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A. Sc. W. Parking Row

At a recent General Meeting of the College Branch of the Association of Scientific Workers, the technicians union, it was decided that individual members should write to the Chairman of the Board of Governors, Lord Sherfield, to request the opening of negotiations on parking, between the college and the A.Sc.W. The union believes that the college's parking proposals have not been properly thought out and that they have a scheme which is fairer, more practical and less costly to operate. They are determined that the college plan shall not go through and intend to use all possible means at their disposal to stop it.

An A.Sc.W. agreement with IC outlines procedures for negotiations on terms and conditions of service—but the Rector, Lord Penney, does not consider this covers amenity questions, such as parking, and has refused to negotiate separately with any section of the college.

Last year the Parking Committee recommended that there should be no charge for parking places and that a central committee should allocate places on the basis of greatest need, regardless of whether the applicant was staff, student or technician and regardless of which department he belonged to. Sir Owen Saunders, who was then acting Rector asked the parking committee to reconsider his recommendation for an annual £5 parking charge and they threw it out again. Perhaps it is significant that the student and A.Sc.W. members, representing nearly 4,000 people, were particularly against a parking fee. When Lord Penney took up office as Rector this term he reconstituted the parking committee, pushing through plans for departmental allocation of parking spaces and the £5 charge.

Superior plan

Mr. Harry Fairbrother, branch secretary of the A.Sc.W. and a lecturer in the Maths department, and Mr. Siers, A.Sc.W., representative on the parking committee, are understandably annoyed at this undemocratic action, and intend to fight it to the end. They are particularly incensed that the charge does not cover the cost of providing parking places but will go towards other amenities, and are taking legal advice on whether the college charter permits such charges to be made for amenities. The provision of the Prices and Incomes Bill—invoked frequently by the college during negotiations on wages and holidays—are also being studied. Other universities throughout the country—including Aberdeen, Essex and Southampton—are said to be introducing charges for parking, and Government pressure is suspected.

Mr. Fairbrother, who was a member of the A.Sc.W. Traffic Committee, has vast experience in the field of parking control and traffic flow and is confident that the A.Sc.W. parking scheme, which includes plans for a one-way traffic flow around the College Block area, is superior to the official college plan and has few, if any, faults. His union is also working on a scheme for time-controlled parking which should increase the effective number of parking spaces by 20 per cent.

In an exchange of letters with the Rector, Mr. Fairbrother has outlined his plans and pressed for serious consideration of them, but so far to no avail.

"park-in"

In actual fact, the difficulty over provision of parking space should never have arisen, as GLA planning regulations require on car space to be provided for ever 2,000 square feet floor space of new office block. In the case of the new college block, this would have meant that 900 spaces should have been available to car owners in the college, and as there are only about 850 cars the problem would have been solved for many years to come. However, Mr. Fairbrother has ascertained that, under pressure from the UGC, the college asked for, and was granted, exemption from this requirement. As a result, only 400 spaces are available, a number totally inadequate for a college of this size, and when the Architectural Association come to IC the problem will get worse rather than better.

In view of the A.Sc.W.'s wide knowledge of parking problems, through their traffic committee, it seems odd that greater attention has not been paid to their proposals. The main body of A.Sc.W. members will fight them all the way with a number of measures they have worked out, culminating, in the very last resort, with a mass descent on the parking spaces, which they will occupy, more or less permanently without paying. The A.Sc.W. have heard that the college has taken legal advice and found out that if cars occupy parking space without permission or without paying, they are powerless to move them. This may well be wishful thinking, but the technicians are willing to risk it.

As a footnote, it is interesting to examine the real reason for having parking meters in South Ken. If the proposed computer-controlled traffic scheme bordering the area breaks down and traffic jams result, it is necessary to have some roads available on a Fail-safe basis for dispersing these holdups. Queensgate and Exhibition Road are two of these and the parking meters are being introduced to clear them ready for the eventuality of a breakdown!



Mr. Harry Fairbrother, branch secretary of the A.Sc.W. and Maths Lecturer at I.C.

Selkirk Search

The Warden of Selkirk Hall, Mr. Seaford, has at last carried out his threatened early Sunday morning "cushion hunting" raid on the Hall residents.

On Saturday 2nd December there was a party on a landing in Selkirk Hall. At about 1.00 a.m. while it was still going strong Mr. Seaford came down and warned those present that he would have a "cushion hunting" expedition early the following morning having previously warned residents that he would inspect rooms without warning if cushions continued to disappear. Two of the residents were, according to eye witness accounts, so intoxicated as to be not responsible for their actions—and two girls stayed the remainder of the night in their rooms.

tour de farce

At 6.20 a.m. Mr. Seaford woke George Assimakis, Secretary of Selkirk Hall Committee, requesting him to accompany him on an inspection of residents' rooms, searching for the missing cushions. Surprisingly enough, no cushions were found. However, the two girls were; although in one case the couple were fully dressed.

Committee over-ruled

At a Hall Committee meeting on the following evening it was suggested by the residents that the two boys should be barred from Hall till the end of term and for the vacation and fined £5. Mr. Seaford overruled them and said that the boys could remain in Hall till the end of term, but would not be allowed Hall residence after that for the rest of the session. They would of course be considered on equal terms with other applicants for next session.

They had a chance of appeal to the Secretary of Halls of Resi-

dence Committee who happens to be the Domestic Bursar, Mr. Seaford.

Once the discovery had been made, Mr. Seaford seems to have acted in the only way possible. He has, in fact, done more than he need, for he had made sure that the two residents have acceptable accommodation for next term.

Tizard Beware

Dr. Cameron, Tizard Hall Warden, has now said that he too may make cushion hunting expeditions, but would give residents three days notice.

Guilds at Play

Tuesday's meeting of C&G union members opened late as tradition demands. There were the usual profusion of paper darts and shouts of Up, Up, but no Selkirk cushions. After the unpleasantness of the minutes of the previous meeting and Morphy Dav had been read, the treasurer proudly claimed that C&G had made a substantial loss during the previous year, mainly due to the president's large capacity!

Then followed the election of the ICWA rep. All candidates were proposed by Dermott Corr in order to dispel doubts about his sexual leaning. In the ensuing riot Randy Mandy's hair tipped the balance against Mysza's figure and she was introduced to her duties during the ensuing darkness. When the victorious Morphy and Lowry boat crews had been awarded their colours, Dick James announced that the carnival collection had totalled more than RCS & RSM's together and added that anyone who had not heard his voice should join the carol singing party on Friday. Chris O'Donnell followed this up by pointing out that the unplanned series of non-events for non-enjoyment had been a complete success, particularly since IC is now banned from all London swimming baths.

There then followed three ex-O'Donnell Drunken Drama group. The first portrayed a controversial ogre being seasick over his spiral beanstalk through over indulging in gin. The foulmouth claimed it was his first bite for weeks, but those who peep through keyholes find tis'ard to believe. The second was way above most people's heads and the third; a trial of two "spanner" bearers accused of losing their tool was beautifully obscene. They were acquitted much to the surprise of all present especially the "loveable" vice-president, whose self-incriminating evidence during the trial resulted in his hair being rather forcibly curled by the new ICWA rep. and her assistant.

Mooney reported to W.C.

On Monday morning, 3rd year Physicist, Dave Bowater, and Union refectory complaints officer Roy Allen went to see Mr. Mooney, the refectory manager, to get an explanation of why there was on one of the spoons a mould-like substance. Mr. Mooney said that this was nickel-oxide and was caused by continued contact with mayonnaise. He said he did not know how the spoon had escaped the normal burnishing process and that the whole system of cutlery was being improved.

Dave Bowater, who said that if he had not received satisfaction from Mr. Mooney he would have taken the spoon to the Westminster City Council public health department, his since found a fork in similar condition.

KALEIDOSCOPE

CARNIVAL SUCCESS

Once again Carnivals showed that they are the best value in the Union calendar. Where else for 30/- double can you get The Action, Savoy Brown Blues Band, 1984, Cat Ballou, The People, 2 meals (?), coffee, punch, folk, jazz?

But to get to specifics: The Action were not at their best in the first session but were much improved in the second; The Savoy Brown's were good without being outstanding, 1984 were, well, 1984.

A stroke of genius put the film in the lower refectory permanently and had three showings, thus avoiding disruption caused by furniture moving and the big squeeze at one showing. The choice of film—"Cat Ballou"—was an excellent one, satisfying both those who had seen it before and those who had not.

Cabaret

The cabaret was good in places, embarrassing for some in others. This was the first time a completely professional cabaret had been used at an RCS Carnival for some years, and by comparison with last year's was well worth the expense. Entitled "The People Show" it consisted of a series of sometimes hilarious sometimes disturbing sketches involving three men and a woman on the theme of motherhood, deflating some of the more fatuous interjectors on the way.

Surprise Guest

An unpublished performer was Gary Farr, who, since leaving the T-Bones, has been song-writing and folk singing. He sang for about twenty minutes.

Coffee was continuously available in the upper refectory, and

folk and jazz on tap in the Senior Common Room. The only trouble with the potent punch was that it ran out before most people even knew of its existence.

Food Fiasco

The one real criticism which can be levelled against it—and that is hardly the fault of RCS Ents—was the food. After one had stood and been pushed around by the animals waiting for their feed, whilst numerous fed specimens squeezed themselves through the hungry masses,

The Carnival only made a small loss of about £30, due mainly to RCS Ents Chairman. "Spooks" Duckett's economy measures.

But let us not carp on this point; it was truly a Carnival which lived up to Carnival expectations.



