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## TRIAL STUDENT HOTEL SCHEME SUCCESSFUL

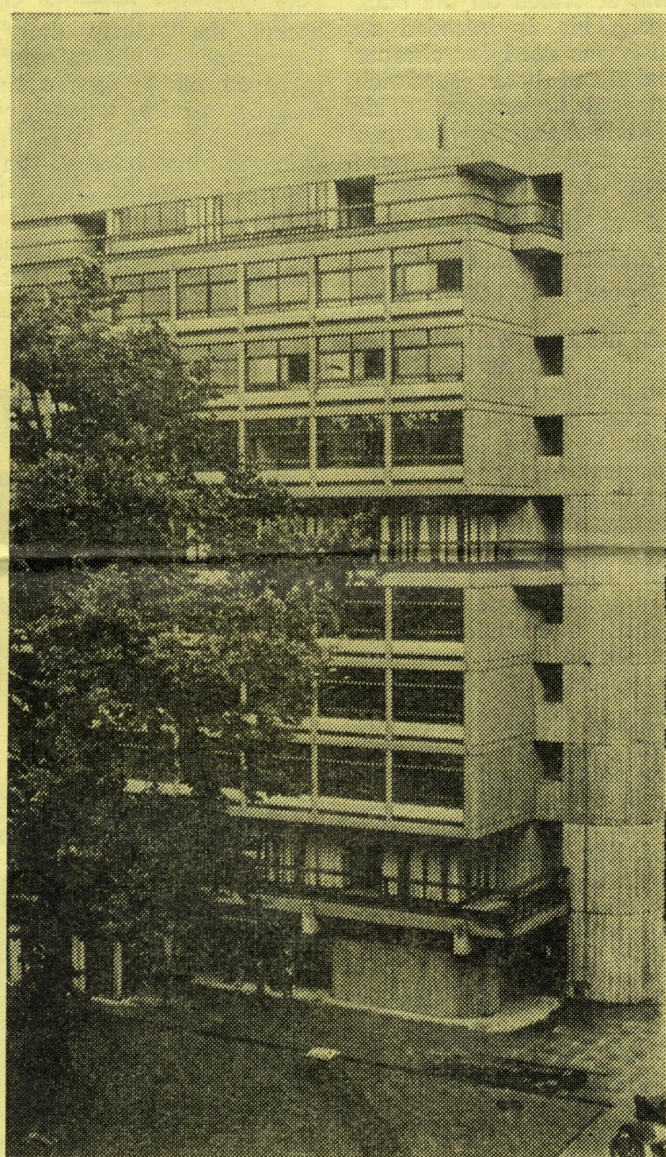
Linstead Hall was opened as a hotel during the months of July, August and September to provide lodgings for students working in London, visitors to the college and young people holidaying in, and passing through, London. A profit of over £3,000 was made, which, it is hoped, will go towards the cost of converting a new student house.

The scheme was inaugurated to make use of the rooms in Hall which would otherwise stand empty when not being used for conferences. Only the 70 rooms on staircases 2 and 3 in Linstead were used for the trial scheme, which was run this year to examine the advantages and disadvantages of such a project. The basic idea was to provide accommodation for students from abroad and other British universities during the peak summer months when cheap accommodation is very difficult to find in London.

The original proposal was put to the welfare committee by Chris Kent and Jonathan Moont, the Halls of Residence rep. who went on to produce plans for the scheme and the way it should be run. The whole project was finally approved, with reservations, by the Student Residence Committee.

The staff on the scheme were all students from I.C., working with the co-operation of Miss Smailes, the housekeeper, and the permanent cleaning staff; Suzanne Hardy and Ian Carr were in charge of reservations and administration, Jonathan Moont controlled the finances, and ten student cleaners were working on a part-time basis.

Over 500 people stayed in Linstead, with several parties sponsored by international student travel organisations housed in Tizard Hall under the Accommodation Scheme's management. Breakfasts were provided by students during August when the college refectories were closed, and students also stood in as messengers and security guards at weekends



when none were provided by college security. The scheme ran without major mishaps and nearly all available rooms were occupied throughout the three months; the major proportion of guests were foreign students and foreign university staff visiting the college.

I.C. students who applied for residence last term were housed in Student Houses and the halls of residence not in use for conferences. The rent for staying under the accommodation scheme was £6 per week, but it is possible that next year there will be lower rates for holders of International Student Identity Cards and more expensive rates for non-students.

The main conclusions to be drawn from the scheme were that permanent clean-

ing staff should be employed rather than part-timers; rooms should only be let to people unconnected with University or college for a maximum of one week; non-students should only be allowed to take rooms if there are no students asking for them.

The continuation and possible extension of the scheme next year will depend on the enthusiasm of more students to organise and run it, on the Halls of Residence rep., who is yet to be elected, and, of course, on the continued approval of the Students Residence Committee. The great demand for rooms and requests for reservations for next year has already shown that all possible available accommodation is needed for young people during the summer.

## Caroline Ward-Bailey Snubs Admin.

Mrs. Caroline Ward-Bailey, who has been employed by the College in various posts concerned with the widening of courses at

I.C., has declined to continue working for the College as aide to the revised Associated Studies Office.

Caroline was originally

dismissed when the College decided to run down Associated Studies last June. Under pressure, however, the College reversed its decision and decided to offer Mrs. Ward-Bailey a clerical post. In a calculated (and well-deserved) snub to the College, she has turned down this offer.

The interest in course broadening at I.C. was largely fostered by the late Pro-Rector, Lord Willis Jackson, to whom Caroline Ward-Bailey was research Assistant. Until his untimely death last year, Lord Jackson's stature and influence ensured the progress, albeit slow, towards greater diversification, despite the fact that the majority of Professors here prefer the old-fashioned narrow-minded Degree Factory treatment.

After Lord Jackson's demise, the reactionary elements in the College lost no time in gathering forces and started to run down the Associated Studies Office. Mrs. Ward-Bailey was dismissed on the grounds that there was no structure for her to fit in!

This backwards trend brought an immediate outcry from students and some staff, and under strong pressure from I.C. Union and the Assoc. Studies Committee, the College was forced to back down.

However, Mrs. Ward-Bailey was only offered a post as a Senior Clerk, and she felt that this did not give the job the status it needed or deserved. Internal status politics prevented the post being up-graded to an administrative scale. Furthermore, it was obvious that the College had only backed down under pressure, and that the reactionaries would try and force closure of her proposed office as soon as they thought they could get away with it. Therefore Caroline thought that she could not accept the post, and will instead seek a job with less in-fighting and a more secure future.

The hounded Associated Studies Committee has now to find someone as capable and as determined as Caroline, to carry on this important work. The Union has requested, and been offered, representation on the selection panel for Mrs. Ward-Bailey's successor.

## Mooney price increases

Faced with a deficit on the running of the Refectories over the past year of over £28,000, the Refectory Committee has had no option but to raise all Refectory prices by 15%.

Moreover, the differential between cafeteria and waitress service meals has been steeply increased, and the upper Dining Hall in the Union has been closed altogether.

The price increase, taking for example a 3/6 meal to 3/11, was decided upon when the loss was believed to be about £10,000 and was designed to make the refectories break even next year. However, with the true figures now known, it appears that it will be some years until the deficit is paid off.

### Falling Customers

At the Refectory Committee meeting, Refectory Manager Victor Mooney explained how the deficit arose. Firstly, food prices have gone up by an average of 9% in the past year, though beef is up by 17%. The Refectory Committee, following its policy of fixed prices throughout the year, has borne this extra cost without passing it on. Also, the opening of College Block has added £14,000 to the wages bill, without the increased turnover to compensate. Further contributory causes are the uneconomic waitress service Dining Halls, and a falling number of customers. The latter is partially due to the successful boycott of Southside Lower Refectory (now closed) following the cockroach incidents reported in Felix 284 last January. The boycott is estimated to have caused £2,000 to £3,000 loss to the Refectories.

