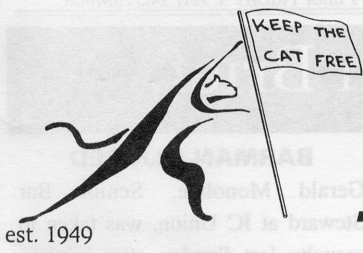


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IC strike bound?

MATTHEW BENNETT

With Higher Education establishments throughout England set to be hit by industrial action next week, a settlement to the dispute still seems distant. Tuesday's strike has been organised by a consortium of eight unions with members working in Higher Education.

The strike has been called as a result of proposed national pay increases of 1.5% for university staff, which union's insist constitutes a pay cut in real terms. This is being hailed as the first time in the history of Higher Education that every rank of staff from "Porter to Professor" are going to close university gates.

Support for the strike has not been unanimous, however, with three of the union's that voted 'yes' only achieving a majority choosing industrial action of 2% or less. The turnout was low, with an overall participation of just 59%. Bryan Wilson, president of the IC branch of the Association of University Teachers claimed that, in contrast to the normal turnout at a general election, which is generally less than 50%, this was a "reflection of the anger" felt by staff at "paltry pay rises". Mr Wilson also commented that this decision came from a group of people who are normally reluctant to take any form of action at all.

The form the protest is taking incited criticism from both the college hierarchy and Imperial College Union. Eric Allsop, the ICU president, said that he felt the strike was "almost certainly justified", but was concerned at the possible effect on students, particularly that any higher

offers would lead to a "financial backlash" against the students and loss of staff. He said that he would not encourage students to cross picket lines.

The Pro-Rector for Educational Quality, Professor Alan Swanson, went further, dubbing the situation "very messy". Himself a member of the AUT, he said that he would not be joining the picket line, as he felt the students were losing more than could be gained. He also said that he would be "surprised if the Government turned in their tracks" and reversed the decline in funding for Higher Education simply as a result of the forthcoming strike.

Professor Swanson said that he could not guess at the likely support for the strike, but believed that among the technical staff it would be "pretty solid". This would mean the shutdown of all labs, though he pledged that students would not be "unjustly penalised" for missing lab sessions if there was a strike. He warned, however, that it is not up to students whether to turn up or not, and left it to Heads of Department to advise students about what to do on Tuesday.

The Rector, Sir Ronald Oxburgh has written to all staff advising them of the College's position, and reminding them that the strike would mean the loss of a day's pay. The AUT have asked the College to donate any deducted staff pay to the Student Hardship Fund.

Bryan Wilson appealed to the student population, asking that the strikers have "if not their support, at least their understanding."

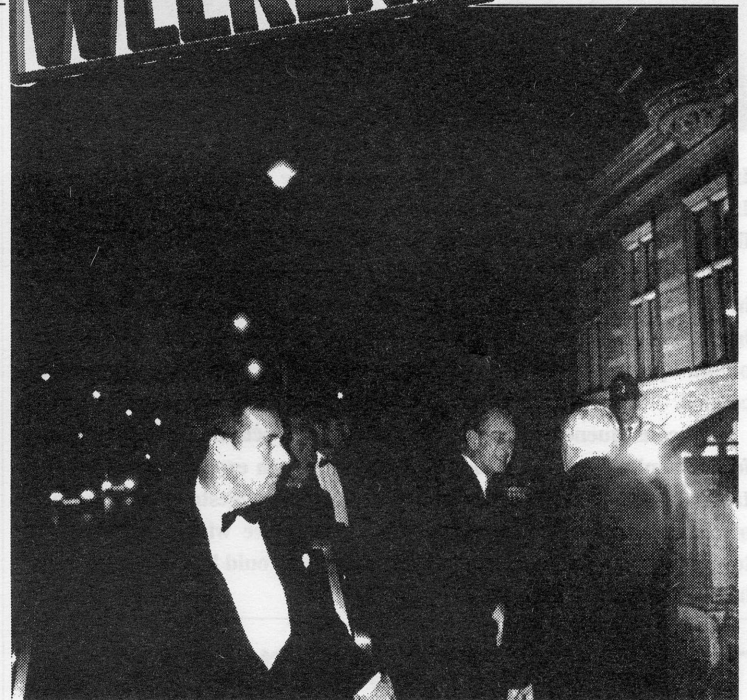


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His Royal Highness Prince Phillip visiting the Royal College of Music on Wednesday for an evening concert. Reports that his next stop was the Beer Festival in the JCR are unconfirmed.

Tory MP: 1.5% pay deal is "Derisory"

ANDREW SMITH

Jerry Hayes, one of John Major's most ardent supporters, has admitted that the 1.5% pay deal offered to University lecturers and administrators is "derisory". In an open and frank meeting arranged by Imperial College Conservative Society he refused to condemn the action planned for next Tuesday, saying of the striking personnel, "It is their democratic right."

Even when urged by the former IC ConSoc Chair to condemn the one day strike, Mr Hayes refused, saying that he was not in the business of condemning strikes. While admit-

ting that he had forgotten to "mug up on" the higher education dispute before addressing the Imperial College gathering, the 43 year old MP said that he could "understand" how lecturers feel.

The Member of Parliament for Harlow did suggest however that, "The worst way of dealing with the Tory Government is to go on strike." With pressure by right wing student members to oppose the national stoppage Mr Hayes did admit that "Of course, it [the strike action] is not going to work", later saying that "we

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Boat House expansion: 1 Holts Villas: 0



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Imperial College Boat Club's boat house on the Thames at Putney Reach. In order to expand the premises to accommodate all the teams the club now fields, the adjoining building, Holts Villas has to be demolished.

The demolition, being undertaken piecemeal, should be complete early in the new year allowing construction of the boat house's extension to begin. The previous occupant of the Villas has been relocated to Bexhill-on-sea by the College as part of a planning deal with the local borough council.

One consequence of the method of deconstruction is the opportunity for souvenirs from the building. Always with an eye on saving pennies, Ian Caldwell, College's Director of Estates, has suggested that some form of fixtures and fittings auction could take place with proceeds going toward the new boathouse. "Perhaps old-boys would like to buy-a-brick" he commented.

Draconian College discipline applied

MARIA IOANNOU

An Imperial College student faced the firing squad at a disciplinary hearing recently, charged with hurling a full can of beer from the top of Southside and through the window of a local resident (*Felix* 1065). The offender, a PhD student, was described as "naturally upset" by his actions, having been invited into Tizard Hall as a guest during Freshers' Week.

The wrongdoer was sentenced to the IC equivalent of three years hard labour, as the incident was taken "very seriously" by the College. Chairman of the Disciplinary Committee, Professor Rhys Rawlings, adopted a fair-minded approach; "We had no punitive wish to ruin his student career for what was an foolish and isolated incident."

The student suffered three penal-

ties, namely a suspension from all College premises for two months, exclusion from all College social facilities, ie all bars, refectories and the sports centre for the remainder of his time as a student. The third penalty metered was financial, the student being required to reimburse the resident for the replacement of the glass and to give the equivalent to a Union charity (though a maximum limit of £300 has been agreed).

When questioned, the "upset and frightened" householder, who by coincidence is a member of the Knightsbridge Local Residents Association, said "...it's past and gone" and would make no further comment on the matter.

The student is unlikely to appeal as there is little question of either his guilt or the circumstances surrounding the incident.

