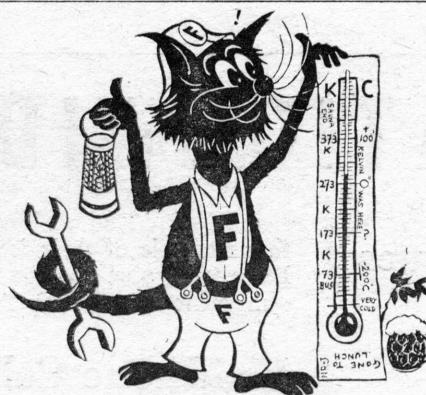


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ON A POINT OF ORDER, MR. CHAIRMAN I'M BORED

OLIVER DOWSON visits the NUS Emergency Conference on Grants.

The Grants issue is dead, at least until the start of next year. This was the only message to come out of the NUS Emergency Conference on Grants held at Imperial College in South Kensington on Saturday. Student leaders now have no clue of what to do next.

The conference was notable among NUS conferences for the poor quality of the speeches, the almost total lack of organisation, and the general confusion. Of the 800 delegates and observers, less than 400 stayed to witness the end of the 48-amendment, seven-hour debate. And the usual camaraderie was gone, too. Those that did stay rushed off home as fast as they could afterwards.

Suspensions

It was the general feeling before the conference, indeed, for many weeks beforehand, that it would be a complete waste of time. The suspicions were well-founded. Every suggestion for new forms of action — or, indeed, for any action at all — was crushed, leaving a substantive motion that served only to reiterate policy agreed upon at the Exeter Easter National Conference.

Campaign Continues

In brief, the NUS has now rejected the Government's offer as inadequate, and have decided to continue the campaign in order to attempt to secure the demands at the triennial review, which happens next year.

The NUS has made special demands for the abolition of discretionary awards, on which no action was taken in this year's interim award, and married women students' grants. The government has already promised revision of married women's grants next year.

Mass Action

Conference, hardly surprisingly, is convinced that mass action is the only way to win a grant increase, and the motion, contained this gem under the heading of 'Campaign Philosophy.'

Conference realises that the foundation of ef-

fective mass action is the commitment and understanding of the student body. Conference is fully aware of the magnitude of the task of building the campaign from the start of the academic year. Conference envisages a steady escalation of the campaign during the autumn term as a consciousness of the issues involved is developed within the student movement. Conference recognises that building such a firm base is an essential part of a campaign that will have to be sustained throughout the year.

The only problem would seem to be that although they are "aware of the magnitude of the problem" they have no way of solving it. Rent strikes are to continue and be stepped up where possible, and this is the only action now envisaged. One speaker warned against "turning rent strikes into a religion" — but conference did not

heed his words. Militant action, such as sit-ins, a National Occupation Week and other "unspecified militant action" was decided against by a crushing majority.

Boring

But, assuming you know what's happened this year, I need hardly continue. If you've been reading the student press this year you will be as bored with the grants campaign as conference was on Saturday.

Come December, Margate Annual Conference will be upon us. Then there should be some decisions and some new policy. It won't be in the middle of exams, and delegates will be in a conference mood in familiar surroundings. Until then, one can hardly expect the campaign to get off the ground — and by December (say January before anything gets going) it will probably be too late.

Students of London, if you want a grant increase for 1974/5, you'd better lay your faith in the Government. The NUS won't do much for your cause.

Reds take over IC Union Building

Many an old I.C. student will turn in his grave this summer. From July 21st to 29th the Union Building will house some 300 left wingers discussing the Marxist view of everything from Economics to Art and Design.

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In addition there are lectures on The Marxist Approach to Philosophy and History, The Marxist View of Man, British Road to Socialism.

The course on Science and Technology should especially interest I.C. students few of whom will have heard a Marxist viewpoint on the controversies raging in the scientific world. To pick out just a few: "Science in Advanced capitalist Society" "The Crisis of Man and the Environment," "Technology as a Form of Social Control and Domination" "Monods," critique of Marxism in choice and necessity and "The Non-Neutrality of Science."

The left in Britain have a very poor record for working out the theory that underlies their practice. The Annual Communist University aims to change all that. If you want to take part or want to know more contact: Paul Watkins, Mech. Eng. P/G or John Lane, c/o I.C. Union Office, or write for a Prospectus to: Bill Sweeney 16, King Street, London WC2E 8HY.

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NATIONWIDE STUDENT NEWS

Rent Strike Continues at Reading

14 Students to be disciplined

Despite set backs the rent strike still continues at Reading. Although everybody paid their hall fees for last term, about 1,400 are withholding rent for the summer term.

Two weeks ago the authorities at Reading wrote to the parents of all students who had not paid last term's hall fees. The letter that they sent threatened the parents with legal action if the money owing to the University was not paid promptly. Since that letter was sent all the money owing from last term has been paid. In protest against the University's action, which the President of the Union, Mark Cann, described as moral blackmail, an occupation was started. However it was discontinued on the first evening after the Vice Chancellor had entered the occupied building with others, to see if any of the people taking part could be identified. Fourteen people were identified and internal disciplinary action is to be taken against them. The Vice Chancellor himself is to be judge, prosecutor and jury.

The students at Reading are trying to delay the disciplinary hearings until after exams have finished on 12 June. They are writing to the secretary of the disciplinary committee saying that the Vice Chancellor is too deeply involved and committed on one side to be an impartial judge.

University regulations forbid a staff member with knowledge of an incident leading to disciplinary action to sit on a disciplinary committee. The students' union believes that the same should apply to the Vice Chancellor. They feel that someone else should be appointed. If they are successful in delaying the hearings they hope to hold a national rally in Reading soon after 12 June. They are sending out notices of this to all student unions.

Art Colleges Campaign

The Spring Bank Holiday weekend saw action by art college students, protesting at Government plans for art education. The art students are opposed to the Delaney Report, and to the raising of the entry requirement for the Diploma in Art and Design to two A levels. The Delaney Report, produced by the local authority pooling committee, recommends a worsening of staff student ratios of, in some cases, 50 per cent. A cut of this size threatens both students and staff in art colleges. It particularly threatens part time teaching staff at art colleges. Artists often depend on part time teaching. It is frequently the only way they can eat and practice their art at the same time.

To draw public attention to their case that it is not relevant for art colleges to insist that students have two A levels and that the Delaney Report should not be implemented, various activities were planned and carried out all over the country.

Students at Harrow School of Art made a sculpture out of scrap metal outside the Harrow civic centre. At Chelsea College of Art and at Maidstone students engaged in an all night work-in. Petitions were delivered to local authorities by all manner of means, including effigies of Mr. Heath and 60 foot dragons at Wolverhampton Polytechnic. Portsmouth Polytechnic performed street theatre in the town's shopping centre. Where students did not use paper as a base for their protest they painted on the pavements.

Derby College of Art held a teach-in on 9 June and the Artists' Union plans to hold a conference here at Imperial College on 23 June, preceded by a demonstration from Hyde Park Corner. London art college students are hoping to be able to take a coffin into the National Gallery this Friday as a fur-

ther example of their feelings about the Delaney Report and the two A level requirement for the Dip AD.

