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UGM
GREAT HALL
THIS THURSDAY
1.00
BE THERE!



- 1 President John (I'm-not-a-plastic-gnome-really) Randall.
- 2 Stuart Paul—defeated presidential candidate and large figure within NUS.
- 3 "Superstar" Al Stewart—NUS's answer to Donny Osmond, new deputy president.
- 4 Jeff Staniforth, treasurer, 5 Steve Parry, secretary, and 6 Charles Clarke, treasurer-elect, three Broad Left Heavies.
- 7 Retiring Revolutionary, Mike Hill.
- 9 Colin Burke, man of many parts, Exec clown/President of Bangor/defeated candidate for National Secretary.
- 8 His successor (also of as many parts).
- 10 General shot of HALF of the hall (the hall was L-shaped).

CONFERENCE

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UGM ELECTIONS

6 FLOOR REPS SCAB CHAIRMAN

ACCOMMODATION and WELFARE
COMMITTEE MEMBERS

(NOMINATION PAPERS IN UNION LOWER LOUNGE.
THEY COME DOWN AT 5 p.m. TODAY, TUESDAY)

GREAT HALL THURSDAY MAY 2nd

1.00 p.m.

ALSO: NUS REPORT
(including missing delegate)

Motions:

- 1) COME AND SUPPORT FREE SPEECH
- 2) CHILE (WITH REFERENCE TO THE NUS
MOTION CONTAINING REFERENCE TO FASCISTS)
- 3) N. IRELAND

DON'T MISS
IT! (PLEASE)

Summer Vacation Accommodation 1974

Accommodation will be available from 1st July—17th September 1974 for Imperial College students and staff in the Halls of Residence, Student Houses and Student Union Flats (mainly in shared rooms).

Application forms can be obtained from the Residence Office, Room 161 College Block from 1st May. The closing date for submitting completed application forms will be WEDNESDAY, 15th MAY, 1974.

Students at present in residence in a Hall, Student House or Student Union Flat, who require accommodation for any period after the night of Saturday, 22nd June 1974, MUST apply as above.

NEW FELLOWS

The Governing Body of the Imperial College of Science and Technology has elected five new Fellows of Imperial College who will receive their Scrolls of Fellowship at the Commemoration Day Ceremony in the Royal Albert Hall on Thursday, 24th October, 1974:

PROFESSOR RALF DAHRENDORF, DrPhil, PhD, HonDLitt, HonLLD, Hon DScs, Director-designate of the London School of Economics and Political Science; Member of the Commission of the European Communities, Brussels, since 1970; Special Visitor at Commemoration Day 1974;

PROFESSOR BERNARD GREGORY, PhD, French physicist; Head of the Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique; formerly Director-General of CERN;

SIR DOUGLAS LOGAN, MA, MPhil, DCL, LLD, Principal of the University of London since 1948;

DR BASIL MASON, CB, MSc, DSc, HonDSc, FRMetS, FRS, Director-General of the Meteorological Office since 1965; Deputy Under-Secretary of State, Ministry of Defence; Professor Cloud Physics at Imperial College from 1961 to 1965;

SIR ALASTAIR PILKINGTON, MA, DTechHon, FBIM, FRS, Chairman of Pilkington Brothers Limited since 1973; inventor of the float glass process.

Students houses summer letting scheme

A manager, assistant managers and cleaners are needed for the Summer Letting Scheme in Evelyn Gardens and Ravenscourt Park. The Manager will be paid £25.00 per week, Assistant Managers £22.00 per week, and cleaners £18.00 per week, all with free accommodation and National Insurance Stamp paid by the Scheme.

Application forms can be obtained from the Residence Office, Room 161, College Block, and should be returned there by 5.00 p.m. Friday 3rd May. Interviews will be held very shortly afterwards.

NUS EASTER

GENERAL COMMENTS

I hadn't attended an NUS conference before, but at the end of the week it hadn't really turned out much different from what I had expected—lots of squabbling between opposing and semi-opposing political factions. Left, far left, ultra left and falling off the edge.

The conference opening was fairly lively—mainly due to the fact that the introduction was given by the President of Liverpool University. "So what?" you might say. Well, all is revealed when I tell you that he was a Tory (capital t intended).

The majority of the conference was taken up with a mixture of Executive report and the main motions (reported on separately on this page and elsewhere). As at IC, when someone stood to make a point of order it was inevitably used to try and make a speech for or against the item under discussion. This inevitably wasted considerable amounts of time as did the time spent asking the delegates to be quiet. The impression was that most delegates were wasting the money spent by their constituent unions as they weren't even listening to the debates. Instead they preferred to try and ensure that no one else could hear.

There were several "in sections" that most people managed to twist into their speeches one way or another. The most noticeable was the FE and small colleges. These are apparently a section that have got little attention within the national union in the past but it appeared that they were trying to make up for at least 10 years. Minorities were also heavily supported.

The Federation of Conservative Students were also there in force and they came in for quite a bashing throughout. They also produced a bumph sheet which you either ignored, laughed at or complained about depending on your colour, sorry shade (mainly in varying degrees of redness) of politics. Their series of seven were, however, only a drop in what must have been an enormous drain on the country's paper

stocks. Another interesting point about the FCS was that they were selling 'Tribune' on their stall in the entrance way outside the hall. The person who said that student politics are complicated knew what he was talking about.

Throughout conference there were several subsidiary meetings for different groups. Broad left, women, entertainments, student drama, etc., etc. There were also Compositing Meetings. For those who don't know a brief explanation may be necessary. Before conference numerous colleges submit motions that they would like to see discussed at conference. These are then circulated and the colleges prioritise several for discussion at conference (the top five are normally discussed). At conference, all the Unions that have submitted motions on a prioritised topic get together to try and find points of common understanding between their own views on the same topic. After a lot of hard bargaining and some give and take from the people concerned they finally arrive at one complete motion (normally fairly large) with several smaller amendments which represent views that are not held by the majority of those submitting motions. This motion and amendments is then debated on the conference floor.

Conference also suffered from 'celebrities' like one person who always seemed to find it hard to sit down and was invariably blocking up the gangways during both debates and more especially votes when no one is supposed to be standing.

I can think of only one redeeming factor of conference. That is that luckily there is a comedian on the NUS executive (Colin Burke, Executive member and former president of Bangor). He is to 'retire' soon but his replacement is nearly as funny (and also president of Bangor). Conference was worth it if only for the closing speech given jointly by these two.

P. A. Wadsworth

RACIALISM & OVERSEAS STUDENTS

This proved to be a major issue in Conference, provoking a heated debate, and a (largely unwarranted) storm of controversy in the Press. Originally it was not down on the order paper; however, following a short procedural debate, the motions on Racism and Overseas Students were combined, and were thus discussed in place of the Housing motion.

Hence, what eventually came to the floor of Conference, after the compositing sessions, which tended to be a bit hairy, because of the difficulty of combining two motions, was a resolution basically concerned with racism and its manifestations. Four main issues for a national campaign were identified:

- overseas students
- education
- discriminatory legislation
- the growth of fascist organisations.

It is generally recognised that overseas students face discrimination in having to pay £254 in tuition fees as against £87 for "home" students; in being forced to pay up to £20 in LEA hostels, as well as VAT; in terms of a "quota" system in many colleges; and in terms of discrimination by landlords, accommodation bureaux and employment bureaux.

Conference called for a campaign against this discrimination and in addition, rejected the suggestions by the Commons Expenditure Committee that fees for overseas postgraduates be raised to £1,300. This is an issue particularly pertinent to IC where some 40-50 per cent of postgrads are from overseas.

Conference condemned "the racism existing in the

education system". This is reflected in the many books used by schools ("Little Black Sambo", "Biggles", etc.), the high number of non-white children in schools for the "educationally sub-normal", and the recent "theories" of inequality between races, propagated by so-called scientists, e.g. Eysenc, Jensen and Shockley.

Conference called for a refutation of these ideas and for the introduction of black studies courses into schools, so as to combat the conception that 3rd-world people have no history, culture or achievements.

Thirdly, Conference rejected the 1971 Immigration Act as racist and discriminatory. Noting that most of its provisions did not apply to Europeans, delegates rejected the view that racism stems from the presence of black people in Britain.

