



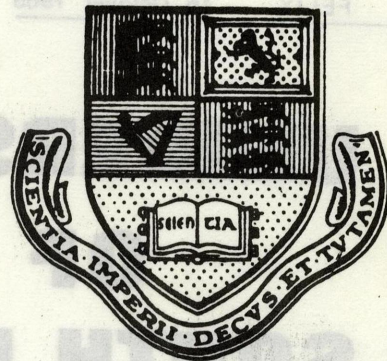
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IAN JARVIS for CARNIVAL

At last Thursday's meeting of the Carnival Board Ian Jarvis was elected Carnival Co-ordinator. This post was left vacant by the marriage of Anita Furniss (now Mrs. Long) this summer.

Ian Jarvis was Mech Eng. 1 "sports" rep last year and organised collections for Carnival totalling more than £600. For this work he was awarded a C&G Union General award. Last year, too, he was the unsuccessful Vice-Presidential candidate in Guilds.

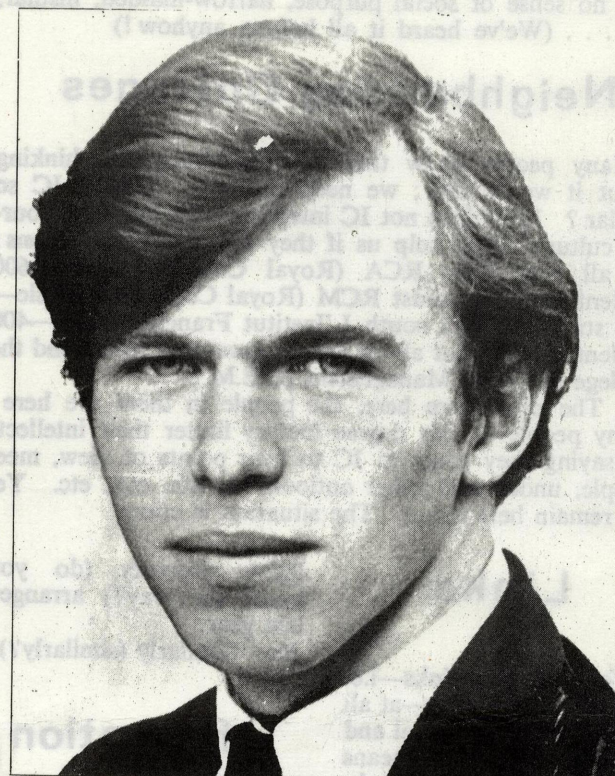
He regards Carnival mainly as a means of people enjoying themselves and not as an organisation for extorting money out of the public. He is quite prepared to collect less money than last year if people get

more enjoyment out of it. He does not want however to be associated with stunts that offer little financial return. Incentives which are used to create interdepartmental rivalry should come from firms, like the prizes for the raffle, and not from the collections as this is the same as embezzlement.

He is still forming ideas about Carnival activities, but it is quite definite that there will be no football pools this year as it only made £200 last year. Carnival week is going to be a big thing this year and as a concession to commercialism there will be an Albert Hall concert. Rumour has it that he may soon be making enquiries about a certain American duo.



Gwyn Hughes



Pete Dolwin

IAESTE: fees to go up

The International Association for the Exchange of Students for Technical Experience (I.A.E.S.T.E.) last year provided jobs abroad for 84 people from this College in 21 different countries ranging from Ireland to Japan. However the number that applied for such work was 271.

The difference in these two numbers has increased over previous years due to fewer places being available in Britain for Foreign students to carry out vacation training work — although the scheme is not a direct exchange, it is highly influenced by the number of places mutually available.

The I.A.E.S.T.E. finances have suffered a loss since only those placed paid a placement fee of 30/-, and this number has dropped alarmingly. Consequently I.A.E.S.T.E. propose to charge every applicant a registration fee of £1 as well as a placement fee. This hardly seems fair, since at present only about 30 per cent. of students actually obtain any help from this Association.

I.A.E.S.T.E. is thus reduced to a lottery with the poor student betting £1 at

odds of 3 to 1 against him getting a job.

It is to be hoped that I.A.E.S.T.E. change their proposals or they will inevitably lose much support from colleges throughout the country.

SQUASH

The Squash courts in the Sports Centre are provisionally due to open on November 1st and, during term-time, will be reserved exclusively for use by I.C. students and their guests. Members of staff will only be allowed to use the courts during the vacations unless they are life-members of I.C.U. It is also hoped to create a weight-training centre there sometime this term.

RCS PRESIDENT

UNION FEE INCREASE

The Union fees this year have been increased by two pounds to six pounds, the first increase for several years. Because the Union fees are part of the College fee, the increase is levied, in most cases, direct from the Local Education Authorities.

Reserve

The increase should bring in nearly £8000 a year extra to the Union, which will help to build up the Union's

depleted reserve fund. However, since the Governing Body has subsidised the Union to the tune of £1,100 in 1966-67 and £3,200 in 1967-68 while negotiations for an increase were in progress, the full benefit of this extra £8,000 will not immediately be felt. The debt to the College will have to be repaid at the rate of ten shillings per student per year until the whole £4,300 has been paid off. Rex Lowin expands on the fee increase in the President's Column inside.

HUGHES or DOLWIN ?

Anti vote

With last Friday's closing of nominations for the post of RCS President, two candidates had entered their names on the nomination lists. The choice for next Monday's ballot lies between Gwyn Hughes, a little known third year mathematician, and Peter Dolwin, chain smoking third year physicist who was unsuccessful in last year's fight for the vice-presidency.

Roots

Hughes may be regarded as the "grass-roots" man not having been active in RCSU before, but has a strong interest in staff-student relations, while on the other hand Dolwin seems to be the "establishment" candidate, being proposed by RCS vice-president Adolph Hashteroudian and having participated widely in Union affairs in the past.

The outcome of the election seems to be uncertain. Dolwin is certainly the better known (though at the time of writing his publicity campaign was non-existent while Hughes' was well under way), but he may well inspire a large anti-vote which could squeeze Gwyn Hughes in.

Report of Presidential Hustings—see FELICITY.

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH KEN

Where is the University of South Kensington?
What is a University anyway?
Why did you come here?

Many years ago H. G. Wells (who studied at IC) spoke bluntly about "typical" members of IC—Visionless, no sense of social purpose, narrow-minded, insular, etc. . . . (We've heard it all before, anyhow!)

Neighbouring Colleges

Many people know they are Philistines but thinking about it won't help; we need action! Why is IC so insular? Why does not IC integrate with the neighbouring cultural (God help us if they are not!) institutions: on all four sides RCA (Royal College of Art—600 students); in our midst RCM (Royal College of Music—500 students); just south L'Institut Francaise (LIF—400 students); and what about Maria Assumpta (MA) and the College of Estate Management (C.E.M.).

The places are here, the people in them are here; many people at this degree factory flatter their intellects by saying they come to IC to hear points of view, meet people, understand other outlooks on life, etc., etc. Yet we remain here alone. The situation is crazy.

Links

RCA refectory (do you know the way?) arranged last year.

Bar Similarly (similarly?).

We need real links—i.e. integration of people—at all social, cultural, political and academic levels. This means far more than a few unpublished paper agreements or declarations of intent, reached by parternalistic committees. We must publicise and involve people rather than paper.

What has been arranged so far?

RCA: Societies

Firstly with RCA: Clubs RCA students are entitled to join any IC clubs (arranged last term). There are restrictions on athletic clubs teams and variations in membership fees, though.) An information getting list (similar to the one given to IC freshers) has been distributed in RCA—replies are coming in. IC clubs are free to publicise in RCA—and vice versa.

Events Again we are mutually free to publicise—e.g. Morade from RCA.

General IC Union handbooks and blue books (very useful for club information) have been distributed in RCA.

General Studies IC Administration have agreed to allow full publicity in RCA.

Refectory IC students are free and welcome to use

What else happens around IC? Discussions are now going on with RCM—there is an eating place there, too. MA negotiations have been fruitful—already the number of MA girls in IC clubs has increased. Students at LIF have been approached similarly (see Late News).

Near IC—of special interest to people who eat—we have an excellent restaurant in the V&A (Victoria and Albert Museum)—containing many girls from LIF—and a cafe in the Science Museum, or there is always the Queens (ask a physicist). Also Philistines might find the contents of the V&A interesting, or even the other museums; maybe the Albert Hall need not be mentioned.

