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GRANTS REVIEW

So it finally happened. The grants increase that has been waited for for so long finally arrived. The details are given below.

At a time of severe economic difficulties we, as University students can think ourselves very lucky to have won a 25% increase. However, we ought to remember that not all students are single males, attending University, and with either drastically poor or fabulously rich parents.

If you are a married female your grant has increased but not to the full level; but at the same time deductions will be made according to the level of her husband's income.

If you are not at University you are still at the mercy of your local education authority as to whether you get £10, £100 or £500.

If you have parents earning more than £1700 you will still be means tested and have your grant cut. I know from bitter experience just what this can mean.

At the last Union meeting a motion was passed pointing out the inadequacies of the new award and calling on the NUS to continue the campaign with an emphasis on these great anomalies.

When the DES were contacted on Friday regarding P.G. grants they informed us that an announcement was not expected till the first week in July at the earliest.

As yet there has been no announcement regarding post-graduate grants.

(2) Main rates of grant

	Current Rate 1973/74 £	New Rate 1974/75 £
London University and other establishments of higher and further education in the London area	520	665
*Elsewhere	485	605
At home	390	475
Married woman living in the husband's home	295	475
College of education students (England and Wales) in residence	220	260
Maintenance for study abroad	520	665
Additional allowance for study abroad in high cost countries	—	100
*including students at the Universities at Oxford and Cambridge.		

(3) Supplementary Grants

	Current Rate 1973/74 £	New Rate 1974/75 £
(i) Dependants' Allowances		
Wife or other adult dependant (a first dependent child if no adult dependant)	250	315
1st dependent child	105	135
2nd dependent child	60	90
Each subsequent dependent child	55	85
(ii) Mature Student's Grant		
New rate, 1974-75 (current rate in brackets): £44 (£29) at age 26; rising to a maximum of £220 (£145), by an additional £44 for each further year by which the student has exceeded the age of 25 at the start of course.		

	Current Rate 1973/74 £	New Rate 1974/75 £
(iii) Two Homes Grant	90	120
(iv) Special Equipment Grant	max.	max.
(For students attending a course in medicine, veterinary science or medicine; architecture, ophthalmic optics and, from September 1974, landscape architecture, town and country planning, art and design, physical education and domestic science).	20 for whole course	25 for whole course

	Current Rate 1973/74 £	New Rate 1974/75 £
(v) Grant for Residential Study away from the Establishment in term-time.	max. 1.30 per day	max. 1.90 per day

	Current Rate 1973/74 £	New Rate 1974/75 £
(vi) Discretionary Vacation Hardship Allowance	max. 6.55 per week	max. 8.25 per week

	Current Rate 1973/74 £	New Rate 1974/75 £
(vii) Additional Grant for Extra Attendance/Vacation Study	Weekly 9.80	Weekly 13.30
London	8.40	11.20
Elsewhere	4.90	7.00
At Home		

(Students attending courses for 45 weeks or more a year will be paid the new rates during the whole of the vacation period from 1 September 1974.)

(5) Spouse's Contribution

A contribution according to income will be required from the husband or wife of a married student whose grant is not subject to a parental contribution. The spouse's contribution will be assessed on a similar basis to the parental contribution. Further details will be issued as soon as possible.

(6) Changes in Disregards of Income

Student's Income.—In calculating the student's income for the purpose of assessing his grant the amount which may be disregarded will be increased from £100 to £130.

(7) Improvements in the position of widowed, divorced or separated women students with dependants

Under certain circumstances widowed, divorced or separated women students with dependants may at present have their grant increased by £100. From 1 September the extra grant or disregard will be increased to £200.

Widowed, divorced or separated women students are also allowed to have certain sums in respect of their dependent children disregarded from their income when grant is assessed instead of receiving the normal dependants' allowances. These sums will be increased as follows:—

Disregard (Alternative Arrangements)

	Current Rate 1973/74 £	New Rate 1974/75 £
1st dependent child	300	450
2nd and subsequent dependent child(ren)	100	200

(8) Improvements in the Position of Disabled Students

The Awards Regulations will be amended to give local education authorities discretion to pay sums up to £100 per annum to disabled students where authorities consider individual circumstances justify this.

I.C.U.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

THURSDAY, JUNE 13th, 1.00

GREAT HALL, C.B.

Selection
of Rag
Charities

Award of
Colours
& U.G.A's.

Official
Handover

ROLL UP! ROLL UP!
FUN FOR ALL THE FAMILY

Next year's president is Trev. Phillips, Esq. The Felix editor is Mike Williams, Esq. Here the two can be seen working in harmony to attack a statue of Queen Victoria situated within the Queen's Tower (surprise, surprise).

It is unknown whether Mike's index finger in her ear is indicative of how much notice he will take next year. The positions of the other hands on a certain area of her anatomy is open to speculation.



LETTERS

SPEAKERS

from T. B. Tang

Sir, — We have been accorded much attention from the establishments in the society, and in the College there are a great variety of lectures, discussion meetings, etc.,

1. by eminent people, on popular topics of current interest

2. by "professional" speakers, on controversial issues.

Seldom, if ever, do we students invite ordinary members of other social groups such as farm labourers, miners, nurses, small-shop owners, and farmers. I think it must be because they will not be eloquent and sophisticated enough to be worthy of listening to or talking to, or is it that we are not interested in their problems, values and views, for they are not people that matter (to us).

T. B. TANG

Metallurgy.

THOUGHTS

from A. N. Other

Sir, — Recent articles in your paper provoked me to thought, albeit most certainly not original thoughts, herein given expression far more poor than that they received when their authors first set them forth having been refined with much more labour of their mind before their presentment to the world. I acknowledge before you my debt towards them, and all men, who live, and have ever lived and towards our children, and their children as yet unborn but whose future is of the greatest concern to every man who is born into this world.

What accident of birth was it by which that I should be born with certain mechanisms of my mind developed that after twenty years I should be found among the elite, so-called by those who belong to it, enjoying all the privileges that such a position affords, with as yet unexplored privilege, beyond the gates of this distinguished college, springing from the beneficent doctrine of the same, in which I am educated?

To me this is a wonderful ponderable, yet I am sure to confess for I must, I am unable to answer it: apply it to yourself, dear reader, and to any other person, whose welfare is comprehended within yours. I could not have been born elsewhere or at any other time, he would not have been I, nor I he.

We are products distinctively of this generation, our nature is derived from the whole family of the earth, so for this we owe every man our allegiance, in particular I, my parents, to whom I cannot say "I don't need my foot" or "because I am a brain I don't need a foot" (is this not the sense of the other?). Would that the fool could understand, that feet he so despises is himself as much as that brain! In the same way he says "Begone!" to his parents denies himself, for who is it that bore him or delivered his seed to her? Again, she who bore me has cared for me, a task impossible but for the co-operation and of every member of the state (and hence the world).

In some sense then I owe my existence today to every other person in the world (consider that this country depends to a great extent on trade), that means Nixon and Kosygin, as well as Marx and Caesar, who though dead have influenced my life. I cannot measure the value of their contributions, who knows what they may be? Nor can I condemn them out of hand. I may say they do wrong, but am I any less or more of a man than they? Do you not see I am as much, is it any less of a wrong that I speak not to N. E. Boddie in the lab?

Having seen my dependence on the state, what do I do? Bow down and worship it? surely no! Destroy it? Never, for that would be to destroy myself. I was born in covenant with the state (covenant for I had no part in the making of the 'agreement') and live under the same. The covenant is with you dear reader and every other man, who is born into this world. The hierarchy we see is an evidence of this; it serves us, not we it, and we serve each other. Can you understand? Surely then we must seek to improve the society the state (and I mean too myself; how can this multitudinous state be better if I am not changed?) and in improving it we show our love for those who follow after us, our children and their children as yet unborn.

In this let us not forget that it will not occur in a day, consider that the flower that grows in the night will perish in a day under the heat of the sun or Jonathans gourd which shrivelled as quickly as it grew, but the seed sown in spring dies, and in autumn is harvested providing for many, with abundant supply.

A. N. OTHER,

Physics 2

(full name and address supplied)

FISH & CHIP SHOPS

CHIPPIES

Arising from the UGM held recently, the following letter was sent to Mr. H. Wilson.

Dear Mr. Wilson,

We have been asked to write to you regarding the disturbing reports about the state of the fish and chip industry.

At a meeting of the Imperial College Union held recently, the following motion was passed without any opposition:

Imperial College Union notes that chippies (fish and chip shops) are closing at the rate of 700 per year.

Imperial College Union notes the disturbing situation regarding chippies, i.e. that there are none in the South Kensington area.

Imperial College Union mandates the Executive to write to the Prime Minister, Minister of Agriculture & Fisheries, and to anybody else they can think of, protesting against this outrage and calling for Government support to the fish and chip industry.

The fish and chip shops have been part of the great British tradition and to lose part of this tradition would be very damaging to the tourist industry.

Great numbers of the population, particularly those from the lower paid sector, depend on these chippies for large parts of their diet and to supplement their low income.

We hope that you will reply, giving us your thoughts on this problem.

Yours sincerely,

N. Sayles

President,

Imperial College Union,
P. A. Wadsworth,
Imperial College Union.

We have recently received the following reply.

10 Downing Street,
Whitehall.
28 May, 1974.

Dear Mr. Sayles,

The Prime Minister has asked me to thank you for your recent letter containing a motion passed by the Imperial College Union.

Yours sincerely,

S. F. Wright.

PRATT COMMITTEE

As you may know the "Pratt Committee", under the chairmanship of Prof. Pratt, has been set up to look into the use of college facilities by outside bodies.

Evidence and comments have been invited from all sources and below is a copy of the comments sent on behalf of I.C. Union.

"The Students' Union has always taken the view that it is essential to the academic work of the College that there should be adequate provision of non-academic facilities for all members of the College throughout the calendar year, and that, in particular, these facilities include satisfactory catering and accommodation.

We recognise, however, that for any organisation as large as the College, to close down for part of the year would be uneconomical. There will always be a case for use of college facilities by "outside bodies" during the vacations. This constitutes an invaluable source of income for the College, which, if used to subsidise catering and residence, directly benefits students.

Unfortunately, experience has shown that there is a conflict between the necessary provision of facilities for the academic community and the need to supplement income in this fashion. This conflict is particularly acute in the areas of accommodation, catering, and general maintenance of College property. Many students have complained of inconvenience suffered as a direct result of this. We feel that outside bookings should not be allowed to reduce the standards of

facilities offered to members of College at any time.

During vacations, and conferences, the number of people using the refectories and bars increases greatly. This leads to unusually long queues. Not only is this inconvenient, but it may interfere with students' academic work. Clearly, the staff of refectories and bars are occasionally unable to cope with all the custom, and students may be the losers here.

The demand by students for accommodation, during the summer vacations especially, is largely unsatisfied due to the need to provide accommodation for conferences and block bookings. Students who reside in Hall during the term, particularly postgraduates, are extremely perturbed at having to move out of their rooms during the vacations.

The use of the Junior Common Room for exhibitions is significant only in that the routine of some students who use it daily is disturbed. However, since common areas in some departments, for example Mechanical Engineering, are thoroughfares, there tends to be even more people wandering through these areas than is normal.

It has been observed that conditions during the summer tend to exacerbate the effects of chronic understaffing throughout the College. This is evident in refectories and in standards of maintenance. The Student Houses, where many students stay over the vacation, suffer badly from a lack of timely re-

pair work.

The Union would like to see the Union building used more during vacations, though it is not presently clear as to how this can be achieved.

The fundamental cause of any shortfall in the provision of facilities is, beyond doubt, the inadequate financial support for non-academic facilities in the higher education sector. Given this, any recommendations that we make can only be short-term solutions.

CONCLUSIONS

1. There appears to be no comprehensive picture of the use of the College at any time. It is not known whether some areas are under-used, or could potentially be used for another purpose. We would recommend a detailed survey of all College/Departmental / Union rooms and areas, ascertaining their use throughout the year.

2. The Union feels that postgraduates who already reside on campus should have the right to keep their rooms during vacations, irrespective of outside bookings.

