



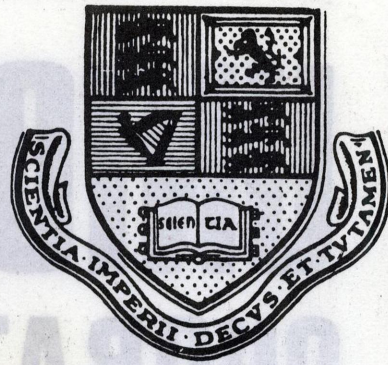
# FELIX

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## CHEM ENG THROWS UP

On Monday, 21st October, after their freshers' dinner in the Union Dining Hall, Chem. Eng. ran riot in the bar. Glasses and bottles were deliberately smashed, fireworks thrown, and there was trouble in the street afterwards.

Everything started when the gas supply to the beer kegs at the dinner failed and no one was able to obtain any more beer there. One of the Union barmen went up to correct the fault, but by this time a great number of the first and second year engineers had descended to the bar. The rest of the evening was spent getting horribly drunk in a huddle in a corner of the bar, and by about 10 p.m. a table had been kicked over and intense annoyance caused to other bar users. Fireworks were being thrown at people and glasses were being smashed at random. Several bottles were also thrown and broken, even though Steve Moffat, one of the barmen, warned the people concerned.

Next morning the cleaners found blood splattered in the toilet. About four dozen pint pots and several bottles littered the floor with broken glass.

Ken Garrett, the other barman, and Steve later said

that they were disgusted with what had happened. Even though they had asked C. & G. Union officers to quieten down the bar, the mob was so drunk that it took no notice. In future, if there is any similar trouble, the bar is liable to be closed immediately. The barmen, in consultation with the Duty officer, have a right to do this.

### Cars Smashed

To give credit to the Duty Officers that night and to the Guilds officials, everyone was cleared out of the Union immediately the bar closed, but further trouble occurred in the streets. People were seen hurling glasses at cars in Prince Consort Road. One fresher engineer was seen by police after jumping up and down on a mini in Prince's Gardens. Oddly enough, the police only treated his cut hand and then let him go.

## MINES LOSE A VIRGIN

### or whatever happened to baby davy?



After weeks of meticulous planning by RCS Mascot Committee, a hand-picked team carried out a lamp raid last Thursday week and made off with RSMU's hitherto virgin mascot. The Davy Lamp had been left in the Mines Union Office and it was the work of a few minutes for RCS to pick the lock with a penknife.

The first of a trail of clues was duly delivered to a Mines fresher dinner within 24 hours. It did not last, for they opened a can, marked "Open only in darkroom," in the middle of the dinner, thus destroying an undeveloped strip of film. Learning by their mistakes, they developed and fixed a duplicate clue which was given to them in a film cassette, only to find when the light was switched on that it was a message on a piece of cardboard. At the time of writing, Mines were concentrating on stealing Theta, the RCS mascot, rather than following the clues. Consequently, RCS were threatening to release the same clues to Guilds to make it a race for the lamp.

Guilds mascot, Spanner, has also disappeared from

its resting place in Ealing. Rumours have been flying around, but the most likely story is that the stealing is a cunning plot of subterfuge by Guilds to prevent anyone stealing it at their last freshers' dinner, last Monday.

Mr. Stephenson, the Senior Warden, has been excessively annoyed by damage alleged to have been done by Guildsmen and Miners to the flowerbeds and ornamental urn in Princes Gardens, during their abortive raids on Theta, while the RCS freshers' dinners were being held in Southside. Mr. Stephenson did not exactly see the damage being caused and Dermott Corr claims that the damage was not done by I.C. students engaged on a mascot raid.

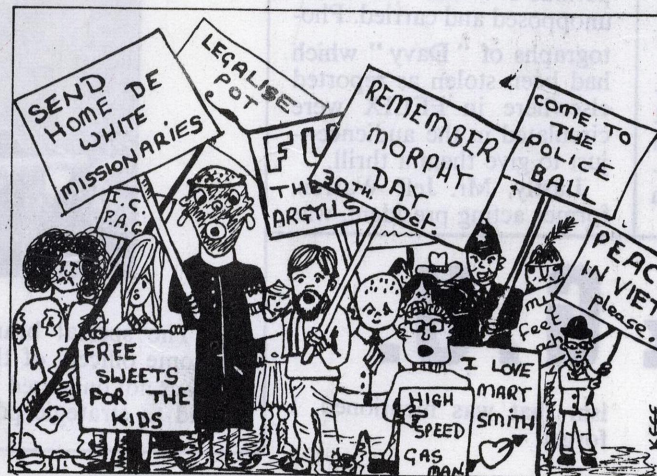
## 50,000 MARCH IN PEACE

The Press was wrong! 50,000 people turned out last Sunday in a massive orderly peaceful demonstration against the war in Vietnam. The size and order made it, according to a middle-aged observer, "The greatest demonstration that has occurred in Britain since the 1930's."

After the recent gross misrepresentation in the press, many "moderates" stayed away expecting violence. The apprehension of the people who went was dispelled not long after the start at Charing Cross when the peaceful intentions of most of the demonstrators became apparent. They linked arms on the Embankment and moved forward gazing at the multitudes of banners and placards protesting about Vietnam, British and American capitalism and society in general—in fact about the "system" and aspects of

the "system" which condoned such a war as that in Vietnam. Many different political factions were there—among the Maoists, the Young Communists and the Vietnam Solidarity Campaign were the IC Peace Action Group and Young Liberals—chanting "Victory to the NLF" and "We are all foreign scum."

All IC demonstrators had three leaflets, one from the NCCL, one from IC and one from the organising committee which explained the exact route and the tactics to be used by the demonstrators — "Street



Power" was the general idea. Street Power it was.

At Trafalgar Square, a splinter group left for the US embassy while the main body flooded down Whitehall.

At Hyde Park people assembled to hear speeches from Tariq Ali, Felix Greene, an Irish militant, and others; a telegram from Vietnamese students was read.

A petition was handed

in at Downing Street. The march continued via Parliament Square up Victoria Street chanting strongly outside all buildings which were considered to be part of the "system."

Meanwhile back at IC, the only call for help came from a fresher at 11 p.m.—he had been arrested for obstruction and had obtained his own bail.

For latest developments see FELICITY.

### Agency for Carnival

The National Council for the Unmarried Mother and her Child is this year's Carnival Charity and David Kingsley of K.M.P. Partnership Ltd, the advertising agency, is sponsoring Carnival to the extent of designing and producing posters, stickers and tins, etc., free of charge. National Press coverage is almost guaranteed and radio and TV coverage hopeful.

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# UNION MEETINGS

## QUORATE ICU! R.C.S.U.

The first ICU meeting of the session was held on Thursday, Oct 17th. It started on time (!) with over 500 people present (!).

Dave Wield read out a letter to be sent to the Department of Education and Science expressing the disapproval of the Union on the Government's attitude to students' grants. Copies of the letter will be distributed to year reps for everyone to sign.

A letter from the Rector was read explaining the rise in the Union fees. The Union is now in a position to repay, within two years, a loan from the college.

### Elections

The election for the vacancy of floor rep on Council was next, John Hunt being proposed by Gwyn Hughes and Chris Parker by Dermott Corr. After the usual proposal speeches about communication with disinterested Union members, John Hunt was elected by 234 votes to 205, with 62 abstentions.

Then followed the election of four members of the Welfare Committee, Chris Kent, Pete Woods, Mary Ford and Teresa Smart and two members of the External Affairs Committee, Robin Diblee and Dave Cooper, all unopposed. Dave Cooper and Les Ebdon were elected, again unopposed, to serve on the Constitutional Reform Committee.

### Charity

The election of the Carnival Charity followed. Tom Marples proposing Unmarried Mothers made probably the most moving speech and stressed the need for a mere £12,000 to save the collapse of the organization. As is now generally known "The National Council for the Unmarried Mother and her Child" was finally chosen as this year's charity by about 100 votes.

Question time produced an enquiry by Dave Cooper on the reduction in size of the milk cartons sold in the machines around the College. This is apparently due to the "General Policy" of Express Dairies, but the matter was being investigated.

The motion on proposed standing orders for U.G.M's.

was postponed until the next Union Meeting (28th Nov.) to give the union members time to read them. Copies can be obtained from the Union office.

