



Founded in 1949

Felix

NEWSPAPER OF IMPERIAL COLLEGE UNION

FREE!

No. 392

FRIDAY 30TH MAY, 1975.

DON'T RAISE OUR FEES!

A PEACEFUL PICKET of a meeting of the Imperial College Board of Governors took place last Friday morning. The picket was in protest against the Government Proposals (to raise the undergraduate and postgraduate tuition fees by £70) which the Governing Body was being asked to ratify.

About fifteen people took part in the protest which was organised by the Overseas Students Committee to highlight the particular plight of those students who have come from abroad to study here and are now being forced to pay £330 per session (both undergraduates pay just £165 and P.G.'s £155).

A letter was presented to Sir Henry Fisher, the Governing Body Chairman, outlining the difficulties in which many of the overseas students at IC now find themselves. (The letter is reprinted below).

In his reply to the letter on behalf of the Governing Body, the Rector said that the Governors "gave lengthy and sympathetic consideration" to the points which had been raised but they nevertheless "felt it necessary to implement the increase in fees for 1975-76 as recommended by the Secretary of State for Education and Science".

The Rector further explained "If this income (from the increased fees) is not obtained, then the College may be forced to review its planned expenditure, perhaps having to make undesirable cuts in its services or facilities. I am sure that this would be unwelcome both to staff and students...."

The College has, however, been given facilities to enable the extra fees to be remitted, in whole or in part, for such students for whom the increases have caused financial hardship. Students in this position should obtain application forms from Mr J. Bevan in Room 344, the Sherfield Building. In



The picket line outside the Rector's residence.

the words of the Rector, "all such applications will be given the most sympathetic consideration".

When asked for his comments, Mr Chris Kourouniotis, the Chairman of the Overseas Students Committee said "The Rector's reply to our letter was very unsatisfactory. The seriousness of the effects of a decision not to implement the increase to the College's financial position is doubtful. According to the Union's information, the difference would be about £50,000 per annum, an amount which cannot seriously challenge the College's situation either way. Our slogan is apt: Universities cannot run on money alone, they need students too."

Weeks Hall

WEEKS HALL is to accommodate staff and students over the summer and will return to full use as a hall of residence next session.

This announcement, which was made at last Friday's meeting of the Governing Body's finance and executive committee, stated that contractual work will have to be carried out probably next summer in order to reinforce the building, but in the meantime the hall can be regarded as safe so long as the safety regulations are adhered to.

Bike Thefts

TWO RACING bicycles, both of which were secured by a chain, have recently been stolen.

The first bike, a purple Puch Prima belonging to J. Champ, a Biochem UG, was taken on Thursday, May 15th at about 3.15 pm in Fulham Road near Evelyn Gardens.

The other, a very expensive yellow Holdsworth belonging to J. Cavanagh of Botany 1, was taken from near the Sherfield Building main entrance by the stairs between 3.30 and 6.30 pm on Tuesday, May 20th.

Anyone spotting either of these two bicycles should contact either the police or the abovenamed owner.

Imperial College Union
22nd May, 1975.

Dear Sirs,

We note the government's proposal for an increase of £70 in tuition fees for all students and that the implementation is at your discretion.

We would like to point out some of the major effects of this increase which will have an adverse effect on students. In the lower sectors of the education system, namely primary and secondary schools. This will be in the form of a reduction in the amount of money available to the LEA's on top of the recent cutbacks in education spending.

In particular, the increase will cause a lot of hardship to self supporting students and especially to those already paying at the overseas rate. This will deter many prospective students who fall in the self supporting category (mainly postgraduates) and have a detrimental effect on the research carried out in this college.

We therefore strongly urge you to put the interests of the students and the College first, by refusing to increase the fees.

Yours faithfully,

C. Kourouniotis,
Chairman
Overseas Students Committee

S. Mohindra
Chairman-elect
Overseas Students Committee

EDITORIAL

Michael Williams

I AM forced to question the quasi - martyrdom of the IC Union President in not accepting a Union General Award this year. Mr Phillips' case is that he does not believe in such awards and besides it would be inappropriate he feels, to give himself an award.

On the first point, if he does not believe in UGA's then he should have given none out. Indeed he has been in the best position to campaign for their abolishment but he has not done this.

On the second point, it is not up to Mr Phillips to award himself a UGA: it is simply up to him either accept or reject it and he has done the latter. And yet he has accepted the award of social colours.

Ex-officio awards are those awards which have been agreed upon by the Union and are automatically awarded to certain people who are to be saved from the embarrassing paradox of having to present awards to themselves. i.e. the awardee does not give himself an award; rather, the award is given to him ex-officio on behalf of the Union. Thus Mr Phillips is not refusing to give himself an award; he is refusing to accept it. And considering that he accepted social colours, I find the situation approximately daft.

Why don't you just come out and say it, Trevor, that you have an aversion of ties?

Last week saw the return to the practice of producing just one issue of FELIX per week. The two issues per week experimental pilot scheme was successful inasmuch that it has now been proven that one person can produce two four-pagers a week when the rest of the staff are busy studying for their exams.

The scheme has had one drawback however: morale. An eight or twelve page FELIX is a newspaper; a four-pager is just a newsheet. The feedback has been either general sympathy (from those who recognise the production difficulties) or open disappointment at the size (from those who do not). The two-a-week idea still has possibilities, but that will be up to future Editors.

LETTERS

Criticism of 'Parking Problem' Article

20th May, 1975.