### Upper Union Closed

The Committee also decided to close entirely the waitress service in the Union upper Dining Hall, although it will still be bookable for formal evening dinners. The waitress services have been under-used and this is bound to get worse after the recent price increases. Faced with a choice between closing the Union Dining Hall or the Southside Staff Dining Hall, it was more economic to close the former. This is because the Union Dining Hall has its own separate kitchen, requiring additional staff, whereas all Southside refectories will be served by the one kitchen.

The closure of the Union waitress service has brought protests from club officials who have to entertain guest speakers etc., to lunch. This problem also applies to Technicians and other College employees. Therefore the Refectory Committee and I.C. Union are recommending to the Senior Common Room Committee that the Staff Dining Room in Southside should be opened to all. This would not cause great annoyance to the staff, as the price would normally deter students from eating there.

In the meantime, students faced with the problem of where to take guests to lunch are advised to find a member of staff to sponsor them as guests in the Staff Refectories. Moreover, if a member of staff cannot be found, Domestic Bursar Carl Seaford has offered to sponsor any bona-fide student officials, if they contact him in advance via his office.



# COLCUTT

## The Hard Life

The purple dots marched across the room, wheeled and formed fours with the red diamonds coming through my head. I screwed my eyes shut to make them come to attention but the cacophony of the quarter peal from the belfry sent them dancing into the sunlight coming through the open window. The quarter peal faded into the monotonous clang of the tenor bell and I realised there was someone at the door. I poked the wife and crawled over her to find my clothes under the chair. The taste of nicotine whisky was sour on my tongue but the bottle of Black Label was dead on the floor.

"It's a hard life" I said to the pigeon who was wondering whether the squashed pink cherries on the woman's breasts were edible, found one sock in the piss-pot, pulled my shoes on and fell barefoot down the stairs. The door swung open with the second try and I coughed as the evening air mixed with the smoke in my lungs.

The two mobbers came at me from either side and had me in the Rover before I could roll the phlegm round my mouth once. Big P. looked at me and said that any two bit journalist who tried writing him down would end up on the first flight to Amman. I stopped my hands shaking and tried to convince myself it was the D.T.'s again. Big P. looked at his watch, said "seven-thirty, time for bed" and I bounced onto the pavement outside the Union Office.

"Colcutt" I hissed at Needham, who pulled his thumb out of his mouth and asked me how to spell secretary. I sneered and went into the inner sanctum. Baby Jude was pointing her breasts at nothing in particular, otherwise known as the Deputy President. She swung her legs from under the desk and ripped her tights on the chair.

"It's a hard life" I murmured as I sat down.

"What are you going to do about it?" said Kirkham, hauling himself out of his pint pot and shoving his gut in my face. But I'd done it already so they opened a window and I crawled off to see my editor.

He was slumped on the floor of the Press Room, wrapped round a bottle of malt and groaning "Press date tomorrow and only two pages of ads. at the printers". The wispy blonde with the tight breasts bounced through the door and dragged him across the landing.

"Christ, four times in three hours, what a hard life," he screamed across his shoulders. I was getting sick of this joke but lifted the bottle of malt and reflected that one person keeping his end up was enough.

I lurched back to the Queens Tower. Designed and built it myself way back but the neighbourhood was going to ruin with all the students around. The pigeon had gone away hungry and the wife was still senseless.

The typewriter was still in the corner where I'd left it four months ago and I dragged it out and settled down to write the first scathing column of the session. The letters on the typewriter blurred and my mind went black.

Two hours later, as I was half way through my first sentence, her white arms folded round my neck and pulled me back between her breasts. The cherry crop suddenly looked good this year. I broke open a new pack of Players and reached for the malt. The red diamonds swirled back in through the window. The smoke burned my mouth and the malt made my gut ache.

Suddenly I felt good again.

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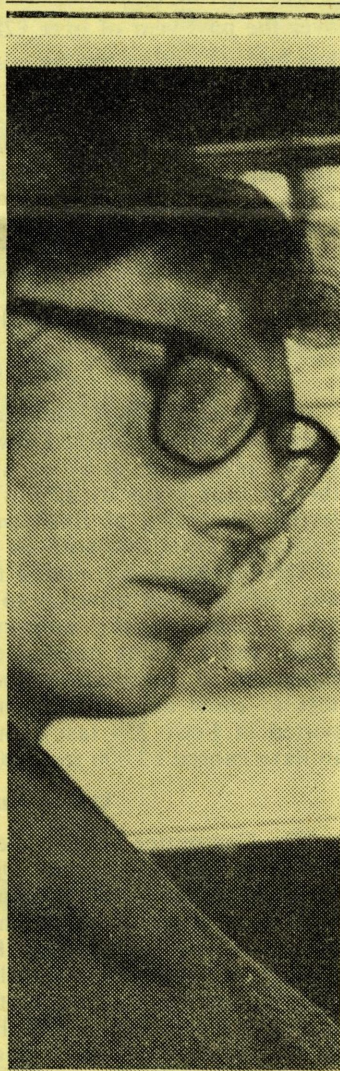
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## New Warden in Linstead

Mr. Frank Potter has been appointed Warden of Keogh Hall, Southside, following the departure of Dr. Butler to work in the City. Mr. Potter, a lecturer in the Civil Engineering Department, has been acting Warden of Linstead Hall for the past two terms, and was a staff resident in Tizard before that.

Dr. Ken Bignell, sub-Warden of Linstead since it opened two years back, and previously a sub-Warden in Beit Hall, has been appointed Acting Warden of Linstead until Christmas. After Christmas, Mr. Paul Minton is expected to return to the College and to Linstead, after his year's leave of absence at Perth University, Australia.



Tony Sims (above) will be the dynamic, bursting with energy editor of FELIX this year. If you see him stop him and buy one. Anyone, but anyone with the slightest aspirations to literary merit, or can type, take photos or is just a normal congenital idiot may find their niche working for FELIX. Come along to the Press Room (top floor, Union Building) any Tuesday or Thursday dinner time and find out for yourself.

## Southside

## Exposed

To enable our readers to find their way about all the numerous refectories in the College, our intrepid Felix reporter Tony Kirkham was sent on an expedition to the furthestmost outposts of Mooney, and reports below on what he found there.

In **SOUTHSIDE**, the main refectory is the **new cafeteria**, described on the back page. This is intended to satisfy the need for cheaper meals, and better sandwich and salad services. This cafeteria is the only one open at weekends, and is open during the following hours:

Breakfast: 08.30 to 09.30  
Lunch: 12.00 to 14.00  
Supper: 17.00 to 19.00

At the East end of Southside is the **Staff Dining Room**, where you can get a waitress-served meal for about 7/-. The dining hall has pleasant modern decor, with octagonal tables, and is open at lunchtime on weekdays. Although it is not yet open to students, negotiations are under way to allow anyone in. Also for staff is the **Staff Buttery** service in the SCR bar at lunchtime.

In the evening during the week, there will be an **à la carte waitress service** operating in a screened-off corner of the new cafeteria. The food here will be the same standard as the old Southside evening waitress service, and you won't get away with a meal under about 9/-.

Across Prince Consort Road, in the **UNION**, the **ground floor cafeteria** will continue to operate as in previous years, serving breakfasts from 8.30 to 9.30 and cafeteria meals from 12.00 to 14.00 and from 17.00 to 19.00. However, it will no longer be open on Saturday morning. Average price is about 4/6 to 5/-, except for the newly-introduced "cheap daily" at 2/6 to 3/-. Although the furniture is rather older than in College Block, the queues are invariably shorter.

In between the Union and Southside lies **COLLEGE BLOCK**, which, due to its central position, tends to breed long queues. All the facilities in College Block open during lunchtime only, i.e. noon until 2.00 p.m. The **Student Buttery** on level two has proved very popular, in fact too popular. The cause of the huge queues found there last year was that the pie and chips at about 3/- represented the best value

for money in the College. Thus 600 to 700 meals were served in a buttery seating 90. The opening of the new Southside multi-access refectory should help ease the waiting time.

