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THE DOUBLE BLUFF!

Trevor for the NUS

The Broad Left has announced its list of candidates for the coming NUS Executive elections which will take place during April at Llandudno. Who would stand was decided at a meeting of 103 "student leaders" on Friday January 24th.

Featured in the list as a candidate for one of the four offices of Vice-President is our own president, Trevor Phillips. Elsewhere there is speculation as to whether he will also be a candidate for job of ULU President.

The full list is: PRESIDENT, Charles Clarke (King College Cambridge and currently NUS Deputy President); TREASURER, John Carr (LSE and currently President of ULU and NUS Vice-President); and

SECRETARY, Sue Slipman (Institute of Education and currently NUS Vice-President); all of which posts would be sabbatical.

For the four offices of VICE-PRESIDENT: Pete Ashby (Warwick), Jec Lloyd (Liverpool), Trevor Phillips (Imperial), and John Webster (Architectural Association and currently President of the London Student Organisation).

(See Editorial, page 2).

University Challenge Fiasco

OH, WHAT a naus! what a total pain in the shambles!

Last Wednesday's trip up to Manchester to see IC play in Grenada TV's University Challenge produced what amounts to a total cock-up.

A coach load of reverberating IC students left the Union at 1.15pm and reached the studios (after having broken down near Birmingham) just in time to see Hull beat the favourites, Lady Mary Hall, Oxford. Had Hull lost, L.M.H. would have retired having won three successive games leaving IC to take on the New University of Ulster. But as it turned out, Hull played N.U.U. and IC did

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NUS POSTERS

Will those people who continually rip down the NUS Grants Campaign posters KINDLY DESIST. The NUS are entitled to have their say no matter how much you may disagree with it.

WARNING

Notice is hereby given that on Tuesday, 11th February, a pancake race between ICWA and the ICU Exec will be ran (the Editor of FELIX will umpire). Also, the fire hoses will be tested in Beit quad SIMULTANEOUSLY. KEEP CLEAR unless you want a soaking!

ON FRIDAY, 31st January, City and Guilds Union wrote a letter to the Cambourne School of Mines offering to sell Davey (the RSMU mascot) for £50. At the same time, a copy of this letter was sent to John Mortimer, the RSMU President.

The following Monday, 3rd February, the City and Guilds Union received two letters that contradicted each other. It was decided that one of the letters was a fake and after some scrutiny, it was agreed which one of the two it was. The fake letter contained a telephone number and a name, Andy Beck, whom C&GU were to contact in order to sell the mascot.

Andy Beck was contacted at the given phone number and a meeting was arranged to be held at 4.00p.m. on Wednesday 5th February, to exchange Davey for the agreed sum.

However, on Wednesday

morning, C&GU made a wooden replica which looked just like the real thing and filled it with wet sand.

The said meeting took place at the agreed time and the replica was exchanged for £50. It has since come to light that this person, Andy Beck, was in fact acting on instructions from RSMU (as C&GU had suspected), although he is not a member of RSM.

It would thus appear that RSMU now have a "Wooden Davey" and they are £50 the poorer for it, whereas C&GU still have the original Davey.

When The Two Ends Of The POLITICAL SPECTRUM Meet

YESTERDAY THERE was a confrontation between the National Front and all the left of centre political groups at IC. This followed an attempt by the NF to book a room under the auspices of the Young Socialist Student Society for 1 p.m. yesterday.

However the booking was revoked and an open meeting of the external affairs committee was called in its stead. However the National Front (NF) did not agree that their meeting had been cancelled.

So 12.30pm saw a large gathering in the front entrance to Mech. Eng. waiting for developments. The NF and Socialists were both there distributing opposing literature. Also present were the college authorities, and the police who were "observing a NF march from the V & A".

When Stoic filmed the scene the socialists burst into a chant of "National Front - Nazi

Front". Also "what are you going to do with the blacks?" To which NF replied "kick them out". The NF placards (small pieces of cardboard box) read: "Don't be bullied by communist thugs", "National Front puts Britain First", "Stand Up for Democracy", "Stand Up for Free Speech".

ICU President, Trevor Phillips then asked that the assembly move into Room 342 to begin the meeting on how to oppose fascism, called by IC external affairs committee.

The open meeting was then held, no-one being denied entry.

EDITORIAL

Michael Williams

THE ANNOUNCEMENT in Beaver, the LSE Students' newspaper, that Trevor Phillips is to stand on the official Broad Left platform for one of the four posts of vice-president NUS comes as no surprise to me. And it would come as even less of a surprise were it to be announced that our president would be standing for ULU president, a post which the Broad Left shackled onto last year with John Carr, Trevor's now-close associate.

Having followed Trevor's "rise to power" from its infancy when we were together as first-year chemists, it has been easy to predict his next move after ICU president. It is hoped, however, that the time spent on his extensive activities in ULU in no way contributed to the call for the third sabbatical to be shifted to the union central administration be-

cause of the overload of IC union work. If this is not so, let me retract the idea; if it is correct, however, may I be the first to express my disgust.

In the event that Trevor does become ULU president, I sincerely hope that he does not forget the £1 wager that we struck *sometime last September*.

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Regarding the letter from Dru Brown, the Guildsheet Editor, may I say, Dru, that your naivety astounds me. I am most envious that you are capable of operating every piece of equipment in the production of Guildsheet. You must forgive me for not having the time to serve a five-year apprenticeship before operating the offset litho machine. I am perfectly capable of operating the £2,000's worth of vari-

typer, but you must forgive me further for not attempting to operate it when it had mechanical faults (the mechanic had to call twice that particular week).

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Strange that it should be Sennet accusing the FELIX Board of making a statement without foundation (*Letters*, page 9). Thirteen papers represented out of a total of fifty or so does not negate the fact that the opinion of the meeting was practically unanimous. Several papers could not make the meeting, but over the phone they concurred with the meeting's opinion. Also, it is quite clear national newspapers are widely read in families, hotels, clubs etc and so they can claim an easy average of 2.5 readers per copy. But can Sennet?

LETTERS

Imperial College Union,
27th January, 1975.

Sir,

I must thank Steve Brady for attempting to begin a debate at the National Front in the last edition of FELIX. It is about time that page 2 was occupied by something rather more serious and worthwhile than the pettiness which has characterised it this term (*Hear, hear!*—Ed.).

However, I take issue with virtually every point that he raised. Space does not permit an answer to all of them, but I will take up the major pieces of nonsense.

To suggest that I know nothing of the National Front's policies is quite incorrect. I have taken, a very strong interest in British fascism for some time; my interest was further stimulated by two incidents. About eighteen months ago, it became known to me that I was a National Front 'target' in Manchester. This news was confirmed when an attempt was made by some thugs claiming to be associated with the NF, to 'get me', i.e. beat the hell out of me. Fortunately, I escaped and the NF has disappeared from that city since.

Your comparison of the NF with 'nationalist movements' of Africa is quite spurious. All the movements which could possibly fall under that heading were fighting against domination from abroad. They were battling colonialism, and were pitted against an enemy which was far more powerful than they in material terms, since it totally controlled the colonial economy. They fought an enemy which had imposed its will by force of arms for centuries. Who is the NF fighting? A handful of bus-

conductors, road-sweepers, housewives, unemployed youths, shopkeepers and students. Can this handful be compared to the colonial armies deployed against the passive resistance of Gandhi or the constitutional protest of Nyerere in Tanganyika?

Today a number of liberation movements fight in Africa. I do not support all, or even many of them, as Steve Brady implied. I support those who have fought for genuinely progressive policies, who will work for peace and freedom for their people. I can name specifically, the two Portuguese movements PAIGC in Guine, and FRELIMO in Mozambique. I reject those movements which seek to impose any kind of domination over their people, for example, the associates of Idi Amin.

With respect to the NF's attitude towards Jews, I would point out that most of the NF's present leaders, including Tyndall and Webster were associated with Colin Jordan for many years, and echoed the vile anti-Jewish filth which he spewed forth. Example: 'The Jew is a poisonous maggot feeding on a body in an advanced state of decay'—John Tyndall, founder and Director of the NF.

My comments on the use of the Race Relations Act are not original. This Union has itself pledged support for any 'peaceful action' against racism. I interpret the use of the Act, introduced to protect all parts of the population from unnecessary and racist victimisation and insult, as peaceful action. If the NF is not getting at people just because of their colour, then no problems should arise.

