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GUILDS DO IT AGAIN!



Nottingham Landlords React

NOTTINGHAM STUDENTS are holding a local demo next Wednesday following the announcement by Nottingham Landlords Association that its members will take no more student tenants.

RCSU

Candidates

THE NAMES of the candidates for posts in RCSU were released soon after the nomination papers were taken down last Monday.

The candidates are:- For **PRESIDENT:** S. Brightman (Physics 2); R. Kill (Chemistry P.G.) For **VICE PRESIDENT:** B. Causey (Chemistry 3); J. White (Physics 1). For **Honorary Secretary:** (D. Ansell (Maths 3); N. Roe (Maths 1); A. Sudworth (Physics 1); T. Tutu (Life Sciences 1). For **Hon. Jun. Treasurer:** B. Rawnsley (Physics 1); C. Morrel (Chemistry 1). For **Academic Affairs Officer:** J. Holding (Physics 2).

The hustings meeting for this election will be on Thursday, 25th February at 1.00 pm, Physics lecture theatre 2.

A fortnight ago a group of landlords claiming to represent fifty to sixty others, controlling in all several thousand flats, approached the Director of Trent Polytechnic saying that they "cannot afford to take on students", because students are more likely to apply to the Fair Rent Office for registration of a fair rent. Five hundred student places handled by the Poly's accommodation office could now be in jeopardy. The move not only affects Trent Poly but also Nottingham University and Notts. College of Education.

A meeting at the Poly on Tuesday 11th February, which was attended by 400 students rejected the landlords' statement and arbitration, which was suggested by the Poly Authorities. In addition to the local demo next Wednesday, the Unions are advising students of their legal rights against eviction etc. The possibility of a picket is also under discussion. In addition to this, the legality of the landlords' action will also be investigated.

HAVING EXECUTED one of the most daring mascotry raids in recent years, the City and Guilds Union have now come into the possession of 'Phineas', a 6 foot painted plaster statue of a Scotsman, who is the mascot of University College London.

The mascot was in a switchboard room underneath the Collegiate Theatre, Gordon St. It was lying in a pit, 3'6" deep, covered with boards and chained with a heavy duty electrical cable.

The raid took place at 10 pm last Tuesday night when a transit van and four cars arrived at the theatre. An advance group 'A', consisting of five people, armed with bolt cutters and electrical gear cut the main gate open and reached the switchboard room via a basement tunnel. Whilst this was going on, an opera was being performed on the very stage that the mascot was under.

The group cut the mascot's chains and raised it vertically in the pit. They then called up group 'B' by radio - tele-

phone. Group 'B' (thirteen people) reached the location at about 10.20 pm. At this point the opera finished - to the mascoteers surprise.

Undeterred by the thought of the crowds of people pouring out of the theatre posing the threat that they be spotted when they tried to leave, group 'B' raised 'Phineas' out of the pit and took it back down the tunnel (which was only three inches wider than the mascot itself). They emerged from the basement, mingled with the crowds coming from the opera, loaded the mascot into the transit van and left. Meanwhile, group 'A' replaced the boards over the pit and left by the same route.

Clearly, this was a superb effort by Guilds to mark President Jenny Jones' birthday.

Baby Demo!

NEXT WEDNESDAY, February 26th, has been designated by NUS as the day for a "National Baby Demo". Students throughout the country will be bringing young children into lectures.

NUS Vice President, Sue Slipman, in a letter to all NUS areas says "We are taking up, as central to women's demands, the question of nursery facilities in light of education cut-backs." The purpose of the demo is to highlight the need for nursery facilities for students. It was launched at NUS's Teacher Education Conference last year, when Ms Slipman, called for professors to be confronted with "a row of crappy

nappies." NUS believes that proper creche facilities are essential if women are to have equality of educational opportunity.

Phillips for ULU

TREVOR PHILLIPS, the President of ICU has been nominated as the candidate for the Broad Left, the umbrella organisation which embraces communist and Labour party factions.

EDITORIAL

Michael Williams

FREEDOM OF SPEECH is an ideal concept which, historically, has already been impaired: censorship, the law of libel and D-notices on the press are all mechanisms designed to give protection to society, the individual and the government respectively. Protection against what? Against obscenities & crudities, defamatory untruths and information that might breach national security.

It has been suggested that one's freedom of speech should be impaired further in order to protect a small minority, the overseas students within IC (or, extending it to a national level, the UK's immigrant population) from repression and intimidation by yet another small minority. But before endorsing or rejecting such a suggestion out of hand, three criteria can be considered.

If the racist elements grow stronger, will violence become inherent in their policies? One side will say *no, never*. The other will argue *historically, this is bound to happen*. No conclusions can be drawn. Should people be allowed to make up their won minds? One side will say *yes, let's have free debate*. Don't make up people's minds for them. The other side will say *the racists are giving people the "soft sell"; wait for too long and the situation will become explosive*. Again, two points of view. How can the vast majority of students here make up their mind?

The third and final question is this: Do the overseas students in this college feel oppressed, intimidated, belittled or demoralised by the racist propaganda? There can be only one answer to

this. It is the answer which hammers the scales of the ultimately decisive criterion: If a minority of students in this college is being made to feel that they are unwelcome, then something must be done about it. At the beginning of the session, overseas students are given a generous welcome by the college. Is the situation every going to arise where this could be construed as hypocrisy?

May hell take the day when overseas students feel that they would be unwelcome at IC.

At the moment it is not the Left nor the Right but the overseas students who are the losers. If the College does not take an attitude on racism quickly, it too could find itself among the losers when its international ties begin to decay.

LETTERS

City and Guilds Union
14th February 1975

Dear Sir,

It was with great disgust that I read your editorial in the last edition of FELIX (no.378). I refer, of course, to your rumour-mongering section concerning the forthcoming elections.

This I consider to be in extremely bad taste and the cause of great embarrassment to the people mentioned in your article. The art of reporting is to use certified fact and not indulge in the sort of drunken speculation more appropriate to the environs of the Union bar. I trust an apology will be forthcoming and FELIX will prevent "that dastardly cur, Rumour" from soiling his pages again.

I also take great exception to you referring to Guilds as "sparse", just because Guildsmen do not engage themselves in as much useless, idle gossip as yourself.

I anxiously await your reply which will no doubt be of the bitchy nature we have come to expect from the Editor of FELIX for anyone who has the audacity to criticise the content of his publication.

Yours faithfully

D.L.Barnes
V.P. C.&G.U.
pp. C.&G.U.

Until now both British and overseas PG's have been working and living together in an atmosphere of reasonable friendship. The National Front, by being allowed to propagate their vile racist and fascist ideology would poison this atmosphere.

While defending editorial freedom, I would like to add that this defence cannot be at the expense of editorial responsibility. Your less than total condemnation of the National Front, coupled with your derogatory remarks about certain sections of the left (is the reason possibly a paranoid hatred of the Left?) give substance to the feeling that you have that you seem to have abandoned your editorial responsibility.

The only wish of most overseas students is to get on with their work. In pursuing this aim, they tend to shy away from any active involvement in domestic politics. Thus attempts to harass a peaceful minority are to be condemned. The harassment at the moment is in the form of a subtle psychological pressure being brought to bear on them. Unfortunately, FELIX seems to be acting as a vehicle for this.

Yours sincerely,

Tom Abraham
Chairman, IC PG Group

Imperial College Union
14th February, 1975

Dear Sir,

I should like to express my disgust on behalf of the overseas student, at the fact that the FELIX letters column is being used to spread NF propaganda. FELIX is partly subsidized from Union funds and is responsible through its Editor to the student body.

Imperial College
15th February 1975

Dear Sir,

Prof. Bremsstrahlung is most annoyed that you have spelt his name wrongly for the second time this term. He asks me to point out that "Bremsstrahlung" is spelt with a double

Dear Sir,

I have been interested to observe the present verbal battle between the Communist and National Front elements at IC. I went to the 'Anti-Fascist' Meeting and on reading the refectory bumph about it afterwards from both parties, have found that a reasonably balanced view can be obtained

"s" and not as was printed in FELIX last week. He sees this as a slur on the good name of the family, and in particular on grandpa Bremsstrahlung who, as scientific adviser to the Kaiser, gained fame by fitting the entire German Army with lightning conductors on their helmets.

Yours Faithfully

Quark
(Chief Assistant to
Prof. Bremsstrahlung)

if both are taken with a large pinch of salt.