Dear Sir,

Re: your article dated 16th May under the heading of *Parking Problems*.

Parking has always been a problem and always will be at the feet of the Parking Committee. Unlike Police Traffic Wardens, John Fuller and Co do not have the authority to take matters into their own hands and they have to use a great deal of tact in performing their duties. The majority of students consider that John does a great job well. So I fail to understand what was meant by your article. Could it be that you have run out of material or is Jacqui Gerrard jealous

because she has no car? Please FELIX, we do not attack students, so do not attack members of staff who are only doing their jobs.

Ron Parker
Messenger Elec. Eng.

(The whole tone of this letter amazes me. In what was a straight forward investigative story, I simply reported the statistics and both sides of the argument. I was most careful not to take sides on the issue. Therefore your allegation that I "attacked" (heaven forbid!) John Fuller, the Parking Warden, is totally unfounded. I suggest you re-read the article - Ed.)

IF ONLY

Margaret Slimming

THE RUMOURS surely can't be true - that we've upset a number of you? C'mon lads, stop sulking and accept the apologies of we humble IF girls! Actually, I'm flattered that you read our column avidly enough to make you so touchy! (Did I say it right, Mike?). Seriously though, folks, no offence whatsoever was meant

by last week's article, and we truly felt that none would be taken. So can we forget it and all be friends again? Good!

At the moment, the foremost thing in most peoples' minds are those nasty things that are looming in the nerve-rackingly close future - what a way to spoil the summer! Mind you, I think we have had the summer (so short and sweet was it, anyone had blinked, they would have missed it!).

It was so determined, in fact, to transform my lily-white skin into a deep brown tan that I even forewent my earlier promises of studying last Tuesday afternoon in favour of a quiet afternoon blinking in the sunshine and doing the nearest to a decent strip that I could (no, not to the chords of a famous but rather hackneyed tune!).

The trouble about being blonde (or is it "pale and interesting") is those "light brown spots on the skin" (according to the concise Oxford Dictionary), which do not mean a sudden attack of acne, but an

attack offreckles!! And mine are certainly not light brown - more a delicate shade of bright orange!

Still, there's no danger of that this weekend! Funny, isn't it, but wherever I go, it always seems to rain. I mean, last weekend, I decided to stay in London - and what happened? It rained the whole time, didn't it? Meanwhile, "back home" was in brilliant sunshine! This weekend, I decided to go home - so, what has it done since I arrived? Yes, you've guessed, rain! So cursed am I, in fact, by rain, that a friend sent me a snoopy card telling me to "let a smile be my umbrella". But, the way things are going, I'll be walking around with a set grin on my face for the rest of my days!

Anyway, I hope I have brought a little sunshine into your lives and taken your minds off exams, even if it was only for a few minutes.

Good luck to one and all, keep smiling and have a sunny summer!

IF Only Criticism (1)

24th May, 1975.

Dear Michael,

I may be a feminist but did you know that I also have a baby? It is in fact the IF Only column. I brought it into the world and I watch its development with nervous interest. My eye twitched when Lorna Thomas announced last week that she was going to write something "pleasantly mundane" but for Baby to become a humble intruder in the pages of FELIX...that really is going too far. One or two points deserve attention:-

1. It is hardly consistent (to say the least) that Miss Thomas should accuse others of launching into "indiscriminate criticism" of IC and conclude her article by urging "budding politicians at IC to step down from their boring, extremist platforms."
2. It is hypocritical of her to cry out against the apathy of others with regard to Rag collecting, when her face has certainly escaped mine on all past Rag collections.
3. It is unprofessional on her part not to check her facts: roughly half the girls at IF, not two thirds, commute. i.e., spend more than an hour getting to college.

I am sure that it would be for more to the point if Lorna outlined her plans for Rag next year. Baby would be so much healthier too.

Yours sincerely,
Katie Mackinnon, IF

IF Only Criticism (2)

Imperial College Union
27th May, 1975

Sir,

It is some time since anything angered me as much as last week's "IF Only". I quote: "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?"

It has been suggested that Ms. Thomas is referring to me. Whether she is or not, I consider her comments shallow, self-righteous and offensive. Some might also say ill-mannered; I do not believe that the fact that we make space available to the Institut Francais is a reason for them to limit their criticism, but one expects a modicum of temperance and politeness.