Maidstone College of Art Exhibition

From 19 June to 1 July the walls and floors of the Institute of Contemporary Art will be given over to the work of students at Maidstone College of Art. The ICA believes that the exhibition of painting and sculpture will show the immense diversity of the work going on at Maidstone. It will stress forcibly that a policy which includes drastic cuts in staff can only result in loss of quality and invention. Maidstone is one of the colleges which would suffer badly from the Delaney recommendations. The ICA hopes that the exhibition will be seen as a fine example of what can be achieved, and hopes that the DES will think again before making further cuts in teaching staff.

Alternative Education at Garnett College

Students at Garnett College, dissatisfied with the way in which they are taught, took over the college for a day on 7 June. Garnett trains students to be teachers in Colleges of Further Education and a Garnett student described the college as "one of the more normally apathetic colleges of education". A programme of alternative lectures has been devised covering such topics as free-schooling, alternative systems of education and course content. As well as lectures and seminars practical workshops will be running throughout the day. Departments of the college will be opening up to allow students to try their hands at things which are normally not included in their course. There will be opportunities for scientists to attend a music workshop and for musicians to turn lathes.

More news from Garnett is that Buzz, the student newspaper, is going to merge with the Roehampton Village Voice, a local community paper, on 1 June. The union has approved the move. Buzz is taking a four page spread and paying for its production. This merger should help to integrate the students more closely into the community and involve the local community more closely with the students. This is thought to be the first time that a community paper has merged with a student paper.

Invitations to South Africa and Rhodesia not to be withdrawn

About 300 students demonstrated in Edinburgh on Monday in protest against the attendance of delegates from South Africa and Rhodesia at the congress of the Association of Commonwealth Universities. The demonstration was timed to coincide with a meeting of the court of governors of Edinburgh University, which met to consider its response to a petition signed by 2,500 people. The petition asked for the invitations to South African and Rhodesian Universities to be withdrawn. At the end of the meeting the court announced that they were not withdrawing their invitations.

The Edinburgh students say that if the invitations are not to be withdrawn the ACU should find somewhere else to hold their congress. Speakers, including Digby Jacks, President of NUS, addressed the protesters.

No more Sabbaticals

A working party of the Governors at the City of Leicester College of Education have refused to recommend the appointment of a full time Deputy President. Three Union General Meetings had taken the decision to elect a second

sabbatical officer and an Extraordinary Union Meeting last week expressed its disgust at the Governors' decision. A motion passed by an overwhelming majority stated:

"This Union believes that this decision is completely contrary to the independence of the Union as stated in the Articles of Government."

The Union has decided to campaign for a second sabbatical officer and is hoping to be given five minutes speaking rights on the subject at the NUS Emergency Conference on 9 June.

The Council of Senate at Cambridge have refused to give a sabbatical to any officers other than the President of the Union. A meeting of the Cambridge Student Union last week voted to go ahead with elections anyway. The finance for another sabbatical officer will come from an extra 7½p a head on the colleges' Cambridge Student Union contribution. Miss Murray, Cambridge University's next Vice Chancellor, is strongly opposed to more than one sabbatical officer. However, last term on the representation committee she strongly advocated three sabbatical officers. A petition is being organised asking her to explain her two faced behaviour.

Censorship Protest at Edinburgh

A local trade union branch in Edinburgh has protested to the Edinburgh University authorities about the exclusion of an article on homosexuality from the Bulletin, which is the University's official publication. The reason for its exclusion was stated to be on the grounds that it was not a "neutral" exposition of the subject.

The article was submitted by Michael Coulson, a member of the university staff. A teach-in on homosexuality held at the University was the reason for the article. The protest has been made by the Edinburgh branch of the Association of University Teachers. They believe that to decline an article on the grounds that it is not "neutral" is directly counter to any idea of intellectual freedom. The AUT branch in its submission to the University Constitution and Structure Committee recommends that "the way in which the editorial policy of the Bulletin is determined should be reviewed."

Protests against Portugal

The Duke of Edinburgh, who flew to Portugal on 5 June, was dogged last week by demonstrators charging that the trip marks British approval for Portuguese imperialism. The protests are part of the End the Alliance Campaign launched on 1 May by the Committee for Freedom in Mozambique, Angola and Guine. At the Welsh village of Bryn Siecyn on 16 May about 50 students harassed him when he arrived to inspect the oyster beds, and handed him a petition with 350 names protesting at the Lisbon visit. They also staged a guerilla theatre piece on Portuguese oppression of its African colonies.

In Scotland the following day he was picketed at an Edinburgh club and later at a Glasgow club. At the Northsea helicopter base outside Aberdeen he was also greeted by demonstrators. In London women's groups took up the picketing at the Chelsea Flower Show.

The End the Alliance Campaign also plans pickets outside the 21 Portuguese consulates in Britain on 16 June, anniversary of the alliance. The vice president of Frelimo (Front for the liberation of Mozambique) will speak at a meeting in Central Hall, Westminster, on 20 June. A mass demonstration will be held in London on 16 June when Portuguese premier, Marcelo Caetano, starts an official visit to Britain.

Principal Forbids NUS Affiliation

The Principal of Kettering Technical College has refused to allow the students' union to affiliate to NUS. Susan Mitchell, President of the college union, said: "At the moment the union gets £400 a year grant for social functions. But the Principal, Mr. McKinley, has threatened to stop this if we join NUS". Apparently Mr. McKinley's objections to NUS stem from his belief that NUS is only concerned with polytechnics and universities. He does not believe that its activities concern technical colleges or further education colleges.

Presumably Mr. McKinley is not aware that the focus of the NUS grants campaign has been on discretionary awards, which would affect most of his students. Mr. McKinley said this morning: "The students talked to me about joining NUS. I told them to give me a breakdown of the costs and benefits and then I would consider it". Presumably Mr. McKinley has come to the conclusion that the costs would outweigh the benefits to his students.

Joint Statement by NUS and the ATCDE

Sabbatical Leave for Union Officers in Colleges of Education.

A joint statement by the Association of Teachers in Colleges and Departments of Education has just been issued. The subject it covers is sabbatical leave for union officers in Colleges of Education. A previous joint statement by ATCDE and NUS was agreed in May 1967. At the time it was written no president of a student union in a college of education had ever been granted sabbatical leave. The first such leave was granted in 1967/8 and has become more common ever since. The statement by the new working party follows the main principles laid down in 1967, but believes that it is important to review procedures in the light of the last five years' experience.

In this five years the question has arisen as to whether a college authority can veto the appointment of a particular person to a sabbatical office. The statement insists that provided the correct constitutional procedures have been followed the college authorities have no right to interfere with a particular appointment. The student's local authority and the DES must be informed if a sabbatical position involves an interruption of a course.

A student officer on a sabbatical year must retain the status of a student subject to the same regulations as other students. The joint working party recommends that a formal exchange of letters should take place between the college and the student officer elect so that his status is clear and uncontradictory. It suggests that the sabbatical officer should in his own interests maintain some contact with his academic studies, but that college authorities should not lay down "formal academic commitments as a precondition for granting sabbatical leave to student officers".

The statement also mentions the importance of adequate finance being provided if the student official is to be able to carry out his job adequately. It believes that financial support should be met from union funds to safeguard independence and should at the minimum be equivalent to the student grant. Both the college authority and the student union should try to provide the best conditions it possibly can for student union sabbatical officers. The statement concludes that "the contribution which a good student union president can make to the relationship between the college authorities and the student union is inestimable."