It seems that the NF and Communist parties do not represent people in general, but only particularly anarchist groups of society. Both organisations have a pretty dubious past—the Communist party proposes to achieve its aims by revolution (though it has been said that such might not be necessary in Britain of America) and the so-called "Crisis of Capitalism" seems more like in this country a "Crisis of Socialism" because surely we are at least half-way towards a Socialist-style economy. The means of communism (eg the bloody Russian revolution, or the Stalinist purges of 1936-38 when 8½ million 'Trotskyites' were put to death) do not seem to justify the ends which, when we consider the freedom of the

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JANICE FORD, a second year Chemical Engineer from Turbridge Wells, is a girl who thoroughly enjoys life - particularly at IC. She is a Beit Hall rep. this year and is also on the Chem. Eng. Soc. Committee. She has well proved her worth to Guilds as a

Rag Collector, but together with a charming smile, she is also proficient in judo - so gentlemen beware!

Commenting on the social life at IC she said:- "I suppose there will always be a lack of girls at IC but I enjoy myself"

ICWA JULIA DUNNING

It seems that ICWA is to be in the headlines for quite a while yet; something which can only be welcomed, always assuming that the publicity is good. This, however, seems a little doubtful. Hence, this article.

ICWA for the length of time it's existed has been a social body, and one which I believe valuably contributes to the social life of the College. However, it far from caters for everyone's tastes and has always had, perhaps justifiably, a rather genteel, old world image.

These very facts have prompted a number of responsible, forward-thinking members of the Association to come to me to put forward means of breathing new life into ICWA. Throughout the many discussions held in the past few weeks, they have emphasised to me that they do wish to stay part of the Association, and that they are proposing an extension of it's present activities rather than a change of the already existing ones.

After much wrangling, I am now prepared to act on their proposals and give my support to the 'Women in Science' group. This group has (and I stress this point), evolved from a body of thought within the Association, and as members have every right to propose any change, providing it does not harm the Association. It should not harm the social side of ICWA, as long as

it continues to recognise that this is a valuable part of it's existence. On the other hand, it could do ICWA the world of good by stimulating a greater number of the women to take part and to actually do something positive to alleviate the problems, both social and academic, of the women in the College. It should also be possible to make a significant contribution towards the Admissions Policy on women, both in making an effort to encourage women into this college and a more general basis in trying to break down the barriers discouraging women from taking up science careers.

For those of you who wish to find out more about the present situation I have called a **GENERAL MEETING, TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, THE 25TH OF FEB. AT 12.30 PM IN THE ICWA LOUNGE.**

The question of women in residence will also be brought up. Discussion on the election of next year's committee and the establishment of an "additional" post, that of Deputy President, will also take place.

IF Only..

Katie Mackinnon

SPECULATION GROWS as elections hover on the IF horizon. There are no posts to be contested: President, Vice President, Secretary, Social Sec, Treasurer, Travel Sec, Usk Rep, and the newly created post of Accommodations Sec, none of which are sabbatical posts. These elections take place at the end of this term.

It is very important that IF has a strong union committee. Only with a strong union committee can IF have any sort of social life. As a secretarial college we are more prone to slip into the sort of nine to five routine that kills any (dare I say it) community spirit and this in turn deadens any enthusiasm for the academic side of college. Discos, dances and dinners are not organised for the sake of amusing a few people for a few hours. Whether they are a means of communication, a topic of conversation, something to be approved of or objected to, the fact remains that the organisation of it, the leading-up, the event itself and the aftermath all create an interest which stimulate the daily life of college.

Moreover a strong union committee is vital in order to bridge the communication gap which exists between the staff and the students at IF. Abuses cannot be righted until they are brought to the attention of those concerned. At IF the barrier tends to be more practical than psychological. Most students here have a full timetable from 9.00 am to 3.30 or 4.30 pm and they just do not have the opportunity to express their grievances, which is where the members of the Union step in. They, incidentally, must possess a limitless ability to make time.

Time is very much an important factor when it comes to standing for a union post. Each job demands more than its fair share. Often, particularly in the posts of President and Social Sec at IF, it is a question of

choosing between union work and studies, and usually it is the first which wins because it is the most difficult to put off. Meetings have to be attended, letters have to be written, phone calls have to be answered, parcels have to be collected and unfortunately one can always obtain a few days' grace for an essay.

The most rewarding aspect of being on the Union is that one is made aware - aware not only of people, plans and problems, but of petty politics as well. Intrigue, scandal, inside information, oh it's all here! *Be in the know, be in the Union!*

Likewise each job demands a lot of thought. One must have the ability to question policies passively accepted by others, and to see a future (be it only a short term basis) for the college

as a whole, and to have the will to influence this. *Whether one arouses favour or opposition is of little consequence; both are signs of interest; the big bugbear to be avoided at all costs is apathy. The elections at the end of the term are a unique opportunity to leave the ranks of the apathetic and to join the doers of this world.*

Albert's Plum

(S. Ken. Stn.)

Cut Price 55p

3-course meal to
IC Students

(Discotheque till 3a.m.)

PRECJ PJCE

Trevor Phillips

NEXT WEEK is designated the **Week of Action**. Elsewhere in this **FELIX** what we plan is outlined. I hope that we can ensure a large turnout on Tuesday and Friday. This is crucial point in the campaign. It is about now that the DES will be in its discussions with the Treasury over the amount of money that it gets for the next year, particularly in respect of the money needed to abolish the anomalies in the grant system.

There are those who say that this kind of action achieves very little. However, some of us remember the campaign on Union Autonomy of 1971-72, which caused Mrs Thatcher, then Secretary of State for Education, to withdraw her proposals for political control of Student Unions. It was those "pointless demos" which showed her the depth of feeling amongst students (we had almost 1000 from IC alone), and caused her capitulation - by her own admission (see last week's Sunday papers).

There are those who say that demos alienate public opinion. This is a comment usually made by those who have never been on one. In my own experience, (and that includes a large number of demos) public reaction on the route of a student march is in general sympathetic or indifferent. There is occasional hostility,

but my own reaction has usually been to try to explain the purpose of the demonstration to the person - and often with some success. This is the way we bring home to the public the situation on both grants and education. In terms of the education cuts, I know that parents will be behind students. The cuts made by Local Education Authorities in primary and secondary schooling have caused near-riots amongst parents in, for example, Buckinghamshire (well-known centre of militancy!).

This is the way that students will achieve the change in the grants system - and call for a fair deal for education.

We are already seeing the effect of the DES policy for next year. The Governing Body will today be asked to approve further cuts across the board in 1975-76, probably followed by "selective cuts". Where will those selective cuts fall? The choice is either further deterioration of academic facilities, or cuts in ancillary services - libraries, etc. It is more than likely that, unless we are able to transfer to direct financing by the LEA's that the Union will be hit. That means cuts to clubs and societies, and a consequent restriction of student activities in, for example, sports.

We faced this problem three years ago in an attack on Union Autonomy. We face it again - but only with the

commitment and support of students themselves.

THE GRANTS / CUTS CAMPAIGN

MRS. T.

I see that the race is on for next year's Union Officers. Traditionally, the "top three" (Pres, Dep. Pres, and Hon Sec.) take no stand in favour of any candidate. However, I am willing to give an opinion, in private, for a small sum. Any takers, for the backing of my massive influence? By the way it's good to see that there are so many candidates for the Amorary Secretary, at least.

Congratulations to our Governor, Mrs. Thatcher, on her election as Opposition leader. I hope and expect that she will have a long and distinguished career in that capacity. Those of you who doubted me when I forecast this in October, 1974, may apologise by post. I did make a £10 bet on her in October, but the other person claims that he can't remember it!

How did I make the prediction?
The political reasoning is simple. The Tories selected Thatcher and not Whitelaw because they know that the class divisions are there - and they will do their utmost to preserve them.

HON SEC

Jacqui Gerrard

ELECTIONS, ELECTIONS, ELECTIONS!

Nobody seems to talk of anything else these days. By the time you read this all the nomination papers should be up, you might even have received your first piece of election bump; that is if there is any opposition for any of the posts.

There are a lot of posts to be filled, but with over 4,000 students there should be plenty of people interested enough to stand. When the voting takes place, people are needed to man ballot boxes (£2 a session during the two days of the election). More important, people are needed to VOTE.

