ALLOM CUP VICTORY
Boat Club Sweeps the Board

On the afternoon of Wednesday, May 9th, the men of Imperial College Boat Club turned up in strength at the University of London Boat House at Strand-on-the-Green, Kew, to take part in the AlloM Cup regatta for UL Colleges.

Only three colleges stood any real chance of winning in the various events making up the regatta. Firstly, Imperial College, with a Henley win behind them, and recent experience of competing at National level at the ARA’s Nottingham meetings. Secondly, UCH, strong in college rowing, but, seldom noted elsewhere. Finally, QMC, who had ‘persuaded’ several of their men rowing in the UL U squad to turn out for QMC on the day.

Conditions were good, and were only spoiled by a few brainless motor launch drivers who caused several near accidents.

THE EVENTS
OPEN SCULLS- Chris ‘Bomber’ Howell beat QMC/UL superstar ‘Donny’ Hill, and is continuing his bid to rise from novice to elite in one year.
COXLESS PAIRS- Alan Cooper and Colin Southall’s meteoric and erratic start so unnerved Mr Hill and his companion that they gave up within 50 yds of the start. Result- a walkover.
COXED FOURS- Steve Pumphrey’s determined crew finally notched up a win against UCH. Mr Hill didn’t enter this one because of his elite status.
COXLESS FOURS... but he was allowed to row in this event. It didn’t do him much good, however, as the ICl boat, which had been competing with National Squad crews the previous weekend, took nearly two lengths off QMC over this short course.

OPEN EIGHTS
THE ALLOM CUP
Here, IC was the meat in the sandwich between QMC and UCH. UCH was on the water early, waiting for the other eights, who were waiting for their respective coxless boats to return and double up for the big event.

Mr Hill and a few other friends from the UL squad were making a last try for a pot in a glass-fibre ‘CARBOCRAFT’ eight while IC were using ‘in house’ technology, rowing ‘THE PRIORY’, and the UCH crew were in a conventional wooden boat.

With surprisingly little jockeying at the start, the three eights were lined up, and the race started. IC produced a very average start, and had to row through between QMC (to Middlesex) and UCH (to Surrey), as these were slowly converging. The IC cox had a problem on his hands. Tactfully ignoring the UL umpire, and with the aid of explanatory gestures, IC was able to pull through unscathed, and had a clear lead by the halfway mark. The crew relaxed into a steady three-quarter pressure, and passed the finishing post, ‘The Ship’ at Mortlake, easy winners. As QMC came last, Mr Hill was unable to repeat former claims of coming second.

IC’s only loss was when the novice eight were narrowly defeated by UCH ‘novices’. Winners of the UL lead novice pennant a few weeks previously. Mr Hill did not go away empty-handed: QMC won the coxless pairs event, by default, as no-one else had such a boat.

As a result of these AlloM Cup performances, Chris Howell, a pair, and two fours, will be representing the University of London at the British Universities Championship; they will, of course, be rowing in Imperial College colours.
Following the Union Meeting held on Tues 8th May at which a motion was passed withdrawing support from the National Abortion Campaign (NAC). I have since contacted NAC and have found that many of the premises, on which the vote was taken, are untrue. I would like therefore, to put forward the facts concerning NAC and hope that the motion will be re-discussed with a full appraisal of the facts by a wider spectrum of students at IC.

The NAC supports abortion on demand. It nowhere states that it condones ‘killing a child within a few hours of its birth’. Abortion means ‘terminating a pregnancy’, not killing a child. So if Barry Austin and his friends can keep a child in an incubator and allow it to live, all well & good, I’ve no objections. What NAC and the Women’s Movement are interested in is the woman’s right to a decision on what becomes of her body: that it should be her decision to have a child, not a doctors or the state or the church. Only when women have this right will they be able to take an equal part in this society.

The present law on abortion (1967) requires the consent of two doctors who feel that continuation of pregnancy would endanger the health - physical or mental - of the woman, injure the lives of her children that are already alive or if there is some fear that the child could be severely handicapped.

NAC is certainly opposed to profiteering by abortions. All legal institutions performing abortions do so only under the NHS. BPAS and PAS are both registered charities, ie non-profit-making, charging £75-80 for an early abortion, £130 for a later one. This sum considerably less than for a full term baby. NAC (unlike LIFE and SPUC) campaign for research into pregnancy testing, contraception and safe methods of abortion.

The main argument at the meeting was ‘late’ abortions (after 16 weeks). In 1974 0.8% of all abortions in England and Wales were performed after 20 weeks, the majority for medical reasons.

Another point was that of Day-Care abortions. These are at present 12 Day-Care units run by NHS in Britain. This type of abortion enables women to have their terminations at an early stage of pregnancy (up to 12 weeks) with the minimum of delay or imposition of a heavy strain on either nursing staff or NHS financial resources (£53 as compared to £112 for overnight costs in 1977 in Tower Hamlets). Women were in the hospital clinic for about 4-5 hours. She is not allowed to leave the hospital alone and is advised to stay for a few days or stay home for the night in case of complications. In a 2 year trial monitored by DHSS (ended June 1978) BPAS and PAS (London) carried out more than 10,000 day-care abortions without mishap.

I hope this has clarified the situation and I hope further discussion on the topic will concern itself with facts and not, as happened at the meeting, with uninformed biased opinions. The fundamental difference between NAC and its opponents is that NAC allows people the opportunity to have their own belief without imposing them on others.

In conclusion we know that Christians and Barry Austin believe life is sacred, but isn’t the quality of life important too?

Merche Clark
Maths 2

Dear Sir,- As two occasional readers of FELIX, we find it surprising that the Editor has now stopped so low as to devote two complete columns to the petty self-indulgent ramblings of Mr Barry Austin.

We can fully understand now after reading such self-centred childish rantings in your columns, the reactions of students of other London Colleges on hearing the name Imperial College. It is now obvious that the high academic standing is not matched by the maturity of its students.

We can only hope that, like us, Mr Austin is a third year student, so that future students will not be treated to such depressing rubbish again.

Yours sincerely,
Christopher C Bose
Chem III
Nicholas P Fitzgibbon
Elec Eng III

Dear Sir,- It is nice to know that IC students enjoy fresh air and sunshine but shameful that such apparently intelligent people are so selfish and inconsiderate as to leave their litter for all in Bel Quad to bear with every time we have good weather. I’m sure that all the people who carry their meals and drink out into the quad are capable of carrying their empties to an appropriate rubbish bin.

L.R.M Dawson
Zoology

Don’t forget the AGM at 1:00pm in the CONCERT HALL Tues. 22nd May MOTION ON ABORTION handover CEREMONY

Dear Sir,- I feel that I must write about the last IGUCGM held on Thursday May 8th. The first motion, proposed by Mr B Austin, was totally negative showing no positive alternative to the withdrawal from NAC and Counselling and was passed by Ms K Pratt, which was the only one which proposed anything like a positive alternative. Then, after the vote was taken, a large section of the minute percentage of the College present decided to leave after their ‘pet’ subject had been raised, not even bothering to hear the second motion.