JOHN LANE

President's Report on the year

AS PRESENTED TO ICUGM

7th JUNE, 1973

President's Annual Report

The essential purpose of a student union must be to defend and extend the rights, the standards of living and education of its members. The social, cultural and athletic pursuits of the Union as well as being very important in their own right bring added strength and involvement to the Union. But the standard against which the Union must measure its success or failure is whether it has tried to improve the lot of its members.

There is always a danger that the Union will work within the limitations of the College and end up with its officers simply assisting the College administration in its job. — which is not what we pay sabbatical officers for. Some minor reforms may be made but the major problems facing students, the continual erosion of our standard of living, the accommodation crisis, etc., cannot be solved without going beyond the confines of this College and challenging Government policy. The political implications have to be faced up to.

The Union must decide what is needed for its members and then aim to involve them in whatever action is necessary to win the demands we are asking. The grants issues has claimed the greatest attention, and quite rightly so. The inadequacy of our grants is excluding many potential students from higher education, particularly those from the working classes. It is causing increasing hardship amongst students, and makes the financing of refectories and halls of residence chaotic. IC Union, in spite of its not joining the national rent strike — by a very narrow margin — has played a very active role with its own demonstration to the DES, joining the London demonstration of February 21st, the refectory boycotts, a bigger strike on March 14th than I think anyone had thought possible, and many thousands of leaflets distributed in the locality.

Of course, there have been weaknesses. The main activity has come from the left of the Union, with a few noticeable exceptions from the "moderate" wing. This naturally weakens our efforts to involve very large numbers of IC students.

It was a Tory government in 1962 which considered the undergraduate grant level to be a bare minimum. Any right-wing student who wishes to assist the present Tory government in its glorious mission of solving the problems of Capitalism at our expense would do far better to send their grant cheque to the London Rhodesia Company (Lonrho) than to hold the rest of us back.

The concentration on grants has led to a number of spin-offs within the college. I believe it contributed to the freezing of hall rents for next year. We have gone some way towards freezing refectory prices and laid the basis for a fight against any increases next session. On field course grants we have achieved an improvement though whether a satisfactory one is not quite clear. On post-graduate demonstrating rates negotiation is under way and the PG's themselves are getting organised to win their claim for £2 an hour. Again arising from the activity among PG's we have achieved an insurance cover for ALL students in IC. Another important spin-off of the grants campaign is the increased contact between the Union and the IC trade unions and the Hammersmith Trades Council.

In other ways it has been a depressing year. The lack of a sabbatical President in the first term caused a considerable lack of interest by some Union officers and especially departmental reps. The number of elections, the non-viability of Northside Hall; vandalism in the Union Building all cast a shadow over us.

But I believe the small victories we have won, should encourage us to fight for major victories both in the College and over the Government next session. To do this will immensely strengthen the confidence and support our members give the Union. We have made a start this year which must be built on.

See you on the floor of the UGM next year.

JOHN LANE

Oliver Dowson's

EPILOGUE

It's strange now to think back and realise that, 28 issues of Felix later, I've only been editing the paper for nine months. Mention of nine months tempts me to plunge forth on a discourse on the growth of the foetus over that time, and that Felix is now ready to be reborn, and trash like that ... but I shall resist temptation.

I think — and rather hope — that FELIX changed right from the start. There was a new look to it — not so much a glossy newspaper-size magazine, more a newspaper-sized newspaper, and a considerable change in emphasis on contents. This year we have printed three times as many pages as in the previous record year (1970/71). Critics of what they claim to be "a total lack of news in Felix" may be surprised to learn that news as a percentage of copy carried is up on last year from (rough estimates only) 10% to 25% and feature articles and reviews are down by a similar amount. Yes, FELIX could carry more news — there's lots that goes on that doesn't get printed, and I've always been the first to admit it — but unfortunately no one's ever told me about it (or, better still, written about it) except on rare occasions. And don't you dare tell me that the Felix Ed should KNOW what's happening. One can't (for example) keep trying to find the Volleyball Captain to find out if there coach was struck by lightning on the Costa Brava last week.

Thus, a plea. If you want more news in Felix next year (I think next year's Editor is planning to step it up anyway) you'd best tell him about anything you hear of.

I hope you've enjoyed reading Felix this year. I also hope that you have some practical suggestions for the future — and as you'll discover on page — we're offering five double tickets to a West End cinema in return for writing and telling us about them.

One temptation I'm afraid it's impossible to resist is to write a post-mortem on the year. For it's been a most curious one, one in which the credibility of IC Union has dropped more than ever before. Fortunately the constituent college unions have not streng-

thened at the same time, or at least not significantly.

The fundamental change is in the composition of Union meetings. Not only are there less "communicants" than ever before — nearly every meeting has been on the verge of inquoracy (if not completely inquorate) from the start — those going to meetings are of a different ilk. UGM's might as well be re-named Socsoc meetings. It's significant that the latter's stopped holding meetings of its own! This has presumably happened for two reasons. Firstly, Socsoc have put in so many motions irrelevant to the bulk of the incumbent student body that few can maintain interest. Secondly, only Socsoc members (because of their interest in their motions) can survive the petty wafflings and methods of steering the meetings adopted by Messrs. Black and Jowitt.

Fortunately, the second problem should be solved next year, since the regime then doesn't look as if it has a similar proportion of ego-trippers. If a little more spice can be added to UGM's, the first "problem" (sorry to call it that, Socsoc, 'cos you've every right to put up your motions) won't need to be solved. Every motion — well, ALMOST every motion — will get chucked out automatically.

The administration has had pretty severe problems ... especially that of a lack of President for several months. Obviously I must congratulate John Lane on his work since then, but unfortunately his efforts have been almost exclusively devoted to work on the Grants Campaign and other national campaigns, at the expense of the coherence of the members of the Union. God knows, he's tried to get them involved — he's the only one who has, really — but, important issue though it is, grants doesn't seem to have won the hearts of the rank and file. Basically this college is as woolly-minded moderate as ever, and the sheer mention of politics just turns off most people. No, I don't know what's going to be done about it, but why not try involving everyone in something non-political (like an ICU swim in the Serpentine on the last

day of the Christmas term?) and slip in a teaspoonful of the political elixir when they're not looking?

I don't really think it matters HOW people get involved, as long as they do. Next year's hierarchy have got themselves quite a job as far as that's involved. I hope that they don't ignore the task.

Quite honestly, the best way I can see of strengthening IC Union — and I've wanted to say this for a long time, unfortunately no one else ever does in print or election manifestos — is to abolish the constituent college unions. A relic of the — thank heaven — long-since-gone days of mascotry, they now serve no purpose other than syphoning off enthusiasm and involvement into irrelevances. Everything the CCU's do — except fail — a united ICU can do better. Society is split enough as it is without splitting ICU society into miners, guildsmen and resians.

Whoops! There is one thing the CCU's seem to do better ... well, with more hilarity. And that is Union Meetings. But then, surely ICU could institute the occasional totally silly union meeting (don't tell me, they're all silly anyway). Just think, if you put together the total attendance at three individual CCU Union Meetings and called it an ICUGM it would be nearly three times quorate!

Can YOU honestly think of any useful function that the CCU's perform? Even their rivalry system of rag collections doesn't work — most other universities (and none of them have a CCU system), do far, far better. ICU is probably now one of the weakest student unions (bearing in mind its size) in the country — certainly in London — despite having some of the best facilities to draw on.