All that you need to vote is your nomination card, and about five seconds. Surely it's worth it to register an opinion and help elect someone.

CORRECTIONS TO THE CORRECTIONS IN THE UNION DIRECTORY

R.C.S.U. CHEM. 3rd

YEAR ACADEMIC REP IS
A.K. TURNER NOT P.
VINCENT

JEWISH SOC. THE CHAIR-
MAN'S PHONE NUMBERS
ARE INT. 2520 EXT.
1286

OVERSEAS STUDENTS' COMMITTEE NOTICE BOARD

A part of the notice-board in the J.C.R. has been given to the Overseas Students Committee. Overseas Students are asked to look at this notice-board for notices concerning events organised by the Union Committee, the Kensington Committee or the British Council, and notices on other matters relevant to them.

The notice-board may also be used by National Societies, specially to advertise events of a more general interest.

Diary or no diary?

Multifarious preponderance encompasses the whole issue of whether or not on IC Union Diary should appear for the 1975-76 session. While some students find the publication very useful, others are totally against it.

A very interesting suggestion comes from Richard Upton (Industrial Sociology Unit, PG) mentioned the possibility of producing an IC Union plastic cover for registration card, NUS card and an IC Union information card.

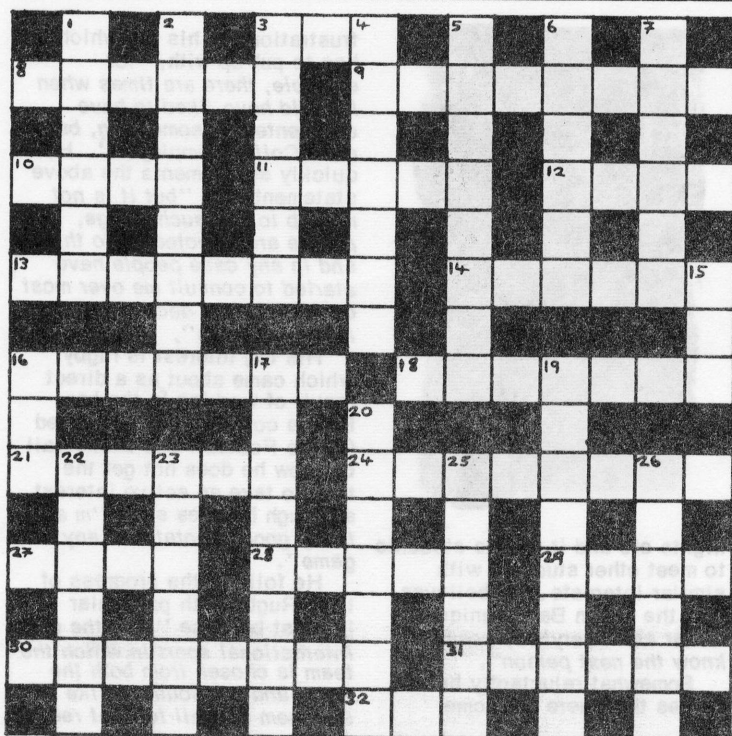
What are your views? All comments are most urgently sought and will be eagerly considered by me.

GORDON JACKSON
Chairman SCC

PRIZE CROSSWORD

No.12

Xam



Across

3. Tiny Boy is backward with German (3).
 8. Sad doctor has a girl (6).
 9. Finish an article inside a book cover (8).
 10. Examine closely if in street (4).
 11. Joining a large organisation, a particle (5).
 12. First men to build an obstruction in the river (4).
 13. Simple hostelry has no money (8).
 14. There's silver in semi-reversed sights (6).
 16. That which turns, spelling 'bull' (7).
 18. Pry oddly in the centre of an Egyptian oddment (7).
 21. Composer heard to open the door (6).
 24. Floor covering of Nile mould, delet, delete, delete! (8).
 27. The essayist is a little beast (4).
 28. Improper language, initially spoken like Arabic, not German (5).
 29. Improper Gert's other half (4).
 30. Goal seen to differ from fuel (8).
 31. There's heather about in an inside layer (6).
 32. Expected to lie on the grass, we hear (3).

Down

1. Mixture in pot, with one on (5).
 2. After a protuberance, an instrument (8).

3. Holding a number by the river (6).
 4. Interpose one in Mediterranean, goddess (7).
 5. I'd change ten if you start to associate ... (8).
 6. ... a god, with a girl, to make bread sauce (6).
 7. Important body of men of money consumed ... (6).
 15. ... a lump of earth (with French back-up) ... (3).
 16. ... so he starts to make a note (3).
 17. Got support for making end stile (8).
 19. Everybody, ugly at first, has phone - tempting (8).
 20. Given a black field, Edward sounded like 27 (7).
 22. Arrives twice at mount (6).
 23. One who comes out before the mountain, he owes something (6).
 25. Spend time on detail of horse in river (6).
 26. No dune flows loose (6).

£1 winner will be drawn from the Editors Hat at noon next Wednesday. The Editor's decision will be final.

The winner of last week's crossword Xam No.11 was P.J.Bonner, Botany 2, who wins the £1 prize.

Sennet Replies

At the last council meeting the Hon. Sec. reported that she had received a letter from Sennet in reply to the letter she had written.

Ms Shaw, secretary to the Editorial Board writes "... it is our belief that your Council has been misinformed ..." and then lists three facts which council should note.

She firstly claims that while giving information to advertisers "... we stress our print-run and not our circulation ..." and further states that "It is orthodox practice to estimate circulation by multiplying print-run by 2.5 (national papers for this)". But the fact remains that Sennet is not a national newspaper thus a claim for such a multiplication factor is ludicrous.

Secondly she states "... we have a distribution problem at about 7 colleges. The differ-

ence they make is negligible." However the evidence from the colleges will suggest otherwise.

The third fact she puts forward is that "... there is no evidence to support the claim that Sennet is 'poaching' advertising -", yet on two occasions in the recent months advertisements which were to appear in FELIX, were cancelled, the reason given being that they were now appearing in Sennet.

NOTIFICATION

Candidates in the forthcoming ICU elections for the posts of President, Deputy President, Hon. Secretary and Editor of FELIX must submit their manifestoes to the FELIX office no later than

11.55 A.M. NEXT MONDAY - (24TH)

Manifestoes must be no longer than 300 words; they must be typed (double-spacing) or NEATLY written (alternate lines); they must have the name of the candidate and the proposer clearly printed at the top of the manifesto.

WELLSOC

Film:
 "Chariot of the Gods"
 from E. von Daniken's book
 of the same name.
 Admission 10p.
 Monday, February 24th,
 7.30 pm.

AEROSOC

Lecture:-
 US AND SOVIET
 SPACE COOPERATION
 BY
 REGINALD TURNHILL
 (BBC AERO SPACE
 CORRESPONDENT)
 THURSDAY 27th FEB
 AERO 266

I.C. Postgraduate Group
 'CONTROVERSIAL'
 FILM AND TALK
 ON
 SCIENCE
 AND POLITICS
 BY
 ANDY SOLANDT
 - General Secretary,
 British Society for Social
 Responsibility
 TIME: 1 pm
 PLACE:
 COLLEGE BLOCK
 LECTURE THEATRE A
 (5th floor)

SOLUTION TO CROSSWORD No. 11

Across

1. Geographical 9. Luckiness
 10. Lent 11. Wounds 12. Kilo-
 watt 13. Outset 14. East Asia
 17. Marzipan 19. Claret 21. Tent
 site 23. Confab 25. Octal 26.
 New recipe 27. Institution

Down

2. Encounter 3. Griddle 4. Apex
 5. Hospital 6. Call out 7. Longa
 8. Contrastable 9. Laws of motion
 15. Sgraffito 16. Castanet
 18. Insulin 20. Loosest 22.
 Note 24. Swat