Soon a map will be produced, a map of the area round here showing you where it all happens, what you are missing, how you can have a richer and fuller University life.

Well:—
Why did you come here?
What is a University?
Where is the University of South Kensington?

PIERS CORBYN

(External Affairs Committee)

Footnote: Please contact External Affairs Committee if you want to help with links with other Colleges. Read Late News for further developments.

STUDENT DEMANDS MET

As recently reported in the National Press, the National Union of Students has held discussions with the Committee of Vice-Chancellors and Principals on the general subject of student participation in University life.

No Simple Solution

They issued a joint statement last week on the discussions which covered a wide range of different issues. In opening they said there was a "widespread commitment among all members of universities to a concept of the "academic community," but with changes in the social situation the role of students within this community should be "modified and modernised."

The problems of students making their views felt effectively was not simple, the statement said, as the decision-making structures were generally complex.

The NUS "seeks effective student presence on all relevant committees." Three broad areas of operation were outlined.

(a) student welfare e.g. health services, catering and accommodation, where students should have some part in the decision-making;

(b) curriculum and courses, teaching methods, ma-

jor organisational matters, and the planning and development of the University, where student views should be taken into account;

(c) decisions affecting the position of staff, admission to the University and academic assessment where student presence would be inappropriate."

The statement confirmed, "we have no doubt that the machinery of student participation should be extended and improved . . . we would welcome the development of joint staff/student Committees in new and more effective forms." Student participation would depend on the willingness of a sufficient number of students to take part.

Another field the discussions covered was course content and teaching methods. The statement stressed the right of the teacher to decide on the way in which he presented his subject. However there should be opportunities for the students to have discussions on the courses and teaching methods.

Examinations

Examinations were the next subject discussed. It was noted that the NUS had already cast doubt on the fairness of many examinations. While the universities did their utmost to maintain the standards of examinations some new methods had been introduced, such as dissertations, projects, "open-book" examinations and continuous assessment. Research was in hand "with the object of testing the validity of these devices." It was "common ground in our discussions that more research and experiment on the subject of examinations are required."

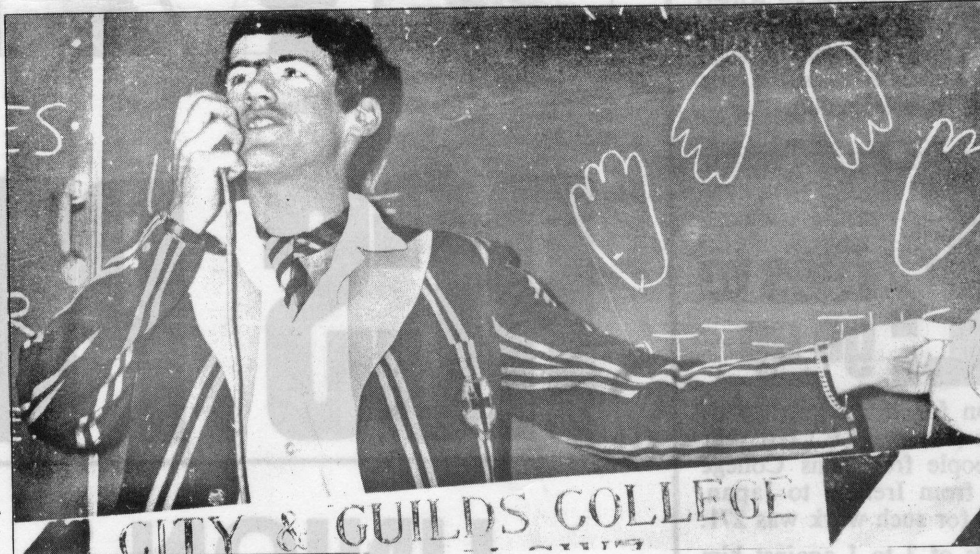
Discipline

On discipline the statement said there "should be provision for specific student participation in disciplinary procedures, especially in instances where a student's future might be at stake." Also universities should "examine the areas within which it would be appropriate for disciplinary responsibility to be delegated to the student body."

Voting

The Vice-Chancellors Committee joined with the National Union of Students in "welcoming the Government's decision to accept the recommendation of the Latey Committee that the legal age of majority be lowered to 18." They also recognised that this would alter some of the responsibilities of the University with regard to student welfare.

The last point the statement dealt with was freedom of speech. All members of a University should be prepared to tolerate and protect "the expression of unpopular opinions." However freedom of speech must not be exercised in ways which infringe the rights and freedom of others."



Who is this cripple anyway?

GUILDS FRESHER MEETING

The Guilds Union meeting for Freshers a week last Thursday was as usual a sketch of life at the College as it is not. The impression certainly was that it is a melee of fun and frolic mixed with painting policemen white at Morphy Day, Fancy Dress Balls with unspellable titles and just a little academic work for flavouring.

The lecture theatre was crammed full with students soaking up this half hour of confusion. For a confusion it was and as such it broke the ice of apprehension.

Through all this came a regular stream of advice. The freshers were told who to see if anything was disturbing them and were urged to attend various functions that were useful or which guaranteed a smashing time.

After a boisterous description of mascotry at Imperial the freshers were informed about the Old Centralians and what they were and invited them to attend the dinners.

Next, several union worthies were introduced including the Year Represent-

tatives. They were told that until 4th November, they were to be represented by the 2nd year Reps, when they would be helped to choose two of their own; one academic rep and one sports rep.

This was followed by a short chat about the two Guilds' affairs. One was the all-night fancy dress ball and the other an equally expensive dinner party.

The meeting broke up with the traditional "Boom-alaka" chanted to the Guilds' Spanner held aloft in the president's right hand.

ARTHUR ACKLAND ESSAY

SIR ARTHUR ACLAND
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Organ Transplants and Morality; Student Power; Men in Space; Crime and Punishment; Dr. Martin Luther King; Society without Religion—prizes for undergraduate or 1st year postgraduate essays on one of these topics. Details from the Registrar.

BARNES WALLIS:

THE STRENGTH OF ENGLAND

Wells Soc.'s first meeting was packed, and one of the authors of this article, arriving at the last minute, only just managed to get in. At least a hundred and fifty were turned away when the lecture theatre became full.

Lively and Witty

Lord Jackson of Burnley, Wells Soc.'s new President, introduced the Speaker, Sir Barnes Wallis CBE, as having a "fire in his belly and a furnace in his head" and Sir Barnes proceeded to demonstrate this with a lively and amusing lecture. Looking a sprightly 60, which belied his tally of 81 years, he made his lecture technically straightforward but always spiced with inventiveness and wit, the former consolidating his reputation and the latter to the delight of his audience. His subject was "The Strength of England."

Sea Power

Sir Barnes started by demonstrating that most ancient civilisations owed their rise to the development of sea transport and their prosperity to their possessing a shoreline. He made the point that wealth was dependent on trade which in turn was dependent on sea transport, the cheapest and most convenient form

both now and in the past. He then showed that Britain, with her 2,500 miles of well-developed coast, was effectively in the centre of modern civilisation and even surpassed the Soviet Union in trading convenience.

Nautilus

To Sir Barnes, therefore, the obvious way for Bri-

tain to once more rule the waves is to travel beneath them. He has in mind the legendary North West passage which, he believes, was found by the atomic sub. "Nautilus" when it went through the Bering Straits and under the North Pole. He proposes an enormous cargo submarine which can travel half way round the world at a depth of over 5,000 feet. You can forget about nuclear power too—his vessel carries liquid oxygen, liquid carbon dioxide and a methylene-based fuel which leaves you with a tank full of CO₂ at the end of your voyage which you "sell to Mr. Walls at 4s. a pound thereby recovering the cost of your entire trip!"

Air Power

The second half of the lecture was concerned with the problem of restoring

Britain's air supremacy. Answer: build a craft capable of reaching speeds of Mach 7 or 8 which would enable it to fly half-way round the world without refuelling. With the aid of a film and some lucid diagrams, Sir Barnes showed that the approach to this problem is through the development of his famous "Swing-Wing" concept.