### Sennet Condemned

Among any other business Lilas Campion gave the telephone number to be used by arrested I.C. students at Sunday's Anti-Vietnam demonstrations. Andy McGregor invited someone to propose a motion condemning Sennet, the U.L.U. newspaper for its inflammatory front page in the issue of the 16th October. Piers Corbyn and Nick Holmes finally proposed that I.C.U. condemns Sennet for wholly misrepresenting the attitude of both students and police at the forthcoming demonstration and for printing an article of a grossly inflammatory nature. An amendment that a letter be sent to the Editor conveying our opinion was carried and the final motion was carried almost unanimously.

Mr. Boothman got up to propose an "emergency motion" to the effect that we send our sympathies to the Associated Electrical and Foundry Workers Union in their struggle to win a living wage. The conservative Union voted that the motion not even be put to the house.

Dramsoc provided machine-gunning effects at suitable moments, and an extremely disrespectful playing of the Queen to finish the meeting.

The main event at the Tuesday 22nd R.C.S. Union meeting was the announcing of the official result of the Presidential Ballot held the previous day. Gwyn Hughes of Maths 3 triumphed over Peter Dolwin with a landslide victory by 339 votes to 173, with 96 abstentions.

As tradition demands Gwyn stripped to a pair of shorts and made three circuits of the lecture theatre bearing the R.C.S. mascot Theta above his head. He recited the Kangela backwards and took a long draught of an odious liquid, dutifully prepared by the Secretary. The meeting moved outdoors and the Queen of Jez, Wendy Leigh with several eager helpers, proceeded to daub every available inch of Gwyn's skin with paint in the R.C.S. colours. The final initiation ceremony was then carried out by ex-president Jeff Warren, who anointed Gwyn with the remainder of his "drink."

Gwyn then led the mob in a Kangela even though dripping with paint, milk, beer, and whatever else Chris Yewlett had seen fit to mix into the brew.

Among the more formal Union business Martin Bland proposed that, in future, presidential elections should be held during the Easter term of the College year, to enable candidates to campaign without the pressures of approaching examinations, and thus R.C.S. would not be in the distressing position of being without a president for long periods at a time. This was unopposed and carried. Photographs of "Davy" which had been stolen as reported elsewhere in FELIX were circulated in the audience—just to give them a thrill.

Lastly, Mr. Jeff Warren, former acting president, was

knighted by Adolf with the aid of a large, paint-smeared model of "Spanner," and the mob broke up, leaving Gwyn chanting a lone Kangela.

### S. KEN. UNIV. Map

The groovy map—double size foolscap—local map on one side—region map and information on the other—is on the way—many people are helping—finishing touches will be put on Thursday night—if you have ideas we may have missed come along—map will be out early next week.



The special branch of R.C.S. Motor Club, training for Sunday's riots, was visited by some officers of the Metropolitan Police already trained to our way of thinking—Jez was not only used for joy-riding, but was commandeered by the sergeant to carry his squad to strategic positions in I.C.

# COMMEN DAY

Commemoration Day happened as usual. About 700 people walked across the stage, much to the delight of their parents and the boredom of themselves.

Seven eminent scientists were admitted to the fellowship of the college, their previous achievements and adventures being ably and wittily outlined by the Staff Orator, Prof. Francis.

### Militancy

The Rector, in his own inimitable way, attacked the activities of militant students at other colleges and summarised the progress of the previous year, paying particular attention to the improvements in staff-student relations at this college and the increase in residential accommodation. He also reported on the proposed union with the Architectural Association and the emergence of an Imperial College Medical School.

The Special Visitor, Sir Denning Pearson, Deputy Chairman of Rolls-Royce, delivered an address outlining recent and possible future changes in British industry, particularly with regard to co-operation with the universities. He emphasised the importance to the survival of Britain as a

nation of increasing the flow of talent into industry in order to enable us to compete effectively in world markets.

Our Union Secretary, not-so-plain Jane Perason, performed the task of Student Orator with a cool and calmly confident air. It must be noted that a certain member of the Executive appeared to be suffering from the effects of his 21st birthday during the ceremony.

### Pleasure?

Were it not for the pleasure afforded to parents, it could be argued that the whole farcical and highly expensive procedure could be safely forgotten. However, I'm sure that even they would agree that the whole charade could be easily speeded up without losing any of its essential features.

# C. & G. U.

For Guilds Union meeting on Tuesday the 22nd, an almost full M.E.220 was recorded, if Guilds bother to record these things at all. Dave Cox is already showing remarkable efficiency and speed in reading the minutes and no doubt will soon have them down to one flat.

A letter was read to the Union from the Senior Warden expressing his dismay in the remarkable improvement in the Fresher's dinners this year, or perhaps it was the increase in rowdy-

ism that was mentioned, I forget.

### Morphy Day

Morphy Day was advertised by Frank Coldwell, and that happens to be today so don't forget to go and throw flour or something at Dermott, all you Guildsmen. The Brighton run on Nov. 3rd was also mentioned, something about a pyjama party (early morning) in Hyde Park, I think.

### Bo's Bird

The election of Bo-Belle, a bird to go in Boanerges, was carried out with Corr having proposed to the glamorous girls in Guilds. A very mysterious girl, Paulie, vaguely disguised as Guilds Ents. Officer, was elected but the official Belle was announced later as Jane Ashton of Mech. Eng. I.

Paulie's deposing is believed to be due to her inability to sing in a low enough voice while stripteasing to the goggle-eyed guildsmen.

Paul Shelton (heavily disguised as Paulie) then announced the "Play the game" GUILDSmines Carnival, 40s. double, with possibilities of him having P. P. Arnold on Nov. 15.

Two films, which could have been described as rol-

licking, of Bo and various custard-pie fights and er... Bo, were shown amidst improvised sound effects and cries of, "Where's Spanner?" (+£%\$&?)

The lights on again revealed spanner shrunk to a size which Dermott could actually lift, but it soon lengthened on suitable switching. Finally he held it up and cried out "Booma-laka!"



As many of you know, I've never been opposed to equal rights for women; indeed as a Socialist I have always been an ardent advocate for equal pay, but men have always had a sneaking suspicion that the ladies were after more than just that.

## Matriarchs

American men have long insisted that they live in a matriarchal society and one can well believe them, but until recently any suggestion that the women were taking over in ICU would have seemed ridiculous to a Union eagerly seeking new ways to attract girls to IC. Probably the only excep-

tions to male-dominated ICU were ICWA and Mrs. Rob' (now no longer with us).

## Smile-Power

However, male complacency at this College has been shattered as the women have moved in on one top Union job after another, by using the two deadly weapons of the female of the species — feminine charm and that "woman behind the man" stunt. Outstanding exponents of the smile-power brand of politics are

Jane Pearson, the Secretary of ICU, and Lilas Campion, Chairman of the Political Societies Council and ICU Council floor rep., both Tories of the non-blue-stocking type. Jane, the first woman on ICU Exec, although nearly beaten to it by Anita (née Furniss) Long, winner of the invalid first RCSU Presidential election, seems to be mastering the difficulties of combining Union and undergraduate work despite two exam slip-ups in previous years. Each of the constituent college Unions has a woman on

its executive committee—in RCS general committee it is rumoured that Helen Lewis, exuberant chairman of RCSCC, even has the ear of RCS secretary Chris Yewlett. Council, already notorious for the length of its meetings, has four feminine voices—Pam Horrocks of ICWA and Helen Rudge, C & G Rep, besides Lilas and Jane—and it is even hinted that somehow Jane Pearson is not alone on ICU Exec. Could it be that her former colleagues from ICWA Exec Sue (née Gibbs) Lowin and Pam Horrocks

have found their own mouthpieces on Exec?

## ICWA Obsolete

All this feminine activity has re-aroused the old question "Whither ICWA?" Surely the purposes ICWA was originally set up for are in the main obsolete or more easily protected by normal bodies of IC. Times have now changed so much that ICWA stands now as an obstacle, not an aid to, attracting girls to, and integrating them into, this college.

Order your copy of the next issue of FELIX now so as to be sure not to miss the startling revelations of our reporters on a certain worldly Sunday "newspaper." How did it get the world's highest circulation? An ace reporter from FELIX infiltrated this paper posing as a garbage collector, roaming the gutters with the paper's staff, accepted as one of them; read his tale of intrigue, of stories the stars never tell, of court cases they never print, of goals by undrugged footballers! It is a story which will shock you but it is a story that must be made up to counter all the ones they make up about students.

LES EBDON



# REX

Student Houses were first suggested in the Union about two years ago, and now I think it may be a good time to explain both the original concepts and the actual details of what we are getting.