Guilds-Mines Prospects

Latest news of Guilds-Mines Carnival is that the Crazy World of Arthur Brown has been provisionally booked, the Alan Price Set, the Vagabonds and the Scaffold will not be appearing. The cost will be £2 double and it all happens on March 8th.

Part of
"The People Show"
cabaret.

One of the performers
searches for a girl to fit the glass
slipper.

WELLS SOC.

MONSTER

Mr. Dinsdale, an aeronautical engineer who has made an extensive study of the Loch Ness monster phenomenon, gave a convincing and well illustrated talk to Wells Soc. on Monday, 4th December.

He, himself, has seen a monster and is quite convinced of the existence of a colony of these giant beasts in Loch Ness. From the material he has collected the average monster appears to be 40 ft in length with a reptilian head, a serpentine neck 8 ft long, a massive body and a long tail presumably used for steering—whether they have flippers or feet has not been established. This description would seem to fit a descendant of the Pleisiosaur, a theory which Mr. Dinsdale personally supports, but other suggestions include an invertebrate like a giant slug.

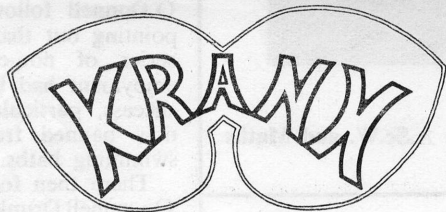
Mr. Dinsdale showed the evidence to let the audience decide for themselves. This included still photographs from various sources, most of which were very hazy and dubious, filmed interviews with eye witnesses and Mr. Dinsdale's own cine shot of a monster swimming out across the loch leaving a rough "V" wake.

Mr. Dinsdale is a founder member of the "Loch Ness Phenomena Investigation Bureau" which is now supported by funds from the States. "Monster Spotting" holidays under the auspices of this society can be enjoyed by anyone for the very reasonable charge of £7 10s. 0d. per fortnight.

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IC JOINS BRAIN DRAIN

Last Thursday's Union debate, "that this house would join the brain drain," provided lunchtime entertainment for the large audience, but one would have expected a much more serious and useful discussion in Imperial College. There was much fine rhetoric but little else.

Restrained Attacks

Professor Anderson, of the Electrical Engineering department, in proposing the motion, made the usual points about the grass being greener on the other side, and then gave a case history (from his own experience) of lost opportunities, in thin film transistors. Dr. Jeremy Bray, MP, began with remarks about viable and sensible microelectronic projects and then went on to give a fine Wilsonite speech to the effect that British industry needs reorganising into larger units and that this was being done, but takes a little time. One felt that Professor Anderson could have been a lot more damning of the Ministry of Technology and that, in turn, he was lucky to get off so lightly at the hands of a professional politician.

Green Paint

In seconding the motion, David Robert, a PG from Australia, seemed mainly concerned with pointing out the advantages of Australia. Malcolm Duckett's main contribution to the opposition was that the grass was only painted green on the other side.

The voting was 93 for emigration and 42 against. The debate was academic in more sense than one, however, as only that morning we had heard news of the drastic new American immigration law.

LITSOC FAIRIES

The Literary Society held its third meeting of the term in the reading room of the Union building last Monday, December 4th, on "Fairytale, Legends and Myths." The speakers were five I.C. fairies: Mike Edwards, Maia Wallis (who popped in from Icwaland and then popped out to sing jazz), Mike Mansfield, J. P. Connerade and Chris Eriksson.

Mike Edwards opened the discussion with the Arthurian legend. He recalled the excellent reason for the existence of King Arthur and the Round Table, the committing of chivalrous acts, such as rescuing fair maidens in distress. (Icwarians are not recommended to wave handkerchieves out of Beit Hall windows as M.R.E. is developing chivalrous characteristics). Perhaps ominously, he told the society that King Arthur will come again, according to legend.

Maria Wallis introduced the society to the Greek horses, who supported both sides in a battle (after all they had not T.V. then), and who came down to earth when they felt like pleasure. She told us that the Greeks separated their religion from their mythology. Perhaps that is something else our science-worshipping society can learn from the Greeks.

Mansfield Lord Gnome ?

The discussion continued with a convincing Mike Mansfield telling the society of the life with elves and gnomes behind leaves. The meeting was also informed that fairies are not people but the place where fairies live; (can we be assured that this important piece of information will be passed on to the Rector for academic dissemination, and to the students at the next Union meeting?) He ended by informing the meeting that gnomes were not really nasty people since they al-

ways come to the rescue in the end!

Speaking next was Chris Eriksson on Old English and Norse Gods. He passionately recalled the English and Scandinavian Gods of war, Thor, Frig, Balder etc, and the story of the Bleeding God. The society was informed from the Niblungenlied of King Gunther was beaten up by his disinterested wife Brunhilde on the wedding night and suspended by his pyjamas on a wall nail; (anybody with a similar experience please see Doc. Grey).

Sadism

The discussion ended with J. P. Connerade, in typically excellent form, recalling Grilles de Paris' adventures with sadism in his castles, and how this developed into the myth of Bluebeard.

Discounting the absence of Hans Christian Anderson and the Arabian Nights, the meeting proved successful.

SOUTHSIDE IN-PLACE

This article will be of great interest to those who find difficulty in getting down to work. The Southside Halls' lifts are noted for their tendency to oscillate when the passengers jump around inside. In addition they are liable to stop and not restart if this exercise is overdone.

About a week ago, two residents of Tizard Hall discovered this phenomenon and decided that the lift was the ideal place for doing problem sheets. They made one mistake: they rang the alarm bell and were rescued within half an hour.

This method of "getting away from it all" is still in the early stages of development. Next time, they intend to take along thermos flasks and borrow some hall cushions. The legal aspect of this exercise is not clear. Does being stuck all night in a lift with a non-resident constitute introducing an overnight guest?

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NO MORE NAKED KNEES

For a club only one term old, the Scout and Guide Club is a roaring success. Even if considered as a natural continuation of the axed Rover Crew, it is doing very nicely, thank you. But it can claim the position of the most maligned club in IC. Nobody seems to believe that big hats and bare knees (or in the case of Icwarriors, long blue dresses and the Vicar's wife) are out. Trying to persuade the average IC student otherwise is like warning a fresher about the Universal Meatball—they just won't believe it until they've tried it themselves.

The members of the club tend to come from every department at IC (even if Physics does seem to have a major shareholding) and every year from 1st year C&G to 3rd year PG. The unifying factor is interest in the club objects and activities.

The club programme includes regular lunchtime meetings and a variety of weekend events. Lunchtime speakers this term have talked on such diverse subjects as the real meaning of the weather forecast, what living with a guide dog entails and how to look mutilated (courtesy of the Casualties Union).

Weekends

Weekend activities cater for those tired of toasting by ultraviolet at the Plastic Fairytale but not hearty enough for rugby. Hiking is the main occupation at these events, but great care is taken to find a large dry cottage to stay in, preferably close to a suitable hostelry. The major weekend event of the term, a trip to Brecon Beacons, had to be cancelled—we don't want the chairman to catch foot and mouth.

The club also undertakes a number of service projects. A request to build a "rabble tower" was joyfully accepted in the hopes of incarcerating some of the club members. It turned out to be a typing error and a rubble filled tower was finally constructed. One weekend was taken up in clearing the banks of the Wey Navigation canal—nobody fell in, but it was the wettest weekend of the term.

Expeditions

As well as the normal termtime programme, the club undertakes a Summer Expedition in the first three weeks of the Summer Vac. This consists of going somewhere fairly inaccessible and doing a lot of hiking. Previous expeditions have been to Yugoslavia, Iceland and elsewhere in Europe. Next year will see a massive party going to the Jotunheimen in Norway.

Transport

Another club activity is involvement in Union transport. The crew managed the old RCC van which slowly disintegrated



Building the "rabble tower" in record time.

under extreme wear. The decline was marked by bump starting on the M1 and the time the van spat out bits of differential on the Kingston By-pass. The club are well represented on the committee running the new RCC vehicle, a shining white 1966 Transit minibus (bookings to Transport Committee, c/o Union Rack).

Links

The club does retain some links with the Scout movement, assisting in the running of a number of troops in Westminster. Another responsibility is organising the annual Venture Scout Decathlon, a sort of 24 hours assault course. The Marquis de Sade could learn plenty from the methods used there. Last year pride

of place went to a rope bridge in the treetops. Links with the guide movement are somewhat limited by the number of Icwarriors.

Intercourse

The Scout and Guide club has probably the unrivalled opportunity to meet students from other colleges and varsities at the thrice-yearly rallies of Scout and Guide clubs. These are held over a weekend, and IC usually make a big impact. Incidents at Loughboro' this term included the gentleman who fell into a very murky river under the watching eyes of thirty assorted students, the completion of the IC chant (yes, there is one), against strong competition from Birmingham, and the song for a member of IC who had his birthday there.

The club has an incident-full heritage and already has a number of incidents recorded for posterity in the club log. For those looking for an opportunity to get out of the rut, the Scout and Guide club might be just the thing.

HARD RAIN

On two nights recently, milk bottles have been thrown out of Southside windows in the direction of the Mews. One bottle broke a skylight of one of the Mews houses and another narrowly missed a car. They are thought to have come from staircases 3 or 4, but could have come from staircases 2, 5 or 6.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE IMPERIAL COLLEGE BRANCH OF THE A.Sc.W.

● STAND UP FOR DEMOCRACY

In July the technical staff elected by ballot a representative to the College Parking Committee for 1967/68. The students union appointed two representatives also for 1967/68. That Committee on September 14th, unanimously recommended no charge for parking in College grounds for the first year from the time when parking meters would come around I.C. This recommendation was referred back to them by the Acting Rector and at the next meeting on November 2nd the technical staff and student union representatives still voted for no charge, since it represented the wishes of the technical staff and the students.