I certainly do not prevent the NF from putting out bump. However, Mr. Brady will know it is a disciplinary offence to put up any stickers on walls in

college. A rash of NFSA stickers has, however, appeared. Please desist, Mr. Brady, or the Executive (multi-racial as it is) will have to consider what action can be taken to combat this. By the way, I assume Mr. Brady objects to my being elected, democratically (like Lord Pitt) to 'a position of power'. If so, will he (democratically) challenge the right of the IC electorate, and tell the 900 students who voted for me last year that they had no right to do so because I am not white?

Yours (in black & white),
Trevor Phillips.

P.S. It is instructive to note that the NF's arguments about immigrants (depriving the 'British of jobs, houses, etc.), have been used against the Irish for centuries. Will you go home, Mr. Brady?

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Sir,

As I sat in my local last night drinking my "OLD BOG" XXX SPECIAL, it suddenly occurred to me that there must be many other students at IC who share my taste for all wonderful beers that England's green and pleasant land has to offer us all. With this in mind I should like to use your organ (i) to appeal for support in forming a REAL ALE SOCIETY in the College. Our objectives might be

-to go boozing both near and far, Youngs, Marstons, Samuel Smiths, Shepherd Neame etc are available within spitting distance of IC and perhaps Adnams, Boddingtons, Hartleys etc would come within easy reach, given a little organization.

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IF Only..

Katie McKinnon

At Home with the Gibbers.

There are few things more rewarding in life than to be able to understand someone else's Gibberish - From the moment you discover that a Coup de grace isn't lawnmower and mal de rier is not in fact mother-in-law, a whole new world opens out. Those 50 million people across the Channel making funny shapes and sounds with their mouth actually sounds with their mouth actually make sense! There is something more to it than plume de ma tarte after all! Having mastered the fringo lingo nothing remains but to add a vowel to the end of every word and the Italians get the hang of it too, practise that fast enough and you are ready to take on Spain - nay, the whole world is at your pied (FOOT, dear - foot).

Of course one's approach to language depends on one's own nationality. The Englishman has the imperious attitude that if he shouts loud and long enough he is bound to be understood sooner or later and for him the most damning criticism of all is "the fellow can't even speak English" which doesn't

mean that the poor chap is not gifted in linguistics but that he is a pig-headed bore with a brain the size of an under-ripe walnut and about as much sense as an ostrich with the wind up its feathers.

The American, who at an early age spread the vicious rumour that he spoke English, is the only person to use two hundred variations of the language without mastering none. (Hold it - I'm a reformed Canadian and some of my best friends are Yanks). The American abroad favours the staccato straddle method of communication which involves spreading his words like he was spreadin' margarine boy, separated by wat yer might call

STRANGE THOUGH it may seem, the ancient land of Persia is shaped like a cat. However, this in no way affected Soudabeh Majidi's decision to pose for this picture in Princes's Gardens. Soudi actually comes from Tehran and is in her second year of studying chemistry. One of her main activities outside her

subject is transcendental meditation: "It's very relaxing".

She stunned us all when she said "I think printing pictures of girls on page 3 is pointless."

Ah, we said benignly, we get the point though!

Photo by Ramon Newmann.

ICWA JULIA DUNNING

I FEEL I SHOULD draw the attention all ICWA members to a new movement developing within the Association. For the sixty odd years of its existence, ICWA has for the most part been a non-political social body.

It may be argued that this is how it should stay for the next sixty years but the basis of life is change. So therefore should ICWA change.

On Wednesday, January 29th a meeting was held in the ICWA lounge. Its object - to discuss the feasibility and possible support of a Women in Science group within I.C. About thirty women came and there ensued what I feel was not only a worth while exchange of ideas, but what was for me quite an enlightening experience.

As President of the Association, and also a 3rd year student with finals looming closer every day, I have very little spare time. The suggestion of bringing ICWA more directly into investigating problems both academic and social of the students in the college has been put to me on a number of occasions. My reply has always been that I have neither the time, nor, I had assumed, the support for such activities.

I still do not have a great deal of spare time but the support is undoubtedly there.

The idea of setting up the group was suggested by Karen Gadd, a second year student in Mechanical Engineering. I agreed to give my support to the arranging of the meeting and also to introduce it.

What ensued was a general discussion of the ideas Karen had for the group and other ideas were soon forthcoming from the floor. At the end of the meeting a number of suggestions had been put forward.

Some of these briefly were:-

1. To set up a Women in Science group within and financed by ICWA, but even so as a relatively separate group.

I-o-n-g pauses. Rescue an American abroad from a near verbal disaster and he will look at you as if you might grow an extra head to house the extra tongue. Moreover in Paris, he will insist on calling over the 'garçon' which, invariably pronounced with a hard 'c' sounds more as if he's calling for some sort of pickle.

However the obvious answer to all these problems is to have an instant translation machine -

2. That the purpose of such a group should encompass academic and social problems of all students, but particularly of the women at I.C.; also that it should investigate means of encouraging in the schools and in general outside of college into science careers.

3. A survey should be made of all the departments in I.C. by a student body, such as Women in Science, with the view to producing a document on the social and academic facilities of each department, particularly giving its views on women students. This document should then be presented at the annual meeting of careers masters in I.C. during the Easter vacation (this is arranged by the Admissions Policy people). Also, the possibility could then arise of printing this document in the college prospectus.

It was also decided that for the time being the group should meet every Wednesday lunch-time in the ICWA lounge and invite along a series of guest speakers. With this in mind, I am calling a General Meeting on Wednesday, the 12th of February at 12.30p.m. in the ICWA lounge.

Please come along, as together with the meeting of the Women in Science group, I feel a number of items should be discussed by a well represented number of Icwarians with a wide spectrum of views. The meeting will include a talk by me on the forthcoming ICWA elections and also on possible future changes in the constitution of ICWA.

a Mirqual Linqual might be an appropriate name. Meanwhile here are a few hardy phrases to get you out of any tricky situation:

Au contraire (away for the weekend)
C'est-a-dire (she's a honey)
Faux pas (father-in-law)
Carte Blanche (for God's sake, take Blanche home!)

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PRECJ PJCE

Trevor Phillips

The White Paper on Public Expenditure published last week brings one piece of good news for students. It is possible that there will be some money allocated to build student residences. This is a first priority for city-centre institutions such as IC, now suffering a decline in both applications and actual numbers, mainly because of the ever-increasing shortage of accommodation.

It comes at an opportune time for us, in particular. I have just completed a memorandum on the development of the College for the years 1977-82. This is the Union's contribution to the discussions which take place before the College presents its "five-year plan" to the University Grants Committee from whom we receive our major financial support on a five-yearly (quinquennial basis). The White Paper comes at the right moment because I have labelled our first priority to be provision of more student accommodation. (see below)

However, it is not enough to think that a few words in a White Paper, hinting at a promise for three or four years hence is enough. Pressure must be sustained from now on wards to make sure that that promise is kept. The White Paper gives hope for little else but more cuts in education spending, in line with the present policy.

This policy is itself derived from Margaret Thatcher's infamous White Paper of 1973, laughingly entitled "Education: A Framework for Expansion". Since the publica-

tion of that document, the Education sector has steadily shrunk. Now, with Reg Prentice carrying on the good work (is he a future Tory leader?), there seems little hope of reversing the trend, except by hard campaigns -

This is yet another reason for actively supporting the Grants/Cuts Campaign mounted this term; the future rests on success now.

A number of issues were raised in our memorandum on the quinquennium. I have already mentioned the provision of new accommodation - the project which is specifically singled out is completion of Linstead Hall. Other points:

- * *No change is forecast for the Union's structure. We will inevitably expand our complement of full-time officers and staff.*
- * *Little change in the role of CCU'S.*
- * *Redecoration of the Union building*
- * *Expansion of the Bookshop to provide a mere varied range of goods.*

We have proposed improvements in Medical and Welfare Services, in particular a new clinic to deal with family planning, birth control and social diseases. Sports, we have said should be an integral part of College Life and urged construction of new indoor facilities in South Kensington, as well as improved transport to Harling-

ton. In a section on academic developments we call for improved teaching, and a better system of Vacation Training. The need for greater insight into industrial practice is stressed. We support the expansion of Associated Studies, particularly languages.

It remains to be seen how much of that little lot can be achieved; I am confident that these are all developments for which powerful arguments can be made. We need a more attractive College or we will have an IC without students.

One section of the memorandum dealt with is Women in IC. I cannot see a great influx of women into the College in the next seven years. However, I am confident that the women here will begin to make a more vital and corporate contribution to life in College. It is to be hoped that the embryo group, Women in Science, which apparently had a very successful first meeting last week, will begin to draw more women into considering in a serious way, their professions. It deserves the support of any woman with two brain cells to rub together, and it will receive the support of the Union, I hope.