Yours,
Mr J.T. Czernuszk


**Lobby of Governors**

There is to be a lobby of the College Governors outside their meeting next Friday, calling on college to charge overseas students the same tuition fees as home students. It is likely that the Union will do this as it has, in previous years, carried out such a campaign. It is also hoped that a hardship fund will be set up to help those affected by the increases.

If you are at all concerned about the discrimination against overseas students in this way then sign the petition in the Union Office and come to the lobby outside 170 Queens Gate at 10.30 am on May 25th.

**Surveyors**

I was amazed to hear that refectory committee actually voted on the monthly constant of the regulator. If one quarter of a per cent turns out to be too small then obviously the committee can vote to change it. I hope that this democratic procedure will continue, and it if does then there should be little cause for complaint from the student body.

Of course, what you gain on the roundabouts you lose on the bar prices. At the moment we are suffering from higher prices compared with the locals. When the survey reveals this discrepancy I hope Professor Eilon will carry out his policy of keeping College prices competitive.

**NEWs IN BRIEF**

**Yacht Repaired**

Yacht Club should soon be able to use their yacht following the satisfactory completion of repairs to the engine.

**Problems started last summer when it was discovered that work costing £800 was necessary. They finally convinced Coral Marine to carry out the work under guarantee and have now received a satisfactory report from the surveyors.**

**Prices Victory**

Refectory Committee has voted for only 1/4 per cent monthly wages regulator, turning down Chairman Professor Eilon's recommendation for 1/2 per cent increases.

The wages regulator compensates for increased labour costs and will take effect in July if the Rector accepts the Committee's recommendation. Professor Eilon is to inform the Rector of his disagreement with the decision.

The Committee also decided to up prices by 5 per cent in view of new costs and will take effect in July.

**AP Criticised**

City and Guilds Union officers have criticised IC Union's recently published 'alternative prospectus' not devoting enough space to the Constituent College Unions.

But Editor Roger Stotesbury explained that several articles had to be cut at the last moment because there were eight pages more than the target of 64 pages.

**Iranians Can Stay**

Iranian students who are unable to pay their fees because of continuing difficulties in getting money out of Iran will not be forced to leave College says College Registrar Peter Mee.

The period over which they can claim social security has now been extended indefinitely.

**Old Students Against High Fees**

Several former overseas students at IC are supporting IC Union's campaign against high tuition fees and overseas student quotas.

But a questionnaire sent to current overseas students has had a poor response with only 69 replies. Of these however many are self-supporting and have said that they will face financial hardship with the increased fees.

The Union is to lobby College Governors next Friday in protest against overseas students being charged higher fees than students. They are also calling for a hardship fund.

**Demonstrating Rates**

The revised rates for student demonstrators are £2.99 per hour. An increase of 49p which is backdated to 1st October 1978.

**Bicycle Thefts**

On a less cheerful note there have been a lot of thefts of bicycles lately. It is very important that you know the frame number of your bike and that it is locked with a sturdy lock and chain. The usual plastic covered cables are no deterrent against the determined thief.

**Simon's Paragraph**

Following his usual tactics of blackmail, bribery and assorted perversions committed against a defenestrated FELIX Staff, exhausted after a solid ten minutes pasting up, and with nothing better to do than listen to his show, Simon (The Mouth) Milner has succeeded in his attempt to extract from me a whole paragraph in my Editorial. I hope the Keogh Mafia get him soon!

**Congratulations**

To Howard and Ros on their engagement.

Cheers,

John

**BAR PRICES TOO HIGH**

Bar Committee Chairman Alan Middleton is doing a survey of local pubs to see how prices compare with College bars.

College beer prices start at £0.5 per pint in the Union and £0.6 in Stan's bar compared to a maximum starting price of £2.0 elsewhere in London University.

Professor Eilon has stated that the College policy that bars should be competitive with local pubs and if it is proved that they are not competitive prices would be cut.

**CHEAP HOUSING**

About 10 students could pay as little as £1 per week rent next year in turn-downed houses if they work on the property over the summer.

Michael Arthur has called a meeting next Thursday to discuss the scheme proposed by Shelter and set up a Housing Cooperative.

**SMALL ADS**

**WANTED**

Freelance translators required for technical translations into foreign languages. Contact: Jonathan Baum, Translation Manager, Tek Translation International Print Ltd, Phone no 749 3211.

**CYCLE OWNERS**

To those of you who bring cycles to the College, please make sure you use very stout chains together with equally strong locks. Far too many plastic covered steel cables and weak locks are still being used.

Thefts of cycles from the College is again on the increase. To date 24 have been stolen this year, 5 within the last few days.

Most cycles have Frame Numbers and I do ask all owners to search for this number and personally record it. Should they have the misfortune to report the theft, the frame number does assist the Police in their enquiries.

Do try and get your cycle insured for theft etc.

**FOR SALE**

Honda CB125J, Excellent condition, 2400 miles, £320 o.n.o.

Contact Melanie Quin (995) - 9787.

**FOR SALE**

Honda 550 FL April 76 (P) Blue, 15,700 trouble free miles.

Immaculate condition. New TT100's eurocarrier, engine bars. £625. Contact Phil Thwaites, Mines Letter rack, or Chiswick (995) - 9787.

**FOR SALE**

Szikor 125mm 4 telephoto lens with finder. To fit Leicaorki 39mm screw. £27 o.n.o. Contact MC Webb via Chem Eng letter racks. or ring 387 1594.

**FOR SALE**

Hi-Fi system. Pioneer p1112D/shure M75E.D, JVC JAS/10, Marantz 495, plus extras.

Will gladly demonstrate. £150 o.n.o. Contact N Tooby via Physics letter rack.
Hi everyone!

I'm Corinne (fly me) and I've been elected (well, actually the only mug standing for it - although I'm sitting down) as Business Officer. Which means having the opportunity of giving my contemporaries spots if they succumb to the weakness of the flesh (~ in other words, providing the noosh), and of clothing the needy (you have to be needy if you wear the IF gear all the time!)

Now the interesting part (Corinne Lazarus, this is your life!).

Aged nearly 20 and still feeling and acting like 12, I have 1 brother, 1 sister, and 21 goldfish (don't forget the goldfish!). I was born (eww, so avoid pigs like the plague!), but I have an open mind towards any religion which seems to know what it is talking about.

I am mad on dancing, and I love singing (sounds like a right nut so far!). I also love cooking, but my mother never lets me into the kitchen! I love comedies of all kinds, particularly the funny ones(!), and weepies - the local lifeboats are notified in time for the flood.