I presume that Ms. Thomas,

PRIZE CROSSWORD

No.19

MEG

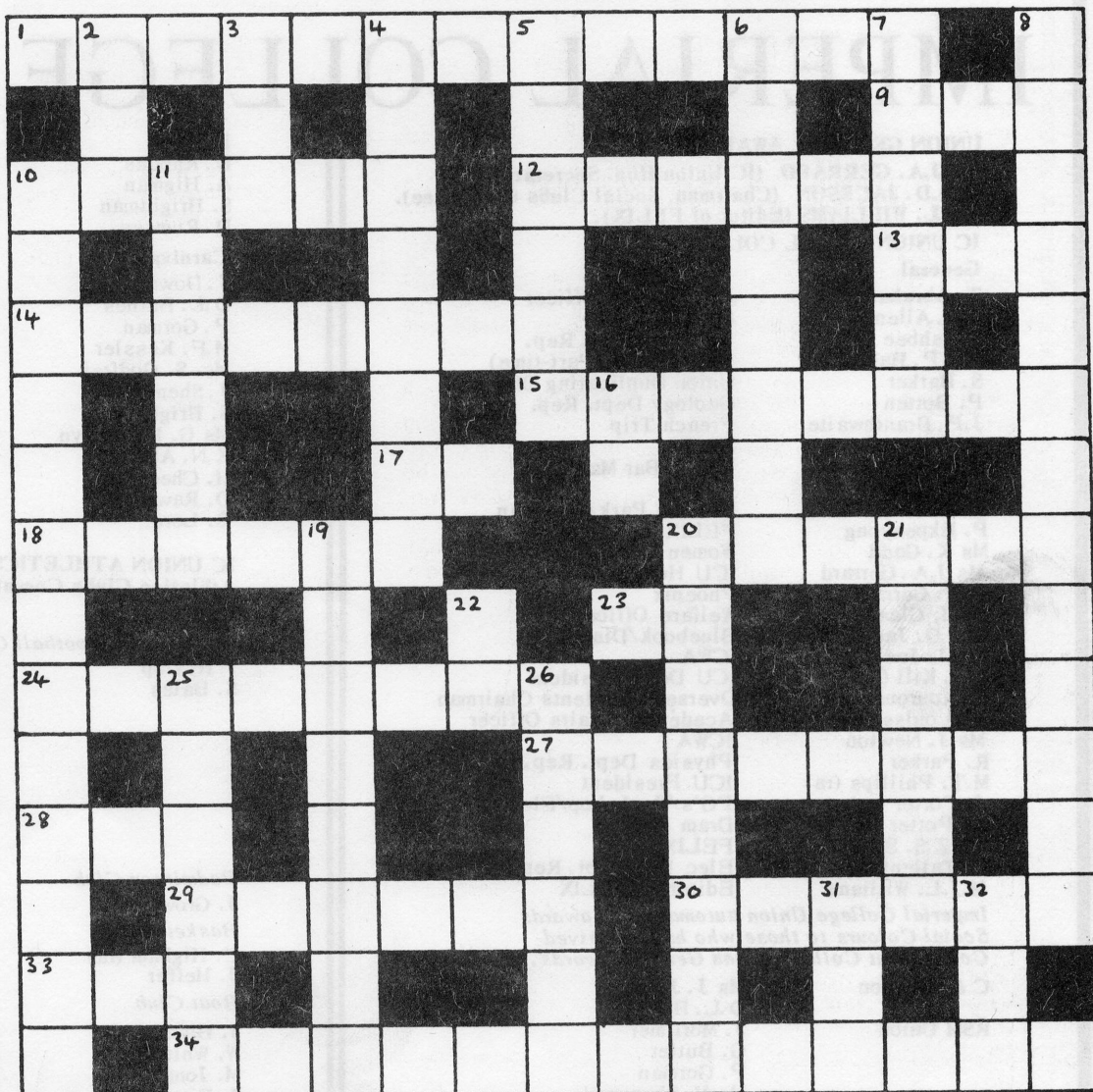
Across

1. He heeds a lover, madly infatuated. (4,4,5).
 9. No right to molest an animal. (3).
 10. Up to date military stands by her majesty to a point. (6).
 12. Of lowly bearing. (6).
 13. Purpose of society back. (3).
 14. Trap insect by the college. It's enormous. (8).
 15. Removes rotting leaves. (5,3).
 17. Beheaded American Uncle before noon. (2).
 18. Enlarge already large number. (6).
 20. Hesitate in volcano, they last for ever. (6).
 23. Pointless drink above. (2).
 24. Settlement outside French trees. (8).
 27. Administrator makes makr between two points, sounds sweeter. (8).
 28. We hear nothing, good woman. (3).
 29. Fantasies of fifty bores. (6).
 30. For example, note contains for another. (3-3).
 33. To the French a meadow. (3).
 34. Colour strikes for birds. (13).



Down

2. Lego does this good by passing test. (3).
 3. Sounds like a dear department. (3).
 4. Ever Tina get changed for this citizen. (8).
 5. Edit Russian play. (6).
 6. Present me to mad Regent on the way out. (8).
 7. Cash on deliver for Spaniard. (6).
 8. Take a bit to speak sharply. (4,3,1,5).
 10. Sumptuously enlarge about one hundred and fifty. (13).
 11. Eat your words. If you're a compiler. (6).
 16. Like tailless donkey. (2).
 19. Late up round here? Must be something to do with the atmosphere. (8).
 20. Ahem, peer changes. Certainly not horizontal partner. (8).



21. Corrade one hundred out of town. (6).
 22. Alternatively ball Roses note. (2).
 25. Root up round muddled Spaniard for part of the week. (6).
 26. Esau's chair. What I did under what I do. (3-3).
 31. Glue part of ailing umbrella. (3).
 32. Old city contains a modern state. (3).

As there were no correct entries to Prize Crosswords Nos. 17 and 18, the prize will be £3 for Crossword No.19.

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.

Answers to Prize Crossword No. 17.

ACROSS: 6. Precept. 7. Berry. 8. Blanket. 9. Globe. 11. Adversity. 14. Zoologist. 17. Spite. 18. Actuary. 19. Creek. 20. Iterate. DOWN: 1. Trill. 2. Scent. 3. Appendage. 4. Realise. 5. Probate. 10. Perspective. 12. Compare. 13. Glitter. 15. Guard. 16. Broth.

No correct solutions were received for this crossword.

Answers to Prize Crossword No. 18.