Complaints against the Police and racist activity were largely ignored by the Government, and the machinery of Race Relations remains largely ineffective. Thus whilst massive publicity is given to racist speeches, e.g. Powell's diatribes, the replies by anti-racist groups go largely unheard.

Finally the bit that you all heard about. This was an amendment which fell into two parts. The first called on Unions not to grant financial or material assistance to openly racist or fascist organisations (e.g. National Front or Monday Club—not the Conservative Party) and to deny them a platform.

Many people became steamed up about the right to free speech. However the professed raison d'être of the named organisations is to get

rid of people that they dislike because of their colour, and if this is not immediately possible, to brutalise them in such a way that they will eventually go away. This in itself is a fundamental denial of a man's right to exist. Hence, it would seem correct that the apostles of racial hatred should not be invited onto College premises because they are preaching a denial of freedom to the few by the many, and thus forfeit their "right" to free speech.

The argument that it is possible to debate with fascists is quite spurious. On the one hand, it is insufferable arrogance to pretend that a student might out-argue Enoch Powell, no matter how clear the rights and wrongs before-hand. On the other hand, we have the experience of Jews in Nazi-occupied territories as a precedent of "reasoned debate" with fascists.

Hence the essential issue is whether to invite racists to Colleges or not. I do not see the issue as being in grave doubt; I believe that students particularly the overseas students, will reject the concept of having fascists on campus. In this case, the issue of what to do if these people do get on to campuses is of very little importance. Besides, the idea of basing a campaign on us waiting for fascists to hold a meeting so that we can disrupt it anyway is quite ludicrous.

Finally the point is that, particularly in terms of the campaign on overseas students, we now have a national initiative to go ahead with. I expect to see some action on this front very shortly; support the campaign.

T. Phillips

CONFERENCE

EXECUTIVE REPORT

NUS executive prepare and take a report showing exactly what use the resources of NUS have been put to since the last report. They must show, especially, what they have done on specific mandates from Conference.

As the Executive is composed mainly of non-sabbatical officers, who are not able to do all that conference expects of them, there are, usually, fireworks as a particular member's incompetence in one section (often due to spending too much time on something else) is ruthlessly exposed on the conference floor. Written questions to the report are tabled in advance of conference and an answer is supplied at conference. If this answer is not satisfactory a verbal supplementary question can be asked by the constituent organisation during the time that section of the report is before conference. If the reply is still unsatisfactory the constituent organisation can move any of the following procedural motions:

- Reference Back of the report.
- Rejection of an executive opinion.
- Instruction to do what they were mandated to do.
- Continuation as not enough has been done yet.
- Censure on a member of the executive.
- Removal of a specific responsibility from a member.

The report was split into sections of Meetings, Adult Education, Assessment, Careers advice and counselling, Casework, Ents, Gay Rights, Grants, Health Students, Housing, Lecturer Training Part Time and Industrial Students, Postgraduates, Representation, Specialist Groups, Sport, Student Health, White Paper, Women, Art Colleges, College of Education, Technical Colleges and Polytechnics, Universities in the Education and Welfare section, Legal Advice and Aid, Regions and Areas, Disputes, Student Community Action, International and Miscellaneous, Overseas Students, Race Relations/Racism, NUSS, Conservation and Trade Unions.

Of special interest to I.C. students might be:

Ents: NUS's clown Burke still thinks brokerage is feasible someday (5-10 years in answer to a supplementary question).

Gay Rights: Al Stewart has responsibility still.

Postgraduates: dominated by NUS/ASTMS clash over negotiating rights.

White Paper: Like I.C., NUS has done very little. NUS had a mandate to run a campaign on a similar standing to Grants. Exec blatantly ignored this. Stuart Paul was censured and the report referred back.

Women: A very militant lot. You don't argue with Judy Cotter!! Best (in fact only) thing they could do is to try to organise trouble at the anti-abortion rally in London on 28th April. A rather sterile lot.

Essex was presented at conference at the start of the revolution. Great glee when Stuart Paul (Broad Left candidate for President) was quoted as saying that it was all just an IMG stunt. Conference generally in sympathy.

Sunday Times National Student Drama Festival: Exec was against having anything to do with this. A strong drama lobby referred back the report with a great deal of help from Al Stewart who had been landed with a bad policy from his predecessor. A one-day conference on drama is to be organised and this will resolve the matter.

Soviet Dissidents: This is rapidly becoming silly. Both at Margate and Liverpool, Exec have tried a whitewash. This time John Cushnihan—I will defend Russia as the best state—presented a report. This was really a treatise on newspaper subjectivity. I.C. cut through the waffle with its only question:

"Does Exec deny that the weight of evidence is that there are massive numbers of genuine dissidents in the Soviet Union?"

John Cushnihan replied that he did not deny that there were substantial numbers and he had no doubt about this.

The report was so bad it was referred back.

All the delegates should have copies of the report and you should be able to see one if you come into I.C. Union office and grab one of the I.C. Exec. I shall be available to give further details when we report to Council.

D. SINCLAIR
Deputy President.

ELECTIONS

As far as I am sure many of you are concerned, the only important and doubtful result was in the election of President. There were five challengers:

Beeson—Young Socialist (I don't know what to do now the Tories have resigned?).

Hill—International Socialist (Wears dark glasses to shield himself from the realities of the world).

McGowan—International Marxist group (very difficult to understand, but his ideas were similar to those of the ultra-left).

Paul—Broad left (Scottish, beer gut, this year's D.P. quoted to be the "Executive doll of the Broad Left movement").

Randall—This year's president (No particular political affiliation other than Left—most frequently used adjective, verb, pronoun... is FE's. (Further Education colleges) due to the great deal of support he has gained from this sector over the past 12 months).

The only real contenders for the post were Paul and Randall, who have been bitching at each other since last November when Mr. Paul and his Broad Left friends decided that Mr. Randall's lead in the Grants campaign was lacking in incentive and new ideas, or rather, his support for what was happening was non-existent.

Unfortunately, Mr. Paul did not realise that whilst he was spending so much time criticising Mr. Randall, he was not in fact carrying out a mandate laid on him by Margate conference, i.e. to develop a campaign around the White Paper on the content of higher education, which was supposed to be given equal priority to the Grants campaign!! This bitching had gone on for some time, and had lost support for both candidates, consequently, when the votes were counted it was very close, there only being 21 votes between these two candidates in the final analysis:

	1st count	1st reallocation	2nd	3rd
Beeson	10			
Hill	105	106	131	
McGowan	25	28		
Paul	281	285	287	314
Randall	203	205	266	335

My only comment is that I saw Randall out walking with his wife and young child shortly afterwards, and he looked like a man who realised that a majority of 21 out of 649 votes was not what could be called a clear indication that the NUS conference wanted him to be their President.

There is however one consolation, he cannot make a worse job of it next year than he has this year.

The second election was a clear cut affair,

and the obvious candidate deserved to get elected, this was Al Stewart. He has had responsibility for the Gay movement in NUS this year, and as such has done an excellent job. The other candidates were Waller (Far Left idiot), Robinson (inexperienced member of ConSoc), Martin (obsessed with occupations and militancy).

The voting was as follows:

Waller	148
Stewart	430
Robinson	107
Martin	11

The third election was for a National Secretary. Starring in this episode was the famous Steve (Basher) Parry, this year's National Secretary, who has been accused of everything from bringing children into the world, to removing them from it. It was obvious from the start of the hustings the other candidates had merely been put up to get at Parry, but my impression was that he was the obvious candidate. The voting was as follows:

	1st count	1st reallocation	2nd	3rd
Burke	206	208	219	300
Fitzpatrick	9			
Lukes	36	38		
Parry	326	329	330	352
Povey	105	106	130	

The fourth sabbatical election was for National Treasurer. The only real candidate for this was Charles Clarke. The voting was as follows:

Clarke	362
Fitzpatrick	173
Robinson	94
Willshire	8

The remainder of the elections on to the NUS executive were not quite so heated, and a list of successful candidates follows:

Vice-Presidents—Services, Robertson; Education, Slipman; Regions, Bailey; without Portfolio, Carr.

Executive Officers—Gates, De Graaf, Webster.

Executive Committee Officers—Elliot, Male, Povey.