3. Wherever possible places should be available for those postgraduates who wish to reside on campus during vacations.

4. It may be necessary, in future, to provide exclusive catering facilities for the members of College during Conferences. It may be possible to use the Union for this purpose."

CONGRATS.

Congratulations to Mr. Alan Larsen, well known College Block barman, and Miss Valerie Scrivens, on their marriage at St. Marys, Hayes (near Ascot) on Saturday.

UNIVERSITY CHALLENGE

Imperial College have been invited to submit a team for the series to be recorded next session.

Look out for information on team selection to be printed in Felix next term.

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Overseas Students Conference

It was agreed to send Messrs. Phillips and Kourouniotis plus any two other interested people.

Presidents Report

Mr. Sayles reported that there were still a few places left on the French trip. It was agreed that £50 should be donated towards the expenses of the trip.

There was discussion on the possibility of moving the Union Offices into the union building. (This was mentioned in the presidents report in last Felix.) Mr. Sayles was given permission to proceed with the required negotiations.

Mr. Sayles circulated copies of a petition calling upon the Government to take an urgent look at nurses pay and conditions. These copies were to be circulated throughout the college.

Hon. Secs. Report

Mr. Wadsworth reported that arrangements had been made to receive nominations for Social Colours and Union General Awards.

Council agreed to extend reciprocal agreements to the London College of Dance and Drama, and to Aberdeen University.

Mr. Wadsworth reported that the selection of the Rag Charities for the next session would take place at the Annual General Meeting of ICU.

Council agreed to his request that the Entertainments Committee be allowed to continue their legal case against Fudge Enterprises over the £700 owed to them. NUS would cover 75 per cent of the costs from their legal aid fund.

Mr. Wadsworth brought up the question of the Pratt Committee and there was a lengthy discussion on what should be submitted from Imperial College Union to the Committee. It was agreed that an open meeting should be held to finalise the details to be submitted. It was agreed that the following items should be discussed at the meeting:

- 1) Maintenance—troubles that arise due to the lack of skilled college labour.
- 2) Facilities for students—the lack of accommodation for students during the vacations and the overcrowding of the refectories. It was agreed though that we recognised that the extra income helped keep the costs down during the term.

Mr. Phillips summed up the problems as arising from a lack of finance in the universities sector. Mr. Starkey suggested that greater use could be made of departmental facilities.

The general consensus was that the possibility of streamlining the administration of College in such a fashion that facilities could be allocated more favourably should be examined.

Dep. President's Report

Council agreed that the existing newspaper distribution should continue.

There was a brief discussion concerning the clashing of dates of various committee meetings. Mr. Jackson hoped that it might be possible to incorporate this in the Union diary so that meetings could be agreed and published in advance.

Finance

It was agreed that £40 should be donated towards the cost of the NUS Emergency conference to be held on June 15.

Concern was expressed about the fact that there seemed to be no reports from the editor of Phoenix. It was agreed that no further payment should be made until a report was forthcoming.

Mr. Sayles reported that the financing of the Nightline sabbatical was being looked into by the Rector, and the other Rectors concerned in the USK area.

There was considerable discussion on the Union's investments, mainly due to our holding in Distillers Company Ltd. shares. After a series of votes it was decided to continue with our holding in Distillers shares.

Exploratory Committee

Mr. Smith reported that the committee had met again and altered its decisions on various items (see last Felix).

ICWA Constitution

Council approved changes to the ICWA constitution.

SCAB Report

Mr. Starkey presented his report as acting SCAB Chairman. It was agreed that there would be no further Council restrictions on Ents concerts. A SCAB executive was agreed to, consisting of the SCAB Chairman, Secretary, Assistant Secretary and Hon. Senior Treasurer. In future the title "Social Secretary" will be removed from any references which allude to the SCAB Chairman. Finally, it was agreed that SCAB would pay £10 each time there was a concert in the Great Hall (with Mr. Wadsworth giving a humorous example of what was or wasn't a concert).

Discussion on Council

Mr. Phillips presented a discussion paper on the limits of Council's authority. Various members stated that it would need an expert to rewrite the Union constitution and that one should be called in. It was generally agreed that some sort of document laying down what powers Council, UGMs and various committees had would be very useful.

The meeting closed as it had degenerated into uproar.

SCARAMANGA

First, some nostalgia. Dark intrigue, malevolent suspicion and lemon-flavoured peanuts were the ingredients of the silly little outcry which was heard after the publication of the first Scaramanga articles in which I collated the grass-roots opinion of the time, with regard to the state of RCSU, into a tangible criticism which immediately impinged itself on the faint hearts of the RCSU clique-soc of the time. Since then the clique has degenerated from being the epitome of all that is secretive, juvenile and weak, to being a total shambles: non-entities trammelled up in their grandiose delusions, who couldn't even organise the annual RCSU dinner and the Silwood Ball properly. But enough of Ron Kill and such trivia, on to the present.

Speculation is intense concerning how well each member of next year's ICU Exec will cope with the other two members as millstones around his/her neck. Co-operation and keeping personalities out of decision-making never have been RCSU's strong characteristics. Guessing to which CCU next year's ICU Exec belong doesn't quite warrant a kupie doll. Failure to make the correct guess, however, wins you a snot-lump in the eye.

Now for a quick collation of views which try to assess this year's exec: Norm Sayles appears to have started out hesitantly and perhaps a bit naively at the beginning of the session but eventually got to grips with the task in hand. The most significant view has been that he has steadfastly refrained from becoming isolated and aloof. 'Nuff said.

Dave Sinclair has taken a lot of stick during his time as DP. His cock-up over Mike, the IC mascot perpetuated the myth of his incompetency syndrome. Whatever his shortcomings as a Union building manager it remains that he has worked hard at what must be the crummiest job in the Union.

Inevitably, we coast along to our esteemed Hon Sec, P. A. Wadsworth, BSc, ARCS, who has been unofficially dubbed "the biggest egotist in ICU". The basis for such criticism appears to stem solely from personality clashes. The overriding fact is that he has succeeded in dragging Felix from its hitherto unplumbable depths and making it into something worth reading.

In conclusion, comrades, it is with misted eyes that I wind up the final Scaramanga column. A question which has been raised many times is "Why does Scaramanga do it?". Allegations of bitterness, frustration and just-doing-it-out-of-boredom have no basis. The major motivation has been my concern for the state of the Union and its vulnerability to mismanagement. All too often, union officers (of all the Unions) tend to assume that they are God's gift to the Union, though there are notable exceptions. I felt then that such a silly state of affairs ought to be put into a clearer perspective for all to see. In short: Gory toads have been excavated, warts and all; glossy toads have shone brightly, with fixed stupid grins; but clearly there's nothing happier than a dead toad, believe you me.

Ecce, sodalitas ostrea mea erat!

Scaramanga

The Union meeting on Thursday, 23 May, succeeded in passing two motions to be submitted to the Extraordinary conference and also managed to close without the quorum being challenged (though it was not quite quorate).

Free Speech

Mr. Lynch proposed a motion calling for a removal of the famous amendment 4 and condemning the NUS's actions. Mr. Phillips proposed a lengthy amendment (to be submitted to the conference). This advised colleges not to help racist organisations and to make their own decisions on whether to allow such speakers to use Union facilities. It also condemned those that disrupt meetings by physical means.

There were speeches for and against and, on a vote, the amendment was added to the original motion whilst leaving the main points of the original intact.

Another amendment, proposed by Ms. Attenborough, was defeated.

There were several lively speeches on the motion with Ms. Glaser, Overseas Students Committee Chairman getting the best reception when she spoke for the motion.

The motion was carried with very few votes against.

Grants

Arising out of the new grants award, Mr. Watkins proposed a motion to be

submitted to the conference.

It called for a continuation of the campaign for higher grants but with emphasis now being placed on discretionary awards, means testing and discrimination against women and overseas students. It also called for adequate nursery education.

No-one spoke against the motion and so it became Union policy.

The passing of these two motions means that for the first time in a long time the delegation for NUS conference have specific mandates for the items under discussion.

Elections

There were six candidates for five delegate places and an observer's place for Extraordinary conference.

Subject to official approval by a Union meeting, Mrs. Gerrard, Messrs. Kill, East, Phillips and Watkins were elected as delegates and Mr. Lane as observer.

Chip Shops

The final item referred to the decline in the number of fish and chip shops (chippies), and the lack of chippies in the local album.

It instructed the Exec. to write to the Prime Minister, and the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries complaining about the situation and asking the Government to support the fish and chip industry.

VACATION JOBS

At about this time of year, I'm sure many of you must be searching for means to supplement your income during the summer vacation.

Also at this time of year there is a continuous flow of jobs, offered for the vacation, coming into the Union office.

They are all displayed on the Union notice board in the Union entrance.

Several of them are offering fairly decent salaries, so, if you are short of a job, just cast a glance at the board and contact the people concerned.

NUS EXEC

"What is NUS Executive doing?" On Tuesday, 28th May, they had booked, and paid for, a room in the Union for an Exec meeting.

The following note was found pinned to the office door:

Dear *!@X NUS Exec,
Have been here since 6.30 p.m. We resolved not to die of thirst. Having noted your absence, we adjourned to the Bar at 7.25 p.m.

John Carr
(ULU president-elect)
Niel Robertson
Doug Ellis
(Westminster Tech President).

I repeat "What is NUS Executive doing?"

JEZ REALLY WORKS

Featured here is an old (1964, May) photograph of the RCSU mascot, Jez, travelling back from Brighton.

Things are looking up, however. After her recent renovation, crash and renovation, Jez has been called back into service. Apparently, to the amazement of passers-by, her fire extinguisher was used to put out a burning moped last month. Shame she doesn't have a pump to do the job in style.



Thursday evening found us congregating in the Union Bar with three members of IF and the driver John. As the crates were loaded into the coach it was remarked that these three gave very good French lessons and hopes were running high.

We finally clinked and rattled down the road and had an uneventful journey to Dover supplemented by cans of lager and one or two Newky's. The crossing to Boulogne was calm enough and we drove

ed at this time for the hostel, about half an hour on the metro, had a meal and generally relaxed in what seemed like acres of padded black leather, a luxury after ten hours in a coach seat.

Once more, our energy replenished slightly, we returned to the school and found the 'Bar' in full swing, our crates of Newky being rapidly consumed together with equal quantities of Cognac and Pernod. We were willingly taught to 'rock and roll'

sand-pits and some caught the opportunity for a rugby practice, being not quite totally exhausted by this time.

Upon arriving late at the Champagne Chateau we were not in a very receptive mood, and when told there were 18 miles of tunnels beneath the grounds holding 40 million bottles of champagne, certain members of the party were heard to ask with glazed expressions if they had finally passed out and was

PARIS TRIP

overnight to an obscure French village 60 km from Paris where it was thought we might get some sleep. However this was proved wrong. By now previously unknowns had become acquaintances and acquaintances had become firm friends, various relationships being born overnight. So we drove on to Paris, the Back Third Rabble making various contacts with women drivers and beer lorries in the morning rush hour traffic. We met our counterparts and went finally to the school of Chemistry where we were whisked round the department at a high rate of knots—spurred on only by the thought of the buffet lunch to come. By now tiredness had been overcome once more and as one lab. blended with another the only sounds heard were les stomachs recomblant. Metro tickets materialised from nowhere and we made our way across Paris to the plush reception with large plates of meat and paté salad and delicious gateaux—as much as we could eat to replenish our dying energies. And so the main purpose of the weekend—the wine, which flowed like Tartan in the Union Bar, enough for everyone and more. Some were seen to be clutching two full glasses, others just the bottle, and chicken legs flew everywhere.

Speeches were made by those capable (even Norm) in French and English, fluency mainly due to over-lubrication, and everyone thanked everyone else for the truly great time we were having. By now we were feeling much better for the sustenance.

Then back to the school where three lectures, in English, were heard by those still capable and it was good to see Newky being downed during these by the French Profs. M. Fayard, M. Cadiot and M. Strauss. M. Strauss, his now well known sense of

even though "Je t'aime" would normally be thought too slow for this in England.