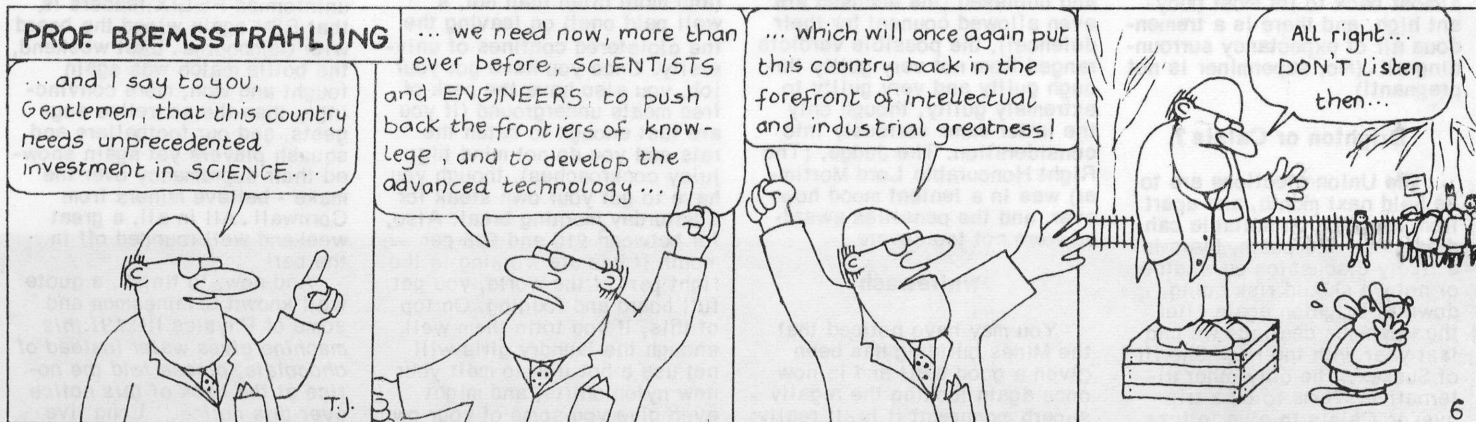
PROF. BREMSSTRAHLUNG

... and I say to you, Gentlemen, that this country needs unprecedented investment in SCIENCE...

... we need now, more than ever before, SCIENTISTS and ENGINEERS, to push back the frontiers of knowledge, and to develop the advanced technology...

... which will once again put this country back in the forefront of intellectual and industrial greatness!

All right... DON'T listen then...



FOCUS : Brendan Clements

by Riz Shakir

THE UNION Bar's Manager is an amicable character with whom one can have an enjoyable chat or exchange a joke which is sure to be appreciated.

Brendan was born in Dublin where he spent his youth and took his A-levels. After working in the customs and excise for nine months, he left for London.

He worked in a pub for two weeks after which he got a job in the Union Bar while looking for something else. However, he stayed on and was subsequently offered the job of running the bar, which he accepted. Now he likes the job, the people he works with, and he says "after working here for six and a half years, it has become part of my life".

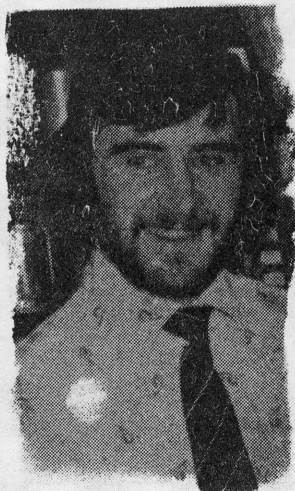
I asked him what did his job entail; the answer came, "I work bloody hard for a start-off and feel that part of my job is to make the bar as good a place to come to as possible besides the usual buying and selling etc. It is not a nine-to-five job (although the basic week is forty hours) because

part of the job is to cover for people if they are sick. If I have to work sixty hours, then I have to work sixty hours; there is no way of getting out of it".

He enjoys going to dinners because "It gives me a chance to meet people and see the other side of a person". Then he jokingly adds "and it's a lot cheaper than going outside".

He admits that a student environment must have some effects on married life but in the same breath he adds that none of these are in any way adverse. The only snag of the job is the long hours that he has to work but he thinks that this could happen in any trade.

Upon my inquiry about the way in which the bar has changed over the years, he replied that the bar used to be "cliquish", whereas now various colleges organise bar



nights etc and it allows students to meet other students with similar interests. He believes that the Union Bar is unique in so far as "everybody seems to know the next person".

Somewhat reluctantly he agrees that there are some

frustrations in his job which he has to put up with, "for example, there are times when I would have liked to have commented on something, but I am a College employee". He quickly supplements the above statement with "but it is not my job to say such things, people are elected to do this and in any case people have started to consult me over most of the relevant decisions taken in recent years".

His big interest is rugby which came about as a direct result of working in the bar. Before coming to IC he played Gaelic Football and basketball but now he does not get the time to take an active interest, although he does say "I'm a fairly good spectator of any game".

He follows the progress of Irish Rugby with particular interest because "it is the only international sport in which the team is chosen from both the North and the South. I like to see them do well for that reason."

Life in Mines

Bob

Fiona

Ruminating in the balmy atmosphere of the Mines common room, surrounded by sennet paper aeroplanes and congealed chocolate, the assembled intelligencia is wracking its brain for ideas for this article when in walks Superminer. Going straight to the head of the queue for the coffee machine, he turns and says: "Anyone got tuppence to lend us?" Yes folks, its * ? ! C) on the scrounge again!

Expectancy

What has this got to do with an article for FELIX? Absolutely nothing, but it does typify life in RSM at the moment. The low ebb of morale encountered at the beginning of term is now almost back to its most buoyant high, and there is a tremendous air of expectancy surrounding all. (No, superminer is not pregnant!)

Brighton or Calais?

The Union elections are to be held next month, and apart from deciding on suitable candidates for the posts, there is a lively discussion on whether or not we should risk going down to Brighton again after the infamous dealings we had last year with the High Sheriff of Sussex. The only other alternative seems to be a trip over to Calais to give le fuzz Francais a headache for a

change, though it seems likely that Brighton will remain the venue.

Davey bearers tried

The trial of Helen Mattrass, Mike Kilbride and the other Davey bearers has now taken place, and as usual in these trials, which are extremely fair and unbiased (the accused are even allowed counsel for their defence!), the possible verdicts ranged from not very guilty through guilty and very guilty to extremely guilty, though only the latter came seriously into consideration. The Judge, (The Right Honourable Lord Mortimer) was in a lenient mood however, and the penalties awarded were not too severe.

Whitewash

You may have noticed that the Mines building has been given a good WBU and is now once again looking the regally superb monument it is. It really is amazing what a bit of soap

and water can do. (About that denim suit Mash..)

Drummer fooled

Enthusiasm (something C & G and RCS only read about), is in great abundance in Mines as can be noted by comparing the 176 at the Engineers D & D (with Minesmen and OC's outnumbering present Guildsmen) to the 328 at the Mines Ball. We were glad to hear, however, that the drummer of the band booked for the D & D eventually arrived at College Block after making a tour of Knightsbridge. (courtesy of Superminer.)

Rockdrill rhythms

And now something about miners. A miner has a natural advantage over others doing more conventional courses - he knows he can readily get a job (and more often than not, a well paid one!) on leaving the the cloistered confines of university. Once you have got your job, you also have the perk of free meals underground (if you are fast enough to catch the rats and you do not mind big, juicy cockroaches), though you have to get your own steak for a Saturday morning braai. Also, for between £10 and £25 per month if you are working in the right part of the world, you get full board and lodging. On top of this, if you train them well enough the laundry girls will not use a hot iron to melt your new nylon shirts, and might even give you some of your own clothes back if you are lucky..

One of the major advantages of working underground however, is that you can get away from nagging women for a while and sleep off your hangover to the peaceful rhythm of half a dozen rockdrills banging away at the stope face.

Character

Anyway, back to the RSM where life flows peacefully on, and the Union pays for you to go abroad and get paralytic for a week on a Foreign Students trip. More emphasis was always laid on character rather than academic brilliance. Some of you may even remember John "Batman" Mellors, at the moment taking a holiday of convenience from the rigours of RSM. His latest exploit was to figure prominently in rescue operations in a flooded mine shaft in South Africa. Such is the RSM spirit.

A bit of news for the more uninformed FELIX readers is, that RSM again wiped the board with Cambourne. Last weekend, the bottle match was again fought and won, more convincingly than the scoreline suggests, and our footballers and squash players yet again showed their supremacy over the make - believe miners from Cornwall. All in all, a great weekend well rounded off in the bar!

And now, to finish, a quote well known to Minesmen and some of Physics III: "If this machine gives water instead of chocolate, please fold the notice at the back of this notice over this notice." Long live RSM and all who drink in her!

Swimming Gala



THE ANNUAL Swimming Gala took place last Tuesday with victory going to Mines. Guilds who battled hard finished second with RCS trailing in third and last position.