On November 16th, Lord Penney announced that a parking levy would be imposed, and the Parking Committee forthwith reconstituted.

● WHOSE RESPONSIBILITY ?

G.L.C. statutory regulations require ONE parking space to be provided for each 2,000 gross square feet in I.C.'s new buildings. Total area in these buildings is 1,800,000 gross square feet. Therefore 900 parking places should now be available for the 850 (approximately) cars coming in or being used here. Under instruction from the University Grants Committee, Imperial College claimed exemption from providing these parking spaces and so underground car parks were cut from the plans. (These were promised in the original plans as far back as 1956.)

● WHY MONEY IS ASKED FOR

This parking levy does not ensure an individually marked out parking space to those that pay. It is a levy designed to provide the wages (£14 per week approx.) of two additional gatekeepers that the College thinks it may have to employ to prevent outsiders forcing their way in and parking. A careful analysis indicates that the College can keep itself free of this invasion using existing staff without any additional cost.

● IS THERE A REAL LONG-TERM SOLUTION FOR I.C.?

It is agreed that the long-term solution is to turn I.C. and the Museum complex into a pedestrian only area and put all parking into underground car parks. Using our own specialist knowledge and acting informally as a trade union, we have something to report. We have a promise that the G.L.C. traffic management section would probably be prepared to provide a table around which they, the Westminster City Council, Imperial College, I.C.A.Sc.W., and any other actively interested organisation could meet to carry through a feasibility study on this project.

**ALL THESE POINTS REQUIRE REAL DISCUSSION . . .
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EDITOR'S Comment

"Bastard," they say, "fancy doing a bloody thing like that." So talk people of the warden's reaction to the latest incidence of overnight-guestmanship in the halls. Or is he? I think not. This latest crisis arose mainly through the fault of the residents of Southside.

One of the conditions of entry to hall is that "residents shall not introduce overnight guests without authority." Clearly the purpose of this rule is to avoid the halls becoming "doss houses" or brothels which may prove distasteful to other residents and bring the college into disrepute. However no rigid check is kept on residents' movements or on whom they take into their hall rooms. And so, done discreetly, I cannot see that it would be hard to introduce to the hall one's mate who has missed his last train. It is not, though, discreet to remove the cushions of the hall's communal furniture for him to sleep on. To expect no action to be taken to support the rules against such open contempt is ridiculous—it is, after all, conceivable that the hall wardens actually believe in them, even if only in spirit!

In an effort to obtain at least discreet disobedience of these rules the warden of Selkirk spent the first half of this term broadcasting that he intended to visit hall rooms early one morning. Residents can't have failed to hear these rumblings—he's told me three times and I live in the wilds of Beit; perhaps he thinks I might miss my last train one evening!

However I digress; despite this fore-running commentary of his actions, cushions continued to be borrowed and so it cannot be deemed altogether unreasonable that Mr. Seaford should follow through his threat.

It was, I think, unfortunate that two people whose guests were not using hall cushions should be discovered. But having been caught, the warden and hall committee have little option but to meet out the normal penalty, as a purely nominal punishment would make a further mockery of the already abused rules.

The two men who were evicted, although themselves taking the sporting risk inherent in having an overnight guest, have mainly their less discreet fellow hall dwellers to blame—not, as is suggested, by some, either the warden or committee of Selkirk Hall.

The recurring problem of overnight-guestmanship seems to a large extent to be restricted to an occasional sharing of rooms by males—as opposed to the popular misconception of a mass influx of females for long weekend "lie-ins." I feel that there is a logical and viable solution which attacks the problem at its roots. That is to implement the suggestion made earlier this year by the Tizard hall committee; to make available to residents camp beds which may be hired for use by their guests. Imposing a moderate charge and allowing a maximum stay of say two successive nights would ensure that the system fulfilled its purpose of catering for visitors to London and residents' friends who have missed their trains.

Swimming Gala

After the drastic (ney devastating) desecration of the Union lift that followed my remarks of the issue before last, I am reluctant to criticise anything, less it magically disintegrates! However I feel compelled to make some comment on that farce which wasn't the Swimming Gala. This the second sport function this year that has been effectively destroyed through the unthinking attitude of a few members of the Union. Morphy day was socially ruined because people caused so much chaos on the way to the Putney towpath that the battle, which is potentially fun and harmless to the general public, was reduced to almost negligible proportions by police intervention. And now one or two people have not just ruined the social side of the inter collegiate swimming sports but caused the swimming itself to be cancelled.

The sort of attitude that induces such behaviour is more normally found among kids of five—a new toy is worth nothing until it is broken and little sister's birthday party is ruined unless the prizes are stolen and at least half her friends are reduced to tears.

What seems at least as relevant as the fact that such juveniles exist in our Union is that in the case of the Swimming Gala, the culprits have so far remained unapprehended for nearly a week. This leads me to conclude that either we all have the mentality of five year olds or we don't really want these sports events anyway. Are we? or don't we?

Christmas Finale

Through the ever increasing commercial image of Christmas I saw a way out of all my academic problems—"ah-ha" I thought, "give away a free problem sheet with every Christmas Felix and give a 6d. prize for the correct solutions." Alas, this master plan fell through when my tutors refused to give me worked solutions against which to check the mound of replies from eager competitors. The Editor apologises for this administrative error and asks readers to be satisfied instead that the Roines Christmas card and psychædelic jostick.

HAPPY CHRISTMAS

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Against Loans

by Les Ebdon

In July 1965, immediately after the triennial review of undergraduate grants, the Department of Education and Science invited a number of bodies, including the county councils and the National Union of Students "to express their views on the place of loans in the system of student support." The view of Imperial College Union, N.U.S., the student organisations of the political parties and many other bodies was: "that the adoption of a loans system would not only fail in its objective of reducing the financial burden of higher education to the nation, but would also seriously interfere with the structure of our educational system." It should be noted that this history explains why there is no documented case for loans available because none was made public.

However, let us deal with the arguments the advocates of loans usually put forward in debate:

Loans Abroad

1. Advocates of loans systems often point to other countries, especially Sweden, which operate such schemes. In fact their use is exaggerated and The International Study of University Admissions concluded that loans systems are comparatively rare. BUT a number of effects can be seen in those countries which have introduced loans:

- (a) most institutions abolish fees and become directly Government run;
- (b) elaborate schemes of "indirect support" exist e.g. cheap rail fares, free meals and subsidised housing;
- (c) examinations are taken when the student feels able to pass;
- (d) there is widespread part-time work;
- (e) the number of women students decreases because of the "negative dowery" they acquire;
- (f) loans are subject to stringent means tests.

Graduate Pay

2. It is often said that students who enter higher education later gain financial advantages but the P.E.P. report "Graduate survey" and the Graduate Employment Survey, 1962" show that this is not a general principle. Not only does later salary depend on class and subject of degree but also on family background and other than academic capabilities, besides many students non-lucrative professions, e.g. teaching and social work, which are already understaffed. It is the aim of the tax system in this country to correct any imbalance earnings.

Investment

3. Some people resent paying for educational opportunities today which were unavailable to them yesterday, but it should be realised that education is not a charity but the soundest of all economic investments.

Student Wages

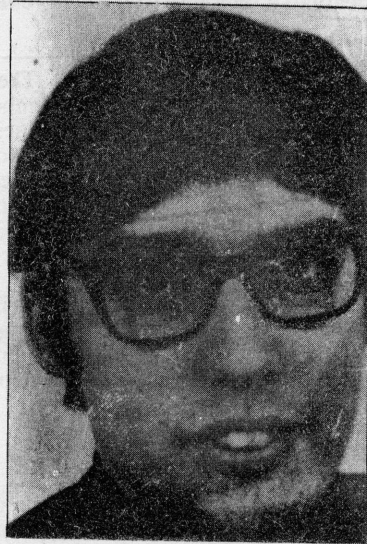
4. Lately the so-called brain drain has been giving concern to many people but it should be realised that if foreign firms recruiting in this country offer to repay the outstanding loan debts of graduates many more may be persuaded to leave.

The Robbins report proved that the U.K. had the best pass rate in degree courses (77 per cent, Sweden 55 per cent) and that these courses were completed more quickly in this country. Because of our grants system we can boast of a higher percentage of students from working class homes than other countries. Finally a loans system would seriously affect residential colleges, post-graduate training and which ever authority had the complex job of administration.

If the grants are to be repayed let us campaign for student wages which would:

- (a) put us on a par with other apprentices and remove the stigma of charity;
- (b) gain us National Insurance Contributions;
- (c) bring relief to married students;
- (d) end the means test;
- (e) bring monthly pay cheques.

Such a salaries system may well prove to be our only long-term defence against inflation and attack on student finance of which loans are only a symptom.



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COLCUTT

There was, you see, this Irishman. Whether or not he was Gerry Fitted for his job, I don't know, but when he asked about the minutes, there was grumbling on the Government front bench. What had happened at that Cabinet meeting? Had Premier Ray Phillips really been devalued? Could it be true that the IC bid to join the French Women's Association (London Branch) has been greeted with a resounding "Non"? Was there really to be straight swap of positions between Jane Pearson and Martin Lack?

The Government was silent and as the rumours grew, the quality of Mooney meals dropped to an all-time record low. There was no action for a week—the minutes of that Cabinet meeting had grown into hours. Suddenly Chancellor "Happy Dave" Harris leaped to the despatch box: "No comment and no strings," he said, hoping to prove that Sunray Phillips was not manipulating him. He waved a Letter of Intent, the latest copy of the Executive branch's minutes. A sordid little document it was too. It revealed just how little the Cabinet wished to tell the people while using more words to do it. One fascinating sidelight mentioned that Irishman. But this one was a devout Protestant unto his deathbed. And on his deathbed with all his orange friends around, he was converted to Catholicism. "Why?" they asked, the orange juice trickling down their cheeks. "Tis better," he said, "that one of them should go than one of us."

