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VOTE NOW

ELECTIONS ARE HERE: VOTE NOW

Last week the nomination papers for President, Hon. Secretary, Deputy President and Felix Editor/Publicity Officer were taken down. Nominations had been received from the following:—

President: J. East, P. Hemmens, J. Johnson, T. Phillips.

Hon. Secretary: J. Gerard nee Brown, P. Morgan.

Deputy President: R.

Kill, J. Wood.

Felix Editor / Publicity Officer: M. Williams, C. M. Wrigley.

The elections for these posts are being held TODAY and TOMORROW. Polling stations are in the South-side main entrance, The JCR College Block, the Union main entrance, and at Silwood Park. There will also be a fifth box that will be touring the coffee areas, etc., in

departments.

For the poll to be valid 25% of the registered students at the college must vote. This means that 1,037 votes must be cast. If you want to vote then go along to the nearest ballot box and do so. You will need a valid registration card. Remember, it is in your own interests to vote. It is ridiculous to complain of a non-representative

Union if you don't help choose the representatives.

Also, last Thursday, the nomination papers went up for a whole host of union posts. The posts are: — Academic Affairs Officer, External Affairs Officer, Student Residence Officer, Welfare Officer, Community Action Group Chairman, Carnival Coordinator, SCAB Chairman, Overseas Students Committee Chairman,

eight members of Overseas Students Committee.

Any full member of the Union is entitled to stand for these posts. If you want to know further details about what each post involves then please contact the relevant officer. Information regarding this is available from Jen, the Union Clerk, in the Union office. The hustings and the elections are held at the last UGM of term

which is on March 14th.

Departmental representative elections are also held this week, on Friday in most departments. Watch out again for those who are standing. Hopefully, the present dep. reps have arranged for hustings where it is necessary.

Finally, again, I would encourage you to VOTE. It's for your own sake.

P. A. WADSWORTH,
Returning Officer.

CAGEY STARVE OUTSIDE MOONEY'S

For three days from Tuesday, March 12th, members of the college Amnesty International group will be undertaking a fast as a token gesture of identification with the millions of prisoners of conscience throughout the world. These people have committed no offence but are detained simply for expressing views of which their governments disapproved. They are often tortured and frequently held in cramped cells with far too little food.

Amnesty International was formed 12 years ago to campaign for the release of prisoners of conscience. The organisation carries out research on prisoners and provides information for local groups, each of which adopts a few prisoners and works for their release.

Wherever possible, groups provide moral and financial support for prisoners' families; last year £85,000 was spent on welfare work and further considerable expenditure is necessary to maintain research. It is important that Amnesty should be completely independent of Government assistance in order to maintain the impartiality upon which its reputation rests. The organisation thus relies heavily on the general public for financial support. Local groups need to raise about £140 a year to finance investigatory work on behalf of their adopted prisoners.

The college group has responsibility for three prisoners: in Turkey, E. Germany and Indonesia, and we are asking you to support us by sponsoring participants in the three-day fast.

To further the identification we will be fasting outside Southside refectory for three days IN A CAGE, similar to those used in Vietnam, Brazil, South Africa, etc. Come and see us; come and sponsor us; come and fast with us — our prisoners depend on **your** support.

Contact Averil Dewing (Selkirk 562); or Derek Barnes (phone 286 8847); or via Union Office.

UNION GENERAL MEETING

CONCERT HALL

THURS. MAR. 14 1.00

Announcement of Results & Elections

PANCAKES

The Union Exec vs ICWA pancake race took place last Tuesday. Although not timed to begin till 1.00 p.m., several union members were at their vantage points by 10.00. By the time the race began the Union Quad was already awash with gallons of water. The course is simple, consisting of a lap of the quad, Exec one way, ICWA the other.

By the time it was over, all the participants were thoroughly soaked, as were several over-exuberant students.

The afternoon was marred, however, by the antics of a silly few. Anything that moves in the quad is fair game, but passers-by at the rear of the Union and in Prince Consort Road are **NOT**. These silly people caused the police to be called in, **twice**. The latter time leading to an official complaint.

The complaints did lead to the event pictured below.



ELECTIONS

Below are the manifestoes of most of the candidates for the elections being held today and tomorrow. All candidates were allowed 300 words and have been listed in alphabetical order throughout.

PRESIDENT

JOHN EAST

I am standing for President to put across other policies in the interests of students, these are:

Grants:

No action whatsoever has been taken this year to secure the aims of the campaign. To win a higher grant we must move away from a campaign based on protest politics, or pressurising the Vice-Chancellors and other

people have shown that they are on the side of the Government, not of students. It is time for us to realise that only direct action produces results (c.f. the re-instatement of Joe Cotter at Kent University by an Occupation). We must use all applicable methods to win, these include Refectory Boycotts, Rent Strikes, Lecture Boycotts, Demonstrations, Sit-ins, etc.

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Accommodation and other cutbacks in Education:

If we win the Grants Campaign, we are likely to find the money eaten up by higher rents, food prices, etc. There will also be a general cutback in the facilities in the college because of the cut in Social Expenditure announced at Christmas.

We must fight against these cutbacks, and against higher costs, because it is no use having a higher grant, if it is immediately eaten up by higher prices, and if the facilities to study in deteriorate.

Overseas Students:

These students must be drawn into the union more, and as the only candidate who has any links with them and who has been active on their behalf, I believe I can draw them in.

I have proposed a motion for NUS Conference about overseas students calling for Full Grants for all students of all nationalities and deploring the proposed increase in Overseas Students fees.

Because no other candidate is putting forward these policies, I urge you to vote for me as President, for a **Democratic, Fighting, Union.**

PHIL HEMMENS

I.C.U. needs a President capable of returning control and debate to the floor of the Union. It needs someone seeking an alternative forum for discussion, such that Union policy is given the time for formulation by the students whom it will represent.

It needs someone capable of sustaining goodwill between the C.C.U.'s and I.C.U., such that I.C.U. is kept informed of current student opinion, and thus sever the need for C.C.U.'s to become political pressure groups, enabling them to resume their original roles.

It needs someone to optimise the workings of I.C. Council, reducing the number of members to a more realistic size for a decision making body.

It needs someone to accelerate our acquisition of Union Flats and Houses in times when loans for the new Halls are far from forthcoming, through someone who will continue the search for such loans.

It needs someone fighting to increase our self-sufficiency, with control over Our Bar and Refectory.

It needs someone willing to use every communication aid in the interests of exec/student/college relations.

I.C.U. needs a President willing to concern himself with fighting for the needs of I.C. students, and through this for all students.

I think I am the President you need: I hope you agree.

T. JOHNSON

Failed to produce a manifesto—Ed.

TREVOR PHILLIPS

External Affairs, I.C.; U.L.U. Executive; Joint Committee Senate and Students.

i) Confidence in the Union leadership (exec and Council) is low, this is a chance to restore it.

ii) Long-overdue improvement in the Union's financial and admin structure are taking place; services are being expanded and streamlined.

iii) The aftermath of the General Election, definitely restrictive, with the threat to Union autonomy and reduced likelihood of Government action on Grants.