The outstanding feature of the gala was the water-polo competition which saw the staff team excelling with a fine display

of skill and showmanship which totally overwhelmed the opposition. Amongst the CCU teams the Guilds men were most adaptable to water and their event was indeed creditable.

The most amusing event, as might be expected, was the novelty race. This consisted of two lengths of the swimming bath, on the first leg each competitor carried an inflated balloon (not tied-up which had to be kept inflated until the change over. On the return lap the competitors had to carry a small lighted candle on a tin

tray back with them.

The president's race was the non-event of the evening with Trev, Pete, Jenny and Ron linking arms and not getting very far. John Mortimer and Julian Tyson had a very good race which Julian won by a hairs breadth.

Mr Mortimer collected the shield on behalf of Mines and led off with the Miners song.

Guilds collected the three handed pot and it was then a question of who could get to the beer first!

IBA Lectures 1975

*The Royal Commonwealth Hall
(entrance by 16-20 Craven Street, London WC2)*

MONDAY, 24th FEBRUARY, at 6.30 p.m.

"ITV: The Companies and Their Programme-Makers"

by

Jeremy Isaacs

Director of Programmes, Thames Television

In the Chair: Lord Aylestone,

Chairman of the Independent Broadcasting Authority

MOTORCYCLE COLUMN

Rupert Harper

TIME HAS come round again for my ego trip in print, but this time I am asking for your support so that I can carry on being secretary of the section next year and be able to make a better job of what I set out to do last year. The things that I would like to see are a good workshop and somewhere to keep the bikes where they should be safe, also the hire Bantam project, which is in the hands of Dave Salisbury of the Bent Bonnie fame, have you ever noticed how nobody parks outside Southside any more? Santa Pod has got nothing on Princes Gardens.

Progress with the Bantams is at the moment grinding through the wheels of bureaucracy. Also I feel that the section needs to be a meeting point for Motorcyclists in the College; there is nothing to stop non-members coming to the meetings in fact they would be wel-

come.

Some bloke has nicked Nick Fodens Crash helmet. It is a white Kangol Gladiator Full-face effort and it was taken from the Southside, refectory one lunchtime. Apart from not being able to ride his bike until he gets another, it will cost a lot to replace, and what is more, other peoples crash hats provide no protection because the shape on the inside is wrong, so if you have it hand it in to the messenger in the southside main entrance or to Don in the Keogh entrance and no questions will be asked, but God help you if you are seen wearing it around the college, because you will need more than just a crash hat when we catch you. So save yourself a lot of bother and hand it in, the messengers will not know that it is stolen, so there will be no questions, promise.

UGM

1p.m. GREAT HALL

Constitutional change:

PGAO on the Exec ?

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FEBRUARY 27TH

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Disinvestment

DURHAM University Students are continuing their fight to prevent their University investing in companies which themselves have large investments in South Africa.

Last term the issue was voted on by the student body, the voting being carried out in individual colleges following debates. 63% of votes were for disinvestment (about 40% of students voted). A staff poll offered the choice of disinvesting, harassing companies about South Africa, or doing nothing. The majority were for harassment, with one third of the staff voting. The University did not consider that this represented a mandate for disinvestment though it has been recognised that disinvestment is a viable pol-

icy. A spokesman at Durham Students Union said that the University was in effect ignoring a vote it had requested.

Tomorrow there will be a National Demonstration in Durham ending in a rally at the University, which is to be attended by students from Universities throughout the country. NUS is encouraging attendance as part of the national campaign to remove University investment from companies with large South African interests.

NF Meeting

TWO POLITICALLY polarised meetings took place yesterday in College block: one under the auspices of the National Front, the other was an impromptu meeting chaired by the president of ICU to discuss ways of fighting racialism and fascism.

The NF meeting, which numbered fourteen people (including guest speakers), was held in lecture theatre 'B'. There was a directive from the Domestic Bursar that the meeting should not be publicised and that people should be privately invited to attend.

Despite this directive, Left wing factions did manage to determine the time and location of the meeting and a peaceful picket was held at the door to the meeting.

The Left wing group then decided to enter lecture theatre A and hold their meeting although this had not been booked for such a purpose. After a brief discussion between the Bursar and the ICU President, however, the meeting did take place.

The NF meeting claimed that their attendance was low because of the Bursar's directive and because some of their supporters had shied away for fear of intimidation.

The Left's meeting discussed ways of combating racialism and fascism and made several proposals which included establishing a regular broadsheet to present arguments against racialism and fascism; inviting speakers such as Ian Mikado or Steve Parry to address future meetings; and one idea was to organise a trip to see an anti-fascist play being performed on the South Bank "Adventures of Jackboot".

Mooney to cost more ?

AT ITS next meeting, the Refectory Committee will be considering the level of price increase needed to ensure that the refectories at least break even at the end of the session. The committee is waiting for a report of the trading figures for January before making a firm recommendation to the Governing Body. As reported in the stop press of FELIX, issue no. 377, the increase will be in the order of 12%.

This increase which would be effective from April 1st would help erase a deficit of approximately £15,000, the latest estimate to date. It had originally been forecast that there would be a short fall of £65,000.

The price increase of August together with the bar profits were to balance this out but due to soaring costs this will not be the case without the increase in April.

The quinquennial submission highlights two points in connection with refectories. Firstly, there is a "....need to

attract more custom" and secondly that the refectories are under-used. "It would be an improvement if each of the three main refectories were given some kind of character". One suggestion to help achieve this would be to partition South side "in such a way as to give a series of three-sided 'bays'".

On the second point it suggested that one of the refectories be closed down and the room used for some other purpose.

It is perhaps regretful that

in a paper of such importance there is no stress laid on the abysmally low quality of food served in the refectories. The next quinquennial may yet see a change.

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individual in a communist country, do not seem desirable.

However, in contrast, the NF proposes the building of a Nazi-style dictatorship, wherein, like Hitler's massacre of two million Jews, we would be encouraged to support racialism. From the point of view of the immigrant to or emigrant from this country, such racist policies are illogical since his aim (unless he is an unfortunate Ugandan Asian) is generally to better himself and hence the country to which he emigrates. Indeed, people of any creed particularly those holding British passports should have the right to live peaceably in this country. However, it should be made clear to any immigrant that our streets are not 'paved with gold' and that our present economic climate is gloomy.

Finally, for those who are disillusioned with the NF v. Communist battle in student politics, who are satisfied with the level of the grant, or do not like marching under communist-style banners declaring we should bring down one or another government, I would emphasise that there are small political societies which engage, not in student politics, but in the study of parliamentary democracy and it is through such groups that serious political discussion can be achieved. My personal view is that my education at IC is a privilege not a right, and I am prepared to work hard towards a degree to prove that I am worth spending money on to educate. That though is a personal view and unfortunately like many other moderates, politically speaking, my work leaves me little time to devote to ending the domination of student politics by extreme elements.

Yours faithfully,
Francis Toye

Physics,
16th February 1975.

Dear Sir,

T.J.D. Pye of Chem. Eng. 1 feels that I have libelled Nietzsche, who he considers to be "one of the truly great thinkers of the last century", in associating the German philosopher with the Nazis and the National Front.

His letter gives everyone a most illuminating insight in-

to the mind of Mr Pye. R.J.Hollingdale, A.Tille, or any of the other translators of "Thus spake Zarathustra" may preach what they wish but I consider Nietzsche to be understood only in the context of his contemporary society.

First and foremost Nietzsche's philosophy is one that epitomises all the horrors of the middle class in Germany, locked in the war-torn trials of unification in the latter half of the last century: terrified by the emergence of the working class as a force for its destruction in the Paris communes and Marx's agitation (which led to the formation of the S.D.P.), suffocated by the feudal power of the German princes and Emperor, and lacking the immense colonial wealth of France and Britain that would enable it to buy off and create a labour aristocracy, thus prolonging its survival. In other words if ever there were a group of people who felt they were destined to rule and yet frustrated - it was Nietzsche's stratum of German society.

This is where his ideas of Man and Superman come from. Life to Nietzsche is "essentially appropriation, infringement, the overpowering of the alien and the weaker, oppression, hardness, imposition of one's own form, assimilation and, at the least and the mildest, exploitation."

His ideas on humanity easily adapt to Hitler's Aryan creed "At the bottom of all noble races lies unmistakably the beast of prey, the magnificent blond beast, greedily prowling after prey and victory".