Another small note mentioned complimentary Christmas presents to be given to appropriate people. The few short minutes were not enough to clear up this point but the Opposition had some suggestions:

To give a phillip to the object of the "Pray for Ray" campaign by giving him a plastic jolly hockey-stick dolly which, when turned on on its head, tells serious stories.

For Martin "My Union" Lack, a mini-vandal set as advertised on the back of the cornflake packets. This comprises removable lavatory pans in polspasticene, a detachable mascot which rings a bell somewhere, for someone, when it is put back in place. Matt Busby says "This is an ideal game for all United supporters."

For Keith Guy: A fairer share of Ents profits—in plastic. This is, of course, a fairytale

For Sinclair Goodlad: Another staircase for Wells Soc. members. For Rex Lowin, whose personal welfare seems to be coming along fine and for whom the bells toll next summer: a crèche.

But the actual facts of these Christmas presents for a Christmassy future remained obscured in a morass of verbiage. Like the other branches of government, the Cabinet appeared reluctant to release the facts. They even seemed reticent about disclosing sittings of the House. No wonder they were out of touch with the mood of the country: the publicity of the Cabinet was appalling. From what there was of it, it was believed that they were a group of girls with beautiful backsides. One can only hope that the government publicity officer was as gentle with his nudes as he was with his publicity.

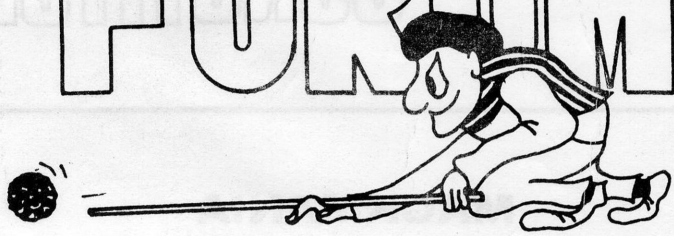
The Cabinet is believed to think it is doing the best job possible under difficult circumstances. It is known that they think the country to be a mess. A normally well-informed source reports Premier Phillips meeting Mick Janes. "Why," he asked, "are you looking so dishevelled this morning?" Quietly, Janes said, "I've just been dragged backwards through a hedge."

Such are the heights to which the sources of Cabinet information rise. The Central Bureau of Statistics has a vital job on hand. And let the people know what goes. Or are they Scared?

For myself, I deny being Colcutt. I love you. Merry Christmas to everyone else. And I should like to give Pete Ruhemann three secretaries for Christmas...

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FELIX FOOD FORUM



We hope that the Food Forum will prove of both interest and of use to all our readers. Articles include Mooney's answers to his critics, hints for those who prefer to cook their own, and a mammoth directory of worthwhile London restaurants.

Co-ordinator: John Mullaly with a lot of help from John Sommer, Dick Middleton, Paul Heath, Mary Ford, Anita Furniss, John Rogers, and Colin Broad.

FELIX FOOD SURVEY

To find out just how satisfied in general students are with "Mooney," on Friday, 1st December, at lunchtime, FELIX carried out an elementary sample census. In each refectory about 50 people were asked the following three questions:

1. Do you enjoy a Mooney meal?

Answers: (in percentages)

	YES	SOMETIMES	NO
Union Snack Bar	72	8	20
Southside Snack Bar	28	63	9
Upper Union	39	22	39
Lower Southside	30	58	12
Upper Southside	66	24	10
Lower Union	59	22	19

2. Do you consider Mooney good value for money?

Answers:

	YES	SOMETIMES	NO
Union Snack Bar	77	11	12
Southside Snack Bar	73	6	21
Upper Union	74	6	20
Lower Southside	60	22	18
Upper Southside	70	7	23
Lower Union	67	26	7

3. Considering the difficulties involved, are you satisfied with catering at I.C.?

Answers:

	YES	SOMETIMES	NO
Union Snack Bar	54	13	33
Southside Snack Bar	72	6	22
Upper Union	31	4	65
Lower Southside	52	10	38
Upper Southside	66	5	29
Lower Union	61	36	3

Dirty Cutlery and Excessive Queues?

A surprisingly large number of people were, in fact, satisfied with the food and the price but it must be remembered that this is an analysis of people who are using the facilities. Interviewees were also asked for any brief comments. By far the most common complaint was about the excessive queues, although one FELIX reporter did comment that people were being served quicker than he could interview them. A lot of people said the cutlery was dirty. Surprising is the difference in the numbers of people in the two snack bars who enjoyed their meal. The figure for the number of people who only sometimes enjoy the food in S.S. snack bar is high; surely the quality and variety is constant in the snack bars. A few people in both Southside refectories commented that the food ran out long before refectories close and that in both these places, it is not possible to get tea. One person claimed that in the snack bars, ham sandwiches cost more than from British Rail. Many people indicated that the choice of food was too restricted.

There was one isolated comment of praise; the remainder were complaints, and most were not trivial. Among the constructive criticism was a common complaint that there are no eating facilities available other than during limited hours and a suggestion that a snack bar should be open during daytime and evenings was made by several people.

Who is Mooney?

A number of people had never heard of Mooney—dare I suggest that these were not from college, or is it possible for a fresher to have existed a term without having come across this expression?

One person complained of being disturbed by FELIX reporters and another said Mooney more than twice a week upset his stomach. One person seriously refused to answer the three questions.

MOONEY TELLS ALL

Mr. Victor Mooney has been I.C.'s catering manager since he took up the job at the age of 30—"for my sins." This truly Herculean task was the culmination of a long post-war career in hotels and kitchens up and down Britain. During the war he served in the Navy. He still sails for pleasure in his spare time; a large navigational map of the Solent hangs in his office. He answered the varied criticisms of his catering, put to him by FELIX, with a direct and keen desire to get the facts straight.



"Cutlery is too dirty" . . . "do you call this lamb's muscle or lamb's chop?" . . . "can we have more variety, please?" . . . "When did the last Mooney meal disappear down the last Mooney gullet?" . . . these are just a few quotes from the gastronomic graffiti of the refectories complaint book.

Mr. Mooney answered the main serious criticisms point by point beginning with complaints about slow queues. Part of the reason for this, is that new students take some time to settle down to the system and hence slow up the queues in the winter term. A lot of time is wasted by people hesitating when faced with a choice between one succulent dish and another. The situation is not improved by the fact that most people come for these meals during the peak periods. Two cashiers per exit had been tried in most overloaded refectories to cope with this, but was not found to be really effective.

Next—dirty cutlery? Mr. Mooney is concerned about this complaint and is thinking of changing dish-washers to improve the situation. One of the chief problems, however, is that the water in the London area is "hard." Because of this, much of

what appears to be dirt on cutlery is in fact deposited scale.

The food is badly cooked? "I don't accept that," said Mr. Mooney. "We are continually being complimented on the standard of our food by external customers." Several people have

in fact commented that Mooney food is far superior to that produced by refectories at such places as Manchester University, Warwick University ("atrocious . . . abominable"), and University College. If a meal seems particularly bad, it can always be exchanged. Mr. Mooney did however promise to look into complaints of dry carrots and poor chips. He also felt that complaints of little variety were not really justified. If people come along just as refectories are closing, obviously there will be little choice; but in general all the items advertised on the menu (and there are quite a few) will be available.

Mr. Mooney admitted that the salmonella scare which hit Manchester University earlier this term—fifty people were taken ill with food poisoning—worried him, as it must any large catering establishment. There is always a risk of infection, and it is almost impossible to remove it in large hard-worked kitchens.

On the matter of increase of prices, it seems that this was planned to net a surplus of £13,000 this session. Whether this will in fact come to pass is "in the lap of the gods"—and perhaps also, the Exchequer. Since the refectory calculations were first mooted, the price of meat, for example, has risen by some 10 per cent, due to devaluation. The refectories are supposed to break even in the long run, but if this cost escalation continues then prices may have to rise again to cope. As the FELIX survey confirms, most of I.C. considers Mooney meals to be value for money—at present.

The Chip Problem

A final word on the vexed question of the Mooney chip. "Chips are very difficult to do," said Mr. Mooney. "Even Lyons haven't really cracked the problem yet . . ." And, oh boy, what a problem!

EIGHT TONS OF SPUDS

IC is noted as a college keen on the facts and figures of the situation. Herewith some of the more interesting details concerning Mooney's emporia:—

In just one day the refectories use:

200 lbs. of peas
100 lbs. of beans
100 lbs. of carrots
200 lbs. of cabbage.

When meat pie is on the menu in Southside lower refectory, 150 lbs. of mincemeat are used at one sitting.

Eight tons of potatoes are needed each week, making a total

of about 280 tons used in a session. Most of these potatoes are converted into the notorious "Mooney chips." If all these chips, eaten each year, were laid end to end, they would stretch a distance of about 700 miles, i.e. 6,000 times round Southside, or from here to Gretna Green and back again. To those statisticians accustomed to Pan Am passenger seat miles stretching forty times round the earth, this is pretty small potatoes (ouch!), but it nevertheless represents a lot of eating.

The kitchens possess five dish-

washers, three in Southside and two in the Union. Between them they consume £780 of detergent a year.

1,600 people eat in IC refectories at lunchtime. Of these about 600 go to Southside's lower refectory; most of these go within the peak half-hour.