If there is to be an end to disincents and discouragement to women involved in science and engineering, the impetus must come from within the institutions. Imperial College is as good a place to start as any.

GRANTS / CUTS

The cutbacks now taking place within the education system are best illustrated by the numerous closedowns of Colleges of Education, all over the country. It is the avowed intention of the DES to cut the number of teacher training places by half - on the pretext of a falling birth-rate. The proposed Furzedown - Phillipa Fawcett merger, the total number of students is over 1000. After the merger there will only be 600 students. This is the meaning of education cuts - and at a time when the schools are short of teachers, and classes of 40 are the norm.

The DES is trying to close down Alnwick College in Northumberland - in the face of opposition from the students, staff and the townspeople, for whom the College is a mainstay of the local economy. Alnwick is the only College for miles around, and unique in a number of respects. It does not make sense to close it down.

But the overriding priority of Prentice and his minions is to cut costs now at any expense to the future of education.

FIGHT THE CUTS

The claim that NUS has submitted for the Main Rate of Grant is £845. A 40% rise may sound like a lot, but remember that the grant is losing its value at a rate of £7.90 per month. Previous grants have been set so as to be adequate in the first month of the academic year. The NUS claim is calculated to be more than adequate in the first term, adequate in the second, and lagging behind only in the third term, when it would be compensated for by the (theoretical) first - term surplus.

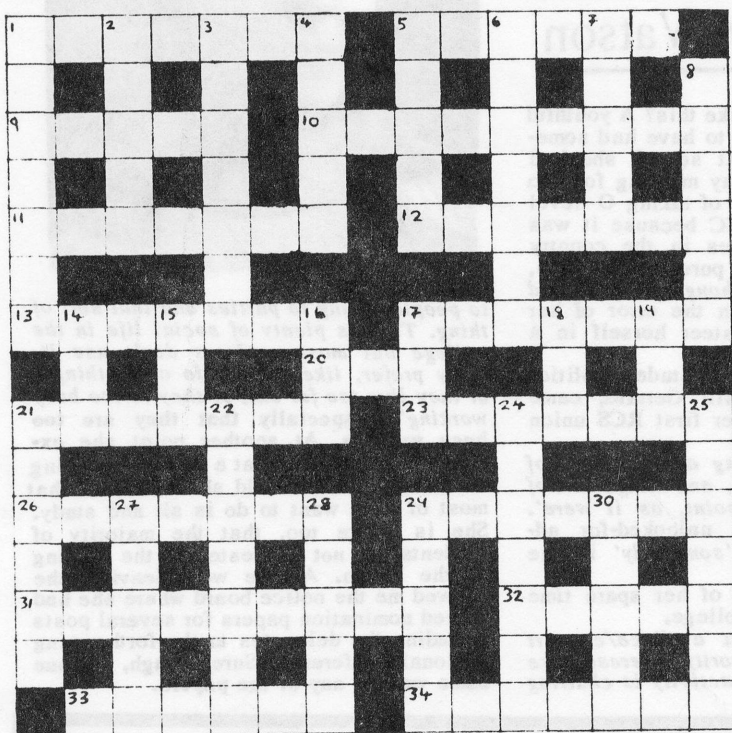
This seems to be a more sensible way of dealing with inflation. **THE GRANT MUST LAST FOR 30 WEEKS - NOT JUST 10.**

A DECENT GRANT FOR ALL STUDENTS

PRIZE CROSSWORD

No.10

Xam



£2 Winner will be drawn from the Editor's Hat at noon next Wednesday. The Editor's decision will be final.

There were no correct solutions to Xam crossword No.9

ACROSS

1. An instructor, he hides in broken crate (7)
2. Artist in cafe has a bottle of wine (6)
3. Go in from Linden Terrace (5)
5. Artist in cafe has a bottle of wine (6)
9. Go in from Linden Terrace (5)
10. As one who lags behind the saint has nights, including beer containing a child's horse (9)
11. Goes round the rings (7)
12. Lying down, perhaps, loose in the grass (7)
13. Saint Len is erratic, signs up (7)
17. Pinch a bit of the horse's gear (7)
20. Be like half an ex-president (3)
21. After a time, give a knock for each hunter (7)

23. Falls over while performing aerobatics (7)
26. It may make you beautiful - or dirty! (3-4)
29. A number, with enough strength, can be defended (7)
31. A strange Lone pear, found in the sky (9)
32. I confess, to have half the soup (3,2)
33. This girl has a gun and a Burmese knife (6)
34. Endless snow found in a hole back in the throat (7)

DOWN

1. Syrup in the centre, a clear space (7)
2. Broken seat, right by the flower (5)
3. Ushers in a change to Al's
3. Ushers in a change to Al's herd (7)
4. Peculiar sores, they may grow on you! (5)
5. A doctor, he cures ham (5)

MOTORCYCLE COLUMN

Rupert Harper

The latest on the garage/workshop; I went to see Prof Ford the other day and he liked the idea, so things are looking quite rosy there. I shall keep you informed, I should like to point out that all the Guilds Motor Club not just the Bike section will be able to use the facilities. At the moment the policy on tools is that you provide your own, there is some demand to get a 'torgue wrench, but they are costly and if we do get one some measures to protect it from theft and damage, big deposits, spring to mind. I would not be keen to lend out such a tool if I had one so it is not unreasonable to expect the Motor Club to jealously guard it. Now it looks as though a M/C lending library will be started shortly, in order to borrow a book or magazine you will have to leave your motor club membership card with the librarian, who shall be me, for starters we shall try for "Bike" and "Motor Cycle News" and perhaps a few books depending on suggestions, we might also get "Easy Rider" which I gather is quite popular.

Many people have asked me

what the Imperial College Sporting M/C Club is about, let me explain, M/C enthusiasts can be loosely divided into two categories, those interested in their own road going machines, and require facilities for rebuilding and modifying their machines, such as myself, and the second category whose main interest is competition, and wish to become actively involved in racing, trialing and such like. Obviously quite a lot of people fit into both categories. The Guilds section caters for the former group and the I.C. club for the latter, and I expect their will be quite a lot of people who will be members of both. But there is a definite need for both. I gather the I.C. club are thinking of going marshalling, so you are not adverse to trying to find a body in a pile of bent machinery and blood soaked straw bales its well worth it to be able to stand in the middle where you get a much better view of the racing, and a chance to have a look at the machinery. I may well be going myself sometime.

That's about all I can think of to bore you with so I'll finish, seeya.

6. First-class beer, used up in royal surroundings (7)
7. "Iron Fifty-Nine", an eminent paper (5)
8. About a circular measure, the French into (6)
14. Ron comes up, and not... (3)
15. ... a politician, the devil (3)
16. Title of one's master, if a ceorl (3)
17. Clique of asset-hunters (3)
18. Palm off with a watch chain (3)
19. Marvin is on the sheltered side (3)

21. Male feline initially took off minus copper and tin (3-3)
22. Compete with writer in a place for a romp (4-3)
24. My French appears shortly in the rain (7)
25. Plain-sounding stairs (7)
27. This German artist is one who lasts (5)
28. A bear gives a knock-out to the French (5)
29. Mutilated ear in race, a special event (5)
39. I'd put up with good French on the beach (5)

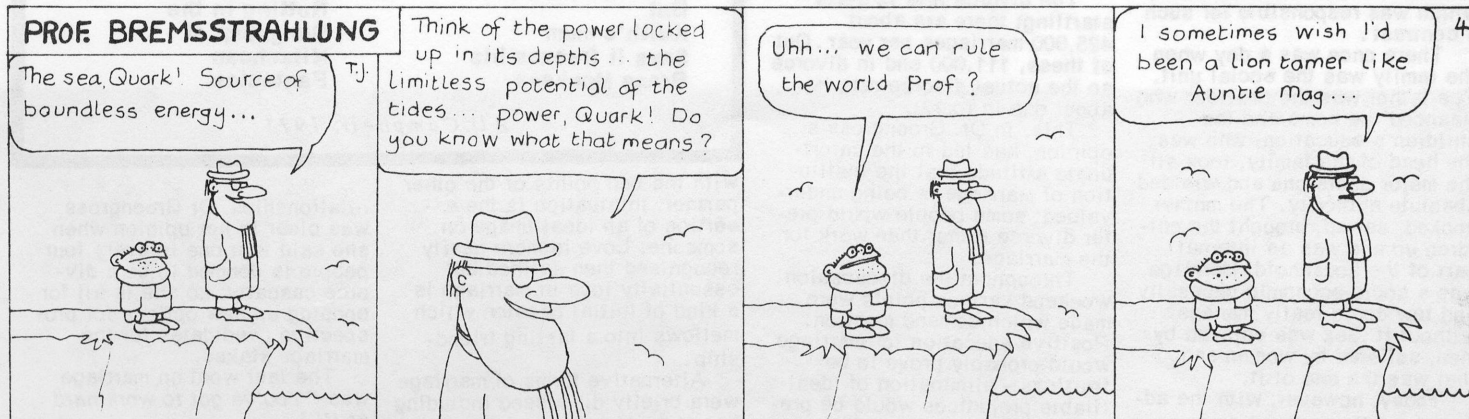
SOLUTION TO CROSSWORD NO. 9

ACROSS

4. Didactic 8. Cognac 9. Answered
10. Maledict 11. Addeem
12. Fortuned 13. Exciting
16. Psalter 19. Imperils 21. Viable
23. Greenish 24. Glaucoma
25. Telany 26. Gradient