On the ground floor of the building is the **College Block Cafeteria**, the largest refectory in IC. It is similar to the Union in its services, but only opens at lunchtime. The decor is modern, the food the best of all the cafeterias, but the queues very long. Average price is 5/-, except the "cheap daily". One corner of the refectory is roped off to isolate the **waitress service**, where you get the same food as in the cafeteria, but have to pay about 2/- more for the waitresses.

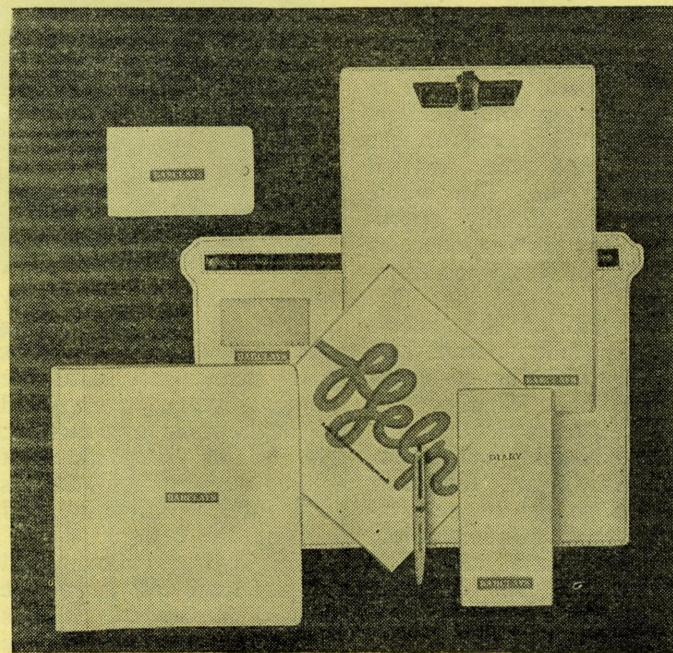
Also in College Block, though not for students, are

the **Staff Buttery**, next door to the Student Buttery, and the **Staff Dining Room**, which serves high class meals to members of the Senior Academic Staff.

Your intrepid Felix reporter also just managed to find his way to the three bars in IC. These are Southside bar, through the TV room on the ground floor; the Union bar on the ground floor of the Union building; and College block bar tagged on to one corner of the Junior Common Room on level 2 College Block. The Union bar still clings to its men only rule. College Block bar only opens at lunch-time. The bar hours are: 12.30 to 14.00 and 18.00 to 23.00 during the week. On Sunday, only Southside bar opens, and its evening opening hours are 19.00 to 22.00.

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Soss Roberts discusses the

## Constituent College Unions

However, it isn't just as simple as that, because there are thus four colleges and hence four students' unions. The Presidents of the three constituent college unions (CCU's) are automatically tangled up into the workings of the all-embracing Imperial College Union (ICU). Each of the four Unions has its separate meetings and every student at IC is eligible to go to two of them: ICU, and his particular CCU. Since ICU, to the public at large, is more important than any particular CCU, most serious Union matters are discussed at ICU meetings and the lighter stuff and sports are left to the CCU's. Many people at IC, especially the Lefties, are against the very existence of the CCU's on the grounds that four Unions cause four times as much chaos and require four times as many places in Hall, than one union; and the CCU's encourage and propagate the decadent Rugby Club/Union Bar / Piss-Artist / Fascist clique. On the other hand many other people, especially members of this latter clique (i.e. anybody not a Leftie) are all for CCU's on the grounds that some difference is necessary for sporting and social purposes.

### DIFFERENCES

To enable you to recognise your own CCU if you stumble across it accidentally the basic differences between the three CCU's are as follows. RCSU is composed of pure scientists, C & GU of engineers, and RSMU of mining and metallurgy students. The student populations are respectively about 1700, 1700, and 500, and since each Union receives about the same grant from the Powers that Be, it is obvious that RSMU spends a lot more money per capita than the other two CCU's. It so happens that all Miners are the same sort of people — they play rugby, swim in beer, and don't like Lefties, and are therefore members of the RC/UB/PA/F clique. In fact, informed sources assert that this clique is really RSMU in disguise, and vice versa. You only have to go to an RSMU meeting to see for yourself (but don't get recognised if you're not a member of RSMU); and because of this homogeneity RSMU is a very strong Union — much more so than RCSU and C & GU. Often it appears that the whole CCU system

is being held up by RSMU's stability.

The other two Unions have a fair proportion of sporting members but quite a few Lefties as well — but since Lefties don't believe in CCU's we can forget about them for the purposes of this discussion. In spite of their greater size RCSU and C & GU are very apathetic — about as bad as ICU itself, which at times seems the very paragon of apathy. In sport RCSU and C & GU are about equal. But what makes RCSU better than C & GU (and what makes it obvious who is writing this) is that each CCU produces a Broadsheet, and Guilds' Sheet is a rather sorry-looking publication, owing to general apathy and hence lack of contributors. The RCS Broadsheet is very popular within RCS and is run by a few hard-working people; the Mines Newsletter is very good and is run by more hard-working people. These sheets are the equivalent of Felix on a CCU scale, but are NOT intended to oust Felix, which is the paper of ICU and hence more necessary than CCU sheets; rather do they attempt to keep CCU members in touch with their Union. They only exist because they are popular, and most serious IC news appears in Felix.

In order to distinguish themselves audibly on occasions when rival colleges meet, each CCU has a chant which will be taught to freshers at the Freshers Union Meetings on Tuesday at 1.15. RCS chant a Swahili obscenity which begins Kangela Armedola (need I say more?), Guilds have the Boomalaka, and all Mines can manage a bellowed "M-I-N-E-S" (but then it depends on how loud they bellow it). To distinguish themselves visibly each CCU has a mascot — RCS have Theta, at present of unknown whereabouts, C & G Spanner, and RSM Davy Lamp. There are also inviolate mascots, consisting of vintage motor vehicles: Jezebel, Boanerges and Clementine respectively.

Obviously as a member of only one CCU I'm biased. You can see for yourself what your CCU is like; each CCU is meeting at 1.15 tomorrow and ICU meets on Thursday at 1.15.

There are some good heavy politics at ICU and much lighter stuff at CCU

## Register your vote

Under a recent Court of Appeal ruling, on a test case in May financed by NUS, students can now register to vote in their College constituencies.

The Court ruled that students in Hall, lodgings, or flats could be regarded as residents in that constituency, as well as in their home constituency. But they must register whilst at College, and the registration formalities take place this month. A student, incidentally, is entitled to vote if he will be 18 by 15th February.

ICU President Judith Walker is distributing publicity in an attempt to inform students of these recent changes in the law. It is important, also, that landlords are informed at once, as the registration forms are filled in by them.

The court also laid down that a person may be "resident" at more than one place, so students should still be registered at their home address by their parents.

When a person is resident in two places, then he may vote in BOTH places for local elections and parliamentary by-elections, provided the two places are in different local authorities or constituencies.

However, he may only vote ONCE in a General Election and stiff penalties await those who do vote twice.

Students are also entitled to postal votes, and should apply to the Electoral Registration Officer for form Q, without delay.

The local IC constituency is the Cities of London and Westminster. At the last election, the candidate who won by a huge majority was — would you believe it — the Tory.

**You lucky people can now find out how Felix is prepared and edited by watching out for the Felix stand in College Block this afternoon (Junior Common Room — NE corner). No prizes offered for spotting our new friendly neighbourhood editor!**

meetings, so go along and support them. If you really can't make it then the meetings are reported in Felix and the Broadsheets. Have fun.

## I.C. Optical Systems Ltd. New Species in College Block

The Governors of Imperial College have approved a proposal to establish a small company within the College called "IC Optical Systems Ltd". The main objective is to make highly specialized optical instruments and components, requiring the investigation of new methods of design, manufacture, mounting and testing.