The total turnover of IC refectories (this does not include Bar and Celler figures) was £177,553. The net takings were only £170,852. As the refectories are planned to break even, this is the reason for the increase in meal prices. Catering purchases total £111,152, the bulk going on food—and a sum of money that big buys an awful lot of food. It's not mentioned exactly how much was spent on replacing stolen cutlery.

The surplus for the bars last year was a mere £72. The Rugby Club must try harder.

Hints on how to...

INCREASE YOUR COOKING POWER

Is it possible to prepare good wholesome meals in an economical and speedy fashion? To avoid using the can opener and the frying pan and to eat food which doesn't taste of colouring, flavouring and monosodium glutamate?

The answer is a little flavouring and careful buying. Wise shopping is without doubt the basis of good cooking. Buy things which are cheap because they are plentiful and not because of poor quality.

If you can't afford a steak buy a fresh herring. Dip in flour and fry gently in a little marg. or oil; when cooked sprinkle with salt and squeeze lots of fresh lemon on it. Served with a crisp salad and some brown bread it makes a splendidly cheap meal.

Salads are a welcome addition to almost any dish. You can have them with grilled meat, with a bought pie or with a cheesy dish.

Here are two recipes: one for summer and the other which you can prepare in the winter months.

Summer Salad

You will need:

One crisp lettuce
Tomatoes
Cucumber

Some chopped green pepper.

Wash and shake lettuce well. Mix two tablespoons olive oil with one of malt vinegar, add salt and pepper. Whip all these ingredients with a kitchen fork until mixture becomes a little thick and is thoroughly emulsified. Mix the roughly chopped lettuce into your seasoning and toss gently with a spoon or fork. Add other vegetables on top.

Winter Salad

One small head chicory
One Cox's apple
One medium carrot
One hard boiled egg

Cook the egg for ten minutes. Meanwhile wash and chop chicory. Peel and grate (with a coarse grater) carrot and apple, chop egg.

Whip together (with a fork) one tablespoon olive oil and one of lemon juice. Add salt and pepper, mix with chopped ingredients. A little chopped raw celery goes well with this mixture. This salad improves if it is allowed to macerate in its seasoning for about ten minutes or so.

These salads can often replace the vegetables which are more elaborate to prepare—especially the winter ones. The carrot (that most underrated vegetable) is an exception. Carrots are always available and can be deliciously cheap when cooked like this:

Peel and finely slice one pound of carrots. Have some hot water ready in the kettle. Put a tablespoon of marg. or dripping into a saucepan. When hot add carrots. Mix with a wooden spoon until carrots are coated with fat then add half a teaspoon of flour

and some salt; go on stirring for a minute or so, then add enough hot water to cover carrots. Cover with a tight-fitting lid, turn down the heat and cook till tender. You might have to add some more hot water during cooking time (about half an hour) especially if the carrots are aged ones.

Here is a recipe for good tomato and meat sauce. Served with rice, spaghetti or noodles (and followed by one of my salads it makes a complete meal.

For two: use—

One small onion
One tin peeled tomatoes
One ounce marg. or dripping
½ lb good minced beef
One small green pepper
when available

Salt and pepper and a
teaspoon of sugar

Fry the onion gently in the marg or dripping; do not allow to brown. Add minced beef; allow to cook for two or three minutes while stirring with a wooden spoon. Add chopped green pepper and tomatoes. Squash tomatoes with your spoon; add salt, pepper and sugar. Add a little hot water, cover and allow to cook gently for half an hour. Add some more hot water if sauce becomes dry during cooking time. A dash of inexpensive cooking sherry (about a tablespoon) added about half way through the cooking time gives this sauce that little "je ne sais quoi." Serve hot on your cooked spaghetti with lots of finely grated cheese.

I am told that the best way to decide whether the spaghetti is properly cooked is to take a piece and fling it onto the kitchen ceiling. If it sticks it is well cooked and ready to eat. I advise you to avoid this method of testing as I suspect that landladies strongly disapprove of such culinary experiments.

Here is a list of things to have in your larder which are needed for these recipes.

Bottle olive oil (Boots have a good one in many sizes)
Malt vinegar
Italian peeled tomatoes
Margarine
Carrots (Keep well for a few days)
Green peppers (Keep well for a few days if they are good)
Cheddar cheese

The olive oil seems a little expensive but lasts a long time if only used for salads. The other kinds of oil are not really nice enough to have with raw vegetables.

Bon appetit.
MARCELLE

Quotes of the Fortnight

Pete (Mr. ICWA) Hall—Let's not go for girls, let's go for boys.
Robin Dibblee—Of course we all know that contraception needs twenty years to take effect.

Les Ebdon—"A really superb speech... it out-Ruhemanned Ruhemann... who gave it? ... Les Ebdon!" (Commenting on a speech of his at a recent S.C.C. Meeting).

Martin Moyes—"You measure light intensity in lumens; you measure sound intensity in Ruhemanns."

Mr. ICWA—(of learning to dance the samba) "One of the most harrowing experiences of my life was on the floor with the gym mistress. I never quite found out what we were doing but afterwards I was a bit giddy and had to sit down."

C&G Union Meeting—"Help cure virginity; kill Seaford."

Rory Redmayne—"On a national level the union isn't really worth much."

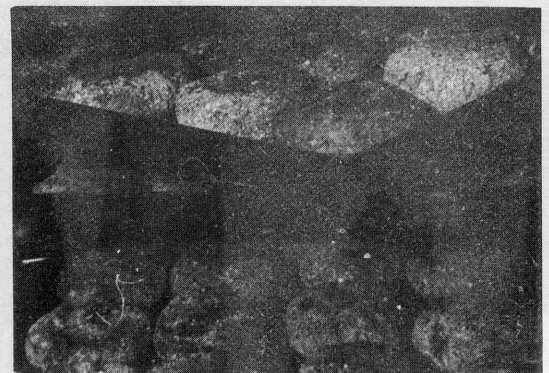
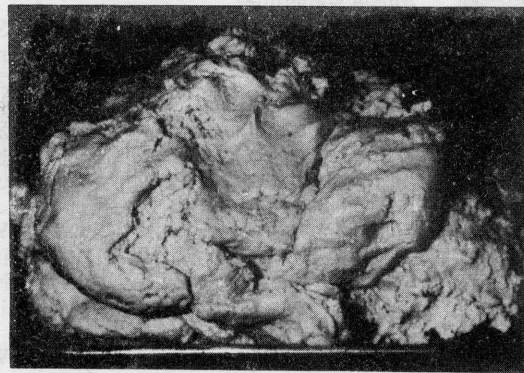
Les Ebdon—"I've heard of Hitler."

Chairman—Soc. Soc.

Pete Hills, Civ. Eng. Lecturer—"I'm sorry, I'll draw that again."



"Eye of newt and toe of frog . . ."—joking apart, on the left a Mooney cauldron being cleaned, and above two or those who participate in this ritual.



For those who do not normally eat at Mooney, four photos of what you may expect: top row—how the pastry looks before it has been cooked; left—universal

meat balls, completed; right—bottom row—close ups of the notorious Mooney chip and four Mooney peas.



FELIX CROSSWORD

ACROSS

- 1 Soldier wears perfume for the tower builder (6)
- 4 In which Richard III fought to no purpose mnemonically (8)
- 9 Beheaded it's a shake but in effect it's the opposite (6)
- 10 The balance of payments problem was important to him too (8)
- 12 Uncommonly bloody (4)
- 13 This happy . . . of men, this little world.
This precious stone set in the silver sea (Richard II) (5)
- 14 Still one snowman (4)
- 17 Friend of the birds and animals—flowers too? (3, 9)
- 20 Rebel current in the power centre. (10, 1, 1)
- 23 As 31 might do to settle a point (4)
- 24 The lot's nearly taken (5)
- 25 That is no house (4)
- 28 Republican (8)
- 29 Unconscious as Emma returns (6)
- 30 Required to observe 4 (8)
- 31 Sign that gets us in a rut (6)

DOWN

- 1 One such took many to 17 (4, 4)
- 2 Arrangement of Wingate and the German saga (8)
- 3 River that should be crossed (4)
- 5 As the victorious professional boxer but not this crossword (5, 7)
- 6 As we do others and the Russians do themselves (4)
- 7 Roy and Johnny returns—a thief (6)
- 8 Sounds as if 24 is a bit hasty but it's sickly (6)

- 11 Two nations to shine (6, 6)
- 15 A singular Oxford classic (5)
- 16 A clever clever (5)
- 18 Contrive to be a Guildsman (8)
- 19 A drink that sounds like biscuits (8)

- 21 Trust a plebeian to conceal the pin (6)
- 26 Irish feature returns to one in 27 (4)
- 27 First class to South Africa and back or to an entirely different place (4)

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RESTAURANT DIRECTORY

Is it your ambition to eat in all the nosh-houses in London? Or perhaps you're entertaining a special guest? Or just fed up with Mooney? Then feast your eyes on these.

The comments about these restaurants are purely the opinions of the various people who have visited them. This list was compiled by Mary Ford and John Somner with a lot of help from Ken Simpson, Alan Stapleton and Amanda Jones.

The following restaurants are outstanding in their categories; Pete's (cheap English); Cavery (expensive English); Jimmy's (moderate continental); Kwaliti (Indian); Kuo Yuan (Chinese).

ENGLISH



Medium Price

Grumbles: Churton Street (nr. Vauxhall Bridge): Good atmosphere. Meal and wine £1. Excellent food if you don't mind waiting.

Maze: Royal Garden Hotel: Good but pricy—min. charge after 12.00, 7/6.

Contented Sole: South Kensington: Good fish—scampi and everything 15/-.