I don't think that the weakness of ICU hinges on apathy. It's the disease-ridden, consumptive organisation that's at fault. I hope something is done about it next year. The year after WILL be too late.

OLIVER DOWSON

P.S. My thanks to everyone who has helped or criticised me during the year, and especially to all those who have encouraged me sufficiently to last out the year.

P.P.S. Have a very happy vac — I hope you get good exam results, and that I'll see you back in October.

P.P.P.S. I hope you're looking forward as much as I am to seeing the next issue of Felix on October 2nd!

GAY STUDENTS COME OUT

This article will be read by some who are definitely gay, some who are definitely not, and some who aren't sure. I can't write in a way that speaks equally to everyone, but I hope that gay people reading this will put up with my answering a few criticisms first before coming to the main point of the article.

That word 'gay' puts me off straight away. Why can't you be honest and say 'homosexual'? Or 'queer'?

The words don't mean the same things. 'Queer' is derogatory, as in "you're just a load of queers really". I don't mind using 'homosexual', but it has medical or scientific overtones to it, as in "Homosexuality in the ten-spined stickleback". The thing about each other. It suggests something you can say anything, that it is an adjective not a noun so that it describes feelings and relationships without putting people into boxes, and that it was coined by homosexual people themselves as a way of talking about each other. It suggests something you can enjoy rather than something to worry about.

But it's not ordinary like you say. 'I've never met a homosexual, and the ones you see sometimes in the street have very peculiar mannerisms, they're not ordinary at all. There can't be any to speak of in I.C.'

You've probably met lots of gay people without realising it. Few homosexual men choose to talk like Larry Grayson, and you probably have no awareness of gay women at all. There are probably as many gay students in I.C. as anywhere else. Some confident and knowing where to go in London for pleasure, some sitting alone every evening desperately lonely; some enjoying steady affairs, some

who can't admit their feeling to themselves, let alone to anyone else. Some guiltily pushing themselves into affairs with the other sex, some shyly and quietly in love with their best friends. There's no distinguishing mark of gay people except their sexual and emotional need of their own sex.

If it's as common as you say, why don't I ever see it?

Because we were brought up the same way as everyone, to see homosexual feelings as ridiculous, inferior, shameful. Although we find out how false this view is, we are very aware of how prevalent it is, and we hide our feelings so as not to be laughed at and rejected. It's very easy to lead a double life and pass straight.

That's only sense. What's the point of your society then, won't it make you more laughed at? If I were a homosexual, I'd keep it to myself.

One reason why gay people are despised is that they are secretive. Another thing is that people are ignorant about what we are like. And we have been too afraid to stand up for ourselves. Each of us has grown up in a world very hostile to our innermost feelings, and it is often with great difficulty and only after long battling with the guilt induced in us by parents, school, church and the medical profession that we come as individuals to accept and enjoy your homosexuality. Some of us now want to go further than that, to act in a way that will make it easier for future generations of gay people to discover their sexuality, and also to challenge the discrimination to which we are still subject. This is not something we can do as individuals; the opposition of society is too massive and daunting. The point of forming a society such as the

University Gay Students' Society is that a little mutual support can achieve a great deal. The fact that it exists as a university society like any other publicises the lack of shame and the confidence in our value as human beings that otherwise would be known only in our private lives. We have been able to arrange openly publicised discos and dances for gay students, and to get a Gay Rights resolution passed at the N.U.S. Conference—things that would have been unthinkable a few years back and quite impossible for an individual to achieve. The university Gaysoc (as it is usually called) is meant or all gay people in the University—it doesn't demand individual militancy or commitment to a political point of view, but it is based on the idea that it is worth doing something openly to support each other.

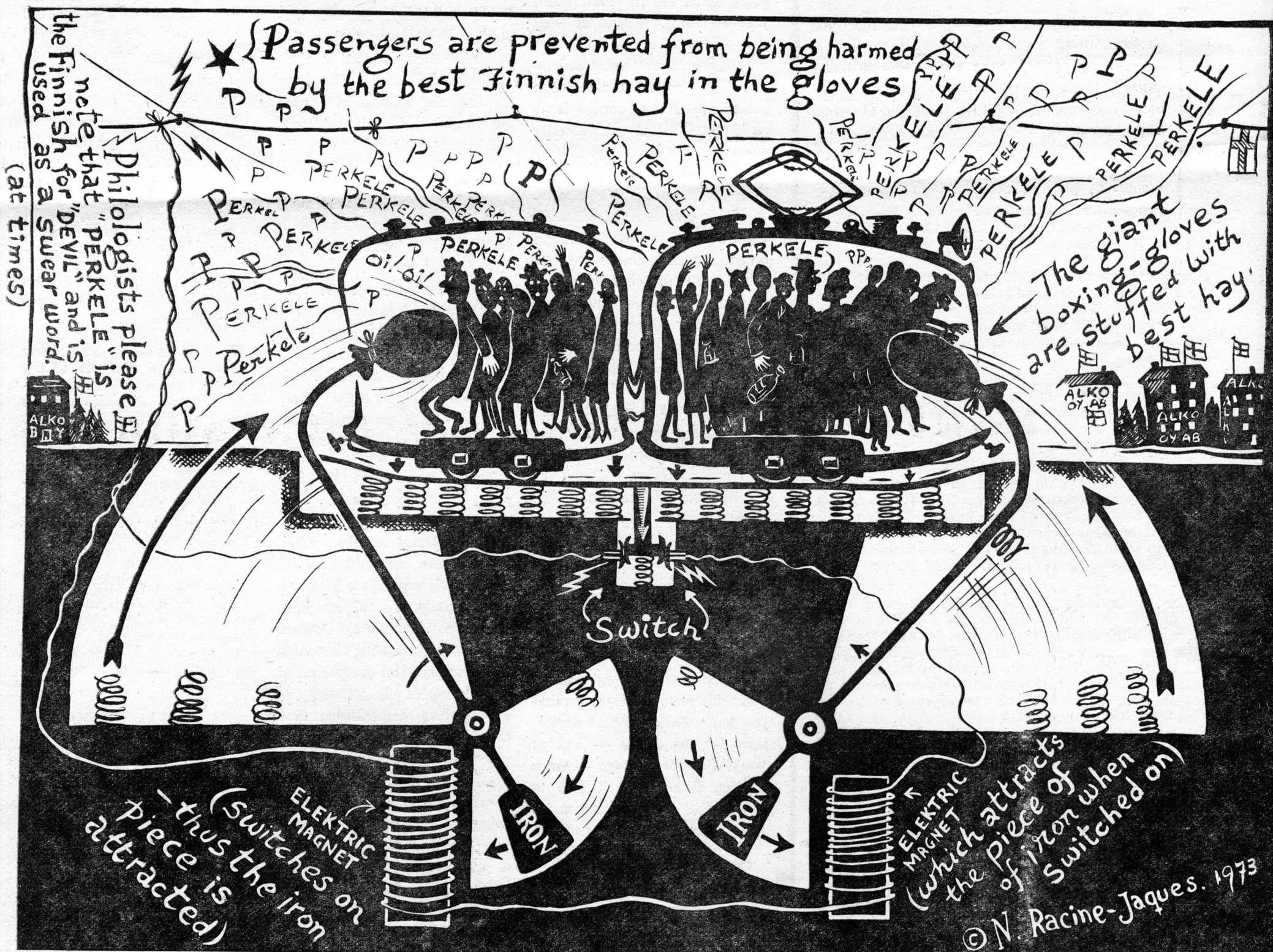
You won't make me a homosexual.