The basic idea was that, if we could somehow raise the money to buy some large local houses, then this would be beneficial to students in two ways. Firstly, they could be let to students at a cheaper rate than equivalent bed-sitters, since we would not expect to make a profit. Secondly, it would provide more accommodation in the local area, to help avoid the need for students to go up to 10 miles out to find somewhere to live. The main reason for opting for houses, rather than more Halls, is that they could be bought and converted for just over £1,000 per place, about half the cost per place of a Hall of residence.

The biggest difficulty in this scheme, fairly understandably, was to find the money in the first place. We had produced several ideas, and then we took the whole scheme to the College Governors, for their help and advice. It turned out that they too had been considering similar schemes, and they agreed to try to raise the money for us. The purchase of a house was agreed, and this should have opened at the beginning of last session. However, the owner of that house began to change his mind about selling, and after several months the deal finally fell through.

The search for a new house started, and about six months ago an organisation called "Smiths Charities" offered to lease to us three houses in Evelyn Gardens at the nominal rent of £2250 per annum. Since then we have negotiated the leasing of another 14 houses, also from Smith's Charities, which are enough for a total of 350 people. The leases are for 20 years with a possible extension to 27 years and if we make a relatively small profit each year, then we could save at least part of the money to buy some replacement houses. When once the houses are running, it should be fairly easy to control any profit made, just by altering the rents, although we will have to decide on a compromise between keeping rents low and building up capital for later on.

## Donations Still Needed

In order to finance the conversion of the houses into bedsitters, the Governors had to look for donations. The Overseas Mining Association paid for the conversion of the first three houses and at their wish this unit is to be called "Mining House." As you know, this house is already open. The second group of five houses have been paid for by the Bernard Sunley Foundation, and the contractors should be finishing sections of that between 15 November and 6 December. It should then be ready for occupation about a fortnight later. As yet no money has been found to convert the last nine houses, which will be split into groups of three, but it is still hoped that they can be finished by the summer.

The exact future of the houses, in terms of both rents and the facilities they provide, has still to be decided, and there is no doubt that many things can be improved. However, they will still provide housing for a large number of IC students which is both closer and cheaper than that which they had before.

REX LOWIN — PRESIDENT ICU

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# COMMENT

At the time of writing, I do not know the outcome of last Friday's Vietnam demonstration. I do not know whether there were riots, wholesale arrests or outbreaks of vandalism, although I suspect this was the case. I am more concerned at the moment with similar happenings in the Union after the Chem Eng Freshers' Dinner on the 21st. As reported elsewhere in FELIX, some irresponsible members of Chem Eng spent their time smashing glasses and bottles and hurling fireworks in the Union Bar, while a few rounded off the evening by throwing glasses in the Prince Consort Road. This sort of behaviour should not be tolerated from anyone, let alone from the supposed cream of the country's youth. Not only are smashed beer mugs expensive to replace, but a carpet of broken glass is dangerous especially if someone in his drunkenness should slip and fall on it. Even more dangerous is the lighting of fireworks in a crowded bar and, on the night in question, fireworks were not merely lit but deliberately thrown at people. I need not comment on the incident in Prince Consort Road; the sheer hooliganism of the act speaks for itself. It is expected by now that there be singing and chants and heavy drinking in the bar after Freshers' Dinners, but not irresponsible vandalism of the sort that occurred the other Monday. That night the limit was reached—let it not be reached again.

From irresponsibility to uninterest. Mr. Mooney, the guy in charge of refectories at the College, seems to be completely apathetic toward the idea of the Southside coffee bar. Despite valiant efforts to liven the place up last week with canned music, it has been bedevilled by poor organisation on the part of the catering staff. Firstly the refreshment offered is extremely limited. No-one seems to have heard of milk-shakes or anything apart from coffee and Pepsi. The range of foodstuffs is limited to lukewarm pies and rock-hard sausage rolls. Secondly, on several nights recently even the small range of food and drink has been reduced to coffee and tea and the coffee machine had broken down and was not repaired for three days. On the subject of the coffee bar, I believe there is no provision for similar facilities in the new college block. Why not kill two birds with one stone and turn the inefficient and understood Southside shop into a decent coffee inn with music and an intimate atmosphere.

And from food to fire. Isn't it about time we had a few fire drills around College? Apart from brightening up our hardworking academic lives they are quite useful from the safety point of view. A case that springs to mind is South side—a real death-trap if a major fire occurred! I notice that Linstead Hall has already educated its inhabitants in escape procedure and I think the Southside Halls should follow their younger brother's example. After the minor fire last year when one room in Southside was burnt out while people hung out of the windows to cheer the fire-engines as they arrived to deal with the case, someone should be thinking of the effect of fire sweeping up a whole staircase. Maybe someone's got to die first!

# LETTERS

## Ents Reply To Criticism

Sir,

The members of last year's committee were very interested to learn how little they did and how much Mr. Nicholls did. Mr. Fairclough's article suggests that his knowledge of I.C. Ents is second only to his ability to present unbiased opinions.

Point 1. At the end of the first term last year the Ents Committee had a surplus of £400 and not debts of £500.

Point 2. Mr. Nicholls was not responsible for any "revolution" in the ideas behind college entertainments. Mr. Sage was responsible for booking nearly all the groups last year: Messrs. Ashcroft and Parkinson were responsible for the excellent publicity. Mr. Guy was responsible for overall co-ordination and hence taking the "risks" involved.

Point 3. The only dance that Mr. Nicholls took any more part in than any other

Ents "worker" was the Carnival dance, which was far from the success that the article suggests.

As for this year's committee, and in particular, Keith Guy, disbanding "ideas formulated and agreed on last year"; we only say that this is nonsense since no new ideas were agreed. The Friday night concerts were discussed and Mr. Nicholls was to book artistes for these. He was also to book artistes for this year's informal dances. He did neither!

As for the rest of the article one can only say that Mr. Fairclough is entitled to his opinions but that we feel that they are unlikely to be the opinions of the new committee.

We remain,

Your obedient servants,  
N. Cowin, Keith Guy,  
P. Ashcroft, N. C. Clark,  
Gordon Sage,  
K. Parkinson, S. England.

## Student House Facts

Sir,

We feel that certain misleading information about Mining House was published in Mr. Ebdon's article "They Tell Me" in the last issue of FELIX. The facts are as follows:

There are nine toilets and seven baths for 60 residents. 17 residents have hand-basins in their own rooms, the rest share seven basins. Whilst there is a shortage of handbasins, especially at the bottom of the house, it is hoped to install extra units in future. The toilet and bath facilities in the house are adequate and residents have experienced little or no inconvenience on this score.

It is unrealistic to assume that a new venture such as the opening of Student Houses should be unaccompanied by teething troubles and most of these are of a minor nature which most residents are accepting cheerfully. The consensus of informed opinion within the House is that accommodation compares reasonably well with the Halls. The decorating of the staircases will be finished this week, washing and drying equipment will soon be installed and plans for improving the cooking facilities are under consideration.

There are about five vacancies in Mining House

The editor reserves the right to withdraw all or part of any letter from publication. Letters printed contain the opinions of the correspondents and not necessarily those of FELIX.

## Press

## Misconceptions

Sir,

At the last Union meeting we passed a motion condemning Sennet for misrepresentation. Somebody stated that as Sennet was basically conveying fact rather than opinion our motion was not to be supported. People who read the articles in Sennet would agree that they were largely factual, but the point was surely the heading—it implied that there was almost an urban guerilla war being prepared—this is extremely misleading, and therefore must be condemned.

Such headings tend to encourage violence because: (a) people go there expecting it (b) people who do not want it stay away.

The neo-nationalist-monopoly press also misrepresents, in a similar manner, and because they often report ONLY the violence they create more violence (demonstrations want publicity). Students are beginning to realise more fully the general press misrepresentations—especially after the Evening News event.

If the general deceit of the press continues, student militancy will become more directed against the press, as it is in Germany, and then maybe Sennet's headlines will be accurate.

PIERS CORBYN  
(Chairman ICU Peace Action Group)

## "Fascists"

Sir,

A new low in literacy has been reached in a broadsheet placed on the Southside noticeboards by the IC Conservative Soc. In it we hear of a strange political group called "Fascists" and we are also told that the Society will persuade us of their point of view by "subtle" means. As for the latter, I at first thought that the luminaries of the Conservative Society simply did not know how to spell, but on consulting Fowler I found that I was mistaken. He states, writing around 1920, that "Spellings with the 'i' retained are usually left to archaists of various kinds."

