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BEER UP 2p

DESPITE STRONG protests to the contrary, the price of beer has gone up by 2p on a pint.

The decision was taken on Monday at a meeting of the College Refectory Committee on the basis of a recommendation from the Bar Committee which met specifically to discuss the price increases on May 9th.

The increases have taken effect immediately.

GRANTS ANNOUNCEMENT: CHICKENFEED!

AS ONE might have expected, the grant increases announced by Mr Prentice on Tuesday fall short of the 40% called by the NUS. The increase of 22% does however raise the London grant from £665 to £810. Married women students will now be treated the same as married male students, and the starting point on the salary scale for parental contributions has been raised.

CLARKE CAUSES FURORE

CHARLES CLARKE, the NUS president-elect, is at the centre of a political storm.

The row has erupted because Mr Clarke appeared at a press conference on the invitation of the *Get Britain Out* Campaign Committee a week yesterday. This action was taken despite the fact that Mr Clarke was under a mandate from the Llandudno Conference which strongly disapproves of members of the NUS executive appearing on shared platforms of this kind.

The Llandudno conference had noted "The umbrella nature of the national *Get Britain Out* Campaign Committee and the presence of Powellites and other racists on that Committee" and as a result instructed the NUS executive to "appear under no circumstances on platforms with

racists and fascists".

It would seem therefore that Mr Clarke's appearance on the invitation of the Committee is in violation of this instruction. Mr Clarke contends this and told our reporter that the particular people with whom he shared the platform were not putting forward ideas that conflicted with the attitude of the NUS on campaigning procedures with regards to the EEC debate.

However, there are certain groups within the student movement who disagree strongly with Mr Clarke's action. He will probably face harsh criticisms and possible censure at the next NUS conference in Scarborough next November.

The 22% increase follows a 25% increase last year. During the past year the rate of inflation has increased, as have the levels of other wage settlements.

NUS has described the increase (which the DES claims to be based on the annual rate of inflation) as disappointing though it welcomed the decision to end discrimination against married women. John Randall, the current NUS president, has called for a rent freeze to protect student living standards, as the whole of the increase would be swallowed up in the increase cost of books, clothing, transport and other essentials.

Several Vice-Chancellors are reported to fear further student militancy as the Government has failed to give large enough grants to meet increased costs of university and college halls and lodgings. Rent strikes are indeed in

progress at several universities.

Actual figures for the new grants are as follows with the current grants in brackets: London grant: £810 (£665), an increase of 22%; elsewhere: £740 (£605), an increase of 22%; students living at home: £570 (£475), an increase of 20%.

Parental contributions now start at a residual income of £2,200 (£1,600).

Whilst Mr Prentice has failed to make all non-degree courses subject to mandatory awards (he claims this would cost £200m.), he has abolished the discretionary awards (in favour of mandatory awards) for initial teacher training, HND and DHE courses.

Women students will now be able to claim dependants allowances for husbands and children but there is still no change in the unpopular practice of assessing a spouse's contribution.

Warwick Rent Strike Strengthens

The Warwick University Student Union's fight against its University administration has finally collapsed after three terms of bitter struggle. The end, heralded by a high-court injunction giving the Warwick University administration the right to reoccupy the telephone exchange and the Senate Building came when 500 - 750 policemen (including 30 policewomen) arrived on Thursday of last week to evict the occupying students.

The trouble began in the Spring term when 800 of the 2,700 students on campus went on rent strike in protest against higher rents. Threats by the University to render the strikers ineligible for examinations aroused anger and

resulted in a Union meeting voting to occupy the Senate building.

The attempts of the Academic Registrar to pressure students into submission by saying that the examinations could not proceed as planned further aggravated the situation.

Obtaining of a High Court

possession order by the University and of its serving to the students added yet more fuel to the fire. A picket was mounted on the Senate Building by some students and others occupied the nearby University Arts Centre. Other unions within the University refused to cross the student picket lines and enter the building.

The Union had demanded an end to victimisation but the question was deferred by the Senate meeting on Wednesday

afternoon. The Student Union is taking steps to strengthen the rent strike. While the picket has been withdrawn and the Arts Centre is no longer being occupied. This decision came after the Senate meeting.

There is to be a day of action on the educational cuts on June 4th and, on the campus. The Students Union is also to investigate the University's finance and will base their campaign for 1975/6 on the outcome of this investigation.

EDITORIAL

Michael Williams

JUST WHAT in the hell is Charles Clarke, the president-elect of NUS playing at? (See page one). The tight-rope exercise of "stretch-the-mandate"? The instructions given at the Llandudno conference stated that no platform was to be shared with racists or fascists and the same motion condemned the "Get Britain Out" Campaign because it contained racist and fascist elements. Yet when I spoke to Charles last Monday, he was calmly sure that he was within the parameters set out by the mandate. But even he admits that he took his interpretation right up to the limit — only the Conference at Scarborough next November can decide whether that limit was deliberately crossed or not.