This outlook put him in opposition to Bismarck who he criticized not for military excesses but for his craven servility to the Emperor: "I shall forgive no one who makes a compromise with it" and "Listen to the barking commands that virtually encircle the German city".

Nietzsche's views on racial mixing were easily ignored by the fanatical anti-communists of the Nazis who found their politics mirrored in his hatred of socialism and social democracy.

Thus we see that Nietzsche brought to a high point all the fears and aspirations of the middle class in Germany who were to form the backbone of Hitler's movement some sixty years later and that is why his works were made obligatory reading by the National Socialists.

Today his philosophy is mirrored in the poetic works of Enoch Powell - "I hate the weak, I hate the lame, etc." and tomorrow perhaps his works will be appearing on the bookshelf of the latest leader of middle class paranoia - Mrs Thatcher.

However to take them into practice will be a different question compared to the 1930's, Mr Pye.

Yours faithfully,
Ali Campbell

Hyde Park Relay

Every year since 1949, Imperial College Cross Country Club has staged a Road Relay in Hyde Park. Entry is by invitation only, and only bona fide students are permitted to run.

Twenty teams took part in the inaugural event and this year the relay reaches a landmark in its history with for the first time, over 100 teams competing. Eleven of these will have crossed the channel to partake in this year's event which takes place tomorrow, Saturday 22nd February, at 3.00 pm.

The relay is run around a three mile course in the park and there are six runners per team. An indication of the quality of the field may be gained from the fact that the lap record is held by Jim Brown of Borough Road College at 13 minutes 21 seconds for the three mile circuit.

Spectators are very welcome, the race commencing at the Western End of Rotten Row. Especially welcome will be persons willing to assist with the staging of the event, unique in the world and prestigious for the college. Should you be interested in helping, please come to the Union anytime tomorrow.

All helpers will receive a free tea. Please come and support the race and the IC Team.

**HYDE PARK RELAY
SATURDAY 22ND FEB**

Helpers required to assist with staging the event. All helpers receive a free tea. If interested come to the Union anytime tomorrow.

KEITH N. AHLERS, Hon. Hyde Park Relay Organiser.

Lacrosse

This game eventually began at 3.15 pm after IC had worn themselves out with half an hour practicing before the other team came out.

The game quickly got underway as RCS soon got the first goal. The midfield and attack kept up the good work and soon had a few more goals. Croydon eventually came back and with a heavy assault on the defence scored their first goal. After a few remarks to the defence about technique(?) from our goalkeeper - captain (Easy-Rider) Strangeway, the game eventually restarted. By the end of the first quarter RCS had a well deserved lead.

In the second quarter RCS kept up the attack and soon

had the goals pouring in. With a quick breakaway from a draw Croydon scored by running through a helpless defense. Soon after this the game became quite rough with Niel being hit over the head twice.

In the third and fourth quarters RCS forced home a certain victory with several quick goals from the draw. Croydon kept trying to fight back but the defense held them back, often more by luck than skill.

The final score was 5 - 13 which was a well deserved victory.

Team: *The Incredible Hulk* (capt), *Tory* (9), *Martin*, *Niel* (2), *Chris*, *Bob* (2), *Alan*, *Terry*, *Bill*.

FILM SOCIETY NEWS

There has been a change of programme for tonight due to "Duel" having been overlooked. Instead, "Wait Until Dark" and "Valerie and her Week of Wonders" will be shown. Could members also note that tonight is the AGM when the election of next year's committee will take place. The election papers which have been up since February 7th, are on the noticeboard next to the Union refectory and will be taken down at lunchtime.

W.N.Gibson, Chairman

IC Campus Radio Society

A party are going to a "Dinner in Hall" on March 4th. Cost - £1.50 (inc. wine) Contact P.Fenton EE2, M.H. Gey Linstead 334 or J.Allen Falmouth 113 for further details by 27th Feb.

FOLK CLUB presents JOE STEAD

Self-confessed lunatic, and Governor of Sweet Folk Ace.
Feb. 26th in the Union Lower Refectory.

CHEMSOC LECTURE
Prof. S.F.Mason,
King's College, London.
"Colour and Molecular Structure"
25th Feb. 1975 at 17:30.

ICWA GENERAL MEETING
Tuesday, 25th February
at 12.30 pm in the
ICWA lounge.

REVIEWS

Concerts

Operatic Society: The Mikado

THE IRRESTIBLE music of Arthur Sullivan and the precocious libretto of W.S. Gilbert rose to grand heights last Saturday when the Operatic Society performed *"The Mikado"*. What a stunner of a production! In truly theatrical last-night tradition, the ad-libs and encores were rife with marvellous effect. Imagine cheering for an encore of the Mikado's song and receiving a superbly spoof version which surprised not only the audience, but the orchestra (who understandably muffed a few notes at the time) and the conductor as well to whom some of the lyrics were jokingly directed:

"The imperfect conductor whom anyone catches, unable to keep strict time, He's made to stand with a second-rate band, conducting this tedious rhyme. This barbarous bunch of part-time players, to watching the beat they're immune.

How can he get better at light operetta, when the violins can't play in tune?"

(These lyrics, incidentally, were written only five minutes before they were sung on stage).

As Yum-Yum, Pat Elliot clearly starred. Her voice was clear and brilliant without being shrill. Lin Davis was magnificent as the Mikado, his presence on the stage being felt immediately. His outrageous encore brought the house down. Brian Parsons as Nanki-Poo and Peter Mills as Koko shone confidently with Tim Johnson (Pish-Tush) and Sue Cochran (Katisha) in fine support. Roger Woodward as Pooh-Bah was a neat piece of casting. The subtle pathos injected into this role had the audience in fits of laughter.

Mention must also be made of Debbie Kemp (Pitt-Sing) and Jane Stanford (Peep-Bo), who, when they teamed up with Pat Elliot for *"Three Little Maids"*, showed us what vocal training is all about.

Producer Ian Gledhill conductor David Pollard and Opsoc Chairman Steve Thurlow are entitled to be well pleased with this year's production.

Records

Ian Morse

Ben Webster: Ballads by Ben Webster (Verve 2683.049)

To a few great jazz musicians, the advance of years signifies a deepening of their powers. Stan Getz is one of these, so is Stephane Grappelli and supremely perhaps, was the late Ben Webster. He seems to have had two careers, the first centered upon his time with the Ellington

band in the 1940's and the second as a soloist from the mid-fifties onwards. The tunes compiled for this double-album are, as the title signifies all ballads (the field of jazz where one feels Webster was always most suited) taken from this second period.

The sound of Webster's saxophone - the quality of tone, depth of improvisational skills - but above all, his great romanticism, gives his ballad style a uniqueness that shone through on almost everything he did. Some of the best examples are to be found on this record, among them, *'My funny Valentine'*, *'Chelsea Bridge'* and *'Prelude to a kiss.'* A fine album for people who appreciate jazz, in particular Ben Webster's approach to it.

Hic

A Foot in Cold Water: Or All Around Us. (Elektra).

An enterprising fellow indeed must have conjured up this stylish name, I mean Canadians might have thought twice about a band called *"Deep Uriah Sab + bath"*, or something.

The opener's a mini-killer, a sort of *"Honky-Tonk Women"* a la *Burlesque*, entitled *"I know what you need."* The striking feature is that for a relatively new outfit the sound is tight, and the production suits their loud, brash style.

The playing is good, and obviously goes back a fair way, but the vocals stamp a heavy metal seal on the music, to its detriment, as Alex Machin screeches out the lyrics allowing little scope for contrast or variety, and after a few tracks the monotony begins to set in.

Of the group the most talented appears to be guitarist Paul Naumann, who provides the more inventive moments to this competently played and self-penned set of numbers. The others seem to be embedded in a format of turning out repetitive lyrics to a barrage of music-to-bash-your-head-against-the-floorboards-to.

To be fair though, the music is interesting, and this album, with the right exposure, could do well with followers of Uriah Heep or Black Sabbath. It is loud and heavy, and it kicks: so it is worth a listen. Not the stuff of legend, but in the absence of Mr Machin they could well put out something special.

Paul Ekpenyong

Oscar Peterson, Lionel Hampton, Buddy Rich and Ray Brown: The Jazz Ambassadors (verve).

AS YOU would expect from the title the musicians on this album would be of the

highest calibre. Certainly Lionel Hampton (vibraphones), Oscar Peterson (piano), Ray Brown (bass) and Buddy Rich (drums) are geniuses in each of their fields.