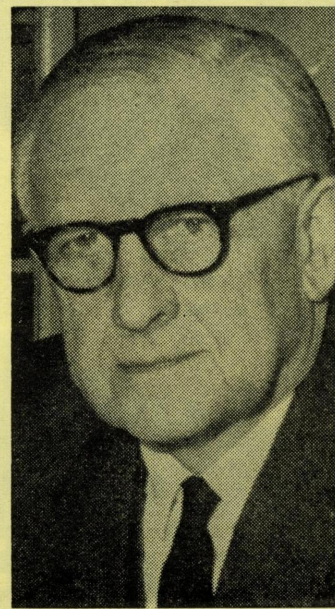
The capital will be subscribed jointly by the College, Technical Development Capital Ltd. (TDC) and members of staff in the Applied Optics and other research sections of the Department of Physics, namely: Professor C. G. Wynne, FRS, Optical design; Professor W. R. S. Garton, FRS, Spectroscopy; Professor J. Ring, Infrared Astronomy; Dr. W. T. Welford, Applied Optics; Mr. H. W. Yates, Mr. C. Pataky, Optical manufacturing specialists.

The work undertaken will be mainly 'one-off' lenses and components for bubble chambers, telescopes and pectographs, and other specialised precision devices in most cases needed for research projects.

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in large-scale manufacture at the College. The Company will make full and proper payment for any use it makes of College tools, equipment and space.

The existence of this activity in the College will result in improved facilities for postgraduate teaching, an increase in the scope of research, the proving of designs by members of the staff and the training of glass-working technicians to the high standards and in the techniques required for this specialized work.



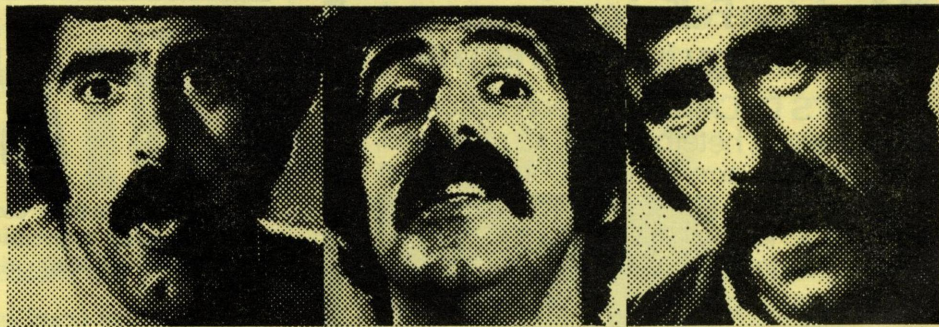
Professor Harry Jones.  
The new Pro-Rector,

The editor's attention was recently drawn to a little known qualification which may be gained at this renowned seat of learning. If the reader would observe the new version of the College Registration warning notices around the place, he will see that it refers to a form of life which it calls undergraduates (sic). It would thus appear that college bureaucracy has involved itself with that previously inviolable aspect of student life — gadding about.

This, we feel, cannot be a mistake on the part of Admin. Far be it from FELIX to suggest that the College Block Clique would employ anyone who cannot spell or proof-read, and we, being rather better acquainted with the illustrious members of SOGAT than most, cannot lay the blame on any hypothetical pissed printer at the Purley Press.

So, freshmen and uninformed sophomores, be warned, Uncle Bill has decreed, "Verily, thou shalt not gad until thou hast graduated."

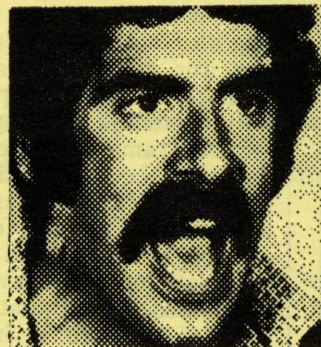
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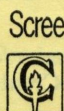


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O.K. — for the uninitiated what is this Wellsoc scene? It is according to Somerset House and the SCC standing orders, the H. G. Wells Society of Imperial College, born in 1963, the brainchild of Mr. Sinclair Goodlad et al. (the same al who has co-authored many scientific papers on diverse subjects.)

In spite of its name the Society has no connection with the life and times of H. G. Wells but his aims and objectives coincided most nearly with our own so the Society adopted Wells as their "Patron Saint".

The original slogan Monday Night is Wellsoc Night, has become rather dated since the society's activities have expanded, however the accent is still on the Monday evening lectures. When throughout the winter and spring terms a prominent visiting lecturer gives a talk on some aspect in his field of work. These guests bring along films and many peculiar props for demonstrations in the case of such subjects as hypnotism, LSD, topology, linear motors and explosions. Needless to say some of these demonstrations have been very spectacular and have literally brought the house down, nearly! After lecture we invite members to coffee to discuss aspects of their subject in a more relaxed atmosphere over coffee.

Within the framework of the Society's aims study groups have been set up to examine UFO's, Ghosts, ESP and related phenomena on the fringe of science fiction into the science fact of pollution and technological forecasting. Topical exhibi-

tions on these subjects have been staged during the spring term. Inevitably activities in the groups field have been directed where the members' interest lies and as trends of thought change so must the subjects of study. A wind of change is at present blowing through Wellsoc and there is a "re-think" in progress on the groups scene.

To alleviate the academic indigestion (how's that for an anti-peristaltic phrase?) Wellsoc won fame and favour for initiating a Tom and Jerry cult and as an aside some large cinema-scope feature films, screened on Southside sheets. This year there will be an even larger film programme, incorporating sex, cartoons, sex, horror, corn and sex.

The Society's new president, Sir Barnes, CBE, FRS, will open the Session's programme with his inaugural lecture on the theme of transport in the future. Many members of the college will recall Sir Barnes' lecture on the Strength of England, which two years ago smashed the attendance records of the society.

Sir Barnes, who at the remarkable age of 83, still works full time at BAC's Aeronautical Research Department, has in his life designed airships — the R100, special bombs which were used successfully on the famous RAF Dambuster Missions and were responsible for the sinking of the Tirpitz. He is at present engaged in the development of variable geometry (swing wing) aircraft. With Sir Barnes' presidential lecture, a new precedent will be established by using the Great Hall in the College Block for the first time.

If you have not already joined Wellsoc, you can join at any of the meetings or by filling in the form below. You will be receiving details of this year's programme shortly.

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## The Misconducting Apprentice

This short article concerns the trials and tribulations of an engineering apprentice. It may be of some importance to engineering students at I.C. who are financed by outside firms.

His case was heard in the Court of Appeal on 28th April, 1970.

An apprentice named Dunk was apprenticed in December, 1964, for four years to an engineering firm. The Agreement which Dunk had with the firm included a clause entitling his employers to terminate the Agreement if the apprentice was guilty of misconduct. Dunk attended the local technical college, he passed his first examination on the second attempt, but reports on his prospect of passing the second examination were unfavourable. The employers on receiving the college report terminated Dunk's apprenticeship. Dunk took his case to the High Court which awarded him only £2 nominal damages. He appealed to the Court of Appeal which ruled that the employers had no right to terminate the Agreement since Dunk had not been guilty of misconduct — in that his apparent failure to reach the required standard in his academic studies was not tantamount to misconduct. The Court of Appeal awarded damages to Dunk.

### Film Soc Events

Friday 9th Oct.

"If" Lindsay Anderson's hatchet job on the public school. Also "Why Man Creates" and Buster Keaton's "Love Nest on Wheels".

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# Propaganda versus History

The theme of this, the fourth series of historical and documentary films to be shown at Imperial College, has been chosen to illustrate the conflict that exists in almost any film dealing with historical events — the conflict between the historical truth it purports to describe and the motives and attitudes of the director who makes it.

At first sight it might seem that it is a conflict in which history is invariably the loser. Every historical or documentary film is propaganda for something; every director imposes his own interpretation upon the events he is dealing with and thereby falsifies them. The cinema, it might be concluded, is of little value in studying history.

This is far from being the case. The historical interest of a film is in fact greatly increased, because the attitudes of people towards events are just as much a part of history as the events themselves. Thus for example the first film in this series (**Lenin — A Biography**) provides valuable evidence not only about Lenin and the Russian Revolution but also about attitudes in the Soviet Union today.