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Today sees a new slant on an old idea to add a kind of novelty to the impact of serious student militancy. The Overseas Students Committee have decided to picket the Imperial College Board of Governors meeting which is planned to start at around 10.30 am this morning. A petition is being presented to the GB's Chairman, Sir Henry Fisher, in protest at the recent government announcements relating to self-supporting students fees increases.

FELIX wishes the protest well and hopes to have a full report next week.

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Incidentally, there is no truth whatsoever in the malicious rumour that I got pissed with John Randall last Monday on cans of Swan lager. And he did NOT give me an excellent quote which made scandebus reference to one of the current NUS Executive. And I shall NOT be printing this non-existent quote in the last issue of FELIX this year. So there!



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Letter

ICU EEC Motion

Dept. of Chemical Eng.
Imperial College
London
14th May 1975.

Dear Sir,

Though I am glad that FELIX should give prominence to the important decision taken by ICU concerning our membership of the EEC, I feel that the only lack to emerge, is in the reporting of this issue.

Nowhere is the text of the substantive motion mentioned, nor is any reference made to actual arguments used in proposing this motion.

In summary, the motion noted the increase in potential markets for British Industry, the support from men and countries of political learning for our membership, the improved terms of membership and the government take-over of British leyland.

Amongst the arguments presented for the Pro-Market case, it was suggested that Britain's sovereignty would be enhanced through being less dependant on the USA and also world peace would be strengthened by the presence of a powerful European Community. On top of these, this country is in the grips of a financial crisis and needs all the support it can get from our neighbours.

The motion concluded by condemning the reactionary actions of the NUS and instructing the Exec to make certain information for the Pro-Market cause available and to communicate to various press and politicians, our support for continued membership of the European Economic Community.

Yours sincerely,
T.J.D.Pye

IF ONLY

LORNA THOMAS

HERE WE are again! It's the high-spot of the week, yes, you've guessed it, it's the IF Only column! Of course, I feel very honoured that the august Editor of FELIX allows our humble weekly intrusions into their illustrious publication. So it hardly seems fair to launch into indiscriminate criticism of IC as has unfortunately been the case in the past. (Although it would give me something MEATY to write about).

However I think it would be better to abandon all attempts at profundity and write something pleasantly mundane, which will conform to everyone's idea of the dumb secretary, (and isn't it drummed into our tiny thick heads from the word go, that the secretary's duty is to butter up her boss?).

That's about 120 words and so another 150 should just about do....

Anyway, while I'm here, I may as well introduce myself. I am the Rag Rep, (no, I'm NOT responsible for the staff's clothes) and it's my job to beg, implore etc etc to take part in Rag Week. In other words, a case of a little gently persuasion. (NOBODY expects the Spanish Inquisition). All this is no easy task.

Of course, the pathetic,

well, lets be tactful, elite number of IF students who turn out for collecting is hardly surprising considering that roughly two-thirds of the college commutes from the far-flung realms of Wimbledon, Ruislip etc etc. But what about the other third? You may well ask.

Collecting goes on all through the autumn term and if you could only manage one single Saturday out of the rest of your life, it helps. Also, collecting can be really hilarious, and you have the satisfaction of doing something worthwhile and....Amen to all that!

P.S. Would all the budding politicians at IC deign to step down from their boring, extremist platforms and DO something constructive like the rest of us peaceable mortals, who realise we can't change the world with our radical ideas?

EDUCATIONAL REDEPLOYMENT

THE EDUCATIONAL Re deployment Service was set up in 1969 and is still the only nationally operating unit which concerns itself solely with the problems faced by those who are so often damningly labelled "drop-outs." For the past two years it has received Government help in order to offer FREE aid to all those students discontinuing, for whatever reasons, from degree, HND etc courses. Information is available mainly on employment, alternative courses, careers and grants but machinery is on hand to help with any careers problem no matter how obscure.

The ERS is not seeking to supplant any of the welfare/ personal tutor/ etc facilities which exist at IC. But it does

point out that certain discontinuing students may feel aggrieved towards the institution responsible for having failed him and might therefore be unwilling to seek help there. Also, many students have already left the campus before learning they are not eligible to continue with their course while others are simply unaware of the facilities available to them with their own college or university. For all such students, and many more besides, the ERS is a valuable additional source of information/advice/help.

So if you know of anyone who is considering "dropping-out," get him or her to contact the ERS at 20, Gower Street, London WC1E6DP (01-637 0450).