Next year's executive is mainly allied to the Broad Left political faction, which can probably be classed as the least extreme, most sensible grouping which there is at present. Those few members of the executive not in this group should in general remain unobtrusive with (hopefully) the one exception of John Randall. It will be interesting to see over the next 12 months if the executive achieves as much as it is capable of doing.

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POSTGRADUATES

The motion on postgraduates prioritised at the Universities Specialist Conference formed the main part of the substantive motion. Sections on overseas postgraduates and the expenditure committee's report were also included. The only contentious issue was whether or not the NUS should have sole negotiating rights as far as tutoring and demonstrating rates are concerned. There were two amendments on this—one stating that Postgraduates should join the relevant trade union, which would then negotiate on their behalf and the other giving sole negotiating rights to the NUS. Both were defeated. A fuller report on the postgraduate debate appears on page 4.

The 181st meeting of ICU Council was held on 17th March, 1974 at the College Field Station, Silwood Park.

Correspondence

A reply regarding Miss George at SOAS had been received. It was agreed that no further action should be taken till her academic future had been settled.

Information from the Student Publications Space Agency was circulated (referring to the selling of advertising space in student publications). The secretary agreed to circulate this to the various handbook editors.

Next year's Publicity Officer and Hon. Secretary would be asked to attend the NUS Journalists' conference at Easter.

President's Report

There was considerable discussion on whether the Felix / Publicity Officer should be an observer or full member of Council. It was finally agreed that "He shall be required to attend Council meetings as an observer".

It was reported that the French students' visit was successful and that a return journey will be organised.

The college have agreed to purchase printing and subsidiary equipment for the production of Felix. This would be offset litho equipment, folders, cutters

and veri-typewriters. Initially this would be solely for Felix, but the blue-book, handbooks and rag-mag could also be produced. It would be used solely by trained officers, hired for the job.

There was a verbal report on the manning and operation of Nightline. The proposal that there should be a Student Officer for Nightline, along the lines of an ICU sabbatical,

term were accepted (Felix to appear on the 2nd, 4th and 7th Tuesdays of term). Council also mandated the incoming Publications Officer, Mr. Williams, to produce one issue of Felix a month in August and September, these to be mainly directed towards postgraduate news.

The election of the IGP GAO would take place at the earliest opportunity.

COUNCIL REPORT

was accepted. This to be jointly financed by ICU and the other major colleges involved. (QEC and Chelsea).

Hon. Sec.'s Report

The results of the numerous elections held were presented.

Mr. Spencer and Mr. Simmons had resigned as next and this year's SCAB chairmen respectively. Mr. Starkey offered to stand as acting chairman and to produce a report on the difficulties existing within SCAB.

Mr. Wadsworth's recommendations regarding Felix for the summer

Deputy President's Report

Regarding the closure of the Union during the vacation, this, and the appointment of duty officers, would be at the discretion of the executive. Mr. Sinclair was asked to ensure that examination dates did not clash with duty officers' lists for the coming term.

Finance

Mappin and Webb had quoted a price of £10 per pot for 100 pewter tankards. Present price is about £14. Council endorsed its earlier decision of 4.2.74 to buy these.

The financial estimates

for 1974-75 were carefully considered. After some alterations they were approved as being fit for submission to the college as the official estimates.

Other Reports

IC Floor Reps Committee's recommendation on the setting up of a debating society was accepted.

It was agreed that three people should attend the next meeting of ULU council.

Mr. Amor presented an Entertainments report. There was a discussion on the possibility of them paying for the use of the Great Hall to cover the extra wear and tear. On a vote this was decided against.

Union Management

Mr. Saylor presented his report and it was accepted in principle. This would mean that three sub-managers (one for office staff and printing unit, one for refectory, bar and shop and one for bookshop) would form a committee with the president, hon. secretary, three council members and a member of the college financial section. They should report and be responsible to Council. (Full copies of the report are available from the Union Office).

This constitutes a summary of the proceedings, derived from the, as yet, unrati ed minutes.

Black & White or Chrome and Crimson

Tenacious black and white poster makers are rife on the campus. Don't you think that posters in heavy lettering punctuated with blotches and uninspiring sketches makes even the most extraordinary event seem average if not a little bit dull?

You always notice the coloured posters. Last term there was an increase in the number of coloured posters around the place. This new term I've posted yellow flowers in lots of places.

These prints were produced in the Graffiti workshop (alias . . . SCC room). There are forty people who design and screen print. Anybody can join Graffiti. It requires no previous experience and no special skills. Real expertise is gained by trying and a little practice.

The techniques are so simple . . . after designing, stencils are cut from greaseproof paper, though you can use a commercially produced (1200 per cent more expensive) plastic film. All the posters made to date used this method. Printing is straightforward, so imagination (that's when you use your brain)

is only required when designing.

Professional screen process is largely photographic which simplifies and widens the scope of design enormously. Colour and half tone separation is normal practice.

With a bit of luck, when funds become available we will be able to reproduce photographs and sketch drawings.

If anyone wants a beautiful, coloured poster made at about 10p per copy then they should contact Graffiti. For society there are a few illuminations . . . a minimum of 20 copies and a max. of 100 . . . the maximum size is 20 x 30 the smallest is half A4, which is suitable for party invitations . . . two or three colours is normal.

Soon, maybe, even this term, we will be screening motifs on to T-shirts and sweat shirts at bargain prices.

If you would like to join us or order a poster for an event this term or for freshers fair next year or just a chat, personal attention will be given by Kath Dickson in Zoology.

KILROY IN COLOUR RULES OK! P.&I.

STUDENT JOURNALIST CONF

8th-11th April 1974 (at Salford University)

The conference was for students interested in newspapers and handbooks and dealt with most matters in a rather general way.

The first talk of the conference was from Brian Jones, Northern Editor of The Guardian. He spent most of his time criticising the layout of the student newspapers he had in front of him (not Felix). The main points he made were (1) to keep the typefaces uniform (2) not to overprint in colour (3) and to put fillers in at the bottom of the page, not halfway down.

Next was supposed to be a practical session. We were put into groups and told to produce a news sheet (two sides of A4) on six topics which we could get the details on by bribing the Salford exec. Most

groups decided that this was rather silly, more fitted to a school project group than to a NUS conference. Eventually three out of 10 papers appeared.

Later we met Peter Barnes from the Daily Mirror who spoke about photo-journalism. This was not very relevant to student newspapers.

There was a report back from the Advertising Agency Working Party. Apparently last year's conference set up this party, and a feasibility study was to have been made. Predictably, nothing had come of this, and it was more or less decided to set up another working party, and to have a new report drawn up. We could then provide similar services to Dominion Press and JEP

and can make them available for all students. This agency would initially deal with handbooks, then extend to newspapers.

A talk on Business and Management followed. This was rather uninspiring, and would have been better directed at someone trying to sell a book.

A man from A. B. Dick printers spoke about printing methods, mainly litho. He dealt with the different plates that can be used, their suitability and cost.

We were then given the 'Report back from the Student Press Agency Working Party'. The general idea is to set up a central office to collect all student newspapers and gather together main news items to send out to all student papers. The NUS exec. seemed more inter-

ested in this than anyone else, but it was agreed to set up a new working party.

The best talk of the conference was from Letraset. It included films, slides and handouts of free samples, wallcharts, etc.

The only other lecture of any interest was on student broadcasting. A girl from Essex University Radio told us about the timetable of their station.

Altogether the conference was well worth attending, especially for those like myself who had little prior knowledge on the subjects discussed.

If anyone wishes to find out more about any of these topics I will be quite willing to discuss them in detail with those people.

Jacqui Gerrard.

NUS CONF.

Once again this Easter the ritual "NUS Conference" occurred. And once again the politicians of tomorrow met to practice their talents and try to get their names in the Daily Telegraph. It was estimated that the delegates split roughly into three groups—340 million communists, international marxists, maoists, revolutionary socialists, and other moderate organisations; three unaligned and two conservatives.

The moderates suffered outset. Stuart Apall, 57, failed in his bid for Presidency of the Union, and this he blamed on the Conservative faction of

the conference. One delegate, Cedric Foreskin, 94, told me it was a victory for common sense and he hoped there would be no recurrence of such miscarriages of justice.