By now the relationships were floundering on some fronts and being re-established on new ones with confusing regularity. Surplus English males could be observed practising their French in dark corners only to be turned down upon asking "Voulez vous danser avec moi?". It must have been the accents which were wrong. The early departure of the last metro to the hostel threw in a small amount of confusion, especially when Dave Turner, mentioning no names, returned declaring that he couldn't even find one station let alone the right one.

Sleep came easily in the early hours and an early rise afforded a seat on the coach for a three hour trip round Paris. However this was not attended by everyone, some inadvertently remaining asleep until a later hour.

The afternoon and evening were free to see the sights and integrate with the Parisians. Most managed to see the main things of interest and to sit in the famous street cafes drinking very expensive refreshment, watching the world go by. Those of us in student flats were able to stay out until the early morning as Paris life seemed to continue all night, the weather was fine, and interest was provided by van-loads of Gendarmes patrolling, probably due to the elections. Other interest was provided by the many shapely forms of Parisienne females, the number and quality of which need to be seen to be believed!

Norm, it is sad to say, was not seen very frequently during the weekend, though several sightings were reported as he dashed from one "toilette"

this really the Heaven they had come to seek. All attempts to get lost in the tunnels remained unsuccessful and the inevitable refreshment was provided which only served to tantalise the appetite for more alcohol.

At last farewells had to be made, some tearful and very touching and promises of future trips and meetings made, with many addresses changing hands. We all hope these will materialise and be successful.

And so to the coast again, perceptibly faster than before as the boat was certainly waiting for us in Calais. Maintaining the tradition, vast quantities of wine were consumed on the return journey, partially due to the half bottle each provided by our Leader. The bra on the aerial and pants on the back window of the coach served as an indication of the mood of the occupants.

We missed the boat at Calais, although every effort was made to arrive on time.

As the second one was being repaired for the first time in memory a five hour stop in Calais was unavoidable, and sleepy figures could be seen wandering (staggering?) around in the dead of night. DT earned the title prize PA both on the coach and in Calais. Congratulations from all those concerned.

Customs provided the normal hold-up but we finally crossed the Channel as dawn arose and Dover loomed in the morning mist. The driver remembered to drive on the left and we arrived at the Union in time for first lectures on Monday morning, but most of us slept all day.

I'm sure those on the trip would like especially to thank Norm for the work he put into making the trip

MAY '74 EXCHANGE WITH ENSCP

humour once more proved to us his great wit and mastery of English.

A serious fall in alcohol level was detected and we could now look forward to the 'Bar' or party to be held later that day. The new relationships were flourishing and those established on the first trip of the French to IC were resumed by those concerned.

Several of us were to share student flats whilst the others stayed in a student hostel. We all depart-

to the next.

Sunday arrived very quickly and after minimal sleep breakfast was taken in street cafes with a "what the hell" attitude about the prices to which we had now become accustomed. The coach left for Epernay, E of Paris by some 100 km. The French students, by now our firm friends, departed with us—some in the coach, others in cars. The three hour drive was broken by a pleasant picnic amongst some

possible, and Paul Gee for his fluent French without which we would probably still be on the Continent. Shucks. Also, of course, the French students for being hospitable and John who got us there and back.

P.S.—They say the Charlton Festival was good too.

J. SHMITT.

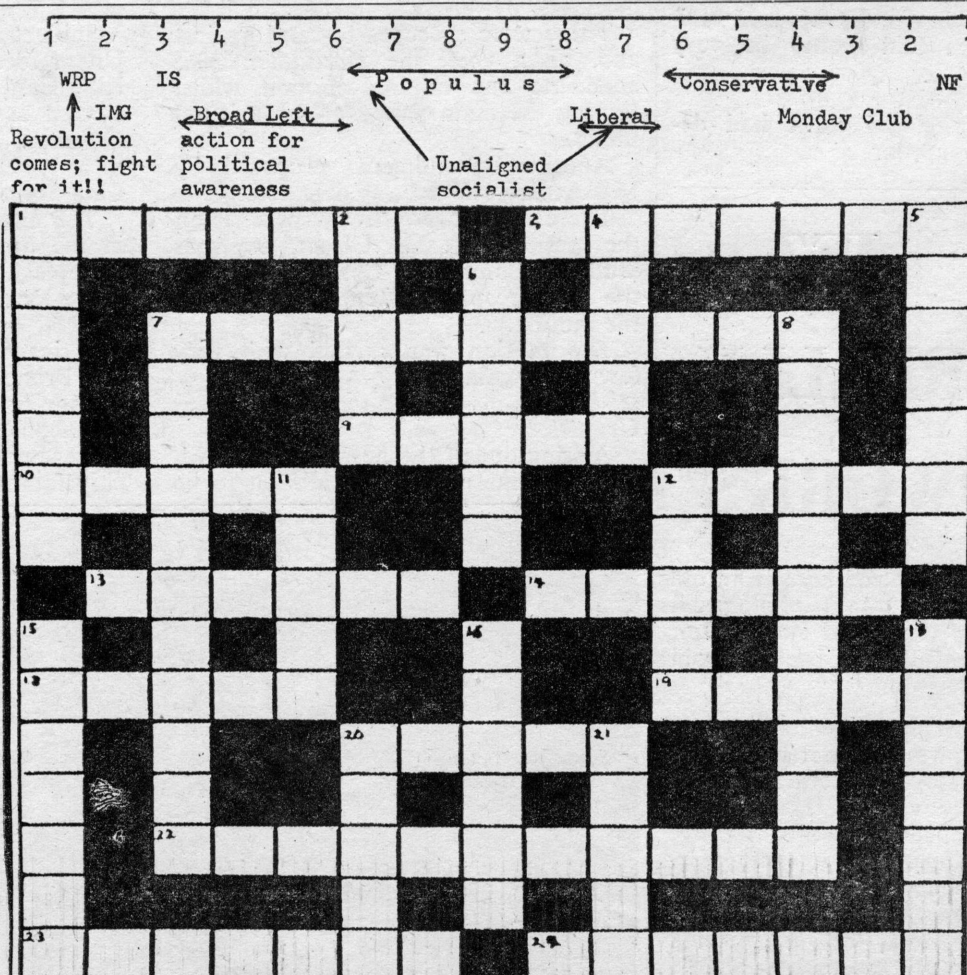
PINPOINT THE POLITICO

Here is a chart of various sides of political awareness (IS is International Socialist, IMG is International Marxist Group, WRP is Workers Revolutionary Party, NF is National Front). All you have to do is indicate where on the scale the following people should be placed.

Trev Phillips
John East
Paul Watkins/John Lane (either)
Paul Gee
Stuart Paul
John Randall
Phil Hemmens
Jock Veall.

The first fully correct answer will win the incredible prize of one year's hard labour in a Russian salt mine. Second prize is two years.

If you feel there is anyone else who should be pinpointed on the above scale then by all means include them.



RESIGNATION

At the RCSU annual general meeting on May 14th the president of RCSU, Martin Turner, announced his resignation.

He declined from giving reasons but it is thought that it arose from the result of many clashes that have happened during the year, being brought to a head with the troubles arising from the early finish of the Silwood Ball.

The Union secretary, Mr. Thomas, has taken over as acting president.

ACROSS

1. Poetry source (7)
3. Arsonist or not? (7)
7. Spell (11)
9. Cattle disease (5)
10. Deal with (5)
12. Danger (5)
13. Rouse (4,2)
14. Relinquish (6)
18. Not late (5)
19. One run (5)
20. SOS (5)
22. Bird decoy? (5,6)
23. Not electric chair (7)
24. Lenses do (7)

DOWN

1. Hairy (7)
2. Goosefoot plants (5)
4. Statue (5)
5. Mornings too? (7)
6. French idiots pool! (6)
7. Rash (11)
8. Cohesion (11)
11. Sluggish (5)
12. Gum (5)
15. Pervert (7)
16. Fastens (6)
17. Wayward (7)
20. Oak-fruit (5)
21. Fluid rock (5)

PG's LOW PAY

Postgraduates who supplement their grants by teaching are being exploited as cheap labour in many universities. This is the conclusion of a survey drawn up for the National Union of Students by NUS official Jim Mowatt.

Nine institutions pay less than £1 an hour to postgraduates doing demonstrating work, the lowest payment in the country—75p an hour—being made by Aberystwyth University and Herriot Watt University in Edinburgh, and the next lowest—80p an hour—by Southampton University.

With two exceptions, Scottish Universities come out of the survey relatively well, all paying £1.10 an hour. The two exceptions are Edinburgh and Herriot Watt Universities, the two Universities in Edinburgh, of which Mr. Mowatt says:

"Herriot Watt University . . . has departmental variation between 75p in the Pharmacy Department, the lowest hourly rate stated in the UK, and £1.75 in the Department of Computer Science (one of the highest). Across the street at the University of Edinburgh demonstrating rates vary between £1 and £1.60. However, the rate for tutoring is subject to even greater variation. The Department of Nursing Studies, paying 0p per hour is, plausibly, the lowest in the academic community, whereas at £4 per hour, the Social Studies Department must be regarded as one of the most munificent of academic employers."

Replies from 55 institutions are summarised in the survey. Some of these institutions pay a flat annual rate for postgraduate work, and it is not possible to compute the rate per hour for these institutions. Among those which pay by

the hour, 9 institutions pay less than £1; 12 pay between £1 and £1.09; 8 pay between £1.10 and £1.19; 6 pay between £1.20 and £1.29; 2 pay between £1.30 and £1.39; one pays between £1.40 and £1.49; 7 pay between £1.50 and £1.59. Six institutions pay more than £1.60, and four of these pay more than £2.50.

Perhaps surprisingly, all four institutions paying more than £2.50 are Polytechnics. The lowest-paying institutions were all Universities, and the highest-paying institutions were all non-universities.

NUS Deputy President Alastair Stewart commented: "This valuable survey has confirmed three crucial points. Firstly, postgraduates are being shamelessly exploited and used as cheap labour. Their institutions are using the now level of postgraduate grants to get them to work for well below the rate for the job. This is bad for everyone: bad for postgraduates, and bad for the University teachers whose jobs and salaries are made vulnerable by this practise."

"Secondly, it shows the need for nationally agreed rates for postgraduate teaching and demonstrating work. I can promise post graduate students that the NUS will make it a priority over the coming year to achieve this."

"Thirdly, the survey shows the urgency for postgraduates to receive a living grant, so that they are not forced to take work at exploitive rates. I hope that the living grant which NUS has demanded for postgraduates—£1025 a year—will be agreed by the Government after the review of postgraduate grants in which it is now engaged."

Union General Awards and social colours

Nominations are invited for both of the above.

Union General Awards are the top honour that the Union can award and there are rarely more than six awarded in any one year. The decision on these nominations lies with the President, Norm Sayles. If you think you know of someone who deserves one of these awards then write, detailing the person's contribution to the Union, to the President, care of the Union Office. Please

mark your envelope with U.G.A. in the top left-hand corner. Remember, to have a hope of winning one of these the person nominated must have done, to put it mildly, "a h*ll of a lot of work."

Union Social Colours are a lower level award for those who have spent an exceptional amount of time and effort working for the Union. These are awarded by the Colours Committee. Nomination for social colours arising out of work for

an RCC, SCC or ACC club, and various other Union bodies come direct from those bodies and nominations should in the first case, be addressed to these. There are, however, people who just do general work and need separate nominations. If you wish to nominate members for Social Colours write to Paul Wadsworth, c/o The Union Office, and mark your envelope "Social Colours." Nominations closing date has been extended till this Thursday.

DRAMA FESTIVAL

The NUS will take part in the Sunday Times drama festival in April, 1975, but only on condition that it is represented on adjudication and selection panels, a one-day conference of NUS drama society delegates decided.

There were about 25 present at the conference, and they recommended that there should be an advisory panel of students to represent student interest in the organisation of the festival. Fourteen delegates and one member of the NUS Executive were elected on to the panel.

The matter of the drama festival arose at the NUS Easter conference, when the executive's decision to boycott the festival was referred back. The executive decision was taken in April 1973 and was the culmination of growing dissent between the NUS and the Sunday Times over the way the festival was run. The trouble started when the Sunday Times took over complete organisation of the festival in 1968.

NUS set up a working party in 1970

to examine the role and form of the festival. Students felt the newspaper dominated the festival and that not enough experimental and workshop drama was shown. They also objected to the competitive aspect of the festival.