The films chosen to illustrate the theme of this series can be considered in several ways. First, as a documentary record of such important historical events as the Spanish Civil War, and the Second World War. In this respect, Rossif's **To Die in Madrid** is outstanding. Second, there is the question of their technical proficiency as propaganda. Carl Foreman's **The Victors**, for example, is regarded by some as the most powerful anti-war film ever made. On some topics (Apartheid and divided Germany) the films show how identical or closely related subjects are treated from conflicting and in some cases unfamiliar viewpoints. Third, there is the interest of seeing the change in perspective between contemporary attitudes to an event and the attitudes of a later generation. Carl Foreman's attitude to the Second World War as revealed in **The Victors**, for instance, is markedly different from that of people at the time, as can be seen by contrasting it with the British wartime propaganda films in the previous programme.

It is both interesting and important to try to understand and account for these attitudes, why they differ, and why they change with the passing of time. Hence the value of propaganda films in the study of history.

## Program

Time: 6.00 p.m.

Place: Department of Chemical Engineering and Chemical Technology, Imperial College.

Lecture Theatre 1 (ACE Building).

Dates:

20th October 1970

LENIN:  
A BIOGRAPHY

17th November, 1970  
TO DIE IN  
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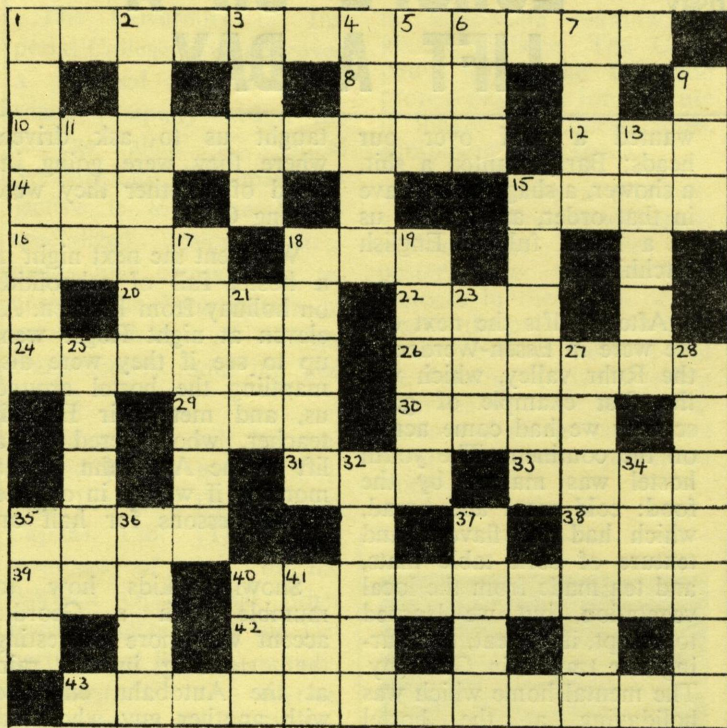
8th December, 1970  
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DESERT VICTORY

19th January, 1971  
THE VICTORS

16th February, 1971  
LET MY PEOPLE  
GO  
THREE WISE MEN  
OF THE WORLD  
AFRICAN  
CONFLICT

16th March, 1971  
IHR BESTER  
MANN  
DIE  
UNMENSCHLICHE  
MAUER  
BERLIN '66  
CITY OF CRISIS

## Fresher's Crossword



### Clues Across

- 1. Time for French rain (5,2,5)
- 8. Lubricant. (3)
- 10. So in it may we find enmity. (9)
- 12. Characteristic of swan or maize. (3)
- 14. Not a good way to dab. (3)
- 15. Garden tools re-arranged to give footwear. (4)
- 16. Countenance of a betting man? (4)
- 18. Old-time mod, perhaps? (3)
- 20. Pore remade as sisal. (4)
- 22. A friend across the channel. (3)

### Clues Down

- 24. A reply contained in Adrian's wertherism. (6)
- 26. Jointless. (2,4)
- 29. Possessive sit. (3)
- 30. Welsh castle. (4)
- 31. Previous perhaps. (3)
- 33. Pear taken by force! (4)
- 35. May wilt or blow stiffly in the breeze. (4)
- 38. God or gibbon. (3)
- 39. Adult among nine elves. (3)
- 40. "Ye trap nag" (in time with Elgar, no doubt). (9)
- 42. Discontent. (3)
- 43. "Co-op mint ties" (and so make them worth winning?) (12)

### Clues Down

- 1. Snow-white state, I wonder? (7)
- 2. "Dare, sir!" (we find the takings worth the effort!) (7)
- 3. A horseback sport is played in a circle, it seems! (4)
- 4. To some it may be pop-music, to others it's an unwelcome sound. (5)
- 5. A mine or an overturned tip. (3)
- 6. Aga's uncle. (3)
- 7. Chin measure. (4)
- 9. Decoration. (1,1,1)
- 11. The first of these heads Sir Gerald's fleet. (3)
- 13. A pair of spectacles and a letter exuded. (5)
- 15. Outstanding among eyes and skill. (6)
- 17. Horse power acting, maybe, but not under one's own bonnet. (6)
- 18. Ester reformed moodily. (5)
- 19. Being caned would make anyone want to hop and skip and jump! (5)
- 21. Plaything with a mind of its own. (3)
- 23. Once a NZ bird. (3)
- 25. Worthy coin! (5)
- 27. Long examination, perhaps, of medicinal value. (4,3)
- 28. Always gets his way . . . (4,3)
- 32. . . . and, in doing so, correct (5)
- 34. A stroke reversed to give a standard. (3)
- 35. Cost. (3)
- 36. A lot of voice. (4)
- 37. Never failed to trap the hungry animal. (4)
- 40. Young form of 21 down, for instance . . . (3)
- 41. . . . but this dates it. (3)

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## IMPERIAL COLLEGE

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**Intrepid Felix explorers  
Ian Carr & Roger Lindsay  
report on their  
European jaunt**

## EUROPE ON A LIFT A DAY

The idea was to get to Stockholm on as little money as possible, but when we had been standing by the roadside at Ostend for an hour or so, we began to have doubts. Happily thumbing at dour businessmen driving by, we were hailed by two more hitchhikers heading back into town for food.

"How many days have you been here?", one asked.

"Oh, only about half an hour", we lied cheerfully.

"We've been here since 5 this morning", he said, equally cheerfully. It was late afternoon.

"Oh", we said.

We were finally picked up by a German soldier who spoke not a word of English, but took us through Belgium to Aachen in Germany, where we made it to the Youth Hostel with the aid of Barry, whom we met retreating from the Autobahn, unsuccessfully. We just

wanted a roof over our heads; Barry wanted a shit, a shower, a shag and a shave in that order, and guided us to a hostel full of English hitchhikers.

After 4 lifts the next day we were in Essen-Werden in the Ruhr valley, which was the first example of good scenery we had come across on the continent. The youth hostel was marred by the food: cold meat and bread, which had the flavour and texture of cork table mats, and tea made from the local vegetation, but we learned to accept, if not eat, this during our travels in Germany. The mental home which was holidaying at the hostel tended to unnerve us at first, but when we had fled some of the friendlier inhabitants we found the only other sane person there, who didn't speak English. We conversed in broken French and shattered German, and she

taught us to ask drivers where they were going instead of whether they were feeling OK.

We spent the next night in a hostel full of schoolkids on holiday from Bremen. At eleven at night Roger went up to see if they were dismantling the hostel around us, and met their English teacher, who offered us a lift to the Autobahn in the morning if we sat in on one of his lessons for half an hour.

Showing kids how to mumble with a Geordie accent was more interesting than standing in the rain at the Autobahn entrance with another guy who said he had been there 2 days; after 2 hours we believed him and started walking. After much village-hopping and route-changing we reached the YH at Hamburg which was staffed with refugees from the 3rd Reich,

and went out to sample the night life. We can verify that Hamburg is indeed disgusting and degenerate, so its worth stopping off there for a night if you're in the area.