Probably the most controversial decision of the conference was to prevent fascists from speaking at Universities by violent or murderous methods. I spoke to our own Trevor Philpott about this decision and asked him if he saw the removal of the freedom of speech as something of a fascist policy itself. Mr. Philpott replied that he had voted for the motion because fascist speakers cause vio-

lence and, since there are no intellectuals at Universities, no useful discussions could take place. Mr. Philpott went on: "The Conservative Society never ask me to speak at their meetings—or any of my friends like Mr. McGoo-hay, Jimmy Red or J. Star-lyne. I think freedom of speech should apply only when people say the right things". When questioned more generally about the conference Mr. Philpott recounted that "some of the birds were quite nice". Mr. Philpott is 13.

I asked a fresher, Cynthia Smegma, for her impressions of the conference. She replied: "Before I came here I thought motions were something to do with crapping. Now I know!".

Can you speak English

Some people can't. In fact, an estimated 60 per cent of the world's population can't. And an estimated 2 per cent of the student population of Imperial College have difficulties with the language.

This year, 90 overseas students were taking English classes in college during the first term. Perhaps half of these found language a severe handicap to their academic and social life. We can guess

that there were others who never found the classes (details are available from Mr. C. K. MacDowell, adviser to overseas students, College Block 331).

That students should have such handicaps is not advisable; one might even call it ludicrous, inadmissible, or to quote a member of the Board of Studies, immoral. Clearly, students should have a sufficient mastery of the English language before embarking on a highly demanding course of study. Those without such ability should obtain it before entering college.

Proposals

The subject has been discussed at length by the College Committee on Overseas Students, which intends to make the following recommendations to the Board of Studies:

1. That prospective students who have not had English as the language of instruction for some part of their education should take an examination in September immediately before joining college. The examination would be set by the college, compulsory, and taken in London.

2. That a three months course in English be made available preceding the examination for those that want it. Financial help for privately financed students who wish to take this course is also being considered.

Other alternatives are:

1. Bring back English language 'O' level or equivalent as an entrance requirement. This has obvious disadvantages, in that such examinations are not taken in a number of countries.

2. Use the British Council test or the American Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL test). However, the British Council test is subject to political misuse, and the timing of the TOEFL test makes it impracticable.

3. Do nothing and allow students to continue to come and struggle with the language.

4. ??? If you have a better idea, SAY SO!

Questionnaire

The Union Overseas Students Committee is eager to assess the situation as quantitatively as possible, and to find the opinions of students on this question. To this end, a Questionnaire is now being sent out to all overseas students. So please, if you are an overseas student, fill it in and return it, complete with your comments and ideas, as soon as possible. It's for US, NOW, to determine what happens to future students. If you care, please co-operate. We look forward to hearing from you.

Ida Glaser Physics PG Union Overseas Students Committee.

POSTGRADUATE GROUP A.G.M. FRIDAY, 3rd MAY - 1 p.m. ELEC ENG 408

PG NEWS

THE POSTGRADUATE NEWS
HALFPAPER OF IC

Issue No. 10

EDITORIAL

This is the tenth issue of PG News and the second in this format, but there are still plenty of postgraduates who have never seen one. All over this page there are little reminders about the AGM of the Postgraduate Group being held on Friday 3rd May at 1 o'clock in Elec Eng 408. So don't just mark a date in your diary to remind yourself to come, but mark the date in all your mates diaries too. Think of it as you would giving a friend a years subscription to the Readers Digest—well on second thoughts

What happens at an AGM? Well, several boring things: the election of a committee, ratification of a constitution, very short reports, etc. But also there will be a few motions. Why are these important? Well they will give the committee a mandate with which to negotiate with the relevant authorities. So come along, it shouldn't last more than an hour.

The present "Postgraduate Plight" has warranted leading articles in Nature and New Scientist, a two week report in THES, letters in the Times and the Guardian, and questions in the House of Lords. The grant for the next three years will be announced soon. So, will our plight be over, or just entering a new phase? Just in case of the latter, we must be prepared.

The postgraduate group has been active in this college for just over a year now. It has achieved a lot. Let's keep it active, there's plenty more to achieve yet.

MUDDLE OVER REPORT

The Exploratory Committee is a College committee with two student representatives which meets occasionally to discuss things that it is mandated to discuss. Recently a Board of Studies Meeting referred to it the House of Commons Expenditure Committee's report on Postgraduate Education. So it (the Exploratory Committee) set about making a report on the report. It met without the two student members, mainly because of a lack of communications at the Union's end, and produced a report. This report was totally unacceptable to the postgraduate group, and indeed most students who have seen it, so we wrote another report i.e. a report of a report of a report if you follow.

What are these reports? Well the government report recommends loans to supplement grants and higher fees for overseas students. The College committee's report says that it does not oppose loans in principle as long as the grant element is adequate, and additionally it does not oppose higher fees for overseas students in principle but it depended on whether average or marginal costs were charged. Our report is much simpler.

We oppose loans and oppose higher fees for overseas students in principle.

NUS DISCOVERS PG's

The NUS has at last decided that postgraduates are students and now has policy covering nearly all aspects of postgraduate education. The main substantive motion was concocted by UCL, Imperial and others, and this was passed by an overwhelming majority. The many aspects dealt with in the substantive motion include research, government policy on PG education, overseas postgraduates, demonstrating and tutoring rates, relations with industry, co-operation with trade unions, working conditions, relations vis a vis the 'supervisor' and finally the need to organise active postgraduate associations.

On research the conference declared that 'The function of research is to provide information and further the understanding of the environment of man, so that he might

best gain advantage from the resources available to him, in all fields of human endeavour' (Wot's that Brian). Conference also stated that postgraduates carry out much of the research in many departments and as such are an indispensable (but of course) part of the universities.

As far as government policy on PG education was concerned, conference took note of the third report from the Executive Committee (Education and Arts sub-committee) and the fact that the NUS executive has publically condemned it. Most of the proposals embodied in this report, such as loan subsidies for British students and increases in overseas students fees were totally unacceptable.

The fact that overseas postgraduates (where are you?) have special problems has been accepted by

NUS. Among these are their weak financial position the churlish behaviour of the British government in preventing them from taking part time jobs and the threat of visa removal (i.e. deportation) if they join trade unions. Finally conference objected to the fact that overseas students have to pay excessive tuition (what tuition?) fees.

On demonstrating and tutoring rates conference expressed their disgust at the use of postgraduates as cheap labour, and declared that payment should be tied to the basic rate of the University lecturer's pay scale.

While conference had no objections to industry sponsoring postgraduate students, the style and nature of the research should not be rigidly dictated. Conference declared its distaste for military research and any other type not beneficial to mankind. On trade unions, conference was in favour of complete co-operation.

Working conditions should be conducive to the type of research being done. Ready and frequent discussions with the supervisor are essential, and he should be available for at least nine months of the year. Under their section conference also declared that all fees and costs incurred by the student in the preparation of the thesis should be paid by the grant awarding body.

This is but a brief summary document. If any PG wants to read it, please contact me. **T. ABRAHAM.**

ACCOMMODATION

Commencing 1974/75, there is a new rule that all postgraduates may be resident for 2 years regardless of previous years in residence as an undergraduate; any years in residence as an undergraduate are discounted.

There may be some students who did not know about his ruling, and assumed they were ineligible to apply because either

(a) they had been in residence for one year as an undergraduate and one year as a postgraduate, or (b) they had been in residence for 2 years as an undergraduate.

IF YOU COME INTO EITHER OF THE ABOVE CATEGORIES, IT IS NOT TOO LATE TO APPLY FOR RESIDENCE NEXT SESSION.

Application forms are available from the Residence Office, Room 161, College Block.

(a) The closing date for postgraduates who have had one year in residence as a postgraduate is **12.00 noon, Monday, 6th May, 1974.**

(b) The closing date for postgraduates who have not lived in residence as a postgraduate is **1st August, 1974.**

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SAVE AS YOU LEARN

In these days of rising prices and inflation it is refreshing to be able to bring to the attention of students and graduates a way of saving money. I am referring to the range of policies offered by Endsleigh Insurance, the wholly owned brokerage of the NUS.