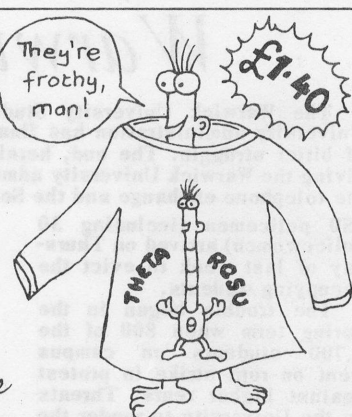
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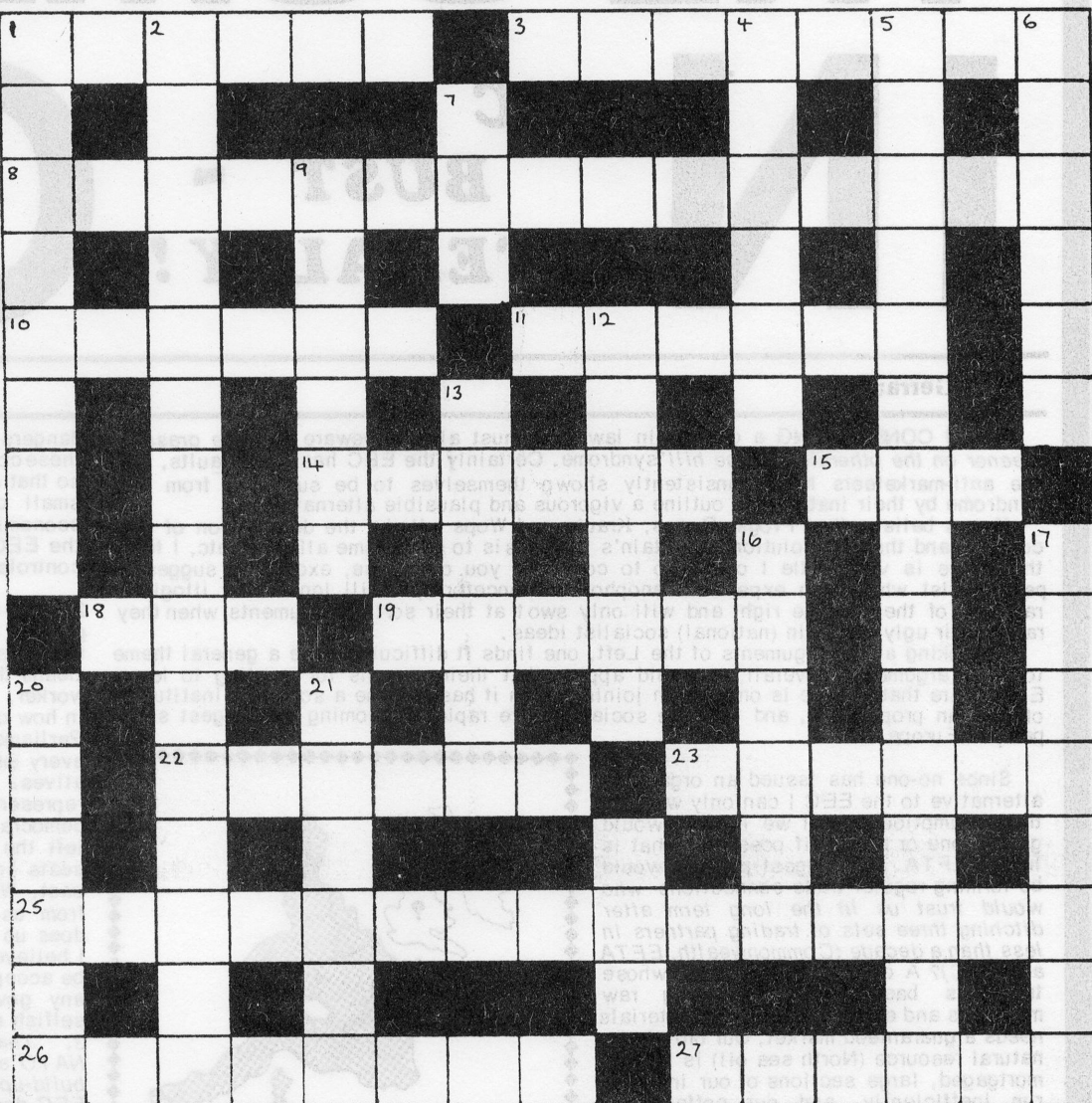
MEG

Across

1. As Childish horse? A stripey one(6).
- 3..Defeat one with frequency before the college. The sort of thing that makes me happy(8)
- 8.The Politics group is not bored, but they do have a stake in this (10,5) .
- 10.Hence the call for silence in court?(6).
- 11.Kipling's young spy? Certainly not in this outfit.(6).
- 14.Guiana's rattled by the dragon.(6) .
- 15 Was in debt, it's said, so produced some verse (3).
- 18.Having no aspirations, the drunkard was shot (3) .
- 19 Nat's lass lost the ship, being crooked (6) .
- 22 Make St.Anthony cross in the smithy, then lose one's memory (6) .
- 23.Good man! A sister stops the circulation.(6).
- 25.Stab out of bed; the unit burns to listen, all of a sudden.(5,2,4,4).
- 26.A dry chain, perhaps? You would be too, in this condition. (8) .
- 27.Strip the billiard table with-out being noticed! (6).