We reached Denmark and rediscovered the miracle of hot, cooked food. After hearing tales of the friendliness of Danish drivers to English hitchhikers, we were brought down when we had spent 3 or 4 hours in rain and sunshine watching the friendly Danes wave and smile jovially at us as they zoomed by. Then our luck changed and we went from the German border to the centre of Copenhagen in 2 lifts and less than five hours. Copenhagen youth hostel was, of course, full.

We moved on to Elsinore the next morning, and left our gear there while we took the ferry to Sweden. It was already apparent that we had neither the time nor money to reach Stockholm, so contented ourselves with reaching Sweden, which was expensive and wet and started to come home. Two days and ten lifts later we were at Esbjerg. On the way we met up at Kolding with two students we had met in Hamburg. They had spent the intervening period picking up Danish porn to take home and flog in sunny Newcastle. A search to find the night life in Kolding revealed that there weren't none, only the young sitting in the market square smoking hash.

At Esbjerg we found next day's boat booked up, so we left that evening and sailed home with some Danish schoolchildren, who were old enough to be company and wild enough to be fun.

### KENSINGTON UNIVERSITY ? continued from back page

the latter of whom presented his case for South Kensington Tech. last term. Opposing them were Professors Ball, Coles, Southwood, Skempton and others.

It was pointed out that independence is not solely an IC decision. Would the University Grants Committee support it? The Commission on Medical Education has yet to report, and it may suggest joining IC and the Postgraduate Medical School at Hammersmith. Moreover, the Tory government's inquiry into Teacher Education may recommend closer links between Colleges of Education and Universities, i.e. it depends on whether the present binary system is to continue.

Most members of the BoSt favoured decentralisation of UL, while retaining links. Regional groupings of the Colleges would not be favoured by the smaller members of UL, as they would be in danger of being swamped by the big boys.

Basically, the advantages of retaining links with UL are as follows. It enables joint degrees, where the student's choice is not bound up in one College. There are the advantages of Central facilities, such as computers, audio-visual centre. UL also finances central institutions, such as the Courtauld Institute. Diversification could be facilitated by using the departments of other UL Colleges — not possible if IC is a separate University. UL Colleges also collaborate on research projects, and students collaborate via ULU and its clubs.

It was pointed out that IC already has an independence not enjoyed by the other schools of UL — Lord Penney is on the Committee of Vice-Chancellors, and IC gets a direct grant from the UGC. Moreover, it was claimed that the secessionist league was based mainly on ideas of prestige — i.e. making IC alone into a University of Technology.

From the arguments it appears that the main disadvantages of UL are the cumbersome regulations and liberal availability of red tape. This tends to delay acceptance of new methods of examination or new courses, and generally acts as a dampener of fresh ideas.

Lord Penney pointed out that we cannot just submit that we want to secede — we must also give details of the proposed future of an independent IC. He felt that there is too wide a split — as many want to leave as stay in, and no agreement has been reached on what to put in its place.

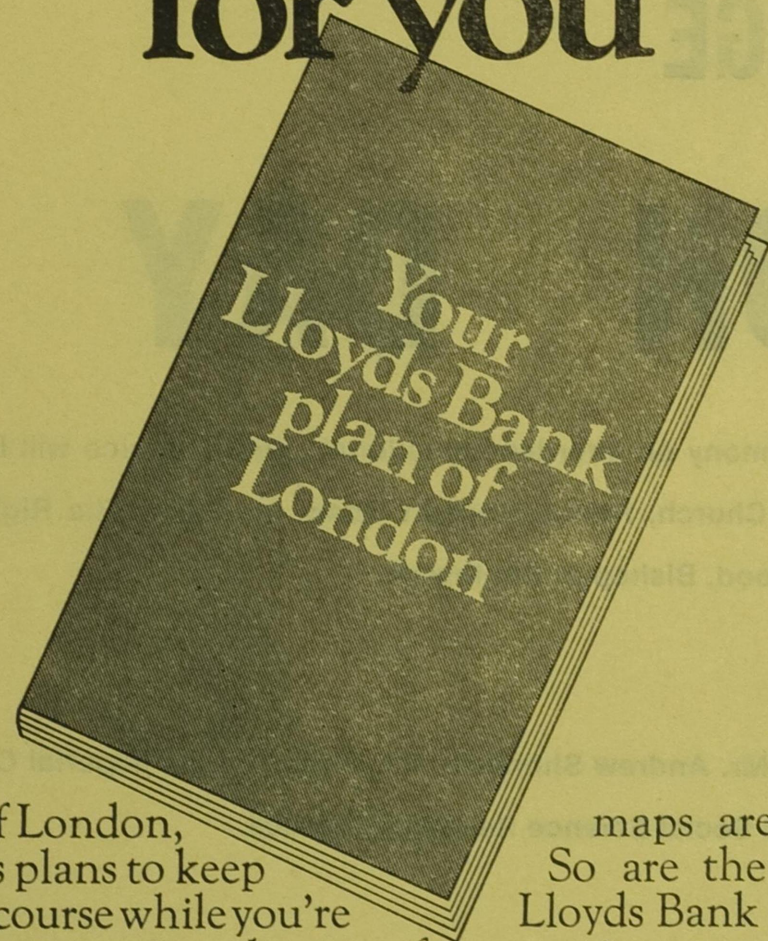
As far as IC Union is concerned, USK figures large in ICU policy as an informal link between colleges, but it is a cross binary group containing Colleges of Education, University College, and Technical Colleges. As such, USK is an ideal until a government decision is made on a scheme for comprehensive Higher Education.

The alternatives appear to be as below:—

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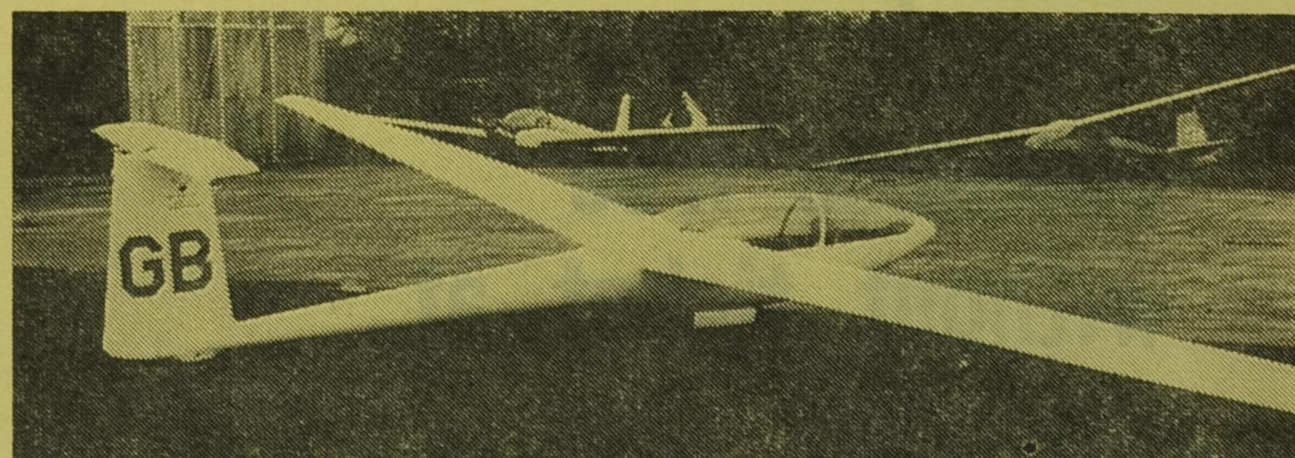
## I.C. Success at World Gliding Championships

Mr. George Burton, ex-student member of Imperial College Gliding Club, was placed fourth in the World Gliding Championships held this summer at Marfa, Texas. He was the highest placed of the four British Team members, a position which he held in the last World Championships in 1968, when he came seventh. There are two classes in the Championships: Standard Class, where the span is

limited to 15 metres and other restrictions apply, and the Open Class which is totally unrestricted. Mr. Burton was competing in the Open Class, and flying a Glasflügel Kestrel 19. This glassfibre sailplane is a 19 metre wingspan version of the 17 metre production model, and was specially modified for Mr. Burton by Slingsby Sailplanes Ltd., of Kirkbymoorside, Yorkshire.