Swing Wing

The sad story of the Government's short-sight and the Americans' subsequent cornering of his idea is well known, but Sir Barnes offered some consolation by marvelling at the Americans' ineptitude in trying to make swing-wing work "for lack of a single steel strut."

Fable

He finished his lecture with a poetic quotation about a knight who, wounded by the sword, lay and "bled awhile" only to rise revitalised and conquer anew. One wasn't sure whether he referred to England or himself—either would have been appropriate. One has a sneaking suspicion, however, that while England may ascend without Barnes Wallis—Barnes Wallis will never ascend without England!

I. C. CARR
I. N. QUARRINTON



The Colts transform Pie and Chips

FRESHERS' HOP

The Freshers' Hop turned out to be for most people a peaceful and enjoyable event. The attendance was put at over 900, of which only a minute proportion, or so it seemed, were of the fairer sex. The noise to which the Union building walls and some of the people shook was provided by three groups: the Sweet from Edmonton, the Bananas from Coventry and the Colts from Barking. There was no general agreement as to which group was the best. Perhaps of interest, though, was the fact that this was the first professional engagement of the Sweet, who

in the near future are to record an L.P. and single for release in the USA and Germany.

For the freshers, the hop came at the end of their hectic first week. Most of the males arrived hoping to get their hands on one of the rare birds. As the available talent was quickly booked most turned their energy from stalking the prey to pushing through the crush to the bar. Over the odd pint many decided to seek more lucrative pastures the following week; who can blame them? As for the female freshers, all I can say is: You lucky lot.

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HEATHEN THOUGHTS

— editorial

After RCSU's failures to elect a president in a seemly manner on two out of three occasions in the last two years, one hopes they will have more success this time. In particular, let's hope we see no more of the irregularities in the ballot which marred last summer's election causing one of the stormiest RCSU meetings for some time, the eventual withdrawal of the two candidates and the appointment of an acting president to steer the union through the summer.

However, despite the recent controversy surrounding their elections, RCSU has, in principle, by far a more democratic election procedure than has Imperial College Union. At least the former do hold a ballot of the whole union with ample opportunity for everyone to cast a vote. The election of the ICU president and secretary at a joint meeting of Council (a conglomeration of the retiring and incoming council members) is merely a convenient means of disenfranchising the bulk of union members. It is said that those who are on Council (and one must admit that council members are elected in the main from the student body) know better than anyone else who will or will not make the best available president, but, to my mind, the system effectively restricts the choice of president and secretary to those who have served on council in the past. This may ensure that all the candidates are experienced in Union affairs but it can cut out people with fresh ideas and those in touch with the "grass roots." However, much more important, now that the ideal of communication between council and the union floor is being freely bandied about, why not let everybody have a say in electing the two most important officers of the Union as well as having a say in the policies and activities of it. Last year, a motion to elect the ICU president from the whole union narrowly failed to achieve the required majority for it to become law. I hope that this very desirable change will soon come about.

Now, having said that everyone should have a vote in the presidential ballot. I hope as many as possible pack the concert hall tomorrow to exercise votes they do have at the ICU meeting. Important questions such as which charity we should support this year have to be answered. Register your opinion tomorrow.

Letters

R.C.S.U. Freshers Tea

We would like to express our concern at the parts we played in the fiasco which went under the name of RCS Freshers' Tea. We also condemn the organisers for their lack of foresight in allowing it to proceed as it did.

The organisation was totally uncoordinated: many freshers were unaware of the time and place; and when they arrived there was nothing prepared for them, few chairs, no teas and no union officials.

The accepted purpose of the Freshers' Tea is to introduce the Union. It would therefore be infinitely preferable if all committee members attended and adequate guidelines for the tone of the affair were laid down, so that a balanced and coherent picture of the union's functions could be gained.

A second year girl not only found it extremely embarrassing, but also said, "... Most fresher girls who have seen that fiasco will never want to have anything to do with R.C.S. again!"

Perhaps in the future the following ideas could be considered; the appointment of a capable organiser; the consideration of likely female reactions; and sensible timing to avoid clashing with refectory hours.

We sincerely hope that during the rest of the year the union will make a definite effort to reverse this initial disastrous impression.

A.D.MORRIS, M.G.LAMBERT,
Miss J.HARRISIN, J.CRILEY
G.WALTON, P.LEE, Miss L.D.
STEAR, A.BROOKS

For space reasons, this letter has been edited.

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Dear Sir,

The letter of complaint concerning the R.C.S.U. Freshers' Tea, states that some of the people present were embarrassed by the sketches presented. If this was so, then I apologise to them.

Since the tea, the Union General Committee discussed the format of the event, and proposals by that Committee have been presented for discussion before a Union Meeting.

I would point out to the signatories of the letter that a Union Meeting is in fact the best place to air their views. Debate via this column is technically difficult to pursue to any conclusion and Felix reporters are capable of supplying any critical assessment of college events that is necessary.

J. J. WARREN,
Acting President, R.C.S.U.

CHARITIES

Unmarried Mothers

If the National Council is allowed to collapse, the situation for unmarried mothers will become even worse. They will have lost an active welfare organisation to turn to in need and a militant pressure group that fights for their rights. Until we live in a society in which everyone is so educated and responsible that there are no unwanted children, it is essential that the work of the fifty-year-old National Council should continue.

One in thirteen of all

children born in England and Wales is illegitimate, and one out of six unmarried mothers goes into a Mother and Baby home to have her child, afraid of the hostility and intolerance she is likely to meet in the outside world. The National Council for the Unmarried Mother and her Child makes these facts known to the public by its work, and recently announced that unless £12,000 is produced immediately it will have to close down.

Multiple Sclerosis

Multiple (Disseminated) Sclerosis is a progressive, degenerative disease, causing paralysis and pain generally throughout the body, by damaging the central nervous system, in unpredictable stages. Either alone, or in combination with various intercurrent infection, the results are ultimately fatal.

About 1 in 1100 persons in this country will, by present statistical evidence, become victims of this disease. The number of deaths, each year in Great Britain, caused by Multiple Sclerosis and its complications is more than 1500.

Mainly, the disease affects younger people between mid-teens and 45 years of age, tragically interfering with a person's ability to carry on working, to provide for his or herself or dependants. Owing to the lack of knowledge relating to its mysterious pathological mechanisms, there is no specific alleviation with means to halt, or to retard the advance of the disease.

The work of the Multiple Sclerosis Research Fund Ltd. is in the financing and extension of Medical Research on the disease.

Wellsoc

Dear Sir,

The first meeting of the H. G. Wells Society on October 7th, was, I feel, an unqualified success both for Sir Barnes Wallis and the Society.

The evening was only marred by our inability to accommodate everyone—a fact which I personally and the Committee deeply regret. It is on their behalf, therefore, that I want to extend our sincere apologies—particularly to those paid-up members who were turned away. In the past we have used closed-circuit T.V. to extend the first lecture to just a few more, but this year none was available and we were limited by the capacity of the lecture theatre.

We hope this will not recur but in case it does, I would urge members and non-members alike to arrive before 7.15 p.m., this being the only way to ensure a seat.

With thanks to all those who comprised a most responsive audience.

Yours sincerely,
JOHN C. SPENCE,
Chairman Wellsoc.

Shelter

Shelter is a rescue operation for Britain's homeless families. It is a movement of people all over the country who are facing up to the reality of an emergency situation and the reality is that our housing problem will not be overcome for at least ten years. Protests will not alter that, but involvement can.

A representative committee distributes the money raised by Shelter to highly efficient voluntary housing associations working in our worst hit housing areas.

These non-profit making groups buy houses, improve them, convert them into good, simple homes and let them at rents that those in

most urgent need can afford.

Housing associations can borrow between five and eight times the gift money that shelter raises and save a large, and precious, part of the existing housing stock. Gift money is essential, for the borrowed capital is repayed from rents: the more you borrow, the higher the rents and, if you borrow 100 per cent, then the rents you need to charge cannot be paid by the most desperate families.

Shelter can bring homes and happiness to thousands of families at present struggling against disintegration and breakup, in appalling slums.

World Wildlife Fund

The World Wildlife Fund is an international charitable foundation devoted to the concept that conservation is for the benefit of man. At one end of its scale of activities it is trying to save certain animal and plant species from extinction; at the other end it extends over the whole intricate relationship between water, soil, plants, animals and man himself—the ecological web.