News in Brief

UNIVERSITY CHALLENGE

This year's Imperial College University Challenge team suffered defeat with the very last question of Tuesday's first round clash with St Catherine's College, Cambridge. After a poor start, Imperial College quickly caught up, and went on to put up a good fight on the BBC2 student quiz show.

When the gong eventually sounded, both teams finished up with 200 points. The Imperial team, captained by Ian Bayley, lost the unprecedented tie-break question, which was swiftly answered by St Catherine's. While Jeremy Paxman's former College qualify for the second round, the IC team will have to wait and see whether they progress as one of the first round's highest scoring losers.

NO SWEAT FUNDING

Concerns over the failure of Imperial College to capitalise on their specialist areas (*Felix* 1068) have been refuted by senior College sources.

Speaking to *Felix*, Professor Bill Wakeham, Pro-Rector of Research, sought to clarify IC's position on income from research. Under the classifications used by HEFCE and polling companies, IC carries out little 'applied research' but conducts much basic and strategic research funded by the national research councils that brings in considerable income. Studies, such as that published in the *Times Higher Educational Supplement* and quoted by *Felix* show that Cranfield University tops the league for research income. Professor Wakeham contends that this is due to Cranfield's reliance on applied research and industrial earnings and not income from research councils.

Moving on to the income received from intellectual property rights, he again highlighted the commercial value of the researches involved - Institutions which had a large income from this source had almost always got one single large earning invention, rather than a wide range of modest earning items. Although the earning from this source at IC has fluctuated greatly from year to year, Professor Wakeman stressed that it was on an upward trend, and the College was still hopeful of the big winner.

BARMAN INJURED

Gerald Monohoe, Senior Bar Steward at IC Union, was taken to casualty last Sunday after injuring his back whilst attempting to pull a pint. Though one of the two Union members of staff trained in Health and Safety, Gerry failed to notice that the pump had not refilled. This meant there was an unexpected lack of resistance when he pulled and he ended up on the floor.

Gerald will be back at work on Friday and pulling more than ever.

MORE FIRE ALARMS

On Friday afternoon the Blackett Laboratory was rapidly evacuated after fire alarms sounded. College Security once again demonstrated their efficiency by ordering all students to cross Prince Consort Road.

The alarm had been raised when a group of 3rd and 4th year Physics students entering Lecture Theatre 2 found it filled with a "very thin smoke." That session's lecturer, Professor A McKinnon, arrived on the scene and became so distressed that it was necessary for a nearby, quick-thinking student to advise the setting off of the alarm. There was in reality no need to panic as the "smoke" turned out to be steam released by the ventilation system.

SCANDAL AT GUYS AND ST THOMAS'S

Playing rugby against Guys and St Thomas's medical school will be considerably easier for the next six months after most of the squad were barred from playing after a particularly gruesome tour incident.

Whilst staying in a hotel in Portsmouth during a tour, a morning-after drinking party was in full swing when somebody suggested Bloody Mary's. This in itself is not that unusual, but these medics, being resourceful people, had brought their intravenous equipment with them, took the suggestion literally and an orgy of bloodletting and drinking ensued. Back at home, nothing was said until hacks at *The Sun* got wind of the story and exposed the medical students to the full glare of publicity. The least of the punishments doled out by the now irate Dean was a six month ban on rugby, and many of the medics got severe reprimands.

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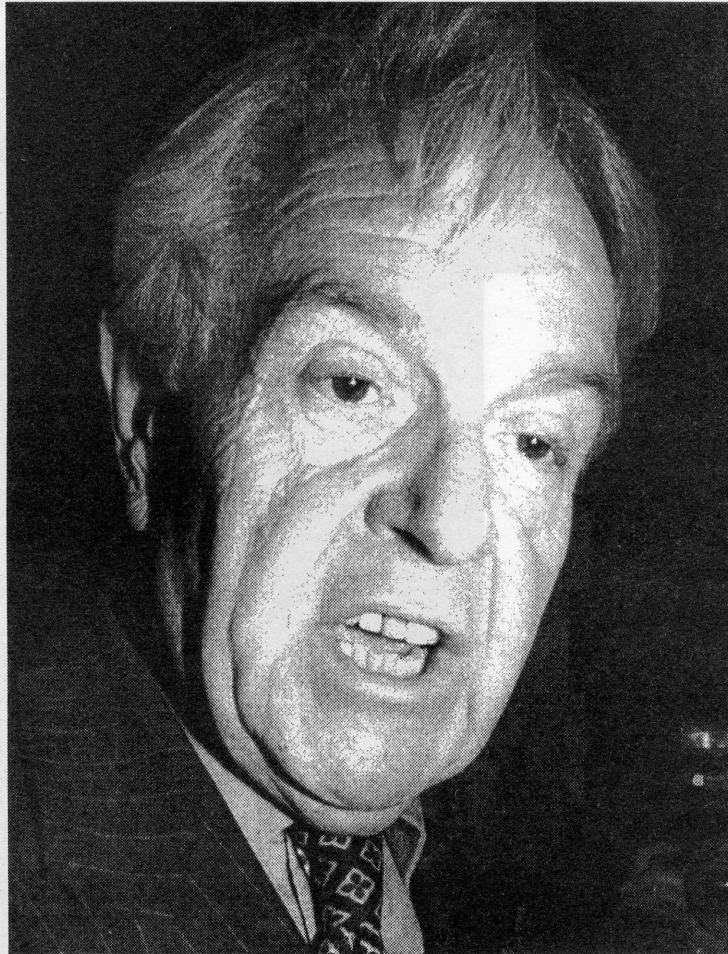
Drunken antics of senior MP could bring down Government

SIMON WISTOW

It was announced last week that the Kensington and Chelsea Conservative MP, Sir Nicholas Scott, was to be replaced after a drunken binge at the Tory party conference left him unconscious in the gutter. Imperial College falls within the Kensington and Chelsea constituency.

Sir Nick, the former Northern Ireland and Social security minister, has had previous convictions for drink driving and failing to stop after an accident last year that trapped a toddler in his crushed pushchair. Controversy seems to have followed him throughout his political career; his wife announced that she was leaving him soon after his election in 1974 despite appearing happily married just days before and in 1977 he nearly lost his place when members became worried about his drinking problems and neglect of constituency duties.

Kensington & Chelsea constituency executives voted 55 to 45 not to endorse a confidence vote in the 65 year old MP saying that they were shamed by his recent antics and in particular his being found face down in a gutter outside the Irish Embassy in Bournemouth. Sir Nicholas is to speak at a specially convened meeting of the Conservative Association to answer his critics. However, it is believed that replacements have already been lined up. Fore-runners are thought to include Councillors Joan Hanham and her Royal Borough colleague Daniel Moylan. Other possible successors to Sir



Sir Nicholas Scott MP facing a barrage of questions over his dispute with the Kensington and Chelsea Conservative Party. The local party could deselect him, prompting Sir Nicholas to threaten to resign.

Nicholas include Chris Patten, currently Governor of Hong Kong and a favourite of Conservative Central Office. Sir Nick has indicated that he would stand aside at the next Election to allow Mr Patten to run for the safe seat of Kensington and Chelsea. The seat was returned in 1992 with a majority of over 20,000.