I don't want to. But our talks and discussions are open to anyone interested in sexual liberation.

To gay readers: The L.S.E., University College and King's College have their own Gaysocs, and it would be nice to see I.C. follow. If someone took the initiative this term by going through the formal process of setting up an I.C. Gaysoc then there could be publicity for it in the Freshers' Fair next October. I can't pretend it's easy coming out and doing that, but gay people in I.C. are promised the full support of the University Gaysoc and the encouragement of the I.C. Union. I would suggest that anyone interested should contact us first.

Information: Gaysoc has meetings (talks or discussions) every Friday in the University Union, at 7.30 p.m. There is also a dance and a party arranged for later this term. Please write for further information to The Secretary, Gaysoc, U.L.U., Malet Street, London, W.C.1, or telephone 388-0063.

This article has been contributed by Andrew Hodges, who is a research student in mathematical physics at Birkbeck College.



N.B. → The Racine-people-packing-puncher is patented to prevent London Transport from using it on their Underground lines & buses 9, 11, 19, 22, 36, 185, etc. → But Tokyo may apply to use it, to do away with all their pushers.

Royal Circular

After months of growing speculation, rumour and denial the engagement has been announced between Mr. Michael Doherty and Mr. Martin Doughty.

It must be admitted that the old cliché "we're only good friends" was wearing a little thin and few people really believed that it was a mutual love of women that had brought them together.

Court correspondent Jonathan Gonad writes: "The couple are believed to have first met at a gangbang near Olympia. Mr. Doherty, known to his friends as "dipper", denies that he took part by virtue of going first. A woman is also believed to have been present though several eye-witnesses dispute this. Only recently the couple were seen dancing together at a Beit Hall party and managed to explain it away by using a subwarden as a front."

As the processional car pulled into Prince Consort Road large crowds had to be restrained by police, some armed though many legless. Cries of "show us your bobby's helmet" were clearly audible above the cheering of the gathering.

It is understood that Mr. Doughty may take a courtesy title. Readers are invited to send in suggestions to the editor.

MARTIN DOUGHTY UP SHIT CREEK

NOTE:

Where quotation marks surround anything that Mr. Doughty has said, speak it to yourself with a very nasally, almost puffy voice.

Where quotation marks surround anything that I have said, speak it with a firm, masculine, but not too butch, voice.

It'll help you get the picture.

I was first introduced to Mr. Martin "how's your bum" Doughty a couple of weeks before he ran off to live with my girlfriend.

When they went to live in Oxford I thought I'd seen the last of him — not so lucky.

On returning to college this year who should I see strolling out of the Union Arch but the coy faced, sore bummed, under worked, over sexed Mr. G. M. Doughty (didn't you know he has a "G" in his name — doesn't tell many people).

Well, didn't have time to turn round and pretend I'd left my coat back in Chem. Eng., so I just kept on going, expecting him to call my name.

"Oy — get my David Bowie haircut."

— not an unexpected first comment from Martin, even though I hadn't seen him for over a year.

"Bloody Queen," I was thinking.

"She wasn't so good after all," he was telling me...

From then on it went from bad to worse, he started phoning me up, calling me "his friend" — you can imagine how horrible it all became.

Pretty soon he was a feature writer for several well-known newspapers — "The High Peak Reporter", "Felix", and even "The Guardian" once (by mistake) — sending the same articles everywhere, hoping for the break.

I was never sure what he was trying to do in his articles — so I went round to his flat and asked him. A long time later when he finally stopped talking about himself and his David Bowie haircut I realized he'd missed the point.

"Look," I said, "your articles use information that Paul Foot threw out last year. What do you say about that?"

Maybe I would get my answer now!

"Do you like my David Bowie haircut," he whined. He continued, "Just bought a new album by George Melly — he writes film criticisms for the 'Observer' and plays the sax. with a trad. jazz band. He's great and he's my hero.

"I'm learning sax. now too. D'y wanna hear me play, Mike. Do you...?"

And so it went on. Painful.

After three hours in his flat I realized I'd spent a whole evening with a bunch of shining wits. I refer you to Prof Spooner.

I don't often write in "Felix" — and it may be rumoured, therefore, that this article has been written in revenge for certain references, made in Mr. Doughty's column, about me taking part in a gangbang in Olympia. That is absolutely not the reason — in fact it couldn't be further from the truth. I am writing this article out of complete boredom with revision and the fact that Mr. Doughty continuously takes the piss out of me in his banal, self-indulgent asinine and completely trivial articles is of no interest to me whatsoever.

Besides, what's a gangbang?

Anyway, enough said. Don't want to go on too much.

MIKE DOHERTY (absolutely no relation)

HARRODS — the myth and the reality

IN THIS PART TWO ARTICLE I WANT TO EXPLORE THE WAY IN WHICH THE LARGEST AND MOST LAVISH STORE IN EUROPE FUNCTIONS. THE MYTH IS THE WIDELY HELD BELIEF THAT HARRODS IS A VERY DIFFERENT STORE THAN ANY OTHER; THE REALITY IS THE CONDITIONS AND HIERARCHY UNDER WHICH THE STAFF HAVE TO WORK.

1. THE MYTH

If you ever look at the advertisements on the sides of London buses, chances are you've seen the "HARRODS STOP... EVERYTHING LONDON... STOP." The widely held belief which this is aimed at propagating is that at Harrods of Knightsbridge, SW1, Ltd. you can buy literally everything. The London guides to incoming tourists say just that. It is not true.

As the House of Fraser, Harrods parent company, their ever soaring profits have sought to increase (Sir Hugh Fraser is Guar-

dian businessman of the year) they have been relentlessly pruning the store of any sections which are not geared to maximum profit. A few remain, for instance the bank and the zoo, but only because, in their very different ways, they are both great crowd pullers. Over the past few years, however, the following low yield departments have disappeared:—

Key Cutting

Heel Bar

Post Office (not even a posting box now).

The banking hall has moved up to the fourth floor from the more convenient ground level to be replaced by a large and very profitable perfumery

section.

The lounge, daytime sleeping quarters of the old Knightsbridge dears complete with trailing furs and mini-dog has moved from the ground to the fourth and the library has gone to a remote corner of the third, lost amid the gigantic beds and four poster baths of the furniture department. The latest victim is musical instruments. Clarinets, violins and trombones were all half-price in the January sale only because the super-store was getting rid of them all and now only deals in pianos, plus guitars and recorders now in the toy department.

And what of the Harrods customers? Typically, Harrods customers, or, at least, the ones that matter to the House of Fraser, can be divided into two types: Rich inhabitants of SW1 and other such postcodes and rich inhabitants of USA and other such corruptions. The latter of course seasonal and impressed; the male the larger of the species sporting

phosphorescent green chequered suit and exhibiting a hang-up about toilets:

"Say Mack. Where's the bathroom?" whispers Wilbur.

"Do you want to buy one or use one?"

The former are resident and bemoaning the Harrods of late. Many repeatedly claim they are close relations of the Queen and, therefore, deserving of better and all appear to have little sense of direction as they are delivered by taxi, pointed in the direction of the lifts by the green man at the door and pointed towards the requisite department by the liftman.