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**Rag Fete**

The IC Annual Rag Fete is well and truly over now. This event was a success only marred by the bank holiday - though it was a toss-up between the Silwood Ball and F.A. Cup weekend. The final totals from the fete should be known in the next week and released as soon as possible.

There are several thankous to be made regarding the Fete. The first being to Rachel Snee for some good hunting, IC Radio for providing an excellent service on the day, the college carpenters and electricians, the people who helped on the day, etc. In fact thanks to everyone who put a stall in and to those who came along and spent some money, also to those who helped with the Bar-b-que.

Within the next three weeks the final Rag total of the year will be made known.

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**MARANATHA**

**IN THE BEGINNING - EXISTENCE WITH MEANING!**

Man is God's creation. The Christian understanding of man must begin here. According to Christianity, man is not just a collection of chemicals that came into being by an intricate process and then evolved mind and consciousness. Man is the whole being, his physical vitality and his spiritual aspirations, to God from whom all life derives. His existence is no chance or accident.

The early chapters of Genesis describe creation in a poetic and pictorial language, more akin to poetry than science. The whole natural order, the primal energy, the earth, the sea, the plants, the animals, and finally man himself, are declared to be the work of God, and good God is described as forming man from dust and breathing into him, giving him life. That is to say, it is God who has designed man to be what he is: thinker, artist, scientist, builder; above all, worshipper. Man's enormous creative capacity comes from the Creator. The most creative act is man's own creativity, in the image of God.

The Christian doctrine of creation isn't concerned with the biological details of man's origin. That is the proper field of study for the zoologist and anthropologist. But Christianity does assert that by whatever means man has come into being, it is the work of God. The theory of evolution is at present generally considered to be the best description of the development of living things that science can give, though like all scientific theories, it is open to criticism and will need modification as new evidence comes to light. But at best it is only a description of the process. The belief of Christians is that, whatever the process, the author is God.

From "What is Human?"

T.M. Kitwood. IYP.
**Wednesday 9th**

Alcohol Ban for Drunken Steelworker

A steelworker, Joseph Levens, was banned from drinking for three years under the 1902 Licensing Act, by magistrates at Holywell, North Wales.

Invoking Section 6 of the 1902 Act disqualifies Levens from drinking in the North Wales police area for three years. An illegal drink could cost Levens a fine of up to £25 and supplying him, £25 for a first offence and £50 subsequently.

The Act had fallen into disuse because of small penalties but these were increased by the Criminal Law Act of 1977.

**Sexist Remarks on Swedish Radio**

Swedish Radio claimed that Mrs Thatcher had seen a speech therapist to make her voice sexier. Their man in London talked about her hands, hairstyles and make-up instead of focusing on her political success.

The State watchdog, the Radio Council, is now looking into complaints from Swedish Conservatives who say that such irrelevant remarks were not made about Mr. Callaghan.

**Thursday 10th**

What Happens on June 7th

Advertising for the European Elections on June 7th began this week and was met with much criticism. "It insults our intelligence", said one housewife.

The full page posters in the press proclaim that you can use your vote to elect your member of the European Parliament (also called the European Assembly). Between June 7th-10th, 180 million Europeans will be able to vote together for the first time... but how many will? The world's first international elections aren't likely to produce a mountain of votes.

Communication Breakdown

The people of Katmandu were informed that Labour had won the General Election. The local newspaper, RISING NEPAL, on May 4th carried news of the Labour victory personally inspired by 'Sunny Jim' Callaghan.

The officials of the British Embassy stated that they had no contact with the BBC and were relying on Radio Moscow for their news.

**Friday 11th**

IRA Obtain Secret Military Documents

The passing of a decision, entitled "Northern Ireland, Future Terrorist Trends", to the IRA has been a political embarrassment for the Ministry of Defence. The document was part of a haul of mailbags stolen from a train between Birmingham and London.

The report looks at the structure, manpower and funds of the IRA and foresees continuing trouble from the terrorists for five years at least.

**Monday 14th**

Student Does 8hr Operation on Himself

A student operated on his own abdomen for eight hours in his college room with an expertise that surprised skilled surgeons, according to the latest Journal of the American Medical Association.

The 22 year old spent months preparing for an operation on his adrenal glands by studying surgical books and acquiring the necessary instruments and medications. He disinfects his room, draped sterilised sheets over his body, swallowed barbiturates for anaesthesia and performed the operation wearing sterile gloves and a surgical mask.

Looking into strategically placed mirrors, he began by cleansing his abdomen with alcohol and made an incision with a scalpel, and the dissection carried out with surgical instruments. After eight hours he had to give up because of unexpected pain in retracting his liver. Exhausted, he bandaged his wound and called the police. He was taken to hospital, where surgeons found the wounds to be remarkably clean and free of infection.

London is Europe's Hottest at 82

Ice-cream sales soared in London, as temperatures rose above those in other European resorts. For example, in Majorca it was a mere 77, and in Nice it was 79.

**Tuesday 15th**

Thorpé Accused of Plotting Second Killing

It was claimed at the Old Bailey that Jeremy Thorpe had already plotted another murder, before planning the death of Norman Scott. This claim was made by Thorpe's counsel, Mr George Carmen, QC in a cross-examination of Mr Peter Bessel, the chief prosecution witness.

Price Control Scrapped

Price controls and the Price Commission are to be scrapped and the powers of the Office of Fair Trading and of the Monopolies and Mergers Commission increased.

Go-ahead for ITV

After 16 years of debate and Government enquiries, the second ITV channel has been given the go-ahead. The new channel is expected to be on the air by Autumn 1982 or Spring 1983, provided the Government gives sufficient priority to the necessary legislation.

The Queen's Speech

The Queen opened Parliament today and her speech included a statement that the extent of nationalisation and state-ownership would be reduced. She also said that legislation will be introduced to remove the compulsory purchase of local authorities in England and Wales to re-organise their schools on comprehensive lines; and their freedom to take up places in independent schools will be restored.
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HANDOVER MEETINGS

RCS

Dracula's mouth would have watered at the Annual General Meeting of the Royal College of Science Union last week.

For the main ingredient of the initiation mix was five gallons of bull's blood - and it was not the well known Hungarian wine of that name.

While the three RCS chefs were preparing the mix for the initiation of next year's Executive, the meeting elected Zosia Zbreszyniak as Assistant Honorary Secretary and Rich Archer as Entertainments Committee Chairman.

Social colours went to 50 people who were considered to have made a special contribution to Union life this year. These include Liz Lindsay and Rae Snee, and exceptionally a non-Union member, Annie Lathaen, one of the IG Union staff.

RCSU President Chris Fox received a Union General Award ex-officio. He also presented awards to Sean O'Boyle and Jerry Swain to reward their exceptional service to RCS.