ACROSS: 1. Quagga. 3. Beatific. 8. Interested party. 10. Racekt. 11. Kimono. 14. Iguana. 15. Ode. 18. Sot. 19. Aslant. 22. Forget. 23. Stasis. 25. Prick up one's ears. 26. Anhydric. 27. Unfelt. DOWN: 1. Quit rent. 2. Articles of Faith. 4. Tiptoe. 5. For goodness sake. 6. Coypus. 7. Use. 9. Reedit. 12. Ionian. 13. Tussle. 16. States. 17. Chess set. 20. Myopia. 21. Braked. 24. One. No correct solutions were received for this crossword.

as IF Rag rep, would like me to play an active part in Carnival's activities. The members of my Union may have different ideas as to what they elected me and pay me to be doing. I would like to think that I *am* doing a constructive job for them. Notwithstanding this, it might interest Ms. Thomas to know that the first position I held in this Union was as an RCSU Social Rep. She will know that social reps are responsible for Carnival activities, and indeed, I spent much time on USK Rag, as it then was. It might also interest her that, outside College, my

Methodist background introduced me to charitable activity at an early age. I have been a member of IC Community Action Group (though not active recently for four years. I spent much of my final year teaching 17 and 18-year olds to read and write in Notting Hill Gate.

However, I have also seen and lived with real poverty and suffering in Latin America and the West Indies on a scale not seen in Britain. It is that kind of experience coupled with my other activities that has convinced me that the only real remedy for that suffering is

effective political action. I should point out that Mahatma Ghandi and Jack Ashley, MP (Britain's leading campaigner for the disabled and handicapped, as well as thalidomide children found this out before I did.

I do not underestimate the need for charitable activity, but it is not enough. Those, like Lorna Thomas, who believe that no change is possible in our world, condemn millions to continued suffering by their refusal to face the fundamental problems of our society.

Trevor Phillips
President, IC Union

COLOURS

IMPERIAL COLLEGE UNION AWARDS 1974-75

UNION GENERAL AWARDS

MS J.A. GERRARD (IC Union Hon. Secretary).
G.D.D. JACKSON (Chairman, Social Clubs Committee).
M.J.L. WILLIAMS (Editor of FELIX).

IC UNION SOCIAL COLOURS

General

T. Abraham	P.G. Affairs Officer
J.A. Allen	Campus Radio
B. Ashbee	Bot/Zoo Dept. Rep.
Mrs P. Baker	Union Clerk (Part-time)
S. Barker	Union Duplicating Officer
P. Botten	Geology Dept. Rep.
J.P. Branthwaite	French Trip
M. Caldwell	STOIC
B. Clements	Union Bar Manager
Ms C. Conlon	ICWA
R. Cook	Silwood Park Chairman
P. Ekpenyong	FELIX
Ms K. Gadd	Women in Science
Ms J.A. Gerrard	ICU Hon. Sec.
W.A. Gerrard	Phoenix
Ms I. Glaser	Welfare Officer
G.D.D. Jackson (ra)	Bluebook/Diary
Ms J. Joslin	ICWA
R.J. Kill (ra)	ICU Dep. President
C. Kourouniotis	Overseas Students Chairman
C. Louison	Academic Affairs Officer
Ms J. Newton	ICWA
R. Parker	Physics Dept. Rep.
M.T. Phillips (ra)	ICU President
J. Porter (ra)	PG's/Bookshop/Floor Rep.
A. Potter (ra)	Dram Soc
R.I.Z.S. Shakir	FELIX
G. Tallent	Elec Eng Dept. Rep.
M.J.L. Williams	Editor of FELIX

Imperial College Union automatically awards Social Colours to those who have received Constituent College Union General Awards.

C & G Union

Ms J. Jones
 D.L. Barnes
 J. Mortimer
 G. Butler
 P. Gorman
 Ms V. Sherwood
 P. Teague
 M.F. Kessler
 N.J. Payne
 N. Slade
 Ms E. Graham
 A.R. Jones

RSM Union

RCS Union

Social Clubs Committee

G.D.D. Jackson (ra)	Chairman, SCC
B. Champion	Secretary, SCC
D. Nuttall	Conservative Soc.
A. Saleem	Pakistani Soc.
Ms P.C. Popat	India Soc.
C.M. Kler	India Soc.
P. Mawham	Jewish Soc.
H. Nahman	Bangladesh Soc.
S. Thurlow	Anglican Chaplaincy
M. Bennet	Catholic Soc.
A. Lodge	H.G. Wells Soc.

Recreational Clubs Committee

G. Causer (ra)	Chairman, RCC
J. Kilner (ra)	Secretary, RCC
F. Potter (ra)	Senior Treasurer
M. Ward	RCC Transport
N. Towers	RCC Transport
A. Curry	Wine Tasting Soc.
M. Wright	YHA
N. Leak	Gliding Club
P. Verkoost	Gliding Club
Ms D. Dalgleish	3 years on RCC exec.

Social, Cultural & Amusements Board

Dr Trimm	Senior Treasurer (retiring)
Dr Wakeham	R. Pickup

The Union General Awards are presented personally by the President of the Union.

The colours listed under ACC, RCC, SCC, SCAB and Carnival are those that were put forward by the Committee Chairmen, and were all approved by the Committee. The ones under RCSU, RSMU and C&GU are awarded automatically as they have been awarded CCU Union General Awards this session.