Other recommendations were that an analysis of all the entries should be made at the end of the festival. All areas of drama should be represented, including workshop, and a wide range of colleges should be represented with a weighting in favour of smaller colleges.

The NUS should advise on publicity for the festival (the conference felt the NUS would be more likely to know than the Sunday Times what means would be successful), and in any publicity the name of NUS should appear as a joint co-sponsor with the Sunday Times.

The recommendations have been broadly accepted by the NUS executive. If the interests of the NUS are not sufficiently met by the newspaper, it will withdraw as co-sponsors.

SCAB Elections

At the last SCAB meeting it was decided to elect a Secretary and Assistant Secretary in order to aid the functioning of SCAB, and take some of the work load off the Chairman.

The Chairman, Secretary, Assistant Secretary and Senior Treasurer will form the Executive of SCAB, as is the case with the other major sub-committees. The job of secretary will involve the usual things, helping the Chairman, doing the paperwork, keeping the minutes, producing bumpf etc. The Assistant Secretary will help out, keep the diary of events, send out notices to members, produce bumpf etc. In fact anything that needs doing for SCAB that the Chairman can con them into doing.

So what are the qualifications and qualities for these posts. Few, in fact. Any member of Imperial College Union can stand, all they need is a proposer, two seconders and a desire to do the job. The election will take place at the AGM of SCAB, to take place at 6.00 p.m. on Friday the 7th June in Room at the Top. Persons able to vote at this event are the outgoing and incoming members of the SCAB committee, although all Union members are able to attend as observers.

Those wishing to join in the running of SCAB, and becoming either Secretary, Assistant Secretary, should complete the nomination forms in the Lower Union Lounge. Nominations will close on Friday, 7th June at 5.00 p.m.

For additional details see Phil Starkey, Weeks 63, or Dave Rumsey, Weeks 38 or try the Union office.

THOSE WERE THE DAYS

Dug from the deepest depths of the Union's files a document entitled "Union House Committee: Notes of requirements" has been unearthed. This referred to a series of renovations to various Union rooms. It is dated from about March, 1955. I print some brief extracts:

Bar Uses:— (a) Drinking, Singing, Dart-playing, Horse-play (b) Housing and displaying pewter tankards.

Note: Women not admitted.

All furniture should be proof against violent assault.

Recommendations:— (h) Concealed (and beer-proof) lighting.

Lobby To be provided with:— (d) Since women will enter the lobby to examine the noticeboards, a baffle screen should be placed before the men's lavatory door.

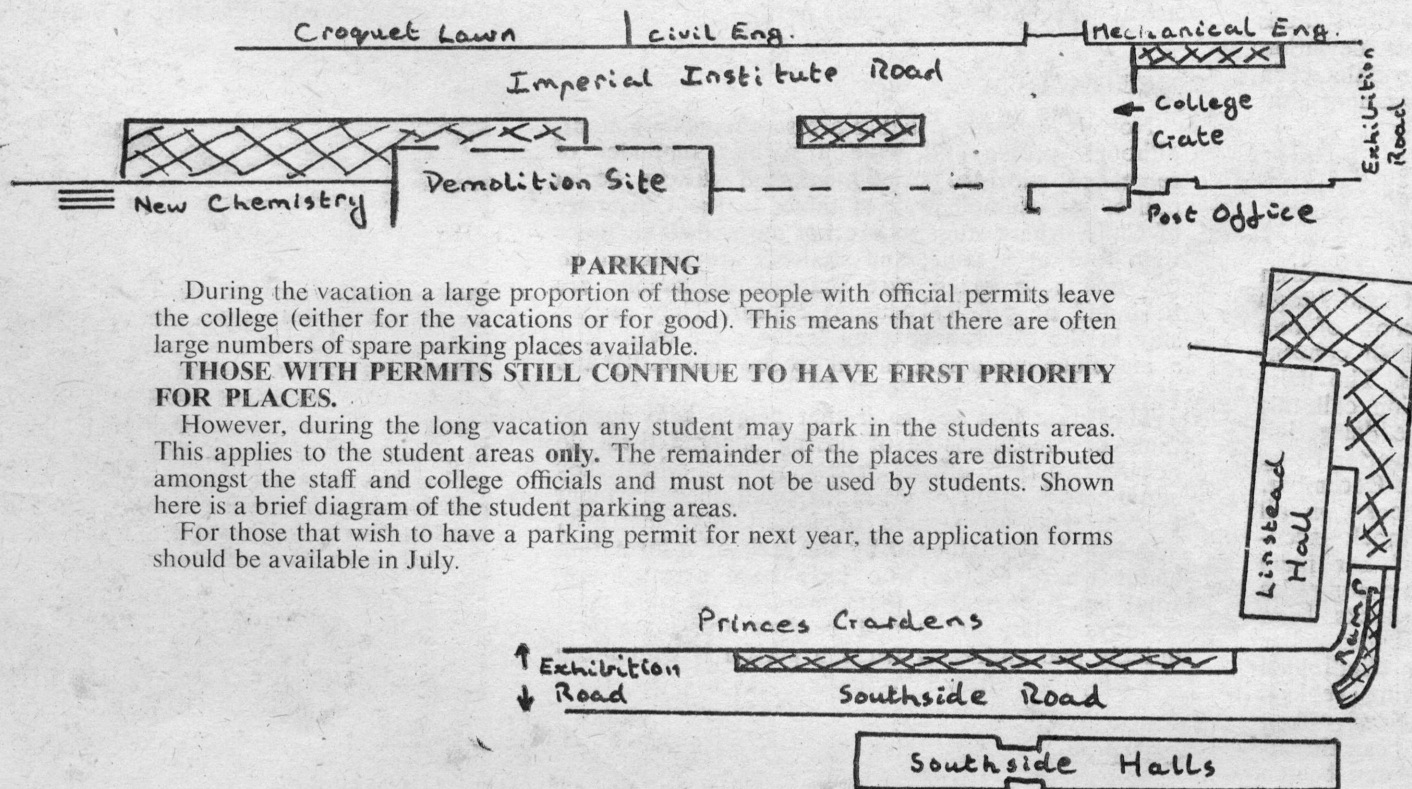
Ground floor lounge Uses:— (c) waiting for, meeting and entertaining guests, particularly ladies on dance nights.

(d) a radio is installed mainly to provide background noise—it is important only on such occasions as test matches.

Of the whole Union this lounge is the room most likely to be most frequented and suffers the most wear. The furnishings must accordingly be robust (and beer-proof). This is the students' home from home; the institutional atmosphere must be avoided.

ICWA Lounge 6. Sufficient power for:— 2. fires, standard lamp, electric iron, vacuum cleaner, electric clock, 3. table lamps, light for sewing machine.

Suggested furnishings: 4. Fine net curtains at north windows. All curtain reach floor. 13. Mirror on SE corner wall with shelf beneath for flowers.



PARKING

During the vacation a large proportion of those people with official permits leave the college (either for the vacations or for good). This means that there are often large numbers of spare parking places available.

THOSE WITH PERMITS STILL CONTINUE TO HAVE FIRST PRIORITY FOR PLACES.

However, during the long vacation any student may park in the students areas. This applies to the student areas **only**. The remainder of the places are distributed amongst the staff and college officials and must not be used by students. Shown here is a brief diagram of the student parking areas.

For those that wish to have a parking permit for next year, the application forms should be available in July.

I have just returned from a visit to Chile as part of a delegation organised by the International Union of Students. I was in Chile from 23 to 29 April visiting Santiago and Valparaiso.

I saw there the most blatant forms of suppression and terrorism, and although I have been involved with solidarity movements since September, I was shocked by the callousness and cold-bloodedness of the junta's tactics.

This is a brief summary of information the delegation received about major areas of investigation.

Chris Proctor
NUS Executive.

The delegation was sent by the IUS to Chile in order to study the general situation as well as the situation in the university and cultural spheres, and instructed to report its findings to the IUS Congress. The delegation consisted of Miguel Lombardi (FUA), Konrad Tiburzy (VDS), and Christopher Proctor (NUSUK).

The delegation stayed in Santiago (making one visit to Valparaiso) for seven days, from 23 to 29 April, and spoke with representatives of the forces of resistance, with students, teachers and non-academic personnel, including persons who had been expelled and those still teaching in the universities. The delegation spoke with refugees in embassies, with the families of some of the 67 officers and soldiers of the FACH air force of Chile now being tried by court martial, with lawyers and with other sectors of the population.

ECONOMICS

The economic situation is characterised by enormous inflation, with price increases since the putsch of about 1500 per cent in the basic living items: at the same time, the minimum wage is 16,000 escudos per month (740 escudos=one dollar). This represents a rise of less than 80 per cent over the Unidad Popular minimum wage of 9,000 escudos. The price index is no longer available for public reference, but a few samples are helpful. A normal meal in a restaurant costs 3,500, a pair of shoes cost 20,000 escudos, and a chicken 1,000 escudos. Bus fares have risen by between 900 per cent and 1900 per cent.

Many of the approximately 180,000 enterprises existing in Chile under the UP government have been forced to close down because the people can no longer afford to purchase anything. Even the bourgeoisie are enraged by the situation. Only short-term loans are available, which offer no solution. The "Club of Paris" made a small loan recently, but has made any further loans conditional on political reforms as well as economic factors. Even the monopolies are unwilling to invest in the face of the economic chaos created by the junta and the reactionary bourgeoisie.

The great burden of economic and social hardship has of course been placed on the backs of the working and peasant classes and the progressive forces in general. They have been persecuted and driven from their work and studies into prisons, concentration camps and exile.

MEDIA

The fascists have a monopoly of the mass media and, in league with the ruling-class Edwards family, control all the newspapers and periodicals produced in Chile. The news is completely distorted, books are confiscated and burned Nazi-style, television is exclusively in pro junta hands and radio stations are brutally repressed for the slightest deviation from the official line. For example, radio Balmaceda was closed for six days for a mild comment that offended the junta.

TORTURE

All the weapons of the junta are those of fascism and its major weapons in terrorism. General Leagh said two weeks ago that he did not know of one person who had been tortured in Chilean concentration camps, which he called prisons. The delegation can, without fear of contradiction call this man a liar as well as a murderer. The delegation met one young girl still unable to walk after being released from the National Stadium last December. She had been subjected to electric shocks on all parts of her body, forced to undergo a mock execution, been paraded naked in front of her male comrades, been forced to watch her male comrades being tortured by being given electric shocks, been in solitary confinement in a dark rat-infested cellar for 36 hours with no food. She had been blindfolded for days on end thrown out of moving vehicles bound and gagged. She had been raped and forced to watch her comrades being raped, had been threatened with violence to her family and been beaten around the kidneys to such an extent that she was,

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An Eye Witness View

and still is, seriously ill. It is very significant, too, that one of her torturers was a Brazilian, and that, one of the comrades imprisoned on the prison ship "Lebu" was a witness to the presence of two US soldiers on the ship.

The blatant terrorism has not stopped. Four weeks ago in the LaVictoria district of San Miguel, Santiago, a working-class area, soldiers broke into homes and took away about 1,000 people. By April 28 only 200 had returned. The delegation does not know what horrific methods the military used, but those two hundred could not remember where they had been or what had happened to them.

There are concentration camps the Red Cross is

same terrorist tactics. They employ forced confessions, biased judges, nonsensical accusations and illegal charges. The defendants know that so far as a result of torture, two of their comrades have died and one gone insane. The charges include "failing to obey the commanding officer" when the order was to attack the democratically elected government, and "giving information to the enemy" i.e. the democratically elected government.

There was one terrorist act witnessed by the delegation which, although disgusting, must be examined in this report. On Saturday 27 April in the afternoon, the delegation had arranged to meet in a cafe in Ahumada near the Plaza de Armas in the centre of Santiago. The streets were full of people. It could have been a city anywhere—until 1.15 p.m. Then a police car stopped at 285 Ahumada and a carabnero with a gun got out of the back and shot a girl through the head in cold blood. It was an act of blatant terrorism, intended to frighten the people into submission. The blood soon dried on the pavement, but rest assured, General Pinochet, the memory will live on. The people will have their revenge.