"Does this lift go to China?"

"No. It just goes up and down." No marks for guessing who said that.

"Can I bring my dog up?" Words fail.

When there's a sale on (and Harrods sales do have the odd bargain) the regular customers try and make out that they wouldn't have come if

they'd known — despite the place being plastered with SALE posters and ten times the number of people inside.

"Good grief! It's awfully crowded today. Is there a sale on or something?"

"Yes."

"I thought there were a lot of those dreadful east-enders about the place."

That was a guy about thirty!

The Harrods customer often appears to have more money than sense, likes a record cover and buys the record for the Hon. James who doesn't like it and it gets sent back. The Harrods bureaucracy is appalling. It may take a letter sent to the store a week to get through to the right department. The reply then takes a week to be typed and sent out. Meanwhile the complainant, anger and frustration increasing daily, sends further letters higher on up the hierarchy as a reply fails to materialise. It is not un-

known for Sir Hugh's memo to arrive in the department before the original correspondence.

And finally, Harrods customers, irate in deference to their own self-importance, love to splurge out vague and belligerent notes about something falling apart (and they do) which they bought a few months before in the Way-In boutique and this shouldn't happen because it's Harrods and no they haven't got a receipt and they sent the garment by separate post which Harrods must have lost but it cost £12.50 and Harrods, in recognition of their own pathetic bureaucracy and in preservation of their public image pay up — by the hundreds.

You know, I reckon it might be worth a try... Just give yourself another barrel to the name and your £10 will come back by return. Well, not quite by return.

MARTIN DOUGHTY

COLOURS

IMPERIAL COLLEGE UNION AWARDS 1972/3

Athletic Clubs Committee

Full Colours Half Colours Social Colours

Association Football Club

M. McConvey

Badminton Club

D. P. Ward (ex) C. F. Chien (ra)
R. Thomas T. Lim (ra)
R. Palmer P. Blennerhasset

Boat Club

A. Hill (ex) P. Hughes R. H. Gledhill
D. G. Bevan H. B. Edmundson
M. J. Sisley G. K. Lloyd
J. Bland M. T. Luthman
F. Ellis

Cricket Club

R. Smith (ex, ra) K. Schofield
J. Williams (ra) D. Rawlinson
B. Sawford R. Matthews
J. Kelly R. Whittington
R. Gibbs R. Dean
G. Edwards D. Ridley
C. Potter (ra)

Cross Country Club

R. J. Parker (ex) S. Webb
P. Clarke D. Payne
R. Allinson

Hockey Club

J. Astley J. Gahir D. Richman
R. Palmer (ex) A. Brown R. Cameron
D. Richman G. Popple J. Andrews
K. W. Boulton T. Hanson
R. Cameron
M. Downs
P. Evans

Judo Club

P. Callahan (ex)

Karate Club

E. Jacobs (ra)
G. Alker (ra)
T. Anders

Lawn Tennis Club

C. Steele (ex) J. Price
C. Atkinson M. White
S. Meckchaknie

Rugby Football Club

J. McDonough (ex) D. Rimmer R. Jones
R. Matthews (ra) B. Bradley L. Adams
M. Adams (ra) R. Stern R. Sutter
J. Hunt (ra) P. Ranson
C. Flanagan A. Smith
D. Osborne
A. Walton
F. Musgrave
C. Lewis
I. Partridge (ra)
K. Horseman (ra)
C. Wrigley (ra)

Sailing Club

M. A. P. Martin P. Barrett
(ex)
S. J. M. Briscoe B. T. Rogers
M. Roskell

Squash Club

D. Hodgson (ex)
K. Daly
M. Kenyon

Swimming and Water Polo Club

M. McCartney (ex) P. Hindie D. Sasson
P. Frieze A. Smith
M. Garneau (ra)
M. Djurovic (ra)
P. Taylor

Table Tennis Club

G. Edwards (ex)

Ten Pin Bowling Club

K. Crumper (ra) R. Banks
(ex)
R. Horsley

Volleyball Club

J. Lanks (ex)
P. Neves

Women's Sports Club

Mrs. H. Adams Miss G. S. Bowden
(ex, ra)
Miss A. Purvis Miss A. Thompson
Miss H. Yates Miss K. Bertram
Miss G. Epstein Miss I. White
Miss J. Buzzard Miss S. Arnold
Miss D. Edstein
Mrs. M. Hill
Ms. M. Stuart

Recreational Clubs Committee

Social Colours

D. Brown Vice Chairman RCC
M. Buckley Operatic Society
W. Collett Dramatic Society
W. Gilks Secretary RCC
J. Gibbons Dramatic Society
S. Firth Transport Sub Committee
F. G. Irving Gliding Club
R. Lewis Film Society
J. Nicholls Underwater Club
P. C. Sharkey Darts Club
Reawards: F. H. Potter, Senior Treasurer RCC
P. J. Jenkins Chairman RCC (ex-officio)

Social Clubs Committee

J. Hall Society for Social Responsibility in
Science
S. Hilsum Jewish Society
P. Kirkham H. G. Wells Society
S. Richardson S.E. Asia Society
M. Schaffer Jewish Society
P. Totterdell H. G. Wells Society

Reawards:

G. D. D. Jackson Chairman and Secretary SCC (ex-officio)

Carnival

K. Arundale Treasurer
Miss C. Bingham General
A. Bowler Procession
Miss M. Cassoni Secretary
A. Clapham Walk
Miss J. Hall Secretary
A. Lewcock Stunts
R. L. L. Lolley General
D. Rumsey Entertainments
J. Sheehy Mines collected most money
A. Steer Posters
Reaward: P. Hosking Chairman (ex-officio)

Entertainments Committee

S. D. Amor Publicity Officer
G. Codd Cleaning Officer
M. Ingham General work for three years
J. Mitchell Tickets Officer
P. Spooner Secretary
D. Trimm Senior Treasurer
Reaward: P. Wadsworth Chairman (ex-officio)

Imperial College Union Automatically awards Social Colours to those who have received Constituent College Union General Awards.

Royal College of Science

Miss C. Bingham
D. Dawson
J. A. Nuttall
Miss R. A. Parker
N. C. Sedgwick
A. R. Withers
D. J. Hunter
R. J. Jenner
F. Musgrave
A. T. W. Patrick
J. W. R. Sheehy
G. Hanson
R. L. L. Lolley
M. G. Newman

Royal School of Mines

City and Guilds College

IC Union

R. Adams R. P. Mounce
R. A. Armitage The Lady Penney
S. I. Casteldine J. R. Porter
P. R. Corbyn D. J. Richman
Miss L. C. Creagh Miss J. A. Rogers
D. J. Easterbrook N. T. Sayles
D. Finn J. P. Smith
Mrs. D. Hains J. Stockdale
W. G. Horseman M. J. L. Williams
P. M. Morgan M. K. Williams

Union General Awards

M. C. Black Honorary Secretary
M. F. Doherty Academic Affairs Officer
P. J. Jenkins Chairman RCC
P. W. Jowitt Deputy President (re-award)
M. J. Matthews Chairman Community Action Group

The Rt. Hon. The Lord Penney
J. A. Lane ex-officio
I. W. Mackenzie ex-officio (reaward)

For my family and friends in Australia ...

THE BETRAYAL

Three single words were proudly sung

in French, the diplomatic tongue:

"—Liberte!—Egalite!—Fraternite!"