The music on this album was recorded on three separate occasions between September 1953 and September 1954 and though the recording is in mono this does not detract from the music.

The album kicks off with *'This can't be love'* with an easy going swing beat to it and there follows *'Midnight Sun'* which is similar in style. *'Love for sale'* and *'Stompin' at the Savoy'* side two are superb pieces.

In the former Ray Brown performs a bass solo of exquisiteness while in the latter we are treated to a sample of the amazing talents of Lionel Hampton on vibes.

The next song *'Stardust'* is of a slower tempo with piano dominating. This song really marks the quality of music which I shall leave you to discover for yourselves. The second record (it's a two record set) begins with *'Just one of those things'* with the crisp, immaculate drumming of Buddy Rich, a classic piece. *'April in Paris'* is something you've just got to experience. Again as indeed throughout the album Lionel Hampton's playing (this time on xylophone) has to be admired and in fact he is the dominating influence throughout.

If you are a jazz fan and enjoy the kind of music these guys play, then this album has just got to be your next purchase.

John Shore

Richie Havens: Mixed Bag (Polydor 2310 356)

IN keeping with his previous albums this album contains mainly tracks written by other artists. In this case there is a wider variety, ranging from Paul McCartney's *'Band On the Run'* to Neil Young's *'The Loner'* and Bob Dylan's *'Sad Eyed Lady'* to *'Wandering Angus'* a poem by Yeats set to music. This does not imply that he tries to copy other people, the reverse is definitely true - Havens is unique. His incredible voice is so deep that at times he sounds more like an urld grizzly growling. Unfortunately his instrumental ability lacks the uniqueness of his vocals and he has to rely on a competent band of musicians to drown out his repetitive strumming.

Richie Havens has a very positive philosophy on life yet chooses not to express his thoughts to any great length in song, indeed he wrote only one of the tracks on the album. The first track *'Ooh Child'* by Stan Vincent is very much in keeping with his philosophy this the story of a father telling his son of the brighter days ahead, in which Richies' deep voice can be heard at its most melodic. The only track in which he does express himself is *'Someone Suite'* aptly named as it tells us we all must have some one to turn to. It makes me wonder why he has to rely on other people's work when he can write such meaningful words himself. *'Band on*

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the Run" starts off sounding full of promise and the first verse is thoroughly enjoyable but by the time he has repeated it THREE times turns into a monotonous massacre of a fine song.

The album is well produced, the style and sound is typical of Richie Havens but perhaps the content is not up to his best.

KENJIL SAWADA Fugative Kind/ Nothing But A Heartache

KENJIL SAWADA is supposed to be the biggest thing in Japanese Pop, and is about to spring on an unsuspecting British audience. The song itself is very westernised, although there remains a slight oriental flavour in the music.

The music is very pleasant, although personally I feel perhaps its too good to make the charts. The flipside is just an unimpressive rehash of an old standard.

Books

John Andrews

Everything That Rises Must Converge

Don't be put off by the title, which in my opinion is far too clumsy for such a well written book, and has the added disadvantage of sounding like a line from a Leonard Cohen song. The author, who died in 1964 at the early age of thirty-eight, was a woman who spent most of her life in Georgia, and this book is a collection of short stories about the people who inhabit the Deep South of America. She speaks with the quiet authority of one who has absorbed the quintessential aspects of her unique environment; and in these nine apologies

she has successfully combined a considerable talent for writing with an obvious, probably inherent, flair for psychology. Often an element of humour creeps into the stories, particularly in her descriptions, but in no way are these used to gloss over the hard facts; the society she describes is not an easy one to live in. Many of the people are failures,

while in some cases the more worldly successful figures are shown to be both shallow and unforgivably complacent. The only other American writer I know of who can portray this particular species of working people with such perspicuity and honest accurateness is John Steinbeck, especially in *The Grapes of Wrath*; anyone who enjoys his work will find much of interest here. Whether Miss O'Connor would have matured into as great a writer as he is a hypothetical, though interesting question. There isn't much of her work about, and she won't be writing any more, so get hold of a copy and read it before she either drops into obscurity or acquires a cult following.

CROSS COUNTRY

There was a distinct sense of déjà vu last Wednesday when the 4th London Colleges League race was held at Parliament Hill Fields only four days after the Southern Championships had been held there. Had we really gone home that Saturday night after the championships or had we been running around through the mud continuously during the intervening period? I'm not sure, but the terrain certainly seemed quite familiar.

To add insult to injury the elements decided the course wasn't muddy enough and five minutes before the start the

heavens opened and produced a downpour.

Ian Ellis made his usual sprint for the front at the start of the race, followed by the usual progressive fade, but kept going a little longer

this time and wasn't passed by Rob or Steve until after a mile and a half. Rob Allinson feeling good after his rest in the Southern's boy's race powered through to finish a very respectable 4th in 29.36, followed by Steve Webb in 13th place in 30.36. This rather early arrival by Steve caused ex-crosscountry club drinking (?) star Ian Isherwood to drop the discs he was handing out to the finishers. Paul Clarke gave Ian Ellis a run for his money but Ian just about came out on top finishing 20th (he might get his name in A.W. this time) with Paul two places behind, with times of 31.06 and 31.13, respectively. The big surprise of the day then occurred when Dave Houlbrooke closed the scoring for the 1st team, obviously having overcome the drive shaft trouble that had caused his premature exit from the Southems. He ploughed in respectable 30th in 31.55. Dave Jones was the spacer at 39.

2nd team: Alf Garnett 47th; N. Boag 54th; R. Harrington 60th; D. Payne 74th; M. Wellford 78th.

3rd team: A. Davey 80th; Pad Donnelly 88th; A. Fairhead 91st; Bob Ignaciuk 101st. Bob Ignaciuk had the dubious pleasure of being last (again!)

The 1st team are now 2nd to Barts Hospital in Division 1 and only 13 points behind them. With a full 1st team in the last league race we should beat them quite easily and also hold off the expected late challenge from Borough Road College to win the 1st division for the first time in at least 5 years (that's as long as I can remember!)

The 2nd team and the 3rd team are 1st and 2nd in Division 2 and look certain candidates for promotion - we only hope that they don't get relegated next year!

On Saturday we competed in a race that has now become a regular fix for the club. London's "Champion of cham-

pions" road race, the Hillingdon '5'. It's a pity that the changing facilities do not match up to the standard of the race - 200 athletes all trying to use two loos before the race and two tin baths after the race is just not on! However the race is of sufficient quality to make up for the lack of facilities to a certain extent.

The course is one lap of 5 miles around the roads of Hillingdon and Ruislip, specially constructed to frustrate motorists and Saturday afternoon shoppers. Bob Holt of Hercules Wimbledon led the field home in a time of 23.45 in front of a bunch of runners that included Paul Clarke's sprinting partner Julian Goater of Oxford. Apparently there was a bit of a bundle up the front and Julian Goater came off worst but unfortunately the author was not up with leaders at that point and so no further information is available.

Rob Allinson led the IC team in (again) with a great run of 25.39 finishing in 34th place. Next was Steve Webb in 63rd eventually beating his 30 minute bogey with a time of 27.01. Paul Clarke was 80th in 27.39 and Dave Jones, reaching peak form just in time for the Hyde Park Relay, finished the scoring for the 1st team in 90th position in a time of 28.04. The captain, suffering from a heavy cold didn't make the 1st team (unlucky Ian) but finished a 96th in a respectable time of 28.22. Two other IC runners managed to break the six minute miling barrier, namely Alf Gamett 121st, 29.29 and Rich Harrington 130th in 29.51. Among the also rans were Neil Boag 139 in 39.16, Dave Houlbrooke, having tractor trouble again, 145 in 30.47, John Shearer 157 31.39 and Bob Ignaciuk 183 35.52. I'm happy to report that Bob was not last, but actually beat 15 others! Keep up the training Bob and you'll soon be in the 1st team!

HOCKEY

After our enforced midweek lay off the hockey club returned to the fray last Saturday with a league match against Kodak. The day started in fine style for IC when skipper Tim (a stitch in time) Hanson won the toss and after a great deal of thought elected to play towards the end which sported all the surface water.