Clearly how effectively we are able to react to latter, depend on the first two aims being successful. The crucial thing here is the question of **leadership.** This falls primarily on the President, Executive and Council. I see the President's role as fourfold: initiator of policy, co-ordinator of Union activities, negotiator and representative at College, University and National levels, and as an administrator.

It's not always possible for the President to be available. Maybe visits to labs, etc., would be a good idea—it would also help to have a President who was easily recognisable (plug, plug).

The Exec should be expanded to include PG officer and a woman (President of I.C.W.A.), the Office Manager as an observer, and possibly the EAO and Chairman of the Floor Reps. This makes an executive of nine, possibly eleven; given a degree of commitment, by

the Exec, this is not unwieldy. I would like to see Exec members holding specific responsibilities, e.g. overseas students, catering, and would introduce termly "Exec weekends" to review policy and plan for next term.

Council is not too big; it just buggers about too much.

Major campaigns, grants, student houses, catering, academic affairs.

The above policies can only be carried out by a strong, autonomous Union. The prerequisite is a good team of Union Officers who are committed to the Union's work. So vote, and vote carefully.

HON. SECRETARY

J. GERRARD (née Brown)

Today and tomorrow the voting for the posts of President, Hon. Secretary, Deputy President and Felix/Publisher will take place. The job I am standing for (secretary) mainly involves being Returning Officer at all next year's I.C.U. elections, sitting on

numerous committees including Union Finance and Council and also the organisation of some of these. Apart from all this, many other small, but time-consuming, jobs arise.

The experience I have gained this year as an active member of I.C.U. and R.C.S.U., I feel, has certainly equipped me for a job of this nature. I am at present Junior Treasurer of R.C.S. Union and hence have played an important role on many committees and am familiar with the administration of unions.

The administration of I.C. Union is for ever getting more complex: the turnover is increasing annually. The prospects of taking over the union building refectory and bar, the Southside shop and the bookshop are going to present even more problems. Hence it is essential that someone with financial experience is elected on to the executive.

Next year the Felix editor will also be taking on the extra job of Publication Officer. Much of this in the past has fallen to the Hon. Secretary to do, hence to maintain continuity, I will have to work in close liaison especially at the beginning of the year, with this officer.

I trust you will all vote for me as someone who is representative of the majority of students at this college.

P. MORGAN

This manifesto briefly lays out my ideas for improving I.C.U. through the position of Honorary Secretary.

UGMs

The most obvious area for reform is at the Union General Meetings. Lowering the quorum is self defeating and reduces the representativeness of the UGMs which is the overall governing and policy making body of the Union.

The meetings themselves must be improved. Procedure must be cut to a minimum to get on with the business in hand. Long motions with many parts should be replaced by shorter motions to reduce long and boring debates.

Executive reports must be concise and strictly factual and introduce no new business. To reduce disorder and time wasting the standing orders must be strictly applied by the chair.

Students tend to only come to union meetings which directly concern them, by trying to cut down on political motions and introducing more I.C. related motions and by a lot of hard work by the Exec. we can get quorate meetings again.

CCUs

Due to the failure of I.C.U. this year the C.C.U.s have become much more political. If this trend continues it could result in I.C.U. splitting into three factions. The C.C.U.s are much more effective in their roles as social institutions (organising rag, etc.) and conveying opinions to I.C.U. from the grass roots.

Grants

I fully support the NUS grants campaign. We need more executive action in organising the campaign within I.C. If a decision has been taken to hold a Rent Strike say, or there is a demonstration, regardless of personal opinion, the executive must take the most effective action to organise the action.

Sabbaticals

The purpose of a sabbatical year is not to take a year off to improve one's degree (as some candidates seem to think). The year should be spent in trying to improve I.C.U.

These are my plans for I.C.U. But remember, whether you vote for me or not. For I.C.U. VOTE.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT

R. KILL

Ron Kill has, for the past year, been the Vice-President of R.C.S.U., which has enjoyed a more successful time this year than ever. I know from first-hand knowledge that this success is due in no small way to Ron's enthusiasm and capabilities. In the past the C.C.U. Vice-Presidents have dealt almost solely with Rag. This year Ron has not only produced the best R.C.S. Carnival performance of recent times but has also taken a full part as a member of the R.C.S. Exec., widening the aspect of the post of Vice-President as never before. As chairman of the R.C.S. Clubs' committee, Ron has demonstrated the ability to deal with people of widely varying interests. Coupled with the administrative knowledge he gained as secretary of Tizard Hall last year, this experience gives Ron a solid foundation from which to tackle a job which I believe he can do very well.

One of his primary aims will be the tightening up of

security in the Union areas. In the last year the Union Exec. have been confronted with a sharp increase in violent incidents. This must be checked before someone is seriously injured.

More frequent card checks by duty officers in both the Union and Southside, and a ban on large outside conferences which have been associated with many of this year's incidents would go some way to doing this.

I hope that these few words, the hustings, and personal knowledge will persuade YOU to VOTE, and to VOTE for RON KILL, who I know is the best man for the job.

Paul Gee (Proposer).

J. WOOD

Jim is a second year student in Electrical Engineering whose entry into University was delayed by a traineeship with a leading electrical engineering company.

For the past two years Jim has been a very friendly and approachable leading light in one of the student houses in Evelyn Gardens and currently runs his house's

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FLOOR REPS

It has come to the notice of floor reps that a lot of people in I.C. just do not know what floor reps are, who they are, and what they do. What follows, then, is an attempt to enlighten the unenlightened.

There are six floor reps on I.C.U. Council:—

John Berry—Physics 3.
Caroline Bingham—Physics 3.

Charlie Lewis—Mech. Eng. 3.

Nigel Sedgwick—Physics 3.

Paul Watkins—Mech. Eng. PG.

Mike Williams—Chemistry 3.

There is a yawning chasm between the ideality and practicality of their position, the blame for which chiefly lies at the feet of the electorate. Ideally, they represent the views of the ordinary Union members and put forward ideas as such at

Council and UGMs. In practice floor reps tend to have their own particular views and one then votes at the election (which takes place at a UGM in the summer term) for whichever candidate represents one's own views the most closely. Again ideally the Union's rank and file approach the floor reps and ask them to put their views on a particular issue forward; but in practice the rank and file are so bloody apathetic that the floor reps have no choice but to keep on slogging on with their own views in the belief that they broadly coincide with that rare and diffuse entity—the 'grass-roots opinion'.

So it appears that too many people are content to pass the buck in terms of responsibility inasmuch as they themselves reap the benefits from their efficiently run, well financed

societies. Yes, it's the root of the apathy syndrome.

The Union Floor Committee, consisting of the six floor reps, was formed essentially to breach this yawning gap between ideality and practicality, and to discuss the communications problems facing I.C.U. and the approaches to solving the same.

I can tell you that I have a private wager that what follows will be completely disregarded by the smug apathites of I.C.: "We need your views. If you feel strongly about something tell us; if you want to propose something at a UGM but are a bit shy about it, tell us. That's what we're here for".

O.K. I've said it. So now there's no excuse for not knowing what a floor rep's function is.

Mike Williams,
Floor Rep.