Those of you who have had occasion to need insurance for your car, property or overseas travel have almost certainly encountered the traditional attitude towards students requiring insurance. Students are a bad risk, extra premiums must be imposed is the general consensus of opinion. **ENDSLEIGH DISAGREE.**

Endsleigh were set up by the NUS to provide a full Insurance Broking Service to students and graduates in 1965. From the starting point of a single room we have expanded to a network of 37 NUS Insurance Centres throughout the U.K. This remarkable growth has been achieved by offering policies in all classes of insurance, at a discount. At the same time the quality of the insurance cover is guaranteed by Endsleigh only dealing with leading insurance groups. Endsleigh's strength lies in the 600,000 membership of the NUS and the even greater number of graduates.

The Conventional and the Unconventional

The insurance requirements of students and graduates often mean that conventional insurance policies do not provide adequate protection at a reasonable cost. Endsleigh have therefore developed a range of policies which are exclusive to students and graduates. In addition Endsleigh are able to provide cover for some of the more unusual risks. Last year for instance elephants joined the stampede for Endsleigh policies. A Students Union required cover during rag week and it was provided, elephants and all!

Cover for Top Climbers

Insurance of the British Torre Egger expedition represented the greatest coup yet for the special mountaineering policy announced last year as an addition to Endsleigh's ISIS range of policies. Although this is not the first large expedition to use

ISIS—the 1973 Jotenheim expedition was insured by Endsleigh—it is the first world-class one.

The ISIS Travel Insurance schemes operated by Endsleigh have always enjoyed considerable success for two particular reasons. Firstly, the rates are competitive and the policies offer wide ranging cover. They are uncomplicated and easy to understand.

Property Insurance

The Endsleigh technical department has now successfully incorporated the virtues of the ISIS system into a range of property insurances. As the needs and circumstances of graduates differ from those of students, it was decided to diversify into separate contracts for each, as has been done in Motor Insurance. Each package deals especially with the type of accommodation in which the insured is most likely to be living; the student plan policy is specifically for

halls of residence, shared flats, lodgings and bed-sitters, but whilst the Gradplan property insurance policy includes cover for non self-contained and shared accommodation, it is primarily for the graduate living alone with his family in completely self-contained premises. Both policies are primarily contents insurances, that is they are designed to cover household goods and personal effects against a variety of risks, whilst in the home of the insured person.

Motor Insurance

The only compulsory insurance in the U.K. (apart from National Insurances) is motor insurance. By law you must effect insurance to protect third parties, which includes passengers, against loss or injury. It is therefore not surprising that Endsleigh provide special policies for students (Student Plan) and graduates (Gradplan). Luckily at Endsleigh we

are able to give you value for money. You will be pleasantly surprised to read that Endsleigh can actually cut the cost of your motoring. Ask for a quotation, you will not be disappointed.

LIFE ASSURANCE—FOR NOW AND LATER

It is not always appreciated that Life Assurance is not just a means of providing financial security for dependants; it is also a very valuable means of building up capital for future needs. The earlier you start, the better the terms available. Indeed almost everyone taking out Life Assurance for the first time wishes he had done so earlier. There are many different types of policy and the Endsleigh approach is to discuss your own particular needs before making a recommendation. Endsleigh offer a full range of Life Assurance and Savings schemes available at a discount for NUS members.

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PURPLE PATCH

Firstly, I must say that although this patch is rather long, each individual part is equally as important as the others. It is divided into sub-headings, all of which are linked and should be of interest to most of you.

NUS Insurance/Travel Office

As many of you will know, this "office" has been behind a counter in the Room at the Top for the past two years, and before then was behind a desk in the Junior Common Room, College Block. The reason it was moved to Room at the Top was as a focal point for a room destined to be the centre of activity on an open-plan scheme.

As it happened, there was no security on RATT, and consequently all the information/office equipment was regularly destroyed or at the least tampered with by elements of our student intelligentsia.

The only other people to use RATT, were the Student Councillor, Ents for meetings, and a very few people for evening meetings. As such the area was being greatly wasted in use, and it was felt, could be better used for other purposes. Consequently, NUS Insurance/Travel have moved into the old Committee Room off the lower lounge, and the required work in this room **should** now be completed. It is hoped that the office will now be in easy reach of students and that you will make use of their excellent opportunities for saving money.

Room at the Top

As I have just mentioned, the RATT is to be used for other business than merely NUS Travel/Insurance. The plan which you see on this page is an outline of what alterations will take place, and it is hoped that you will make full use of the new room.

ACC, RCC, and SCC will make use of the three rooms on the North side of the RATT, and SCAB (Ents, Folk, OpSoc, etc.) will use the large room on the South side and the Student Councillor the small room.

Alterations should be complete by next October, and I would think that next year's Deputy President will give full instructions as to the use of the room.

Printing Unit

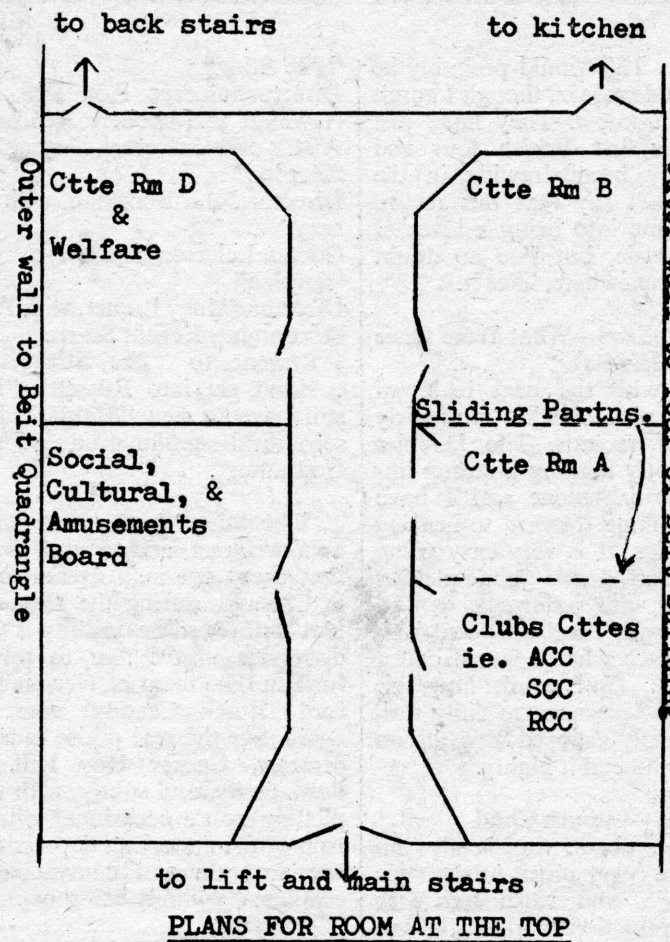
Over the past two terms we have been investigating the possibility of reducing the cost of Felix (at present about £130 per issue!!). "Not too difficult" you may say "merely go to a cheaper printers". But it is not that easy, we are now dealing with the cheapest printers, so where do we go?

What we are doing is to move over to printing Felix on offset litho. This involves a vast capital outlay for machines (£8,000) and paper (£20,000), but gives us the chance of reducing the cost of Felix to about £30 per week. The college have agreed to pay the entire of the capital, and the equipment and paper has now been ordered, and should be installed by July of this year.

The printing room will be behind a partition in the present Upper Lounge (next to the Felix office) and must, as I am sure you appreciate, be out of bounds to students. We will be employing our own typist and machine operator for the Unit, and thus will be completely self-contained.

On the machines, we will be printing Felix, Phoenix, Rag mag, USK Handbook, Blue book, Union diary, Societies Handbook, and maybe some College publications. **IT WILL NOT BE POSSIBLE FOR SOCIETIES OR INDIVIDUALS TO HAVE BUMPH PRINTED ON THE MACHINES.**

The person in the Union to speak to about these machines is myself this year, and Mike Williams (Publicity Officer) next year.



ESSEX. And now to get on the final item of the report dealing with the scrappy piece of junk which was put out by the Communist Party last week about the events at Essex University. Although they cannot help being biased in what they write I feel some of their comments are totally unjustified, and that we should look at the Essex University situation in the grimmest light possible. The events at Essex University began by a group of left wing militants occupying part of the administration block "as their act of support for the Grants campaign". During this occupation 36 students were charged with attempting to stop lectures and generally cause a disruption. These 36 students, it seems, are probably the more political element of the Students Union and as such it is felt that they have been victimised against. After the occupation three of these 36 students were expelled from the College and arising from this a group of people

decided that their expulsion was unjustified and that they would picket the College in order to try and reverse the decision.