Sir Nicholas claims that, following a fall in the shower which resulted in an injured back, he was prescribed painkillers. "My wife Cecilia tried to persuade me not to go to the party conference because I was in so much pain, but I felt duty bound to go." He then, rather stupidly, made the mistake of mixing alcohol and

painkillers which allegedly caused him to pass out. "I decided to pop into the Irish Embassy because I have a lot of friends there from my Northern Ireland days. I had a couple of glasses of white wine and began to feel dizzy. I suffered from vertigo. It was the painkillers. The next thing I remember was a policeman helping me up. I am kicking myself now for going to the conference when I was feeling so ill. The publicity thing was acutely embarrassing. All this would never have happened if I had listened to my wife."

Apart from local embarrassment, the deselection of Sir Nicholas could have far reaching ramifications for the Conservative Government. The MP has threatened to resign his seat if deselected by the constituency party, forcing the Government into a difficult situation with Parliamentary mechanics. Currently, the Government's majority in the House of Commons stands at two, up from one after the death last week of a Labour MP. If Sir Nicholas resigns, the Government will lose its majority, and will depend on the goodwill of the Ulster Unionist Party to avoid defeat in any Parliamentary division.

Over the next few months, the Government's position will become more fragile, and it will depend upon smaller parties for support in important votes or issues of confidence. The outcome of Sir Nicholas's spat with his constituency party could well prove the downfall of the current Government, and trigger an early General Election.

Jerry Hayes breaks Tory line on AUT pay claim

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just don't want it to escalate."

With the Imperial College Gun Club President attending the meeting, the former Parliamentary Private Secretary was questioned about the upcoming Government Firearms Bill. Mr Hayes expressed his disappointment that the Bill was being introduced but explained its necessity by saying that, "we would be pil-

loried in the newspapers" if the Government did not react to the media pressure.

With Mr Hayes recently appointed as the newest member of the Standing Committee on Firearms, he was ideally placed to agree with suggestions that the new measures would affect law abiding enthusiasts saying "a lot of people will lose their sport". Mr Hayes did suggest that

current proposals might be watered down during the Bill's passage through Parliament, expressing his hope that "we can sort it out in Committee."

With the Government's slim majority, individual Members of Parliament are able to exert considerable pressure on the Government for amendments and the Essex MP stated his intention to "cause trouble on

the Firearms Bill." Coupled with the limited legislative time in this Parliament before the Election, this will ensure the Bill will have a rough ride through the Commons. While admitting that current proposals are "rubbish", Mr Hayes refused to confirm whether he would be voting against the controversial Bill but did say that he would "do what I can on the old gun thing."

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Lord Sherfield dies, aged 92

JOHN PICKRELL

Lord Sherfield, an important figure in the recent history of Imperial College, passed away last Sunday at the age of 92. During his career he worked alongside many historical figures, including Prime Ministers Atlee, Churchill, Eden, Macmillan and US Presidents Truman and Eisenhower.

More widely known as Sir Roger Mellor Makins, Lord Sherfield was born in 1904. His father a Brigadier-General and Conservative MP, owned a Victorian mansion house on Queens Gate, where the young Roger Makins spent his childhood. The house was later demolished to make way for the expansion of the College. He went on to study at Winchester and Christchurch Colleges, Oxford, where he later became a Fellow of All Souls in 1925.

In 1928, Makins joined the Foreign Office, with his first overseas assignment coming just three years later when he was appointed Third Secretary in Washington. Makins rose quickly through the ranks, excelling in a number of positions including time as Administrator of British Affairs in Oslo and the prestigious post of British Advisor to the League of Nations. In 1939, he ran the western arm of the Foreign Office before joining the staff of the Minister to West Africa in 1942. During the Second World War, Makins headed up Macmillan's "Mediterranean Allied Force Headquarters" in Algiers.

After the war, the future Lord Sherfield returned to the States, this time as Economic Minister in Washington, but left within a year to pursue a scientific career. In 1946, he became Under Secretary in charge of North American Political and Economic Developments. This involved liaising between the British and United States Governments during the highly confidential early development of the atomic bomb (then known as 'tube alloys'), preventing a breakdown in communication.

In 1953, Makins returned to the USA for a third time, as British Ambassador to Washington. A personal friend of President Eisenhower, his arrival in



the US was well-received and he proceeded to consolidate the good relations he had previously established. On his return to Britain, he became Joint Permanent Secretary to the Treasury, a post where he found himself out of the public eye.

Between 1960 and 1964 he returned to a science-based position becoming Chairman of the Atomic Energy Authority. This and other later scientific achievements led to his nomination to The Royal Society. During this time he forged a formal link with IC, taking on the position of Head of the Board of Governors.

Makins retired from official duties in 1964 but was far from the end of his career. It was in this year that he was given his hereditary peerage, becoming Baron Sherfield.

He took up the position of Chairman of the Industrial and Commercial Finance Corporation, followed in 1966 by his Chairmanship of a major merchant bank. Lord Sherfield became a Fellow and Warden of Winchester College, Oxford, and between 1990 and 1982 was Chancellor of Rading University. He reaffirmed his commitment to science in 1987, by setting up a Select Committee in the House of Lords for Science and Technology.

His impact on IC is still visible today. The Sherfield Building (formerly the College Block) was renamed in his honour in 1975. Bryan Lloyd Davis, Deputy College Secretary during Makins' time remembers Lord Sherfield "...he was a very good Chairman and a man of considerable presence, physically and mentally. The College benefited greatly from his leadership."

On his departure from Imperial College in 1974 it was said of him "no-one who dealt with him here would imagine that he had any greater concern than the College. His energy and enthusiasm is unlimited and he has never grudged time of trouble."

Roger Mellor Makins, diplomat: born 3rd February 1904; Fellow All Souls, Oxford 1925-39; CMG 1944, KCMG 1949, GCMG 1955, KCB 1953, GCB 1960. Chairman of the Governing Body of Imperial College 1962-74; created 1964 Baron Sherfield. Died 9th November.

"Top Flight" engineering bursaries cut

JACKIE SKEATE

The Government is yet again causing distress to Universities across the country, after making the decision to cut the "top flight" engineering bursaries for promising students. As from 1997 high-achieving students will not receive the £500 awards, which are viewed by many in the engineering world as essential incentives in a climate where recruitment

to engineering is proving increasingly difficult.

The view shared by many is that for the scheme to have any real impact it would have had to be operated for several more years. Robin Bond of the Engineering Council expressed his disgust at the Government pulling out, "It is contrary to what is in the best interests of the country. The scheme succeeded in

wooing bright young people away from more fashionable subjects such as communication studies and leisure and tourism whose contribution to wealth creation is dubious."