The Dervick Bond Memorial Award went to Andy French. This is a lavatory seat which he has to wear round his neck at RCS far nights.

Meanwhile the three chefs, Barney McCabe, Jim Sarsfield and Dale Howard, were adding such choice delicacies to the initiation mix as assorted fish organs, mashed raw potatoes and 'Mrs. Watsons amazing Malaysian prawns'. Ingredients were limited only by the constraint that they had to be at any rate edible.

How closely the final 'mystery ingredient' truly fitted that description was perhaps debatable. The liquid had been donated by an RCS student and was not unconnected with human reproduction.

The initiation procedure was not without its unscheduled mishaps. To obtain the bull's blood the chefs had journeyed to Watford abattoir, but confusion about the relative locations of Watford and the Watford Gap meant that they drove almost as far as Nottingham before they realised that they might have gone slightly too far up the M1.

The initiation started with the new executive of Sean O'Boyle, Tansy Heptan and Mo Mora imbibing a beer and milk mixture out of the three-handled pot. Then the three were painted in black, white and lilac. Unfortunately for them an error by Barney McCabe meant that gloss paint was used which proved very difficult to wash off.

A liberal dosing of the initiation mix was the next pleasure to hit them. Finally Union members proceeded to the Round Pond where the Executive, by now very sticky and smelly, probably welcomed their penetration of the water's surface.

On Thursday the 10th the world's attention was focused on London for the Jeremy Thorpe trial and, more importantly, the RSMUAGM. On display was a 12 ft Spanner (courtesy of C & GU) and Andy Lewis, resplendent in GIT-embroidered underwear, entertained (?) the masses by thrashing a guitar and singing? Then followed the awarding of colours - U.G. As were received by J. Hicks, P.J. Haddinott, A. Lewis and S. Potter.

The assembled multitude then thrilled to the transfer of power from Andy Megaphone Lewis, John Hicks and Pete Birdman Hoddinott to Chris Sleap, Trev Fletcher and Bernie Pryor.

A few hours, and several pints, later the ordered calm of RSM Barnight was shattered by a seething mass of shrieking scientists who blinded us all with their dazzling mediocrity.

A certain individual who will remain anonymous (because Trev's bigger than me), then demonstrated the folk art of Table Mounting.

By closing time the Minesmen (jocks) Mines persons had asserted their supremacy by outdrinking and out-singing the csu rabbles.

Congratulations must go to Andy, John and Pete for the extremely successful past year and best wishes to Chris, Trev and Bernie for the next one.

C & G

The Albert Memorial drenched in sun and beer was the stage for Tuesday's Guilds Handover Union Meeting. The curtain went up and the trousers came down. In front of Beethoven and Archimedes, who were turned to stones by the whole affair, the female office of the year award was presented to Tony Dean.

Pat Leggett, initiated by being named Johnny Of The Year, burst his trophy. To shouts of "Spam Spam Spam" the invisible Spam Preston was proclaimed Tit Of The Year. The Biggest Cock-up was by Tony Dent.

As well as silly awards Mark Corrigan announced the winners of Guilds colours. Mark handed over his gown to the new Guilds President, Jo Armitage. After the handover ceremony was completed teams of the new and outgoing Execs performed a trouserless boat race. Exotic leisurewear was worn by both sexes.

Attention turned to the traffic warden who appeared to be booking Bo for parking outside the Memorial. A keen veteran car enthusiast, his aim was only to warn Guilds, and instead of issuing a ticket he wrote down technical details about the car.
CECIL PEACE PRIZES

FIRST PRIZE £200
SECOND PRIZE £50

PRIZES ARE OFFERED YEARLY FOR THE BEST ESSAY SUBMITTED ON A SUBJECT FALLING WITHIN THE FIELD OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION, INTERNATIONAL LAW OR INTERNATIONAL POLITICS INCLUDING NORTH-SOUTH RELATIONS, AND BEARING UPON THE CONDITIONS CONTRIBUTING TO THE MAINTENANCE OF PEACE IN THE CONTEMPORARY WORLD.

The Competition is open to all graduates, undergraduates and students without distinction of sex or nationality, of any University College in Great Britain or Northern Ireland, who have not attained the age of 25 years on the last day for submitting essays. A prize winner is not eligible to compete a second time.

The essay must be sent in to the Director, The David Davies Memorial Institute of International Studies, Thorney House, 34 Smith Square, London SW1P 3HF, so as to arrive on or before January 1st, 1980.

Each essay must be typed in double spacing and headed with a motto but must not bear the candidate’s name. It must be accompanied by a sealed envelope having the motto outside, and the name and address of the University or College of the candidate inside, together with a statement as to the date and place of his birth. Essays will be disqualified which give any indication of the identity of the candidate.

Any candidate who wishes his essay returned should enclose inside the sealed envelope another envelope adequately stamped and addressed to himself in which his essay may be returned to him. No limit of length is prescribed, but it is suggested that ten to twelve thousand words would generally be sufficient. The decision of the adjudicators in awarding the prize must be regarded as final, and the Trustees reserve the right to withhold any or all of the prizes if no satisfactory essays are received. The copyright of winning essays is vested in the Trustees.
A Place to Live and the Law

If you have found somewhere somewhere to live, you may wonder whether or not your landlord has taken a sudden dislike to you. Can he just stop your belongings in the middle of the night without giving you any notice? After all, he is your landlord, isn’t he? The answer is no.

There are two stages in this process. The obvious one is finding a landlord and the second one is convincing him to let you. In many ways this is the most difficult part and one whose importance seems to be generally underestimated. Anyway, first of all find your landlord. Sources of addresses include:

THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON ACCOMMODATION OFFICE
This can be found on the third floor of New Southgate House, the University Office and the Accommodation Office and ends with relatives or friends. The University Office and the Accommodation Office are the main offices in which landlords can be found. The Accommodation Office and the University Office are in some cases the initial phone call to the landlord and any subsequent meetings with the landlord are far less stressful when the accommodation office is involved.

At the beginning of term the most important thing to get is a roof over your head. It is advisable to be able to live for a moment before you accept it. You can move into a place where there is no problem about moving out at short notice than it is too bad because you can look for something better as soon as the flat has been let down. Beware of signing an agreement for a long fixed period on an unsatisfactory place because you will do it wrong to avoid the agreement for the duration of the agreed period.

There is a variety of accommodation types which you might end up in next year. Although there are circumstances in which you can be assured of getting a cheap flat, there are others where you can be assured of getting a more expensive one. There are different types and many are a mixture of the two. To start with, unless you can see something up in advance, you would be wise to take a look at the place before you accept it is the best thing to do.

There are several newspapers that advertise accommodation. You can find these in the local papers and in the local newspapers. The main ones are the Evening Standard, the Guardian and the Times. Also you can ask for advice from your local council or the Citizens Advice Bureau. The result of this is that you will get some idea as to what to expect when you arrive.