SEX ATTITUDES MUST BE HONEST

In the second of a series of World Population Year talks, organised by the Family Planning Association, Professor Ned Wagner of Washington University said that society must be more open and honest about sexual behaviour. "If a man has a heart attack, for example, the doctors will tell him how soon he could get up again, how much exercise to give various limbs, but not how much sexual activity he can have."

"Until August 1970 there was not a single study in medical literature on the effect of sexual intercourse upon a damaged heart", he said. "Even that is of limited value in that it was carried out on 14 middle-aged, middle-class American Jews, which is hardly representative".

Professor Wagner, who is on a sabbatical year from the university where he is Professor of Psychology and Obstetrics/Gynaecology and Director of Clinical Training in the Department of Psychology, also said that nobody in the world has had sufficient sex education. This leads to unwanted children who often grow up disturbed in some way. Criminals, assassins, etc., often fall into this category.

He believes that this situation has been influenced by religious doctrine which links procreation with sex behaviour and therefore holds that sex outside marriage is bad. This grew up at a time when pro-natalist policies were

necessary. But he thinks that religion has an important part to play in changing this attitude to a more realistic one.

Professor Wagner's guide lines for sex education in schools are:

Sexuality is an integral part of an individual's total personality; People have a right to objective and full information about sexuality; Privacy concerning the personal behaviour of both students and teachers is sacrosanct; Sexual behaviour which is held to be within the acceptable range will vary from person to person and from group to group. A consensus may not be possible. Divergent views should be respected if they are based on principles of honesty and acceptability; Individuals who teach sex education have a responsibility to be properly trained and qualified persons.

Professor Wagner summed up by saying that everyone has a right to knowledge of sex to enable them to make choices and not act out of ignorance. He also made the point that parents are often inhibited by their own education and personal relationships in instructing their children and therefore more sex education in schools was essential. He, for instance, would much rather get the message across to his own three children (aged 17, 11 and 10) by means of a lecture to a large audience than in private.

RADIO SURVEY

As a lot of you will know by now, a survey was held throughout the halls of residence regarding the setting up of a student radio station.

Below is a list of some of the questions that were asked and the results that were obtained.

- 1) Do you ever watch Stoic? 2) Do you read Felix regularly?
- 3) How much of Felix do you usually read? 4) Do you own a medium wave radio?
- 5) Would you like I.C. to have its own radio? 6) Would you listen to such a Radio Station?
- 10) Do you think I.C. should spend up to £1,200 setting up such a station which would cost £350 p.a. to run; Felix costs £2,000 p.a. Yes/No.

Appendix 2: Results of Survey

Number of people taking part in survey: 620.

	No. answering Yes	No. answering No	No. answering Don't Know	% answering Yes
Question 1 ...	236	382	2	38.05%
Question 2 ...	448	170	2	72.30%
Question 4 ...	530	89	1	85.5%
Question 5 ...	539	42	39	86.9%
Question 6 ...	506	63	51	81.6%
Question 10 ...	497	66	57	80.25%

	No. answering MOST	No. answering HALF	No. answering LITTLE
Question 3 ...	228	198	194
% on Q.3 ...	37.79%	31.99%	30.22%

Also out of the 530 owning a medium wave radio:

405 would like to see I.C. have its own radio, would listen to it, and think it's worth the money.

53 haven't got a radio but say they would listen to it.

494 want I.C. to have a student radio station and would listen to it.

483 want I.C. to have a student radio system and think it's worth the money.

C. Dewey.

GENERAL ELECTION MEETING

On Tuesday, 19th February a General Election Meeting was held. Despite the unavoidable short notice quite a large crowd turned up in the Great Hall to watch the proceedings (I almost felt like calling a Union Meeting on the spot). Prof. Neal, the pro-rector, was in the chair and, due to his able chairmanship, the meeting proceeded very smoothly indeed. There were representatives of the three main parties. Miss S. Ward, representing the Labour party in Chelsea, Mr. N. Clark, representing the Liberal party in the same constituency, and Mr. R. Parsons, representing the Conservative party in Holborn and St. Pancras.

The meeting was opened with a brief introduction to each candidate followed by a talk from the same. Then questions were asked, each candidate expressing surprise at the range of questions asked and their depth. Unfortunately there were far more questions written than it was possible to fit in the time available.

However, again due to the chairmanship, several topics of interest to staff and students alike, were asked.

Following on from that, the elections have now been held. Several people in the college have been actively campaigning on behalf of candidates, ranging from Conservative, through Labour to an I.M.G. candidate who (I was asked not to mention the National F.... you know who).

None of the three candidates, present at the meeting were elected. Miss S. Ward polled 6,839, Mr. N. Clark 8,012, but the Conservative candidate (Sir Marcus Wortley) polled 23,320. Mr. R. Parsons polled 8,223 as against the Labour candidates (Mrs. L. M. Jeger) 12,414.

I would like to take this opportunity to express my thanks to those who were present, especially to Prof. Neal.

P.A.W.

Below, left to right: Miss S. Ward, N. Clark and R. Parsons.



ROOM BOOKINGS

There has been some confusion over regulations regarding the booking of rooms in the Union. To clear this the following points should be noted.

Charges. Outside Bodies (even if booked through an I.C. student or Society) will be charged the normal rate.

There will be no charges for private parties (held by I.C. students), nor I.C.U. Society and Club bookings.

Deposits. These must be given to the Union Clerk at least one week in advance. Receipts are not given, but the book-er's name will be entered in a Deposit Book. The deposit is returnable only after the Executive consent is given, so there may be some delay. There will be no exception to the cash rule after March 1st 1974, and no booking will

be valid until the cash deposit (and charge if necessary) is received. If not received three days beforehand the booking will be cancelled and security instructed not to allow access.

All functions, unless there is a specific notification from the Executive must finish by 11.30 p.m. Clearing up time is allowed after this, but the event must have finished. In the event of an extension being granted the extension time is again the time the event must finish.

The Executive will not fail to withhold (it has already been done) some or all of the deposits if any of the rules regarding room bookings are broken. All applicants must read the form they sign! Remember, if the rules are broken, it could cost you up to £10!

SOCIETIES' PAGE

SAILING CLUB

A couple of Wednesdays ago saw the premature ending of our 'home' sailing season. It has been confirmed by the Water Board that it was not just I.C. boats which caused the dam wall to crack — U.C. helped! Anyway, the Harp is now half-filled with mud, much of which is now decorating the tops of mainsails of I.C. boats. Now that sailing is finished and everybody is feeling depressed and wondering where all the subs will go, well they need wonder no more for the powers that be have decided that a new race box is to be built further along the Harp.

So what has happened over the last year? The team, captained by Tweedy (Scrap-It) Rogers has beaten just about everybody in sight EXCEPT teams from Cambridge, Birmingham and Reading (only one

race sailed). This gives an overall result sheet of 18½ won, 2½ lost.

There has been the usual sprout of disqualifications, capsizes and breakages (Southampton remarked at the sheer muscle power of the I.C. team when seeing one member pulling on the kicking strap to bend the mast and end up breaking the boom. Still, Cambridge were not to be left out of the break-down stakes when two masts disintegrated and decks pulled off).