This has been a particu-

larly successful year for Mr. Burton. For the third successive year he collected the Frank Foster Trophy, awarded for the fastest flight round a 100 km. triangle in Great Britain, with a speed of 74.4 k.p.h. Just before the Championships he was appointed managing director of Slingsby's, when the firm was taken over by Vickers, and on his return from Texas he came second in the British Open Class National Championships.



The K8 Kestrel at Lasham.



## Quo Vadis

or the  
invisible  
church

The problem most urgently facing people undergoing a radical change, such as that from school to university, is what group of people to identify with in their new situation. The pressure to conform is enormous. The search for a suitable group is of paramount importance.

Within this context a hundred different student organisations clamour for attention during the mad afternoon of Freshers' Day; and continue to do so through badly-duplicated circulars or over-size posters for the next few weeks. In the midst of this a fresh-faced naive-looking representative of one of the Christian societies may invite you, rather coyly, to some religious event; to a lunchtime meeting, or church on Sunday. You refuse, and why not. Church is something that may, or may not, have happened at home, and is very definitely middle-aged, middle-class, and irrelevant. You're right. It is—nearly always.

However, because you've come to Imperial College, you are now part of an experiment about what the church today can be.

You may still be encountered by the fresh-faced naive-looking representative ritualistically exhorting you to go to church, but that is because we have not got rid of all our traditions yet. No-one really expects to recruit a church-full of converts at a Freshers Day stall. The representative may not be quite so fresh-faced or naive-looking either. Some of the people in the church at Imperial are left-wing radicals, and others, with whom they uneasily rub shoulders, are right-minded rugby club members.

The reason that people are not concerned about your going to church is that there is no church to go to. The real life of the church takes place in departments and halls of residence where people are. Every week several hundred people meet in small groups on different days and in different places to discuss, to plan action, to share a meal together, and, almost always, to celebrate holy communion. This is the church in Imperial College, or most of it. There are still denominational groups, and there is also a rather separatist Christian Union, but their members often join in these hall and department groups.

This experiment about what the church is all about was started, rather unknowingly, by the Church of England. Twelve years ago they appointed Ivor Smith-Cameron as full-time chaplain to the colleges in West London, and it is he who has been largely responsible for these developments. Because he is an Anglican minister some people still label these activities 'Anglican Chaplaincy' but few people regard them as exclusively Anglican or feel the name is very relevant.

The important thing is that it is the church in action. To be sure, there is enormous confusion sometimes about what the action should be, and equal confusion about what the church is. But it doesn't stop people thinking and acting. Over 200 people pray and worship in small groups every week, and a lot of social action is taken. Last year £1000 was collected to send to a member of the church now working in a leprosy in India. Many people help run youth clubs, care for vagrants in the East End, organise work-parties to decorate old people's rooms, and so on. There are also those who ponder the usefulness of such ameliorative measures and wonder if greater political involvement is not called for. There was a course run last year when this was discussed. People also learn and discuss theology, and discover that some of it is more relevant than they thought.

If any of this interests you, you don't have to do anything about it. Certainly there is a eucharist held every Sunday in College Block where people from all the groups worship communally, but you do not have to search for this. You are bound to meet someone who belongs to the invisible church.

ARTHUR FRANCIS

## Checks and Cheques

With an increasing number of outsiders illegally using the College bars, particularly Southside, precautions are to be tightened up to ensure that only those entitled to use the bar are doing so.

I.C.U. Deputy President Tony Kirkham has threatened to hold card checks to ensure that the law is being complied with. The list of people entitled to use the bars is given in the Union Blue Book.

Former students may only use the bar if they are Life Members of the Union. The fee for this is £3, and application forms are available from Janet Hughes in the Union Office.

After several incidents last year when cheques cashed in Southside bar were found to be distinctly rubbery, the arrangements for cashing cheques in the bars have been tightened up. Mr. Mooney has requested the barmen only to cash cheques which are presented along with a bank card.

Contrary to all expectations this year's Scout and Guide Club summer expedition went not to Iceland, but to Austria. The reason was an Icelandic general strike. The area hastily chosen for a visit is called the Stukai Alps and lies south of Innsbruck.

Transport consisted of a hired Landrover and a yellow Thames van, better known as the "Passion Wagon". The journey down was uneventful except when the passion wagon's gearbox jammed more solidly than usual. However, with a little persuasion—taking all day—this was cured.

Although the site of the base camp, on the bank of the Ruetzbach river, was found by accident, it appeared to be well known to many Germans, and, more important, was free. From this base camp operated in groups of four or five.

One group, led by Mike Garrett, set off for a three day visit to Sulzenau Hutte. This eventually turned out to be a nine day stay, during which time they climbed four peaks.

The first day at the hut was spent quietly climbing Troglar (9520 feet). The view from the top convinced them that the area had far more climbing to offer than anyone had anticipated. Consequently everyone else climbed to the hut two

## Scout and Guides summer expedition

days later. Their second day was spent climbing Wilder Freiger (11,250 feet). An early start of three thirty in the morning was necessary as most of the climb was up a glacier, the surface of which melted and became difficult to cross in the sun. As it was the start was late and the climb took nearly seven hours, twice as long as they expected.

On the same day those at base camp had climbed 5000 feet to the top of Greit Spitze. The climb was easy, up grass covered slopes. The route down,



however, was chosen for excitement; Mike Gibson scared everyone stiff when he slipped two feet from the edge of a 200 feet vertical drop.

Unfortunately, the weather now changed from sunshine to cloud and rain. Two attempts at the Zuckerhutl were called off but both Maier Spitze and Troglar were climbed. The day we had decided to return to base Mike Garratt's group conquered the Zuckerhutl (11500 feet), the highest peak in the area.

One group of five decided to go on a hike for the remaining four days. They were given a lift as far as

Matrei, and from there walked up a side valley. The first night was spent camped in a military exercise area and on the second day they tramped through the middle of an army camp—nobody seemed to mind.

Another group, the Gibson — van Schalkwyk circus—climbed to Tribulaun Hutte. The idea was to climb peaks requiring rock climbing skill. Unfortunately a combination of bad weather, verglassed rock and rockfalls prevented them from reaching their main objective. All the same, four subsidiary peaks were conquered during their four day stay.

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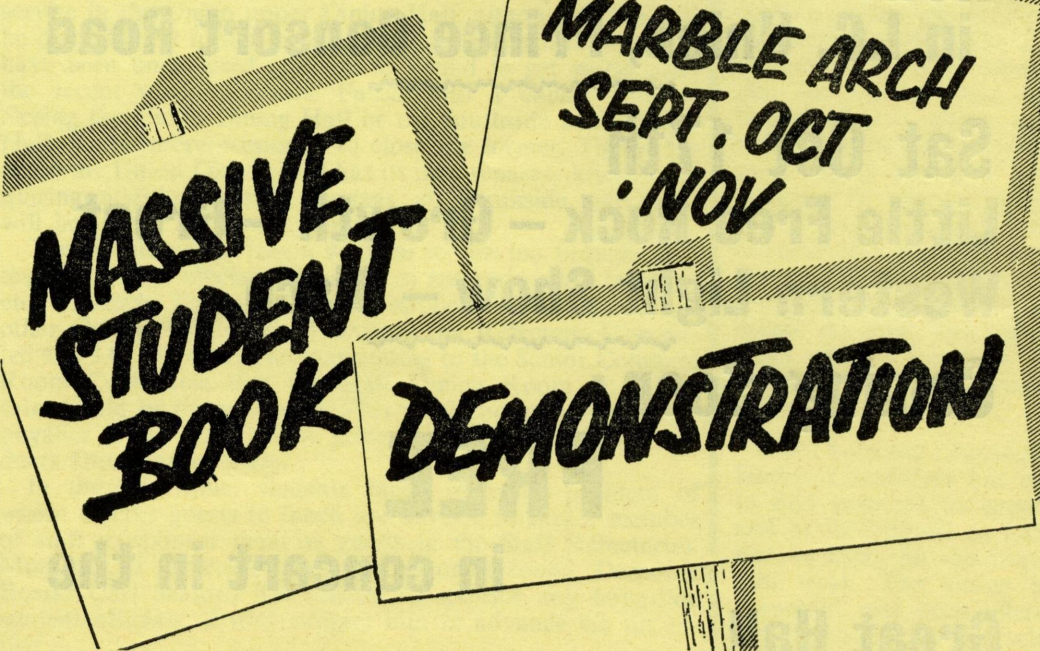
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## Cricket Club

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In the summer term games are played on Saturdays and Wednesdays. Winter nets are available (mainly for freshers) every Sunday during the first two terms when members can benefit from the professional coaching available. The season is rounded off with a ten day tour of Devon immediately after the summer term. On the tour an excellent time is had by all both on and off the field.