You can find accommodation by going to the landlord and asking him to let you see the rooms. In some cases the landlord will have a list of people who have expressed an interest in letting the rooms. You should then look at the flat yourself before you accept it.

There are several types of accommodation that you can find:

HOTELS
Hotels are a little bit of a luxury. They are usually quite expensive, but you can find them in London and some other cities. They are not suitable for long-term accommodation. Try the Imperial College Residence Office or the University Accommodation Office in London.

FLATS
Flats are usually cheaper than hotels, but they can be more inconvenient. They are usually furnished, but you will have to pay an extra bill for the utilities, such as gas and electricity.

FLATS - BEDSITS - NOTICES
Some of the options above can be useful, but you should be aware of the legal requirements for renting a flat. For example, you should ensure that you have a written agreement with your landlord before you move in.

The cost of a place:

Some of you may remember filling in an accommodation application form at the beginning of last term. The results of the survey conducted by the Rent Tribunal are now available. They show that 54% of those living in flats were paying over £25 per week for rent and 49% of the respondents were paying over £35 per week for rent. In addition, 46% of those living in flats were paying over £45 per week for rent.

Hardly anyone was paying less than £15 per week for rent.

Some of these results were:

- 18.7% paying over £35 per week
- 18.7% paying over £45 per week
- 18.7% paying over £50 per week
- 18.7% paying over £60 per week

These results show that although some people had found accommodation that they were happy with, many others were paying a lot more than they thought they should be. Some landlords are charging more than the going rate for a similar property, and are therefore profiting at the expense of their tenants. It is important to ensure that you are getting a fair deal when renting a flat, and to be vigilant in checking your landlord’s charges and fees.
Renaissance's 1979 UK tour has inevitably included a concert at Hammersmith Odeon. Before a fairly enthusiastic audience, they performed an excellent range of tracks selected even from old to new albums, giving a show which should have left most Renaissance fans quite satisfied.

The support act, an Irish husband-and-wife folk duo called 'Gay and Terry Woods', confused the issue by craftily starting on time, thus leaving the stage as most people arrived. Bathed in a solitary amber spotlight in the empty black expanses of the Odeon, they sang songs with titles like 'Double Yellow Lines'. They were basically very pleasant. Gay having a good voice reminiscent of Annie Haslam's and playing a strange instrument like a stringed vegetable marrow, which required elaborate tuning between songs. Her husband on guitar seemed unable to control his volume, however, and blurted emphasis on completely unsuitable words in the middle of lines.

The audience was fairly uniformly dressed in tidy jumpers and cords, not a studded jacket in sight, and showed their restlessness between acts merely by politely applauding two roads and the safety curtain.

Behind me sat a group of Germans, talking loudly. All I could translate was the following enigmatic exchange.

'I have seen them before. They have a piano.'

'I, however, prefer Alice Cooper.'

I think the reply was 'I think Mickey Mouse is better', but probably my sub-zero level German missed the subtleties of this exchange.

Renaissance came on after a short interval. Annie Haslam, the lead singer, swirled and bopped, on the spot, hands on hips, and Renaissance were sown into an enjoyable mixture of old favourites and recent releases.

'Prologue', 'Mother Russia', 'Song for all Seasons' and especially 'Northern Lights', were all included and recognised with wild applause, but Renaissance enthusiasts will have missed 'Ocean Gypsy' and 'Running Hard'. Also, only one track from 'Secret Mission' turned out to be very good.

This is our latest single, just released,' declared Annie, later. A lone voice cheered in the fifth row.

'Oh, so you're the one who bought it!' she said, laughing again.

Renaissance live at Hammersmith Odeon, Friday May 11th.

Singles Review:
Leigh Foster

The first exhibit in this case is a record by the Clash, to wit the new single by them. It is a cover version of Sonny Curtis 'I fought the law'. This is the second cover song they have released as a single recently, if they don't cool it soon they'll end up like the Shadows. Their last attempt, on English Civil War was much better, having at least some of the venom of their earlier songs, but this song hangs sadly emptily. (Trias says 'yeahh') Anyway, I think if Joe Strummer is running out of ideas for songs maybe he should take a vacation.

Exhibit B is a record called 'I'm Hanging Around', and it is by the Leyton Buzzards. It is nothing like 'Hanging Around' of Stranglers fame, but stands up on its own as really listenable disc. It is an everyday story of teenage love, told a little more conventionally than Jilted John. This bloke fancies a nice girl and is thrilled to be the one she chooses out from the local lads, but then she turns nasty on him, but of course his love is true and I could go on all day but time, space and sore fingers prevent me.

If you would care to examine the next exhibit with great care not to get too close, for fear of contamination. It is a disco version of, wait for it, no not the song of Solomon, that's been done. No this piece of putrescent plastic attempts to discofy the anthem of the New Wave 'Sex and Drugs and Rock and Roll'. Possibly Ian Dury's masterpiece, or possibly not. The facts, M'lud, are as follows: the group of people known as Patrick Duquet and his Sweet Perversions have put out a record called 'Le Sex, Le Draques et Le Rock'n Roll'. The song is not, as you might expect, in French, it is just a twee and unnecessary failure to cash in on someone else's genius. I know there are those of you out there saying 'Well it is only a bit of fun, a joke.' Well really? Is nothing sacred? Environmentalists note: as a 12" disc this is an even bigger waste of plastic.

Finally, and in conclusion, I would like to put it to the Court that there has been a distinct lack of original singles this week. To substantiate this claim I present Exhibit D: A Rock and Roll Love Letter from the Records (a crudely confusing name they have there). As the boppers among you will remember, this was done millennia ago by the sunk-without-trace Bay City Rollers. Actually there has been a few redeeming properties, most of which are due to the song rather than the band. All in all this week has been what we in the record industry call 'quiet'. Poor Egg Radio have a hard task before them to find some good stuff to play you, but remember this, the goodies always win in the end. Bye now.
IAN DURY: (Stiff)
Do it Yourself

Any resemblance to characters living or dead is not meant to be unkind to men in syrups.

This message is to be found on the label of the new Ian Dury album, 'Do It Yourself', released today, and he is right, it does not resemble his previous work at all. In fact, if this had not been 'The New Ian Dury Album', I wouldn't probably have given it a second listen, which would have been sad indeed.

Of course, he had a lot to do after 'New Boots and Panties', the 'Poor Man's Tubular Bell', now eighteen months old, anything less than excellent would meet with disappointment and to be honest, I don't think many Dury fans will like this album first time through. It is definitely a grower, and after listening to it all last weekend, I'm getting to like it. It is different, has some very good tracks, but I wonder if many people are going to give it a chance. But enough of this rambling; 'Do It Yourself' comes in a pseudo-wallpaper sleeve (DIY - get at!) and an inner sleeve with a pictorial 'Who's Who of anybody remotely involved with the project. But what about the record, you ask?