Ranelagh: Barnabas Street, S.W.1: All cold dishes you can eat, 15/-. Also hot food.

Hoop and Toy Grill: South Kensington: Good steak 9/-.

The Ambiance: Queensway Tube: Very good meals—expensive, over £1. Steel band in basement.

Expensive

Peter Evans Eating House: Kensington Church Street/Kensington High Street and Brompton Road: Excellent, good service, ample portions, £3 for two.

Guinea and the Piggy: Leicester Square: All you can eat 25/-. Cheaper lunchtime, expensive wine.

Ebury Wine Bar: 139 Ebury Street, Victoria: Cold plate and steaks. Friendly, efficient service, good wine, £3 for two. Recommend booking.

Carvery: Regent Palace Hotel, Piccadilly Circus: All you can eat 21/-, best of this type. Limited opening hours.

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Cheap

Wishbone: South Kensington Tube, Cromwell Place: Prices about same as upper Mooney. Better service, choice and food.

Chelsea Kitchen: Kings Road, Chelsea: Good nosh—not too expensive—sexy waitress, have to queue sometimes.

Science Museum Snack Bar: Light snacks—good value and service.

Blue Sky: 75 Westbourne Gr., W.2: Main course 3/9 upwards—wide ranging, cheap menu.

Oriental: 100 Queensway, S.W.2: 3 course lunch 6/-—well cooked, small portions.

Park Restaurant: Bayswater Road—3 course lunch and dinner 6/6—small portions, lousy atmosphere.

Hayloft: Bayswater Road: Main course 7/- upwards—well cooked conventional dishes, pseudo-rustic atmosphere.

Starlight Cafe: Fulham Road: Cheese Omelette, Apple Fritters, only 1/-.

Regal Restaurant: Fulham Road: Entrees 3/- to 8/-. Good service. Worth visiting.

Fiddlers Three: Knightsbridge: Good food, prices reasonable.

Pete's Place (Parkview Cafe): Fulham Road: Good, cheap and greasy—distinguished company.

V and A Salad Bar: V and A Museum: Very good varied salads 3/6.

Guys and Dolls: Kings Road: Better than Wimpy—open till 1 a.m. Superb coffee and ice-cream.

Seale's Fish Restaurant: Farmer Street, W.8: Best fish and chips in London.

Queen's Arms: Queens Gate Mews: Hot pies, cold meat salads, reasonable pub food.

Varsi Grill: 10, Pembridge Road: Just like Mooney—lousy service.

Galleon: 35 Pembridge Road: Superior Mooney—cheaper. Show union card for free coffee with meals over 4/-.

The Cherry Pie: Kensington Church Street: Very good, cheap, Biba birds.

Admiral Codrington: Mossop Street: Pub salads in evening, reasonable price, very good.

The 19: Mossop Street: Good, moderate price. Chicken pancake 7/6—veg. extra.

INDIAN

Ganges: 46 Gerrard Street, Soho. Speciality Chicken Curries. Four course meal single 25/-.

"Khyber Pass": 21 Bute Street, South Kensington. Traditional haunt of the 62 Club. Three-course meal single 15/-.

"Kwaliti": 12 Whitfield St., W.C.1 (University Area). Speciality Tandoori Chicken and Nans. Three course meal single 15/6.

"Shafi": 18 Gerrard Street, W.1: Mr. and Mrs. Oshani own it and cook. Oldest Indian Restaurant in Europe. About 16/-.

Indian High Commission: 76 South Audley Street, Basement. Difficult to find. Best value for genuine Indian food. Two course meal 4/- — 6/-.

"Tandoori": Fulham Road, Indian decor, service slow, food excellent and genuine. Try the Tandoori chicken with a nan. Good meal for one at 14/-.

Srilanka: Child's Place. Ceylonese food. They use coconut instead of rice sometimes. Highly recommended.

The Hussain: South Kensington Tube: Good service. Curries about 10/-. Do not eat the steak.

Slere Punjab: Old Brompton Road: 11/- main course. Worth visiting.

Maharajah: St. Alban's Grove. Reasonable value, but good service.

Golden Bombay: Get R.C.S. President blind drunk and he will take you there. It's worth it (so he says).

CHINESE

Chinese food is the best food on earth. The reasons are:

(a) All Chinese love good food. Many of them regard cooking as an art and gain reputation from their friends.

(b) Chinese have explored over the past 4,000 years on all sorts of eatable stuff and make all sorts of combination among them. The variety is so tremendous that nobody can get tired of Chinese Food.

The following are some of the Chinese Restaurants in London serving some popular dishes.

Capital: 16 Old Crompton St., S.W.1. Fairly popular from 15/-.

Canton: 11 Newport Place, S.W.2. Fairly popular from 15/-.

Youngs: 13 West Street: Very good atmosphere dinner 25s. to 30s.

Lee Ho Lok: Gerrard Street: Very popular dinner 11/- to 20/-. Good value for money.

Universal: 11 Denmark Street. Very popular dinner 10/- to 20/-.

Tun Sing: Earl's Court Road: Good value at 6/- to 7/- a head.

Lotus Flower: Old Brompton Road: Good service and food. Meal costs about 7/-.

Kuo Yuan: 217 High Road, N.W.10. Excellent Peking style food. Well worth the trip and cost. A meal of a lifetime costs 25/- — 30/-.

Rice Bowl: South Kensington: Cheap and quick service. Varied reports of standard of cooking.

Singapore: 197 Kensington High Street: Good value.

Hong Kong: New Kings Road, Chelsea. Good, cheap and large helpings.

The Good Earth: 316 Kings Road. Marvellous food, impeccable service. Expensive.

EUROPEAN

Cheap

Al-Camino: Frith Street: Italian, cheap wine and good food.

Alpino: Leicester Square: Italian food, cheap and good value, other food rather more expensive.

Dino's: South Kensington Tube, Gloucester Road and High Street, Kensington: Good pizza the man said.

Costa: Hillgate Street, W.8. Good service. Greek specialities—adequate portions 8/- a head.

Omelette: Old Brompton Rd. (nr. Oratory): Cheap, fast, good value at 5/-. Italian.

Pizza Express: Wardour St., Wardour Street: Nine varieties of superb pizza, slow service. Good meal for 7/-.

Mardi Gras: Bute Street. Italian/French style, 1st class cooking, Pizza a speciality. Meals 6/- 12/-.

Il Barino: South Kensington Tube: Slow service, but good food. Meal about 7/-.

Flori's: South Kensington Tube: "Best value in South Kensington." Chris O'Donnell.

Zia Teresa: 6 Hans Street (side of Harrod's). Good Italian food. Try lasagna at 6/-.

Schmidts: Charlotte Street. German food, good value, slow service. Meal about 6/- or 9/- with draught Dortmeinder Beer.

Latosca: Old Brompton Rd.: Attractive waitress. Good value.

Medium Price

Jimmy's: Frith Street: Show courage when you approach. Salads are excellent value at about 10/- each.

Wayang: Earl's Court Road: Very good food and decor. Meal costs about 12/6.

Daquise: Thurloe Place. A good meal here costs 14/-. Best go with a Pole.

Norwegian Food Centre: Brompton Road, 21/- for as much as you like in the evening, 12/6 at lunchtime. All the meals are salads.

Sharzad: Old Brompton Road. Average meal cost 8/- — 12/-. Try speciality of the day. Persian.

CANNIBAL RESTAURANTS—Unfortunately, our survey failed to discover any.

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Did anything happen to *YOU* last weekend? This was the sight that greeted one Hall Resident on his return early one Monday morning. If it takes one man one minute to crush one Newspaper...

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"I suppose it's a sort of illness really—a sort of advanced form of self-destruction. Perhaps it stems from the intensity of our work; or the lack of females; or absence of an arts faculty, or something. Oh, please help me, doctor. I must tell someone. I must get it off my chest—it all seems so pathetic, but; well—it happened like this...

... it was the night of December the first—you remember? The Friday of the RCS carnival. It seemed funny they should arrange the swimming gala on the same evening; but then the whole thing had been a bit disorganised anyway.

About 80 of us went. They laid on coaches which left from the union at 6.30, or thereabouts. We went to the Marshall Street baths—we've been there before and I think they're the only ones in London that'll let IC in.

It's a nice pool, doctor. When we'd all sat down the swimmers jumped in to practice—you see IC's made up of three colleges

and the galas meant to be the yearly swimming competition. We enjoy it usually, because we can't resist the opportunity to push our college committee into the water—they all dress up for this; and so that makes it even more fun.

It was just after 7.30 that they pushed Dick James in (he's the Vice-President of our college). Then some one at the back of the Guilds stand threw a sort of white packet into the water. I didn't know what it was; but no one seemed very bothered so I ignored it. Anyway, about ten minutes later the water suddenly turned purple—must have been that packet, I suppose—perhaps it held potassium permanganate. Soon after that the manager told us to leave. It was a pity, really; it looked as if the gala might have been fun.

Each of the colleges went off for a drink—we all went to different pubs, of course. It wasn't the same, though. I had been looking forward to the gala too.

You see, doctor, it is rather pathetic, isn't it?

THE YOUNG TRADITION

"Like having a bath with your socks on." This was how Royston described singing through a microphone. The Tradition—Royston, Peter and Heather—gave a polished performance of unaccompanied singing. Their songs are collected from varied sources—many of them from Harry Cox, and the Copper family of Sussex. During their first set, they sang sea shanties and other songs, and on their re-appearance gave their excellent rendering of the "Lyke Wake Dirge," amongst others.

Since their visit to the Folk Club last year, they have made two LPs, and have appeared at the Albert Hall and the Cambridge folk festival; we hope to see them again before too long.