The object of the WWF is to keep alive as many as possible of the different kinds of birds, beasts and plants which have hitherto shared this planet with us. In this context "wildlife" includes anything which is alive and wild and the aim of the WWF is to perpetuate, for the enjoyment of

people, as much as possible of the natural world, which is an essential part of our human environment. If this object fails, many species will become extinct as a direct result of man's activities; many unique wild places will disappear for ever.

If the WWF is selected for I.C. Carnival Charity this year, the money collected will go to help purchase an island in the Seychelles. This island would be used as a research station investigating various phenomena affecting man and his environment. It is hoped that the Biological Departments of I.C. could participate in this Research Station.

Mealy Hypocrite?

Sir,

Just what does RCS Vice-President Javad "Adolf" Hashteroudian reckon he got for his £35 10s. 0d.? What does he think he has achieved? What does Felix intend by making the whole pointless affair front page news?

There has recently been a disaster in Persia, perhaps we could hear about Mr. Hashteroudian's work to alleviate the resulting suffering there.

You say in your editorial that you can't help thinking that the social service OSS undertakes does more immediate good than a score of demonstrations on Vietnam. Why then headlines for Hashteroudian and page 8 for OSS in the first (Freshman) issue of Felix this year?

Won't the freshmen think that you are a mealy mouthed hypocrite editing an irresponsible rag?

BILL THORNLEY

WHO FOR R.C.S.U.?

Pete Dolwin or Gwyn Hughes

Pete Dolwin is a third year Physics undergraduate who has been extremely active around the college in his two years here, some of the more responsible posts that he has held being Union Projectionist, Physics department rep to RCSU, assistant librarian at the Haldane and secretary of the external affairs committee of ICU.

Recently he has been negotiating as ICU representative to Maria Assumpta over the affiliation of some of the IC clubs with those at M.A.

As Physics department rep. last year he threw himself enthusiastically into Union affairs, and got to know exactly what the task of being President means. He has seen many faults arise in RCSU during that time—the split that emerged between the president and vice-president, the breakdown of communications between the union and its members and the rise in presidential power. He intends to rectify all these faults.

(i) Adolf, RCS vice-president, is proposing him—symbolic of his feelings about team co-operation.

(ii) He advocates the formation of an RCS broadsheet published alternately with FELIX, coupled with the continuation of the informal meetings with year reps and “at home” evenings when the officers will hold an informal session with coffee when any member can easily make direct suggestions for discussion.

(iii) Pete believes team spirit to be the basis of RCS and is against personality cults. The attitude of the President should be to appreciate the trust placed in him by the union not “I am the President.” Also any president at the end of his office should stand trial as to how well he had carried out his electoral promises.

Pete says that his other policies are:—

(1) Continued concentration on academic affairs and staff-student relations, where IC is probably the most advanced college in the country.

(2) Meet-the-Committee parties to be held this year for the first time similar to that held in maths last year.

(3) To visit each department regularly to get grassroots opinions for policies and comment. Also to hold regular hours in the President's room where the president can definitely be found willing to meet any member of RCSU.

(4) To improve communications between the various committees of RCSU, particularly to attend Ents meetings and assure a wider distribution of minutes.

(5) To streamline the union meetings and to have more interesting debates.

(6) To run elections for next years officers in March to escape the “exam twilight.”

His main interest is in staff-student relations, and here he feels very qualified for he is on a first, and is sure that because of this the academic staff talk to him and listen to what he has to say. He appreciates that much work has been done in this direction, but thinks that there is still much room for improvement in certain depts.

In other fields Gwyn has many ideas. He wants to streamline the year rep system by having more personal contact between year reps and union officers. Carnival too should be better organised by having greater co-ordination between Department reps so that, for instance, when out collecting, one department does not depend on an area only to find that another department has been there two minutes previously. Another of his ideas is that R.C.S. should not concentrate so many of their activities in the summer term as at present.

Gwyn is ordinary

When the nominations for R.C.S.U. President were first put up there was great consternation among the establishment that there was no willing and obvious candidate. Then in the Maths Department appeared Gwyn Hughes on the nomination sheets, and people began to ask “Who's Hughes?”

Well Gwyn is an ordinary member of the union. For the past two years he has been a member of several I.C. Clubs and has helped when asked by Dept Reps.

This is not a very great claim to fame, but it is necessary for a good President to have been active in union politics? “No,” says Gwyn, “Because the majority of union members are not up with union politics, which are all too often rather involved with procedure and get a little dull. A President who has not been too involved with union politics would be more representative of R.C.S. opinion.” Obviously a so-called “grass roots” candidate is going to produce fresher ideas than someone who has been submerged in union politics all his college life.

Duplication between IC and RCS

One of the problems in such a large college as I.C. is that there is duplication of effort between I.C. and the constituent colleges. Gwyn would like to see much sharper distinctions drawn between these organisations.

Gwyn Hughes is a friendly person and promises that if elected he will not forget that he used to be an average union member and that they have just as much to say, and are just as important as anyone else.

COLCUTT

The Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost are, as all church-going people will tell you, God. If I understand this doctrine properly all three are God, each in his own right, none more powerful than the other, each separate and distinct and yet together they form a God who is more powerful than the others.

I.C.U., as we all know, consists of three constituent colleges. All these have a union, each in their own right, none really more powerful than the other, each separate and distinct and yet together they form I.C.U. Here lies the difference, I.C.U. is not as powerful as each of them. This is not God we are talking about and I.C.U. is no spiritual power. In fact I.C.U. has little power of any kind. No matter what the constituent college pundits say the strength that could be I.C.U.'s suffers badly due to the existence of these three bodies.

What are the arguments put forward for their retention? In the past they have been emotional and fierce but basically they are weak and unconvincing when viewed impartially. The problems of the scientist, miner and engineer are different we are told. What a lot of crap that is! Intercollegiate rivalry promotes a feeling of belonging in the fresher we are told, why not rivalry between I.C. and the other London colleges to replace that? There are many colleges and universities larger than I.C. which manage to survive and give the students a sense of belonging without this ridiculous system.

The fresher is brainwashed into the constituent college system right from the first day but for many that is the first time they have heard of the constituent colleges. They came to Imperial College not the Royal College of Science or whatever and it is time that people realised that when they have left all that will matter is that they have been to I.C., and not that they have been to C. & G.

In short the constituent colleges exist to provide any opportunity for those amongst us that have not grown up to demonstrate their immaturity under the guise of organised “sport.”

They provide opportunities for irresponsible drunkenness, nudism and hooliganism, and it is time it was stopped! It is time that the stranglehold they have on I.C.U. was broken. Perhaps the arrival of the Architectural Association and the influx of a crowd who have not been imbued into the system and the basic rethinking in union structure that will be required will provide the impetus for the removal of these millstones round I.C.U.

A few closing remarks. Would the President of C. & G. stop going round muttering a nasty five-letter word that rhymes with Steer (he really isn't), or someone might go round muttering a nasty five-letter word that rhymes with Corr.

Colcutt wishes Pam “Horrors” Horrocks a slightly belated happy birthday, though from what I saw staggering from the bar it wasn't.

And by the way, why was the President of Mines seen entering the clinic for Unmarried Mothers accompanied by two female members of the executive. I suppose it is better than bigamy anyway

FLOOR REPS FOR SALE

Communication between the college and “Them,” the Union council, failed last year. This year's floor reps are determined to change this—they are elected to change this—they are elected specifically to hear your complaints, cries for help and questions on all matters and to pass them on to Council.

Surgeries

flopped

Last year “Surgeries” were held which flopped utterly for two reasons:

- (1) They were not publicised.
- (2) They were “surgeries” rather than discussions.

The floor reps want to listen to you and will be available twice weekly for communication with any union member. They will be waiting to meet you or listen to you:—

Every Friday lunchtime:

2 Floor reps in Upper Lounge, Southside—just above the TV.

Every Monday lunchtime:

2 Floor reps in Lower Lounge Union—beside ICWA bar.

Your Floor Reps

The floor reps at present are:—

George Assimakis, Physics 3, Selkirk 666.

Lilas Campion, Mines 3, Beit 103.

Piers Corbyn, Physics PG, Tizard 621.

Dave Foster, Civil 3, Linstead 622.