Now for the future—well there are still a few away matches to come, i.e. Bath, Bristol, and then in three weeks' time is the event of the year — the Bradford Barrel. I.C. has won this competition for the last two years and we are confident of the hat-trick.

Needless to say, both the I.C. intercollegiate cup between Mines,

R.C.S. and Guilds (who usually dominate) and the U.L. equivalent, the Castaways Cup have had to be postponed. It is hoped these trophies will eventually be sailed for early next year.

The Wednesday League — again for the nth year running I.C. 1st team won the 1st league. I.C. seconds came runners up in the second league after losing to a Bart's team in the last race.

And now for something entirely different—the SOCIAL EVENT OF THE YEAR. The I.C. S.C. Annual Dinner—guest speaker Olympic silver medallist David Hunt (also of Needlespur fame). The price is £2 and tickets can be obtained from any committee member or Tizard 555. This is expected to be a really good do with plenty of booze, (females)?, chat, argument and food.

MEDITATION

At the college there are a wide variety of extra-curricular activities available which supposedly enrich our lives beyond the limitations of lecture room and chemistry lab. One of these "fringe" activities which seems to have found its niche in the college over the past couple of years alongside Caving Club and Wellsoc is Transcendental Meditation. Something for the reclusive few you might think but a recent snippet of information which dropped my way via a somewhat dubious handout, made your intrepid Felix reporter decide to take goat-skin and map of the Himalayas in hand and find out a little more. The snippet of information—a survey of students' exam performance found that those who took up Transcendental Meditation showed a significant increase in their marks which continued to grow as they continued to meditate.

Eventually, said Felix reporter tracked down former I.C. student Stephen Giles, who after graduating spent some time with Maharishi Mohesh Yogi—who started the whole thing off, and is now a teacher of the meditation. I posed him a question or two:

Q Most students have very little time: what is involved in Transcendental Meditation?

A About 15 minutes morning and evening once you've actually learnt.

Q And how long does that take?

A Four sessions of about two hours.

Q Well how can the two daily sessions affect exam performance, do they help you concentrate better?

A They do actually, although one doesn't practice concentration during the meditation, quite the opposite in fact. The main effect though is to make your thinking much clearer so that you absorb and use information more easily, more effectively. You don't actually gain any new information when you learn to meditate, just a simple technique which when practised regularly enables you to assimilate information better. There is a surfeit of information in the college, a large number of minds. What is needed is a means of expanding the conscious capacity of the minds so

that they can absorb more of the information in a meaningful way — that's TM.

Q What degree did you get?

A A third (laughter). I was very involved with Union activities when I was here so didn't do much work, but what I found was that after starting to meditate I remembered much more from the lectures, it wasn't so necessary to cram. Taking finals wasn't really too much of a strain.

Q Students' personal problems tend to affect their work situation?

A Right. On this level alone TM can make a big difference. Practising TM produces a more balanced personality. Introverts get on better with other people.

Q How does meditation do that?

A It very much reduces the level of stress and tension in the nervous system. Consequently one is less worried, feels happier and things just go more easily. You sometimes experience this when you're not practising meditation if you're well rested and feeling fresh, everything goes much more easily, little upsets don't put you off. During the meditation you get a deeper rest than the deepest sleep which revitalises the system, as a result you are more alert and stay alert longer.

Q Doesn't this alertness, more powerful thinking, etc., tend to put other people off you?

A No, the opposite. Everyone enjoys being with happy, successful people. Meditating certainly helps one to get on with members of the opposite sex (laughter). The development is very natural and makes one more sensitive to other people. It doesn't just enlarge all aspects of a person's personality irrespective of their influence on other people.

Q What does the college society do—are there students who teach the meditation?

A No. You have to learn from a teacher trained by Maharishi, but the college society tries to make information about the meditation available, facilitate people learning it and make sure those practising it are getting maximum benefit.

WHAT ARE THOSE POSTERS ABOUT

Trying to sell ceilidh tickets to people, we have often been asked: "What is a ceilidh?", so, as we can't expect you to come to something that could be anything from a talk on the habits of ancient Egyptians to an exhibition of Irish walking sticks (think about it), I am here to tell you about our ceilidh.

Firstly, a ceilidh is a Folk Dance. Folk dancing is the English version of the Scots Eight-some Reels and Irish Jigs. We here apologise to any Celts who have taken offence at this comparison. Don't be put off by dances with names such as "Gathering Peascods" (or something like that), 'cos it has—as far as I can see—nothing whatsoever to do with gathering peascods or anything else for that matter. Neither do you have to worry about not knowing what to do — when dancing of course, silly—because there's a "caller" on

stage, that is a man who calls out which steps to dance at the appropriate time. The steps themselves are not difficult, and they fit easily into the music, so there is no need to worry about not being able to dance. And as for looking a bit stupid, everyone else there too looks just the same, so no one notices, they just enjoy themselves.

Now, about the Yetties. They are not, contrary to common opinion, teddy bears off Doctor Who. They are a folk group — surprise, surprise — and they play traditional country dance music. They are very well known—shame on those of you who haven't heard of them, you don't read our posters! — and are good. They are competent musicians, who understand their music, which as you probably know, is important. But you don't have to believe me, come to the ceilidh and see for yourself. The Yetties come from Dor-

set, so if you come from the West Country, come and support your compatriots — we're a minority. The Yetties have played at many famous folk music events including Folk at Eton, and the International Folklore Festival at Sidmouth; now they're here on your doorstep, in the J.C.R. to be precise. They are recommended for ceilidhs, that's why we booked them for ours.

Those of you who went to the I.C.W.A. ceilidh last term will know all this, so if you've read this far, please come to our ceilidh, it should be as good, 'cos we helped organise that one. If you've never been to a ceilidh before, come to this one, it's a fun way to spend the last Wednesday of term — who wants to work then anyway? Or any other for that matter! The ceilidh is open to anyone who cares to come, so feel welcome.

BOOKWEEK

You may have been precise definition. present at the "Great Debate" held a couple of weeks ago or you may not, but almost certainly you saw some bumph for it either on a poster or on the pages of Felix, CEFE or Good News. Entitled "This House Believes Christianity is False Consciousness", didn't you pause to wonder how to define consciousness? I know a great deal of the debate spotlighted this issue, of course I can't say whether the conclusions on the meaning of the word were correct or not, it's suitably vague to defy

"bookweek".

But how many people paused to consider the word Christianity, what does it mean? Surely this is a far more vital word. Does it describe... well what? A moral code? A religion? A way of life? I think that the term has been devalued over recent years. Admittedly it can't be defined in a single phrase, but it's not "what you want it to mean." During the week of March 11-17 Christians at this college are providing you with the opportunity to find out more about Christianity in a

One of the books concerned in this venture is called "Basic Christianity" by J. Stoot and gives, as its title implies, an outline of what Christianity is and what Christians stand for. There will be a book-stall stationed around college and lots of people willing to talk to you and answer your questions on any aspects of the subject, from their personal experience and they'll also be able to furnish you with books which will be able to answer your questions in depth.

