
16. (3) Eases stiff wheel, or rough sea.
20. (5-4) Fine feathers from royal bird.
23. (4-4) Unseeing, hold rope.
24. (6) Bring back memory..
25. (6) Young ladies fail to make a hit?
26. (3) King of fish paid on receipt.
27. (3) Home for hawks! For cats, surely!
30. (4) Abominable snowman.
32. (4) Sudden attack.