I. Johns
 D. Rhodes
 A. Higman
 S. Brightman
 D. Rumsey

Carnival

J. Downs
 D.L. Barnes
 P. Gorman
 M.F. Kessler
 Ms. S. Godfrey
 J. Shemilt
 S. Brightman
 Ms G. Llewellyn
 K.N. Ahlers
 H. Cheetham
 D. Rawnsley
 D. Lord

R. Gamage
 M. Spencer
 S. Thurlow
 P. Goose
 N. Gibson

Carnival Co-ordinator
 C & GU V.P.
 RCSU V.P.
 RCSU V.P.
 Carnival Secretary
 Rag Treasurer
 Co-editor, Rg Mag
 General
 Rag Publicity Officer
 Top Collector, RSMU
 Top Collector, RCSU
 Top Collector, C & GU

IC UNION ATHLETICS COLOURS

Athletics Clubs Committee

Full Colours	Half Colours	Social Colours
--------------	--------------	----------------

Association Football Club

I. Hyslop
 S. Bates

R. Hunter
 M. Butterworth
 J. Thornback
 J. Hey
 D. Ansell
 G. Swaby
 K. Allen
 B. Woodman
 J. Martin
 C. Higham (ra)

Badminton Club

J. Growlett
 Basket Ball
 C. Higham (ra)
 J. Heffer

Boat Club

J. Bland (ra)
 W. White
 M. Jones
 J. Fitzgerald
 N. Gillet

P. Langguth
 R.W. Swift
 J. Holding
 D. Bevan

J. Bland

Crickets Club

A. Hall

Cross-Country Club

I. Ellis (ra)
 S. Webb

D. Jones
 D. Houlbrooke
 R. Harrington

Fencing Club

M. Bourke
 A. Boubert
 L. Boyd (ra)
 J. Tyson (ra)
 R. Annett

R. Millar
 K. Lenton

Golf Club

J. Mendonça
 R. Rosser

E. Clutton
 R. Allen

Hockey Club

T. Hanson
 J. Andrews

K. Arrowsmith
 J. Bashar
 C. Hodge
 R. Hutson
 D. Ward
 I. MacLean
 J. Marshall
 I. Read
 T. Tutu
 M. Vieyra

A. Brewster

ICWSC

Ms K. Bertram
 Ms S. Fairweather
 Ms I. Pollock

Ms A. Heap
 Ms H. Nattrass
 Ms S. Horn

For the others, under 'General' the committee, Pres., Hon Sec., D.P., Academic Student Residence and Welfare Officers and two Floor Reps., marked the nominated people according to how much of a significant and useful contribution they have made to the non-athletic activities of the Union. Each person had marked up to '5'. After the marking it was decided to award colours to everyone who had 21 or more marks (ie. an average of at least 3 marks from each person).

Ms M. Jones
 Ms A. Tellam
 Ms L. Talbot

Ms D. Mounsey
 Ms J. Coxage
 Ms S. Harris
 Ms I. Donnelly
 Ms B. Norok
 Ms C. Pearson
 Ms A. Halstead
 Ms J. Harris (ra)
 Ms M. Symonds (ra)

Judo Club

J. Selby
 D. Hull

Karate Club

D. Taylor-Lewis

Lacrosse Club

N. Gash
 C. Warran
 A. Middlehurst
 R. Strangeways

W. Jackson
 P. Jepson
 T. Gollongly
 R.S. Newton
 M. Burke

Lawn Tennis Club

M. White

Rifle Club

S. Hellyer (ra)
 G. Kolbe

D. Lea
 J. Partridge
 V. Phillips
 S. Dawson
 G. Bale
 D. Styles
 J. Weiner

Rugby Football Club

K. Lipscombe
 D. Shakesheff
 M. Cotter
 S. Booth
 R. Hughes (ra)
 B. Bradley (ra)

A. Williams
 G. Clement (ra)
 J. Gilbert
 T. Fearn
 R. Austin
 R. Cresswell (ra)
 J. Smith
 P. Robins
 S. Chudy
 D. Hart (ra)

R. Jones (ra)
 R. Sutton
 C. Wrigley (ra)
 M. Gibson
 M. Sergot
 N. Hicking
 A. Rice
 B. Fenney
 C. Whitely
 P. Jeffes

Sailing Club

P. Barrett (ra)
 B. Rodgers

R. Pegram
 R. Wood (ra)
 D. Webster
 N. Playford

Ski Club

H.R. Cohen

J.F. Mart

Squash Club

K.C. Daly (ra)
 M. Kenyon (ra)

C. St. John
 M. Ezekowitz
 B. Hutchinson (ra)
 M. Millais

Swimming and Water Polo Club

P. Hindle (ra)
 A. Smith (ra)
 D. Ilic

M. Taylor
 P. Frieze (ra)
 R. Lewis
 D. Lowther
 P. Garydakis

Table Tennis Club

G. King

Tenpin Bowling Club

R. Horsley
 T. Lobban

D. Osborne
 R. Sharman
 M. Oddy

Volley Ball Club

A. Rodziewicz
 W. Bogdanowicz

Yacht Club

C. Ellen

Social Colours were also awarded to:

J.F. Tyson
 T.J.J. Hanson

Chairman, ACC
 Secretary, ACC

* PRECI PICE *

Trevor Phillips

THE REJECTION of the Alternative Prospectus by the Admissions Policy Committee by 7 votes to 6, with seven abstentions was a major disappointment for us. Many of us believe that such a publication will be to the advantage of both the College as a whole and the Union in particular.

We initiated the development for a series of reasons. One is that we believe that there is a genuine and widespread demand for a "student's-eye-view" of the College, particularly amongst prospective students. The College prospectus provides the necessary factual and historical background to life at IC. There is general agreement that it lacks something in style; we have been asked, and are very willing to help in revamping the College prospectus.