No-one can condone the actions of Vice Chancellor Sloman, but at the same time no-one can condone the actions of the students. From the position of a very unmilitant College we can see quite clearly that the militancy which has occurred at Essex has done absolutely nothing for the Grants Campaign, nothing for the three students who were expelled and less than nothing for the students' image as a whole. I believe, as I am sure many other students believe, that the action of the militant students from Essex and also the droves (less than 100) of militants from outside Essex is not representative of the student body as a whole and not even representative of the majority of students at Essex University. This has been more than adequately shown by the amounts of "mass support" that has been mobilised. Only a few dozen Essex students spent their holidays manning the "picket lines" during the Easter vacation, and only 200 of them attended the picket on 24/4/74 (last week). This is out of a total of 2,100 students on what is a campus type university (i.e. majority living in). Also, only 500 (out of a total membership of 660,000) students actually attended the demo last week.

You may have seen in the Communist Party bumph sheet that the Executive sent a letter to Essex University condemning the actions of the students. This letter was sent as an expression of the ideas outlined above in order to try and show that not all students believe that militancy is the only way to success. Also, in the communist bumph sheet it is indicated that Felix has been taken over by the Executive, i.e. that it has now become a biased and bigoted newspaper. This is an absolute load of bullshit. 90% or more of the articles in Felix are submitted by individual persons or clubs and are merely set out in the newspaper by Mr. Wadsworth. If it had been taken over by the Exec then surely this would not be so. As for the statement in the bumph sheet that negotiation is not the way to success this too, I believe, is false. A great deal of negotiation has gone on in this college over the past few years and I don't think anyone of us can grumble at the deal which we are getting, i.e. Hall Rents — the lowest in the country and almost static for the past three years; Refectory prices are the lowest throughout London, this year's increase being approximately one-fifth of that experienced at LSE; the Union Grant from the LEAs being approximately £26,000 and our subvention from the College a further £20,000 plus £48,000 for welfare, health and sports facilities; and £80,000 extra this year spent by the College on items which the Union has requested — such as printing equipment, paper, improvements and modifications to Union premises. We have a situation here where the Union and the College can work together and I feel that it is only the Union who could pull out of this cost and this the College most certainly does not want.

I will leave it up to you as an individual to judge the events at Essex. The above is the feeling of the Executive and as such we feel it would be the opinion of the majority of students at IC, although anyone of us would be only too delighted to discuss the issue with you if your views are different to ours.

SAVE AS YOU LEARN (cont.)

bers. Remember that Endsleigh preferential terms continue throughout life. It is understood by most people that health is very important and equally so ill-health can affect the terms of Life Assurance in the future. In some instances occupation, overseas travel, and hazardous sports or pastimes can substantially affect the cost of life assurance. Advice taken early in life is therefore invaluable and can pay big dividends in the future, so come and see yours truly at Committee Room "A", Union Buildings, on either Monday's or Thursday's from 12.30 to 2.30 p.m.

House Purchase

You may not be considering buying a house right now but you almost

certainly will one day. Endsleigh offer advice on Building Society investment which will be a great help when you do come to make probably the single most important purchase of your life.

NEW OFFICE

The Endsleigh office has now moved along with NUS Travel to Committee Room A, Union Buildings and the Insurance office is open during term time twice weekly on Mondays and Thursdays from 12.30-2.30 p.m. Immediate cover is available for motor, property and travel insurances, including winter sports, mountaineering and motorcycle insurances.

I hope to see you there.
TED YORK, Insurance Advisor, Endsleigh Insurances (Brokers) Ltd.

SCAB MANIFESTO

This Thursday lunchtime there's a Union Meeting in the Great Hall, at which you'll be electing next year's SCAB Chairman/Social Sec. In the next few lines I'd like to tell you why I'm standing for that post, and to urge you to vote for me in that election.

Firstly let me outline my idea of the job of SCAB Chairman. He should

- 1 Optimise the standard, range and quantity of Entertainments provided by IC Union.
- 2 Get the maximum co-operation possible between SCAB Organisations for the benefit of IC Students.
- 3 Maintain and improve this year's good relations between SCAB and College.
- 4 Represent and safeguard the interests of SCAB organisations on

Council.

Now let me tell you what I've done this year and why I think it will enable me to carry out all the above duties effectively and to the full. This year I've worked on the Ents committee, giving me an up to date knowledge of the problems involved in putting on big money events at IC. I've also worked on Linstead Disco which has given me a good idea of how the smaller SCAB organisations function. This experience will be of invaluable help in carrying out 1 and 2.

I've also been involved in producing and presenting a fortnightly discussion programme on STOIC. Ability gained in chairing these discussions will enable me to chair SCAB effectively and **un-biasly**. Organisational experience in producing

these programmes and in successfully obtaining support for a Campus Radio Station at IC, will prove of immense assistance in carrying out all of the duties of SCAB chairman to the full.

But doesn't the job of Social Sec require some secretarial experience? NO, Mike Simmons this year's Social Sec (resigned —Ed) says that **the job requires absolutely no secretarial experience**. Even so haven't I got enough on my plate without taking on more?

No, all that I shall be doing next year outside academic work; will be IC Radio and, if elected, the job of SCAB chairman. If not elected, I will continue to work with Ents and help set up IC Radio. As far as STOIC is concerned, I have already told both this year's and next year's Chair-

man, that I will be doing no work for STOIC after July 1st, 1974.

In addition to carrying out the duties of SCAB Chairman I would also encourage

- 1 All SCAB organisations to be more ambitious in what they present (particularly CCU Ents).
- 2 A diversification of all entertainments to cater for all tastes.
- 3 The development of lunchtime entertainment, as started this year by Operatic Society.

Well I hope that's convinced you that I'm the right man for the job. I'm standing because I believe I can carry out the duties of SCAB chairman/Social Sec and improve entertainments here at IC better than any of the other candidates standing. So come along and vote for me this Thursday, 1 p.m. Thanks for listening.

Clive Dewey

FELIX REVIEWS

RECORDS

Quite a lot to catch up on over Easter so there will be a slightly different format for the record reviews for this issue.

ShaNaN—From the streets of New York

Some time ago I was able to see ShaNaNa live at the Lincoln Festival and was immediately captivated by their slick, well produced stage show. This latest album of theirs was recorded live at Central Park, NYC, last August. ShaNaNa specialise in rock'n'roll in the late '50s style. They are excellent when doing remakes of the originals but their own material tends to be sadly lacking. This live album also contains the stage patter that they included in the holding of a dance contest. It doesn't work and only helps to spoil the continuity of the album.

The Dubliners—Live

One for the folk freaks amongst you. Also a live recording but this one is in the more humbler surroundings of the Shakespeare Theatre Club in Liverpool. Included on this album are, of course, "Seven Drunken Nights", "Dirty Old Town", "Whiskey in a Jar", and "Black Velvet Band". Also captured is some of their stage patter that adds so much to their live performances. Highly recommended for folk lovers.

Roy Buchanan—That's What I Am Here For

As many of you will no doubt know Roy has emerged in the last 18 months as a guitarist good enough to rival (and beat) the best. This album has all his hallmarks. Flowing riffs, extended instrumental sections (although there is only one purely instrumental track), and bad vocals. Roy only sings on one track but I found Billy Price's vocals rather harsh. Roy is an excellent guitarist and it really shows on the track "Hey Joe", his dedication to Jimi Hendrix and a number that always goes down well at his concerts. I like it and would recommend it but then I'm biased.

Return to Forever—Hymn of the Seventh Galaxy

Return to Forever are probably better known for one of their members, Chick Corea, who plays mainly electric and

acoustic pianos. This would probably be described as modern jazz, though I admit that I wouldn't know. They have just completed their first British tour and have apparently been drawing in the people. I couldn't say that this record would convert me into being a lover of this kind of music, but I've no doubt that someone, somewhere, likes it.