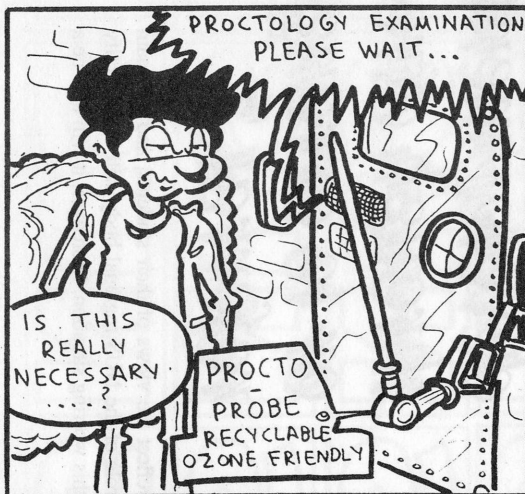
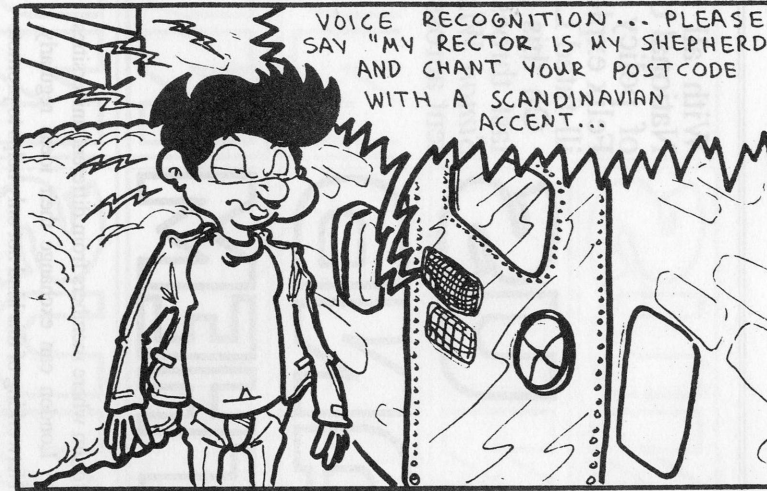
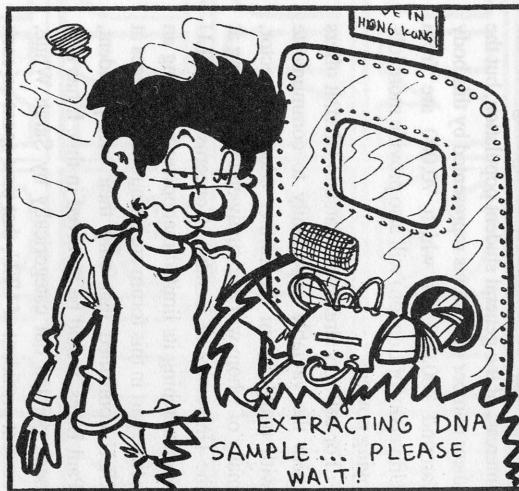
At Imperial College, about 900 students, from all areas of engineering, receive the extra funding from the Engineering Council on the basis of their A Level results - the requirement is two grade As and one grade

B. Lorna Richardson, Assistant Registrar, was keen to stress that those students already receiving these bursaries will be unaffected, and that only students hoping for an award from 1997 onwards will be disappointed.

The Government's withdrawal of the funding is in line with their original policy to implement the bursary for only three years.

A WACKY LOOK ON "HALL SECURITY"

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NUS LONDON

According to reliable sources at the University of London Union, colleges of higher and further education throughout the capital have responded positively to the setting up of a new London NUS regional representative body. The motion to investigate the feasibility of such a venture was passed at the GUC meeting of ULU three weeks ago.

THE PAST

The idea of having an NUS regional representative body in London is not new. In fact, it did exist until last year. Unfortunately, it was the opinion of most student representative groups at the time that their views were not given due consideration by the regional body. In the end, amidst allegations that the financial regulations laid down by the NUS had not been followed, the organisation was put under severe financial difficulties. Unhappy with the situation, some of the bigger colleges withdrew from this pact, and the NUS London folded soon after.

IC AND THE NUS

The relationship between Imperial College Union and the NUS has never been smooth. IC graduates helped found the NUS back in 1922. However, a row over affiliation fee prompted the withdrawal of ICU. It rejoined again in 1939, but pulled out a few years later due to their dispute with the NUS over the Government's policy of graduate conscription. After the war, the Union had reaffiliated with the NUS four more times. The most recent walk out dated back to 1977 - scepticism over the radical policy pursued by the NUS led to the disaffiliation motion being passed by a narrow margin of 5 votes.

THE PURPOSE

Currently, 150 colleges of higher and further education in London have no representatives to

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forum where members from different universities in London can exchange their ideas regularly. Networking of this kind not only helps to promote inter-college co-ordination in fighting for the interests of the general student population, but the sheer number of students represented by this body (around 200,000, of which 70,000 are from University of London) will also provide more lobbying power.

For colleges already affiliated to ULU, it offers them the valuable opportunity to communicate with people from the further education sector, many of whom will eventually end up studying at the University of London. Concerns over ULU overstretching its limited manpower by taking an active part in this forum are unfounded. Sources at ULU confirmed that only their vice-president, Paul Bates, would be involved in this. It has also been pointed out categorically by Sarah White, current president of ULU, that time spent on each project is carefully monitored.

Whilst nationwide issues such as the threat of top-up fees, poverty among students, and resurgence of extremism on campuses will be dis-

With all the recent press concerning the National Union of Students and their change of policy over Higher Education funding, Felix explores the history of the NUS and its ill-fated London Region.

On this page *Kent Yip* takes through the last throes of NUS London, and opposite, *Simon Wistow* reveals the extent of discontent across the country.

CONCERNS

Cynics argue that the NUS has a history of pursuing impractical policy. They came to their sense last year and abandoned their campaign for the return to full grants after a long fought campaign by those espousing free education. The futility of their effort was evident. Related to this was the suspension of Clive Lewis, the ex-Vice-President Education who disagreed with this change of policy. The leadership of the NUS was labelled as "a disgrace to all students" by Labour MPs Tony Benn, Ken Livingstone and Dennis Skinner (London Students, volume 17 issues 1 and 2). Furthermore, the NUS is also regarded by some as merely a launchpad for future Labour politicians. They pointed to Jim Murphy, the ex-president of the NUS, as an example. His proposal of "graduate tax", enthusiastically adopted by Labour as their official party policy, has earned him the candidacy to represent Labour for the parliamentary seat for Eastwood in Strathclyde. All of these have led people to cast doubts over the representative nature of the organisation, and wonder if the whole business is merely a big publicity stunt.

THE TRUTH

It is a well known fact that the majority of students are not interested in politics. The discounts available in purchasing food, alcohol and other items is the main reason why most unions choose to belong to the NUS. This is also why IC has opted out; because we already have contracts with several big purchasing groups, it would be pointless to switch to the NUS. Their recent call for a nationwide student strike has been endorsed by most student unions across the country.

But in truth, who in their right mind would view it as anything other than an unscheduled day-off. If the government is not responding to pressures from vice-chancellors and principals of the colleges, it there any chance they would even know of such a "strike" planned by the NUS?

WHAT NEXT?

The Utopic ideals they hold have somewhat been overshadowed by their unprofessional attitude towards non-affiliated members. Any detected bias against the NUS in this article can partly be explained by their lack of co-operation in answering my questions during my research. Since the previous London NUS regional representative body failed to leave behind an illustrious track record, it is sad to see them turning down an

"To offer professional support and advice towards the development of student unions through direct consultancy or to arrange appropriate referral."

reflect the views of their students, and the main role of the NUS regional body will be to rectify this worrying situation. Moreover, it will also be a

cussed in their regular meetings, attention will be focused on matters specific to students in London, eg, difficulties in finding suitable accommodation and negotiations for transport discounts.

WE ARE NOT ALONE

Finally someone else has seen the light!

Following a series of debates in its last few Union Councils the

University of West of England (UWE) is deciding whether or not to disaffiliate itself from the NUS thus associating itself with the likes of Glasgow, Edinburgh and of course ICU, the largest non-NUS affiliated union in the country. There are currently only five unassociated units as opposed to 860 that are.

The NUS was set up in 1922 because a large number of students were being drafted for the First World War. The ideal was that it was to be seen as a peace movement, operating on a national basis, for students who believed in a better future. In other words, according to the NUS press office, "a forum for nice ideas ... it is still a fairly intimate organisation - any idea that a student has may end up as a whole campaign."