'Side one starts with 'Extravagance', a long gentle song which sets the tone of the album. The general style is along the lines of 'The Theme With Your Rhythm Stick' (surprisingly not included in the album), sort of rock with disco overtones, but not exactly - is what one mean.

'Quiet', a song of livery humour, is the best track on the side, and although the words are all written by Dury, and the music mostly written by guitar keyboard player Chas Jankel, the lyrics come from the Blackhearts. 'Please please yourself Oh baby, has charming, horrible!', answers Dury. Mmmm. A great song, despite this.

'Don't ask me', finds Dury pleading innocence: 'Hey I stand with a doofus for a brain'. 'Sink My Boat' is an insubordinate rock, but it's not getting on your last nerve. 'One Sacko', a prolonged saccato, complete with crowd and engine noises, is very good. 'Your inner comes, laments Dury, and neither does the end, or so it seems - it's bound to catch out some DJ or other.

Into side two with 'This Is What We Feel', probably the best track on the album. There is a lot of instrumental on it, a feature of the record as a whole, in contrast to the more spartan 'New Boots and Panties'. Dury chatters away annoyingly. (Why oh why no word sheet?) about DIY and infidelity. Straight into the excellent 'Uneasy Sunny Day Holts Toty', which would be sure to pick up a lot of radio coverage it was not for the base language. It has everything, fast beat, just can't help singing along.

In 'Mischief', Dury quietly tells us all about things he has, or would like to have. 'Crouching around people's gardens in the dark, looking some welly in the face, 'What a strange life he must lead. It runs into 'Dance of the Scaremen', a bland, boring nothing of a song.

The last track is 'Lullaby for Frances', a sort of quasi-ragtime number, which demonstrates well that Dury can do a CCO of his own song. Just the thing for late night relaxation.

So then, an album which may take some getting used to. It's not the Dury we know from 'New Boots and Panties' or live performances - he's moving forward, experimenting with new formulae. It doesn't grab you, it gradually dawns on you, each new listening bringing some other facet to your notice. It won't be a classic, but it certainly deserves your attention.

Jon Field
Imperial Games

Guilds scored an impressive victory over Mines and RCS in the Inter CCU Athletics Championships on a blustery afternoon on 25th April last.

They were strongest in the track events winning seven of the twelve events. But in the field events they were held close by Mines, with only two points in it at the end of the day.

Most notable on the track for Guilds was Ian Morton. He started the day with a comfortable victory in the 800m. of some 9 secs over the man they all wanted to beat, Brian Acford. (Brian, who is in his final year at I.C., has had a successful Country and Road season, finished the day with three creditable seconds). Ian then went on to win the 2000m. Steeplechase, again from Brian Acford and finally the 1500m. by a margin of only 3 secs. from Steve Kirk.

But on the field, it was Ian Roberts who helped Guilds on to that close victory over Mines with wins in both the Javelin and the shot. With the other two field events going to Andrew Kruszewski in the Discus & Ray Parkinson in the Long Jump. Ray had a successful afternoon with victories on the track in the 200m. and the 400m. Hurdles.

In all, despite the bad weather, it was an enjoyable afternoon with some hard fought battles on the track and field. But on the day, with an impressive run out led by Mark Corrigan, it was Guilds all the way.

Pete Barry

RESULTS

Track Events: Points total: C and G 146, RSM 69, RCS 56.

UL Championships: The next important athletic event is the University of London Championships at Motspur Park on Wednesday, 23rd May. I.C. have won this event three times out of the last five meetings. The IG team will be taking a coach down for this event.

All those interested should sign up on the Cross Country Club notice board or contact Pete Barry, Room 625 Huxley Building (Maths) Int 439.

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100m. I. A. Kruszewski (C and G) 12.2 s., 2. R. Parkinson (RSM) 12.3 s.

200m. I. A. Kruszewski (RSM) 25.6 s., 2. N. Bullock (C and G) 25.7 s.

400m. I. A. Lenczner (C and G) 56.0 s., 2. R. Parkinson (RSM) 56.8 s.

800m. I. I. Morton (C and G) 2m. 6.2 s., 2. B. Acford (C and G) 2m. 15.0 s.

1500m. I. I. Morton (C and G) 4m. 34 s., 2. S. Kirk (RCS) 4m. 37 s.

100m. Hurdles. I. N. Bullock (C and G) 19.1 s., 2. R. Parkinson (RSM) 20.0 s.

400m. Hurdles I. R. Parkinson (RSM) 64.5 s., 2. G. Longhurst (C and G) 67.5 s.

2000m. Steeplechase I. I. Morton (C and G) 7m. 00s., 2. B. Acford (C and G) 7m. 17 s.

2000m. Walk I. G. Sherwood (RCS) 12m. 13.6 s., 2. G. Longhurst (C and G)

Field Events: Points total: C and G 34, RSM 32, RCS 8

Long Jump I. R. Parkinson (RSM) 6.20m., 2. W. Davie (C and G) 5.85m.

Discus I. A. Kruszewski (C and G) 28.75m., 2. C. Adams (RSM) 24.80m.

1. I. Roberts (C and G) 38.00m., 2. A. Lewis (RCS) 33.67 m.

Shot 1. I. Roberts (C and G) 11.39 m., 2. C. Adams (RSM) 10.60 m.

Relays:

4 x 100m. 1. CLG 2. RSM 3. RCS

4 x 400m 1 x 1 pint 1. RSM 4m. 59.9 s., 2. C and G 3. RCS.
Seven IG shooters attended the UL championships at Twickenham on Saturday 12 May. The weather was rather too hot for comfort, with mirage and heat haze making long range visibility very bad. The wind was variable but generally light. The course of fire for rifles was 20 shots at each of 25, 50 and 100 yards.

The tie for 1st place was broken by a further 20 shots at 100 yards.

RESULTS
A. Jolleys (Phys PG), 589 - 1st
J. Jones (U.C.), 589 - 2nd
A. Kolbe (Phys PG), 587 - 3rd
G. Bloomfield (Mech Eng 2), 583 - 4th
I. McKie (Civil Eng 3), 586 - 5th
A. Etemad (Phys I), 534 - 6th
Liz Christie (RSM 2), 563 - Novices 1st
I. Maguire with five and a half out of six, a full point ahead of Shayin Rouhani and Bob Coles who tied for second place. The tournament was distinguished by some pretty atrocious play with several people competing for their first IG (International Grand-Patzer) norm. After still competition from Jitesh Gajjar who contrived to lose to Maguire in nine moves, this dubious honour went to Pete Anderson for consistently bad play throughout the event.

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A fine finish to a very successful season.