Vinod Garga, Civil PG, Linstead 526.

And one other to be elected at the Union meeting on Thursday.

Piers (Crowface) Corbyn says he is ready to do anything (!!!) on your behalf. Why not take him up on it?

A Swinging Coffee Bar?

The Coffee Bar has been operating since the beginning of this term during the week from 7.30 p.m. to 10.30 p.m. and will continue until the end of October. This was the trial period set to estimate the need for such a place. To continue Mr. Mooney requires a daily income of £10, so far the income has only averaged about £8-£10 per day.

The possibilities of opening a Coffee Bar in a more suitable location with an appropriate atmosphere, background music and subtle lighting are very real if the need for such a place can be proved. The cellars beneath Garden Hall were put forward as the ideal location but have been disallowed by the authorities.

The present Coffee Bar is unattractive, too brightly lit, and conversation is drowned by noise from the

bar. In spite of these distractions it is up to you to frequent it for the next two weeks so Mr. Mooney can be persuaded, against his apparent prejudices, to open a swinging Coffee Bar more in keeping with student traditions. The chance to add to IC an alternative meeting place from the usual bars filled with rowdy beer swilling peasants must not be lost.

Engagement

The Soc Soc and Comm Soc are jointly bringing out a monthly bulletin: Imperial College Socialist. Contributors (articles about 1000 words) and sellers are urgently needed. Price is 2d. or 6d. for the first three issues post free. Contact the Editors: Pete Breeze, Maths II Soc Soc; Frank Okoh, Mines III Comm Soc.

Cartoonists

The Observer is running a cartoon contest for students. Three cartoons, one each on home affairs and a public figure with the third a free choice, and entries to be in by 25th November. Details from The Observer, 160 Queen Victoria St., E.C.4.

Globe-trotting?

Did you go to South America this summer? Or India, or anywhere far away? If so, FELIX would like to hear from you, for a feature we're preparing. Contact us through the Union letter rack, please, especially if you made South America.

The Bookshop stocks everything (well....nearly) you may need

WHAT'S ON

THURSDAY

Wellsoc. Education in 2000 A.D., by Mr. John Wren-Lewis, 7.30. Elec. Eng. 408.

Go Club. Playing session, 8 p.m. Southside Upper Lounge.

Scout and Guide Club. Gliding. An illustrated talk, 12.30, Room 303 Mines.

General Studies. The Second World War: The second talk by Brigadier Peter Young, Reader in Military History, Royal Military Academy, Sandhurst, on land warfare, at 1.30.

I.C.U. General meeting, 1 p.m. Concert Hall.

SATURDAY

I.C. Hop. 8 p.m. in Union Hall, dancing and mind blowing to the PINK FLOYD.

SUNDAY

Jazz and Folk Evening. I.C. artists entertain for free. Begins around 8

MONDAY

Wellsoc. Topology, by Mr. J. M. Reeve, 7.30 p.m. Mech. Eng. 220.

Christian Union. What makes a Christian? 1.10 Mech. Eng. 542. Speaker to be announced. Sandwiches are available.

TUESDAY

Railway Society. Yugoslavia for Railfans. By Mr. T. A. Wyatt, 5.40 p.m. Elec. Eng. 1206.

Maths. and Phys. Soc. Pulsating Radio Sources. By Dr. J. Pilkington.

I.C. Choir. Every Tuesday, 5.30 p.m. in Mech. Eng. 342. No auditions, vacancies in all parts.

Go Club. Playing session 8 p.m. Southside Upper Lounge.

General Studies. Belief and Depth Psychology. I: Depth Psychology and the understanding of man. By Christopher Bryant, SSJE, at 1.30 p.m. Career Patterns in British Industry, by J. E. V. Tyzack, Chairman, John Tyzack and Partners, Management Consultants, at 1.30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

Folk Club. Johnny Silvo. Upper Union Refectory, 7.30 p.m.

THURSDAY

I.C. Commemoration Day. 2.30 p.m. Royal Albert Hall. Tickets free.

Go Club. Playing session, 8 p.m. Southside Upper Lounge.

Scout and Guide Club. An illustrated talk on this year's club expedition to Norway. 12.30 p.m. Room 303 Mines.

FRIDAY

I.R.C. Senior Common Room Union Building. Lawrence Whitehead, Fellow of St. Anthony's College, Oxford. "The Guerilla Movement in Latin America", Films, etc.

MONDAY

Wellsoc. Oceanography—Will it supercede the space race? By Dr. T. Gaskell. 7.30 p.m. Elec. Eng. 408.

TUESDAY

General Studies. Belief and Depth Psychology. II—Depth psychology and the experience of God. The second talk by Christopher Bryant, S.S.J.E., at 1.30 p.m.

The American Presidential Elections, by Duncan Mclean, arranged by I.C. Political Societies Council. At 1.30.

Music and Ideology. II—The Church, by Otto Karolyi. At 1.30.

Historical Documentary Film. The Life of Lenin. 6 p.m. Chem. Engl. Lecture Theatre I.



B.B.C. camera crew filming in Physics for the introduction to their 'Horizon' series.

ALSO

FELIX press meetings are held every Tuesday and Thursday in the press room at 12.45 p.m. Anyone who can hold a pen is bound to find a post on FELIX's staff.

General Studies. Every Thursday at 1.30 p.m. in the library of 53 Prince's Gate, a concert is given by visiting professionals and advanced students of music.

Would any society wishing to advertise coming events in "WHAT'S ON," please send particulars, via Union letter rack, giving at least a fortnight's notice, if possible.

SMALL ADS

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IMPERIAL COLLEGE COMMEMORATION DAY

Thurs. 24 Oct.

Royal Albert Hall

2.30 p.m.

R.C.S. on show

Tickets FREE

Commemoration Day celebrates the visit to the College in 1945 of the late King George VI, accompanied by Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother—now Chancellor of the University of London—at the centenary of the Royal College of Chemistry, the oldest forerunner of the Imperial College.

This year's celebration will be held on Thursday, 24th October, in the Royal Albert Hall, at 2.30 p.m. The special visitor will be Sir Denning Pearson, JP, DR ING, EH, Hon DSc, BSc(Eng), C ENG, WH SC, Hon FRAeS, MIMECH E, MIPRODEN, MBIM, Fellow of Imperial College, Chief Executive and Deputy Chairman of Rolls Royce Ltd.

Before the ceremony an interdenominational church service will be held in Holy Trinity Church, Prince Consort Road; the preacher will be The Rt. Rev. E. R. Wickham BD, Lord Bishop Suffragan of Middleton.

After the ceremony, the buildings of the Royal College of Science will be on view to visitors.

Tea for present students will be in the College Buildings and tickets can be obtained free from the Union Office.

INT HAPPENINGS IN ENTS

The Entertainments Committee must be congratulated for the way they managed last year to provide groups and ideas which were widely appreciated within the College. Also they made a large profit for the first time in years. At the end of the first term last year the committee were £500 in debt; within four months this became a £1,000 profit. This was entirely due to the highly imaginative hard work and enthusiasm of Pete Nicolls, who, sadly at the cost of his college place, revolutionised the ideas behind college entertainments.

Good Attractions

He managed to overcome the usual committee red tape and acting as booking manager was able to book bigger and more attractive groups than had ever been done before. He showed that with good publicity and hard work, despite the risks involved, large profits can

be made even with the limited facilities at College. With amazing foresight he booked Joe Cocker and Spooky Tooth, who only weeks afterwards became much sought after performers. His Traffic concert was a huge success. Among the many new ideas he injected into Ents was that of holding Friday night concerts. The main reason why Pete Nicolls was so

successful was that he had contacts within the pop industry (he is now road manager for Joe Cocker) and also he was not afraid to follow his ideas through to their conclusion.

This Years Chairman

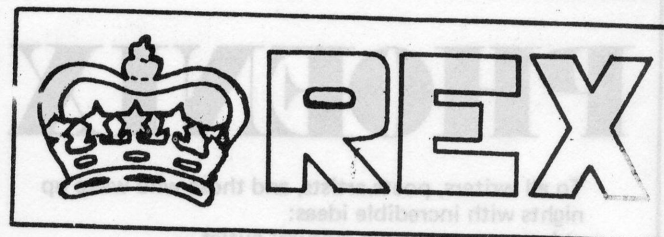
Not surprisingly, Pete Nicholls was to be this year's Chairman, replacing Keith Guy who held the post last year. It is surprising, however, that ideas formulated and agreed on last year are being disbanded, especially the idea of Friday night concerts which I understand the acting Chairman (the post is still officially vacant) Keith Guy is not in favour of this year. Surely Ents should continue in the same way as last year, providing originality as well as the usual £15 groups that grace the Union on most Saturday nights.