STUDENTS

Today in Chile, between 25 and 30 per cent of the students have been expelled and the figure for teachers is somewhere between 35 and 50 per cent.



not allowed to visit, ones they did not know about, and ones they can enter but can only see limited parts of. Entire communities have been moved to other areas. Trials in Chile are a shameless farce, especially the courts martial going on at the moment with charges that are obviously false and a War Council of three sitting as judges, one of whom stole weapons from a military camp to use against the Unidad Popular.

The junta's further blatant acts of repression and terror have included forced labour in the arid districts of northern Chile. We know that around 14,000 people convicted by the fascists of political crimes are now being brutalized in the north.

MEETINGS

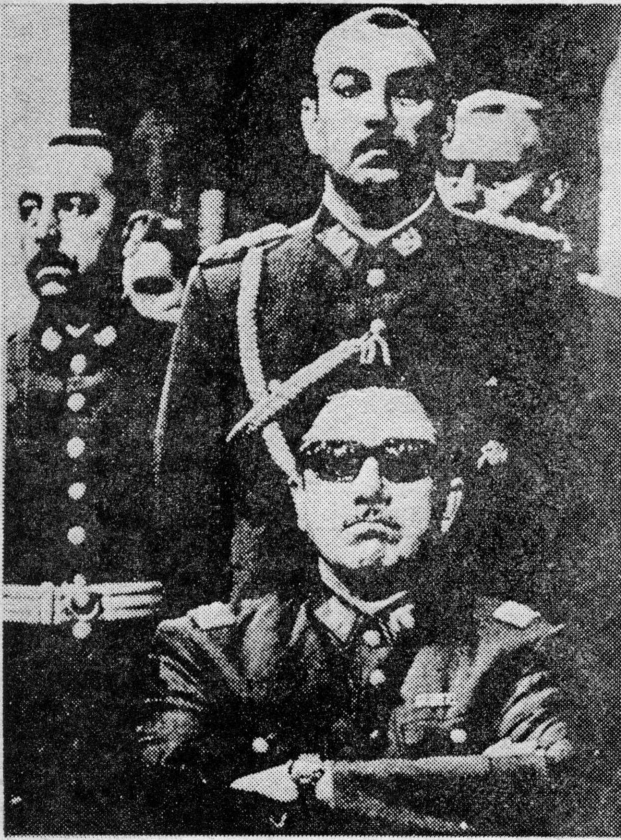
Not all the junta's tactics are so obviously blatant, although people still have a nightly reminder of repression with the strictly enforced curfew. Secret police, for example wait at tables in the University of Chile, where students are not allowed to sit more than four at a table, and students are followed to the toilets to make sure that no discussions are held and no political slogans appear. They cannot stay in the classrooms when lectures are over. It is a malicious campaign, meant to sow insecurity and doubt among the people of Chile.

The junta also see to it that people who oppose them or are suspected of having opposed them do not receive their official papers, without which they cannot work, study or claim the small unemployment benefit. The atmosphere of uncertainty, insecurity and fear is strengthened by the lack of information about where friends who have been arrested are, what has happened to them, whether they are dead or alive. They are afraid because the junta acts quickly and ruthlessly when a person is denounced as a supporter of the UP.

COURTS

The courts martial are being conducted with the

The military rectors have absolute control over every aspect of university life. There are no statutes to limit their power. Participation consists of the rector choosing any student willing to fall in with the standards of fascism to represent the student body in the newly-creaaed "centros" of each faculty in place of the democratically elected representatives from the Unidad Popular era. In fact the military rector has the right to impose his will on the universities in all respects. The universities are now institutions whose aim is to produce bureaucrats, bolster up the position of the ruling class, and destroy what used to be an important centre of Chilean culture. Academic freedom has become a cruel joke. Maximo



Pacheco, an eminent dean at the University of Chile in Santiago, was sacked in March 1974 for trying to run his Faculty of Law on the basis of academic ability alone.

The junta must make the attempt to destroy the universities, as they have a long history of philosophical, cultural and educational excellence, and during the Allende era they belonged to all the people of Chile. The junta cannot afford to tolerate free thought. Any hint of Marxism must be eradicated because it is the most dangerous weapon of the working class. The junta knows that it will not have control until the last progressive is dead, the last academic imprisoned. It is pursuing this aim today, with so many academics and progressives being tortured in the prisons and concentration camps.

IDEAS

One goal of the junta is to prevent the spread of ideas. Any ideas, inside or outside the universities, are dangerous to them. In the universities, soldiers with machine guns are to be seen everywhere. Suddenly, in a fourth-year class in the medical faculty, new students appear who, strangely enough, seem to lack basic information in their subject. More openly, soldiers and other agents of the fascists suddenly appear in classrooms to tell the students of the wickedness of the UP and the left and of Marxism as a theory. In one university the military rector informed the academic staff that Marxism could be taught but it could not be propagated.

Faculties of social sciences, political economy, education, journalism, architecture and medicine have been closed down either permanently or temporarily because no teachers are available with the "right political outlook". Any mildly progressive course has been cancelled or at least reviewed. A

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number has been permanently stopped, and more have reappeared in an unrecognisable form. Sociology has been completely eliminated, except at the Catholic University of Santiago. In education courses only the basic techniques of how to perform in a classroom are taught. Because suitable replacements cannot be found for denounced academics, primary school teachers, social workers and assistant teachers are brought in to replace university teachers. The delegation brought back from Chile a sad list of courses not being renewed in the faculty of economic sciences and administration at the Norte branch of the University of Chile, which clearly shows the extent of the attack on education. This list



was compiled by the junta and is no piece of propaganda issued by the resistance forces. In the newspaper "El Mercurio" one of the official organs of the junta, lists of the same vacant positions have appeared day after day and week after week.

During the Unidad Popular era, courses were made available to working-class children. This practice has ceased. The junta cannot afford to educate the working class. The entrance fee of 3000 escudos makes it difficult for working-class students to register at a university, tuition fees and living expenses make it impossible for them to stay there. In Chile, all members of working-class families who can work must do so seven days a week so that the family can live. All attempts at the construction of a system of continuing education, adult education, further education and cultural activities for all the people of Chile, which the Allende government was aiming at, have been dismissed out of hand by the fascist junta.

A "prosecutor's Council" has been introduced into each university. This is a tribunal presided over by a designate of the junta whose function is to decide on the fate of all students, teachers and administrative staff accused of subversion. Lists appeared with vague meaningless charges against individuals and they were told that their defence would have to take the form of obtaining character references from other members of the university. In fact this was a lie. The only means of defence was the support of a soldier. Without this, the accused were expelled. They now have no job, no pay, no security, no future. Expelled teachers are stripped of their qualifications so that they can no longer work either in Chile or abroad and while this is not important for well-known academics, it can mean total disaster for young lecturers. Some teachers have been arrested, tortured and then approached at a later date and asked if they wish to resume their employment. This is a low form of terrorism, using the innocent as an example to the apolitical.

The junta failed to realise that by their persecution

and brutality towards the Liberals, the Christian Democrats, and the apolitical they have added a whole new group to the vast forces opposing the junta. More and more Christian Democrat students and teachers are joining the anti-fascist front.

The delegation believes that the progressive forces—the resistance forces—are continually gaining more support for their aims and objectives and that a junta with no popular support cannot continue to control a mass movement by force of arms. Every action that they take assures them of fresh enemies and makes new revolutionaries. For three years Chile was on the road to socialism, and this provided a lesson that will not be forgotten despite the forces of fascism.

The junta has only disposed of the top leadership of a mass movement, and its methods have ensured that many more will now join that movement. The resistance forces are active, although underground, and when they are able to organise these potential new recruits a new Chile will emerge.

It became apparent to the delegation that the solidarity of other nations is not a gesture to political ideology. It is a concrete help to those people in Chile struggling for a free and just society. Our solidarity is not only wanted by the Chilean people, it is a necessity and an important tool in the fight to liberate the Chilean people. I believe that every Union in this country must express its solidarity with

Chile in as many concrete forms as possible. The rest is up to you.

Appendix

Text of a telegram sent by the XI Congress of the International Union of Students to Harold Wilson.

WE, THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE XI CONGRESS OF THE INTERNATIONAL UNION OF STUDENTS STRONGLY URGE THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT TO PREVENT THE SALE OF ALL ARMS TO THE CHILEAN MILITARY JUNTA AND ESPECIALLY THE TWO WARSHIPS AT PRESENT NEARLY COMPLETED STOP.

WE MAKE THIS CALL FOLLOWING THE DEBATE ON CHILE AND AFTER HEARING THE REPORT OF THE IUS DELEGATION TO CHILE STOP.

WE FEEL THAT THESE WARSHIPS WOULD BE USED BY THE JUNTA AGAINST THE RIGHTS AND INTERESTS OF THE CHILEAN PEOPLE STOP.

FELIX REVIEWS

RECORDS

JAMES LAST

Non-Stop Dancing Volume 16

Well he's done it yet again! — The Count Basie of Bremen — James Last (brother of that other superstar Kai Warner) comes up with another selection of popular tunes played in his own inimitable style.

This album was released to tie-in with Last's triumphant return to Britain this year, which included three sell out concerts at the Albert Hall. Perhaps the 'freaks' who organize entertainment in the college could cater for the taste of the majority of students for a change (we're not all into Man and Uriah Heep) and try and book the James Last

Orchestra (and Singers) for the Freshers Concert in October — a definite sell out, I'm sure.

All the tracks (27 in all) on this selection are even now being accepted as the standards of the seventies. These include the two fabulous Slade tracks — 'Skweeze Me, Pleeze Me', and 'My Friend Stan,' and for all you glitter fans 'I'm the Leader of the Gang', is also included. I'm certain Mick Jagger and Keith Richard really intended 'Angie' to be orchestrated in this way.

This must be the record to have at all your parties this summer, even if you do have volumes one to fifteen already.

However, for people just starting a James Last collection, I have a slight preference for 'Non Stop Dancing Volume Ten', which includes 'Na Na Hey Hey Kiss Him Goodbye,' and that other super 'rave from the grave' — 'Geh Aite, Schau, Mi Net So Teppert An'.

K.J.G.

CHAPMAN: WHITNEY

Streetwalkers

Roger Chapman and Charlie Whitney were vocalist and guitarist respectively with the now defunct Family and it was almost inevitable that their first album as Chapman : Whitney would be almost like a Family remake.

This is not quite so. "Streetwalkers", the album in question, does, to a certain extent, have a "Family" feel about it, but not so much as to make you think that it is just them.

On looking through the lyric sheet

you find that most of them refer to what could be regarded as streetwalkers — prostitutes, dirty old man, former beauty queen—whether they are intended to be a reflection on today's society I don't know. None of them could be regarded as happy songs.

Roger sounds as though he has been taking an extended mouthwash. A lot of the harshness he had with Family seems to have disappeared leaving a very clear, distinct voice which gives great feeling to the lyrics.

Charlie's guitar work is steady enough. Not flashy, not too outstanding but technically perfect, and quite capable of coming into its own when necessary.

It is Roger's vocals, however, that are the highlight of this really excellent album. It is really a shame that so few albums of this quality are produced.

THREE MAN ARMY

Three Man Army Two

Containing former members of Gun, Parrish & Gurvitz and the Jeff Beck Group one would obviously expect Three Man Army's new album "Three Man Army Two" to contain really heavy rock and this is exactly what you get.

Outstanding on this album is the guitar work of Adrian Curtis, playing lead and slide. Track two, "Today", written by himself is a prime example. It is laid back just to the right amount so that it doesn't overpower the remainder of the band, and this is so throughout the album. Curtis has also managed

to write some really excellent music like "Space in the Place". Full backing treatment is given to this with strings and piano, producing a sound very similar to the Electric Light Orchestra.

There are several mood changes on this album, the first two tracks on side 2 showing this to the full. The first is very hard driving, extremely fast instrumental, showing Curtis' guitar work and Tony Newman's drumming. Track two is much more flowing, easy going. String and horn backings again, with vocal support from Doris Troy and Madelin Bell, leading to a "switch-off" fade-out and straight into another driving, attacking number in which Paul Gurvitz's bass work is allowed more prominence.