As usual, IC attacked straight from the bully off, but most of the attacks broke down due to the varying pace of the ball through the wet patches on the pitch. Although IC left huge gaps in midfield the defence coped admirably with any attack Kodak could offer. However, with only five minutes to go to half time slack marking allowed a Kodak forward a bit of space and he promptly slammed the ball into the goal. Half time arrived with Kodak leading 1 - 0. Inspired by our dynamic captain's half time talk and also by the fact that the forwards were attacking the drier end of the pitch IC started the second half in fine style. With both defence and midfield under total control the forwards looked much more menacing and goals seemed sure to come. The first came from a right wing cross which beat the whole Kodak defence. A brilliant run from left wing John Latter put him in the right spot and he only had to tap the ball home. A second goal soon followed. The events leading up

to this goal were a bit confused. However after a few minutes argument "Sleepy" Bashar awarded a penalty flick. As the Kodak goalkeeper dived out of the way Kim Houlden flicked the ball over him into the goal. Our third goal came when, on intercepting a hurried Kodak clearance, "Julie" put "Hot-shot" Lord away down the right wing. The resulting cross was drilled into the goal by a diving Bob Middleton. This goal was a just reward for Bob whose tremendous efforts had done much in bringing about IC's second half revival (watch out Mister Ta squared). Although Kodak did score again before the end IC deservedly won 3 - 2. This was an excellent overall team performance with no-one playing a bad game.

Team:- Roger Hutson; Jim Marshall; Mike Vieira; P.F. Ace; Welsh Wizard; Stitch (capt); Hotshot, Julie; Bob Middleton; Ian McLean; John Latter; Ump:- Sleepy

FELIX SPORT

LUB LAB

INTERNATIONALS ROWING AT IC

During the past few months, anyone visiting the Putney Embankment on a Thursday morning as dawn breaks, will have seen 8 students braving the elements and taking to the water as members of one of the most unusual boat clubs in Britain. Although unknown to probably 99% of IC students, there are no less than 6 full G.B. internationals at IC, including two Olympic oarsmen. To these can be added a Cambridge blue and until recently the B.U.S.F. COXLESS PAIR Gold medalists. Five of these oarsmen work for Professor Cameron in the Lubrication Laboratory in Mech. Eng. and with his encouragement got together with the rest and formed the "Lubrication Laboratory of Imperial College, B.C." which was registered with the A.R.A. this year. Due to commitments with other clubs and the National Squad they cannot row together seriously but meet each Thursday morning for a short outing on the Thames.



However, last Sunday they came together for a more specific reason, for over the weekend the Tideway was visited by the Cambridge University Boat Race crew, themselves containing four internationals, who have been rowing together daily for the past few months and who wanted to get some experience in the Putney reach before their annual clash with Oxford in March. On Saturday they dispatched the Tideway Scullers with ease. (The Scullers were, until the recent formation of the National Squad, generally regarded as the National VIII.) On Sunday they were to do some intervals with "Lub Lab". Unfortunately the Lab had three of the first choice oarsmen indisposed and so had to boat three substitutes. Despite the fact that one of them was Mike Hart (Bronze Medalist in the European Championships), the crew was now completely scratch and in general gave themselves little chance. Leaving the Putney hard the crew had little idea of how much or of

what form the work was to take and it was only after turning along Wandsworth bridge that they were picked up by the Cambridge launch and the work load explained. The outing was to consist of a 3 minute interval followed by 2 minutes rest, a 6 minute row followed by 2 minutes rest and finally another 3 minute row. The crews joined up below Putney Railway bridge and a 20 stroke warm up by each crew proved inconclusive. At Putney Pier the first 3 minutes row began with Lab on Middlesex. Starting third of a length down the Lab coped much better with

the disturbed water than did Cambridge, who were thoroughly unsettled by it, and at the end of the 3 minutes the Lab had established a lead of third of a length. The 6 minutes interval was rowed round the big Surrey bend with Cambridge on the inside. Again the Lab started down but this time Cambridge, due to their practice together managed to maintain a higher rate and after a clash of oars just below Hammersmith bridge, went clear and finished 2½ lengths in the lead. The final 3 minutes was rowed off the remaining parts of the Surrey bend and up to Barnes bridge. Cambridge again had the better starts but the Lab rallied and both crews finished the piece at 36, Cambridge ½ in the lead. The Lab's performance considering their three subs and one outing a week, was extremely good. When the crews meet again in a few weeks time with the Lab at full strength I doubt if Cambridge will see which way the Lab go.

BOATS

BOAT CLUB

IC SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY CHAMPIONS

On Saturday morning we arrived at Reading for the Southern Universities Regatta to find the usual Reading conditions:- mud, rain and more mud.

The 1st VIII was entered in the Championship Eights division. Our first race was against Oriel College Oxford and St. Edmund Hall

Oxford. Despite a shaky start (someone forgot to take the first stroke) we quickly pulled ahead of both crews. We then sat three lengths in front of St. Edmund Hall for the rest of the race. Oriel were two or three lengths behind St. Edmund Hall. Our next race was against 1st and 3rd Trinity, Cambridge who had previously beaten Southampton. Since our time in the first round was over twenty seconds faster than theirs we were a bit over confident and as a result our rowing was not exactly brilliant, but we still came in six lengths (24 secs) in front. The final was against Clare College, Cambridge. This was our best row of the day in which we pulled ahead of Clare fairly soon after the start and were three lengths up by the finish. We were presented with the Harp Lager Trophy and individual pewter pint tankards after the end of the regatta. A good start to what we hope to be a successful season.

The 2nd VIII were entered in the Second Eights division. Unfortunately they were beat-

en by Kings College Cambridge and Pembroke College Oxford in the first round. However I should point out that both these crews were 1st VIs so what they were doing in a 2nd VIs event I am not quite sure.

The Novice VIII (Lublab) won their first round in the Novice division against Chelsea College and Southampton quite easily and in a similar fashion beat Reading in the second round. However they lost to 1st and 3rd Trinity Cambridge in a fast final. This crew is not going to stay novice for long.

The crews were:-
1st VIII Bow, W.White; J.Fitzgerald; M.Jones; P.Langguth; D.Bevan; J.Bland; N.Gillett; S.Baker; Cox P Hughes
2nd VIII Bow, M.Hill; R.Tomlins; S.Maw; J.Wilkinson; T.Lancaster; M.Hill; R.Wilson; J.Holding; Cox A.Dyson.
Novice VIII Bow R.Newley; D.Wymer; D.Harvey; I.Hyslop; S.Warley; T.Smith; R.Hill; R.Lloyd; Cox S.Taylor.

STOP PRESS

MARGARET THATCHER M.P., WHO WAS RECENTLY ELECTED TO THE POST OF LEADER OF THE CONSERVATIVE PARTY, HAS RESIGNED HER POSITION AS A MEMBER OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE IMPERIAL COLLEGE.

IT IS BELIEVED THAT MOVE REFLECTS THE FACT THAT HER NEW APPOINTMENT WILL LEAVE HER LITTLE TIME TO DEVOTE TO BEING AN IC GOVERNOR.

GRANTS/CUTS CAMPAIGN

The Campaign called for by Margate Conference last November has the following priorities

1. End the anomalies in the married students grants system
2. End the Means Test
3. Abolish local authority discretionary powers over grants
4. Cash grants for college of education students
5. Restore the education cuts

There are also a range of other aims including parity for overseas students, a better system of postgraduate demonstrating rates etc. The DES is shortly to put its plans for education to the Treasury. The results of these negotiations will determine the nature of the grants system after this year. It will also determine whether educational standards are to continue falling, and whether the colleges will continue to teeter on the edge of bankruptcy.

It is essential that students show their support for the claims of the campaign - and do so now. Next year may be too late.

WEEK OF ACTION Feb. 24th-28th

Monday

Postgraduates Lobby of MPs

Meet Union Office 1.30 pm.

Contact Tom Abraham int. 3103 for details

Tuesday

Lobby of ILEA against Cuts

and rise in fees for Overseas Students

Assemble Union Arch 12.45 pm

Thursday

Lobby of Parliament against Discretionary Awards

1.00 pm House of Commons

Friday

NATIONAL DEMONSTRATION - Belvedere Rd to

Hyde Park

Assemble Union Arch 12.45 pm Coaches

to Belvedere Rd

Contact Trev Phillip's int. 2488 for further details.

NATIONAL DEMO, FRIDAY FEB. 28th. ASSEMBLE 12.45 UNION ARCH.

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