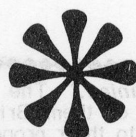
Down

1. Leave behind a tear in lieu of sevice.(4,4) .
2. Catechisms? Things belonging to Hope's sister.(8,2,5).
4. Digital extremity? How creepy!(6).
5. Abandon in piety, with an expostulation.(3,8,4).
6. Shy cat? Cut its tail off and its a different creature (several infact).(6) .
7. Employ for a purpose.(3).
9. The German, with tie all crooked, wants to prepare for publication again.(6) .
- 12.John the Scot is my property, I hear, but he's Greek.(6).
- 13.Sue lets her Eastern bit drop and mixes in the light (6) .
- 16.As sets are mixed, so are nations.(6).
- 17.Two model armies, a ship and headless me all in a trunk. (5,3) .



- 20 My Ohio-Pakistani airline? A bit hard to see (6).
- 21.Sounds as though it broke (ungrammatically) when it stopped (6).
- 24 Unitarily impersonal, pronominally speaking (3).

Entries must reach the FELIX office by noon next Wednesday. The winning solution will be drawn out of the Editors Hat. The Editor's decision will be final.



TALK THINGS OVER IN A QUIET PLACE

There are times when even the best of us get fed up and want to talk things over in a quiet place.....

Next to the Sports Centre there's a comfortable flat where you can always find a friend who will understand. It's run by students for the times when you need a confidential ear.

It's called Nightline.

Of course, if you want information or professional advice we can find it for you, but if all you want is a chat, that's alright.

Ring up (581-2468) or drop in for a cup of coffee or tea (8, Princes Gardens) any time between 6 in the evening and 9 in the morning.

NIGHTLINE

GRAND AEROSOC DRAW

The results of the draw are as follows:

- 1st: Tickets to Jersey.
Miss M.-L.Harris (BRC)
- 2nd: Mr D.Rainford. (Aero 3)
Magnum of Champagne
- 3rd: Mr K.Whaley. (Elec.Eng 1)
Instamatic.
- 4th: Mr G.Nixon (Kingston Poly) Electronic
Lighter.
- 5th: Mr J.Hodges (Kingston Poly) Hairdryer.
- 6th: Mr P.N.Louth (Aero 2)
Fountain Pen.

Could prizewinners contact any of the Aerosoc Committee Members to arrange the collection of their prize.

NOTICE

Please return all Rags Mags, Money, and collecting tins to your CCU VP's as soon as possible.

Past Issues of FELIX

FELIX requires copies, in good condition, of issues: 147, 148,149,313,331,332,333, 336, 342,343,344,361,367 .

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Anyone wishing to receive 25p for each of these copies in order to complete the archives at the University of London Library should bring them to the FELIX Office.

THE COMMON IN ^{EEC or} BUST ~ OR LITERALLY!

Bill Gerrard

WHEN CONSIDERING a change in law, one must always beware of "the grass is greener on the otherside of the hill" syndrome. Certainly the EEC has many faults, but the anti-marketeers have consistently shown themselves to be suffering from this syndrome by their inability to outline a vigorous and plausible alternative.

If you believe that Frogs, Dogos, Krauts and Wops will be the destruction of this country, and that the solution to Britain's problems is to send home all wogs etc, I fear that there is very little I could do to convince you otherwise, except to suggest a psychiatrist who is an expert on xenophobia. Henceforth, I will ignore the illogical rantings of the extreme right and will only swot at their sort of arguments when they raise their ugly heads in (national) socialist ideas.

In looking at the arguments of the Left, one finds it difficult to see a general theme to their arguments. Overall, it would appear that their reasons for wanting to leave Europe are that Europe is only worth joining when it has become a socialist institution of utopian proportions, and yet, the socialists are rapidly becoming the largest single party in Europe.

Since no-one has issued an organised alternative to the EEC I can only work on the assumption that if we left we would go it alone or rejoin (if possible) what is left of EFTA. Our biggest problem would be forming regular trade connections—who would trust us in the long term after ditching three sets of trading partners in less than a decade (Commonwealth, EFTA and EEC)? A country like Britain, whose trade is based upon importing raw materials and exporting finished materials needs a guaranteed market. Our only large natural resource (North sea oil) is largely mortgaged, large sections of our industry run inefficiently, and our coffers are almost empty. If we left the EEC without a viable alternative we will be bankrupted, and the political extremism (as seen in Norway) will be explosive here.