DOWN

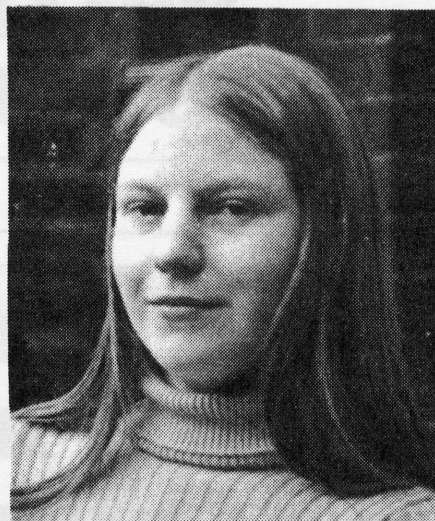
1. Hobanob 2. Ancestral 3. Action
4. Death-defying act 5. Distance
6. Creed 7. Ice-fern 14. Terrenely
15. Penelope 17. Spiller
18. Closure 20. Presto 22. Blued



FOCUS

on Jacqui Gerrard

Andy Watson



The Hon. Sec. is a pleasant sort of person, with an air of confidence and competence. She sat with a polite smile on her face while I bumbled around getting coffee from the refectory counter, slopping it in the saucers, dropping cigarette ash in it, and forgetting spoons. She even laughed when part way through the interview I discovered I hadn't turned on the tape recorder.

'I'm a very ordered person', she told me, 'Not tidy perhaps but methodical'. Admirable qualities in a secretary.

We talked about her job. The position which Jacqui holds entails a great deal of day-to-day running of Union affairs - organisation of office paper work; taking the minutes at council, executive and other meetings; posting nomination papers and general running of elections.

'I'm quite fully occupied just keeping things ticking over, and in addition I feel I ought to do something more positive, compiling a document detailing council decisions since 1962, for instance, which has meant that the obsolete policies can be revised'.

What, I wondered, was a nice girl like

her doing at a college like this? A youthful love for science seems to have had something to do with it. At school she had sacrificed every Saturday morning for two years for the privilege of taking O level physics. She came to IC because it was one of the few colleges in the country where she could study pure mathematics, 'Fool as I was, I thought I'd enjoyed it'. She has since seen the error of her ways and intends to steer herself in a more practical direction.

Both Jacqui's career in student politics and her marriage to Bill Gerrard, came about as a result of her first RCS union meeting.

'He was just retiring as president of RCSU. I met him there, and things sort of progressed from that point, as it were'. (Obviously, there are unlooked-for advantages in being a 'somebody' in the CCU's!).

Jacqui spends most of her spare time with friends from the college.

'In general I'm not a disco/concert goer, nor have I a minority interest, like folk or jazz. My social activity is chatting

to people, going to parties and that sort of thing. There's plenty of social life in the college but most students don't use it. They prefer, like me, to do other things, or they live too far out, or they're too busy working'. Especially that they are too busy working. At another point she expressed the opinion that a random sampling of the men at IC would show that all that most of them want to do is sit and study. She is aware too, that the majority of students are not interested in the running of the Union. As we were leaving she showed me the notice board where she had pinned nomination papers for several posts including the delegates to the forthcoming National Conference. Sure enough, not one name was on any of the papers.

TOUCHSTONE

'MARRIAGE'

Speaker: Dr. Wendy Greengross

FOR AN institution which has come under heavy fire from extremists recently, marriage still appears to be as perky, fashionable and, in some form or other, necessary as it ever has been. Last weekend's Touchstone discussion clearly came to that general conclusion and it was further felt that in order for society to survive in any recognisable form, then the one-to-one marriage partnership will be of primary importance.

The speaker was leading gynaecologist and radio broadcaster Dr. Wendy Greengross, who introduced the subject with a brief introduction.

A brief survey of the historical motivations associated with marriage. She continued by sharply contrasting these with present-day motivations whilst deftly explaining the relationship between social attitudes and the historical environment, which was responsible for such a contrast.

There once was a day when the family was the social unit. The father was the provider who financed the home and the children's education, who was the head of the family, took all the major decisions and wielded absolute authority. The mother cooked, sewed, brought the children up and was an internal part of the household. Marriage was a socio-economic necessity and few could really manage without it. Sex was enjoyed by men, suffered by women and that was the end of it.

Today, however, with the advent of suffrage, social sec-

urity, contraception, state education, the emancipated woman, convenience foods and labour saving household gadgets the deployment of a family's responsibilities is no longer clear cut and the father's authority as the sole provider has been seriously eroded.

As a result the economic aspect of marriage has been diminished and this is believed to be an important factor when considering why a couple will prefer to get a divorce rather than fight to save the marriage.

The divorce rate is quite startling: there are about 425,000 marriages per year. Out of these, 111,000 end in divorce so the actual divorce rate is about one in four.

This, in Dr. Greengross's opinion, has led to the unfortunate attitude that the institution of marriage is being undervalued: some people would prefer divorce rather than work for the marriage.

Throughout the discussion weekend various points were made which demand mention: Positive education for marriage would probably prove to be fruitless - elimination of identifiable prejudices would be preferable. Marriage is putting up

METAMORPHOSIS

So Sonia
Late of the
CPE or B (M-L),
You are now to be
Found
Amongst the maulers
And hit-men of the
National Front.
My mate Keith is
One too,
He lurks in icy
Midnight
Backstreets
Stripped to the waist
Alsatian by his side
Waiting for
Heads to Spear in the
Constant struggle
Against
Negritude.
He says it purifies
The aryan stock
But
Keith's mum
Says it freezes his
Brass Monkeys

The bang of Drums
The crash of
Tyndalls
An NF parade
Is a far cry from
The furtive
Placing
Of stickers on lifts
Murmuring sieg
Heil
Through clenched teeth.
But without the
Steel tipped
Flags
To protect you
From the wrath
Of
The common man
Furtive you will
Remain,
Your colonial
Jackboots
Rotting in the
Dungheap of
Nitzchean
Fantasies.

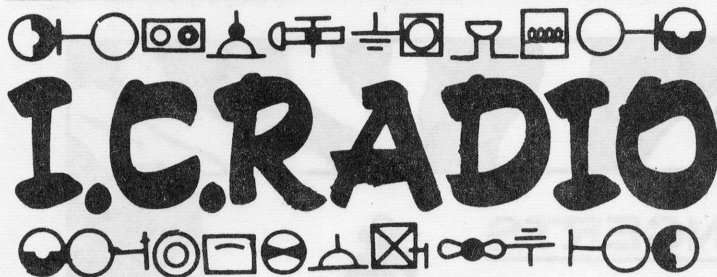
Ali Campbell, 1975

with the bad points of the other partner. Infatuation is the assertion of an ideal image on someone. Love is more easily recognised than defined but essentially love in marriage is a kind of initial passion which mellows into a lasting friendship.

Alternative forms of marriage were briefly discussed including homosexual group and communal

relationships. Dr Greengross was clear in her opinion when she said that one in every four people is doomed to be a divorce casualty; so she is all for opening up new options for prospective candidates for the marriage stakes.

The last word on marriage was 'You've got to work hard at it!'



John Allen

Many people have been asking what has happened to I.C. Radio since so little has been heard of us recently. The reason for this is that the bureaucracy behind getting our license is taking a lot longer than we expected.