I think that new blood should be infused as much

as possible into an organisation such as Ents which thrives only on new ideas and different approaches. It would be beneficial to Ents if they elected a new Chairman and let Keith Guy either rise to join his friends in the Union hierarchy or take the job of Ents treasurer. I understand he would get a lot of support if he chose the latter.

Serious Outcome

There are few things as boring as college politics but, whatever the outcome of the pending elections for the post of chairman, Ents who have always been plagued by friction within (there was a strong move last year to oust Keith Guy from his post) and harsh criticism from all sections of the college community, should settle down and produce Entertainments which are appreciated. They managed to do it last year. MARTIN FAIRCLOUGH



The first subject I would like to deal with in this issue is money or, to be more exact, Union finance. Last year, out of our total income of about £21,000 nearly £15,000 was in the form of Union fees. These fees are included in the College fee, which means that for most of you they are paid by the body that pays your grant. The fee has been four pounds for many years and is one of the lowest of any college or university in the country. For as long as I can remember, people have been talking about our fees going up and now at long last it has happened.

College fees have gone up by two pounds a head, as you will have seen in a letter the Registrar sent to all students. Of this, the Union is to get 30s. Because the Governors had been unable to negotiate a fee increase for us until now, they have provided the money to meet our losses for the past few years. This extra finance was about £3,000 last year and a total of £4,300; the other 10s. of the fee increase will be used to pay this total back to the governors and then the Union will receive the extra 10s. as well.

This means that we shall now be able to start to put money back into the Union reserves, which will be needed for the eventual refurbishing of the Union areas in Southside and for the furnishing of College Block.

Even so, we should have some money left over and the expansion of Union activities, which of necessity has been slowed down of recent years, may now have more chance to go ahead.

EVENING COFFEE

Last year a scheme was concocted by the Overseas Students Committee and by the Welfare Committee for a Coffee Bar, run in the evenings. Everyone seemed to have a different idea about where it should be, ranging from cellars on North Side, Princes Gardens, to the old Snack Bar in Beit, which will close when the new facilities open in College Block. Eventually Southside Snack bar and Upper Lounge was agreed on, as at least the temporary home, and it has been opened for a trial period of one month. If it is a success, then it will carry on and perhaps even move to a better home. So if you don't drink or don't feel like drinking, or just fancy a snack in the evening, then try Southside Coffee Bar, open from 7 p.m. to 10.30 p.m.

LODGINGS BUREAU

Some people prefer being in London, some don't, but almost all agree that finding somewhere to live is still the biggest problem. In the past, the London University Lodgings Bureau has been unable to provide very much accommodation in the area of IC, or very much in the form of flats or bedsitters. This has cut down their use to a lot of IC students. Now a West London Branch is being started up and it is hoped to install it on the ground floor of 8 Princes Gardens around the end of November or the beginning of December. I hope that this new service will be able to spread its wings and deal with local accommodation as well as digs in the outer areas like Putney or Wimbledon.

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THEY TELL ME ...

STUDENT HOUSES

Dave Harris tells me that the complex business of moving into Student Houses is being mastered. When I spoke to him, furniture was still arriving and something was about to be done towards removing the dirt left in the rooms by the builders—and the previous occupants.

Lack of Amenities

However, the complaints still roll in about lack of cooking and other amenities, furniture and inadequate toilet facilities. There are about five bogs and baths for 60 and a third of the rooms have wash-basins. The real problem, ICU secretary Harris and his lads agree, is the ground-floor and basement, where one wash-basin is meant to serve them all.

Rise in Hall rents?

It's clear that something must be done about selling Student Houses to next year's potential applicants. Harris agrees that a major difficulty in attracting students of the right calibre from the lure of the well-

appointed and convenient Halls is the unfavourable comparison of Hall and Student House rents. As the College refuses to subsidise the latter, it could be that Hall rents will have to rise.

Second House Scandal

But the biggest scandal concerns the unfortunate would-be residents of the second Student House. The student-warden, Ian Wells, wrote on 21st August to tell his prospective residents that they couldn't move in at the beginning of term and they would have to find alternative accommodation through U.L.U. lodgings bureau. Naturally, the accommodation they did find at such short notice left much to be desired. Dave Harris has fitted as many as possible into his house and if he'd known earlier, space might have been found for more.

Previous Warning

However, the real surprise, is that Ray Phillips, last year's President, realised last June that the second house wouldn't be ready until Christmas. Harris knew too, and placed the bottom 16 successful applicants on the waiting list—so the people nominated by the Halls for the second house

wouldn't lose both a Hall and a House place. Miss Burns in the Halls of Residence Office says that everyone who went to Union General Meetings knew.

Building Tricks

Former Mines' President, Wells, told me that the places in his house should never have been allocated, but also blamed the college authorities and especially the builders. Apparently it's a favourite trick in the building business never to give a date when the work will be finished, and Wells had to badger the Clerk of Works on the site, for his information.

Which leaves our poor putative residents wondering where to go next knowing that somewhere "someone" has blundered.

DROP OUTS

Failure rate is something that concerns us all and it's good to see the College taking an interest. A sub-committee of the Medical Services Committee started by studying the medical aspects of certain cases of failure, and the registry now informs Rob Collinge's ICU welfare Committee that they are broadening their scope. This summer the University Grants Committee reported that only 9 per cent of Arts students failed, but the figures for scientists and engineers were much higher—14 and 22 per cent respectively. The well known higher failure rate of Wo-

men at I.C. is apparently peculiar to science and technology, although more women leave without degrees for what the report terms "other reasons." The failure rate for overseas students is also higher than for home students.

No figures are yet available, despite promises from the College that they would be, to compare this year's I.C. failure rate with last. Physics 2, however, regards losing about 20 members over the summer as "usual."

Chris Parker

They tell me that Chris Parker (known to his enemies as C3) fears an anti-candidate will be found to keep him off council. To many, the spectacle would be rather ironic; after all an anti-candidate against the right would leave them rather hoist with their own petard.

Spike Bantin

All Southside seems certain that popular Spike Bantin is the favourite for the Halls rep. vacancy on council. If Spike has his way, it could be the last time the rep. is elected by the Halls' in-crowd and he plans too a big shake-up in Halls selection procedures. There is a touch of irony here, too, because Spike could well find his way onto Council through the failure to return of Dick James, his proposer for floor rep. in his unsuccessful bid to get onto Council 1st June. Which all seems only fair to those who felt the well-known antipathy between James and ICU cost Bantin that election.

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PARKING SPACE ALLOCATION

All student car parking spaces for this year have now been allocated and several people have been into the Union office with queries and complaints about the fairness of the allocation.

The method of selection used was to have 8 people read through every single form (the 6 members of the Exec. plus the Halls Rep on Council and the Council Rep on the Parking Committee) and the committee's decision is final. Each committee member awarded a

mark to each application according to the circumstances of the application (distance from the tube station, whether they had to bring their wives in, etc.) and those with the highest total of marks were allocated a parking space. Those left over have been put on a reserve list and will be given spaces if vacancies occur.

Apology

In the last issue of FELIX it was incorrectly stated in the profile of Jane Pearson that she topped the pool in the election of the Floor Reps, when in fact Vinod Garga did so, and FELIX apologises to Jane and Vinod for this error

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NO FUTURE FOR FRESHERS

Rousing music and a procession, headed by the benign figure, resplendent in whiskers and gown, of "C-squared" Parker, Chairman of Debates, heralded the opening of the Freshers Debating Competition.

Freshmen competed for the "Freshman Debater of the Year Tankard" which was to be inscribed with the winner's name and retained for his personal use in the Southside or Union Bar.

Mike Edwards proposed the motion that "This House sees no Future for Freshmen," painting a very gloomy future for freshers. It consisted of taking endless exams, filling in numerous forms and it was cut short by the bomb.

loving future

Rex Lowin opposed the motion. His message was "you've never had it so good" or rather "you've never had the Union so good."