Imperial dropped out in 1977 when it became dissatisfied with the arrangement it had, which was a case of give but no take. It was felt that the affiliation fee, now £40,000 per annum, could be better used by channelling it directly into ICU. The NUS's mission is to represent students, locally, nationally and internationally, to promote the views of students on the education

system, promote the interests of students on economic, social and youth issues which have a

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direct effect on the status and welfare of students, promote and assist the improvement of Student Unions and inform and train Student union officers. However many students don't really believe that they are being represented, the only real contact that they have with the organisation is during Freshers' week and through their NUS cards which offer 10% discount in many institutions. What many students don't realise is that the majority of these establishments will accept any Union card. Also, any beneficial effects from NUS campaigning will still apply to us; how likely is it that the Government will say "fair enough, we'll boost grant levels back up again but not for Imperial students because they aren't in the NUS"?

The NUS is supposed to encourage its unions to hold disassociation debates on a regular basis although

this isn't exactly rigorously enforced. It does seem a touch inept, though, at persuading those who have strayed to come back to fold. Imperial has discussed rejoining but the NUS president, Jim Murphy, made a bad show at a 1995 conference meeting - he did not turn up. You may also have read in 'London Student' about the fact that IC "is at war" with the London Branch of the NUS. When one of our reporters, Kent Yip (see opposite page), phoned up Mandela house, to discuss NUS services in London, he was passed round numerous telephone extensions until eventually being told that they could not help him because Imperial is not the NUS.

Sarah White, president of ICU in 1995 and now the ULU president, is concerned by the behaviour of the NUS. "If the NUS want unaffiliated colleges to reaffiliate they need to see exactly what the NUS does, otherwise they won't know what they are missing. The Press Office refusing to speak to someone merely because they are from an unaffiliated college is unprofessional and stupid".

We shall have to wait until the end of the term until the results of UWE's referendum. Will they decide that the NUS is actually worth forty grand a year or that we're right and that you're better off on your own? Either way though this could be the tip of the iceberg as more and more universities go to the ballots over their position with the National Union. Only time will tell if our way of life will become the norm in universities across the country.

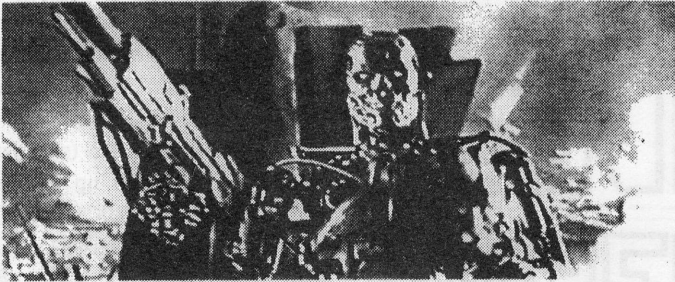
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opportunity to promote their cause. IC is not alone in being discriminated. Universities of Edinburgh and Glasgow have also stayed out of it, and it is known that UWE at Bristol will be balloting soon to decide the future of their membership in the NUS.

Politicians are now axing the welfare of college students, who play no part in deciding the balance of power at Westminster when elections come. In the face of such patronising attitude, we should speak up louder and clearer. Praise is where praise is due. The effort of the NUS in campaigning on our behalf is certainly laudable. Whilst their loudspeaker is doing a good job in amplifying our voices, is it getting the right message across?

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LETTERS TO FELIX

replied to this week by David Roberts

A new perspective on Clayponds spending

Dear Editor,

I would like to reply to a number of points made by Andrew Payne in his letter last week. His general complaint was that the management had got its priorities wrong in spending £160,000 on new carpets when the money would have been better spent on security. The point has been made by Daniels on a number of occasions that many of the carpets at Clayponds had become so damaged that they presented a significant safety hazard, particularly on the stairways. They clearly needed changing urgently. On the other hand, many of the carpets in the study bedrooms were in surprisingly good condition. It is possible that a significant amount of money could have been saved if a comprehensive survey had been carried out, leaving some of the carpets to give a few years more service. This money could then have been ploughed into security upgrades.

I do however, take issue with Andrew's conclusion that the most urgent upgrade is in the form of front door locks. There were 12 burglaries at Clayponds in the three month period July-September this year. Of these only one was through a front door with the kind of lock Andrew mentions (in fact, the only burglary ever at Clayponds in which entry was through a front door). In that case the glass panel of the door was broken, which is very unusual. Of the others, in one case entry was through a back door which had altogether four locks on it (the flat had been burgled before and extra measures had been taken) and for all of the rest entry was through windows. I agree that the front door locks are, in principle, inadequate but in practice they are simply not our major problem.

Andrew suggested that money set aside for our proposed common room would more appropriately be spent on security upgrades. It is clear to me that Andrew's views are out of

line with those of the vast majority of past and present residents. This has been made abundantly clear to me during my five years as Warden at Clayponds. By a mile, the single most frequently voiced complaint about Clayponds is its lack of communal facilities. When the College was seeking planning permission for the 'village hall' project last year some of the residents organised a petition in favour of the village hall. About half of the residents signed this petition. This represented all but two of the people who were asked. It would seem that Andrew was either one of these two or was not at home at the times that the petitioners called. The other possible explanation is that he agreed with the project at the time but has since changed his mind. If any other Clayponds residents support Andrew's view I would very much like to hear from them. One of our major problems with security derives from the lack of community spirit at Clayponds. I am sure that a village hall would help greatly in promoting such a spirit.

Danny Segal,

Warden, Clayponds

Wilson House wardens an endangered species

Dear Felix,

I have heard tonight that some rumours regarding the Wardens and their lack of impartiality have been circulated to you about allocations of student rooms at Wilson House. These allegations are untrue. The Wardens had to do the allocations for Wilson House due to the lack of understanding of the special circumstances of Willy House by the IC administration. The Wardens, especially the Assistant Warden at Willy House, are extremely upset about the lack of support from the students on this matter.

As both Wardens are only motivated by the welfare of students, having no remuneration for the Wardenship over and above free accommodation, they are at the point

where, if this non-cooperation continues, they will cease to mediate between Mary's and IC in respect of student accommodation and will abrogate this task. The response of IC to this is likely to be to put professional managers in to do the job of the Wardens and if any students think that managers will have the best interests of the students in mind in their deliberations they are seriously naive. The Wardens have bent over backwards to try to accommodate the wishes of students, in the case of accommodation spending many unpaid hours of work to get it right, and to have unfounded criticism directed against them is deeply offensive. If the Wardens of Willy House leave, as is likely in the present climate, then the students will have to deal with the beurocracy of IC directly. The Wardens have a direct line to the Pro-Rector and the Dean of Mary's and still have problems fighting the battles on behalf of the students - the students have no such links. I do not therefore see IC admin v students as an equal contest. Do you?

Yours sincerely,

A mole in the Wardens camp

Unions call the whole thing off

Dear Felix,

Over the last few weeks, staff in all eight trade unions represented in UK universities have been voting on the current pay dispute. We've just received the results, and we thought it was important to let students know as soon as possible that all eight unions have voted "yes" to industrial action.

It has been more than ten years since lecturers at this College have gone on strike. We have been driven to it this time because the UCEA, the body that negotiates with us on our employer's behalf, has withdrawn from all discussions.

They won't talk about changing their current offer of 1.5%, or even setting up a pay review body; amaz-

ingly, they've even refused to discuss - not even to implement, merely to discuss - some minor technical changes to pay scales we've proposed. Other unions have had similar experiences.