Steve Madden

Chess Club

This year’s chess club championship was won convincingly by Phil Maguire with five and a half out of six, a full point ahead of Shayin Rouhani and Bob Coles who tied for second place. The tournament was distinguished by some pretty atrocious play with several people competing for their first IG (International Grand-Patzer) norm. After still competition from Jitesh Gajjar who contrived to lose to Maguire in nine moves, this dubious honour went to Pete Anderson for consistently bad play throughout the event.

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Batavierenrace Tour
HOLLAND

'Taking part is more important than winning' was the race motto and the Dutch were certainly in the spirit of the event. The race of 25 stages attracted the capacity number of 150 teams and Nijmegen University, the hosts, fielded 44 of these. The organisation, facilities and enthusiasm necessary to stage such a colossal event involving 3750 runners and an entourage of supporters almost defies the imagination and it is basically inconceivable that anything similar could be staged in this country.

The seventh Batavierenrace began at midnight on Saturday 28th April in the spectacular light of red fireworks on the running track at Nijmegen. Then off into the night, through a corner of Germany, across the Rhine and back into Holland up to Dinsperlo where we arrived at about 04.00, ten stages having been completed, with the Impalas in 4th place out of the 75 teams which had started at midnight. Unfortunately, close behind were Surrey University in 5th, Martin Tarnowski after overtaking Surrey during leg 6, took a wrong turn and lost them again. Phil Gibbs in leg 10 reclaimed our position after a great run by Pete Johnson in leg 9. Rob Allinson running the longest leg worked wonders for the team as usual, by finishing with the second fastest time for that leg, only 9 seconds behind the fastest from Dortmund. Credit to Bryan for pulling up over 40 places during leg 2.

Because the leaders quickly gained hours on the trails, the race contains three restarts, the first being at Dinsperlo for leg 11. The runners and their accompanying cyclists took to the road at 06.03, just ahead of panic and near disaster as 150 minibuses jostled for space to head off on the car route to deposit the leg 12 runner in time. We just made it and then ran the leg from Dinsperlo to Boekelo for the second stage, finishing 5th at Barchem for legs 11-18.

Similar pandemonium reigned at the second restart at 11.00, with a large group of cyclists and near disaster as 150 runners for leg 19-24 to the minibus which was last hemmed in. Again, there was no real trouble up to leg 24 which ended at Boekelo, a small town completely engulfed by 4500 kids and lasses and about 300 minibuses. The shops and cafes and Pubs can never have known such trade. Up to this point, the restarts had been in two halves, with the runners of teams 76-150 setting off an hour after those from 1-75.

At Boekelo however, for the start of the final leg, 150 of the best runners at the event lined up together at 16.15 behind a roaring set of motorcycles which were to clear the way. Motorcyclists, runners then their bewildered bicycle escorts set off in a spectacular surge, as the rest of the teams rushed for their minibuses in an attempt to travel to the finish before the first runners arrived. We made it just in time to see our Martin O'Halloran coming in 13th position after a superb run during which he was the last to get through a level crossing before the gates came down. Overall the Impalas comprised 13 IC students and 12 from St Mary's College, finishing 7th in a time of 10 hours 2 minutes 39 seconds for the 100 mile race, an improvement of 6 minutes 37 seconds on last year and this time with the legal number of ladies. Surrey finished one place and 10 minutes behind, and the only other British team, Royal Veterinary College in 74th after getting disastrously lost at one stage. Three minutes faster would not only have broken the ten hour barrier but also would have gained us 2 places. Under ten hours will surely be our aim for next year. The winners were Delft Delvers from Holland in 9.31.30, but Gottingen from Germany were only robbed of victory through fielding one runner twice, which is against the regulations. The party afterwards was as sensational as the race itself and was held at the Bastille, the 21st century Union building of Twente Polytechnic, where the race finished.

Our thanks to RGC for the loan of two very well behaved minibuses.

Richard Harrington

Imperial College v London House

The mens team were due to play the annual fixture against London House last Saturday.

We met in the glorious sunshine of Princess Gardens stunned by the thought that we might play a match uninterrupted by rain or sleet.

On arriving at Harlington, we decided to practice until our opponents turned up. After playing singles for an hour under the burning sun, everybody agreed that it was time for a rest.

As we were crouching towards the bar at about three o'clock, our opponents arrived in two taxis. After introducing themselves they said they would like to start the match as soon as possible.

Our first pair, Tony and Adrian, got off to a blinding start, losing 6-1, 6-1, to Alastair and Arnaud. Tony played his usual game but Adrian played more level with the game progressing. After this setback, Adrian retired with some form of plague, to be replaced by Neville. This resulted in a comfortable win against London's third pair, Graham and Clive.

Chris and Dave were IC's best pair of the day, dropping only seven games to London's 2nd and 3rd pairs before tea.

Barry and Dave halved their first match against Dave and Lalit, but kept the contest open by losing to Arnaud and Alastair.

During tea, Tony suggested that next time we skip practice session, Adrian wondering about a ghost and Chris came to the stunning conclusion that we were 31/2 - 21/2 up.

The three matches after tea were all drawn. The most worthy of these was Chris and Dave scoring 3-6, 6-3 against Arnaud and Alastair who had previously dropped only four games.

Final Score: Imperial College 5 London House 4,

Teams:

IC-
Tony Tsoukkas and Adrian Clarke (Neville Pett) Chris Yates and Dave Garnett, Barry Witts and Dave Hogg.

London-
Arnaud and Alastair, Dave and Lalit, Graham and Clive.

Anybody interested in the tennis team or any other activities of the tennis club should contact Barry Witts (Maths II) or call into the Union Office any lunchtime except Wednesdays.

Barry Witts
The day started badly with the key members of the I.C. side stranded in The Orange Tree in Richmond whilst the other half of the team conducted an in-depth survey of the Richmond one-way system. Somehow by 3pm there were nine members of the 1st XI at QEC’s ground.

This did not include skipper Toplis who was stranded in Richmond Park having erotic fantasies about deer.

We were forced to start without him and Morton, both of whom assumed the roles of skipper and opening bowler. Toplis soon arrived and immediately brought himself on to bowl in place of the ferocious looking Morton. Toplis managed to collect 4 lucky wickets for 25 runs by such dubious means as hit wicket. Meanwhile, Mylvaganas had produced the flatter figures of 1-14.

Eventually Toplis was forced to resort to IC’s battery of spinners who are notable more for their numbers than any ability to spin the ball. Price 1-27, Fifeild 2-5, and Care 0-1 all gave the batsmen a chance to find the short leg-side boundary. Luckily QEC cannot boast too much in the way of batting.

The IC fielding was up to its normal standard. Fifeild managed to run out the batsman at the non-striker’s end by accidently deflecting a straight drive with his foot onto the stumps. Morton dropped an impossible chance on the boundary. He normally hangs on to such chances, but on this occasion he was in severe danger of impaling himself on a wooden fence. However, the fielding highlighted the afternoon must have been Price’s acrobatic attempts to avoid a full blooded pull to square leg. The look on his face matched the brown stain on his flannel.