Anyone interested should contact the U.C. cricket club today, or give their names to Russ Smith (via Maths letter rack) or Chris Potter (Chemistry).



# KENSINGTON UNIVERSITY ?

The possibility of I.C. breaking away from the University of London as a University of Kensington came under discussion at the recent Board of Studies meeting, held on 23rd September.

The Rector, Lord Penney, presented a paper to the BoSt which would form the basis of the College's submission to a Committee of enquiry into the governance of the University of London. This committee, set up by UL, is chaired by Lord Murray of Newhaven.

The Rector's paper itself said little, and proposed few concrete changes in the UL structure. It comprised mainly woolly statements like reform of the membership of the UL Senate. Although this is theoretically the supreme academic body, it is really a rubber stamp for the decisions of its standing committees, such as Academic Council and Collegiate Council. Also, he wants a broadening of the membership of Senate standing Committees — at present most of these bodies are composed of members already on Senate, and IC is not represented as such an Academic Council. Penney also advocated reduction in the powers of Convocation.

## NO STAMP

The paper also made comments on such matters as student and junior staff participation, external degrees, the UL schools Examinations Council, and Court (which controls finances).

The comment on participation stressed college-based representation. However, ICU has asked that this be extended to state that participation is necessary also at the federal level.

For once, Board of Studies members would not just rubber-stamp the proposals — their comments are to be incorporated in a further document, and the Rector will give Lord Murray both his own opinions and those expressed at the BoSt, in October, and will report back in December.

## SECEDE

Various members of the Board then voiced their opinions that IC should secede from the University of London. The secessionists were led by Professors Spalding and Ubbelhode,

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# NEW STYLE REFECTORY

A completely new type of refectory is to open shortly in the ground floor dining room, Southside, to replace the basement cafeteria and the snack bar. The new refectory will serve a wide range of foods, with better facilities for cheap meals than before.

Last year, the basement cafeteria made a disastrous £13,000 loss, due to a decline in the numbers wanting cafeteria type meals. At the same time the Southside Snack Bar (serving sandwiches etcetera) and the College Block Buttery (serving pie and chips, etcetera) were very overcrowded.

The Southside refectory

was thought up to alleviate these problems, and it is also hoped to bring back custom lost to places outside during last year. The Southside Cafeteria will serve a large range of meals, including salads, sandwiches, pie and chips, and hot cafeteria type meals. The layout is a multiple access arrangement, the customer walks to join one of the four queues at the four main counters, and after getting his meal goes straight to one of the three cashdesks. In this way there should be no long queue trailing round all the counters, and so service should be fairly fast.

The design of the cafeteria is very flexible — it will be very easy to extend one counter and reduce another if one type of meal is more

popular than another, and it is possible that changes will be made as soon as it becomes clear what customers prefer.

The kitchens will now be on one level only, with the new cafe and the staff dining room behind it, as opposed to the former two-level kitchens. This will make Southside more economical to run.

In the evening, the full range of services should again be available. In addition a corner of the dining hall will be screened off and an à la carte waitress service will be provided here. This will be similar to the previous Southside evening waitress service dining hall, but of smaller capacity.

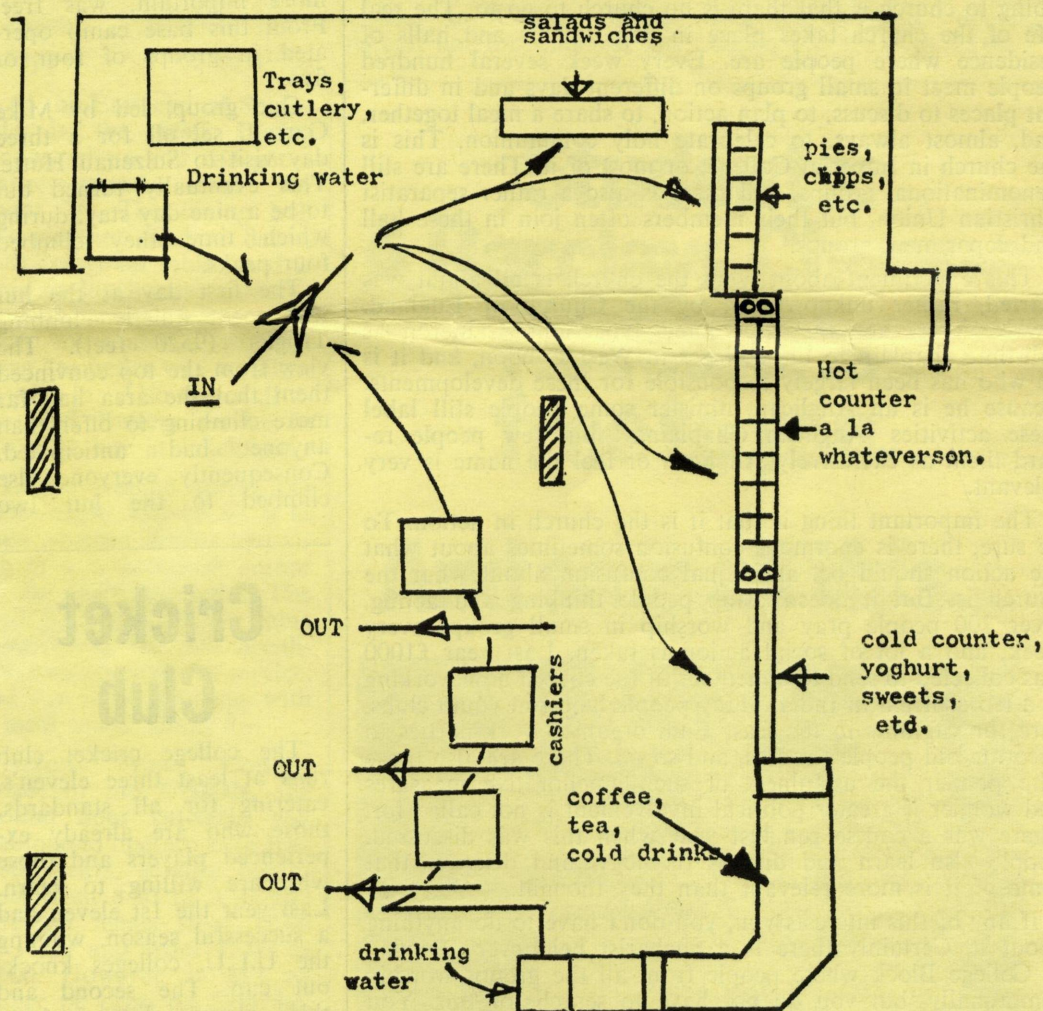
For the moment, the snack bar and basement cafeteria

will be put into mothballs. In a few years time, thought will be given to re-opening them to cope with the expected increase in numbers of students. The basement dining room may also be used for conferences, breakfasts, etc.

At the time of writing, it does not seem clear whether the new multi-access cafeteria will be ready by the start of the term, but it should be operational by October 12. Arrangements for Southside before then seem a bit hazy.

One point to note — the stairs leading to the dining hall from the upper lounge, by the old snack bar entrance, have been removed, so it is advisable not to try and enter the snack bar by this route.

## Plan of Attack



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