Yet Frenchmen thought the echoes heard

Too weak for each aspiring word.

With lethal cloud and Gallic pride,

Beneath the Southern Cross they cried:

"—Liberte!—Egalite!—Fraternite!"

But just a crowing cock was heard

To echo each explosive word.

QUESTIONING QUAKERISM

Are Quakers blest with peace who seek

The strength 'to turn the other cheek';

Of blamed if they, in strife, should try

'To turn the tables' in reply?

Are Quakers lost in active thought,

Which counts the cost but comes to naught;

Or do their passive actions show

The way the human race should go?

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Fly to work, and have yourself a holiday.

Fly off to the land of Israel. To a Kibbutz, where you'll have the satisfaction of both working, and having a holiday. As a working visitor, for a month or longer, you will experience a unique way of life and get a suntan to be proud of. Special return fares available. S.A.E. for details Kibbutz Representative Office, Dept FE 1 King Street, London SW1. Tel: 01:930 6181.

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MINUTES OF A GENERAL MEETING OF THE IMPERIAL COLLEGE UNION, HELD ON THURSDAY MAY 17 1973 IN THE GREAT HALL OF IMPERIAL COLLEGE

1 The President, Mr. Lane, was in the Chair and about 300 members present.

2 The Minutes of the Meetings held on March 15 and 20 were taken as read.

3 The Returning Officer for the election of President and Honorary Secretary of the Imperial College Union for the session 1973/74 presented his report. (Filed in the Minute Book).

Mr. East said that some members of the Union had not been issued with replacement Registration/Union cards. The Hon. Sec. promised that he would discuss the matter with the Registrar as soon as possible. The Report was accepted to tumultuous applause.

4 Elections

The President proposed that the Union suspend its policy about electing the Autumn NUS delegation at the first summer UGM and postponing the election to the autumn term.

A candidate for membership of the Accommodation Committee had withdrawn. The Returning Officer explained that it was usual for candidates to give written notice of any intention to withdraw. The

meeting voted in favour of accepting the withdrawal.

University of London Representative

Mr. Lane, on behalf of Mr. Ashworth, and Mr. Dowson both spoke.

After brief questioning the meeting voted by secret ballot.

The Following candidates for the position of Floor Representatives for session 1973/74 spoke for one minute:—

R. Bain C. Lewis
J. Berry K. M. Law
Miss C. Bingham N. C. Sedgwick
D. Dawson P. Watkins
R. Ezban K. Richard
J. Herrick Whitbread
A. Lewcock M. J. L. Williams
C. Wrigley.

A secret ballot was held.

The following candidates for membership of the Delegation to the NUS extraordinary conference spoke for thirty seconds:—

Messrs: Phillips
Armitage Porter
Cannell Sayles
Corbyn Smith
Gillett Tasker
Hochfelder Veall
Lambert Watkins
Lane
Milton

A secret ballot was held.

5 Refectory Prices

Mr. Jackson spoke briefly and supplied background to the refectory price problem.

Mr. Armitage explained passable alterations and proposed:—

This House notes the report of the Refectory Committee proceeding of 17th May, 1973, and that the adjourned meeting recommences on the 18th May so that this Union Meeting can discuss the food price situation.

ICU believes that: there should be no increase in refectory prices, that the Governing Body should make good the probable deficit.

Further to this, ICU Mandates its representatives on the Refectory Committee and Governing Body to ensure that their union's view is heard and if possible put into action.

The Refectory Committee representatives answered questions. Mr. Thomas spoke against the motion.

A member propose the move to a vote which was passed.

Mr. Armitage summed up.

The motion was passed 73 votes to 51 with 4 abstentions.

A member challenged the quorum. The president closed the meeting due to inquoracy at approx. 2.30.

MARTIN'S LAST BIT

I hope that you have enjoyed this year at Imperial College. I most definitely have done so. I shall be leaving the Union Office for the last time at the end of July so this treatise will ooze nostalgia for the next few paragraphs.

Martin's Bit this year has been witty, informative, a mirror of the Union Bureaucracy and factually accurate. It has reflected the trend in the College and Union to return to, perhaps, a more traditional style of life. More people, for example, are going to Dinner in Hall now than during the last few years. The interest in mascotry is brewing again—I can almost see Mike once more sitting on its plinth in the lower lounge. Our sporting clubs are thrashing all opposition and bringing back vast numbers of silver cups.

It is very difficult to pick out one or two events during the year which are especially worthy of mention. I suppose that the profusion of elections stand out in most minds but there have been other things: every Union Meeting bar two was closed due to in-quoracy, the new Union lounge bar is still not opened, Piers Corbyn is still wearing the same pullover that he had in my first year. The politics of I.C. Union have gone full circle. Piers was president of the Union in 1969, his Hon. Secretary, Keith Guy, had been Chairman of both Ents and the Conservative Society. Next session with Norman Sayles in the Hot Seat, shortly to be vacated by Comrade Lane, we are promised a year of moderation; I think Paul Wadsworth must have a few capitalist leanings—Ents made £1,000 profit this year (the money has been spent on a new carpet in Southside Upper Lounge).

I have tried to take as much part in the life of the College as I could. I realise nobody will believe me when I say that I have been working so hard for the Union that I haven't had time to find myself a job—but it's true. When MGB leaves I.C., unless something turns up in a Micawber-like fashion, he will be unemployed.

But enough of this—to business. There are one or two happenings worthy of note.

The Council D & D will take place on Friday, 22nd June, 1973. Tickets, available from me, are only £2.25 each which includes a full dinner, sherry, wines and port, a cabaret and a bar until 3 a.m. The Guest Speaker will be Ian Hogg, Esq., P.C.

Miss Linda Creagh, the Union Clerk, is leaving at the end of term to get married. We will be making a small presentation to her to mark her "retirement". Anyone who wants to contribute should send or bring his donations to me (cheques made payable to I.C. Union).

I am still interested in buying copies of photographs of me doing interesting/silly things to show to my grandchildren when I'm rich and famous. This is a serious notice and should not be treated either lightly or with subtle references to Lords Lambton and Jellicoe.

The I.C. Union Colours List appears elsewhere in Felix. Ties can be purchased from the bookshop. If anybody can think of a suitable substitute for a tie for a lady please let me know.

I am informed by reliable sources that there is a cycle thief at large in I.C. Please lock up your cycle when you leave it at College—you know it makes sense.



'GODSPELL' COMPETITION

"Godspell", the phenomenally successful stage musical based extremely loosely on the life of Christ, has been running in London (at Wyndham's Theatre) for more than a year, and has also been produced in Paris, Toronto, Boston, Washington, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Melbourne and Sydney. Columbia Pictures have now taken it on location and filmed it in widescreen colour and stereophonic sound. The film is now showing at the Odeon Haymarket and Odeon St. Martin's Lane three times daily.

FELIX is offering as prizes to this competition five double tickets to the film valid at any weekday performance at either cinema, where you will be the honoured guest of Columbia-Warner Distributors and Rank Leisure Services. The tickets are valid until June 29th.

Just write a letter to the new editor of FELIX, Alasdhair Campbell, telling him in less than 500 and more than 200 words what changes you think he ought to make in FELIX next year. The letters will be judged by Mr. Campbell, and any containing any mention of God, Christ, religion in general, Columbia-Warner Distributors Ltd. or Rank Organisation Ltd. will be disqualified automatically. Closing date is Monday, June 18th. Address your letters to:

ALASDHAIR CAMPBELL,
EDITOR, "FELIX",
IC UNION BUILDING
and pop them in the Infernal Mail.