The net result of all this frivolity was that QEC finished at 84 all out.

Toplis’s only good decision of the day was to allow Morton and Fifeild to open the batting. This elegant pair had soon knocked off the first 70 runs before Fifeild finally managed to throw away his wicket and make it to Kings Cross for a train. This allowed Everett (fumbling for the Sam Harch Ugliest Man in the Club Award) to come in and score a streaky 8 n.o. Morton moved on to 41 before generously lobbing a catch to mid off when we were three runs short of victory. This left Mylvaganas to score a faultless 0 n.o.

QEC: 84, IC: 85 for 2 Result: Thumping Victory by 8 wickets. Rocky M.

Olympians 132 all out IC Sunday XI 75 for 9 Match Drawn

For the first time this season Furnish lost the toss, and Olympians elected to bat on a soft green wicket. 30 minutes later, at 14 for 3, the decision looked a mistake but Olympians pulled back to 52, when the combined subtle moves of bringing on spinner Slator and batting old man Hallett, who clearly had the opposition beaten with raw pace, reduced them to 92 for 7. They finally made 132 all out.

IC started well with Stanford making the bowling look worse than it was, and the wicket look better than it was. He went for 21 with the score on 23 (2 byes) and the wickets began to tumble due to a combination of good bowling, bad batting, and a very uneven bounce. The bowler was finally broken by a patient 17 not out from Ellacott who was there for about 25 overs, and was well supported for 9 overs for the final wicket by Crowe who, having been IC outstanding bowler with 4 for 21, batted for probably the best 0 not out he will ever get.

Certain IC players appeared to be holding a prayer meeting in the pub afterwards but were asked by the landlord to cease their meditations.

To give the opposition credit, Patel batted well.

Will all ACC Clubs note that only expenditure that has been previously cleared with John Stocks will be allowed after the 30th May.
GRASS ROOTS
COUNCIL DISCUSSION

An attempt by Union President Mary Attenborough to get Council to refer back the controversial abortion motion passed at last week's Union meeting fizzled out when she discovered that she would not have to act on the motion in the near future.

She had been worried that she and IC's other representatives on the University of London Students' Representative Council (SRC) would have to propose withdrawal from the National Abortion Campaign at the SRC meeting, 23rd May. But when she heard that the meeting would not be discussing policy and there would not be another meeting until the end of June she withdrew her motion to Monday's ICU Council meeting.

Abortion will again be discussed at the Union meeting next Tuesday and Ms Attenborough hopes that the decision not to support the NAC will be amended.

Council met on the lawn in the pleasant surrounds of Silwood. Other items on the agenda were less controversial.

Members accepted a proposal that ICU should tentatively agree to host the International Conference of Student of Technology two years from now. This is a conference, largely sponsored by industry, to which the Union sent three representatives this year.

As a result of discussions at that conference Council agreed to set up a Union Committee to help students find training places and jobs abroad.

Another body set up by Council is a Union Safety Committee. This has become a legal requirement and Council also accepted a Union Safety Policy drawn up by its own resident safety expert Bernard Smith.

Prompted by the Union Permanent Working Party Council accepted a number of suggestions to improve student interest in Union meetings. Among these are an ICU stall at Fresher's Fair, a printed guide to Union meetings and an attempt to ensure that other meetings or classes do not clash with Union meetings.

A new task given to the PWP is the revision of the Union Policy Document in an attempt to bring it up to date.

NEWS IN BRIEF

ART COLLEGE PLEA

The Royal College of Art has again complained to IC Union about IC students using their refectory. They are asking students not to eat there before 1.00pm or they will be forced to institute card checks.

NO GO

Stan has appealed to people not to remove glocks from his bars in Southside. Glasses should not be taken further than the lounge and refectory areas.

He is trying to cut the heavy loss of beer glasses and hopes students will co-operate. IC Union has given support to his decision.

EXPLOSIVE OCCASION

The sun shone brightly on IC's wind orchestra as their annual open air lunchtime performance in the shadow of the Queen's Tower on Tuesday.

Highlight of the occasion was Tchaikovsky's 1812 symphony accompanied by explosives detonated on the Tower balcony and the pealing of the bells.

FIRE STOPS LIFT

A fire in the engine room of the Union Building lift on Tuesday has put the lift out of action. No further damage was caused.

It was agreed that four more Union office-holders should be offered rooms in hall next year. These are the SCAB Chairman, the Union Publicity Officer, IC Radio Station Manager and the Overseas Students' Committee Chairman.

Because of the difficulty of finding a departmental representative for Management Science where most of the students are postgraduates on one year courses Council decided to move the election for this post to the autumn term.

The council has set up a committee of three to discuss the feasibility of getting the council to pay for freshers' parties at least once a year.

CAMPUS CAFE

A new cafe has been opened in the refectory in order to attract more students to the Southside area.

He also claims that he was refused a right of reply to points raised during the discussion.

SGC Chairman Frank James told FELIX that PATA had been rejected because its aims were in part already covered by the welfare service and Women's Association. Mr Austin had refused to limit PATA's activities to campaigning and would not accept amendments to its constitution to comply with the requirement that different societies' aims must not overlap.

Rejecting Mr Austin's charges Frank James said that the decision did not contravene SGC standing orders and that the meeting had spent 1 1/2 hours discussing the matter which he felt was adequate time for everyone to make their positions clear.

DISPUTE THREAT

College technicians are dissatisfied with College's progress in carrying out the terms of the January 10 safety agreement and another dispute is possible.

The IC branch of the Association of Scientific, Technical and Managerial Staffs, ASTMS, is claiming that College has not complied with the agreement which ended the 16 week dispute last winter. The Union has given College a week to provide evidence of progress on safety.

The branch is also asking College to give reasons for their termination of the employment of branch Chairman Arthur Sier. Mr Sier is an ASTMS National Executive Committee member and chief negotiator with the universities on technical staff matters. His conditions of employment, permitting him to carry out his Union functions, were laid down in an agreement between IC's former Rector Lord Penney and ASTMS National Secretary Clive Jenkins. ASTMS members are asked that College acted without consulting their Union.

An ASTMS meeting on Tuesday decided that if College did not reply to these two matters a branch meeting would be called next week at which the Chairman would propose entering into dispute with the College.

NOT ENOUGH ROOM

So many 3rd year students have applied for hall places that there will be almost no room for 2nd year new applicants.

Final year students have priority over 2nd years and 160 have applied for the 163 places available to both years.

The Union is to write to all 3rd year new applicants suggesting that they might form groups to occupy the new flats at 9 Princes Gardens which will be ready in October.

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