What an unfortunately apt characterisation of the IC Conservative Society.  
ANDREW STEWART  
Elec. Eng. PG

## Mascot Mania

Sir,

I am writing in the wake of a mascot mania, which has brought up the whole question of inter-collegiate rivalry. Why should RCS have "removed" the Miners' precious Davy lamp? Why should the Miners seek revenge by attempting to rid RCS of their invaluable Theta? Mascots are surely intended as a symbol of the pride you should take in your constituent college. Does it really prove anything if someone breaks down a door and walks off with a symbol? If you think it does why not join the Wooden Horse Club and squeeze blood out of other colleges; after all they've given us quite a run around with our impregnable "Mike."

Don't get me wrong though. Rivalry and competition between Guilds, Mines and RCS is a very good thing, but can't we restrict it to Morphy Day and sports events.

FRANK COLDWELL  
(Vice-pres. C&G)

which are being kept for the residents of 40-44 Evelyn Gardens who are finding difficulty with their present accommodation. Anyone in this position should get in touch with the warden at 55 Evelyn Gardens.

As Mr. Ebdon says, something must be done to attract students to Student Houses. What better than an informed article in FELIX giving an accurate overall picture, not just the difficulties?

Incidentally, Miss Jane Pearson is Secretary of IC Union.

DAVID M. HARRIS  
R. F. PHILLIPS  
J. SAMMES

## Squash Courts and Staff

Sir,

I would like to express my deep regret at the recent decision to exclude all staff from the squash courts. During the last academic year certain issues e.g. parking, refectories and use of the swimming pool were thrashed out on the basis of communal use by all members of the College. My

feelings have always been that Imperial College is not just academic staff or undergraduates but a small community in which we all have a part to play. In addition, the College has built up excellent staff-student relations and consequently this sudden exclusion of staff from the squash courts which has happened since the long vacation could have

unfortunate repercussions, e.g. how many students use the Holland Club at lunch-times?

Quite a few members of staff have expressed their regret at this decision and I am sure that most members of the College would appreciate a clarification of the motives behind it.

R. F. PHILLIPS,  
Chem. PG

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# black dwarf

Ken Garrett and Pat Rotherham visit the editorial offices of the Black Dwarf.

Before Sunday's demonstration, Felix visited The Black Dwarf, the radical newspaper edited by Tariq Ali. Ali himself was away speaking in Nottingham, and we spoke to two Dwarf workers.

## Home Issues

Perhaps the most important point is that the Dwarf would like to see the demonstration more concerned with home issues—such as housing, unemployment, and the wage freeze. This must happen if the public is not to be alienated by unnecessary violence in demos against an abstract issue, as Vietnam is to people living in England. Lanners carried on the march will emphasise this point. For Vietnam is seen as a more obvious example of the oppression which exists in all capitalist (the West), or bureaucratic (the USSR), societies. "The Vietnamese are the same as us but have to use different weapons. We must use

strikes and demos." They claim, with some justice, that this is a repressive society for those who dissent from it, citing times when they have been "leant on" by the police.

## Police = Violence

Of course, the police, being the most obvious manifestation of repression in any state, come in for a great deal of criticism. Felix suggested that their presence at demos is mainly for the protection of property. The Dwarf disagrees with this. One of them told us "I know for a fact that there are two thousand police volunteers in South East England, ready for Sunday." In fact, they are certain that there would be no violence if

there were so police present; they also agreed that this could not be guaranteed. "If the police stop us going where we want to go, it is provocation and there will be violence." If the police were not there, would Downing Street, for instance, be safe? "If anyone goes into Downing Street, they want their head examined—it's a cul-de-sac, and you can get cut off and have hell thumped out of you."

## Biased Press

The people we spoke to both said they were personally opposed to the use of violence; nonetheless they expected it on Sunday. They place a large amount of blame on the popular press, in particular the Evening News. Their advice was not to provoke or become involved in unnecessary violence. "Necessary violence" apparently means rescuing people from arrest.

## Provocation

One can make out quite a good case for provoking the police to violence in order to demonstrate clearly the repressive nature of capitalist society, which is other-

wise quite subtle in its methods. The Dwarf agreed that this could be a legitimate aim for a demo, but denied that it was any part of the plan for Sunday.

## Brain-Washing

Some kind of revolution is necessary in this country. Many people at IC must feel the futility of becoming but a cog in the vast business machine—yet capitalist society would trammel their life down the smooth channels it has prepared for it. The chief agents in this are the mass media, the "brain police," who would stifle any attempt at true freedom.

## And Finally: Vietnam

The Vietnam issue has become the international mobiliser of left-wing militancy. At the Dwarf they believe that change is not possible through evolution of present systems, and that conditions are becoming right for social revolution, as nearly happened in France last May. Whether or not their way is the right one we cannot say. Perhaps things will seem clearer by the time you read this.

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# COLCUTT

As I sit here in the early morning looking over the sleeping I.C. from my tower it is very difficult to think of anything interesting or nasty to pronounce on. In fact, it is very difficult to think of anything other than this damned cold draught blowing up my left leg.

King Guy is dead! Long live Keith Guy! This sturdy old perennial—this is his fourth year on Council (and the Library Committee)—has popped up again as Chairman of Ents. Isn't it about time someone gave him a job and we got rid of him. If he stays here much longer the only thing he'll get is a pension.

Is it true he got Pete Nichols elected as Chairman for this year knowing that he would not be here to take up the post? It certainly looks like it! Then comes Sir Guy in his suit of shining armour and white horse to rescue the situation by offering to look after things until the next Chairman was elected—him! Why was the vacancy not widely published and the fact that anyone could stand! For a long time not even his own committee knew this!

However, what's done is done and it will be with great interest that we will watch to see just how good Guy will be. Last year Ents certainly were on top. The list of groups who played here and went to have a hit record bears witness to this. Already the name of Joe Cocker can be added to that list. Here lies the snag. It was rumoured that his committee—most of whom have left were responsible for this and would have done even better were it not for Guy.

But Keith remains confident! He is talking of a profit of £2,000 this year. He certainly wouldn't do that if he continues as he has done over the last few weeks. People aren't so thick (are you?) that they will continue to pay exorbitant prices to listen to crap groups (costing £15 a time) and stagger in the ever-increasing gloom over copulating couples trying to find a decent looking bird—that you should be so lucky!

Last year I.C. hops, sorry, informal dances, were fast becoming famous not only throughout the other London Colleges, but over in the world of pop music. You've got something to live up to Keith and something you can build into one of the big "in" places in London so go on baby—suck it to them!

## FELIX DERIDED BY NATIONALS

An article misinterpreting the account in the last issue of FELICITY of IC's intention to set up an emergency office during Sunday's demonstration appeared in the Evening News last week. The article appeared as follows:

"An emergency office for militant left-wingers who may be arrested in the demonstrations is being set up at Imperial College, South Kensington. Information on where to phone is given in a broadsheet included in this week's issue of FELIX, the College student magazine. A broadsheet on legal rights will also be available."

The Daily Mirror and Daily Express carried similar articles.

## Correction Refused

An impromptu meeting of I.C. executive was called at lunchtime last Wednesday and following this Rex Lowin sent a letter to the Evening News repeating the reasons for setting up the office and stressing that it was set up to provide advice for students from I.C., "not to protect them from the course of the Law." When Rex and Jane Pearson went to see the Managing Editor

of the "News," he refused to correct the erroneous impression given in their article and would not publish the letter.

FELIX wishes to emphasise that the article in question made clear that the office was open only to give advice to Imperial College students and not to students in general as the "News" article implies. FELIX also condemns the Evening News for twisting the facts printed in FELICITY and for giving the impression that I.C. is a hotbed of militant Maoism.

What could be further from the truth!

## EXEC CLOCKS OUT

At a recent meeting of the Executive a request that the Union clocks be stopped for a short period as part of the publicity campaign for PHOENIX was refused. Part of the advertising theme, "Time stops for Phoenix" was deemed as, "Silly anyway."

Well now! People in glass houses...

## Left Wins At Debate

The motion: This house believes that negotiations achieve more than militant student demonstrations, was overwhelmingly defeated at the last I.C. debate. Interest in the motion centred around the two main speakers, Peter Watherson (President of L.S.E. during the sit-in) and David Triesman (expelled from Essex last session).

Mr. Watherson, proposing the motion, felt that the present awareness of the inadequacies of higher education was not confined to a minority of activities and all reforms had so far been achieved by hard bargaining in negotiations. He made special mention of the recent N.U.S.—Vice-Chancellor report.

The proposer thought the value of the L.S.E. sit-in had been nil insofar as no real reforms were gained by it, and subsequent student representation on committees in the school were solely the results of negotiations. He then went on to attack the militant students for not attaining anything, and felt that many demonstrations took place only to give new experiences to the students.