The freshmen then took over. Opinions on the future of freshers differed greatly. Mr. Eden (Maths I.) was so absorbed with the present (he had joined 12 societies on Freshers Day) that he saw no future and did not wish to.

Mr. Asi Sing Bama, on the other hand described the future as "loving, charming and pleasing." He saw vast opportunities for scientist-freshers to improve the World. So far, he said, Science had produced bombs and starvation.

freshers are out

An extremely witty speech for the motion was given by Penny Clark. She began by stating that this year, freshers were definitely out and she pointed out that Hornsey had given them up. She went on to predict the fates of this year's freshers. These ranged from falling off mountains to getting thrown

out of hall or digs and having to walk the embankment. To the relief of the participants Miss Clark did not qualify for the tankard, as she was not a fresher.

A speech which, although not polished enough to win the Tankard, was much appreciated by the audience, was that given by N. de Klerk (Physics D). He arrested the attention of the house by beginning "Cripes if this debate doesn't remind me of an abo's Loin Cloth" He produced an impressive list of statistics on the mental health of students, in reply to a point brought up by a previous speaker. Mr. de Klerk saw no real difference between the future and the past and therefore found the motion meaningless, calling on the house to abstain.

Mr. Weightman (Mining Geology) gave perhaps the most entertaining speech, or should I say ovation. With hand raised, he proclaimed that he had come to the conclusion that C-squared was God. Mr. Weightman saw a glowing future for freshers and gave a warning to the older members of the House; "watch out you old lags we freshers are on the horizon."

joint winners

After 1½ hours the motion was lost by 52 votes to 18, with 18 abstentions. The judges decided to make Mr. Eden and Mr. Weightman joint winners and the house voted that both names should be inscribed on the Tankard.

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THE BARROW POETS



The incredible Bass Cato-fiddle

In recent years the Barrow Poets have made a large contribution to the changed image of poetry. The name Barrow Poets was first used by a group of London University students who having been refused a licence to sell poems from a barrow (hence the name), decided instead to recite the same poems in London pubs. This was back in 1951, and for the next nine years the group continued as a loose association of people, no attempt being made to organise a professional grouping. In 1960 Susan Baker was elected chairman of the Barrow Poets of that time, and it was from this point that things began to move.

Throughout the years from 1960 to the present, the group has been increasingly in demand at Festivals, in colleges and schools, and has also made appearances on television. The present group of six (Gerard Benson did not appear at I.C.) have been together for five years, reciting having become a full-time occupation for all but Gerard Benson, who retains a teaching post at the Central School of Speech and Drama.

Despite their increasing demand in more cultured places, the Barrow Poets still like to continue their performances in pubs, and are at present doing a season of Thursday night recitals at the "Sir Christopher Wren," which finishes just prior to their December tour of America. Since they have been resident at this one pub, they have detected a change in the audience, which has changed from being predominantly student and aesthetic, to one containing in the words of Susan Baker, "people with money to spend."

The group get a grant from the Arts Council to allow them to commission poems from such well known writers as Robert Graves, A. P. Herbert, George MacBeth and Roger McGough. They are also supported by Guinness, who are at present running the Barrow Poets advertisement in the Piccadilly Circus newsreel.

What then is the secret of their success? How have they been able to create a completely new atmosphere in which poetry can be enjoyed as another form of entertainment, rather than being left for centuries to gather dust on shelves. Part of the answer is their choice of material; their poems tend to be predominantly contemporary, and the current trend is one of poems on personal relationships and problems, their recitals have something of relevance to the everyday lives of their audiences. There is also something in the way that they arrange their programmes, intermingling short groups of poems with pieces of music (after played on such weird sounding instruments as the muscle-in or the bass catofiddle). The complete answer is not found however until one includes the actual recitation of the poems. It is the intensity with which they speak each line, the real meaning they give each word which finally makes poetry come alive.

RECENT FILM REVIEW

This is the first of what is to become a regular series of film reviews by JOHN SPENCE. Our aim in these articles is to bring your to attention films that are comparatively little publicised, or those of particular interest to us as students or as scientists. We are not setting up as rivals to the daily press! John Spence is President of the H. G. Wells Society.

It looks like it's going to be a great season for films! New ones are being premiered weekly and there's a lot of interesting stuff on the way. Before work started in earnest (and before my bank account turns red) I took the opportunity to see some films which I thought some Felix readers might be considering, so, if you haven't been looking too closely at the critics' columns, recently, or if you have but possess a short memory—this is for you!

The best of the three films I saw was "Rachel, Rachel" (Curzon, Z). In the celluloid jungle which is the film industry it can be of no comfort to those less successful to see a big name make it twice over. But Paul Newman—director and producer of the film—makes no apologies for doing just that. We all know about Newman's screen image of late—laconic, almost reticent, in action and work but displaying an eloquence of facial expression and nuance without which "Hombre" and "Luke" would't have come off, either as characters or films. To those who have seen his directing hand, however, it is apparent that these are features of the man himself, not just the image. Without restrained direction and many concessions to visual effect as the substitute for dialogue, "Rachel, Rachel" would have flopped. It doesn't and Mr. Newman can thank his wife's, Joanne Woodward, beautifully sensitive acting as much as he can congratulate himself.

Rachel is a school-teacher, a spinster—and a virgin. She's all these and 35 years besides and, having reached the zenith of her intellectual and sexual powers with no stimulation for the former or dissipation for the latter, she sees her descent to the nadir as frighteningly close. Her situation is made more desperate by her environment—a stupid and pious old mother and lesbian (great performance from Estelle Parsons—the hysterical Mrs. Barrow from "Bonnie and Clyde") for a best friend combine in the sultry smalltown where she lives to make life a misery and a breakthrough inevitable.

It happens when Nick, an old schoolmate, who is basically a lecherous farmer masquerading as a high-school teacher (which impresses Rachel) arrives on the scene showing something more than nostalgia in his attitude. Undaunted by Rachel's apparent uninterest in him—Nick persists and the seduction occurs in a field, he crude and she clumsy. The affair continues. For Rachel it's paradise—she spends whole nights, even a week, away from mother and, with an affection born from desire, falls madly in love with her man. To him, it's rather amusing until he realises what Rachel's need is leading to and lets himself out by way of a subterfuge.

In the last, and most moving part of the film, Rachel is sustained only by the thought, the hope, the prayer that she is pregnant. The woman's maternal instinct in her has always been as painful as the sexual one—an important fact conveyed in the film by her occasional flights of fancy where what she wants to do and what she ultimately does are in tragic contrast. An examination reveals her "baby" to be but a harmless cyst and for the first and only time in the film she cannot quell the tears. She has to go away and at the end of the film there is nothing to say—just a wondering if anything will improve.

A film which only perceptive and sensitive men could make, and in cameraman Gayne Rescher and screen playwright Stewart Stern Newman found two more to complete the trio. I'll never know why he picked Margaret Laurence's obscure little story but, having done so, it's to his credit and our benefit that he made of it a very significant film.

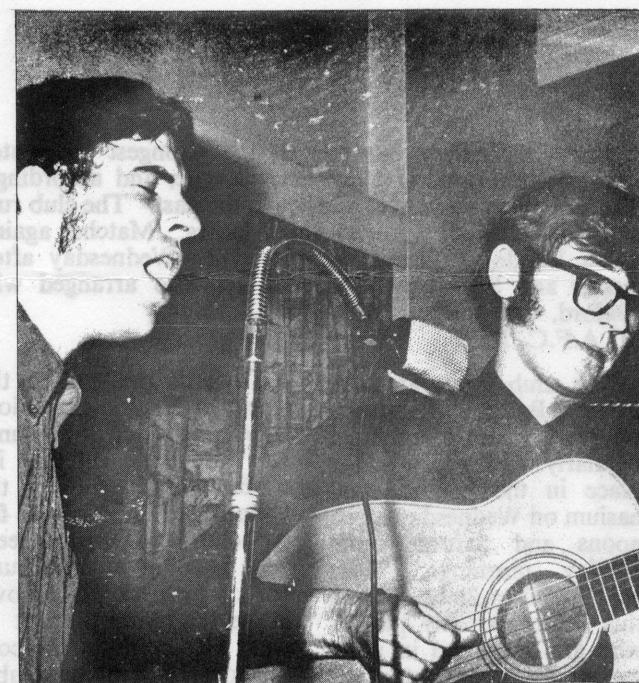
In somewhat lighter vein is Dudley Moore's new film: "30 is a dangerous age, Cynthia." Rupert Street (Dud.) is a night club pianist who is quite distraught at the fact that, approaching 30, he is neither married nor in any position to call his career a success. He resolves to make amends on both scores in the space of six weeks so sets out to write a musical and get off with the girl in the next flat (Suzy Kendall).