The production work, by the band and Cyrano, is also very good. Throughout the album no one instrument is allowed to completely drown out any of the backing. Very well mixed and a pleasure to listen to.

A really good album and they should do well for themselves. They certainly deserve to with this album.

Crooning, as if trying to do very bad imitations of Tom Jones and Frank Ifield at the same time, he has managed to produce 37 minutes and 55 seconds (as supplied by the record cover) of quite unforgettable music. Unforgettable due to its atrocity.

Portsmouth Sinfonia, famous for throwing out musicians when they can play their instruments, ought to take him on as a permanent member, though he'd probably put the rest out of work.

Final comment: avoid it like the plague and the clap combined.

THEATRE

SHAW

King

What must be the most unusual rendering of the Arthurian legends is presently showing at the Shaw Theatre, Euston Road. It is in the form of a light-hearted musical (!) comedy called, simply, "The King," (by David Cregan), and revolves mainly around the sex-life (or lack of it from Arthur) of the knights in the legends.

Geoffrey Hutchings as Arthur gives an excellent rendering and is ably supported by the other leading players (Jon Parker as Merlin, Neil McCaul as Launcelot, Alison Steadman as Guinevere). The remaining 16 supporting players are not at all outstanding excepting the archbishop, played by Charles McKeown, who could easily double for Marty Feldman.

The play tries to show that the troubles experienced in Arthur's time stemmed from the fact that he was sexually

incapable. This leads to Launcelot being portrayed not just as Guinevere's lover but as a compulsive necrophiliac, and Arthur being unsuccessfully seduced by Morgan le Fay (Elizabeth Ward) portrayed as an undersexed redheaded sex bomb.

What made the play were the sets, designed by Tim Goodchild. A basically bare, sloped stage with simple props (throne, round table, bed) being moved on and off behind fairy-tale canvasses lowered onto the stage. These were excellent and it was unfortunate that the play was not up to the sets.

They have inserted a crowd puller in the form of a full frontal nudity scene between Launcelot and a female, Elaine (Joanna Tope) after having had an unsuccessful bed session. Well, I suppose there had to be some point of interest in the play.

A light-hearted play, good for a laugh or two, but not exactly the most enthralling piece on the London stage. Note: Due to bad reviews from the critics, Shaw theatre have now made entrance free for this play.

BOOKS

ANTHONY ARBLASTER

Acamemic Freedom

This book, written on request from the Council for Academic Freedom, is essentially an attack on the present hierarchal structure of tertiary educational institutions, with emphasis on the university sector. The author correlates the authoritarian trends in society with the repressive measures which appear to be becoming more frequently taken against both dissenting staff and students. We all support academic freedom, says Arblaster, but freedom for whom?

"Some have been quick to cry out in defence of academic freedom when professors, or MPs, have been shouted down, or even simply heckled, by student audiences, but they have remained silent when radical or dissident staff have been victimised or have lost their jobs—a much more serious penalty."

By the use of many case histories this book shows that, or attempts to show, that academic freedom is being strang-

led by, or abused by, the senior academics and administrators by their refusal to listen to suggestions or demands from radical staff or students. He maintains that the arrogance of these men leaves little room for debate about the proper methods of learning. He gives Sir Michael Swann, the former Vice-Chancellor of Edinburgh, as an example of one of these men, and one can only bring to mind the lack of respect for him of his students.

This book pays little attention to the student who wants to be educated to a particular profession such as engineering. The author recognises none of the benefits which may be derived from a connection with industry, for example, and only stresses the dangers of such arrangements. He decries absolutely the acceptance of Ministry of Defence grants (Heriot-Watt receives very little from the M.O.D. e.g. £10,000 under the direction of Mr. A. N. Dickson, Dept. of Mech. Eng.).

Despite, or because of this, depending on your point of view, the left wing bias of this book it is an excellent documentation of academic suppression in the last few years and provides a penetrating analysis of many of the problems in the universities and colleges today. Paperback, price 50p, Penguin.

S. J. M. Wood

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A LEAFLET GIVING THE BASIC INFORMATION ABOUT HOW TO GET IT IS AVAILABLE NOW IN THE UNION OFFICE. BELOW IS A SUMMARY OF ITS CONTENTS.

DAVE ASHBY,
Welfare Officer

If you are virtually without any financial support for the vacation, remember that you are eligible, as a student, to claim supplementary benefit during the vacations.

There are several types of grant made by Education authorities for vacation support and you should check first that you cannot get any of these. If you have to do a specific field course or compulsory vacation course, the University is responsible for giving you additional grant. Also, LEAs have powers to give "discretionary vacation hardship" grants to their award holders in the vacation; the current maximum is £6.55 per week. LEAs have their own various and stringent rules about these and rarely give them—but some local Social Security offices tell students to apply first to their LEA for vacation support before they will award supplementary benefit so you might be saving yourself time and trouble by getting your LEA's refusal in good time.

HOW TO GET IT

When you have finished your term and are no longer required to attend University, you are free to go to the nearest Local Office of the Department of Employment and sign on there as available for work. You can state a preferred type of work and if it is available, it will be offered to you. If that sort of job is not available you will have to consider any job which is not clearly, in the judgment of the Employment Officer, unsuitable for you by virtue of your physical weakness, handicap, or some other reason of that kind. You can insist on a specific type of job. If there is no work on offer then you are entitled to supplementary benefit for any period of unemployment—this also covers any reasonable period when you are genuinely pursuing jobs but turning them down for some valid reason.

You should ask for Form B1 applying for supplementary benefit, and fill it in, indicating if your need is urgent. The Department of Employment Local Office may send it on for you, or you can take it yourself direct to the Department of Health and Social Security local office, particularly if your need is urgent. You may have to make an appointment for your interview with the DHSS and you should check on this with the Department of Employment local office.

At the interview with the DHSS local office to assess your supplementary benefit, you will probably need to be able to produce documentary evidence, such as your rent book, proof of the dates of your vacation and terms, details of any income such as wage slips, receipts for fuel bills, your bank statements—for instance you may be asked to prove that you have spent your grant. Always give accurate information and do not withhold any

details they need to have. You may find that they visit you—usually within a week—to make their own assessment of the situation.

A few days later you should receive a statement of the amount of supplementary benefit awarded; at the same time the DHSS office will explain the method—usually a Giro Cheque cashable at a specified post office by which it will be paid; and you will also be told the day and time each week when you are required to sign on at the Department of Employment.

HOW MUCH MIGHT IT BE?

The maximum supplementary benefit you can receive in the vacations depend on a number of things—your age, where and how you are living, your savings, various commitments, and so on, the following is a general rough guide:

(a) If you live at home with your parents in the vacation you are regarded as a "non-householder"; your maximum personal allowance is £5.70 a week if you are 18 or more. An additional sum of 80p per week is also payable to you instead of rent, as a contribution to your parents rent, etc.

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APPEALS

If you wish to appeal against the assessment made by the DHSS, you can do so by writing to them stating your wish to appeal; you must do this within 21 days of their decision. At the appeal tribunal you may call any witness you wish, and may be represented by anyone whom you consider qualified to do so. Students are advised to apply in good time to the NUS Legal Aid fund, where financial help is needed. Examples of points on which appeals have been made are: the Social Security office will assume that you have received the parental contribution due from your parents even though you have perhaps never had anything from them; they will assume that you have actually had the maximum element of £2.09 a week already in your grant; you may have an exceptional needs problem and so on.

The above, which was extracted from "Claim your vacation Benefit", an NUS pamphlet, gives a brief outline of the procedures and problems you will face. Whatever happens remember that supplementary Benefit is something to which you are entitled, it's not a fiddle.

CALM AT ESSEX

The general committee of senate at Essex University defeated tough new proposals last Wednesday week, and the picket finished last Friday week. With these two moves calm now appears to be returning to the campus.

The possibility of granting an area to the student's union for its own use is to be looked into and the students' union is confident that such an area will be found.

The disciplinary proposals, which would have vested all powers of the disciplinary committee in the proctor, were defeated in the general committee of the senate by 33 votes to two.

At a students' union meeting it was decided unanimously to end the picket and the blacking of retail outlets with the exception of the general

store which is to be boycotted as part of a campaign against higher prices.

The union has decided to freeze £20 of the Conservative Association's funds. Mr. Colin Beardon, president-elect, said that the association had tried to claim expenses for the visit of Mr. John Biggs-Davison, M.P., but they had not adopted the proper procedure and the students' union had not approved of the meeting.

The Conservative Association then said that they would withdraw their funds in any event and the union decided to freeze their funds for this year as a penalty. A member of the association said last week that if the money was not returned they would take legal action.

I C and OIL

The University Grants Committee has recommended that Heriot-Watt University in Edinburgh and Imperial College, London, should become centres for education in petroleum engineering.

This follows the proposals of an inter-departmental working party in education and training for offshore developments, which suggested that two such centres should be established in Britain.

Plans are now in hand to finalise the details of Imperial's course.

RCA

Annually, the Royal College of Art (at the rear of the Union) holds an exhibition of the work done by its students during the year.

Contrary to popular opinion, RCA students do not spend all their time painting nudes. Their range of work is quite amazing. Silverware and jewellery, textiles, ceramics, still and movie photography, architectural designs, modern sculpture, painting, furniture, graphics... the list is endless. Numerous students also work on industrial design. In recent years they have covered power drills, hi-fi speakers, cabins for boats, cash tills, invalid carriages.

This year's exhibition is from 13th to 18th June, open from 10.00 - 20.00, admission free. Most exhibits are in the main R.C.A. building, with large sculpture in their Queen Gate building and painting in Exhibition Road (back of Huxley building).

It is certainly an exhibition not to be missed.

A BROAD LEFT

VIEW ON ABORTION

The Society for the Protection of the Unborn Child, a powerful lobby for the repeal of the Abortion Law, held its annual rally on Sunday, April 28th in London. It claimed an attendance of 80,000 — in reality a figure of between 40-50,000, but despite the overestimations of the organisers, the truth is that SPUC is growing in size in all areas, and increasing its influence amongst working class.

On Sunday as people assembled to the faded tunes of organ music reminiscent of "Stars on Sunday" they were greeted by an anti-demonstration organised by the Women's Liberation Movement, the N.U.S. and Left groups. The anti-demo was small in comparison to SPUC's 2,000.

The real importance of the Left of organisations such as SPUC is twofold. Firstly, the demand for women to control their own biology and sexuality is integral to the Left, as it challenges the patriarchal basis of our society and the role of the nuclear family in class society. Thus it is a principle which the whole of the Left must actively support. Secondly, given the allegations that the stewards at the SPUC events are close associates of the National Front, we must be aware that the potential force for mobilisation over an emotive issue such as abortion need not necessarily stop there — once mobilised and organised this becomes a platform for further reaction. The National Front are not interested in protecting life—

So at last we reach the end of another Felix era. As from next issue (when-ever that may be) Felix will be printed on offset litho. This, however, is not new as it was printed on litho for a number of years at the turn of the sixties.

The main difference this time is, of course, that the printing will be done on the premises with our own machines. The advantages are obvious. Not only will it be much cheaper but also we will have complete control over every stage of the production (which will help avoid the poor paper quality and atrocious folding of the last issue) eventually leading to a better quality issue altogether.

My thanks to Scaramanga (page 3) for his comments about Felix, (no comment on the other section). I feel, however, that it is not fully justified. All I have ever tried to do with Felix is to print the articles that people wanted to read. This means quite a lot of bum-kicking (that is a k and not an l) to encourage the strongest supporters of

they are interested in the maintenance of a particular form of capitalism within which the psychology of patriarchy plays an integral part. They do not support SPUC because they believe in the sanctity of human life—certain associates of theirs have throughout history played such hideous parts in destroying it.

The Left must recognise its responsibility to counter the false ideas perpetuated through organisations like SPUC because they highlight all the connections between sexism, racism and the basis of capitalism. We must do this by countering the organisations themselves at the same time as we actively adopt the demands of the Women's Movement and fight for them.