Pete Thomas

WHAT'S ON

SUNDAY SESSIONS

MARCH 3

DEREK FOSTER SEXTET

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MARCH 17

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MECH. ENG. 213

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M.E. 220 7.30

TUESDAY, MARCH 5

Community Action

SOUPRUN

I.C.C.A.G. has been granted use of the Keogh Hall
kitchen on Friday evenings for preparation of our
souprun. This means that the souprun will operate
on Fridays as usual, i.e. soup will be started at 10 p.m.
There will be a Union Arch pick-up at 11 p.m.

WORKCAMP

On the weekend of 15th to 17th March a decorating
workcamp is being held. Several old people's homes
are being decorated. Why not come along? Paint walls,
ceilings or the person next to you—it's great fun. Any-
one interested please sign up on the notice in the
Lower Lounge or contact Liz Littlejohn, Physics 2.
Food and accommodation can be provided for those
who require it. If you cannot spend the whole weekend
there just turn up for a few hours: it will be appreciated.

ECO-ACTION

Last year I.C. Eco-Action Group collected com-
puter paper for re-cycling and now the college, per-
suaded of the economic viability of the scheme, have
officially taken over its collection. Eco-Action have
moved on to collecting waste paper of all kinds, and
cardboard. The project has been launched in the
Physics Department and hopefully will spread to the
rest of the college. Please keep your waste paper and
either take it to one of the collection boxes in Physics
or dump it with Brian Dodd (Falmouth 354) or Averil
Dewing (Selkirk 562).

Brian Dodd and Averil Dewing.

FILMS

THURS, MARCH 7

6.30 p.m.

THE
BOYFRIEND

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THERE'S A
GIRL IN MY
SOUP

* * *

THURS. MARCH 14

6.30 p.m.

I AM CURIOUS
YELLOW

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QUIET DAYS
IN CLICHY

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15p

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FELIX REVIEWS

RECORDS

MAGGIE BALL

Queen of the Night

Maggie Ball went solo (after the split of Stone the Crows) eighteen months ago. Since then she has regularly topped the polls in the music papers, despite spending most of the time without making any appearances on record, stage or in print.

She has not, however, been resting since then. She has in fact made **three** albums. The first two were scrapped in her search for a successful debut album. Satisfied, she had now released that album, 'QUEEN OF THE NIGHT,' and the search was worth it.

In this album she displays her singing talents to the fullest, with a wide range of varied tracks, chosen after a weekend spent listening to over 250 songs.

To do full justice to all the tracks would take far more space than is available. However, to pick out a "best" track would be almost impossible.

"A Woman Left Lonely" (side one, track two) is a soulful number, fairly typical of a lot of the album. "Souvenirs" (John Prine's number) has a lot more power in it, not just from Maggie's vocals but also from the brass and keyboards in the backing.

"Oh My My" (Ringo Starkey) is the opening cut on side two and the one chosen for release as a single. A good choice (if she feels that it is necessary to release one) though not one in which her full talents are used. "As The Years Go Passing By," the backing to the single, is much more indicative of her capabilities. Hopefully this will be given as much air play as the 'A' side.

Overall, the album is well balanced, and could, when it has been fully listened to, become a classic.

An album I would definitely recommend and congratulations to Scotland on producing such talent. (PS Hope they win the Cup also).

SLADE

Old New Borrowed and Blue

SLADE. Is there really any point in saying much more about their latest offering "OLD NEW BORROWED AND BLUE." The chances of anyone reading this who have not at some time heard them is very slim indeed.

I have had little contact with previous Slade albums but what little I have had has convinced me that if I wanted a Slade album for my collection it would not matter which I had. They're all more or less alike; both to each other and from track to track.

On the latest album there is only two cuts, 'Everyday' and 'Find Yourself A Rainbow' that stand out as being different.

'Everyday' is a much slower, more subtle number than the remainder. Not a fast rocking number, more of one that should be listened to, not heard.

'Find Yourself A Rainbow' is a honky-tonk number with accompanying piano.

The remainder are typical Slade numbers, loud, rocky, and (such as 'My Friend Stan') fairly well known. Noddy Holder's vocals scream out just as usual, although Jimmy Lea is given a chance on two of the tracks.

Slade are really a live band. They generate excitement and develop it to a high level, but to do that they need to be playing on stage to an audience. Here they come into their own. On record, however, they lose out. This record could not be described as bad. But, you either like Slade, or you don't; take your choice.

ANSWERS TO X-WORD in last issue

Across: 1 Ungainly; 5 Akin; 9 Lease; 10 Calibre; 11 Impenetrable; 13 Forage; 14 Island; 17 Special Agent; 20 Outflow; 21 Adlib; 22 Tart; 23 Eyesores.

Down: 1 Ugly; 2 Grammar; 3 Iceberg Field; 4 Locket; 6 Kebab; 7 Need Ends; 8 Alarm Signal; 12 Offshoot; 15 Annular; 16 Slowly; 18 Enter; 19 Ebbs.

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CONCERTS

MAN

Man first appeared at IC in January, '72 supporting Stone the Crows—a gig for which they were paid, I believe, £40. The Felix review the following week said "I should like everybody to know about a group called Man... they must have been delighted with their reception in the Great Hall... the subtle use of dynamics prompts me to stick my neck out and say that in a years time they will be as big as Yes."

I should know — I was the reviewer. It's now two years later and in terms of bigness my prophecy hasn't materialised. However I've wanted to put the band on again for a long time and last weekend, when they cost me rather more than forty quid, I was not disappointed. Musically Man are now all that Yes were for me in those far-off days and I hold the opinion (one that I don't expect **everyone** to share) that they are Britain's best active band.

To classify Man's music it is inevitable that I should make comparisons. Unfortunately the groups I allude to will probably only be familiar to those who are Man fans anyway, but here goes—Frank Zappa, Pink Floyd, Quicksilver Messenger Service, the Allman Brothers Band. But Man don't copy them—can you follow that?

Man are at present Micky Jones (guitar) and Terry Williams (drums) who have remained with the group throughout its many personnel changes, Ken Whaley (bass) and Malcolm Morley (electric piano) both ex-Help Yourself, and Deke Leonard (guitar) who was with the group, along with Micky, Terry and bassist Martin Ace, that played here before, and left shortly afterwards, and has only just rejoined. Although Micky Jones's guitar has been Man's hallmark during the last two years and he plays real good, Deke just cuts him blind — he has a fluidity, a devastating range of sounds, and can play at blistering speed when he wants to. There's no reason why the current lineup should stay together forever but with

these two guitarists in the band—give them eighteen months and, I say again, Man will be as big, not just as good, as Yes.

They opened the show with "American Mother," a Malcolm Morley toon, I think, as he sang it. I haven't heard it before, and I don't yet have strong opinions on the number. The vocals were delivered in a manner reminiscent of Lou Reed's, and this similarity was echoed by Morley's appearance. This was followed by "7171551" from Deke's album "Iceberg," which was rather repetitious in places. Morley's 'Blown Away' which appeared on a Help Yourself album, was less intense than most of the music, and the group sounded quite different when playing in a laid-back style. At about this point the audience really came alive and "C'mon" was received with rapturous applause. It began with a section very similar to the Floyd's "Echoes" or "Saucerful of Secrets" and went on for nearly half-an-hour.