In a long, wide ranging and often witty speech op-

posing the motion, David Triesman explained what student reaction should be to major political topics. He found sympathy on the floor when drawing a parallel between the bureaucratic N.U.S. and their counterparts on University staff.

His main argument relative to the motion was that students were in a position to set a new code of ethics. Since problems such as Vietnam, race and germ warfare were of an emotional nature, negotiations failed to express the real feelings involved. He therefore urged that militant demonstration was the only method of getting the bureaucrats to act.

The seconder for the motion had little to say, but the seconder for the opposition quoted examples of militant demonstrations succeeding abroad where negotiations had failed. He mentioned in particular the Indian attainment of independence and the French students' revolt.

After three short speeches from the floor, the motion was put to the vote. The result was 4 votes for and 35 against with 19 abstentions.



## PRESIDENT FOUND AND LOST

Only 2½ hours after R.C.S. gained a President a week ago, a Mines/Guilds plot formed to kidnap him. Meandering his way from Linstead to Southside at approx 6 p.m. G.H. found himself surrounded by about 30 Mines and Guildsmen. At 6.10 p.m. he found himself in a Mines man's flat in Hammersmith

drinking Scotch.

After a quick poached egg on toast he was whisked away to his rightful place at the Physics freshers' dinner. He entered this at 8.45 p.m. covered in yellow, red and black warpaint. I always thought R.C.S. colours were mauve, black and white!





*Aunt Vera.*

Due to overwhelming demand from I.C. students, FELIX introduces Aunt Vera to deal with your personal problems.

Dear Felix,

I am a first year Civil Engineer and am very worried. Last Saturday at a hop, I managed to meet a girl from a local teacher training college. The same night I invited her back to my Southside Room for coffee.

I was amazed to see her remove her shoes and lie on my bed. What should I have done? I didn't want to appear too fast or too slow. Having had little experience in these matters, I thought FELIX could help me.

Yours, Anxious.

Your problem is a common one, but as I do not know what happened next, it is very difficult to give a simple answer. Was she tired after her exertions? Did you notice if she had drunk a lot? If not, you failed to observe the first rule of male decency, that of providing for your guest. Beware of it next time.

AUNT VERA

Dear Felix,

Before I came to I.C., I was overcome with apprehension that the girls here might be of the typically "scientific breed." But in my department there is a girl who is becoming the most important thing in my life.

Despite my feelings, I don't want to deprive the boys of her company. Please, can you help me?

(signed) LESLEY BEINN

P.S. I can't keep it to myself much longer—Lesley.

Dear Lesley,

I haven't really got the space here to advise you fully but come up and see me some time. In the meantime though, don't worry about depriving the boys (they can look after themselves) and if any serious problems emerge, pay a visit to 14, Princes Gardens.

AUNT VERA

Worried Chemist—This disgusting habit can be overcome by dipping it in Boric Acid twice a week.

A.V. ...

All problems should be addressed to Aunt Vera, c/o FELIX, Union Letter Rack.

## Charity Carnival: Coordinator Speaks

Last Thursday week the Union chose its charity for this year's Carnival—The National Council for the Unmarried Mother and Child—and in so doing set itself the greatest challenge in the history of I.C. Carnivals. We, as members of that Union, have taken on virtually sole responsibility for the solvency of this tremendously worthwhile organisation.

The amount they need to continue their work is £12,000. Last year's carnival proceeds were just short of £5,000, so it is obvious that a great deal more effort is going to be needed for us to reach our target. On the other hand, this target is by no means impossible. Last year, Mech Eng I collected 1000 on their own. A similar effort from 20 such years now and we have our total already.

This, then is the heart of the matter. The carnival—our carnival—floats or sinks according to the number of people prepared to help and the amount of effort they put into it. In administration there are a host of jobs to be done, from organising

events to sticking labels on tins, counting money, and so on, and the committee will be more than grateful to anyone who is prepared to sacrifice just a few evenings during the year to help in this.



Ian Jarvis

The first Carnival event this year which carries on until next Easter is collecting.

This is, of course, the main money-raiser, and is an event in which everyone can take part. There is no second-year so over-worked, no P.G. so absorbed in his project and certainly no first-year so involved in anything that he can't afford to spend an evening or two going from pub to pub, underground to underground, street to street, restaurant to restaurant, rattling the tin.

The Vice-Presidents will shortly be contacting their constituent colleges for the preliminary outings where hundreds of Miners, Scientists, or Engineers descend on the unprepared public of the great city, and after this year reps. take over to add competition between years to that between Colleges.

## Help Wanted

You will be given plenty of notice of subsequent events which are planned already, while any ideas that individuals, groups of students or societies may have for fund-raising activities will be more than welcome. The target we have set ourselves is a high one, but with a little effort from everyone in the college, it's one which we can easily pass.

Would anyone prepared to help Carnival in any way please contact either their vice-president or Ian Jarvis, the carnival co-ordinator, through the union letter-rack.

# WHAT'S ON

## WEDNESDAY

**I.C. Dancing Club.** 7.30 p.m. in the Snack Bar for intermediate and advanced Ballroom and Latin American classes. Professional tuition available.

**Marjorie Proops** talks about **Virginity.** The University of London Humanist Society. 7.30 p.m. at U.L.U.

## THURSDAY

**I.C. Dancing Club.** 7.30 p.m. in the Upper Refectory for beginners. Latin American and Ballroom dancing classes. Professional tuition available.

**General Studies.** The Second World War: III. Dr. Noble Frankland, DFC, MA, D.Phil., talks about Air Warfare.

**T. S. Eliot and Dylan Thomas:** Violent contemporary contrast: What poetry in the twentieth century is all about, I, by Patric Dickinson, BA, poet, author, broadcaster, one-time head of poetry section, BBC.

**After University — What?** by R. J. Tunnick, of the Science Research Council.

**Gliding Club** meeting at 5.45 p.m. in Aero Dept. Room 254. During this meeting a trial flight on the following weekend can be arranged for anyone interested in joining the club.

**Go Club** playing session 8.00 p.m. in Southside Upper Lounge.

## SATURDAY

**I.C. Hop.** Featuring AINSLEY DUNBAR. 8.00 p.m. in Union Concert Hall.

## SUNDAY

**Brighton Run.** Coach trip to Brighton organised by Guilds Motor Club. See notice board in Mech. Eng. for details.

**Jazz and Folk Evening.** I.C. artists entertain for free. Begins around 8.00 p.m.

## MONDAY

**Wellsoc.** Symposium: **What Is Life?** A discussion under the chairman. Prof. A. J. Ayer, Wykeham Professor of Logic, Oxford University, Dr. G. Spencer, Intensive Therapy Unit, of a London hospital and Dr. M. Carlile, I.C. Biochemistry Dept.

**Christian Union.** Are You An Ostrich? A talk on reality by John Salter. 1.10 p.m. Mech. Eng. 542. Sandwiches are available.

**I.C. Dancing Club.** 7.30 p.m. in the Concert Hall for beginners. Ballroom and Latin American classes. Professional tuition available.

## TUESDAY

**Jewish Society.** Rabbi Young, BA, will speak on Scientific Results and the Bible. 1.10 p.m. Botany lecture theatre.

**Railway Society.** Presidential Address by N. Shelley, Esq.

**Go Club** playing session 8.00 p.m. in Southside Upper Lounge.

**I.C. Choir** sings every Tuesday, 5.30 p.m. in Mech. Eng. 342. There are no auditions, vacancies in all parts.

**General Studies.** **Belief and Dept Psychology:** III, Belief and Growth to Maturity, by Bryant, SSJE.

**The Second World War:** IV — Sea Warfare, by Captain S. W. Roskill.

**Lib. Soc.** Meeting every Tuesday, 1.00 p.m., 527 Tizard.

**The Art of Opera:** III — By Miss Mayer-Lismann, at 1.30 p.m.

## WEDNESDAY

**I.C. Dancing Club.** 7.30 p.m. in the Snack Bar for intermediate and advanced Ballroom and Latin American classes. Professional tuition available.

**I.C. Sailing Club.** Wine and Cheese Party, Senior Common Room, Union, at 8.00 p.m. Price 4s., everyone welcome.

**Gliding Club** meeting at 5.45 p.m. in Aero Dept., Room 254. During this meeting a trial flight on the following weekend can be arranged for anyone interested in joining.