SPUC maintains that abortion is murder and that it kills — we say that back street abortion kills women; SPUC maintains that "all" have a right to live — we say that all children should be wanted children and that only women have the right to decide whether or not they want a child. We do not believe that "if you play with fire you should be prepared to be burnt" — we believe that sexuality is an integral part of every person and not simply a factor for reproduction. We also believe that children born unwanted or into the misery of poverty suffer. We demand contraception which is safe and free and when it fails the right for every woman to receive an abortion on the National Health if she does not want a child.

EDITORIAL

people to write their articles on time, and on the whole this has been successful. The life-blood of Felix is its articles. Before I took over it had reached the situation where no-one would write articles because no-one would ever read Felix. All I have done is to change that situation.

I hope that next year's editor will use some of the ideas that I have tried, along with others that I haven't had time to try. The societies' page was an immense success, normally being subscribed for two issues hence. I would encourage even more societies to take the opportunity of advertising themselves to the freshmen during the first term. Sport is always a favourite and here I must give my deepest thanks to Bob Barley for the extra bum-kicking that he has given the sports clubs to ensure that they write their articles, and for the many hours that he must have spent counting words so that I didn't have the chore. But of course my main thanks must go to all those that have written

articles for submission, be they humorous, factual, boring (sorry Trev) or even ones that I disagreed with.

Keep them coming during the next year and Felix will be even better than it has been this year.

NEXT ISSUE

It is not known yet whether this will be the last issue to be printed this term. I hope to produce an off-set litho printed edition in the last week of term. This will be mainly for annual reports, colours lists and the like though I am quite willing to print any short articles that you may have, I say short, though, because I will probably have to type out all the articles and typing is not my strong point. It will be possible to do photographs (I hope). If you have any short articles that you would like printing could you please let me have them by Friday, 14th June.

CHILE

Those of you in the know may remember that I am not exactly one of

the Chile campaigns, mainly due to disinterest. Despite that, I would encourage you to read the article on the centre spread. It is an eye witness report, made recently by a delegation to the country that included an NUS representative. I think that you will find it to be quite an eye-opener.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The most light-hearted of the Union meetings will be held on Thursday June 13th in the Great Hall, College Block at 1.00. This is usually a very lively affair, with the added interest this year of the rag charities for the next session. The Union General Awards and ICU Social Colours are also presented at this meeting. The final item is, as usual the official hand-over, rather strange as myself, Norm and all the others do not relinquish our posts till July 31st. Anyway, it makes a change from the usual boring meetings and is definitely not to be missed. Fancy dress is quite welcome.

PURPLE PATCH

Here we are at the end of yet another year. (Remarkable, isn't it — this is almost identical to the way in which I began the first article in Felix this year!!!), and let's face it, what difference can you see in the Union to what you could see at the beginning of the year. NOTHING. In many ways you are correct, in that not very much has changed during our year as far as the majority of students are concerned, although this does not mean that nothing has been happening. Many projects have got off the ground, and it will not be until next year that you begin to see the benefits of these, such as the proposed alterations to the Union Building, and also the new printing unit which we are getting. New accommodation has been found which will help students next year — in fact we will be able to accommodate around 70 more students in houses around college and also there is a possibility of our getting more accommodation which we will let to married post-graduates, but this is still in the pipeline. You may very well see or rather hear a Campus Radio station in action next year, which should help you to find out more of what your Union is trying to do for you.

I could go on for a long time on all the items which we have done for you, and also about all those items which you have been doing for yourselves, but I am sure that you would only get bored and begin to say: "Well, that is what we elected them to do anyhow, so why are they blowing their own trumpets?", and I would say that this would be a very justified comment.

Coming up to the present, most of you (Undergraduates especially) will be in the throes of examinations at present. I am very lucky this year in not having any, but you have my fullest sympathy, and I hope that you all at least manage to scrape through them and on to yet another fruitful year at college.

One comment which I feel I must make at this point is dealing with that controversial topic of negotiation. I have been told many times that we should not become too involved in the mechanics of college block or we will

merely become a sub-section of their administration. Up to a point I would agree with this philosophy but I, and I think the rest of this year's executive, would agree that the only way in which to expect co-operation from the college is to co-operate from this side, and not merely expect everything to be handed to us on a plate. This has always been the way in this college, and is the reason for the good relations which we have with the college at present, and I for one would be very unhappy to see this situation deteriorating.

This year we have achieved a very good working relationship and I believe that this is one which we should nurture and foster in the future.

Coming back on to student matters. Sick as it may seem to say this, we have had very little trouble from the students in the college this year. By this I mean groups causing trouble of one sort or another, especially on the Political front. This has made my job a lot easier, and left me to be able to deal with some of the more important difficulties of certain students which have normally proved to be far more interesting to handle, and also far more rewarding to see the solution of.

All in all I have had a great year and although I don't think that I would ever repeat it, I would not have missed it for the world. I would like to take this opportunity of saying thank you to all those people who throughout the year have helped to make the job seem less like Hell, and have at many times really put themselves out to help organising and also sorting out various items, without you it would have been impossible to have done those things which I wanted to do. Thanks a million.

It looks as though my summer could prove to be a very interesting one, and I hope that you all get to have at least some time to yourselves away from college, and have a whale of a time.

Thanks once again for giving me a great year, I hope that I have been able to make a good attempt at the job which last year you elected me to do.

Yours in the Union,
Norm.

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FENCING CLUB

Visit to France April '74

EN GARDE, PRÊT?, ALLEZ, SPLAT (Or how we foiled the Froggies)

Having won our section of the London League and with our considerable achievements in the International Leamington Spa contest — which our Olympic fencer, Roman Gomez, won, it looked as if our tour of Paris would be too easy. But Alas, not so. On the day before the tour began Roman was struck down with 'flu and so it was a somewhat weakened team of the I.C. fencing club that set off at 6.30 on Friday morning to tour Paris. Unaccustomed to being awake at this early hour, the driver and navigator, who shall remain nameless (thanks for the hush money, Kay), promptly fell asleep and we got lost in South Kensington. Otherwise the journey to Ramsgate was made unbearable by Steve (I'm not a sheep) Thompson spotting buses, counting the legs of pubs and deciphering school names.

ARRIVAL

An uneventful hover ride later we were driving at a leisurely pace through the sun-drenched French countryside, regretting not having to attend lectures like all you other lucky students. Our first encounter with the French was an attempt to acquire a cork-screw. Despite the efforts of our linguist, we never did. However, wine was procured and from there on the journey definitely livened up. Paris was eventually reached, by superb timing, at rush hour. Thanks to the combined skill of Julian and eleven backseat drivers, we survived a hair-raising journey across the whole of Paris. It was only when we had arrived at the luxurious Hotel Star in the tres chic Avenue Emile Zola, that the locals managed to score a hit, which was only a slight glance anyway.

WORLD CHAMPION

A quick unpack and we were off again — to the exclusive Racing Club of France. After we had finished drooling over the superb fencing equipment we settled down to some practice matches with the resident fencers, who included some international sabreurs and woman's foilists, not to mention the odd American. Some of our more talented fencers were honoured with the presence of no less a maestro of the pointed steel stick than Christian Noel, the current world champion foilist. (I was unlucky to lose — Wine taster). The fencing instructor took a fancy to our three ladies and abducted them to the nearest cafe. Being a gentleman as well as a Frenchman, he paid for the rest of the team's wine as well. We finally rescued a by now rather inebriated Jo from his clutches and retired to another local cafe for some steak and chips (and wine).

Breakfast revealed our inadequate mastery of French. Thanks to Mike's efforts we sat for twenty minutes with no bread on which to spread our rhubarb jam. (Steve and Gordon's absence was noted — perhaps they're sharing a room?)

Saturday morning saw ten frantic fencers sight-seeing Paris. One of the sights was Mike and Chris imitating gargoyles on the rood of the Notre Dame Cathedral. Fortified by some VIN superior, the team set off to find the mini bus, which was eventually located hiding behind a forty franc parking ticket. Despite the efforts of our many French scholars, the exact nature of our crime was never ascertained.

1st WIN

Julian had by now become thoroughly French in his approach to driving and a few U-turns, red lights and anguished cries of "Oh les Anglais" later, we arrived at the Cerde D'Eserime De Vincennes. (A fencing club located in the cellars of a school on the outskirts of Paris). Despite a nasty brush with French plumbing facilities, we started our tour in grand style and proceeded to tear our opponents to pieces. The mens foil, consisting of Lawrence, Julian and Richard won 7-2, with Lawrence in superb form. The free alcohol was then brought out (unfair that), which resulted in Lawrence losing his first epee bout, before recovering to win the last two and so help Andrew and Julian score a 5-4 victory. The sabre team of Steve, Julian and Mike won 6-3 as did the

woman's foil of Kay, Julia and Jo, against much more experienced opposition.

LOSS

Having thus demolished our opponents 24-12, we proceeded to take advantage of their tremendous hospitality (expressed in terms of lavish quantities of free alcohol). Eventually we had to leave, as we were already supposed to be fencing another match. A hasty trip through Paris (which included walking up the Rue de Martyrs in full fencing gear — Andrew had to be rescued from some rather funny looking Frenchmen) brought us to the Club de la Tour D'Auvergne, a famous club with a history going back to the French revolution. Unfortunately the wine was beginning to tell, especially on the women's foil team, whose opponents included identical twins, both of whom had considerable experience, (fencing, that is). Julia didn't even realise that they looked alike — she was also very prone to fits of giggles and saying strange things. Despite this she actually won a bout. The men's foil team also lost, but the epee and sabre teams both fought well and both won 6-3. Julian was thriving on the wine and outfenced his opponents in all three weapons. In fact his fencing was almost as good as his driving. The overall result of the match was a narrow defeat for us, but the excellent meal that was brought for us by Maitre Leblond more than made up for this.

The ride home, which began by us reversing into the car behind, included a superb rendering of the engineer's song, interrupted only by a near broadside hit from a rather large tourist bus. Steve announced his changing from bus spotting to 'bust spotting as we flashed past the Folies Pigalle. Other places we avoided were Maxims and Dirty Dick's. Steve had to be restrained from spitting into the Seine and admitted that his great ambition was to spit into the Grand Canyon. The evening was rounded off by waking up a rather irate manager to gain access to the hotel.

CHAMPIONSHIPS

On Sunday, the more able fencers rose at 7.30 to take part in various competitions. The Ladies foil contest was a final preliminary competition for the world championships and Kay Nicholson did very well, only missing the 4th round by one hit. Joe Grut and Julia Harris also took part. Meanwhile, at the opposite end of Paris, a Sabre contest was being held. The 120 entrants included the entire French international squad as well as Dutch and American teams. Mike Burke reached the second round, whilst Julian Tyson and Steve Thompson both reached the quarter finals, which gives them the distinction of being unofficially ranked within the top 24 French sabreurs.

The rest of the group, ably led by Lawrence (Culture Vulture) Boyd put in a spot of advanced tourism and visited both the Louvre and the Impressionist museum. This proved more than adequate to quench the aesthetic thirst of IC students, and so some wine (and a very costly and inedible mis-translation of the menu by Richard) later, we headed for the fleshpots of Montmartre. Apart from the odd fire breather, Richard attempting to borrow 60 francs (she wasn't bad), Lawrence disappearing for an inordinate length of time (listening to a service at Sacre Coeur was his excuse) Gordon inspecting all pissoirs and Chris hunting frantically for "Dirty Dick's", it was just like any normal Sunday afternoon.

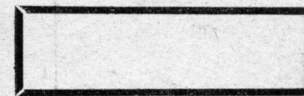
STREAK

That evening some aimless street wandering was followed by an exuberant Metro ride to the Eiffel tower, which was judged to stand on a base precisely one hockey pitch and a fencing piste long by an expert in these (and other) matters. A streak down the Champs de Mars was ruled out by an unpleasantly cold wind and we had to be content with funny jokes about Richard and a certain young French lady.

Monday morning saw us studying the rather interesting positions Rodins figures managed to pose in, whilst Richard lay ill in bed, with some ailment that apparently afflicted him from the waist down.