Faced with this aggressive approach we've had no alternative but to take action. Our aim is simply to get the employers' representatives round the table once more, or at least to get the case to arbitration.

The first effect of all this is that there will be a one-day strike on 19 November in which all the staff unions, both academic and ancillary, will be taking part. We expect a virtual closure of the College except for essential and emergency services. We will be asking the College to donate any deducted staff pay to the Student Hardship Fund.

We hope that this will be enough to get us talking again. But if it isn't, the next phase will consist of a boycott of College bureaucracy. We've taken great pains to minimise the harm to students from our action, and we think we've achieved that with our current plans. If you have any questions or worries at all, however, please don't hesitate to get in touch: we're in the College phone book.

Phil Ramsden,

Imperial College Association of University Teachers

So, the decision would appear to have been made - and despite every effort from the unions, and virtually no effort from the Government, the strike seems to be going ahead. Sad to relate, the continued decline in university funding has had just one up-side - it's earned us an extra day in bed next Tuesday, and the prospect of many more to come.

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Cynicism is one of those twentieth century social diseases that has pervaded almost every walk of life, so it was refreshing to see the letter from Linda Hart in Felix that followed up on her earlier gripes about sandwiches. She reported that John Foster, the Head of Catering, had reassured her that everything was all right and the sandwiches aren't really a rip-off. Well, that's OK then isn't it. Oh deary, deary me. Dr Hart, you've been sold a dummy. Given the classic 'don't you worry, it's all right. Uncle John knows best' line. Of course, you must realise this, but are too polite to 'analyse' his response. That's where I'll pick up the story.

John Foster, who, it must be said was most generous in offering a personal response to the letter, is, I fear, living on a different planet. However, Linda, you are wrong to suggest that QT sandwiches are on

average 15% more expensive than surrounding outlets. They are, to use your figure, 32.5% more expensive.

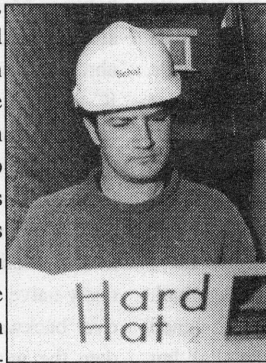
Three little letters - V.A.T. We don't charge it, they do. Therefore, College Catering should automatically have an inbuilt 17.5% price advantage. The notion that the Sandwich Shop on Gloucester Rd has lower overheads is laughable. How do you think that making the sandwiches on site can be cheaper than contracting out the work to a larger firm? If you are

right, then the whole direction of post war economic theory appears to be misguided. 'Any trading surplus is reinvested'. Correct me if I'm wrong, but the last figures that I saw for the net profitability of Catering showed a

loss of over £100,000, a pathetic performance flattered by strong results from Southside Bar (naturally) and

Southside Shop (on grounds of failure). I am sure that you are a more effective manager than your reply suggests, but your department is failing badly. As I have said countless times before, you should be able to undercut a small shop in a high rent area of London. Should you wish to discuss this with me, as you did with Linda, then may I suggest a lunchtime chat at the single jewel in your crown, Southside Bar. Best beer in London, nay Britain, at some of the lowest prices. If they can manage it with pints, why can't the same be done with sandwiches?

Simon Baker



Voice of Reason

I recently heard about something called 'The Spice Girls.' Sellers of condiments, I thought, but apparently, these charming young ladies have formed a beat combo that recently reached the top of the hit parade. It was thus with some relish that I read Vik's excellent review of the said artistes album last week. But hark! What lyrics did I see but 'God help the mister that comes between me and my sister.' Having my finger on the musical pulse, I immediately recognised these lyrics as originating from The Beverly Sisters hit 'Sisters', which (much) older readers may care to verify. We at Felix aim to be distinctive. Where else do you get a Thatcherite, techno loving, real ale connoisseur with a working knowledge of the Beverly Sisters' creations. I tell you, lady, there'll never be another one.

- in the course of duty -

Well, well, well. It seems that the so-called 'Russell Group' is in the news again. For those of you who don't know, this is a collection of powerful individuals from some of the greater academic institutions of this country; Cambridge, Oxford and Imperial among them. Their touted aim is to create a 'superleague' of the best universities and colleges in the country, to claim the best students and the greatest funding for their research. For some reason many people are completely up in arms about this idea; but to me it seems a very sensible, even vital move. The fact is that this country needs a superleague, and needs it badly.

In recent years the concept of university education has changed. It is no longer 'education' as such, but merely a complicated way of allowing people to find better jobs, without having to prove themselves in any real way. As employers demand degree level staff, youngsters have to have a degree regardless of its relevance or importance; and so universities nowadays cater almost solely to this need. With the increase of student numbers and the conversion of worthy polytechnics into second rate universities, the situation has gone from bad to plainly farcical. Everybody needs a degree, so every-

body must have one. Thus, universities must cater to the lowest common denominator in order to survive. Thus, those who really do want to learn, who really do want an education, are left stranded and without a hope.

This is why the superleague is necessary. It will not attempt to reverse the trend, but will go with it. Those universities who are there to provide qualifications can carry on with their task, and hopefully allow their courses to cater more directly to workplace training (since most degree educated people don't know an in-tray from an out-tray, a desk from a filing cabinet). Meanwhile the superleague can concentrate on the serious task of learning; providing facilities for those who are not suited to the job market, who wish to go into research, or who merely want to gain a higher understanding of the workings of the world, and our place in it.

So we should all support the idea of a superleague. If it is created the balance will be redressed, and with a bit of effort university education will finally become once more (or maybe in fact for the first time) what it always should have been; education.

adjm

THE WEEKLY POEM

supplied by poetIC

In my wake...

In my wake, I think of you,
A burn at my heart
Everyday getting stronger.

And as the wind lifts my soul,
I wonder how we do
To stay apart,
To stay alone

With fear, I observe what we have done.
A silence without end where we are both at fault:
The will to extend what cannot be.

A passion destroyed by a dream,
Our love destroyed by the ocean:

We shall stare for days into emptiness,
Without sound to reassure,
As the last days will leave.

Ashley Herrenschmidt-Moller

June, 1996

This poem taken from A Selection of Member's Poetry, published by PoetIC, the society for creative writing at Imperial College.

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Elimination by Clansman

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| 3. big | 24. alpha |
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| 8. man | 29. patch |
| 9. nut | 30. right |
| 10. off | 31. tight |
| 11. par | 32. wheel |
| 12. pet | 33. master |
| 13. bell | 34. police |
| 14. lead | 35. ringer |
| 15. left | 36. claimed |
| 16. open | 37. correct |
| 17. pace | 38. customs |
| 18. park | 39. decimal |
| 19. room | 40. fetched |
| 20. rope | 41. officer |
| 21. true | |

Eliminations: Simple really. Look at the statements above and try and find two words from the list on the right that match it.

Keep going, and you should find that you have eliminated all but one of the words.

Solution to issue 1068's Crossword:

Across: 1. Trainspotters; 8. Adaptable; 9. Stead; 10. Abetted; 12. Scrapes; 14. Decapod; 15. Nail; 16. Isle; 17. Chimera; 19. Heathen; 20. Oration; 23. Blair; 24. Pakistani; 25. Misunderstood.

Down: 2. Amaze; 3. Notated; 4. Only; 5. Endures; 6. Sleepless; 7. Modus Operandi; 8. Arachnophobia; 11. Diction; 12. Supremo; 13. Fire Alarm; 17. Cohorts; 18. Amasses; 21. Idaho; 22. Card.