First we needed full college approval for the scheme, this meant all departments being circularised and waiting for their replies. Then preliminary tests were carried out on Southside which is likely to have very peculiar reception problems due to it's earthed steel frame. These proved satisfactory and College agreed to the scheme, and to provide £1,500 in several stages for setting up the system. Then the license application went to the Home Office, here, it rests, although we expect a definite reply by the time this is published.

We have also been busy working on the internal administrative structure of the Station and getting our constitution drawn up and eventually passed by the Publications Board and ratified by Council.

So as we stand at present we are all poised to set up the first phase of the transmitter system. This will consist of Southside and Linstead Halls Test transmissions could well be heard in these halls within a month.

LBC Revealed All!

On Wednesday 29th January a small group of dedicated I.C. Radioers braved the strike hit Underground to visit LBC. The first major problem we faced was actually finding them, they are on a little street just off Fleet Street, interestingly called Gough Square although it has only one side.

The first place we went to was the newsroom. There are two newsdesks, one Independent Radio News (National and International) and one for LBC (Local). Here they receive reports from their correspondents all over the world and it was a fascinating frenzy of people. Nearby was the telex room where the news comes from Reuters, the Press Association etc. As listeners to LBC and Capital Radio (who use IRN)

will know the news broadcasts consist of a newsreader linking individual reports from correspondents. These reports are prepared on cartridges that are really sophisticated 8-track cartridges which have auto stop-start facilities. These are prepared in a small studio off the newsroom.

Next we went to see their studios. They have two on-air studio which were surprisingly small after the huge ones that we had seen the previous week at Radio London. There we saw "Newsday" going out with Des Fahy and Douglas Cameron. The news is read from these studios, LBC on the half hour and IRN on the hour for the network.

As a news service IRN is rapidly gaining a reputation of being fast and factual and many people now regard it as better than the BBC. This really should be so since the LBC output is so news orientated. Each lasts something like 7 minutes every hour but is carefully structured so that some stations (like Capital Radio) can just take the first 3 minutes.

If you think that I.C. is bunph-infested you should have seen what we came away with! We even got free t-shirts so watch out for us. We've got to wear them now because they are changing frequency to 261m next month and will then be out of date. (At the same time Capital moves to 194m.)

Give a listen to LBC they have a very comprehensive and professional sounding news service. They also do fascinating phone-ins-try "Nightline" from midnight to 4.30am every day. Their programmes should be getting even better soon in anticipation of I.C. Radio diminishing their audience.

Watch this space for further details about I.C. Radio.

Wot's S.C.A.B.?

Dave Rumsey

THE MAJORITY of entertainment provided in the college is by the Social, Cultural and Amusements Board, whose constituent clubs are responsible for individual spheres of activities: folk club operates on a Wednesday night providing contemporary, traditional and humorous folk, films soc. run on a Friday night showing popular artistic films, jazz club on a Sunday night encouraging education on all forms of jazz to all forms of people by making admission free, and the entertainments committee who are responsible for popular, non-artistic films on Thursday nights, artistic films on Thursday nights, discos on Friday nights and, of course, the mammoth superstar extravaganzas with 'name' groups on Saturday nights. For the more classically orientated, there is the operatic society that stages termly concerts, and dramsoc, who perform a range of style of plays with similar regularity.

The total annual bill for all these events is in the region of £25,000 which is, in any event, a very large amount of money, although the actual total cost to the union is about £2,200. In the light of this, it becomes easy to see the emphasis the union puts on entertainment, and not misguidedly. In this college perhaps moreso than in most, there is a great deal of pressure on the academic side and it is important that students be provided with good entertainment, so that some of the balance can be achieved. It is for this reason this article is written. I find it quite sad that in a college as large as this one, so many people should ignore the facilities that are provided for their benefit by the hard work of few. In an effort to conserve a lot of otherwise wasted effort, you will shortly be barraged with a large and extremely boring questionnaire, the purpose of which being to ascertain your opinions, criticisms, suggestions on the whole spectrum of entertainment in the college. Remember, £25,000 of your money is being paid annually to agents, groups, performers, film companies, etc. and it is all wasted if you are getting nothing out of it. I would be grateful if you would treat these questionnaires seriously, if you don't it's yourselves you're bugging around. It is true that individual clubs may get a certain amount of feed back from their members, but with the entertainment field the whole is greater than the sum of the individual parts.

Perhaps the situation is not as bad as it sounds. For example, it is interesting to note that at the Saturday concerts in the Great Hall, some 30 - 35% of the audience are I.C. students, compared to other London colleges who can attract a mere 20% of their audience from within their own college. So why, you may well

ask, the need for a survey. At one point last term, admittedly as the result of an accumulation of several unfortunate incidents, the entertainments committee found themselves facing something of a catastrophe. They had totalled a loss of some £950, their annual budget from the union being £1,000, and contracts had been signed for a further three concerts. This demonstrates the problems that are involved with having a narrow error margin - ie grant: £1,000, total annual expenses: £20,000. Due to a great deal of hard work by several people the situation was redressed on a council mandate by making a profit on the three latter concerts.

One point that is often raised is that the immigration of non-I.C. people not only promotes good relations between the college and the outside world, but also makes for a healthier atmosphere and, of course, increases the desultory female: male ratio of the college as it stands. Doubtless this is true, but it must be put in perspective. After all, if money is lost on an event, it is our union that ultimately foots the bill, it is our money that is being wasted.

To give you some idea of the various experiments that have been attempted in the past, the list reads as follows: jazz club regular free "Sunday Sessions" (successful), drunken hops in the concert hall on Saturdays instead of concerts (not successful), folk club running weekly (successful), Ents showing popular films to leave Filmsoc free to show more cultural films (successful), and so on. In my pre-election speech I said that I thought students preferred to see 'name' bands like Procol Harum, Tom Pascton, Leo Sayer etc. rather than smaller bands like Chilli Willi & his extraordinary Red Hot Peppers. (Mmm Tasty). If I was wrong this is your chance to tell me. I also said that if there's any other entertainment not already catered for (blue films, lunch time strip shows), then, if there was large enough demand, I would attempt to have them promoted. But you must let us know what is required.

The questionnaire will only be distributed to about 299 random people, so if you don't get one, please feel free to write to me with any comments you may have care of I.C. Union Office. Enjoy yourselves.

TM Soc Presents For Meditators ONLY!

A special Meeting in Physics level 8
Sunday 16th Feb
Time: 3pm

I.C. JEWISH SOC.
PRESENTS
LECTURE/FILM
"HEBREW LANGUAGE"
PLACE: ELEC. ENG. 408
TIME: 1.10pm
DATE: 6/2/75

Albert's Plum

(S. Ken. Stn.)

Cut Price 55p

3-course meal to
IC Students

(Discotheque till 3a.m.)

ENTS CONCERTS

SATURDAY 8th FEB- **argent**

80P IC adv. 90P adv. £1 door



SATURDAY 22nd FEB- **TOM PAXTON** £1.20 IC adv
£1.50 door

FILMS - BY PROGRAMME 15P ON DOOR - ME220 - 6.30

THURSDAY 13th FEB **TOUCH OF CLASS**

KEN RUSSELL'S
& **SAVAGE MESSIAH**

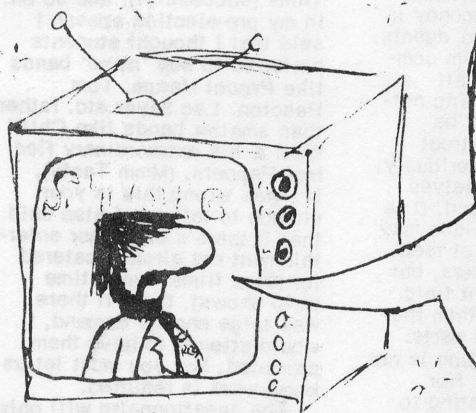
THURSDAY

CONCERT TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM I.C.U. OFFICE 12.30 to 1.30

DISCO EVERY FRIDAY 8.00PM UNION LOWER REFECTORY **10P**

Stanley --- "A STUDENT OF TODAY" --- BY RON APPLEBY

WE INTERRUPT
THIS GRIPPING
SAGA OF STANLEY
AND CURLY IN
THE HEATING
TUNNELS TO
BRING YOU A
NEWS FLASH



WELL, THAT
SHOULD BE A NICE
CHEAP AND QUIET
EVENING

CALLING ALL
(REASONABLY CLOSE)
FRIENDS OF RON APPLEBY...