However the "Alternative" prospectus provides a necessary supplement to this. There is much evidence that sixth-formers are increasingly cynical about the value of higher education, and judging by the drift to the polytechnics, about university education in particular. The Manchester and Cambridge student prospectuses clearly managed to overcome this cynicism in a way that no College or University prospectus, however well-written and presented ever could.

The crux of the matter lies in the prospective student's perception of the College. Rightly or wrongly, (I think rightly) he feels that the only true and accurate indication of life at IC will come from students themselves. This, of course, is why we students take them around in interview groups. This is also why the Alternative Prospectuses have had such an impact on sixth-formers.

The Alternative Prospectus is not a gimmick. Nor is it an attempt to indulge in an orgy of criticism of particular aspects of the College. We would like to present an honest and balanced student view, and to that end, we would want to spread the authorship as far as possible. I would expect, in the end, that over 150 people will have contributed, including year reps, union officers, and even "average students."

We are as concerned as anyone about the decline in student numbers. The Union's income depends on keeping those numbers up. I think that the fears of a number of academics may be allayed if they were to have a few words with their colleagues in other institutions where student prospectuses have been introduced.

The defeat of Leeds United in the European Cup Final, tragic as it was, is probably significant in the context of the EEC referendum. The Yorkshiremen worked hard, skilfully and well and at the end had nothing to show for it. The Munich team, contributed little to the game - except two goals, and at the end, took the Cup and all the TV coverage. What reason did the commentators give for the Bayer Munich win? The big money spent to bring a new coach from the United States.

Never mind. The World Cup comes next and I have every confidence in Don Revie, provided he doesn't play Alan Ball, nor Norman Hunter. (Fascist pig! - Ed.).

The referendum is next Thursday. I do urge people to vote. Whether you have illusions of being able to curb or control the kind of monopoly capitalism that will be unleashed if Britain stays in, or have a utopian dream of a United Europe or whether you do see the dangers for the world and Europe itself of the Common Market, I urge you to vote. It is an historical decision. Ten or twenty years from now, it will not be enough to say to your children "I did not bother to vote".



Felix

Newspaper of Imperial College Union

Editor

Michael J.L. Williams

Published by the Editor on behalf of the Imperial College Union Publications Board.

Printed Offset-litho on the Union premises.

Thanks to Gill, Ian Richard and Roger.

FELIX Office, IC Union,
 Prince Consort Rd, London
 SW7 2BB.

Telephone: Int. 2881
 01-589 5111 Ext. 2166
 © 1975

REVIEWS

RECORDS

Andrew Osborne

Jimmy Osmond: Little Arrows (MGM Records).

MY INITIAL reaction to this record was that it was playing at 78rpm. I was wrong, and having turned the treble down I was able to receive this offering from the remarkable Osmond camp with the minimum of pain. Intense concentration is required to interpret the meaning and purpose packed into every second of the music but it soon becomes clear that this is a contribution to contemporary minstrelsy of prime importance.

The album takes the usual Osmond viewpoint presenting a dogmatically Marxian exposition of life in our capitalist society, maintaining a scientific rigour throughout and encouraging revolution. The musical vehicle for Mr Osmond's message is the call-contradiction-response, a dialectical method now common on the pop scene.

"Little arrows", the Leapy Lee hit, is the opening track. But this version is a remarkable reinterpretation substituting "Little Ear 'oles" for "Little Arrows" presumably to indicate the omnipresence of CIA devices, although I get the feeling that it might be due to an unfortunate speech impediment. "Day O" describes the experiences of a worker in a banana factory and utilises a reggae rhythm to suggest repetition.

Taking a firm grip on his concepts Mr Osmond staggers forward to excrete his accumulated philosophy into the receptacle of his audience and deftly flushes away false consciousness with "Purple People Eater". The monster in question is plainly the corrupt imperialist American system. This is followed by "Don't You Remember" in which the opposing rhythms of percussion and strings synthesise an explosion of aural stimulation which is designed to instil solidarity into the pop fans of the world and encourage rejection of the treacherous fan club leadership who have become ideologically separated from their rank and file members.

The record should work wonders for The Osmonds' economic infrastructure but luckily their in a class by themselves.

If asked for a neutral assessment I would say that the album is rather like a diet of enchiladas and green chile sandwiches — acceptable if one's palate is attuned to the treatment but after a while its surely enough to make the strongest man reach for the paracetamol.

BOOKS

Sean Barker

Cities in Modern Britain

THIS BOOK is an introductory reader in urban sociology which is a frame of reference, an approach, which allows us to make some sense of our society. It collects statistics about, for example, the housing conditions of the various classes and racial groups in an urban population, and provides a perspective in

which to view these statistics, a perspective which plays an important part in the shaping of society. To dismiss sociology as 'wooly' and imprecise is to deny the value of town planning and social aid programmes.

To introduce a layman to ideas of sociology is not easy, and can create more confusion and misunderstanding than already exists. This book avoids presenting the esoteric ramifications of fashionable theories, or masses of indiscernible statistics. What it does is a large number of highly readable extracts from various papers and books on a broad range of subjects. The extracts are in various sections, such as "Theories of Cities," and "People and Places", each section containing an introduction to set the passages in context, and an appendix of books for those who wish to study the subjects in depth. This book does what it set out to do very well, and anyone writing an introductory book on any subject would do well to take note of the techniques it uses.

Philip Webber

J.P. Donleavy: A Fairy Tale in New York (Penguin).