## THURSDAY

**Go Club** playing session, 8.00 p.m. in Southside Upper Lounge.

**Maths. and Phys. Society.** Dr. B. Thwaites talks on Aortic Regurgitation, or how to tell when a man is dying from a faulty heart valve.

**Photographic Society.** More Stereo in Colour. A lecture by W. C. Dalgoutte, illustrated with 3-dimensional colour transparencies. 6.30 p.m. Physics 737.

**I.C. Dancing Club.** 7.30 p.m. in the Concert Hall for beginners. Ballroom and Latin American classes. Professional tuition available.

**General Studies.** **Victorian London,** by Roger Dixon of the Victorian Society.

**Violent Contemporary Contrasts.** II—The second in a series of lectures by Patric Dickinson.

## FRIDAY

**Film Soc.** present *Fail Safe*, and *Lord of the Flies*. 7.30 p.m. Concert Hall. 1s. members, 3s. 6d. non-members.

## SATURDAY

**I.C. Hop.** 8.00 p.m. Union Concert Hall. Artist to be announced later.

## SUNDAY

**Jazz and Folk Evening.** I.C. artists entertain for free. Begins around 8.00 p.m.

## MONDAY

**Wellsoc.** **The Biological Time Bomb,** by Gordon Rattray-Taylor.

**I.C. Dancing Club.** 7.30 p.m. in the Concert Hall for beginners. Ballroom and Latin American classes. Professional tuition available.

## TUESDAY

**General Studies.** **The Second World War.** V.—The Second World War and the Development of the International System, by J. H. Hinsley, MA, University Lecturer in History.

**Plato — Can Morality be Taught?** By Miss Amalia Elguera.

**The Art of Opera.** IV—By Miss Mayer-Lismann.

**M and P Soc.** **Rad'o-active Garbage** by Mr. Dunster from Harwell. 1 p.m., lecture theatre to be announced.

**Lib. Soc.** Meeting every Tuesday, 1.00 p.m. 527 Tizard.

**I.C. Choir** sings every Tuesday, 5.30 p.m. in Mech. Eng. 342. There are no auditions, vacancies in all parts.

**Go Club** playing session 8.00 p.m. in Southside Upper Lounge.

## ALSO

**General Studies.** Every Thursday at 1.30 p.m. in the Library of 52 Princes 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 Ad

Return lift to Southampton offered most week 1s. Four Kodachrome 11 films, 20 exp. Expire Oct. 1969. Offers? Contact B. R. Lucas, Chem. Eng.



# GERM WARFARE

## MRE PORTON

After all the furore and controversy in the national press and in Parliament a few months ago, the Microbiological Research Establishment at Porton Down, in a sleepy corner of Wiltshire, seems a relatively innocuous place. On their first open day last Wednesday, M.R.E. appeared about as much of a threat to potential enemies as a baby banging a potty in the United Nations.

This appearance, however, is probably a direct result of the superb public relations show they put on. The staff fell over themselves in their enthusiasm to tell visitors about the unclassified work on show in 51 exhibits and demonstrations all over the Establishment, and all the time emphasised the safety precautions taken there. Perhaps this was principally to allay the fears of the ladies of the local W.I. that errant germs might be contaminating their home-made apricot preserve.

A minor percentage of the M.R.E.'s work is classified; this is on defence against Biological Warfare (B.W.)—it being important not to let too many people know Britain's means of detecting B.W. and the behaviour of microbes in British weather conditions. M.R.E. staff are, however, quick to point out that Porton does not deal with Biological Attack. In the words of the Minister of Defence: "... the Microbiological Research Establishment is concerned with the protection of human life and not the taking of it." On the subject of B.W. it is "interesting" to note that one ship in the Irish Sea could release a biological cloud which would knock out the entire U.K.

Walking round the exhibits, the emphasis seems to be on pure and applied research into medical problems. M.R.E. is looking into Asparaginase—a cancer sup-

pressing agent that might help in the fight against Leukaemia—and at Monkey B disease, a monkey infection which recently caused several deaths among research workers in Germany. Other diseases such as foot-and-mouth and Japanese encephalitis are also under investigation.

However the scientists, apart from being delighted to show off their work, also treat the open days as a great joke. Drawings of evil-looking microbes appear everywhere and in the ornate reception tent there hangs a huge reproduction of a cartoon from "The Sun," poking fun at Porton. Pink and white sugar mice represent the results of experiments on animals (pink—dead; white—alive). Amateur works of art abound. In the chandelier-hung reception tent there are copies of paintings such as the Rokeby Venus, while a Porton Down art show is on view elsewhere.

To anyone visiting M.R.E. expecting sensational revelations of mutations and microbe death X-Rays, the whole affair must have been an intense disappointment. The place owes more to Doctor Spock than Frankenstein. Perhaps in the words of the guy from British Movietone News: "The pretty girls from Salisbury are by far the most exciting things here."

PAUL HEATH  
CHRIS SLEE

## BOOK

Steven Rose.  
Chemical & Biological Warfare  
Harrap 30/-

CBW shows every sign of becoming a focal point for protest amongst students, yet CBW research has been going on for many years, why this sudden resurgence of interest? One of the answers is to be found in this book. Last February a group of scientists, politicians and journalists from several countries met to pool their knowledge on this hideous form of warfare. Their interest has been aroused by a variety of circumstances; naturally a good deal of anxiety was directed towards the United States activity in Vietnam, but worry was also expressed on the existence of secret research establishments in this country and in the US as well as the possibility that University research establishments were being partially financed by the Defence Dept. in order to provide data for use in CBW situations. The result of these deliberations has been this book edited by Dr. Stephen Rose of the Biochemistry Dept at IC, which is claimed as the most complete dossier on CBW available in open literature.

Why have they gone to all this trouble? The facts revealed in the front part of the book are the more disturbing for being described almost too dispassionately, too clinically. But what, apart from causing horror or giving a rather sick thrill to the readers, do the authors achieve? They feel the issue is too important to remain hidden in obscure Govern-

ment publications and scientific journals; they want a full public discussion. Already they have had some considerable success—BBC TV based their feature "A Plague on our Children" on the findings of the conference. The mainstay of defence has been persuaded to release rather more of the evidence collected by the House of Commons Select Committee on Science and Technology during their visit to Porton Down, and last July the Bristol representatives at the Geneva disarmament Conference put forward new proposals for strengthening the 43 year old protocol on Chemical and Bacteriological warfare.

Clearly this is not enough, much more light needs to be shed on our own involvement in CBW. Public opinion must be steered away from this very natural but sentimental revulsion that has so far characterised discussion on this subject, and must be properly informed. For going some way towards this, the Authors and Editor are to be congratulated.

JOHN SOMMER

for Mendel's "Closely Observed Trains" and at the moment the Paris Pulman is devoting itself to a succession of Commie "Classics" which have included Polanski's prize-laden "A Knife in the Water," "Romance for a Trumpet" (Czechoslovakia) and culminating last week with Istvan Szabo's "Father" (A) from Hungary which won the Grand Prix at the Moscow film festival of 1967—

This is an honest, sensitive and skilful treatment of a young boy's father-worship which goes too far. The film is warmly sentimental when it should be and harshly real when it has to be but I for one am just a little fed up with the introspectiveness of the crop of films of which this one is typical. I'm also bored by the drabness of black and white, the shabbiness of everyone's clothes, the political oppression, the shell-pocked buildings and all the other Orwellian artefacts which Eastern European films invariably display. I know most of the countries have (and are having) a lousy time of it—everyone does. But why must these superbly talented directors pervade the medium and the people with their own sob-story. Could be, of course, that by depicting life as invariably so, the film men are consoling the masses with the fact that, as the norm, it IS invariably so—so why worry! And what better way to win fat commissions from Daddy-bear—the Russians. The fat carrot of the Grand Prix at the Moscow Film festival is dangled, and snatched by the film which casts the least aspersions on Communism or the Russians—after August 21st, it's good to see the Czech directors back in line for



The tribe from HAIR  
Photo courtesy of Wendy Hanson

# HAIR

It would be incredible if no Felix readers had yet heard of "Hair": "The tribal love-rock musical from America." If you never go to the theatre (and what a waste of living in London that is) I would suggest you kick the habit and go at once to the Shaftesbury.

"Hair" concerns a group of hippies and their relations with each other, and with society. With each other they are exuberantly free loving, enjoying sex of any kind (one song celebrating this is called "sodomy"), and turned on (another song is "Hashish"). Here are black and white, together in their alienation from society.