IF YOU CAN FIND AND MAKE YOUR WAY
DOWN TO THE INFAMOUS UNION BAR
ON THE EVENING OF TUESDAY FEB 11TH
(ANYTIME AFTER 7.30 PM), AND IDENTIFY
THE AFOREMENTIONED MR. APPLEBY, HE WILL
(IF YOU'RE LUCKY) REWARD YOUR DILIGENCE
WITH A FREE PINT. THE REASON FOR THIS
UNSELFISH AND AMAZINGLY GENEROUS ACT WILL
BE REVEALED ON THE 'NIGHT.
SO MAKE SURE (A) TO GO TO THE RIGHT BAR
(B) TO GO ON THE RIGHT NIGHT, AND
(C) TO BRING ENOUGH MONEY TO
BUY HIM ONE BACK.

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-to have a place where beer fanatics could come together and air their views on the subject without inducing acute ennui in others. Not blessed with a subtle palated and large gut

-to further our knowledge of real ale

-to see the demise of the pressurized, pasteurized, filtered and kegged fizz-water.

Would anyone interested in forming such a society or just meeting a few fellow connoisseurs please contact me.

Yours faithfully,
Mike Cross
CCD 3

University of London Union,
24th January, 1975

Dear Sir,

Since only ten of a total of some 70 student editors were represented at the meeting which you reported on your front page last week, under the headline 'Sennet under Pressure' the idea that the meeting was speaking on behalf of 'The London Student Newspapers' is without foundation.

Sennet is a weekly paper for London students. It has a print run of 40,000 copies and it is distributed to over 100 colleges in the Greater London area. We estimate that on average each copy is read by 2.5 people. This is standard practice used by national newspapers to estimate not circulation as you reported but readership.

Sennet admits to having a few distribution problems in at the most three or four colleges in the Greater London area. These problems arise in some cases from action taken by individuals, without any mandate from their Union to disrupt the distribution of Sennet for their own personal reasons. Nevertheless, demand for the paper is increasing steadily as more colleges are requesting to be put on the delivery round.

Yours faithfully,

Jeremy Clift,
Executive Editor of Sennet

(See editorial - Ed.)

L'Institut Francais,
14, Cromwell Place,
South Kensington,
London, S.W.7.

30th January, 1975.

Monsieur,

Regarding the article "T.M. Soc. and Student Life", FELIX readers might be interested to know how much the members have improved their personal relationships through profound meditation. Even taking into consideration the unnatural boy/girl ratio at I.C. it is still very difficult to appreciate the cave man approach which seems to be a dominant feature of the T.M. boy!

We feel it is our duty to warn any unsuspecting females (and possibly some males), of the members' aggressive behaviour which we are sure is merely due to their wretched frustration.

We sincerely hope that we have not offended any of the young ones concerned, but we thought we should play our part, however small, in helping them achieve their final goal ...

A Normal Personal Relationship.

Veuillez agréer monsieur, l'expression de nos sentiments distingués,

3 étudiants de L'Institut
Francais

Department of Mechanical
Engineering
Imperial College
London SW7 2BX
27th January 1975.

Dear Sir,

It is now common knowledge within Imperial College that the floating sabbatical (ie. the Felix Editor) is causing a big rift in I.C.U. Executive.

After last week's catastrophic issue of Felix, it would not take the students of I.C. long to realise that Felix is not all that necessary and that the sabbatical post for the Felix editor should be abolished.

I realise that your varitypist was ill on the Monday but as Editor, you should be able to operate the varitype-

writer. I, as Guildsheet Editor, am capable of operating every piece of equipment used in the production of Guildsheet due to any of my helpers being ill or busy elsewhere when I want to publish Guildsheet. You have been at the post for five months now and do not know how to operate this machine. What have you been doing in your office for the past five months?

Let's not have a dead cat on our hands. Get that catalyst out and cater for the students of I.C. rather than catapult Felix into a catacomb since the only reminder would be catguts, or are you already using the catguts for your fiddle strings.

Yours sincerely,
DRU
(Guildsheet Editor)

Department of Physics.
26th January 1975.

Dear Sir,

It was with much displeasure that I heard of the decision to produce no Mag for 75/76. Not only was this a blow to myself and my contemporaries, but it was a blow to the great name of Democracy - a name held in great esteem by we humble sub-editors: In an effort to make right the wrongs of a small-minded, money-grabbing, dictatorial minority, I feel obliged to encourage the nice people at I.C. to make their disgust at the decision known (I have several

hangman kits, and even Johnny Sevens, at my disposal).

Yours truly,
Martin Jones (Drippy).
(Prospective sub-editor of Rag Mag '75)

P.S. Let's face it, "Rag" and "Rag Mag" are synonymous; without one, there is no other.

Botany Department
26 January 1975.

Dear Sir,

When I was informed of the recent decision to abolish Rag Mag 75 I was stunned, quote: "bloody hell, what do they think there playing at." Having recovered sufficiently and after several brandies and dry ginger I decided to take an active role in correcting this decision; reason being that I hope to be editor of the aforementioned magazine.

One main excuse for not having a mag is that its not financially viable and there's usually lots of left overs! Well all you people who want a 75 edition help sell the 74 edition, and also inform your VP of your consternation over the rag mag banning - hopefully someone somewhere can rectify this decision of the I.C.C.C.

Yours faithfully
J.I. Johnston.

More than 96% of our Managers are Human Beings.....*

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Trade Descriptions Act, 1968.)

And despite all the fallibility that this entails, we contrive to get some pretty useful things done—like designing the new large electronic telephone exchange TXE4, and girding the globe with high channel-capacity repeatered submarine cable systems.

If you would like to find out more about our combination of humanity with technology, get our booklet "Information for Graduates" from your Appointments Board. It will tell you about the sorts of jobs, salaries, and locations where you might find a career with our animate majority.

Personnel Department (Graduates), STC,
190 Strand, London, WC2R 1DU

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A British Company of ITT

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Tant pis, tant mieux (my aunt is much happier since she made a telephone call)

Louis Cinq (lost at sea)

Mille fois (cold lunch)

Pas de tout (father of twins)

J'y suis, j'y reste (I'm Swiss, and I'm spending the night)

Tout en famille (let's drunk at home)

Piece de resistance (timid girl)

Ile de France (I'm sick of my friends)

Tete-a-tete (a tight brassiere)

Endive (a night club)

Hors de combat (camp followers)

N'est-ce pas (father robin)

Pied-a-terre (the plumbing is out of order)

Entrechat (let the cat in)

Quelle heure est-elle? (whose babe is that?)

Marseillaise (mother says okay)

Legerdemain (tomorrow's a holiday)

Voici l'anglais avec son sang-froid habituel (Here comes that

Englishman with his usual bloody cold)

Many thanks to Mr Freddy Pearson without whom this finale would never have been possible.

France however offers the least resistance to the foreigner. There is an amusing quirk in the French character, which is the shame and horror of the French authorities, whereby Johnny Onion insists on breaking out into English at every possible opportunity and adopting English words which are immediately considered "tres snob". In fact, so worrying is this tendency, that the French have recently set up a Society for the Protection of the French Language and the officials, after a bon week-end doing le camping with the kids and le shopping with the wife, comes back to Paris by le car, leaves it at le parking and dashes off to un meeting to discuss the problems of the French language over un drink (preferably le Scotch).

NUS Film Festival

THE FESTIVAL is being held from 12th - 22nd February 1975. The main theme is "contemporary American cinema" with emphasis on experimental, documentary and unseen films. There will also be screening of new student films and European cinema. Some social events will be put on by the Independent Film Distributors Association during the ten days of the Festival.

The main aim of the Festival is to stimulate awareness and discussion about the potential of films. The directors and lecturers at the Festival will form a considerable focal point

for argument and exchange of ideas.

In order to be able to take part in this event you must be a member of the Film Society and also hold a Members Pass for the Festival. Both of these cost 50p each and are available from

The Festival Office
Thames Polytechnic
Thomas Street
SE18 6HV

All P/O's or cheques must be made payable to Thames Polytechnic, Students Union and a full programme of films is displayed on the Notice Board in the FELIX Office.

£33,000 Strike Fund

THE RENT STRIKE fund at Bristol University has swollen to over £33,000. Over 325 students have paid into the fund; which is a 50% better achievement than ever before.

The rent strike is a protest on four main issues:

1. Hall fees have been increased twice in mid session: from £98-50 to £111-25 in the second term and to £116-25 in the third term making hall fees the highest in the country.

2. There is a rent freeze on self catering accommodation therefore the University cannot increase rents on these.

3. The University increased student House rents, admitting this was to recover losses made during the period of the rent freeze. The Union claim this is illegal as it is against

a. the one year contract by the Union and the University.

b. the provisions of the rent act.