SUDDENLY THE usual has taken on a quality of humour after this book Donleavy manages to make you laugh at the generally unfunny and the positively macabre.

Our hero Cornelius Christian has quite stunning talents for women, fighting and just surviving to the next day by the skin of his teeth. He charts a rather curious course through New York, the city of his childhood. Occupations which range from in a funeral parlour to an advertising agency give some idea of his diversification.

Donleavy is continually inventive and hilariously funny, you would recognize Cornelius strutting down the street towards you after reading this book.

James Wilkinson

Philip Warner: British Battlefields: "The South" and "The North" (Fontana).

THESE ARE the first two of four books designed to form a handbook dealing with the major battles fought on English and Scottish soil, from Arthur's victory at Mount Badon in AD 516 to the butchery of Cumberland at Culloden in 1746. They are both a remarkable exercise in historical reconstruction, containing not only details of the battles themselves, but why they were fought and what the results were.

Most of the battles covered occurred during the Wars of the Roses. Treachery abounds with nobles changing sides between battles. The culmination of all this being Bosworth Field (1485) at which half the armies were never committed (their commanders waited to see who was going to win). Hence Richard III was left stumbling around in a swamp crying "A horse! A horse! etc ..."

These very readable accounts are written by Philip Warner Senior Lecturer at Sandhurst. So all you followers of cut and thrust, here's historically accurate gore for you! Plus details of how to get to yer actual places where it all happened.

John Andrews

Stanislair Andreski: Social Sciences as Sorcery (Penguin).

THE PURPOSE of this book is to explain to the reader that a considerable percentage of what he reads in the social science vein is quite possibly unoriginal, uninteresting and almost unreadable. This, he says, is because most people writing in this subject tend to do so in a style which has the effect of impressing readers not by what is being said, but by the fact that the continual use of five-syllable words, 'jargon' and basically confusing prose covers up the true meaning of what is actually being said. The only trouble with the book is that he could have made this point quite concisely in a chapter; instead, he spends 250 pages on the same topic, and quite frankly this gets rather boring after a while. In the end he becomes a victim of his own argument; and he is not averse to the odd indulgence in unnecessarily over-long words himself — one chapter is entitled "Techno-Totemism and Creeping Crypto-Totalitarianism", which I think illustrates my point. For bored sociological freaks only.

Georges Simenon: The Eighth Simenon Omnibus (Penguin).

THE SIMENON Omnibus series consists of collections of, in general, three short stories about the French answer to Sherlock Holmes, the diffident Inspector Maigret. I haven't read any of the others but I should imagine this is a reasonably typical example. All three are set in Paris, and Simenon, although a Belgian by birth, has an uncanny gift for capturing the atmosphere of the city and expressing it in a handful of sentences; this knack gets him a gold star in my estimation, as personally I find interminable descriptive paragraphs tedious in the extreme. The stories themselves are pleasant enough; I'm afraid that that's about it really, they're well written and reasonably interesting, but you won't find much edge-of-the-seat stuff here. If your detective abilities are anything above that of a baboon you shouldn't have a great deal of trouble in figuring out who the baddies are; rumour has it that they all wear black berets anyway.

Desmond Young: Rommel (Fontana).

I HAVE always rated war books as approximately equal to westerns in interest level: both float around uncomfortably close to absolute zero. This book leaves them all way behind. Perhaps if you were a historian you'd enjoy it; you would also be in a better position to review it than me, as you'd no doubt have considerably more experience at digesting books of this type. Biographies are odd things to review; you can't describe the plot, because there isn't one, and the only opinion you can safely give is on the character of the person described. This, in effect, is like writing your own extremely short biography. Anyway, here goes. (Pause). Field — Marshall Rommel, the 'Desert Fox', was a man whose skill as a military commander and tactician was matched only by his huge narrow-mindedness. Nothing interested him except war and the German Army. Nevertheless he appears to have been somewhat more intelligent and, perhaps, fairer than many of his colleagues. He committed suicide after being accused of plotting to kill Hitler.

DEMOCRACY AND THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY

Tony Jones

DURING THE public debate on continued membership of the European Community much has been said about the bureaucratic and undemocratic nature of its decision-making process. That the present arrangement does not match up to the British concept of democracy is undeniable, yet it is unfortunate that this point is

played down by so many of those who believe in a united Europe. Indeed, it is ironic that in the recent TV debate between Michael Foot and Edward Heath on sovereignty and the Community, it was Mr Foot who presented the more reasoned and accurate assessment.

There is no point in denying that Britain, as a political unit, is losing an amount of self-government — that is the essence of a supranational organisation such as the European Community. What gives cause for concern is that this "sovereignty" being transferred from Westminster, is going to the executive Commission and Council of Ministers. Although the Ministers are responsible to their national parliaments, this can hardly be claimed to be a satisfactory arrangement.

The European Parliament has tended to be overlooked, and even scorned, in the debate over the past few months. Yet here we have an embryonic Community legislature of 198 MPs meeting once a month, waiting for the day when it can assume control over Community affairs from the Commission and Council. At the moment its powers are limited but real. Not only does it scrutinise proposed legislation from Brussels, but it can dismiss its own executive, the entire Commission, on a vote of no confidence — a power denied to many national so-called "parliaments". It has curbed the Commission's one-time enthusiasm for "harmonising" everything in sight (remember the infamous "Euro-beer"?), and its control over Community expenditure has now been increased from 3% to about 20%. But perhaps most important is its right to challenge the executive, to question, to criticise and to speak out. The influx of British Members has brought a wind of change in this direction. With the innovation of a Westminster-style Question Time 1224

Questions were tabled in 1973 — our first year of membership — and both written and oral answers are supplied by the Council and the Commission, both of whom are represented in the House.