Let us consider the main arguments staying in the EEC:-

1. "That it is a capitalist plot aimed in particular at supporting the super-



companies." The giant firms of Europe, many of them British-based managed to grow to their proportions before the EEC was formed. I will agree there are possible

dangers if controls are not introduced, but these controls are best fixed internationally so that a giant company cannot intimidate small countries simply because of its economic power. A positive advantage of the EEC is its potential ability to place controls on business concerns.

2. "That we will lose our ability to govern ourselves." The argument here revolves round the word "we". If "we" means the typical British (dare I say it?) worker, then we have never had much say in how our country is run. In the European Parliament, unlike Westminster, virtually every major political party has representatives. The selection procedure for representatives is probably more democratic than the British system which left the Liberal party with a handful of seats in return for a fifth of the votes cast. Westminster is only up the road from us, and yet for all the good that does us it might as well be in Brussels. I believe this argument can therefore only be accepted by anarchists who don't want any government or by those who have selfish nationalist interests at stake.

3. "That being in the EEC strengthens NATO and encourages a further military build-up". Just because we are in the EEC does not mean we have to belong to NATO — eg France is not in NATO. While we have "friendly" nations e.g. Russia visiting neighboring friendly nations like Hungary and Czechoslovakia, perhaps a military force, however unpleasant the idea, is essential.

4. "That the EEC will reinforce neo-colonial conditions in the Third-World countries." You can bet it has joined in a group of like-minded nations e.g. Warsaw Pact, OPEC (Arab oil states), Central African group, etc. I do not accept the principle that because our forefathers exploited a certain country that we should now let it knock the stuffing out of us. I believe it is patronising to suggest that the Third World countries cannot now in the main look after their own interests.

5. "Prices are higher in the EEC." Not true! "Which" (May '75) editorial points out that prices would have been at least as high outside the EEC.

Although the referendum is a ludicrous idea, it is important to vote because of the immense impact the result will have on our method of government (especially a "no" vote). I hope having outlined some of the contentious areas, you will be able to vote "yes" to Europe with confidence.

IN REPLY

Mr Phillips' article only confirms what I have said above: there is no workable alternative to the EEC. His article seems to suggest that we should leave the EEC and announce to the world, "We are no longer capitalists, so please be kind and trade with us at nice prices!" No system (unless self-sufficient, which we are not) of whatever political persuasion, can progress unless it is prepared to trade competitively — an idea which Mr Phillips automatically confuses into exploitation.

To suggest that the Third World has not yet learnt how to remove oppressive capitalist corporations, and organise

itself into trading groups similar in nature to the EEC, belies the achievements of the Arab oil states, and much of Africa and Asia.

The nature of government of the EEC does not meet with his approval, but does it seem so much worse than any other country's system? We can rely on people like Mr Phillips to petition successfully the huge European socialist and communist parties to prevent the possible dangers he foresees.

I believe his article only reinforces the need to say YES to Europe!

"Outside the EEC Britain would be bankrupt"



FELIX *Photographic Competition*

Ramon Newmann

THE FIRST FELIX Photographic Competition was a great success. A total of 164 slides were submitted by fourteen entrants, raising the total prize money to £11.75.

From a selection of a very high standard, the judge, Mr C. Ames of the Central Association, choose the following winners:

1st Prize: F.Cooke £6.00

2nd Prize: R.Forster £3.75

3rd Prize: R.Forster £2.00

Highly Commended: W.A.C. Mier-Jedrzejowicz £1.00.

The judge felt that some of the other entries in particular those by Dimopollos, deserved to be highly commended.

FELIX would like to thank the judge, D.Etela and all the entrants for their participation, and hopes that next year there will be a similarly strong response.