4. While return to original level of rents is demanded now the Union recognise that the only long term solution is an increase in the grant to cover rising accommodation costs.

The University has in fact given way on point three admitting they were legally in the wrong and thanking the Union for pointing this out. Student House rents are now back to summer 1974 levels and the President of the Union, Francis Hayden hopes hall fees will soon follow. He said "Students are being hit by inflation, but Students are paying for both; this just is not equitable."

UGM Report

"THE BEST Union meeting we've had this year" commented the Hon Sec after this UGM.

The usual business was dealt with fairly speedily, thus paving the way for discussion on the five motions on the agenda.

The first motion, on grants and educational cut-backs was

overwhelmingly voted through after some debate. The main points contained in this motion being, firstly, that FE colleges were worst hit by the cut-backs and secondly that education is a right. The second motion proposed by Paul Watkins, (the external

External Affairs Officer) which was on the EEC was fiercely debated with Mr Gerrard speaking against the motion. The essential point was that students should vote NO in the coming referendum. Mr Steve Brady spoke for the motion interpreting it as part of the NF's policy. After a speech against by Marg Attenborough and a summing up by the proposer the motion was defeated by 53 votes to 36.

In his speech for the motion on Education policy the President said "we should not just think economically. The Union should also pursue a long term policy on education... there should be adequate financing of education that will be adequate beneficial especially in adult education". There being no speech against the motion was carried.

Mr Brady challenged the quorum. The challenge was upheld by the chairman, the Deputy President.

A meeting of the External Affairs Committee then moved into session. At this point the DP, Ron Kill, who was in the chair categorically stated that the meeting would "remain quorate as long as the ICU executive and Mr Watkins are still here".

The President spoke for the motion on South Africa which called for release of political prisoners in South Africa and an ending of the illegal occupation of Namibia (Rhodesia) by South African police. In a very strong speech for the motion the President said "If the government I elect pursues policies which agree with illegal occupation of Namibia (Rhodesia), apartheid in South Africa and illegal declaration of independence as in Zimbabwe then that government is not representative of my views". On the question liberation movements he said "I do not support any and sundry liberation movements... what is more important is democracy, progress and involvement of people in the government of themselves - this is not going on in South Africa or Namibia". Mr Brady speaking against said "If I were a black in South Africa I would rather be ruled by a white... when colonised countries are given independence they usually end up as dictatorships". Two amendments were made to the motion before it was passed by a large majority.

The second of Mr Watkins' motions and the last on the sheet was on the Government's economic policy and after a speech against by Mr Pete Teague and a lengthy debate was passed by 19 votes to 17.

The meeting closed at approximately 2.30pm.

SLICE

Save

Lighting and

Imperial

College

Energy

Help to SLICE costs by using energy

wisely in the College. In 1975 energy

costs, mainly for heating and electricity,

are estimated to increase by about 50%

over last year. With no increase in the

Government grant to the College, this

means that YOU will have to make do with less - facilities e.g. laboratory materials, lecture notes, UNION grant, in order to pay the increased energy bills.

You can help by:

*Closing all external doors and windows

*Switching off all unnecessary lights

*Using minimum hot water

*Thinking twice before switching on power consuming equipment - even if you are doing a routine experiment.

*Remembering to switch off as soon as you have finished.

In these ways you can help to SLICE the bills and help yourself at the same time.

Any suggestions for SLICING energy costs should be sent to

SLICE c/o Dept. of Electrical Engineering.

REVIEWS

Royal Philharmonic Orchestra: Orchestral Tubular Bells (Virgin).

I DO NOT know who David Bedford is, but quite frankly I do not rate him highly as an orchestral arranger. The reason why this album is so bitterly disappointing is not due to the fact that an orchestra was used (no, that idea still remains a very good one), but more because the orchestration is too weak-kneed at the crucial

RECORDS

points of this now-legendary piece of music. The crispness and langorous resonance of Mike Oldfield's original is lost to insipid strings, brazen brass, over-elegant woodwind and an enthusiastic bass drum.

The first major climax in the work (early on side one) is pretty embarrassing. The balance of the melodic lines so easily attained in an electronic recording studio is nowhere to be seen as the bass drum

thrashes around knocking all the other parts to oblivion.

There is no sharp contrast of orchestration to hold together the end of side one like the original does with the grand piano, mandolin, glockenspiel etc; there is just what appears to be the same motif repeated again and again - thus defining an all time low in monotony.

All this record achieves is to make one more appreciative of the original 'Bells'.

THE BLACK HOLE OF RCS

RCS's answer to Guilds' W.H.O. the dreaded 'Black Hole' struck on Friday afternoon. Six pretty red and white shields prepared for the City and Guilds Dinner and Dance disappeared from the JCR.

The C & G president commented that the action was "petty, especially as these functions benefit the whole college. The decorations are very important".

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UNIVERSITY CHALLENGE FIASCO

not participate. "How about having three games in one studio session as opposed to just two?" we asked Bamber Gascoigne. His reply plumbed the depths of banality: "We never thought of that". By that time however, these were no questions left. But to his credit, on hearing that the

party we had been promised had been cancelled, Bamber did suggest a beer kitty for us. The nasty producer refused.

We tried hard to smile but succeeded only in snarling. So we zonked the studio with a *Hey Viva!* with 'Mike' held aloft, adjourned to the bar and eventually returned to London.

CROSS COUNTRY

Wednesday the 29th January was, for those that had forgotten, wet. Indeed the fixture against Royal Vets and LSE (again...) could be aptly entitled "Apres Parliament Hill le deluge". Nobody was able to avoid the dampening effects of good de' muddy fields, ploughed by man and cattle, but most managed to avoid straying from the course at the point where a stream was washing it away. Not so Rich Harrington who proceeded to determine the depth of the stream the hard way - on resurfacing he claimed it to be about 4ft deep.

Despite the hostile terrain, Rob Allinson, Steve Webb and Jan Ellis finished 1st, 4th and 5th to take outright victory from Vets, whilst Oaul Clarke, Dave Houlbrook and Pete Johnson brought the second team in third ahead of the London School of Korfex remnants.

Saturdays' 2½ mile road relay at Newlands Park was altogether a drier affair. It began as an exercise in intuitive navigation -- we didn't bring any maps, just a few directions -- and communication -- we had to hail many natives of Chalfont St -- something -- or -- other for further advice. Dave Payne also demonstrated an amusing rolling down hill start, to the chagrin of the Cortina driver behind us (sorry

missus!). Although previous visitors to Newlands had been asserting that it was "just round the next bend" for some time, it wasn't till we came across tracksuited individuals and the youths race, that this optimism was justified.

From what we could gather from the results, we were perhaps the only college teams competing and good performances all round helped the first team to 20th place out of a field of 37. Due to inefficient organization the position of the second team remains indeterminate but about 30th. Organizational mangle also struck at the individual lap times later in the race which are only accurate to plus or minus several hand-fuls of salt or minutes for what its worth the first team results, subject to official corruption, were: Jan Ellis (14.54), Paul Clarke (14.52), Dave Jones (14.05), Neil Boag (16.43), Rich Harrington (18.10), John Schearer (13.25!!)

Tea was enlivened by a young lady (lady?) nicking a plate of cakes off our table without so much as a "by your leave" and the journey back by Pads expertise with a one-armed bandit. Incidentally Rob was at the BUSF, Steve at Twickenham and refreshment on the return journey was by Youngs.

Jack Llewellyn

WELLSOC

presents
Dr. H.J.Pain

"Science as an Education"
Mech Eng 220, Monday, 10th
February at 19.30.

FOLK CLUB

Bully Wee

Traditional, mainly Scottish
songs. Feb. 12th in the Union
Lower refec. at 7.30 p.m.

CHEMSOC

Impossible Reactions

Dr. R.A. Jackson, from the
School of Molecular Sc.,
Un. of Sussex.

MUSICIANS

Anyone interested in forming
an Imperial College Canonical
Ensemble, please contact
Dr. Sherrington in Physics.

S.C.C.

The next Executive meeting
of S.C.C. will be on Monday,
10th Feb., at 1.00 p.m. in Lin-
stead 418 and the next full
meeting of S.C.C. will be on
Thursday, 13th Feb., in the
S.C.C. room, Southside, 5.30
for a 5.45 start.

At the full meeting, the con-
tinued existence of the
following clubs will be consid-
ered:

Anti-Apartheid Movement
Gaysoc
Kurdish Society
Y.S.S.S.

Anyone who is connected with
the above should contact B.D.
Champion (Aero 3).