At the present, Members are nominated from national parliaments, but the Treaty of Rome provides for direct elections to be held on a Community-wide basis. The summit conference last December confirmed that elections should be held as soon as practicable, and in January Parliament approved a Dutch socialist MP on the procedure for such elections. The "Patijn Report", with amendments, calls for the Parliament to be enlarged from 198 to 355 seats, 67 of which would be allocated to UK Members, with elections taking place on a target date of May 8th 1978, but not later than May 1980.

It now remains for the Patijn Report to be approved by the Heads of Government, but it is vitally important to the future of the Community that it develops along democratic lines. Direct elections will give the European Parliament the teeth it needs to demand full control over Community affairs. The House of Commons has had to fight for democratic control and the European Parliament will have to as well.

The European Community is the nucleus around which a united Europe will be built. Far from being a static, faceless bureaucracy, it is in a continual process of development and evolution, and we, the people of Europe, can and must mould it to the shape we want. It was Winston Churchill who said of European unity — "We are not building a machine: we are growing a living plant".

"The European Community is the nucleus around which a united Europe will be built."

AMNESTY!

IF YOU have some ladies' hockey club kit or sticks, PLEASE return it as soon as possible to Shirley Fairweather. If you have some kit from last year, return it now — no questions asked. Return it to Falmouth Hall or Chem.Eng. Letter racks.

ACCOMMODATION

There will be 50 rooms in Hall available for IC students looking for accommodation. They are on a night to night basis on Saturday to Wednesday (20th — 24th September) night before beginning of term.

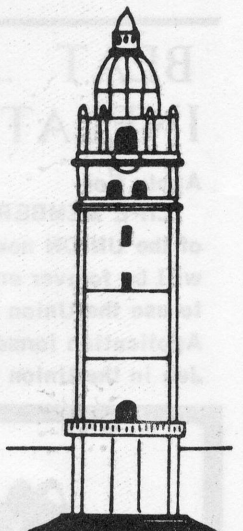
You must bring a sleeping bag NO sheets will be provided. An IC 1974/75 registration card MUST be produced and you will NOT be allowed a room if you have a place in Hall/House next year.

Dave Salisbury
Student Residence
Officer

IMPERIAL COOKS

Buy your copy of
'Imperial Cooks'
from the Union Office
Minimum price 60p —

all profits to
IC Day Nursery.
Please be generous!



FELIX SPORT

DON'T FORGET.. THE REFERENDUM

THE VOTING FOR THE REFERENDUM
TAKES PLACE NEXT THURSDAY,
JUNE 5TH FROM 7 AM TILL 10 PM.

BEAT INFLATION!

Apply For
LIFE MEMBERSHIP
of the UNION now!! You
will be forever entitled
to use the Union facilities
Application forms from
Jen in the Union Office.

FOR SALE

MAMIYA RANGER 35mm
camera £22
Pair of WHARFDALE
DENTON 2 speakers
£28 o.n.o.

Phone Marion Pinches
int 2508

LADIES HOCKEY REVIEW

Shirley Fairweather

THIS YEAR was the second in the life of the ULU Ladies' Hockey League. The major teething troubles had been sorted out last year and in October we eagerly anticipated an eventful and successful season. Our hopes were boosted when about eight Freshers joined us. Our first sortie was to the annual ULU seven-a-side tournament at Motspur Park, where we fielded eight people, taking turns to sit out. I do not remember the score, but I groaned inwardly when about five of our players were asked to attend the ULU trials the following weekend. The seven-a-side tournament is a pre-selection for the University team trials, and those selected to play for ULU generally disappear down to Malet Street, never to be seen again by lesser mortals! However, on realising this, our patriotic IC Ladies excused themselves from the trials for various reasons, that is, all except Viv Hughes, who became the ULU team Treasurer and is next year's Captain. Congratulations Viv! — but we do miss you.

Our first match was versus King's College. For some reason, King's had a bomb scare that morning, so at around 12.30 pm I was informed that they had all been evacuated from the building (with their kit inside), no-one knew whether they had got a team and would we detain one of our coaches until they arrived at IC? Of course, the coach driver would not wait, and I was left to wait for King's. I think three girls turned up, who thought that the rest had gone straight to Harlington in a car. So I took

these out by Greenline bus and walked up to the ground (—no mean feat when you are unfit!—) to be greeted by the rest of King's and of course IC. Disappointingly, they beat us 4-3 (only because we didn't have a goalie). The weather was not on our side after that and many matches were rained off.

The next memorable occasion was at Royal Holloway. Our eight vs their eleven was a positively unfair to slice Diana's ear off with a high ball (well, almost!). I think we should be proud of that score: 13-1 to R.H. It was sheer genius to get that goal of ours. Again, yours truly was "kicking back" in the absence of a goalie. My motto — when in goal, duck!

We played a few other matches, but during the first term most were rained off, and so enthusiasm disappeared both at IC and other colleges, and many of the remaining matches were called off because of the lack of players. We came about half-way up the final league table, which was a good result. I hope that IC Ladies do much better next year, under Diana Mounsey (Captain) and Sarah Horn (Secretary).



Felix

would like to wish
all its readers

THE BEST OF LUCK
WITH THEIR EGZAMS!