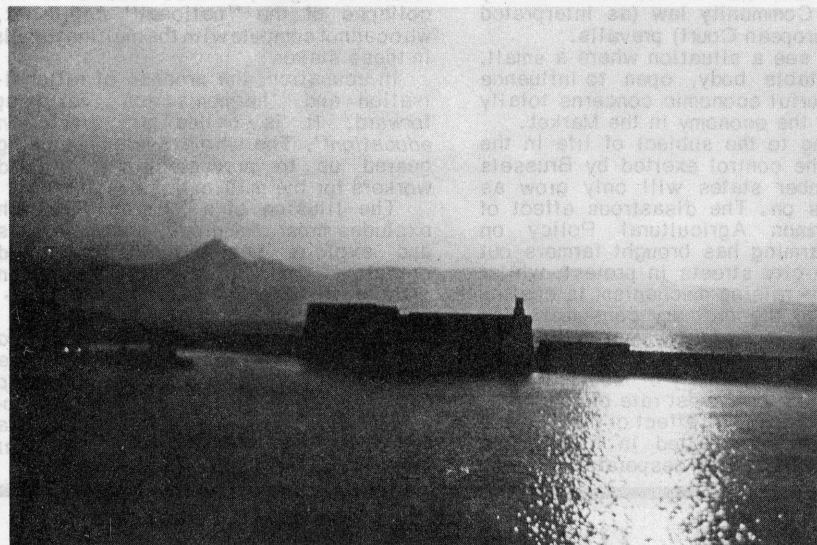
First Prize: F.COOKIE

Note: It should be borne in mind that these reproductions do not really do justice to the originals since they rely to some extent on colour effects.

Highly Commended:
W.A.C. MIER-JEDRZEJOWICZ



Second Prize: R.FORSTER



Third Prize: R.FORSTER



REVIEWS

CONCERT

Stephen Thompson

IC Choir: 'Jephtha' by G.F. Handel; and 'Missa Brevis in A' by J.S. Bach.

WRITTEN IN 1752, ten years after *Messiah*, Handel's *Jephtha* is one of his lesser known oratorios; however it contains all the usual Handelian brilliance and IC Choir and their regular conductor, Eric Brown, are to be congratulated on the performance they gave us last Friday evening in Holy Trinity Church. They were ably supported by an orchestra which deserves its adjective "special". Particularly noteworthy was the brilliant trumpet work, of which Handel is so much the master. Among the soloists Richard Gandy and John Williams stood out; the former for his beautifully controlled runs and the latter for his clear countertenor voice. The choruses were sung with the enthusiasm which we have come to expect from the choir. One minor grumble was that the audience was not provided with libretti, making the following of the work so much more difficult.

The concert opened with the *Missa Brevis in A* of J.S. Bach. Unfortunately the acoustics of the church did not stand up to the precision of Bach's choral writing and the effectiveness of the work was spoiled. The Bach Mass also served to lengthen the concert to almost three hours, despite extensive cuts in the Handel, and the enjoyment, towards the end, was marred by people leaving early.

BOOKS

John Andrews

C.R. Hensman: Rich Against Poor (Penguin).

THE RICH and poor in question here are countries as opposed to people, and the book attempts to analyse the theory and practice of state aid to underdeveloped countries. It also puts into perspective the actual economic status of some of the non-major countries; it comes as something of a shock to learn that General Motors has a greater gross national product than many 'advanced' countries, including Switzerland, and most of the larger American corporations completely overshadow the underdeveloped nations.

Until recently the majority of people had seen America as a great, unselfish benefactor pouring huge sums of money into helping its poorer dependents strive towards their own economic stability. Attitudes have changed somewhat (partly due to Watergate) and in fact it emerges that, surprise surprise, Uncle Sam does not always deliver the goods as ethically as we might hope. Although the book is primarily concerned with destroying the myths of government aid it also presents arguments as to how some of the problems can, in theory at least, be rectified. The roots of the problems, however, lie in the minds of those politicians who persist in believing that the control of natural resources grants them the powers to toy with the lives of ordinary people.

Sigmund Freud: The Psychopathology of Everyday Life (Penguin).

PSYCHOLOGY IS perhaps the science which more than any other appeals to the average layman, the educated and

I AM writing my first reactions to the grants announcement made on Tuesday. It underlines the cynicism and unfairness with which Reg Prentice has ruled the DES over the past fourteen months. True, students at IC have received an increase of 21.8% on last year's award does not even make up for the inflation during '74-'75, much less provide for the increased cost of lodging and refectory meals already in the pipeline. True, the married women's grant has been abolished — but the spouses' contribution remains. The fact that the base level of the parental mean test has risen from £1600 to £2200 does not mean that fewer people pay; it means that larger chunks of parents' incomes which will have risen by about the same amount actually go into the parental contribution. This in turn means that students who have trouble getting their parents to pay the contribution will face even greater problems.

And nothing has been done about discretionary awards — the biggest scandal of all.

This is a "now-you-see-it-now-you-don't" award. It may seem an unnecessarily harsh attack upon Mr Prentice since at first sight the announcement appears to be attractive. If this were October 1974, it would be; but anyone who sits and considers what the pace of inflation and the cost of accommodation and food

I consider it a cynical award because nothing has been done for the worst-off students of all: the students on discretionary awards.

inquisitive 'man in the street'; probably because it helps him to understand the way in which he and his fellow members of society react in various situations. It also has the added advantage that, although it is now highly developed, it does not require any particular prior knowledge to understand many of its most interesting assertions.