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SCIENCE UNION:

Extraordinary Union
Meeting

To be held at Speaker's
Corner on Sunday, 9th Feb.
at 3 p.m.

RUGBY

Who beat I.C. extra 1sts - was it the D&D, was it the rot gut they serve in the union bar was it the fact that we were playing in the morning or was it the opposition?

Fifteen players most of whom were still pissed arrived at Harlington to play Sidcup. The journey to the ground was made enjoyable by playing that popular game "who wants to play scrumhalf". J. Rose at fly half seemed to be the only person not enjoying the game. R. Jones won the game and N. Hicking potted the now vacant hooker position.

The first minute nearly provided an opening try for S. Chudy who having kicked on, charged down the full backs clearance attempt but decided to have a lie down and rest instead of scoring. Daisy Duckham, twice tried a similar procedure in the afternoon. I.C. spent most of the first half in attack but on going back into their own 25 allowed sidcup to get a drop goal. I.C. were unlucky not to score a couple of times with M. Kilbride having a good game. A penalty more in which S. Chudy broke through before giving stone extra Jones the ball which was then taken by A. Ride who made good ground before passing to C. Whiteley. Chris's excuse for not scoring was that he was flattened by four of the opposi-

tion while 5 yards from the line.

Half time I.C. 0 Sidcup 3.

The second half started after the capt., echoed by R. 'ones, had tongue-lashed the extra 1sts.

Play improved and the game flowed back and forth with breaks by several of the I.C. players not leading to tries either due to lack of support or not very clever passing (I thought S. Ladle had hands on his feet). Sidcup got a try to increase their lead and notes of sarcasm began, to creep into the captains voice. M. Ranson scored in the corner after some excellent running by the I.C. team and some good rucking play (which had not shown itself in the 1st half). 7. 4 for Sidcup.

A try-saving tackle (don't care if the ball touched the line) stopped Sidcup increasing the score, and at times 8. 4. looked as though they might yet win this game. A good game to win but alas we lost.

7 - 4 to Sidcup.

No. D&D's next week so lets have another win.

Team H. Sayers, S. Ladle, M. Gibon, C. Whiteley, C. Wrigley, M. Ransome, J. Rose, R. Jones, A. Rice, N. Hicking, C. Wrigley, P. Jeffs, R. Sutton, M. Kilbride, I. Marwood, S. Chudy.

FELIX SPORT

SOCCER CLUB

For the third time this season our 1st and 2nd XI teams found themselves playing against those formidable cloggers from Sower Street, University College. The first team in the first half playing against a near gale force wind had to fight hard for the full 45 minutes to stave off some fierce attacking play and were it not for the excellent defensive play by IAN BELL and Ian Postlethwaite our side could well have been 2 or 3 down at half time. As it was we managed to keep the score down to just 1.0 and started the second half with the wind at our backs and expecting to spend the next 45 minutes besieging the University College goal. The team started off well enough with I. Hyslop cashing in on a defensive error to net a fine goal but within minutes a misunderstanding between our goalkeeper and an unmentionable defender allowed a U.C. forward in to put his side back in front. From then on with the wind dying by the minute and our lads looking dispirited U.C. took the initiative and started stroking the ball around and for a full half hour looked much the better side. However our non-stop chasing did eventually pay off when G. Swaby neatly dispossessed one of the opponents strolled around 2 or 3 defenders and slammed it in from the edge of the area. This gave us heart and we then routed U.C. scoring another two goals in the last ten minutes through I. Pos and G. Swaby (again). On the whole a good performance by I.C. in winning at Shenley for the first time for quite a few years.

The second XI with a dep-

leted side won 3-0 a surprising result considering U.C. II's were before then undefeated league leaders.

The following Saturday (1st Feb) in place of the Cambridge trip I.C. 1st and 2nd XI were hosts to Shoreditch Teachers Training College in a Southern University League Match. As was expected the opposition proved to be hard, fast and at times dirty and this combination proved a little too much for both our teams. The first team, refusing to be intimidated, matched the hard physical play of their opponents with some rugged tackling and held them at bay till mid-way through the second half when Shoreditch put one in from a corner. It was an uphill battle after that but the team plodded on and 5 minutes from time Bob Day scored a lovely goal to put us back in the game. It looked as if the final score would be 1-1 when our Welsh mid-field player made a silly mistake to let one of their forwards through to seal the game for Shoreditch.

The second team lost 3-1 and apparently they also had no cause to complain and so Shoreditch become the only side to do the double over us this season.

WATER POLO

I.C. RULE U.L.U. WATER POLO

On the 23rd of January I.C. 1st water polo team began the defence of the U.L.U. water polo league against a strong St Mary's Hospital 1st team. With its well drilled, fit team I.C. began to wear down the Hospital team, three goals coming in the first quarter, one each for Hindle, Frieze and Lewis. Mary's did however manage to score thanks to I.C.'s only defensive error throughout the game.

From the second quarter onwards I.C. impressed more and more its authority on a by now tired Hospital side and goals came at regular intervals. By the end of that game I.C. were victorious to the time of 10 goals to 1.

TEAM

Team: P. Hindle (2) A. Smith (3)
P. Frieze (3) M. Taylor
D. Ilic R. Lewis
D. Lowther

The 2nd match for I.C. 1st team in the U.L.U. water polo league took place on the 28th of January against U.C. 1st team. The match took the same form as their previous match with St Mary's three goals coming in the first quarter. From then on Ray the George Best of I.C. water polo took command of the match scoring 5 goals by the end of the match. The rest of the team were not idle during this time and gave Ray the necessary support as well as scoring goals themselves. A good team effort saw I.C. to a comfortable 13 goals to one victory.

Team: P. Hindle A. Smith (3)
P. Frieze (3) M. Taylor

D. Ilic R. Lewis (5)
D. Lowther (2)

I.C. second water polo team began its push for the U.L.U. water polo league second division title against St Mary's Hospital second team on the 25th of January. Inspired by the 1st team's victory earlier that same evening the 2nd team played good intelligent water polo but were however matched stroke for stroke by an equally good Mary's team and neither side could take command of the match. I.C. scored first with a brilliant shot by Cliff Beaven giving the goalkeeper no chance. Mary's fought back well and managed to score 2 goals before Cliff scored his second of the match. The whole team deserves a mention for their efforts each one of them giving their all. The final score was a 2-w draw, a very fair result.

Team: J. Paterson Phaedon
I. Bales W. Gunawardine
C. Beaven T. Vaughan Lim Angelo
Dave

RUGBY

Bands at 9.00 clock!! that was the call echoed around the union lower lounge following the Frog's formation of his final first fifteen on Friday for the forthcoming fixture with a first-class reserve side Saracens Extras.

Knowing the coach was due to leave at 9.15 a.m. Gez Flem bag decided he had better get out of bed at 9.20 a.m. thereby being 15 minutes late and hence on time. At this stage the coach driver was waiting very well which was to prove a valuable asset on the way back.

Arriving on time at the ground, a very ominous sign, thirty players gathered on the pitch to take part in what can only be described as a sixty-eight point thriller. Ten minutes into the first half a player from the base of a maul threw

the ball to the first player of a well positioned line of players. This player passed the ball to the next player who was badly tackled by another player, allowing that player to break through the players in the centre and send the player outside him over the line. The game continued in this fascinating manner. The high standard could only be accounted for by teamwork and discipline, the sort doctors prefer.

The game now finally over the first fifteen found that they had approximately five minutes to eat their meal and sneak around for the usual two or three extra helpings. At five to one the coach driver thinking he should have left at 12.30 decided to wait well for another five minutes. He even told two people already on the coach that he had made his own daughter walk five miles because she had been sick all over his car. Well with such a tough line attitude everybody eventually climbed in the coach

with sausages and rolls poking out at every angle from our mouths.

Scorer(s) for I.C.: B. Finney (Pen)

Team: Leap, Sleepy, Teddy,

Henp. Very Lucky, Not Fat, Religious, Too Handsome, Carried Out, Not Nat. West., Naked Light, Uncorked, One In a Million, Abbreviated, Live Wire.

STOP PRESS

The Cross Country Club won 2nd place medals in the 3-mile St. Edmund Hall Relay at Oxford. Stars: Messrs. Ellis (15.25), Webb (15.16), Clarke (15.27), and Allinson (14.32).

The possibility of a massive 12½% rise in refectory prices has just emerged from a meeting of the College Refectory committee. The committee still has to decide whether or not to make a concrete recommendation to the Governing Body. Any decision would be effective from April 1st.