- Circular almond on a motor?
- Two homonyms.
- Without a finish?
- Two synonyms
- A camponologist
- Two for quilt
- Went a long way to get it?
- Two anagrams
- Speed setter?
- Two making apology
- Place of justice
- Two with turn
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- Two with head
- Green seat
- Two with car
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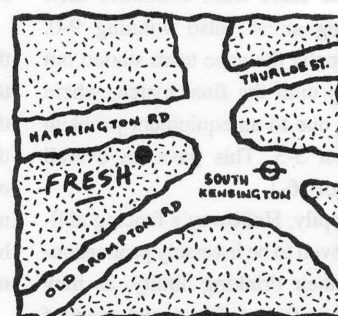
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Sport in brief

BASKETBALL

A week of defeats was to follow the brilliant start of the season for the Basketball club teams. The ladies team fought well for 35 minutes against the undoubtedly superior team of Queen Mary, but played the price for a reluctant start to the game. At half-time Queen Mary headed off 26-16, and an effort of the IC girls at the beginning of the second half seemed to balance the game. Soon, however, Queen Mary restored their lead to 10 points, and in the last five minutes IC gave up, to eventually go down by 59-34.

On Friday, the IC Men's second team played their first match against St Georges hospital. A defeat of 72-42 came as a natural consequence of the lack of practice, but there is still plenty of time to make up, ready for the next game.

NETBALL

IC netball ladies continued their good start to the season with their third win from four matches. In a very close game, IC fought hard through three quarters, keeping up with Royal Holloway to start the fourth and final quarter trailing 6-9. In a majestic spurt from all the members of the team, IC snatched victory from their old rivals.

SNOOKER

Following on from last week's disappointment at Warwick, both IC snooker teams bounced back with solid wins over Southampton in our first home matches of the season.

In the 'A' team, both Simon Baugh and Jon Fulcher were unbeaten throughout, and Vay Ly raised a cheer with a stunning 74 clearance on the way to a 14 frames to 6 victory.

The 'B' team also did the biz, and avenged some past memories by winning 14-11.

CROSS-COUNTRY

Richmond Park was the venue for this tragic event. Everything was set up with Jennie coming first in the women's race, but a disappointing second place for the tactically inept "Elvis" McCallum left the Gary Moore crew distraught after the race. The King's finish marred the performances of the rest of the IC team, probably due to the fact that he ate too many burgers before the race.

Fischick improved to seventh, Ponytail was consistent with twelfth, and Gaffer came thirteenth. Emily was on top form, and the general performance ensures both the women and the men came first.

IC Fencers demolish all-comers

MEN

The IC men's squad put on their best performance of the season to demolish the Royal Holloway team, just missing out on a whitewash. Again our foil team started off and coasted past Holloway 9-0, with Dave Hughes stepping in in place of college no. 1 Henry Morton, and conceding just one hit in his three matches. The sabre team continued their winning streak, also winning 9-0, and finally the epee team started out 8-0 up until the final match, where partly due to an equipment problem we lost 5-3. This gave an overall score of 26-1.

Happily, Holloway's fencing ability proved to be inversely proportional to their drinking ability, as they joined us for our first social event of the year.

The members of our victorious drinking squad were: Eddie, Dave

Hughes and Dave Davidge on foil; Nigel, Phil, Reuben and Gavin on epee; and Mo, Nick and Thorsten with the sabre.

WOMEN

After a slow start to the season, with defeats to strong teams from QMW and UCL, the IC women's team finally got their act together, crushing Royal Holloway 16-2.

A couple of injuries left a team of three fencing both weapons. Even so, this was enough for IC to battle through, winning both the foil and the epee 8-1. Especially impressive on the day was Elaine Smith, winning two epee fights, despite never having used the weapon before the match!

The other team members were Monica Pingo-Almada and Davina Wong.

Hockey Thirds march on, aided by Digger and Argos

"Argos" proved to be a bargain buy in the pre-season rush for quality players when he hammered in a reverse stick tool kit at 60% of his recommended retail price after just 12 seconds.

After the six minutes of time-out whilst the Thirds celebrated this miracle from Heaven (in which "Indian Carpet Catalogue" completed a reverse double summersault over the enemy scum's goal). Jesus rolled back the stone and made wine from water by making a goal from nothing when he dribbled the ball from our 25 line, with the St Georges defence parting like the Red Sea.

The "Virgin" provided the excitement and tension that was needed in the 24th minute when following a pass from "Vidal Sassoon" he reverse flicked a blinder from the left of the D, confusing all the opposition with his deft handy-work.

After half-time, "Indian Carpet Catalogue" flew down the right-wing, as if on a magic carpet - he did-

n't hang about, putting a goal in the right corner.

Soon after, Skank stole through the George's scum, despite their bad aromas, taking the power from his enchanted woolly hat, and slipped the ball up past the legs of their keeper.

By this time St Georges were fuming at their own inadequacies, and were resorting to abusing the umpires, thus it was only a matter of time before we were awarded a penalty strike.

Now, last time our keeper, Digger, stepped up to the spot he disastrously missed, but being the kind soul he is, our captain, Virgin, decided to give him another chance. Digger dug deep, and saw the light at the end of the tunnel. That light was a penalty flick so fast the ball ripped through the net, flew skywards and has not been seen since.

The final score, 6-0, was nothing less than a triumph. March on.

RESULTS

NETBALL

IC 10 - 9 ROYAL HOLLOWAY

WATER POLO

IC 15 - 2 ST MARY'S

FENCING

IC MEN 1 - 26 ROYAL HOLLOWAY
IC WOMEN 16 - 2 ROYAL HOLLOWAY

BASKETBALL

IC MEN 2ND 42 - 72 ST GEORGE'S
IC WOMEN 34 - 59 QUEEN MARY

FOOTBALL

IC 2ND 5 - 1 GOLDSMITHS 2ND
RSM 1ST 5 - 0 ST MARY'S
RSM 2ND 4 - 0 UCL

SNOOKER

IC 'A' 14 - 6 SOUTHAMPTON
IC 'B' 14 - 11 SOUTHAMPTON

IC Hockey rises victoriously to the occasion, thanks to.... determined men...

Well, another win in the BUSA league makes sure that IC seconds end up in the top three of their league, and proceed ever-onwards, to the next round of the competition. A well earned victory against an organised (if not skillful) side was earned as ever in their selfless play and overriding energy and enthusiasm - the key features which have characterised play in the Seconds this year.

Yet again, IC scored early in the game when Rich Brunt, thinking more of his team than himself, laid the ball off for Goran to teleport the ball into the back of the net. As normal IC, became complacent and let UMDS back into the game, with a well finished goal. The game flowed between the two halves with IC gradually becoming mother superior, leading to yet another goal for our cartoon reject Shaggy. At this rate of scoring, we must be in danger of

loosing him to a second-rate outfit like the Firsts.

The second-half started with UDMS pressing for an equaliser but IC held out, with S. McTavish psyching out their striker in the penalty flick (which had been needlessly given away by Monkey Magic). IC finally got their act together as the match rolled towards it's conclusion, and pushed upwards and inwards, as UMDS began to collapse under the IC vice of superiority. They finally crumbled, giving Arnst his first goal for IC.

By now UMDS were frantic, leading to two clumsy tackles from IC resulting in a green and yellow card, which nearly gave away the match. But we still secured the victory, showing the determination which has carried us to victory this season. The final scoreline was a convincing 3-1 to IC.