Hand-in-hand with psychology is the name of Sigmund Freud, and as well as contributing invaluable theories he was also concerned with making his subject more accessible to the general public. To this end he wrote this book in 1901; in it he proffers explanations to such commonplace occurrences as slips of the tongue and the forgetting of people's names. He makes much use of actual examples to support his theories, and the book makes for fascinating reading; it will quite probably whet your appetite for further insight into this vast, ever-growing subject.

Mike Petty

Norman Hunter: Professor Branestawm Up the Pole (Penguin).

IN THIS latest series of adventures we find our hero grappling with an increasingly unlikely series of situations as a result of his incessant, perhaps some would say obsessive, flair for inventing the most bizarre and preposterous gadgetry. This time Professor Branestawm attempts to startle the world with machines for producing cakes, painting flagpoles, making pictures and printing money. (The only time a vestige of common sense seems to enter his head). He even tries his hand at railway building — no need to worry Eric, it didn't work!

The stories are very much the same —

will be in October will begin to wonder how he or she will manage.

I consider it a cynical award because nothing has been done for the worst-off students of all: the students on discretionary awards. Instead, Prentice, the self-proclaimed "militant moderate" has himself demonstrated the effectiveness of the rent strikes and occupations mounted by the "big battalions" in the universities and polys. This, by the way, answers the critics of that militancy, who said that these tactics gain nothing for students. The DES has followed the general policy over the cuts which I delineated in a *Precipice* some months ago. That is to make them fall hardest on those least able to afford it, and those least able to defend themselves — discretionary award students, adult education, overseas students etc. It is, of course, why university teachers have had little luck so far; they have disclaimed militancy.

The tragedy is that no-one wants disruption, except people who believe that a student occupation will spark off the revolution. But the fake moderates like Prentice are driving the real moderates who simply want a fair deal for the education service, to real militancy. Let us hope that the interests of the education service prevail before it is irreparably damaged.

Prof. gets an inspiration and invents a gadget which subsequently goes crazy. Just as the inventions are getting completely out of hand, Colonel Dedshott and his Catapult Cavaliers always arrive to take charge and sort out the pandemonium — is there a moral here?

This book is for Branestawm addicts only.

RECORDS

Ian Morse

Scaffold: Sold Out (Warner Bros)

SCAFFOLD — a structure supporting some weight or even another structure.

Well, in this case, I think not. The band meander limply through mostly traditional songs, barely supported by session musicians and members of Grimmes, a group our three heroes seem to have a partial interest in. Renditions of *Liverpool Lou*, *Lord of the Dance* and *Leaving of Liverpool* are offered for the listeners palate, even *Hokey Cokey* is given the once-over in true party style. Coupled with these, are a few not so amusing songs by Messers McGough & McGear.

Overall the effect is somewhat like blindmen wading through a torrent of turd. Yes, the more I listen to this album the more I am reminded of another term associated with the word 'scaffold' — capital punishment. Lets hope as far as Scaffold is concerned, this album is just a temporary stage. (geddit?).

ALRIGHT, ALRIGHT, SO THIS PARTICULAR SPACE IS SEMI-MEANINGLESS, OK?

FELIX SPORT

A GOOD YEAR FOR IC GOLF

INFORMATION PLEASE!

If you have any comments about the information of the Blue Book please send them to Andy Bird, Chem. Eng. P.G.

If you have any dates of regular events, please send them to Mark Hughes Chem. Eng. 1, who is considering them for inclusion in a printed list of Union Events, which will appear in the new Union Handbook.

If you are an officer of any of the Clubs listed below, please can you arrange for an entry (50 words, say) to be sent to Gordon Jackson, Chem. Eng. P.G. as soon as possible, as the copy date was the 9th of May!

SCAB: Entertainments Ctee., Film, Jazz and Operatic Societies.

ACC: Association Football, Athletic, Badminton, Boat, Cricket, Croquet, Fencing, Hockey, Lacrosse, Lawn Tennis, Rifle and Pistol, Ten-pin bowling, Volleyball and Women's Sports Club.

RCC: Astronomical, Bridge, Canoe, Darts, Go, Mountaineering, Musical, Radio, Sport-Para, STOIC, Surf, Wine Tasting, Yoga, and Historical re-enactment.

SCC: Amnesty International, Arab, Bangladesh, Campus Crusade, Chinese, Hellenic, Indian, Islamic, Latin American, Methodist, Persian, Socialist, Transcendental Meditation and Turkish.

Voluntary Work this Summer

Have you thought of spending part of the summer holidays helping on childrens play schemes, summer schools or camps, environmental improvement projects, holidays for the elderly or for physically or mentally handicapped people, community projects etc?

There are schemes which need volunteers for a few days or a few weeks, you can work near to home or be provided with accommodation in another part of the country.