Some people I spoke to afterwards made the criticism that some of the numbers went on too long.

Two of Deke's shorter numbers followed, "Hard Way to Live" and "Remain" which I don't think the band have played since he left before. It is, I believe, the story of how he was beaten up by a Belgian customs man.

"This is a rave from the grave" announced Micky, and it was "Bananas," mostly taken at a furious pace, but again over 20 minutes long. The length of tracks did not, I should add, seem to worry most of the audience. After "Bananas" they left the stage. Would they leave without "Spunk Rock"? No way. Back they came for another go at the definitive rock jam. Unequalled, in my opinion, for sheer coherence and excitement, by any group on either side of the Atlantic. Listen to the version on the long-deleted "Greasy Truckers Party" LP or, failing that, on Man's "Back Into the Future" and you know what I mean.

After "Spunk Rock" they finished. Man had played for over two hours.

SID.

Books

MICHAEL GREEN

Man Alive

What in your opinion is the greatest single event in the history of mankind? I think you'll find it difficult to call to mind any occasion worthy of such an elevated position.

This book however accesses an occurrence which is surely worth considering for this role. Is it possible for a person to die, be buried, and yet be seen alive by several hundred people a few days later.

Michael Green looks objectively at

facts centred around an event that happened about 2000 years ago when Jesus Christ performed the feat just mentioned. The book shows the relevance, the challenge, and the power of the resurrection to change men's lives. It also describes the way in which we today can experience this power, and indeed also become **alive**, in a life which has meaning and purpose.

Lennon-McCartney wrote of

'All the lonely people
where do they all belong?'
and 'Nowhere Man'

'Doesn't have a point of view
Knows not where he's going to
Isn't he a bit like me and you?'

Is he like you? Read this book and find a meaning to life.

P.T.

SOCIETIES HANDBOOK AND BLUE BOOK

Please would all Societies, Chairmen, Organisers let me have the copy for next year's editions, as soon as possible.

I also request anybody reading this plea, to let me know if they have any suggestions, criticisms, known omissions or corrections to last year's effort. Looking forward to hearing from you

GORDON JACKSON,
Editor.

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Past Well Soc posters in good condition. Junior Common Room, 12.30-1.30 Tuesday lunchtimes.

FELIX SPORT

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GOLFING

Prior to February 20th there had been much speculation by both golfing pundits and members of the society alike as to who really was the star of the society. Although early in the season Bill Calderwood had had this title blazoned on his golf bag and everyone had assumed that this was the case, recent events had led to the growing belief that 'there had come one even greater than he'. Who this was no-one knew but many felt that perhaps unbeaten Chris Cobbledick fitted the bill. However the society Captain had made it known (often!) that, in his opinion, his own unbeaten run in the team entitled him to be thought of in the same breath as these two (unfortunately no-one else agreed). John Mendonca, a recent addition to the team ranks, had won all his matches in such style that some felt his unbeaten run was the significant one and that the championship would show him up as 'Golfer of the Society'. The society hon. sec., Jules Dan, expressed the belief that the only true stamp of star golfing talent was to have an unbeaten record in the first team; thus Bill was 'really only a second rate hacker with an impressive sticker on his bag'.

However, no matter who it is that one considers as the greatest star one thing is certain; the society at IC is undoubtedly the most talented and successful in London today. For proof of this we have only to look at the number of team members who have played for London University this season. These are Bill Calderwood, Nigel Foster, Rich Brown, Mike Strickland and at the time of writing John Mendonca has just been called up for his first cap. Considering our Society is only permitted to be 25 strong this is a remarkable tribute to the wealth of talent at IC. Indeed when one puts by all this the fact that John Medonca is also a Portugese Youth International the thought must occur that there may be many stars with us at present.

If the array of talent for the Championships was mind-boggling the scores were not. In almost perfect conditions the morning's play proved to be an almost unqualified disaster, the qualification being Andy Knox who cruised in with a nett 72. This placed him in a clear lead by five shots over Bill Calderwood at lunch which he celebrated with a couple of rustic pints of ale. Everyone enjoyed Andy celebrating in this manner, possibly because it removed the fear in everyone's mind that he might run away with the 'Tourney' in the afternoon. In the afternoon playing conditions grew somewhat worse and paradoxically the scores improved a little. Andy Knox let his grip on the tournament slip and Bill Calderwood stepped bravely into the breach to take the coveted President's Trophy for the best days medal score. Runner-up to him was our old onion-eater Clive Pemberton who played a solid if uninspired day's golf. Rick Brown won the Glover cup for the best gross of the day although he hit many more than a gross of shots. Runner-up was our international star John Medonca. The Lawson cup competition for the best stableford round in the afternoon was taken by Jules Dan, an uncannily successful competitor in his own competitions.

Although we seem to cut his handicap prior to every club competition he still seems to produce the best nett nonetheless. Runner-up to Jules was Mike Marx who played well enough to win most stableford competitions if it were not for the aforementioned being in the field.

In conclusion I would say that the competition was an occasion enjoyed by everyone, particularly our new Society Champion Bill Calderwood.

Nigel Foster

HOCKEY

Wed., Feb. 20th

I.C. 1st XI v.

LONDON HOSPITALS

Semi-final of the University of London Knock-out Cup.

0-1 (Penalty)

I.C. were knocked out of the Cup competition in a hard, well-contested match. Although individual players on the I.C. side displayed a good work rate, the team in general could not link-up to show the form which had earlier disposed of Barts. The Hospitals side seemed the more alert of the teams and were slightly quicker to the "loose balls". However, I.C. were well able to cope with the pressure in defence but were unable to penetrate on a regular basis into the Hospital's 'D'. The deciding goal came from a penalty flick given, as we admit, quite fairly, for stick obstruction in the 'D'. The last efforts of I.C. could not prevail in spite of a tactical substitution in the 2nd half intended to create more drive in the centre.

Team: Heffer, Cameron, Hatcher, Whittington, Brown, Hanson, Ross, Harrison, Gahir, Woodhouse, Downs (capt.).

Sub. Puri. Umpire G. Popple.

Sat., 23rd Feb.

I.C. 1st XI v ASHFORD

4-4

This was meant to be a "friendly" match against a 1st division side, I.C. still unjustly lingering in the 3rd division, but due to very poor umpiring the match degenerated into a well-disguised brawl 20 mins. from the end. I.C. had until this period held the lead but Ashford fought back using the occasional technical infringement which was unpenalised. Tempers became a little fraught and fouling commenced on a widespread and very skilled basis. All fouls were unseen and it was noted well executed. Ashford did assume the lead late in the match, but a well converted penalty by Harrison gave the final score. (Mr. Kullar had not recently shown brilliant form in the art of penalty flicks.) The general impression was one of a match which started out to be a little physical, but later degenerated to a game in which skill was

sacrificed.

Team: Bateman, Cameron, Vieyra, Downs (capt.), Hanson, Evans, Ross, Kullar, Puri, Harrison, Tyler.

Goals: Evans (the half-back), Puri (2), Harrison.

Wed., 27th Feb.

I.C. 1st XI v.