The Doobie Brothers—What Were Once Vices Are Now Habits

This, along with the next reviewed album, are the pick of what is a fairly good bunch of records. The Doobies have been recently making a strong impact on the British scene and I have been eagerly looking forward to hearing a record of theirs. It is very easy going with plenty of soft, gentle guitar picking well augmented with pedal steel guitar. This combines with excellent vocal harmonies to produce what I would call a pleasant album. That word, however, doesn't go anywhere near to fully describing it. I really enjoyed this album and would recommend it highly.

Seals and Crofts—Unborn Child

As mentioned above this is also an excellent album. Very much in the style of Crosby, Stills and Nash but with rather more production work in the use of horn and string arrangements for the backings. The numbers are mainly joint works between Messrs. Seals and Crofts and they are put over very well by them and the rest of the band. Very much again a record to be highly recommended.

Henry Gross—Henry Gross

Henry Gross is a relative unknown in Britain, though he has a fair reputation in America. He worked with ShaNaNa for 18 months and then 'retired' from the scene. After this retirement he invited some friends along to a studio and the recordings that were produced are this album. A very competent album but it is unlikely that he will be able to break into the commercially minded market that exists in the record industry. He has written most of the songs himself, but he gives an excellent rendition of the Lindisfarne hit 'Meet Me On The Corner'. Well worth a listen to, if you can find one to listen to.

CINEMA

"The Sting"

Director George Roy Hill, with Paul Newman and Robert Redford at local ABC's and Universal, Regent Street.

"Zardoz"

Director John Boorman, with Sean Connery.

Odeon, Leicester Square.

"Serpico"

Director Sidney Lumet, with Al Pacino. Paramount, Regent Street.

I went to "The Sting" because I couldn't get into Russell's "Mahler". I still haven't seen "Mahler", but I have seen the best film produced since "The Godfather".

"The Sting" is the story of two con-men who set out to pull the Big One that every con-man dreamt of. It is set in Chicago, during the Depression. The plot unfolds so beautifully it would be a disservice to the film to reveal it any further. The team of Newman and Redford (Butch Cassidy) comes together again, but the real praise must go to the director, George Roy Hill. The film flows easily, and subtly, with the camera picking up an occasional glimpse of the ruin of the American depression: the sets are accurate and convincing, like the costumes, without being overdone, as in "Gatsby".

Paul Newman is better than I've ever seen him: he plays the con-artist Gondorff, with ease and subtlety. Redford is a fine foil for him (even if he does underact a little); Eileen Brennan turns in another gem of a supporting role (I can't think why she hasn't yet had an Oscar). However, all the actors benefit by Hill's excellent handling and David Ward's script.

"The Sting" took seven Oscars. It deserved every one, and more. See it early, as you'll want to see it twice.

John Boorman's "Zardoz" is not on a par with his last film, Deliverance. However, anyone who can get Sean Connery to prance around for the best part of an hour in a red loincloth and crossed bandoliers earns my respect. Connery plays an enigmatic and primitive intruder into a "technological commune" in 2293, where the inhabitants are sealed off from the barbaric outside world. They live monotonously satisfying lives, and have discovered the secret of eternal life (hence the need for sexual desire has disappeared. Sorry, lads). The "brutal" Connery, by penetrating the Camelot upsets the balance of the perfect community and precipitates a cataclysmic climax to the film, at which point several questions are resolved.

Science fiction fans will love it, despite the two or three totally ludicrous sequences. For instance, in a sort of psyche-

delic tutorial Connery absorbs "all there is to be known"; Boorman attempts to indicate this by flashing bits of complicated formulae across the screen with a background of Beethoven and snatches of Shakespeare and Eliot. It doesn't work.

For all this, the entire film is enjoyable. It is a brilliant visual experience, with some memorable and dramatic camera work. Connery, Charlotte Rampling and Sara Kestelman bound around with unbridled enthusiasm, and somehow manage to make the dialogue bearable. It is interesting to see John Alderton of "My Wife Next Door" giving a fair performance as a cynical and bitter member of the commune.

This is by no means a "2001" and says nothing about anything—but it is a trip worth taking.

In real life, changing society isn't always that easy. Frank Serpico joined the New York City Police as a bright-eyed cadet, ready to fight alongside New York's finest, to battle corruption and crime, only to discover that the force itself was riddled with graft and corruption. Serpico kept clean, resisted threats and blackmail, and was eventually a major witness to the Knapp Commission of 1971, which exposed corruption of grotesque proportion in the NYPD, and caused the resignation and/or indictment of half the police force's senior officials in New York.

The story of Serpico's personal crusade, with the central questions in the story about the sort of man who will become a policeman, and stay true to some sort of ideal and fight the system, is the subject of Sidney Lumet's "Serpico". It is a thunderous bore. Al Pacino (of The Godfather fame) struggles manfully against the rest of the cast and Lumet's direction, but the film falls flat, and avoids the issues. Read the book.

Speaking of books, I read "The Exorcist" on the train down from Manchester, then went to see the film. I should have stayed on the train. Despite a fine try at the role of the possessed girl's mother, by Ellen Burstyn, and some astonishing (and vaguely unpleasant) make-up and special effects, "The Exorcist" is never better than ordinary. This surprised me as William Peter Blatty's book is at least as fine a novel as "The Godfather", written in a similar commercial vein.

William Friedkin, the Oscar-winning director of "The French Connection" clearly tried his best to repeat his earlier success, and could have done so. However, he was unlucky. Or was there more to it than that? Maybe he'd better get the priests in for his next picture.

NUS Conference (cont'd.) GRANTS MOTION

The production of the motion on grants at Liverpool was, as usual, a long and arduous process. Because of the necessity to bring the submitted motions up to date following the General Election, emergency amendments were allowed to be submitted on the first day of conference. After many hours spent in compositing sessions conference was presented with a document containing the main motion and seventeen amendments to be debated. All the amendments from IC concerning opposition to national rent strikes, opposition to loan-financing of post-graduates, and support for equal grants and fees for British and overseas students were composited into the main motion.

The debate took about six hours on the evening of the fourth day of conference and it is to the great credit of the delegates and observers that very few submitted to the temptation of the

bars for more than a few minutes during the whole time of the debate. The complexity of the motion finally passed can be gauged by the facts that there were 56 points under 'conference notes', 20 under 'policy', 19 under 'campaign philosophy', 11 under 'tactics' and 32 instructions to NUS executive, Constituent Organisations and areas.

Obviously with so many points a lot of the motion went undebated, the amendments centring around a few of the more contentious. One of these was the proposal to organise a national demonstration in London between May 7 and mid-May to call on the Government to meet the full grants claim and end all victimisations, this demonstration to go to Labour Party HQ. NUS Exec. opposed this on the grounds of the difficulty of organising such a demo in the summer term and proposed a delegate rally instead,

backed up by a National Strike: they were soundly beaten and the demo will take place on May 12. Another amendment passed easily against Exec. advice called for an extraordinary conference to be held to consider the proposals in the grants review when it has been announced (just like the one held here at IC last year this is likely to be held in early June).

A motion of censure on most of the Broad Left members of the NUS Exec. for failing to call, as members of the NUS Exec., for students to vote Labour in the General Election, was lost on a card vote by 248K to 198K. In their personal capacities of course they all worked for a Labour victory. A further motion of censure on Stuart Paul for disrupting the grants campaign by the way he conducted his campaign for

NUS Presidency was however passed by an even larger margin.

The grants campaign has been going now for 18 months or more and obviously there is great difficulty in finding new tactics to employ so the tactics to be used for the rest of the year are much as before, being mainly designed to win support from local and national trade unions and Labour Party groups. Apart from the demo, local action is called for particularly in the week May 1-7, this to include a national protest write-in by students to the Government and a mass petition circulated amongst the public.

There is something for everybody to get involved in, so if you want to influence the outcome of the grants review, get stuck in now!

P. Watkins

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FELIX SPORT

HOCKEY

After reaching the dizzy heights of a tour to Holland last Easter, this year saw ICHC visiting that Mecca of the East Coast—Lowestoft.

A squad of ten departed from Southside on the Thursday afternoon (the prominent absences of Messrs. Heffer & Bateman were noted and suitably commented upon). On arrival at our Guest House the intriguing paradox arose of how to fit ten (male) bodies into eight beds. The subsequent events in room 7 will never be known, but the respective latecomers to the breakfast table would suggest the arrangement was not too incompatible. (What about room 9, Ian?).