Many projects also give pocket money and food to volunteers.

Further details from Jen in the Union Office.

HELP NEEDED

Anyone willing to take part in discussions, conversations etc to help overseas students improve their standard of spoken English.

Contact C.KOOROUNIOTIS (Maths II)
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STOP PRESS

AGM, Thursday

Richard Parker was declared elected as AAO for next session. The ICU Social Colours were awarded (full list to be published next week; list is now available from Union Office).

The President commended the services of Julian Tyson (Chairman, ACC); Charles Louissou (AAO); John Mortimer (RSMU President and Ron Kill (DP) which they had given to the Union.

Union General Award's were awarded to Mrs J.A. Gerrard (ICU Hon.Sec.) GDD Jackson (SCC Chairman) and MJL Williams (Editor of FELIX).

The Hon Sec., DP and President presented their annual reports to the meeting which were accepted.

Nigel Foster

I HAVE BEEN writing this column for two years now and regular readers will recall that throughout the past season I have stated my belief that this is the finest IC team ever to have passed through these hallowed cloisters. because I felt that such an array of talent might never again be gathered here I had prayed that this side would leave a legacy that future sides could only aspire to. This I believe we have done and I record it now.

Our season traditionally comprises of three major tasks: the London Championships, the South and Eastern Universities League, and the South and Eastern Universities Championships. We set ourselves the target of winning all three. The first hurdle of the London Championships we had not cleared since 1933. This year IC won by a mile with our first team coming home 27 shots clear of our second team and the rest nowhere.

The final two hurdles were to be decided on Monday May 5th and it was a poignant day for us all. The S and E Championships were over 36 holes, a championship that prior to last year's victory we had never done remotely well in. As defending champions and favourites we felt confident. Alas, at the end of the day we found to our dismay that we had lost by 1 shot to Southampton who had taken 485 shots to our 486. The fact that Nigel Foster had won the nett prize with round of 75 and 76 and that Ed Clutton had again taken a gross prize did little to dampen the sorrow felt by all at seeing our dreams dashed after being so close to victory.

The league we felt we had comfortably won as we had played all of our matches with only one defeat. To our surprise Sussex and Southampton claimed a right to a share as although they had less points than us they could mathematically have just caught us had they played all of their matches. As President of South and Eastern Universities it was my task to adjudicate in this matter. It would have been easy for me to declare us winners particularly as we had smashed Sussex 5-1 when the two sides had met. However, to give no side any 'hard luck' story and to avoid a tie I decided to hold a nine hole putting competition between representatives from each side to decide the issue. The choosing of the IC representative did not look easy with so many gifted putters in the room. However, once the committee's eyes had fallen on our bearded Portuguese international John Mendonca, the choice was not in doubt. He was sitting in the corner, a gin and tonic in each hand, recalling how he had holed from a bunker to beat the French National Champion in front of both TV cameras and a huge crowd (his listener, Ed Clutton, was fast asleep).

Handing his putter to him with the words "Go get the league or buy us all dinner" we pushed him onto the putting green. There, with the sort of confidence that only Gin and Tonic drinkers can muster, he ambled round nine holes to win by one shot in level par. The result can never convey the trauma he caused his supporting onlookers at the third. There he held a one shot lead which he lost by playing an 'air-shot' at a half inch putt. This left poor Mike Strickland paralysed for breath. Luckily Chris Cobbledick was on hand to poke a putter between Mike's legs or he would never have seen the giant putt John knocked in a few holes later to take the winning lead.

Thus in the major three IC tournaments we won two and lost one by a hair's breadth. In summing up the season it is difficult not to mention the London University results since this team was almost entirely made up of IC players. The Oxford v. Cambridge Varsity match was an amusing event for us to read about as we had already defeated both sides in question prior to their meeting. (Indeed Sunningdale Golf Club has now cancelled its traditional matches against these sides and replaced them with a fixture against us.). On other fronts IC players are entering many individual events and Ed Clutton managed to win a major tournament in Wales a few weeks ago. As for the future IC will be touring North in the summer and has entered a side for the British Universities Championships, not a traditional fixture as normally our chances of victory would be remote, but this year who knows? (*let us know what happens—Ed.*)

Finally I end by rendering my thanks to this year's outgoing committee of Huw Rosser (Capt.), Bob Allan (V-Capt.), Bill Caterwood (Sec.), and Mike Marx (Treas.) for the work they have put in this year. Particularly worthy of mention is Bill Caterwood who has worked with machine-like dedication to see that the season has been run smoothly (and it has!). Next year with Bob Allan as Captain and John Mendonca as Vice-Captain forming the committee backbone, we can look forward to another fine IC season and with Ed Clutton as London University Secretary we are assured of seeing hatfuls of caps coming the Queen's Tower way.

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