SILVERWING (BEA)

1-2

Yet another hard match marred by poor umpiring. The game quickly became physically-orientated and I.C. ceased to play with any skill. A good goal by Nicols gave I.C. the lead but this was unfortunately lost. The match which was poor was succeeded by an excellent bar night spent reminiscing about Swedish porn pens and the hard lot of the airline staff. Ross seemed to be over-infatuated with a topic of conversation—tennis, or something. At least his tongue didn't quite scrape the floor.

Team: Heffer, Cameron, Hatcher, Evans, Brown, Hanson, Ross, Puri, Downs (capt), Nicols, Tyler.

Goal: Nicols.

M.D.D.

2nd XI

Last Saturday the all star XI played away at Ashford, Middlesex. Despite some rather confusing "Popplological" travelling instructions we all arrived in time for a 3 o'clock bully off.

The pace of the game was typical of most 2nd XI matches — fast and furious. The enthusiasm is admirable but I feel a little more level-headedness and ball control would pay better dividends. The forwards were kept busy all through the match and Dave Crook came close to scoring on numerous occasions. The defence showed more co-ordination than has been evident in the past although the half backs could have given the forwards more support when on the attack. A special word of thanks to Graham Popple for sparing some of his invaluable time. He will be well received in the team next week with or without spouse in attendance.

Result: Ashford 0; I.C. 0.

Team: N. Harrison, A. Winker, J. Huckle, D. Balderson, K. Rawlings, D. Price, J. Pepper, T. Feline, D. Crook, J. Andrews, A. Brewster.

SHOOTING

On Sunday, February 24th the annual full-bore rifle match between RCS and Guilds was held at Bisley under almost ideal weather conditions.

Bisley Camp, Brookwood, Surrey, is the world's centre for full-bore shooting. The distances over which one can shoot vary from 100 to 1200 yds. Due to alterations at present being made on the medium length ranges the competition was, for the first time, held at 900 and 1000 yds.

As is customary, Guilds were barely up to strength while RCS had a large and talented pool on which to draw. After leaving the Sports Centre at the ungodly hour of 9.20 a.m. the teams reached Bisley, despite unintentional detours,

	900 yds	1000 yds	Total
RCS			
John Emerson (Capt.)	41	45	86
Simon Hellyer	43	39	82
Geoff Kolbe	47	42	89
Paul Jorden	46	38	84

Team total 341

	900 yds	1000 yds	Total
C & G			
Colin Waldron (Capt.)	46	46	92
David Styles	38	39	77
David Lea	43	16	59
Vaughan Phillips	38	43	81

Team total 309

Steve Dawson, Mike Hall and Tony Porter were also involved.

JOHN EMERSON, SIMON HELLYER



Photograph: Standing (left to right): S. M. Dawson, M. L. Hall, P. R. Jorden, D. J. Lea, J. E. Emerson, A. P. Porter, S. B. Hellyer, V. L. C. Phillips. Kneeling (left to right): D. Styles, G. Kolbe, C. Waldron.

WINKS

This report has been specially written on the instructions of Tony Bush, who wants to see his name in print.

IC Winks Club entertained a team from Bancroft School, Essex, and we soon showed them what winks is all about. We started the games on the floor, which put us off, as the winks were bouncing too high. After the first round, tables were available and so once again we would reach the heights of brilliance and destroy all those in our way. Tony Bush made some good moves but his vision was somewhat impaired by gin and tonic and a few squops went astray. Potting out was the order of the day against vastly inferior opposition and the result was a grand victory.

Earlier we had played Southampton in the Prince Phillip Wink competition and for once produced a full team. We fought bravely against the Leeds United of winks, but we are no Bristol City and it was to no avail. Tony Bush did not play. Our agony in defeat was slightly alleviated by a win in the last round. Helen, having gone off to bash up a minesman, left her partner to fend for himself. He borrowed a player from somewhere and they won their game. Maybe we should have got rid of her before the first game...

Winks desperately needs someone to take over next year. Are you man enough to take on the enormous responsibility? I did and look what happened to me. (Please form a queue).

Players from: Tony Bush, Helen Isaac, Bob Douglas, Tony Bush, Mike Ixer, Glyn Jones, Tony Bush, John Spiers, A. N. Otherjohn, Gil Brown, Man with glasses, Mary — friend of m.w.g., Dave Watt, Tony Bush, with support from Bobby's wife and Tony Bush's wife.

FELIX SPORT

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SAILING

Sailing at the Welsh Harp has had to end for the year as the Water Board have drained the reservoir for repairs. However, Wednesday, January 30th saw most of the London Colleges braving the new hazard of mud for the final rounds of the inter-collegiate leagues. In the first league the winners were to be decided by a meeting between unbeaten I.C. first team and Queen Mary College and in the second between I.C. second and St. Bartholomew's Hospital. I.C. first team were lucky in the first race to get a re-sail, due to incorrect starting by both teams, after Steve McQueen and Peter Barrett capsized. However, in the next two races I.C. won in style 1, 2 and 1, 3 respectively, thus winning the league.

The I.C. second team also ran into trouble in the first race. Simon Briscoe and Richard Wood found it impossible to get off the shrove in time to start due to mud and though Richard Woods and Tony Bambridge sailed well to finish first they were later disqualified for failing to start correctly. In the second race I.C. finished 1st

and 3rd by dirty sailing, but it was not good enough to make up the points deficit and so I.C. second team finished runners up.

At the weekend the 3-boat team travelled down to the Hamble to sail Southampton University. Unfortunately they sailed with a very weak team which presented no serious challenge to the more superior I.C. team. The first race was sailed in the more sheltered river. Although Simon Briscoe sailed well at first he went for the wrong leeward mark with a Southampton boat and finished fifth. The other two I.C. boats (Brian Rogers and Nigel Charlwood) finished first and second. After a visit to the local pub (your round, Malcolm) before two more races in Southampton Water, Tony Bambridge sailed easily into the lead (a Hamble freeze?) with Richard Woods second and Brian Rogers third. In the final race Nigel Charlwood decided to sail back to the club-house due to seasickness (?) leaving the other two I.C. boats battling for first and second places.

X - COUNTRY

Concerning Elephants

There are no elephants or hippopotami roaming wild in Surrey, though there is certainly no lack of mud in which they might wallow as was found by runners in the fourth league race at Guildford. I.C., with our 18 runners, comprised no less than one-fifth of the field, drawn from twenty other colleges, which set off round 5½ miles of knee-deep ploughed mud. This large turnout, together with Rob Allinson's position of 8th, despite having a spiked foot, Steve (of whom more later) Webb's making the first team and the timely return to form of Ian Ellis led to the result that the first team is now third in division one (but only seven points ahead), and even the fourth team put in another appearance (at last) so that we are now 4th, 11th and 18th in the second division with one race to go.

5 for the 5

The following Saturday, in a hastily arranged fixture, the "Hillingdon 5", only five of our more stal-

wart backmarkers took part, with Steve (again) Webb doing within experimental error of 30min, Dave Jones 30m 48, Keith Ahlers not far behind him, Mike Welford looking extremely distressed after his sprint start in 32min and Pete Johnson completing our performance in 35min.