On Good Friday we played our first match against the Gallemackers (from Ashby-de-la Zouch). The "All Star X" plus an obliging goalkeeper from Bath University, put up an amazing display of hockey skills, but went down 3-2.

The same afternoon we played Leahoe. The game

opened in grand style with a scintillating first half performance by IC. Having opened a two goal lead, we decided to give Leahoe a chance, which they promptly took and equalised. Unfortunately a bit of needle crept into the match, with one pile up, in particular, of which the 1st XV pack would have been proud. In this game, Richard Cameron was forced to retire with a fractured appendage. Whilst this reduced our squad to nine, we were grateful to have an efficient umpire for the rest of our matches.

Saturday morning's opponents, Lowestoft Railway, proved easy meat. Mick Downs slammed a "four-trick" (even without his gloves) and consequently bought a round at lunchtime. Nigel Woodhouse also scored to give final tally of 5-0.

The afternoon's match against Haverhill was played in utter confusion with both teams playing in blue and white. However, IC overcame the

problem better than our opponents and triumphed 2-0.

We were all glad to have a day off on Sunday to nurse our wounds. Tim Hanson made better use of his time than most by picking up a fiver (his second within a month. Club treasurer would you believe!) Most evenings were spent patronizing the 'Spread Eagle' (it appears that we left that pub branded as a gang of lunatics!) Our revered captain MDD claims that he won the 'Fizz-Buzz' championship but in reality he was too pissed to remember exactly what happened. The evenings ended with the inevitable room 9 Card School (How much were you down Tim?).

On Monday we were back in action against the Tights XI (from Bristol). This was a memorable game for Bob (Hopalong) Evans. Not only did he snap up two goals, but he was also struck in the face with a full-blooded shot from Dave Harrison. Dave was immediately congratulated by the rest of the poker crew (Bob had a lucky run the previous night). Two more goals gave us a comfortable 4-1 victory. This game was played with the hysterical support of two fourteen year old girls who, rumour has it, had been suitably seduced by a certain member of the team who shall remain nameless. I be-

lieve they came from Leeds. (Isn't that right Tim?)

Everyone appeared to enjoy themselves and the results show that the tour was also a success from the hockey viewpoint.

P5, W3, D1, L1, F15, A6.

Goalscorers: M. Downs 7, D. Harrison 5, R. Evans 2, N. Woodhouse 1.

Team: Mick (Spot the correct wife) Downs; Bob (Hopalong) Evans; Tim (I can lose more money than you can) Hanson; Mike (You've got a lot of hockey in you) Hatcher; Richard (Fingers) Cameron; Nigel (Hit a tit) Woodhouse; Dave (Give the goalie a chance) Harrison; Dave (Wat a mover) Balderson; Ian Read (Read 1); John (Super-cripple) Andrews. (Original script by IGR, libellous additions by JELA and RCE).

When we had arrived at Ostend enough of us had sobered up to carry the rest off the boat. Here, Tim Thomas signed a six month contract to film as the naked partner of Brussels most famous manikin and was assured a bed for this time with the raving poofter in the fur coat. Customs officials were seen to shake their heads in disgust as they saw their beautiful country invaded by this apparently uncivilised mob. The train journey to Brussels was a continuation of the binge on the boat, pass the bottle being the most popular game.

The scenes at the hotel were chaotic. A dozen pissed students milling about the reception was not the way to gain entry to the hotel and Tour Manager was told to take the party away to sober up. The rest of the party lay prostrate on the pavement outside the hotel in a state of absolute bliss.

The rest of the evening passed quietly in the Cafe Royale where our hosts of the following day entertained us. Entry to the hotel was secured after our passports had been confiscated and Tour Manager had given a promise of good behaviour (Raucous laughter). The night in the hotel will not be described as we do not want any evidence in writing.

An early start was made to the next day with a meeting at the Royale at 1.15 p.m. From there we were ferried to the Brussels' British ground. An entertaining and very enjoyable game was played. We scored first after about 5 minutes through Martin Cotter but were pinned back for a long period during

which time the Brussels British equalised with a good try. However, the class was beginning to tell and tries were scored by Cotter (3), Hughes (2), Spanker (1) with a penalty in reply. IC ran out winners by 31-9.

We were entertained cordially by the opposition and were given the Brussels rendering of Eskimo Nell, after the match. In between tapping Roger the Dodger for a job a lot of ale was drunk—at the Dodgers expense of course.

A thoroughly enjoyable time was had for the rest of the time uninterrupted by any more matches as the services team we had arranged to play were all posted abroad the previous week (subtle).

We were invited to return annually but a biennial fixture was provisionally accepted. We would like to thank ACC for their generous grant especially Big Max. His silver hammer has been confiscated to pay for the various damages that occurred on the tour.

(The team wish to remain anonymous—Sports Ed.)

RUGBY

RUGBY CLUB TOUR

The tour party arrived at Victoria very promptly with two minutes to spare, as recommended by British Rail. A quiet rail trip to Dover was followed by an even quieter boat trip — after the first hour that is. After this time everyone was too pissed to speak and the duty free shop was sold out of all spirits. Rob Jones had the first puke of the tour.

Cricket

The Cricket Club hopes to run three sides every Wednesday and Saturday covering all standards from Minor Counties to me. Will all those interested please sign up on the availability list on the Cricket Club notice board just outside the Union bar as soon as possible.

Pete Cotterdell

STUDENT HOUSE WARDENSHIPS

APPLICATIONS are invited to fill the position of

WARDEN

of three of the Student Houses in Evelyn Gardens.

All applicants should preferably be:

1. Married
2. Have been studying in the College for about a year
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The Ents Committee are considering hiring a coach to go to Charlton. A fifty seater coach would cost 50p a head (subsidised), the tickets are £2.50 in advance only — so total cost of the trip would be £3.00.

People interested in going should bring a £2 deposit to the Union Office any lunchtime before Friday 3rd May.

Deposits will be refunded if insufficient demand.

SAT. MAY 12th 2—11 p.m.

HUMBLE PIE
LINDIS FARE

CHILE DEMO

ASSEMBLE: Speakers Corner (Marble Arch) at 2 p.m. on Sunday May 5th, 1974. March to Downing Street: 3 p.m.

RALLY AND PUBLIC MEETING: 6 p.m., with speakers from trade unions and socialist organisations (venue to be announced later).

LAST SEPTEMBER, the democratically elected Allende government was overthrown in Chile by the local ruling class. Since then, the military junta there has banned all trade unions and political parties, gagged the press and denied the people freedom of speech. In order to stay in power, The Chilean military have so far murdered over 30,000 people and put an equal number in prison.

The coup was encouraged and supported by international companies such as I.T.I., who feared that their ability to plunder the wealth of Chile would be lost to them forever. Many of the companies who worked actively to bring down Allende have large investments in Britain. If the Chilean people are to be aided in their fight against dictatorship, the big monopolies, and the governments representing their interests, must be denied the right to continue with their support for the military butchers.

Before the last election, many Labour leaders publicly pledged that a future Labour government would break all links with the junta. But once in office, the Labour Party have failed to carry out their former promises. Mr. Callaghan, the Foreign Secretary, has told parliament that

he intends to allow £65 million worth of arms to be sent to this repressive regime.

Eric Heffer has been the only member of the government to date with courage enough to condemn this decision. We support Mr. Heffer's statement, but recognise that words alone will not alter the government's attitude. As many people as possible must demonstrate on May 5th against present government policy, which represents a betrayal of both the Chilean and British working class.

However, this isn't the sole aim of the demonstration. The government's record has shown that we cannot leave it to them to ensure that the junta is denied all trade with Britain. If the government fails to change its policy on Chile, trade unionists have to make certain that the warships ordered by the junta are not finished or launched from British shipyards. This action must be combined with a general blacking of goods going to or coming from Chile.

The Labour government must also be made to change its attitude toward political refugees. On this issue, Mr. Wilson's Social Democratic counterparts in Sweden have a better record than his own administration. They have provided grants to employ lecturers, students and artists deprived of their jobs and homes in Chile because of their commitment to the Chilean working class. The Labour Government has to exceed this example and open the doors to all those who have managed to escape from the repression raging in Chile.

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