We want to see it from you, friends!

JOURNALIST COMP.

In 1969 Lady Catherine Pakenham and Miss Gina Richardson, both at that time working on the editorial staff of The Daily Telegraph Magazine, were tragically killed in a car crash. They were young, but their enthusiasm and talent showed promise of real achievement.

The Catherine Pakenham Memorial Trust was formed by Catherine's family and friends in her memory with the specific aim of encouraging other girls who are already working, or seriously intending to work, in journalism by offering a substantial prize or prizes to the winners of an annual competition.

Previous winners of the Catherine Pakenham Memorial Award are in emphatic agreement that the prestige was of immeasurable help in their careers. Magazine and newspaper editors are continually searching for young writers with real ability and the Award is also, therefore, of great benefit to them.

The Catherine Pakenham Memorial Award is open to any girl over the age of 18 or under 30 on September 1, 1973, who is resident in Britain.

The closing date for this year's competition is September 1, 1973. Entrants are invited to submit a sample of their journalistic work, which must be not less than 700 and not more than 2,500 words long. It can consist either of published or unpublished work, but in the latter case entrants must show evidence that they have had some journalistic work published. To enter, send for the rules of the Award and an entry form to:

Sally Baker,
Secretary,
Catherine Pakenham Memorial Award,
C/o Coutts & Co.,
188 Fleet Street,
London, E.C.4.

The entries will be judged by a distinguished panel of writers and journalists. They are the Countess of Longford (Chairman); Miss Marjorie Proops; Miss Marina Warner; Mr. John Anstey (Editor of The Daily Telegraph Magazine); Mr. Paul Johnson and Mr. William Davis (Editor of Punch).

At their discretion the prize money, which totals about £300, may be divided among winners or awarded to one outright winner. Runners-up to previous Award winners were presented with £10 book tokens. The prize money must be spent by the winners in furtherance of their journalistic careers.

VAC INVOLVEMENT

Dear Editor,

We are wondering if you would be so kind as to include this letter in your newspaper or magazine, in order, perhaps, to catch those wavering beings who have not yet decided how to spend their summer vac.?

'The Foreign Legion is dead'. But there ARE alternatives for a true hero or heroine of Modern Adventure. Why not come and spend your summer working with The Cyrenians?—there are now Cyrenian projects in many cities and towns throughout England and Scotland.

The Cyrenians exist to care for uprooted, socially isolated people who have nowhere to go. In the case of the single homeless person the most needy are often rejected or repulsed by the existing facilities; The Cyrenians try to reach those for whom no adequate provision exists, or who refuse to accept certain kinds of existing help.

They therefore set up projects, which may differ according to the local need—which is, perhaps, for a night-shelter in which there is food, overnight accommodation, and the offer of companionship; a second-tier house; or a third-tier, long-term residential house. Cyrenian houses are small and informal, functioning as communities and not as hostels, and generally offer no specialisation with one particular 'problem' group or sex. Ideally, our residential communities accommodate about 10 residents along with two or three workers, although a shelter will have larger numbers. Worker identification is strong—Cyrenian workers live alongside the residents and share the life of the house in all respects, getting the same pocket money as a man on Social Security would have. The idea of resident participation is also vital—residents are asked to co-operate in the running of the house and participate in the weekly house meetings.

Workers normally come for a period of between six and twelve months, but we also need people for short-term periods of between six and twelve weeks in the summer.

If you are interested in finding out more write to: The Cyrenians, 13 Wincheap, Canterbury, Kent.

Yours sincerely,

ANGELA CREED,

Administrator.

the sports page

FENCING

The end of the season sees the fencing club reaching new heights of enthusiasm after a rather shaky start at the beginning of the season. The main result for the team has been a clean sweep in all its fixtures in the 2nd division of the London League. Defeated teams have included Nat. West Bank (7—2), Lloyds Bank (5—4) and King's Cross F.C. (8—1). This means certain promotion to the first division next season and thanks are due to regular team members Julian Tyson (Capt.), Steve Thompson, Geoffe Kolbe, Gordon Mackay and Lawrence Boyd.

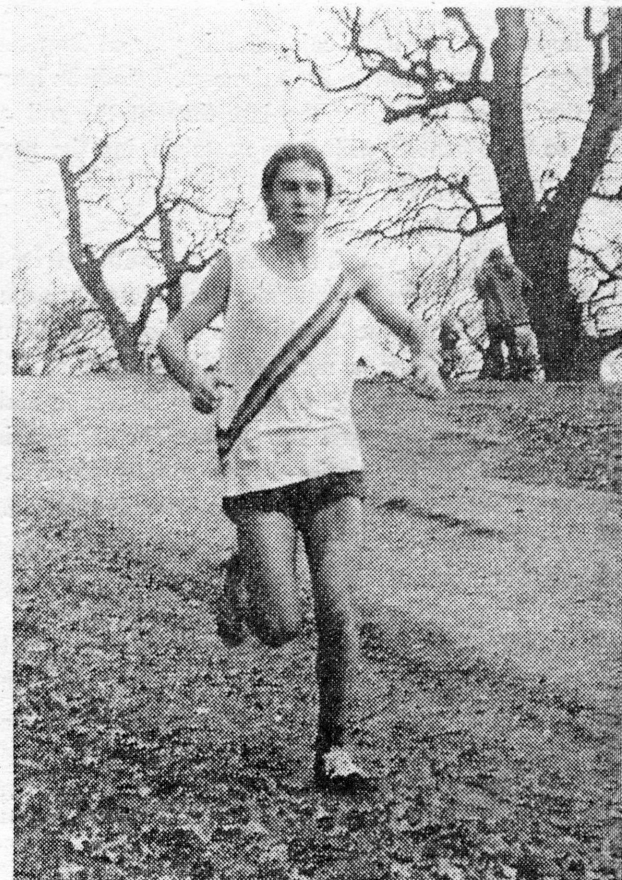
Club individuals have also been featuring prominently in national and international competitions. Kay Nicholson and Julian both fenced in the British Universities competition at Meadowbank in Edinburgh with Kay reaching the quarter-final of the ladies' foil. Kay, Steve and Julian are all regular members of the London University team with Julian gaining a place on the highly successful University tour to Holland at Easter. Julian also fences regularly in competitions with

considerable success, recently reaching the final of both the foil and épée at the Nottingham National Tournament.

The club entered a Sabre team at the Leamington Tournament held at Easter. Steve, Roman Gomez and Gustavo Chapela fenced well before being eliminated by strong international competition. Roman reached the last 16 of the individual competition before elimination. Steve has also represented Britain in the under 20's sabre team, a very high distinction.

With nearly all of this year's membership returning in October plans are in hand for a 2nd team, hopefully fencing in the London League. The introduction of a club evening meet is also proposed to increase the social and drinking side of the sport which up till now has been rather neglected. This should prove popular with members.

New members, including beginners, are needed for next year — especially girls. No experience is necessary as there are plenty of willing young blades to show you the basic positions — so come along girls! LDB



A selection of athletics photographs contributed by an unknown beneficiary. Many thanks, it's great to have some pictures at last . . . but what the hell are they of, please????? Next time, please let us know!



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