Hyde Park Relay

Title: "How Birmingham led 86 other teams all the way setting a new record of 84m 07s, followed by Cambridge University in 84m 30s and not so closely by Loughborough Colleges in 85m 32s, how Jim Brown set a new course record of 13m 21s taking Borough Road from eighth to fifth on the last lap and winning for them the Imperial College Union Cup, and how I.C. came 56th (despite strained ligaments, 'n' bouts of flu and sickly parents) to achieve which Ian Ellis, Paul Clark, Dave's Payne and Houlbrooke, Phil Meyler and Alf Garnett did times of 15m 53, 15m 55, 16m 40, 17m 10, 16m 34 and 16m 33 respectively. Also some remarks on how Sir Brian and Lady

Flowers kindly came along and presented the trophies and how Steve (yet again) Webb was unexpectedly called forth to present the Steve Webb Trophy to Cambridge. With a short record of how Rob spent 2hrs looking for his coat and concluding with a note about the manner of our defeat later that evening at another relay at the hands of Alsager who started with half-empty glasses and how next morning I.C. became the alternative attraction to the Changing of the Guard (which wasn't on), how Trafalgar Square was visited and how Pad felt himself inwardly threatened during a sprint down Pall Mall".

That's it, except to thank everybody's friends for their help, Kaliray, Neil, Keith and Doug for their part in the affair (and Rich Harrington, Ashely Cooper, Geoff Spurr, Rob Maddison and Ian "have gun will travel" Isherwood). Also thanks to the refectory staff for feeding 600 people in ½hr, and some Dramsoc people (cf. last year).

D.A.J.

IMPERIAL WINS GUTTERIDGE CUP (AGAIN)

IC 8, RFH 0

I.C. won their third consecutive Gutteridge Cup Final on February 23rd in an indecisive manner.

From the kick-off I.C. were in trouble due to their own mistakes (particularly the forwards). RFH were given several chances to take the lead from penalty kicks, but managed to fluff them all with the greatest of ease. After several narrow escapes (during which Flanagan claims to have dislocated his shoulder) I.C. got steadily back into the game, and near half-time took the lead when Martin Cotter made a break and fed the ball to Gerwyn Clement, who then

beat the full-back with the slowest sidestep ever seen, to score near the corner. Needless to say Ray Hughes missed the conversion.

The second half followed the first half's pattern of indecisive play. I.C. were in trouble several times, but RFH couldn't make any headway (they missed three kicks in front of the posts) which was particularly due to Pete Tullrugges excellent display at full back. I.C. managed to seal the game up, ten minutes from time, when Ray Hughes kicked ahead, the full back got nowhere near it, and Bob Stern collected, beat the full back and passed it to Gerwyn Cle-

ment (who happened to be strolling along outside him) to score his **second try** (Guess who wrote this). I.C. then managed to hold on, with the forwards now playing much better and the backs tackling well.

After the match we had our usual celebrations, and we all got extremely pissed. Also four of the players and supporters went on "Strike" (subtle), and the police are also looking for a 5 ft. 11 in. Welshman who talks with a slight Irish accent.

Team:

Pete Turbugge; Gerwyn (I scored two tries) Clement; Martin (I made both tries) Cotter; Bob (No, you didn't Cotter) Stern;

Denis (Curry Palace) Shakesheff; Ray (Blind Man) Hughes; Chris (I've got three pots) Flanagan; Bruce (punch a prop a day) Bradley; Jeff (I've got a pot at last) Hughes; Dave () Hart; Keith (I didn't want to go to Paris anyway) Lipscome; Steve (It's your chicken, my laugh) Booth; Tony (Flaker) Walton; Dicky (I've broken the bone in my prickle) Cresswell; Dave (I didn't touch him Ref) Osborne.

Linesman—Neil (I wish I'd never got married) Hicking. Many thanks to all the supporters who made the effort to come out and support the team, including Pam. G.G.C.

ROWING

Saturday, 16th February saw the boat club's first competitive venture of this year. The occasion was the old Southern Universities Championships, renamed this year the Southern Universities Regatta. It has been held since 1967 and all three divisions have thus far eluded the grasp of I.C. No Novice VIII was sent this year, but the 1st and 2nd VIIIs travelled to Reading to compete in their respective divisions. The 1st VIII had rather an odd look about it as it has been rather injury prone so far this year.

Perhaps it would be more accurate to say that the elite IV from the VIII has been prone to injury. Neither Graham Lloyd (car crash and broken wrist) nor Dai Bevan (strained back) were able to row, whilst Bill Swift (Pitoraeasis Rosea?) and John Bland (flu plus abscess) just managed to get fit in time to occupy the stroke and four seats respectively. The absence of the first two meant that Joe Shrypriuk 'I.C.'s. answer to Dave Sawyer) had to change sides, which left room for a guest appearance from Dick Smith (direct from Mount Kenya accompanied by Amoebic Dysentery) who last made an appearance in the U.L. Alum Cup where he won the Novice sculls.

The first race against Southampton University was a typical I.C. opening row, with half the crew thinking it was easy while the other half were killing themselves and wondering why they weren't going away. The result being an unconvincing win by 2L. The Semi-Final was against Reading University and I.C. drew the unfavoured Oxon station. Due to a bend in the course, the start was stag-

gered and this station had 3/4L disadvantage on the start. Off the start Reading pulled out another 1/4 length and went almost clear. However the scratch I.C. boat suddenly clicked and with their severely geared boat they powered their way through Reading, rating about 34. By half way I.C. had a 1/4L lead and as they crossed the finishing line the lead was over a length. This race was good by any standards, but unfortunately it took a lot out of the crew as they were very tired (to put it politely), and it was with some trepidation that I.C. awaited the final against Oriel (Oxford).

Now Oriel was a load of cocky . . . , especially as they had won the event last year. Having had a row over in their heat, they had reached the start of their semi-final only to find that their opposition had broken their rudder. On returning to the landing stage and seeing I.C. flaked out after their race against Reading, they decided that since they were obviously going to win anyway, there might as well be a three way final instead of them having to row in a semi final. After putting this proposition to the I.C. coach, they promptly got back in their boat and rowed off to the start of their semi final. In this race they lost some of their confidence as they were pushed pretty hard

by Pembroke. The final was rowed in poor light as it was now about 5.30. The race had two distinct phases. The first lasted about ten strokes in which time Oriel took about 3/4L. The second lasted for the rest of the race, and saw I.C. row through Oriel to win by a good 2½L. Thus the first Regatta of 1974 brought success to the 1st VIII.

The 2nd VIII also managed to reach the final of their event and did well to get within 3/4L of Reading II. With a little more preparation this VIII could do well.

The weekend's racing was not perhaps the best preparation for the following Wednesday which saw the second event of the year take place. This race, the University of London Head of the River Race, is a processional race in which the crews set off at 10 second intervals and are timed over a course of some 4½ miles, is a vastly different sort of race to the one of the previous weekend. I.C. have only lost the open division twice since 1962 and despite a bad row managed to win it again. Unfortunately, unlike last year, they didn't manage to beat Tyrian (UL II), who race but are not eligible for the trophy, not being a college crew. The 2nd VIII came sixth overall, and the first Novice VIII managed to come second in their division.



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