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3-0 to the IC!! 3-0 to the IC!!

The IC First babes kicked butt! (Finally).

With a new star centre forward and the "humming cow" as our amazing centre-defence, we started the game. IC dominated most of the first-half scoring two unbelievable goals, the first from Annaly and the second by Sarah. Excellent!

Our new centre-forward also managed a swift second goal. No more a

sweeping Sarah - more like a scoring Sarah! Good luck later kiddo.

Many thanks go to the Mens First XI, who provided wonderful support during the entire match. (The mens captain writes "We sang our voices sore, mooned our bums blue, and fell in love with UCE bum no. six"). Thanks too to Angela and Elaine for playing - you were great.

At last, IC ladies seem to be on a roll.



IC Football show their class

BY D ROSENTHAL
FELIX SOCCER CORRESPONDENT

Finally we got it together, showing our true class drawing 2-2 with a King's College team containing seven ULU players. In the end, only a blatantly biased (and shit) referee could save King's reputation and their rear end.

The one moment of brilliance from IC was due to one man. At the end of his amazing run, taking him from D to D, past many a tackle, the Chicken was put in the Boil by Kabadi. 1-0 to IC.

A well worked short corner varia-

tion was clinically finished by Kabadi; 2-0.

This seemed an unassailable lead, but King's fought back. Sustained opposition pressure led to Nimal messing up the marking. Result, Chickenbol concedes a flick: Red Helmet was close to it, but not close enough.....2-1. Then the distaste that was 2-2. Unlucky lads.

All that remains to be said is that 2.4 inches was useless as usual, and that the jokes of Rent Boy just couldn't guide us to victory, but he is a funny bloke - and we all love him.

FELIX SPORT

Football seconds fall foul to the wilds of Zone Six

The suburban outback is not to be travelled to lightly, as the Second team footballers discovered to their cost on Saturday. Despite a 3-2 home win against the same team three days earlier, the loss of both strikers, Alex and Martin, and defensive stalwart Will did not bode well for our heroes. Strong winds, first from Pill Sir in the changing rooms, and then sweeping across the heavy pitch dismayed IC during the seemingly endless wait for the ref to start the match. From the kick-off IC were under pressure and it wasn't long before we were 2-0 down. However "the Slags" immediately rallied, showing the grit and steel that makes a man - an attitude that says "You wanna fight? Fight me!" With this attitude, our fortunes can only continue to rise.

A free kick from the half-way line gave debutant lone-striker Robo the

chance to lay it off, a mis-hit shot rattled Gold's defence and was neatly finished off by young Dave. At half-time Captain Courageous Steve changed to a flat back four, as the right wing-backs had so far failed to exploit the space available to them. Unfortunately a culmination of appalling refereeing, bad light and inspirational finishing from Goldsmiths meant that with five minutes to go, IC were 5-1 down.

With light fading rapidly, and the game descending rapidly into a brawl, the referee awarded a free-kick to IC - and presumably acting on a new FIFA directive, proceeded to strangle the dissenting Golds right-back! The home team struggled to separate the two, and the match was abandoned five minutes early. An ignominious end to the Seconds unbeaten run.

Rugby Thirds finally show their mettle

With a new 15 man composition, last minute preparations were made to set plays. The team pulled together from the kick-off, instantly converting effort into points. The fat ugly lads showed the girlies what scoring tries is all about.

The Viking opened the scoring, with his second of the season. The return of Dan Seaman was christened with a try. Bashari, Yommi, Charlie Joint and captain Tom Howard also added tries to a magnificent final total. To add to the humiliation, a tactical substitution only minutes from the end of the match resulted in another two tries, to leave the final score 44-0. Christophe Sudgen once again demonstrated his lack of speed, made up by sheer size and skill.

Damn good game.

RSM Footballers victorious on all fronts

FIRSTS

A good game, with RSM proving that their first game of the season was no freak. A brilliant goal by Kersten set up the scoring; goals from Si, Johan and two by Michael followed.

Ten minutes into the second-half, RSM were down to ten men, as Kersten went off injured, allowing the defence to earn their keep, as IC held out for the rest of the match.

Final score 5-0

SECONDS

UCL proved a difficult team to play in the first-half. However the second-half saw RSM playing the opposition out of the game. In the end, UCL were lucky to get away with only four against them.

Final score 4-0

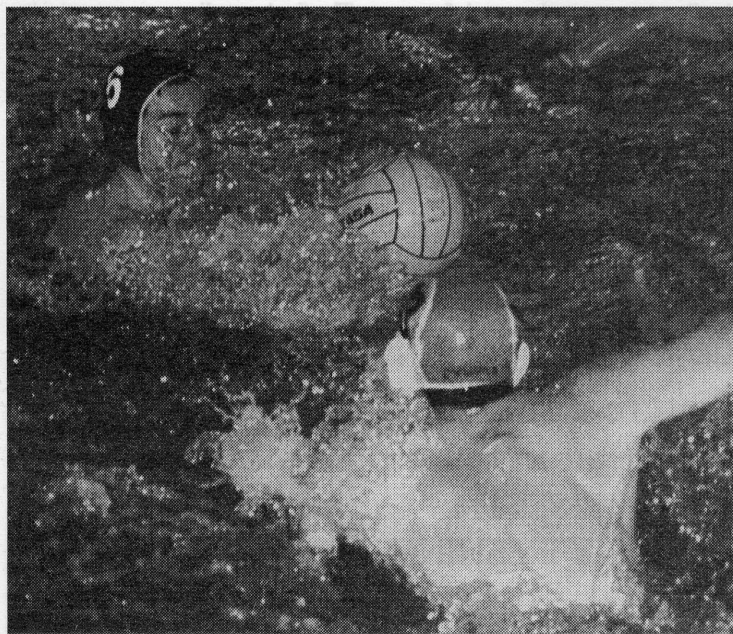
IC Waterpolo storm into London number one spot

The first round of the BUSA waterpolo competition was played last weekend and resulted in a resounding victory for the hosts, IC. Originally planned as a tournament with five teams, three made last minute cancellations leaving only IC and St Mary's to play off for the positions of first and second London College seeds.

Despite having only the minimum number of players allowed, St Mary's put up spirited resistance to an IC team consisting of several national league and international players.

Goal followed goal as the medics were unable to meet the superior speed and skills of the home team. The result was a crushing 15-2 scoreline which did not really reflect the even greater difference in the abilities of the two teams.

The result is that both St Mary's and IC go through to the next round of the BUSA competition, which will be a tournament against various other universities. This is due to take place on the 23rd of November, and any spectators would be warmly received and appreciated.



IC rule the waves

IC Boat Club got off to a successful start to the season in the Fullers Fours Head on Saturday. Yet again we have been confirmed as one of the major boating powers in the country, winning three divisions - more than any other club.

The race is rowed as a time-trial for five-hundred crews over the Mortlake to Putney boat race course. IC's top quadruple scull came fifth overall. They won the Senior Two division, beating a boat with former Olympic Champions the Searle brothers on board in the process.

Reigning world under-23 champions Richard Dunn, Simon Dennis, Louis and Stefan Eyre were one of the fastest coxless fours on the day and won the Senior 1 division. An excellent performance was put in by a coxless four consisting of Jeremy Hicks, Alex Large, Jon Watchorn and Julian Davenport, who won the Senior 2 division.

All the winners are now looking forward to a free party in Fullers brewery.