The main characters are Claude (Paul Nicholas), Berger (Oliver Tobias) and Sheila (Annabel Leventon). They have an interesting inter-relationship. Claude is hung on Sheila and Berger, and Berger digs Sheila. Sheila... Also Woolf is hung on Mick Jagger; but it is really against the spirit of "Hair" to pick out particular players.

Yet the tribe must somehow relate to the society which tries to place demands on them. Family, job, education, these orthodoxies are shrugged off. Society then puts its ultimate claim upon Claude, and here is the central theme of "Hair." The draft—"White men sending black men to kill yellow men, to protect the land they stole from red men." Claude tries to avoid it ("I want to be here enjoying the things those guys are over there defending"), but he will not stand up and refuse, burn his draft card. Eventually he submits, and his demise, shorn of his Hair marks the close of "Hair," which ends with the song, "Let the sun shine through," a plea to society.

The singing and dancing in "Hair" are such that it would be worth going simply for that. I personally preferred the last, frenetic numbers. The opening number "Aquarius" and the title "Hair" in particular are superb. Claude's freakout scene was good, including "Abie Baby" about Abe Lincoln.

If you've spoken much to young Americans you will recognise many things here; and if not you might understand better what youth in the USA is facing. Yet in a way, "Hair" has dated. The hippies give way to the yuppies, and Claude would probably have been out in the streets of Chicago.

E. FUFLUNS

a prize at Moscow!

If you haven't seen...

... "Decline and Fall—of a Birdwatcher"—smarten up!

This must be one of the most amusing films on the circuit. Its success lies in the fact that Ivan Foxwell, who adapted the story and produced the film, has followed meticulously Evelyn Waugh's scathing satire of England in the 20's. You could call the film a character study and, with great actors like Sir Donald Wolfit playing the unscrupulously pompous Dr. Fagin, Leo McKern as the indestructible Grimes, Colin Blakely as multi-vocational (Sir) Solomon Philbrick and Patrick Magee setting the screen alight for two minutes as the demented convict, this title is very appropriate.

JOHN SPENCE

# FILMS

## EASTERN EUROPE'S ONE TRACK MIND

It probably all started with "Repulsion"—the film that is. Clotted with gore and oozing suspense, Roman Polanski's necromantic little nicety averted part of the cinema goers' gaze from Hollywood's melodrama to Warsaw's realism. Many of us—and ALL the critics—continued looking eastwards as we were alternately terrified and revolted with films like "Onibaba" (Japan), "Canal" (Poland) and "The Round Up" (Hungary). The National Film Theatre, the Hampstead Everyman and lots of other institutions catering for minority and more subtle tastes peppered their audiences with more and more black and white celluloid from the Communist Block and at the time of writing we have Miklos Jancso rightly elevated to No. 1 revolutionary stylist via "My Way Home," and his latest duo "Under Red Stars" (possibilities!) and "Silence and Cry." We must also note that Yugoslavia picked up the Special Jury Award at Cannes (1967) with Patrovic's stark film "Happy Gypsies;" the Czechs got an Academy Award



# SPORTS NEWS

## EDITORIAL

With everyone suffering from post-Olympic mental indigestion, readers will be forgiven if they give the sports page a miss this week. However, although they weren't among the medals, we must congratulate Messrs. Bayles, Malpass, Cooper (Rowing), and Graham Paul (Fencing) for their efforts in Mexico.

On the Rugby front, we must extend our sympathies to Mines Tankards (3rd XV) who in the mis-match of the year were beaten 100-0 by U.L. 1st XV at Hotspur Park last week, despite some remarkable new tactical plays by the losers. On Sunday, the 1st XV play the Belgium National XV at Harlington, K.O. 11 a.m. Coaches 9.30 a.m., Union Arch.

On a more victorious note it was good to see the 1st XV win so convincingly against such arch rivals as U.C. I gather than the trend hasn't been entirely maintained, but I am sure we can hope for some more good results this season.

## SOLID START BY ROWERS

The Boat Club has made a very promising start to the year's training and a significant increase in membership has been achieved with the aid of a lively recruiting campaign extending well beyond the first week of term. New members have been joining steadily each week and an outing on the river in some form of boat is guaranteed even if it is one's first time "down."

Morphy Day this year, apart from the usual sport on the towpath, should provide an interesting afternoon's entertainment as the constituent college crews appear to be of a fairly even standard though the inevi-

table secrecy prevents an accurate assessment. Races take place at 3.00 and 3.30 for the Lowry and Morphy Cups respectively but most "spectators" arrive well before these times.

On Saturday 19th October five crews represented the College in the Four's Head of the River race which was the first of a full programme of regattas and Head races during the year. The race was rowed in the normal processional fashion, each crew starting 10 seconds behind the previous one.

Out of 124 entries the 1st IV finished 18th; 2nd IV—72nd; 3rd IV—60th; 4th IV 73rd; and 5th IV 104th.

G. W. HARRISON

## FENCING

We have had many enquiries from beginners about the Club, but unfortunately the number of experienced fencers is less than we had envisaged. The Club has no formal trials for the first team selection, but relies on the Captain's ability to select the team by assessing a fencer's performance during sessions. Professor Akos Moldevany provides first class coaching for two hourly periods a week. Details of the times of club meetings can be found on the club notice board, which is situated near the Union cloakroom.

The fixture list for the year includes the entry of teams consisting each of a

foilist, an épéist, and a sabre, for the Goddin Cup (a London University inter-collegiate trophy) which we have held for the last three years. Two teams, one a ladies' team, are being entered for the London League, which is a competition open to all London-based fencing clubs. Since this latter competition is run on similar lines to the F.A. League, it entails a large number of matches. Any gaps in the fixture list are readily filled with matches with non-London clubs. Every endeavour is made to provide competitive fencing for fencers of all levels of experience.

## GREAT I.C. WIN

I.C. won the first league match of the season in a convincing manner as the scoreline suggests. The I.C. team, including no less than seven freshers to the college, played fast open football and thoroughly deserved this victory.

Playing with the wind and the sun, the I.C. attack put pressure on the U.C. defence in the opening stages of the game and after some near misses Tom McCordle put I.C. ahead, with a fine angled shot. I.C. continued to dominate the game and used the one-two move to great effect. It was this move which put Bob Horlock through the defence to score the second goal.

Although U.C. tried to break out of defence they were easily contained by the I.C. back line and the mid-field players took control. Shortly before half-time I.C. scored again when Dave King hit a superb swerving shot which the goalkeeper could only help into the net.

After half-time I.C. expected a determined effort by U.C., who now had the advantage of wind and sun but it was in fact I.C. who continued to exert pressure and soon Tony Richards put I.C. further ahead. After this I.C. were in complete command and Bob Horlock and Roger Dixon, who wandered intelligently from his normal role in the back line, added further goals. U.C. scored a rather fortunate goal in the closing stages but by this time I.C. were convincing winners.

This was a splendid win by the I.C. XI and, although the defence has yet to be seen under pressure, there are great hopes for the coming season.

## R.C.S.6's

In the R.C.S. Sixes held at Harlington on Sunday, the Hyde Park Casuals' (Phys II) beat the Cosmic Rays (P.G.s) in the Losers Final. The final was a runaway victory for the Hyperbolics (Maths 2) over the Aftermaths (Maths 3).

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## 1st. XV MEET THE BIG BOYS

The 1st XV can count themselves unlucky to have been beaten by this margin by a competent Rosslyn Park XV. Like I.C., Rosslyn Park has been having no little trouble with their 1st XV and had dropped 7 of that team, most of whom appeared against I.C. on Saturday.

Pine opened the scoring with a penalty from the Park's 10 yds line but there was a quick reply with another penalty. The Park steadily built up the pressure on I.C. and before half-time had scored a dropped goal and two tries

—one from a very good three-quarter movement, one rather dubious. However I.C. can really only blame their own slack tackling for being 14-3 down at this stage.

The second half was much better for the fitter I.C. team, and a beautiful beautiful I.C. try was rounded off by Heaton after some thrilling passing. 14-6 was to be the final score; I.C. all but scored twice more. Very near the end, the Park's kicker justly missed a penalty under I.C.'s posts.



Wendy Leigh, this year's Queen of Jez.

## WINTER CRICKET

During this term and next I.C. cricket club will be making weekly visits to Alf Gover's indoor school and any person who would like to play cricket during the Summer Term is encouraged to come along. The nets are at the moment booked from 12-1 p.m. on Sunday but if this proves to be an impossible time for some, then other more suitable times can be arranged.

Throughout the summer term the cricket club runs three regular Wednesday and Saturday teams and one side on Sundays. We

pride ourselves on a strong and varied fixture list with matches against both U.L. Colleges and club sides in and around London.