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PARIS UNIV

In the afternoon Steve, Gordon and Chris were left to "do" Paris whilst the rest headed to Versailles, intrigued by Jo's account of what the cherubs in the paintings really do. A picnic lunch on the steps of Versailles (which included the dreaded Goats Milk cheese) was followed by endless halls of mirrors and state rooms, all with paintings of cherubs, which were examined for interesting behaviour. Lawrence fought hard with his Scottish nature before PAYING to use a toilet and we then headed back to the Avenue Emile Zola to pick up the rest of the team for the match with Paris University. Here, in an excellently equipped Sports complex, with an entire gym for fencing and judo, our epee team continued their unbeaten run, massacring their opponents 13-2. The men's foil, weakened by Richard still being ill and thus not able to fight lost their match, despite Steve's use of the foil as a sabre. The sabre team came up against some very tough competition, the opposition having had one semi-finalist and one quarter-finalist in the previous day's contest, and without Roman, we never really had a chance and went down 6-3. The ladies foil were also up against a very good team, including one member of the French team at the World student games, and were beaten. The second foil team did well, fencing the same team as the first foil and losing by the same margin (though winning 2-1 on broken blades).

Once again we were superbly entertained, in a basement restaurant in the Latin Quarter. The meal, which included a genuine I.C. sugar cube fight, and Steve stripping down to his new purple vest, finally finished at one in the morning, with Miss Harris refusing to apologise for her terrible gluttony in consuming two steaks. We then indulged in a final ride round the fleshpots of Montmartre before returning to wake up the manager of the hotel again.

RETURN

The homeward journey was marked only by our being thoroughly questioned, one at a time, by the British Customs officials. It was only after the sixth person confessed to having bought a fencing blade in France, that we were dismissed as misguided but harmless eccentrics.

London was finally reached and a pint of British ale had by each member of the team at 7 p.m. that evening — marking the end of a very enjoyable and successful tour. Outstanding performances were Julian's fencing over 50 bouts, and winning more than half of them, and Andrew Barbut (our junior British Pentathlete) only losing two of his bouts. Our overall score, in the three team events, was 62 for, 59 against, a very pleasing result.



Back Row: Mike Burke, Julian Tyson, Lawrence Boyd, Julia Harris, Steve Thompson (Captain), Richard Annett.

Middle: Kay Nicholson, Jo Grut, Gordon MacKay.

Front: Chris Murray, Andrew Barbut.

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TABLE TENNIS

Yes, there really is a TT club at IC. Indeed, over 70% of players representing London Universities teams are from this college, which probably explains the apparent lack of activity here.

About half-a-dozen friendly matches were played and IC, frequently putting out weak teams to give the opposition a chance, managed to lose most of them. However, our superiority remains undisputed.

Inside IC the club championships reached a climax (?) last Tuesday when the finals were played. Three of the four seeds reached the final—the other through a severe attack of apathy failed to play any of his matches.

Andy Beal unfortunate-

ly failed to play up to expectations and lost both matches two—straight, though he should continue to improve as he gains more match experience. This left Graham King and Gerwyn Edwards (both of whom collected their purples the day before) to play the deciding match. Both players showed the inevitable signs of match practice, and in a fairly scrappy match King ran out winner 21-10, 21-15.

It is hoped that the handicap KO competition can be finished before the end of term. It is (at last) through to the semi-final stage with O. Ogundipe (+10) to play H. Kumar (+8) for a place in the final against King (—8) or Beal (+1).

GOLFING COMMENT

Warm congratulations to John Mendonca for gaining his first full international cap. In his debut appearance for Portugal he defeated the current French National Champion 2 and 1. A remarkable feat to crown an excellent season with both IC and London University.

Also to be congratulated is Bill Calderwood for gaining a full 'purple' for his performances in numerous London University matches.

TENNIS v QEC

The men's 1st VI tennis team began the season with a convincing 8-1 victory against QEC at Harlington last Saturday. Although the turnout for the trials of Wednesday was rather disappointing (finals taking its heavy toll) the general standard of play was quite good and certainly matched that of last year.

The team was represented by J. Price (capt.), D. Tunner, M. White, S.

McKechme, R. Manson-King, B. Finney.

Next Saturday in the first round of the ULU cup the team face Guy's Hospital which should be a very tough match.

If the weather holds this term, there promises to be a wealth of fixtures played. Anyone who is interested please contact either C. Steele, Linstead Hall, or J. C. Price, Garden Hall.

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Across: 1 Helicon; 3 Fireman; 7 Abracadabra; 9 Hoove; 10 Treat; 12 Peril; 13 Stir Up; 14 Resign; 18 Early; 19 Extra; 20 Alarm; 22 Stool pigeon; 23 Hanging; 24 Magnify.

Down: 1 Hirstute; 2 Orach; 4 Image; 5 Nightly; 6 Lagoon; 7 Adventurous; 8 Aggregation; 11 Tardy; 12 Paste; 15 Debauch; 16 Clamps; 17 Naughty; 20 Acorn; 21 Magma.

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BOAT CLUB

Fourteen members of the Boat Club took off from Gatwick Airport on Monday, April 1st, on a DC10, having first made sure there was a good strong bit of sticky tape around the vulnerable door. The flight to New York could not have been more comfortable. We arrived at Kennedy Airport around 5.30 p.m. and were met by an airport official carrying a card "Imperial College Crew" blazoned across it. After a long delay awaiting our baggage, the airport official escorted us to a coach that took us on a 3½ hour journey to Amherst where our hosts, the University of Massachusetts, are situated. Here at midnight we were met by Mike Vespoli, the U. Mass. crew coach, who very quickly and efficiently had us bedded down for the night in our quarters.

Awakening the next day to a very rainy morning, it was decided to settle in after the long journey, and leave our rowing until Wednesday. This gave us the opportunity to look at the University Campus, which extends over a couple of square miles and has at the moment 22,000 students.

Mike Vespoli, the perfect host, acquired us a very big car for our transport to and from their boathouse, which lay on the Connecticut River, six miles away. The crew settled in the boat after a few adjustments and were given a set of Ayling's oars which we used the entire time.

Massachusetts

On Wednesday evening, University of Massachusetts gave a welcoming party for us which was attended by the Heads of Departments and other celebrities. A huge cake was made for us—of around 4 sq. ft. iced in blue and white with "WELCOME IMPERIAL COLLEGE" on it, with tea made in our honour and of course a special "Punch" was also available. The President of their boat club made a speech of welcome to us and extended their best wishes for a pleasant time during our visit—and hopes for further trips between the two boat clubs. I was able to reply before the punch took hold and to thank everyone concerned for what they had already done to make our stay very enjoyable and present them with the I.C. Crest, suitably inscribed, as a mark of our appreciation.

After two outings on Wednesday and two on Thursday, Friday had to be given up for the boat to be transported to Boston, approximately 100 miles away. On Saturday the crew left Amherst at 6.30 a.m. for their race against M.I.T. (Massachusetts Institute of Technology) and U. Mass. The travelling proved too much for us, plus the fact of the little time we had been together as a crew. Hence the result was U. Mass. 6 min. 23 sec., M.I.T. 6.30 and I.C. 6.45. In the afternoon the lads looked over Boston and although disappointed at the race results were not dismayed.

I.C. Ex-President

On our arrival back from Boston a pleasant surprise was waiting for us. John Levy had been able to contact Dr. A. Kitchener, President of the I.C. Union '53, who was living in New York. He arrived at the Campus where a number of the crew and John, Professor Stein and his wife, Sally and myself, enjoyed a meal. After dinner, drinks were then served. After the main party left, Kitch, John and I went to Amherst and settled in the bar of the Lord Jeffery Inn and past feats and memories were discussed and a lovely round off to a pleasant day was had. Kitch, wearing the blazer of the Staten Island Cricket Club is Vice-President of the New York Cricket Association and organises Rugby Football referees in and around New York. He had been refereeing a rugger match at Providence that afternoon. What an ambassador from I.C.!

Kent and Ice

On Monday, we rigged the boat, had two outings and greatly improved. On Tuesday with the temperature below zero and everything covered with ice, we decided on one long outing and then called it a day. On Wednesday morning we left by car with our oars on top at 9 a.m. for Kent School approximately 150 miles away. For this trip Hayden Thomas borrowed a car from a U. Mass. friend which allowed us to take everyone, considering Hayden had only just passed his driving test, great credit must be given to him as the roads were still pretty icy. We arrived at Kent around 1 p.m. and were given a boat that only needed a few adjustments. The crew really went well and at 3 p.m. we accompanied Kent School first boat and rowed six times for 1½ minutes. Each time Kent would start well up, and made sure we did not catch them until the fourth row. On the fifth, we made sure we were level and were able

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to hold them and the last row of all saw us really beat them. This was indeed their best row yet. So much so as to make Kent fight shy of any further racing; the crew can be proud of this performance. Our hosts, Hart Perry, the Dean of Students, and his coach, Stuart McDonald, then took us to the dining hall and entertained us to dinner. Afterwards, some of us were shown around the school and its new sports centre. Others had a look at Kent itself, a quaint little place. We then all met in a School House Lounge for a chat and refreshments. The beer was very good.

On Thursday morning breakfast was at 8 a.m. and Hart Perry presented us all with a glass tankard with the School Crest and the 50 years of Kent School Book autographed by the Headmaster and Hart Perry. Our stay with Kent was really something to be remembered.

Yale and Sun

We left Kent at 11 a.m. Thursday and arrived at Yale, 80 miles further south at 1 p.m. We were met by Jerry Romano, the Yale rigger and given a boat to try and after a couple of quick try-outs we basked in the sunshine, with the temperature around 70 degrees. We awaited the arrival of the Yale first boat and their heavyweight freshmen, most of whom had rowed at school with their Coach, Tony Johnson. We boated with these two crews for a series of starts and rows of various lengths, finishing with a three minute row. Whilst holding the heavyweights most of the time, the Yale first boat was decidedly stronger and had the better of us in the long pieces of rowing. But considering the change of boats, plus the travelling, the crew did very well. After the boating we then motored a few miles to Yale University for dinner and after an hour's look around, we left at 8.45 p.m. for Amherst, arriving back around midnight.

The Big One

On Friday we had a couple of outings to get ready for the big race on Easter Saturday against U. Mass. and La Salle University. The crew settled back into their U. Mass boat very quickly and were improving every minute. On Saturday the weather man gave us his third change and let the rain down quite heavily. The three crews lined up with U. Mass. and us both leaving La Salle rapidly. But U. Mass. clashed with La Salle—so the race was stopped and re-started. This time U. Mass. had the better start and went ahead after a minute. I.C. again drawing away from La Salle. At half-way U. Mass. were three-quarters of a length up on I.C. with La Salle about the same down on us—and from there to the finish U. Mass. drew away from I.C. with I.C. drawing away from La Salle. The finish being U. Mass. 6.26—I.C. 6.40—La Salle 6.55—a very good row indeed for I.C.

Technique

The main comment from the American coaches about the I.C. crew was that their technique was better than the Americans', but strength through the water needed improvement. This I thoroughly agree with. I do thank our two very Senior men, Chris George, and Neil James for accompanying us and really boosting our crew and for our 2nd VIII lightweights who made up the crew with only four 1st VIII. I think the trip was a tremendous success and I pay tribute to all the lads for their conduct on and off the water. It was in keeping with I.C.'s reputation of good sportsmanship. I should also like to thank everyone who made this trip possible for us, and to our American hosts wherever we went. I can only say "thank you" and "please invite us again".

I must make special mention to one Steve Wise. On the eve of the trip I needed one man to keep the party number up, so John Levy, who we have lent to Thames Rowing Club to be their captain, gave permission for me to ask one of his boys—and Steve at very short notice came with us. His ability as an oarsman and his companionship throughout the trip was true Boat Club spirit. We do thank him very much and hope he enjoyed it as much as we enjoyed his being with us.

Finally I must say a special thanks to John Levy for being the instigator of this trip and for all his help and support at home and with us in America. With John, was Professor Otto Stein, his friend, and now the friend of I.C. Boat Club and Mike Vespoli, the U. Mass. Coach, who made it his prime object to make our stay as pleasant and enjoyable as one could hope it could be. There was nothing that was too much trouble for Mike to immediately attend to; he arranged all the races and trips to Boston, Kent and Yale; he was just the perfect host. I only hope I personally can return his hospitality in the future, as I know the Boat Club as a whole would wish to do.