Another guest was Gary Farr, (formerly of the "T-Bones"), and a friend Kevin. Farr was disappointing; he is technically able, and obviously sincere, but perhaps he has yet to find the style that suits him. He also played at the RCS Carnival on Friday.

There is a wealth of players within the Folk Club, and they, as always, supported the guests.

Guilds Punch up

On Friday night a section of the Guilds party collecting for Carnival became involved in a fight in Leicester Square. The trouble started about 11.20 after BO had run out of petrol, when some of an approximately fifteen-strong gang of drunks tried to climb on to BO and started to bend the headlamp.

Although there were about fifty Guildsmen present, they seemed to come off worst, at least eight of them getting hit, including Guilds President Chris O'Donnell and secretary Paul Bradley, another lost his watch. All the attackers got away, and it is thought that only three of them can bear any mementoes of their evening.

It is believed that no Carnival money was lost, but this is not certain as the tins were not counted when they were given out. The proceeds of the evening were £111. The damage to BO, if any, was very slight.

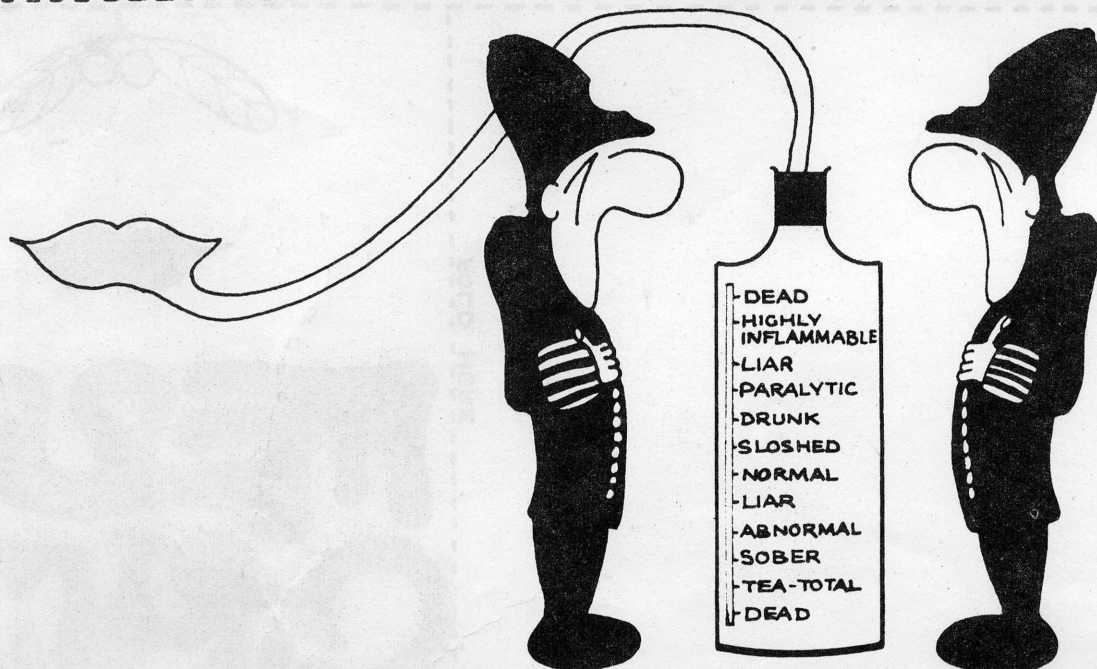
Mines Meeting

A Royal School of Mines Union meeting was held in the Mining Lecture Theatre on Tues. 5th December. Mr. Ian Wells presided over the meeting as well as a funny yellow lion and a certain piece of engineering equipment now painted yellow and black. Claimants for the yellow lion to Mines Union office, also for the Guild's Spanner! Reports from the Minesman who went to Delft and Trondheim were heard. Phil Hopwood urged support for the charity collecting sessions and said that Mines could collect £1,000 for this year, as opposed to last year's £400. A motion for women students to have representation on the committee was considered to be a constitutional change and so could not be voted on, as no advance notice had been given. A vote was taken on where to hold the next Mines night, skating being favoured over the dogs and Battersea Fun Fair. Mr. Ian Wells asked for support for the foreign students week and reminded Mines women that partners were needed for the foreign students at the Mines Ball. The meeting ended at 2.35 p.m. with Cats.

Ruhemann Resignation Rejected

At the last S.C.C. meeting, a letter was received from Soc. Soc. claiming that the lack of Union meetings held this term was restricting the activities of the Clubs. They suggested that S.C.C. should press for more meetings in future. Chairman, Pete Ruhemann, declared that in his opinion, this was not S.C.C.'s business, and it was beyond his scope to do so. The ensuing discussion culmi-

nated in five other clubs agreeing with Soc. Soc. and a motion being carried instructing the Chairman to press for more meetings. The Chairman immediately offered his resignation, still claiming that it was beyond his scope. After a tremendous vote of confidence had been passed, he withdrew his resignation. He is still mandated to press for more Union meetings in future.

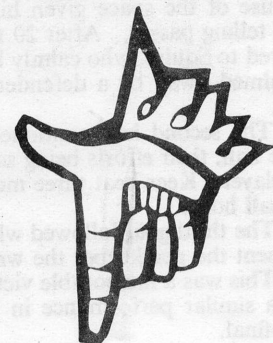


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Soccer Club Beat Hoodoo

Great I.C. Cup Win

Last Saturday I.C. scored a magnificent cup victory over King's College by three goals to nil. This was the first I.C. win over King's for five years and it's true merit is shown by the fact that King's are unbeaten in league matches this season.

I.C. began unsteadily, gradually took control and finally overran the opposition. The game was won in midfield where Wallace, making full use of the space given him, created panic in the King's defence with telling passes. After 20 minutes, Keer's centre from the left was cleared to Squire, who calmly lobbed it over the goalkeeper only to see it palmed away by a defender. Wallace made no mistake from the spot.

The second half continued with the I.C. defence winning every loose ball, their efforts being soon rewarded when in a move involving six players, Keer beat three men before crossing for O'Donnell to slot the ball home.

The third goal followed when Squire intercepted a loose clearance and sent the goalkeeper the wrong way from just inside the area.

This was a memorable victory based on good teamwork and spirit and a similar performance in the next round should see I.C. in the semi-final.

RICK DAVIES



Kings goalkeeper admiring the scenery

Hockey Club Fortnight

1st XI
Saturday, 25th November
v. Ashford H.C. I (home), drew 1-1.
Saturday, 2nd December
v. N.P.L. I (away), drew 1-1.
2nd XI
Saturday, 25th November
v. Ashford II (away), lost 1-2.
Saturday, 2nd December
v. N.P.L. II (home), drew 1-1.
3rd XI
Saturday, 25th November
v. Ashford III (home), drew 2-2.
Saturday, 2nd December
v. N.P.L. III (away), lost 1-4.
4th XI
Saturday, 25th November
v. Ashford IV (away), won 1-0.
Saturday, 2nd December
v. N.P.L. IV (home), lost 0-1.

The club on a whole this term has not been winning many matches, but on the other hand neither has it suffered the re-sounding crashes it has endured in previous years.

The 2nd XI is showing tremendous promise, the side settled down quickly and despite the usual changeover in players due to movements in the 1st XI and unavoidable absenteeism. The side has won 3, lost 3 and drawn 1 and if the improvements in team play especially by the forwards continue, the side can look forward to better results in the future.

The 3rd and 4th XI's are even more strongly hit by the movements of players in the 1st and 2nd XI's and they have both managed to produce records better than those for this time last year. So the 3rd XI can look forward to a bright future and if there is the demand by members of the club for the 4th XI to continue in the next term, they too can look forward to a good season.

The 2nd XI in their cup match overwhelmed King's 4th XI as was expected by a margin of 7-1. Brian Hall got three goals to add to the incredible number he is building up this season for his position as wing half.

ICWSC

Draws for Ladies Hockey ?

On December 2nd, the ladies of ICWA played at New Cross against Goldsmith's in the 2nd round of the U.L.U. Knock-out Tournament. ICWA opened the scoring with a good goal, but Goldsmith's rapidly retaliated with an equally good one. Two more goals came in quick succession, and the half-time score stood at 2 all. At the beginning of the second half, an immediate breakaway by Goldsmith's from the bully resulted in a goal, giving them the lead. Although IC attacked consistently throughout the second half, they were not rewarded with a goal until two minutes before the end of the game. It being too dark to play extra time, it was decided to have a replay the following Wednesday.

Goldsmith's duly arrived at Harlington on Wednesday, 6th December and battle commenced again. The match was very even, with many attacks by both sides, and excellent work by both defences. The half-time score was 1 all, and although both sides fought keenly, no addition was made to the score. Only 10 mins. of extra time could be played because of failing light and it was decided to count corners. Lo and behold, both sides had scored 2 short corners and 1 long.

The re-play will be held on Wednesday, 17th January at Goldsmith's and lots of support would be appreciated, so that we get a conclusive result.

NETBALL

I.C. 15 — Chelsea 12

The match started late with I.C. understrength in the attack without their regular goal shooter. I.C. was playing the better game tactically from the first centre-pass; marking fairly well, and passing tightly, and in spite of praiseworthy efforts by the

shooters, the half-time score was 6-5 to Chelsea.

The second half saw some close marking and faster play by I.C. The superbly co-ordinated defence kept play within Chelsea's half, enabling I.C. to gain a lead which they then never lost.

Thanks are given to Weeks Hall for their support.

Squash

The Club as a whole is doing very well in its competition matches and the strength of the second and thirds is very gratifying.