Dud himself scripted, though, and, with the able help of director Joe McGrath, the film is at times very funny. Indeed Dudley Moore as a funny little man with some funny voices is not a completely hopeless quest because that is precisely what Dudley Moore is—with a lot of musical talent thrown in of course. But in the straight scenes its no go and, sad to say, Suzy Kendall doesn't quite make it either—a disappointing fact when you recall what she rose to in "Penthouse" and "Up the Junction."

It's a chance to see Dudley Moore in colour, though, so if you can't wait for it to reach the suburbs go along to the Prince Charles cinema and have a giggle!

JOHN SPENCE.

I.C. FOLK CLUB MEETING



The I.C. Folk Club held its first meeting of the year last Wednesday night, in the Union Upper Refectory. The club meets every fortnight and guests for the term will include Johnny Silvo, Louis Killen and Diz Disley. They also hope to get John Renbourne early in the Spring Term.

The club has flourished in recent years because of the high quality of both guest and resident artists. The first meeting suggests that this high level should be maintained this year. The "old residents," with some promising newcomers, provided ample support for the guests, Martin Carthy and Dave Swarbrick, whose repertoire includes both in instrumentals and traditional songs.

During their first set they played a variety of dances, jigs, reels, hornpipes, etc. In these Swarbrick took the lead, and his skill and control with both violin and

mandolin were very impressive. Of the songs sung by Carthy "John Barleycorn" and "Jack Orion" were well received. Here the accompaniment of Swarbrick supplemented the singing of Carthy to good effect.

The second set was less impressive, too many of the songs tended to be of the "ethnic gargle" variety. Towards the end, however, things improved and after a solo version of "Davey Louston" from Carthy, the duet finished the evening with a rousing round of reels.

VOLVO DAGBLAT.

concert

Fans will know, and everyone should know, that Cream's farewell concert is on November 26. Tickets, which will disappear rapidly, go on sale at the Albert Hall on October 31.

SPORTS NEWS

EDITORIAL

The I.C. sporting scene got off to a reasonably smooth start last week to the accompaniment of much rain, mud, injuries, and markedly better-cooked meals at Harlington. The smaller clubs are recruiting like mad, but, as yet, have had few matches to write about.

The larger clubs all had a full fixture list but, due to the weather, and hence ground conditions, the Hockey Club have yet to play.

There was an incredible scene at Harlington on Saturday. A soccer player with a dislocated knee had to be ousted from his stretcher so that an injured player could be accommodated. In all, five people went to hospital with concussion; a broken rib; a cracked wrist; the dislocated knee, and a broken collar bone. One trusts that this is not to be the weekly average!

The R.C.C. minibus can now be booked by all I.C. clubs; booking forms are available in the Union Office.

BADMINTON

Imperial College has one of the strongest badminton clubs in the London University League, and accordingly has had many successful seasons in the past. The club runs 5 teams—3 mens, 1 mixed and 1 ladies. Matches against other London Colleges are played on Wednesday afternoons and Saturdays; friendlies are also arranged with Oxford, Cambridge and Brighton.

IC A.F.C. Trials

The club plays at nine Elms Baths, Battersea, where two courts are hired regularly. Play also takes place in the Union Gymnasium on Wednesday afternoons and Saturday and Sunday mornings. This year's trials will be starting this week and any players who are interested in playing are asked to contact the Captain or Secretary c/o the Union rack.

Towards the end of the season a singles championship is held and the winner has his name suitably inscribed on a tankard in the Union Bar! Prospects for the club this season seem very good as a large number of freshers have shown interest; their support is most important to the continued success of the club.

ETON FIVES

The Eton Fives Club is one of the newest of the I.C. athletic clubs, and is in fact the only E.F. club in London University. The club has a useful nucleus of keen players and with a few freshers the team could improve considerably. We are hoping that the coming year will prove our most

successful yet. The club plays about a dozen matches spread out over the first two terms. We practise most Friday evenings usually at Westminster School courts. In addition other evenings can probably be arranged, if there is sufficient demand. In previous years pairs have been en-

WOMEN ONLY

Imperial College Women's Sports Club, known as ICW(I)SC runs athletics badminton, hockey, netball, squash, swimming, table tennis and tennis teams. Although all the captains have not yet had their trials we seem to be heading for another promising year.

The netball team is in the University of London Union 1st league and with a little more support may avoid relegation this season. The hockey team has much to live up to having won the U.L.U. Gifford Cup and the U.L.U. American tournament. We also joined with the men's club, to win the mixed hockey tournament. Mixed hockey, a very social game, is played on Sundays and people wishing to play should sign the notice placed conveniently near the Union Bar.

This year with the new pool we hope to get a swimming team off the ground and despite the squash courts not yet being ready we hope the team will again have a measure of success as the only ladies team in the league.

I.C.W.S.C. also has a keep fit class every Monday from 6.30 to 7.00 in the gym which any Icwarian can attend.

If you want more information or wish to join a team contact Joyce Butcher, President, via the Union Rack.

tered in the Kinniard Cup at Eton and the Midland Tournament in Birmingham, and we hope to do the same this year.

We try to make the club as much a social as an athletic club, most evenings ending at the local. Players of all standards are welcome to come along.

CROSS COUNTRY

This could be a successful year for the team. The influx of fresher enthusiasm has encouraged even some of the "old lags" to train, often at ungodly hours and places.

The 1st U.L. Trial was our initial competition and we fared well. Many of us were delighted to see (etc.) the Hampstead mud in excellent condition so early on in the season.

On the following day (Sunday) we trained at Border A.C. near Haslemere, Surrey, under the expert guidance of Bill Sykes, who allowed some of us to discover that orienteering is a subject I.C. doesn't adequately cater for. The session closed with a shattering relay. Plans regarding orienteering are germinating in fertile minds.

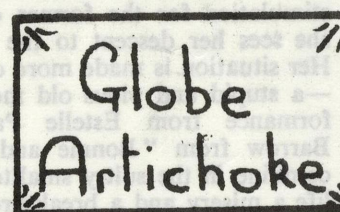
By publication, we will have run in the U.C. 6 x 2 mile relay, and also trained in Richmond Park.

ULU Trial

Next Saturday, October 19th, sees the 2nd U.L. Trial, which is also the 1st London League match. We aim to have at least 4 teams competing in this throughout the season, so all are welcome, especially freshers—who knows, you could make the U.L. or perhaps even the I.C. Team!

If you are interested in training with us, come to the Gym at 12.30 on Tuesdays or Thursdays.

BOB JENSEN.



1st. XV FALTER

I.C. 6 pts.
Reading U. 11 pts.

After a good opening burst, I.C. put in an inept performance at Harlington on Saturday. Half-time saw the score 6-0 to I.C., Pine having kicked two penalties. From then on, fighting into the wind and

and with the sun in their eyes, I.C.'s play deteriorated leaving large gaps in a strained defence. Reading deservedly scored a goal, a try and a penalty during this half and only a very sound display by Wilde at fullback, and devastatingly display tackling by Chapell kept the score down.



I.C. jump high for the ball

GOLF SCENE

Last year the "Tigers" in the Golf Club succeeded in pulling off some notable victories, the most important of which was the winning of the ULU Golf Championships with a winning 6-round total of 462 shots. The team's performance in Inter-Collegiate matches was not so good, last year's results being the poorest for several years, but with a good influx of Freshmen we hope to do considerably better this year.

This year sees the formation of a new Golf League

to which all the top golfing Colleges in the South East are affiliated; this league offers a good opportunity for IC since our best team would consist of six men with single figure handicaps

The ULU Golf Trials were held at Sandy Lodge G.C. on Wednesday 9th October. IC was strongly represented and at least three members were selected for one of the University's two teams.

I. A. DICK



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