In 1966 and 1967 seasons we finished runners-up in the U.L. knock-out cup and in this coming season we will be making a very determined effort to at last win the competition.

One of the highlights on the season comes at the end of the summer term when the cricket club goes on its annual tour of Devon. It is always an enjoyable time and is an institution which certainly no cricketer should miss.

## HOCKEY NEWS

There was a healthy influx of new life into the club at the beginning of the year, and at the trials the overall standard was higher than in other years.

Bad weather delayed the start of the season, so it was only on Wednesday 16th that the 1st XI played their opening game against Guy's Hospital. The game began at a cracking pace with both sets of forwards hitting the ball hard and fast. Guys opened the scoring in the first half with a shot from close range from a pass off the goal line. I.C. replied soon afterwards through Mike Pratt after a good run. This was to remain the score for the rest of the game. The pace slackened considerably in the second half due to lack of fitness on both sides.

## MIXED FORTUNES

On Saturday 19th the college fielded 4 XI's against West Essex. The 1st XI lost 2-1 after leading at half time through another good goal from Pratt. The highlight of the afternoon was the 6-0 win by the 4th team who were playing with only 10 men. The seconds did well to draw 1-1, and the 3rds lost 1-0.

The main disappointment this season has not been the play but the attitude of some players. It was hoped to have had 5 teams this season, and in fact fixtures for the 5th had been arranged, but people being unavailable has made it impossible to run this team so far.

STEVE HILL

## SAILING FRESHERS EXCEL

I.C. Freshers did extremely well in the U.L.S.C. Team Trials on 19th-20th October. Out of the best 8 freshers, 6 were from I.C. Three of these did excellently against the old lags on the Sunday, Peter Claydon got two firsts, Nicholas Martin a first, and Par Tiera two seconds.

Conditions were moderate, and ideal for trials. However the Autumn Trophy on the previous weekend was somewhat blustery, and both the Commodore and Vice-Commodore were seen to enter the water rather ignominiously.

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## WELLSOC U.F.O's

The Wellsoc U.F.O. group held its first meeting of the season in the Electrical Engineering Common Room last Thursday night. The group under the leadership of the President, Derek Hale, exists to take an active part in the investigations of unidentified flying objects or U.F.O's.

Just over a dozen people attended the meeting where there was a discussion of general U.F.O. topics supplemented by cups of coffee. New members were entertained by numerous interesting and amusing stories although none offered any conclusive proof of the existence of a U.F.O. In most cases of sightings the evidence can be disproved sufficiently and the minority of possible cases, although unexplained, are still open to a great amount of doubt. Nevertheless a group committee has been formed to make further plans for the future. New members would be welcome. Generally the group arranges trips to lectures and similar societies and occasionally to a cottage in Wales to make observations. It is also hoped that some work will be done analysing data using the college computer system.

## DEBATES

Debates at I.C. have for too many years been centred on a small group of people discussing rather than debating mainly political motions. This year's President Chris Parker, back in harness after a year in the wilderness, hopes to change this and already has achieved some success. He has introduced two new functions this term, one of which was the Fresher's Debating Competition. He is very secretive about the other, but it is known that it will be a trial idea involving the top of the Union, taking place on Nov. 19th.

Tomorrow Thurs. 31st., there will be a debate on the motion: "This House considers the Motorist to be a Persecuted Class of the Community." Raymond Baxter from the B.B.C. will be proposing it and Prof. Colin Buchanan will oppose.

Tickets for Guilds - Mines Carnival go on sale on Thursday in the Union and Southside. Price £2 double. P.P. Arnold topping the bill. Theme: Play the game.

## SPANNER

The President of C & G, Dermott Corr, is very pleased at the way both Mines and R.C.S. have been hookwinked into believing Spanner has been lost. As a result Spanner was at Civil Eng Fresher's Dinner on Monday night and no-one attempted to molest it. He hopes that all Guildsmen, who also believe that Spanner has been lost, will forgive him, bearing in mind that the means justify the end.

## A CORRECTION

Map of University of South Kensington will come out with next FELIX, not next week. People with ideas for the map should bring them to 621 Tizard before Friday November 8th.

## DEMONSTRATION NUMBERS

Over 100 people from I.C. went to the Demonstration. One person from I.C. who went to Grosvenor Square after the main demonstration, was arrested. It has been reported that he received a conditional discharge.

## SPORTS CENTRE

The Rifle Range in the Sports Centre is now open and any new members will be welcome to come along on Wednesday afternoon.

## SENNET PROTEST

As reported in the main issue, the last I.C. Union meeting passed a motion condemning Sennet for the "Wholly misrepresentative attitude" and "grossly inflammatory nature" of its articles referring to last Sunday's demonstration. Following this motion and the sending of a letter to Sennet, which was not published, a group of people submitted a draft copy of a protest to members of I.C. Exec. who individually approved it. The protest was duplicated on the Rector's duplicating machine and over 5,000 copies distributed to several London Colleges including I.C.

However, after the distribution, someone had second thoughts about the protest and the wisdom of signing it "I.C. Executive Committee." Accordingly, at the Exec. meeting on Monday, the matter was discussed and it was agreed that nothing more shall be done.

LATE NEWS EDITOR

John Frobst  
with  
Paul Heath  
Ian Williams  
Francis

and  
Patsy  
and  
Keith



## ENTS

Sir,

As members of the present I.C. Ents Committee libelled in your issue of 16th inst. by one M.M. Fairclough, we wish to phase on record that regrettable as the failure of Pete Nicholls is, this was due to total neglect of academic work and not to his seemingly magnificent master minding of Ents as reported by Mr. Fairclough. In actual fact, valuable as his contribution was, after his appointment; which was only in February, it formed by no stretch of the imagination the bulk of Ents work, which is performed by the entire committee, and is very often a thankless task.

In addition we wish to endorse the election of Keith Guy as chairman and the position of Peter Ashcroft as treasurer. Mr. Fairclough knowledge of the internal affairs of Ents, both this year and last, is totally lacking and we respectfully suggest the printing of only accredited facts in articles such as this in future.

We remain Sir, your obedient servants,

Neville R. Cowin

p.p. I.C. Ents Committee 1968-69.

## EXPEDITIONS DURING 1969

All applicants for financial support and assistance from the Exploration Board for expeditions next year should be given to Colleen King, Assist. Prof. Stevenson's Sec (Civ. Eng.) by mid November at the latest).

Any enquiries should be made to Jim Winterhalder, Keogh 378.

## DAVY LAMP

If Mines have not solved the first clue by Friday, they may contact a Mr. D. Lamp in the Physics letter rack and two clues will be forwarded - one to Mines and one to Guilds. Unfortunately there is only one copy of the third clue so let battle commence.

## BAR FOOTBALL

A football table has now been hired for the Union Bar. Cost is 6d for five minutes use, the proceeds are split fifty-fifty between the Union and the hirers.

## R.C.A.

EAT in R.C.A. Good meals at Mooney prices.

DRINK in R.C.A. Reasonable beer and a good juke box. Desegregated too!

## COLOUR T.V.

The colour T.V. for the Union will arrive next Wednesday. The delay is because a new-anti-theft frame has had to be made for it and the Union has to insure it. Radio Rentals have evidently given up insuring their T.V. sets. Who can blame them.

## ANOTHER LETTER

Sometime last week, or the week before, I went to my first and almost certainly my last I.C. debate. It was the "Freshers Debate".

Today or Yesterday or the day before that I read the report of the Freshers Debate" and was unable to believe what I saw. This glowing journalism talked wildly of what fun and how everybody enjoyed themselves and....

You see I can say it was the most incredible act of mon debate I have ever witnessed Banal, Trite, stupid. I can remember only one of the speakers names and that was Rex Lowin or Lewin or something and he is, I am quite convinced, possessed of a mental age of sixteen. He spoke or rather droned for what seemed hours and said nothing.

To crown it all, it was inevitably in aid of a barrel or tankard or potty full of beer. This fetish over drinking and the associations of manhood (eg muscles, beard, masturbation etc) seems to weigh on every event that takes place at I.C. and is a phenomenon peculiar to it. The implication is, because there aren't enough women and because if you don't your impotence is assured you must drink and also must be seen to drink preferably in excess.

Here again this ceremonial worship of the mundane succeeded.

S.P. Chambers, Maths III

## WHATS ON

Tuesday 5th November

I.C. Railway Society. Presidential Address by N. Shelley, Esq., will be entitled: "Could it be done with steam?" !! Elec Eng 1206 at 5.40p.m.

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