The League results so far are : The Firsts have won four out of eight (4/8) and with the recent addition of a decent No. 1 player, Dr. Collin Wall (Staff, Mines) they are in a much better position to make a comeback in the second round.

The Seconds are leading their Division handsomely with 8/8 wins and one match to go in their first round.

The Thirds are very near the top of Division III with 3/4 wins, while the Fourths (Ladies) in the same Division have won 1/4. Though they have fewer successes on the court, it seems that the Fourths enjoy the matches as much, if not more, than the rest of us.

During November, IC composite "A" and "B" teams went to Cambridge for a weekend of squash against College teams. The "A" team lost to Christs, St. Catherine's and Queens, while the "B" team defeated Corpus Christi and Pembroke but lost to St. John's.

The Firsts upheld their position in the Challenge Match of the IC Seconds, much to the relief of the IC Squash Establishment.

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CROSS COUNTRY

IC ARE UL CHAMPIONS

IC won the University Championships in blizzard conditions at Parliament Hill Fields on Saturday, finishing well ahead of their rivals UC. After a fast start the IC "bunch" were well placed, with Nick Barton, Barry Jones at the front. As the field spread the IC runners held their positions well and finished 2, 4, 10, 14, 16 and 18.

The second team also ran exceedingly well and finished fourth, the highest a second team has ranked for many years.

The winning team were (Barry Jones, Nick Barton, Howard Smith, Ashley Deans, Tony Mason and Ian Jones).

ENGINEERS' DINNER AND DANCE

Application forms must be delivered to
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637 Tizard, before the end of term.





FELIX LATE NEWS

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IMPERIAL COLLEGE SURVEYS ITS PAST STUDENTS

The feedback of comment from past students of I.C. forms a significant contribution to review of academic courses and standards, so the college is circulating a questionnaire to past undergrads and postgrads of the years 1925-64.

The survey embraces British students wherever they now live and Overseas students still in the country, but despite extensive checks on addresses, the college has 'lost' many students and these are invited to contact Professor F.M. Goodger in Electrical Engineering. (Tel. 01-589-5111 Ext.465). The college hopes for a good response, as this determines the whole value of the operation, and also hopes that the preliminary report will appear by Summer 1968.

THEME COMPETITION - Won by Roger Guy Civil Engineering 3. Guilds Mines Carnival will release the theme next term.

COST OF PURPLE REDUCED

It appears that by means of an all night filtering operation, the bill for throwing potassium permanganate into the Marshall Street swimming baths before the swimming gala was only £6 - this is a great relief as if the pool had had to be emptied and cleaned the cost to ICU would have been in excess of £80. It has not yet been discovered who actually threw the chemical into the pool.

UNION MEETING

Yesterday's Union Meeting was a classic for those connoisseurs of constitution juggling and general stirring.

The last Union Meeting of October 19th was re-opened, obviously short of a quorum by about 100. After various people had been persuaded not to challenge the quorum Dr. Weale, the Union Senior Treasurer, presented that accounts for the previous year and explained the items on it lucidly. The most important points were that expenditure had risen by £1,600 to £18,264 whilst income had fallen, although subscriptions were up by £750. There was a negative balance of £2,497 on the year. After selling nearly £1,700 worth of investments there was a nett deficit of £1,100, which it is hoped will be refunded by the college, which has given the Union 17/6 per head. He finished with his perennial excuse that the Union fee was not big enough.

In 'Any Other Buisness' President Phillips informed the meeting of a collection for Charlie Parsons, to buy a plaque in the Union Dining Hall, the remainder to be given to his widow, and Howard Cheshire, head Union barman for many years, for a gift; reports of SOC, RCC, ACC and Executive minutes are to be published in Southside and in the Union; and he is negotiating a fee with the college for Union membership for 'disguised students' who are registered as interal students of London University but are not eligible to belong to the Union at present.

In Question Time the rumour that no foreign students will be allowed in Linstead Hall was dispelled. The anonymous donor stipulated that no more than 20% overseas students should live in it, compared with a 'norm' at the present time of 15%.

Rory Redmayne asked why no agenda was posted, to which Dave Harris replied that it was an experiment to try to attract more people, despite the fact that it stipulates that it should be done in the Union Blue Book.

Rex Lowin gave an account of the activities of the Welfare Committee. The grants survey so far has a 66% reply from undergraduates and 25% from postgraduates. The results should be out at the beginning of next term. They are also looking into the possibility of opening a nursery for married students with children and he asked for names of anyone who would be able to use the service, particularly undergraduates, to contact him. A coffee bar in Southside, a West London Colleges accommodation bureau, student houses and appeals to the Rents Tribunal are the other matters being looked into by this Committee.

The first meeting was now closed and another one opened amongst a lot of argument and passed straight onto the issue of parking.

Two motions were put forward, one deploring the charge for parking and asking for a referendum throughout the college, the other deploring the charges, the Rectors' decision to reconstitute the parking committee and the method of selection of those allowed to park. Rory Redmayne, retiring editor of FELIX opposed both of these, but before votes could be taken Stewart Barnes tried to put everyone out of their misery by challenging the quorum; the number of people present by this time had fallen to about eighty. However, this was a vain hope since it was decided to vote on the motions as an unofficial group of students,. Both were passed, the second in separate parts.

The ~~vacation~~ of ULU ~~will be filled~~ the session by Rory
Reynolds. The job is to represent his college's interests at ULU president's council.
Rory therefore asks that if any member of IOU has any matter to do with ULU that he
would liked discussed at president's council would he or she come and talk it over with
him in his room, 96 New Beit.

LETTER

Dear Sir,

Due to health reasons I had to give up all my ENTS work only four days before RCS
Carnival. This could easily have resulted not only in a chaotic Carnival, but also in
large financial loss to RCSU. The fact that it did not was due to the very generous
offer to take over by a few people. May I thank these people through your columns, as
I am indebted (as is the Union as a whole) to them. Mike Tait, Allan Wilde, Jan Laine,
and Dave Milford all put in a hell of a lot of work, making Carnival a big success. I
cannot convey my appreciation enough to these four in particular, and the many others,
who helped me out when I was in trouble.

Yours faithfully

Malcolm Duckett - Beit Hall.

SMALL AD. -- Found in Union Lower Lounge. at Hon Saturday night 2nd December: I Yale Key.
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COUNCIL

The 130th meeting of the IOU council was held in the reading room on Monday
evening. As a study in boredom it would be hard to surpass - there wasn't even a decent
stir! The meeting fully attended with the exception of the three old student reps.

The reports of sub-committees were discussed and passed with little comment except
in the case of the RCC report; Council directed the executive to look into the affairs
of Jazz club, with particular reference to stomps and other dances.

Under "AOB" there were two items of interest. Firstly Steve Mallinson proposed
that a sub-committee of five council members be set up to investigate ways to make the
External Affairs and Welfare committees official sub-committees of council and to suggest
methods of evolving their chairman and members. This motion was passed unanimously.

Rex Lowin then proposed that those members of council who on sub-committees were
IOU reps on college committees ex-officio should in future be elected by joint council.
This motion got totally lost in Ruhenacratie bickering about article n of the
constitution and was finally defeated.

SOUTHSIDE TO UNION MARCH

Monday lunchtime saw about fifty banner bearing I.C. students converging on the
Beit Quad. They were supporters of the human rights year. From the sorry attendance it
appeared that I.C. students were exercising their rights; to stay in a nice warm building.

Following a fumble with the public address system, Mrs. Joan Ruddock, chairman of
IRC, apologised for the absence of the advertised speaker and gave a short outline of
the campaign.

LORD TENNYSON'S GRANDSON.

Sir Charles Tennyson, spoke at Tuesday's general studies lecture; "A biographical
recital of Tennyson's poetry with special reference to his interest in natural science."
This interest was gained by reading books in his father's library. Tennyson's interest
in poetry also dated from an early age but none of his early volumes were successful.
He went to Cambridge but left without taking a degree. Several scientists including
Huxley have commented on Lord Tennyson's understanding of science and many of his poems
contain references to scientific ideas.

"THE COST OF SCIENCE", a topic one would have thought to interest most members of the
College. But no. Only about 40 people went to hear Mr. Freeman at Wells Soc. last
Monday. Following a methodical lecture numbers of excellent questions were asked and at
all times the comments of Lord Willis Jackson of Burma (Chairman for the night) threw
open new avenues of discussion.

SOC. AND COMM. SOC.

On Monday evening a joint meeting of the Socialists and Communist Societies heard
a talk by George Matthews, Editor of the "Morning Star" about the left wing press. A
Parliamentary Labour Party Candidate, George dealt with the problems of the press.

He felt the "Morning Star" not only acted as a place where socialists from the left
of the Labour Party, Communists and other minorities, students for example could state
their views but its mere existence forced the Press Barons to publish news they would
otherwise leave unreported. He advocated a newsprint levy fund as a possible way to
prevent the closure of even more national and provincial newspapers.

QUOTES:

C.C. Seaford at a Selkirk Xmas dinner, Monday "Selkirk Hall will be the 1st Southside
Hall to go mixed."

S. Mallinson (by way of explanation at council) "Jazz Scene '68 is what Jazz Scene '67
was in 1967"

Peter Hills "I wish all men in Southside were homosexuals".

John Mullaly "Phillips took a couple of decisions and the board meeting was over."

WHATS ON: Scout and Guide Club Thursday 14th 12.30 Mines 303 Brass rubbing.

A pyramid of pennies has been started in Southside Bar for Carnival.
The Late news editor wishes to point out the joss-sticks are issued for use at your
Christmas Parties and not for first lecture.

A Merry Christmas to all our readers.